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Birtsas condo project OK'd

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Making one last attempt before going to court, local developer Tim Birtsas finally got approval for a four-unit condominium at the north end of the city of Clarkston.

Birtsas, who has been trying to get approval for his project for almost a year, received a 5-1 vote from the city zoning board of appeals approving the change in density required for the project.

The property is a piece of vacant land at the northeast corner of the city limits on Main St., just south of the I-75/M-15 interchange.

He said the property did not receive a rezoning to multiple family, as he originally desired, but had a use variance. He said this allowed the path for his project to become clearer than trying to get a rezoning from single to multiple family.

"I never had any objections from the community on this project, and many neighboring property owners stepped forward and said they were in favor of this," Birtsas said. "With the use variance, I was able to get a multiple zoning use out of the property without actually rezoning the property."

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Joy to the city



Approximately 22 Girl Scout troops from the Clarkston area met in Depot Park Dec. 14, hosting the first annual Neighborhood Caroling on a sunny winter afternoon. As folks gathered to sing with the troops, who took turns standing on the steps of the gazebo, they were encouraged to donate warm items like hats and mittens for Lighthouse Clarkston.

DARE out at elementary schools

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Elementary students in Clarkston schools will receive their drug-abuse education from their health teachers this winter, rather than a uniformed Oakland County Sheriff's deputy.

The change was approved by the board of education unanimously Dec. 8. It came about because of cost and the decision last year to bring a full-time police liaison officer to the high school.

Before the changes were made, a deputy split his time between teaching DARE at the fifth- and eighth-grade levels and working as a liaison officer at the high school. Last year, when Dep. Dave Hernandez was assigned to the secondary level full time (he continued to teach DARE at the middle schools), a second deputy, Judy O'Fiara, was assigned to teach DARE at the elementary schools on a part-time basis.

DARE, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a purchased program which must be taught by a uniformed officer trained to teach it. It costs about \$80,000 a year to hire a sheriff's deputy, and they are generally not available part-time, according to Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the Independence Township substation.

As things stand right now, Hernandez will continue to teach DARE to eighth-graders at Clarkston and Sashabaw middle schools, and health teachers already on staff will take over at the elementary schools. They will implement new curriculum appropriate to each

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Mary Ellen McLean
School board vice president

grade level, K-5, according to assistant superintendent Dave Reschke.

Carla Teare, physical education department head, told the board of education "After looking at DARE and thinking about it we came to the conclusion we could teach DARE with a few modifications."

The one thing missing will be student contact with a uniformed officer, something the district would like to keep in the program. More work will be done to see if that can be arranged, Reschke said.

The health teachers are planning to use a mascot and logo with their new program, which has tentatively been dubbed "WISE" for Winning in Substance Abuse Education.

"This is research-based; it is from the National Institute for Drug Abuse, a government agency," Teare said. The program will be interactive, as was DARE, and include information about the effects of drugs as well as resistance strategies.

In response to questioning, Teare said the committee that worked on the new curriculum, which

included health teachers and a consultant from Oakland Schools, needs more parental involvement. Some members of the Task Force for Youth, a community group with an anti-substance abuse focus, are helping, Reschke said. The new program is expected to begin being taught in January.

"My concern is with the elimination of DARE that the program be done correctly," said board vice president Mary Ellen McLean. She added that parents and students should both be involved. Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts agreed.

"Part of the dilemma is, and how many times have we said it, substance abuse is a community problem," he said. "Parents need to be a component."

LaBair, who would like to have seen a full-time DARE officer in the district, was philosophical.

"I wish them well. DARE's tried and true," he said. And he added that parents are not the target of the curriculum--kids are.

"The kids who have all that parental support don't need all that guidance," he said. Despite some statements to the contrary, DARE is not "losing popularity," he said. "It's popping up in this area."

LaBair admitted, however, that the program is expensive, but said some municipalities are receiving grant money to pay for it. Currently Independence Township helps fund the position held by Dep. Hernandez.

"I like DARE and I like the school liaison," LaBair said. "They're both money well spent. But it's not my money to spend."

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The News in Brief

Thieves go on a rampage

At least 12 cars were reported broken into overnight Dec. 12-13 and whoever did it made quite a haul.

Cars were victimized on Deerhill, Deerhill Ct., Cranberry Lake Rd., Minewana, Reese, Allen and Hillside. Taken were phones, a pager, radar detector, ID, camera, power tool, CD player, Christmas presents, CDs, a briefcase and more.

One witness saw a Chevy Lumina van in his driveway with its lights out before he realized two cars at his home had been broken into. In some cases, car windows were shattered.

It made for one busy day Saturday for the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence substation.

CDBG funds rerouted in Springfield

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees reallocated Community Development Block Grant funds from 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996 at Thursday's regular meeting, splitting the money into two different projects.

Township supervisor Collin Walls said the board originally hoped to divert the funds into a pricey paving project on Oak Hill Road. However, he said the funds from all four years combined still would come up \$53,000 short of the engineer's estimate.

The board unanimously agreed to funnel the 1993 and 1994 funds - a total of \$34,831 - to laying down gravel on various roads in the township. The 1995 and 1996 funds, a total of \$45,199.49, will go for fire equipment.

Kirk, Wendt to serve Springfield ZBA again

By a unanimous vote, Springfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals members Harry Kirk and Skip Wendt were reappointed at the township board's regular meeting Thursday.

The terms will run for three years each.

Roads earmarked for gravel in Springfield

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees selected 11.7 miles worth of roads in the township to get a fresh layer of gravel in 1998 at its regular meeting Thursday.

Among the roads expected to get new gravel in the new year are, in priority order: Bridge Lake Rd., Bigelow, Edgar, Oak Hill, Tindall, Big Lake Rd., Nielsen, W. Ellis, Eaton, Shaffer, Rattalee and Ridgewood.

The township committed \$80,000 from the general fund and \$34,831 in block grant money for the year's graveling. The choices were approved by a unanimous vote.

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Signing Santa makes Christmas special for deaf children

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Most little boys and girls haven't grown up without telling Santa Claus what they want for Christmas.

But 8-year-old Amanda Gillman has never had that experience. She can't sit on Santa's lap and rattle off her wish list like other children because she's hearing-impaired.

However, on Dec. 14, the excited youngster wore a shining smile as she stood in line with other children waiting to visit a special Santa during a holiday party sponsored by Silent Call Communications Corp. in Waterford.

Finally, perched on Santa's ample lap, the youngster had no trouble telling him she wanted Lost World dinosaurs, a Nintendo 64 and a Super Mario game — all in sign language because this Santa was hearing-impaired too.

"She was thrilled," said Amanda's mom Mary, who is also hearing-impaired. "It was always very frustrating for Amanda because she couldn't communicate with a Santa who could only tell her to be good, or brush your teeth," she said with a laugh.

Like other hearing children, Amanda's younger sister Kim, 7, was able to convey her wish list also. As she spoke, an interpreter explained that Kim wanted a Barbie, her dog Ginger and a "Fluffy Come Back" puppy that comes when you call.

While he chatted with children through his fingers, it was evident Clarkston resident Ron Swartz enjoyed every minute. Words weren't necessary as he patted his tummy to convey the fact that he'd stuffed it with a few Christmas

cookies to prepare for the event.

"He's been eating a lot lately," said Swartz's 10-year-old son Anthony. "He ate two bowls of soup today." Thanks to his dad, president of DEAF C.A.N.!, an advocacy group for the deaf community based in Sylvan Lake, Anthony has been signing since he was three — "before I could even talk."

Not all of the children who visited Santa were hearing impaired. Some, like Amanda, brought their hearing brothers and sisters. Others came for different reasons, like a student studying sign language at a local university and a hearing-impaired mom, who had taught her hearing daughter to sign.

Families also enjoyed refreshments and Christmas stories, told by Michelle Osterhout, one of Santa's "elves" who is hearing-impaired.

The event was co-sponsored by Silent Call, Deaf C.A.N.!, Oakland Society for Deaf Children, and Diane Fiorentino, founder and speaker for the Fiorentino Foundation, which seeks to bridge the gap between the hearing and hearing-impaired.

Silent Call owner George Elwell said the idea was born in his second office in Long Island, where a signing Santa brought joy to New York children last year.

A former automotive engineer, Elwell started his own corporation 10 years ago, which invents, manufactures and distributes alerting devices and on-site paging systems for the deaf and deaf/blind. The catalyst was his hearing-impaired brother. And God.

"I had been praying for a year that the Lord would lead me to something for less fortunate people, as well as put us into business," he said, adding that he



Amanda Gillman, 8, a hearing-impaired youngster from Farmington, signs her wish list to Santa.

has learned a lot in the process.

"The biggest thing with the deaf is that they have a special need, but they're not disabled," he said. The deaf have needs, just like those who have diabetes or arthritis, he added.

With a smile — as well as some

dampness in the corners of his eyes — Elwell said he hopes to continue the event annually.

"Just watching the gleam in some of those kids' eyes ... You just can't put it into words," he said.



Michelle Osterhout, a hearing-impaired mom from Goodrich, signs Christmas tales, while a speaker interprets them for hearing children.

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Class offerings shape up for new CHS

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

The new high school is starting to shape up, not only in bricks and mortar, but in spirit as well.

Some of the new technology has already been approved, and at the Clarkston board of education meeting on Dec. 8, the board approved a series of curriculum changes that are set to coincide with the opening of the new building.

"We have some really exciting, challenging new courses added to our curriculum," said board president Karen Foyteck. "It's just the beginning of what will come."

What used to be called industrial arts is now

applied technology, and the faculty have spent three years working on revisions tailored to the new building. New engineering courses have been adopted with the help of an outside consultant, Advanced Technology Consultants, Inc. of Northville.

A student store will be run by students in an improved marketing and retailing class. Marketing students have already been surveying their fellow students to see what they would like in the store, and checking with other schools that have student stores to see what works and what doesn't.

According to department head Tom LaMagna, the marketing students will do more than just run the store. They will take on other promotional events, such as advertising and making tickets for school events, and possibly work with groups like band or athletic boost-

ers. "The school store is part of the class but not THE class," he said.

German will return to the lineup of foreign languages. Assistant superintendent David Reschke said based on the success of Japanese, which was added a few years ago, he is ready to add another language. German was chosen because of its importance in the engineering field. The district already has teachers certified to teach German, and it's intended to become a four-year program, as long as there is sufficient student interest.

A new Advanced Placement class, this one in U. S. history, was also approved. It will be open to students in grade 10 and up, and that's a bit unusual, Reschke said, but necessary.

Because CHS offers so many AP classes (which offer students college credit if they successfully pass a national standardized test at the end of the course) some students can't fit them all into their junior and senior years. However, the curriculum cannot be modified for 10th-graders, due to the test.

"We can't lower the standard," Reschke said. "We can accommodate the learning environment; we can give tutorial."

Swimming was also approved, both as an addition to the physical education class and as separate classes in advanced swimming, lifesaving and swimming tech. The latter is for students interested in being on the varsity swim team.

"These are going to be extremely popular classes," Reschke said. Students could be trained and certified and then act as lifeguards for the pool on a co-op basis, he said. Some students are already certified through parks and recreation programs.

And a new communications arts center and a senior project in communications arts were also approved. Reschke said the senior project is a perfect fit for the special projects area of the new high school, and would probably eventually be expanded to all areas of the curriculum, not just communications.

"When I saw the plans for the project labs, I thought this was a perfect fit," Reschke said. The labs could be used for advanced work for any student, he added.

Joint meeting invitation issued by school board

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

An invitation to a joint meeting has been sent by the Clarkston Board of Education to the boards of Independence and Springfield townships and the Clarkston City Council.

The meeting is scheduled for January 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the school administration building on Clarkston Rd. The boards have met jointly before, but the most recent invitation comes after some sparring between Independence Township and the school board over road concerns at the new high school under construction on Flemings Lake Rd.

In announcing the meeting at the Dec. 8 board of education meeting, board president Karen Foyteck read a prepared statement about the efforts the district has made to cooperate with the township. Township treasurer Jim Wenger and trustee Neil Wallace were in attendance.

"Before we can discuss improving this communication we need to know what has been done," she said. "The district has been listening to concerns... from the beginning."

Foyteck said work is underway on a traffic study at the new high school as requested by the Road Commission for Oakland County. She added that the district has met with township officials 16 times since July of 1996 to talk about such things as roads, sewers and a new elementary school, whose site has not yet been announced.

