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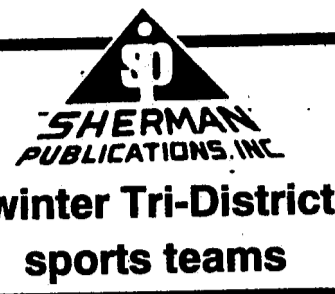
Republican presidential primary election results

Independence Township

Dole	1,113
Buchanan	769
Forbes	134
Total voters	2,512

City of Clarkston

Dole	58
Buchanan	22
Forbes	8
Total voters	117



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Prisoner takes cop car for a ride

Pregnant woman botches escape

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was not unlike a scene from "Thelma and Louise" — although there was only one on the lam.

A double-jointed Alger woman resisted arrest in her own way by managing, Houdini-like, to free herself from handcuffs, steal a Clarkston Police patrol car and lead officers in hot pursuit down I-75 early Monday morning.

According to Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston, Linda Marie Dombrowski, 34, was a passenger in a car driven by a 33-year-old Prescott man who was stopped by a Clarkston police officer on M-15 at Middle Lake at approximately 4:30 a.m. for defective car equipment.

The officer made checks on both and found Dombrowski was wanted on an outstanding warrant out of Detroit for failure to appear in court on drunk driving charges. She was placed under arrest, handcuffed and plunked in the back seat of the officer's patrol car.

While the officer went to check on the man who was still sitting in his car, Ormiston said, "he heard the (patrol car's) engine rev up and saw it go in reverse, then back up and speed away."

The new Eyewitness video taping system recently installed in the CPD's patrol car was running. Though it only projected from the front of the car, it captured the scene where Dombrowski made a U-turn and raced off, leaving the surprised officer to run, unsuccessfully, after her.

Ormiston said she apparently "swung the handcuffs over her head, managed to get out of them and hopped over the front seat" before driving away.

The officer radioed to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department which dispatched a broadcast to all of its patrol cars. A OCSO Orion substation deputy stationed at the I-75 Baldwin Rd. exit saw the patrol car speeding down southbound 75 at over 100 mph — with the emergency lights blazing away.

After another deputy driving a patrol car joined him, the two finally apprehended Dombrowski after she lost control of the car, swinging around 180 degrees on a curve near the M-24 exit ramp in Auburn Hills about ten minutes after her escape.

"The car spun around and stalled," Ormiston said. Deputies then blocked the patrol car and arrested her. After telling police she was four months pregnant, she was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, then to Oakland County Jail. Ormiston sought a warrant later that day.

Dombrowski was arraigned before 52-2 District Court Judge Gerald McNally Tuesday morning and charged with four counts which could carry the following maximum penalties: escaping lawful custody, a one-year misdemeanor; stealing a car, a five-year felony; fleeing and eluding, a one-year misdemeanor; and driving with a suspended driver's license, an up-

to-90-days misdemeanor.

Bond was set at \$30,000 per count, bringing the total to \$120,000 cash, no 10 percent. Dombrowski was returned to Oakland County Jail, pending a preliminary exam.

Ormiston said there was a strong odor of intoxicants on Dombrowski's breath when she was stopped. She refused a Breathalyzer test and was given blood tests at POH. When he gets the results back from the state lab, Ormiston plans to seek a fifth count if she was legally drunk.

Lt. Bruce Naile of the Orion substation said Dombrowski probably didn't turn the patrol car lights

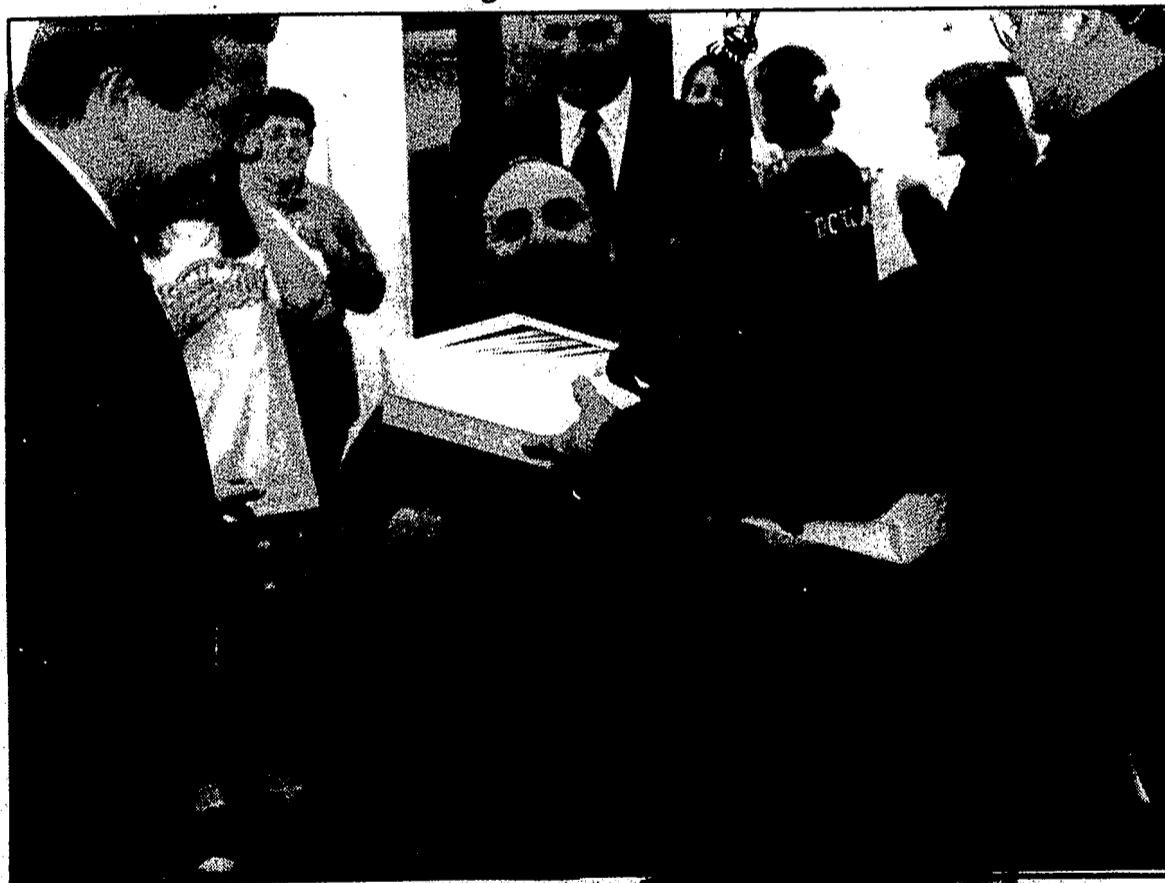
off because "she probably didn't know how to ... People do a lot of crazy things when they're drinking."

But apparently she did some fast thinking during her short time on the run.

Ormiston said the patrol car's video system indicated the lights were turned on and off intermittently. For example, when three lanes on I-75 were blocked with traffic, she hit the lights so cars would pull over. "She turns them on to clear them out of her way," he said.

The man Dombrowski was originally riding with received no tickets, Ormiston said. He added that the patrol car was back and safe — without a scratch.

But can he take a joke?



Clarkston Middle School teacher Ray Cooper's 50th birthday was marked in memorable fashion Monday when local funeral director Bill Wint showed up with a hearse and a gurney at the school during lunch hour. Ray was handed a box of black roses wrapped in black ribbon and wheeled out, on his back, to the hearse. His brother Marc and two sisters, all younger than Ray, were behind the scheme. "I was the implementer of the instigators," Marc admitted. What about paybacks? "I told him by the time I turn 50 he'll have forgotten because he'll be senile," Marc said. Ray has spent his whole teaching career at CMS, starting there in 1969. The photos were taken by the CMS yearbook staff.



The news in brief

Foyteck to run for school board

Karen Foyteck said last week she has pulled a petition to run for a seat on the Clarkston board of education.

Foyteck has previously served on the board and was co-chair of the most recent facilities committee, which studied elementary population and school facilities.

Incumbent trustee Tom Howard, whose term expires this year, has said he will not run for re-election. The other seat expiring belongs to Barry Bomier, who has said he plans to run for re-election.

The election is June 10. Completed petitions must be turned in by April 8 at 4 p.m.

Public input set on superintendent selection

The public is invited to attend a meeting that is designed to get input on what criteria should be used in selecting the next Clarkston school superintendent.

Kara Funk of the Michigan Association of School Boards will host the meeting Tuesday, March 26, 6:30-8 p.m. at the school administration building, 6389 Clarkston Rd. Funk will provide an overview of the search process and accept comments from residents.

Anyone who would like to comment but is unable to attend may send written comments to school board president Bill Craig at 6281 Middle Lake Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346-2049. Deadline for written comments is Monday, March 25.

Antique shop closes

Olde Apothecary Antiques, which opened up in the building that formerly housed Hallman's Apothecary for many years, has closed. The building, next to Carol's Village Grill on Main St. owned by Maggie McKinney is now vacant.

Partners Tom Gahan and Ron Hunt leased the building for their antique business, featuring several dealers, over a year ago. Gahan's wife Susan moved her business out in December and has relocated to Dixie Highway.

When asked why Hunt closed, his attorney Ann Meloche said Tuesday, "There were a lot of reasons, but I'm reluctant to say why because there's underlying litigation. I can only say he is sad about it."

Meloche also said when Tom Gahan left it made things financially difficult for her client. "Personally, from a legal standpoint, I can say the rent was fairly exorbitant. He (Hunt) did the best that he could," she said.

Tom Gahan was out of town and could not be reached for comment. Susan Gahan said Tuesday Hunt is suing her husband for half the rent.

Nowak makes it official

Republican Patrick Nowak chose Clarkston's Deer Lake Racquet Club Friday night to make it official: He plans to try to unseat incumbent Dale Kildee (D., Flint) for the 9th Congressional District seat.

Nowak is a former Michigan Department of Transportation Director and former assistant Oakland County Executive.

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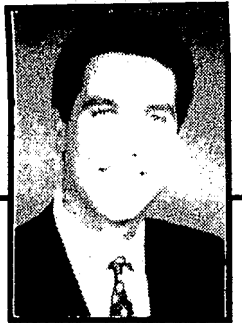
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CMS students find a haven in the Quiet Room

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Believe it or not, some kids would rather study or engage in a quiet game of chess during their lunch hours than let off steam in a noisy cafeteria.

And for those students, Clarkston Middle School now offers an alternative called the Quiet Room. Located just across the hall from the lunchroom, students bring their lunches, sign in, and spend their time in relative peace and quiet catching up on homework, making crafts or polishing off a quick game or two of chess.

The room is presided over by noon aide Donna Blanchard, nicknamed "Mrs. Doubtfire" by some of her charges. The position was funded by a grant from Drug Free Schools money written by assistant principal Ginny Farmer.

For the most part, this pilot project, which started in November, is utilized by students who want to come there. On occasion one is referred by a teacher who doesn't want to sentence a student to detention. According to Farmer, the room is good for students who have academic problems, as opposed to behavioral problems.

"Coming from the high school, I just felt really strongly kids should have an alternative," Farmer said. Though the room is perhaps not as quiet as the name might imply, "They do have meaningful discussion and everything they do in here is related to an educational process."

That may include reading from an assortment of books and magazines kept on hand, looking over some petrified wood samples, as the kids did Friday, or doing assigned homework. The room is a home economics classroom the rest of the day.

The Quiet Room "appeals to students who are thoughtful, students who like to have a time to reflect on the day, get away from it all," Farmer said. "It's not that they're anti-social. They just prefer smaller groups."

That agrees with what several students who were in the Quiet Room Friday said. "I come in here every day," said sixth-grader Michael Prunte Jr. "it's much quieter in here and you get to make crafts and it's much funner."

Tori Lauzun, a sixth-grader who is the reigning school spelling champ, said she's using the Quiet Room to bone up on her spelling in advance of the



Terri Joseph, Erin Robinson, Annie Carter, Cherel Cronk and Samantha Stock use the Quiet Room for quiet conversation. Annie also

regional bee. "I've come here a lot," she said. "It was a lot quieter and I could study."

When the seventh-graders arrived, Bryan Frasher and Rustin Fike sat down immediately to a game of chess. They said they can get in two games in their roughly half-hour break. Both were already regular chess players when the Quiet Room became available and they've been coming ever since. They expect to take part in a chess tournament Blanchard is organizing.

"And you get to do homework," Michael O'Brien, another chess player, said. When asked why he'd want to spend his lunch hour doing homework, his answer was practical. "We do it because we didn't do it last night."

"Or we do it because we don't want to have homework tonight," Bryan added.

As players crowded around chessboards, Blanchard brought over a fresh plate of popcorn she'd just made. "Thanks Grandma," Rustin said. That doesn't bother Blanchard a bit.

"One of the kids at Sashabaw (Middle School, her posting for four years) started that. Since then I've heard that I lived with the dinosaurs and crossed in a

uses it to avoid the hustle and bustle of the cafeteria while she's on crutches for a broken leg.

covered wagon... When my hair was longer I must say I looked like Mrs. Doubtfire."

The Quiet Room is limited to about 30 students a day and some days students have to be turned away. Sometimes teachers stop by for lunch with the students, and even principal Vince Licata has played "Boggle" in the Quiet Room. "You never know who's going to visit," Blanchard said.

Since this is a pilot program it is only funded for the current school year. But its popularity may force it to become a permanent fixture.

"The cafeteria is too busy, too many people walking around everywhere," said Annie Carter, who is on crutches from a broken leg. In the Quiet Room, she doesn't have to worry about being knocked over. She and her friends were crowded around a round table talking quietly, something they can't do in the cafeteria and expect to be heard.

"And then when you yell you get in trouble," said Terri Joseph, who found out about the Quiet Room from her friend Samantha Stock and was visiting for the first time.

"It gives them a chance to hear what someone else is saying," Blanchard said.

Township picks up chloride cost again

BY DARREL W. COLE
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There will be no dust blowing up on the homes and lawns of Independence Township residents this summer.

For the second straight year the Independence Township Board of Trustees agreed to pay for chloriding of all secondary gravel roads in the township. Last year the cost was around \$47,500 to chloride all 46.5 miles of the township's roads.

Just over 10 private roads were chlorided last year, costing \$3,168.

Before the township took over paying for the chloriding, it split costs with the Road Commission for Oakland County. But last year the township received a better deal from Road Maintenance Corporation.

They will continue to use Road Maintenance this year as well.

The RCOC charges 26 cents per foot for coverage of all gravel roads while Road Maintenance charges 20 cents.

In the last year (1994) of splitting costs with the RCOC, the township spent over \$24,000.

While the township will directly pay for public road chloriding, private road chloriding will be reimbursed. The board agreed to pay 16 cents per foot for private road costs but the bill from Road Maintenance must be presented to the clerk's office for reimbursement.

Road Maintenance owner Pat Eisenhardt, who currently contracts with Springfield Township and other communities, coordinates road chloriding with the county's road grading schedule. Once grading has been completed the chloride is applied within 24 hours.

The county does not grade private roads so any residents along private roads must first have their road graded before chloride can be applied.

Board members said Road Maintenance did an "excellent" job last year.

"Right after Oakland County came by with their graders, they were there within a few hours," said trustee Daniel Travis. "They really did a thorough job and covered the entire road."

Supervisor Dale Stuart said he had no complaints about the service provided by Eisenhardt's company, based in Leonard.

Chloriding not only helps preserve roads, but protects trees, plants and fields from damage caused by blowing dust.

For more information on the chloriding program call the township offices at 625-5111.

Intruder pays St. Patty's Day visit

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

The intruder wore green, and it was St. Patrick's day. But that appears to have been just a coincidence in the scary episode township clerk Joan McCrary calls "a nightmare come true."

Early Sunday morning McCrary was awakened by the sound of her doorbell ringing. Alone in the house and still in her nightclothes, she came out of her bedroom and saw a man looking in her windows.

As she told the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, she watched as the man knocked on the door and began to walk around the house. Then, she heard glass breaking and heard her burglar alarm sound.

"I was petrified; I just was scared to death," McCrary said Monday, back at work at the township hall preparing for the primary election. "I told my husband this was a nightmare come true."

The alleged intruder, Thomas Michael Sirois, 41 and a walkaway from Clinton Valley Hospital, appeared in the foyer of McCrary's house. She ran to her bedroom and called 911, then stayed on the line with the dispatcher until deputies arrived. They were there within five minutes.

"It seemed like an eternity," she said.

When they arrived, deputies found Sirois waving to them out front. McCrary said he was obviously incompetent and wanted to get out of the house but couldn't at first figure out how. He told deputies he was homeless, cold and hungry.

"There are always things to be thankful for," McCrary said. "I'm so thankful he was a passive person."

Clarkston Police

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, a Pontiac woman was arrested for drunk driving, second offense, on M-15 near Washington. Her arraignment will be before 52-2 District Court Judge Gerald McNally.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, malicious destruction of property over \$100 at a Waldon Rd. residence. Someone put a dent in the resident's car with a bb gun.

MONDAY, MARCH 18, larceny of a woman's purse from a car parked on Main St.

Sirois was arraigned in 52-2 District Court Monday before Magistrate Lawrence Johnson and charged with first degree home invasion. Bond was set at \$5,000 cash and a preliminary exam scheduled for March 28 at 2 p.m.

According to the report filed with the OCSID Independence substation, this is not the first time Sirois has walked away from the hospital and broken into a home. Police theorize he was just looking for shelter. Dressed in green from head to toe, he apparently knocked on a door across the street from McCrary just moments before and fled when he found someone at home.

McCrary had high praise for the OCSID. She said it normally takes her eight minutes to drive home from downtown but they made it in about four.

"I cannot say enough good about our Oakland County Sheriff's Department," she said. "Even this morning one stopped in and two called. I think they really care about their job and the public."

McCrary is also glad she had a working burglar alarm. She credits it with rattling the intruder and making him want to leave the house.

"I was telling him 'Get out of my house; the police are on the way.' He said 'Where do I go? How do I get out?'"

Cable TV rates to rise

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Despite the fact that the new federal telecommunications act doesn't go into effect until 1999, city of Clarkston and Independence Township residents can expect an increase in their cable TV rates beginning with the June billings.

