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U. S. Rep. Dale Kildee (D., Flint) answers questions from seventh-grade geography students at Sashabaw Middle School Monday.

## Kids want to know: Will we bomb Iraq?

### U. S. Rep. Dale Kildee gives frank answers during stop at Sashabaw Middle School

U. S. Representative Dale Kildee (D., Flint) visited Sashabaw Middle School Monday at the invitation of student Kate Kelley, 13.

Kate wrote Kildee a letter with her concerns about the environment in her school. "I wanted to have a more environmentally and chemically friendly school," she said. Under questioning from her, Kildee pointed out that Congress has appropriated money for removing asbestos and other such problems for schools.

However, the biggest topic of conversation during the brief visit was Iraq. Kildee answered a lot of questions from students in Mike Stefanski's seventh-grade geography class about a possible bombing. Students wanted to know whether he supports bombing Iraq, how the U. S. would find the chemical compounds it wants to destroy, and how it would keep them from getting into the atmosphere. Kildee said he has met with President Clinton on the issue and supports him. He also noted that he has two sons in the military, so he doesn't make such decisions lightly.

After the discussion was over, Kate was complimented for her effort by teacher Larry Mahrle and was feeling upbeat.



Kildee chats with Kate Kelley, whose letter brought him to Clarkston.

"I feel I have hope for politics," she said.

## Local girls help nab suspect

### Police chief credits teens for swift arrest in series of exposure incidents

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two Clarkston girls are heroes to some younger children, thanks to their quick thinking last Wednesday.

According to Clarkston Police Chief Paul Ormiston, the two teenagers, ages 14 and 15, were walking with two younger children on Church St. near Buffalo around 5:15 p.m. Feb. 25 when a man pulled up in a car and exposed himself.

"At the same time, they were able to shield the little ones from exposure and were able to obtain a full description of the man and his vehicle, including the license plate number," Ormiston said.

The girls described the man as a white male in his thirties, with light brown hair and driving a red Grand Am. "Through the information supplied by these two youths, we were able to identify a possible suspect. It was not the registered owner of the vehicle," Ormiston said.

Darryl Kulkis, 29, of Independence Township, was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in 52-2 District Court on three charges of indecent exposure stemming from the above incident and two in Independence Township. He was released on \$1,000 personal bond and ordered to get counseling as part of his bond.

Ormiston said that when Kulkis was arrested he was remorseful and confessed to the incident, as well as six other similar reported incidents in Independence and Brandon townships.

Ormiston said another man was suspected earlier; in fact, he was picked out of a photo lineup by the two girls. The confession apparently clears him.

In an unrelated matter, on Feb. 26 a woman reported a naked white male around 30 years old got out of an older Chevy van in the shopping center parking lot at Dixie and White Lake Rd., then fled as she tried to get his license-plate number. Oakland County Sheriff's Det. Tom Cavalier said that incident is not related.

Conviction on all three charges would put the suspect's name on the state's sexual offender's registry, Ormiston said. He added that the suspect may be responsible for other incidents around the area, and encourages parents to speak to their children if they are

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## The News in Brief

### New health curriculum can be reviewed

The public will have an opportunity to review materials being considered for Clarkston schools' elementary health curriculum.

Assistant superintendent David Reschke said updated video materials will be reviewed at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 9 at the board of education office on Clarkston Rd. The materials have already been approved by the district's Reproductive Health Advisory Committee and contain age-appropriate information on child safety and protection from abuse.

For more information contact Reschke at 625-4402.

### Governor announces I-75 improvements

Drivers on I-75 in northern Oakland County will be noticing some improvements in 1999-2000.

Governor John Engler announced last week approval of funding for northbound access to I-75 at Chrysler Drive, and for construction of a new interchange at M-59/Squirrel Rd. The two projects were identified as priorities by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Engler said the new Chrysler ramp was aided by a \$3 million commitment from Oakland County. Both projects will improve access to the Chrysler Technology Park in Auburn Hills.

### Free shots

The Oakland County Health Division will offer an immunization clinic Wednesday, March 11, 12:30-3:30 p.m. at Lake Orion United Methodist Church, 140 E. Flint St. in downtown Lake Orion. Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, HIB and hepatitis B will be offered. Call 858-1305 for more information. The clinic will return April 8.

### Blood drive scheduled

A Red Cross blood drive will be held at Clarkston United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment call 625-1611.

### Chamber again supports senior party

For the second year in a row, the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce has made a big donation to the senior all-night party.

The Chamber announced last week it has made a \$5,000 donation to this year's party, which is designed to give students a safe way to celebrate graduation. Most of the funds came from the Chamber's annual Business Expo held last November.

"The Chamber believes that providing a safe and fun celebration for graduating seniors is a high priority," said Chamber president Marc Cooper. "The all night party is always a quality event, attended by over 90 percent of graduating seniors. This kind of successful event can only happen through community support."

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## The TRUTH about SOJOURNER

### Black history comes alive at CMS

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Six young actors from Wayne State University, some black, some white, brought to life the story of Sojourner Truth at Clarkston Middle School last week.

All undergraduate theater students at WSU, they brought their touring production to the CMS stage without props, managing with just a few costume adjustments to portray 29 different people. Elveria Lynette Buford, played Sojourner Truth.

According to teacher Howard Address, who brought the group to CMS for the second year in a row thanks to a grant from the Clarkston Foundation, the production was preceded by a study guide so sixth-graders would be prepared for what they were about to see.

And what they saw was very powerful indeed. The show focused on Truth's early life, when she was named Belle (short for Isabelle) and whatever last name her current owner had. She was born into slavery in New York State around 1797; her birth date was not recorded for, as the play points out, "We were part of the livestock."

The story traced her life as she was sold from one master to another, some good, some evil, some Dutch, some English. How she was separated from her parents as a child, just as her children would later be separated from her. How she was taught to trust in God by her mother, and continued to do so throughout her life.

The students learned that slavery was legal in the northern states at one time. New York State law freed Belle in 1827, but not her children. However, she didn't stick around for the official date; as the story told, she left sooner after feeling betrayed by her master, who asked, "Is it so bad for you here?" She dreamed of a house of her own for her children. Only the last of her five children, whom she took with her when she fled, was never bought or sold into slavery.

The story went on to tell how she changed her name in 1843, after having carried the surname of each of her masters. "I'm a free woman now, I'll need a new name. That'll take some thinking." As Sojourner Truth she became known as an itinerant preacher, which came about after a religious rebirth.

"When I left the house of bondage I left everything behind. I went to the Lord for a name and he gave me Sojourner . . . Truth."

Along her long and winding road she met many famous people, including Abraham Lincoln. His legacy is challenged in the production, which notes that he didn't free the slaves in the north and didn't want black soldiers in the Union army. At their meeting he supposedly never addressed Truth by name, calling her "auntie" instead.



Above: The six-member cast of the Wayne State University Black Theater touring company. At right is Elveria Lynette Buford, who played Sojourner Truth. At left, Sojourner Truth comforts her son, teaching him to trust in God. Below, Truth and the master who promised her her freedom, then went back on the pledge.

Much of what we know about Sojourner Truth comes from her autobiography, the "Narrative," which was dictated and sold to help pay for that house she'd always wanted. It was printed before her famous speech, delivered at a women's right rally in Akron, Ohio in 1851, with which the play started and ended. It's called "Aren't I a Woman?" and combines powerfully her difficult life as a slave and her cry for equal rights as a black woman.

By that time she'd become famous as a preacher and abolitionist. The women's rights movement was just beginning, and the play notes that when she gave the speech, both men and women shouted her down.

For the text of the speech, see *In Focus*, page 6A. To learn more about Sojourner Truth, see the new biography by Nell Irvin Painter, which was used as a source for some information for this story.



# Township ponders ordinance for sidewalk liability

**BY EILEEN McCARVILLE**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you slip and fall, there's always the option — Call Sam. But nobody wants to get injured in the first place.

To avoid the possibility of lawsuits, the state is imposing liability on townships for injuries and damages that result from the failure to maintain and repair sidewalks.

At the Feb. 24 Independence Township Board of Trustees meeting, township attorney Gerry Fisher told the board the action resulted from a Michigan Supreme Court ruling, and said an ordinance should be created. It would not cover acts of nature, like snow and ice, but only the physical condition of sidewalks.

"The ordinance sets up a procedure that permits the township board to order the repair and maintenance of particular sidewalks in the township," said Fisher in a letter to township supervisor Dale Stuart.

Fisher told the board there are two types of sidewalks in Independence: those found in subdivisions that are intended to serve the neighborhood, and the trails meandering along major thoroughfares — in other words, the safety path system the township is pursuing through its master plan. The ordinance would cover both.

The board then discussed inspection and repair procedures and ways to spread costs. Parks and recreation director Ann Conklin said the township's safety paths are regularly inspected by her staff. "We try to react to calls. We have a procedure in place and we try to fine-tune it every year," she said.

Trustee Neil Wallace said he felt it was important to not only conduct "rigorous inspections," but to follow them with "quick response in terms of repair."

Options for funding include the safety path millage, ad valorem taxing for all property owners in Independence, the creation of special assessment districts for affected subdivisions and other means.

Board members weren't sure the safety path millage provided for maintenance as well as construction, but later in the week trustee Dan Travis said it provides for both.

The fairness issue was raised, as the board discussed whether it was right to order property owners to pay for sections of a system everybody uses.

In his letter, Fisher said a duty might be established in the ordinance to make property owners refrain from conditions that would cause disrepair, for example, allowing tree roots to grow under sidewalks.

"I found that a little tough, Gerry," said Travis. "It's God and Mother Nature who have the deferring factor on whether the sidewalk should be repaired. I don't feel a punitive measure should be extracted out of that homeowner."

The board gave Fisher the go-ahead to draft an ordinance. In the coming weeks it will discuss more thoroughly the issues of inspection, maintenance, repairs and funding.

"State law says we have liability. But how we handle that liability is the next issue," said Stuart.

"We haven't put the particulars together, but we do need an ordinance that deals with maintenance, liability and safety," said treasurer Jim Wenger Monday. "The Supreme Court ruling puts us more at risk."

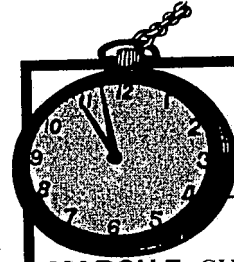
## Girls called heroes

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acting strangely. They could be victims and need help. Anyone with further information should contact Clarkston police at 625-0008 or the OCSD at 858-4950.

Ormiston said the two girls could be recognized by the Secretary of State for their effort. He definitely plans to nominate them for recognition through Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

"I would like to see them get proper credit for their good citizenship," he said. "Not only did they protect the kids under their charge from witnessing this. They were able to get sufficient information which led to the eventual identification of a suspect."



### The one-minute calendar

- MARCH 7:** CHS district band festival
- MARCH 9:** City of Clarkston Board of Review, 1-4 and 6-9 p.m.  
Springfield Township Board of Review continues, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Independence Township Board of Review meets, 9-5  
Clarkston Board of Education meets, 7 p.m.
- MARCH 10:** City council meeting, 7 p.m.  
Springfield Township Board of Review, 1-9 p.m.  
Independence Township Board of Review, 1-9:30 p.m.
- MARCH 11:** Independence Township Board of Review, 1-9:30 p.m.
- MARCH 12:** Springfield Township Board of Trustees, 7:30 p.m.

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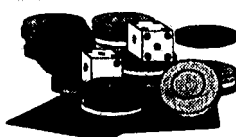
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Clarkston Board of Education

# Durant settlement set at \$2.6 M

**BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY**  
Clarkston News Editor

It may not be right down to the penny of what they think they should get, but Clarkston schools' administration and board of education have decided to accept the \$2.6 million the state is offering to settle a long-standing lawsuit.

"The settlement offer is about as good as you're going to get," Craig Kahler, the district's Director of Business Services, told the board Feb. 23. A public hearing will be required before the money can be spent.

Having said that, Kahler indicated there are pretty severe restrictions on how the money can be used, basically the same limits as those on bond money. The first half (\$1.3 million) will be received in November, the second half will be spread out over 10 years in installments of \$130,000 per year.

"I think it takes a lot of local control from the school board," Kahler said. "I think the intention is to give it back to the taxpayers, but I think that's a decision best left to the local school board."

The money comes from settlement of the Durant lawsuit, a 20-year-old case which sought reimbursement for unfunded state mandates surrounding special education, which are illegal under the Headlee Amendment to the state constitution.

Though Clarkston was not one of the plaintiff districts in the Durant case, it was a plaintiff in a similar suit filed by another group of districts. The state's offer settles both cases.

"All this time we were taking general education dollars and funding those things the state was

underfunding," said trustee Janet Thomas. "So it really is a return of dollars to the school district that should have been there in the first place."

Though looking forward to receiving the money, Kahler noted that part of the Durant settlement includes a freeze on the state education grant (foundation allowance) for the coming year. In addition, the settlement offered no compensation for the loss of investment income over the years the districts were shortchanged.

Kahler also sounded a note of caution when he wondered how the state would pay off the massive costs over the next 10 years, saying it would be at the legislature's whim and could be taken from general education funding should the economy sour.

During a break in the meeting, Roberts said there are a lot of needs the money could be used to help meet.

"There's never been an ongoing technology budget in the district to deal with maintenance and upgrades," he said. "We've never had the money to do that . . . There are some real serious needs the dollars will help us take care of."

A savings account for the added expenses of running a new elementary school is "very probable," he said.

The district had some other financial good news at the Feb. 23 meeting. Due to the current low interest rates the country is experiencing, the district was able to refinance just over \$53 million in outstanding bonds, saving \$3.265 million in finance charges. That's money that will come off debt retirement millages in future years.

The savings break down into two parts: \$1.5 million in lower interest costs on the bonds themselves, and \$1.7 million in savings because less money will

have to be borrowed from the state School Bond Loan Fund.

"I'm real ecstatic about this sale; it was a great sale," said Dick Barch of Stauder Barch, the district's financial consultant. "I've been doing this business 34 years and that's the largest savings I've come across."

Board vice president Mary Ellen McLean thanked Kahler for his work on the refinancing. "I really, really appreciate it as a taxpayer and a board member," she said.

Board secretary Sheila Hughes added, "I just think it's great we can get out of the School Bond Loan Fund a lot sooner."

All of that good financial news was offset by concerns about how much it's going to cost to operate the new high school next year and a new elementary school soon after that. In making his first budget adjustment of the fiscal year, Kahler told the board that next year's freeze on the foundation allowance will cost the district over one million dollars off what it was expected to receive from the state. In addition, the state is changing its payment schedule to the districts, and he is concerned he'll need to borrow to avert cash-flow problems.

Perhaps most of all, he's concerned that the public will view the Durant settlement as "a windfall that floats into the general fund for general spending . . . I think there's a lot of potential; I think there's some risks."

"It really is time for us to think of the bold initiatives now that we have the facilities coming online," Roberts said. "I'd like the board to think about those issues that are near and dear to your heart and give me feedback."

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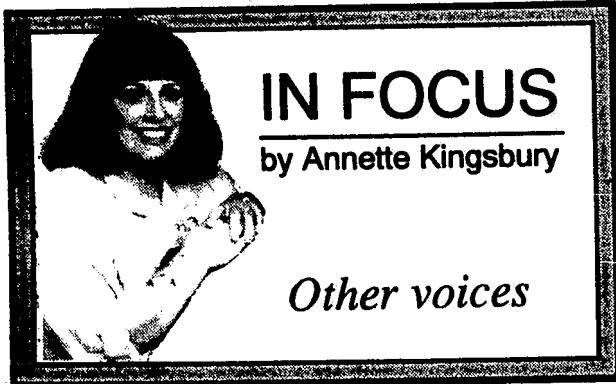
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# OPINION

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## IN FOCUS

by Annette Kingsbury

### Other voices

I'll confess to being woefully ignorant about women's history. Like most people of my age, I didn't learn about it in school—back then history was very white and very male. Thankfully, things are different today.

Last week (which was during February, Black History Month) I was privileged to see a presentation at Clarkston Middle School by some Wayne State University students on Sojourner Truth. I was so moved by it, and so ashamed I knew nothing about her, that I ran out and got a biography from the library.

Now that we're into March, it's Women's History Month, so I'd like to reprint here her famous "Aren't I a Woman" speech, which closed the production at CMS last week.

I suppose we could argue who Sojourner Truth more properly belongs to, but as an abolitionist feminist there's plenty of good stuff here to go around. Today, her words are still powerful. They show clearly she was way ahead of her time.

The speech was given at a women's rights meeting in Akron, Ohio in 1851, when Truth was about 54. Exactly what was said is a matter of some dispute, but what follows is some of the most famous rendition of it. Remember, Truth couldn't read or write, so almost certainly it was never written down exactly:

"Between the white women of the north and the Negroes of the south talking about equality, the white men are going to be in trouble very soon," she began.

"That man over there says that women need to be helped in carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place; and aren't I a woman?"

"Look at me. Look at my arm. I have plowed and planted and gathered into barns, and no man could head me—and aren't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man, when I could get it, and bear the lash as well—and aren't I a woman? I have borne 13 children, and seen them most all sold off into slavery, and when I cried out with a mother's grief, none but Jesus heard—and aren't I a woman? . . .

"If my cup won't hold but a pint and yours holds a quart, wouldn't you be mean not to let me have my little half-measure full? Then that little man in black there, he says a woman can't have as much right as man cause Christ wasn't a woman. Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman. Man had nothing to do with him.

"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down, all her one lone, all these together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right side up again. And now they are asking to, the men better let them."

Standing in the CMS gym, the speech moved me to tears. One can only imagine how it must have affected those who heard the nearly six-foot tall former slave deliver it.

In my youth, the most mention a woman got in history was Queen Isabella, and she was always joined at the hip to King Ferdinand. It's refreshing to know that kids today are learning about Sojourner Truth and others like her.

## Letters to the editor

### M-15 improvements will be worth the wait

The first community meeting I was involved in regarding needed changes on M-15 was held at Brandon High School on September 19, 1994. That meeting attracted hundreds of concerned residents and business owners in the Ortonville/Clarkston area and resulted in the forming of the M-15 Corridor Improvement Task Force. The task force has met regularly since that time, and continues to do so, hammering out solutions to our growing traffic problems on M-15. Recently there has been a notable citizen involvement in the meetings, giving community residents the opportunity to voice their specific concerns and provide valuable input to the process.

