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From left, candidates Pam Ford Morgan, Tom Zukowski, David Savage and Walter Gamble try to keep warm with coffee and conversation Tuesday morning outside city hall.

Gamble, Savage win as city voters unseat Schultz

With savage determination, Clarkston city voters took a gamble and seated two newcomers on the city council, ousting longtime councilman James Schultz in the process.

Challenger Walter Gamble was the top vote-getter in Tuesday's election, with 229 votes. David Savage, also a newcomer, was second with 194 votes. Ten-year incumbent William Basinger won re-election with a third-place finish.

It was so close, in fact, that at one point Basinger said to Werner, "You got it."

Basinger was pleased with the results. "I'm in for one more I'll-call-it-a-term," he said.

Gamble was just as happy. "The best thing about this whole thing was meeting so many nice people. I'm ready to go to work," he said after shaking Basinger's hand.

During the campaign Savage advocated the most change but said Tuesday night he will work with the rest of council. "I think it's time to just get down to work," he said.

The three winners will be sworn in at the next city council meeting Nov. 13.

Next year the rest of the council--four seats--will be up for election, including the mayor. Werner said he might run again if the time is right.

"It was a real good experience," he said of the campaign. "I got the opportunity to get the feeling for a lot of issues."

Zukowski, who failed to get his petition notarized in time, said he would run again too. "Oh yeah--absolutely, but next time I'll be early," he said.



Incumbent Bill Basinger receives his ballot from an election worker.

City council election results

Walter Gamble	229
David Savage	194
William Basinger	163*
Kris Werner	159
James Schultz	134*
Pam Ford Morgan	95
Tom Zukowski	48*
Robert Kelley Cook	1*
(Turnout	43%)

Boldface= winners * Incumbents + write-ins

School staffing levels keep on growing

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
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Growing pains continue to force the Clarkston board of education to spend money.

At Monday's regular board meeting, the administration got the go-ahead to hire a part-time principal for Sashabaw Plains Elementary School, a new position, and a full-time clerk for Sashabaw Middle School. In addition, the board learned more computer space is needed, so \$16,379 was approved to purchase a new hard drive for the computer system which holds all student records and some financial records as well. A computerized phone dialer was also approved for the high school at a cost of \$4,000 to help staff there keep up with absent students.

Though the additions will be costly, the board is working with a \$1.3 million surplus from last year, so the motions were approved swiftly and unanimously (trustee Barry Bomier was absent).

Assistant superintendent Duane Lewis said he was asking for the assistant principal position because Springfield Plains' enrollment is over 700 already this year, with no end in sight.

"Clearly (the new position) is driven by size," Lewis said. "We need to take a strong look at how we support our administration and how we run our schools at that size." The school's capacity when it opened last year was set at 650.

Sashabaw Middle School's Fourth Friday enrollment count was 892 students. "That's not the largest we've been in that building but the complexity continues to grow," Lewis said.

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Clarkston schools 4th Friday count

Building	1995	1994
Andersonville	361	320
Bailey Lake	595	547
Clarkston El.	490	479
North Sashabaw	476	428
Pine Knob	491	460
Springfield Plains	723	676
Clarkston Middle School	635	606
Sashabaw Middle School	892	856
Clarkston High School	1835	1728
Total	6498	6100

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New school site plan to be shown

The architectural firm designing the new Clarkston High School will present the plans at a special board of education meeting Monday, Nov. 20 at CHS.

Chuck Olson will show how the building and other facilities, such as parking lots, athletic fields and outdoor lighting, will be placed on the property, located on Flemings Lake Rd. at Walters. The drawings will also show the arrangement of facilities within the building, such as classrooms, media center, gym and swimming pool.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

School board considers earlier meeting starts

Some Clarkston Board of Education meetings may begin at 6 p.m. in the future, rather than 7.

Board president Bill Craig asked Monday night and got agreement to begin some meetings at the earlier time when an especially long agenda is up for discussion. However no specific procedure was established for letting the public know about the earlier time.

Meeting announcements are posted at the front door of the administration building, 6389 Clarkston Rd. For information on a specific meeting call the board office at 625-4402.

Schools plan rally

Tired of hearing all the negative talk about Michigan public schools? Oakland Schools is planning an evening rally for Nov. 29 in Waterford

beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Oakland Schools Superintendent Dr. James Redmond announced the rally at Monday night's Clarkston Board of Education meeting. Clarkston school superintendent Gary Haner said the Clarkston High School jazz band will be performing at the rally, which will celebrate excellence in county schools.

The rally will be held at the Oakland Schools building, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd. just off Telegraph.

Facilities committee needs people

Though Clarkston schools' latest facilities committee is well into its work, co-chairman Karen Foyteck told the board of education Monday the committee is having a tough time getting consistent representation.

"Some of our interested members have only been able to attend sporadically. Some have dropped out completely. It's very difficult to find an evening that suits 14 people," Foyteck said.

The committee is still in the information-gathering phase but hopes to have a recommendation on facilities to the board of education before the Christmas break.

At the CHS box office

The Clarkston Drama Club presents a production of "The Mouse That Roared," Nov. 16, 17 and 18 at 7 p.m.

Tickets go on sale Nov. 13 at the Clarkston High School box office. Cost is \$3 for students and \$4 for adults.

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Alcohol						
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Other drugs						
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Illegal hunting blind found on protected land

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Independence Land Conservancy property is no place for hunting.

But apparently some people in Clarkston don't know that. DNR conservation officer Sue Rose charged a Clarkston man recently with building a tree stand on property not his own.

Rose said she received a call Oct. 25 that several men were hunting on the ILC property, behind Mesquite Grill and the Independence Pointe mall on M-15. The area, known as the Nels Kimball Sanctuary, consists of 41 acres and runs to Perry Lake Road, along Northview Road.

When Rose went out to investigate the next day, she found four tree stands, several bait piles and a blood trail. She followed the trail for several hours but did not find the deer.

A few hours later Rose said she came back to the area in hopes of finding one of the hunters. She got her wish. She questioned a man wearing a camouflage hunting outfit with a bow and arrow nearby, a buck knife and no bow license.

"He said the one tree stand was his but claimed he thought the area was state land," said Rose. "If that was the case then he is required to have his name on his stand."

The Kimball property was donated to the ILC in 1985.

Rose said she didn't want to identify the man, believed to be a resident of Northview, because there are others who are involved who haven't come forward as of yet. The man was charged with a misdemeanor and district court will set the fine. After the ticket is paid, the man could get his tree stand back.

Hunting in restricted areas or without the proper

license is common this time of year, according to Rose. "It's occurring all over the place especially around here because of new developments that have restricted some areas where people used to hunt. There are constant complaints about people hunting on property that is not their own."

Anyone with information about the tree stands on the ILC property should call the DNR's Livonia

office at 313-953-1498.

ILC president Thomas Stone said the ILC board wants it made clear that hunting on any of its over 300 acres of land is forbidden, even if you live next door to it.

"We don't allow hunting on any of our property," he said. "This incident has us concerned because of the safety of the people living near there."



Senator's wife visits

Jane Abraham, wife of U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham (R-MI), visits with State Rep. Tom Middleton (R-Ortonville) in Clarkston Monday. Abraham's mobile office was parked in the city parking lot at Main and Washington where

constituents and others stopped by for chats. The mobile office is equipped to tour Michigan where it gives the state's residents the full services of a permanent Senate office.



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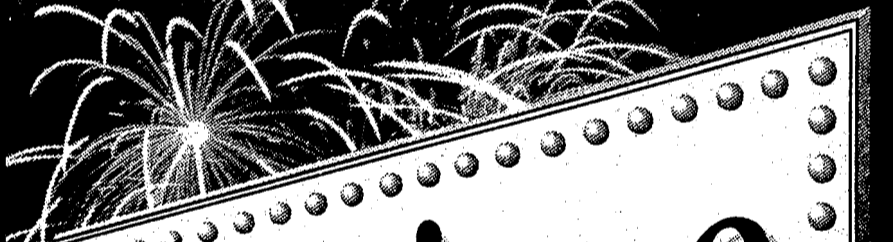
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Free agency: Coming to a high school near you?

BY DARREL W. COLE and ANNETTE KINGSBURY

School sports in Michigan could undergo radical change if a plan now before the state House is approved.

On Oct. 25 the state Senate approved, as part of a major revision to the state school code, a provision that would allow students to attend any school in the state without the permission of their home school.

Under current state law, a student must get permission from the home school board to attend a school in another district, taking state dollars with him. The new law would allow students and parents unrestricted choice.

The measure comes at a time when the legislature is also considering a law that would allow students attending public charter schools to play sports at their home public school. That measure has come under heavy criticism by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, which regulates school sports.

Senate Bill 718 would require the MHSAA to revise its guidelines or go out of business. Its point, according to its sponsor, is to allow students who chose charter schools the opportunity to play sports. Most charter schools are not expected to offer sports.

"It could change the nature of competition as you and I know it," said Clarkston High School principal Brent Cooley.

Under the open enrollment provision approved by the Senate, no school district would have to accept a student from outside its boundaries. But even state Rep. Tom Middleton admits that recruiting can—and probably will—take place when it comes to athletes.

"I would not vote to force public schools to accept an athlete," Middleton said last week. As for charter schools, "(They) should be required to provide their own athletic programs. You have to put together a complete package."

Middleton said that an earlier version of the bill would have forced schools to accept at least one percent of their enrollment from outside the district. That requirement has since been removed.

"I like the way it came out of the Senate," he said. "I think that's about as much choice as we can give. Still, you're going to have some schools do some

athletic sorting."

Clarkston High School principal Brent Cooley foresees a lot of problems if students are allowed to change schools as they wish. Currently, the transfer rule prohibits a student from participating in sports for one semester after a transfer to another school.

"That's really to help kids," he said. "Rules are cumbersome but they're there for the benefit of the kids..."

'There are just too many positives in our school for a kid to be out of our school. So as far as a kid playing sports here and not going to school here, no way, I don't like that.'

Dan Fife

"I'm in favor of maximum flexibility for our kids. But if we get to (students) moving three times a year, that would be a problem," he said. "Obviously there'll be some benefits. But when kids come in, are they going to be bouncing other kids who have gone through the system?"

Dan Fife, athletic manager and 14-year boys basketball coach at Clarkston, said allowing kids to attend a charter school and play sports at another school would move high school sports away from what it's supposed to be.

"From an athletic standpoint, it doesn't seem to be workable," he said. "It will be a negative. There will be recruiting and all the problems that go along with that."

