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## Must be Santa!



Cody Bridger, 7, gives Santa a high five.

## Photographer steps in front of the camera

**BY EILEEN McCARVILLE**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even without his red suit, Ken Winship looks like the real thing — minus the padding, of course. With his rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes and white whiskers, the trim owner of Winship Studio continues his 20-year-old tradition of playing the most beloved of all holiday characters, Santa Claus.

At Photography by Winship, Inc., at the corner of Maybee and Sashabaw in Independence Township, children of all ages can not only get their pictures taken

with the jolly old elf, but also watch themselves grow up on an add-on video. Winship's assistant, Christin Slatt, films children entering a festive room laden with presents, Christmas tree, mock fireplace and Winship.

A blank videotape, purchased on the first visit, keeps a record, from tot to teenager. Winship says he has even college students sitting on his knee now.

"Mom doesn't want to break the chain," he quips. "It's such a treat to see these kids grow. It's a fun job," he continues, in between ho-ho-ho-ing. On Friday, Dec. 5, he is finishing his last gig for the year, after 11 days of sitting in the chair for hours at a time where, he

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## Locals plan to start new bank

**BY EILEEN McCARVILLE**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The blow of NBD Bank leaving downtown and the disenchantment of big-bank conglomerates swallowing smaller corporations and depersonalizing their service has forced the hand of seven local investors, who hope to start a bank that will target the greater Clarkston community.

Conceived by Food Town president Ed Adler, the goal is to establish the state-chartered bank by summer 1998 — and give the goods back to Clarkston.

"We want a bank that focuses on this area, not Cleveland or Chicago. It's not going to be Chase-Manhattan." With a good financial track record, "If somebody does want to start a book store or fly rod shop, they can borrow \$5,000," he said.

Attending a press conference, located in Adler's corporate headquarters in the Mills Mall Dec. 4, were two more of the seven incorporators — Dave Harrison, a retired First of America Bank president turned builder with Trophy Homes, and Chuck Fortinberry, president of the Clarkston Chrysler-Plymouth dealership.

The rest of the group planning to put up the initial \$200,000-\$400,000 to start the enterprise include Lou Beer, a lawyer, Bill Clark, a real estate broker for Coldwell Banker Professionals, former Oakland Press publisher Bruce McIntire, and Bob Olsen, an investment counselor who co-owns Planned Financial Services with his wife Deanna.

They plan to raise the remainder through stockholder shares, aiming for the \$4-\$5 million goal to open. The investors also need to file applications for both a state charter and insurance from FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.), which will cover accounts.

Adler said they would start with two locations, intending to add a third as the market grows. Neither of the sites has been established. They would be local, though possibly not within the immediate downtown area, he added. Five employees would work out of both locations, with Harrison serving as president until the enterprise got off the ground.

Harrison said Adler pitched the idea nine months ago. The two agreed their ideal bank would aim for two qualities currently missing in today's big-bank conglomerates: better service and lower costs, which it could accomplish with little overhead.

"It did independently, and to all of us, seem the level of service provided by banking companies in this market hasn't been what it used to be," Harrison said. With numerous mergers, "it seems to be deteriorating as they get larger."

He admitted one of main catalysts was the move

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## The News in Brief

### Dunaskiss returns to Senate

Four weeks after he checked himself into treatment for alcohol abuse, state Senator Mat Dunaskiss (R., Lake Orion) returned to the Senate Dec. 2.

He released this statement: "Four weeks ago today, I took the first step on a path to change my life. It is a path to which I am with all my heart committed and, with the help of God and my family, will become a lifetime journey.

"The cards and letters I have received over these last four weeks have far surpassed my expectations. I am honored, and humbled, to realize that I have so many wonderful friends who care.

"On behalf of my family, I'd like to thank my constituents and my colleagues, whose support has meant more than I can convey . . . At this point in my life, to be treated and judged fairly is all I can ask."

### Food and clothing drive this Saturday

It's time to think of those less fortunate this holiday season. Alexander's Blind Cleaning, a local Clarkston business, will hold its second annual food and clothing drive this Saturday, Dec. 13. All items should be left on your front porch by 10 a.m. for pick-up. Flyers are currently being distributed throughout the Clarkston area.

The following items are acceptable: food: non-perishables like cereal, canned and dry goods; clothing: winter wear, children's clothing, jackets, hats, gloves and men's and women's clothing; toys: games, dolls, etc.; and toiletries: soap, shampoo, toilet paper, etc.

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"Marathon For Meals '97" and all clothing, toys and toiletries will be given to the Pontiac Rescue Mission. For more information call (248) 620-6667.

### Springfield transportation contract renewed

After a successful first year, a transportation agreement between Independence Township and Springfield Township has been renewed for 1998. The Independence Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to support Department of Parks and Rec. director Ann Conklin's request at the Dec. 2 meeting. According to the contract, Independence will receive \$24 for each hour of transportation service provided to seniors and disabled residents of Springfield Township (It provides that same service to its own residents). Treasurer Jim Wenger said the contract is a good example of how "governments can work together." For more information about qualifying for the program, call parks and rec. at (248) 625-8223.

### Township board's 1998 meetings set

The Independence Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the township board's meeting schedule for 1998 at the Dec. 2 meeting. Meetings for the new year remain on the second and fourth Tuesdays, and are as follows: Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24; March 3, 17; April 7, 21; May 5, 19; June 2, 16; July 7, 21; Aug. 5, 18; Sept. 1, 15; Oct. 6, 20; Nov. 4, 17; and Dec. 1, 15. Original February dates were changed because of the school winter break conflict. The board voted 6-0 with trustee Jeff McGee absent.

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## Don't stress out over holiday cooking

Local chefs say the fun is in preparing something wonderful for those you love

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Whether your holiday cooking involves an intimate gathering of friends or a huge onslaught of family, the thing to do is enjoy the camaraderie and not get stressed out by trying to do too much.

That's the advice of three of Clarkston's top professional chefs. Bill Fortin of the Clarkston Union, Rob Laveque of the Clarkston Cafe and Bujar Mamuslari all agreed that whether you personally prepare a feast or just bring a dish to pass, the holiday is a time to enjoy your family and friends, not kill yourself in the kitchen.

Each of the three chefs has his own style, ethnic background and family traditions when it comes to the holidays. Of the three, only Mamuslari said he'd be cooking the entire Christmas banquet himself. The other two will be handing the apron to other good cooks in their family in keeping with family traditions.

Fortin, who's been in charge of the menu at the Union since it opened, said he doesn't cook much at home. "When it comes to holidays, I'm happy to have peanut butter on toast," he said. "It's kind of a mixed blessing of this job; every day I'm tasting hundreds of different ingredients."

For Fortin, the holidays are not about a chef preparing a feast to be ooh'd and aah'd over. "It's so much about having everybody in the kitchen doing it. It's so important that everybody be involved. So I wouldn't want to do it all. Even if it was the only cooking I did all year."

With one side of his family French-Canadian, Fortin said meat pies are considered a treat at the Christmas feast. Other dishes change from year to year but everyone gets involved, whether it's testing for salt or peeling vegetables.

"My ultimate rule with food is there are no rules. Just because I have a way of making gravy doesn't mean the other ways are wrong."

Laveque said his aunt, Maryann Walsh, will be doing the entire Christmas feast for his family. He says she's a great cook and the person who first turned him on to cooking.

"Every year is different," he said. "She tries to



Chef Bujar Mamuslari at Joe Bologna's.

accommodate everyone. We've had everything from rack of lamb to turkey to ham. It stays within the bounds of tradition."

Aunt Maryann does everything, from memorable side dishes to dessert, and apparently never gets tired of being the hostess.

"It's the excitement of being able to please the people that are dining with you; for them to be able to taste the passion," Laveque said. He still feels that passion himself, too.

"When you quit looking at every dish like that, then it doesn't matter what you put on the plate. When you look at every plate like it's something you prepared for somebody, it keeps the passion alive."

Christmas will be an intimate, adult gathering of six at the Mamuslari household, where the chef will do all the cooking.

Mamuslari, who is Albanian by way of Yugoslavia, has been cooking Italian food professionally for many years and says it will be on the menu Christmas day.

"We don't go crazy. A couple of good wines; maybe some small appetizers; usually veal. This year I might do *osso buco*, a traditional Italian dish. It's a little



Chef Rob Laveque at The Clarkston Cafe

bit heavy but for this time of year it's perfect."

Mamuslari will balance that heaviness with a light first course—a soup—and a light dessert.

"Christmas to me is a kind of romantic night. You don't cook usually what you do every day. So you can spend more time in the kitchen."

If you want that kind of evening and there will be children present, Mamuslari has a solution: Put them in a different room and serve them something they're more likely to love, such as meatballs. Then the adults can enjoy conversation and set the atmosphere they desire.

### A few tips

Though the kind of cooking professional chefs do in restaurants isn't anything like home cooking, all three men offered a few common-sense tips.

"You've got to prepare ahead," Mamuslari said. He even advised cooking ahead, wherever possible, and then reheating. "For some food it's much better to cook one day ahead," he added.

Enlisting help is another good idea, according to Laveque. "Get the whole family involved. There's always something for everyone to do. It's overwhelming. If I had to cook for all these people alone, it'd kill me," he said, looking around the restaurant. "Get the family involved in it. I think it's something everybody would enjoy."

Give people the jobs to do they are best equipped to handle. "My grandmother, it's a given. No one can tie her on the meat pie front," said Fortin. "But my dad, with 40 years' experience, has gotten pretty good. My mom has been handed pie-crust duties."

And have a goal, Fortin added. "If you're doing potato salad at your mom's, you know how she always did potato salad and how everybody liked it . . . You have a sort of flavor profile in mind. It's that profile a recipe doesn't always convey. The other half of the game is remembering they cut their potatoes in circles rather than cubes, and the recipe card doesn't say that."

Remember, cooking for friends and family is a gift of love, so enjoy it. "You've got to be comfortable enough to know you're providing it for somebody," Fortin said. "Every cook can make merry food."

### Joe Bologna's escarole soup

perfect as a light first course  
Recipe from Bujar Mamuslari

8 quarts water  
3-4 pound whole chicken  
chopped vegetable mixture consisting of 50 percent onions, 30 percent carrots and 20 percent celery

Cook above for 1 1/2 hours with bay leaf and salt to taste and a few peppercorns. Strain through cheesecloth.

In 4 tablespoons olive oil, saute until caramelized (not burned) 2 cloves of garlic, crushed.

Add to strained soup along with cut up chicken, 2 pounds escarole and your favorite pasta, such as tubatini, cappelini or chopped spaghetti.

Cook for 10 minutes, then finish with 2 tablespoons of white vinegar.

### The Clarkston Cafe's sweet potatoes au gratin

A light twist on traditional holiday  
sweet potato recipes

Recipe from Rob Laveque  
(Recipe may be cut down  
for smaller quantities)

5 pounds sweet potatoes, sliced thin  
5 pounds Idaho potatoes, sliced thin  
1/2 cup chicken stock  
Parmesan cheese and melted butter

Rub a large, 2-inch deep baking dish with garlic. Layer with potatoes, starting with white, then sweet, then white again. Add salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle each layer with melted butter and parmesan cheese. When finished, pour chicken stock over the top and cover.

Bake at 350 degrees 30 minutes. Uncover and sprinkle with more cheese, then bake uncovered for 15 minutes more or until potatoes are tender.



# City to study planning options for downtown

**BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE**  
Clarkston News staff Writer

Sometime progress comes in baby steps.

And at Monday night's Clarkston City Council meeting, it appeared council and downtown business people were finally headed in the same direction.

Council voted 6-0 (councilman Doug Roeser had left before the vote) to appoint a subcommittee to study three options for planning for the downtown business district: hiring an outside, national firm; using its own planner, McKenna and Associates; or going with no program at all.

Appointed to the committee were council members Dave Savage, Dan Colombo and Karen Sanderson, business owners Robert Esshaki of Rudy's and Shirley Carpenter of The Parsonage, and city resident Leif Gruenberg. They plan to come back with a recommendation by the end of January.

Monday's meeting began with summing up a recent seminar with planners from Hyett-Palma attended by Savage, Colombo and Mayor Sharron Catalo in Ann Arbor. Savage has been pushing the council to hire the national planning firm since he was first elected two years ago.

He believes some sort of professional planner, specializing in downtown revitalization, should be hired to at least start a process in downtown Clarkston, which has lost some significant retail over the past few months.

Savage said he came away from the seminar realizing any downtown enhancement plan must be undertaken by "all the players," council, business people and residents. While City Hall might be a springboard to local economic development, "It's not

our total responsibility."

In fact, council "probably plays the least role," added Catalo. "Getting it working and then letting the businesses go with it."

Savage also introduced a new program, National Trust For Historic Preservation's "Main Street At Work," which was presented through a 20-minute video to a packed audience, which included several business members of the downtown community.

It would cost around \$10,000 to hire Hyett-Palma for an audit (the first phase). A comparable study from National Trust would be about \$15,000.

A two-hour discussion followed, during which council and members of the audience hashed out ideas about how to best go about a downtown plan — whether it be professionals or "do-it-yourself" local expertise.

Some pointed out that several past studies failed to get off the ground after costing the city thousands of dollars.

Local historian and Michigan Historic Preservation Network president Jennifer Radcliff said she felt nothing would happen unless there was an experienced facilitator at the wheel.

During a phone interview the next day Radcliff said it should be someone "who doesn't have a vested interest" in defending any one side or person.

And although some audience members said they thought a professional could be hired only to get the ball rolling, Radcliff disagreed.

"They need continuing supervision and direction ... I don't think it will work if they say, 'Here's the plan. Now we're going back to Washington, Boston or whatever ..."

"I tried to make the point that the best idea is to spend some money on a good facilitator. There are people in National Trust or Hyett-Palma who know

exactly how do do that."

That person would be objective, she continued, and listen to all sides. "Instead of someone having the loudest wheel, they would keep the issue on track," she said.

Radcliff also told the audience that local financial planner Scott Hazelton might be a good resource. Hazelton works for Edward Jones, an investment firm located in the Mills Mall.

