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## Schools mull over advertising offers

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Will Clarkston basketball players be wearing Nike exclusively? Will high-school students drink Pepsi or Coke?

The decision could be based upon contract offers from major companies like those that are now coming into the Clarkston school district. The board of education will have to decide what to allow and how to use the money that would be attached.

At Monday's board of education meeting, athletic director Dan Fife and Director of Administrative and Personnel Services Linda Nester told the board that they are already being courted with lucrative offers surrounding the opening of the new high schools. Food service and sports are the areas where offers have already surfaced, but more are expected.

"Tonight we're talking about some things a few years ago we would never have considered," Nester said. "We have been contacted by these companies to obtain advertising rights... If our district wanted to we could receive discounts on different types of things we already buy, such as uniforms, shoes, socks, and have other items donated."

For example, Fife said Pepsi has offered a three-year deal with a payment to the district of \$21,000 in exchange for allowing a Pepsi dispenser in the high school. The money could be used as the district saw fit.

A lengthy discussion followed on the ethical implications of allowing the schools to appear to be making product endorsements, and allowing children to be used as billboards. Maintaining athletes' amateur status and the district's non-profit status were mentioned.

"This is just an attempt to lay some things out for the board's consideration," said school superintendent

Dr. Al Roberts. "The bottom line is in one way, shape or form, we're going to sell soft drinks at the high school. Does it matter... that it's Coke or Pepsi?"

One topic of discussion was the disbursement of funds that come in from such contracts. Trustee Janet Thomas said they should all go into one pot.

"All our savings are school district savings. They're not kitchen savings or coach savings," she said. "We're going to serve a small number of students if we don't watch what we're doing."

Treasurer Kurt Shanks was concerned that entering into such deals could make it look like the district was endorsing products. He also didn't want to see the Clarkston name used by the companies in advertising their products.

"I'm going to be highly resistant to any commercialism in our schools," he said. "We aren't going to say we're a Coke district."

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## Morning s-t-r-e-t-c-h

### Students enjoy limo ride to McDonald's

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some Sashabaw Middle Schoolers took a plush ride to Mickey D's Jan. 7 — via a stretch limo that pulled up in front of their school.

Waiting at the door with a big smile was Emily Haywood, an SMS eighth-grader who was the winner in a LINK fund-raiser sponsored by local businesses. She won lunch at the Sashabaw Rd. McDonald's for herself and three friends, and also invited an autistic student she helps through the A.I. (Autistically Impaired) program as a LINK volunteer. The limo was provided by Executive Limousine Service, Inc. in Auburn Hills.

LINK, a program that recruits seventh- and eighth-graders to work with A.I. children within the district, numbers about 110 student volunteers at SMS, LINK coordinator Margie Russell said. Clarkston is a center program for students with autism, and general ed. students like Emily may select LINK as an elective, she added.

The contest raised money for both the annual LINK awards banquet held at the end of the school year and new computer programs for A.I. Emily sold 19 placemats featuring coupons from area businesses.

She seemed too excited to think about her food order — which wouldn't be taken at the drive-through because the students got to eat inside. But her friend Christine Petroff knew immediately what she wanted: "A number two with a Coke," which, translated, is two cheeseburgers, large fries and a soft drink.

Before they left the golden arches, the students and their chaperone, SMS para-professional Lisonn Hutchinson, feasted on the usual before returning to school. Ryan Sellers, the seventh-grader Emily invited

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Under the golden arches, left to right: Amanda Haywood, Christine Petroff, Emily Haywood, Ryan Sellers and Jenna Thomas.

## The News in Brief

### County commission elects officers

At its first meeting of the new year, the Oakland County Board of Commissioners re-elected John McCulloch (R., Royal Oak) as chairperson.

Also elected was Kay Schmid (R., Novi), vice chairperson, replacing Ruth Johnson (R., Holly) who opted not to seek another term.

Of the three commissioners serving the Clarkston area, Frank Millard was named vice chair of the public services committee, and Donna Huntoon and Larry Obrecht were named members of that committee. Obrecht and Millard will also serve on the newly formed personnel committee.

In a separate action, Millard was also appointed to complete the remaining year of a three-year term on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission left vacant when commissioner Lawrence Pemick died suddenly in November.

### Program on Lyme disease Thursday

The Clarkston Community Women's Club will host a speaker on Lyme Disease at its Thursday, Jan. 15 meeting.

Linda Purdy, president of an organization dealing with the disease, is the speaker. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library with a business meeting followed by the speaker. Call 623-9462 for more information.

### Financial aid night tonight

Clarkston High School will hold an information meeting on college financial aid for parents and seniors tonight (Wednesday) at 7 p.m. in the CHS theatre.

The meeting will focus on filling out aid forms and financial aid programs available for college. The speaker will be Cliff Levitt from Baker College. For more information call 625-0904.

### Walls reappointed to Springfield ZBA

The Springfield Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved supervisor Collin Walls to be its representative on the township zoning board of appeals for a one-year term. The appointment was made at Thursday's board meeting.

Walls was assigned to the ZBA on an interim basis in August when former board rep Charles Oaks was hired to be the new township fire chief. The ZBA must have one member from the township board.

### Historic commission fills vacancies

The Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to appoint Bud Olafsson to fill a vacancy on the Clarkston Historic District Commission at its Jan. 12 meeting. The position emerged after fellow member Les Haight was elected to chair.

Haight replaced long-time commission chair Susan Basinger, who resigned last fall.

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## New realty firm joins crowded neighborhood

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Everybody knows there's a boom going on in Clarkston. New houses are going up at a healthy clip, new developments are on the drawing boards, and real-estate firms pepper the landscape.

The question is, with some 30 such companies listed with the North Oakland County Board of Realtors as based in Clarkston, is there room for one more?

If you ask Michelle Phaup, she'll tell you there is. A former salesperson at several local realty firms, she has decided to hang out her own shingle by opening Clarkston Realty on Sashabaw Rd. Phaup followed her mother into the real-estate business and said the move is "something I've thought about for a long time and now is the time in my life to do it."

Phaup said she's already used to being on her own since she's been working independently at a 70-house development on Clintonville Rd. called Whispering Oaks, which she will continue to represent. She plans to keep her company small, with only a handful of salespeople.

"I've personally thought there was always a lot of real estate out there," she said. "It's up to the person how hard they're willing to work."

Carol Moreno, treasurer of the North Oakland Board of Realtors and a Clarkston resident, said that may be true.

"There are only some that have a share of the market," she said. "It takes a certain type of individual to do it, to manage it, to make it work."

"Is there room? I don't know. A successful broker will take work away from a weaker one. I'm sure Michelle has a great customer base . . . and that's important."

Kay Pearson, another local Realtor on the North Oakland Board, said, "She (Phaup) is very respected in the industry and individually is very capable. As far as is there room, you're not necessarily having new people enter the industry."

The challenge will be for a small firm to carve out a market share in an age of consolidation, she added.

"Michelle will do well on an individual basis; it's the overhead she's adding."

Phaup said she will concentrate on customer service, not trying to build a big staff. "We are a smaller company and we're focusing on service and also on more tailored, more customized things," she said. "That's what's going to keep us in business."

One of her other specialties will be new construction sales. "I think builders are (hiring Realtors) now. They're also very busy. They're hiring professionals to do their selling."

Phaup said she's heard only positive comments about her decision to open a new firm. She will participate in multi-listing services and cover north Oakland County, including Brandon, Waterford, Orion and Oxford, in addition to Clarkston.

According to the North Oakland Board's website, strong building is continuing in a band through Rose, Holly, Groveland, Springfield and Independence townships, along with Oxford, Orion, Brandon and



Michelle Phaup shows off one of her new blue-and-gold signs for Clarkston Realty. She can be reached at 625-1400.

Waterford.

"The vast number of lakes, golf courses, entertainment complexes, shopping and business facilities, along with many educational institutions certainly qualifies the North Oakland County area as one of the prime locations in the middle west."

Phaup grew up in real estate; her mother Valerie is office manager at Max Broock in Clarkston. A Clarkston resident, Michelle Phaup attended Kalamazoo College after graduation from Clarkston High School.

"I grew up in real estate; I've been around it all my life," she said. "Of course when I first graduated from college that was the last thing I wanted to do." In 1997 she sold over \$7.5 million worth of real estate.

Her mother won't be joining her in the new venture, but Phaup said her mom is "excited for me. I might have surprised her."

Phaup is visible in the community for the amount of charitable work she does, including the K-9 Stray Rescue League, the Rotary Club, and a bone marrow fund-raising effort. In December she received the humanitarian award from the North Oakland County Board of Realtors. She also teaches aerobics and has run a charity-sponsored marathon as well.

"I really believe in the saying 'If you have something to do, give it to a busy person,'" she said. "I schedule it and go moment to moment. And if it happens that I have to cut something out for real estate, I do it. That's part of the reason (the new venture) took so long."

"I think Michelle probably will be successful because she's one of those people who works all the time," Moreno said. "I wish her success. It's a tough thing to get going and to keep going."

## Business briefs

● Randy Frankel of Clarkston has been named Director of Restaurant Operations at the Oakland Grill on Woodward in Royal Oak. He has over 22 years experience in restaurant management and operations and previously owned and operated eateries in South Fort Myers and Naples, Fla.

● Randy Hosler, president of the Buick and Pontiac dealership bearing his name, was elected secretary of the Detroit Auto Dealer Association for 1997-98. In addition, Chuck Fortinberry, president of Clarkston Motors, was re-elected to the DADA board for another year. DADA is the host of the annual North American International Auto Show and supports car dealers through legislative and industry representation.

● Chase Plastics of Clarkston has been named one of the fastest growing companies in the country by Inc. magazine, which recently released its annual ranking of the Inc. 500. In addition, Chase was named a "Future 50" company in Metro Detroit by the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce.

Chase is ranked 180th on the Inc. magazine list, which measures overall growth in privately held companies over a five-year period. Since its inception in 1992, Chase has achieved sales growth of 1,235 percent.

Chase is a full-service engineering thermoplastics distribution company supplying the injection molding and extrusion industries.



## Come and get it at the new Pete's coney

Pete's Coney II, a long-time staple at Ritter's Country Square in Clarkston, recently moved into its new digs at Clarkston Hill, atop "Waterford hill" on Dixie Highway. The 10,000-square-foot building, designed by local architect David Katz, also houses owner Aulgur-Raisin Homes, and will include a hair salon. Leasing space is still available. Owner Ed Zull said his grandfather started the original Pete's in Pontiac 29 years ago. Zull and his brother Tom Traicoff own the Pontiac and Clarkston coney, as well as a carry-out in Auburn Hills. The new restaurant features their traditional fare — hot dogs, soup, chili and all-day breakfasts — and has increased its salad lineup. Hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays. "We needed more space to expand," said Zull. "This is a great opportunity and the response has been excellent." Pictured at left is Zull's son Chris, 19, who helps out at the restaurant with his 18-year-old brother Andy.

# Furniture decision tough for new high school

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

There's a scene in a movie where a couple go into a store to buy a bed. Before its over the man is hyperventilating into a paper bag, stressed out over the commitment he's about to make.

The Clarkston board of education experienced a little of that anxiety Monday night as they were faced with the big decision about purchasing furniture for the new high school. They know it's a decision they will have to live with for decades. They don't want to make a mistake.

Jennifer Hillery Doyle, an interior designer with Greiner, Inc., the school's architect, presented photos and swatches of color and fabric arrived at in discussion with the high school staff. While there was some give-and-take about the colors, the major sticking point was student desks.

Doyle said the staff compromised on a one-piece chair/desk combination because some wanted tables and some wanted desks. The board wondered whether the non-adjustable piece would be suitable to students of all different sizes.

The discussion eventually came down to this: How were criteria developed to arrive at the choices? And will all manufacturers have an equal opportunity to fulfill the specifications?

"Is the specification written right now . . . that is very detailed in its requirements?" asked treasurer Kurt Shanks. "Right now it looks like we've chosen a manufacturer . . . rather than say we have these requirements . . . That's the opposite of the way we've been doing this building and I don't understand it."

Doyle explained that one particular manufacturer is used as an example. Standard sizes and colors are used and any manufacturer can come up with a pretty

good match.

Bids requests are expected to be ready Jan. 22. The board will meet again Jan. 26, and Shanks asked for the bid specs. to be made available to the board at that time. In addition, a sample desk will be brought to the meeting.

"If the specifications were here tonight and the

board could see them, this would be a no-brainer," said school superintendent Dr. Al Roberts. "So as soon as the specs. come in we want to share them with the board."

The board approved the selections unanimously in order to allow the process to go forward. As always, they will have the final say on awarding the bids.

## Panel discussion to address suicide

When you have to deal with a tragedy, whether it be drugs or disease or crime, suddenly you're forced to become an expert on the topic.

A panel of some of those homegrown experts—on the topic of suicide—will talk at a meeting Jan. 22 sponsored by Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

Kathy Garwood, a grief counselor with Donelson Johns and Evans Funeral Home and a Clarkston resident, will lead a panel discussion of people who have lost a loved one to suicide. The public—adults and youth—is invited to attend this free event at the Independence Township Library at 7 p.m.

"I thought about what would be the most effective, and it is to have a panel of survivors," Garwood said. She's used the panel approach before and found it highly effective, she added.