While Fife does admit such a law might benefit a school rich in sports tradition like Clarkston, he said it's an area that should be avoided. Speaking as a coach, he said even if such a law were passed, he still wouldn't get involved in the recruiting game.

"Kids grow up in this area with the idea of playing sports in Clarkston. Having someone else come in here and take their spot wouldn't be fair to those kids. I want kids who are from here to play here.

"There are just too many positives in our school for a kid to be out of our school. So as far as a kid playing sports here and not going to school here, no way, I don't like that."

Fife said he would never turn away someone who wanted to come to Clarkston, but said any student's first priority should be school, not sports. For example, when Ryan Schapman, a senior who plays basketball, transferred to CHS from Imlay City in his junior year, Fife said he wanted to make sure he was moving for school and not basketball.

"The first thing I said was make sure you come here for academics, not because you think I'm going to make you a Division I basketball player," he said. "The emphasis is on academics, not sports and he's an example of that."

Schapman carries a 3.5 grade point average and is expected to be a starter on the boys basketball team.

Monitoring students who don't attend classes at Clarkston would also require more work. "It would really require a change in a lot of our standards," said Fife. "We'd have to find a way to ensure the charter school's curriculum is the same as ours and monitor their conduct. Doing all that would be difficult."

"It's just too much to ask, we would have no control."

As it is now, most Clarkston coaches are also teachers in the school district, allowing them the opportunity to interact with the student-athletes. This year only five of 17 varsity coaches are not school employees.

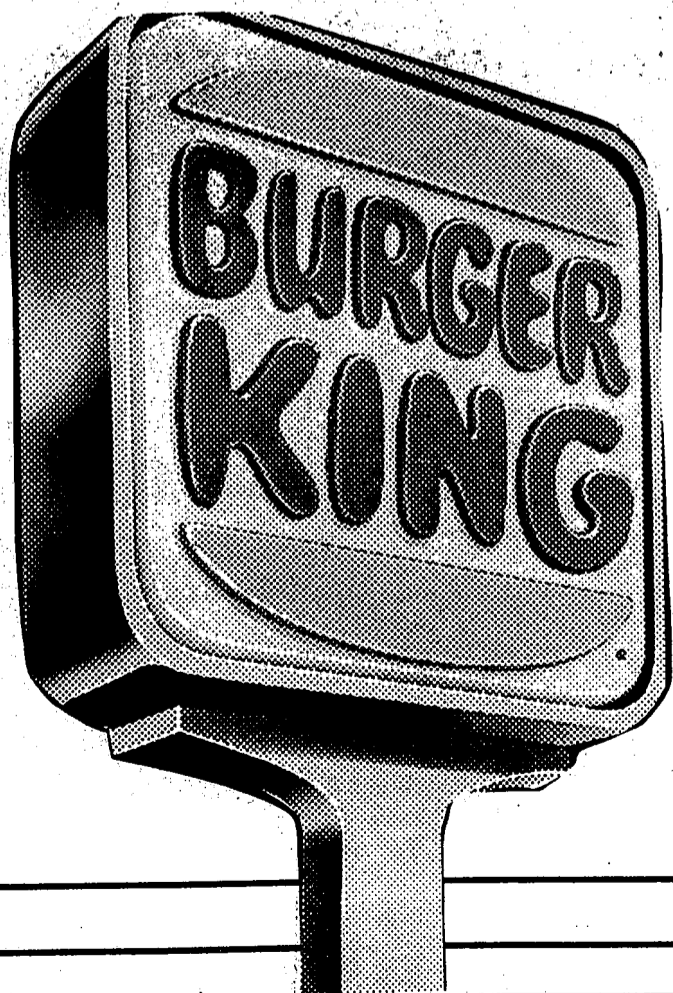
"Our kids' character and conduct on and off the court is very big with us. We want to know about how the athletes are doing outside of practice and it's one of the reasons we are successful."

The Michigan PTA has come out against open enrollment, said Penny Shanks, legislative chairperson for the Clarkston PTA Council.

She and several other Clarkston parents attended a legislative day last week in Lansing and talked to Middleton about the changes to the school code.

"There are many things that need to be worked out with open enrollment," Shanks said. She also voiced concerns about the financial obligations of the home district. "We are also levying bond millages here; who's responsible for that?"

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In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

A feminist's view of science

Most of us probably think that science is the one bastion of impartiality left in the world; that there are no prejudices when it comes to trying to understand how the universe works.

But according to one science teacher I recently heard speak, anyone who believes that is naive. Sue Krussell, a teacher at Rochester High School, spoke recently about the effects of having only one group—white males—in control of science. According to her, it leads to a singular perspective that isn't corrected by any other point of view when it goes astray.

"I would not classify myself as a raging feminist," Krussell said. "You do not get a self-correcting process, which scientists claim science has in general. But it doesn't if you only have one perspective."

Krussell began her speech by asking her audience "What is truth?" She then pointed out that for centuries it was considered "truth" that the earth was flat. People still believe they can catch a cold just because the weather changes.

"Truth doesn't exist. Truth is very contextual and we construct truth to fit our own realities."

When Krussell figured that out, it took away any romantic notion of science as a pure discipline that she may have had. She even had trouble keeping her hero, Sir Isaac Newton, up on his pedestal.

"I think if you want to find some truth or reality, you have to do it in some multiple context," Krussell said. "Not subjective pretending to be objective."

Krussell teaches an all-girl ninth-grade science class in addition to mixed-gender classes. In the classes containing both boys and girls, she says, both sexes resist her determination to treat them equally.

A study by the American Association of University Women several years ago found that teachers—even female teachers—regularly call on boys in class more than girls. Krussell is aware of that and refuses to fall into the pattern.

But the girls resist answering questions because they're not used to all the attention, and the boys resent the situation so much they have complained out loud.

"They think they're being discriminated against," Krussell said. "It's so entrenched. I went home and cried because I knew it wasn't true. But they believed it was true . . ."

"What if the cure for cancer is in the mind of a girl, and she never reaches her potential? It could be a lot farther, a lot longer into the future. This also applies to people of color."

It's not just the cure for cancer that may be lost. If it's not corrected, women will miss out on the half-million opportunities Krussell says will be available in math/science skill jobs in the near future. Though women will soon be two-thirds of the workforce, only 15 percent of them will be hired as scientists, engineers or other high-tech positions.

"So what are we training our girls for? The low paying jobs, like we always have."

Though at times she sounded a little pessimistic, Krussell continues her work. Once you've found a problem, it's very hard to turn your back on it.

Opinion

Two now missing from our life

By James A. Sherman, Sr.

The first phone call I got Monday morning was from a friend telling me of Ink White's death.

The last phone call I got Monday evening told me of Stu McTeer's death.

Both are newspaper men. Both had great influence in my newspaper career. Both are very good and honest people, with credentials to make family and friends justifiably proud.

In 1951 Ink owned The Clinton County Republican News, in St. Johns, and a piece of The Gladwin County Record. He interviewed me for a sales job, I accepted, and he asked me to go to Gladwin. After six months Ink had an opening for me in St. Johns.

Four years later I bought The Oxford Leader. A much wiser Ink White reviewed the purchase with me. He said, "You don't have enough working capital," and borrowed on his life insurance policy to help me. He was so right. I, like so many new in business, didn't have enough working capital. I wouldn't have made it a year without his help.

Stu McTeer walked into my life in 1981. He'd moved to Clarkston after retiring from Knight Ridder's Detroit Free Press and Philadelphia Bulletin. He'd been director of display classified advertising at these papers.

Ink White was all-weekly newspaper in experience. Stu McTeer was all-metropolitan daily news-

paper in experience. Trust me, there is a whale of a difference.

Stu's selling experience had an immediate effect on The Clarkston News. It doubled in size in a short time. Then he got us into "display classifieds," something unknown to our papers.

Even a non-classified reader can see how Stu's knowledge added pages to our papers. I doubt if there are any weekly newspapers in Michigan in our circulation categories that carry more classified pages than ours do.

Stu also knew how important it was for our papers to be promoted in our communities. He became involved. He joined Clarkston Rotary Club. He designed and we built floats for the parades. He worked with the annual Chamber of Commerce Expo, etc.

Stu was great to be with and talk newspaper talk. He worked on union contracts, he taught at the American Press Institute, he dealt with numerous ad agencies, and he'd had numerous visits with Jim Knight, who with his brother, John, owned the Knight newspapers (Miami, Akron, Detroit, etc.).

Laymen would probably be bored, but this newspaper publisher would enjoy, relish every story. We really liked, and respected Stu McTeer.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the grieving Stewart McTeer and Enoch T. (Ink) White families.



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

Stretch marks aren't just for women

I read an advertisement this week for "Stretch Mark Institutes of America."

Where were they when I needed them?

On the other hand the advertisements' biggest words were, "FOR WOMEN ONLY." The SMI of A is giving free demonstrations on stretch mark repair for breasts, stomachs and thighs, Mastercard and Visa accepted.

When I needed stretch mark repairs on my stomach Mastercard hadn't even achieved Slavecard recognition.

My stretch marks gave my girl friend, now my wife, Hazel, perhaps the biggest laugh of our court- ing days.

It may be a stretch for some, but my marks date to mid-1948. I had been ordered to the Ingham County Sanatorium in May 1947, having contracted tuberculosis while I and 20 million others were winning WWII.

I was 6-feet-4, weighing 159. And, feeling perfectly healthy and knowing more than anyone else in the world, except other 19-year-olds, knew I didn't have tb. The guinea pigs that tested positive from my sputum had co-mingled with diseased brothers and sisters. That's where they got sick. Not from me.

One of the things doctors at my Institute look for in cured patients is fat. If you don't gain weight, they reason, the tb bug has got the best of you.

To help me gain weight, doctors, after trying surgery and another horrible procedure, prescribed a half-pint of cream three times a day.

It took a little time, but flab began to form. Enroute from 159 to 200-plus, my girth, naturally, expanded. And, reddish, irregular lines appeared on one side of my stomach.

For weeks no one but me saw them, and I didn't talk about them either. However, then, like today, I worry about just about everything. Worry brings uncertainty, which causes more worry, etc.

Hazel worked all week in Owosso, then came to Lansing weekends to visit me. During one of those visits I got up enough nerve to expose that portion of my belly to her that had these growing-in-number-and-color marking.

"Do you have any idea what this is?" I asked, reluctantly, knowing she didn't.

She did!

And she started to laugh.