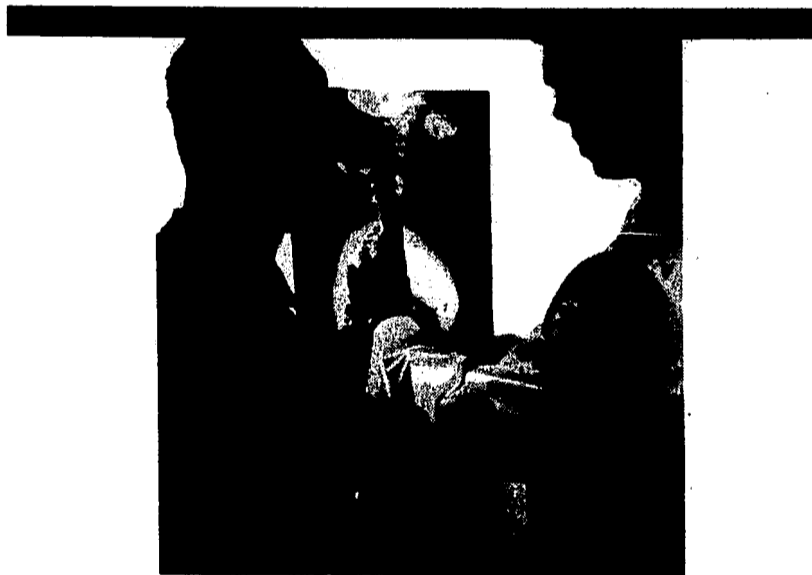
The corporation traditionally locates itself in small downtowns like Clarkston. "They have some sort of contractual arrangement with National Trust. (Hazelton) could be a good contact point for our community."

Among the business people in attendance was Esshaki, co-owner of Rudy's Market, a long-time staple of the downtown. Esshaki and his partner Chris Thomas recently announced that Rudy's plans to move to Independence Township.

"The economic landscape is changing. Mom and Pop operations are disappearing. You either have to fill a niche in the market or fail," Esshaki said. With the visioning of what Clarkston wants itself to look like, "We need to decide what our niche is going to be."

Esshaki said any effort is going to involve teamwork and cooperation. Nothing will happen as long as it's "Dave's (Savage) plan or Bill Basinger's plan or Council against Rudy's, or Council against Tierra ... Until we realize that it's not anybody against anybody, and it's all of us together, we're not going to go anywhere."

The subcommittee will study three options: the possibility of hiring Hyett-Palma, or National Trust, or to seek the services of its own hired planner, McKenna and Associates — or to go with no program at all. On Tuesday Savage said he would also ask Radcliff to serve on the committee.



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# CHS named a Michigan Exemplary School

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston High School has cleared the first hurdle in its quest to be recognized as a national exemplary school.

CHS and 13 other secondary schools in Michigan were named finalists in the 1997-98 Blue Ribbon Schools program. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of Education, schools must first win approval from the state board of education before moving on to the national finals. Clarkston moved on along with high schools and middle schools in Troy, Farmington, New Baltimore, Sterling Heights, Howell, Harrison Township, Lake Orion, Lake Odessa, Southfield, Rockford, West Bloomfield and Zeeland.

All secondary schools were eligible to apply this year. Elementary schools are assessed on alternating years.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program was established in 1982 by the U. S. Secretary of Education to identify and recognize outstanding schools and to allow other schools to learn about best practices.

In order to get to the national level, CHS staff prepared a document in answer to 30 elements covering student support, curriculum, teaching practices, leadership, community and a wide variety of indicators of success. The application incorporated 25 writers under teacher leaders Claire Needham and Susan Golab.

"Schools fill out an application and a review panel goes over hundreds of applications, then recommends site visits," said school superintendent Dr. Al Roberts, himself a site visitor for the program. He said

'Certainly Clarkston High School is ready for this kind of examination by educational leaders.'



Principal Brent Cooley

usually about 50-60 percent of applicants achieve recognition at the state level, as CHS has.

"But the criteria are very stringent. It's very tough competition," he said. "The real value of this prestigious recognition lies in the preparation of the application, the establishment of a network with other great schools, the involvement of parents and other community members, and the energy which the honor seems to create among faculty, staff, parents and students."

This is the first time CHS has applied for the designation, according to principal Brent Cooley, who said he wanted to do it because he felt his school deserved the recognition.

"Certainly CHS is ready for this kind of self-examination and examination by educational leaders, and is certainly worthy of their attention," he said.

The process of self-evaluation is a little bit different than that used for school accreditation through the

North Central Association, Cooley said. For the NCA, a school's staff works with an NCA facilitator and the self-assessment includes goal setting. In this process, the evaluation is on the practices currently in use and how they stack up.

"This is really an inventory of what our current practices are; this is not a reflection on what we'll do to get better (like NCA)," Cooley said. "Would they be perceived as best practices?"

Work began last spring. Now that the report has been accepted, it must again pass muster, this time at the national level as a review panel decides which schools will receive a site visit for verification of the data. If CHS makes the cut, the visit from out-of-state educators will occur this winter.

"Then my pulse will race a little faster," Cooley said. "But as principal I'm very pleased."

Roberts said the purpose of the site visit is "to verify application information and to amplify on it; to bring that application to life." He too was happy about the honor.

"It's very exciting and well-deserved, considering they're busting at the seams," he said, referring to the school's overcrowding.

Though the Blue Ribbon Schools designation is for the 1997-98 school year, winners will not be announced until next fall. Then they'll be invited to the White House. There will also be a banquet for all schools recognized by the state.

"I truly believe this is a representative document of our school," Cooley said. "Everybody who's read this document has been very pleased at the reflection this document gives of CHS. And I'm pleased too... There's certainly a great sense of teamwork."

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## IN FOCUS

by Annette Kingsbury

### Meatless memories

The recent proposal to return Catholics to meatless Fridays immediately sent me back to the days of my childhood.

I was raised a Catholic by two Italians. And though she wasn't Catholic, my Mom had to come up with the meals on those days for a family more used to eating meat. I'm sure that like a lot of Catholics, I remember those meals well because they were so different from what we usually ate.

Our typical Friday feast would start with pasta (what else?) but it was sauced with butter and grated cheese—that's it. That was followed by either tuna salad, dressed with oil and vinegar, or an egg-and-potato omelette. It was pretty spartan, but I guess that was in keeping with the idea of abstaining.

So different were our eating habits back then that I guess it never occurred to Mom she could give us the usual tomato sauce on our pasta, just leave out the meat. In those days spaghetti and meat balls went together like—well, peanut butter and jelly. You never saw one without the other.

What I also remember well is meatless Christmas eves. As I recall you had to also abstain on the night before a church holy day, so those feasts, usually held at my paternal grandparents' home, usually featured a treat only the truly hungry could appreciate—dried cod fish. You can still see this delicacy (and I use that term loosely) in Italian stores today, though I have no idea who buys it. It always takes me back to Christmas eve, every time I see it.

The other meatless dish I can remember having once at Grandma's was snails. Now, I had already tasted 'escargots' through a French club field trip. But nothing prepared me for what we were about to receive that year. I remember asking my grandmother what was under the dish that was over the top of a colander. She told me to take a peek. I did, and there were the still-alive snails, stuck to the bottom of the dish.

She would soon drop them into boiling water, then serve them, naked and dead, to those in the family who thought they were a delicacy reserved for special occasions. Needless to say, I wasn't one of them.

Perhaps my aversion to eating anything I've looked in the face dates back to that day. Today I almost never eat meat, and the idea of meatless Fridays is no big deal from a culinary perspective.

But from a spiritual perspective, I find it intriguing. Not perhaps for the reason proffered by the man who made the proposal to American bishops recently—that America has become a culture of death and we need to do something about it. Rather, it's the idea of a regular observance that makes us stop and think about our faith and why we do the things we do that appeals to me.

The church long ago dropped the teaching that eating meat on Friday is a mortal sin. It's hard now, in 1997, to imagine anyone ever buying into that idea. But that's what faith is all about, I guess—believing.

The idea of abstaining being a great sacrifice may be lost on modern folk. Today, with fresh fish costing way more than steak, fish on Friday is more of a treat than a sacrifice. Maybe, in order to have the same effect, Catholics need to go vegetarian on Fridays. Now there's an idea guaranteed to kick up a ruckus.

## One business closes, another offers hope

Over the years, Dancers has become a convenience for small-town residents who didn't have time to rush to the mall. And for that reason we are saddened by the news that the company is closing its doors after over 100 years in business.

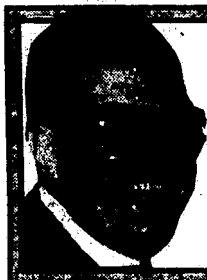
Despite mounting competition in southeast Michigan, where shopping options have been expanding rapidly in the last few years, Dancers had managed to provide a useful selection of merchandise at a good price. And it did so conveniently for shoppers, who didn't have to fight mall traffic and could get in and out quickly.

We wonder if the construction now underway on a mega-mall off I-75 near Baldwin had anything to do with the closing. Surely the lure of other shopping improvements in Dancers' bailiwick, such as Somerset North and Birch Run, must have hurt.

But maybe the death knell could also be heard in the current atmosphere of bigger is better. Of corporate mergers and acquisitions that are better for stockholders than customers.

One by one we've watched as our favorite small businesses have disappeared, and wondered what was left for those who aren't interested in patronizing out-of-state megaliths with their hard-earned dollars. That's why we were surprised and pleased with the announcement last week by some of Clarkston's most prominent citizens that they are planning to start up a new bank. Their venture, led by Food Town's Ed Adler, promises to stay local to back local business.

We wish them well. If they succeed we'll all benefit from the results, even if it's only by having more local options for spending our money. They're bucking the trend. You've got to like it. AK



## JIM'S JOTTINGS / by Jim Sherman

### Keeping it short, light for holidays

Sign in an English office: "After-tea break staff should empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board."

Sign outside a secondhand shop: "We exchange anything; bicycles, washing machines, etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain?"

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Just some facts: Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

The international telephone dialing code for Antarctica is 672 . . . a number you don't want to see on your phone bill.

The very first bomb dropped by the Allies on Berlin during World War II killed the only elephant in the Berlin Zoo.

Carnivorous animals will not eat another animal that has been hit by a lightning strike.

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Free Press columnist, WJR radio personality, musician and book writer Mich Albom quoted the subject of his book, "Tuesdays with Morrie," as saying, "Listen, you should know something. All younger people should know something. If you're always battling against getting older, you're always going to be unhappy because it will happen anyhow."

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I concluded another thing from my pre-holiday window washing experience: All houses should be designed with their most-used rooms on the north side of the house; more directly, the windows should be on the north side. Without the sun shining through the glass the wife can't see how her husband left many streaks and unwashed corners.

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Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

A great many people think they are thinking when they are merely rearranging their prejudices.--William James.

We overlook so much happiness because it costs nothing.

No matter how thin you slice it there are always two sides.

Consider that people are like tea bags. They don't know their own strength until they get into hot water. -- Dan McKinnon.

You have to be careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there --Yogi Berra.

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Haven't heard from Bill Patterson, retired drug dealer from Oxford, lately. He said his grandchild came home from the last Halloween night with treats of cookies, gum, candy and the business cards of three dentists.

Bill also said the man at the top is usually someone who gets to the bottom of things.

## Grateful Goodfellows

Dear editor,  
Thank you, thank you.

Clarkston Rotary wishes to extend its thanks to all those who participated in the Goodfellow program which was a great success. It's hard to explain the warm feeling from your hearts to ours.

We also want to thank The Clarkston News, Mr. Morgan for the use of his area, all of those who served on the road and the Tiger Club Pack #314. I understand they will get a community service award. Great work, guys!

Have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,  
Chairman F.D. Rivers

More letters on page 8A

### 15 YEARS AGO (1982)

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners' layoff of 27 deputies will mean a cut in investigative and road patrol services to Independence Township, according to sheriff's department Dep. Robert Wark. While the township will continue to get the paid contracted service of six deputies seven days a week, it will lose the backup circle car and the services of Wark, a deputy-investigator, who says he will now go back on routine road patrol.

Area drivers can rest assured that when they donate money for a Goodfellow Paper in Independence Township Friday and Saturday, it will go to help local residents. Food and clothing are the main items the money is spent on, according to Independence Township Fire Chief Frank Ronk. Members of the fire department and the Clarkston Rotary Club will join forces to sell the papers on streets throughout the township.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1972)

Santa Claus is coming to town — this town — Saturday. In the Village of Clarkston a noontime parade will wind from Miller Rd. and Main St. to Clarkston Junior High School and will feature church and Jaycee floats, a band and clowns. At the school Santa will be assisted by several Jr. Miss contestants to hear the wish lists of area children. He will also be presented with the keys to Independence Township.

In place of mobile homes, it appears there will now be apartments occupying 114 acres on Clintonville Rd. The Independence Township Board of Trustees and its planning commission agree unanimously within an informal session to allow land owners Morris and Ann Singer and Phillip and Frances Kaplan to proceed with rezoning the single-family residential property to multiple.

It may be a white Christmas but, happily, also a wet Christmas for a half a dozen Clarkston families who have been without water as long as five months. The Oakland County Department of Public Works reports that one deep well dewatering pump has been shut down and another is due to be shut down immediately. The underground flow of water which fed the now dried-up wells should be reviving.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1947)

The Clarkston High School Band and Chorus plan to present their winter program Dec. 23 in the CHS auditorium. The first part of the program is devoted to the band, which will present a variety of music including marches, overtures and other selections. The chorus will present several novelty numbers and sacred selections. Some of the musical numbers are "The Red Mill" and "March of the Toys" by Victor Herbert and "Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Phillip Sousa.

A gala Christmas Eve party is planned for all the children of Clarkston and its vicinity by the Rotary Club. It will take place around a gaily decorated Christmas tree at the town hall on Main St. Dec. 24. Traffic will be rerouted and Rotary members will be in charge to see that no mishap befalls any children. A special message has been sent to Santa Claus to pay a quick visit. He may visit shut-ins as well.

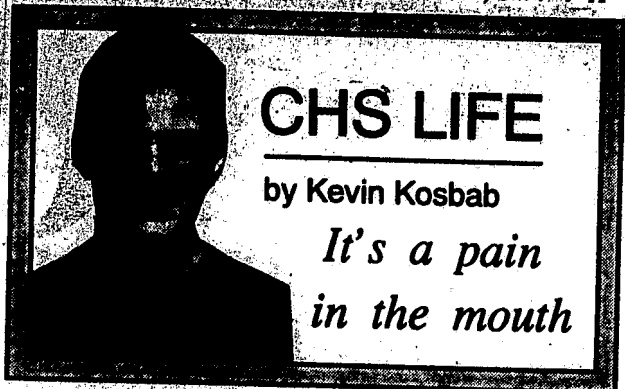
Order your Christmas poultry now from Terry's Market, which also stocks fresh pork butts at 49 cents a pound; frozen squash, a package for 19 cents; cranberry sauce, two cans for 45 cents; Defiance Pumpkin, 17 cents a can; sweet potatoes, 19 cents a can; and for all those holiday dinner dishes, Blue Suds, three packages for a quarter.

### 60 YEARS AGO (1937)

The people of Clarkston and vicinity are developing a real Christmas spirit. The various clubs and fraternities have started a drive to help take care of many of those families who have had problems and are not able to properly clothe the children for winter weather. Meetings are being held and plans will be completed next week. In the meantime, anyone wishing to donate galoshes or clothing for children from 3 to 12 years old may drop items off at the Beattie Bros. garage or call Clarkston 54.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are Robert Young and Florence Rice in "Married Before Breakfast," Dick Powell and Rosemary Lane in "Variety Show," Cesar Romero and Phyllis Brooks in "Dangerously Yours" and Paul Lukas and Annabella in "Dinner at the Ritz."

