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## Revitalizing Clarkston

BY MARALEE COOK  
Clarkston News Editor

There is a major movement across the country to revitalize its downtowns and Clarkston has at least one key to a successful revitalization — its history.

That was part of the message from city planner Doyle Hyatt, of HyattPalma, Inc., the firm hired to develop an action plan for revitalizing downtown Clarkston.

He said when looking for an image or theme to represent the city, "be true to yourself. History sells like crazy. It plays extremely well all over the nation... And plays well in the avenue of commerce."

Hyatt delivered the firm's downtown action agenda at a meeting Tuesday at the Independence Township Fire Station No. 1. His presentation followed months of research and meetings with local officials and community members to determine what the downtown needs to thrive economically.

Hyatt recommended the community stress historic preservation and high-quality goods and services. He added the focus should be on the charming ambiance represented by the architecture in a pedestrian-oriented setting, with friendly and personal service from businesses.

The good news is, Clarkston already possesses strong name recognition in and outside the state, he said. The community and surrounding areas are projected for growth and business owners show pride in what they own. Two additional plusses are the willingness of the city council to make changes and a cooperative township government, which is unusual, Hyatt added.

These factors show Clarkston already has an "aura and curb appeal," which Hyatt said just needs to be strengthened.

The four points he said must be addressed are traffic and parking; business mix and placement; an aggressive marketing program; and management. Anything done must be perfect — the city can't afford mistakes from the perspective of time and money.

He recommended the action plan be formally adopted and used as a master plan. Some of the nuts and bolts of the plan follow.

### Businesses:

Hyatt said retail, art galleries and fine craft stores, fine antiques, entertainment, restaurants and personal service businesses should be the focus on Main Street. They should also occupy the first floor of the buildings. Offices should be moved to the second floors of the buildings or off Main Street.

He also suggested the undeveloped southeast corner at Waldon and Main Street be left residential or multiple. If it was developed into multiple, the area at the intersection should be dedicated for open space.

He said minimalism should be stressed when the TEA 21 plan is implemented. He urged the community

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Let it snow!