When she settled down she explained stretch marks to me, adding often pregnant women get them.

Good, Lord! I was caught between wishing I hadn't asked and glad to know. I'm sure Stretch Mark Institute of America wasn't around at the time, but even if they were, their repair that involves laser, wasn't.

I did prove, however, stretch marks aren't just for women.

15 YEARS AGO (1980)

Republican candidates in last night's election capture all but one seat on the Independence Township board. Lone Democrat Fred Ritter is re-elected treasurer over his Republican opponent Carl Balzarini by a margin of 560 votes. Ritter receives 53 percent of all votes cast. Others winning seats are James B. Smith (supervisor), Christopher Rose (clerk), and trustees William Vandermark, Lawrence R. Kozma, Daniel F. Travis and Dale A. Stuart. About 73 percent of the township's registered voters cast ballots.

Clarkston Village Council member Ruth Basinger blasts the village's current engineering firm for conflict of interest. The city decides to look for a new firm after Basinger notes concern with Kieft Engineering for having done work for both the village and Deer Lake Farms, among other private projects. "Kieft did the engineering for Deer Lake Farms and at the same time was representing the village. There was a retention basin required by the village and township for that development to keep sediment from draining into the Mill Pond," Basinger says after the village meeting. "That's an example of conflict of interest." The firm's president and one of its owners, Del Lohff, says he doesn't view the situation as a conflict of interest. "I feel that if someone thinks there is some kind of problem they should discuss the problem. Just hiring a new engineer is not the proper way to operate," Lohff says.

25 YEARS AGO (1970)

Democratic candidates in Independence Township sweep the polls by a wide margin in the township's election Tuesday. Gaining victory are Democrats Gary Stonerock (supervisor) and trustees Keith Humbert and Ken Johnson. The sole Republican to survive Tuesday's vote is Clerk Howard Altman who outpolls his opponent Louis J. Gavar 2,855 to 1,856 in unofficial returns. At presstime, over 197 absentee ballots have not yet been counted. Also passing — by a narrow margin of 21 votes — is the request for one mill for police protection in the township.

Oakland County public schools' Fourth Friday count shows that, for the first time since the end of World War II, public school enrollment has declined.

However, Clarkston is among 16 districts which show an increase in overall enrollment. The count shows 143 more students than those registered in 1969.

50 YEARS AGO (1945)

Spooks, witches, skeletons, clowns and all kinds of costumes are seen at the big Halloween party at the Clarkston school Wednesday night. When the parade leaves the school at 7 p.m., it is headed by Fred Hemingway who beats the drum. Many of the old and young carry lighted torches, marching to Main St., where they circle the block and return to the school for a bonfire and refreshments. Cheerleaders Ida Beattie, Ruth Davies, Doris Boyns, Frank Ronk, Glenn Davison and Harold Smith keep spirits high with their yells. Prizes are later awarded in the auditorium after those in costume participate in a Grand March.

Playing at the Drayton Theatre are "The Body Snatcher," starring Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi, and "Tarzan and the Amazons," with Johnny Weismuller and Sheffield B. Joyce. The Holly Theatre is showing Jack Benny and Alexis Smith in "The Horn Blows at Midnight" and Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan in "Christmas in Connecticut."

60 YEARS AGO (1935)

News from the "Blue and White Flash" (Clarkston School News): Graduation pictures are taken Friday. The candy sale Monday isn't very successful — only a few remember to bring candy. The first play practice is held Tuesday night. Boy, are those seniors good! They are the only group to reach their quota in the magazine sale. How's that for patting ourselves on the back?

Playing at the Holly Theatre is "The Big Broadcast of 1936," starring Jack Oakie, Bing Crosby, Amos 'n' Andy and an all-star cast. Along with Norman Foster and Judith Allen in "Behind the Green Lights," a fight picture featuring Joe Louis and Max Baer will be shown.

Specials at Kroger's this week include applesauce, tomato juice, pork & beans or pumpkin — 12 assorted cans for 95 cents; bananas, five pounds for a quarter; pork roast, 19 cents a pound; bulk mince meat, 15 cents a pound; candied sweet potatoes, three pounds for a dime; and leaf lettuce, a pound for a nickel.

If It Fitz

by Jim Fitzgerald

*Thrill of killing
strange sort of
family value*

BAM.

That's not the sound of a gun going off. Ironically, it's more like the sound of shooting fish in a barrel with a bow and arrow.

BAM is an acronym for Bowfishing Association of Michigan.

BAM is also one answer I can't resist giving to those intrepid hunters who vehemently — often profanely — protested my recent claim that the only reason they want to shoot mourning doves is for the pleasure and feeling of power they gain from ending a life.

After all, the scant meat on a dove is hardly worth the effort of scraping it off a bullet. If you're hungry, it's a lot cheaper to buy a sandwich than go on a fully equipped hunting expedition into the wilds of some farmer's wheat field.

If you need target practice in the sky, shoot skeet. If you need the outdoors, go camping.

Just don't shoot the mourning dove that, as these words are being typed, is singing in my backyard.

A few months ago, the state Senate voted 21-15 in favor of removing doves from the protected species list so they can be shot during a designated mourning dove hunting season. In explaining why killing tiny songbirds is a good idea, Sen. Christopher Dingell, D-Ecorse, said, "They're almost rabbits with wings."

There are also rabbits in my backyard. And all I can say is it's gratifying that all state senators don't sound as stupid as Dingell. For instance, Sen. James Berryman, D-Adrian, said:

"It's a beautiful bird. There isn't much meat on a mourning dove. It's just to kill them because they're there."

The state House has yet to vote on the proposed dove season. If you don't believe mourning doves should be shot for looking like winged rabbits, tell your state representative or senator.

Meanwhile, there is the BAM answer to the cliché charge that modern hunting is often as easy as shooting fish in a barrel. BAM members don't put them in a barrel until after shooting them for the sheer pleasure of killing.

BAM stages a series of night contests in southern Michigan inland lakes during the summer. The goal is to shoot as many "nuisance" fish, such as carp and dogfish, as you can in a 12-hour period.

"I carry three 30-gallon barrels in my boat to keep the fish in," said BAM secretary Rick Sanders of Berrien Springs during an interview published by the South Bend (Ind.) Tribune. "We'll have 300 or more fish brought in at each tournament."

Wheel and bracket compound bows are used, rather than target or hunting bows, because "the compound requires less effort to use, which is important when you're pulling on the string 100 times or more during a night of fishing," Sanders said.

The arrows are tied to 200-pound braided lines, according to the Tribune. Many bowfishers use customized airboats rigged with generator-powered halogen lights. Others use Coleman lanterns to help spot their targets.

The dead fish aren't eaten; they're dumped in a landfill.

"This is a family activity. We encourage anglers to bring their kids," Sanders said.

In an editorial, the Tribune responded: "The state of Michigan should take steps to outlaw this reprehensible practice. Killing fish or any other creature for the sole purpose of killing, with no goal other than to see who can kill the most, is sickening, debased and immoral. It is by no means a family activity, and exposing children to such desensitizing behavior ought to be regarded by law enforcement officials as child abuse."

If this matter ever comes before our state Senate, Dingell will probably say it's OK to kill fish simply for the fun of it because they look like mourning doves without wings.

Have an opinion? Write a letter to the editor

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

Four score and what?



Growing up I heard many things from my father. One of the many things I remember him telling me is how he loved history.

I remember him telling me that as a kid he used to open encyclopedias to read about his favorite presidents. I don't know where he got his love for history, but I guess I got mine from him.

That's why I was dismayed when I heard of a recent study on American students and their knowledge of history . . . I should say lack of knowledge.

Many students today do not know their American history. While I'm no great shakes at history, given a pencil and paper (and some time) I could list the presidents, wars (conflicts included), historical events, both positive and negative and their impact on our society. My favorite president as a kid was Andrew Jackson. Maybe I just liked his nickname, Old Hickory, or the fact that on his inauguration he invited everybody into the White House for a big ol' shingdig.

Do kids have favorite presidents anymore?

I don't blame the history teachers, they're teaching history. It must be a societal thing. And, I suppose

society's prevailing attitude today is: who cares about a bunch of dead people or the things they did?

I'm going to steal some material from a high school history teacher (I won't mention his name) because it's good material. "They (students) don't know history, some of them think Iwo Jima was the judge at the O.J. Simpson trial."

I can't imagine American history as not being important. Maybe it's not important any longer because for the past three decades all we have been told is that American history is the history of greed, meanness and misery -- not of any of the great people or deeds we, as a people, have accomplished.

Maybe it's a lot easier not to think about the past, because today is too complicated. Maybe this is the case, but I can't believe it.

History is important. You can find heroes in American history. And, you can keep from repeating the mistakes of our fathers, but first you have to know of, and understand them.

Liberty and freedom are earned, but can and will die if not valued.

CHS Life

By Don Downey

On computers

This is the second time I've written this article. It's ironic that my computer chose to eat this one and not the one about the NHS induction. I have this problem a lot. I write something, it seems OK, I pat myself on the back, and then it disappears off the face of the earth.

Sometimes I get angry at my computer. It has eaten at least a dozen of my finished or near-finished products in the last six months. Whenever I see the "cannot read from Drive C" box, I have to resist the urge to throw the monitor out of my window and invest in a calligraphy set. It disturbs me that plastic and electricity can cause me stress. Once my little cousin got frustrated almost to the point of tears because she could not open some potato chips. Her father said, "Amanda, that bag has an IQ of zero, and it's winning." I often repeat this to myself to keep things in perspective.

I can't decide whether I like computers. I think the Internet would be cool if I knew how to find it. I have E-mail somewhere, too, but don't ask me how to use it. I think my computer illiteracy would be taken care of if someone would just teach me some basic stuff. It's just a matter of finding my way through the jungle. In the meantime, I have to live with the file deletions which cause me so much

headache. The worst thing is that my computer's file-munchies are probably the result of human error, namely my error.

Every six months or so my dad reminds me that there is a Teach Yourself DOS program on the family hard drive and that I should use it before I go to college. Is DOS even around anymore? I thought it died around the time of Z. Cavarrichis. That's one of my complaints about computers: They change so much so quickly.

I think that if I were to go into computers I would go nuts. I would slowly hunch over and develop a snort. I don't want to contribute to the rapid growth of technology, but I fear I have no choice. Computer mania is going to touch everyone's life and alter the human race forever.