"The people in the group are real, real anxious to get not only their story but their insights to the community as part of their healing. So I do it for two reasons. For the community, we need to be educated in what suicide is all about and what happens when there is a suicide in the family."

Though the largest group of suicides is in men over 65, the fastest rising group is adolescents, Garwood said. She's hopeful the panel will provide some assis-

tance in suicide prevention, based upon what they've learned from personal experience.

"They can look back now after the loved one has died, what they can see that they didn't see then," she said. "I just think we can learn from the experts, and they are the experts."

Discussion will address the topic of depression, but Garwood admits it's not always obvious when someone is seriously depressed. One of her panelists lost her son at age 14 to suicide and didn't know anything was wrong.

"She said, and I'm sure she will say, 'I wish I could say he was drinking or doing drugs or depressed but I didn't have a clue,'" Garwood said.

And that's where friends come in, and why adolescents are invited to the meeting.

"That's one of the big messages they want to address to young people. You won't be raving on your friends (if you tell someone they're depressed). You won't have to go to their funeral."

The panel will not try to figure out why people commit suicide, a question no one can really answer.

"That's the scary part," Garwood said. "We are losing our young people, our future, for whatever reason. We don't know why."



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## New Clarkston Cinema owner is optimistic about theater's comeback

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Like Agent 007, Larry Sefa wants to believe tomorrow never dies. That's why the local Realtor has purchased Clarkston Cinema, housed in the building he owns on Dixie Highway.

The 25-year-old cinema's success has been declining, even with hits like "Men in Black," and family pleasers like Disney's "Flubber." Paul Glantz, who has owned the business for seven years, was seriously considering closing the theater's doors after the holidays because, as he explained, profits plummeted 50-60 percent during the 1997 season.

"I can't think of anything to tell you, like the place is dirty, our popcorn's not good or the picture's lousy ... But the community votes with their dollars and we've continued to lose money steadily for the past seven years," Glantz, who now owns a six-screen cinema in Birch Run, said.

But he agreed new mega-screen theaters like the recently built Waterford 11 on M-59 and the 20-screen Star Theatre in Southfield have hurt business. Compounding the problem are booking commitments — which are hard to get out of if you're stuck with a bomb — and a shortage of prints for first-run blockbusters like "Titanic."

An example is "Scream 2," which he predicted would do well with teenagers who typically want to see a show when it first opens. It died after the first weekend; the blow was noticing "two cars New Year's Eve."

There is also no room to expand on the one-acre parcel that holds the cinema and three other businesses, including Boardwalk Inc. Real Estate, owned by Sefa and his wife Bretagne. The 266-seat cinema is at



New Cinema owner Larry Sefa (right)—who maybe ought to be in pictures?—hams it up with manager Jack Brocklebank.

capacity for parking, Glantz said. A bigger cinema would require more spaces.

At one time Glantz hoped to build a multi-screen theater at Sashabaw and Maybee, but the township asked him to build a road and loop the water main, he said.

With that and the \$3,500 a month rent for Clarkston Cinema, Glantz was ready to sell. "It's fairly painful when we have a Sunday and no one shows up," he said.

Sefa said he intervened because he wants to keep the movies running — even though he has been offered better for the space. Currently he's brainstorming ideas, which include establishing a 24-hour hotline for suggestions. Those interested are advised to call (248) 625-0407 and pitch their ideas to manager Jack Brocklebank.

According to Sefa, losing Clarkston Cinema would mean "losing a tradition."

"Clarkston needs a cinema," he said, noting the community would be the "real" owners. "But we're

going to need their help. We need them to patronize us ... The key belongs to them."

Sefa wants to continue the special showings established by Glantz, where profits are given to charities like Lighthouse Clarkston and Easter Seals after costs are met. Glantz also occasionally opened the cinema free-of-charge to school groups, like Clarkston High School students who watched "Schindler's List."

Sefa said he also doesn't want Brocklebank to lose his young employees, including a Clarkston High School senior and Michigan State sophomore who act as junior managers.

"These young kids ... they're in school, they've got car payments, they're just starting out."

Brocklebank said he would like to carry on the tradition of running middle-of-the-road fare that's appealing to general audiences, either by offering a first-run movie or alternating two "sub-run" films.

"With second runs I think it's possible we could grab a PG-13 and run a G film during the day," he said. "What hurts us is if we grab an R movie, we lose our audience. You try to attract the base if you can." But he admits, they may run the occasional R flick if that's what people want. That's why he's hoping folks will call him.

"The next good movie I think that'll do well is 'Dr. Dolittle,'" said Brocklebank, noting the star — whose character talks with animals — is Eddie Murphy.

You can't beat the cinema's prices, he adds. A large pop and popcorn costs \$5, for example.

Cinema sales are currently down because winter is the slowest season, Brocklebank said. Most good movies come out in the summer or just before the holidays. So now is the perfect time to show a film like "Titanic," after the hype's died down. He hopes to grab a print when one's available.

Brocklebank also describes Clarkston Cinema as safe. "You can drop your kids off and lose them for two to three hours" without worry, he said.

Former Village Bookstore owner Georgene Sloan just likes the small-town charm. She's one who still "votes" with her dollars.

"It's a lot of fun going there. The manager stands at the door when you're leaving and says, 'Wasn't that a great movie?' or 'Didn't you like that?'" she said.

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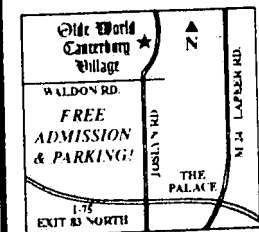
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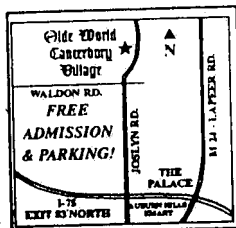
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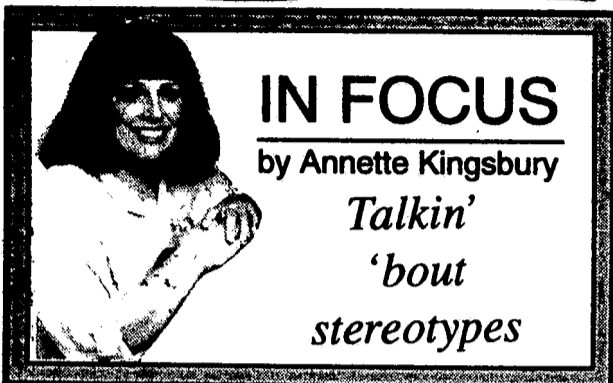
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## IN FOCUS

by Annette Kingsbury

Talkin'

'bout

stereotypes

According to Webster, a stereotype is "a fixed or conventional notion or conception . . . allowing for no individuality, critical judgement, etc."

We all know what the word means, and are all probably guilty of invoking stereotypes at one time or another. I know I am. What's really odd is when you hear someone stereotype you.

Recently I had the occasion to interview a Christian radio talk-show host. And though I don't listen to talk radio of any kind, I thought it might be interesting.

Now I confess: I had a picture in my mind, in advance, about who this guy was going to be. I expected him to be graying, 60-something, and carrying a Bible. In fact, in my mind he looked just like Rev. Jerry Falwell. I don't know why.

Imagine my surprise when I walked this younger-than-me, bearded, dark-haired man. Stereotype number one, down the tubes. Then, when we started talking, I learned he'd been a reporter, even covered Capitol Hill. The Rev. Falwell began to blur.

By the time we were done talking, all my preconceived notions were gone. And I must admit, I was feeling good about that. As a reporter, it's my job to keep an open mind, and I felt I would be able to write a good story.

A few days later I was listening to his radio show and I heard this description of me: "Hates talk radio, listens to NPR (National Public Radio) all day."

Well!

You could hear the minds slamming shut, the stereotypes being drawn, all over radioland. That brief sound bite painted a particular mental picture for the listeners. Somewhere between Joan Baez and the old Jane Fonda, I guess. It's an image most will never have an opportunity to undo, so it's permanent.

So I learned a couple of lessons about stereotypes, good lessons, I have to admit. They can be very wrong, and they can be hurtful. And you just have to have a sense of humor about them or they'll only cause problems.

This incident came up just by chance so close to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, but it's relevant, I think. King talked about his children being judged by the color of their skin rather than their character. You or I may be prejudiced about skin color, or age, or sexual orientation or whether or not the person wears a nose ring or a suit and tie. We each have our own emotional baggage when it comes to forming stereotypes.

Our stereotypes are learned over time, probably often from real-life experiences that are steamrolled into gross exaggerations. One bad experience and we typecast for the rest of our lives.

What it leads to is people told they can't have this or that job because they're gay (I always wonder how they're supposed to make a living). They can't live in a particular neighborhood because of ethnic background. I've even heard Barbara Streisand criticized—recently—for not getting a nose job. Get over it!

When Rodney King said "Can't we all just get along?" it turned into a national punch line, but the fact is, it's a legitimate question. Maybe our collective New Year's resolution should be to lighten up.

## Editorial

# King's message still rings true

*Editor's note: In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday Jan. 15, The Clarkston News reprints here excerpts from his famous "I Have a Dream" speech, delivered Aug. 28, 1963 in Washington, D. C.*

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day out in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood . . .

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by their character . . .

This is our hope. This is the faith that I will go back to the South with. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood.

With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to climb up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children

will be able to sing with new meaning "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrims' pride, from every mountain side let freedom ring!"

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi and every mountainside.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every tenement and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old spiritual, "Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, we are free at last."



## JIM'S JOTTINGS / by Jim Sherman

### Old and not 'in,' and Michiganders

Our company, Sherman Publications, recently asked Clarkston News readers to comment on this column, among others.

One reader, thank goodness there was only one, said I was too old.

After reading the various "year's end" of what's in and out, hot and not and up and down, I agree.

I didn't recognize one of the top ten names among rock groups.

I recognized no featured people. (Note I didn't call them 'artists'.)

I didn't buy, nor did I listen to any of the top 10 albums of 1997. These include *OK Computer* by Radiohead and *Fountains of Wayne* by Fountains of Wayne.

Same for the top 10 singles, which had, I suppose, such featured people as Foo Fighters' *Monkey Wrench* and Chemical Brothers' *Block Rockin' Beats*. I lost my streak of unknown names when I recognized Janet Jackson and Spice Girls' names. I hasten to point out to my fellow seniors that it wasn't their vocals that brought their names to my attention.

More evidence of my age, we of set-in-our-ways age, came when I reviewed the Freep's Mike Duffy's top 10 tv (why do others capitalize tv?) shows of 1997. I saw none of them. Oh, I saw snips of *Frazier*, not funny, *The Simpsons*, bad cartoon drawings with R language, and *X-Files*, which had less appeal than vomit.

No one in the year-end review of "entertainment" I read, mentioned the new *Bill Cosby Show*, which I think is funny, *Touched by an Angel*, *Wheel of Fortune*, *Home Improvement* or *Biography*.

Me thinks sometimes these professional review-

ers are writing for the audience they want to think is reading their daily newspapers and not for the age group that actually reads daily newspapers.

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Handed to me by a reader who focuses on the Internet, are some "You Might Be A Michigander" stuff. It's a take off of Jeff Foxworthy's "You Might Be A Redneck."

You might be a Michigander . . .

. . . If your definition of a small town is one that doesn't have a lake.

If you think Alkaline batteries were named after a Tiger outfielder.

If you point at the palm of your right hand when telling people where you grew up.

If the "Big Three" can mean either Ford, Chrysler and GM or Domino's, Little Caesar's and Hungry Howie's.

You might be a Michigander if the trees in your backyard have spigots

If you know what a pastie is.

If your kid's baseball and softball games have ever been snowed out.

If you refer to relatives south of Bay City as flatlanders.

If traveling coast to coast means going from Port Huron to Muskegon.

If owning a Japanese car is a hanging offense in your home town.

If someone asks you if you've been to Europe and you answer, "No, but I've been to Ann Arbor."

If you think "going up north" would be a great vacation . . . in January.

## A look back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1983)

Despite November's advisory ballot that biannual tax collection not be conducted in Clarkston, the board of education votes unanimously to request summer taxes be levied at its Jan. 10 meeting. The vote affects Independence, Springfield, White Lake and Waterford townships, in the wake of a new state law that allows school districts to mandate school tax collection in June.

Tired of mail rip-offs and theft of grouped rural route mailboxes, at least two Independence Township subs request the U.S. Post Office install Neighborhood Delivery Collection Box Units to thwart attacks. According to James Toth, supervisor of mail delivery at the Clarkston Post Office, each homeowner would be issued a key, much like an apartment mailbox.

A Clarkston High School graduate lands a singing job at Mykonos Supper Club in Greektown. Gina Roselli, the new American songstress and a receptionist at David Daniels Hair Design, says she got her "break" singing at her best friend's wedding.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1973)

It looks like kindergartener Kenny Giegler will still be walking to and from classes at Clarkston Elementary School despite efforts to have him bused. The state says he lives within the mile-and-a-half limits considered easy walking distance. The whole thing starts when it's asked that he be allowed to occupy one of the empty seats on the noon kindergarten bus. However, assistant superintendent Milford Mason states in a report that if the favors were extended to Kenny, they should be extended to others. It could wind up costing the district another \$3,350 a year.