Specials at Rudy's include hamburger, 17 cents a pound; pork sausage, 22 cents a pound; corn meal, five pounds for 15 cents; graham crackers, two pounds for 19 cents.



Once was more than enough. Getting braces a second time is cruel and unusual punishment.

On Tuesday of last week, I got a bunch of metal cemented to my teeth, the next phase in the attempt to correct my orthodontic nightmare. First there was the original set of braces, next came the obligatory retainer, followed by a peculiar and suspicious device known as a "growth stimulator," and now another set of braces. To give you an idea of how wonderful my teeth are, observe the light glinting off of just one tooth in the picture above this column. Beautiful, isn't it?

The actual concept of how braces work sounds almost like some sort of medieval torture: wire forces the teeth into their proper places. You can barely notice the stretching, though, a few days after the initial placement or subsequent tightenings.

During these adjustments, eating becomes a challenge. My molars were the first teeth to be in noticeable pain, which forces me to chew food — only soft food — with my front teeth. Most recently, the pain has shifted to these front teeth, making it troublesome to bite food without looking like a Neanderthal.

This pain is, at least for the present, more or less gone. Food consumption is governed by Orthodontic Commandments:

1. Thou shall not eat sticky food. This includes most candy and gum, and is often a source of complaints from victims of braces.

2. Thou shall not eat crunchy food. This type of food is said to break off brackets. Not being able to eat crunchy vegetables doesn't present any devastating problem for me, but popcorn and peanuts are staples in my ballooned "other" category of the Food Guide Pyramid.

3. Thou shall not eat any remotely flavorsome food. This is a restatement of the first two Commandments and also includes other foods, such as my personal favorite, chocolate. It may also be more a law of nutrition in general, since one is never ever supposed to eat food that actually tastes good.

Other aspects of braces are covered in further Commandments:

4. Thou shall brush for two or three minutes every morning and every night. As I'm sure you have noticed, brushing your teeth is rivaled in liveliness only by activities like watching logs disintegrate and counting blades of grass in a yard. Most people only brush for thirty seconds to one minute at most. Three minutes is just about coma-inducing.

5. Thou shall, in addition to regular toothpaste, brush with a prescription fluoride paste. I'm still trying to figure out why this one is necessary.

Only five? I thought for sure there were more than that.

The real fun will come when I get braces on my bottom row of teeth (right now I only have them on the top) and have to deal with the rubber bands that hook the two levels of teeth together. It could be worse: my brother has to get a headgear. I'm sure they're great fun, and attractive, as well.

Eventually, the day will come when I will get these horrid little demons out of my mouth. At last, I will have the thrill of straight teeth. But all is not over; I could wear a retainer until I die. That's the scary part: Long after my bones crumble into nothingness, my plastic retainer will still be completely unharmed—the last part of me to exist will be my orthodontic appliances.

Express your opinion!  
Write a letter to the editor

## DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush

Growing up in a winter wonderland



Jingle bells, jingle bells, j-j-jingle all the -- thwoop!

As the snow fell the other day, I was slung back to a time when I was about half as tall as I am now. Wintertime in Clarkston as a kid was always an adventure.

Especially because I really sucked at snowball fights. I don't mean to say I threw like a girl, or anything, it's just that my aim was shamefully wild (Did I just type 'aim?' Like aiming ever played a part in my game plan). The aim of the rest of the neighborhood kids (even some of the girls) was far more accurate.

I was good snowball packer -- and quick, too. As fast as I would throw one at a kid and hit a house, I could scoop up snow and whip up another -- only to bury it six-inches into a snow drift to the enemy's side.

Thwoop!

And, another snowball would knock off my knit hat, packing snow into my ear or up my nose (good thing I didn't wear glasses back then). Then I'd pack another and throw it... somewhere.

Do you remember, as kids coldness didn't bother our hands. And, as the best snowballs were the ones forged without gloves (I think I had mittens -- a worse fate in a snowball fight I cannot imagine), bare-handed we'd reach into the snow, pull out

some of the white fluffy stuff and pack it hard and round.

The bad part of temporary immunity to cold was actually two-fold: a) going home and getting in trouble for losing your gloves, er, excuse me, mittens (stop snickering); and b) the crippling pain in your fingers brought upon when the blood again started to flow. If we could have just stayed outside this never would have happened, but the experience of a 70-degree swing in temperature from outside to in was just too much.

I think more than once I wanted to hack my hands off at the wrists the pain was so bad. Well, maybe that's an exaggeration. I cried, already... okay?

Going over to the heat register only made things worse. For some reason you weren't 'sposed to rub your hands together for heat, so I can remember just standing there, cold tears running down my rosy, wind-burned cheeks, shaking my hands in frustration... and then...

... "Don't get any ideas of standing there, warming up, Little Mister. You just march right back outside and find your mittens."

Rats. Thrashed in a snowball fight, eye-crossing pain in my fingers, banished into the howling wind. Winter as a kid was really an adventure. No wonder I liked it.

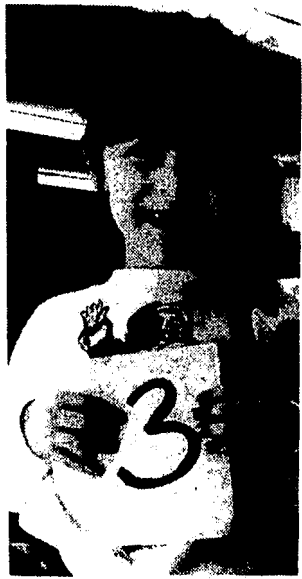


People's Poll  
By Eileen McCarville

## How do reindeer fly?



**HEATHER McCORMACK:** They're magic. I saw Santa and the reindeer fly last Christmas.



**SHELBI WALKER:** They're magic. Dust.



**ALYSSA BEADOIN:** Santa sprinkles dust on them and they fly.



**LANE HAVIARAS:** Magic Santa. He goes on his sled and goes like that (throws hands up and down) to make them fly.

All children are from Mari Ann Pace-Bleau's kindergarten class at North Sashabaw Elementary School.



**HOLLY HINES:** Magic.



**KAELYN BOGART:** Magic.



**TYLER BRYAN:** Magic sand. Santa puts it on.



**ELISSA GARCIA:** They drink the magic water.

## More letters

### Board should re-evaluate

Dear Editor:

The locating and selecting of school sites needs a tremendous amount of expertise. Independence Township lies in a topography characterized by wetlands, headwaters of four rivers, graveled hills, lowlands, etc., which makes proposed building sites extremely complicated to execute.

Independence Township is involved daily with land development. Why shouldn't the school district benefit from the townships services for their future school sites? Dick Carlisle, the township planning consultant, was not hired by the Clarkston School District.

The Clarkston School District's future land use is conspicuously missing from the Independence Township Visions 2020 Strategic Plan. How can our community have a complete "Master Plan" if the school district's future land use is not included? The goals of our community should be "only the most suitable land sites chosen for the schools."

A majority of the Independence board voted not to draft legislation for regulating site selections of the Clarkston school district. I think that the township board should re-evaluate their thinking about the

Clarkston school district site location situation. Township legislation is urgently needed to regulate school site location, so that we don't become a hodgepodge of traffic problems, facility overloads, etc.

The Oakland County Road Commission should require the school district to coordinate future location sites for road designs, traffic flow, etc. All three governing bodies should share their facilities and work together for the good of our community.

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT - CO-ORDINATE!**

Sincerely yours,  
Peggy Dryer

### Good job

It was my pleasure to be a volunteer at the Santa's Shed held Dec. 7 at Andersonville Elementary School. It was undoubtedly one of the most organized and complete activities of this kind I have ever been a part of. Hats off to Chris Dillon and Dree Wint for the bang-up job they did at chairing this event; always cheerful, smiling and a joy to work with!

Sincerely,  
Kay Robertson

## FIT FOR LIFE

by Heather Haepers

*What is fitness?*



Physical fitness is something most everybody would like to achieve, but what actually constitutes being "fit?" Generally, it means having the capacity to carry out everyday tasks and unexpected physical challenges with minimum fatigue. There are four components to physical fitness:

1. **Aerobic/cardiovascular fitness:** This is the body's ability to take in oxygen for the production of energy. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of Sports Medicine, "Every U.S. adult should accumulate 30 minutes or more of moderate-intensity physical activity on most, preferably all days of the week."

But remember, something is better than nothing. Aerobic benefits can be achieved from as little as three days per week. Regular exercises involving large muscle groups in a rhythmic fashion will improve your aerobic fitness. These include walking, biking, aerobic dance, swimming, cross-country skiing, etc.

2. **Muscular fitness:** This is the strength and endurance of your muscles, which is necessary to carry out everyday tasks such as lifting a baby or carrying in groceries. Strength is required to actually move the objects, and endurance is necessary to hold the items over time or position them successfully. The more muscularly fit you are, the easier everyday tasks will become.

Muscular fitness can be achieved by performing resistance training exercises regularly. The American College of Sports Medicine recommends a minimum of two days per week involving 8-10 exercises utilizing the major muscle groups. A minimum of one set of 8-12 repetitions should be performed.

3. **Flexibility:** This is the ability to bend joints and stretch muscles through a full range of motion. This is probably the most forgotten of the elements of fitness, yet possibly the most important. The more flexible you become, the less likely you will be to suffer from muscle strains and other injuries or problems such as low back pain. Flexibility is achieved through performing regular stretching exercises.

Stretching is extremely important following cardiovascular as well as resistance training in order to prevent injury and muscle soreness. A few safety tips: Never bounce while stretching, release the stretch if you feel pain, hold the stretch for a minimum of 15-30 seconds, and always warm up before stretching in order to prevent muscle injury.

4. **Body composition:** This is the amount of fat tissue relative to other tissue in your body. In other words - the ratio of fat mass versus lean mass. Therefore, body composition does not depend on how much you weigh, but rather on how much of that weight is from fat. Having too much or too little body fat can cause serious health problems. To improve your body composition it is recommended to perform both cardiovascular and resistance training regularly, as well as eat a healthy, well-balanced diet.

It is never too late to become physically fit, so why not get started right now. The first step should always be getting the okay from your family physician, and then you will be off and running (no pun intended).

*Having a milestone?*

*Send submissions to 5 S. Main St.,  
Clarkston, MI 48346. Deadline is  
noon on Monday.*

# SPORTS

## Wrestling team reloaded for another state title run in 1998

Wolves take second at Jenison, ranked 9th in state

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It seems every year, the Clarkston wrestling team loses quite a few seniors from the starting lineup, leaving coach Mike DeGain wondering where the wins will come from.

And yet every year, young wrestlers step up to fill the voids, and often raise the already high bar of success for Clarkston wrestling.

The 1997-98 season appears to be no different, as the Wolves come in ranked ninth in the state in Division I (formerly Class A).

"We've got a fairly young team this year, so I don't really know what to expect," DeGain said. "We got started in the right direction Saturday. The kids wrestled fantastic, and it could be a good indication of things to come."

Clarkston opened its season Saturday by taking second at the tough Jenison Invitational. In the process, the Wolves finished higher than Grandville, a team ranked higher, and just behind Middleville, the top team in Division II.

"I was real happy with how we performed our first time out," DeGain said of the day at Jenison. "We placed 11 of 14 wrestlers, and actually did better than we did last year with more experienced kids."

Clarkston returns two state qualifiers at the light weight classes, with juniors Ryan L'Amoreaux (103) and A.J. Grant (112). L'Amoreaux improved by leaps and bounds over the course of last season, and got off to a good start this season with a first place at Jenison.

Grant comes into the season with a renewed purpose. He won 49 straight matches - many of them decisive - before losing 5-4 in the state semifinals to the eventual champion from Charlotte. After an offseason of travel that took him from North Dakota to Russia, Grant is taking dead aim at the state championship this season.

Senior co-captains Josh Lafferty (160) and Aaron Sailor (145) give the Wolves consistent performances each night. DeGain also expects big things from Andy Auten at 152. Slowed by injuries a year ago, Auten also jumped out of the gate with a first place at Jenison.

The sophomore class is very strong, especially at the three upper weight classes. Pat DeGain, Mike's son, is ranked first in the nation among freshmen and sophomores in his 189-lb. weight class. Ryan "Bubba" Clement crossed over from basketball and made a big splash at Jenison, taking third in his first varsity meet in the heavyweight division. John Robinson, who was a starter on the offensive line for the varsity football team with Clement, gives the team quality depth that not many other teams can match.



The 1997-98 Clarkston wrestling team

"Bubba and John have each played varisty football for two years, and they've made big waves already for us," DeGain said. "Pat had a very good summer, and he has a good shot at states this season."

The road through the regular season will be very tough for the Wolves, as top-ranked Rochester Adams is the consensus favorite. The Highlanders return eight state qualifiers to a team that went to the state semifinals a year ago. Adams is also in Clarkston's region, making the measuring stick real easy for the Wolves.

"There's no one on Adams that our kids think they can't beat," DeGain said. "When a team is up on a high perch like that, it will be interesting to see how they

react. But we'll know all about them by regionals and we'll be ready for them."

### 1997-98 Clarkston Wrestling Schedule

Dec. 6	at Jenison Inv. - 10 a.m.
Dec. 11	Orchard Lake St. Mary's - 6:30
Dec. 19-20	at Oakland County Meet
Dec. 30	at Goodrich Inv. - 10 a.m.
Jan. 3	Roseville/Lincoln - 10 a.m.
Jan. 6	Rochester/ A.H. Avondale - 5:30
Jan. 10	at Detroit Catholic Central Inv.
Jan. 17	at Adrian Inv. - 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 21	at Lake Orion/ Troy Athens - 5:30
Jan. 22	at Romeo/ Mt. Clemens - 5 p.m.
Jan. 27	at Rochester Adams/ Berkley
Feb. 4	at Hazel Park/ Troy - 5:30
Feb. 10	at Detroit Catholic Central - 5 p.m.
Feb. 13	OAA I meet at Troy Athens
Feb. 19	at team districts - 4 p.m.
Feb. 21	individual districts - 10:30 a.m.
Feb. 25	at team regionals - 4 p.m.
Feb. 28	at individual regionals - 9:30 a.m.
Mar. 6-7	at team state meet

- 1-Rochester Adams
- 2-Clarkston
- 3-Troy
- 4-Hazel Park
- 5-Rochester
- 6-Lake Orion
- 7-Berkley

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# Volleyball team will be counting on experience, athleticism for success

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With eight returning players off last season's district championship team, Clarkston varsity volleyball coach Gordie Richardson knows he has talent entering the 1997-98 season. But he says there's still a lot of room for growth.