I'm afraid that if computers ever take over the way most people expect they will, the risk of disaster will be far greater than the potential for social perfection. For if one person can have so many unwanted deletions on his personal system, imagine what would happen to the world if the same thing happened on a larger scale. If our society ever becomes completely dependent on computers, it will not be hard for us to finally, accidentally come unplugged.



Ask the therapist by Stan Garwood, MA, MSW, DCSW

Dear Mr. Garwood:

My friend is in his later 20s and has been dating a woman in her early 30s. He has never been married, she just got divorced and has three children, all under 14.

She lives about 200 miles away and they've been dating for about a year. They are in love in this long-distance relationship. His whole life has changed to do everything for her and with her.

They want to get married in the future.

My questions and concerns are many.

(1) Does this long-distance affair really provide a true glimpse of what it would be like if they lived close by?

(2) What types of challenges will they face?

(3) Should someone totally alter their life (stop doing the things they used to) when they commit to another person in a relationship?

In the case of friends, how do you balance time with your pal and the relationship? When one's best friend gets into a heavy relationship, is it possible to still have the same friendship?

Signed,

A Friend of a Friend

Dear A Friend of a Friend:

In your letter, you have posed three different questions: One regards the long-distance nature of the relationship, while the second addresses the types of challenges and the third explores the effects of one intense relationship on one's total social involvement.

(1) "Does this long-distance affair really provide a true glimpse of what it would be like if they lived close by?" The distance should not be the primary factor in determining the quality of this relationship. Although it may be more intense when they're together, those ingredients comprising relationships can still be discerned by both parties.

The degree to which they accomplish this depends on many factors. That is: How mature are they? Has this recently divorced woman grieved her

loss? What is the basis of this relationship? Are both wanting to marry for the right reasons? (I would add a word of caution, however: They should attempt to adjust for the intensity and heightened excitement of their limited time together. This may present a false reading of their future together.)

(2) What types of challenges will they face? Basically they will be met with all the normal challenges all prospective married couples must encounter:

- (a) Adjusting to thinking and working as a team.
- (b) Defining and setting mutual goals.
- (c) Fine-tuning communication skills daily.
- (d) Adjusting to in-laws and friends.
- (e) Providing mutual support for careers, achievement, etc.
- (f) Developing effective problem-solving techniques.

(3) Should someone totally alter their life (stop doing the things they used to) when they commit to another person in a relationship? The answer is "No." Each person comes to the relationship with individual needs, personalities, social support systems, modus operandi, etc. These typically will not and should not change after entering into the marriage. They are a person's characteristics and remain fairly consistent over time. Your question addresses the "social support system."

I see no reason why one would have to relinquish former friends following marriage, except in those instances where a former friend creates continuous conflict as in the case of addictive personalities. However, the amount of time spent with this former acquaintance would diminish.

Have a thorny problem? Send your questions to Stan Garwood, 5854 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346.

By Ellen Oxy

How do you feel about sponsoring Kristina?

(See related story on how Andersonville El. kids are helping to "Save the Children.")



AMANDA SHERK, 3RD GRADE: I think it's great and I think she's really pretty. I'm glad we're helping her out.



JOSH VANICELLI, 5TH GRADE: I think it's good because it helps people who aren't as fortunate as other people.



JACKIE SCHRAM, 2ND GRADE: I think it's good. I like it when we have to help people.



BILLY EAKIN, 5TH GRADE: I think it makes me feel good that I'm helping someone and giving money away so she can have a better future.



KATIE MIKOLA, 2ND GRADE: I think it's going to be cool because then she can go to college. She can have nice clothes, nice food and a nice house.

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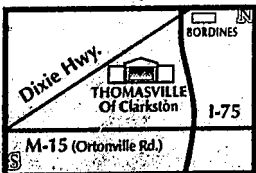
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Milestones



Gellish-Robinson

Donald and Sandra Gellish of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorretta Ann, to Derek Alan Robinson, son of Dennis and Betty Robinson. The bride-to-be is a graduate of East Kentwood High School in Grand Rapids and plans to graduate from Oakland Community College in 1997. She works as a nanny in Waterford. The prospective groom expects to graduate from Baker College in January 1996. He works as a CAD Designer for Delco Electronics in Flint. A November wedding at Clarkston United Methodist Church is being planned.



Clarkston couple marks 50th anniversary

Charles and Betty Smalley of Clarkston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner hosted by their daughters, Sandra DiPonio, Cindy Jenkins and Susan Howey. The couple were married Nov. 6, 1945 in North Baltimore, OH. They have three daughters and four grandchildren and have resided on Sashabaw Rd. for 43 years.

Molzon-Crowe wed in West Bloomfield

Craig and Sheryl (Molzon) Crowe were married June 30, 1995 during a double-ring ceremony held at Baypointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield. The bride was given away by her father, Bill Molzon.

A reception, also at the golf club, followed. The bride wore a white satin, strapless sheath that featured an off-the-shoulder collar, gauntlets and a removable train. The black-and-white color theme featured all-white calla and stargazer lilies, delphiniums and roses.

A wedding party of 17 included all brothers and sisters of the bride and groom, their spouses and several college friends.

Sheryl is a 1988 Clarkston High School graduate and a 1992 Michigan State University graduate. She is the daughter of Jeanne and Bill Molzon.

Craig graduated from Brighton High School and is also a 1992 MSU graduate. He works for Berlein Industries in Atlanta, GA as a sales representative. He is the son of Bill Crowe and the late Jan Crowe of Brighton.

The couple honeymooned in Jamaica and reside in Alpharetta, GA.



Mr. and Mrs. Craig Crowe

Shoup-Emke wedding in Clarkston

Michael K. and Jessica L. (Shoup) Emke were married August 4, 1995 at First Congregational Church in Clarkston. The bride was given away by her father, Harry W. Shoup, during a candlelight ceremony officiated by the Rev. James G. Keough Jr.

A reception was held at Spring Lake Country Club for 200 guests following the wedding.

Maid of honor was Tesha Burnett of Clarkston. Bridesmaids included Michele Alli of Clarkston, Melissa Bachusz of Lexington, KY, Lisa Ebert of Keego Harbor, Shari Ruesink of Rochester Hills and Shelly and Cindy Emke of Pompano Beach, FL.

The groom's attendants included Ron Ptaszek of Clinton Township as best man and groomsmen Brian Shoup of Redford, Brent Davies of New Hudson, Rory Tarp of Waterford, Brian Brown of Waterford, Bill Eggett of Sterling Heights and Ron Smida of Waterford.

Flower girl was Shelby Shoup, the bride's niece, and ring bearer was Garrett Popour of Clarkston.

Jessica is the daughter of Harry and Nancy Shoup of Clarkston. She currently attends Oakland University and is employed by Marketing Force in Rochester Hills as an account supervisor.

Mike is the son of Beverly Emke of Pompano Beach and Jerry Emke of St. Clair Shores. He is employed by Professional Breathing and Associates in Rochester Hills as a respiratory technician.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Emke

The couple spent a week-long honeymoon at the Sandals Resort in Negril, Jamaica.

New arrivals

● Lisa Vaara-Lewis and Jeff Lewis of Royal Oak announce the birth of a son, MacRay Edward Lewis, born Oct. 28, 1995. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has a sister, Nikora Marie, 6. Grandparents are Mel and Jo Vaara of Clarkston and Charles and Jan Lewis of Davisburg.

At school

● Brad Sadler, a Hope College senior from Clarkston, is studying at the Chicago Metropolitan Center. The center offers undergraduate students the opportunity to work in a large, metropolitan area to study problems and issues of city life. Students may choose from a wide variety of internships.

Sadler has been active in the Hope College student-run radio station, the ski club and Chi Phi Sigma. He is the son of Ronald and Pamela Sadler and a 1992 graduate of Brother Rice High School.

● Junior T. J. Brecht and sophomore Andrew Soltes, both of Clarkston, made the Honor Roll for the first card marking at St. Mary's preparatory in Orchard Lake. The honor requires at least a 3.7 GPA.