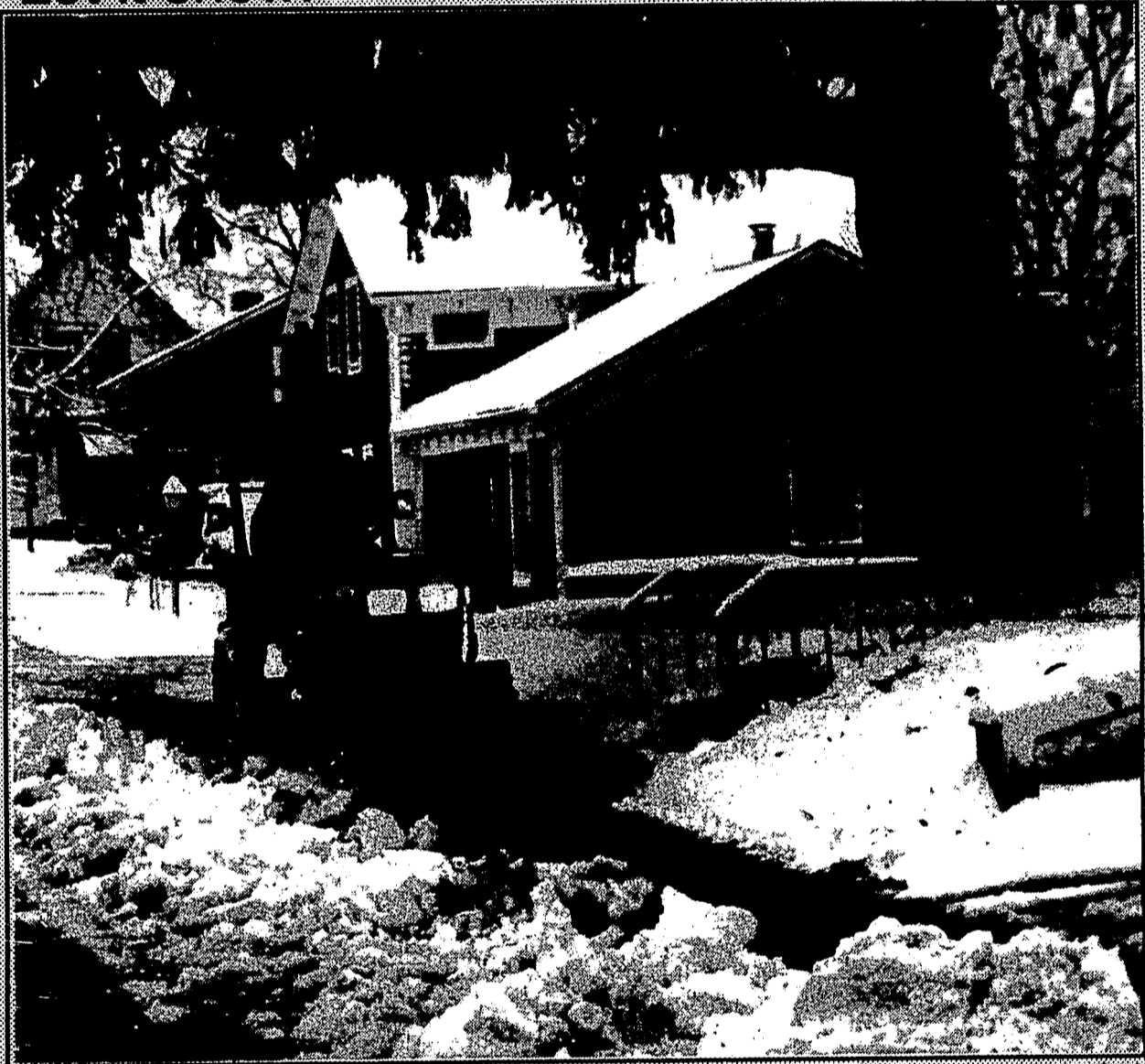


Photo by Maralee Cook

Monday's snowfall caught many area residents by surprise. City of Clarkston DPW worker Brian Meloche said he began his day about 3:30 a.m., cleaning streets, parking lots and sidewalks. "It's finally beginning to look like winter," he said while cleaning off the sidewalks on E. Church St. "I've been waiting for it."

## Clarkston Creek a stalemate

BY EILEEN MCCARVILLE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Efforts to keep or take Clarkston Creek off the agenda resulted in no agenda Tuesday night.

After a 20 minute meeting — in which at least three motions were made and officials debated differences — the Independence Township Board voted to adjourn. The votes resulted in stalemates, 3-3, with Trustee Dan Travis absent.

"This is the lowest point I've seen," said a frustrated Treasurer Jim Wenger, following an equally frustrated Supervisor Dale Stuart, who suggested to end the meeting right then and there.

Differences started when Stuart asked three items be removed from the agenda. However, Trustee Neil Wallace said he wanted Clarkston Creek removed as well. The board was set to vote for approval of the project, only in concept, proposed by partner develop-

ers Joe Locricchio and Jim Albright.

There have been three meetings on the proposal, which states the township would buy the 144-acre golf course on Maybee Road and the developers would manage it. The deal also involves 121 luxury townhomes, a stormwater retention plan, a land swap of township property on Sashabaw Road — and 15 years of financing with no cost to taxpayers.

Wallace said he has not received all the information he requested. He also argued appraisals weren't current, and a project analysis should be provided by an independent consultant — not Kevin Aldridge, a consultant "hired by the developers."

Wallace said he wanted to "postpone further consideration" until these and other conditions were met. He, Trustee Jeff McGee and Clerk Joan McCrary voted to strike the issue from the agenda.

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## The News in Brief

### Public hearing set for master plan and Vision 2020

Thursday's Independence Township Planning Commission meeting features a public hearing on amendments to the township's Master Land Use Plan, and incorporation of the Vision 2020 Strategic Plan. The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at the Clintonwood Park Carriage House on Clarkston Road.

Scheduled for the agenda also is a request by Ed Adler, local businessman and owner of the former Food Town supermarkets. Adler is asking commissioners to approve a rezoning for the 11.55 acres he owns in back of Farmer Jack (formerly Food Town) on Sashabaw Road.

Adler wants the zoning changed from Single Family Residential to Planned Unit Development for office and retail use.