I want to personally thank the members of the task force for their time and expertise in heading up this very challenging project. Although it seems like a long time since that initial meeting, there has been progress, and many significant improvements have been made to M-15. According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, there are several important projects planned for this summer:

- A new traffic signal will be installed at Glass Road & M-15 by the end of the summer (before school starts).
- At M-15 & Deer Ridge, a center lane for left turns will be added in 1998.
- At M-15 & Oakhill, a center lane for left turns will also be added.
- Intersection improvements will be made at M-15 and Seymour Lake Road.
- Relocation of the intersection at M-15 and Allen Road is scheduled, creating a right turn lane &

passing flare.

Again, on behalf of the community, I want to thank the members of the task force and MDOT for their diligence as we continue to work together to create traffic solutions for this rapidly growing area.

Sincerely,  
Tom Middleton  
State Representative  
46th District

### Optimist Club says thanks

The Clarkston Optimists Club wishes to thank this year's judges for the 12th annual Oratorical Contest that was held at Clarkston High School on Feb 25. The judges include Leah Harroun (Oxford Bank), Eileen McCarville (Clarkston News), Clair Needham (CHS English teacher), Greg Seaman (CHS staff and forensics coach), Dan Travis (Independence Township trustee), and Carolyn Walker (Eccentric newspaper). Their job was difficult considering the talented speakers who took part. Without quality volunteer judges, the contest could never achieve success for the program.

For all my fellow Optimist members who gave of their time and talent's for this year's contest, my sincere thanks.

To Maggie Ness and Jeffrey Driscoll, the Optimist Club congratulates you on winning the contest and wishes you well in the next level of competition.

On behalf of the Optimist Club  
Jim Wenger  
Oratorical contest chairperson

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## DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush

### Bits and pieces



Once again, wonderings from a mad man . . .  
By chance I happened upon a stretch of asphalt that I hadn't traversed in quite some time. The bit of road is the bane of many drivers in West Bloomfield Township and Farmington Hills.

Haggerty Road, I saw was wall-to-wall walls and malls. It was horrible. The traffic, horrendous. The way they smushed all those buildings together it really is quite a shame.

It's a reminder of what can happen in these parts. I recommend every elected and appointed township official takes a ride over that-a-ways to see the sprawl, and to make sure it doesn't creep or crawl to our area.

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Speaking of roads that just weren't designed for the amount of traffic we now have on them: I hope L. Brooks Patterson doesn't forget us up in the northland. I don't know what he can do to help us, but if anybody can, it's him.

I hope. Here's a suggestion: since northern Oakland County is such a hot ticket (an acre of land in Oxford can go for up to \$42,000), let's get an impact fee on the developers.

For example, again in Oxford, W. Draher Road will get about 700 homes within the next few years. That's between two and three cars per home. W. Draher Road is also home to a gravel mining opera-

tion and an elementary school.

That's another 1,400-2,100 cars, plus the gravel trains, plus the existing traffic, plus school bus loads of kids, all on a wee-little two lane road.

I hope one of those school buses doesn't get in an accident due to overcrowded roads. I only mention this potential traffic problem 'cause I didn't hear Brooks bring it up during the state of the county address.

I don't believe Oxford -- by its lonesome -- is going to do anything about it.

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A friend of mine taped the PBS documentary on the presidency of Ronald Reagan, simply titled "Reagan." Anyone -- regardless of your feelings of Reagan -- who likes this type of programming should check it out the next time it airs.

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Clarkston Board of Education

# Durant settlement set at \$2.6 M

**BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY**  
Clarkston News Editor

It may not be right down to the penny of what they think they should get, but Clarkston schools' administration and board of education have decided to accept the \$2.6 million the state is offering to settle a long-standing lawsuit.

"The settlement offer is about as good as you're going to get," Craig Kahler, the district's Director of Business Services, told the board Feb. 23. A public hearing will be required before the money can be spent.

Having said that, Kahler indicated there are pretty severe restrictions on how the money can be used, basically the same limits as those on bond money. The first half (\$1.3 million) will be received in November, the second half will be spread out over 10 years in installments of \$130,000 per year.

"I think it takes a lot of local control from the school board," Kahler said. "I think the intention is to give it back to the taxpayers, but I think that's a decision best left to the local school board."

The money comes from settlement of the Durant lawsuit, a 20-year-old case which sought reimbursement for unfunded state mandates surrounding special education, which are illegal under the Headlee Amendment to the state constitution.

Though Clarkston was not one of the plaintiff districts in the Durant case, it was a plaintiff in a similar suit filed by another group of districts. The state's offer settles both cases.

"All this time we were taking general education dollars and funding those things the state was

underfunding," said trustee Janet Thomas. "So it really is a return of dollars to the school district that should have been there in the first place."

Though looking forward to receiving the money, Kahler noted that part of the Durant settlement includes a freeze on the state education grant (foundation allowance) for the coming year. In addition, the settlement offered no compensation for the loss of investment income over the years the districts were shortchanged.

Kahler also sounded a note of caution when he wondered how the state would pay off the massive costs over the next 10 years, saying it would be at the legislature's whim and could be taken from general education funding should the economy sour.

During a break in the meeting, Roberts said there are a lot of needs the money could be used to help meet.

"There's never been an ongoing technology budget in the district to deal with maintenance and upgrades," he said. "We've never had the money to do that . . . There are some real serious needs the dollars will help us take care of."

A savings account for the added expenses of running a new elementary school is "very probable," he said.

The district had some other financial good news at the Feb. 23 meeting. Due to the current low interest rates the country is experiencing, the district was able to refinance just over \$53 million in outstanding bonds, saving \$3.265 million in finance charges. That's money that will come off debt retirement millages in future years.

The savings break down into two parts: \$1.5 million in lower interest costs on the bonds themselves, and \$1.7 million in savings because less money will

have to be borrowed from the state School Bond Loan Fund.

"I'm real ecstatic about this sale; it was a great sale," said Dick Barch of Stauder Barch, the district's financial consultant. "I've been doing this business 34 years and that's the largest savings I've come across."

Board vice president Mary Ellen McLean thanked Kahler for his work on the refinancing. "I really, really appreciate it as a taxpayer and a board member," she said.

Board secretary Sheila Hughes added, "I just think it's great we can get out of the School Bond Loan Fund a lot sooner."

All of that good financial news was offset by concerns about how much it's going to cost to operate the new high school next year and a new elementary school soon after that. In making his first budget adjustment of the fiscal year, Kahler told the board that next year's freeze on the foundation allowance will cost the district over one million dollars off what it was expected to receive from the state. In addition, the state is changing its payment schedule to the districts, and he is concerned he'll need to borrow to avert cash-flow problems.

Perhaps most of all, he's concerned that the public will view the Durant settlement as "a windfall that floats into the general fund for general spending . . . I think there's a lot of potential; I think there's some risks."

"It really is time for us to think of the bold initiatives now that we have the facilities coming online," Roberts said. "I'd like the board to think about those issues that are near and dear to your heart and give me feedback."

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# OPINION

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The Clarkston News



## IN FOCUS

by Annette Kingsbury

### Other voices

I'll confess to being woefully ignorant about women's history. Like most people of my age, I didn't learn about it in school—back then history was very white and very male. Thankfully, things are different today.

Last week (which was during February, Black History Month) I was privileged to see a presentation at Clarkston Middle School by some Wayne State University students on Sojourner Truth. I was so moved by it, and so ashamed I knew nothing about her, that I ran out and got a biography from the library.

Now that we're into March, it's Women's History Month, so I'd like to reprint here her famous "Aren't I a Woman" speech, which closed the production at CMS last week.

I suppose we could argue who Sojourner Truth more properly belongs to, but as an abolitionist feminist there's plenty of good stuff here to go around. Today, her words are still powerful. They show clearly she was way ahead of her time.

The speech was given at a women's rights meeting in Akron, Ohio in 1851, when Truth was about 54. Exactly what was said is a matter of some dispute, but what follows is some of the most famous rendition of it. Remember, Truth couldn't read or write, so almost certainly it was never written down exactly:

"Between the white women of the north and the Negroes of the south talking about equality, the white men are going to be in trouble very soon," she began.

"That man over there says that women need to be helped in carriages, and lifted over ditches, and to have the best place everywhere. Nobody ever helps me into carriages, or over mud puddles, or gives me any best place; and aren't I a woman?"

"Look at me. Look at my arm. I have plowed and planted and gathered into barns, and no man could head me—and aren't I a woman? I could work as much and eat as much as a man, when I could get it, and bear the lash as well—and aren't I a woman? I have borne 13 children, and seen them most all sold off into slavery, and when I cried out with a mother's grief, none but Jesus heard—and aren't I a woman? . . ."

"If my cup won't hold but a pint and yours holds a quart, wouldn't you be mean not to let me have my little half-measure full? Then that little man in black there, he says a woman can't have as much right as man cause Christ wasn't a woman. Where did your Christ come from? From God and a woman. Man had nothing to do with him.

"If the first woman God ever made was strong enough to turn the world upside down, all her one lone, all these together ought to be able to turn it back and get it right side up again. And now they are asking to, the men better let them."

Standing in the CMS gym, the speech moved me to tears. One can only imagine how it must have affected those who heard the nearly six-foot tall former slave deliver it.

In my youth, the most mention a woman got in history was Queen Isabella, and she was always joined at the hip to King Ferdinand. It's refreshing to know that kids today are learning about Sojourner Truth and others like her.

## Letters to the editor

### M-15 improvements will be worth the wait

The first community meeting I was involved in regarding needed changes on M-15 was held at Brandon High School on September 19, 1994. That meeting attracted hundreds of concerned residents and business owners in the Ortonville/Clarkston area and resulted in the forming of the M-15 Corridor Improvement Task Force. The task force has met regularly since that time, and continues to do so, hammering out solutions to our growing traffic problems on M-15. Recently there has been a notable citizen involvement in the meetings, giving community residents the opportunity to voice their specific concerns and provide valuable input to the process.

I want to personally thank the members of the task force for their time and expertise in heading up this very challenging project. Although it seems like a long time since that initial meeting, there has been progress, and many significant improvements have been made to M-15. According to the Michigan Department of Transportation, there are several important projects planned for this summer:

- A new traffic signal will be installed at Glass Road & M-15 by the end of the summer (before school starts).
- At M-15 & Deer Ridge, a center lane for left turns will be added in 1998.
- At M-15 & Oakhill, a center lane for left turns will also be added.
- Intersection improvements will be made at M-15 and Seymour Lake Road.
- Relocation of the intersection at M-15 and Allen Road is scheduled, creating a right turn lane &

passing flare.

Again, on behalf of the community, I want to thank the members of the task force and MDOT for their diligence as we continue to work together to create traffic solutions for this rapidly growing area.

Sincerely,

Tom Middleton  
State Representative  
46th District

### Optimist Club says thanks

The Clarkston Optimists Club wishes to thank this year's judges for the 12th annual Oratorical Contest that was held at Clarkston High School on Feb 25. The judges include Leah Harroun (Oxford Bank), Eileen McCarville (Clarkston News), Clair Needham (CHS English teacher), Greg Seaman (CHS staff and forensics coach), Dan Travis (Independence Township trustee), and Carolyn Walker (Eccentric newspaper). Their job was difficult considering the talented speakers who took part. Without quality volunteer judges, the contest could never achieve success for the program.

For all my fellow Optimist members who gave of their time and talent's for this year's contest, my sincere thanks.

To Maggie Ness and Jeffrey Driscoll, the Optimist Club congratulates you on winning the contest and wishes you well in the next level of competition.

On behalf of the Optimist Club  
Jim Wenger  
Oratorical contest chairperson

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## DON'T RUSH ME / by Don Rush

### Bits and pieces



Once again, wonderings from a mad man . . .  
By chance I happened upon a stretch of asphalt that I hadn't traversed in quite some time. The bit of road is the bane of many drivers in West Bloomfield Township and Farmington Hills.

Haggerty Road, I saw wall-to-wall walls and malls. It was horrible. The traffic, horrendous. The way they smushed all those buildings together it really is quite a shame.

It's a reminder of what can happen in these parts. I recommend every elected and appointed township official takes a ride over that-a-ways to see the sprawl, and to make sure it doesn't creep or crawl to our area.

Speaking of roads that just weren't designed for the amount of traffic we now have on them: I hope L. Brooks Patterson doesn't forget us up in the northland. I don't know what he can do to help us, but if anybody can, it's him.

I hope. Here's a suggestion: since northern Oakland County is such a hot ticket (an acre of land in Oxford can go for up to \$42,000), let's get an impact fee on the developers.

For example, again in Oxford, W. Drahner Road will get about 700 homes within the next few years. That's between two and three cars per home. W. Drahner Road is also home to a gravel mining opera-

tion and an elementary school.

That's another 1,400-2,100 cars, plus the gravel trains, plus the existing traffic, plus school bus loads of kids, all on a wee-little two lane road.

I hope one of those school buses doesn't get in an accident due to overcrowded roads. I only mention this potential traffic problem 'cause I didn't hear Brooks bring it up during the state of the county address.

I don't believe Oxford -- by its lonesome -- is going to do anything about it.

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## Letter back

### 15 YEARS AGO (1983)

Plans for changes in site and concept for the annual 4-H Fair are under consideration by the Oakland County 4-H Board. The board is considering changing to an "open" fair and is looking at alternate sites for the week-long event. An "open" fair concept differs from 4-H which is limited to youth entries, and would allow adults to compete.

Jerry Wilford says he will be doing one of his favorite things, when the 30-member All Saint's Episcopal Church Choir performs on Sunday in the Colombiere Center Chapel. Wilford joined the choir of the Pontiac church two years ago after a 10-year break from performing in church choirs and amateur musicals. "It's the best group I've ever sung with," he says.

Tyra Lea Warden of Independence Township is getting ready for the Miss Michigan USA Beauty Pageant competition in Garden City, where 12 finalists will be chosen from a group of 40 contestants. The winner will go on to the Miss USA competition and then, perhaps, to the Miss World competition.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1973)

Monday's Clarkston Village Council election will be uneventful, due to the fact that there are no contests. Seeking re-election are clerk Bruce Rogers, treasurer Art Pappas, and trustees Neil Granlund and Lucia Wilford. Newcomers Michael Thayer and James Schultz are also running for trustee seats.

Former tool designer Joe Pasha and his wife, Margaret, of Harper Woods, have purchased the Clarkston Cinema on Dixie Highway. Pasha, who describes himself as a theater buff, says he will continue to show G-rated family fare.

The Sashabaw Cougars stretch their unbeaten record to five games by rolling over the Clarkston Steelers 29-6 in the Independence Recreation Biddy Basketball League on Saturday.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1948)

On Monday the property owners of Clarkston will vote on a \$30,000 bond issue to finance the purchase of the Ford Motor Co. Hydro Plant. Approximately five acres of land fronting on W. Sashington and running through to Depot Park is being considered.

Specials at the Village Market include Birdseye Spinach, 21 cents a package; Drefit, 29 cents a package; Gold Dust Cleanser, three cans for a dime; Piequick, a package for 31 cents; and Breakfast Maid Coffee ("We Grind It!") for 32 cents a pound.

Playing at the Drayton Theatre are Tyrone Power and Joan Blondell in "Nightmare Alley," Margaret O'Brien and Cyd Charisse in "The Unfinished Dance," Joan Caulfield and Claude Rains in "The Unsuspected" and Jean Porter and Jimmy Lloyd in "Two Blondes and a Redhead."

### 60 YEARS AGO (1938)

Passenger train No. 57 on the Grand Trunk line derailed in Davisburg due to a broken tire on one of the front cars. It is a fast train from Detroit to Durand, where it connects with a night train to Chicago. The train is clocked at 60 miles an hour when the accident occurs. No one is seriously injured, but one woman receives minor cuts and bruises.

Playing at the Holly Theatre are Delores Del Rio in "International Settlement," Charles (Buddy) Rogers and Betty Grable in "This way, Please," Fredric March and Franciska Gaal in "The Buccaneer" and Bette Davis and Henry Fonda in "That Certain Woman."

Used car bargains at Seeterlin's include a 1937 Chevrolet Master Town Sedan, \$500; a 1936 Ford Standard Coach, \$375; a 1931 Essex, \$75; and a 1928 Buick Sedan, \$25.

## People poll

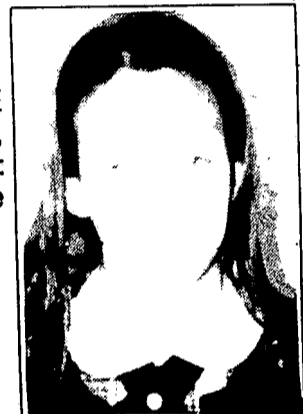
By Eileen McCarville

### What are you giving up for Lent?

**MATTHEW WILLIAMS, SECOND GRADE:** Candy, 'cause I like it, especially Smarties.



**MARIE MACKOWIAK, THIRD GRADE:** Sweets, 'cause I love Jesus.



**NICK KOENIGSKNECHT, FOURTH GRADE:** TV, because I was watching too much, I guess, especially sports. I like the 49ers, the Bulls and the Red Wings.



**KATIE SZARAMA, SIXTH GRADE:** I did two things. I gave up chocolate and I want to give more money to the poor. The poor could use the money more than I could.



**TERESA MAZIARZ, EIGHTH GRADE:** I'm trying to be patient with my brothers and sisters. It's hard to do, and because Christ wants us to be more patient with our families.



All are students at Everest Academy.



## CHS LIFE / by Meghann Smith

### Running with scissors

Have you ever had one of those days where you just didn't know whether to laugh or cry? I've had a lot of those lately. I think the reason is all of the pressure that is suddenly dumped upon high school students towards the end of the year. Spring is just around the corner (that is if that surprise March snowstorm doesn't get to us first) and we're dreaming of lazy summer days, whereas our jobs, school-work, classes and parents all appear to be threatening thunder clouds on the horizon.

It is late Sunday night. I just remembered I have to have this article written and handed in tomorrow morning. I sign on the computer and have the ongoing writer's block feud in my head and then I see the "Tip of the Day" on my computer screen. Usually there is an intelligent remark on spacing or margins but today it reads, "You can hurt yourself if you run with scissors." For me it's been one of those running with scissors weeks.

I missed school on Monday; we were on a plane coming home from Florida. One more day of sunshine or not, there is one basic rule of trigonometry: never miss a day. I'm sure we've all eavesdropped on someone speaking a language we don't understand and realized that for all we know they could be making fun of us, and we'll never know. That's the same exact feeling I had when I looked at the chalkboard in math class on Tuesday.