The Clarkston varsity Wolves drop two basketball games in the past week of play. Friday they lose to Bloomfield Hills Andover and the following night they are edged out by Waterford Mott in overtime.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1948)

The Clarkston State Bank elects its new officers at the annual meeting held Tuesday. Chairman of the board is T.J. Foley, president, G.A. Walter, vice president, J.L. Estes, and vice president and cashier, R. L. Jones.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Edward G. Robinson, Ida Lupino and John Garfield in "The Sea Wolf" and Maureen O'Hara, Rex Harrison and Victor McLaglen in "The Foxes of Harrow." Featured at the Drayton Theatre are Bob Hope and Signe Hase in "Where There's Life."

Specials at The Village Market include Del Rich Oleo, 39 cents a pound; kipper snacks, 21 cents a can; Birdseye Orange Juice, 24 cents a can; Cracker Jacks, three boxes for a dime; and Gerber Baby Foods, four cans for a quarter.

### 60 YEARS AGO (1938)

More of "A Review of 1937": The Clarkston State Bank is made a member of the Federal Reserve System ... Elmer Collins is elected Commander of the Campbell Richmond Post No. 63 of the American Legion ... Clarkston State Bank moves into its enlarged quarters ... The Oak Hill School holds a reunion at the schoolhouse ... Changes come to Clarkston Village Council. T.L. Parker and Irving Ronk resign. Mrs. William Baldwin and Howard Huttenlocher are appointed ... The Clarkston Choral Club holds its first rehearsal of the season.

Featured at the Holly Theatre are Claire Trevor and Donald Woods in "Big Town Girl," Ann Sothem and Jack Haley in "Danger Love at Work," Carole Lombard, Fred MacMurray and Una Merkel in "True Confession" and Ronald Colman in "Lost Horizon."

Specials at Rudy's include sirloin steak, 25 cents a pound; pure lard, two pounds for a quarter; macaroni, two pounds for 15 cents; and cheese, 22 cents a pound.

## DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush

*Stand up and be counted*



Every year about this time I kinda' mentally review the previous year to guess about the current year. I do this not to come up with lofty expectations for myself — but our community newspapers.

It is also about this time of year the editors at The Oxford Leader, Lake Orion Review, Clarkston News and The Citizen, usually start to squirm (a wee bit).

I go through files and files and files of stuff, make photocopies and notations and pass them out to the editors. Reading material (though dry) that I think will help them produce better community newspapers.

And, since every American that ever was, is, or will be is born with the "I don't like somebody else telling me what to do" gene, I'm sure this makes for "pleasant" meetings. But, that's business, I guess.

I usually ask them to look at their individual products critically, make tweaks to the newspapers and to give themselves challenges.

I ask them to write concisely and compellingly; I ask them to cut to the chase when telling their stories. And, I let them know the art of good writing is rewriting. But, that's all in the past.

This year I'd like all readers out there to look critically at your community newspaper. I'd like you to challenge us.

What boats have we missed?

How can we better package your community newspaper?

Do we need more pictures of local people?

What things do you like and what we should build on?

How can we better communicate with our community — would you like one of our staff to speak to your class or service group? Would anybody be willing to stand up and meet with our staff once or

twice a year in a focus group setting (refreshments and snacks, courtesy of us, of course)?

I think you get the idea.

Take a red crayon and mark up a newspaper and send it back to us. Be critical, but please, please be constructive and friendly in your approach. If you have a problem, give a suggestion to make it better, etc., etc.

We won't (or can't) do all of the suggestions you might have, but we can honestly take a look at them.

Don't be afraid (that's what I tell the editors). The staffs at our community newspapers all want to produce the best product they can. Since you're the customer, let us know.

Heck, if you want you can even call me, 628-4801.

## Senior spotlight

### THIS WEEKS LUNCH MENU

The nutrition program is held at noon, Monday through Friday, at the Senior Center. Reservations are needed by noon the day prior to your visit. A donation of \$2 is requested from those age 60+, and a charge of \$3 for anyone under age 60. Homebound meals and supplemental liquid meals are also available by calling Sarah at 625-8231.

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Wed.\* Jan. 21 Braised Sirloin Cubes  
Thurs. Jan. 22 Mosticcoli  
Fri. Jan. 23 Chicken Tetrizzini

\*Wednesdays are low fat "heart smart" lunches. Additional salt is never used in our preparations.

## People poll

By Eileen McCarville

### Would you rather have snow or rain?

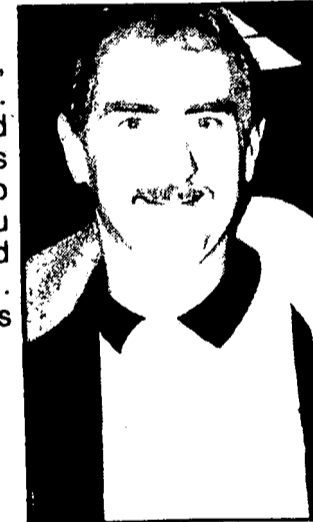
SCOTT HOLLIS, 4, WATERFORD: Snow because I could play. I can sled.



KATHY BEST, CLARKSTON: Rain, because it appears to be spring-like if it's raining.

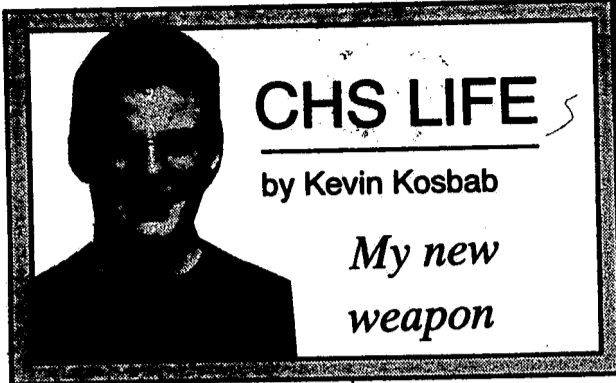


LARRY NEAL, CLARKSTON: Snow. I live on a dirt road and when it rains it's impossible to keep the car clean. You even get mud tracked in the house. Besides, rain is dreary.



DOROTHY ALEXANDER, CLARKSTON: Oh, I would much rather have snow. . . I live near Pine Knob and the people need snow — and the hardware stores. I was talking to a man and he said he only sold two snowblowers so far. The economy needs it.





## CHS LIFE

by Kevin Kosbab

*My new  
weapon*

Thanks to my eternally bargain-hunting parents, my family received a camcorder for Christmas this year. With it as my gun and 8mm tapes as my ammunition, no one is safe.

The scariest part is that I know what I'm doing with this camcorder: I was put in a video training course at school and know the basics of how to use the camera. So now I am free to lurk around the house, school, etc. and record the normal behavior of others. That is, I would be able to if video cameras were not objects of such great power that they completely alter the way people act.

I figure that cameras transform people into one of two categories (actually three, if you count the people smart enough to act like nothing's happening). Those that fit into the first of these demand that the camera constantly face them and are delighted to give a spontaneous performance. These people lack shame and could not care less about what viewers of the tape will think of them. Maybe it's not so much a transformation as an enhancement of certain personality aspects—members of this category are usually attention-loving off-camera as well.

In stark contrast, the second type of people would rather have their toenails ripped out than be recorded. As soon as the red light is lit, indicating the camera is recording, they freeze. "What is *that* doing here?" they ask, both horrified and disgusted. They might try to escape gracefully (or not so gracefully) or just remain frozen, unable to think with this wretched electronic beast glaring at them, saving their every terrified word or tremble for the rest of the human race to view later. It's often a mutual dislike: they don't like the camera and the camera doesn't like them, if you know what I mean. It's hard to tell which causes the other.

These two kinds of people are what make the filming experience so enjoyable. Whether there's someone dancing on a table with a lampshade over their head while being pelted with fragments of food, or someone staring right into the camera like deer stare into approaching headlights, there's always something to laugh at.

In reality, the footage I have doesn't even show people at their worst—yet. Now that I don't have to use school equipment, the recording options are much broader and I can seek out wonderful occasions to film things that people would rather not have filmed. Those of you that know me—and even those that don't—had best watch out: one can never be sure when and where I'll strike next.

## Letter to the editor

### Residents help club help the needy

Dear editor,

I am writing this letter to graciously thank all of the Deerwood and Cranberry Pointe subdivision residents. Their generous donations to the Clarkston High School Blue & Gold club's pop can drive on Sunday, January 4 should be applauded. The club was able to collect nearly 3,000 cans. All deposits from the cans shall be donated to charity. Once again, thank you Deerwood and Cranberry Pointe residents, you are truly making a difference in the lives of those in need.

Sincerely  
Curt Brewer

Blue & Gold Executive Board Member



## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

by Al Roberts, Ed. D.

*Helping kids in a crisis*

Last week our school family was deeply saddened by the death of an eighth-grade student. It is always difficult to understand the loss of someone so young; and our hearts certainly go out to the family, friends, and classmates of a girl who touched so many lives.

Although we wish tragedies would never cross the schoolhouse door, our faculty and staff must be prepared to react quickly to any emergency situation. Our challenge is to be ready to help the youngsters cope when tragedy does strike. Such was the case this past week.

As soon as Sashabaw Middle School received the unfortunate news, the entire teaching staff met with our guidance and counseling experts to prepare themselves for contact with the students. Twenty-three trained professionals arrived at the school site to share their expertise and to make themselves available for all in need of their services (children and adults alike). Both of our middle schools communi-

cated with their respective parents. Our intent was to assist parents in addressing the concerns and emotions that their child(ren) might express. In tragic circumstances such as this, student reactions are somewhat predictable.

I applaud the faculty and staff at Sashabaw Middle School and our district's crises team for the prompt and compassionate way they handled this mournful situation.

At school, we are ever-mindful of adolescents who often struggle with the problems of growing up in a complex world; and the death of a classmate can certainly add to the trials and tribulations of growing up. One of the advantages of being with students all day, five days a week, is that we are able to observe their behavior on a regular basis. But, it is not always easy to pick up on the feelings that our kids experience and teenagers do a great job of covering up.

So it is important for *all of us* to watch over our community's greatest asset, the kids. A community such as Clarkston can do no less.

## Letters to the editor

### Some want snow

Dear editor,

It was with dismay that I read your photo caption on the Opinion page of the December 31 edition of the *Clarkston News*. The photo was of the Pine Knob marquee, which displayed a message asking Santa for snow. In your caption, you said "some of us could do without any snow until at least next Christmas Eve."

I would like to point out that snow is welcomed by many Clarkston residents and many businesses depend on it—such as Pine Knob, one of the area's largest employers. Many of your readers love snow. After all we live in Michigan, a true winter wonderland. Please try to think positive when talking about snow.

During this time of year warm weather is not good news for:

- Skiers, snowboarders and snowmobilers
- Good kids who got new skis and/or snowboards for Christmas
- Snowmen
- Little kids who like to make angels in the snow
- Mill Pond ice skaters
- Guys with snow blowers
- Beginner skiers who want to try "Discover Michigan Skiing"
- Snow plow operators
- Kids who want to play outside in the snow
- Mothers who want the kids to go outside and play in the snow
- The Clarkston Ski Team
- Ski shop owners with boots, parkas, and skis to sell

Hotels, restaurants, gas stations, etc. that rely on winter business from ice fishermen, snowmobilers and skiers

...And that is just about everybody!

Michigan depends on winter travel, which has an economic impact of \$1.68 billion a year. We also have more ski resorts than any other state except New York and we have more registered snowmobiles than any other state.

Winter is a fact of life in Michigan. I urge you to get out and enjoy it. Skiing and other winter sports are great fun and a wonderful way to exercise. If you don't like Michigan's winter, then you should be in a warmer climate. Life is too short. Enjoy what we are blessed with in this state!

Mickey MacWilliams  
Executive Director

Michigan Ski Industries Association

### Task Force makes a difference

Dear editor,

The "Clarkston Task Force For Youth" is making a huge difference not only in their immediate community in addressing the issues of our youth today, but also throughout the county.

The Task Force co-sponsored the first time ever "Oakland County Youth Conference" on Nov. 1 (Saturday morning). Ten out of 28 school districts participated in this event making it a great success. The conference was held at the Waterford Administration Board Building in their wonderful Kiva room. The youth participants were 9th-, 10th-, and 11th-graders.

The purpose of the conference was: "Youth Partnership Working Together For Prevention." At the break-out sessions the students addressed the following issues: violence, conflict resolution, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, peer pressure, positive peer influence, and where to go to learn more about these issues.

The other sponsors were: Birmingham Community Coalition, Healthy Communities Coalition, Michigan Communities In Action For Drug Free Youth (MCADY), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Oakland County Health Department/HENS/CSHP, Tri-Community Coalition, and the Waterford Coalition.

Also, students from America's PRIDE, Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Peer Education Prevention Program, Peer Listening, Team Spirit, Student Action Board, Students Against Drinking and Driving, and Youth to Youth and their counselors are to be commended for their dedication and contribution.

The participating youth, coalitions, task force, school counselors and community leaders are to be applauded for bringing the first time ever "Oakland County Youth Conference" and its success to reality.

A special thank-you to Judge Phyllis McMillen, Congressman Galloway and all their helpers for an outstanding pancake breakfast.