### Must be Santa!

Santa makes two stops locally during the next two weekends — including one with his missus.

At the Family Holiday Fest Dec. 17-19, sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation, you can greet Santa and Mrs. Santa at Bay Court Park on Andersonville Road. Times are Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Besides the Clausess, there will be the playscape, converted into Santa's workshop; horse-drawn sleigh rides; light displays, refreshments and more. Call Parks and Rec. at (248) 625-8223 for more info.

Visit Santa at Springfield Township this Saturday from 10 a.m. till noon at the Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway (Davisburg Road) in Davisburg. Children of all ages are welcome, and don't forget your Christmas lists. Cost is \$6 per person for Springfield residents, and \$9 for non-resi-

dents. Bring the whole family for refreshments, pictures with Santa, and a joyous holiday party to get you into the spirit. Call Parks and Rec. at (248) 634-0412 for more info.

### Blanket donations sought for Baldwin Center

With the start of the winter season, donations of new or like-new blankets are being sought for area homeless and others in need.

Deborah Nicholson, associate broker for Real Estate One Inc. of Clarkston and member of the North Oakland Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors, would like donations brought in by Dec. 13; however, donations are encouraged year round.

Nicholson said just over 200 blankets were donated last year from the Clarkston area. She said she is willing to pick up blankets at homes or offices, and monetary donations also are accepted.

Blankets can be dropped off at Real Estate One Inc., located at 31 S. Main St. in Clarkston.

The center, located in downtown Pontiac on Baldwin Road, has over 20 programs for those less fortunate and provided more than 115,000 meals last year, said Suzanne Chandler, Baldwin Church and Center director. The blanket drive is a yearly effort by the Women's Council of Realtors, a national organization.

The council also held a silent auction Dec. 2 and raised approximately \$1,920 for the center, said Linda Mladenoff, council president.

### Correction

In a Dec. 1 story about election help needed at the Independence Township clerk's office, it should have stated MVP stands for Most Valuable People, not Most Important People.

## Just Because



Kickin' up with the Rockettes: Kiley Doerr

### Prancer, meet Dancer

When Fox 2 WJBK-TV Detroit called on area youth dancers, Kiley Doerr answered.

Doerr, 10, of Clarkston, was chosen at random from hundreds of entries to meet the Rockettes Dec. 2. Doerr and 11 other girls from the metro Detroit area received a free dance lesson from the famous group.

She also won four tickets to the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Starring the Radio City Rockettes" at the Fox Theatre. Doerr appeared with Huel Perkins, Fox 2 news anchor, on stage for his presentation of "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" prior to the show.

Doerr is the daughter of William and Linda Doerr of Clarkston, and is a fifth grader at Waterford Village Elementary.

Doerr said she has aspirations of becoming a professional dancer.

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# The Second Front

## Residents ready for magical 'Nutcracker' ballet

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Todd Moss is no stranger to the spotlight. Currently, he's a public official who serves on the Independence Township Planning Commission.

But the weekend before Christmas he'll be in the limelight with an entirely different role — starring as the father of Clara, the little girl who gets whisked away to a magical kingdom in Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky's enchanting tale, "The Nutcracker (Suite)."

Moss is one of several local residents who take part in the Lakes Area Civic Ballet production, sponsored by Terri Newman's Dance Shoppe and Clarkston Foundation. The ballet takes place Dec. 17 and 18 at Clarkston High School's Performing Arts Center.

"We're very excited to use the new facility. The community has been really receptive to Lakes Area Civic Ballet making Clarkston their home," said Ballet Mistress Christine Bove.

The timeless story tells of little German girl Clara's fascination with a beloved Nutcracker doll, presented by her mysterious Uncle Drosselmeyer during a party on Christmas Eve. In a fit of jealousy, it's broken by her naughty brother Fritz.

However, her uncle weaves a magic spell, bringing the Nutcracker to life-size. Toy soldiers under the Christmas tree also "grow" and help him battle an evil Mouse King and his mouse troops. After Clara saves his life, he is changed into a handsome prince and rewards her with a trip to his Kingdom of Sweets.

Guest artists Michael Faigaux and Daniela Sodero of The Alberta (Canada) Ballet will play the prime parts of the Nutcracker/Prince and Sugar Plum Fairy.