The Wolves jump into action Saturday at the Lansing Waverly Invitational. The regular season kicks off Monday with a key dual match at Royal Oak Kimball.

Richardson said Clarkston will feature a team blessed with quickness and athleticism this season.

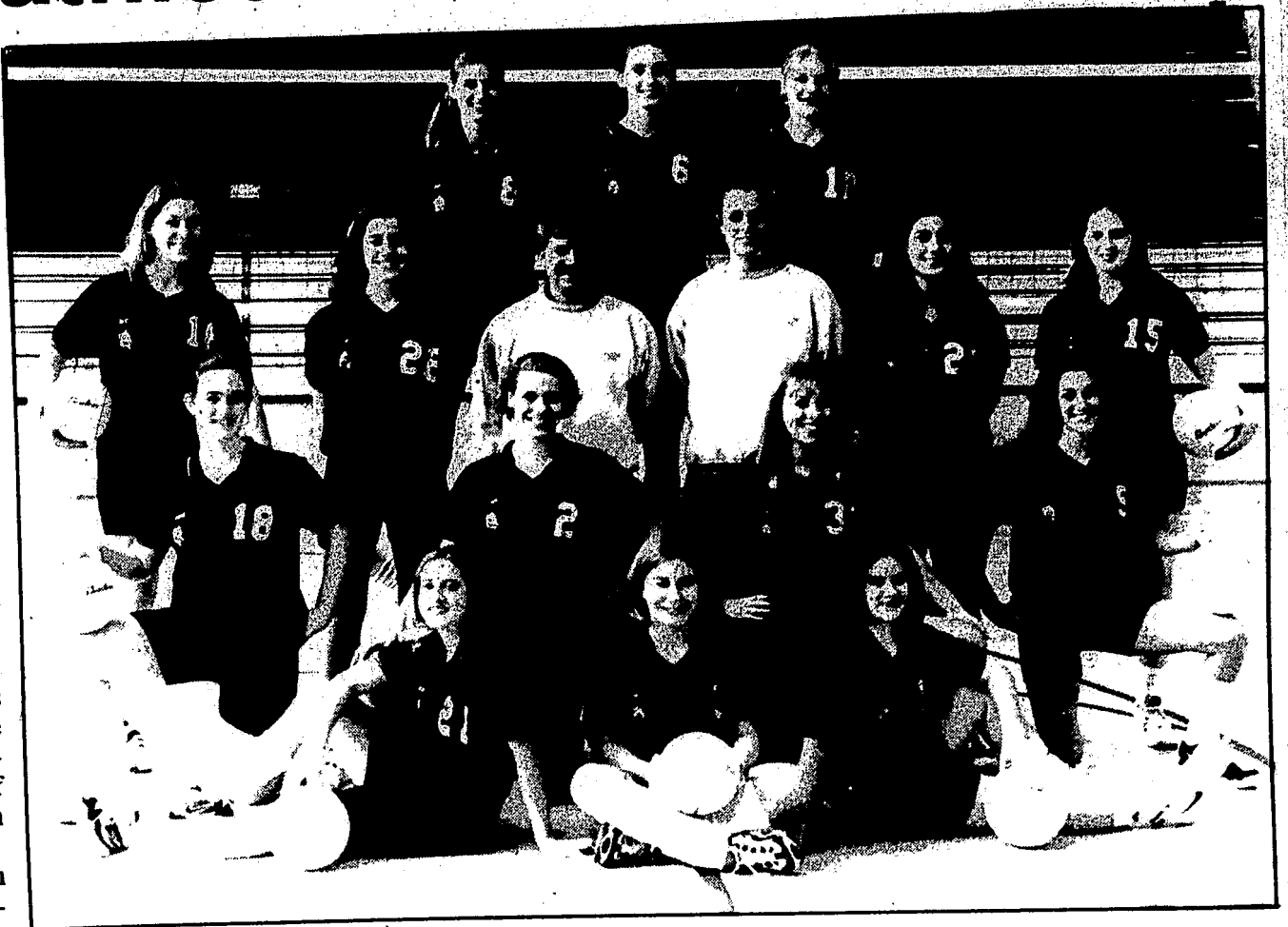
"What we have right now is very capable of doing some nice things," he said. "The kids have to be willing to make mistakes and learn from them. We need to take some risks and play hard, because we'll be much better off for it in the long run."

Among the returning players are senior co-captains Georgia Senkyr and Jenny McCue. Senkyr was the team's most improved player last season and will be counted on to carry a big load, offensively and defensively for the Wolves. McCue missed the second half of the season with a back injury, but is back at full strength and is considered the team's most vocal leader.

"We need to get Georgia the ball," Richardson said. "She was very good defensively in our scrimmages, and will play a lot in the middle on offense."

"Jenny has to be a leader for us, but if she struggles, she loses that part of her game," Richardson said. "Even if she's having an off night, we still need her to give that direction to the other kids."

Several returning players will also have key roles on the team, including seniors Aimee Giroux, Amber Mitchell, Nicole Nelles and junior Kara Bergkoetter. Giroux is a multi-talented player who has improved her serving dramatically from a year ago. Mitchell emerged into a starter for the Wolves in the second half of last season and delivers very steady performances. Both Nelles and Bergkoetter have improved their overall skills and will be asked to play a bigger part this season.



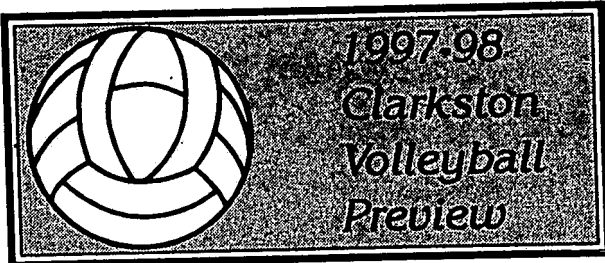
The 1997-98 Clarkston varsity volleyball team

while Zimmerman played a lot in the offseason, with the work paying off as the season progresses.

The cream of the volleyball crop in Oakland County will once again reside in the OAA Division I. Richardson said Birmingham Seaholm is the early-season favorite, returning most of its size and experience from a year ago. Troy and West Bloomfield were hit hard by graduation, but figure to restock with good talent.

"You have to earn your wins in this league," he said. "Kimball will be a good test for us early, right after our first tournament."

"Right now, we're not playing with as much confidence or enthusiasm as we should be," he said. "We have to just go out and play with some abandon."



"In the scrimmages, Aimee played as well as I've ever seen her," Richardson said. "Kara did well with her serve receptions and was more consistent with her serves."

Look for a number of first-year players to get some time as well. With sophomore Brittani Brewer and junior Brandy Garlitz, Clarkston can once again boast of a pair of 6-footers who will play in the middle. Richardson said he likes the blocking ability both bring to the table, but added they need a shot of killer instinct to take their games to the next level.

"Brittani has improved a lot from last season," he said. "If she keeps that up, it will help us out a lot. Brandy has to learn how to be a competitive athlete, where she goes out there to win every time out."

The key setter position is wide open, with seniors Kelly Hanna and Hope Manuel and junior Mandie Harrison all vying for playing time. Hanna and Manuel are returning varsity players, while Harrison was the most valuable player of the JV team last season.

"All our setters need to be more consistent with the perfect sets," Richardson said. "Kelly can be that for us, but she needs to learn how to deal with adversity and play through it."

A trio of juniors - Ingrid Zimmerman, Jenny Claus and Krissy Robinson - begin their varsity careers this season. Claus will be a defensive specialist early.

## 1997-98 Clarkston Volleyball Schedule

- Dec. 13 at Lansing Waverly Inv. - 9 a.m.
- Dec. 15 at Royal Oak Kimball - 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17 Troy - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 3 at Walled Lake Central Inv. - 9 a.m.
- Jan. 5 at West Bloomfield - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 8 Rochester Adams - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 10 JV at Waverly Inv. - 9 a.m.
- Jan. 10 Clarkston Freshman Inv. - 9 a.m.
- Jan. 17 JV at Walled Lake Central Inv.
- Jan. 17 at Grand Blanc Inv. - 8:30 a.m.
- Jan. 17 Freshmen at West Bloomfield Inv.
- Jan. 19 at Lake Orion - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 24 Clarkston JV Inv. - 9 a.m.
- Jan. 26 Birmingham Seaholm - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 29 Royal Oak Kimball - 6 p.m.
- Jan. 31 Clarkston Varsity Inv. - 9 a.m.
- Feb. 2 at Troy - 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5 West Bloomfield - 6 p.m.
- Feb. 7 at Essexville-Garber Inv. - 9 a.m.
- Feb. 7 JV at West Bloomfield Inv.
- Feb. 9 at Rochester Adams - 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12 Lake Orion - 6 p.m.
- Feb. 14 Freshmen at Rockford Inv.
- Feb. 14 JV at Fenton Inv.
- Feb. 19 at Birmingham Seaholm - 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28 at OAA Division I meet

-for dual meets, the JV game starts at listed time, with varsity to follow

### Here's how "The Monster" predicts the order of finish for the OAA Division I in volleyball

- 1-Birmingham Seaholm
- 2-Royal Oak Kimball
- 3-Clarkston
- 4-Troy
- 5-West Bloomfield
- 6-Rochester Adams
- 7-Lake Orion

## Tryouts for AAU Wolfpack team announced

Any girls interested in playing for the Clarkston Wolfpack AAU basketball team this winter should be at the team tryouts, coming up Saturday.

Girls eligible for the under-16, under-15 and under-11 teams will go from 2-3:30 p.m. at the Oakland Christian Association building on Crescent Lake Road in Waterford. Tryouts for the under-13 and under-12 teams will run from 3:30-5 p.m.

For more information, call coach Ann Lowney at Clarkston High School, 625-0900.

● Learn to Ski Days will be held at Independence Oaks County Park Jan 10 and 31, 1-4 p.m. Ski lessons and demonstrations will be offered, as well as the Crooked Lake Ice Fishing Contest on both days. Call 858-0906 or 625-0877 for more information. Other upcoming events include a ski school Jan. 18 and Feb. 7 and 15. You must register one week in advance; cost is \$7 per person, \$13 with ski rental.



# 3 days, 3 games, 3 wins

## Skaters pass tough test with trio of wins

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston	11
Waterford Mott	3

Finishing an exhausting stretch in the schedule of three games in 49 hours, the Clarkston hockey team breezed to an 11-3 win over league foe Waterford Mott Sunday at Lakeland Arena.

A first-year team with little team speed or defense, the Corsairs were simply overwhelmed with the Wolves' ability to skate and pass.

Clarkston improved to 4-1-1 overall, and 4-0 in the Suburban Prep League's North Division.

A point of concern this season for Clarkston coach Rick Rowden has been his team's play in the second period. The Wolves may have eliminated that problem by putting five in Mott's net during that period Sunday.

"In that second period, we worked together as a unit, passing the puck and converting," Rowden said after the game. "(Mott) beat Waterford Kettering, so we knew we had to stay on top of them. We kept everything in perspective and just played."

Leading the scoring parade for the Wolves was sophomore forward Anthony Facione, who had a huge game with four goals, equaling his five-game total entering the game. His two goals in a 4:32 span in the second period gave Clarkston a 7-1 lead. His linemates also played well, with sophomore center Bill Kalush scoring once and adding two assists, and junior forward



Junior Bret Postal heads after the puck during Sunday's 11-3 romp over Waterford Mott. Postal led the Wolves' offensive attack with four assists in the game.

Bret Postal dishing out four assists.

"After the Brother Rice game (a 4-2 loss), we started to click," Postal said. "We have been making good passes and getting the basics down. If we play as a team and stay away from the penalties, we'll be all right."

"His hustle on the ice makes things happen for us," Rowden said of Postal. "He opens up room for Bill and Anthony to score goals when Bret isn't scoring.

He's a big reason for our success."

Sophomore Jason Stoecker scored the game-winning goal early in the second off a deflection from a shot from the point. Stoecker and linemates Derek Hool and Steve Janowiak continued their consistent play with two goals and four assists between them.

Other goal scorers for the Wolves were junior Ben Gray, junior Adam Leech and sophomore Tom

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## Hockey

From Page 11A

Newman. Sophomore Steve Badger picked up the win in goal.

After Tuesday's game against Bloomfield Hills Lahser, the Wolves go 11 days without a game. They'll need the rest, because they host a very good Royal Oak team at Lakeland Dec. 20 at 8:20 p.m.

Clarkston	5
Birmingham	4

Clarkston took a big step in its growth as a team with a hard-fought 5-4 win over a solid Birmingham Unified team at Lakeland Saturday night.

The Wolves took an early 3-0 lead, but had to withstand a furious Birmingham rally late in the game to preserve the win.

"We played a great first period," Rowden said. "But that second period has been our pitfall so far this season. We get caught on long shifts and make mistakes that end up in our net."

The Wolves held the lead for the whole game, but Birmingham scored with 1:07 left to make it a one-goal game. Senior goaltender Ryan Hogan committed an interference penalty with 23 seconds left, but the penalty killers were up to the task and helped the team win the game.

Kalush and Facione each scored on breakaways, showing their speed and ability to finish. Postal, junior Ronnie Wells and Hool added goals for the Wolves.

Clarkston	13
Southfield	0

This game was over before it really started, as the Wolves feasted upon the last-place team in the Suburban Prep League.

Leech led the scoring with two goals and four assists, while Stoecker recorded four assists. Facione, Postal and senior Josh Babe each scored a pair of goals, while senior Ryan Peters, freshman Jake Gaines and freshman Jon Bemis each scored once.

Sophomore Pat Cook made seven saves in recording the shutout, the team's first of the season.



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## Athlete of the Week: Ronnie Wells

**Salut, Ronnie:** A player who can be seen, felt and heard, junior Ronnie Wells is a rock on defense for the Clarkston hockey team. Through Sunday's action, Ronnie leads all defensemen in scoring with three goals and two assists for five points. He was named honorable mention All-State last season and was a key member of the varsity football team this past season, playing in the secondary and on special teams. Ronnie brings the element of a bone-crushing hitter to the hockey team, as well as someone who can clear the zone effectively. He also made the honor roll in the 3.6-3.0 GPA range for the first quarter.

**Coach Rick Rowden on Ronnie:** "Ronnie is a great athlete who can skate as well as anyone else I've seen. He gives us someone with great strength and has a good shot from the point. He is a practical joker in our locker room and likes to lead the team dance in pregame warmups."

**Ronnie on Ronnie:** "My dance is just a pregame ritual. I just dance and everyone laughs. I like playing defense, because you get a lot of ice time and can deliver checks to people. Playing varsity football really helped to get me ready for the season, and it's helped me to take hits better than I did last year."