Although it took each one to make this event a great success, an extra extended thank-you to the students, and Steve Ogg of the Learner's Institute in Waterford for being the "icing on the cake."

Charlene Hernandez

Clarkston Task Force For Youth





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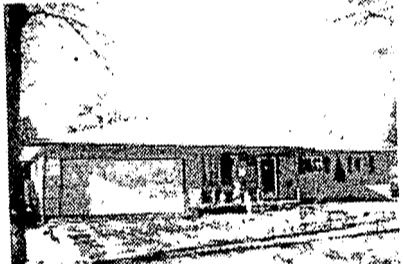
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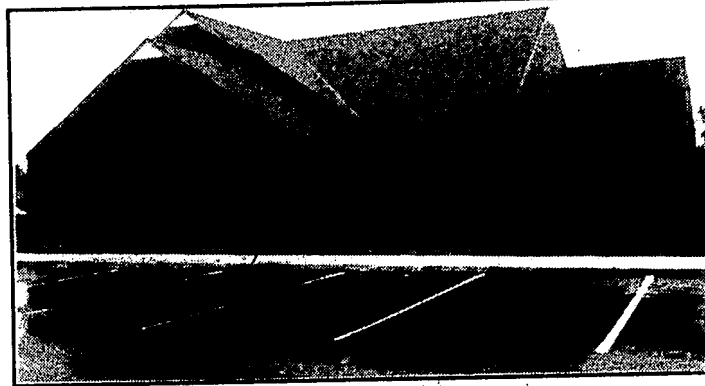


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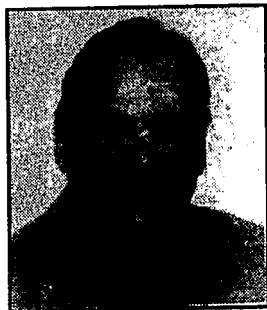
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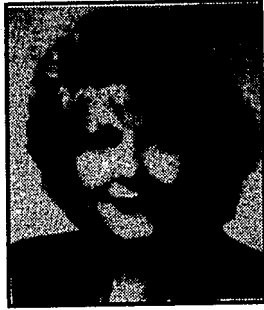


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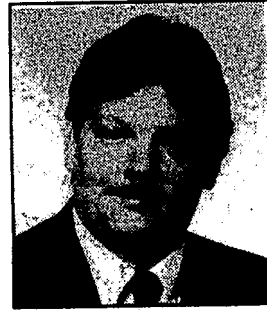


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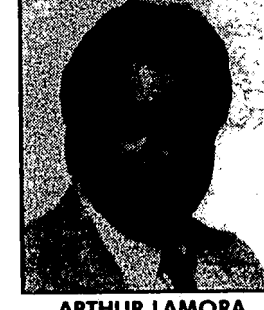
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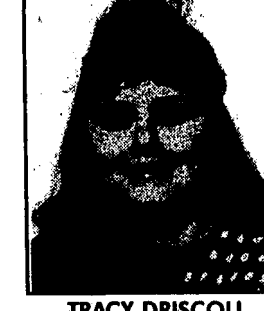
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# Mt. Zion youth center opens

At long last, the much-anticipated Clarkston Christian Association Youth Center owned by Mt. Zion Temple will open at the corner of Maybee and Sashabaw roads Monday, Jan. 19.

The project is targeted mostly for middle-schoolers, who will enjoy the facility Monday through Friday, from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. A \$2 charge gets them into the following activities: Rollerblading, pool, games like sumo wrestling and human bowling, music, a coffee house and big-screen TV. Refreshments like pop, frozen Cokes, popcorn and pretzels will be available at reduced prices, and pizza will eventually be included.

"Every day there will be different activities," said Loren Covarrubias, pastor at Mt. Zion. Some examples are hip-hop dancing and karate, he said.

Covarrubias said plans are to expand hours in the future, eventually to weekends. CCA will be open to the general public from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Mt. Zion also conducts youth services at the facility Sunday evenings starting at 6 p.m. All teens are welcome, he said.

A special public open house is set for Saturday, Jan. 17 from noon to 6 p.m. Parents can sign release forms for children interested in skating and other activities. For more information, call Mt. Zion at (248) 391-6166 or CCA at 620-4900.

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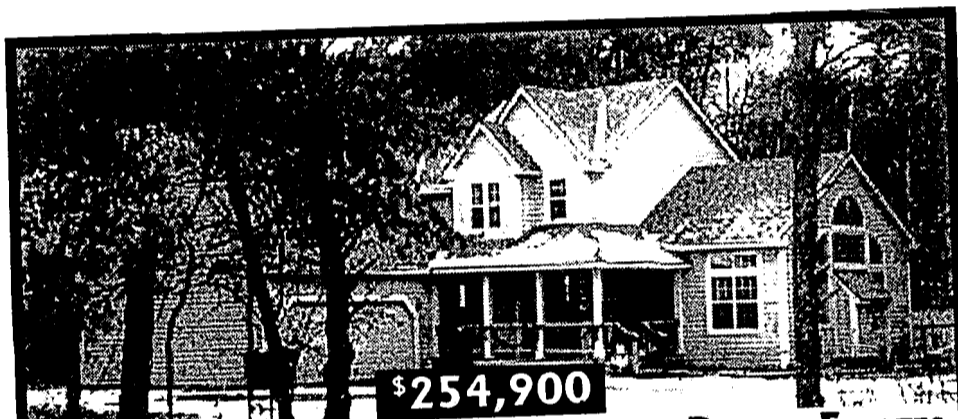
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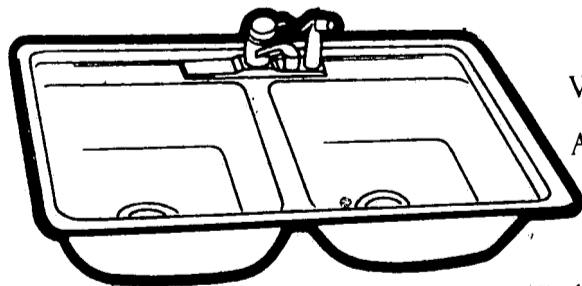


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## New subs planned for Independence

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the population growing in Independence Township and the spring and building season coming, three new subdivisions have pitched proposals to the planning commission.

This spring Ashford Subdivision at Oakhill and Sashabaw hopes to break ground as well as Woodlyn Court Subdivision on Allen Rd., north of Clarkston on M-15. Another sub, Lake Waldon Pointe Subdivision, is planned for the Sashabaw-Dixie area, although engineer Jim Scharl from Kieft Engineering says construction probably won't begin till fall.

Commissioners approved final plans for Ashford sub, conceptual plans for Woodlyn and preliminary plat plans for Lake Waldon Pointe at the Jan. 8 meeting, voting 5-0, with commissioners Jill Palulian and Todd Moss absent.

Ashford Subdivision, at the corner of Oakhill and Sashabaw, will feature 53 lots developed cluster-style, each about an acre in size. Over one-third of the property will be preserved as green space, said Mark Hubbard, developer. The subdivision will also feature a pond and nature preserve. Commissioners recommended approval, subject to engineers discussing the possibility of a passing lane on the west side of Sashabaw.

Woodlyn Court, an eight-acre subdivision on Allen Rd., just south of Cranberry Lake Rd., will hold 12 half-acre lots and feature custom homes. Some safety path issues still need to be worked out, developer Hoyt Frericks said.

Lake Waldon Pointe Subdivision is being developed by Paul Silverman, owner of Holtzman & Silverman Construction and Realty Limited. Silverman is also a builder who plans to design custom homes for the subdivision, north of Maybee between Dixie Highway and Sashabaw Rd. Lots are 3/4-acre and larger.

Paul is the brother of Buzz Silverman, president of Silverman Development Companies, which is building Waldon Village Towne Center, a multi-use development further north near Sashabaw and Waldon roads.



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(From L-R) Pictured with Springfield Township's New Thermal Imaging System are: Doug Engwis of Douglass Safety Systems, the manufacturer, Calvin Bordine of Bordine's Nursery, Springfield Fire Chief Charles Oaks, Capt. Dean Forner and Sgt. Bob Apple of the Springfield Fire Department.

## Device provides vision in a fire

In the ongoing war against the flames, the Springfield Township Fire Department just received a new weapon in its arsenal.

In a ceremony Thursday at Bordine's Nursery, the department unveiled its new Thermal Imaging System, a device used to detect concentrations of heat in a room.

Springfield Fire Chief Charles Oaks explained that the unit can detect hot spots in a building that's on fire and can help get to trapped people more quickly.

"If there's a fire under the floor or over the ceiling in another room, we can see it with this," Oaks said. "When there's a lot of smoke, it's hard to see anything. But with this, the smoke doesn't get in the way at all."

The unit weighs around four pounds, making it

light enough for a firefighter to carry easily. The image produced is in different shades of blue, with the brightest shades indicating the highest concentration of heat. Areas in the room that aren't as hot appear in a shade closer to a midnight blue.

Other benefits of the unit include seeing around otherwise unseen objects, pinpointing the seat of the fire, and identifying concealed hazards.

"This way, we can know where to start fighting a fire," Oaks said.

The unit is a little over 11 inches long and can detect temperature differences as small as .18 degrees F. It is reliable in heat as great as 700 degrees F.

Independence Township recently decided to purchase a similar unit, but one that attaches to the firefighters' helmets.



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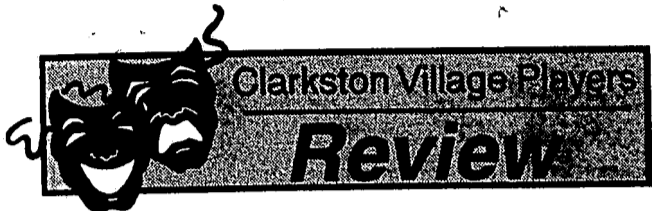
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# Players' comedy relieves that sinking feeling

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It seems boats are the big thing this season, with Clarkston Village Players joining ship. But their current production "Aspirin and Elephants" is no heart-wrenching "Titanic" or "Amistad."

Instead, the cozy little comedy is guaranteed to



melt the stiffest iceberg. And leave him rolling on the deck.

Written by "M\*A\*S\*H" creator Jerry Mayer, who has a certain knack for droll but right-on humor, the tale centers on patriarch "Junior" Frank, who's taken his family on a cruise while recovering from a heart attack. That is, his WHOLE family, including his wife, daughters and two sons-in-law he's nicknamed "the little bastards."

That particular phrase is just one reason why parents should be advised of a PG-13 warning — some of the language is indeed strong. But if you're an adult, it's lots of fun.

During the cruise, which embarks to Copenhagen, then to St. Petersburg, Russia and back, Junior (played with warmth and dead-pan humor by Win Likert) gets more than first-class tickets and a chance to get closer to wife Honey (accomplished actress Nancy Penvose, a British import who does an amazing American accent). His daughters also define their own lives — which may



Win Likert, as Junior, double-dips his wife Honey, played by Nancy Penvose.

or may not include living with their husbands.

All four spouses shine, and seem to have fun with their roles. The quartet includes Dave Kramer and Colleen Beach and real-life twosome Dean Vanderkolk and Debbie Truba.

Vanderkolk, a hoot in last year's "P.S. Your Cat is Dead," practically steals the show. Part of the reason

is his character — a sort of self-effacing, Alan Alda type. Another is the lines he gets to deliver, as when Kramer, the more-successful bro-in-law, smacks yet another put-down punch:

Eyeing his poorer kin's jogging suit, he bestows an underhanded compliment, noting it's 65-percent polyester. Nice, but "next time get 100 percent cotton. It's much classier," he sniffs.

Vanderkolk, as Arnie, is ready. Thank you very much, but no. "I hear 100-percent cotton shrinks your shvanzheimer," he says, grabbing his crotch.

But it's also Vanderkolk's deft timing (he's also involved at a Royal Oak improv) and his sad, basset-hound eyes that succeed in drawing guffaws from the audience.

The setting continues CVP's reputation for fine-tuned detail. This time it's a rose-and-turquoise cabin, "Love Boat" style, that's transformed into multiple accommodations for all three couples thanks to some creative lighting. Lights are dimmed, then turned up intermittently as each couple converses in its "own" cabin, making it possible to keep the same set.

As for the title, "Aspirin and Elephants" is a metaphor, says director Donna Ellis. While aspirin is traditionally taken for heart ailments, Junior describes his condition as "elephants thumping on his chest."

In real life we have maladies that thump like so many heartaches and stresses. But sometimes, thank God, there's enough human medicine to go around — that even doctors can't provide.

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"Aspirin and Elephants" continues its run with performances Jan. 15, 16, 17, 22, 23 and 24 at the Depot Theatre on White Lake Rd. in Clarkston. Call (248) 625-8811 or 625-2511 for more information.

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# Police chief gets go-ahead to raise seasoned officers' salaries

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston is a small community, but not so small that it doesn't need the same kind of police force found in big cities.

That's one reason why Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston approached Monday's council meeting with the hopes of retaining more experienced officers through a pay increase.

Ormiston asked council to approve a new pay structure that would bump up older, retired and experienced police officers' salaries by almost twice. It would "stabilize" his force by keeping more officers in Clarkston, he said.