Then of course we have the whole progress report aspect of my life. This is a very gloomy aspect. You see, I have never had a C on any sort of report card. My chemistry class is out to change that pattern. This is another foreign language to me; however, I could miss 40 days of chemistry class and be just as confident in my non-success as I am today.

My parents, however, do not speak the language of "average grades." This C is becoming a greater

blemish on my social life than it is my progress report. I think my parents fear that the long-awaited date (one short year away!) when they can stop arguing with me about curfews and eating dinner with my family will not come as scheduled.

Looking forward to a few promising weeks of not going out on weekdays and time-restricted phone calls, I'm beginning to hope these scissors I'm running with will be able to cut me out of tangles I've gotten myself into. In a last attempt to save my weekends I have a quick request for my teachers: Please be kind at conferences!

## More letters

### Not feeling so alone

Thank you for the opinion poll that appeared in the February 4 edition and Don Rush's column in the February 11 edition on our President's current scandal.

Based on all the polls that have been published and reported in the national media, my husband and I were beginning to think we were the only ones who felt that character does matter and that Clinton was only reaping the benefits of a cyclical economy and a Republican Congress. Too bad this kind of attention wasn't given to the other scandals like donations to the Democratic party, Hillary's stock market wind-fall, etc., etc.

The only thought scarier than two more of Clinton are the words, "President Gore."

Thanks again!  
Pat Goldsworthy

Letter to the editor

## Players respond to letter

Recently, The Clarkston News printed a letter to the editor from Mr. Jim Theolet regarding a performance he saw of *Aspirin and Elephants* at the Depot Theatre. As President of the Clarkston Village Players, I felt the need to write a response.

Each year, the Clarkston Village Players has a Script Committee that reads in excess of 75 plays. A recommendation is given to the Board of Directors in March, and the membership votes on the suggested plays in April. The Script Committee recommends plays based on the following guidelines:

- A. A blend of comedy, mystery, and drama,
- B. A list of plays that have not been done over and over by ours and other theater groups,
- C. A slate of plays that will provoke laughter or reflect the element of human life.

To accomplish all of this, the Script Committee looks at classics, like *Twelve Angry Men*, and contemporary plays, such as *Aspirin and Elephants*. It is in selecting the contemporary plays that CVP must make a decision.

Having been an integral part of this community for 37 years, it is, and always has been, our goal to bring the finest live entertainment to Clarkston. It is our philosophy that you do not achieve this with season after season of plays like *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and *The Sunshine Boys*. When selecting contemporary plays, one must deal with the '70s, '80s, and '90s. A good example is the film *Titanic* (PG-13), which contains some profanity and one lengthy nude scene, but has been nominated for 14 Academy Awards. Is this film trash? Is it exploitation? Another example is our upcoming May production - *Rumors*. It is written by Neil Simon, author of *The Odd Couple* and *The Sunshine Boys*. It is a contemporary play and does contain some profanity. It was selected, however, because it was written by Mr. Simon and is extremely funny.

Believe me when I say that our primary objective is to entertain, not offend. Mr. Theolet suggested "rating" the plays. Although it is difficult to do a great deal of pre-publicity in a media market that will not reach all of our customers, the Clarkston Village Players will continue to attempt to inform patrons of content and language. In addition, our members have informed patrons bringing young children (on the night of the performance) of material that may not be suitable for children, and we have refunded the price of the tickets. Some of our patrons, even after this conversation, have attended said performance, with their children. That is, of course, their decision to make.

We also appreciate the reviews done in The Clarkston News, which have clearly identified content, and the level of viewing audience recommended.

In closing, the Clarkston Village Players will continue to strive to bring the finest quality of live theater to this community. As always, we do appreciate comments from our patrons (pro and con).

Sincerely,  
Al Bartlett, President  
Clarkston Village Players

## St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland support groups

**Alzheimer's:** first and third Tuesday, 10:30 a.m.; 858-3111.

**Caring for aging parents:** second Monday, 7 p.m. at Rochester office, 1812 Rochester Rd.; 651-6950.

**Diabetes forum:** fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m. (except July, Aug. and Dec.); call 858-6043.

**Stroke Club:** second Thursday, 1:30 p.m.; 858-3111.

**Traumatic Brain Injury:** second Wednesday, 7 p.m.; 858-3020 or 858-3106.

**MDDA support group** (Manic Depressive and Depressive Association); call 681-9426.

**Mended Hearts:** for cardiac patients; call 595-5814.

**HELP** (Handling Emotional Loss of Pregnancy): second Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; call 858-3526

## Fit for Life

By Heather Haepers *Diets are not the answer*



Most people cringe whenever the word diet is spoken - as they should. Ninety to 95 percent of people who go on diets regain their weight plus more.

In the long run dieting will always work against you because of the negative effects it has on your metabolism. When you diet, you are essentially starving your body of energy that it needs. Generally this occurs if your daily caloric falls below 1,200 for most women and 1,800 calories for the majority of men.

A diet will only offer you the short term appearance of weight loss, because typically much of the weight lost is lean mass - most of which is water. The proper way to lose weight is to focus on fat loss by making long term healthy lifestyle changes.

Just as people do not quit smoking overnight, you should not expect yourself to change overnight either. Baby steps will get you there. Temporary changes only give temporary results; when you go

back to your old habits your body will return to its original state.

Therefore, long term changes are the key, such as: incorporating 20 - 30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise into your lifestyle at least three days per week; reducing your caloric intake by 200-300 calories per day until you reach your desired weight; and eating balanced meals throughout the day.

Other recommended changes that will help include: replacing fried foods with baked or broiled, replacing high calorie/low nutrient foods such as potato chips and cookies with healthier choices such as fruits and vegetables, keeping a food diary to chart exactly how many calories are consumed daily, and measuring your food to assure proper portion sizing.

There are no miracle pills, drinks, or diets that will help you achieve your goal of weight loss. Your miracle must come from within by committing yourself to a healthy lifestyle.

## Obituaries

### Thomas Gooding, Jr.

Thomas Edward Gooding, Jr., 72, formerly of Wayne, died Feb. 26, 1998.

Mr. Gooding is survived by daughters Elayne (Dennis) Stuva of Detroit, Terry (Mike) Flood of Texas, and Kathleen (Jim Tuck) Cody of Clarkston; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Kenneth (Gladys). He was preceded in death by a sister, Maureen.

A funeral service took place Saturday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Foundation or to Genesys Hospice.

### Eliza Johnson

Eliza W. Johnson, 92, of St. Johns, formerly of Clarkston, died Feb. 26, 1998.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the First Congregational Church, the Elizabeth Winslow Ladies Group, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan (James) Abel of St. Johns; daughter-in-law Rae Johnson of St. Johns; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren; brother William (Mae) Cobb of Clarkston; sisters Harriett Adams of St. Johns, Martha (Arthur) O'Hare of Big Rapids, and Marian Miller of Lansing; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, a son Kenneth Lee, a sister, Dorothy Crittenden, and a brother, Burt Cobb.

A funeral service took place Monday at the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns. Interment was at West Burlington Cemetery in Silverwood with Rev. Matt Olson officiating.

Memorials can be made to the First Congregational Church, the St. Johns United Methodist Church, or the Salvation Army.

## At school

● **Christopher Lewis** has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for 1998. He is a senior majoring in organizational communications and the son of Duane and Rosemary Lewis of Clarkston.

● **Andy Harp** made the dean's list at Michigan State University with a 4.0 GPA for fall semester. A junior, he is majoring in engineering arts. He is a Clarkston High School graduate.

● **Catherine Webster**, daughter of William and Betty Webster of Clarkston, received a BS from GMI in December, 1997.

### Irene Markovski

Irene Markovski, 87, of Walled Lake, died Feb. 25, 1998.

Mrs. Markovski is survived by a daughter, Mary, of Clarkston; granddaughter Tara (Fernando) Crespo O'Neil of Walled Lake; great-granddaughter Alechi; and sister Clara Russell. She was preceded in death by her husband Alex and a son, Alex Jr.

A funeral service took place Friday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Pastor Richard Martella officiating. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

### Farris Newberry

Farris Douglas "Arky" Newberry, 76, of Waterford, died Feb. 26, 1998.

Mr. Newberry is survived by his wife Betty; sons Douglas, Larry (Rebecca) and Jerry (Brenda); daughter Joyce Lloyd; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; brother Leon (Mary); and sister Eva (Leonard) Ayers.

A funeral service took place Monday at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Rev. James E. Combs officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute.



## Master gardener honored

Jerry Redoutey, a tour guide at Bordine Nursery in Clarkston, was presented the Distinguished Service Award for his contribution to horticultural education in Genesee County. The honor is presented to one master gardener member per year. Redoutey has been a member since 1992.

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... Nice town, y'know what I mean?"  
 --Thornton Wilder, "Our Town"

**BY EILEEN McCARVILLE**  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

As she sits in her quaint historic home overlooking the Mill Pond, Virginia Walter apologizes that the coffee is instant, but points out the ginger cookies, sent by a friend at Christmas, come all the way from New England. "I hear they're very good."

Cozying up on the couch, the 84-year-old octogenarian's snow-white hair is pulled back and there's an unmistakable twinkle in the lively blue eyes as she shares the story she loves to tell:

Returning from a plane trip, she was prepared to take a limo back to the Holiday Inn. After the driver let a few folks out in Birmingham, Walter asked her if perhaps she'd mind driving all the way to Clarkston.

Walter describes the driver as "extremely polite" but quiet. "She never said a word until we got to Sashabaw." But then, "You should have heard her. She had never seen anything like this, all the old buildings. I said, you know, there is water on both sides.

"And when she came around the corner, she thought it was wonderful. There she was, driving all over Metro Detroit, driving to places I'd never heard of. But Main St. just struck her. It was something she'd never seen..."

Today's Clarkston remains pretty much the same, thanks to the TLC used to preserve the historic buildings, the uniqueness, the charm. Many will describe it as a precious gem, an oasis in the desert of the bustling, greater-Detroit area.

But in the 1830s it sat waiting, like a diamond in the rough, to be polished into a one-of-a-kind downtown.

According to "Heritage," a local history book published by the Clarkston Community Historical Society and edited by local historian Jennifer Radcliff, the earliest settlers included Linus Jacox, Butler Holcomb and brothers Jeremiah and Nelson Clark.

You might say the brothers' sawmill was the first "retail" business in Clarkston, says Kim Huttenlocher, vice president of CCHS.

"The brothers bought the sawmill built earlier by Butler Holcomb near the Mill Pond," Huttenlocher says. "They planted apple trees, built a fish hatchery... and acted as postmasters."

In 1838 William and John Axford started the first store, and in 1842 Nelson Clark opened another one. The longest-running store, established two years later, was operated by one of the Clarks' sons, Milton. "Most of these were probably dry goods or general-type stores," Huttenlocher says.

The tiny downtown began to emerge. In 1842 it was officially dubbed Clarkston. As people settled in, other uses were established to fit their needs: a drug store, a blacksmith, a shoemaker, a tailor and "a lot of taverns or public houses (inns)," said Huttenlocher. "A lawyer and a doctor came in 1843, so there were offices then too."

By 1877 there were three blacksmiths, a boot and shoe maker, a barrel-maker (cooperage), a dressmaker, three drug and grocery stores, four dry goods stores, a furniture store, a hardware store, a harness-maker, a hotel run by "Captain Cook," an insurance agent, a

jewelry store, a livery stable, a meat market, three millineries (hat shops), three doctors, a tin wares store and two wagonmakers, notes Huttenlocher.

"As you can see from that list, this was a pretty big little town."

In the old days, people came to town for everything, notes Radcliff. "There was a furniture store. People needed lots of furniture. But they only needed furniture once in a lifetime, the way they lived then... They were not country bumpkins. We have to credit them for creating a community like Clarkston and, at the same time, for building some beautiful buildings."

Going to town meant more than a shopping spree, Huttenlocher says. Residents depended on the downtown for their very social lives.

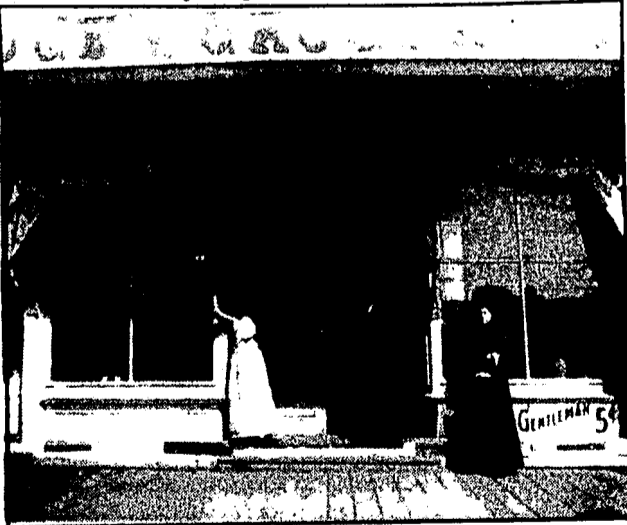
"The automobile did so much to show how we do our shopping. But then most everybody came to town — they went to movies, got ice cream cones..."

Musing over an 1890 "Heritage" photo, she adds with humor, "You could say you even had a parking problem. Back then you had to park your horse and wagon — not just the car."

"These small towns developed with a mix, women who had raised chickens for what they called egg money," says Radcliff. "It took only one person to drive the wagon but the rest of the family came along for the ride."

Some shops changed their locations through the years, like Rudy's. Established in 1933 by German immigrant Rudy Schwarze, the grocer saw three different spots on Main St. And many of the old buildings have seen a variety of occupants, like the "Addis" building on the southeast corner of Main and Washington, which began as an ice cream and candy shop during the Depression, says Radcliff.

It was also a real estate office, a successful cream and candy shop during the 1920s, says Radcliff.



F. Hammond Drugs & Groceries, turn of the century. The window to the left proclaims "Oranges, Fresh & Sweet; Lemons, Fresh & Sour." On the right pane, 10-cent cigars are sold for a nickel. (Photo courtesy Clarkston Community Historical Society.)

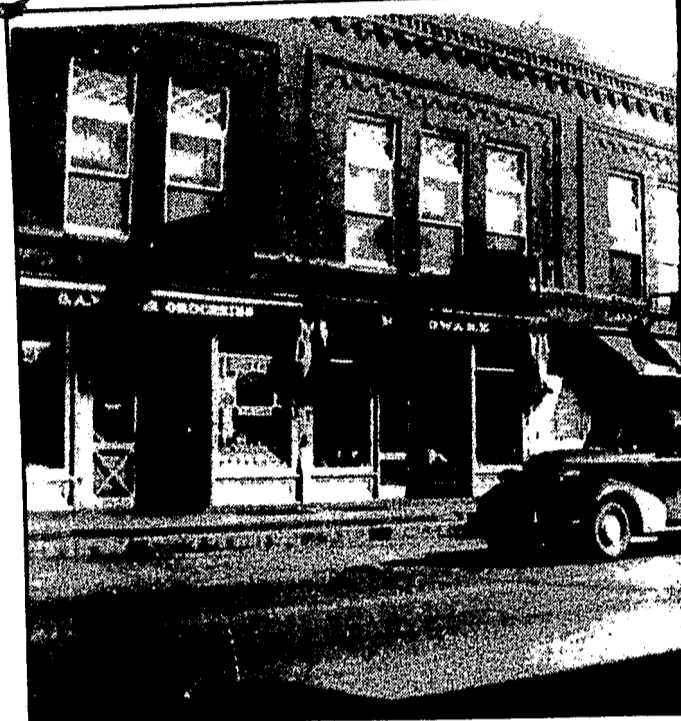
If you look at the building, "You can still see the Addis name at the top," notes Huttenlocher.

With several of the same kinds of stores in town, competition was another factor, Huttenlocher says. For example, after Addis established his ice cream parlour,

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Main St., circa 1940 (Photo courtesy Clarkston Community Historical Society)

Cheeseman's came to town. "People could get their ice cream cheaper, a double-dip cone for a nickel. Their dairy was closer, so they could get the ice cream easier." Cheeseman's eventually put Addis out of business.

Like Walter, Huttenlocher also likes to tell stories. She relays how several establishments sold liquor like The Caribou Inn, a hotel which once stood on the northwest corner of Main and Washington, starting as the Demarest House in 1872. It burned in the fifties.

"Ladies couldn't go into places like that, especially in a small town. If you were a lady you were supposed to cross the street before you passed it. Then one of the hat makers opened down the street and they got sick of crossing, so they just went past it after that," she says with a chuckle.

But, perhaps the best stories come from Walter, Bob Jones, Dick Morgan and other seniors who were part of village life in the thirties, and still live in Clarkston today.

### Bob Jones

"I haven't been here very long — only since 1928," quips Jones, who, at 84, is still known about town for his sharp, spry wit. He and his Clarkston High School sweetheart, Uldene, have been married for 62 years.

Recalling life as a '30s teenager, Jones traces the line of buildings, starting with the old Addis structure on the Main-Washington corner and traveling south through Tut'R Network, the Clarkston Cafe, the Village Bakeshop and Coach's Corner.

"We had Dan Addis' soda fountain, Guy Walter's grocery store and right next to that, Ed Steet's Drug store. Next to that was Dunston's Meat Market which became Waterbury's, then Terry's grocery store. Pete Terry ran it until it went out of business."

"There were the three stores, you know... They all did business and they were all good friends. Everybody was doing a nice business and gettin' along good."

In the '30s the term "customer service" took on a whole new meaning. "You'd come in and say, 'I want a dozen eggs' and they'd run over and get 'em," says Jones. "No self service at all. You'd pick up something and they'd slap your hand. Then, when you weren't feeling well, you'd call and order your groceries and they'd bring 'em up to you."

Jones, a retired Clarkston State Bank president, who worked his way up from a teenage janitor in the now-vacant NBD Bank building, once owned property next to The Clarkston News, now a private parking lot.

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Clarkston Community Historical Society.)

He remembers several fires, including the one that destroyed his building after one tenant, a venetian blind business, burned down.

But, on the up side, he remembers the space

between today's Rudy's and the bank as the place where they held band concerts and showed outdoor movies. And, at downtown Christmas galas, Santa came to town. "They put up a big Christmas tree and gave out gifts."