Ronnie Wells

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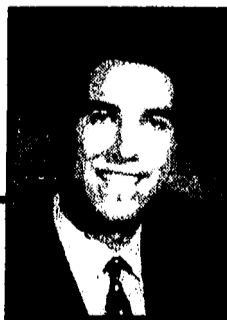
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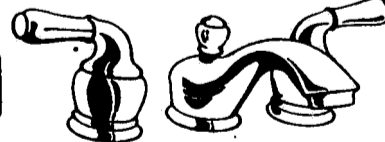
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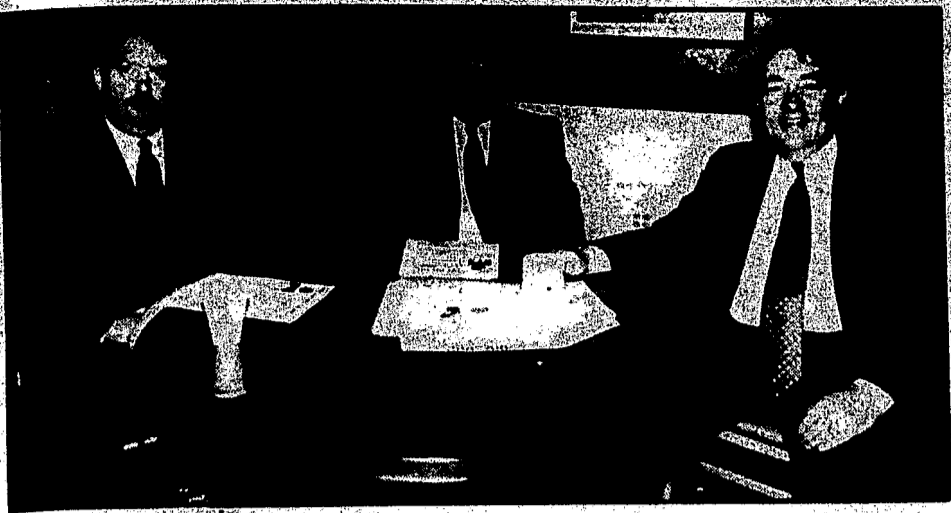
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From left, Chuck Fortinberry, Dave Harrison and Ed Adler.

**New bank from page 1A**

by NBD. "We saw last year the NBD didn't value Clarkston the way the old bank valued Clarkston," he said, referring to Clarkston State Bank, which survived many years before the Detroit bank moved in.

"Now is a good time to charter a bank to serve this market and only this market," he added. "In a local sense, we can understand the needs better of this community than a bank that's located in, say, Australia."

As a businessman, Fortinberry said he had no qualms saying "I'm in. Because I realize as a business person, there's a need in this community."

Fortinberry says he has changed banks from time to time. "If you pull the money, it's an 'oh, well' kind of attitude ... You want to build a long-term working relationship with a financial institution in your community. That's impossible anymore."

If the new community bank does get off the ground, it may find itself competing with Oxford Bank, another state-chartered bank that runs a branch in Clarkston, and Republic Bank, which opened downtown several months ago as, primarily, a mortgage-lender.

But by the end of the month, it is slated to become a full-service bank, offering checking and saving accounts, as well as other traditional services, although there won't be an ATM machine, said manager Brent Green Monday.

Adler said the establishment of a good local bank could help with revitalization efforts in the downtown area, an issue currently being studied by local business people and members of Clarkston City Council.

"We have some problems in our community. This kind of bank could contribute in redevelopment," he said.

He estimated that when it moved out, the downtown NBD branch had \$44 million in deposits. The new community bank — which would assuredly have the word "Clarkston" somewhere in its title — would expect to do at least that well.

"It's not going to be enormous. It may become \$100 million in size," Harrison said. "But if this bank organization grows and meets the need of the people it will serve, it will prosper."

Independence Township supervisor Dale Stuart said a local bank, with an emphasis on personal service, would be "nothing but positive" for this community.

**How a bank is born.**

It's not unusual for folks in Clarkston to spearhead a community bank project, says a source from the state's Department of Commerce Financial Institutions Bureau. Apparently it's a statewide trend.

Normally yearly applications total two, but this year there are six. "Three of those probably are the result of First Michigan Bank Corp. being acquired by an out-of-state bank," she said.

In order to apply for a charter, you need a minimum of five incorporators who must reside in the state of Michigan and be U.S. citizens. After the application is filed, background checks are in order, as well as thorough investigations of the applicants' character, responsibility, fitness and motives.

Then there's the financial projection, or how well you expect your bank to do, based on items like capital, population and economics. Clarkston's projected \$2-\$4 million should fit the current profile. "We haven't approved a new bank for less than \$2-\$11 million in the last few years," she said.

Some community banks recently approved include Novi's Michigan Heritage Bank, which opened in March 1997, and Muskegon Commerce Bank in Norton Shores. An Oakland County bank that recently submitted an application is Paramount Bank (formerly Sheffield Bank) in Bingham Farms.

Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catalo agreed.

"In a way, it's going back to the way things were years ago," she said.



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# Must be Santa!

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admits, Santa's cherry red nose emerges quite naturally.

The first little girl, Corrina Rotondo, isn't so sure she wants to talk to Santa, and the 3-year-old enters the room gingerly, holding tightly to her mother's hand. "I need a little hug, just a little hug," coaxes Winship. But she never makes it to his lap, conveying her wish list from a safe distance.

That hasn't changed in the past two years, says her mother, who produces pictures of a wailing Corinna from Christmas 1995 and 1996.

It's evident Santa has great fun rapping with the parents as well. "Has Mom been a good girl?" Of course, Santa, says Corinna's mother. "How boring," he mutters. "Ho, ho, ho."

The next two boys, 4-year-old Joshua White and his brother Brandon, 9, are eager and enter the room with big smiles on their faces. Santa remembers them from last year.

"Santa has a good memory. I think you boys got so much last year, you probably don't want anything this year," he teases.

But Joshua relays the importance of a new bicycle, just like the big kids ride. "With training wheels?" asks Winship. "Nah!" answers Joshua.

The boys eyes widen when Winship hints at a few reminders to keep the "nice" list going. They must keep their rooms neat and "no talking back to Mom or Dad when it's bedtime."

As far as goodies for himself, this is the '90s, the age of high cholesterol and Jenny Craig. Winship asks the boys to leave either skim milk or a diet pop next to the Christmas cookies. "Mrs. Santa says I'm getting too fat," he admits. "If you give me a little skim milk I can have a couple extra cookies." Joshua says he will leave pfefferusse. It's a deal. "Don't tell Mrs. Santa,"

Winship whispers.

Santa's next visitors are three little girls, dressed in fairy-princess dresses and glittery red shoes. Santa has them turn around so he can see how pretty they are.

The littlest sister, 3-year-old Ashley Davis, listens intently as Santa reminds her to leave either a carrot or a rutabaga for Rudolph. "And some dip," adds Ashley.

Winship does an aside to the parents. "Maybe she means Santa Claus is a dip. Ho, ho, ho."

The last two children, Cody Bridger, 4, and his sister Brittani, 7, are glad to see Santa again. Cody's father says he's glad to see his blond son's behavior improve. Last year he pulled on Santa's beard. This year Cody has matured. He loudly informs Santa, "I want to be you for Halloween."

"You get bigger every year," says Winship, as Cody and Brittani sing him some carols.

The waiting room is empty for another year, and a tired Winship goes back to change. He emerges shortly without the padding, but pops on a pair of Santa-like spectacles. As his staff waits for him to close shop, he provides a little history.

Originally, Winship was behind the camera when the first Santa, Bob Krick, played the character in 1958. Eventually Krick retired and Winship — who had many years to absorb the lines — took over the role, adding the



Corrina Rotondo, 3 — who's a little intimidated by the big guy — visits from a safe distance.

video idea later.

"I have to give Bob the credit ... for the way we talk to the children. He's about the best Santa I have ever seen," Winship says.

The visits are getting so popular that Winship added four extra days this year. Last year he saw over 600 children.

He never tires of the role. And, though he often sweats through the command performances, he dons the gay apparel with relish.

"I love it. The kids are so cute."

He admits, "You have to pump yourself up for the part. It's sort of like being an actor on stage." What's really

challenging is the 11-, 12- and 13-year-olds. If they come back, "You know you've done a good job."

What makes the character of Santa Claus so enduring?

That's easy. "He brings presents," Winship laughs. "And he's jolly and he always tells them that he loves them ... then what to do to be good boys and girls. Plus I think all children need the reassuring, besides coming from Mother and Dad."

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A trash can flew off a 1995 Chevy southbound on M-15 and hit a northbound car. No injuries.

A phone was stolen from an unlocked car on Mary Sue.

A phone was reported lost in the last couple of weeks on Beachwood.

A generator and tools were stolen from a 1984 Chevy truck overnight on Tuson.

A window was broken on a 1997 Ford parked on Eastview overnight and a briefcase and checkbook were missing.

Someone attempted to break into a business on M-15 over the weekend. There were kick marks on the door and a screen was cut.

A Sunnysdale resident reported a prowler who had been seen around for a couple of weeks was just seen watching a child in the bathroom. Deputies found a barrel under the window and signs of chewing tobacco in the area.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2,** car/deer accident on Clarkston Rd. west of Sashabaw.

Two phones were stolen from a 1996 Buick parked in a Snowapple driveway overnight.

A 42-year-old Waterford woman was arrested for drunk driving after she was involved in an accident on M-15 at Paramus. Witnesses said her 1996 Chrysler crossed the center line repeatedly before hitting a 1996 Ford Windstar driven by a 71-year-old Clarkston man. The man drove off onto the shoulder to try to avoid the collision. The woman tested twice the legal limit for alcohol and had already been convicted of drunk driving twice, the latest in 1993.

After being notified by his bank that a check had been cashed that was out of sequence, a Parview resident noticed that 25 checks were missing.

A phone and wallet containing credit cards, a drivers license and \$200 cash were stolen from an unlocked 1997 Chevy truck parked on Strawberry Lane.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3,** car/deer accidents on Clarkston west of Sashabaw and on Sashabaw north of Clarkston.

A 31-year-old Birmingham woman was taken to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital after she allegedly pulled her car out in front of a southbound car on M-15 near Cranberry Lake Rd., hit the car and went off the road.

Threats were left on an answering machine on Indianwood.

A phone was stolen from an unlocked Ford van on Ranch Estates.

Three men came in to a gas station on Dixie and when they left, two cartons of cigarettes were missing. Later, two of the men came back and confessed their friend had stolen the cigarettes. Then, on Dec. 6, the same man came back and another carton of cigarettes went missing. In both cases, no one saw the theft occur.

A 42-year-old Clarkston man was pulled over for erratic driving on Dixie Highway and found to be intoxicated. He tested over twice the legal limit for alcohol and had two prior drunk-driving convictions, in 1988 and 1991. When asked how much he'd had to drink, he said, "too much to be driving."

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4,** a 74-year-old Dearborn woman was taken to POH after she lost control of her car on Sashabaw and struck a house.

A window was broken on a 1996 Olds on Oak Park.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5,** a 26-year-old Clarkston man was not injured when his car slid off an icy Ridgeview and hit a tree.

A 21-year-old Lake Orion man who wasn't wearing a seatbelt was nevertheless uninjured after his car rolled over on Sashabaw Rd. and ended up on a front lawn. He tested .17 for alcohol; .10 is considered drunk.

A briefcase containing \$100 cash and some papers was stolen from a 1990 Toyota truck parked unlocked on Clinton.

An angel Christmas ornament was stolen from a home on Scenic Pines overnight.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6,** the windshield of a 1990 Olds was cracked on Dixie.

A moving van accidentally ran over a lawn on Gulfview Dr.

A 40-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on Dixie for drunk driving.

A driver on Dixie tried to reach over a close a partially open door, lost control of the car and hit a light pole. No injuries.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7,** a phone and CD player were stolen from a 1997 Saturn after the window was broken on Deer Hill overnight.

A phone was stolen from a 1996 Ford truck on Langel Ct. overnight.



Someone cut the 1998 tab off a license plate on Pine Knob Lane. A rock was used to damage a window, a vehicle and a light fixture at a business on M-15.

A phone was stolen from a 1995 Mitsubishi parked on Hillside.

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# Virtual travelling

## Geography class visits foreign lands through studies—and food

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Students in Ruth Duling's seventh-grade geography classes at Clarkston Middle School don't just read about history; they touch it, smell it, taste it.

Last week at the end of a unit on China, Japan and Korea, students presented their individual projects, then chowed down on rice balls, stir fries and a cake with a map of China made of frosting. The fun came after weeks of work, during which students compiled written reports covering everything from tourism and the environment to resources, population and climate. It's all part of Duling's plan to get them immersed in the culture they're studying.

"At first it's like 'We've got to do all that stuff?'" Duling said, remembering her students' reaction to the two-page project description.

Seventh-graders in Clarkston take a class in Eastern Hemisphere history after studying the Western Hemisphere as sixth-graders. Then, in eighth grade they move to American history through the Civil War. That structure helps make sure no one part of the globe gets neglected by courses that run out of time before material, Duling said.

"At least you have some time to do something decent with the Eastern Hemisphere. They get time to appreciate it. And I think you *have* to appreciate it."

One of the students' favorite projects is the Great Wall. It's something that happens every year, Duling said, and this year was no different. There were models made of clay, sugar cubes, cookies—even pie dough. Nathan Matzelle made his out of clay. It took him three hours.

"I started over because my dad gave me another idea," he said. Other students made paper lanterns,



Amanda Armstrong shows off a cake with the outline of China drawn in frosting she contributed to the day's feasting.

including Alex Heinrich, who used computer resources to come up with her design. Kyle Hester found his paper lantern design in one of his favorite movies, "Karate Kid."

When it came to food, perhaps the most authentic dish was the rice balls prepared by Kati LaMonda. She made them with the help of her Japanese neighbor, who provided some of the more exotic ingredients, like seaweed.

"My neighbor, she's from Japan so most of the stuff is from Japan," Kati said. "They weren't that hard to make but the rice was very sticky. So she had molds to shape them."

Kati's classmates gamely tried the unfamiliar dish, but many didn't exactly eat down to the last grain.

"It tastes different; there's no butter," said Edgar Grech-Cumbo, perhaps being a bit diplomatic, a good skill to have when experiencing foreign cultures. Students were a bit more comfortable with a chicken stir fry and what looked like fried rice. Steve Rosso pronounced the rice balls "pretty weird."

The sampling is all part of the experience Duling seeks to provide her students. Instead of an exam at the end of the semester, she'll have each student choose a "resource," such as an agricultural crop, to prepare a report on. That student then become the class expert on that topic.

"From then on if something comes up, like sorghum, and someone says 'What's that?' I can say 'Where's our sorghum expert?'" Duling explained.

The next adventure the students will embark upon is India, where the smells, the tastes, the sights and sounds will probably be even more exotic. Again, they'll prepare projects. And again, at the end they'll taste.

"What you cover is required," Duling said. "How you cover it is up to you. So we always eat."