"We are all interested in what is best for our community," Foyteck said. "We all have different responsibilities. Yes, there can be some overlap... but we have some responsibilities that are unique to all of us."

Board treasurer Kurt Shanks said he wants to invite all the boards to make comments on the new elementary school's location, but only after purchase agreements have been signed on all possible sites. The board met in closed session Dec. 8 to discuss property acquisition for the new school.

"We're going after those sites based on criteria we felt would be best educationally and based on the concerns of the community," he said. He added that communication had to be at both the board and administrative levels. "We should be sharing the same visions. We shouldn't be trying to go different places."

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Independence Township

Elderly housing approved for Independence

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A new assisted living facility for seniors will spring up in back of Mr. B's, just a short distance from Dixie Highway.

The Independence Township Planning Commission approved, 6-1 (Carolyn Place voted no), a final site plan for Lake Orion resident Sandy Mabery, who plans to build a 9,500-square-foot building on five acres on the east side of Parview, just north of Lingor.

It's designed to accommodate 18 seniors, featuring that many private units with bedrooms and bathrooms which include walk-in showers, built for wheelchair accessibility. It will also include a community living room, dining area, beauty shop, bathing room (with a tub), offices, sidewalks and a smoking room.

Designed for those seniors who are basically independent, but who need some assistance with some daily tasks like getting dressed or remembering to take medication, the 18 units will be approximately 300-350 square feet each. Two of the units will be handicapped-accessible and four slightly larger units could be semi-private, Mabery said.

The idea is to keep Independence residents in their own community as they age, he added. He decided to invest in the project partially because his own grandparents are aging. A sister, who had a college degree with a concentration in gerontology, is a partner.

"Our typical resident is an 85-year-old widowed female. Men tend to be more stubborn. They then to ask for help less often," Mabery said. Monthly cost is expected to be \$1,800 for a semi-private room and \$2,400 for a private room, including meals and house-keeping, although no final prices have been established.

Although seniors won't be driving, they will receive transportation to shopping, doctor appoint-

The township is now studying the option to create a new zoning district for elderly housing

ments and other activities, most likely through the township's senior van system, he added.

Earlier, Mabery proposed a facility twice the size with two 18-unit buildings. However, only one is feasible at present because of the cost. He plans to break ground this spring, with construction expected to be completed by fall 1998.

In the future, however, is a plan for the expansion. The township is now studying the option to create a new zoning district for elderly housing. Currently such a project must fit into density requirements for multiple family residential, established at about seven units per acre.

Mabery's original proposal, two buildings with 36 units, wouldn't fit multiple zoning. He would be allowed to build slightly less than that amount, township planner Dick Carlisle said.

That's been the problem in other communities, which have the same predicament, Mabery said. He's been trying to build such a facility for the past two years. "I started out in Shelby Township and started working westward," he said.

The commission will hold a public hearing on the possibility of creating the new zoning district in January, and will also ponder the matter of elderly housing as a special land use option within multiple residential. Carlisle said township attorney Gerry Fisher is working on some wording for the options.

Carlisle said elderly housing is a top item for

Independence, as envisioned in its Vision 2020 plan, because the township's baby-boomer population is aging. He envisions both assisted-living facilities and those designed for more independent living coming to the township.

However, in voting no, Place said she had reservations. She pointed to the size of the rooms as one problem. Place said she has moved her 89-year-old mother through the gamut of elderly housing — from her own home, to an apartment, to an assisted living facility, an Alzheimer's facility and now, finally, to a nursing home.

When her mother resided in the assisted living facility, it was much larger — a 900-square-foot unit that not only featured a large bedroom and bathroom, but a small kitchenette that included a refrigerator. It wasn't such an abrupt transition from her mother's own home.

"It was wonderful. She could walk around the building. It had an exercise room ... My whole argument to them is you don't understand this until you've been there," she said. "You can't take them from a home and suddenly put them in a little space with a bed and dresser (and say) 'Here you are, Mom, Dad, Brother or Sister. Be happy.'"

Place is also concerned about "the younger generation." She feels they are more isolated nowadays from their aging parents and grandparents, making them less sensitive toward their needs.

Place said she's not content with the commission's decision and plans to investigate other sources, including the "Citizens For Better Care" organization's guidelines.

Describing herself as "an active person," Place jokes that she still might be 10-15 years away from such a facility for herself. "I belong to Vic-Tanny's ... I walk my dog."

But all that could change "If I break my hip," for instance. "You snap and you're there," she said.



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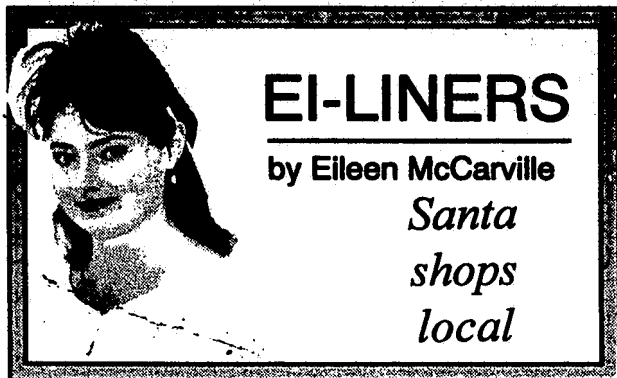
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EI-LINERS

by Eileen McCarville
*Santa
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With all the talk about downtown retail lately, I hope you're doing some of your Christmas shopping in Clarkston. For instance, how about a fruit basket from Rudy's, some evenings out at the Clarkston Cafe — or a weekend in the Bahamas (I wish!) from Clarkston Travel?

So, with apologies to author Clement Clarke Moore, here's my version of "A Visit from St. Nicholas," Clarkston style:

'Twas the week before Christmas, when all through the halls

Not a creature was stirring — they were all at the malls.

A stocking was hung by Dale Stuart with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.
Art Pappas was nestled all snug in his bed,
While scenes of Brach's candy danced in his head;

Neil Wallace had donned his striped red and white cap,

And had settled his brain for a long winter's nap—

When out in the mall there arose such a clatter
I sprang from Hudson's to see what was the matter.

When what to my wondering eye came to view
But the town's City Council — and their legal man too.

In the Summit stood a Santa, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it was the real St. Nick!

He knew they thought retail, one and the same,
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

"Now Savage, now, Sanderson, Clifton, Colombo!
On, Ryan! On Gamble! on, Roeser, Catalo!—
You should be in Clarkston with your shopping plans,

Now, dash away, dash away, dash to your vans!"
On Christmas the locals found, with great glee,
Presents from Clarkston under the tree.

A ham from Rudy's to make Dan Travis' meal hearty,

Some pampering from the Hair Design, in time for the party,

Would make Joan McCrary's Christmas a little bit brighter.

And, stuffed in his stocking for a holiday nighter,
Was a gift certificate to the Union for Jeff McGee,
So he could enjoy dinner with his whole family.
Jim Wenger and Larry Rosso will be much warmer
With CHS sweatshirts from Coach's Corner.

A carton of milk, again from Rudy's,
Will make Lt. LaBair sleep while his wife knits booties.

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Should make Santa's gift list nearly complete.
Before he left Clarkston, I saw Santa look around,
Admiring the stores in Clarkston's downtown.
And I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,
"Happy shopping to all, and to all a good-night!"

Merry Christmas!

Trustee clarifies

Dear editor:

I write this letter to clarify some misstatements of fact in recent local newspaper articles regarding the problems caused by school construction.

First, the article says "currently, the state inspects and approves site plans for school districts." That is not correct. Although the law gives the superintendent of public instruction in Lansing the exclusive jurisdiction for site plan review, that office actually does not do any review. Of course, this means no one is doing the review and indicates the need for review.

Next, it was wrong to say that there is a legislative mandate that the schools are not required to apply for special land-use permits. One of the township attorneys specifically reported to the township board that special land-use requirements could be imposed by the township. This would mean that the siting of a new school would have to be reviewed by the township's planning commission to determine its appropriateness with regard to considerations such as roads, sewers, safety and other generally community concerns.

The proposal that I made for township input in school construction decisions would not and was not intended to affect the high school. Rather, it is the problems with the high school that have pointed out the need for the township's input.

Next, that representatives of the schools have had to meet with representatives of the township shows the need for township review. Similarly, the school's expenditure of \$15,000 to "study" the road problems with the high school demonstrates the value of township review to avoid or minimize such problems. Both of these things have occurred after the event and are a result of poor planning.

In your article, representatives of Clarkston schools have said that there is no perfect site. This common fallacy (the lack of a perfect alternative) is a very poor argument. But it does show the need for site plan review. If there is no perfect site, then site plan review is all the more necessary to lessen the impact of school construction and do all that we can to make certain our schools "fit" in the plans we have so carefully made for our community. Just because state law precludes site plan review, school officials are not prevented for voluntarily submitting their plans for review by the township planning commission. Certainly it is the kind of cooperation that would be an excellent example to the children we have entrusted to the schools.

The proposed January 19, 1998 meeting can, and I hope will, be a positive step for this community. That will only happen if the school board is willing to exert control over the administration to make certain that needed changes are made.

Very truly yours,
Neil E. Wallace

Letters to the editor . . .

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JIM'S JOTTINGS / by Jim Sherman

Keeping it light for the season

Our son-in-law's parents, Lois and Richard Speed, of Morenci, are non-drinkers. Our son-in-law and daughter, Tim and Susan Speed, are not non-drinkers.

At Thanksgiving time Tim and Susan suggested an aperitif of Kahlua and cream. For the unfamiliar, Kahlua is a 53 proof (Seagram's VO whiskey is 80 proof) liqueur; a rather mild drink. And, when mixed with cream is even less volatile. The senior Speeds partook.

When Tim and Susan arrived home there was an e-mail message from Richard on their computer: "Yum-yum-yum-yum-yum . . . Add a case of Kahlua to me Chrishhsmnas lishst, Ohh kayee ye hah hoeey. Ish finnnssihhing the bottllse tonnitgee oh yeah. Tihssh ish gooodddds tuffuuu. loiove, ddaddddddyyy."

(Tim said this was a joke, he believes the elder Speeds did, in fact, enjoy this new drink.)

The next time you see the statue of a horse and rider have this in mind: If the horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle; if the horse

has one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle; if the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

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Sign in a laundromat: "Automatic washing machines: Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out."

Another sign: "Would the person who took the step ladder yesterday please bring it back or further steps will be taken."

Another sign, this one on a church door: "This is the gate to heaven. Enter ye all by this door. (This door is kept locked because of the draft. Please use side door.)"

And this English sign in a German cafe: Mothers, please wash your Hans before eating."

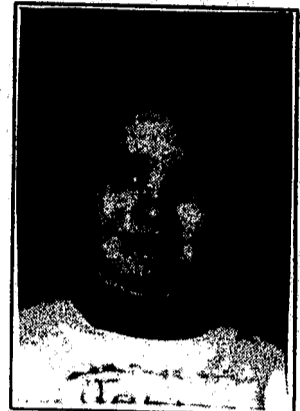
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If your goal is to be a poet, don't quit just because you can't find a word to rhyme with month, orange, silver or purple. I'm told there are none in the English language.

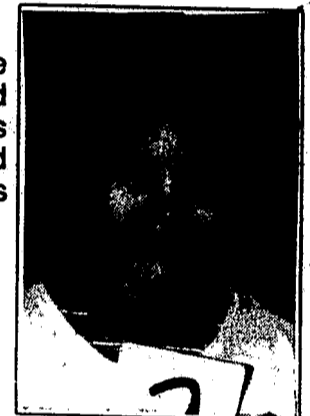
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By Eileen McCarville

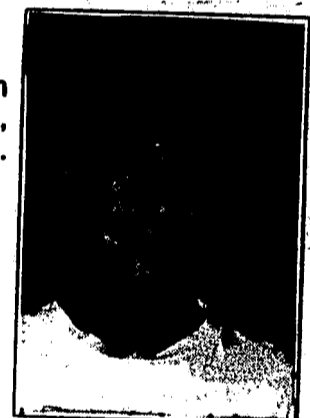
How did Rudolph get his red nose?



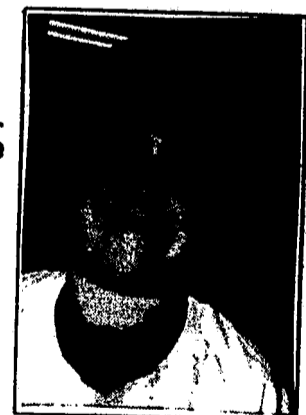
JENNA HALL, They put a light bulb in there.