Michael Cleland, general manager of TCI Cablevision of Oakland County, which holds the cable TV franchise in both communities, said basic service will go up from its present \$9.53 a month to \$10.15 for a six-and-a-half percent increase. Cable Plus service, which now costs \$23.25, will rise to \$26.25, or a 12.9 percent hike.

Cleland said TCI customers locally last experienced a price hike in February, 1995. The new prices will be in effect until June 1997. The rate changes are in accordance with Federal Communications Commission guidelines currently in effect, Cleland said.

In a press release, TCI said current law allows rate changes every three months when they are to recover increased costs. However, customers don't like frequent changes in their bills so the FCC, in September 1995, developed a plan to allow cable operators to consolidate their rate increases into one annual adjustment.

TCI says the new rate actually represents two years of increasing costs since rates will not be increased again until 1997.

"The rate adjustment generally reflects a number

of factors that may include rising operation and equipment expenses, inflation, certain franchise costs and—perhaps most important—higher licensing fees for many of our customers' favorite channels," Cleland said. "In the past two years, licensing fees industry-wide for top cable programs have risen nearly 24 percent."

TCI points out that costs will still remain under a dollar a day for Cable Plus. "Compare this to the \$21 and up a family of four can spend for just one evening at the movies or the \$80 and up that same family can spend at a pro football game," Cleland said.

As for the new Telecommunications law, Cleland said it's anybody's guess what that will mean. Deregulation will bring competition among the various media for cable TV franchises.

"What it does is open up the marketplace," Cleland said. "You're going to have multiple providers of services in a given area."

Currently, cable TV providers experience an exclusive franchise within a given community. The provider negotiates with the local municipality, providing a percentage of the income and local access channels to the municipality.

"The (franchise) renewal process is still intact," Cleland said. "That's something that hasn't changed." The new law will allow competing cable providers to encroach on each others' territory.

TCI is proud of what it has provided the community thus far. "We basically have everything," Cleland said. "We provide the studio, the classes. All of that is free to people in the community."

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Downtown group hangs on

BY EILEEN OXLEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Though attendance has faltered, Clarkston's Downtown Business Association hopes to revive itself.

Formed just a year ago (earlier tries have come and gone over the years), the association started out strong with many local retailers and Realtors coming to the twice-monthly meetings, said CDBA president Buck Kopietz at a regular meeting Tuesday morning.

Kopietz and about eight others from the CDBA's 48 members met as usual at The Clarkston Cafe to discuss the future of the business association. Attendance has dwindled, Kopietz said, for various reasons including early meeting times (8:15 a.m.), motivation and lack of commitment.

Those attending Tuesday's meeting offered comments and suggestions for increased participation.

"I think one of the things we'll have to look at is the time of the meetings. Has anyone thought of 5:30 (p.m.)?" Kopietz asked.

Some members felt they would not be able to attend meetings at that time, even though Clarkston Cafe general manager Carroll Harris offered to "close the place down on Mondays" and serve wine and hors d'oeuvres in lieu of the breakfasts that are occasionally provided. Other suggestions included lunch hour meetings or alternating monthly get-togethers with a morning, then an after-work meeting.

Scott Hazelton, of Edward D. Jones and Associates, stressed commitment. "I belong to the Optimists. We have 50 people every morning at 7 a.m.," he said — with or without breakfast. "I think we have to give people a reason to show up."

Members decided to spend time and money to tackle the problem. Those attending agreed to each call a few members to get their input on why they weren't more involved. They will report their findings at the next meeting on April 2. They also unanimously voted to spend \$550 for 12,700 brochures to be distributed to local businesses along the M-15 corridor from I-75 to Dixie Highway.

Kopietz said keeping an association together has also been difficult because of the rapid turnover of businesses in Clarkston. He noted that Olde Apoth-

ecary Antiques is gone, as is former Clarkston NBD branch manager Neil Russo, who was recently transferred. He was highly involved with the association.

Kopietz felt, though, that the CDBA has a good chance of surviving. "Enough people showed up today and that shows there's a strong core." He added that Clarkston doesn't have "an empty building problem. The question is, how important is retail to the downtown?"

"There has to be a strong will to make the changes necessary. At this time there isn't enough will to make that happen or the resources to make that happen." Earlier consideration given to a Downtown Development Authority or another similar designation has since been ruled out.

Downtown parking, probably the strongest current issue for the CDBA, will continue to be discussed, Kopietz. A planned parking survey conducted by individual business owners never got off the ground because of cost, time and commitment. But, he said, "I think if we keep the business association together for no other reason than parking, that's valuable."

Some association members are effectively enforcing parking limits at their respective businesses, he said. Harris added that she has discussed the possibility of valet parking for her customers at the cafe.

One man that has a mind and knows it can always beat ten men who haven't and don't.
—George Bernard Shaw

Fire call

MONDAY, MARCH 11, injury accident on Maybee.

Medical on Kingfisher.
Medical at the high school.
Possible appliance fire on Morning Mist.
Car accident on I-75.
Medical on Parview.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, two accidents on Waldon.

Slip and fall on Sashabaw Rd.
Carbon monoxide investigation on Mary Sue.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, medical on Pine Breeze.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, burning after dark at a construction site on Maybee.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, carbon monoxide detector activating in a home on S. Eston. A problem was found with a gas furnace. It was shut down until a service technician could arrive.

Refuse fire on M-15.
Electrical odor on Clarkston Rd.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, medical on Parview.

Odor investigation on Olde Sturbridge.

Medical on M-15.
Slip and fall on M-15.
Medical on Whipple Lake Rd.
Vehicle fire on I-75.

Medical on Wintergreen Circle.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, grass fire on the I-75 off ramp at Sashabaw.

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OPINION

The Clarkston News

Wed., March 20, 1996 6A



In Focus

by Annette Kingsbury

Bemoaning the loss of the unique

One of the things I like best about travelling is seeing a different set of sights. The trees and flowers, the architecture, the color of the sky . . .

And one of the other things I like is bringing home little bits of where I've been in the form of *objets d'art* for my humble abode. Searching out the unique shops for a stunning find by a local artisan is one of life's little joys. But lately, this has become more and more difficult because of a phenomenon I'll call the Malling of America.

I've noticed this on previous trips, but it really hit me seriously on a vacation last week to Florida's Gulf coast. Going shopping now, no matter where you go, is like having *deja vu*: all the malls look alike; all the stores are the same names you have at home, all the merchandise familiar.

You can't go into a big, fashionable mall in, say, Clearwater, Florida, where I was, and expect to find anything unique any more. Sure, the department stores are regionalized, but the merchandise is not. And as for the smaller stores, the Gap, Limited, etc. are filling all the spots, just as they are here.

One need look no further than downtown Birmingham to see this in action. Where once nothing but small, independent stores stood, now chain stores have taken their places. And according to recent articles in the local media, that's having a ripple effect on nearby shopping meccas such as Royal Oak, where longtime tenants are being pushed out by big corporations selling everything from bagels to chicken to jeans who are willing to pay two and three times the rent.

It's no wonder, given these circumstances, that we all look the same. In Florida I was in a store one day and saw on the rack the same shirt I was wearing. I need a pair of shoes, but everywhere I look I see the same styles, and I don't like them. Where's the variety, that elusive "spice of life?"

Teenagers are always criticized for wanting to look like everybody else, but really, what choice do they have? They can sew their own clothes, perhaps—that's how a couple of Clarkston High School girls managed to stand out at last year's prom. But not everyone has the ability, or the inclination. Small-town shops that remain, like Millieu here in Clarkston, do offer choice—to those who can afford it.

More and more I find myself reaching for the easy solutions when shopping—and wondering why they are so unsatisfying. Another classic blazer, another white shirt. The uniform of the working world. Look around the halls of CHS and you'll see another kind of uniform—the uniform of teenagers.

From this year's trip to Florida all I came home with was a couple of small mementos for my house. Nothing that will scream "the tropics" for the summer months. Precious little to remind me of the warm sun and white sands I enjoyed.

They're just material things but they have the power to take you to other places, other times, transporting you there if only for a moment. Like a photo on your desk or a memento on your dresser, they can provide a brief escape in an otherwise humdrum day.

Letters to the editor

Thanks to Pine Knob

To the Pine Knob Elementary School staff,

Thanks so much for planning the Family Reading Night on March 4 at Pine Knob Elementary School. It was such a pleasure to walk into the multi-purpose room and see so many students (with their red, "Go for the Gold" shirts on) and parents enjoying one of life's greatest pleasures ... READING! Mother Goose was a big hit. All the teacher presentations were wonderful. The evening was a big success thanks to your hard work. What a great way to kick off March Reading Month.

Thank you,
Maggie Maxwell and family

Good job

A big thank you goes out to Nancy Strole, Springfield Township's Clerk, for helping to make a traffic light possible at Big Lake Road and Dixie Highway.

This intersection had become increasingly dangerous due to heavier traffic volume in the area. Accidents have risen and lives have been at risk, especially during morning and evening rush hours.

Nancy was quick to respond to my concern of this intersection. She was instrumental in contacting MDOT and the Oakland County Road Commission to make the necessary plans for a study of the intersection. She was persistent in her follow-up calls to officials in keeping informed of the status of our problem.

Nancy also took the time to make periodic calls to me, to give updates on the progress of the light. I appreciate all her efforts and the professional way she handled the problem.

The new traffic light will ensure safety for the many students, residents, and business patrons that travel Big Lake Road and Dixie Highway daily. Thank you, Nancy Strole, for helping to make our community safer.

Mary Jo Smith

Kids helping kids

As an occasional spectator at Clarkston basketball games, I was delighted to see special education students being assisted in enjoying the game by Clarkston students.

Curious as to what was happening, I have found out that the assisting students are members of the National Honor Society, Peer Listening and Student Council members under the direction of special education teacher Barbara Anderson.

If you could see the joy and happiness on the faces of these special children you could not help but be touched by the efforts of the students.

Too often people ask, "What's in it for me?" These students instead are saying, "What can I do for others?"

The teacher and students involved in this program deserve credit for such an enriching program. Congratulations on a job well done!

Pat McMullen

Write a letter; it's easy!

Letters to the editor are due by noon on Monday for consideration in that week's paper. Letters should be no more than 300 words in length. We reserve the right to limit the number of letters on one topic and from one person. Send letters to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346.



Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

A poem worth repeating

In my absence, we are repeating a previous "Jottings."

Twenty five years ago I published a poem pointing out how important we really are in this world, and how we'll be missed.

It's time to print it again.

Take a bucket and fill it with water.
Put your hand in it, up to your wrist;
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining;
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.

The first time I heard this familiar quotation, I was in high school in Vernon. I have repeated it many times and frequently apply it to myself, and some others about the time I or they start feeling important.

This is the middle stanza of a five-verse poem. The other four go like this:
The Indispensable Man

Sometime, when you're feeling important,
Sometime, when your ego's in bloom.

Sometime, when you take it for granted,
You're the best qualified in the room.

Sometime when you feel that your going,
Would leave an unfillable hole,
Just follow this simple instruction,
And see how it humbles your soul.

Take a bucket and fill it with water,
Put your hand in it, up to your wrist;
Pull it out, and the hole that's remaining,
Is a measure of how you'll be missed.

You may splash all you please when you enter,
You can stir up the water galore,
But stop, and you'll find in a minute,
That it looks just the same as before.

The moral in this quaint example,
Is do just the best that you can,
Be proud of yourself, but remember,
There is no indispensable man.

A look back

15 YEARS AGO (1981)

Stolaruk Corp. has failed to reclaim the Stickney gravel pit as outlined in a 1979 consent judgment and Independence Township moves for forfeiture of a \$20,000 bond. At a March 19 special meeting, township board members vote 6 to 1 to move on the forfeiture. Treasurer Frederick Ritter is the lone dissenter.

Case Cemetery off Dartmouth Rd. in Independence Township becomes the property of the township following a ruling by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James Thorburn. In December the Clarkston Historical Society petitioned the township to vacate the abandoned property and maintain gravesites for preservation purposes. Now the society's first priority is to install a fence around the land.

There's nowhere to go but up for the Clarkston High School boys' track and field squad, say coaches Walt Wyniemko and Mike Kaul. Last year the team went through the entire season without winning a single meet. Though it wasn't a good year record-wise, Wyniemko says his team was nevertheless competitive. This year, he says, the season opener against Catholic Central should give him "some kind of barometer on where we stand."

25 YEARS AGO (1971)

The strike at Hawk Tool Co. enters its twelfth week as picketers of Local 540 continue to maintain headquarters in the trailer on the corner of Washington and Main streets. Company spokesman Allen Hawke says Hawk Tool is in the process of "phasing out."

Registration forms are available through the Independence Township Recreation Program for Little League Baseball. This year the age limit has been raised and the program will include all boys from eight years through those whose sixteenth birthdays occur no later than Aug. 31, 1971.

Statements made during a press conference by former Independence Supervisor Duane Hursfall explain his views on accusations that he wrongfully applied for rezoning. "I have done nothing illegal or unethical in any real estate transaction I've been a part of," he says in the opening paragraph.

50 YEARS AGO (1946)

News from "By the Way": Everybody has spring fever. Lawns and gardens are getting the once over and a warm spell has inspired some gardeners to start turning the soil over ... The big tree that stood for many years on the Linabury property on S. Main has been cut down. Many people pass the spot and notice that something is missing and they wonder what ... Last week the street in the downtown business block was cleaned and what a big improvement that made ... Speaking of business, have you noticed all of the buildings that are being started on Dixie? The foundation and some of the walls for Lester Howe's bowling alley are already erected, the blocks are on the grounds for a dry cleaning plant. And, in Clarkston, work has started on the building for the Chrysler-Plymouth Agency.

A film strike is still on at the Drayton Theatre. The Holly Theatre is showing "Along the Navajo Trail" with Roy Rogers and Gabby Hayes and "My Reputation" with Barbara Stanwyck and George Brent.

60 YEARS AGO (1936)

Forrest Brown of Clarkston is elected president of the Oakland County Holstein Association when it meets with the Macomb County organization in Rochester. A banquet is served and a business meeting is held. Arrangements are being made for a tri-county meeting to be held sometime during the summer.

A large crowd enjoys movies sponsored by the senior class at Clarkston School. The students are trying to raise money for a trip and Wednesday night's films give them a good start. "Popeye" and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" create plenty of laughter and the "Passion Play" is interesting and instructive. The young people are to be complimented for the good behavior and quietness they show during the latter, a great Biblical picture.

Specials at the Rudolf Schwarze market this week include beef roast, 15 cents a pound; hamburger, 15 cents a pound; bacon squares, 19 cents a pound; oleo, two pounds for 23 cents; White Lillie Pastry Flour, 24 1/2 pounds for 65 cents; and tissue, six packages for a quarter.

Have an opinion? Write a letter to the editor

Don't Rush Me

By Don Rush

This and that



I was glad to read the United States has enough money to be able to fork over another \$100 million to Israel so they can fight terrorism.

Of course this is over a two-year period, but it is also in addition to the \$3 billion the US grants Israel annually, and the \$22 million in emergency aid President Clinton authorized at the beginning of the month.

I wish the President would start authorizing some of that money back to us.

The three most popular signs I see on peoples' lawns these days: 1) home for sale; 2) Buchanan for president; 3) No scab papers.

What do you suppose that means?

Here's something interesting I read: "Americans own 250 million pets -- from cats and dogs to horses and skunks. These people spend \$20 billion a year on their pets, while only spending \$15 billion on movies and videos. Grandparents spend more money on their pets than they do on their grandchildren ..."

Wow. That info came from syndicated pet columnist Mike Capuzzo.

Speaking of signs: In Oxford Township there are

those looking into the constitutionality of their sign ordinance -- in particular political signs and the time limits placed on them.

As this is a political year it should be interesting to see how this will effect home signage not only in Oxford, but also in every community that has such an ordinance.

A question to the lawyer-types: if one part of an ordinance is unconstitutional, is the entire ordinance unconstitutional or enforceable?

A final quote: "(The system) always wanted everybody to have an equal start, to take care of everybody ... We were not brought up to take care of ourselves," Peder Johnson of Sweden.

Johnson and the rest of the Swedes find themselves deep in debt and taxed to the limit because of their welfare system. This issue may topple the Social Democratic Party. And it should be a lesson for Americans.

The more you let the government take care of you, the less likely you will be able to take care of yourself. And, what the government giveth the government can taketh.

Think on that.

What movie should win the Academy Award?

JUDY YOUNG, DAVISBURG: Apollo 13. It was very exciting and had a lot of history with it.



JENNIFER JAUMOTTE, CLARKSTON: Apollo 13. It was a good story with a lot of action and suspense. Even though you knew the outcome, I liked it because it was true.



STEVE SATTLER, OHIO: Apollo 13. It seemed realistic.



CALEB BORCHERS, CLARKSTON: Apollo 13. I think it was informational, yet entertaining.



BECKY BORCHERS, CLARKSTON: Actually I liked Mr. Holland's Opus. I thought it was real good. I'm not a Dreyfuss fan but this one I liked.





Dr. Bruce Mercado shares a book with some Springfield Plains students.

Read to me

Adults heed call of Clarkston schoolchildren

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Friday was Drop Everything and Read day and all around Clarkston, that's exactly what adults and kids did.

At Springfield Plains Elementary School, so-called celebrities were invited to come in and read to the students. They could choose their own favorite book or one could be chosen for them from the school library. But along with the readings, students got something personal from many of the presenters.

State Representative Tom Middleton, reading to second-graders in Rosemary Lewis' class, ended up telling stories about his childhood growing up on a farm in Lake Orion. Since many of the students have visited that farm, where they can pick strawberries and pumpkins in season, they knew what he was talking about.



After explaining that the book contains lots of made-up words, Virginia Walter reads "Duffy and the Devil" to Gloria Lacy's fourth-graders.

The story he was reading prompted his remembrances. When it would mention a grandpa, he would remember his grandpa. When it talked about going fishing, he related how he doesn't like fish and considers a fishing trip successful when nothing is caught.

"Are there any questions?" he asked when he finished the story he was reading. "A politician always asks that. And I'm willing to answer them."

And students responded. They wanted to know about his long drive to work (1 1/2 hours) and whether or not he sees people in jail (not usually). When he asked the students how many had been to his family's farm, most raised their hands.

"My dad would have been very proud of that," he said a bit wistfully. "It makes people happy."