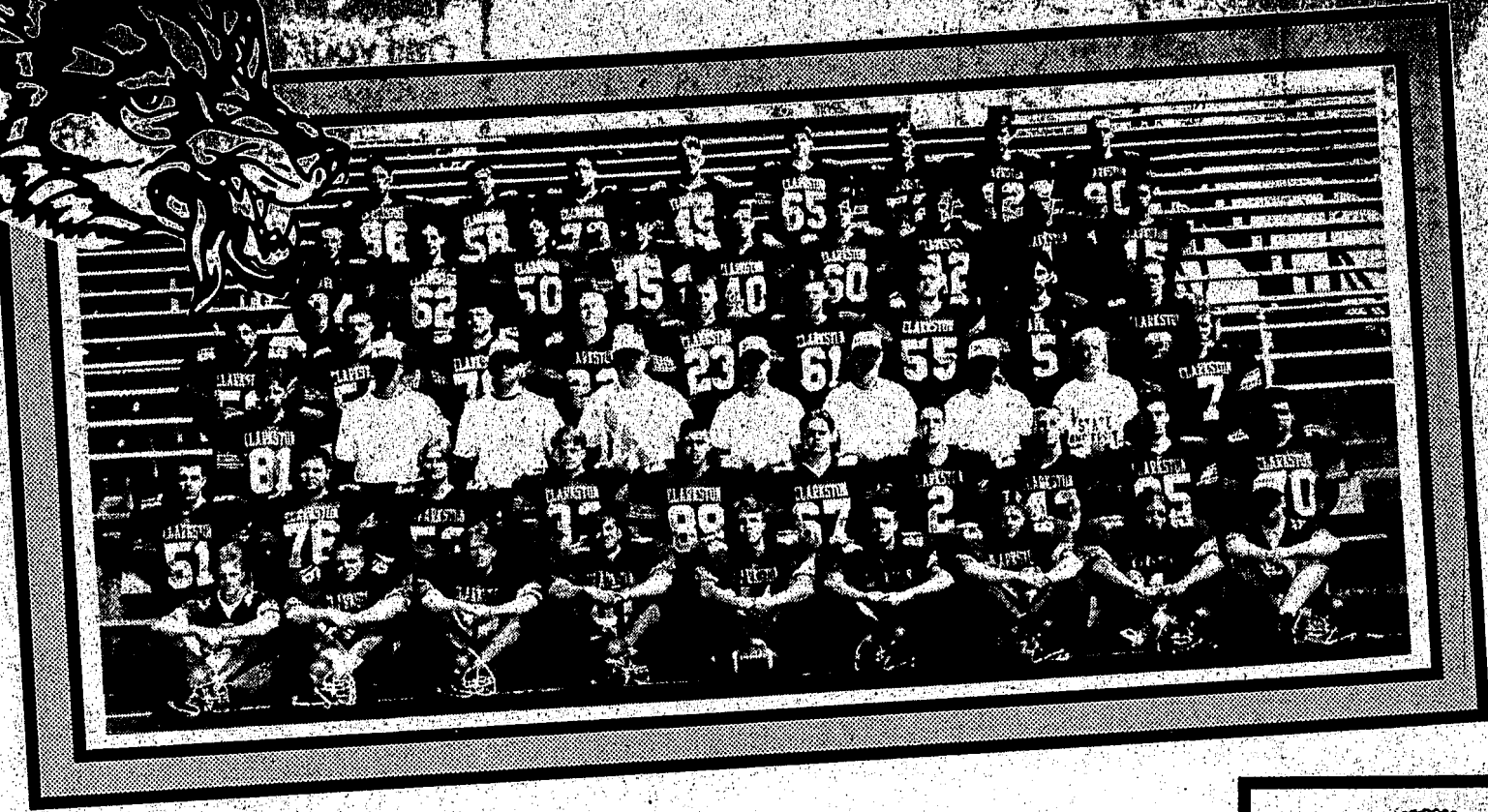


Inducted

Doris Beattie of Clarkston has become a member of the Rotary Club of Pontiac. Beattie is the volunteer administrator for the Easter Seal Society of Southeastern Michigan. (Her husband Bob is a 40-year, perfect-attendance Rotarian.) Beattie is a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church and the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club. She is pictured with Rotary president Kathleen Jenkins (right).

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Bomier appointed

Barry Bomler of Clarkston has been named marketing manager at Atlas Technologies in Fenton. Bomler comes to the job from Owens-Corning in Toledo, where he was communications specialist. Atlas designs and builds automation for metal-forming processes used in transportation, appliances and other industries in the U.S., Europe and Asia.

Superpower summit

Bill and Carol Mountain of Century 21 Hallmark West in Clarkston attended the Century 21 Broker SuperPower Summit in Hilton Head, SC last week.

Only the top two percent of the system's brokers, based on productivity, were invited to the summit. "The brokers selected to attend this summit are the shining stars of the Century 21 system," said Robert Pittman, CEO of the company.

Passes the test

Heather M. Cook, manager of the McDonald's restaurant on Sashabaw in Independence Township, has been awarded a bachelor of hamburgerology degree from McDonald's hamburger University. Cook graduated from the advanced operations course, which is required of all company managers, franchisees, mid-management and company executives.

"Heather is the chief operations officer of a successful local business," said Hal Theis, Dean of HU. The course may be applied toward a college degree.

McDonald's is the leading foodservice retailer in the global consumer marketplace, with more than 15,000 restaurants in 79 countries. About 80 percent are locally owned and operated by independent entrepreneurs.

Disciplinary action

Robert Vincent, a Clarkston pharmacist, had his license suspended by the State of Michigan for 90 days and received two years probation for controlled substance violations, the state's Office of Health Services reported.

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New owner continues Bookshop's tradition

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Edith J. Smith wants to continue the small-town charm of the only book store in Clarkston.

That's why she told former owner Georgene Sloan if she ever thought of selling she would buy it from her. Sloan didn't forget that conversation and, in August, when she decided to retire, she called Smith.

Now, the Waterford resident is the new owner of the Village Bookstore on S. Main St., a small-but-sufficient business that stocks books in a variety of categories — and will special order anything it doesn't.

Smith, who became the new owner Oct. 2, says she will continue that customer-oriented service and others, including the book club where buying 12 books gets you the next one free.

"It doesn't matter what price," says Smith, who calls Clarkston "a nice little town."

Although she's never been a business woman, let alone the owner of a book store, Smith says she's always been an avid fan of the printed page.

"I've always loved books. My husband is in business and shows no sign of retiring. So I thought, 'I'll get my own business.'"

Smith points out the variety within

the store.

"We have a general amount of all books. All the best sellers, cookbooks, psychology, sociology, mysteries, science fiction... and a very good children's section. For a very small book store it is a very large section."

Smith says many customers come to the shop seeking books that are out of print.

"We do title searches and can order them. You would not believe the number of people who would like to have a book that's out of print. They will cost more than the original price of the book. But it doesn't bother people. They want what they want," she says with a laugh.

Smith adds that the Village Bookstore, which has been in existence since 1978, owes its long life to the customers.

"The people in Clarkston and in the surrounding area do support this book store. With all the big book stores around it's still here. Instead of going into a large Barnes & Noble and grabbing a book off the shelf, they will order it and wait till it comes in."

The Village Bookstore, 26 S. Main St., Clarkston, is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and is closed Sundays. Extended weekend hours during the holidays will begin the day after Thanksgiving (Nov. 24). The phone number is (810) 625-1355.



Bookstore owner Edith J. Smith

New in Clarkston . . .

General Nutrition Centers comes to Clarkston

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

The demographics of the Clarkston area were good enough to convince a national company, General Nutrition Centers, to open a store on Dixie Highway in the White Lake Commons shopping plaza. And owners Jim and Donna Cox, who live in Clarkston, couldn't be happier that they get to work so close to home.

After 20 years in advertising Jim "just got the itch to do something on my own. I started looking into different companies. I always had health and nutrition interests but never had worked in it."

He and new bride Donna, who were married seven months ago, share the duties at the new store. Donna had a background in office management, including an adoption agency.

"Jim was looking into this when we were dating," she said. "I was glad when he decided on GNC."

The Coxes say they receive excellent support and training from the 60-year-old, Philadelphia-based firm, the nation's largest retailer of health management products. There are more than 2,500 GNC stores including all 50 states offering over 2,800 products.

"Clarkston would have been my number-one choice but I had to go through their process of demographics, traffic studies (etc.), Jim said. "We were pretty happy and lucky the home town worked out."

The store will carry a wide variety of vitamins, minerals, herbs, sports nutrition and weight loss products, cosmetics, snacks, and reading material.

"About half (the customers) know exactly what they want when they come in," Jim Cox said. "Probably the biggest challenge is a lot of these products have strange names." Often, a potential customer has read something or heard something about a particular product and comes in looking for it for the first time.

"You can get vitamins pretty much

anywhere," said Donna. "What we like about GNC is all the products are made at their plant in South Carolina . . . We pride ourselves on trying to keep up with the latest."

Though their biggest sellers are vitamins and minerals, many other supplements are available. "Most of them you can get if you eat right," Jim said.

The couple are aware of the controversies sometimes generated by health-food products, and say GNC is good about pulling any product if there are concerns about its safety. The Coxes urge moderation in taking any supplement.

"It's just like if you take too much aspirin or caffeine," said Jim. "Anything you take too much of is bad for you . . . (And) you always have to read the label."

"So many medicines these days have side effects," Donna said. "I like doing things the natural way."

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Answer criticism with more substance

Formal audit of school district books showed 32.5 times the projected excess revenues. Past trustee and treasurer Kurt Karlstrom has pointed to the impact such resources might have had on many issues which previously came before the board. His criticism was met with the unjustified contempt of board president Bill Craig and trustee Tom Howard.

Craig (Clarkston News, Oct. 25) casually avoided the prospect that the board and its treasurer have failed us when the administration cannot make a proper moment-to-moment accounting of our money. Such accounting should be expected of administrators so well paid as ours. Failure to account for such an amount of money is considered very unusual and indicative of sloppy accounting practices. Failure to account for \$1.4 million while cutting and withholding services is nothing less than inept.

Have the employees of this district been hoodwinked during contract negotiations? Could our athletes have survived without "Pay-to-Play"? Could it be that various fund-raising groups who scraped and begged for funding for playground equipment and athletic programs were misled? Could it be that our district was in a position to purchase a few more buses? Remember the argument about inadequate funds for track repairs?

Was this surplus covered up to project a need to voters prior to the recent bond election? Political logic for such misrepresentation is obvious. We should, however, try to consider our district leadership above such treachery. If so, we are left but one rational reason for such error. The irreducible answer can be none other than lack of control . . . incompetence.

The school board will attempt to put a positive spin (" . . . a nice problem to have," Tom Howard, Clarkston News, Oct. 25) on this matter. Howard's attempt to indicate that the district was left in a lurch by Steve Lenar's departure is flagrantly dishonest. Superintendent Haner had directed Lenar in December 1994 to leave the district's employ. It is unlikely that Lenar did anything further without the approval and direction of his boss.

Lenar's departure is irrelevant. Prior to the audit and Karlstrom's inquiry about the accuracy of the

\$42,000 figure, Haner informed the board privately that the surplus could be as high as \$400,000. Still, Haner insisted on June 28 that the \$42,000 figure was accurate. Even the May 1995 budget review document projected a surplus of over \$200,000. Attempts by Craig and Howard to excuse such mismanagement are irresponsible. Where is the accountability we have a right to expect?

This community should take note of the attitude of trustee and past president Tom Howard as displayed in his recent Clarkston News letter. His contempt for Mr. Karlstrom was flagrant and an inappropriate response to the justifiable challenges made to the management of our money. Howard's implication that Karlstrom should be silent since leaving the board affirms the board's distaste for community input which differs from the official line.

No facts were provided by Craig or Howard in answer to Karlstrom's concerns. Instead, Howard chose to react in a most unprofessional and childish manner attempting to smear Karlstrom with misrepresentations, mockery and the most immature of school-boy put downs. Alluding to thorough discussions of the new budget, Howard distorted the "facts" by omitting the "fact" that the May 1 budget workshop was canceled and the May 22 public hearing was postponed until minutes before the budget vote of June 28.

Such behavior by an elected official toward any citizen of our community is inexcusable. Howard should be ashamed and the board should be disgusted that Howard would formally represent them with such an immature public display. Signed "Respectfully Submitted," Howard's letter made a liar of him and further demonstrated his contempt for honest dialogue.

Craig's mockery of Karlstrom ("right budget, wrong year," Clarkston News, Oct. 25) only serves to illustrate that Craig is in way over his head. Carryover revenues of nearly \$1.4 million will certainly have an impact on the new budget and future business decisions. Craig, too, spoke of the import of providing "facts" to the community. He and the board have been far too willing to rubber-stamp financial information which was grossly flawed. Are we to rely on such carelessness as our source of "facts"? Why did the board's treasurer, Bill McGregor, fail to notice the discrepancies before the audit?