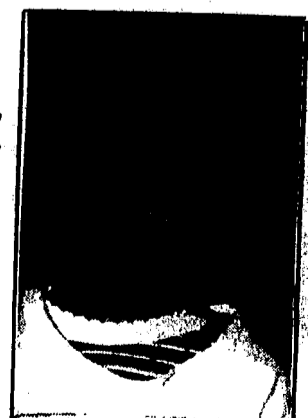
ASHLEY ITANI, He had a black nose and his dad pulled off his black nose and his red nose was underneath.



RYAN ALLOR, When he was born, I think, from the light he got it. Santa Claus' light.



BENHOFF, The light. He gets it from the sun.



EMILY SMITH, Maybe an angel did it.

All are from Pine Knob El. teacher Mary Zurbruggen's kindergarten class.

15 YEARS AGO (1982)

A contract settlement between the Clarkston school district and the 290 teachers represented by the Clarkston Education Association (CEA) may be in sight. Jan. 7 is the date set for presenting both sides of the issue before an advisory factfinder from the Michigan Employment Security Commission. CEA is seeking a 7.5 percent salary increase plus increments for those not at the top of the pay scale.

The Independence Township Board approves three new firefighters and agrees to look at a fourth addition during the upcoming 1983-84 budget review. Township fire chief Frank Ronk predicts the opening of Fire Station 2 at Sashabaw and Clarkston-Orion Road by Jan. 18. It was closed in summer 1980 following a strict belt-tightening of the ailing fire fund.

Clarkston senior Willie Williams pins Waterford Kettering wrestler Jeff Shipp in 10 seconds during the last match of the Wolves' wrestling meet against the school.

25 YEARS AGO (1972)

While much of Springfield Township's recent meeting is devoted to zoning for a proposed sand and gravel development, it doesn't take the board long to act on a reverse kind of zoning situation. Mr. and Mrs. A.T. Menzies, owners of 52 acres at Andersonville and Farley roads, receive unanimous approval to rezone that parcel from sand and gravel to residential, in preparation for a 100-200 lot subdivision.

Christmas music will be featured in coming worship services at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. On Dec. 17 the Junior High Choir will sing "Coventry Carol," with the Senior Choir singing "Prepare the Way, O Zion."

Reporter Bob Hemmings' detailed story about the final Apollo blast-off is reported in The Clarkston News. Hemmings, who was on site in Cocoa Beach the day of the mission, reports on "the spectacular site" and the party atmosphere that dominated the moon launch.

50 YEARS AGO (1947)

On Wednesday night, instead of the regular PTA meeting, the elementary school presents a very fine Christmas program. The kindergarten class recites "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and sings two carols, "Silent Night" and "Away in a Manger." Other presentations include a play, "Christmas in Toyland" by the second-graders and a beautiful story in pantomime, "The Legend of Martin the Cobbler" by Tolstoy, presented by the fourth grade. It is well done and expresses the true meaning of Christmas. After the program the PTA distributes candy sticks to the children.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are Jon Hall, Dana Andrew and Lynn Bari in "Kit Carson" and Tyrone Power, Alice Faye and Don Ameche in "Alexander's Rag-Time Band." Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Randolph Scott and Anne Jeffreys in "Trail Street" and Ann Sheridan and Zachary Scott in "The Unfaithful." Both theaters are closed Christmas Eve.

60 YEARS AGO (1937)

The Clarkston School plans to present its annual Christmas program in the school auditorium Dec. 22. The kindergarten and first-grade rhythm band will play, and the second-grade chorus will sing while Christmas toys parade. Third- and fourth-graders will present a pageant, "Down Carol Street," and fourth- and fifth-graders will read "A Christmas Package."

Presented at the Holly Theatre this week are Jane Withers in "Wild and Woolly," Smith Ballew in Zane Grey's "Roll Along Cowboy," Paul Muni in "The Life of Emile Zola" and Kay Francis and Ian Hunter in "Confession."

Bargain rates are in effect for Christmas greetings, courtesy of Michigan Bell Telephone. They will begin at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve and continue through Christmas Day, with bargain rates for New Year's as well. For example, Clarkston to Grand Rapids will cost 40 cents for three minutes, 90 cents person-to-person.

DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush

Snapshots



When I get melancholy (as I sometimes do) and think of Christmases past, I see photographs, black and white, greens, reds, purples, pinks and blues. Instances frozen in time, preserved. I can open the photo album in my mind anytime.

As I think about it, it's easy because I've seen these pictures hundreds of times — actual pictures taken by my family over the years.

But, whenever I glance through that photo album in my head, I'm sure to smile.

I smile when I see the Christmases in the late 1960s at my Grandma Rush's house in downtown Detroit. I see that big home all decorated, festive. I see all the adult men in white shirts and thin, dark ties, the women in holiday dresses.

I see my cousins running crazy. Up and down the stairs. I see cousin Sheila telling me there is no Santa. I see myself staring in disbelief and nearly crying, "You're lying!"

I can see the annual Polaroid snapshots at Grandma and Grampa McDonald's house on the west side of Detroit. Tradition: a picture a year. As I flip through these, I look upon how our particular branch of the family has grown from us four — Mom, Dad, me and Barb — to us five, Mom, Dad, me and Barb and Patty — to us six, Mom, Dad, me and Barb and Patty and Nancy.

I can see all those smiling faces and some of those *oh so groovy* 1970s outfits, those *cool* hair styles, all in that "perfect" Polaroid-tinted color.

I see Grampa McDonald in a red shirt, stretched over his basketball-shaped belly smiling, mischievously. "If Rudolph lands on my roof, I'm shooting him and we'll have deer steaks and eggs in the morn-

ing."

I see a picture of the family getting to our home from the McDonald house late Christmas Eve and looking up to clear, dark heavens, seeing my breath, millions of stars — and then a blinking red light (nose?) flying above. I can see the photo of joy as I told Mom, Dad and Barb that Grandpa missed, 'cause there was Rudolph overhead.

Looking back I see a black and white photo of Dad in his favorite, worn to almost white, light blue pajamas, black hair, bunched up to one side because he didn't get a chance to comb it, sitting on the couch, legs crossed (the very way his dad did, and I do) looking at a present he received.

I see Mom sitting at the kitchen table in her sleeping gown, smiling with a cup of coffee.

I see Patty smiling, missing a tooth, proudly holding her new Shaun Cassidy album.

I see the year when I was almost eight, and our most special Christmas gift, Nancy Christine. And, another picture taken nearly two decades later -- another December baby, little Dylan Thomas.

In my Christmas album I see Barbie Ann's long, straw-colored hair, her bangs. I can see all the aunts and uncles, family and friends. I have pictures of all the babies, the old timers, of the singing, snowball fights, presents.

Enchantment. Wonderment.

Well, maybe I haven't ever held these pictures in my hands, or run my fingers over the protective plastic covers. Maybe most of these pictures weren't really taken at all, except with my eye; my eye focusing on Christmas snapshots that I'd like to have taken.



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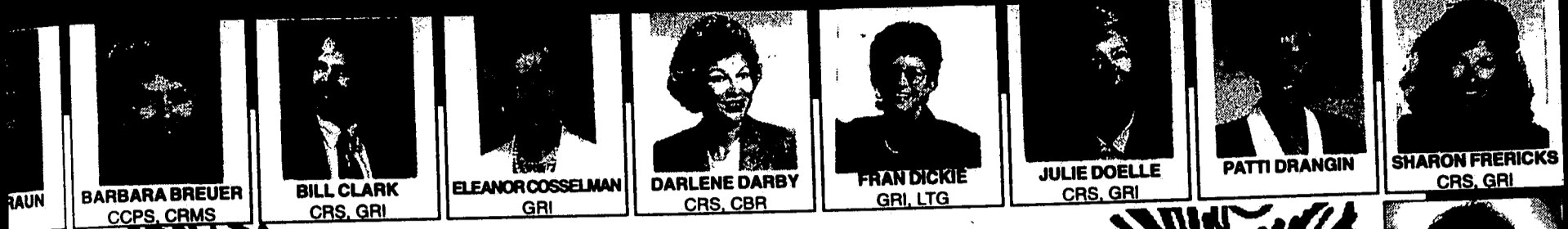
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FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

By Dr. James Dobson

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QUESTION: What can we as parents do to improve the public schools in our area?

DR. DOBSON: Most educators know that parental involvement is absolutely critical to what public schools are trying to do. Others, (fortunately not the majority) see themselves as the professionals, and they resent parental interference.

We should never accede to that idea. Parents are ultimately responsible for the education of their kids and they should not surrender that authority. Educators are their employees, paid with tax dollars, and are accountable to the school board members whom parents elect. The best schools are those with the greatest parental involvement and support.

With that understanding, let me urge you to visit your child's school to answer questions of interest to you. Does the staff understand the necessity for structure, respect and discipline in the classroom? If so, why don't you call your child's teacher and the principal and express your appreciation to them? They could use a pat on the back. Tell them you stand ready to assist in carrying out their important

mission.

If your school system is not so oriented, get involved to help turn the tide. Meet with parent groups. Join the PTA. Review the textbooks. Work for the election of school board members who believe in traditional values and academic excellence.

Let me say it again: Schools function best when the time-honored principle of local control "by parents" prevails. I believe it is making a comeback.

Send your questions to Dr. Dobson, c/o Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903. These questions and answers are excerpted from books authored by Dr. James Dobson and published by Tyndale House Publishers. Dr. Dobson is the president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

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I went to New York last weekend. Now I know what you're thinking, probably the same thing I was. Stay at the Plaza, do the theater thing at night, shop in SoHo boutiques and Fifth Avenue giants by day, dine at the ritzy "Crystal Room" in Central Park and maybe take a swing by the old Statue of Liberty or Empire State Building.

All did not go exactly as dreamed. Maybe my first indication should have been when waiting at the airport gate for a Philadelphia flight and I showed my dad the Columbia University brochure, complete with map and suggested a quick college drive-by and he laughed. OK, brilliant blond, first of all Philadelphia should have been screaming grandparent's house rather than maybe a connection to the Big Apple.

My grandpa was waiting at the gate for us as we stepped off the plane. Visions of SoHo danced out of my head. We piled into the car and I was notified that our family (grandparents, cousins, etc.) was going to New York the following day to see the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. OK, within walking distance of Fifth Avenue, I could handle that. Then I learned I would have to "rise and shine" in time to meet the chauffeur and his oversized van in the driveway at 7am. On a Saturday. Trust me; when the Philadelphian Polka Hour awakens you at quarter to six on Saturday morning your life will never be the same.

Now, you have to understand our means of transportation to the great city. My grandfather called the limousine company and requested a chauffeured bus. Anyone could tell you there's no such thing as a limo company with a bus. The very oversized van that showed up became very undersized in the time span of three hours. Then again Alaska could become undersized when you're in the middle of your parents on a bench seat. When I heard suggestions of a Christmas carol sing-along, my "teenager" alarm went off, meaning the headphones go on and the head drops against the window (or in my lucky position the forehead drops to the seat back directly in front of you).

New York was cold. Not Michigan cold, but cold. And cold is so greatly emphasized when standing in line to look at the Saks and Company store windows. Looking through frosty glass to see scenes from the Nutcracker was neat, but I'm sure the women's department was so much warmer. I think the worst part of the day was seeing the beautiful Versace building across the street and being told to find a store on this side of Fifth Avenue that I wanted to go inside. I looked at the doors to Ann Taylor and continued walking.

As we headed over the river and through the tumpike to Grandmother's house in our bloated van, I guess I was kind of in awe of the magic of the Rockettes and the power of the live Nativity. OK, I'll admit that the whole live camel and donkey thing was more special than the white stone of Versace.

Schools ban tobacco

Clarkston schools' new policy on tobacco use on school property is short and sweet.

As amended by the board of education Dec. 8, the new policy is designed to end confusion about when and where tobacco use is permitted by banning it completely.

The policy reads: "The board prohibits the use of tobacco on school premises, and district vehicles, including all buildings and grounds owned and operated by the board. For purposes of this policy, 'use of tobacco' means a cigar, cigarette, pipe, chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other matter or substance that contains tobacco."

More letters

Firefighters save dog and Christmas

Dear editor,

On behalf of my family, I want to express our sincere appreciation to the Independence Township Fire Department for rescuing our dog, Patches, from the icy waters of Whipple Lake this past Thursday night. Their response was swift, and their conduct was very thorough and professional. Fully three firemen went into the water in thermal suits to bring him to safety, and several others attended to my husband, who had gone into the water in an attempt to reach our dog prior to the arrival of the fire department.