As Clara's father, Moss's role is largely character acting, like other extras needed in the opening party scene. The ballet is entirely music with no words. "I won't get nervous until the curtain goes up," Moss joked after Saturday's rehearsal.

Moss's daughter Allison, a CHS junior, plays Clara's mother. Asked how it felt to be paired with her dad, she smiled — saying carefully — "Interesting." Allison has been a dancer for 13 years, the last nine spent at the Dance Shoppe. She's spent years in Nutcracker performances, playing small roles, then graduating to prime spots as a Snowflake, Spanish dancer and finally soloist in one production number, "Waltz of the Flowers."

Maggie Ness, another Clarkston resident, is relishing her role this year as the evil Mouse King. It's very demanding, she says, with lots of steps to remember. A sophomore at CHS, Maggie, like Allison, is a seasoned ballet dancer who's played other Nutcracker parts, including a mouse, soldier, Russian dancer and Snowflake.

Both girls grumbled good-naturedly about missing the recent CHS football playoffs — due to a grueling rehearsal, one of many.

"They have to make a lot of decisions. There are many sacrifices," agreed Maggie's mom Phyllis Ness, a first-grade teacher at Pine Knob Elementary School. "But this is definitely a priority for them."

Both girls will be reading the Nutcracker story to first- and fifth-grade Book Buddies at Pine Knob El. this week. They'll appear in costume, initiating youngsters to the tale before they enjoy one of two special school performances, Dec. 15 and 16.

Phyllis Ness said she has taken her students to see "The Nutcracker" in years past. "In December the first- and fifth-graders do a whole multi-cultural theme, like learning that the Christmas tree comes to us from Germany."

"The Nutcracker," set in Germany, is a part of that. She chuckles about a former student's reaction. "The Russians come out (in the "Russian Dance"). One year, one little girl said, 'Mrs. Ness, I know why they call it the Russian dance. 'Cause they're all rushin'



(Right) From left, Todd Moss and his daughter Allison are the parents of Clara (Karen Weil) who strikes a pose with the evil Mouse King (Maggie Ness).



(Left) Clarkston High School sophomore Maggie Ness, as the Mouse King, does battle with the Nutcracker. (At far left) Clarkston resident Karen Weil stars in the key role of Clara in Lakes Area Civic Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker."

around." They also want to know if the Mouse King — who is killed by the Nutcracker — will be okay. It never fails. "Every year, some child asks that," Phyllis said.

Having costumed characters visit the classrooms really prepares them for the ballet. "The kids can hardly wait to get there. They know the story so well. They're just beside themselves with anticipation."

Like Moss, Clarkston Village Players Dave Kramer and Al Bartlett play extras in the party scene. Their parts call for some basic dance steps.

When Kramer heard the production would debut in Clarkston, he called the dance company right away. "I like being involved because I just love the Nutcracker ballet," Kramer said. "It's a great piece of music, obviously. And it's going to be fun to do it here."

Like other men, he'll wear proper attire like a waistcoat, tails and ascot. "I'm enjoying it," he said of the rehearsals. "I'm nervous because I don't have all my steps memorized yet," he laughed.

Bartlett plays Clara's grandfather. He pulls Fritz by the ear after he breaks the Nutcracker and sends him to his room. Bartlett is paired with an experienced ballet dancer who plays Grandmother.

"I'm more of the proper character and she's the devilish one." In real life, "He's a little bit more stuffy than I normally am," Bartlett laughed. After Grandfather chastises Fritz, he turns around and catches Grandmother "dancing with the other kids and he gives her a look of disdain."

"Then Grandfather and Grandmother do a dance and she's proper again."

Bartlett describes the dance between the adults as "a promenade, almost an ethnic-type crossover dance."

Grandfather's suit is "rather colorful ... I'm letting my beard grow and I'm not getting my hair cut. Reluctantly, I'll admit I do have white hair," he added with a chuckle.

Like Kramer, he jumped at the chance to be part of Clarkston's first Nutcracker ballet. "My kids were in ballet when they were younger, and years ago we saw it at the Fox Theater. It's a classic. It's like 'A Christmas Carol.'"