But, gradually, the downtown business climate changed. Carl Walker, who ran a downtown dime store and regularly appeared at the bank to borrow money to buy bathing suits, stopped coming. "One year he didn't come in. He said, 'I don't buy 'em wholesale anymore. I can go down to Kmart and buy 'em myself.' The big stores just wrecked the business for all of us."

### Dick Morgan

At 82, Dick Morgan's hands are still covered with motor oil. He calls himself the official "parts-getter" at the service station he established at Main and Church streets. At age 16 he borrowed \$200 from his grandfather to start the business.

The walls are filled with mementos and old photos. But Morgan is perhaps proudest of the 1988 plaque that contains this special tribute from a state senator: "On the 56th anniversary of his outstanding business,

**When Dick Morgan started his business on Main St., 'Everybody laughed at me and said I'd go broke. But I didn't. I'm still here.'**

Morgan's Service is the oldest continuous business in Clarkston."

A farmer's son, "I was a farmer too. I knew how to milk cows and take care of horses. Dad sold the farm and moved over to M-15 and built a house." When he started the business, "everybody laughed at me and said I'd go broke. But I didn't. I'm still here," quips Morgan, with his typical wise grin breaking at the corners of his mouth.

Like Jones, he remembers well his teen years when he also worked at Henry Ford's downtown machine shop to hone his automotive skills.

After work he'd often take in the Opera House, above what is now Clarkston Tut'r Network. There were dance clubs and Bingo parties. Fondly, he recalls the ice cream parlours. "At Addis' you could buy a chocolate soda for a dime."

On weekends Clarkston was crowded. "They really would pack 'em in. That was quite a Saturday

night ordeal. All the farmers came in to do their shopping. Their wives would set in the cars and set together and talk of this and that."

As someone in the car business, Morgan recalls there were once three different dealerships downtown: a Buick business "where Rudy's is," Seeterlin's

Chevrolet in the old fire station in back of Morgan's, and Beattie's Ford at what is now the Prudential building site. At various times other dealers included American Motors and Essex.

And, he notes, he wasn't by himself in the '30s. "There were seven gas stations in town."

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# Why some retailers left downtown

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Every year, in every city, businesses open, and businesses close. It's just the nature of things.

But when your business district is as small as Clarkston's, the loss of one or two can create a domino effect by reducing foot traffic for all the others.

The Clarkston News spoke to several business owners who have left downtown Clarkston, and one of the town's biggest landlords, about why retail businesses leave, often to be replaced by offices. Each owner had unique reasons for leaving, but added together they paint a picture that is worth exploring.

Denise Howard owned Milieu, an upscale clothing, jewelry and home accessory store, in rented space at 20 S. Main St. for nine years before closing last year. A Clarkston native, she loved doing business in her home town, but says it was hard.

"We had a real good strong customer base but it never seemed to grow," she said. "And we had to pursue those people. If we would not have done those things (such as personal phone calls to customers) we would not have survived nine years . . ."

"I think it really started happening before I moved in. The area started really booming as far as home sales, and buildings started getting sold at prices that were too high . . . Realtors came in and bought the buildings and they tried to rent them out to retailers. With the amount of foot traffic and the lack of (a Downtown Development Authority or other infrastructure) it just couldn't work."

Howard said her rent was reasonable—\$875 a month—and wasn't a factor in her decision to move to Royal Oak, where she had opened a second

**'When I heard the bank was going to leave; I had talked to Robert over at Rudy's and I knew Leta (Calcote) was leaving and I said "This is crazy."'**

Milieu owner Denise Howard

store five years ago.

"I started noticing a lack of foot traffic when the Clarkston Cafe started going down (under previous ownership)," she said. "I thought part of my success had to do with the success of the cafe . . . When I heard the bank was going to leave; I had talked to Robert over at Rudy's and I knew Leta (Calcote of Calcote Country) was leaving and I said 'This is crazy.'"

Cliff Hammond, owner of It's About Time north of downtown, operated inside the Mills Mall on West Washington St. from 1981-90. The site of a former mill and Henry Ford plant, it is now owned by Ed Adler, who also owns Food Town markets.

Hammond said the lack of visibility on Main St., an ordinance that didn't permit him to have an outside sign, and parking that was inconvenient all contributed to his move uptown.

"They couldn't find it and if somebody was carrying a clock to you for repair, that was a problem," Hammond said. His customers were loathe to walk from Depot St., he said, and the Mills had an unjustified reputation for being pricy, in his opinion.

During his tenure in the mall, he saw clothing stores, quilting supplies, Merle Norman cosmetics, jewelers, gift shops and "a succession of restau-

rants" come and go. "There were quite a number of store in there that were quite interesting," he said. "I did quite well there."

Hammond said he has no quarrels with the then-village government, "except for parking." His new store, he said, is no further from downtown than the parking lot was from his old store. "And who walks any more?"

Adler, owner of the Mills Mall, which is now almost entirely offices, said he tried mightily and at a loss of half a million dollars to make the mall succeed as retail. He even operated a restaurant in the lower level himself after others had failed.

"I tried for three years to merchandise it as a mini mall," he said. "I tried everything I knew to make it a success. I advertised quite extensively (even buying a billboard on I-75) . . ."

"It finally occurred to me—'You're never going to make it.' And I had people coming to me for offices, but nobody ever came to me for retail."

Adler said he even went to Birmingham to lure what he called the "culture gulch" art-gallery crowd to Clarkston, figuring that if one would move others would follow, but it never happened. Sadows Auction Gallery is now his oldest tenant, and doing quite well, he said. Adler also owns office buildings at 31 and 39 South Main St.

"The reasons offices are there is because tenants pay their rent or they're owner occupied," he said. "I have this theory that someday the town will be all retail again, and I would prefer retail, because the tenants pay more rent."

Adler faults the village government for at least some of the problems. "There wasn't a parking problem; there was a parking management problem," he said. Parking regulations were not, until recently enforced, allowing office workers to park

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# New president invites others to join the Friends

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

Since Laurie Stern joined the Friends of the Independence Township Library three or four years ago, membership has skyrocketed.

That may be one of the reasons Stern agreed to become the Friends' new president, taking office in January. However, she said there are other reasons as well.

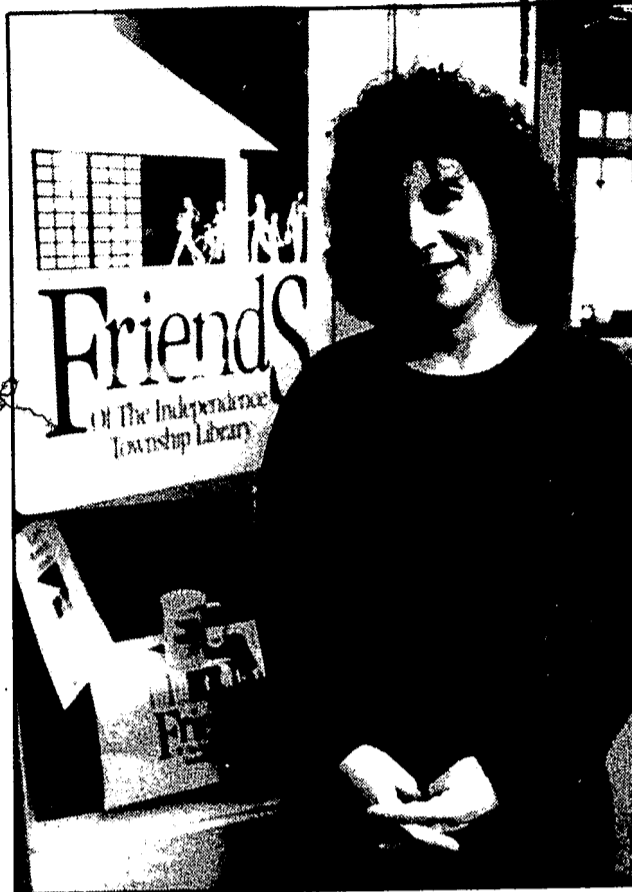
"I think I've come in at a really good time," she said. "We have some wonderful people who are really devoted who will make my job easier and who are real devoted to seeing our group grow."

Stern takes over the presidency after a year on the board as president-elect under Marcey Walsh. That allowed her some time to get a handle on the job.

"I thought it would be kind of daunting to be president. But as I watched Marcey for the last year I saw there was a lot of support within the group," she said.

Joining Stern on the board this year are the new president-elect, Carol McNally; secretary Patty Hazen and treasurer Grace Gwisdalla. All terms are for one year.

A city of Clarkston resident, Stern isn't shy about recruiting new members. She herself was recruited through working at a Friends booth at the Crafts and Cider festival. "I wasn't even a member. So they hooked me and I really liked the group. I like the variety of ages we have, and I think it's a real good idea to



New Friends of the Library president Laurie Stern shows off some of the Friends logo merchandise on display at the library. "I like the variety of ages we have, and I think it's a real good idea to support public libraries."

According to library director Mollie Lynch, the role of the Friends is to be "an advocate for the library, supporter of the library, a good public relations arm. In terms of fund-raising, they help raise money for the things we couldn't afford."

Some of those things have included the first public-use computer the library acquired, as well as helping pay for the automated card catalogue now in use and adopting parts of the collection.

"They provided the seed money for our audio books," Lynch added. "That was important. Here is a bedroom community that commutes to work and there were no audio books."

"Wherever it's needed we try and fill in," Stern said. The library staff prepares a "wish list," and the Friends vote on what to buy. Friends can also suggest their own ideas for funding.

Major fund-raisers are the twice-yearly used book sale, which brought in over \$3,000 the last time it was held. There is a members-only preview night each time, and those who want the best selection but aren't members can join at the door.

"If you want first crack at the books, that's the night to come," Lynch said. The Friends also have purchased, thanks to a donation, a commercial espresso maker and use it as a fund-raiser at various community events. There is also a popular mystery dinner, which has been sold out the last two years.

All together, the Friends are approaching \$10,000 a year in donations to the library.

"There's an enthusiasm in our group I don't think you find in many groups," Stern, a 23-year Clarkston resident, said. A business owner, she has a son, Peter.

Membership is \$25 for a family, \$15 for an individual, \$50 for an organization. Anyone who donates \$200 gets a free one-year membership, and a \$10,000 donation grabs a free lifetime membership. The first one was recorded this year.

To join the Friends, pick up a membership application at the library. First-time members receive a choice of a free mug or book bag.

## State updates license-plate tabs

Motorists purchasing or renewing vehicle registrations this month may find a noticeable change in the license plate tabs they receive.

"We are applying technology to every phase of our operation, including the routine process of issuing tabs for license plates," said Secretary of State Candice Miller. "We have begun to phase-in a new license plate tab that is designed to deter theft, offer customers added convenience and bring new efficiencies to the Department of State."

Among the advantages of the new tabs are:

- Deters theft of tabs by printing the license plate number of the vehicle for which the tab has been issued on the tab.

- Eliminates the need for two separate tabs by combining the month and year of expiration onto one tab that is slightly larger in size.

- Eliminates the need for cumbersome inventory because tabs are now individualized and printed at the branch office on laser printers.

"The most important advantage of this new process is that every tab will have the license plate number to which it has been assigned, printed on the tab," Secretary Miller explained. "Printing the license plate number on the tab will deter the theft of tabs since law enforcement officers will be able to quickly determine whether the tab was issued for the plate on which it is displayed."

Motorists who are issued the redesigned tab for their license plate registrations will notice that the new tabs are slightly larger and include the month and year of expiration.

Tabs will also be a distinctive color each year, with the 1999 tabs being bright orange.

Secretary Miller noted she expects motorists will also appreciate that each tab comes with two copies of the vehicle registration that has been downsized to fit more conveniently into a standard size wallet.

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# Clarkston Foundation announces a banner year

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Foundation unveiled its new logo Friday at its annual meeting at the Northwest Inn.

President Sherry Regiani said the new artwork was designed by three Clarkston men who work for public relations firm French and Rogers, who also produced the Foundation's new brochures. It was just one of several announcements.

Regiani said the Foundation will bring back its successful summer academy this year, thanks to money raised at the preview night of the new Outback Steakhouse. Four thousand dollars was raised and will be used to offer about 20 seventh- and eighth-graders a hands-on experience in math and science this summer.

"We're trying to introduce science and math concepts through hands-on activities, which is the best way to do it," said Jeff Fagan, a teacher at the Oakland Technical Center Northwest.

As an example of just what a Foundation grant can do, Clarkston High School English teacher Linda Denstaedt talked about how she's put a previous grant to use. Through her grant, some 800 students at the high school have been or will soon be exposed to a filmmaker, an artist and a poet as part of their preparation for a big art project.

"One check touches a lot of lives," she said. "So I want to add a little commercial—give money." She also thanked members of the Foundation in attendance for their vision. "Without the vision... we could not do what we're doing at CHS."

The Foundation gives out grants to teachers and other local institutions, such as the library, based upon

applications submitted. Several events each year raise the funds for those grants, such as a golf outing, costume party and honorary degrees.

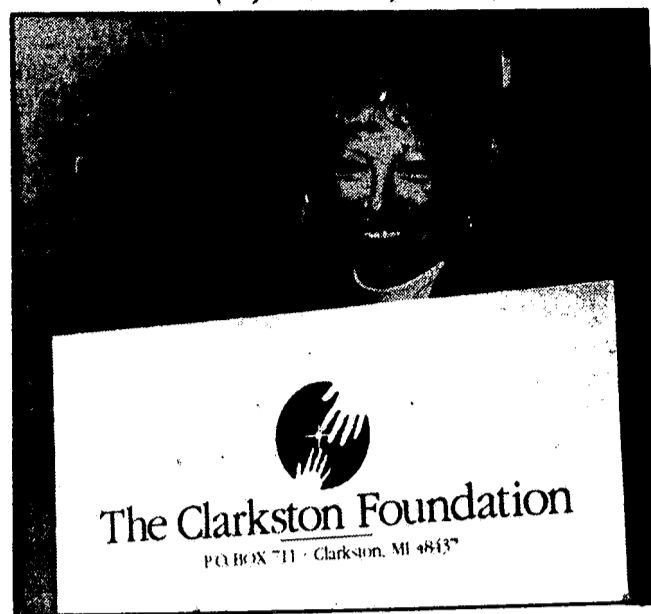
A new fund-raiser currently under way is a "seat sale" in conjunction with the opening of the new high school. Sponsors of seats will have their names engraved on a plaque and receive complementary tickets to the first musical at the new site, as well as listing in the program and a numbered, signed certificate.

Treasurer Todd Moss said 1997 was "a big year for us, a watershed year. This is the first year the Foundation ever had combined assets over \$100,000."

Only 10 years old, the Foundation wasn't always so in the pink. "When our first reports came out we had a negative net worth," he said. "But we were still giving the money away." In fact, in 10 years, the Foundation has awarded \$200,000 in grants, he said.

"This could be one of our biggest years ever because of the different events we're going to put on. We need everybody's help but we're doing very well. We're pretty solid."

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Clarkston Foundation president Sherry Regiani shows off the group's new logo.

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When Kevin Fangel arrived home last week he was greeted by quite a spectacle in his front yard — legions of cardboard Winnie the Poohs and a big sign that read: "Kevin Fangel's 40 — Pooh!" Kevin's dad, Burt Fangel, said his daughter, who earlier turned 40, received 40 flamingos in her front yard. It wasn't hard to come up with an idea for his son. "His wife likes Winnie the Pooh. Kevin always makes remarks." Nevertheless, "He was quite taken by it," Fangel said, adding that his son, who lives on Dvorak in Independence Township, was relieved to see them after dark. "I said, 'Whaddaya mean? They've been here since 10 a.m.'," Fangel chuckled.



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## Police and fire

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23**, someone broke a window on a 1986 Pontiac parked at a Dixie business. The owner found his radar detector on the ground and his phone hanging out the window.

A 13-year-old boy, walking to school on Mann found a bike in a field and turned it over to the sheriff's department.

Fire department investigation on Chestnut Hill.

Injury accident on Waldon.

Medicals at Sashabaw Middle School and on Sashabaw, Strawberry Lane and Wealthy.

Clarkston Police arrested a Pontiac man at Main near Miller on an outstanding warrant.

Medical at White Lake and Deer Lake in the city; one to an area hospital.

A Keego Harbor man was turned over to city police after being arrested in Troy on an outstanding warrant.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24**, someone splashed a corrosive liquid on a van parked overnight on Marysue. Larceny of about \$7,500 worth of gift certificates from a business on M-15.

A sign post was cut down from a vacant lot on Bronco.

Suspected contraband found in a student's locker at Clarkston Middle School is being tested.

Two tires were slit on a 1990 Pontiac parked at a Dixie business.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Misty Hill.

Medicals on E. Princeton and on M-15, where a 27-year-old man was transported to Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

Vehicle fire on the southbound I-75 exit ramp to Sashabaw.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**, medicals on Clarkston Rd. and Parview.

Wires down on Flemings Lake Rd.

An employee at a business on Dixie interrupted two thieves making off with transmission cores in a brown van. The two escaped; the van had no license plate on it.

A window was smashed on a 1983 Chevy van parked at an Andersonville Rd. business and tools and a tool box were stolen.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26**, two runaways were found inside a vacant apartment on Parkwood.

A deputy responding to a 911 hang-up call was grabbed and pushed by an intoxicated 63-year-old Clarkston man at his home on Devins Ridge.

A dog got into a house on Independence and broke a mirror before fleeing.

An 18-year-old Clarkston man was found to have beer in his car on the high-school grounds. He was ticketed and suspended. The beer was discovered because the car was illegally parked.

Injury accident on Sashabaw.

A Hamtramck man stopped by city police on Main near Waldon was ticketed for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27**, medicals on M-15, Cecelia Ann, Middle Lake Rd. and Mann.

Traffic signal malfunction at Main and Waldon in the city.

A loud part on Surrey in the city was quelled by police. Police were called back on Saturday for the same problem.

Two Holly teenagers were ticketed for possession of marijuana after their car was pulled over for weaving on Sashabaw. A 14-year-old in the car was turned over to her grandparents.

Deputies called to a gathering of juveniles in a S. Marshbank parking lot ended up ticketing a 19-year-old Clarkston man for possession of marijuana. Two others, a 19-year-old man from Davisburg and a 16-year-old girl from Clarkston, were ticketed for interfering with a police officer and being disorderly for failing to cooperate during searches.

A 9-year-old girl said a car tried to run her down as she was walking her dog on Meyers. The occupants of the car indicated they knew who she was.