We feel very fortunate to reside in an area with such a conscientious and well-trained emergency response team. Thanks to these very brave men, my children won't have to face a Christmas without their precious pet. Words simply cannot express our gratitude adequately, but we want to try anyway. Thank you Independence Township firefighters!

Very truly yours,
Dana L. Fortinberry

Task Force invites community to meeting

Dear editor,

We would like to thank Mike Blicher and the staff of Mt. Zion for the recent opportunity to meet at the CCA building, hear about their vision for the community, and tour the facilities which will hopefully be ready for a community grand opening in January. We applaud the effort of the Clarkston Christian Association to offer such a well-equipped, safe, drug- and alcohol-free alternative activity for the youth of Clarkston.

In approaching the New Year, and soon a new century, individuals and organizations become aware of the need for goal-setting and long-term planning. Government entities and others often craft a "master plan" to guide their activities for years into the future. The issues of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, as well as a continued focus on positive youth development, are an essential piece in defining the quality of our community well into the next century.

In this spirit, the Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth invites all interested citizens to a townhall meeting/planning/retreat day scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 1998, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., at the training room of the new fire station on Citation Drive. This four-hour session will consist of open discussion, brainstorming, and goal-setting led by a trained facilitator from outside the community. We urge community leaders from all sectors to be a part of this strategic planning day, and an active participant in the community prevention coalition process. Please call Cindy Dixon at 394-0252 to register and for more information.

We wish everyone a safe and sober holiday season!

Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth

Good Samaritans still exist

I have been so very, very negligent in writing this letter and I am sorry.

My husband has an inherited disability in which the brain cells affecting balance, coordination, and speech die. Due to this, in Sept. 1994 he fell at the end of our 300 ft. blacktop driveway when bending over to pick up a newspaper. He managed to crawl onto our lawn, but was unable to stand. The first "Samaritan" lady stopped her car and tried to help him up, but could not. Then the second "Samaritan" lady stopped and the two tried to help him stand, but could not. Then the third "Samaritan" lady stopped and used her car phone to call for help. The paramedic unit arrived and took him to North Oakland Medical Center.

During all this time, I was at a ladies' one-day retreat at a Pontiac church. Our neighbor phoned the church, and a friend took me to the hospital. Other friends came to encourage us and pray for us. Everyone at the Medical Center provided excellent care, and my husband was back home in seven weeks after hip surgery and learning to walk with a heavy walker.

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." My sincere and abundant thanks to all of you!

Joann M. Schwartz

Students to pay for driver's ed

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

Beginning this summer, Clarkston students who want to take drivers' education through the high school will have to pay part of the cost.

The board of education voted unanimously Dec. 8 to charge students part of the cost, or roughly \$60 this year, for drivers' ed. The move is possible due to a change in state law.

Public Act 387, which took effect April 1, allows districts to charge students when costs exceed the total of state's payment plus an equal match from the local district. According to deputy superintendent Dr. Mike LaBay, the most recent cost figures put drivers' training at \$51,000 a year, with the state reimbursing about \$21,000.

The payment plan approved Monday makes the state, the school and the student each responsible for one-third of the \$180 total cost per student. That amount could change if costs change or the state's contribution changes.

School superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said at that rate, it's still cheaper than private schools, which charge over \$200.

"So it's still a bargain and we're getting our trained folks to do it, which was a concern of staff." Students in line at CHS for lunch one day last week had mixed feelings about the move.

Joe Secora, 15, who paid for private driving school, seemed to feel the \$200 was worth it. He did it, he said, "so I didn't have the new law." He was referring to another change in state law, which makes licensing tougher and longer to get. Some students, like Joe, wanted to beat the new system by finishing training before it took effect.

Tim McIsaac, 15, already had driver training at CHS when it was free. "I feel sorry for them," he said of his younger classmates.

Pam White and Christie Sampson, both 14 and anticipating driver training, said they would have to work to save up the \$60.

"Why would they do that? Pam said. "It would be much easier for students if it was free. What if students can't afford it? Then I can't drive?" She said she would babysit to earn the money, which would otherwise be hard to come by.

Christie said she felt her class had been victimized before. "First the middle school got to go to camp for free after we left, now (this)," she said. When asked how she'd pay for it, she said, "I'm going to have to get a job."

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John the Baptist (far left) is questioned by King Herrod (center) in "Jerusalem Reunion" at Mt. Zion Church this weekend.

Church mounts original Broadway-style musical

Christmas will be celebrated in all its color and splendor at Mt. Zion Church this weekend.

The church will present two productions of an original play, "Jerusalem Reunion" on Friday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 6 p.m. Admission is free but you must have a ticket to reserve a seat.

The play is written and directed by Rick Bruderick, the church's minister of media productions. Ronda Ferguson wrote the songs, and Greg Preibe arranged the music. Choreography by Colleen Bruderick includes ballet, jazz and hip hop.

The story is based loosely, Bruderick said, on the Bible story where Jesus as a boy is left behind in Jerusalem. The play follows his cousin, John the Baptist, as he searches for Jesus in the sometimes dangerous, sometimes comical streets of the city.

The Broadway-style musical will be signed for the hearing impaired. Mt. Zion is located on Maybee Rd. near I-75. For tickets call the church at 391-6166.

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Remembering Clarkston way back when

Old-timers share their stories in new book published by the Historical Society

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

So you want to know if Clarkston has changed much? It depends on who you ask.

"The Way We Remember It," a new book published by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, is full of reminiscences from long-time residents about the way things were. There are also a few observations about the present. Some say the town hasn't changed much. Some say they barely recognize it.

But all give colorful anecdotes about Clarkston in a kinder, gentler time. When ladies crossed the road to avoid passing in front of a restaurant that sold hard liquor. When the milk man filled the empty milk bottles you left out for him. When ice was also delivered to your door. And when visitors were carried from the train station to their destinations by horse-drawn carriage.

Local writer Catherine Passmore, a former Clarkston News reporter, interviewed many of the people in the book. She also listened to tapes the historical society had already accumulated of other old-timers, and went through back issues of The Clarkston News looking for still more interviews talking about the good old days.

"It was really fun," she said. "I had a great time and I learned a lot. I thought I knew a lot about Clarkston."

Aided by her mother, who grew up in Clarkston, Passmore went out seeking subjects for her book. Only two people turned her down.

"Most everybody was receptive," she said. "A lot of them were kind of wondering how they were picked."

Many times their stories overlapped, but Passmore said it was fun to hear the same story from two different

The day they robbed the bank

--By Bill Kelly as told to Catherine Passmore

As a youngster Bill Kelly was sitting in the barber's chair one day when the alarm went off at the bank. He and the barber (Doug) went to take a look.

"... (A)s we got to the bank steps we walked by a new Chevrolet with its motor running, nobody in it, but we didn't notice it because we had our minds on the bank and out come the two robbers, bag of money in one hand and a .45 right in our face. The .45 barrel is that big around when you're looking down it. Doug didn't pull his gun, the police told us later that if he had pulled his gun they probably would have killed us right there because they were desperate. They got in their car, they'd left it running so they could get away quick. And where the grocery store is now, that was a Ford garage and he came out of therewith a shot gun, well a shot gun won't hurt a car you know, it just picks up the paint, but he got two shots off at them ...

"We got into my car and took off after them and we got out to Maybee Road and there sat the car. There's a big swamp out there that covers 30 or 40 acres and we thought they were in that swamp there. So we hung around that swamp all night long with our headlights on hoping to catch them coming out. Well, they had a get-away car somewhere ... It was a good trick to do."

perspectives. One person she spent a lot of time with was Bill Kelly, owner of Clarkston Lumber, who died

recently.

"I was at his house for hours. He had a lot of stories and they were just brilliant."

One of her favorite stories was one told to her by Virginia Walter about Fanny Irish, whose father used to own the building that is now the Independence Township Hall. He sold it to Henry Ford.

Irish made an observation that someone who had lived here for 30 years was "an outsider." "It was just so Clarkston," Passmore said.

Passmore also enjoyed talking to Gladys Porritt. "She was on the first girls basketball team and the photos she had of that," the photo is included in the book, along with many others lent for the project.

"The people were real nice about lending me their family photos."

Passmore said there was no shortage of materials and, in fact, they had to cut half of what they had to keep it affordable and readable.

At the time of the interview, Passmore hadn't yet seen the finished product and didn't yet have that feeling of being a published author. "I think once I see it it'll sink in," she said. "I don't feel I've really done it yet."

She thanked the historical society for the opportunity and assistance.

"Kim Huttenlocher was very encouraging to me. There were a couple of times I was frustrated and I called her and she was very encouraging. She was great to work with and I'm very, very grateful."

The book goes on sale Thursday, Dec. 18 with a special author's reception at 7 p.m. at the Independence Public Library's Heritage Room. Admission is free. The book is \$20 and will also be for sale at the Union General Store on Main St.

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, a phone was stolen from a car parked in a Havelock driveway.

A Clarkston man left his debit card and driver's license in a restaurant on Sashabaw. When he returned for them they were gone.

An envelope containing \$700 was missing from a Dixie restaurant.

At a construction site on Devins Ridge, a house was broken into and a refrigerator, a case of smoke detectors and some painting equipment were stolen.

A mailbox was torn off its post for the fourth time at a home on Oakhill.

A mirror was broken off a 1995 Chevy on M-15.

Drugs were taken from a safe in a dentist's office on Sashabaw.

A diamond ring was reported missing on Fowler.

Two people received minor injuries in a head-on collision on Dixie at the M-15 intersection after one driver ran the light.

Car/deer accidents on Clarkston Rd. and on Maybee.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, a teacher at Clarkston High School reported two hubcaps stolen off her 1989 BMW during the school day.

A 52-year-old Rochester Hills woman was arrested for drunk driving after an accident on Sashabaw. She turned left in front of an oncoming car and was hit. She measured more than twice the legal limit for alcohol and was arrested. No one was injured in the accident. Her license plate read "CULPRIT."

A 39-year-old Clarkston man was arrested on Bronco after a call about a suspicious vehicle. There was a \$10,000 bond on him for contempt of court.

A microphone, mixer, tuner and violin were stolen from the band room at Clarkston Middle School over the weekend.

A lock was broken on a construction trailer on Wyngate Dr. and ladders and an air compressor were stolen.

Over \$200 was missing from a locked cash box in a doctor's office on M-15.

A 1987 Jimmy was damaged overnight on Flemings Lake Rd. when a thief made off with a sander, garage door opener and \$3 in change.

Larceny of a bicycle from a Riverview backyard.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, a driver lost control of a car southbound on Sashabaw near Clarkston Rd., hit a northbound car, which went into a ditch,

then hit a third car which went into one tree, then a second tree. The driver of the first car was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions. The driver of the third car received minor injuries.

A window was broken on a 1987 Ford Ranger in the M-15 Park and Ride and a wallet containing credit cards and a driver's license was stolen, along with the car's stereo, 15 CDs, a planner and some medication.

A couple returning home from work on Pine Knob Rd. found their front door open and a camcorder, jewelry, camera, shotgun and Christmas presents missing. Entry was through a window.

A planner containing \$200, a passport, credit cards, checks, ATM card and a driver's license was stolen from a 1997 Ford parked on Pine Knob Lane. Waterford Police later arrested a 19-year-old Davisburg man trying to use the ATM card in that municipality. His shoe prints matched those at the car and he was known to the victim.

A briefcase and glasses were stolen from an unlocked 1995 Jeep parked on Clinton for one-half hour.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, a Flint man pulled over for a traffic offense on Clintonville Rd. was arrested on six outstanding warrants. He also was driving on a license that had been suspended 19 times and had the wrong license plate on his vehicle.

Domestic assault on Mann. Three children witnessed the assault on their mother by their father.

A 19-year-old Clarkston woman left her purse in a Sashabaw Rd. parking lot, where it was found by an anonymous man who turned it over to store personnel nearby. When contacted by a deputy at her home, she wasn't even aware it was missing. Its contents appeared to be intact except for \$80 which was missing.

Larceny of a bicycle on Crabapple.

Malicious destruction of a mailbox on Paramus. A neighbor witnessed the attack and got a license-plate number, which registered to a home on Snowapple.

A woman got a bill for a cellular phone account she never opened. She said a P. O. box in Detroit was also opened in her name.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, obscene phone calls on Deerhill.