Students crowd around the Oriental-style buffet, featuring authentic Japanese rice balls, chicken stir fry and fried rice.

'What you cover is required. How you cover it is up to you. So we always eat.'

Geography teacher Ruth Duling



Nathan Matzelle with the clay version of the Great Wall of China he created for his geography class.





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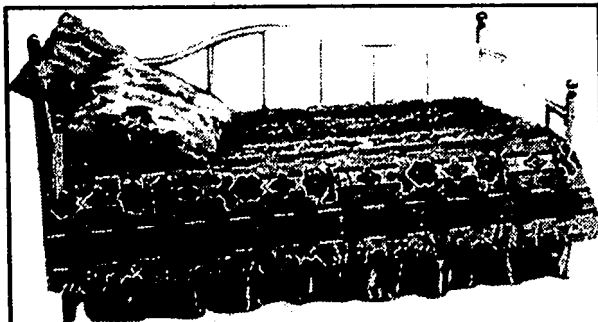


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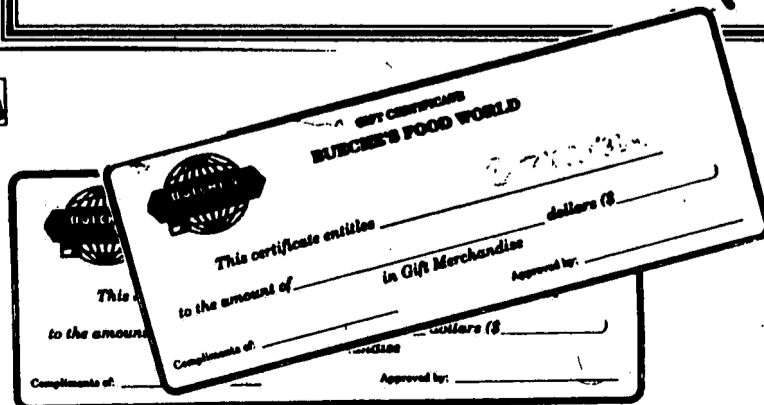
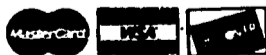
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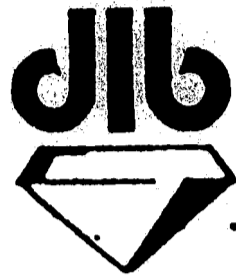
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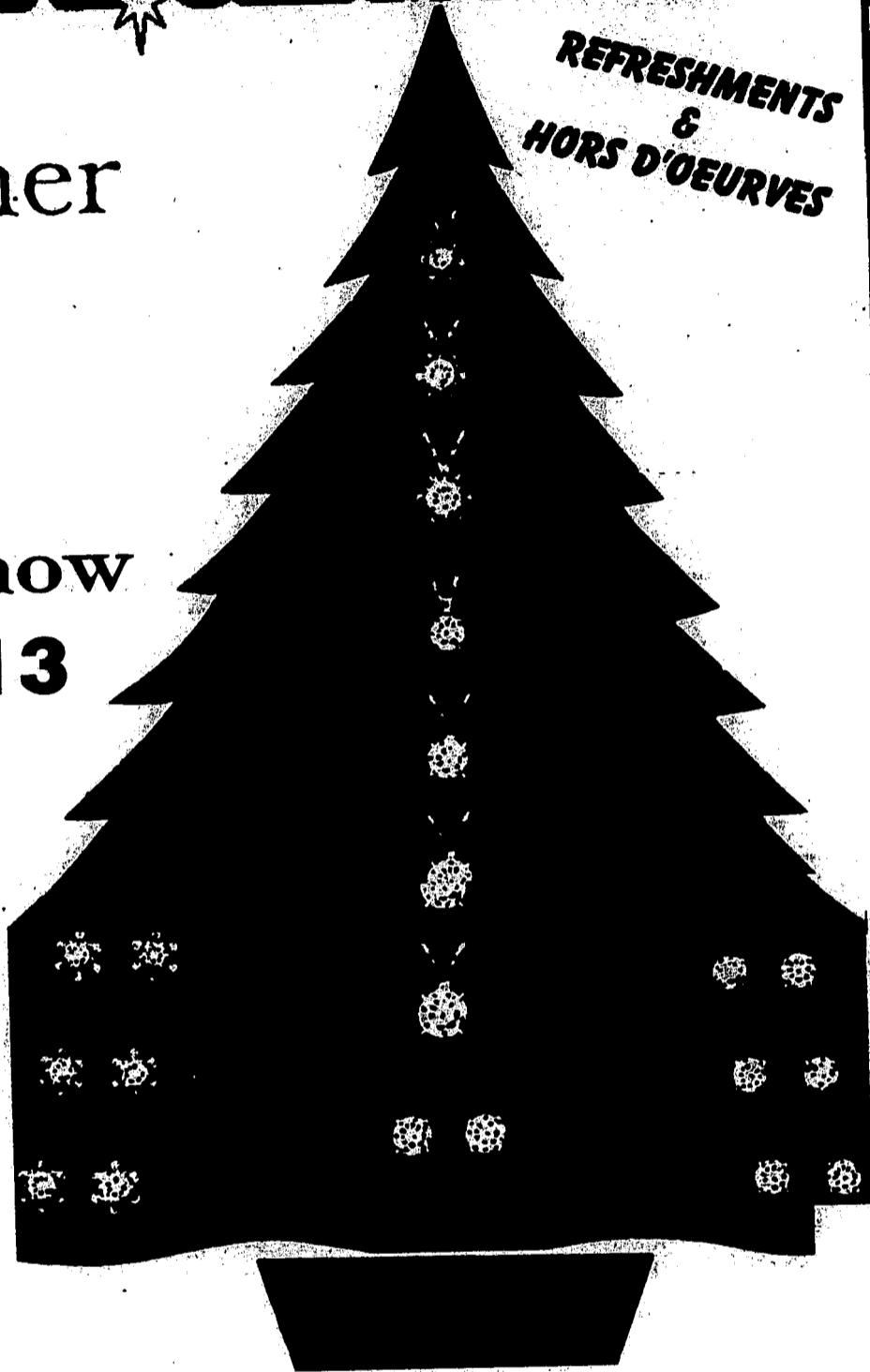
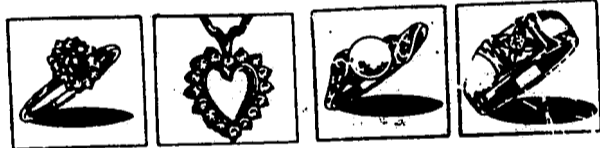


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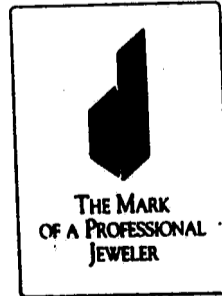


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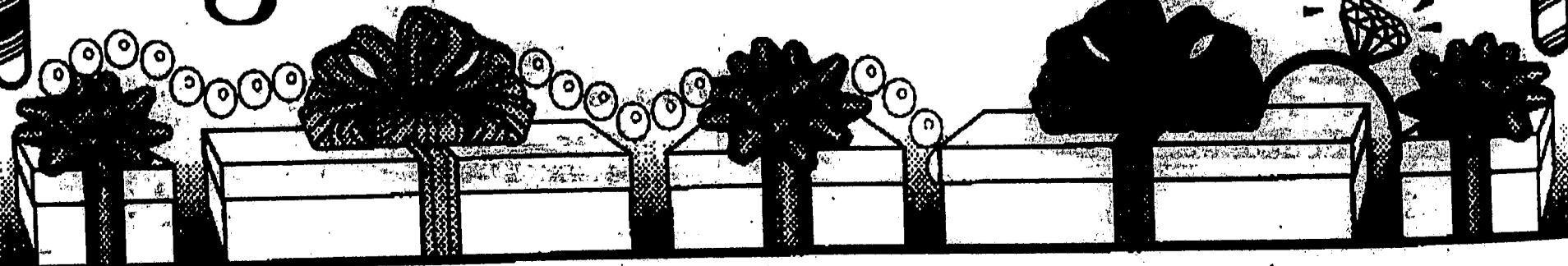
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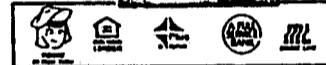
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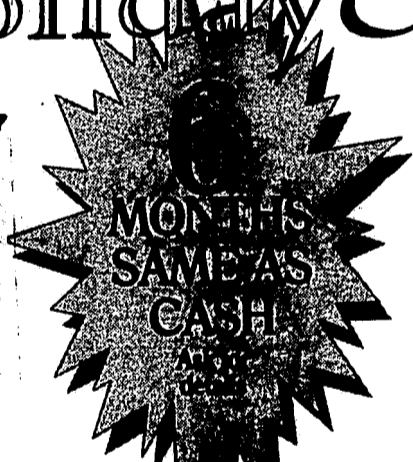
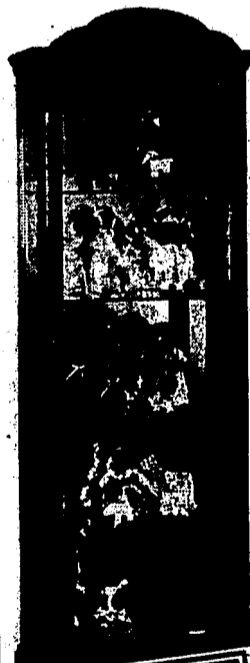


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## Obituaries

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Robert E. Cole, 67, died suddenly Dec. 2, 1997. Mr. Cole was a retired designer with Pontiac Motor.

He is survived by his wife Patsy; daughter Catherine (Steven) Chumbler of Clarkston; grandchildren Ashlee and Robert; and sister Doris McLaughlin of Lake Orion.

A funeral service took place Friday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association in Berkley.

### Zachary DeBoer

Zachary DeBoer, the newborn son of Rebecca and Matt of Ortonville, died Dec. 7, 1997.

He is survived by grandparents Darlene and Bruce Mathiak of Ortonville and Rosemarie and Eugene DeBoer; brothers Jacob and Bailey; sister Ashley; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A graveside service took place Tuesday at Lakeview Cemetery with Rev. Ronald Moritz officiating. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to Lighthouse North.

### Henry Savoie

Henry Joseph Savoie, 71, of Mio and formerly of Clarkston, died Dec. 9, 1997.

Mr. Savoie is survived by brothers Leo (Joyce) of California, Lucian "Jim" (Roseanne) of Elmira, and Gerald (Joyce) of Waterford; sister Simone (Spencer) Hawkins of Arizona; and brother-in-law Earl Christner of Arizona. He was preceded in death by a sister, Lucille Marie Christner, and his parents, Davila and Odelle.

A funeral mass will take place Thursday at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Waterford. Interment will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit. Memorials can be made to the Mental Illness Research Association.

### William Willits

William Burton "Burt" Willits, 72, of Clarkston, died suddenly Dec. 7, 1997.

Mr. Willits enjoyed bowling at Cherry Hill Lanes and was a former member of the Waterford Elks Club.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie; daughters Debbie (Mike) Fox of Colorado and Pam (Nick) Palaian of Rochester; son Dave (Cari) of Davisburg; grandchildren Brian, Sue Ann, Melissa, Kevin, Lisa, Adam and Michael; and sisters Beryl Hintz and Marjorie Hickman of Hawaii. He was preceded in death by a brother, George.

A funeral service took place Wednesday morning at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials can be made to the Rainbow Connection in Rochester.

### Dorothy Boice

Dorothy M. Boice, 75, of Florida formerly of Waterford, died Dec. 1, 1997.

Mrs. Boice was a retired beauty operator with the Capital Beauty Shop and Boice Beauty Shop in Pontiac. She is survived by her husband Ellis "Al" and brother Donald Fuchs.

A funeral service took place Friday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Rev. Nelson officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

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BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Visitors to the Colombiere Center in Springfield Township will have a more comfortable stay after extensive renovations were shown at a grand opening last week.

The center hosted a premiere for invited members of the public that showed off a more relaxed atmosphere combined with expanded conference areas. Included in that is more modern furniture and more open spaces, to be better used by conference groups.

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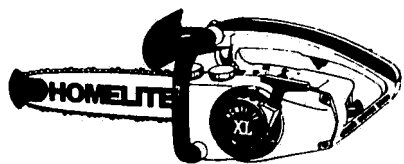
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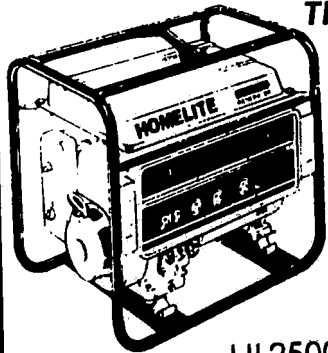