Documentation which will support Karlstrom's

position and mine is in hand. Howard's challenge to produce it was the mistake of a bungler. I will be most happy to expose Howard's irresponsible statements and misrepresentations with documents which are a part of his own official record. Howard and Craig should dispense with their childishness, the amateur demagoguery and the lip-service. The bottom line is this . . . our students should have had the benefit of that \$1.4 million during the past school year. They were denied.

I have yet to understand the contempt for criticism shown by the administrators of our school district. They have done very well here . . . student test scores, teaching materials and administrative efficiency notwithstanding. Hopefully, Craig and Howard will choose to answer future criticism with something more than barbs, irrelevancies and catcalls.

Lee Rogers

Time to praise school board

I would personally like to applaud the Clarkston Community School Board for being fiscally responsible and keeping district spending under budget.

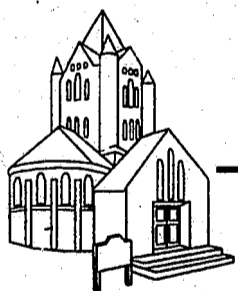
In my own family, when we make a budget, we take into account what it cost us to live the previous year and then factor increases for inflation and anticipated new spending. If we spend less and therefore have an excess at the end of the year, we are elated. Now we can put more money into savings or allocate money for something else in the future.

We the public have charged our elected school board representatives with the same job. The fact that we maybe didn't have to spend as much to heat our buildings or maybe costs didn't increase as much as expected is a GOOD thing! Would those who criticize be happier if the board spent more and were therefore closer to the budget estimate?

It is sad that we as a society seem to be so intent on focusing on the negative that we don't recognize a good thing when we see it. I may not always agree with every decision that the school board makes but they are hard-working, dedicated citizens doing the best they can for the students of Clarkston.

Thank you, board, for your diligence and efforts.

Sally Coe



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Andersonville students sponsor a special child

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Children at Andersonville Elementary decided to participate in gift-giving long before the advent of the holidays.

Since the beginning of the school year the school's student council has been collecting money during the lunch hour. The goal has been to raise enough money and make a financial commitment to sponsor a child from the international Save the Children program.

Last Wednesday students found out at lunch who that very special person would be. They also found out the child was someone right within their own country from a community that faces many health, education and employment problems.

"Everybody's been asking if it's a boy or girl," said student council member Brad Rawe, a third-grader, who made the announcement along with fellow council members third-grader Whitney Rynex and first-grader Colleen Gemboys during the lower elementary grades' lunch hour.

"Oh ... She's so cute!" said several of the children as they gathered around a picture of Kristina Ballou, 10, who lives with her mother Brenda in Halifax, a rural textile mill town of southern Virginia.

Fifth-grader Laura Roby and fourth-grader Katy Bailey made the announcement to upper elementary students, whose lunch follows.

Besides receiving necessities, Brenda may also realize her dream of going to college someday. And, by the looks of what the students have collected so far, she may be able to start saving for it soon.

"We have to commit to \$20 a month or \$240 for the whole year — 12 months," said student council advisor and learning resource center teacher Kathy Davis. "The students have already collected over \$100 after only two months of school." That's almost the half-way mark, she added.

Last Wednesday — the day Kristina's name was announced — over \$25 alone was donated as Brad and



Andersonville students crowd around a picture of Kristina Ballou.

Katy passed around a decorated coffee can during their respective lunch periods.

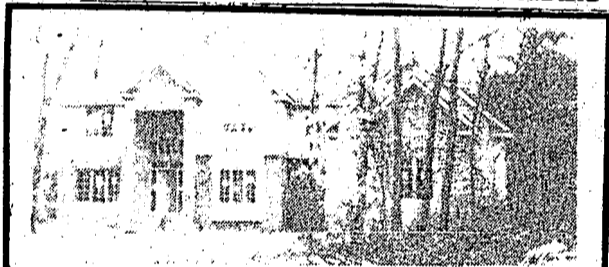
Although the students continue to be generous, Davis says some of the surplus money they collect will go into a pool to be used for other needy children. But they may be able to send "special gifts" to Kristina and, in addition, plan to write to her.

Literature from Save the Children says many U.S. communities like Halifax face low levels of education. In addition to supporting children educationally and materially, Save the Children provides

assistance in other areas like family day care, after school tutorial classes, gardening, nutrition and recreation programs and cultural enrichments.

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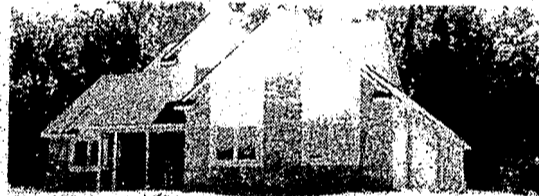
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Clarkston News general manager dies

Longtime ad man Stewart McTeer died suddenly at his Clarkston home Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1995. He was 70.

Mr. McTeer had sold advertising for The Clarkston News since August, 1981 after serving as manager of display classified advertising at both the Detroit Free Press and the Philadelphia Bulletin (now the Inquirer). He was named advertising director at The Clarkston News in 1982 and, later, general manager. After an accident two years ago he switched to part-time status.

During his long career in advertising, Mr. McTeer served many large accounts and for 12 years was a speaker on advertising for the American Press Institute at Columbia University in New York. He was a 1951 graduate of the University of Detroit Law School. He and his wife Madeline moved to Clarkston in 1979.

Mr. McTeer was a World War II veteran of the Royal Canadian Air Force. He was proud of his Scottish and Canadian heritage and enjoyed sharing his memories of the war, including time served in England, with friends.

"Having worked with Stu McTeer since 1989

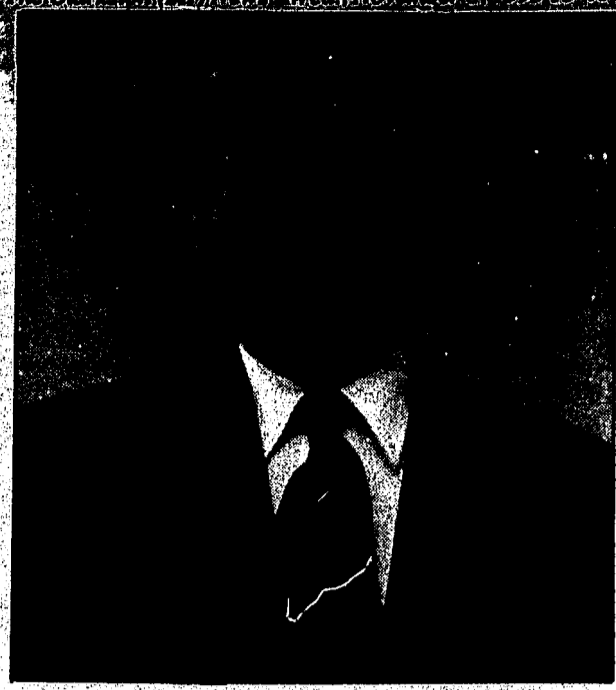
I've been able to see firsthand the meaning of dedication and commitment," said Tim Speed, The Clarkston News' current advertising director. "Stu's loyalty to The Clarkston News and the Clarkston area was always evident.

"Over the years Stu has shared his knowledge of newspapering with numerous employees of The Clarkston News. His examples were always memorable and filled with colorful stories of real-life experiences.

"From being the first in the office every morning to servicing his clients, Stu always gave his best. He will be truly missed."

Mr. McTeer was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Louise. In addition to his wife, Madeline, he is survived by a daughter, Michelle (Cass) Wisniewski, of Clarkston; three grandchildren, Mark, Tom and Mary; and a sister, Glenna Temesan of Dearborn.

Friends may call at Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home tonight (Wednesday), 7-9 p.m. and Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. A scripture service will be held Thursday at 4:30 p.m. at Wint. Mass of the Resurrection will be Friday at St. Daniel's Catho-



Stewart McTeer

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Staffing

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Contracts approved

In other financial news, the board approved contract settlements with the last two outstanding employee groups which result in a zero net gain in costs.

According to Lewis, the board's chief negotiator, both employee groups, the Cafeteria Workers Association and the Clarkston Association of Support Personnel, gave up some benefits in order to gain pay increases.

"We are approaching negotiations in a total compensation approach," he said. "So in order for there to be an increase in wages there has to be a decrease somewhere else."

The Cafeteria Association, which includes cooks and helpers, ratified a two-year deal with a wage freeze in the current year and a 2.36 percent raise in 1996-97. They accepted reductions in sick days, in-service compensation and longevity.

CLASP, which represents bus drivers, custodians and secretaries, also accepted a two-year deal, however wages have not been settled for the second year. CLASP will receive a 2 percent pay raise for 1995-96 in exchange for similar concessions.

"It is truly a pleasure to bring this to you for ratification," Lewis said of the CLASP contract, which has already been approved by the membership. "It was not without a lot of labor on the part of a lot of people."

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Abuse

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speakers on substance abuse, as well as summer programs for students and peer programs at CHS.

Reschke said the advisory committee decided this fall, after looking at the latest survey results, to try to bring together community leaders to heighten awareness and try to mobilize . . . We don't have any specific recommendations. We aren't going to say the Chamber of Commerce should sponsor Friday night dances . . .

"One of the things we want to impress on the community is it's not a school-based problem. Where kids are going is to friends' homes. We can talk to kids through the schools a lot about it's bad for your health. But if kids still have easy access it's just a temptation we can't fight alone . . .

"I'm not in a panic mode at all," he said. "I've been in this business for 25 years. It doesn't do any good to panic. We need to use our energy to talk to kids . . . We need to change the cultural norms for kids in Clarkston. We can't just do that in the schools."

For information on getting into a Parent to Parent training session, call Becky Kelly at 625-4402.

Sports

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Shanks also expressed concerns that children not be treated like commodities in a marketplace. "Our kids should be safe from that and it doesn't do what sports is supposed to be about," she said.

Shanks said the Clarkston delegation was told by an aide to Sen. Mat Dunaskiss that legislators don't always have time to read bills before they vote on them, especially if they're on the "fast track." She said the Michigan PTA has been instrumental in getting legislators to slow down and read the bill first.

Rick Simonson, Oakland Schools assistant superintendent and chief lobbyist, said Governor Engler may have a tough time getting the open enrollment provision through the legislature.

"This may just die of its own weight," he said. "I keep telling people it's much ado about nothing."

Simonson said that in Minnesota, where there is statewide open enrollment, well over 90 percent of parents send their children to their home school anyway.