Clarkston resident Karen Weil, 15, a petite 10th-grader from Marion High School, has the most demanding role as Clara.

"It's fun. It's a lot of work and there's a lot to remember," she said. "You're in charge of keeping the scenes together. You always have to know what you're doing."

Although the seasoned ballet dancer is very excited, she doesn't see herself as a big star. "I'm the main character, but everybody's just as important to the show."

Lakes Area Civic Ballet's performances of "The Nutcracker" take place Friday, Dec. 17 and Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the CHS auditorium, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Tickets (\$14, \$12 and \$10) are available at both Clarkston State Bank locations, Terri Newman's Dance Shoppe in Waterford, and through the Clarkston Foundation (625-7500). Tickets may be also be charged by phone. For more information, call (248) 666-1971.

# New site plan submitted for Holiday Inn development

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Developers intending to build a new Holiday Inn Express on M-15 just north of I-75 are back with another site plan.

A spokesperson for the Independence Township Building Department said the matter could hit the Planning Commission meeting by Dec. 23.

"It did make the agenda in time for the 23rd -- if we have a meeting," the spokesperson said. "It'll depend on if we have a quorum," the spokesperson added, indicating some commissioners may be out of town for the holidays.

Township Planner Dick Carlisle said he just received the new plan last Thursday, but hasn't had time to thoroughly study it and submit his review to the building department. So far, "it doesn't look substantially different," Carlisle said, adding the number of hotel rooms has been reduced from 82 to 80. "That's my observation so far."

Carlisle said the new plan, pitched by Flint developer, Eagle Investments of Mid-Michigan (the pro-

spective purchaser), would require a public hearing. Eagle Investments would need special land use approval for a motel under the current zoning (Office Service 2), and both conceptual and final site plan approval before the Holiday Inn could be built.

Carlisle said he hoped the township would schedule the public hearing after Christmas, in January, "when more people will be back."

Eagle Investments' first plans to build a hotel were nixed by commissioners last year. The Shelby M. Baylis Profit-Sharing Trust, Robert A. Barron and Ann Rita Barron, are the titleholders of the six-acre parcel north of I-75. Nearby residents voiced strong opposition to having the hotel in their back yard. They also cited increased traffic problems, and the possibility of more crime like drugs and prostitution.

Several plaintiffs, including Eagle Investments and the Baylises, sued the township after the property was rezoned from commercial to office, but the township's position was upheld in Oakland County Circuit Court. The plaintiffs were told they could submit a new or revised site plan, said Township Attorney

Gerry Fisher earlier.

Another piece of property has been rezoned for a commercial venture across from the proposed hotel piece. A new Bill Knapp's restaurant is intended for the other side of M-15.

Although most nearby residents said they would welcome such a restaurant in their vicinity, they don't like the idea that the new Bill Knapp's could serve beer and wine. A liquor license would have to be sought for that purpose.

John Bowman, director of marketing and real estate for Battle Creek-based Bill Knapp's Inc., said testing for the possibility of serving alcohol at its other establishments continues.

"We are in the process of getting a liquor license for our Rochester restaurant ... and got a liquor license (for our restaurant) in Saginaw," Bowman said. Asked if Bill Knapp's would be applying for a license in Clarkston, he answered, "not at this point in time."

Bowman said Bill Knapp's intends to submit a conceptual site plan to the planning commission within the next two months.

## CHS spotlighted for educational commercial

A group of Clarkston High School students, teachers and their parents will have the opportunity to be part of a 30-second commercial, to be filmed on location at the school in January.

Detroit's Channel 62 will visit CHS in early January to film the commercial, which will feature voice-overs by WOMC's radio personality Dick Purtain. The commercial's focus is on career preparation systems and the district's educational development plan, said Dawnaree Demrose, corporate market-

ing executive for Channel 62.

Demrose said aside from teachers interacting with their students in the commercial, a few parents also will be included. "The focus of career preparation is to have (the students' parents) be involved," she said.

Demrose, a CHS graduate, recently took a tour of the school and said the "state-of-the-art facility" prompted her to choose the school for the commercial. "It's very appealing." She expects the commercial to air in mid-January.

## Clarkston schools --

### Budget amendment approved

The first "routine" amendment to Clarkston Community School's budget took place Nov. 22, said Craig Kahler, director of business services at the schools.