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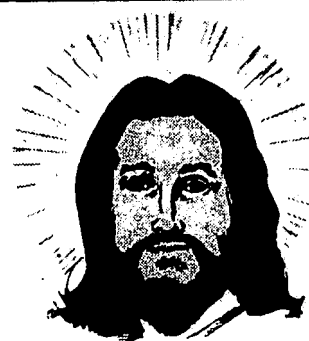
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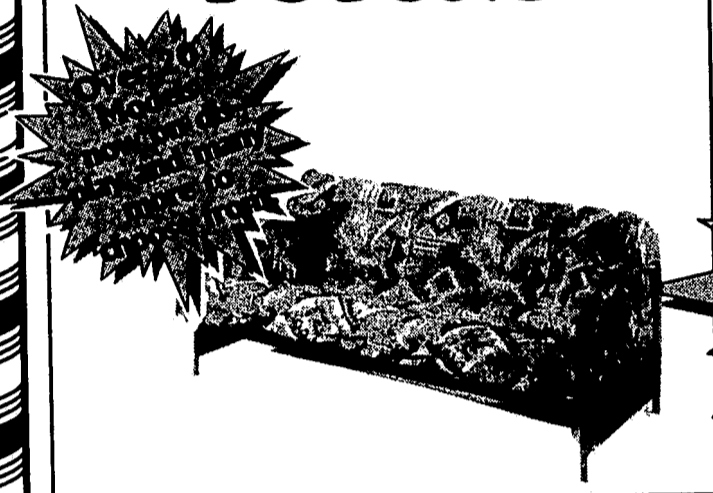
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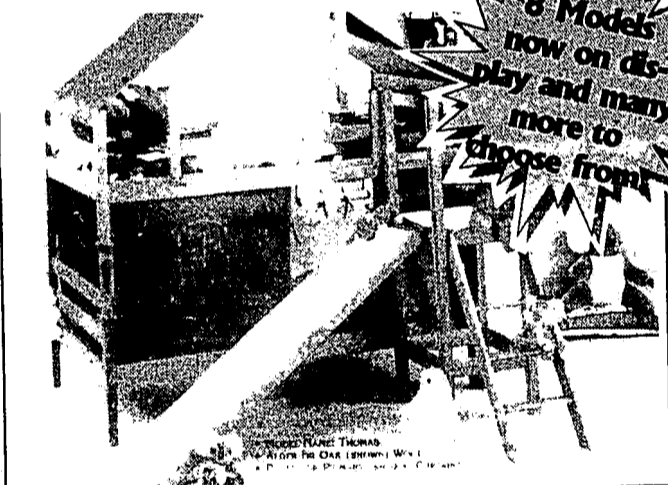
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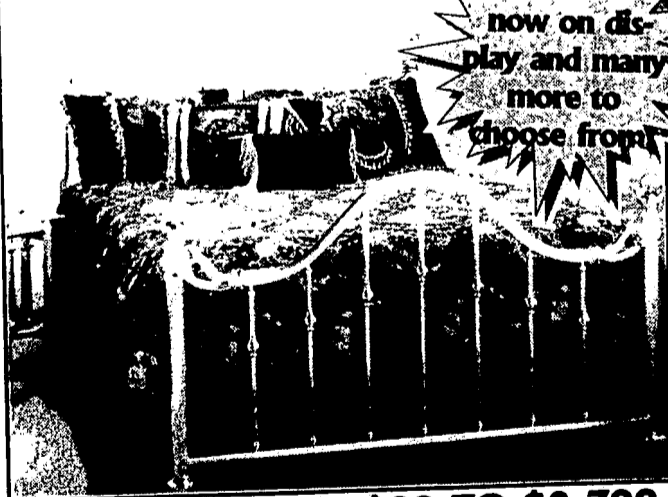
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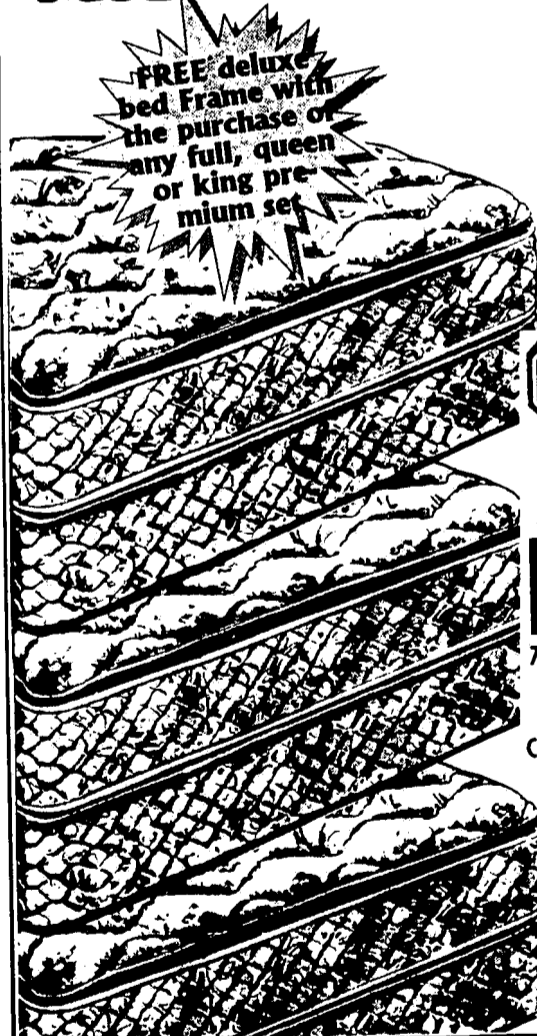
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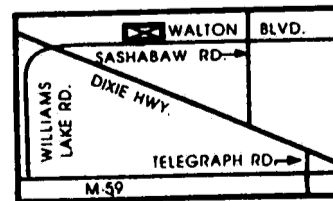
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# Toy story

## What do kids want for Christmas? Area retailers know their secrets

**BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's the middle of December. The stores are all out of Sleep and Snore Ernie and you're ready to pull your hair out.

What's going to put that big, bright smile on your child's face Christmas morning? Some local toy store owners just might have the answer to your prayers.

But, beware. Local Kmart store operations manager Mike Binder says you might have as much luck in getting this year's hits—Sesame Street lovey Ernie and second-place's Talking Bubba—as you would finding reindeer on your roof.

However, don't let that dampen your Christmas spirit. The Drayton Plains Kmart still has plenty of "Tamogotchis," those adorable little virtual pocket-pets from Japan, as well as Nintendo 64 and Sony Play Stations.

Also high on children's wish lists are Disney Trivial Pursuit games, stereos, CDs, VCRs, TVs (parents are putting those items in their kids' bedrooms now, says Binder) and Barbie dolls.

"Barbies are still popular," says Binder, although "passe" is the word he uses to describe Mattel's annual Christmas Barbie, a real snoozer this year. Tickle Me Elmo has also lost the mass hysteria appeal that drove parents bonkers during Christmas '96. And, although stuffed animals are always welcome, Beanie Babies are not part of Kmart's repertoire, Binder reports.

"The ACTUAL Beanie Babies," he corrects, referring to the wannabes some stores push. "People aren't fooled by an imitation bean bag. They want the real thing."

You won't find bonafide Beanie Babies at Kmart

### **Kmart lists the top toy choices:**

- 1-Sleep and Snore Ernie (\$20-25)
- 2-Talking Bubba (\$34.99)
- 3-Nintendo 64 or Sony Play Station (\$149 each)
- 4-Disney Trivial Pursuit (\$34.99)
- 5-Tamogotchis (\$16.99 each)

### **Bubble Dragon's Christmas hits:**

- 1-Brio toys, especially the wooden train sets
- 2-Playmobil (\$3-200 for sets)
- 3-Sanrio, featuring "Hello Kitty," "Keroippi" (a frog) and "Badtz Maru" (\$2-100)
- 4-puppets (\$2-50, finger puppets and up)
- 5-science items from "Educational Insights"

because the tossable miniatures are found only at specialty stores like Hallmark, Binder says. Neither will you find them at "Bubble Dragon Toys," a specialty toy shop, further down Dixie at Andersonville Rd.

And you won't find Ernie, Bubba, Tamowhatshisname—or that beloved purple plush dinosaur either.

"We don't sell Barney here," says store manager Susan Crum to a customer. That's because big-name brands aren't sold at Bubble Dragon, which prides itself on toys you can't find most other places. Toys like Madame Alexander dolls, "Hello Kitty" paraphernalia, Brio wooden train sets and unusual animal puppets like tarantulas and puffins.

"Everybody can get a teddy bear puppet. But we have a grizzly bear, a panda bear, a polar bear ... We don't carry mass market toys here. No Bubba, no Hot Wheels, no Fisher Price," says Crum.

Nevertheless, toy sales boom, especially around Christmas. Besides the above, Crum estimates the hot sellers in her store, as well as at a second store in Grand Blanc, include specialty, high-quality and educational toys like Playmobil, the rest of the Sanrio "Hello Kitty"



Learning to share near a toy train set inside Bubble Dragon Toys are (left) Kara Marsom, 2, and Austin Taylor, 19 months.

line, dress-up clothes, science kits, puzzles, books and music.

Bubble Dragon's goal is to try and please the gamut of customers who trek down its multi-colored aisles. For example, in addition to the halos and fairy princess gowns marketed toward girls, little boys can deck themselves out in knights' capes or firemen's sets. Or little girls, for that matter.

According to Crum, the store was the brainchild of Clarkston couple Joe and Susan Gibson. "They lived out here and they just knew this area needed a toy store like this—and they were right."

With specials like "Bubble Bucks," each \$1, that go toward the purchase of store items, cards mailed (with \$3-worth of the bucks) out to customers on their birthdays and free gift-wrapping and personalizing, "We're doing really well," Crum says. "Our customers become our friends."

Bubble Dragon also encourages children to play with the toys before buying, adds Crum, who will also

provide suggestions for those "who don't know what to buy for a 4-year-old."

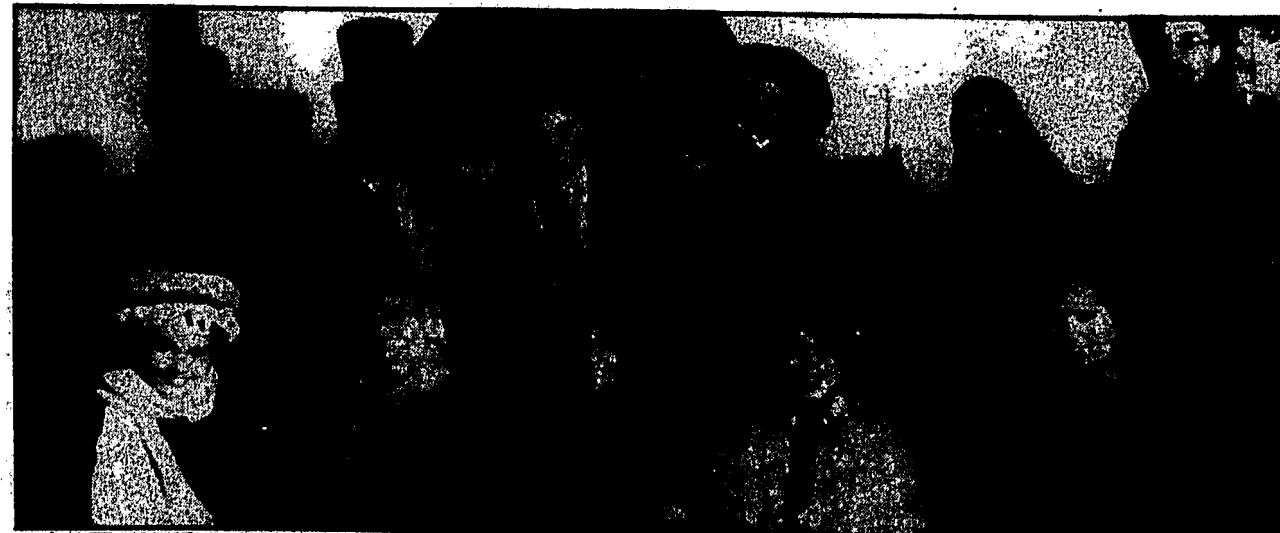
Adults are also good customers, and a stuffed animal like Paddington, Madeline, or a dazzling new game is a good gift choice for those who never grow old.

"Let's see ... My dad is 53 and I've bought him countless items from here." Last year Crum purchased a rocket-type launcher that shoots foam darts, not only for her dad, but for the other guys in her family. "It's pretty fun. They all go in the back yard and shoot each other."

This year Dad will tear open the Christmas wrap and find a dragon puppet inside. "He'll play with the grandkids. He's a giant kid."

That description doesn't exclude Crum herself. Her latest obsession is "Badtz Maru," a sad-faced penguin from the "Hello Kitty" line.

"Sanrio is my weakness. That's what I spend most of my paycheck on." Are you listening, Santa?



## *A Dickens of a Christmas in Holly*

The Festival Singers are just part of the fun in Holly during the holiday season. The village is once again hosting the Holly Olde Tyme Dickens Festival, continuing weekends through Dec. 28 in downtown Holly. The festival offers choirs, jugglers, street characters, a fire-eater, urchins, hot food vendors and more. The fun begins at noon Saturdays and 1 p.m. Sundays.



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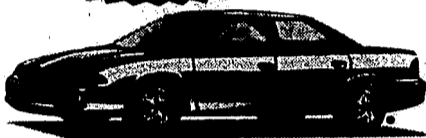
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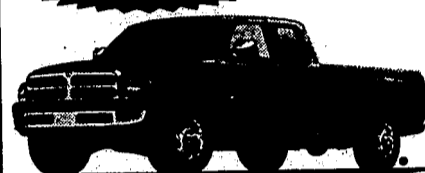


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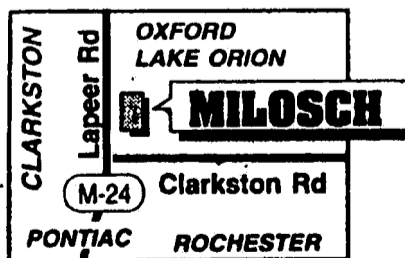
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All advertising in Sherman Publications, Inc. is subject to the conditions in the applicable rate card or advertising contract, copies of which are available from the Ad Dept. at The Oxford Leader (628-4801) or The Clarkston News (625-3370). This newspaper reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Our ad takers have no authority to bind this newspaper and only publication of an ad constitutes acceptance of the advertiser's order. Tear sheets will not be furnished for classified ads.

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3. Fill out the coupon in this issue and mail it to The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main, Clarkston, MI 48346, The Oxford Leader, P.O. Box 108, 666 S. Lapeer Rd., Oxford, MI 48371, or The Lake Orion Review, 30 N. Broadway, Lake Orion, MI 48362, and we will bill you.

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## Kelley-Seddon

Joe Seddon of Lake Orion and Lois Seddon of Clarkston announce the engagement of their daughter Lesley to Jon Kelley, son of Bob and Mary Kelley of Clarkston. A June 1998 wedding is planned.

## 'This is the last time to run our ad'

Operate a business? If so, don't forget to tell the community what you're doing. The easiest, most cost efficient way is a business want ad in The Clarkston News and Penny Stretcher.

Just read a note we recently received in the mail:  
 "Hi, This is the last time to run our ad — your paper has a lot of readers, because this has been the best year yet! Thanks. We'll call you next spring to start ad again. Rod."

Rod used The Clarkston News and Penny Stretcher want ad section to let people know he was in business. His ad read, "Cement Floors, driveways, walks, etc. Free Estimates."

Simple, to the point and darned effective. A 10-word commercial want ad only costs \$7.50 a week (30 cents more for each additional word).

Rod was also correct when he said we have a lot of readers. Placing a want ad in The Clarkston News and Penny Stretcher will get your message to nearly 50,000 homes in the Clarkston, Springfield, Lake Orion and Oxford-Addison areas (and for only an extra \$5 a week, you can pick up 9,000 homes in the Ortonville/Goodrich community).

Placing a want ad is easy, too. Give us a call at 625-3370, 8-5, Monday-Friday, or stop by our office at 5 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

## INDEPENDENCE TWP.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

- 1998
- January 15\*, 27\*
- February 10, 24
- March 3, 17
- April 7, 21
- May 5, 19
- June 2, 16
- July 7, 21
- August 5\*\*, 18
- September 1, 15
- October 6, 20
- November 4\*\*, 17
- December 1, 15

\* Date Change Due to Holiday Schedule.  
 \*\* Date Change Due to Election Dates.  
 This schedule was approved at the Regular Township Board Meeting held on December 2, 1997.

## Holiday happenings

**BRUNCH WITH JOSEPH:** First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Rd., will present this program for children Saturday, Dec. 13 at 11 a.m. at the church. Brunch and a talk on the true meaning of Christmas are included. Cameras are invited. Call 394-0200 for reservations.

**AUCTION:** A Holiday Dime Auction featuring Beanie Babies and holiday items will be held Thursday, Dec. 11 at First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Rd. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., raffle drawing is at 8 p.m. A light supper is available. Call 394-0200.