Clarkston dentist Bruce Mercado did a card trick after he read a story to first-graders in Amy

Love reading?

The Oakland County Reading Council will meet March 27 to hear author Steven Kroll at the Fox and Hounds restaurant on Woodward. The event begins at 4:40 p.m.; cost is \$20. Several Clarkston people are involved and the meeting is open to the public. To RSVP call 625-2317 or 394-0512.

Morris' class. When asked, he said he got the trick cards at a dental convention. Then he showed how the trick was done.

But he also shared his love of reading, and discussed with the students the difference between fiction and non-fiction, bringing out magazines, newspapers technical books and a novel, "Treasure Island," to illustrate the point. After reading aloud "The Robbery at the Diamond Dog Diner," he said he enjoys reading about real things best.

And Virginia Walter, who called herself an "antique" and showed the students her sweater which said so on the back, told the fourth-graders in Gloria Lacy's class that she came to teach in Clarkston 63 years ago—when there was only one school.

The current Clarkston Middle School wasn't even fully utilized then, she said. "They didn't need it . . . Things have changed, haven't they?"

CHS life

By Don Downey

Off the Powercoaster

I have a friend who would tell you, quite simply, that he wants to be a doctor for the money. He says it has nothing to do with an interest in science or a desire to help people; it is all about being able to buy his future 16-year-old son a BMW. If I didn't really like this person I'd write a little about how petty I think that is. But he is my friend, and he is cool about other things, so I overlook this money quirk.

This same friend hates to read. He uses the two big books he has as end supports for his CD collection. He watches a great amount of TV as well. Forrest Gump is his favorite movie. "A masterpiece, American genius," he calls it. I think Forrest Gump is a good movie, but the best ever? No. This must be a matter of taste.

The more I think about it, the less we have in common. He likes cars, I like to walk. He likes to follow trends, I like simplicity. He is impeccable, I am unshaven. And so on. But we do have one very important thing in common: We make an effort to get to know people who are different from ourselves. It is due to that one quality that we discovered our common interests and became friends.

It is scary to think how easily someone can miss opportunities and how much of our lives is based on chance. How much control do we have over our lives? How much control should we have? Too many people confuse snobbishness with control. Look, one might say. Here is a person I am superior to . . . allow me to exalt myself. Such an attitude is not control. It is fear, desperation to say the least. It is so easy to be circumscribed within your own life. It is so easy to say there is nothing more than this, I am a fish in a small round bowl, I will eat my flakes as they are given to me.

It is hard to find the boundaries of control in a friendship. My friend who doesn't read and scoffs at classical music doesn't try to change me, he is just true to himself. It is hard to figure out how I came to like this person. Maybe my owner removed my pretty pearl castle from my bowl of rocks.

Reunions

● The Clarkston High School Class of 1966 will hold a reunion Friday, Aug. 2 at Spring Lake Country Club. Contact Elaine Keeley Schultz at 673-6542 or Cathy Richardson Albery at 681-0822 for more information.

● The Clarkston senior class of 1976 is preparing to have a 20-year class reunion. Please forward all classmate's information to: Rod and Debbie Hool, 5995 Dvorak, Clarkston, MI 48346-3228. Phone 810-625-0958, or FAX 810-625-8938.

● The Pontiac High School Class of 1941 is having its 55th reunion. This reunion will be a three-event affair. A mixer is planned for Sept. 26, a dinner Sept. 27 and a brunch on Sept. 28. Former classmates with information can call Mary Paulson Mitchell at 810-666-9555 or Jack Irwin at 810-338-4553.

● Pontiac Northern High School's Class of 1971 will hold a 25-year class reunion June 29 at the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills. For more information call Gail (Beckley) Domitrz at 625-0399.

At college

● Benjamin DeGrow made the Dean's List at Hillsdale College for fall semester. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeGrow Jr. of Clarkston.

● Leslie Lang of Clarkston made the Dean's List at Miami University of Ohio for fall semester. The list requires a 3.5 or better GPA.

Sheriff's log for Independence Township

MONDAY, MARCH 11, a Waterford woman is under investigation for allegedly writing a bad check for \$50.88 at a Sashabaw Rd. store.

A door was kicked in at a home on Andersonville Rd. Stolen were two Jet Ski engines, a remote-controlled boat and plane and a camera.

A 33-year-old Clarkston man is under investigation for writing two bad checks at a Maybee Rd. store.

Minor injury accident on Dixie near Maybee.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, an 18-year-old Clarkston man was arrested at the scene of an accident on Middle Lake Rd. on three warrants out of 52-2 District Court. He was arraigned the same day, pled guilty, was fined and released.

Harassing phone calls on Tiohero.

A Paramus resident held a 16-year-old Clarkston High School student for sheriff's deputies in an ongoing trespassing dispute. Both parties were warned and the case was referred to Youth Assistance.

Glass was broken on a 1993 Saturn parked at a Waldon Rd. home.

Larceny of four cases of beer from a Dixie Highway store. An employee said two young white males ran out with two cases each to a car and fled.

Speakers and stereo equipment were taken from the trunk of a car parked at a Dixie Highway business while the owner was working.

One driver fled after a five car rear-ender on Waldon.

One person received minor injuries in a four-car accident on Waldon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, a parked car was hit on Paramus.

Possible mail tampering on Rockcroft was reported after a check was missing.

Harassing phone calls at a business on M-15. A man has been calling for months, asking to talk to one of the females working there, then asking them for a date.

Failure to return a borrowed 1979 Pontiac for three weeks on Pinedale.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, drunk driving arrest on Sashabaw near Waldon. A 36-year-old Lennon man who almost hit a patrol car blew a .20 on the breath test, twice the legal limit. Since it was his first such offense he was ticketed and later released. Offenses included failure to yield and driving with a revoked license as well as drunk driving. An open can of beer was found under his seat. The man said he had driven all the way from Detroit before his arrest.

Larcenies from three autos were reported, one on Eastview and two on Waldon. A policeman's badge and fatigues were stolen, as well as a CD player and a

radio.

Failure to return rental property valued at \$230 since Feb. 2 on Dixie.

A 1986 Chevy truck borrowed on March 7 was reported missing.

Malicious destruction of a lawn on Rattalee Lake Rd. overnight.

Non-injury accident on Dixie.

Threatening phone call on Dora Lane.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, deputies were called to assist Clarkston Police with an arrest on M-15 at Washington. Clarkston Police arrested a driver on drunk driving charges and found a man passed out in the back seat who had an outstanding drunk driving warrant out of 52-3 District Court. The deputies arrested the passenger, a 42-year-old Ortonville man.

A 23-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for drunk driving on I-75 after deputies clocked him doing 105 in a 65 MPH zone. His passenger was arrested on an outstanding Oakland County Friend of the Court warrant with an \$800 bond. The drunk driver was originally spotted by another motorist who called police.

Possible breaking and entering on S. River. Someone forced open a door, breaking the jamb but nothing appeared missing.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, a window was broken at the Clarkston Community Education building and some drawers ransacked but nothing appeared stolen. It was the second time in a month the same window had been broken in a break in.

Malicious destruction of a 1996 Grand Am parked on Hidden Lake. Someone applied markings to the car with crayon or Magic Marker but it appeared they would not leave permanent damage.

Someone may have tried to steal a steer on Oak Hill Rd., the owner reported.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, paint balls were fired at seven homes and some cars on Andersonville Rd. and on Parview.

Domestic violence on Lancaster Lake Rd. A woman was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital but no one was charged since it couldn't be determined who started the assault. The case is still open.

TOTAL CASES THIS YEAR THROUGH MARCH 17: 2,622.

Support groups

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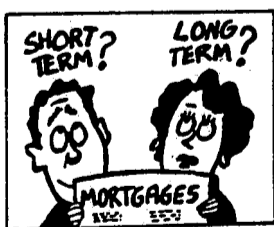
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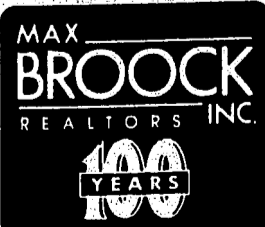
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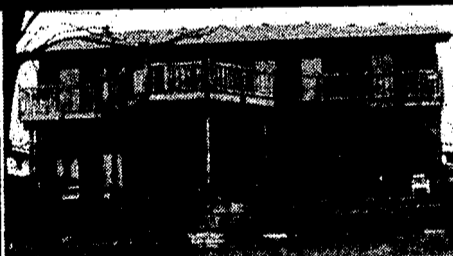
ANSWER: Frankly, opinion is split as to which is preferable. It depends on how much of a monthly payment you can afford and how long you intend to live in the house. If you want to borrow as much as possible, for as long as possible, for the lowest monthly payments, you want the leverage and should select the 30-year loan.

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Arson damages middle school

A fire March 13 in a Clarkston Middle School boys bathroom is under investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's arson squad.

The fire was discovered by a teacher shortly before 1 p.m. after he smelled plastic burning from his classroom across the hall. The fire department was called but the teacher put out the fire with a fire extinguisher, according to a report filed by the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation. The bathroom was unoccupied at the time the fire was discovered.

The fire is thought to have been started in a plastic toilet-paper dispenser. Students were evacu-

ated to Clarkston Elementary School's multipurpose room for about an hour.

According to OCSD arson investigator Det. Art Schrah, the damage was confined to the bathroom.

"Anytime plastic burns it's messy," he said. "I assume the bathroom will have to be gutted." According to CMS principal Vince Licata, repairs are already underway.

There are no suspects yet but interviews are being conducted. "We've conducted a lot of interviews and I suspect we will conduct a lot more," Schrah said. Anyone with information should call Schrah at 858-5454.



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Unclaimed Lotto winner

Someone out there is clutching—whether they know it or not—a \$15 million winning Lotto ticket from the March 6 jackpot.

The Michigan Lottery says the ticket was purchased at the Meijer's store on Coolidge in Royal Oak. The winning numbers were 7, 9, 14, 22, 32 and 35.

Michigan Lottery tickets are valid for one year from the drawing date. Should this winner go unclaimed, the money would revert to the state school aid fund, which has so far received \$18 million in unclaimed prizes. The largest was \$18 million from a July 1992 prize.

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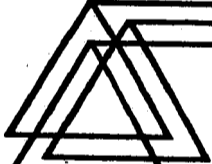


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Honoring a special woman

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

When it comes to Michigan women's history, most people have heard of Rosa Parks and Betty Ford.

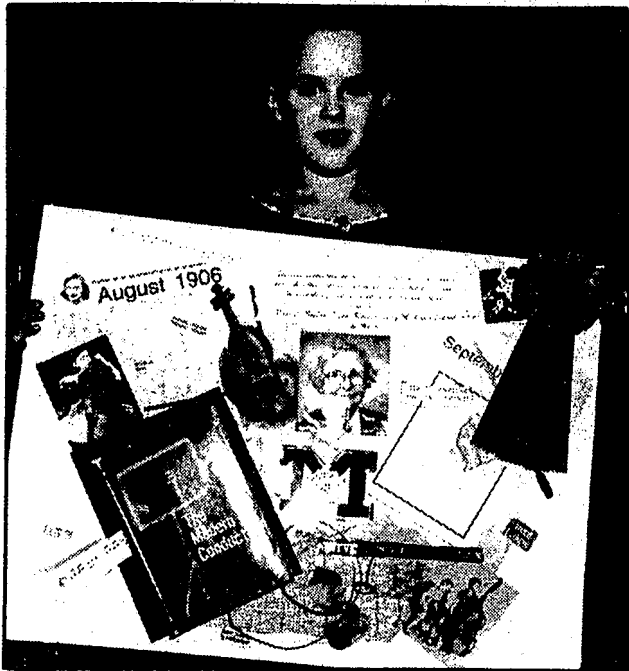
So when Springfield Plains Elementary School fourth-grader Elizabeth Dabczynski scanned a list of important women in this state's history, she saw two names she knew and quite a few she didn't. With some help from her dad, she chose to honor a woman who's not a household name in a contest called "Telling Her Story." Her poster on Elizabeth Green won first place in the contest, which is sponsored by the American Association of University Women's Pontiac-Waterford branch.

The contest is open to fourth-graders in Clarkston, Pontiac and Waterford schools and accepts submissions in the form of writing, art or music about the contributions of a woman in Michigan history.

As it happens, Emily's dad, Andrew Dabczynski, had worked with Green on the music faculty at the University of Michigan and it was he who suggested her as an appropriate subject for the contest, Emily said. Emily is a musician herself who plays violin and piano.

Her winning poster is three dimensional, including an actual book by Green, a string used on a violin and a conductor's baton. Created in the form of a collage, it includes a map of Michigan and two calendars which Emily made on a computer showing the dates of birth and death of Green.

For her entry Emily received a \$50 US savings bond at an awards reception March 14 in Waterford.



Emily Dabczynski and her winning poster.

AAUW branch president Dorothy Haase said she was amazed at the breadth of the entries. One 9-year-old boy even composed a piece of music and included a tape.

The project, which was started with the Pontiac branch, was expanded to include Clarkston two years ago, Haase said. It is open to fourth-graders because Michigan students study state history in that grade. The contest has as its goal promoting an understanding of women's roles in Michigan history.

Clean up after your dog

Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas says he has been receiving numerous phone calls from city residents lately concerning dog droppings in the city.

"Now that the snow's melted there's just piles and piles around," he said. One resident has even posted several signs in his N. Holcomb yard that read "This is not a dog run."

Pappas says he plans to talk to Police Chief Paul Ormiston to see if the police department can do anything about the problem. In the meantime he asks residents to please take care of their own.

"There are some big dogs running around. People don't pick up." All you have to do, he says, is take a plastic bag with you when you walk your dog and scoop. "People who have dogs should know they have to clean up after them," he says.



A N. Holcomb resident has posted four signs that read: "This is not a dog run."

Pothole patrol

Don't forget! Now is the time to call Eileen Oxley at The Clarkston News (625-3370) if you have spotted the mother of all potholes anywhere in the vicinity. Phone calls must be received no later than 10 a.m. Monday. Your comments and a photo featuring you and the pothole will be included.

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Two good citizens honored



Left to right, Clarkston resident and Clarkston High School senior Kelly Arcello and Davisburg resident and Our Lady of the Lakes High School senior Lisa Strelchuk were two of four students honored at an awards ceremony and luncheon at North Oakland Technical Center's Northwest Inn on March 14. Both students were presented with DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen awards and pins from the Sashabaw Plains Chapter. They were judged in the areas of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Kelly is involved in CHS Marching Band, "The Music Man," National Honors Society and Octagon Club. She will enter Michigan State University in the fall and plans to look at its veterinary medicine program. Lisa is currently senior class president, student council president, a member of both NHS and Drama Club and plays softball. She is enrolled in MSU's James Madison College where she plans to pursue a major in international relations this fall.

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● **Hop aboard the Bunny Train** Saturday, April 6 at Flint's Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad. The program runs 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and in-

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● See nature's design work in "**Spring Egg-Citement**" March 30 at the Independence Oaks Nature Center. The 1-3 p.m. program will feature games

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● A **Sunday morning breakfast** will be held at American Legion Campbell Richmond Post # 63 this Sunday, 9 a.m.-noon. A full range of foods, including pancakes, eggs and bacon, will be available for \$3.50 per person (under 5 free). The post is located on M-15.

● The annual **retirement dinner** for Clarkston school employees will be held Thursday, May 30 at Deer Lake Racquet Club. Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7. Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by May 20. See Sharon Warner at the administration office or any school building for tickets.

● A **rummage and bake sale** will be held at Mt. Bethel Methodist Church Saturday, March 30, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Jossman and Bald Eagle Lake Rd. in Groveland Township.

● The next meeting of the **Widowed Support Group** will be held Thursday, April 4 at Clintonwood Park's senior center. Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Hernandez will speak on personal safety. The group is free and open to the recently widowed. Call 625-5231 for more information.

● The **Sashabaw Middle School PTA** will hold a general membership meeting Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Election of executive board officers will be conducted and sheriff's deputy Dave Hernandez will speak on the history, identification and presentation of gangs. This is the last meeting of the year. Refreshments will be served.

● A **Swiss steak supper** will be held Thursday, March 28, 5-7 p.m. at Seymour Lake United Methodist Church, located at the corner of Sashabaw

and Seymour Lake roads. Cost is \$6; call 628-4763 for more information.

● A **road rally** sponsored by the Clarkston PTA Council will be held March 30 beginning March 30 at the high school parking lot. Cost is \$15 per person and you must register by March 28 by calling 620-3787.

● **Learn about estate planning** at a free seminar at the Independence Township Library March 27 at 7 p.m. Presenters are Scott Hazelton from Edward D. Jones and Kevin Bank, attorney from Dennis M Kacy and Associates. Call 625-7016 to RSVP.

● A **Red Cross blood bank** will be held March 24 at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 625-1611 for an appointment.

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Mark Grappin

Mark E. Grappin, 38, of Lansing, formerly of Waterford, died March 15, 1996.

Mr. Grappin was employed by Zellerbach and loved to golf and to bowl.

He is survived by his wife Kathy; two children, Kara and Brad; his father, Marvin of Fenton; his mother, Shirley of Waterford; parents-in-law David and Shirley Edwards of Waterford; a sister, Lisa (Mark) Mehki of San Diego, CA; sisters- and brothers-in-law Pam and Jeff Maddock of Fenton, Mark Edwards of Pontiac, Carol Campbell of Bloomfield Hills, Dennis (Sue) Mihalek of Columbia, TN; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services were held March 20 (today) at First Congregational Church in Clarkston with the

Rev. James G. Keough officiating. Interment followed in Ottawa Park Cemetery in Waterford Township.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association of Michigan, 271 Woodland Pass, Suite 110, East Lansing, MI 48823 or to the Children's Education Fund in memory of Mr. Grappin.

Donald Ivey

Donald Evans Ivey, 58, of Clarkston, died March 16, 1996.

Mr. Ivey was employed as Director of Corporate Development for Comcast Cable Vision and was formerly employed by SEMCOG.

He is survived by his wife Sue A. Slack; four children, Christopher and Claire (Jeffrey) Randall, both of Royal Oak, and Jeremy and Casey Zeman, both of Clarkston; and a brother, Ray (Carol) of

Pennsylvania.

A funeral service was held March 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery.