Currently Ormiston staffs one full-time and seven part-time officers, some of whom are fresh from the academy. They are paid \$5.10 an hour when they first come to Clarkston, but after a few days of training their wages automatically increase to \$6.63 per hour.

On Monday, the chief asked council to approve a new pay rate of \$12 an hour for more experienced officers. New recruits' salaries would stay the same. Council approved his proposal unanimously, 5-0 (Dave Savage and Walt Gamble were absent).

During a phone interview Tuesday, Ormiston explained that he doesn't want to indicate he needs older officers more than the young guys or gals. All are important to make the department work — "24 hours a day, seven days a week."

He hopes to give the more experienced officers responsibilities such as supervising shifts, especially afternoons and nights when more crimes may be committed. Less experienced officers would assume the less stringent daytime duties, such as parking and traffic enforcement.

Ormiston admits it's been hard to keep older people on; the pay increase may be the impetus for them to stay.

"The reason for the \$12 is so we can offer a place for older, retired, more-experienced officers," he said. Currently he has two employees who fit the profile, but he will need to get commitments from each before he raises their salaries, he said. One has talked of leaving.

Ormiston said Clarkston is an excellent stomping ground for a new recruit to learn the ropes, but it's also very competitive with officers vying for jobs. And older

officers are retiring earlier, sometimes as young as 55, and maybe want something in their career field that's less strenuous.

"We are able to offer a place for a new officer," he said. "And we want to continue providing a place for a new recruit, but also be in a position to recruit a more seasoned police officer."

Eventually, Ormiston would like to staff eight to 10 experienced officers, with two or three new recruits. He will be advertising in "police circles" for prospective officers.

"We'll see if I get any bits from that," he said. Ormiston told council there may or may not be enough money in this year's budget to cover the increases (the change goes into effect immediately). He may have to ask for an adjustment from the general budget before July 1, the end of the fiscal year.

Next year's police budget will call for a \$24,000-\$25,000 increase in the police wages portion, he said.

Council members backed his proposal, saying they would be glad to see the same faces around Clarkston.

"It seems like every time you're in town, you see somebody different. Just from that standpoint, I'd like to see something done ... I'd feel safer," said Anne Clifton.

Karen Sanderson agreed. "It's one thing you never want to see compromised," she said. "I don't think it's too great a price to pay."

## Area boards to meet in joint session

Members of the Clarkston board of education, the Independence and Springfield township boards of trustees and the Clarkston City Council will meet in a joint session Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the school administration building.

What's expected to happen is a few introductions over cookies and coffee, and then some frank discussion about what initiatives each board is undertaking.

As of presstime, school superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said he'd received about eight responses from the two townships, but none from the city. His goal, he said, is to develop empathy and open dialogue among the area's leaders.

## Advertising offers

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"I don't think we can sit here and be unrealistic about the advantages this can provide the district," vice president Mary Ellen McLean said. "It's reality; it's here; it's 1998."

Two parents in attendance at the meeting voiced concerns. Cheryl McGinnis, president of the PTA Council, said, "Coke and Pepsi are not always the best things for our kids to drink. Ocean Spray might be better ..."

"I also fear no amount of money will be enough ... None of this is going to stop the other fund-raisers unless the board dictates it."

Diane St. Peter, president of the Clarkston Task Force, said, "I have a grave concern. Clarkston schools has been studious to try to train my daughter to be a critical thinker ... I would hate to think my daughter would graduate with a (Nike) swoosh ... It is ever-present. I just want to be careful if we're just laying down and quibbling over the price."

## Morning stretch

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from A.I., enjoyed his favorite, Chicken Nuggets.

The teen said he's attended several schools with A.I. programs, but SMS tops the list. "How many other schools bring you to McDonald's in a limo?" he said. "It's a secret dream come true for me. Thank you, Sashabaw Middle School!" Ryan had a special thank-you for Russell also, whom he's nicknamed "Agent Scully."

The limo driver said he'd cart them around for a few minutes before returning them to SMS, although the youngsters said they wouldn't mind going to the mall, then the movies ... And he even let them bring their leftover drinks inside and said he wouldn't care if he found a few stray French fries in the seats later.

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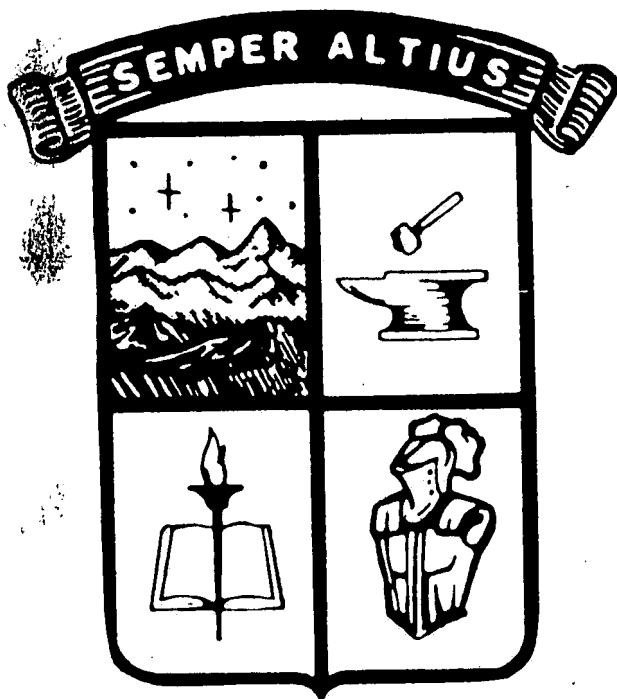
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"This show is a great place for the first-time collector to remember the past, and for the experienced collector to find an elusive piece that has not been seen for years," said Jim Carlson of Clarkston, who, with his wife Patsy, organizes the show.

"Because it's the Motor City, there is always a strong emphasis on automotive-related toys. Over 40 dealers will be selling memories.

"There will be something for everyone with prices from \$5 to \$1,000," Carlson said. Breakfast and lunch will be available.

## AT TOWN TOWN

● A fish fry will be held at Davisburg United Methodist Church, 803 Broadway, on Saturday, Jan. 17, 5-7 p.m. Cost is \$6.50 for adults, \$4 for kids 5-12, \$1 for kids 4 and under.

● Are you wavering in your New Year's resolutions? Do you need an extra push? Attend a workshop entitled "Shoot for the Stars" at the Independence Township Library Monday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. Bring one to three goals and leave with a game plan. The free workshop is led by Diane Morrison, a professional trainer. Call 625-2212 to sign up.

● The Parent Network will meet Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. on "Talking to your child about sexuality." Clarkston health teachers and public health nurses will speak. Call 625-4855 for more information.

## Art show features 4 from Clarkston

Four Clarkston artists will take part in an exhibit this weekend in Orion Township to benefit the Orion Art Center.

Russell Cobane, Paul Gonzales, Betsy Travis and Donella Reese Vogel will show their work and demonstrate it as well at Kings Court Castle Restaurant, which is part of Canterbury Village on Joslyn Rd. north of Waldon.

The four will be joined by two other Michigan artists, Catherine McClung, a painter, and Sharon Sommers, a sculptor.

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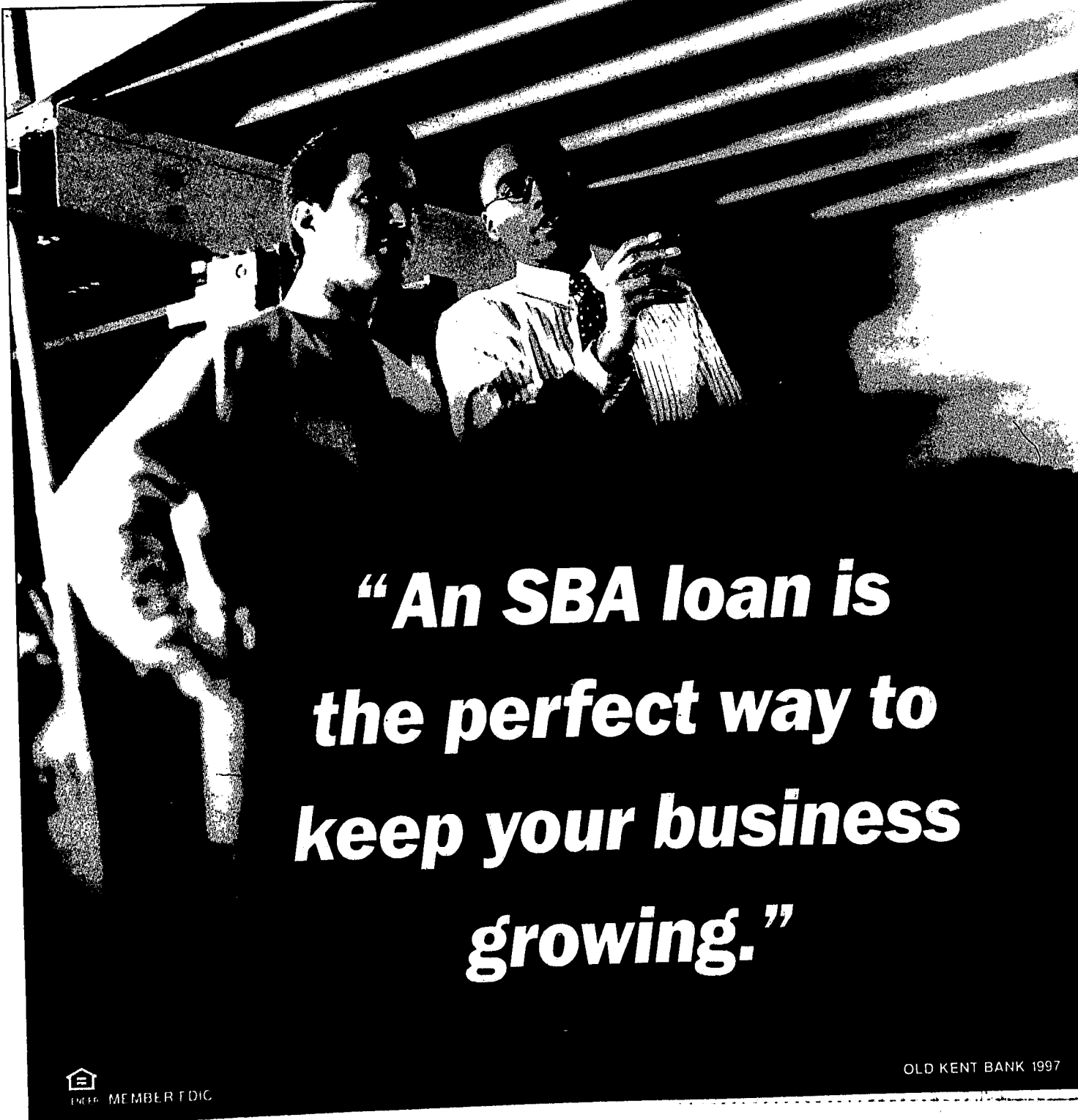
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## Police and fire

**MONDAY, JANUARY 5**, the rear window of a 1992 Geo was broken out while it was parked for an hour at a Clarkston Rd. business.

Fire department investigation on Pear.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 6**, a mother and her 18-year-old daughter both received scratches during a fight at their home on Clarkston Rd. The fight was over obeying house rules.

Medicals on Marmora, Whipple Lake, Everest and Pinedale.

A blown transformer on Surrey Lane in the city led to a power outage. Clarkston Police, Independence Township Fire Department and the Road Commission for Oakland County assisted in restoring power.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Cranberry Lake Rd. The carbon monoxide was found to be coming from a car running in the attached garage.

Two men got into an altercation at a construction site on Meyers.

Larceny of a license plate from a 1985 GMC truck parked on Clarkston Rd. The bolts were still on the car.

## Waterford man charged with drunk driving after chase

A Waterford man led Oakland County Sheriff's deputies on a chase along Dixie Highway Friday in an attempt to avoid a second conviction on drunk driving.

Ronney Neely, 35, was arraigned over the weekend before Magistrate Joanne Faycurry on charges of drunk driving, driving with a suspended license and fleeing and eluding police. Bond was set at \$8,000 cash.

According to reports on file at the OCSA's Independence substation, Neely was first spotted on Dixie near White Lake Rd. by an officer who tried to pull him over for a minor violation. Neely fled in his 1986 pick-up truck with a deputy in chase at speeds of around 50 miles per hour.

He was eventually stopped near Frembes Rd. in Waterford with help from other officers who boxed him in. Inside his car were open cans of beer. He refused to take a breath test, so he was taken to a local hospital for a blood test.

Neely was convicted of drunk driving in July and driving without a license in November. He also had an earlier conviction of driving while impaired in 1996.

He will face a preliminary exam Jan. 22 in 52-2 District Court.



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A 14-year-old Clarkston boy was accused of shooting a bb rifle at two 15-year-old boys on Everest. The gun was turned over to the sheriff's department and a juvenile petition has been filed.

Two men received minor injuries after one man's car ran the red light at Dixie and White Lake roads, striking the second man's car.

Car/deer accident on Clintonville north of Maybee.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**, a 28-year-old Grand Blanc man fell asleep at the wheel while driving on I-75 north of M-15. He woke up when his car hit the median, then crossed three lanes and went into the right-side embankment. He was cited for careless driving and taken to an area hospital.