A 15-year-old Clarkston boy was ticketed and suspended from school for smoking on high-school property.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28**, medicals on

Green Haven and Wellesley Terrace.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Sashabaw. Building fire on North Main.

A 26-year-old Waterford man driving a motorcycle on White Lake Rd. was arrested for drunk driving after failing breath tests. A deputy saw him speeding and weaving in traffic.

Over \$100 in lottery tickets were stolen from a store on M-15. The store's surveillance system captured the thief on videotape.

A statue weighing about 150 pounds was taken from a yard on Waldon overnight.

Air was let out of the tires and a CD player stolen from a 1997 Toyota parked on parview.

A traffic stop on Maybee revealed suspected cocaine in the car. The occupants of the car, a 30-year-old Clarkston man and a 41-year-old Pontiac woman, were released pending lab analysis.

Eight yard lights were pulled up and thrown about a yard on Little Walters Ct.

Car/deer accident on Andersonville east of Big Lake.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1**, a 59-year-old Ortonville man was arrested for drunk driving on Sashabaw after erratic driving.

A Clarkston man reported his wallet and check-book missing. He didn't notice it until about \$800 went missing from his checking account.

Deputies called to a fast-food restaurant on Dixie arrested two people on outstanding warrants and arrested a 19-year-old from Waterford with a ticket for possession of alcohol.

A 40-year-old Brighton woman was apprehended after she stole a purse during a church service on Sashabaw in view of the congregation. She was chased out of the church by other members of the congregation, who caught her. The woman said she knew she needed help and that's why she was in church.

Medicals on Andersonville and on E. Princeton.

Fire department investigation on Flemings Lake Rd.

### Letters to the editor . . .

Must be received by noon on Monday for consideration for that week's paper. Although names may be withheld on request, letters must include a signature, address and daytime phone number for verification. We reserve the right to edit for length and clarity and to limit the number of letters from one person or on one topic. Send letters to 5 S. Main St., Clarkston, MI 48346.

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## SKIN DEEP

by Scott Friedman, D.O.



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● Pine Knob Music Theatre was named the country's busiest, most attended and highest grossing amphitheatre in 1997 by Amusement Business magazine. The Knob was also nominated for the seventh time as amphitheatre of the year by Performance magazine. Pollstar magazine nominated it as best large outdoor concert venue for the sixth time in seven years (results

have not yet been announced). In 1997, Pine Knob also earned a nomination as venue of the year from the Country Music Association.

● Ron Rodda, a Realtor with Century 21 Associates in Clarkston, has been awarded the designation Real Estate Innovator (REI) by Realty Electronics Publishing. Just over 10,000 agents nationwide have been awarded the designation.

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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE

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Since the fourth quarter of 1994, the largest increase in homeownership has occurred among female-headed households, blacks, and Hispanics. Between the fourth quarter of 1994 and the third quarter of 1997, the number of female headed households owning houses increased by 1.3 million, black homeowners by 523,000, and Hispanic homeowners by 463,000.

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## Around town

● The Strengthening the Family Series continues March 11 with "Parenting and Freedom," based on a 12-step program. Presenter is Rich Chakrin, MA. The meeting is at the Independence Township Library beginning at 7 p.m.

● Alpha Delta Kappa Epsilon, an honorary teaching sorority, will award a \$500 scholarship to a Clarkston High School senior admitted to college majoring in education. For guidelines, contact the CHS counseling office.

● Learn more about the new Roth IRAs at a

free meeting with Scott Hazelton of Edward Jones March 18 at Deer Lake Racquet Club at 6 p.m. Call 625-7016 for reservations.

● Jazz artist Denis DiBlasio will perform a concert Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. at Waterford Mott High School under the auspices of the Waterford Cultural Council. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and can be purchased in advance at the Waterford Library or the WCC offices. Call 623-9389 for more information.

● "Ages and Stages," a program for women, will be offered by Crittenton Hospital Saturday, March 21 at the Holiday Inn Auburn Hills. Admission is \$28 and includes brunch. The half-day program will be presented by Sharon Michaels on "How to Give Yourself the Power to Succeed." Call 652-5345 for more information.

● A series of divorce workshops by Oakland County Circuit Court began this week. On Monday, March 9 the series will continue with "Helping Children Adjust to Divorce." The series continues on Mondays through March 30 and meets at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham at 7 p.m.

● Freedom from smoking can begin at Genesys Health Systems, thanks to a program beginning April 21. Cost is \$50; call 606-6250.

● The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, will meet March 5 at 11:30 a.m. at Mesquite Creek for a program on Ireland. Call 625-0271 for more information.

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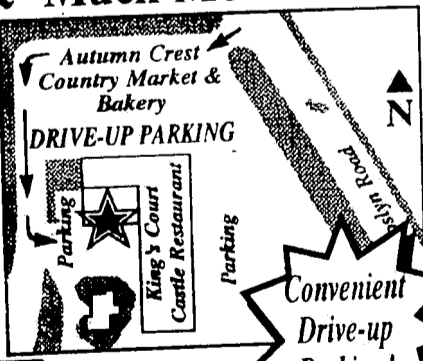
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# Why some left

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on Main St. all day with impunity.

As another example, he cited his restaurant, which he named 20 Depot Street so people would know where to find it. He didn't realize right away that Depot turns into Church St. east of Main, and people still couldn't find the restaurant. Meanwhile, the Clarkston Cafe was turning people away every night. So he asked that an existing sign—on village property—be changed.

"I went to meetings for almost two years just for that. And the week I closed, they gave me permission."

Adler's not the only one who things village government (the village became a city in 1992) was not pro-business. Stuart Smith, owner of Designsmiths, a floral design and gift shop, moved his business to downtown Ortonville after a fire in the building he rented on Main St. in 1993. It wasn't because of rent. "I just didn't think it (Clarkston) was a good place to do business," he said recently.

"Apparently they didn't want business because they didn't have to worry about parking. They were almost hostile. I was told at one point (by a councilman he refused to name) they were not elected to answer calls from business."

Deborah Nicholson, who owned Quilt Works in the lower level of 31 S. Main at the corner of Depot from 1981-84, moved her business to Flint before selling out and going into real estate. Like Hammond, she said visibility and parking were the problem.

"The main problem seemed to be parking. Visibility was very tough because of signage rules in town," she said. She had no windows on Main St. to catch passers-by. On nights when there were concerts in Depot Park and people were walking down Depot St. and could see her shop, she did great.

"We did good business there—I don't want you to think we didn't—but my business doubled my first year in Flint," Nicholson said.

Many of the business owners interviewed sounded like they would have liked to stay in downtown Clarkston if it could have been possible. Some were bitter, but most were wistful.

Howard misses Clarkston but said moving to Royal Oak "was the best thing I could do. As far as a business decision, I made the right decision... I don't know how they're going to turn this around. I hate to sound pessimistic, but I don't think they can."

Adler takes a longer view. "I think what will happen is somebody will open some kind of dynamite store, or you will see the people from culture gulch. Eventually those people will push out the office people.

I see the whole town eventually becoming specialty stores."

Adler, who owns lots of space and lots of parking, even had an idea or two of his own for those "dynamite" stores.

Next week: who owns buildings downtown, and who rents.

# Heritage

From page 11A

## Virginia Walter

It was in 1933 that Virginia Walter first met Clarkston, employed as a teacher "during the depths of the Depression." She taught a variety of subjects, including history, civics, economics and literature, to eighth- to 12th-graders at the old high school, now Clarkston Middle School.

The building housing The Clarkston News was once a dry goods store, operated by the Walters, her husband Ronald's family. "His mother was an Addis," said Walter, referring to the ice cream parlour across the street.

In later years, the couple took over the family store. "We sold yard goods, women's wear, infant goods, blankets, sheets, men's work clothes, overalls, Levis, shoes," recalls Walter.

The "big" department stores used to have such sections, but now dry goods are sold by larger national chains like Minnesota Fabrics, notes Walter. "One change through the years in retail."

She also recalls the grocery-type and other stores on Main St., remembering Rudy quite well because his first store was next to their store at Main and Washington.

Over time, Walter remembers a series of retail that changed with progress, including an appliance store and several women's clothing shops that went out of business. In the 1980s Clarkston Mills Mall was full of retail.

"Also in the Mills was a nice gift shop that moved to Rochester where they got more traffic." One space in the mall housed different restaurants through the years "and one was a Machus. Many came and went. I think when the malls came it got even worse," she said, adding now there is only one retail shop, an "auction gallery."

The Walters' store was also affected by change. "We went out of business. My husband was a lawyer and I was a teacher. If we had wanted to continue, we would have had to put in more time, energy and capital."

As retail business has come and gone, "I think rather than saying declining, I think the whole retail business is changing. So you almost have to be some sort of specialty shop," Walter says. But, nevertheless, she's sorry to see the recent departure of NBD Bank and Hallman's pharmacy, which closed a few years ago. "One of the biggest blows was when we lost that drug store."

As time passed and the community spread out to "the Dixie" and beyond, folks flocked beyond the city limits to get their goods. But Clarkston is still essentially a "pedestrian village" where people can shop within walking distance, says Radcliff.

She feels the downtown can make a comeback with a professional planner at the wheel. "It would feel more like a town than just another spot on the road."

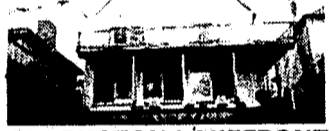
"There is a philosophy. It will not happen naturally. I see it in my job (as president of Michigan Historic Preservation Network); I travel everywhere. It doesn't happen without guidance. If we want specific things we have to get involved in the process, what we are looking for and then go out and seek these things."

"I think all of us remember, treasure and miss things like the shoe store, Hallman's, a grocery store. We lose a lot of pieces in our lives... Times change, but you can't hold onto everything. It's a changing world and I think that's what goes on here."


As for Walter, some things never change. While she sips the last of the instant coffee, her clear blue eyes reflect decades.

"To me Main St. is a treasure. It has been all along."

Next week: The secrets of success; why some businesses are still downtown



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# Gourmet burger chain eyes property on Dixie

**BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When the Red Robin comes bobbin' along, it will most likely roost on Dixie Highway.

So says Lew Ansara, owner of three Red Robin restaurants in the Detroit metro area. Ansara said last week the franchise, which boasts gourmet burgers, is currently eyeing property on Dixie, but declined to release the location.

"Clarkston is the next site we're putting an offer on," he said, noting growth in Independence Township as a key factor in the decision. "We like the area. Obviously, we think there is a great potential for our business out there."

Ansara said the kinds of people living around Clarkston are just the type of market Red Robin, an "upscale-burger" eatery, looks for. "America's working class. We're looking for families and there are a lot out there, plus couples and older folks."

The establishment will also undoubtedly be popular with teenagers. Besides the food, the big attraction is the "Planet Hollywood" type decor, with planes and cars coming out of the woodwork, flying saucers, movie stars, King Kong on top of the Empire State Building and the Statue of Liberty hoisting a burger

instead of a torch. The interior will mimic the Red Robin restaurant in Southgate, Ansara said.

One unique feature is a huge photo of actor Jack Nicholson. "Every few minutes, his eyes light up and the tip of his cigar," he added. The restaurant also includes a video arcade room and numerous television screens.

Officially titled **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers & Spirits**, the corporation is a 30-year-old Seattle-based burger chain that runs 123 restaurants across the U.S. Ansara, a sister and three cousins are partners in the Michigan venture which plans to build at least 10 additional Red Robins in the state. Besides Southgate, other restaurants are located in Westland and Novi. Red Robin is planning a new Madison Heights establishment and also eyeing property in Auburn Hills.

The menu includes 12 appetizers, salads, sandwiches, pastas, chicken, steak and other fare. "We are the only restaurant in town that gives you free refills on

French fries," Ansara said. Non-alcoholic specialty drinks are a part of the menu. Best-selling items are the Red Robin cheeseburger and a honey mustard chicken burger.

Ansara hopes to break ground as soon as the deal is closed and a rezoning change is approved. He's targeting the opening for late summer or early fall 1999.

## In service

● Navy Ensign Christopher Marks, son of John Marks of Clarkston, recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. He is a 1986 graduate of Lake Fenton High School and received a BS in 1997 from Oregon State University.

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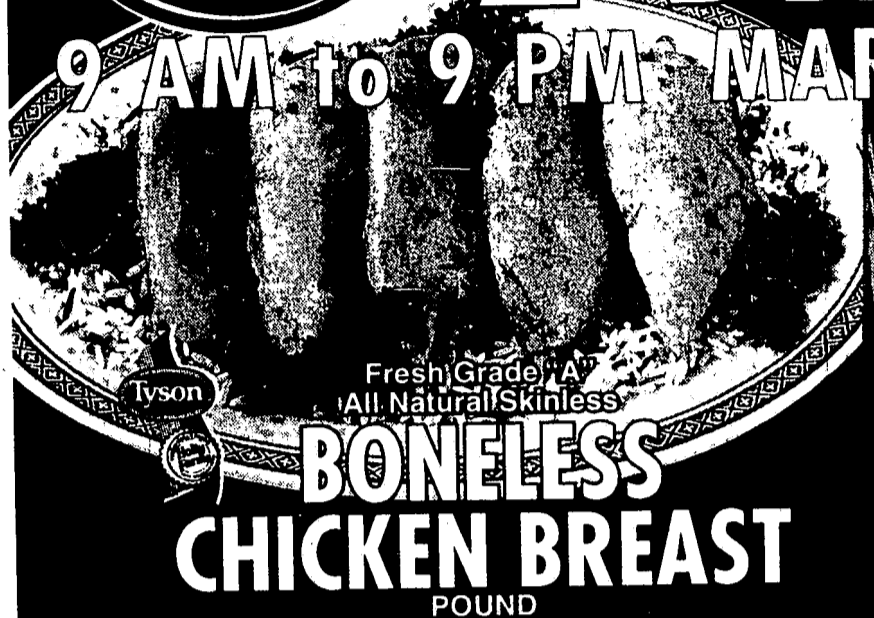
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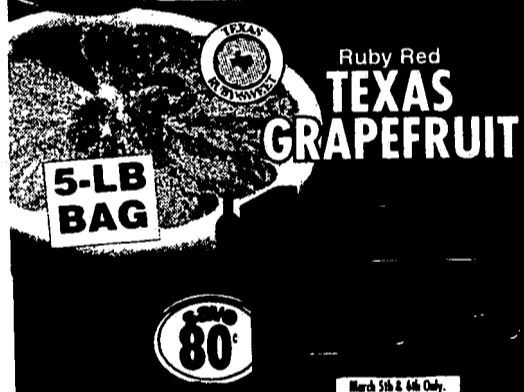


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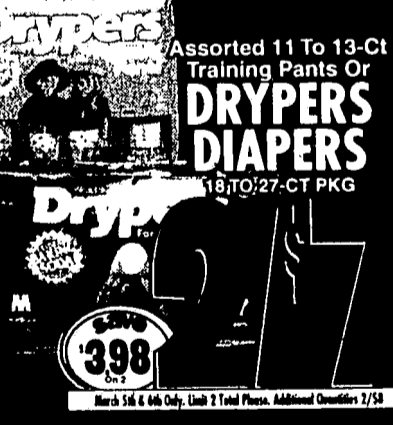
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# SPORTS

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Section B

## Icers start playoffs on strong note

*Wolves take on Grand Blanc in round 2 Wed.*

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

### 1998 Hockey Districts

Clarkston	8
Waterford Mott	0

After a two-week layoff, the Clarkston hockey team began the state playoffs with a bang Monday night.

The Wolves played one of their best two-way games of the season in blowing out the Waterford Mott Corsairs 8-0 in first-round district action at the Flint IMA Arena. Clarkston advanced to the district finals, slated for 4 p.m. today (Wednesday) against Grand Blanc.

Clarkston, 17-7-1 overall, dominated Mott both on the scoreboard and on the ice, with an aggressive forechecking style and crisp passing. Coach Rick Rowden said he was happy with the effort.

"I thought we were solid going both ways tonight, and after the first shift, everything fell into place," he said. "If we stay on top of them, we will create turnovers, and with our speed, that will lead to goals."

Junior captain D.J. Thomas was one of three players to score a goal and hand out an assist. He played one of his best games of the season, thwarting every Mott rush down the ice while playing a solid offensive game.

"I think some of us have benefitted from last year's (playoff) experience," he said. "It all came together tonight, and we could overcome their choppy play in the third period."

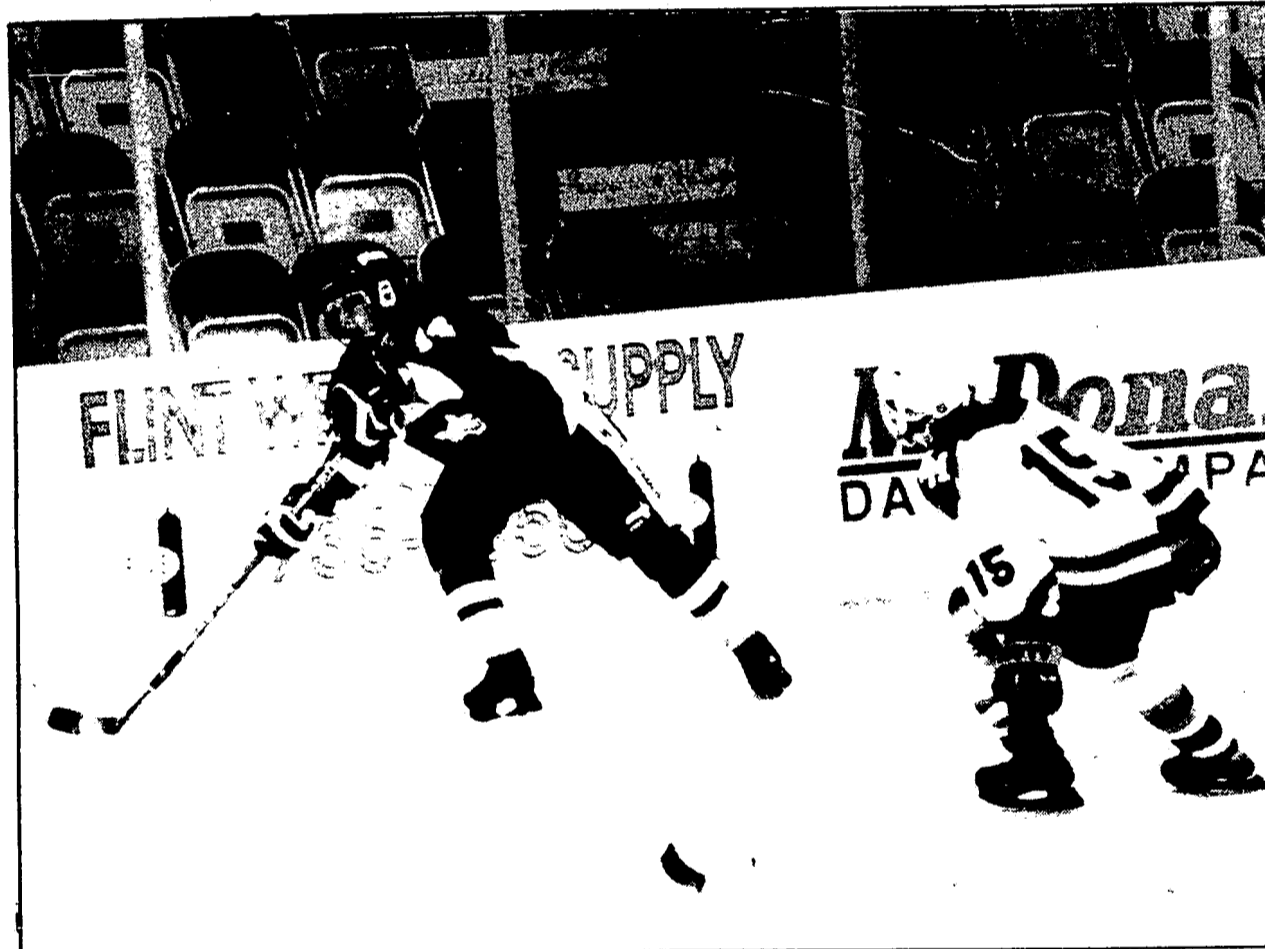
Sophomore Anthony Facione started the scoring on a nice wrist shot when the Mott goaltender was screened 4:18 into the game. His goal was one of four special-teams goals for the Wolves on the night. Clarkston scored on 2-of-4 power play opportunities and added a pair of shorthanded goals, one by junior Bret Postal and the other by junior Adam Leech.