A 1997 Lexus hit a large pothole on Reese north of Holcomb. The driver, a 30-year-old Clarkston woman, lost control of the car, hit an embankment and flipped the car. She was wearing her seat belt and was not injured.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, a 30-year-old Clarkston woman tried to stop at a stop sign on Whipple Lake Rd., but her car slid on the icy road, hit a mailbox and knocked it down.

A snowboard was stolen from outside the cafeteria at Pine Knob.

Prescription fraud at a Dixie pharmacy. A 26-year-old Waterford man fled after trying to pick up a phony prescription.

A snowboard was taken from an unlocked garage on Bitterbush.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, a Waterford woman lost control of her car on Waldon, hit a tree, backed up and hit a fence. She left her car in the road. She was later cited for driving too fast for conditions.

A deputy stopped a 1988 Ford Ranger for running a stop sign on Maybee and found it to be full of suspected stolen property, including two CD players, a laptop computer, phone and radar detector. The truck also contained wire cutters, a chain saw and a large hunting knife, as well as drug paraphernalia. The driver, an 18-year-old Waterford man, and two passengers, men 19 and from Waterford and 17 from Clarkston, were ID'd and released pending an investigation.

Tools and a tool box valued at \$1,000 were stolen from a garage on Pine Knob Rd.

A 1987 Subaru left running for five minutes unlocked on N. Marshbank was stolen.

Three teens from Ortonville and Holly were ticketed for stealing gasoline from the Park and Ride lot on Sashabaw. They were also ticketed for possession of cigars due to their age.

A 1988 Dodge left for two hours after it got stuck in the mud off Woodcrest had all its windows smashed.

An apartment was broken into on S. Marshbank and jewelry, a Nintendo and a camcorder were stolen.

MONDAY, DEC. 8, a Clarkston man was arrested after he became irate and threatening as he solicited passers-by in front of a Main St. business. Police deemed the man to be intoxicated and cited him for disorderly conduct. He was taken to St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland's de-tox center.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13, medical on Middle Lake Rd. One to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Car-deer accident on White Lake Rd. near Holcomb.

SUNDAY, DEC. 14, medical on Miller Lake. One to a Pontiac hospital.

Theft on E. Washington. A resident reported some jewelry valued at \$300 was taken a week earlier. Police are investigating.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, minor injury accident on M-15 at Dixie.

Medicals at the high school and on S. River Rd.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, injury accidents on M-15 north of Oak Hill and on White Lake at Dixie.

Medical on M-15.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, medical on Perry Lake.

Injury accident on Sashabaw; one person with minor injuries was taken to her own doctor.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, a man fell and injured himself on Peach.

Medical on Thendara.

Injury accident on Sashabaw at Clarkston Rd.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, medical at N. Sashabaw Elementary.

Slip and fall at a store on Dixie. A man was taken

to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital with a possible fractured ankle.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, medical on Long Lane and on Middle Lake Rd.

Injury accident on Sashabaw.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, medicals on Miller, at Bay Court Park and on Meadowbrook Ct.

A refuse fire at a construction site on Devins Ridge was put out by the fire department and a warning was issued.

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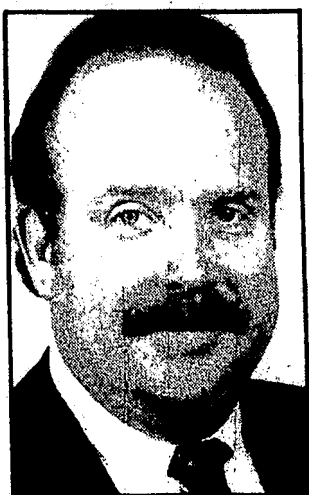
Fire department steps in after dad falls through the ice trying to help

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
Clarkston News Editor

It was just another day at work for the Independence Township Fire Department. But for the Fortinberry family, it was nearly a disaster.

The family's dog, a Labrador named Patches, went into Whipple Lake Thursday night after dark, and Chuck Fortinberry tried to rescue it in a rowboat. By the time the fire department arrived, he was wet and cold, his family was crying and the dog was still in the water.

Fortunately, the fire department is equipped to handle such rescues, and Patches was out of the water soon after they arrived. The ordeal has left the Fortinberry family counting its blessings.



Chuck Fortinberry

"I think it sends a tremendous message," Fortinberry, owner of a Chrysler dealership on Dixie Highway, said. That message? Don't go on the ice unless you're sure it's strong enough to hold you.

Fortinberry had come home early from work Thursday because of a cold. No sooner had he arrived when one of his children came in from sledding.

"My 7-year-old heard this dog howling," Fortinberry said. "My 9-year-old ran in the house and said 'Where's Patches? Is he in the house?' And so the trauma ensued from there."

The child called 911 and Fortinberry, who hadn't

even had time to take off his boots, ran outside with a flashlight. "You could see (Patches') head sticking out and he was paddling," he said. The ice wasn't strong enough for Patches to climb up on, so Fortinberry grabbed a fiberglass boat and tried to push it across the ice while he spread out flat. But the ice broke.

Too thin to hold his weight, it was too thick for the boat to push through, but Fortinberry kept trying. He went in the water up to his neck, breaking through a second time in a different location.

"I couldn't feel my hands, the kids are screaming and the dog's hanging on," he said. He didn't realize the dog was better equipped to handle freezing water than a human. "I was in the water such a short time and it caused me such trauma I thought the dog wasn't going to be able to hang on for long."

Once the fire department arrived, the drama ended quickly. Wearing special 'dry suits' made of foam, two firefighters rescued Patches within 10 minutes and didn't even get cold, according to Captain Steve Ronk. The department practices for just such rescues, and in fact was back in the water, this time at Greens Lake, on Monday.

"We've seen our share of it," Ronk said. Earlier this winter, a toddler went into a lake and was rescued by his mother. Ice fishermen also occasionally have to be rescued.

Ronk said though the dog was able to handle the cold water, he understood how upset the incident made the family.

"It's like having one of your kids in the water.

Your dogs are like your kids. To see it out there howling is frightening."

Patches seems to have no ill effects from the ordeal. Fortinberry is still doctoring.

"The dog is fine; I'm the one who's still sick," he said. "I got frostbitten and I still can't feel the ends of two fingers. I'm certain I'll be fine."

Ronk said no one should be out on the ice without testing it first by cutting a hole in it. Ice should be clear and at least four inches thick. Once you've found a good spot, stick close to it because conditions can vary widely, even on the same body of water.


"Right now it's dangerous," he said. "They've got to test the area they're in. Don't skate from one end of the lake to the other."

The other message Ronk wanted to convey is to call the fire department right away, and don't go into the water if you're not properly equipped to do so.

"We are thankful to the Lord for making sure no one got seriously injured or worse," Fortinberry said. "I think the silver lining is it impressed upon my children how dangerous the ice can be . . ."

"It was very traumatic; it was not something I wish to experience again. And the thing that scares me is what if that was one of my kids and I couldn't get to him?"

"And I also think it makes you really stop and think about the important things in life, especially at the holiday season . . . Family and your loved ones are the most important things."



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by Robert E. Kostin
Attorney at Law

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The word "accident," so often associated with motor vehicle crashes, may now be something of a misnomer. Of course, a great many crashes result from driver error, miscalculation, and negligence that have no underlying intent. On the other hand, one increasingly hears a great deal about "road rage" these days that is steeped in anger and frustration. And, unfortunately, there are still those who venture forth in their cars in various states of intoxication, medication, and sleepiness. All of this is pointed out to show that many crashes have identifiable causes that are largely preventable. This season, it is hoped that more of us bear greater responsibility for our own lives and the lives of others.

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Bay Court's merry little Christmas

With milder temperatures on a sunny afternoon, the annual Bay Court Park Family Holiday Fest, sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation, was well attended Dec. 14. Big and little people had a variety of activities to enjoy.

For starters, there was Santa Claus himself, who stopped by to chat with children near the playscape, which was decorated like the North Pole.

There were also horse-drawn hay rides, groups of carolers like the Sweet Adelines and Clarkston High School Madrigals, and goodies like hot chocolate, cookies and chestnuts—really roasting by an open fire.

Parks and Rec. employee Brian Benway explained how you can drag your charcoal grill out of the garage for the festive treat. It's very simple, he said. Just slice off the top of the chestnuts, make an x with a knife, and roast them in an iron skillet over glowing coals. In five minutes you'll have roasted chestnuts. Peel back the shell and eat them either plain or dipped in the butter you have melting at the side.

—By Eileen McCarville



Sweet Adelines member Rosie Peterson helps herself to some chestnuts roasted by Parks and Rec. employee Brian Benway.



One of Santa's youngest elves hands out treats in Candyland.

Condos at north end of city approved

Continued from page 1

Birtsas had been debating with the Clarkston City Council for months on the property. Several councilmembers were concerned about Birtsas wanting the property to be zoned multiple when its newly adopted master plan called for the property to be zoned single family. The council kept refusing Birtsas' request, even though he first went to the council about the property before a draft of the master plan even existed.

He said he went to the ZBA as a last-ditch

effort before taking legal action.

Now that the use of the property has been approved for his project, Birtsas said the next step is to look at preliminary elevations for the property and get working on a site plan. He said each of the four condos should go for between \$250,000 and \$299,000 each. They will each have a two-car garage and have a Victorian-style of architecture. The units will be over 2,000 square feet each.

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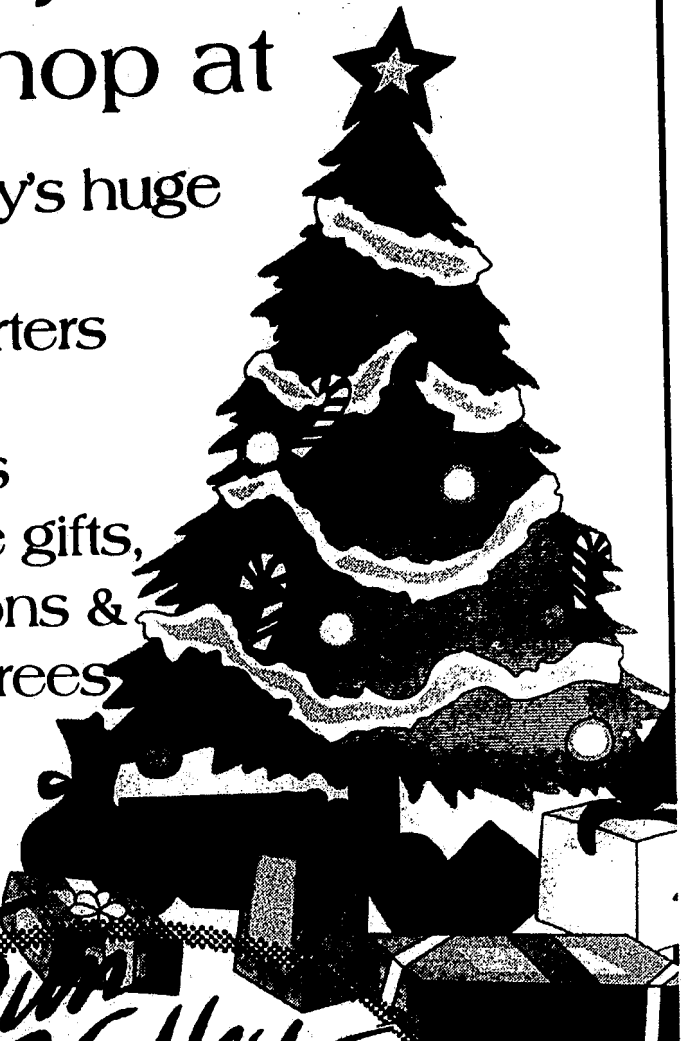
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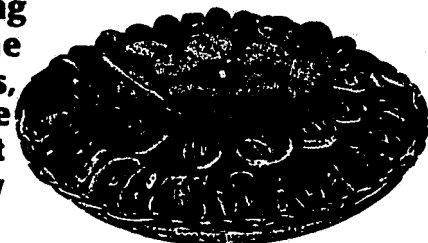


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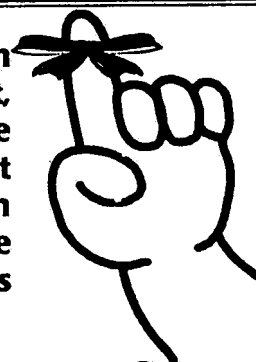
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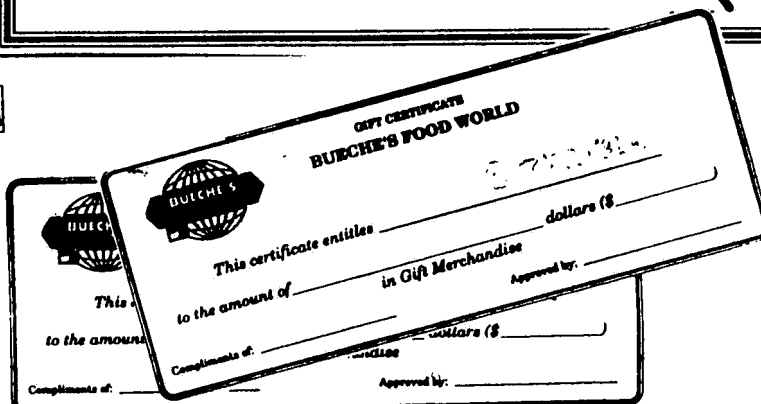


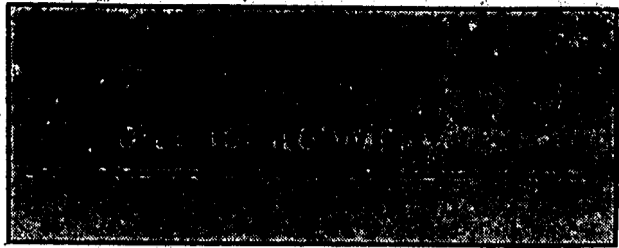
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THE GOODFELLOWS will host a golf expo at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg Dec. 19-21. Buy, sell or trade golf equipment. Bring a toy for a tot and get a chance to win a set of golf clubs. Hours are 3-9 Friday, 10-7 Saturday and 10-5 Sunday.