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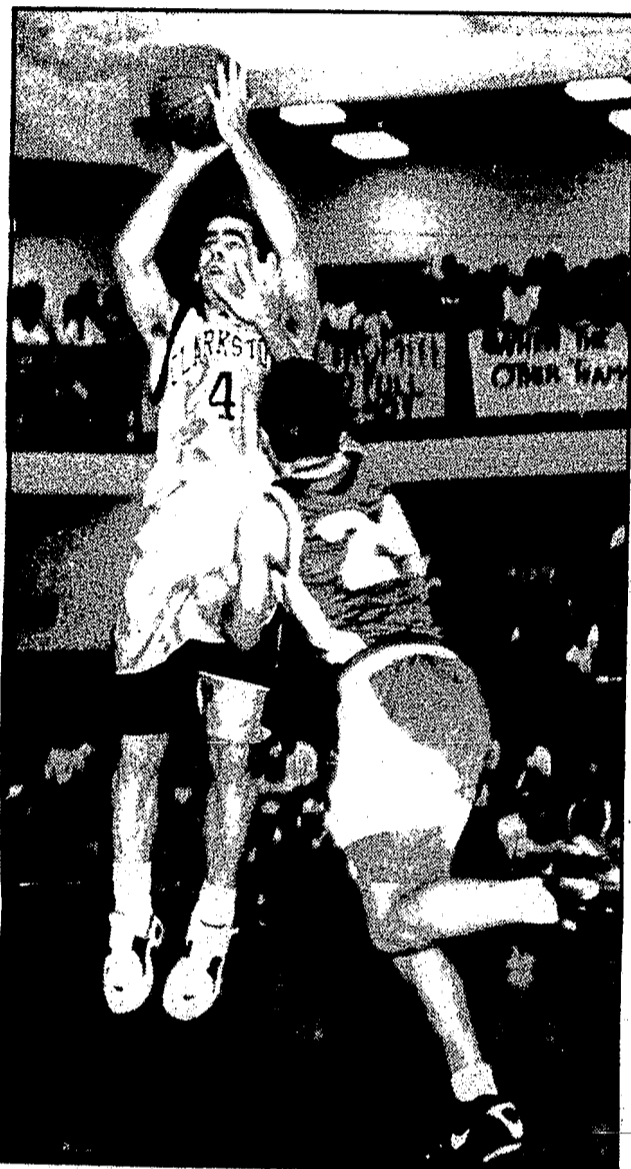
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Everything went right for Tim Wasilk against Chippewa Valley March 15. His team won and he scored 23 second-half points, mostly on jumpers like the one above, with a Valley defender in his face.

Class A final eight

March 19 Quarterfinals

Southfield-Lathrup (21-4) vs. Clarkston (21-4)
Lansing Everett (19-6) vs. Wayne Memorial (22-2)
Detroit Cooley (22-1) vs. Detroit Denby (19-6)
Saginaw (21-3) vs. Traverse City (20-4)

March 22 Semifinals

*at Breslin Center in East Lansing
Lathrup/Clarkston winner
vs. Lansing/Wayne winner, 2:50 p.m.
Saginaw/Traverse City winner vs.
Cooley/Denby winner, 1 p.m.

March 23 Finals

Class A, 4 p.m.

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Coach Dan Fife, pictured far left, and the CHS team repeated as regional champions and advanced in the state tournament. Fife is 254-64 in 13 seasons.

Team defense, Wasilk lead to regional title

Wolves in final eight again

BY DARREL W. COLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

At first, opposing fans and players might scoff at the fact Clarkston's power forward position is manned by Bill Goforth — all 5-foot-10 (if that) of him.

And throughout the game, they may never realize he's out there. But, sure enough, when this 145-pounder maneuvers inside to sneak away an offensive rebound from among the trees or outhustles everyone for a loose ball, people say, "who is that?"

And because of role players just like Goforth, Clarkston's perpetually-undersized team continues to prove they can match up with the best in the state.

On paper, coach Dan Fife's teams seem like they don't stand a chance. But on the floor, these Wolves are always in the game.

Few teams know how to play defense like Clarkston, and fewer still have the heart of this year's team.

The 1995-96 version of the Wolves displayed the defense, heart, composure and clutch plays that make them so good in winning their second-straight regional title March 15, 56-46 over Chippewa Valley.

"This year we are over-achieving as far as defense and rebounding," said coach Dan Fife of his team that lost three starters from last season. "But right now these kids are competing at the highest level they know how to and that's all we can ask."

Before ending up in the regional final, the Wolves got past rival Pontiac Northern March 12, for the third time this season, 48-42.

CHS, now 21-4 overall, was scheduled to play Southfield-Lathrup March 19 at Ferndale High School. The winner of that game advances to the Class A semifinals, March 22 at Breslin Center in East Lansing.

Lathrup was the surprise winner over nationally

ranked Detroit Pershing in the regional finals. The Wolves won at Lathrup, which can play three players over 6-foot-6, by two points early in the season.

Over the years we've always been the shorter team and our kids expect that by now," said Fife. "They know they will have to play a near-perfect games to keep winning."

Chippewa Valley came into the regional final (held at their own school district's brand new high school, Macomb-Dakota) with a sparkling 22-2 record. And early on Valley's depth and athletic ability kept the game close. But in the end the Wolves' defense wore down and frustrated Valley, while CHS senior guard Tim Wasilk took over on offense, scoring 23 of his team's 35 second-half points.

In front of another packed gymnasium — with more Valley fans than Clarkston, although both were equally loud — the Wolves shot well early and took a 15-12 first-quarter lead.

Both teams showed patience on offense in the second quarter, but Valley scored six points inside and hit a three-pointer with 27 seconds left to outscore the Wolves 11-6.

Clarkston missed all its jump shots in the quarter and got its points on a Dane Fife offensive rebound putback and inbounds layup, and on Justin Dionne's offensive rebound putback.

Entering the second half, the Wolves' game plan was to push the ball up the court more to give themselves easier scoring opportunities, while picking up the defensive intensity.

Valley came out and scored on its second possession, but Fife made a twisting drive and was fouled to put his team within one, 25-24.

Valley took a 29-24 lead on another inside score and offensive rebound, but Fife came up with another

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"This program is a continuation of last year's successful effort to intro-

duce people of all ages to fishing and the great out-of-doors, said state Department of Natural Resources director Michael Moore. "In addition, it is a perfect opportunity for families to spend quality time together while learning a skill that can be enjoyed for a lifetime."

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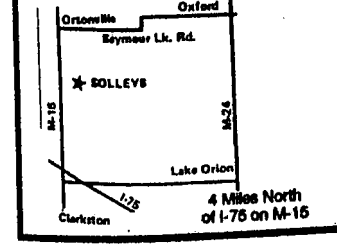
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The pyramids? Been there, done that

7-year-old tours Middle East

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Patrick McIlrath is only 7 but he has a passport and he knows what a cartouche is, and hieroglyphics, and papyrus. He understands what citizenship means. And he can get down on all fours and show you exactly how the Sphinx is positioned.

That's because thanks to his grandfather, Patrick and his mom Melanie recently spent three weeks touring Greece, Egypt and Israel. While his classmates and teacher back at Clarkston Elementary School worried about his safety, Patrick was having a ball trying to swim in the Dead Sea and riding a camel.

As Patrick's mom explains it, he had never done any world travelling before. But when invited by his grandparents, he didn't hesitate.

"He would go to the moon with his grandparents. He was all ready; he didn't know where he was going."

Described as a "real outgoing kid," Patrick enjoyed a 10-hour flight to Greece to start off his adventure. He didn't mind the flight and was up and around the cabin, only sleeping about an hour, his mom said.

A very rough boat ride in Greece, where he got seasick, was his least favorite part of the trip, he said. His ride on a recalcitrant camel, which bared its teeth at him may have been the next worst part. "Bumpy, smooth; bumpy, smooth" is how he described it. The best part? The ice cream in all three countries.

Patrick enthralled his second-grade class Friday with tales of the Great Pyramids, the Sphinx, Masada (where Jews committed mass suicide rather than be



Patrick McIlrath shares the world with his classmates at Clarkston El.

enslaved by the Romans), the Suez Canal and more.

"This is exciting!" one little girl said in the middle of it all. "It was exciting," Melanie McIlrath replied.

And it was also clear Patrick was enjoying all the attention. As his mom brought out all the souvenirs and photos they'd brought back, Patrick was mugging as his classmates sat cross-legged in a semi-circle around him and had to be reminded he was still in school and had to behave.

Nevertheless, Mom is proud of how her son handled the trip. "I was amazed at what he took in," she said. "He can sit down and tell you and show you every place he's been."

Patrick kept a journal of his trip and wanted to read it—all of it—for the class. With the day about to end, his teacher, Patty Travelbee said she'd be glad to

get back to it next week.

And Travelbee expressed fears she and the students had when they heard about bombs going off in Israel while the McIlraths were there. Melanie McIlrath pointed out that Israeli school children never go on field trips without armed guards—one in front, one in back. "We were really glad to get out of there," Melanie McIlrath said.

"I would read the paper and see the news and see where they (the McIlraths) were at," Travelbee said. "That's why I was real glad to see them come back."

As for Patrick, his mom said he kept up with the adults pretty well during the whole trip. "He's a pretty positive kid and he's pretty adaptable to most situations. He did get tired. Toward the end of every day he did get tired. But adults got tired too. I was really amazed at the energy he exhibited."

Patrick on . . .

The Dead Sea: It has so much salt it takes all your strength just to stay on your feet, said Melanie McIlrath. "Patrick got scared at first." He said, "My eyes started floating."

Riding a camel: "I was getting on and the camel got up so I flew off. I was scared so the man put me back on." How was the ride? "Bumpy, smooth; bumpy, smooth."

Travel: "I liked it."

Kids in the Middle East: "Every kid over there smokes."

2 named National Merit finalists

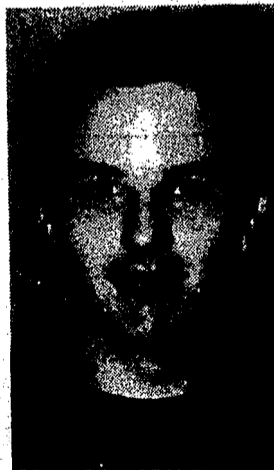
Two Clarkston High School seniors have been named finalists in this year's National Merit Scholarship competition.

CHS principal Brent Cooley said he has been notified that Lisa Herron and Don Downey made the cut. "This distinction places them in a group of one-half of one percent of US graduating seniors," Cooley said. Their chances for college scholarships are greatly enhanced by the recognition, he added.

Herron carries a 4.0 grade-point average and plans a career in medicine, probably sports medicine or surgery. A multi-sport athlete, she was Academic All State in track, cross country and volleyball and co-MVP on the CHS volleyball team. She is the daughter of Glenn and Judy Herron.

Downey carries a 3.93 GPA and is interested in attending college abroad to study foreign languages or science. Now in his second year as a student writer for The Clarkston News, he spent part of last summer in an exchange program in Greece and has travelled extensively. He is the son of Joan Sheffer and Don Downey.

On Monday, Herron said she has narrowed her



Don Downey

college choices down to either Kalamazoo College or Western Michigan University. Though some colleges offer National Merit finalists a full free ride, Herron said they are spread out all over the country and she is not planning to attend any of them.

She said she was "kind of surprised" to be named a finalist, but "I was hoping I would."



Lisa Herron

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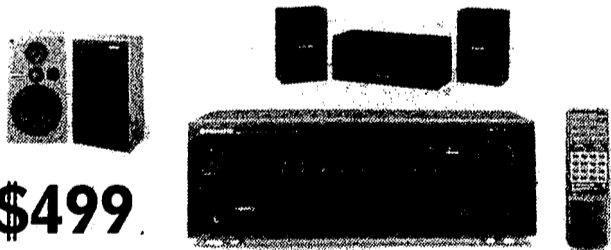
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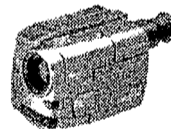
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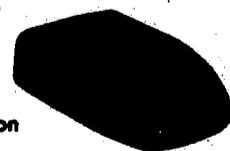


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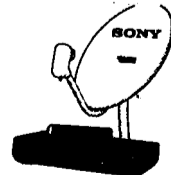
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More than talent leads CHS hoopsters

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big shot, this time a three-pointer.

Steady senior Scott Hill then stole a pass after working to front a Valley post player and outlet the ball to a running Wasilk. Wasilk pulled up and nailed a three-pointer that gave the Wolves a 30-29 lead with 4:10 left in the third.

That was Wasilk's sixth point of the game, and about the time he took over a struggling Wolves offense.

After two Valley free throws and a Clarkston timeout, Wasilk pulled up and nailed another three after a rebound and pass from senior Ryan Schapman. With about 1:40 left Wasilk gave his team a 36-31 lead with another three-pointer.

With 29 seconds left in the quarter, Valley hit another three-pointer. The Wolves then held the ball so Wasilk could get the last shot off. Wasilk penetrated the lane, double-pumped and hit a layup off the glass with four seconds left, giving his team a 38-34 lead.

Wasilk scored 11 of Clarkston's 17 third-quarter points.

The senior wasn't done yet, however. He opened up the fourth with a three-pointer to extend his team's lead, before Schapman hit a clutch three-pointer of his own for a 44-34 lead.

Valley scored the next four points before Wasilk once again made a big play with a steal and 10-foot jumper off the glass, giving CHS a 46-38 lead with about four minutes left in the fourth.

After that, neither team could get any offense going, until Valley finally scored with 2:49 left, cutting the deficit to 46-40. But on the next possession, Clarkston was content to run down the clock until

Valley fouled Fife with about 1:50 left.

He hit one of two free throws before Valley missed an easy layup on the other end. Fife rebounded the miss and outleted the ball to Wasilk who was fouled and hit both free throws with 1:36 left.

Valley came down and missed another shot, which was rebounded by Hill, who was immediately fouled. Hill hit his free throws to extend Clarkston's lead to 51-40.

Down the stretch, Valley was forced to foul and Wasilk, putting on a dribbling exhibition, hit five of six free throws to seal the win.

"Tim really came on and took over for us in the second half," said coach Fife. "I think our entire team was outstanding on defense against a team with a lot of height and real good athletes."

Coach Fife said a turning point came about halfway through the fourth when Goforth suggested using a half-court trap.

"That really worked," said coach Fife. "We have used it before and I think Valley really looked confused and out-of-sync after that."

While Wasilk paced the Wolves on offense with 26 points and a strong floor game, Dane Fife added 17 points, was tough on defense and grabbed 10 rebounds. Schapman scored nine points, all on three-pointers to go along with seven rebounds.

Also contributing were Hill, who scored two points and hauled in seven rebounds, while playing tough interior defense, and Goforth with eight rebounds.

Against Northern, the Wolves were led in scoring with Dane Fife's 18, Wasilk's 13 and Schapman's 12.

Sports shorts

Youth wrestling

At the Bentley Wrestling Tournament March 9, Adam Sharp took first in the 8-and-under age group's 43-pound division, defeating his twin brother Aaron Sharp, who wound up second.

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Local on top hockey team

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The Lakeland Ice squad, playing out of Lakeland Arena, swept four district games to advance to the state tournament, before winning four of five in the state finals.

Parks and rec 3-on-3

Two teams won their divisions in the March 9 Independence Township Parks and Recreation's 3-on-3 basketball tournament at Sashabaw Middle School.

In the 10-11-year-old division, the Minute Men reigned victorious with Nick Craig, Mike Loveless, Mike Hall and Eric Kieras.

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Eldest Fife playing football

While Clarkston's Dugan Fife saw his University of Michigan basketball career come to an end last week, his football career is just beginning.

Fife will be playing one year of football for the U-of-M squad, upon the request of head coach Lloyd Carr. Under NCAA rules, an athlete can use up four years of eligibility in one sport and play a fifth year in another sport.

"It's pretty official," said Dugan's father and CHS coach Dan Fife March 18. "Coach Carr was the one who called him and asked him to do this sometime in December. Dugan's excited because it's a chance for him to continue with graduate studies and play football."

Dugan played his last game for the Wolverines hoops team March 15 when the Wolverines lost to Texas in the first round of the NCAA tournament, finishing the season at 20-12.

Dan Fife said Dugan was told he will most likely see time as a defensive back or wide receiver. The Wolverines lost three senior receivers to graduation.

While at Clarkston, Dugan was considered one of the state's top quarterbacks and started at that position since he was a freshman. He was heavily recruited out of high school in football and basketball.

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Neon soccer clinic for coaches

Soccer coaches from all over will get a chance to learn some new tricks at the Independence Township Parks and Recreation-sponsored Detroit Neon Coaches Soccer Clinic April 13.

The all-day affair will be held at Clintonwood Park's soccer fields. Highlighted instructors will be Ian Fairbrother, captain of the Detroit Neon, and Andy Chapman, one of the premier indoor soccer players in the history of the game and third all-time goal scorer in indoor soccer history with 575 goals.

Coaches from all levels can participate. The beginner-level coaches clinic is from 9-11 a.m., intermediate level is 11-1:15 p.m., and advanced level is 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The beginning coaching program will teach five

basic skills of soccer to coaches, including passing, shooting, dribbling, control and heading. The session is presented in a relaxed environment.

The intermediate and advanced coaching program briefly reviews the five basics of soccer, but emphasis is placed on specific drills and instruction to enhance player abilities and skills. In addition, team-orientated areas like formations, team interplay and offensive and defensive restarts are discussed and demonstrated.

Pre-registration is April 4 at the parks and rec office, 90 N. Main in Clarkston. The \$20 fee will be waived for all Independence Township soccer coaches.

For more information call 625-8223.

CMS Fun Run set for April 3

Clarkston Middle School will be having a Fun Run for students to help raise funds for CMS on April 3.

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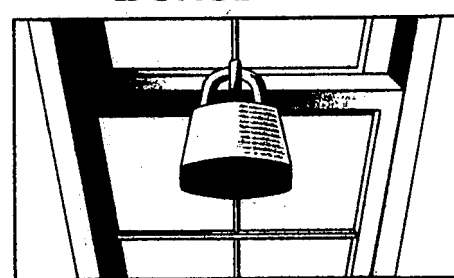
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Riders named couple of the year

Dale and Ray Hines of Clarkston have been named the 1996 Michigan Couple of the Year by the Michigan Gold Wing Road Riders's Association.