A Cornell resident reported that two diamond rings and a pair of diamond stud earrings had gone missing sometime since summer.

A window was pried at a home on Eston and someone wrote all over the walls.

A Waterford woman is being sought for writing two checks at a Dixie business without having a checking account.

A 23-year-old Pontiac man was arrested at his parents' home on Long Lane for violating a personal protection order to stay away from them.

Medicals on Sashabaw, Dixie and Bluegrass.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**, an earlier alleged assault on a 17-year-old girl by her boyfriend was reported by her parents on Timberway Trail.

A S. Marshbank man was arrested at his home on a warrant for domestic violence.

Someone tried unsuccessfully to kick in two doors at a home on Marysue.

Medical on Dvorak.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 9**, a boy's 10-speed bicycle was stolen from a friend's porch on Pine Knob Lane.

Medicals on Dvorak, Clintonville, Indianwood, Sashabaw and at Station one.

A West Bloomfield man was arrested by Clarkston Police for drunk driving on Main near Miller. His Breathalyzer test revealed a .15 blood alcohol level (.10 is legally drunk). He posted bond at the Oakland County Jail and will be arraigned Jan. 20 at 52-2 District Court in Clarkston.

A Davisburg man was cited for rear-ending a car on Main near Waldon in the city.

An intoxicated man was arrested outside a store

on M-15 after an employee said the man had threatened him. The man was wanted on a parole violation from the Lansing Tether Unit.

A Holcomb Rd. resident reported \$6,000 in unauthorized credit card charges on her account. According to the GM Credit Fraud department, it appears several cards have been used with her number in Florida. She will not be responsible for the charges.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 10**, harassing phone calls on Mann.

Someone entered a home on Mountainview Trail, moved things around, turned on a light and ran over the lawn. Nothing appeared missing.

Four wheel covers and two ornaments were stolen from a 1989 Cadillac Dec. 23-24 while it was parked at a Sashabaw business.

Threats on Joy.

A house party hosted by a 15-year-old boy whose parents were away was broken up on Michigamme. Deputies were called because cars were parked blocking the road. They found many beer cans and the heavy smell of marijuana in the house.

Three accidents were reported within two-and-a-half hours due to icy conditions. Cars ended up on their sides on Sashabaw and on M-15. In the third case, on M-15, the car hit a tree. No one was injured in any of the accidents.

Medicals on Griggs and Clintonville.

Someone keyed a car parked on W. Washington in the city.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**, a couple reported mutual shoving on Pine Knob Lane but no arrests were made.

A window was broken on a 1996 Firebird parked on Pondview and a CD player, changer, speakers, amps and 10 CDs were stolen. A paper carrier noticed the car with its doors open on the street and reported the crime.

A light and door glass were broken at a house under construction on Deerwood.

A window and a lock were broken on a 1988 Chevy parked on Chickadee and two CD players were stolen, along with 10 CDs.

A 16-year-old girl reported she'd been locked out of her Paramus home by her parents. A deputy arrived and got the parents to let her in about 2:30 a.m. and advised the parents of the neglect laws. They said they were tired of her disobeying house rules.

Medical on Church.

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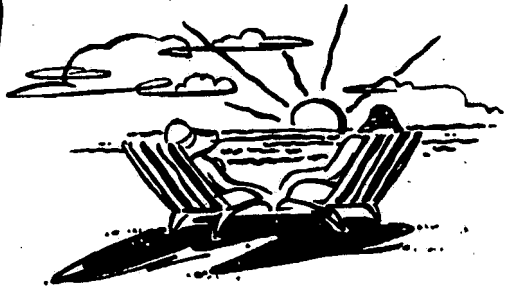
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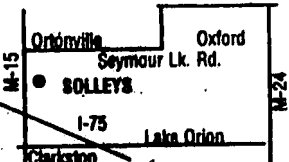
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# SPORTS

The Clarkston News

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1998

Section B

## More last-second magic

*It's Phalen's turn as bank shot beats Huskies at the buzzer*

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

<b>Clarkston</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Pontiac Northern</b>	<b>47</b>

Senior Brad Phalen started his first varsity basketball game Friday night.

And boy, did he finish it.

Phalen banked in an offensive rebound as time expired to give the Clarkston varsity boys basketball team a breathtaking 48-47 win over arch-rival Pontiac Northern at the Sy Green Gymnasium.

It was the second buzzer-beating shot Clarkston's had this season. Dec. 30 at Cobo Arena, senior guard Mike Maitrott swished a 3-pointer to beat previously top-ranked Detroit Central 51-50.

While Maitrott's shot came off a set play where senior Dane Fife passed out of a triple team, Phalen's shot came by quite different means.

The Wolves set up an out-of-bounds play with 9.4 seconds left. Senior center Justin Dionne had the ball with around four seconds left when he faked a jump shot and drove on the right wing hoping to lay the ball in or draw a foul. Dionne's shot was blocked by Northern's Loren McClendon. Phalen, who wasn't boxed out on the play, stepped in, gathered the ball, and softly banked the shot in, sending delightfully happy Clarkston fans onto the visiting court.

"I'm speechless," Phalen managed to say in the victorious locker room. "The play was set up for Dane to go to the opposite side, and I just got in position for a rebound. I didn't hear anything, I just shot the ball and it went in."

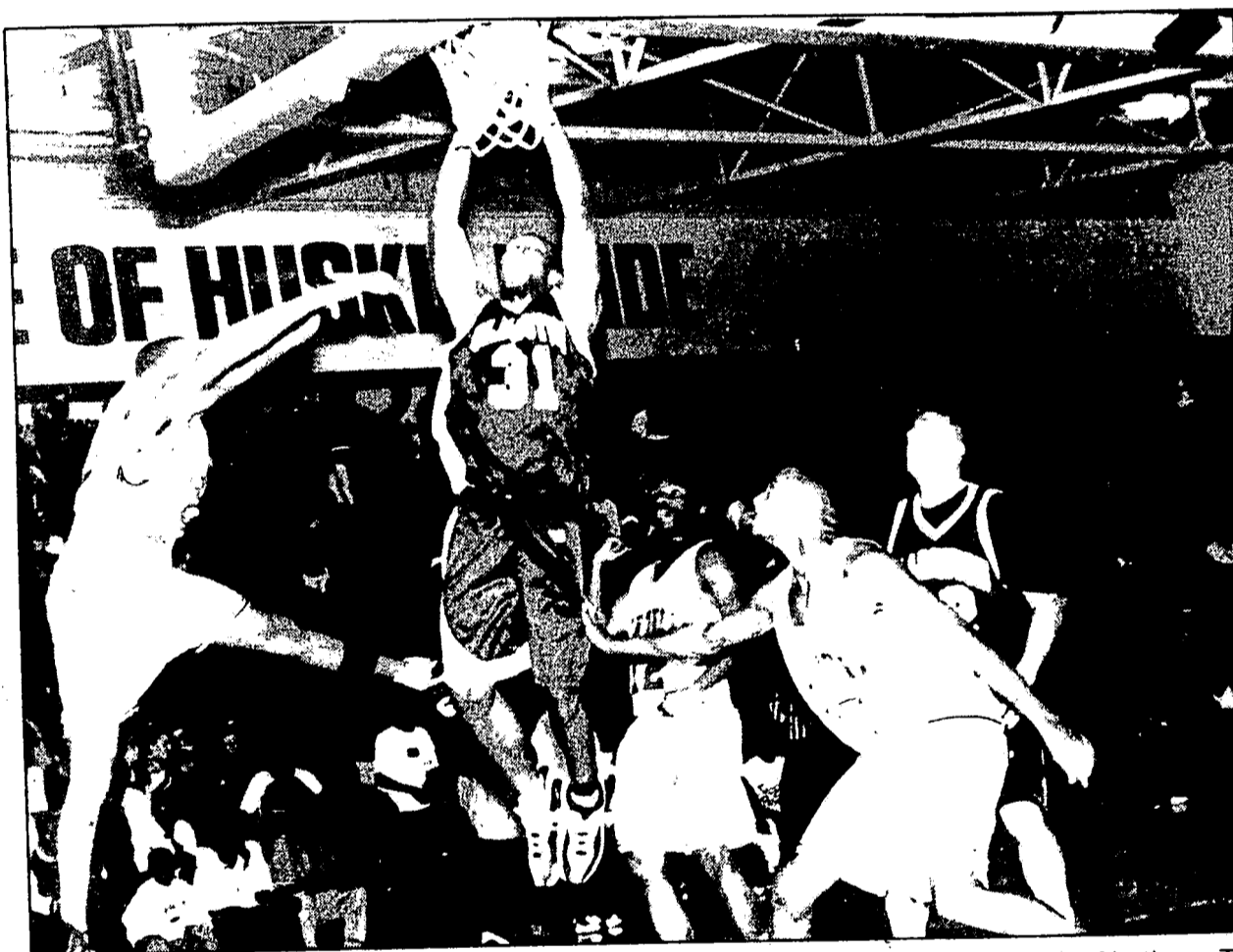
Clarkston coach Dan Fife said he was happy for Phalen, saying his hard work in practice is starting to pay off.

"Around Christmas, I thought Brad might quit the team," Coach Fife said. "He wasn't getting much playing time, and I know he was frustrated with me. But right before the Chippewa Valley game, he tore it up in practice. He went in that game and did well and that's why he started tonight."

Phalen finished the game with four points and two rebounds, but it will be his last two points and one rebound that will be long remembered.

The big subplot before the game was the homecoming of senior forward Angelo Taylor, who starred at Northern for three seasons before transferring to Clarkston in September. Taylor received a mixed reaction from the Northern crowd when he was introduced, but the cheers outweighed the boos, a fact that surprised him.

"The crowd shocked me out there," he said. "I thought I would get booed by everybody, and I would have understood that. But they cheered for me, and



Senior Angelo Taylor skys for one of his nine rebounds during Friday's game at Pontiac Northern. The game was billed as Taylor's homecoming, but Brad Phalen stole the show with his last-second shot that gave the Wolves a 48-47 victory.

that's something I appreciated a lot." Taylor finished with two points and nine rebounds.

The game was a typical Clarkston-Pontiac Northern showdown, with both teams exchanging momentum swings and the lead many times. The Huskies had a 29-24 lead after the first half, which featured three confrontations between players on the two teams.

The Wolves, now 6-1 overall and 1-0 in the OAA Division I, went on a 9-0 run to end the third quarter. Fife scored four and assisted on Phalen's other basket during the run.

The fourth quarter was back-and-forth all the way. Senior Dan Neubeck hit a clutch 3-pointer with 3 minutes left that ended a 5-0 Northern run and gave Clarkston a 44-43 lead.

Both teams made big shots and big defensive stops, but none were bigger than Phalen's putback that won the game.

"Pontiac Northern, as we all know, is a big-time rival and it's always big to get a win in their gym," a tired Dane Fife said after the game. "We were down five near the end there and we just kept coming. We overcame some foul trouble and came through." Dane Fife finished the night scoring 25 points and snagging four boards.

Said Coach Fife: "I thought Dane was outstanding tonight. We ask him to bring the ball up, run our team in transition and play good defense. There are people who are quicker, or better shooters or better dribblers, but nobody does everything as well as he does."

Also playing very well was Dionne, who scored 10 points, but more importantly, consistently hit his perimeter jump shots that exposed Northern's defense to Fife's drives to the basket. Dionne and Fife also executed the pick-and-roll as well as they have all season.

The third-ranked Wolves continue with their tough schedule Friday when they travel to Southfield I. athrup. The JV game starts at 6 p.m.

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<b>Chippewa Valley</b>	<b>42</b>

Coach Fife spent the Christmas break tweaked with the team's offense, hoping to achieve more balance.

In its first outing, the new offense apparently  
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# After long break, icers win 3 straight

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

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Windsor Massey	1

Taking a break from its league schedule, the Clarkston hockey team defeated a tough Windsor Massey High School team 3-1 at Lakeland Arena Sunday.

Less than 24 hours removed from its game at Troy Saturday night, the team played an excellent defensive game, led by senior goaltender Ryan Hogan, who made 17 saves in the game.

"Hogan made just some outstanding saves for us," assistant coach Glenn MacDonald said. "They opened it up in the third period and had some quality chances, but he turned them away. He shined in that third period."

Junior Adam Leech scored a goal and added an assist, as did linemate Ryan Peters. Senior Josh Babe kept up his solid play with a pair of assists on the day. Ben Gray scored Clarkston's third goal of the game.