Join Independence Township Seniors for Gambling by the Lake: A trip to the Bay Mills Resort and Casino on Lake Superior is scheduled for Jan. 13-14. Cost is \$99 per person, double occupancy and includes stops at three casinos. The trip is being arranged by Independence Township Parks and Recreation. Call 625-8231 for more information.

AIM is a non-profit, self-help support group for those suffering with anxiety, panic, fear and depression. AIM can help you lead a fear-free life. For information on local weekly meetings call 810-547-0400.

Local church presents true meaning of Christmas

Although it's traditional, are you tired of all the glitter this Christmas season? Take a break from all the hustle and bustle of the holidays and visit two events hosted by Clarkston Community Church.

On December 23 and 24 the church presents its annual "drive-through Live Nativity" from 6-9 p.m. The special night of Christ's birth is depicted with real people and animals, who re-enact the scene as it must have been that holy night. The characters portray the event in silence, accompanied only by soft music.

On Dec. 20 and 21 the church features its "Living Christmas Tree" at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Adult, youth and children's choirs will join in singing the Christmas cantata, "I Have Seen the Light" by Deborah Craig-Claar, from atop risers and among 10 lighted trees.

Clarkston Community Church is located at 6300 Clarkston Rd., just east of the library and school administration building. For more information, call (248) 625-1323.

Correction

● In last week's issue of The Clarkston News, a photo which ran on the front page said Cody Bridger's age was 7. The little boy is 4 years old.

● There was an error in the People Poll last week. A photo identified as Lane Haviaras was actually James Benway. (Lane's photo did not turn out.) Here is the photo of James and his response to the question, "How do reindeer fly?"



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Food poisoning crops up at the holidays

An unfortunate side effect of holidays is an increase in the number of food poisoning cases reported, both at home and away, according to Sylvia Treitman, home economist with the Michigan State University Extension Oakland County.

Office parties, church socials and other such events are often the culprits, she says. And not everyone reacts the same to food-borne illnesses. Some will show no symptoms, while others may become very ill.

To keep food safe, Treitman recommends some common-sense tips:

- Keep hot foods hot, cold foods cold. Hot food needs to be 140 degrees to be safe. Cold food should be kept on a bed of ice.

- Keep perishables in the refrigerator until serving time.

- Prepare several small containers of dips instead of one large one, and keep refrigerated until needed.

- Don't keep food out for more than two hours

- Do not serve raw eggs in recipes

- Keep all serving and cooking areas clean.

Raw egg recipes have a way of showing up at the holidays, Treitman says. Old-time favorites like eggnog, Caesar dressing, hollandaise sauce, mousse and meringues can be the source of food poisoning if they are made with raw or lightly cooked eggs.

In order to be safe, never serve raw eggs in a recipe, and make sure all recipes containing eggs are well cooked. Don't use cracked eggs, and keep eggs refrigerated. Foods containing eggs should not be left out for more than two hours.

Treitman says newer recipes are available to make old favorites safe. Cholesterol can also be reduced by using egg substitutes, she said. For a copy of some such recipes, send a self-addressed envelope to MSU Extension Service, 1200 N. Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341 and request "Eggstra Safe Recipes."

For questions about food safety and nutrition, call the hotline at 858-0904, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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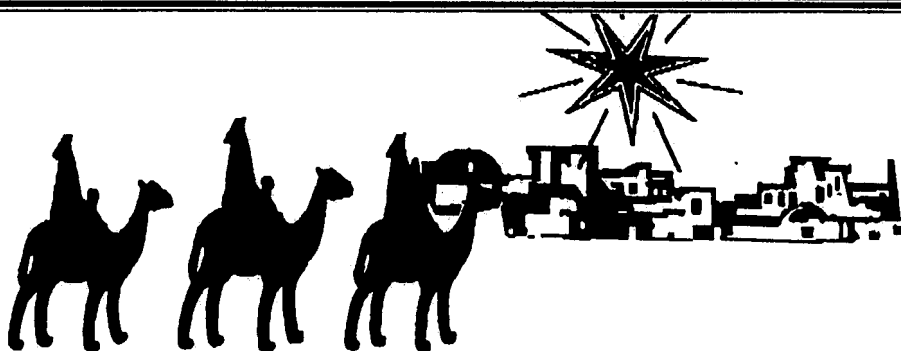
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- 7:00pm - Carols, Candles, Youth Choirs, Message
- 9:00pm - Carols, Candles, Chancel Choir, Message
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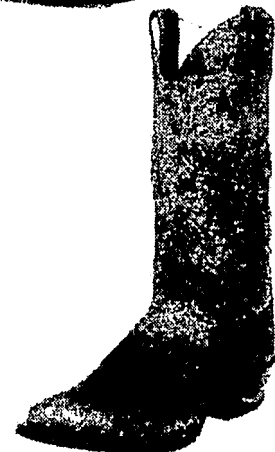
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Obituaries

Holiday happenings

John Bradford

John R. Bradford, 74, of Rochester Hills, died Dec. 12, 1997.

Mr. Bradford was a founding member of the Avon Township Fire Department and helped to build its original firehouse. He was also the owner and operator of Bradford Window and Siding.

He is survived by his wife Joanne; sons John (Claudia) of Clarkston, Larry (Pat) of Waterford, Jerry (Vien) of Tennessee and Ron (Nini) of South Carolina; daughter JoAnn (Doug) Summers of Oxford; stepchildren David Winstead, Carol Stryzecki, Grant Winstead, Dinae Bowerman, Ellie Spencer, Jim Wilson, Mark Wilson and Tracy Charsha; 30 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews; sister Donna (Allan) Frick of Clarkston; and brother Russell of Pontiac. He was preceded in death by a brother, James, and a granddaughter, Niki.

A funeral service took place Tuesday at the Rochester Hills Baptist Church with Rev. Traxler officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Turst 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials can be made to the Rochester Hills Baptist Church.

Mabel Graves

Mabel V. Graves, 105, of Detroit, died Dec. 8, 1997.

Mrs. Graves retired from the Detroit Recorder's Court in 1958 after 40 years of service.

She is survived by cousins Mary Gillen of Pontiac and Alice McQueen of Florida. She was preceded in death by a cousin, Harry Freeman.

A graveside service took place Dec. 10 at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Pontiac. Arrangements were made by the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials can be made to the Drayton Plains Nature Center.

Leslie Reeve

Leslie G. "Les" Reeve, 68, of Clarkston, died Dec. 11, 1997.

Mr. Reeve was retired from Pattern Guild in Auburn Hills as a pattern maker.

He is survived by his wife Catherine; daughter Gillian (Clay) Albertson of Oxford; sons Richard and Jeremy, both of Clarkston; grandchildren Tory, Logan and Ashton; sisters Eileen (Robert) Melville and Valarie (David) Keys of Australia and Patricia Gibson of England; and brother Mavis of England.

A funeral service took place Tuesday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials can be made to Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

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SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 8, 1997

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:08 p.m.
Roll: Present: Catallo, Clifton, Colombo, Gamble, Roeser, Sanderson, Savage.

Absent: None.

Minutes for the November 24, 1997, meeting approved.
Agenda approved as presented with the removal of Inspection Ordinance and Planning Commission appointments.
Bills in the amount of \$34,116.39 approved for payment.
Savage summarized the Hyatt-Palma seminar recently attended by Savage, Colombo, and Mayor Catallo. Savage gave an overview on the City government's role in the downtown revitalization process.
General discussion was held by Council, business owners, and residents regarding a downtown revitalization program.
Council appointed three members, two business persons and one resident to a subcommittee to evaluate planner options for the Downtown Revitalization Program.
The subcommittee consists of Sanderson, Savage, Colombo (Council); Robert Eshaki, Shirley Wilson (Business Community) and Leif Gruenberg (resident).
Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION will hold a special service Monday, Dec. 29 on the Feast day of the Holy Innocents.

Rev. William McDonald invites the community to take part in this service which commemorates the killing of all children under age 2 in the area of Bethlehem by King Herod.

"This service is open to all members of the community and especially those who have lost children of their own," McDonald said. "This can include loss by miscarriage, abortion or violence. No one will be

asked to share their specific loss or story."

The service begins at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 6490 Clarkston Rd. Call 625-2325 for more information.

BAY POINTE COMMUNITY CHURCH will present a very special Christmas Eve service at 3 and 4:30 p.m. called "What Child is This—and Why is He Here?" The church meets at Clarkston High School. Call 391-2229 for more information.

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Welcome Wagon returns

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Welcome Wagon International has appointed Jeanna Lanham its community representative covering the area. It will be her job to find new residents and visit them with gifts from local merchants welcoming them to the area and offering special deals on services. Best of all, it's free to the residents.



Jeanna Lanham

"Welcome Wagon visits mainly the new movers in the community," Lanham said. "I will come with a basket and several businesses will have gifts."

Jan Foster, Lanham's field manager, said, "A large part is giving information on the community. We will give out a map of the city, information on parks and recreation, library hours . . . We become the information service of the community. The homeowners are so happy to see us, especially if they've moved from out of state."

Lanham should be a perfect fit for the job, since she's new in town herself.

She, her husband and son Alex moved here from Utah just a few months ago so her husband could take a job with General Dynamics in Sterling Heights. The family looked for a home in Rochester, then one day their real-estate agent mentioned Clarkston.

"The first time I saw it we ate at Carol's and I fell in love with the downtown," Lanham said. They now live near Springfield Plains Elementary School, where Alex is in kindergarten.

Welcome Wagon was established in 1928 and had been active in Michigan but died out here, Foster said. "But so many people have called the home office (in Connecticut) and said 'Where are you?'"

Welcome Wagon was founded by advertising executive Thomas Briggs in Memphis, Tennessee in 1928. The company name comes from the Conestoga wagons of frontier days, when townspeople sent wagons filled with supplies to meet passing wagon trains in hopes of persuading travellers to settle in their community.

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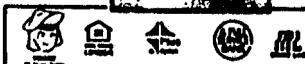
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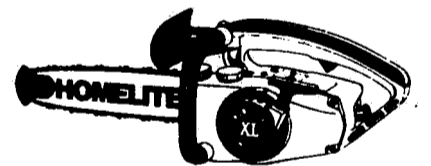
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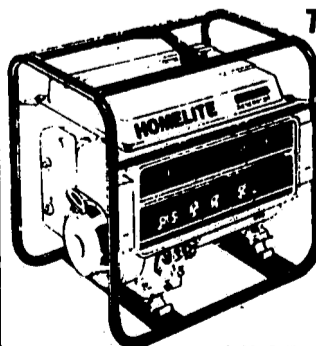


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The Clarkston News

Cagers scrap their way to pair of wins

Fife's shoulder OK after injury scare

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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| Clarkston | 57 |
| West Bloomfield | 47 |

It wasn't pretty, but Dan Fife will take it. The Clarkston varsity boys basketball team won its second straight OAA-crossover game 57-47 over a pesky West Bloomfield team on the road Friday night. The Wolves (2-0 overall) were in control most of the game, but were unable to put the Lakers away until the final minutes.