The Hines were nominated for the honor by their local club, Chapter E of the GWRRA, which meets in Waterford and crowned Feb. 24 in Lansing. In making the nomination, Gayle Jisa, secretary/treasurer, wrote, "Both love riding and are very safety conscious in helping to improve the public image of motorcycling. . . Ray and Dale cannot be called couch potatoes. In fact, when they moved to the area, they cruised up and down the road looking for us!"

GWRRA is an association of Gold Wing Motorcycle Riders whose motto is "Riding for fun, safety and knowledge." They participate in fun runs, local and national rallies and parades. There are over 4,300 members and 43 chapters in Michigan.

The Hines moved to Clarkston from Massachusetts in 1994 after a job relocation. They have been motorcycling for 18 years and each own their own motorcycles. As they tell it, after coming to Michigan they cruised around looking for a motorcycle club to join when one day they spotted another Gull Wing on Dixie Highway and were welcomed into Chapter E.

"Since that (chance) meeting, we have been involved hook, line and sinker. Chapter E has been just wonderful for us. We have met some of the nicest people you would ever want to meet."

Next up for the couple is the Region Couple runoff in Indiana in September. The winner of that



Dale and Ray Hines

competition will participate in an international competition in Montana in September.

"We are extremely proud to represent our Chapter E as well as the state as Couple of the Year," the Hines said in a prepared statement.

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PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
TAKE NOTICE: On March 13, A.D., 1996, at 8:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan before Honorable Joan E. Young, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the Petition of CRISELLA A. MAPLEY, requesting that she be appointed personal representative of HENRY JOSEPH PROKOFF, who lived at 836 Elkinford, White Lake, Michigan 48383, and died on 1/31/96.

Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the personal representative or to both the probate court and the personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.
Dated: February 21, 1996

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
TAKE NOTICE: On April 16, A.D., 1996, at 8:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan before Honorable Barry M. Grant, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the Petition of CECIL O. FLURY, requesting that he be appointed personal representative of CECIL L. MILLMINE, who lived at 4958 Irwindale, White Lake, Michigan 48328, and died on 1/1/96; and requesting also that the will of the deceased dated 5/3/95 be admitted to probate.

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Dated: March 6, 1996

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The Charter Township of Independence is seeking bids from waste haulers for disposal of non-toxic waste collected from the township's annual Spring Clean-up days, to be held two (2) Saturdays, May 11 and May 18, 1996. Sealed bids will be received at the Township Clerk's office until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, April 4, 1996. Bids will be awarded at the regular Township Board Meeting held at 7:30 p.m. on April 16, 1996.

Specifications may be picked up at the Department of Public Works Building located at 6050 Fleming Lake Road. For further information contact Linda Richardson at the DPW 625-8222.

The Charter Township of Independence reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, April 3, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

Case #96-0029 Robert Swendsen, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR 2ND GARAGE (960 SQ FT)
Paula, Lot 16
Village Park, R-1B
08-31-426-017

Case #96-0030 Jack Jansen, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 2'6" REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FOR CHIMNEY ON NEW HOME
St. Andrew Dr., Unit 25
Bluffs of Pine Knob, R-2 Zone
08-23-376-037

Case #96-0031 Derek Davis, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 15' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FOR NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION
Clarkston Rd., Lot 1
John E. Bucsko-Walters Lake Sub, R-1A Zone
08-14-280-005

Case #96-0032 Clarkston Community Schools, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS VARIANCE FOR CLASSROOM/TOOL TRAILERS, PLACEMENT TO BE CONSIDERED
Goldfinch, R-1A Zone
Proposed Goldfinch Woods Sub
Pt of 08-29-226-011

Case #96-0033 Select Properties, Inc., Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS EXTENSION OF 15' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE GRANTED 8/2/95
Cedar Knoll Ct., Lot 16
Robin Hill Sub, R-1C Zone
08-02-201-016

Case #96-0034 New Style Construction, Petitioners
APPLICANT REQUESTS 31' REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FOR ADDITION
Laurelton, Lot 238
Clarkston Estates #2, R-1A Zone
08-29-202-006

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For more information call (810) 625-8111.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Flora Yingling
Administrative Assistant

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SUMMARY
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 1996

Meeting called to order by Acting Mayor Pro Tem William Basinger.

Present: Basinger, Gamble, Roeser, Sanderson, Savage, Secatch.

Absent: Catalo.

Minutes of Feb. 26, accepted as presented.

Agenda approved with the addition of "Lock Boxes" to Item 1 of Old Business, and the removal of Item 2, "M-15/Waldon property," from Old Business.

Bills amounting to \$65,452.27 approved for payment.

Chief Ormiston presented the February Police Statistical report to the Council and answered questions regarding the statistics.

Attorney Ryan reviewed and gave the first reading of proposed Ordinances 119, 120, and 121, which would adopt the BOCA Building Code of 1993, the National Electrical Code of 1993, and the National Plumbing Code of 1993. The 1993 Fire Prevention Code adopting ordinance was tabled to study the lock box wording.

Pappas reported that the Planning Commission was studying the sign ordinance and had requested the Historic District Commission to give a recommendation on fencing in the Historic District.

Draft of Dispatch Agreement with Oakland County Sheriff Department was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Artemus M. Pappas
Clerk

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ZONING ORDINANCE
TEXT AMENDMENT

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on March 5, 1996, the Board authorized a First Reading of Ordinance Amending Duties of Building Official and Building Permit Application as follows:

SUMMARY OF ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT REGARDING DUTIES OF BUILDING OFFICIAL AND BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The Township Board is considering the adoption of an amendment to the text of the zoning ordinance providing specifications and requirements with regard to duties of the building official and applications for building permits and certificates of occupancy. A summary of the ordinance amendment is as follows:

Section 31.02. Duties of Building Official
This section adds language relating to the duties of the building official in the issuance of permits and making inspections, and the rights and responsibilities of applicants.

Section 31.03. Application for Permit
This section specifies certain submissions required as a condition to the issuance of a building permit and as a condition to undertaking any grading, stripping of topsoil, excavation, change of principal use, moving of buildings, road construction or modification by a private person or entity, and/or any construction requiring a building permit. The language provides in detail what must be included within applications, which must include a grading application, as well as a building permit application and a plat plan, which must be prepared by a registered land surveyor or registered civil engineer if required by the building director where needed to make relevant decisions.

The section also specifies that the building director may waive certain requirements if compliance would serve no purpose.

The section also specifies that, following the installation of footings or foundation walls, and after backfilling such walls, but prior to commencement of any additional work, the builder shall, by certification of a registered engineer or surveyor, or by other means deemed reliable by the building official, demonstrate to the building official that the footings or foundation walls are properly located on the property and that the grade for the brick ledge or other basis for determining final grade is set to proper elevation.

This section also specifies that no substantive changes from the approved plat plan shall be permitted for individual homes, condominiums or commercial structures, however, this provision does not prohibit the submission and approval of an amended plat plan. In addition, there is authorization for changes involving altered grades which must be accompanied by a letter from a registered engineer or surveyor with a certification relative to the change.

This section also specifies that, prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, as-built certifications must be provided by the builder as well as the surveyor/engineer.

The ordinance provides the building director with authority to issue stop work orders to any person and/or entity involved in the removal of vegetation, e.g., grubbing, on any property if it is determined by the building director that plans and/or steps or precautions needed to be taken in order to assure that erosion and/or drainage problems do not result from the activity.

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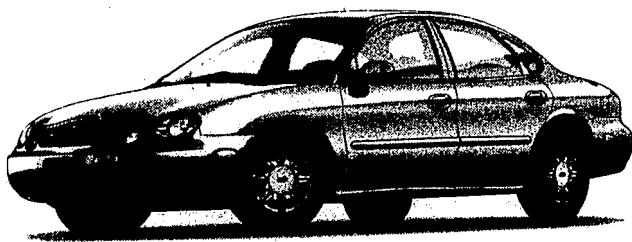
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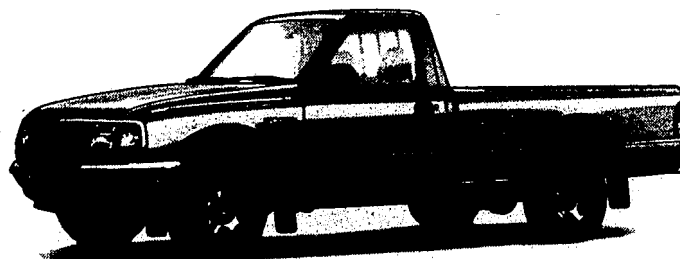
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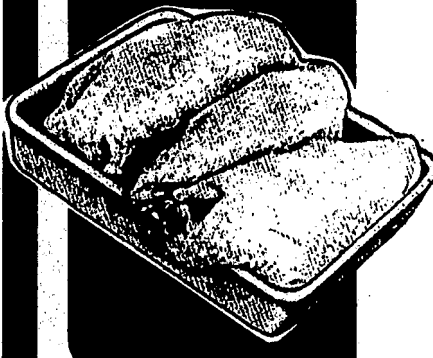


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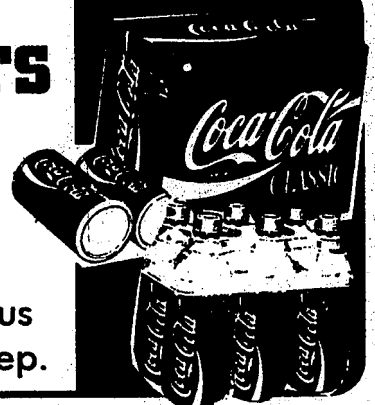
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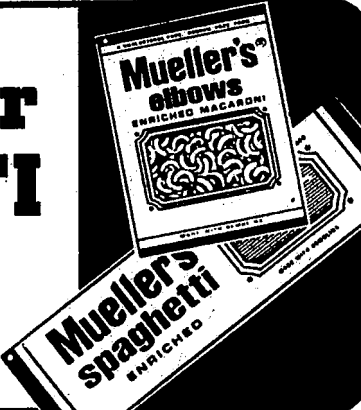
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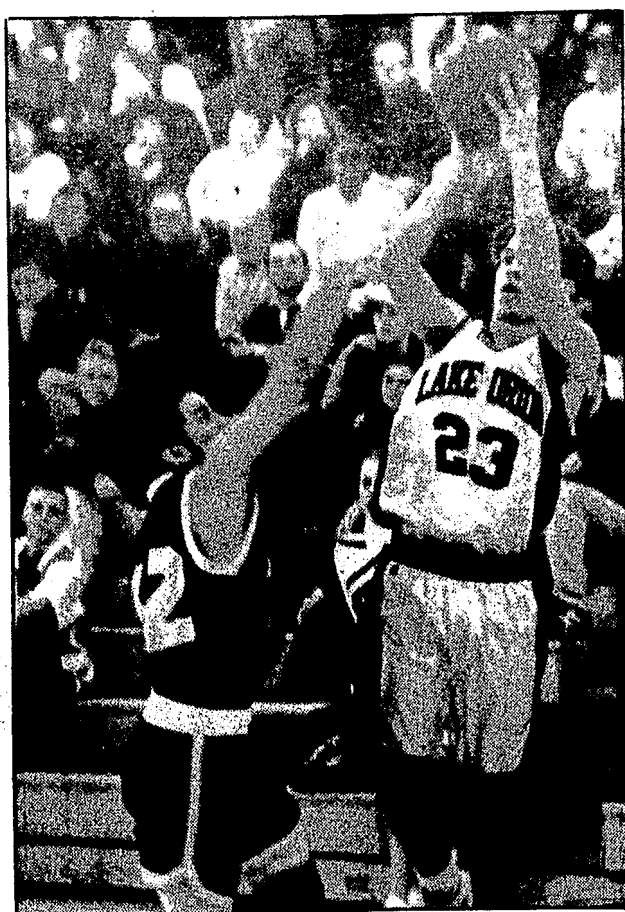
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Oxford's Amy Heath (left) and Clarkston state wrestling champion Joe Degain were among the athletes from Lake Orion, Clarkston and Oxford honored on the 1995-1996 SPI Tri-District teams for winter sports. The teams are sponsored by Sherman Publications, Inc.



Oxford's Jeff Wood (left) led the Wildcats to 10 wins this year, more than triple their win total from a year ago. (Above) Mike Zielinski (23) goes up for a jumper. He helped the Dragons post 15 wins this season.



Clarkston's Nickie Winn (left), one of the Wolves' top players, and Dan Geppert (above), who finished second in the state wrestling meet, are repeat first-teamers.

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Mat team could be state contender

Squad features 1 champion and several state qualifiers

BY SPI SPORTS STAFF

If the 1995-96 SPI Tri-District actually wrestled together, coaches would be lining up for a chance to man the helm.

The SPI team would almost certainly battle for a state championship were it an actual team. The team consists of 10 wrestlers who qualified for the state individual wrestling tournament, five of whom medaled, led by 189-pound state champion Joe DeGain of Clarkston.

Three other wrestlers were runners-up — 189-pounder Mike Calcaterra and heavyweight Dan Geppert of Lake Orion and Jeremy Lafferty, Clarkston's 160-pounder.

These wrestlers not only excel on the mats, they do well in the classroom — five of them carry grade point averages above 3.0.

Clarkston, which reached the team state meet, dominates the team with nine of the 14 spots. Lake Orion placed three wrestlers on the team, while Oxford, which tripled its number of wins this year, had a pair.

The team:

103 pounds: A.J. Grant, Clarkston, freshman: Grant stepped right into the lineup for state semi-finalist Clarkston, despite his youth.

"He's been wrestling for a long time and has the experience you'd normally see from a junior or senior," said his coach Mike DeGain.

Grant, whose strength is his takedown moves, helped solidify Clarkston's lineup.

Accomplishments: 42-7, state qualifier, 2nd regionals, 2nd districts, 2nd Oakland County, 1st OAA Div. I, 1st South Lyon Inv., 1st Goodrich Tournament of Champions, 1st Owosso Inv.

G.P.A.: 2.6.

112 — Aaron Curtis, Oxford, sophomore: Curtis was one of the Wildcats' best wrestlers this year, winning 29 matches in his break-out season.

"There was one point when Aaron won 14 or 15 in a row, and he felt like he could beat anybody," Oxford coach Paul McDevitt said.

Curtis wrestled well against some of the best in the state. Two of his last losses came against Justin Torres of Holly, who finished fourth in the state, and Matt Michalski of Farmington, who finished sixth at state.

Accomplishments: finished 29-15 in the regular season; second at Imlay City, 5-0 at Brandon Team Tournament, third at Oxford Invitational.

GPA: 3.13.

119 pounds: Brian Thomas, Lake Orion, junior: Thomas used the same hard work and desire that earned him a birth on the Tri-District cross country first team to accomplish the same on the mat.

Thomas recorded his second straight state finals appearance and made a solid showing. Even more impressive was the fact Thomas wrestled at 125 pounds a few weeks this season as the team's injury total mounted.

Accomplishments: 37-16, 6th at Oakland County meet, 3rd at OAA Division I meet, 2nd at districts, third at regionals.

GPA: 3.1

125 pounds: Ryan Mick, Clarkston, junior: This state medalist was selected first-team Tri-District for the second year in a row, and like last season was one of the reasons Clarkston was a state power.

He was consistent all season long and his strength as a wrestler was his knack for staying on top of his opponents. For his career, Mick's record is 123-33 and he's a two-time state qualifier.

Accomplishments: 46-9, 8th in state's Division I, 2nd regionals, 1st districts, 3rd Oakland County (at 119 lbs.), 1st OAA Div. I, 1st South Lyon Inv., 2nd

1995-96 SPI Tri-District Wrestling Team

First Team

Weight	Wrestler, School	Grade
103	A.J. Grant, Clarkston	9
112	Aaron Curtis, Oxford	10
119	Brian Thomas, Lake Orion	11
125	Ryan Mick, Clarkston	11
130	Jason Tiefenback, Clarkston	11
135	Rob Misener, Oxford	12
140	Chad Auten, Clarkston	12
145	Ryan Kowalski, Lake Orion	11
152	Joe Roy, Clarkston	12
160	Jeremy Lafferty, Clarkston	12
171	Scott LaBrie, Clarkston	12
189	Joe DeGain, Clarkston	12
215	Gordie Golec, Clarkston	11
275	Dan Geppert, Lake Orion	12

Second Team

Weight	Wrestler, School	Grade
103	Ryan Curtis, Oxford	10
112	Chris Gomez, Clarkston	10
119	Dave Ziemann, Clarkston	11
125	Mike Owens, Lake Orion	11
130	Chris Davidson, Oxford	11
135	Jay Richardson, Clarkston	11
140	Derek Johnson, Oxford	10
145	Matt Upshur, Oxford	12
152	Franco Vega, Oxford	10
160	Chris Kallsz, Lake Orion	11
171	Chris Holt, Oxford	12
189	Mike Calcaterra, Lake Orion	12
215	Jason Bailey, Oxford	12
275	Tim Rebb, Clarkston	11

Honorable Mention

Oxford - Quinn Minard, Seth Johnson, Darrin Hafeli, Cody Schultz, Isaac Livingston.
 Lake Orion - Rob Wallace-Harding, Nathan Walter, Andy Dewey.
 Clarkston - Reggie Wiltse

Detroit Catholic Central Inv. and 2nd Owosso Inv. (at 119 lbs.).

G.P.A.: 2.4.

130 pounds: Jason Tiefenback, Clarkston, junior: At the end of this season, Tiefenback was on a roll, but just like last year, a flu bug slowed him down for regionals.

"He is so explosive he could get you at any time," said coach Mike DeGain. "It's too bad he wasn't at full strength for regionals."

Quickness combined with strength made Tiefenback, who was a first team Tri-District pick last year, a challenge for each one of his opponents.

Accomplishments: 39-15, 1st districts, 2nd Oakland County (at 125 lbs.), 1st OAA Div. I, 2nd South Lyon Inv., 4th Detroit Catholic Central Inv., 2nd Owosso Inv. (at 125 lbs.) and 6th Goodrich T of C.

G.P.A.: 2.7.

135 — Rob Misener, Oxford, senior: Misener was among Oxford's best wrestlers on a meet-to-meet basis, winning 32 matches in the regular season. A captain, Misener also provided much-needed leadership to the young Wildcats.