Postal's goal was a clinic in shielding the defender from the puck. He intercepted a pass at center ice, used one hand to hold his stick, and the other to keep the defenseman away from the puck. He brought the puck over to his backhand after the goaltender went down and flipped it up into the open net.

Leech's goal also came on a neutral zone turnover. He skated right around three Mott defenders and scored on a backhander into the upper left corner of the net.

Sophomore Steve Badger made 15 saves in recording the shutout. He was rarely tested, which according to Rowden, made it that much tougher for him to stay focused through the whole game.

"It's tough on a goalie when he isn't getting that much work," he said. "We couldn't get lax, even after we got the lead." Clarkston outshot Mott 38-15 in the



The Clarkston hockey team had plenty of reasons to celebrate Monday night. Above, Jason Stoecker (14) passes back to the point during an offensive play. At right, Anthony Facione (18), Andy Cote (19) and Tom Newman (5) celebrate Facione's goal that opened the scoring in Clarkston's 8-0 win over Waterford Mott in the first round of districts at the Flint IMA Arena.

game.

Also scoring for the Wolves were the three J's: Jason Stoecker, Jon Bemis and Josh Babe. The goals by Babe and Cote each came within the last 10 seconds of the second and third period, respectively.

The Wolves now take on the Grand Blanc Bobcats, a team they faced during their playoff run last year. Clarkston beat Grand Blanc 7-0 in the regional semifinals last season, thanks to a hat trick by Leech. While the Wolves returned 15 letter winners from last year, Grand Blanc lost more than half their regular-shift players from last season. The Bobcats upset Waterford Kettering 3-2 in overtime in Monday's first-round matchup.

The winner of the Clarkston-Grand Blanc game will be the District 12 champion and take on the District 11 champion at 8 p.m. Saturday for the regional championship at the IMA Arena. The District 11 champion will come from among the following teams: Flint Southwestern Academy, Flint Carman-Ainsworth, Flint Central and Swartz Creek.



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# Fife, Taylor pound Colts into submission

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

<b>Clarkston</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Troy</b>	<b>49</b>

In the end, all Troy could do was resort to cheap shots.

The Clarkston varsity boys basketball team dismantled the Colts at Troy Friday night, 67-49, thanks to four players scoring in double figures and a defense that held Troy to 20 points below its season average.

The balanced offensive attack and improved defense pleased coach Dan Fife after the game.

"It was a great win for us, to come in their gym and play so well," he said. "I was proud of our intensity level all night. We did a great job controlling their guards."

Senior guard Dane Fife led all scorers with 25 points on 11-of-12 shooting from the free throw line. He also handed out six assists and was the victim of two unsportsmanlike plays from Troy.

With a minute left in the third quarter, Fife and Troy's Arris Gordon got tangled up and fell to the floor. Gordon then grabbed Fife's head and tried to put him in a chokehold. Players and officials scrambled to break it up, and both players received technical fouls, even though Fife didn't appear to instigate anything.

Midway through the fourth, Fife was cruising in for a breakaway layup when a Troy defender undercut him under the basket. The undercut is a dangerous and dirty play, and the officials rightfully called an intentional foul on the play. Fife was taken out of the game shortly thereafter.

"Yeah, they tried to get tough on me," Fife said in the locker room. "The guy (Gordon) got me pretty good on the takedown, but this isn't wrestling, and they didn't get any points because of it."

Coach Fife said: "That's stuff that just shouldn't happen. That's not the way Gary (Fralick, Troy's head coach) coaches. But we kept our cool and didn't respond to that nonsense. They were a little pumped up after (the wrestling), but we were too, and that was big."

Senior forward Angelo Taylor once again completely dominated Troy's front line, scoring 19 and grabbing 20 rebounds. He added a season-high four slam dunks, two coming on one-handed putbacks of a teammate's missed shot.

"He just breaks your back," Coach Fife said of Taylor's offensive rebounding. "You work hard on defense and force a miss, and there he is, throwing it back down."

Seniors Justin Dionne and Mike Maitrott also played big, combining for 23 points on seven 3-point shots. Many of their shots were wide open thanks to the double-team defense Fife and Taylor drew inside.

"I'm surprised we didn't make more," Coach Fife said of the 3s. "Last year Maitrott had six 3s here, so he likes this gym. Dionne played a terrific game. His team defense has come a long way for us."

It was the first and third quarters that Clarkston, 16-2 overall and 9-1 in the OAA Division I, flexed their muscle. The Wolves held a 20-9 lead after the first and were up 49-30 after the third.

The team wraps up the regular season Friday night at Ferndale. The JV game tips off at 6 p.m.

<b>Clarkston</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>Southfield Lathrup</b>	<b>62</b>

In the Wolves' highest scoring game of the season, the key stretch came during five minutes when they couldn't score.

Clarkston used another strong start to build a 21-11 lead with 1:43 left in the first quarter. However, the



The combination of Dane Fife (left) and Angelo Taylor (right) destroyed the Troy Colts Friday night. Fife sliced through the Colt defense for 25 points, while Taylor soared for 19 points and 20 rebounds.

Southfield Lathrup Chargers held Clarkston scoreless over the next 6:03, pulling even to 21-21.

A 3-pointer by Justin Dionne and a Taylor layup ended the drought, but it was three defensive charges that kept Clarkston afloat and gave it an exciting 79-62 victory at the CHS gym Feb. 24.

Coach Fife said the offensive execution was as good as it's been all season, but Lathrup's athleticism gave his team problems defensively.

"Give them a lot of credit. We let their defense pressure us in that scoreless stretch," he said. "I was happy with the win. Even when we couldn't score, we were still tied, and I knew we were in pretty good shape from there."

In addition to the timely defensive stand, the Wolves were buoyed by their best performance of the season from the free throw line. The team shot a combined 18-for-20 thanks mainly to Taylor, who was a perfect 13-for-13 on the night.

"Angelo missed nearly a whole week of practice, but I thought he was outstanding tonight," Coach Fife said. Taylor finished with 23 points and 14 rebounds in a dominating inside performance.

Dane Fife, playing his first game since being selected to the McDonald's All-American Game March 25 in Norfolk, Va., was brilliant from start to finish. He tallied 33 points and handed out five assists in a man-among-boys performance.

"When we couldn't score, we called a timeout and said, 'Hey, let's start playing,'" he said. "When we're playing the way we should, there's no way they should be able to hang with us."

Also making a heavy contribution was Dionne, who scored seven, grabbed seven boards and dished out six assists in his best all-around game of the season.

"Angelo and Justin played like they are capable of playing," Dane Fife said. "Angelo is good at drawing fouls, and Justin just goes out there and doesn't do anything wrong."

## Cagers start district play Wednesday

The Clarkston varsity boys basketball team begins what it hopes is a long state playoff run Wednesday night at the new Lake Orion High School gym.

The Wolves received a first-round bye and will play the winner of the Lake Orion-Lapeer East game Wednesday March 11 at 8 p.m. Lapeer West received the other bye and will take on the winner of the Holly-Romeo game at 6 p.m.

The district finals are slated for Friday, March 13 at 6 p.m., also at LOHS. The district champion moves on to regional play set for Macomb Dakota High School the week of March 16.

## Lowney to host girls basketball camp

Coming off a very successful first season as Clarkston varsity girls basketball coach, Ann Lowney hopes to bring that same success to her summer basketball camp.

Lowney's Dare to Dream Basketball Clinic will take place at the current CHS gym from Tuesday, July 7 through Friday, July 10. Cost is \$65 per child, which includes a T-shirt.

Two sessions will run each day at the clinic. Session I, for girls entering grades 3-6, will go from 9 a.m.-noon. Session II, for girls entering grades 7-9, will go from 1-4 p.m. each day.

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# Adams ends wrestlers' road

## Wolves send five to individual states

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
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### Individual Regionals

Although the season isn't over for five Clarkston wrestlers, the results of Saturday's individual regionals gives high hopes for next year.

Juniors A.J. Grant, Ryan L'Amoreaux and Ryan McAleer and sophomores Pat DeGain and Bubba Clement each qualified for the individual state meet to be held at Battle Creek March 13-14.

Coach Mike DeGain said it means next year's squad will be the first in school history to return five state qualifiers.

Grant and Pat DeGain each won regional championships at the tournament, held at Clio High School. Grant defeated Romeo's Jim Borowski 16-4 in the finals. Borowski was one of the only wrestlers in the state to give Grant a tough match, but this one wasn't close.

"Borowski had given A.J. some trouble, but he just plowed right through him," Coach DeGain said.

Pat DeGain won the 189 title over his arch-rival Kevin Boyd of Rochester Adams. Pat defeated Boyd for the fifth straight time this season and was able to overcome some illegal tactics in the process.

L'Amoreaux lost a heartbreaker 5-3 in overtime in the finals to Scott Norton of Romeo. The referee initially awarded L'Amoreaux an escape point just as the third-period buzzer went off, but the Romeo coaches protested, and won.

"It wasn't a bad call by the officials," Coach DeGain said. "Ryan lost the match in the first period

when he stumbled and gave away two points on a takedown. It was a great match and I feel either one has an excellent shot at a state title."

McAleer took third at 119 and Clement finished fourth at 215. Coach DeGain said he's never seen someone go from basketball as a freshman to wrestling as a sophomore and have the success Clement has had.

"He's done a fantastic job all year," he said. "It's just a shame he was hurt and out a month, because he's learning something new every time he steps out onto the mat. He has no fear out there."

McAleer lost his first-round match to Tony Smith of Midland Dow, but won the rest of his matches from there, pinning Smith at the 2:06 mark to get his ticket to Battle Creek.

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Rochester Adams	36
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File this one into the life-isn't-always-fair category.

In an ideal world, the fourth-ranked Clarkston and second-ranked Rochester Adams wrestling teams would not face off in the regional semifinals, but in the electric atmosphere of Battle Creek's Kellogg Arena at the state finals.


However, as many Clarkston wrestlers will tell you now, the world isn't ideal, and life wasn't fair. Adams defeated the Wolves 38-26 in Wednesday's team regionals at CHS. Coupled with their regional final win over Port Huron, the Highlanders advance to this weekend's team state finals.

Coach DeGain said the match at 135 was the turning point. Clarkston's Rocky Bills held a 4-2 lead after the first period, but lost to Adams' Trevor Barkham, a regional champion, 10-6.

"There was a lot other kids could have done, but that was the turning point," he said. "Adams wrestled as well as they are capable of that night."

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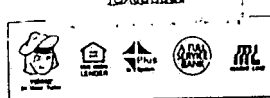
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## Wrestling team falls to Adams; 5 heading to individual states

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Adams coach Pat Milkovich made three changes to his regular lineup in trying to get an advantage over Clarkston he hadn't had all season, and the moves paid off. He moved Kevin Boyd, a 189-pounder who hadn't beaten Clarkston's Pat DeGain all season, to 215, where he pinned Clarkston sophomore Bubba Clement in the match that gave Adams the win.

"The switch with Boyd worked out as well as I could have hoped," Milkovich said after the match. "Last time, we were down 18-0 after three matches, but we were only down 13 this time, and that was huge." "It's always disappointing when you have high hopes and they're dashed," Coach DeGain said. "But we know that with the team Adams is taking to states, that we beat them twice."



Junior A.J. Grant stalks Romeo's Jim Borowski during Saturday's individual regional finals at Clio. Grant won easily 16-4, and moves on to the state meet March 13-14 in Battle Creek.

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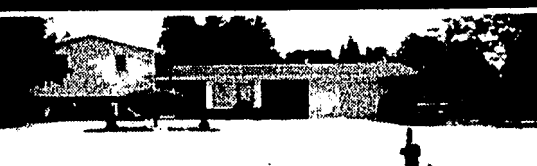
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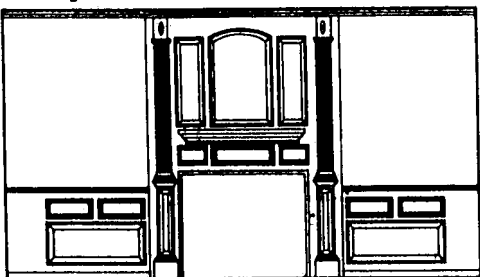
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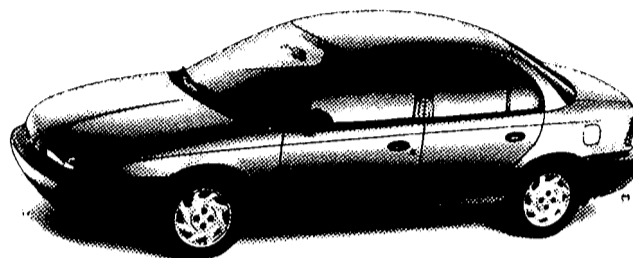
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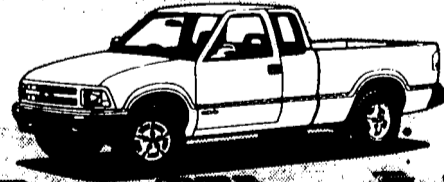
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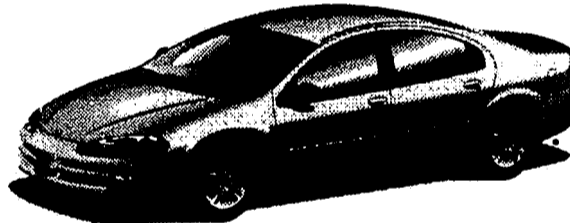


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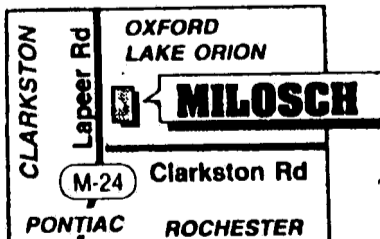


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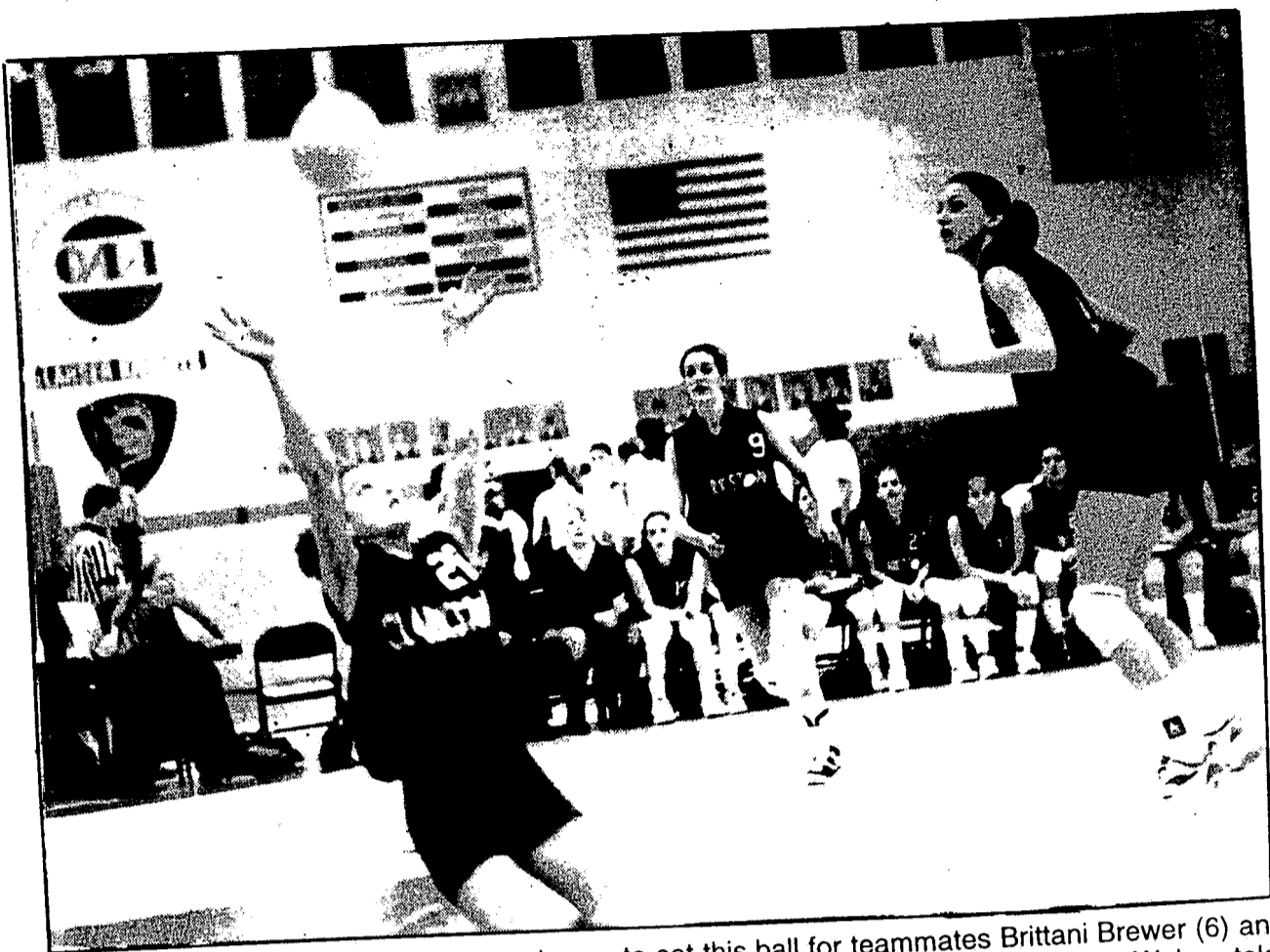
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Senior Kelly Hanna (28) slides to her knees to set this ball for teammates Brittani Brewer (6) and Jenny McCue (9) during Saturday's OAA Tournament at Bloomfield Hills Lahser. The Wolves take on the winner of the Lakeland-Waterford Kettering match in the second round of districts Saturday morning at Waterford Mott.