Coach Dan Fife cautioned that his team will need to put forth a better effort to beat tougher teams coming up on the schedule.

"We're acting like we're too nervous out there," he said after the game. "We're gonna get beat if we keep playing like this. Some guys are playing so tentatively out there, we've got a lot to learn."

Clarkston held the lead the entire game, but it did get some scares from the Lakers. West Bloomfield pulled to within four points late in the third quarter, 41-37. Led by senior Dane Fife, the Wolves put an 8-0 run on the Lakers to regain a double-digit lead early in the fourth.

Fife finished with a game-high 27 points, including five 3-pointers. He added five rebounds, four assists and four steals in a fine all-around effort.

Senior forward Angelo Taylor scored 14 and had eight rebounds, while senior guard Mike Maitrott scored 11 and dished out three assists.

It was the first game action for Fife after dislocating his shoulder three days earlier against Southfield. He did not wear a brace and didn't appear to have any trouble with the shoulder.

"We had a brace flown in, but it was too small and he hadn't shot with it on yet," Coach Fife said. "He hung in there pretty well considering."

Clarkston plays in one of the biggest games in the state Thursday night when the team travels to Pontiac Central for a 7 p.m. game. The Chiefs were ranked first in Oakland County preseason, but lost to Southfield Lathrup in their second game of the season.

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| Clarkston | 69 |
| Southfield | 65 |

What a way to start the season.

The Wolves opened the much-anticipated 1997-98 campaign with a thrilling 69-65 overtime win over the Southfield Bluejays at the CHS gym in a game that had a little bit of everything.

Senior Dane Fife turned in perhaps the finest all-around performance of his career with 36 points, eight rebounds and eight assists. But above and beyond that, he played the waning seconds of the game with a dislocated shoulder.

During a mad scramble for a loose ball with 24 seconds left, his left shoulder popped out of its socket. In obvious pain, Fife went to the sidelines and put it back into place. With the recently replaced shoulder, he swished two free throws that pushed the Wolves' lead from two to four, and put the game out of Southfield's



Senior Angelo Taylor (31) slams home an alleyoop pass from Dane Fife early in the second quarter of Friday's basketball game at West Bloomfield. Through two games this season, Taylor is averaging 18.5 points, 14 rebounds and two dunks per game.

reach.

"It was a terrific win for us," coach Dan Fife said. "I was proud of the kids in the way they kept their composure. Southfield threw a lot of traps against us, stuff you don't normally see early in the season. They are a very athletic team, a lot like Pontiac Northern."

Dane Fife said he would be fine, and will play with a shoulder brace for the next few weeks.

The game also marked the Clarkston debut of senior forward Angelo Taylor, a transfer from Pontiac Northern. Taylor lived up to every expectation, and maybe even exceeded them with a magnificent 23-point, 20-rebound performance.

"Angelo played very well tonight," Coach Fife said. "He was a force on the boards and gave us a big lift in the first half."

Indeed, Taylor started the game on fire, scoring 12 and hauling in six rebounds in the first quarter alone. He also threw down three power dunks that delighted the partisan Clarkston crowd.

"I was a little nervous starting the game," Taylor said. "It definitely felt different, having this crowd behind me. It helped a lot. I didn't realize how much it would help me until I got out there."

The game, played under hot and stuffy conditions, saw Clarkston hold the lead most of the way, but unable to pull away from Southfield, who was ranked fourth in the county coming in. The first half featured a fast and furious pace that saw Clarkston with a 36-34 lead.

The Bluejays took their first lead of the game with 1:40 left in the fourth. Southfield carried a three-point lead with 40 seconds left, when Fife made his second 3-pointer of the game. He had been 1-for-7 up to that point from downtown. He later missed a three from the corner that sent the game into overtime.

In the extra session, the Wolves stepped up and made their free throws when they had to, going 6-for-7 as a team.

Basketball notebook

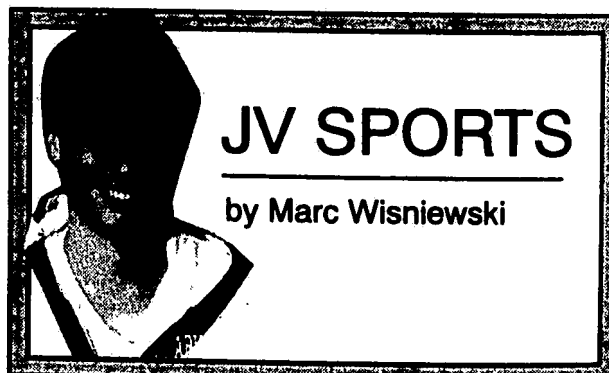
On the mend

Senior center Justin Dionne did not make the trip to West Bloomfield with the team Friday because he's recovering from strep throat. He was ill most of that week, but he was able to log some time in the team's opener against Southfield Dec. 9.

He did practice with the team Monday and was expected to return for the team's two games this week.

Welcome to the Jungle

The Jungle sign of the week, seen at West Bloomfield Friday: "Scream - starring Dane Fife. Scream 2 - starring Angelo Taylor. Now playing at a gym near you."



Basketball

The JV basketball team began its season last week, picking up two wins.

Last Tuesday, the Wolves beat Southfield 66-44. Kevin Stalker was the spark for Clarkston, getting 18 of his 23 points in the first half, along with 4 three-pointers. Adam Schapman had 11 points, Rocky Lund and Ryan Marino each added 10.

Friday, the Wolves had an easy time with West Bloomfield, winning 52-26. The Wolves made a run in the first quarter, outscoring Bloomfield 23-6. Stalker led the team again with 14 points. Marino followed with 10.

"We got off to a good start. Ten different players have scored in our first two games. It's been a good team effort," said Coach Tim Kaul.

Ladies drop league opener to Knights

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kimball 9-15-15
Clarkston 15-9-13

Volleyball is a game of streaks, perhaps more than most other sports.

In Monday's OAA Division I opener at Royal Oak Kimball, the Clarkston varsity volleyball team was on the good and bad end of long streaks of good and bad play.

Unfortunately for the Wolves, the bad streak came last, as they dropped a hard-fought 9-15, 15-9, 15-13 decision to the Knights in a match that was very evenly contested.

"We were up 13-7 in that last game, one we never should have lost," a frustrated coach Gordie Richardson said after the game. "We had that third game under control and I was feeling pretty comfortable. But we missed a couple of serves and let a couple balls drop in the corners and it just went from there."

The first game saw Clarkston (1-3-1 overall, 0-1 in the OAA Division I) maintain the lead throughout and emerge with a 15-9 win. The Knights closed to within 11-9 at one point, but a kill block by senior Georgia Senkyr started the game ending 4-0 run for Clarkston.

Game two started out on a promising note, as senior Amber Mitchell served the game's first four points for the Wolves. However, Kimball came back quickly to tie the game at 5-5.

After a 4-2 Clarkston run that gave it a 9-6 lead, the Knights scored nine straight of their own to win the game 15-9.

Game three was a back-and-forth affair, with both teams coming up with athletic plays in big moments. One of the turning points came when the Wolves held the aforementioned 13-7 lead. On a volley, four different Kimball players touched the ball - it went from one player to another standing right next to her, was set in the air and an attack attempt was made. On that ensuing play, senior Kelly Hanna was called for carrying the ball, questionable calls on both ends.

But Kimball took full advantage, running off the game's final eight points for the win.

"We were our own worst enemy tonight," Richardson said. "When Aimee, Jenny (McCue) and Georgia were in the back row, our front row kids would try to hit the ball as hard as they could. Right now, we're not good enough to do that and have the hits be under



Junior Jenny Claus (13) shows off her considerable defensive skill with this attack reception during Saturday's match against Davison at the Lansing Waverly Invitational. Senior Jenny McCue (9) gets ready in the background for the Wolves.

control. But I thought we played real hard too."

A key stat showed Clarkston with five service errors in game three, three of those coming when the team had 13 points and only needed two to win the match.

Statistical leaders for Clarkston were: Senkyr with 11 kills, four blocks and 17-for-19 on serve receptions, Hanna with a career-high 25 assists and a perfect 8-for-8 night serving, and junior Kara Bergkoetter with eight digs.

Lansing Waverly Inv.

Starting off the new season, the Wolves saved their best for last at Saturday's Lansing Waverly Invitational.

The team went 1-2-1 in four matches at the tournament, with its best play coming in the last match against Lansing Eastern, a well-deserved 18-16, 15-13 win.

Richardson said he was happy with the effort the team put out all day, but said there are a few areas that need improvement.

"Our big three of Aimee, Georgia and Jenny McCue played well, but we need more from everyone else," he said. "We showed our inexperience a little bit, but the effort was there. We need to be better on our transition from offense to defense and in our defensive positioning."

In the last match, Clarkston battled back from behind in both games, and had to withstand game points by Eastern three times in the first game. Eastern held a 12-7 lead in the first game when Clarkston put its best stretch of volleyball together. Mitchell helped to get the rally going with an ace and a kill, sandwiched in between a nice kill block by Senkyr.

Giroux then took over with a powerful kill and an ace to give the Wolves a 13-12 lead. Hanna added an ace to complete the 7-0 Clarkston run.

Twice, the Quakers held a one-point lead, needing just one to win. But each time, the Wolves came up with a big play defensively, while getting the serve back. An ace by McCue and a kill by Senkyr ended the match.

Against Eastern, Hanna had her best setting day of her varsity career, going 25-for-26 with 17 assists. Giroux went 13-for-15 in attacks with a team-high eight kills, and went 11-for-12 on serve receptions. Senkyr had six kills and was 8-for-10 on serve receptions.

In the team's other matches, Clarkston split with Davison 15-8, 11-15, and lost to East Lansing 15-9, 15-4, and to Charlotte 15-6, 15-12.

Richardson was pleased with the performances some of his first-year players came up with, all through the day.

"Brittani Brewer and Brandy Garlitz made some nice plays in the middle," he said. "We'll need them to produce to take some pressure off Georgia. I thought Jenny Claus served very well early, and Ingrid Zimmerman played much better in the back row."

In addition to the young players, Richardson said some returning seniors played well when called upon.

"Against Lansing Eastern, Nicole Nelles did a pretty good job passing, but I liked her defensive positioning too. Hope (Manuel) was attacking well for us in front and was solid defensively."

Hockey team wins 5th straight over Knights

Completing its busiest stretch of the season, the Clarkston hockey team pulled out a 7-3 win over Bloomfield Hills Lahser Dec. 9 at Lakeland Arena.

The Wolves finished a four-games-in-five-days stretch with a perfect 4-0 record. For the season, Clarkston is 5-1-1 overall and 5-0 in the Suburban Prep North Division.

Goal scorers for Clarkston were junior Bret Postal with two, sophomores Anthony Facione, Derek Hool and Jason Stoecker, and seniors Ryan Peters and Josh Babe.

After the Lahser game, Clarkston only plays once in the following 31 days, but that one game will be a tough one, as the ninth-ranked Royal Oak Blades come to Lakeland to face off with the Wolves. Game time is 2:20 p.m.

Suburban Prep Hockey League North Division Standings as of Dec. 15, 1997

| | League | Overall |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| Clarkston | 5-0-0 | 5-1-1 |
| Birmingham | 2-1-0 | 3-3-0 |
| Mott | 2-1-0 | 3-1-0 |
| Royal Oak | 1-0-0 | 4-0-0 |
| B.H. Andover | 1-0-0 | 2-2-1 |
| Troy | 1-1-0 | 3-1-1 |
| Kettering | 1-3-0 | 1-4-1 |
| B.H. Lahser | 0-3-0 | 0-3-0 |
| Southfield | 0-3-0 | 0-3-0 |

Leading scorers in the Suburban Prep Hockey League North Division

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| 1-Bret Postal - Clarkston | 6-9-15 |
| 2-Anthony Facione Clarkston | 10-4-14 |
| 3-Bill Kalush - Clarkston | 3-6-9 |
| 4-Adam Leech - Clarkston | 3-6-9 |
| 5-Darin Egerer - Birmingham | 6-2-8 |
| 6-Derek Hool - Clarkston | 3-5-8 |
| 7-Mike Beether - Mott | 5-2-7 |
| 8-Ryan Peters - Clarkston | 4-3-7 |
| 9-Josh DelDotto - Birmingham | 3-4-7 |
| 10-Fern Kidder - Troy | 5-1-6 |

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The big event of the year for local bird watchers is the annual Christmas Bird Count, organized by the Oakland Audubon Society. It is scheduled this year for Dec. 20.