"Rob was our go-to guy most of the year," said McDevitt. "When we needed a win to get us started, it seemed like Rob was the guy who gave it to us."

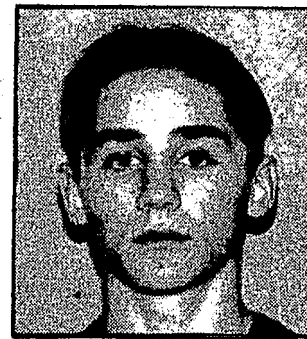
Misener stepped up to his potential, repeating the regional qualifying status he attained as a junior. He wrestled well at individual regional, though he didn't qualify for state.

Accomplishments: 32-12 in regular season, fourth at the Berkley Invitational, second at Oxford Invitational, fourth at Imlay City, fourth at individual district, regional qualifier.

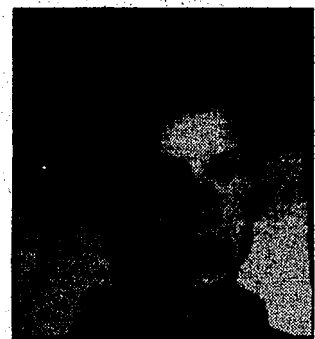
GPA: 3.714.

140 pounds: Chad Auten, Clarkston, senior: A state medalist this season, Auten, a team co-captain, was dangerous for opponents because of his trade-

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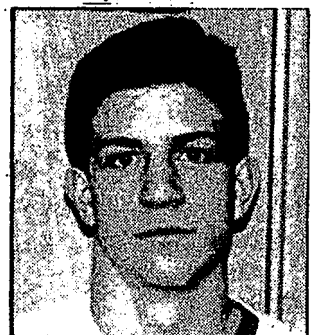
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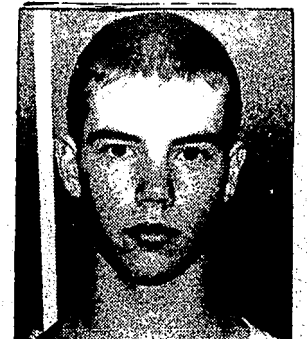
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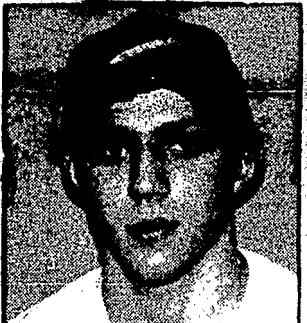
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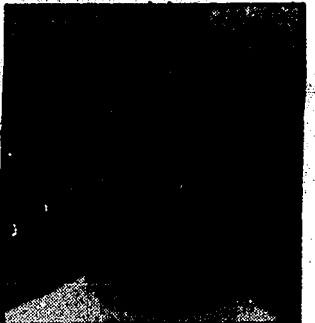
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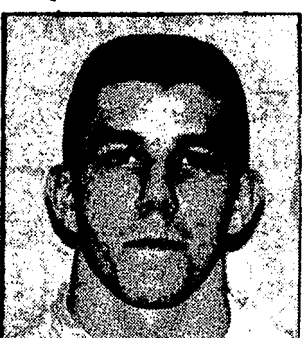
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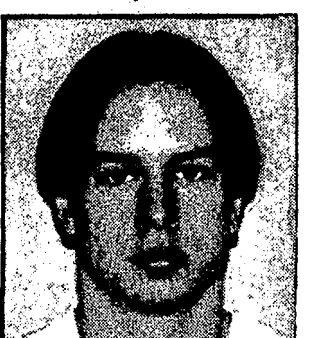
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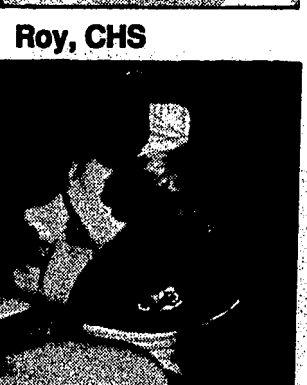
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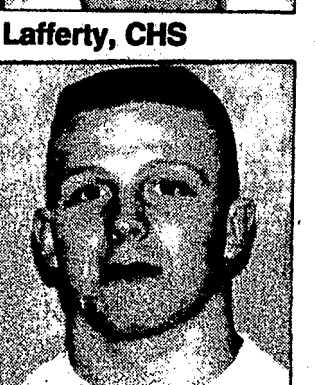
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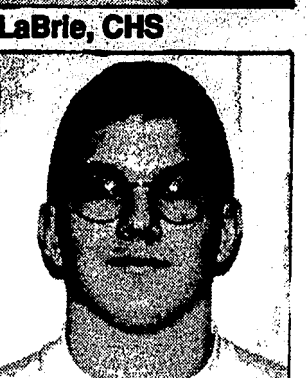
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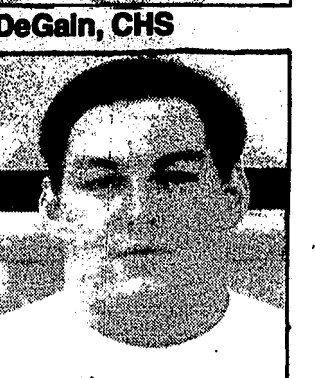
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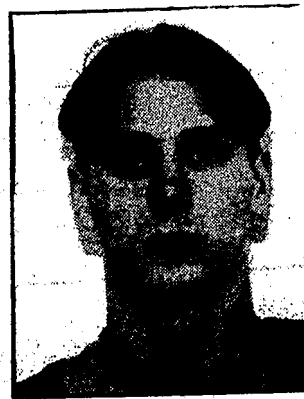
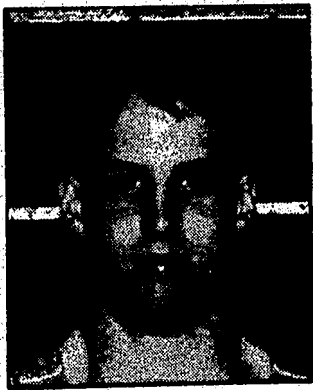
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Golec, CHS



Geppert, LOHS



The SPI Tri-District first-team basketball squad (from left): Jeff Wood of Oxford, Dane Fife, Ryan Schapman, and Tim Wasilk of Clarkston, and Jamie Mundy of Lake Orion.

Hoops squad balances hard work, talent

BY SPI SPORTS STAFF

If you want good, skilled, hard working basketball players, the first team Tri-District basketball team provides just the players you want.

Picture it now: Clarkston's Ryan Schapman sets up in the corner to nail another picture-perfect three-point shot. Clarkston's Tim Wasilk puts the clamps on defense and strips a player, then feeds Orion's Jamie Mundy for a soaring one-handed dunk. On the next play, Oxford's Jeff Wood gets great rebound position, turns and zips an outlet to Clarkston's Dane Fife who picks his way past defenders and floats in for a 15-foot jumper.

One thing for sure, this first team can just about do it all: play defense, rebound, score inside and shoot three-pointers.

To top it off, the second team squad isn't bad either. Two of the best three-point shooters anywhere are there in Oxford's Lowell Boyle and Orion's Mike Zielinski, Oxford's Matt Green can do a little of everything, and Clarkston's Scott Hill and Bill Goforth know how to "D" it up and play their role.

Tim Wasilk, Clarkston, Sr., guard: The three-year Wolves starter played one-on-one defense with the best of them. While his basketball skills on of-

fense include ball handling, passing and shooting, his defense, with quick hands and feet, are what make him a great high school player.

Wasilk, who plans on playing college ball, held Mr. Basketball candidate Mateen Cleaves of Flint Northern to 17 points, about 13 below his average. Wasilk was a second team Tri-District pick last season.

Stats: 13.9 points, 7 assists, 6 steals; 1st team All-OAA Division I.

GPA: 3.4.

Dane Fife, Clarkston, So., guard: For the second year in a row, this sophomore led the Wolves in scoring and rebounding. He can do it all for CHS, whether it's shooting three-pointers, driving to the hoop, playing defense or getting position for rebounds.

Fife is a basketball junkie with great instincts for the game. He plays all year round and excels in football as well.

He is a returning first team Tri-District selection and was rated as one of the state's top ten players coming into this season.

Stats: 24.1 points, 9.5 rebounds, 5 assists, 5 steals; 1st team All-OAA Division I.

GPA: 3.4.

Ryan Schapman, Clarkston, Sr., forward: Schapman, an honorable mention Tri-District selec-

1995-96 SPI Tri-District Basketball Team

First Team

Pos.	Player, School	PPG	Hgt.	Grade
G	Dane Fife, Clarkston	24.1	6-3	10
G	Tim Wasilk, Clarkston	13.9	6-0	12
C	Jeff Wood, Oxford	15.4	6-2	12
F	Ryan Schapman, Clarkston	14.4	6-1	12
F	Jamie Mundy, Lake Orion	10.9	6-4	12

Second Team

Pos.	Player, School	PPG	Hgt.	Grade
G	Lowell Boyle, Oxford	14	5-9	11
G	Matt Green, Oxford	6	5-8	11
C	Scott Hill, Clarkston	4.1	6-4	12
F	Mike Zielinski, Lake Orion	13.1	5-11	12
F	Bill Goforth, Clarkston	3.1	5-11	12

Honorable Mention

Oxford - Owen Mihalyfi, Larry Longcore
 Lake Orion - Aaron Thierry, Andy Lindamood, Josh Muska.

tion last season, has become the consistent scorer and three-point shooter the Wolves needed to be success-

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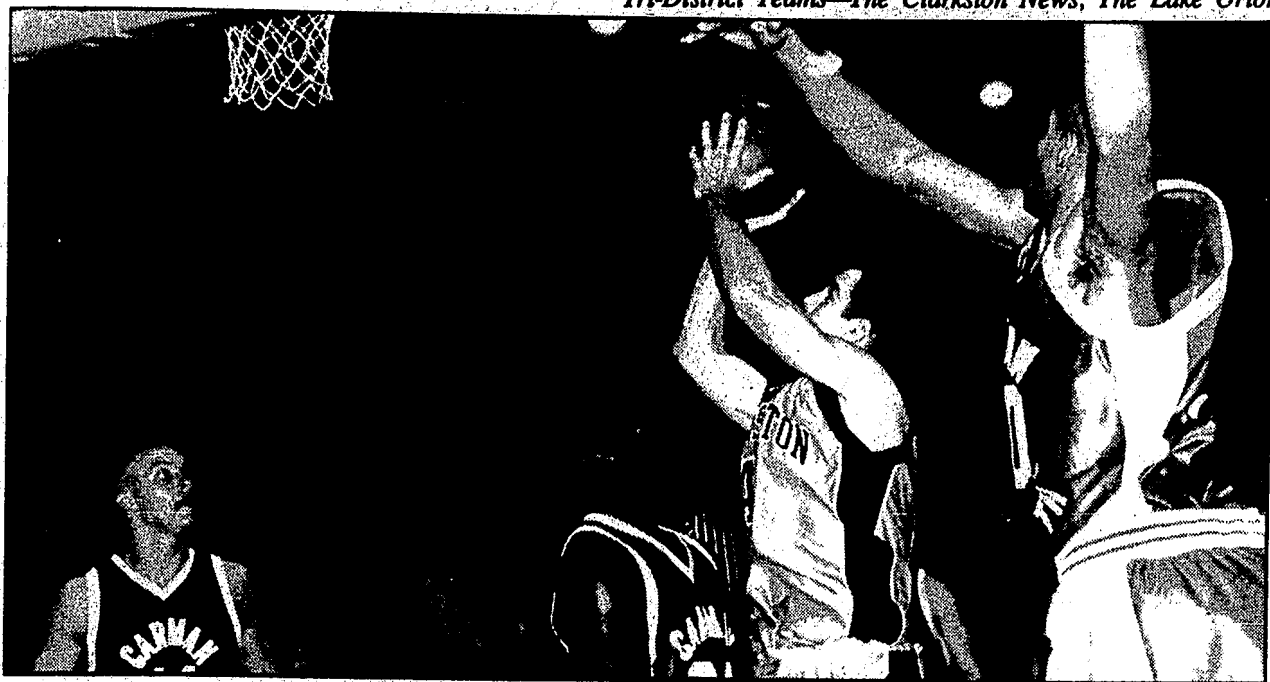
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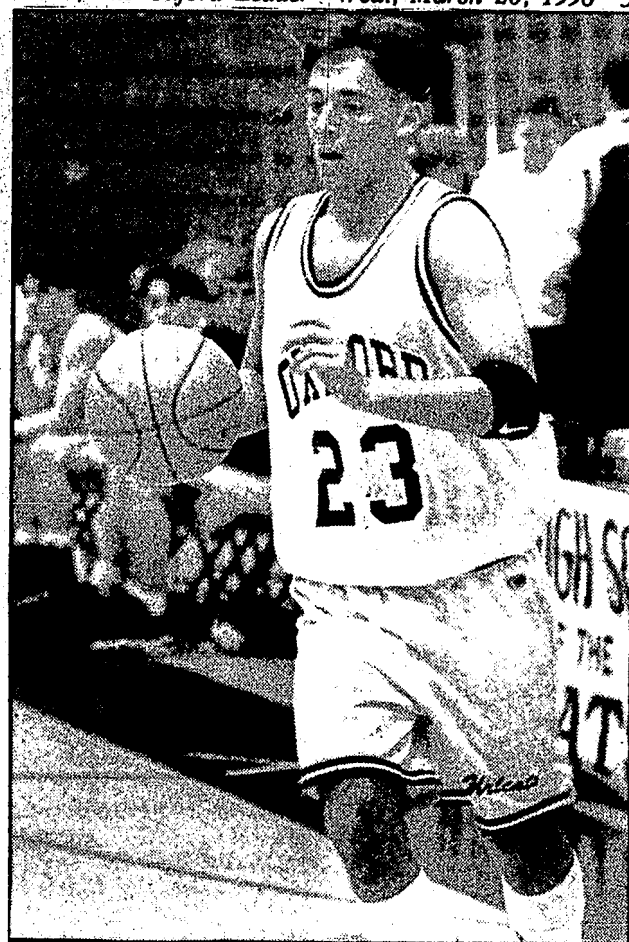
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Clarkston's Tim Wasilk drives the lane in an earlier game against Carman Alnsworth. Wasilk, a senior guard, was one of three

Wolves chosen for the SPI Tri-District first team.



Oxford's Lowell Boyle brings the ball upcourt during an Oxford game earlier this year. Boyle, a second team SPI Tri-District selection, averaged just over 14 points for the Wildcats.

Hard work, talent mark hoop squad

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ful this season. But in addition to his offense, Schapman rebounds well for his size and is often forced to guard a much taller player on defense.

Schapman is a top-notch athlete and excels in the open court with strong finishes to the basket.

Stats: 14.4 points, 8 rebounds; 1st team All-OAA Division I.

GPA: 3.5.

Jeff Wood, Oxford, Sr.: Wood led the Wildcats in scoring and rebounding, and was the Flint Metro League's third-leading scorer. Incredibly, he was just a second-team all Flint Metro selection.

Wood's tenacious defense and attitude endeared him to his teammates and coaches.

"Woody is the hardest working kid I've ever known," second-year coach Clark Plichta said. "If you look up hard working in the dictionary, there's a picture of Woody there."

"He gives 110 percent every time, and he got the absolute most out of his ability because of that. I'm going to miss him."

Stats: 15.4 points, 8.2 rebounds per game. GPA: 3.3.

Jamie Mundy, Lake Orion, senior: The best adjective to describe the senior captain would be "versatile". Mundy used his 6-4 frame to muscle the ball inside, but also took control of the point as well. He was a steady player, who always stepped up in pressure situations.

"Jamie was a player that offered us tremendous athleticism," coach Dave Collins said. "He is a big kid and an excellent jumper, but was also a big factor when we let him run the point and create his own shot."

Stats: 225 total points for a 10.7 average, 9.5 rebounds per game, including two 20 rebound performances, 51-71 from free throw line for 71%.

GPA: 3.1

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Net squad has more players than spots

Judges forced to allow 7 players to multi-talented team

BY SPI SPORTS STAFF

Combined, the volleyball programs for Oxford, Lake Orion and Clarkston ended up with a record of 95-35-21. That mark made them the most successful of the winter sports programs.

In fact, the talent was so outstanding that the three SPI reporters selected a seventh member of the usually six member team to completely highlight the local talent.

What you will see from the seven players selected is floor leadership, confidence and all

around play. The mix includes players who contributed defense, offense, serving ability and a host of intangibles that made them worthy first team selections.

Hillary Moon, Lake Orion, junior: When the Lady Dragon's needed someone to get them a big point, they looked no further than Moon. The six foot attacker used her height and intensity to earn All-Region second team honors.

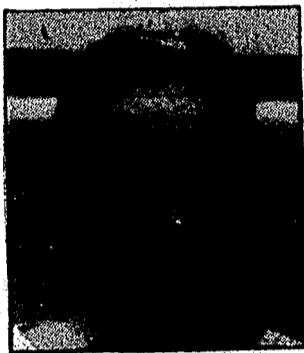
"Hillary was the most intense player that I've ever seen," said coach Kristina Haas. "She followed the ball everywhere and didn't let anything distract her."

Stats: 205 kills, 220 digs, 61 aces, 56 blocks, 90% server, returned serve at 91% and converted 84% of her attacks.

GPA: 3.6

Becky Frye, Lake Orion, junior: The senior captain had a monster year and was selected to the All-Region first team. Frye was a catalyst from the

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The SPI Tri-District first-team volleyball squad: (top, l-r) Becky Frye and Hillary Moon, Lake Orion; and Kristi Millard and Amy Heath, Oxford. (Bottom, l-r) Lisa Herron, Stephanie Giroux and Nickie Winn, all of Clarkston.