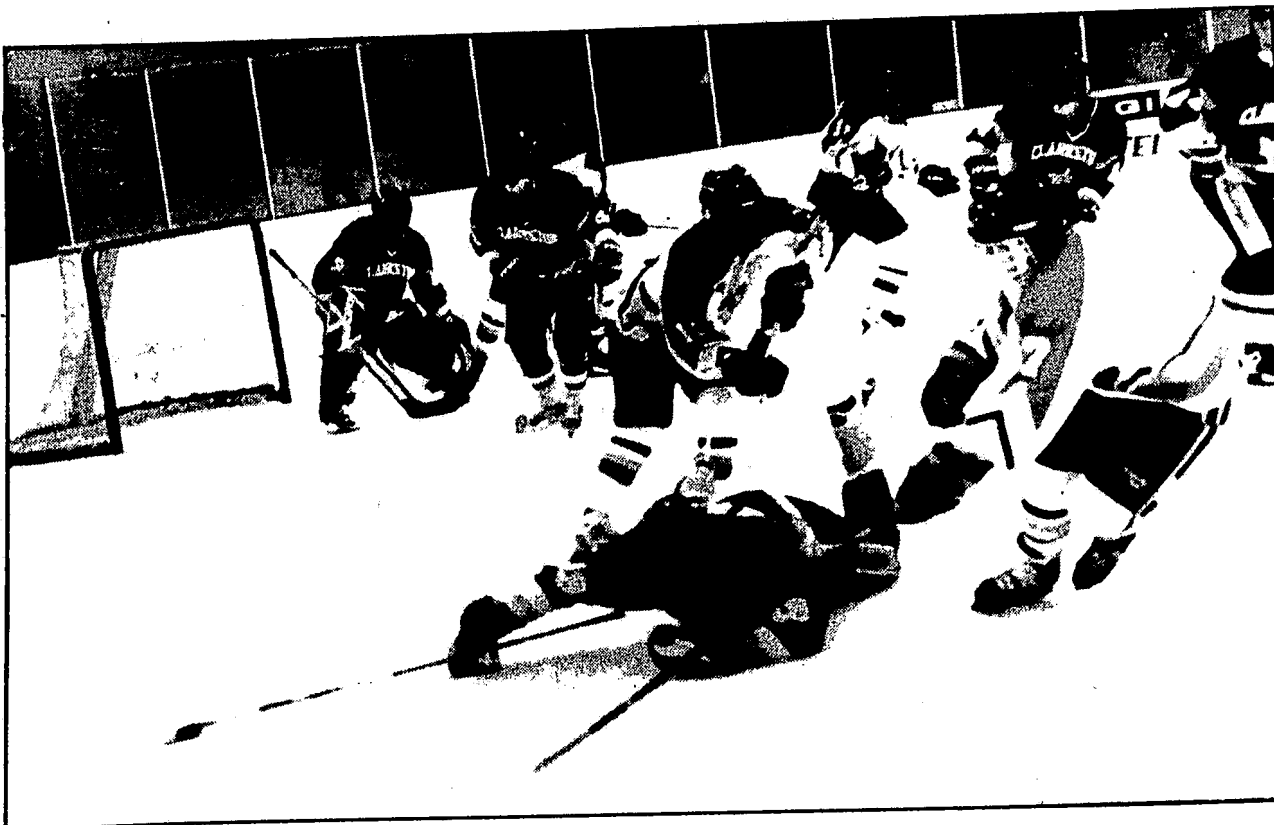
The team has a busy weekend ahead, with three games in three days, starting Friday, when Southfield comes to Lakeland for a 3:30 p.m. start. The Wolves take on Waterford Kettering at 2:20 Saturday, and Davison at 4:20 Sunday.

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Troy	5

Hockey games don't get much wilder than this one.

The Wolves spotted the first-year Troy Blackhawks (a combined team from Troy and Troy Athens) a 4-0 first-period lead, thanks mostly to defensive giveaways.

But as Clarkston giveth, it also taketh away. The team flexed its considerable offensive muscle from then on, skating away with an 8-5 win at the new Troy Ice Arena.



Sophomore Andy Cote (19) dives for a loose puck during a Clarkston penalty kill Saturday at Troy. Cote scored a three-goal hat trick in the hockey team's come-from-behind 8-5 win over the Blackhawks.

Down 4-0, the Wolves needed some kind of spark going into the first intermission. Leave it to sophomore Andy Cote, who notched the first of his three goals on the night with 2:10 left in the first.

The goal gave Clarkston hope. Hope that turned into a scoring barrage to start the second period. Sophomore Derek Hool drove in a nice slapshot from the slot just 31 seconds into the second, cutting the deficit in half to 4-2. Cote scored his second just 1:51 later, and sophomore Bill Kalush scored a wraparound goal to knot the game at 4-4 midway through the period.

With the game tied 5-5 going into the third, whoever scored the first goal would gain a huge edge in momentum. Cote made sure momentum wore navy and gold, as he completed his hat trick 1:20 into the period on a rocket into the top left corner of the net. Two

Clarkston fans flung their hats onto the ice in celebration of Cote's third tally.

Goals by Jason Steocker and Bret Postal finished out the scoring for Clarkston.

"We came out in the second period foaming at the mouth and played inspired hockey," coach Rick Rowden said. "We weren't doing the job in our defensive zone, so we made a few changes in the lineup and came out better in the second."

The Wolves outshot Troy 36-19 in the game.

## Clarkston 7 Andover 2

In its second game since Dec. 9, the team shot down the Barons in a road game Thursday.

Cote led the way with a goal and two assists, while Leech and Ryan Peters each recorded a goal and handed out two assists.

## Injuries take toll on wrestlers

Key guys out from DCC tournament

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

### Detroit Catholic Central Inv.

Because of the dreaded injury bug, Clarkston wrestling coach Mike DeGain only took 10 wrestlers to the very tough Detroit Catholic Central Invitational Saturday.

Clarkston finished sixth overall with 80 points on the day. There were no surprises at the top of the tournament field, with Temperance-Bedford finishing first, Holt second and Romeo third.

Junior A.J. Grant continued his complete dominance of all competition this season with a first-place medal. He was also named the most outstanding wrestler at the tournament.

Sophomore John Robinson had one of his best days in his young career with a third-place finish.

The Wolves were without injured starters Ryan L'Amoreaux, Bubba Clement and Pat DeGain. DeGain was the latest to be lost, injuring a knee against Rochester Jan. 6.

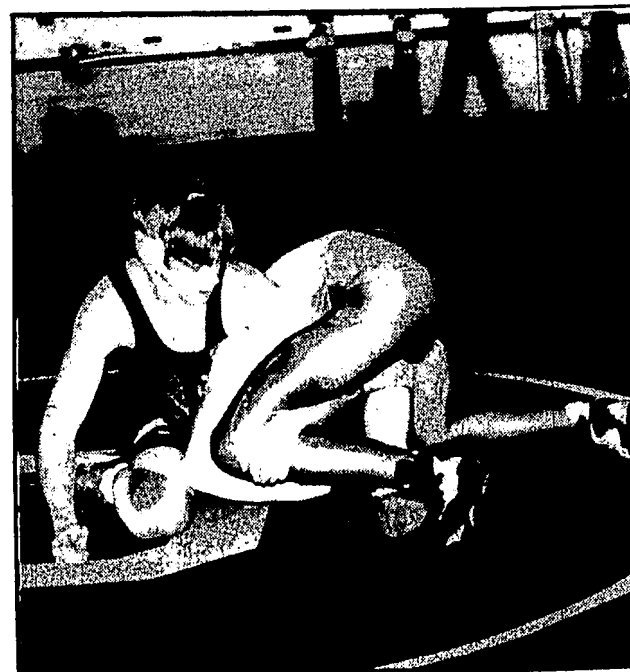
Coach DeGain said it's uncertain how long he will be out of the lineup.

"We'll give it some time to rest and see if we need an MRI," he said of his son's knee. "He will probably be OK, but there is a small possibility it could be something serious."

One bit of good news for coach DeGain was the B-team's performance at Saturday's Madison Heights Bishop Foley Tournament. Wrestling at a varsity tournament, the B-team took second overall. Tournament winners for Clarkston were Brian Chisholm, John Naboychik and Dave Welanko. Theoren Dahlerup and Scott Brewer each took thirds, while Eric Jenks finished fourth.

Clarkston next takes the mats Saturday at the

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Clarkston's Ryan McAleer is in control during his match against Rochester Jan. 6. McAleer gained a pinfall victory in the match.

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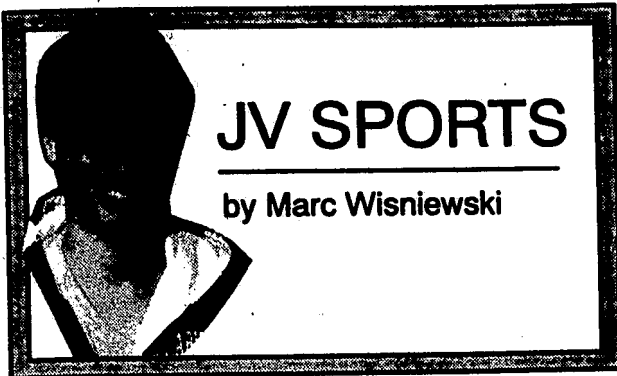
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# JV SPORTS

by Marc Wisniewski

## Volleyball

The JV volleyball team picked up its first win last Monday, beating West Bloomfield in two games, 15-2 and 15-7. The Wolves controlled almost the entire game.

Then on Thursday they lost a close one to Rochester Adams 7-15, 15-13, and 11-15.

Saturday, the Wolves were involved in a tournament at Lansing Waverly High School. The volleyball team lost to Holt 13-15 and 10-15; they also lost to Okemos 8-15 twice. The Wolves lost their third game to Penfield 15-17, 15-5. During the fourth game in the tournament the Wolves turned their game up a notch, beating Lansing Catholic Central 15-2, 15-8.

The Wolves current record is 2 and 6. "We keep on improving. We've played teams with much more experience than us. We are trying to learn to play together, we have a very good volleyball team," said Coach Missy Macaulay.

## Basketball

The JV basketball team suffered its first loss of the season to a very tough Chippewa Valley team, 56-44. The Wolves were tied going into the fourth quarter, but they couldn't get the shots to fall into the basket. Adam Schapman led the team with 10 points.

Friday the Wolves played in a super game against Pontiac Northern and came home with a big

victory, beating Northern 45-41. Ryan Thomas led the team with 18 points; Rocky Lund followed with 17.

"We did an outstanding job stalling the ball in the last minute of the game to secure the victory," said Coach Tim Kaul.

## Recreation roundup

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## Clarkston wrestling club update

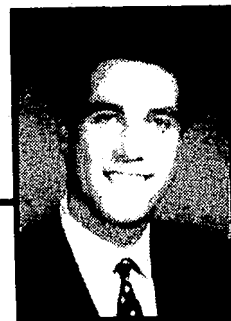
Several Clarkston youths went home with more wrestling hardware after Sunday's Swartz Creek Novice Tournament.

Steve Shell took first place in the 11-12 age group in the 75-lb. weight class. Finishing second were Jess Kerr (under-8, 49-lbs.), Colton Tweed (under-8, 64-lbs.), and Aaron Catacese (11-12 age group, 105 lbs.).

Taking thirds were Alex Popp and Zach Kerr, both in the under-8 division.

Paul Gibbs earned a second place medal at the North Branch Open Tournament last weekend also.

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# Adams drops Wolves

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

<b>Rochester Adams</b>	<b>15-15</b>
<b>Clarkston</b>	<b>8-11</b>

Clarkston varsity volleyball coach Gordie Richardson knew something wasn't right about Thursday's game against Rochester Adams before the first serve was made.

"We just didn't have that same intensity as we did against West Bloomfield," he said, describing his feeling during warmups. "There was just something missing."

His gut feeling ended up being accurate, as the Wolves lost a tough 15-8, 15-11 contest to the Highlanders. Clarkston is now 5-6-1 overall and 2-2 in the OAA Division I.

The team is now off until Saturday's Grand Blanc Invitational. The Wolves kick off play at 8:30 a.m. against Flint Powers.

In Thursday's match, Clarkston had chances to win both games, only to see one play swing the momentum to Adams' side. Game one saw Clarkston claw back from a 9-3 deficit to pull to within 10-8. The Highlanders scored their last two points of the game on Clarkston player-in-the-net violations.

Game two was a seesaw affair throughout, with neither team taking more than a three-point lead. Clarkston appeared to have control when an ace by junior Ingrid Zimmerman gave it a 7-4 lead.

Both teams traded one-point leads until a late 4-0 run by Adams clinched the game.

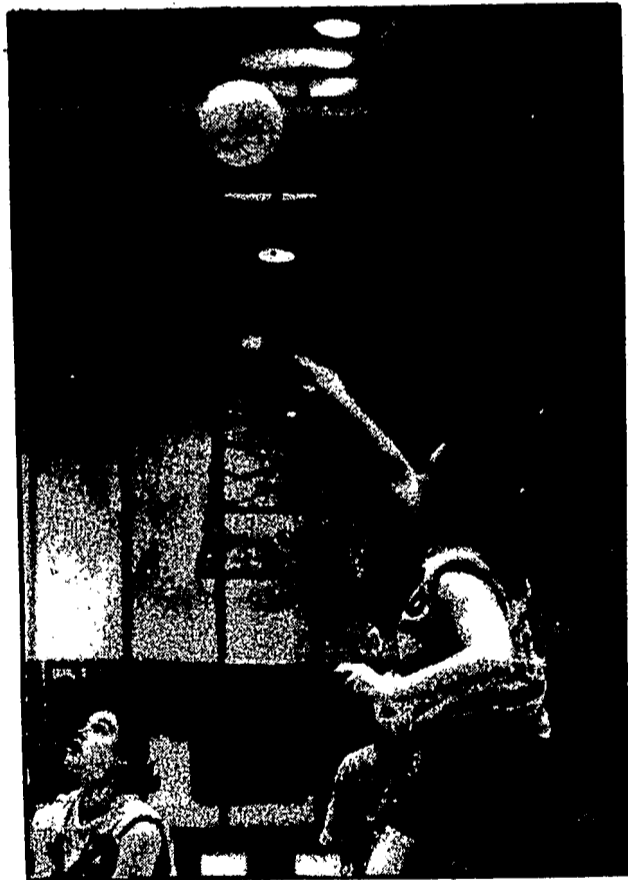
"We were in a real good position to win game two," Richardson said. "But we gave them too many

freeball opportunities, and they cashed in on them."