"It's routine -- trying to get the numbers to tie in to revenues and expenditures," Kahler said. The board approved the motion 7-0 at the Nov. 22 meeting.

In late June, the board adopted a continuation budget for the general fund. In doing so, they approved the same budget for 1999-2000 as adopted earlier in the month for the 1998-99 fiscal year, Kahler said.

"At this time, only modest adjustments are recommended for those funds," Kahler said in a written statement to the board. He added more extensive changes could take place later in the fiscal year.




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*'I love developing people. And I love learning.'*

# CHS teacher takes job, students to heart

**BY RENEE WIGHTMAN**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

What one Clarkston High School teacher calls "a lucky fluke" has turned into a lifelong career -- and a lifetime of learning.

Linda Denstaedt, an English and writing instructor at CHS since 1971, recently was notified of her board certification with the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. Denstaedt is one of only seven teachers in the state to receive certification this year.

She completed the six-month process of portfolio building and working intensively on a number of projects in the area of Adolescence and Young Adulthood -- English Language Arts in July. Denstaedt learned of her selection Nov. 22.

Larry Rosso, executive associate for state and local relations for the state board of teaching standards, said the certification process was designed for veteran teachers, as an "ultimate certificate."

He added Denstaedt is the first Clarkston teacher to become certified.

Denstaedt encourages other teachers to apply for board certification. "Any teacher can do this," she said.

David Reschke, assistant superintendent for Clarkston Community Schools, recommended Denstaedt for certification and says her "strong" in-

volvement in the district is evident.

"She's a very, very strong teacher. She helps the students have a voice of their own," Reschke said. "She, in her own right, is a very talented writer."

Denstaedt is involved in many projects at CHS: She serves as director of writing for the Clarkston school district, and has written eight resource books for teachers. One of the books, "The Creative Writer's Craft," features short stories and poems by Denstaedt and a co-worker, Claire Layman, as well as many writing samples from CHS students.

The book was published last fall and is now part of the CHS curriculum for language arts. "It's kind of cool," Denstaedt said.

Currently, she is working on a college freshman writing textbook through publishers McGraw/Hill. She finds the experience both thrilling and rewarding.

"It was very exciting to meet with my editors in New York at a building above Madison Square Garden," she said. The book will be released in 2002.

A mother of two CHS students, Denstaedt is pleased with the unusual opportunity she has this year to educate one of her sons in AP Literature. "He's a capable student," she said. "We have conversations on a different level. And he's a good writer."


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Linda Denstaedt, language arts teacher at Clarkston High School, works with first- through third-graders at Pine Knob Elementary School to create short stories. Denstaedt, also director of writing for the school district, finds her job a "personal challenge."

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## Editorial

### Season of giving is bringing out the best in the community

On page 10A of our newspaper this week is a letter to the editor from Maria Blaine, Oakland County Director for Hats Off for Cancer.

It's a thank-you to the community for supporting the hat drive, which will bring hats to people who have lost their hair following treatment for cancer.

Maria's style of writing and long title are deceptive. She sounds like an adult. But Maria is a Sashabaw Middle School student, who worked with other Junior Optimists and the adults at the Clarkston Area Optimist club to gather the hats.

She is one of many people helping others this time of year. Members of the Rotary club are raising funds for shoes and mittens for kids with help from Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. Churches, businesses, service clubs and individuals are dropping off toys and food for distribution at Lighthouse Clarkston, and businesses are collecting blankets and toys for the needy too.

The people in our community are especially caring and giving. Chronicling the good things that they do during the year is one of the most rewarding parts of our job, and this time of year it is especially so.  
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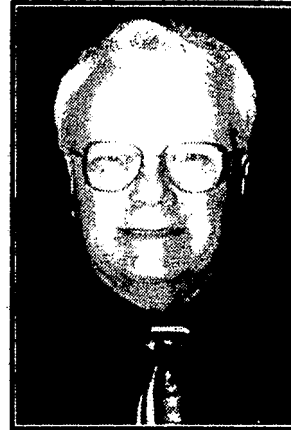
### Clarifying the facts on Clarkston Creek proposal

Three letters to the editor in the December 1 Clarkston News distort the facts of the proposed Clarkston Creek venture.