1995-96 SPI Tri-District Volleyball Team

First Team

Player, School	Hgt	Grade
Kristi Millard, Oxford	5-7	12
Amy Heath, Oxford	5-8	12
Becky Frye, Lake Orion	5-9	12
Hillary Moon, Lake Orion	6-0	11
Lisa Herron, Clarkston	5-9	12
Nickie Winn, Clarkston	5-6	12
Stephanie Giroux, Clarkston	5-5	12

Second Team

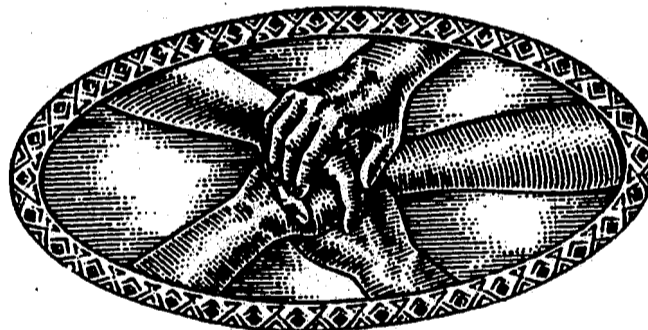
Player, School	Hgt	Grade
Michele Romo, Lake Orion	5-8	12
Kristi Elliott, Lake Orion	5-10	12
Katie Beam, Oxford	5-8	11
Sarah Courtright, Oxford	5-10	10
Nicki Hard, Clarkston	5-8	12
Megan Bjurman, Clarkston	6-1	11

Honorable Mention

Oxford - Lena Heffernan, Alivia Body, Theresa Fedorinchik, Megan Hope, Kristen Lubelan, Jamie Israel.

Lake Orion - Elizabeth Sights, Brie Getsinger, Christina Freund.

Clarkston - Brynn Allyn, Kristi Millard, Suzanne Schmidt, Mary Brewer.



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Multi-talented squad needs more than six players

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back row and never left the floor throughout a match.

"Frye was our most consistent player throughout the season and offered athleticism in every facet of our game. She set perfectly, passed well and proved to be an irreplaceable part of our team," Haas said.

Stats: 239 kills, 305 digs, 51 aces, 54 blocks, 91% server, converted 83% of her attacks.
GPA: 2.9

Kristi Millard, Oxford, Sr.: Millard was one of the Flint Metro League's top players, garnering all but one vote for first-team all-league selection. She was also a first-teamer for last year's Tri-District volleyball squad.

This year, Millard provided senior leadership, and was one of the league's most powerful hitters. Her 277 kills are the most among SPI first-teamers.

"She's just an all around great player," Oxford coach Lori Campbell said. "She was very important to team on the court as well as off the court, because she gave us great senior leadership."

Stats: 277 kills, 53 aces, 167 digs and 32 blocks.
GPA: 3.2.

Amy Heath, Oxford, Sr.: Heath, one of the quietest Wildcats, spoke loudly with her performance for the district champion Wildcats.

Primarily a back-court player, Heath solidified the server's spot for the Wildcats. She was a second-team all Flint Metro selection. Her 80 aces were high for the Tri-District team.

"She is just a steady player," said Campbell. "Her importance came with her back row play and serving. She's probably one of the best servers Oxford's ever had. She just did her job every night."

Stats: 80 aces, 91 percent serving, 35 blocks, 139 digs, 44 kills.
GPA: 3.4.

Stephanie Giroux, Clarkston, senior: An honorable mention Tri-District pick last season, Giroux was co-MVP of the Wolves with Herron. She excelled in several areas for the Wolves at 5-foot-6 because of her pure athletic ability and determination: She was on pace to set several school records on defense until an injury forced her to miss almost 30 games.

"The kids respected her work ethic because she always came to play," said coach Gordie Richardson. "She leads by example and whether it was practice or matches, she was always flying across the floor to get a ball."

Giroux, an all-state softball player, is signed with Michigan State University for softball next year.

Stats: Academic All-State, 1st team All-OAA Div. I, team co-MVP, 2nd team All Region 15; In 89 games — 138 kills (1.6 per game), 89 percent attack rate, 88 percent serve receptions, 218 digs (2.4 per game) 93 percent serving with 52 aces.

GPA: 3.7.

Lisa Herron, Clarkston, senior: There weren't many awards and laurels that this 3-year varsity starter didn't earn.

A repeat first team Tri-District selection, Herron was strong in every aspect of volleyball for the Wolves. She is narrowing down choices of where to play volleyball in college.

"She worked hard at being good in volleyball," said coach Gordie Richardson. "She set school records in serve reception percent and most perfect serve receptions and made some big plays for us when it really counted."

"Her, Giroux and Winn are the kind of kids you hope others will learn from. They set the examples."

Stats: Academic All-State, Two-time All Region 15 first team, two-time All-OAA Div. I, two-time team co-MVP; In 106 games — 247 kills (2.3 per game), 89 percent attack rate, 92 percent serve receptions, 270 digs (2.5 per game), 95 percent serving with 51 aces.
GPA: 4.0.

Nickie Winn, Clarkston, senior: This setter, a repeat first team Tri-District selection, holds almost all of Clarkston's career setting records, but was anything but one-dimensional for the Wolves. She added another dimension to Clarkston's powerful offense with her ability to kill. The focal point of the offense, Winn was a vocal leader and exceptional athlete.

"In our offense we needed Nickie to attack and she helped make us difficult to defend," said coach Gordie Richardson. "She could do a lot of things that not many setters are able to do."

Stats: Academic All-State, two-time first team Region 15, two-time 1st team All-OAA Div. I; In 114 games — 1,704-for-1,806 setting (school record), 1,354 perfect sets, 11.8 per game (school record), 583 assists, 5.1 per game (school record), 167 kills (1.5 per game), 22 blocks, 88 percent attack rate, 78 percent serve receptions, 144 digs (1.3 per game), 85 percent serving with 49 aces.

GPA: 3.8.

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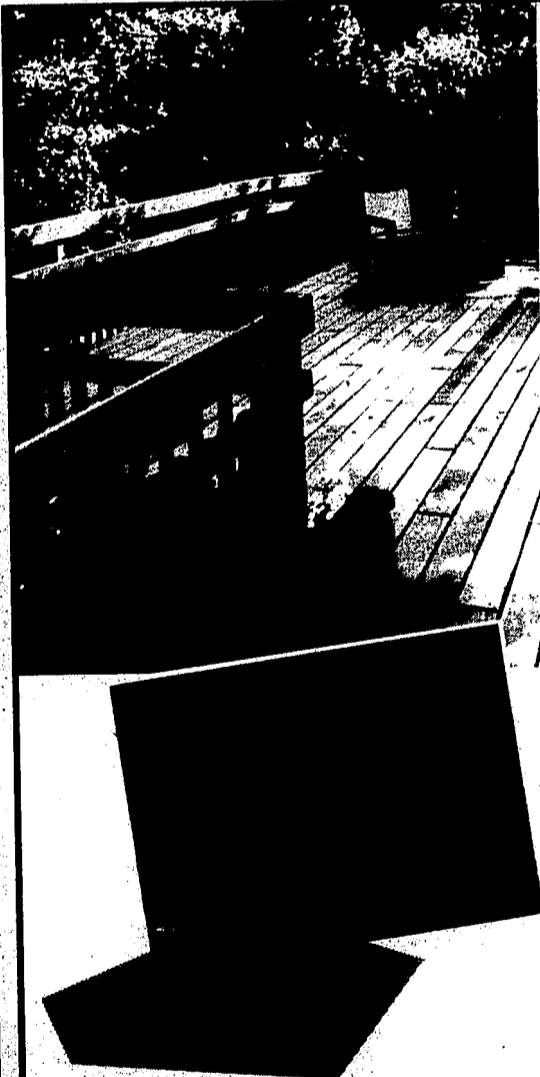
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In winter's cold, local squads stayed warm

BY SPI SPORTS STAFF

In a season that took place as temperatures continually dipped outside, the wrestling, volleyball and basketball teams for Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford kept things heating up in the gym.

Oxford won district championships in volleyball and wrestling, and nearly pulled off a major upset of eventual district champ Imlay City.

Clarkston's basketball team won a regional championship and qualified for the state quarterfinals, its wrestling team lost in the state semi-finals to eventual state champion Holt, and their volleyball team made it to the regional final.

Lake Orion's wrestlers featured state runners-up Mike Calcaterra and Dan Geppert, their basketball team reached the district final before falling to champion Clarkston and their volleyball team won the Oakland Activities Association Division II title.

Oxford Volleyball

Coach Lori Campbell is taking out extra heart insurance, but she's still having a heck of a ride with her Oxford Wildcats.

The Wildcats, who won a district championship for the second time in three years, used a "cardiac kids" style of slow starts and fast finishes to put together a solid season.

The only thing that really eluded them was the Flint Metro League championship, which the Wildcats have not yet won under Campbell. Oxford lost a late-season match with Lapeer East that would have given them the title.

Clarkston volleyball

Led by a strong crew of 10 seniors, the Wolves surprised some people with a record of 40-13-2 (second-most wins in CHS history), an OAA Division I

How they're chosen

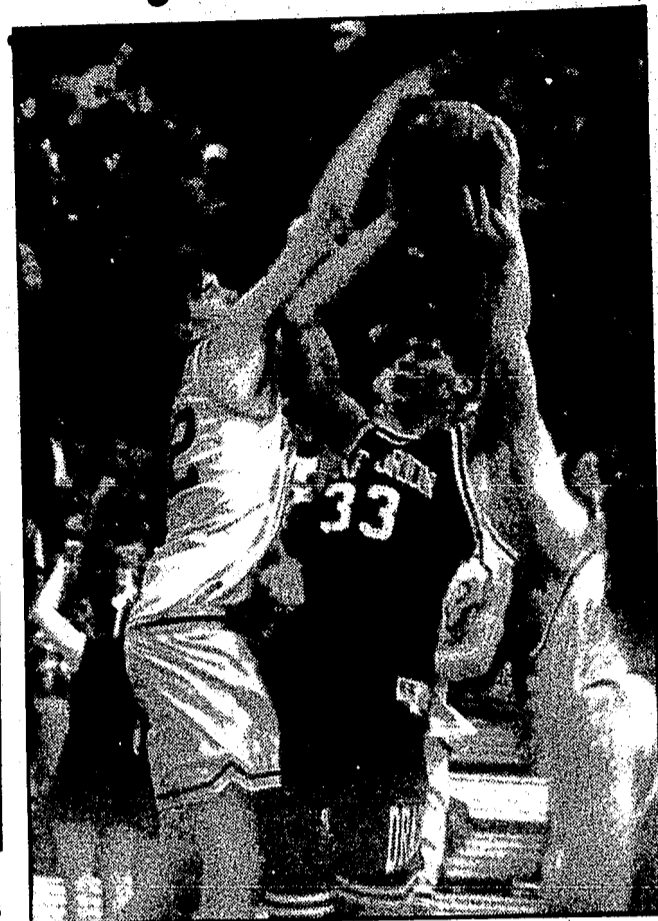
The Sherman Publications, Inc. Tri-District volleyball, wrestling and boys basketball teams include athletes from Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford schools.

Tri-District team selections is in its second year. The teams are picked after each sports season, provided each of the three school districts offers the sport.

The three school districts are covered separately by The Lake Orion Review, Oxford Leader and Clarkston News. All three weekly newspapers are owned by Sherman Publications.

Criteria for player selection to the teams include on-field performance, grade-point-average, coaches' recommendations and other intangibles.

Information and stories for this section were compiled by Brad Kadrich, Oxford Leader Editor, Darrel W. Cole, Clarkston News Staff Writer, and Mike Kamyszek, Lake Orion Review Staff Writer.



Lake Orion's Jamie Mundy (33) helped the Dragons post 15 wins this year. He was a first-team selection.

title, a district championship and a regional final loss to Walled Lake Central. Clarkston beat Lapeer East in the first round of regionals.

Five of Clarkston's losses were to state-ranked teams.

While the team's on-court accomplishments were impressive, they are also an All-State Academic team with a grade point average of 3.3, and have three All-State Academic players.

Coach Gordie Richardson has a 242-153 record in 15 years of volleyball coaching.

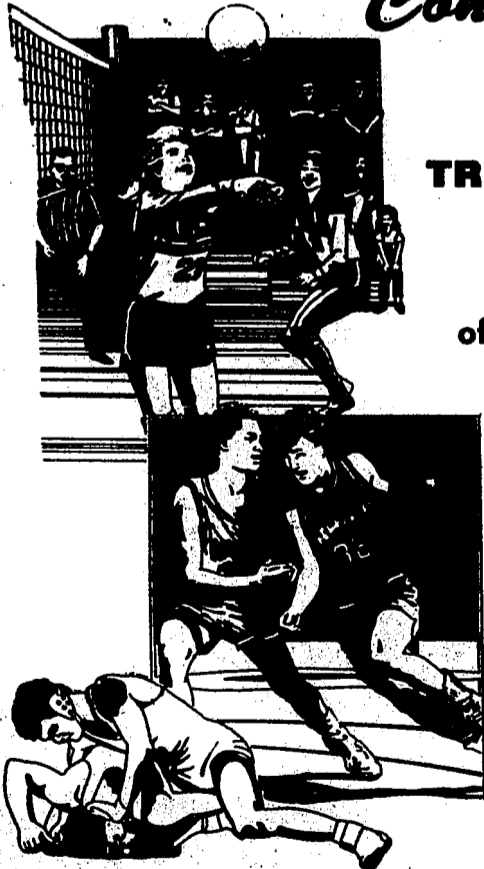
Lake Orion Volleyball

First year coach Kristina Haas's varsity volleyball team didn't end the season quite the way they wanted to. Seniors Kristi Elliot and Hillary Moon were diagnosed with mononucleosis before district action

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Mat team could be state contender

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mark move, a left handed headlock. Even when opponents knew the move, Auten was still able to set them up and throw them down for a pin.

"He's one of the most unorthodox wrestlers I've seen have that much success," said coach Mike DeGain. "You don't need a lot of moves in wrestling to be good, but you at least have to excel with a few."

Auten ended his career with a record of 111-42. **Accomplishments:** 52-10, 7th in state's Division I, 2nd regionals, 1st districts, 5th Oakland County, 1st OAA Div. I, 2nd Detroit Catholic Central Inv., 3rd Goodrich T of C, 1st Owosso Inv. (at 145 lbs.).

G.P.A.: 2.2.

145 pounds: Ryan Kowalski, Lake Orion, junior: It was a tale of two seasons for Kowalski, who endured a severe muscle pull in his back during the middle of the season.

Kowalski came back hard however, capping off his season with district and regional wins over Clarkston's Joe Roy. Roy recorded 43 wins on the mat and on top of his opponent where he was extremely dangerous. He also had a knack for getting out of most holds and turning them into scoring opportunities for-himself, especially with his trademark move, "The Roy."

Accomplishments: 29-14, 2nd at OAA I meet, 2nd at districts, 4th at regionals, state qualifier.

GPA: 3.0

152 pounds: Joe Roy, Clarkston, senior: This Clarkston co-captain, a first team Tri-District pick last year, was tough to beat and at his best when he was on the mat and on top of his opponent where he was extremely dangerous. He also had a knack for getting out of most holds and turning them into scoring opportunities for-himself, especially with his trademark move, "The Roy."

While he wrestled most of the year at 145 pounds, Roy, a state qualifier last season, was just as dominant at 152 early in the season.

Accomplishments: 43-8; at 152 lbs., 2nd Oak-

land County and 1st Owosso Inv.; at 145, 3rd districts, 1st OAA Div. I, 1st South Lyon Inv., 2nd Goodrich T of C and 4th Detroit Catholic Central Inv.

G.P.A.: 2.7.

160 pounds: Jeremy Lafferty, Clarkston, senior: This CHS co-captain finished as runner-up in the state in his first state tournament. Seven of his eight losses were to state-ranked opponents. All year, Lafferty was one of the wins the Wolves team counted on and he always produced in clutch situations.

"He had the kind of year you wish all your seniors could experience and was solid for us all season," said coach Mike DeGain.

Lafferty, a first team Tri-District pick last year, has a career record of 104-46.

Accomplishments: 49-8, 2nd in state's Division I, 1st regionals, 1st districts, 1st Oakland County, 1st OAA Div. I, 1st Goodrich T of C., 1st Owosso Inv., 2nd Detroit Catholic Central Inv. and 2nd South Lyon Inv.

G.P.A.: 2.6.

171 pounds: Scott LaBrie, Clarkston, senior: As the season wore on this state qualifier continued to improve, beating many of the opponents who defeated him early in the year.

"He proved quite a bit over the year," said coach Mike DeGain.

Accomplishments: 42-14, state qualifier, 2nd regionals, 1st districts, 5th Oakland County, 1st OAA Div. I, 1st Owosso Inv., 4th Goodrich T of C, 3rd South Lyon Inv.

G.P.A.: 2.6.

189 pounds: Joe DeGain, Clarkston, senior: The undefeated state champion's most amazing statistic is that he was scored on offensively only once this season.

From beginning to end DeGain, a CHS co-captain, was rated the best in the state at 189 and proved it in the finals. His goal was to win the title and that's

exactly what this three-time state qualifier (4th as a sophomore and 7th last year) did.

His father and coach Mike DeGain, said Joe's success was well earned. "He worked harder than anyone all year round, and not just during the season."

In dominating every match this season, DeGain had no real weaknesses. He ends his high school career with a 155-33 record and will attend the University of Michigan next year on a wrestling scholarship.

Accomplishments: 52-0 (Clarkston's first undefeated wrestler), 1st in state's Division I, regionals, districts, Oakland County, Goodrich T of C, Detroit Catholic Central Inv., OAA Div. I, South Lyon Inv. and Owosso Inv.

G.P.A.: 3.1.

215 pounds: Gordie Golec, Clarkston, junior: Golec reached his potential and gave the Wolves a solid wrestler to follow DeGain.

Although Golec wrestled on the "B" team last season, he came through with a runner-up finish at Oakland County and qualified for the state finals.

"We knew he was capable of taking it to that level," said coach Mike DeGain. "He's been in the system for a long time and when it came to matches he thought like a lot of our kids do in that he never felt he was out of a match."

Accomplishments: 43-19, state qualifier, 4th regionals, 4th districts, 2nd Oakland County, 2nd OAA Div. I, 3rd South Lyon Inv., 5th Detroit Catholic Central Inv., 6th Goodrich T of C.

G.P.A.: 2.7.

275 pounds: Dan Geppert, Lake Orion, senior: Wire to wire this season, Geppert was a major force to be reckoned with in Oakland County. The two time state qualifier mowed through the regular season and performed well in the post season.

He, along with fellow senior Mike Calcatera, became the third and fourth wrestlers in Orion wrestling history to notch 100 career wins.