"We need to get off this silly choice stuff. We need to focus on the 98 percent who want to stay in their neighborhood schools," he said.

Save the Children

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The happy faces and loud applause from Andersonville students said it all.

"You have been donating money every Wednesday and — thank you — you have been doing it very nicely," said Davis to the kids. "Kristina wants to go to college. By continuing that giving you are helping her dream to come true."

After the students returned to their classes, Davis said one of the children had asked if they had helped buy the pretty dress Kristina was wearing in the

picture.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, two calls for an odor investigation on Mann Rd. On the second call, a carbon monoxide problem was located.

Odor investigation on Chaplevew. It was found to be from an overheated television.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, medical on Clintonville Rd.; one to North Oakland Medical Centers.

Medical on I-75.
Medical on Parkwood Blvd.; one to North Oakland Medical Centers.
Minor injury accident on Miller Rd.

Medical on Sashabaw.
Carbon monoxide detector going off on Ridgeview.

Medical on Clintonville; one to NOMC.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, accident on I-75.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, arcing transformer on Transparent.
Medical on W. Harvard.
Injury accident on Dixie.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, medical on Waldon.
Medical on Dixie.

Medical on Timber Ridge Trail.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, an injured person from an accident on Sashabaw was found at a nearby gas station.

Medical on Overlook.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, medical on Hummingbird.

Medical on N. Eston.
Medical on Everest.
Fire on Mann Rd.
Medical at a store on Dixie; one to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, medical on Hummingbird.
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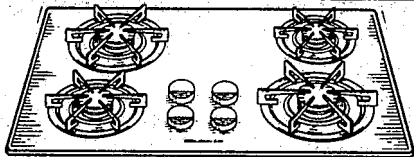
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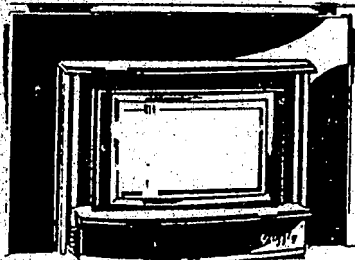
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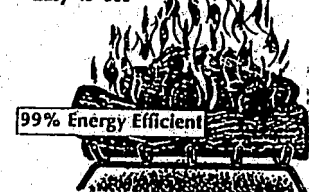
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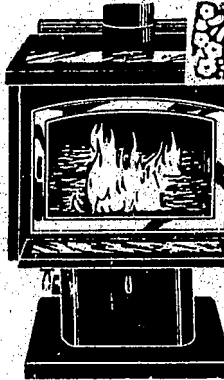
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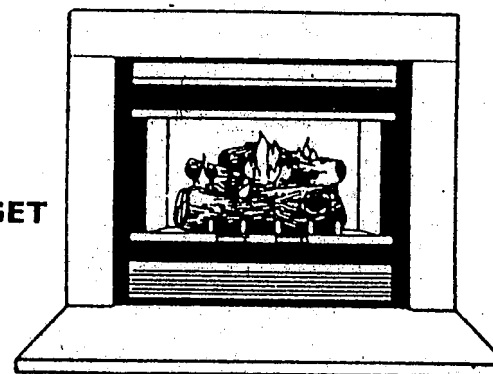
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, failure to pay for \$13.50 worth of gas on Dixie.

Breaking and entering of a garage on N. Eston. An air compressor, two drill motors and three boxes worth of tools were stolen. Tracks show the compressor was pushed to Whipple Lake Rd., where a car was probably waiting, police theorize.

Larceny of a purse containing ID and some rings from a car parked in a Cecelia Ann driveway. The owner said after the first theft, she left some inexpensive jewelry in the car and it was stolen the next night.

Windshields on three pieces of construction equipment were broken on Bridge Valley Rd.

Larceny of a phone from a 1995 Chevy pick up parked in a Dixie Hwy. parking lot.

Non-injury accident on Dixie at Maybee.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, a driver sustained minor injuries in an accident on Maybee.

Two 17-year-old Clarkston boys were ticketed after being found sitting in a running car with open alcohol inside. The car was impounded and the boys were turned over to one of their parents.

A window on a 1985 Buick was smashed while it was parked in an Algonquin driveway overnight.

A Drayton homeowner found a garbage can upside down outside a window and the screen removed but entry was not gained.

Larceny of a \$670 camcorder from a closet on Riverview. The homeowner said workers had been in the house alone before the theft was discovered.

A gallon of paint was dumped on a driveway on Shappie Rd.

A 31-year-old Clarkston woman wanted for failure to appear in court on a drunk driving charge was arrested at her home on Balmoral Terrace.

Two male Clarkston High School students were expelled for the day after a fight in the school cafeteria. According to the police report filed on the incident, it was the second time the two had been expelled for

similar incidents.

Car/deer accidents on Clarkston near Sashabaw and on Pine Knob near Stickney.

Non-injury accident on Dixie.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, someone brought an unregistered handgun to the substation and asked that it be destroyed.

Domestic violence on Crescent. A woman was assaulted by her husband, who struck her repeatedly and threw her around the bedroom because she was tired and had gone to bed early. Their 12-year-old daughter witnessed the attack. In the morning the assault continued.

A 20-year-old Clarkston man was cited for speeding after he lost control of his car on a curve on Clarkston Rd. and hit several large rocks and a tree. He was not injured.

Car/deer accident on Clarkston Rd. near Sashabaw.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, non-injury accident on Sashabaw.

Malicious destruction of a yard lamp on E. Church.

A Hubbard Rd. resident said her mailbox has been destroyed six times in the last seven weeks. A tree was also damaged. A neighbor witnessed the latest attack.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, larceny of an uninstalled Jacuzzi worth \$1,500 from a home under construction on Greenview.

A deputy pulled a man over on suspicion of drunk driving on Dixie, only to have the man's car roll into the squad car.

An 18-year-old Waterford woman was injured when she backed her car out of an Oak Park Dr. driveway into a passing car. She was also ticketed.

Car/deer accident on Clarkston Rd. near Sashabaw.

Non-injury accident on Dixie.

An 18-year-old Clarkston man was arrested during a traffic stop after it was found he was wanted on an outstanding warrant.

Larceny of a rain gauge worth \$1,500 from the DPW property on Flemings Lake Rd. The gauge belonged to the Oakland County Drain Commission.

Larceny of a license plate from a 1990 Ford parked overnight on Clintonville Rd.

Larceny of \$235 cash from a doctor's office on M-15. Cash was missing from three different places. A construction crew had been in the office, sometimes alone, before the theft was discovered.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, a 21-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant when he went to claim a car at a towing yard on Sashabaw.

An 18-year-old Auburn Hills man told police he fell asleep at the wheel on Clarkston Rd. and hit a tree shortly after 4 a.m. He was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital for treatment of injuries.

Car/deer accident on Sashabaw near Oak Hill.

A malfunctioning sprinkler system which threw icy water onto Dixie near Maybee may have had something to do with two accidents. One driver said he was trying to avoid the first accident when he left the road and rolled his car. He was not injured.

Non-injury accidents on the I-75 southbound ramp at Sashabaw and at M-15 and Deer Ridge.

A window on a 1989 Chevy was broken overnight on S. Marsh Ln. but nothing appeared stolen.

Larceny of a license plate tag from a 1995 Honda on Cottonwood Ct.

Larceny of a mailbox on Clintonville.

A large picture window was broken on Cramlane. A BB was found nearby.

Larceny of a stereo, speakers and CD player valued at \$600 from a car parked on Balmoral Terrace. The car was unlocked in the driveway.

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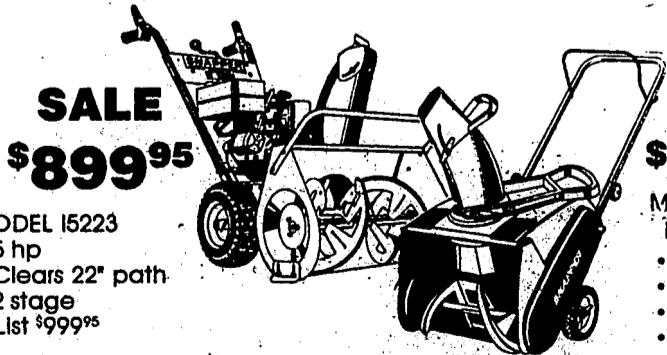
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TUESDAY, OCT. 31, non-injury accident at N. Main and Walden. A Waterford man drove his car into the rear of a Clarkston man's car. He was issued a citation for failure to stop at an assured clear distance.

Injury accident at Miller and Glenburnie. A Clarkston man stopped his car at the intersection and was hit from behind by a car driven by another Clarkston man. The first driver's wife, a passenger, was injured and taken by her husband to the hospital. The second driver was issued a ticket for failure to stop

at an assured clear distance.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3, a Holcomb woman reported her car's license plate missing.

SATURDAY, NOV. 4, non-injury accident at Main and Washington. An Oxford woman driver was struck from behind by a car driven by a Clarkston man when she stopped for a red light.

Medical on Overlook. A man felt he was experiencing heart attack symptoms and called police. He was treated and transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

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In a dispute over property lines, a Rockwood resident put up fence posts only to have the next-door neighbor pull them out. The first resident says he has a survey showing he is right, the second resident said she is acting on advice of her attorney.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, larceny of an \$800 stylus from a car parked on Klais.