This is the 97th year for the count, which began on Christmas Day in 1900 with groups in 25 locations, mostly in the U. S. Northwest. Since then it has grown to 1,876 counts and 44,000 participants across the U. S. and Canada. This will be the 39th year for the

Oakland group.

Bird counters are organized into parties, each with a leader familiar with the section of land assigned to the group. By tradition the count area is a circle centered at Lapeer and Indianwood roads in Orion Township with a 15-mile circumference covering 177 square miles.

Within the circle, all birds sighted are identified

and counted between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. After the count, participants gather for supper and a tally. Last year the Oakland group counted 18,776 birds representing 66 species. The results are published in a special issue of National Audubon Society's "Field Notes."

New participants are welcome, regardless of birding skills. For more information call Audrey Grier at 625-7057 or Linda Babbish at 625-9532.

Computer News

BY MICHAEL SHERWOOD

"Open System Architecture" is a term that is popping up a lot in today's computer industry. Knowing what this term means is very important when looking to purchase a new computer or upgrade your current system. "Open System Architecture" refers to computer components designed to work together. When a system is constructed using components that adhere to a standard like the computer industries "AT" or "ATX" standards, future upgrades and repairs are easier and less expensive. There are a large number of computers, frequently sold by department stores today, which are not designed to be upgradeable or are proprietary to a specific manufacturer. If you find yourself needing repair or an upgrade on a proprietary system you may find yourself facing a very large cost or even the purchase of a new system. A good example of this is that a power supply for some proprietary manufacturers could cost as much as \$300 while a power supply for a system that conforms to the industries "AT" standard may cost less than \$65. As far as upgrades go, on many systems sold in department stores today if you were to find yourself needing to upgrade your video card to run a new software program, you could find yourself forced to buy a new modem and sound card also, because to save on construction cost manufacturers combined all of these functions on ONE card. OUCH. Make sure when you are purchasing a computer system that you are not saving a dime now only to find yourself paying out many dollars later.

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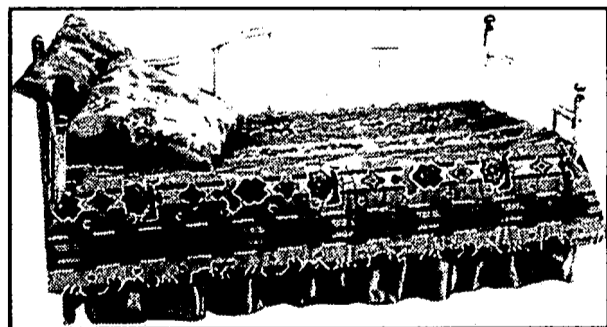


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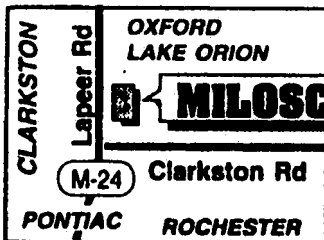
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A dream fulfilled

CHS senior Josh Clark to pitch for Western Michigan

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's not often an athlete with a choice will go for the cool climate of Kalamazoo over more temperate locations like Texas and Arizona when deciding where to play his or her sport.

But playing baseball at Western Michigan University suits Clarkston High School senior Josh Clark just fine.

Clark will be a starting pitcher for the Broncos in the 1999 season, fulfilling a lifelong dream.

"This is what I've always wanted to do, to play Division I college ball," Clark said at his signing ceremony Wednesday at the CHS media center. "This has been my main goal, and I can't wait to get started."

Clark is a righthanded pitcher who will play his third season for Clarkston's varsity baseball team this spring. Before the 1997 campaign, Clark was mainly a fastball pitcher, but he developed a nasty curve that enabled him to become one of the county's better hurlers.

"I was mainly a fastball pitcher, but I've improved my mechanics since last year," Clark said. "I've got all my pitches working now."

Clark officially signed with Western three weeks ago, during the fall early signing period. He decided on

WMU because coach Fred Decker said Clark would be in the starting rotation as a freshman. Other schools that recruited Clark, like Division I powers Arizona and Texas A & M, said they don't play freshmen as a general rule.

"My goal was to start for a Division I school as a freshman," Clark said. "South Carolina also recruited me, but that's a smaller school, and they don't play the best competition."

Clarkston varsity baseball coach Roy "Pops" Warner said he expects Clark to do very well at Western.

"As he went along last year, he gained confidence in his other pitches," Warner said. "He now has the repertoire to make him a complete pitcher."

Clark's mother Laura, who also attended Wednesday's ceremony, said she was happy for Josh, seeing him grow from his t-ball days into a college pitcher.

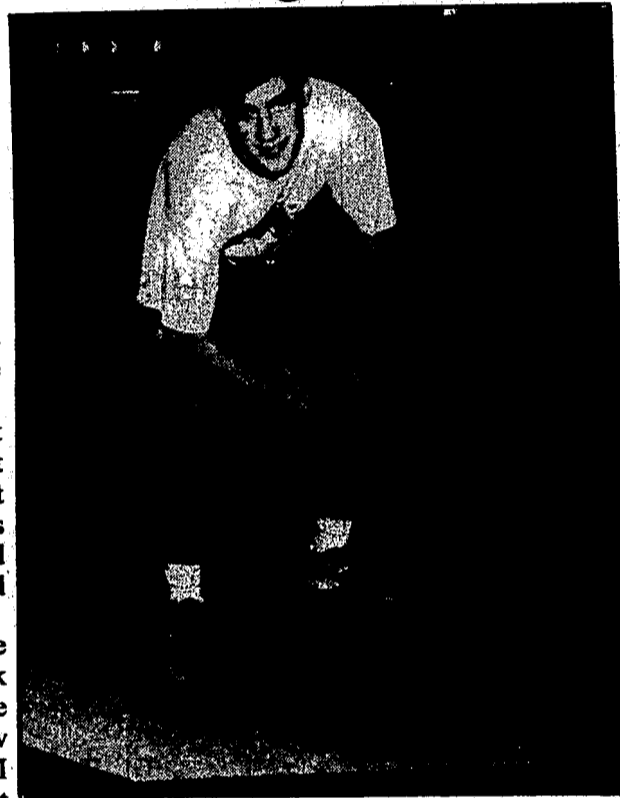
"I'm very proud of him. He's worked his whole life to play college ball and now he can," she said. "He's had such a tunnel vision to play pro baseball, he has more determination than anyone I've ever seen."

Athlete of the Week: Andy Auten

Salut, Andy: A junior on the Clarkston varsity wrestling team, Andy is off to a big start in the 1997-98 season. He made a big splash at the Jenison Invitational, taking first overall in the 152-lb. weight class. Thanks to his diligent work in the offseason, Andy has improved his speed and escape moves, qualities that are sure to come in handy over the course of Clarkston's difficult schedule. Among his highlights last year was a fourth-place finish at the Oakland County Meet. He also carries a 3.4 grade point average in school and says he enjoys his history classes the best.

Coach Mike DeGain on Andy: "Andy got off to a real strong start and wrestled very well at Jenison. He improved all through last season and it was nice to see him start off so well this year. He's improved on his conditioning and his speed, and those will take him a long way this year. A real happy-go-lucky kid."

Andy on Andy: "I've wrestled with the Clarkston Wrestling Club for 15 years and I think that's given me a lot of experience that's helped me in high school. I've also tried to learn some new moves that I like and those have helped me also. I think that if we step it up as a team, we can beat anybody."



Andy Auten

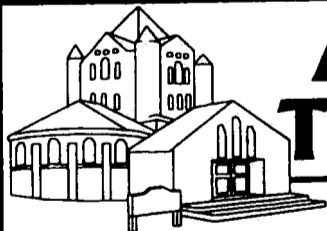
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Senior Josh Clark signs his letter of intent to play baseball at Western Michigan University at the CHS media center Wednesday. Also in attendance were his coach Roy "Pops" Warner and his mother Laura.



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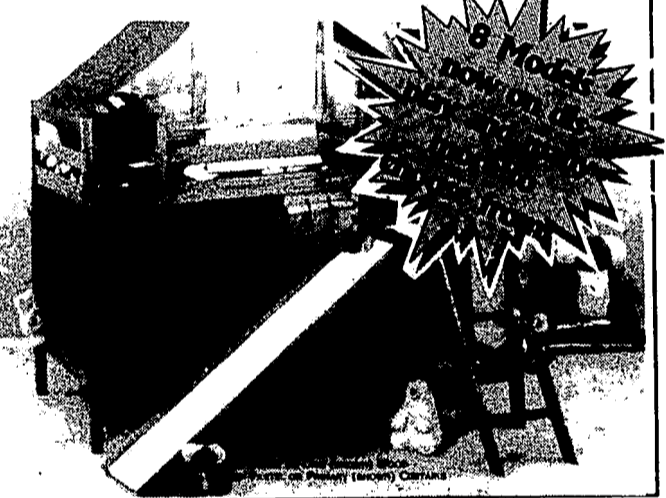
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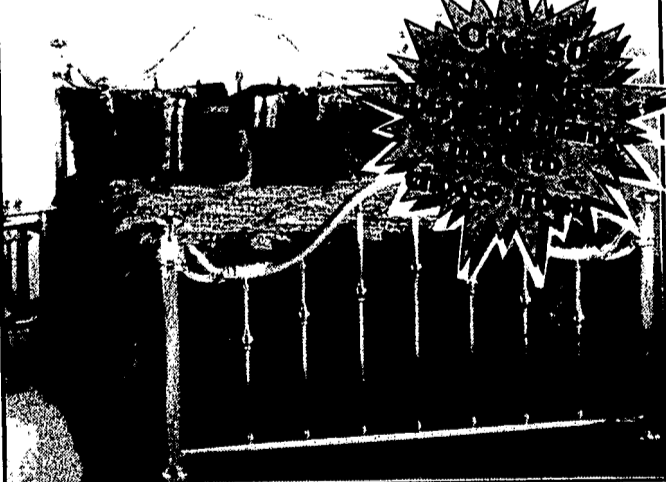
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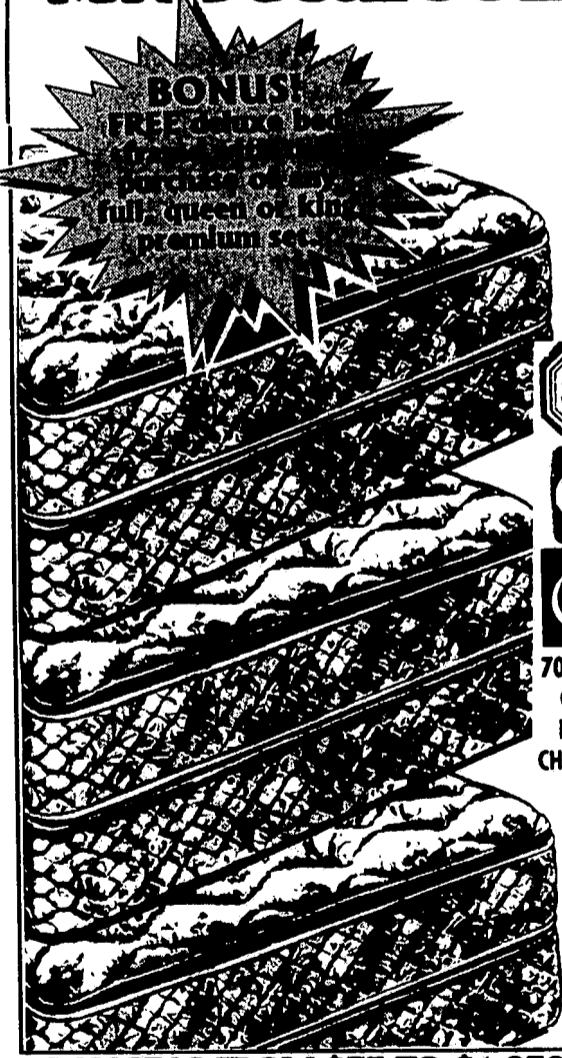
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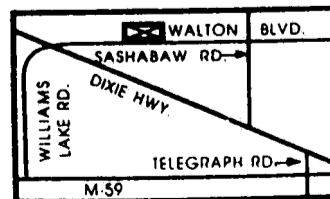
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