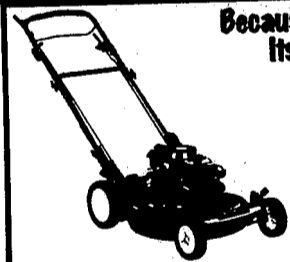
Accomplishments: 4th at Oakland County meet, OAA I division champion, district champion, 2nd at regionals, runner up at state finals.

GPA: 2.7

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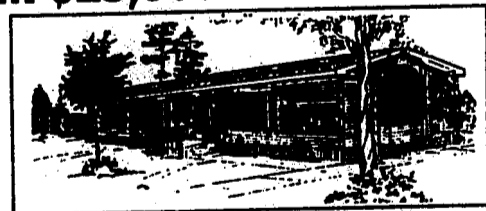
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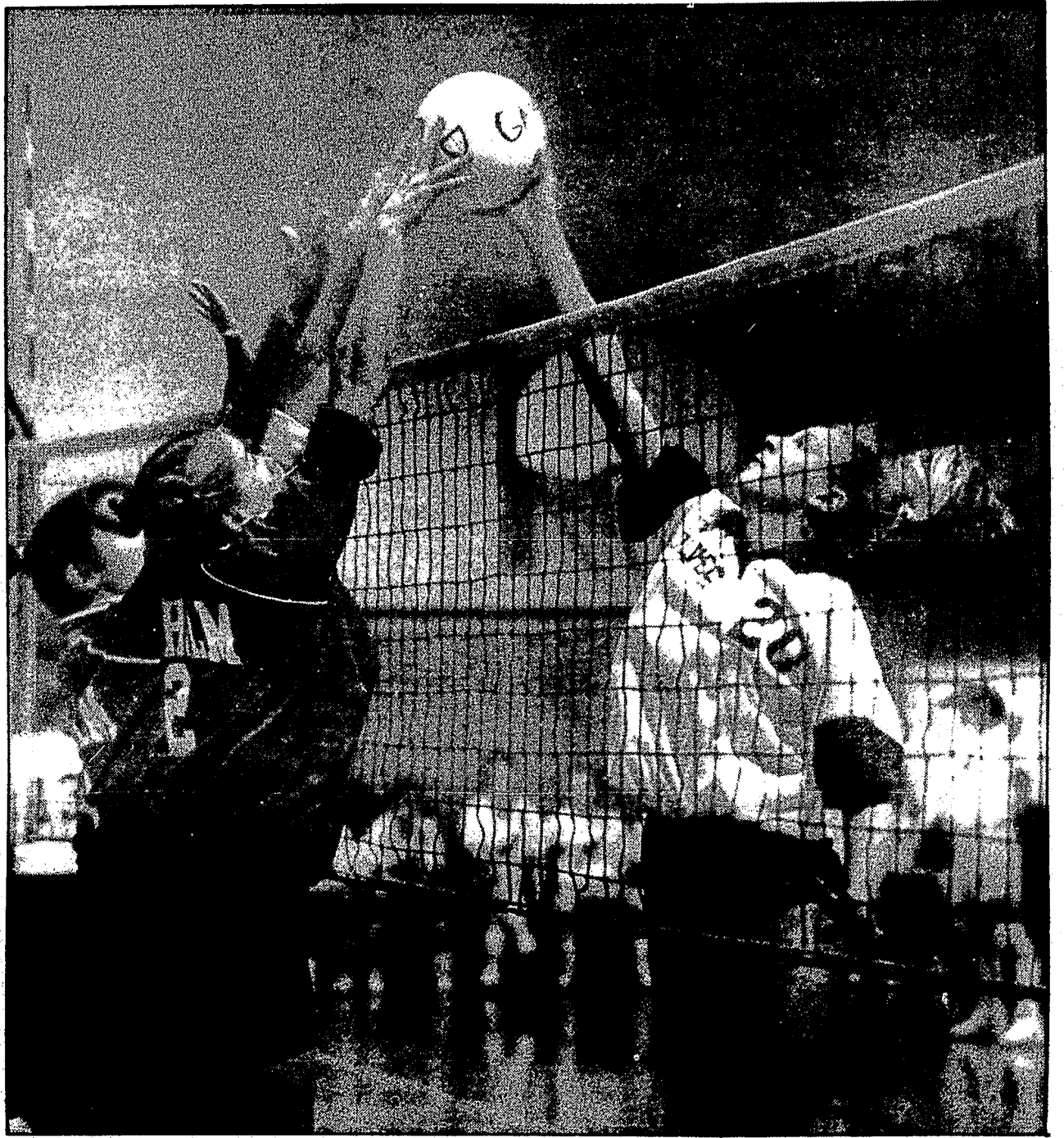
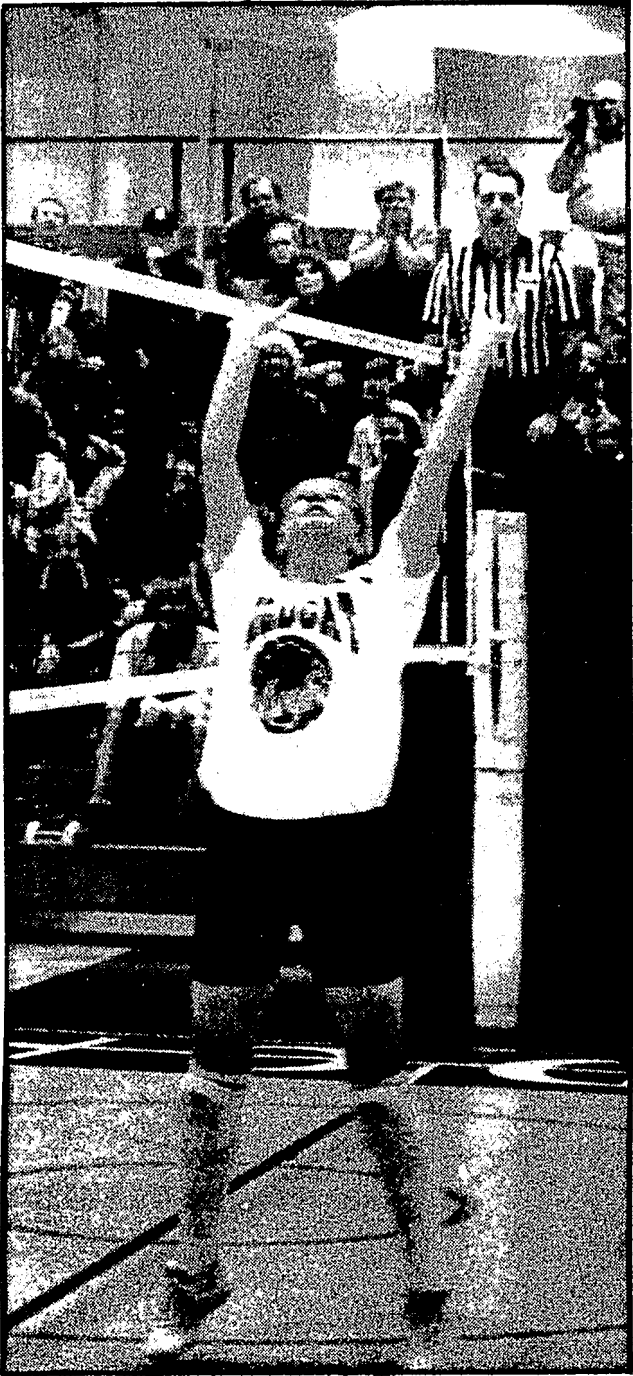
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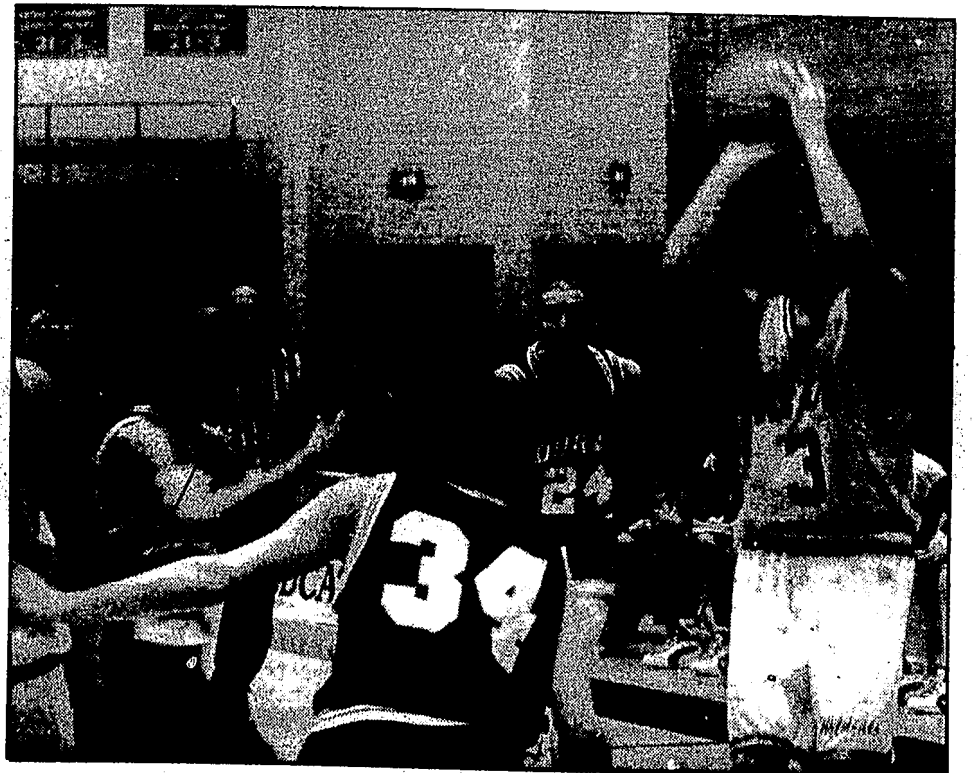
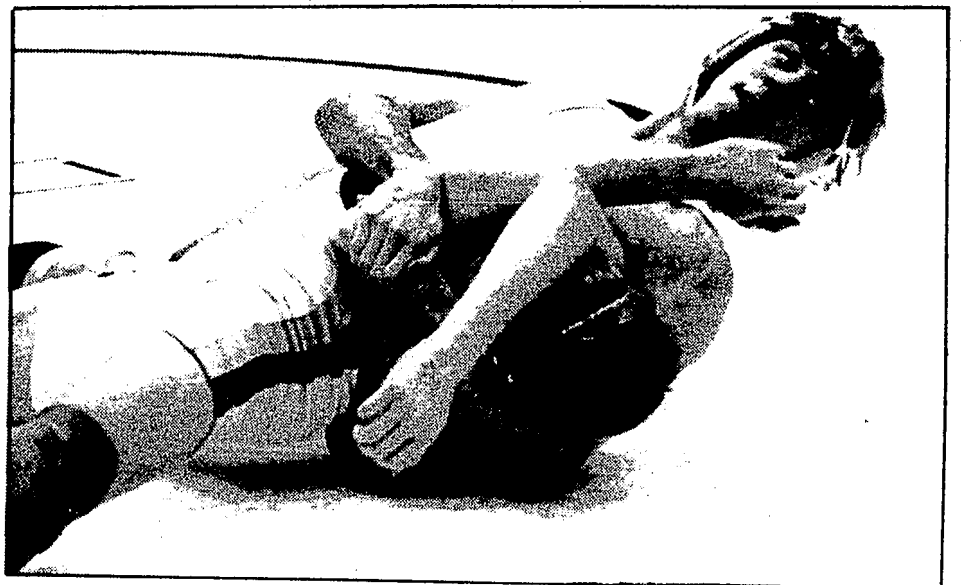
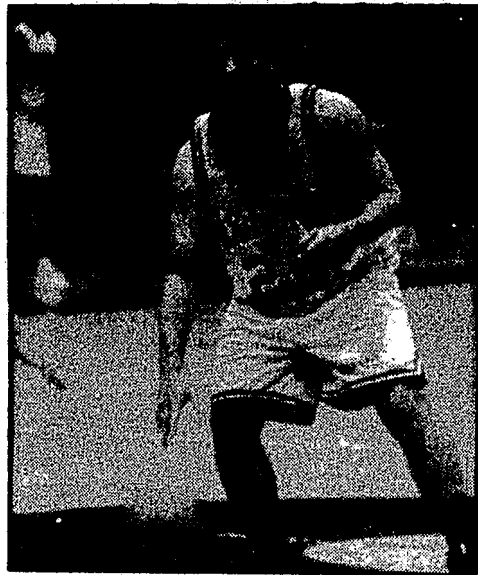
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SPlers in action: Katie Beam of Oxford, a second teamer (top left); Nickie Hard of Clarkston, another second teamer (top right); second team player Matt Green (middle left); first-teamer Chad Auten of Clarkston (middle right); second teamer Mike Calcaterra of Lake Orion (bottom right, facing camera) against Clarkston nemesis Joe DeGain, a first-team selection; and Oxford's Owen Mihalyfi, who was an honorable mention choice.



Tri-District teams kept heat on

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began and were not able to play.

Despite being knocked out of district play by Grand Blanc, the Lady Dragons recorded a 25-5-6 overall record, which included the OAA Division II league title.

Haas will lose starters Michele Romo, Elliot and Becky Frye to graduation, but will return a solid nucleus of veterans that include starters Brie Getsinger, Christina Freund and Moon. Also returning will be 6-1 middle hitter Karen Chastain and Elizabeth Sights.

Clarkston basketball

Behind a strong defense and three talented offensive players, the Clarkston Wolves basketball team once again proved they have one of the strongest traditions around.

The Wolves went 20-4, won the Oakland Activities Association Division I with a perfect record, and took home a third-straight district title. This all happened despite coach Dan Fife (254-64 in 13 seasons) losing three starters from last season's regional title team.

Lake Orion Basketball

Onward and upward was the key thinking for the Lake Orion Dragon varsity basketball team this season. The team, under second year coach Dave Collins, netted their second straight 14 win regular season in the OAA Division III.

The team also recorded the basketball program's first district win in 12 years with a 50-47 victory over Romeo. The Dragon's advanced to the district final against Clarkston, but the Wolves proved to be too much.

The experienced they gained will only help next season's squad which will return 6-6 forwards Josh Muska and Jim Miller, along with sophomore Ryan Smith and speedy point guard J.J. Kern.

Oxford Basketball

Coach Clark Plichta's Wildcats took a huge step forward in 1995-96, turning a gritty defensive style into 10 wins, and nearly pulled off an upset of eventual district champion Imlay City in the first round.

"At the beginning of the year, I thought 10 wins would be a great season for us," said Plichta, whose Wildcats won just three games a year ago. "There were a few games we could have won, but it was still an excellent year. These kids really started believing in themselves, especially late in the season."

The Wildcats started slowly, then put together a stretch that included four straight wins through the middle of the season. Down the stretch, Oxford lost a couple of games it could have won and played league champion Linden tough in the season finale.

Oxford nearly pulled off a major upset by taking Imlay City to the final seconds before falling to the Spartans.

Lake Orion Wrestling

The best thing about this year's varsity wrestling program was the attitude coach Doug Kline instilled in his team. Picked in the pre-season to challenge for the OAA I title against Clarkston, injuries drastically took their toll as the team finished 10-18.

You could take it to the bank, however, that Kline would always have his team in the right frame of mind and his athletes gave 100% in physical and mental ability. In addition, the team sent four wrestlers to the state finals, with two of them bringing home second place trophies.

Oxford Wrestling

Last year, the Oxford Wildcats, under first-year coach Paul McDevitt, won just three meets all season.

The Wildcats served notice this year that the



Oxford's Franco Vega works for a reversal in an earlier match. Vega was a second-team Tri-District selection.

Oxford program is on the rise, tripling their number of wins (9) and claiming their first district championship.

"It was just a great season, capped obviously by the district championship," McDevitt told a throng of parents at the team's post-season banquet last week. "There's not a kid in this room who had a winning record last year. This year we won a district, and a lot of these kids had great records. It was just a fantastic year."

Clarkston wrestling

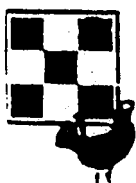
Wolves wrestlers established themselves as one of the state's best teams with a second-straight trip to the state semifinals, where they lost this season to eventual champion Holt.

The team ended the season with a 22-2 record. For the second season in a row they won the Oakland Activities Association Division I title, and district and regional titles. For the third-straight season the Wolves won the Oakland County meet.

With coach Mike DeGain (79-11 in four seasons) at the helm, seven wrestlers qualified for the state finals, with one champion (Joe DeGain) and a runner-up (Jeremy Lafferty).

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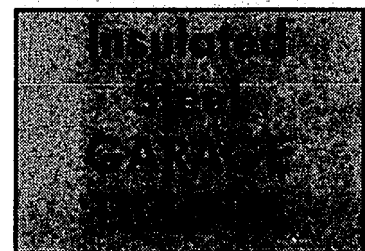
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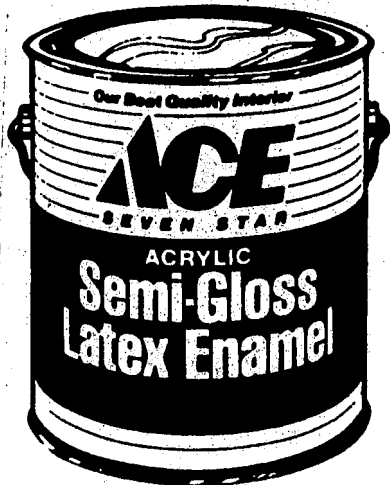
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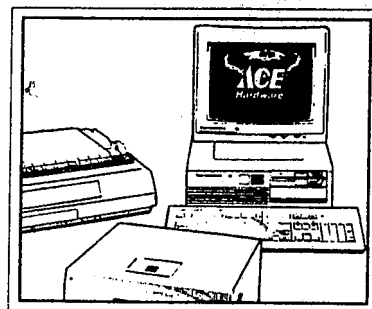
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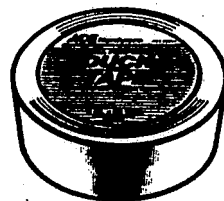


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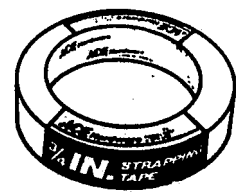
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