**ADOPT A SENIOR FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** The Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA) needs donations for its seventh annual Adopt a Senior for the Holiday program. OLHSA provides baskets of food for the holiday for low-income, homebound senior citizens in Oakland County. OLHSA is accepting donations of small turkeys, roasting chickens, hams, cranberry sauce, bread, stuffing, canned fruits and vegetables or any grocery item that would make a nice meal. Take donations to OLHSA's office at 196 Oakland Ave., Pontiac, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays. Pick-up can also be arranged by calling 858-1679.

**FREE GIFT CALENDAR FOR NATURE LOVERS:** A calendar published by the Michigan Nature Association shows color photographs of 25 easy-to-visit nature sanctuaries in southeast Michigan. To cover postage, send a check for \$1.32 to the MNA at 7981 Beard Rd., PO Box 102, Avoca, MI 48006, or call 810-324-2626 to find a distribution point near you.

## Historical Society to release latest book

Just in time for holiday giving, the Clarkston Community Historical Society has announced the publication of its latest book.

"The Way We Remember It" is a collection of reminiscences from old-time Clarkston residents. Former Clarkston News reporter Catherine Passmore interviewed members of some of Clarkston's oldest families, who shared their stories of life in the village of Clarkston and on its surrounding farms. Some other interviews had been recorded by the historical society earlier and were also incorporated into the book.

The book will debut December 18 at 7 p.m. at a special author's reception at the Independence Township Library's Heritage Room. Passmore will be on hand to talk about the book and sign copies. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

The book will also be available at the Union General Store on Main St. Price is \$20.

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## INDEPENDENCE TWP.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD

**AGENDA**  
 MEETING AT INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP  
 FIRE STATION NO. 1  
 6500 CITATION DRIVE  
 7:30 p.m.  
 DATE December 16, 1997

- Call to order  
 Pledge of Allegiance  
 Roll Call  
 Opening Statements and Correspondence  
 Approval of Agenda  
 Minutes of Previous Meeting  
 Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run  
 Approval of Purchase Orders  
 Public Forum

- New Business:**
1. Cairns Iris Infrared Imaging - Fire
  2. Discussion of Proposed In-line Deck Hockey Rink - Sashabaw Plains
  3. AFLAC - Section 125
  4. Appointments to Committees and Commissions
- Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

## Announcements

● **The Parent Network** will meet Tuesday, Dec. 16 for a program on "Celebrating the Holidays in Peaceful Fashion." Mary Carry of the Peace and National Priorities Center of Oakland County will talk about making the holidays more people/family oriented. The group meets at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Call 625-4855 for more information.

● **Positive adult role models** are being sought by Oakland County Youth Assistance, which will offer mentor training Saturday, Dec. 13, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakland County Courthouse. For more information call 858-0041.

● **The Women's Survival Center** of Oakland County will hold orientation for prospective volunteers in January. Help is needed working at the county courthouse with victims of domestic violence and stalking with paperwork for personal protection orders, as well as with phone calls. Call 335-2685 for more information.

## FREE THINGS TO SEND FOR

(NAPS)—For great-tasting catfish recipes, visit The Catfish Institute's Web site at <http://www.catfishinstitute.com> or call 1-888-451-FISH.



For information about the Oreo Kids Recipe Contest and to request an entry form, call toll-free 1-888-EAT-OREO (1-888-328-6736).

Call CRFA at 800-227-CRFA to request a breast health brochure, or visit the CRFA Web site at <http://www.preventcancer.org>.

To learn about the Weight Watchers program that helped the Duchess of York, call 1-800-651-6000.

If your child has a recurring illness, you can call the Jeffrey Modell Foundation for information about Primary Immune Deficiency at 1-800-JEFF-844.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

In the Matter of the Estate of: **MILDRED J. ORYSZCZAK**, Deceased  
 File No. 97-280380-SE  
**HON. SANDRA G. SILVER**  
 Last Address:  
 6221 Richardson Rd.  
 Commerce Twp., MI 48360  
 SS No. 369-07-0671

**ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR.** (P-24924)  
 Attorney for Per. Rep.  
 2745 Pontiac Lake Road  
 Waterford, MI 48328  
 Telephone: (248) 682-6800

## AMENDED PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**  
 TAKE NOTICE: On November 4, A.D. 1997, at 9:30 a.m., in the probate courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, before Honorable Sandra G. Silver, Judge of Probate, a hearing was held on the Petition of **NICHOLAS ORYSZCZAK**, **NICHOLAS ORYSZCZAK** was appointed personal representative of **MILDRED J. ORYSZCZAK**, who lived at 6221 Richardson Road, Commerce Township, Michigan, 48360, and died July 30, 1997; and the will of the deceased dated 11/14/67 was admitted to probate.

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: December 5, 1997  
**NICHOLAS ORYSZCZAK**  
 30 Crouty  
 White Lake, Michigan 48386  
**ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR.** (P-24924)  
 Attorney for Personal Representative  
 2745 Pontiac Lake Road  
 Waterford, Michigan 48328-2653  
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## INDEPENDENCE TWP.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE SYNOPSIS

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
 Supervisor Stuart called the December 2, 1997 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex.  
 Pledge of Allegiance.  
 Roll Call: Present: McCrary, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger.  
 Absent: McGee.

- There is a quorum.
1. Approval of Agenda with the Removal of Discussion on Proposed In-line Deck Hockey Rink - Sashabaw Plains.
  2. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 1997, as amended.
  3. Approved the List of Payment Distribution in the amount of \$821,017.58.
  4. Approval of Purchase Orders in the amount of \$9,568.66.
  5. A Public Hearing was held to receive comments and objections to the Necessity of Improvements Designating Townsend Lake Water and Sewer SAD.
  6. Adoption of a Resolution Determining Necessity of Improvements and Designating Townsend Lake Sewer SAD.
  7. Adoption of a Resolution Determining Necessity of Improvements and Designating Townsend Lake Water SAD.
  8. Approved the Special Land Use and Final Site Plan for Oakhurst Phase III.
  9. Approved the 1998 Township Board Meeting Schedule.
  10. Approved the Hiring of Beth Walker as Recreation Programmer.
  11. Approved the Hiring of Denise King as a Van Driver.
  12. Approved the Renewal of the Springfield Township Transportation Agreement.
  13. Adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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- 1996 F-150, auto, 6 cyl., air, great work truck, very low miles ..... **\$13,900**
- 1995 F-150 V-8, auto, XLT Super Cab, low miles, fully loaded, "3 to choose from" ..... **Starting at \$15,900**
- 1995 CHEVY 1500 SILVERADO SPORT TRUCK, leather, auto, conversion pkg. "a must see" ..... **\$15,900**
- 1995 F-150 EDDIE BAUER PKG, fully loaded, matching cap & alarm ..... **Sale Priced at a low \$12,500**
- 1994 F-150 4X4, V-8, auto, only 34,000 miles XLT, one owner, "Don't miss this one" ..... **\$15,500**
- 1994 GMC 1500 X-CAB 4X4, auto, 350 V-8, fully loaded with leather & conversion pkg. .... **\$17,900**
- 1994 CHEVY 1500 CONVERSION TRUCK, leather 350 V-8, auto, "They don't come any nicer", low miles ..... **only \$15,900**
- 1994 FORD BRONCO, black beauty, one owner, 55,000 miles, V-8, auto, fully loaded ..... **only \$15,900**
- 1993 FORD BRONCO XLT, V-8, auto, fully loaded, super clean ..... **Just \$14,995**
- 1994 - 96 FORD EXPLORERS XLT, fully loaded, very nice vehicles ..... **Starting as low as \$11,900**
- 1994 RANGER SPLASH SUPER CAB, auto, V-6, fully loaded, power windows & locks ..... **Bargain priced at \$10,900**
- MANY VANS to choose from ..... as low as \$1,995**

## CARS

- 1997 FORD TAURUS GL, fully loaded, program vehicles, 3 to choose from ..... as low as **\$13,500**
- 1997 FORD ESCORT LX, automatic trans plus more, only 1,210 miles ..... **Bargain at \$10,500**
- 1995 FORD CONTOUR, fully loaded, program vehicle ..... **\$9,400**
- 1995 FORD ASPIRE, get your moneys worth on these two ..... **\$0 Down, only \$165 per month**
- 1995 CHEVY MONTE CARLO Z-34, fully loaded, leather and fast ..... **\$11,500**
- 1995 PLYMOUTH NEON, auto, air, one owner, 28,000 miles, very, very nice, "What a deal" ..... **only \$8,495**
- 1995 BUICK RIVIERA, just a very beautiful vehicle, only owner, power moon, leather and super charged too, must buy ..... **\$17,900**
- 1995 CHRYSLER SEBRING, V-6, auto, fully loaded, power moon, only 26,000 miles ..... **Sale priced at only \$11,900**
- 1995 CHEVY CAVALIER, students special, one owner and "HOT RED" ..... **\$9,800**
- 1990-94 TEMPOS & TOPAZ, 2 drs & 4 drs, auto., air, cass, "what a selection", 6 to choose from ..... **starting as low as \$2,495**
- 1994 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, fully loaded, 3.4 liter, one owner, just a black beauty ..... **only \$10,900**
- 1994 DODGE SPIRIT, auto, air and fully loaded, 2 to choose from ..... **starting at \$6,995**
- 1994 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, fully loaded, V-8, local owner "Just an absolute jewel" ..... **only \$10,500**
- 1994 OLDS ACHIEVA, auto., fully loaded, This one's a real bargain! ..... **Only \$7,995**

## MUST GO!!

- 1994 ESCORT LX, auto, air, 28,000 miles ..... **\$7,995**
- 1994 FORD TAURUS, 3.8 and loaded ..... **\$8,995**
- 1994 PROBE, auto, air, sunroof ..... **\$7,995**
- 1993 T-BIRD LX, auto, air, highway miles ..... **\$4,900**
- 1993 FORD ESCORT LX ..... **\$1,995**
- 1993 CHEVY CAVALIER, 4 dr., auto, air ..... **\$5,995**
- 1993 BUICK REGAL, auto, V-6, loaded ..... **\$7,995**
- 1992 BUICK LASABRE, auto, luxury and more ..... **\$7,995**
- 1992 CHEVY LUMINA, auto, air ..... **\$7,500**
- 1994 FORD AEROSTAR, auto, loaded ..... **\$5,995**
- 1994 ASTRO WAGON, fully loaded ..... **\$7,995**
- 1992 CHEVY S-10, 5 sp., air, nice truck ..... **\$5,300**
- 1992 CHEVY S-10 BLAZER, fully loaded ..... **Sale Priced \$5,995**
- 1992 CHEVY ASTRO, nice 7 pass van ..... **\$5,995**
- 1991 F-150 XLT, 5 sp., air, nice work truck ..... **\$5,900**
- 1991 RANGER XLT, very nice & clean ..... **Bargain Priced \$4,500**
- 1990 OLDS SILHOUETTE WAGON ..... **\$1,900**
- 1992 F-150 SUBERCAB 4X4 ..... **Sale Priced \$8,995**

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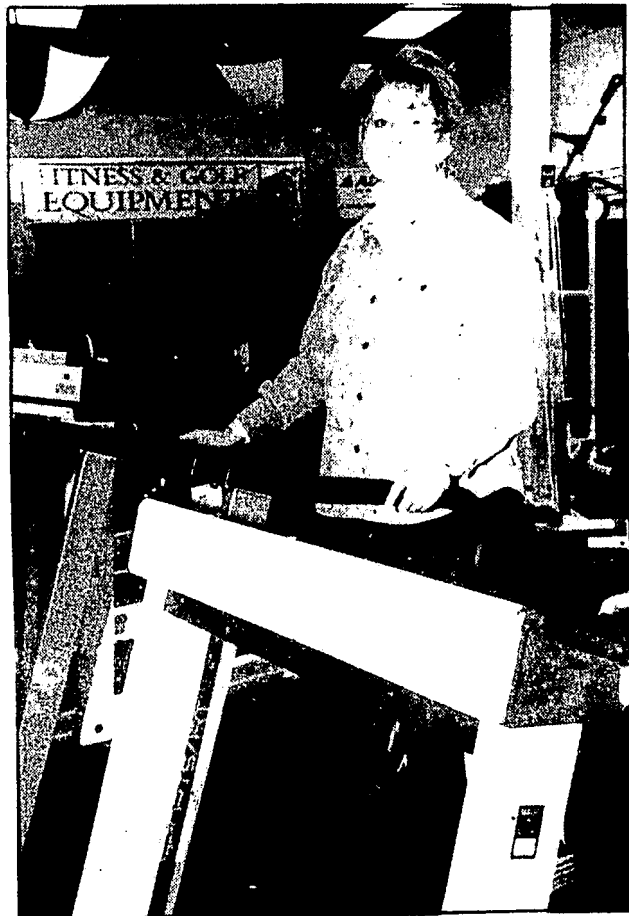
# COLORED INK



Your favorite cat or dog can feel like a king with a gift from the Union General Store. Here's a pooch-perfect pile, including (from top) the Blue Ribbon Dog Company's pure gum rubber bone, at \$15; Treats for Good Dogs at \$14; and a Chinese blue-and-white porcelain dog dish at \$15.50.



A perfect gift for a Clarkston homeowner is this pottery glazed with the Clarkston name in it available at the Clarkston Country Store. Proprietor Gini Schultz said it's made in Pennsylvania. Prices range from \$16.95-\$36.95 per piece.



Heather Lund, co-owner of Training Effect on Dixie, said treadmills are hot this Christmas. The store will even deliver and set them up for you. Prices range from \$900-\$5,000.



Dianne Bildstein, co-owner of The Parsonage and The Country Woodshed, holds a wooden bird hotel available for \$95.

## Shop your hometown this holiday season!

Maybe you're searching for something unique for someone special. Maybe it's that person who's hard to shop for every year.

Or maybe you just can't face one more year of fighting the crowds at the malls, parking a mile away, then seeing the same merchandise, over and over, that just doesn't grab you.

Whatever the reason, the holidays are a great time to shop your home town. Clarkston has a number of

options, including downtown, Sashabaw Rd. and Dixie Highway. Whether it's something big, like a recliner, or something small, like one perfect candle, you can buy it here.

You might be hard pressed to find a pair of shoes, but who gives shoes for Christmas anyway? When it comes to the unique, look no further than Clarkston.

The Clarkston News went to some of our favorite places with a camera recently to see what was in stock.

Our only problem was selecting just one thing from each retailer. In every case, store shelves were full to bursting with interesting items worthy of gift giving.

There is yet another reason to shop your home town. In addition to convenience, unique merchandise and nearby parking, you will also be letting merchants know you appreciate them being here. And during this most important shopping season, that's a message they need to hear.

—By Annette Kingsbury

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