# Wolves show signs of life

*Netters improve play heading into districts*

**BY BRAD MONASTIERE**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

## OAA Tournament

The Clarkston varsity volleyball team hit a troubling slump through most of February, but Saturday, the team showed that might be behind it.

The Wolves, 18-19-3 overall, played with more enthusiasm and drive than it had in recent weeks en route to a 2-2-1 record at the OAA Tournament at Bloomfield Hills Lahser High School.

Clarkston defeated Madison Heights Madison 15-9, 15-7, 15-4, and Oak Park 15-9. The Wolves lost to Lahser 11-15, 15-3, 15-7, and to eventual runner up Birmingham Seaholm 15-10, 15-9.

Coach Gordie Richardson said he saw a number of positive things during the tournament.

"We played really hard against Seaholm and never quit, and Georgia (Senkyr) was just awesome at the net," he said. "The loss to Lahser was big, because instead of playing Seaholm, we would've played Rochester, who we've beaten twice, and then Ferndale. So maybe it's a 4-1 or a 5-1 day."

The scheduled pool play had a monkey wrench thrown into it thanks to Lahser, whose coach never showed up with the team at the bus. As a result, the team didn't arrive at Lahser until 10 a.m., two hours after the start time of the tournament. Clarkston played one exhibition match against Oak Park and a third game against Lahser and Madison to make up for the lost two games.

Clarkston's finish in pool play was determined by its third game with Lahser, a 15-7 loss. The Wolves dug themselves a 10-2 hole before making a brief comeback, but the hole proved to be too deep.

"That third game was big," Richardson said. "It's a game I feel we shouldn't have lost. We got into a hole and we fought ourselves the rest of the way."

The tournament marked the varsity debuts of sophomore Jennie Winn and freshman Angela Humphreys, who were key players on the solid JV team this year. Winn's only playing time came against Oak Park, while Humphreys logged a lot of court time against Oak Park and Seaholm.

"I thought they did a nice job for us," Richardson

said of the two call-ups. "They have to adjust to the speed of the game, but I was happy with most everyone we had in there today."

Sophomore Brittani Brewer also saw her most extensive playing time of the season, and she came through with some of her best volleyball. She appeared more relaxed on the court and with her 6-foot-1 frame and long arms, an intimidating presence in the middle.

Here are some of the day's statistical leaders: vs. Madison - senior Jenny McCue, 8-for-8 on serve receptions and 10-of-12 serving, Senkyr, 12-for-13 in attacks and six kills, senior Amber Mitchell, 15-of-17 serving, nine aces and four kills, senior Kelly Hanna had 15 assists, and senior Aimee Giroux with four kills; vs. Seaholm - junior Mandie Harrison, 12-for-12 on serve receptions, Senkyr, 10-for-10 on serve receptions, a season-high seven blocks and five kills, and McCue, 11-for-11 serving; and vs. Lahser - Giroux was 12-for-13 on serve receptions and had 12 digs, Senkyr had four blocks and was 13-for-18 on attack receptions, and McCue was 14-for-14 serving with four aces.

## Volleyball districts set for Saturday at Mott

The Clarkston varsity volleyball team will be looking to maintain a long run of district championships when the state playoffs begin Saturday morning at Waterford Mott High School.

The Wolves received a first-round bye and will face the winner of the Lakeland-Waterford Kettering match at 11:15 a.m. The other half of the bracket pits Waterford Mott and Pontiac Central.

Coach Gordie Richardson said the district is a toss-up, with Mott and Lakeland providing the best competition.

"If we come out and play hard and focused, we have as legitimate a shot of winning it as anyone," Richardson said.

Clarkston defeated Kettering 15-12, 16-14 at the Walled Lake Central Invitational Jan. 3.

The district finals will take place at 12:30 p.m. Clarkston has won the district four of the last five years, including a thrilling 15-2, 16-14 win over Lakeland last year.

The district champion heads to regionals Saturday, March 14 at Lapeer East High School.

# Honor Roll

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Snyder, James  
Sommers, Tamra  
Stalker, Kevin  
Stapp, Benjamin  
Steen, Heidi  
Stout, Lauren  
Sutherland, Jennifer  
Teichman, Andrew  
Thomas, Jessica  
Thomas, Ryan  
Tinsler, Tonya  
Tippett, Sidney  
Vardon, Jessica  
Varnau, Ellen  
Verla, Adrienne  
Warbington, Amy  
Watson, Laura  
Way, Jennifer  
Weaver, Jenilee  
Webster, Melinda  
Wellington, Melissa  
Wicklund, David  
Winn, Jennifer  
Witkowski, Brian  
Yeager, Jennifer  
Zasacky, Amy  
Zeile, Eric  
Zess, Jessica

## Freshmen

4.0

Bolten, Christopher  
Dietz, Melissa  
Gauthier, Lisa  
Greve, Patricia  
Hart, Rebecca  
Hill, Laura  
Holody, Daniel  
Karnes, Christopher  
Kosbab, Kevin

Lynch, Allison  
Shanks, Jonathon

3.9-3.7

Arremony, Melodie  
Banycky, Kiley  
Barnett, Scott  
Benner, Lauren  
Blanchard, Christine  
Blower, Shayla  
Brandt, Lindsay  
Broadwater, Raina  
Chesney, Austine  
Claus, Daniel  
Davis, R. Patrick  
Dixon, Andrew  
Dobbins, Kelly  
DuFresne, Jessica  
Duddles, Adam  
Erkfriz, Karyn  
Evans, Matthew  
Findora, Alicia  
Flores, Rebecca  
Gebus, Adam  
Genord, Jonathan  
Ginn, Laura  
Gravenstreter, Jonathan  
Harley, Erin  
Hendren, Jessica  
Humphreys, Angela  
Jackman, Andrew  
Janowiak, Stephen  
Julian, Katherine  
Kerney, Marja  
Klemm, Peter  
Knoerr, Kari  
Koch, Robert  
Kraut, Joseph  
Kruk, Jennifer  
Larson, Sarah  
Lemarbe, Jason  
Lenhardt, Christopher  
Licatovich, Amy  
McCleary, Lyndsey  
McGregor, Scott  
Mikola, Matthew  
Murphey, Heather

Nelson, Felicia  
Nico, Tara  
Petrulis, Adam  
Phillips, Chelsea  
Pocs, Meghan  
Reatherford, Beth  
Sadowski, Shannon  
Sampson, Christie  
Schermerhorn, Rebecca  
Schneider, Amber  
Sisk, Natalie  
Stapleton, David  
Thomas, Amanda  
Thorndycraft, Jonathon  
Tyler, Aaron  
Verlinden, Craig  
Voss, Sarah  
Wilke, Erin  
Wingett, Jessica  
Witt, Allison

3.6-3.0

Antonazzo, Torre  
Audette, Andrew  
Baker, Ryan  
Baker, Vincent  
Banas, Caitlin  
Banworth, Benjamin  
Barnett, Rachael  
Bartley, Keith  
Bazely, Tovah  
Bemis, Jonathon  
Breitfeld, Steven  
Brown, Ryan  
Bryan, Robert  
Burleigh, Kimberly  
Butora, Andrew  
Calaman, Douglas  
Calcaterra, Carmen  
Caldwell, Aaron  
Carlile, Heather  
Carlson, Matthew  
Carroll, Ryan  
Chenet, Jonathan  
Chicalas, Amanda  
Clavette, Jessica  
Collias, Jennifer  
Conley, Robert  
Cook, Caylan  
DeClerck, Krystal  
Delasko, Paul  
Dodrich, Marcia  
Endreszl, Bryan  
Falck, Kristen  
Ferguson, Lisa  
Fitzpatrick, Nicole  
Fogg, Sarah  
Fox, Nichole  
Friedline, Jennifer  
Funk, Kate  
Garcia, Garrett  
Gower, Andrea  
Green, Anna  
Habermas, Katherine  
Haggard, Kelly  
Haladik, Jennifer  
Hall, Sarah  
Harrison, Matthew  
Hathcock, Aaron  
Hillman, Elisabeth  
Hoffmeister, Nicole  
Honey, Tracy  
Hunter, Mary  
Jackson, Angela  
Jackson, Jade  
Jambriska, Thomas  
Jerdon, Brett  
Jordan, William  
Joseph, Terri  
Kampe, Paul  
Katrik, Micheal  
Kaul, Ryan  
King, Carey  
Knapp, Courtney  
Krause, Justin  
Kreager, Lauren  
Lawler, Jill

Linenger, Carrie  
Lovelace, Anita  
Mahnken, Peter  
Makowski, Amanda  
Malaga, Michael  
Manuel, Trevor  
Manvel, Jennifer  
McEvoy, Gregory  
McIntyre, Travis  
McLean, Matthew  
Medina, Megan  
Messing, Heather  
Miller, Jennifer  
Miller, Shawn  
Moczerad, Hillary  
Moehlig, Aaron  
Morgan, Sarah  
Morton, Kelli  
Moss, Allison  
Muniz, Joyce  
O'Dea, Andrea  
Olafsson, Andrew  
Olson, Robert  
Orris, Kelly  
Owens, Michelle  
Parsons, Jessica  
Piechura, Lance  
Pierce, David  
Reid, Keith  
Robinson, Erin  
Rodriguez, Nicholas  
Ruggirello, Anthony  
Schneider, Christian  
Schornak, Ann  
Senkyr, Cody  
Sprung, Ardis

Stamper, Adam  
Stanton, Ryan  
Stolk, Stephanie  
Suffridge, Jamie  
Sweeny, Sarah  
Swendsen, Dustyn  
Talbot, Lindsey  
Thorstensen, Andrew  
Tomkiewicz, Ryan  
Trapp, Eva  
Villella, Joseph  
Villiere, Nicole  
Walker, Justin  
Warchuck, Mary  
Weverstad, Alexis  
Whaley, Zachary  
Wheatley, Erik  
Wheaton, Ryan  
Wherry, Danielle  
Whetstone, Melanie  
Whisner, Ryan  
Whittington, Annette  
Williams, Tiffany  
Winter, Christopher  
Woloson, Laura  
Zerba, Mark

## 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:

March 12, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.  
at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE # 98-1-009  
C. Roberts & M. Albarakat, Petitioners  
REZONING REQUEST  
From: R-1R (Rural Residential)  
To: R-1C (Suburban Farm Residential)  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-15-200-017 & 015  
11.55 Acres

Common Description: 5545 & 5550 Larkin Lane  
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.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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##### ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, March 18, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Annex Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:

- Case #98-0018 Nancy Dusney, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 10'-11' TO CONSTRUCT ADDITION Campfire Circle, Lot 28, R-1A Lake Waldon Village II  
08-28-277-020
- Case #98-0019 Brian Gately, Petitioner  
APPLICANT REQUESTS FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 7' TO CONSTRUCT FRONT PORCH/ADDITION Cedar Grove, Lot 34, R-1A Whipple Shores Sub  
08-03-478-008

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk  
Katherine A. Poole  
Secretary

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The Planning Commission of Independence Township, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

March 12, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.  
at the Independence Township Board Room, 90 North Main Street, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, to consider the following:

FILE # 98-1-010  
Shell/Mellema/Ryan, Petitioners  
REQUEST SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 28.03.1.  
for Coney Island/Sit Down Restaurant in OS-2 Zone  
Parcel Identification Number: 08-34-326-013  
1.35 Acres

Common Description: SW Corner Sashabaw & Pelton Roads  
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.

Joan E. McCrary, Clerk

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##### SYNOPSIS

##### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor Stuart called the February 24, 1998 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Hall Annex. Pledge of Allegiance.  
Roll Call: Present: McCrary, McGee, Rosso, Stuart, Travis, Wallace, Wenger  
Absent: None.

- There is a quorum.
- The agenda was approved with the deletion of Request to Purchase 4x4 Pick-Up with Plow, Permission to Purchase two Generators, Award Bids for Uniforms and Request for a Millionaire's License on April 4, 1998 (The Riverdaws).
  - Approved the Special Township Board minutes of January 19, 1998 as presented.
  - Approved the Regular Township Board minutes of February 10, 1998 as presented.
  - Approved the List of Accounts Payable check run in the amount of \$158,461.00.
  - Approved the issuance of purchase orders in the amount totaling \$26,108.67.
  - Approved the hiring of Larry Hess as Park Laborer effective March 9, 1998.
  - Adopted a Resolution for Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Vegas Night.
  - Awarded a bid for Baseballs to Rockwell Sports in the amount of \$6,178.80 and Softballs to RC sports in the amount of \$8,712.00.
  - Adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joan E. McCrary  
Township Clerk

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### CLARKSTON

#### CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

##### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE MARCH 10, 1998 7:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of the Village of Clarkston will meet on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, instead of Monday, March 9, 1998, due to the annual Board of Review meeting scheduled for Monday, March 9, 1998.

The meeting will commence at its regular time, 7:00 p.m. If there are any questions, please contact City Offices at (248) 625-1559.

Artemus M. Pappas  
City Clerk

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### CLARKSTON

#### CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

##### MEETINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given to all persons liable to assessment for taxes in the City of the Village of Clarkston, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, that the 1997 Assessment Roll of said City will be available for inspection and the 1997 Board of Review will be in session at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan, on:

Monday, March 9, 1998 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Monday, March 16, 1998 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Please call the Oakland County Equalization Division at (800) 350-0900, Extension 81861, for an appointment.  
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

##### OFFICIAL NOTICE

##### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(i), at the Township Hall on Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall Annex, 90 N. Main St., Clarkston, Michigan to hear 1998 assessment appeals of value, classification and poverty on March 9, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on March 10 and 11, 1998 from 1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

The 1997 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

If you wish to appeal your assessment, it is required that you have an appointment with the Board of Review. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office at (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. If none of the posted hours are convenient for you please call the Assessor's Office for an alternate date and time. Please use your parcel identification number when referring to your property so that your records can be quickly assessed.

Please note that taxes are levied against the TAXABLE VALUE.

Sincerely,  
David J. Kramer, ASA, CMAE3  
Assessor



## IN THE PENALTY BOX

with Brad Monastiere

### See ya later, old gym

It's quiet in the gym now. A few people shuffle through the lobby and out into the cold night, leaving empty water bottles and popcorn bags in their wake.

As I walked around the CHS gym after the Feb. 24 game against Southfield Lathrup, all was peaceful. Then, I listened closely and heard the echoes.

Echoes of countless basketball games, volleyball matches and wrestling contests. Echoes of wild fans rattling the milk cartons with pennies banging around inside. Echoes of the unbridled screams of joy after another win over Pontiac Northern, and echoes of the rhythmic clapping of the cheerleading teams.

Tuesday's varsity boys basketball game against Rochester was the last official Clarkston High School contest ever to take place in the current gym, open since the 1960-61 season. Recently, several Clarkston coaches recalled some of their favorite memories from the old gym.

**Dan Fife**, the current CHS varsity boys coach and former player, said he remembers the early years of the gym, before he played in the mid-1960s.

"I was like the McGrath (League) kids today, looking up to the varsity players," he said. "I remember we played Pontiac Central my senior year, and they had people sitting in chairs underneath both baskets. They also brought in a set of stands to go between where the two bleachers end now, so they got around 2,200 people in here when the gym only holds around 1,850. Needless to say, that was before the fire codes were enforced."

The current gym is often crowded from the entry ways on out. There are no real benches, as players actually sit on the front row of the bleachers during games. Inevitably, fans must walk right in front of players and coaches if they need to get up during a game.

"**Sy Green** (the late basketball coach at Pontiac Northern) once asked me, 'Dan, do you pay those kids to walk in front of me during the game?'" Dan Fife recalled.

With so many people crowded into a little space, it does tend to get a bit warm in the gym. A few times this season, Fife has asked people to open the door nearest to the locker room entrance and let some wintry air blow in and cool off his players. He would walk over, sweat pouring off his face saying, "**Gail (Cooper, athletic trainer), open that door!**" About two minutes later, he'd be waving his arms frantically, saying, "It's cold! Close the door."

Families are a thread that links much of Clarkston's present to its past. Brothers play, graduate, and return to watch their younger brothers play for Coach Fife.

Current JV boys basketball coach **Tim Kaul** is in the unique position of coaching two sons as players and coaching with one of them. His oldest, **Gary**, played at Clarkston in the late 1980s before returning to help Tim and coach the JV girls team two years ago. Younger son **Ryan** is a freshman standout on the JV team this year and figures to be among the top players in the early years of the new CHS gym, opening next year.

"I feel like I'm in a unique position, having coached sons and coached with Gary," he said. "I remember Gary's senior year was **Dugan Fife's** sophomore year, so we had two coach's sons on the team. Dan and I used to yell at each other, me because I was being too hard on Gary and him because he was being too hard on Dugan!"

Tim Kaul said much of his enjoyment out of coaching at the gym was watching a player start out as a freshman and improve each year until he was a senior.

Longtime CHS multi-sport coach **Gordie Richardson** remembers his early volleyball teams having to create their own court before the current alignment of having two courts side-by-side.