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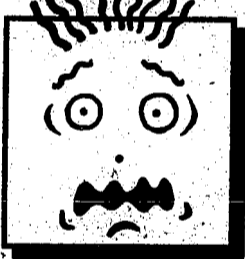
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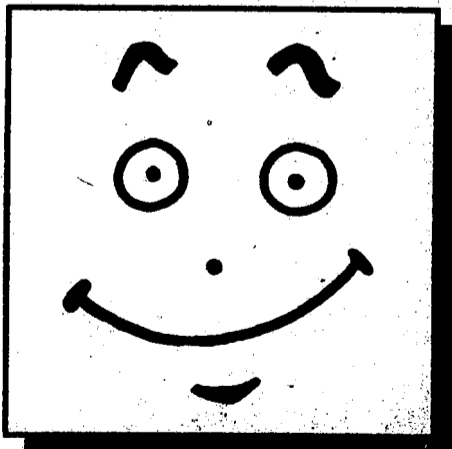
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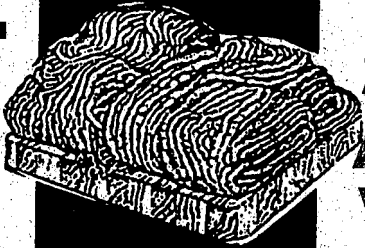
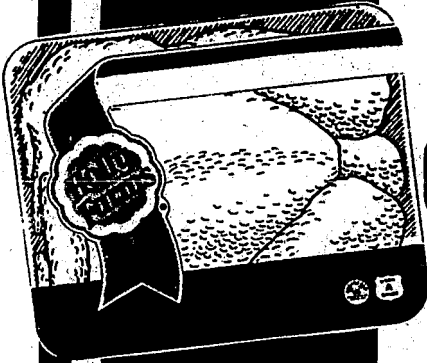
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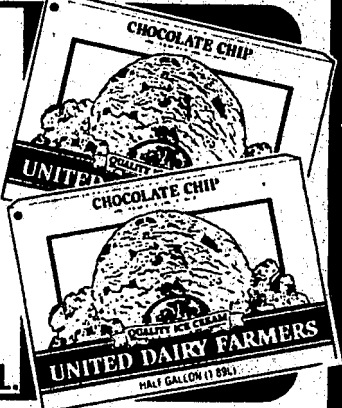
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Senior defensive backs Bill Goforth (left) and Tim Wisser (right) drag this Monroe tackler down in playoff action Nov. 4 where the Wolves lost 20-6 (photo by Kay Pearson).

Despite loss, Richardson says players are winners

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Physical size won out Nov. 4 as the Clarkston football team lost to Monroe 20-6 in the first round of playoffs.

Taking advantage of a huge size difference, Monroe bruised its way to 280 yards, while its defense kept Clarkston's passing game in check.

And while physical size won the game, CHS football coach Kurt Richardson knows the size of his team's heart can't be matched. Returning only two starters, not many expected the Wolves to go 7-3 this season and make the state playoffs for the second

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year in a row. But the team believed — worked hard in the off-season — and each week got better.

"It was a big success for us," said Richardson. "No one gave us a chance this season. People said, 'you'll only finish 4-5,' but these kids just ignored all that stuff and went out and played hard."

Another reason the Wolves were successful, and Richardson enjoyed this season as much as any in his nine years, was due to the players' conduct on and off the field.

"There's really something to be said for these

kids. I never once had a problem with them on or off the field. They never complained. They are just good, solid kids and to me that's equally as important as what they do on the field."

In fact, of the team's 23 starters only six players have grade point averages below 3.0, and 11 of those players had a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

Because of the effort his team gave every week, Richardson said he was most disappointed that so few fans came out to Monroe to support the players.

"These kids played their butts off against Monroe, and all season," he said. "I wasn't disappointed in them at all but I think the disappointing thing was that we had hardly any fans there. To not have that support wasn't fair to the kids. They deserved better."

Richardson said he understands it was a cold day and the players aren't supposed to notice how many people come to a game but, "you do notice those things."

Monroe ate up about five minutes of the first quarter on its first drive, but punted to the Wolves with 7:30 left in the first.

Clarkston then drove 65 yards for the first touchdown of the contest. With some pinpoint passing from sophomore quarterback Dane Fife and strong running from sophomores Jeff Long and Brad Phalen and senior Ryan Schapman, Long capped the drive with a two-yard TD run. CHS missed the extra point but led 6-0 with 3:30 left in the first.

From that point on, Monroe, 9-1 on the season,

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Top squad Girls CC squad runs its best at the Class A finals and takes 4th place

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The best, they say, rise to the occasion when needed most. Clarkston's girls cross country team did just that at the Class A team finals Nov. 4, held at Saskatoon Golf Course near Grand Rapids.

Behind several personal-record performances, the team finished fourth overall, the best finish in Clarkston history. Heading into the meet, the Wolves expected to do well. When it came down to it, they did even better by beating five teams they lost to in earlier meets this season.

Leading the Wolves was senior Stefanie Burklow. She was fourth in the race in a time of 19:01, nearly equaling her school record of 19:00 set weeks earlier on a much faster course. Her 4th-place finish was also the best state finals finish in school history.

But on this day when the team did so well, Burklow's teammates came through with solid performances as well. Sophomore Liz Cook (22nd), junior Kristin Maine (26th), senior Lisa Herron (75th) and senior Stacie Iezzi (107th) all ran personal record times.

Co-coach Mike Taylor said this team's focus all season was to get better each meet and not worry too much about early-season finishes. The team's main goal was to qualify for the state meet and then see what would happen in the finals.

"Our program was geared to regionals and states and we were our best then," he said.

"We defeated all the teams we thought we could and beat several teams which had beaten us earlier in the year," said Taylor. "This is not a revenge factor but it is a way of judging your improvement as a team. I felt we did a good job of improving the entire season. We never got too discouraged, never became overconfident. Just a lot of working as hard and as smart as we could."

"The team peaked at just the right time."

Peaking at the right time isn't just a coincidence, however. Taylor and fellow co-coach Mike Kaul have always coached their teams so they would peak during the latter part of the season.

They do that by not burning the kids out by pushing them to their limits in early-season meets.

Winning the state meet was defending champion Troy Athens with 102 points. In second was Livonia Stevenson with 113 points, third was Utica Stevenson with 126 points, fourth was CHS with 230 and fifth was Farmington with 257.

Teams Clarkston lost to early in the season

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Soccer earns respect, exits playoffs

Brighton wins in muddy, hard fought battle, 1-0

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A few players lay in the mud-filled field after the scoreboard read 00:00.

Eventually the Clarkston boys soccer team picked themselves up, disappointed they lost 1-0 to Brighton Nov. 2 in the first round of regionals. But deep down they also knew they held nothing back and battled right to the end.

And it wasn't until there was no time left that 6-13-2 Clarkston finally succumbed to 16-5-1 Brighton.

"We went down fighting," said coach Dan Fitzgerald, proud of the way his team kept playing hard despite a 4-12-2 regular season. "You always want to peak at the end of the season and we played our best then. It was an awesome effort for us and I think Brighton showed they had some respect for us after the game. We proved we belonged."

After winning districts a week before, the Wolves had already surprised some people, but not themselves. They struggled through a tough Oakland Activities Association Division I schedule. But despite the losses, Fitzgerald said he never had a problem with the team's work ethic.

It was that work ethic which helped carry them to the team's first district title in three years.

Brighton began the game, played on a muddy, wet field at Walled Lake Central, like they owned the place, missing a few good shots on goal in the game's first five minutes.

But at the 34 minute mark, senior co-captain Derrick Spires took a good shot on goal that was saved by the Brighton keeper.

Then, at the 32 minute mark, senior Adam Gilreath came close to getting an easy goal as the Brighton keeper barely scooped up the ball before Gilreath got there. Next, sophomore Brian McGeogh took a good shot on goal that was stopped 28 minutes into the game.

From then on, Brighton knew they were in for a battle.

Both teams battled hard that first half. Clarkston sophomore keeper Rean Turner made several good saves and the Wolves defense, led by sophomore



The district champion Clarkston boys soccer team poses two weeks ago with the trophy. The Wolves

ended the season in regionals last week and finished the season 6-13-2 overall.

Shawn Veriinden, senior co-captain Ben Gabriel, senior Mike Kopec and senior Chad Granlund played well.

But it was aggressive play on offense led by Gilreath, Spires and sophomore Mike Gabriel that

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kept Brighton off balance.

Brighton finally scored with 6:50 left in the first half on the Wolves' only real mistake of the game. A CHS player turned the ball over near Clarkston's goal. The mistake eventually led to a Brighton throw-in from the corner. On the throw, the ball was tipped, fell to the mud in front of the net, and then was kicked in for the score.

The Wolves seemed to let down a bit after that, but came out even more determined in the second.

The first part of the second half saw Brighton getting a few good shots on goal that were either stopped by Turner or missed.

With about 13 minutes to go, the Wolves turned up the intensity even more. Seniors Brad McCue, still nursing a bad back, Chris Carr and Brian McGeogh led the charge and everyone followed suit. With eight minutes left to go, CHS began controlling the ball with good passes.

With about three minutes to go, after missing a couple other scoring chances, the Wolves got a shot from about five yards away from the goal. But the ball bounced harmlessly off the left goal post.

Clarkston had a few more throw-ins near Brighton's goal but couldn't convert.

Even with the loss, Fitzgerald told his team after the game they have nothing to be ashamed of and should hold their heads high.

Although losing nine seniors, the Wolves will return a solid group of underclassmen who now know what it takes to be a champion.

"It's real good for some of those kids to see what it takes. At the end guys like Derrick and Ben really showed the way. Now we'll need those younger guys to be the leaders."

Sports shorts

Fall Open Gym Schedule

The schedule for open gym will be as follows:

Location: Sashabaw Middle School.

Mondays, Oct. 9-Dec. 18, Basketball, 8 to 10 p.m.

Tuesdays, Oct. 17-Dec. 19, Volleyball, 8 to 10 p.m.

Thursdays, Nov. 2-Dec. 7 (except Nov. 23), Basketball, 8 to 10 p.m.

The fee for open gym will be \$2 per person.

Adult Sunday Basketball League

When: Sunday, Dec. 3, 10 weeks plus playoffs.

Game Times: Noon to 9 p.m.

Where: Clarkston High School.

Age: Adults, age 18 and over.

Cost: \$18 player fee, resident/\$28 player fee, non-resident.

Registration: Returning teams - 10/23

New Resident Teams - 10/30

Open Registration - 11/6

Player Fee and Roster Due - 11/17

* NO GAMES 12/24, 12/31, SUPER BOWL SUNDAY.

Competitive basketball leagues for men and women. Four divisions to choose from, "Upper/Open," "Mid-North" (above average ability), "Mid-South" (average to good ability), and "lower." Register as a team, play a 10-week regular season schedule plus playoffs for the top teams. "Upper" playoffs champion will represent Independence Township at the State Championship Tournament in Flint.

Youth wrestling club sets meeting date

The Clarkston Youth Wrestling Club will be hosting membership night and other activities Nov. 15, 7 p.m. at the Sashabaw Middle School Cafeteria.

The evening, for wrestlers aged 6-15 and parents, will include a wrestler and parent orientation, wrestler signup and candy pickup. Registration is \$35 for the first child and \$15 for each additional sibling.

Parents should bring an extra copy of the child's birth certificate.

The club has been in existence since 1981 to help expose youths to the sport, providing them with a strong fundamental basis before they enter the Clarkston high school program.

For more information call club president Brian McCallum at 625-0519.

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