Senior Georgia Senkyr finished the match with six kills and four blocks, on 7-for-7 serving. Senior Jenny McCue played one of her better games recently, with seven digs and three kill tips. She also was a perfect 10-for-10 serving. Senior Aimee Giroux led the team defensively with nine digs, while going 9-for-10 on serve reception and 9-for-12 on attack reception.

After the match, the Wolves entered a nine-day layoff because of final exams. Richardson said the team will work on team consistency and possible lineup changes during the break.

"I will try to find us an overall stronger lineup," he said. "We need to work on our confidence a little bit too. We have to go into games never thinking we can lose."



Senior Nicole Nelles slams the ball over the net during the Wolves' match against Rochester Adams Thursday. Clarkston sees its next action at Saturday's Grand Blanc Invitational.

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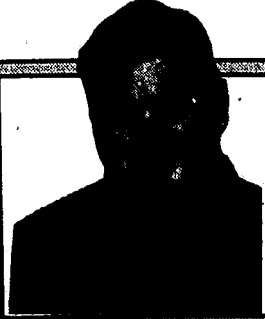
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# IN THE PENALTY BOX

with Brad Monastiere

Semester break update

This week, the coolest students in the land - those at Clarkston High School, of course - are in the middle of those mind-numbing final exams, followed by a couple of half-days off. Naturally, this is a good time to catch up with the varsity teams and see what lies ahead in this exciting winter season.

● This buzzer-beating thing is starting to become a habit with the boys basketball team. First, Mike Maitrott's 3-pointer to beat then-No. 1 (overrated?) Detroit Central. Brad Phalen's kiss off the glass at Pontiac Northern was just the latest chapter in that rivalry's storied history.

Heroics like these early in the season can do wonders for a team's confidence. The players have to believe now that they're never out of a game, no matter the deficit or the opponent. Even the team's lone loss at Pontiac Central was a winnable game. Clarkston was down by 15 to start the fourth quarter, but cut it to two before losing 57-51. When you consider Dane Fife had to play with a shoulder brace he hadn't worn since his sophomore year and the team struggled in its shooting and still almost won, it has to bode well for Dan Fife's group.

Being around this team, you get the feeling it might be a team of destiny. Not just in the last-second wins, but how about a 27-point mashing of an excellent Chippewa Valley team on the road, and a thrilling overtime win against a very talented Southfield team.

So far this season, Clarkston has played three of the preseason top four teams in the county (the Wolves being the other), and the preseason No. 1 team in the state and has a 3-1 record. These early tests will pay off for the team down the road, like, say, in late March.

● It's been an up-and-down season for the varsity volleyball team, much like many of its matches.

But I like what I've seen out of this group so far.

This seems an overall stronger team than a year ago, both physically and mentally. Part of that comes from all the returning varsity players, who can draw upon a wealth of playing experience that last year's team just didn't have.

Coach Gordie Richardson has talked about getting key players like Georgia Senkyr, Aimee Giroux and Jenny McCue the ball more in positions where they can do some damage. This gives Clarkston the ability to score points from all across the front line, making it tougher for the opponents to defend against. Seniors Amber Mitchell and Nicole Nelles provide a nice spark to the team when they're in the game, and Kelly "The Setmaster" Hanna has improved each week in her overall game.

A key for the team will be the development of some of the younger players. Six-foot sophomore Brittani Brewer has already improved quite a bit, and if she can continue to do some good things in the middle, the team will not have to worry when Georgia goes to the back row. Junior Jenny Claus also deserves a lot of credit for her excellent work on defense and in serving. She is very steady when she's in there and doesn't try to "get cute" with the ball, something Richardson surely appreciates.

With Birmingham Seaholm - the consensus pre-season favorite - going through some injuries at key

positions, the league is wide open. Rochester Adams looked solid against the Wolves, but this could be a year where the league champion suffers three or four losses. The door is open, ladies. You just need to believe you belong in the room.

● The varsity wrestling team has definitely made a name for itself in the early part of its season, performing very well against some of the best competition in the state.

The highlight has been a dual meet win over top-ranked Roseville, along with excellent finishes in the Oakland County Meet and the Goodrich Tournament of Champions. The Wolves proved they belong with the state's elite in the preseason, now it comes down to proving it in the league schedule.

You can be sure the team has Jan. 28 circled with a big, fat red marker on its calendar. That's when the Wolves meet up with nemesis Rochester Adams at West Bloomfield High School. Clarkston has a point to prove to the Highlanders, and it's not just that Adams has the ugliest school colors in recorded history (faded brown and 1970s-yellow. Ugh.). Adams believes it's the best team in the state, and lets everyone know about it. But Clarkston beat Adams in four of five head-to-head matchups at the county meet. Stay tuned.

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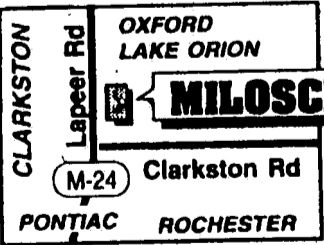
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BABYSITTER NEEDED, 1:30pm to 5:30pm, M-F. Additional hours, must be caring and dependable. 693-6959. IILX3-2

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## Obituaries

### Albert Barbeito

Albert Barbeito, 73, of Waterford, died Jan. 9, 1998.

Mr. Barbeito was a retired Sargeant from the Detroit Police Department and served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife Helen; daughters Barbara (John) Dyhrberg of Garden City and Peggy (Dick) Press of Novi; son Vincent (Monica) of Lincoln Park; and five grandchildren.

A funeral service took place Monday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

### Mary Gallentine

Mary C. Gallentine, 13, of Clarkston, died suddenly Jan. 5, 1998.

Mary was a student at Sashabaw Middle School. She is survived by her parents Ross and Joanne; sister and best friend Lisa; grandparents William and Beverly of Bloomfield Hills; and several aunts and uncles.

A private family service took place Thursday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home with Don Keverm officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials can be made to the SMS Art Department.

### Wrestling

From Page 2B

Adrian Dual Meet Tournament. Clarkston is in a bracket with Otisville-Lakeville, Monroe, Charlotte and Plymouth Salem. The Wolves have dual meets with each of those teams before moving on to the finals against the winner of this pool: Bay City Western, Temperance-Bedford, Lake Orion, Adrian and Tecumseh.

### Penalty Box

From Page 5B


● The hockey team rang in the new year with three wins, two in impressive fashion, over Bloomfield Hills Andover 7-2, and Windsor Massey, 3-1. For two periods of Saturday's game at the palatial Troy Ice Arena, the Wolves were terrific, but it was the first period that was cause for concern.

Troy scored four goals on four shots, all coming directly off Clarkston turnovers right in front of the net. A 4-0 deficit would be more than most teams could overcome, but not the Wolves, who are bristling with offensive firepower. The offense can compete with anyone in the state, but this team will truly rise to a new level when its defensive play picks up. This team has matured from last year, and will be a force to be reckoned with the rest of the season.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

##### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:  
January 22, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:  
FILE # 97-1-031

##### TEXT AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE #83

Article 3.01, Definitions, Article XII, Section .02, Article XIII, Section 13.01 - 13.06, Article VII, and Article XXX To implement a new district R-3, Elderly Housing District Please contact the Building and Planning Department for further information and copies of the proposed language.

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

Jean E. McCrary, Clerk

## Athlete of the Week: A.J. Grant

**Salut, A.J.:** Quite simply, junior A.J. Grant is one of the best at what he does in the country. A three-year veteran of the Clarkston varsity wrestling team, A.J. has split time this season between the 112 and 119-lb. weight classes. Although the classes change, A.J.'s mat success hasn't, as he has been dominant in all of his matches. He has first-place medals from the Goodrich Tournament of Champions, the Detroit Catholic Central tournament, the Oakland County Meet and the Jenison Invitational. A.J. has just one loss the last two seasons, that coming in the state semifinals last year to Charlotte. Frustrated by that experience, A.J.'s goal this season is nothing short of a state championship. He is a team co-captain this year and sets a good example for his younger teammates with a tremendous work ethic. A.J. is also ranked sixth in the nation among 112-lb. juniors.

**Coach Mike DeGain on A.J.:** "He has turned into a very good leader for us this year. We need it, because we have so many young guys on the varsity, and this is one of the closest teams I've had here because of him. Being at the Nationals in North Dakota this summer did a lot for him. He was frustrated when he didn't do well, but you have to realize what a high level you are at. He's now come back and has conveyed that thinking to the rest of the team."

**A.J. on A.J.:** "I haven't even watched that semifinal match from last year. That was just a bad match on my part, and I use it for motivation. I wanted to be more of a vocal leader this year because of all the young guys, especially with all the



A.J. Grant

freshmen we have. But they have done a good job, and we can go all the way in states this year."

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Independence Township is home to downhill skiing at Pine Knob Ski Resort, as well as cross-country skiing at Independence Oaks County Park. At nearby Indian Springs Metropark, a member of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority's park system, there is also cross-country skiing on groomed trails and hills for sledding and tobogganing.

Cross-country trails cover 12 miles throughout the park and separate hills are provided for sledding and tobogganing. There is also a nature center, with seasonal exhibits, a naturalist on duty, nature trails for self-guided hikes, and special nature programs.

Park hours are 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and a vehicle entry permit is required. Because ice and snow conditions vary day to day, you are advised to call ahead for conditions. Call 625-7870 for information on snow and ski conditions.

### Basketball

From Page 1B

worked well, as did the rest of the Wolves in a 69-42 rout of a good Chippewa Valley team on the road Jan. 6.

"Everybody we played did very well for us," a pleased coach Fife said. "We moved the ball extremely well and got good shots for a lot of different players."

Dane Fife led all scorers with 18, while Taylor scored 16. Phalen scored a career-high 10 points.

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GENE WADE MILLS,  
Deceased.

File No. 97-261479 SE

Last Address:

6347 Harriet

Waterford, MI 48327

SS No. 099-16-6445

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924

Attorney for Per. Rep.

2745 Pontiac Lake Road

Waterford, Michigan 48328-2653

Telephone: (248) 682-8800

#### PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

TAKE NOTICE: On 12/22/97, at 8:30

a.m., in the probate courtroom, Pontiac,

Michigan, before Honorable Sandra G.

Silver, Judge of Probate, a hearing was

held on the Petition of LISA A. SMITH,

LISA A. SMITH was appointed personal

representative of GENE W. MILLS, a/k/a

GENE WADE MILLS, who lived at 6347

Harriet, Waterford, MI 48327, and died on

12/3/97; and the will of the deceased

dated 11/20/97 was admitted to probate.

Creditors of the Deceased are notified

that all claims against the Estate will

be forever barred unless presented to the

personal representative or to both the

probate court and the personal representa-

tive within four (4) months of the date of

publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Estate

will thereafter be assigned to persons

appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: December 18, 1997

LISA A. SMITH

6347 Harriet

Waterford, Michigan 48327

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January 22, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

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FILE # 97-1-034

Mr. Ed Adler, Waldon Properties, Inc., Petitioner

##### REZONING REQUEST

FROM: R-1A (Single Family Residential)

TO: PUD (Planned Unit Development)

Intended Use: Proposed Office and Retail Space

Parcel Identification Number: 08-27-100-043

Common Description: Waldon Road at Sashabaw Road

11.55 Acres

Any further information regarding the above Public Hearing may be obtained at the Township Planning Office during regular office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by phone at 625-8111.

Jean E. McCrary, Clerk

# Fun in the footlights

## Drama club presents annual festival

They bill it as "the greatest show on earth." And if you like spontaneity, a few laughs and a look at some teenagers with talent, they just might be right.

The Clarkston High School drama club mounted its annual Theatre-A-Thon Friday from after school till midnight or thereabouts. The event consists of a series of one-act dramatizations interspersed with musical acts and comedy. It was directed this year by Derek Bannasch, drama club vice president, who also served as one of the masters of ceremony, charged with filling in between scene changes and keeping the audience in high spirits.

In addition to being directed, produced and run by students, Theatre-A-Thon is also the drama club's biggest fund-raiser of the year. Each participant is required to collect pledges, and prizes are drawn throughout the evening for lucky audience members who have purchased raffle tickets.

In addition to the drama club, students participated from the instrumental and vocal music departments. Presentations included a take-off on West Side Story, the song "Sisters" from the movie "White Christmas," the Cleavers, mime, music of the '60s and '70s and even barbershop.



Tara Matkosky cradles Amy Hopcian in a hilarious take-off on "West Side Story."



Natasha Curtis cuddles Jason Grimm.



Hopcian (Tony) and Jessica Williams (Maria) are interrupted by Matkosky



Natasha Curtis (left) and Adrienne Brown duet.



Derek Bannasch (left) and Jonathan Moniaci play a souped-up version of "Chopsticks."