Fans get up and cheer at the CHS home basketball game against Pontiac Northern Feb. 10. Tuesday's game against Rochester was the last one ever played in the current gym, which holds less than half than what the new gym will hold.

"When the volleyball court's net went across center court, we could only pull out around four rows of bleachers on each side," he said. "The last time we redid where the nets went, we brought our own tape and taped the lines down on the court."

"I've had a lot of special times on that floor," Richardson continued. "We used to have football practice there when it was too wet and ugly outside. We also did some discus, shot put at night. We'll be able to do a lot more in our new facility, but some of the memories of the old place sure stick with you."

Although I've only covered Clarkston sports for two years, I too will take some memories away from this gym. Things were not going well for me personally when I started in my position here. I was looking for something positive to cling to, and coming to the CHS gym gave me that.

I clearly remember the Clarkston-Pontiac Northern game Jan. 10, 1997. Many people were telling me what an incredible atmosphere it was going to be, but I still wasn't sure what to expect.

The moment I walked into the gym and in the

company of 1,800 screaming basketball fans, all my personal troubles were washed away. For the next three hours, I was totally consumed by the game, the players, the crowd, and the gym it all took place in.

Since then, I have viewed the gym as my own little sanctuary from the crazy outside world, and I don't just mean the Pontiac Northern basketball games. Seeing the volleyball team claw back from a big deficit for a hard-earned victory. The tears on the players' faces after the girls basketball team finally beat Troy Athens in November. The raw emotion displayed by the wrestling team, trying to measure up to its incredibly high standard of excellence. It all happened in that gym.

Certainly, the new Clarkston High School gym will be far superior in many ways. A capacity of 3,800 people. Adequate practice space for the boys and girls basketball and volleyball teams. Improved weight-training facilities for athletes to use year-round. But with all the new bells and whistles that the new gym will bring, I'm sure a good segment of Clarkston fans will still miss the games in the old gym. May the echoes reverberate for a long time to come.

## Athlete of the Week: Kevin Mason

**Salut, Kevin:** Senior Kevin Mason hasn't received the glory some of his teammates have in varsity football and basketball, but he is one athlete everyone wants to have on their side. Kevin is in his second season on the varsity basketball team and is known as one of the smartest players on the team. He was also the starting placekicker for the football team last fall and finished 27-for-28 on extra points. Kevin excels in the classroom. He carries a grade point average of 3.83 and will attend Michigan State University next year, majoring in some form of engineering. He hopes to apply for the MSU honors college in his sophomore year.

**Coach Dan Fife on Kevin:** "Kevin is the consummate team player. He's made a lot of sacrifices to do what's best for the team, and he's done everything I've ever asked of him and more. In his two years with me, he's done nothing but give his best every day. He's a great student and an even better person who has a very bright future ahead of him."

**Kevin on Kevin:** "I always wanted to be on the varsity basketball team. My uncles used to tell stories about playing sports for Clarkston, and now it's neat that I get to carry that on. The way we're playing right now, we can beat anyone in the state. But we know anyone can beat anyone else any night, so we have to come out, play hard all the time and be ready for every game."



Kevin Mason

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CLARKSTON HIGH SCHOOL  
1997-98 SCHOOL YEAR  
SECOND QUARTER  
HONOR ROLL

## Seniors

### 4.0

Bannasch, Derek  
Bauer, Jennifer  
Bomier, Courtney  
Coryell, Jason  
Hopcian, Jeffrey  
Teran, Brett  
Verlinden, Shawn

### 3.9-3.7

Agha-Bee, Vanessa  
Arremony, Jennifer  
Banas, Kyle  
Belcher, Stephanie  
Benson, Genevieve  
Bergkoetter, Brenton  
Bernard, Claire  
Bertram, Jason  
Blair, Andrea  
Brewer, Curtis  
Budry, Sarah  
Carry, Shannon  
Conley, Melissa  
Cook, Elizabeth  
Cooper, Sasha  
DeWitt, Mara  
Dean, Barbara  
Dennig, James  
Dudek, Ryan  
Facione, Danielle  
Fiorillo, Angela  
French, Kristin  
Garcia, Yanin  
Grattan, Patrick  
Graves, Adam  
Groh, Jacob  
Haverstick, David  
Helms, Tracy  
Holst, James  
Honey, Tiffany  
Kendrick, Tracie  
Knas, Brooke  
Kuckoff, Britta  
Lang, Amber  
Lenk, Leah  
Lichty, Christina  
Macek, Tiffany  
Magerman, James  
Manning, Shaun  
Marino, Stephanie  
Mason, Kevin  
McLeran, Aaron  
Mitchell, Amber  
Mosher, Marla  
Olafsson, Heidi  
Perkins, Marie  
Pfeifer, Elizabeth  
Pitser, Gretchen  
Polley, Joshua  
Preston, Jessica  
Prystash, Justin  
Purroll, Jacqueline  
Rieman, Jeffrey  
Schoemer, C. Conor  
Seifert, Kelly  
Simonelli, Andrea  
Sitko, Jeffrey  
Sroggi, Ryan  
Srugis, David  
Steiner, Stacey  
Talbot, Paul  
Tatu, Laura  
Teran, Jason  
Tharrett, Shelli  
Tippen, Kristine  
Trollman, David  
Veit, Eric  
Weatherburn, Jared  
Webster, Heather  
Whitfield, Heather  
Ziegenfelder, Scot  
Zuccarini, Laura

### 3.6-3.0

Anand, Ravi  
Anderson, Richard  
Babcock, Kevin  
Bailey, Brad  
Bennett, Russell  
Blue, Kristin  
Bodle, Kelli  
Bolan, Andrea  
Brown, Adrienne

Brown, Dustin  
Brown, Heather  
Brown, Heidi  
Buck, Nicole  
Burklow, Jonathan  
Cantrell, James  
Cantrell, Megan  
Carnes, Lisa  
Cascaddan, Nicolas  
Case, Jessica  
Castle, Neil  
Caudill, Bryant  
Chamberlain, Katherine  
Clark, Joshua  
Curtis, Natasha  
Daris, Rita  
Dehring, Lindsey  
Dixon, Sarah  
Dunlap, Andrea  
Edwards, Matthew  
El-Chaer, Amy  
Erkfriz, Tina  
Felt, Melissa  
Fibla, Laia  
Fike, Stacy  
Fonseca, Nicole  
Franson, Chelsea  
Fuller, Rachel  
Gabriel, Michael  
Giroux, Aimee  
Giroux, Nicholas  
Grimminger, Jessica  
Gronlund, Lynda  
Groscurth, Christopher  
Haggard, Bryan  
Hammond, Michelle  
Hanna, Kelly  
Hard, Michael  
Hardenburgh, Samantha  
Harley, Gregory  
Hawley, Lathisha  
Hensley, Misty  
Herzog, Brian  
Hillinger, Joseph  
Holman, Erica  
Hool, Sarah  
Houston, Jeremy  
Hunter, Heather  
Izzi, Shannon  
Jacques, Kelli  
Jewell, Heather  
Johnston Jr, Philip  
Joseph, Michelle  
Kabelman, Jason  
Karstensen, Nicholas  
Kovacs, Kelly  
Koval, Julie  
Kraut, Samuel  
Krull, Courtney  
Kuks, Andrew  
Kunkler, Leslie  
Kyle, James  
LaClair, Russell  
Lamont, Erin  
Landry, Heather  
Larson, Aaron  
Lester, Sarah  
Liskey, Tracie  
Little, Michael  
Lloyd, Lindsey  
Loba, Shanda  
MacInnes, Matthew  
Maitrott, Michael  
Malugin, Erin  
Mapes, Anne  
McCarty, Melissa  
McCue, Jennifer  
McGeogh, Brian  
McKechnie, Sara  
Meloche, Jonathan  
Midkiff, Heather  
Mikdia, Christopher  
Miller, Sara  
Morfon, Joseph  
Muniz, Leah  
Nauss, Jamie  
Nedwick, Rachel  
Nelles, Nicole  
Niemchak, Nimri  
Oliver, David  
Osier, Theresa  
Peteuil, Adina  
Plante, Megan  
Pochmara, Danielle  
Pope, Laura  
Portscheller, Kristi  
Propst, Kristen  
Pruner, Phillip  
Renz, Whitney  
Russell, Kaitlin  
Schaefer, Amy  
Schorsch, John

Schroeder, Meagan  
Schulte, Jessica  
Schultz, Robert  
Senkyr, Georgia  
Shields, Jennifer  
Simons, Andrea  
Simonson, Michael  
Sinclair, Donna  
Skipton, Nathan  
Smith, Christopher  
Snapp, Leah  
Solheim, Kimberly  
Sommers, Nathan  
Spinweber, Elizabeth  
Stapleton, Annette  
Staszak, Natalie  
Steinke, Heather  
Stevenson, Charles  
Surre, Jeremy  
Sutherland, Andrew  
Thomas, Jared  
Thompson, Elaine  
Tolbert, Kourtney  
Tomkiewicz, Tracy  
Tripi, Jacqueline  
Underwood, Michael  
Venegoni, Marc  
Vezina, Alisha  
Wandschneider, Brooke  
Warchuck, Julianne  
Watson, Scott  
Webster, Christopher  
Weingust, Kori  
Wheatley, Kristen  
Whipp Jr, David  
Will, Patricia  
Wiltse, Reggie  
Witt, Sarah  
Woolfenden, Patricia  
Yarber, Amanda  
Yarberry, Marie  
Youness, Jamie  
Zess, David  
Zirwes, Steven

## Juniors

### 4.0

Dixon, David  
Gifford, Jennifer  
Hynes, Spencer  
Jensen, Mindy  
Kolody, Alison  
Krull, Scott  
Lukens, Melissa  
Parrott, Jeremy  
Savas, Michael  
Torrone, Erin  
Uchman, Sarah

### 3.9-3.7

Anderson, Beth  
Baetens, Catherine  
Baker, Matthew  
Bartley, Breanna  
Bartley, Brian  
Bergkoetter, Kara  
Bills, Katherine  
Bogart, Lauren  
Bolten, Thomas  
Cabra, Jason  
Cooley, Courtney  
Curtis, Robert  
Dees, Lindsey  
Detkowski, Brittney  
Emick, Karen  
Fonseca, Jenae  
Forney, Cara  
Frericks, Lindsay  
Green, Steven  
Hart, Eileen  
Hill, Eric  
Holody, Deanna  
Hopcian, Amy  
Kerney, Jennifer  
King, Kathryn  
Klotz, Michelle  
Knowlden, Jessica  
Kopec, Kathryn  
Leigh, Lauren  
Lenhardt, Michael  
Lowery, John  
Lytle, Kimberly  
Matkosky, Tara  
McIntyre, Corinne  
Meyer, Neil  
Moniaci, Jonathan  
Murphy, Jennifer  
Murphy, Laura  
Myers, Adam  
Oostdyk, David

Parrott, Russell  
Poley, Erich  
Robinson, Kristina  
Romein, Eric  
Rooding, Christina  
Schilling, Mackenzie  
Seal, Jody  
Sisk, Trevor  
Thorndycraft, Catherine  
Tolbert, Ronald  
Trager, Adrienne  
Umscheid, Chad  
Wegman, Elisha  
Wilder, Rachel  
Wisniewski Marc

### 3.6-3.0

Allyn, Robert  
Arcello, John  
Armstrong, Rachel  
Atkinson, Kristen  
Auten, Andrew  
Baker, Megan  
Baldiga, Joseph  
Balhorn Jr, Michael  
Bargerion, Jodie  
Barnes, Derek  
Berendt, Julie  
Bickerstaff, Scott  
Bohn, Amanda  
Bradford, Steven  
Carline, Jennifer  
Cischke, Katherine  
Clark, Sarah  
Claus, Jennifer  
Colosimo, Nichole  
Crigger, Matthew  
Cryer-Keck, Nicole  
DeVries, Phillip  
Detkowski, Rachelle  
Dew, Priscilla  
Dise, Sandra  
Dolzynski, Kelli  
Dolzynski, Kristen  
Drillos, John  
Fenton, Heidi  
Fitzgerald, Brian  
Forbes, Elizabeth  
Garlitz, Brandyn  
Grah, Meredith  
Gray, Benjamin  
Groh, Justin  
Haag, Nicholas  
Haller, Allyson  
Hermes, Melissa  
Himborg, Christopher  
Hodges, Meghan  
Hunt, Rudy  
Jenks, Eric  
Jones, Jonathon  
Keiser, Jeremy  
Kitson, Melinda  
Knakal, Lisa  
Konzen, Stephanie  
LaCasse, Lisa  
Leech, Adam  
Leek, Shane  
Lewis, Lisa  
Lloyd, Holly  
May, Kate  
Minton, Candice  
Mizusawa, Jennifer  
Moore, Diana  
Moore, Michael  
Morgan, Stephanie  
Morris, Christine  
Morris, Kevin  
Motto, Erin  
Murphy, Margaret  
Naboychik, John  
Nanney, Justin  
O'Brien, Sarah  
O'Dea, Michelle  
Orris, Kristin  
Pattison, Nicole  
Preston, Corey  
Reatherford, Adam  
Reger, Tiffany  
Robeson, Andrew  
Rooding, April  
Rooding, Jennifer  
Runkle, Jessica  
Schenck, Sarah  
Schmidt, Brandon  
Scott, Sarah  
Simonds, Andrew  
Smith, David  
Smith, Lisa  
Smith, Meghann  
Sokolnicki, Kristyn  
Spencer, Adam

Sprung, Andrew  
Taylor, Audrey  
Teberian, Takouhy  
Treder, Monica  
Trim, Carrie  
Turner, Allison  
Underwood, Anne  
Upchurch, Nicholas  
Upperstrom, Kara  
Vaughn, Amy  
Wallace, Sarah  
Warner, Heather  
Wells, Ronald  
Wethy, Colin  
Whittmington, Elizabeth  
Wilcox, Regina  
Williams, Jessica  
Wilson, Michelle  
Zimmerman, Ingrid

## Sophomores

### 4.0

Brewer, Brittani  
Denstaedt, Geoffrey  
Fischer, Nicole  
Freed, William  
Fuller, Carly  
Greve, Laura  
Griffith, Brent  
Lynch, Rebecca  
Maier, Cosmin  
Rea, Jesse  
Schwarz, Ryan  
Wisniewski, Thomas  
Zarzycki, Kathryn

### 3.9-3.7

Amble, Sandra  
Barr, Shaunna  
Bates, Courtney  
Bauer, Eric  
Booker, Chad  
Booth, Sarah  
Bui, Ryan  
Carpenter, Jeff  
Churay, Mark  
Coe, Blake  
Combs, Mercedes  
Cyr, Katrina  
Douglas, Michelle  
Doyle, Jessica  
Ginn, Jeffrey  
Giordano, Lauren  
Heber, Patrick  
Henderson, Erin  
Hess, Timothy  
Hines, Kacie  
Hodges, Francis  
Jacobson, Michael  
Jones, Heather  
Jorgenson, Daniel  
Kalush, William  
Kenerson, Erik  
Knoebel, Alice  
Kroepin, Suzanne  
LaBrie, Jillian  
Linenger, Jennie  
Logozzo, William  
Manojlovich, James  
Mazzeo, Laura  
McMillen, Lauren  
Milam, Elizabeth  
Newman, Thomas  
Ogg, Melissa  
Ogle, Pamela  
Pfeifer, Kristina  
Przybylski, Erin  
Randall, Jill  
Robinson, Jonathan  
Sage, B. David  
Salata, Jenni  
Schermerhorn, Brent  
Schubring, Courtney  
Sloan, Adam  
Smith, Lisa  
Smith, Matthew  
Steele, Andrea  
Szilvagy, Jennifer  
Szykula, Andrew  
Tate, Emily  
Treder, Mary Ann  
Tripi, Katherine  
Uchman, Rachel  
Walters, Jeffrey  
Zynda, Karen

### 3.6-3.0

Alee, Jaime  
Arakelian, Phillip

Armstrong, Beth  
Baer, Diana  
Baird, Misty  
Blanchard, Kimberly  
Brewer, Courtney  
Busch, James  
Cable, Kristen  
Cabra, Rebecca  
Campbell, Jessica  
Casper, Derek  
Chadrick, Keith  
Chmura, Carrie  
Cloutier, Jessica  
Coleman, Dustin  
Cooke, Michelle  
Cozadd, Aaron  
Crandall, Bryan  
Craner, Donald  
Crawford, Brett  
Currie, Dana  
Curry, Adam  
Curry, Michelle  
Curtis, Andrew  
Cushing, Ellen  
Davenport, Joseph  
DeClerck, Tiffany  
DeLeon, Rachel  
Decker, Derek  
DuFort, Scott  
Earl, Brandon  
Elert, David  
Enders, Jeannine  
Epifano, James  
Evans, Crystal  
Evans, Julia  
Facione, Anthony  
Ford, Matthew  
Fox, Thomas  
Fox, Meghan  
Gay, Justin  
Gerowitz, Michael  
Gove, Bret  
Graj, Megan  
Gravenstreter, Tara  
Gray, Erin  
Guelde, Brandon  
Hakim, Bethany  
Hamilton, Adam  
Hampton, Miranda  
Hartz, Derek  
Hool, Katie  
Horezniak, Ryan  
Hudson, David  
Jenkms, Robert  
Johnson, Arthur  
Jones, Maureen  
Judkins, Daniel  
Kennedy, Kathleen  
Kilbourne, Sarah  
Knoerr, Rodney  
Komorowska, Paulina  
Larsen, Aaron  
Leminger, Ryanb  
Leonard, Kenneth  
Licata, Michael  
Litra, Jacqueline  
Lockett, Ronald  
Major Jr, Michael  
Mallory, Tiffany  
Marchio, Jennifer  
Martello, R. Ross  
McEvoy, David  
McIsaac, Timothy  
McManaman, Brian  
Melone, Eric  
Mohny, Sara  
Moore, James  
Moran, Ashley  
Morgan, Candace  
Olinger, Allison  
Olive, Rebecca  
Passmore, Hank  
Pettrinec, Nicholas  
Plante, Kelly  
Pritchard, Heather  
Prudhomme, Lindsey  
Render, Truly  
Rezmer, Tesia  
Roberts, Courtney  
Ronk, Andrea  
Ruth, Kristi  
Schapman, Adam  
Schnornak, Steve  
Serra, Hannah  
Shaw, Kelly  
Skrisson, Elizabeth  
Sleep, Michael  
Smith, Stephanie

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