The proposed purchase of the golf course will not "tie up" the township's borrowing position. The township has the ability to borrow far in excess of the proposed funding. We are not giving our property on Sashabaw to the developer. We would receive the fair market value of that property in the transaction.

Rather than change the character of this community, this proposal will help preserve the character by assuring that 120 acres of open space, which just happens to be a golf course, will remain open space. The deal also promotes our Sashabaw drain project and preserves vital wetlands. This project is in keeping with the 2020 plan, not in opposition to it.

The suggested "alternative" to entering into an agreement with the developer that preserves open space, provides needed office space and compatible housing is



is that we get a great result without wasting our money in court.

It should be apparent to everyone that the town-

to enter into litigation. The "alternative" means that we would "roll the dice" and spend several thousands of dollars to see if we can win in court.

A good compromise is almost always better than a court pronounced victory. The township chose to litigate to the Supreme Court of Michigan the property at the corner of M-15 and Oak Hill. We lost at every step. In another case, we had a twenty-year-old consent judgment that provided that the trailer park on Mann Road couldn't be expanded but it was. You shouldn't pretend that you support open space preservation and then advocate that we walk away from this opportunity.

This "deal" has been "fashioned" to preserve open space and maintain the character of the community. A side advantage

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## Letters To The Editor

### No lead in American-made candle wicks

Dear Editor,

A few weeks ago the results of a study on candles was reported in newspapers and on TV. The study concerned lead wick. This being the candle season, it caused a great deal of concern especially when they mentioned the health of our children. This letter is in response to that study.

I have contacted many suppliers of wick in the last few weeks to see if I could get lead wick. I can't Most candles made in the U.S. will not have lead wick. The metal you see is zinc and it is used to hold the wick straight in a soft wax.

(Soft wax is used to make votive candles and jar

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## Picking up where technology left off

Just like learning to ride a bike, you never forget the story told in a good book.

That's what inspired me to join a group of women discussing F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" last Thursday morning at Independence Township Library.

The women meet once each month to ruminate about a new novel, and welcomed me in with open arms. You might think I'd be intimidated, being the youngest there and just "dropping in" on the conversation. But it was quite the opposite.

I haven't read Fitzgerald's book since I was a senior in high school, but with their reflections, the visuals came rushing back. Gatsby looking out across the water, spotting the green light on the dock near Tom and Daisy's mansion. The hot summer day, the mint juleps and flared tempers. The terrible accident and a man's sorrow.

To be honest, I can't wait to read it again.

The women also gave suggestions for future reading, and let's just say I have enough possibilities to last me through 2000. The passion with which each person spoke about their favorite novels was very exhilarating, and I'm looking forward to picking up my once-favorite pastime of drowning myself in literature.

It seems in this day and age, the Internet and TV set take over where books left off. I know, because I am one of the millions who've grown up in the era of new technology.

Kids today are watching the films based on novels, instead of delving into the books themselves. And whose bright idea was it to come up with a book adapted from a movie?

In my opinion, at least, books are 10 times more

descriptive and absorbing than their counterparts on the big screen. There are a few exceptions.

Getting a chance to meet with these ladies has given me a new motive and resolution for the coming millennium: Back away from the computer and pick up a book.

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Other techno-related observations:

- Is it just me, or am I the only person left in the United States who hasn't been holiday shopping online? I guess the bombardment of Internet promotions on TV still hasn't sunk in.

- Just the other night, while watching a favorite James Bond flick on cable TV with my husband, it was brought to my attention that if we checked out the station's Web site, we could get a play-by-play of the making of the movie. Interesting concept. . . .

- In the same vein — or, in techno-speak, the same modem connection — MTV has introduced a new online game show, Web riot. Three contestants view a computer screen

and select their answers via keypad.

The host isn't even in the same room. Contestants watch his antics on a wide screen TV. There is also a Web site for the game show, in which scores of others can play along.

What's next? Or perhaps the better question is, what's left? The new media certainly has its grip on

### Writer's Block



Renee Wightman

# Officer Frank Leach was a good man

The shrill wail of bag pipes filled the room. They were calling some one home, taking him away from his family and friends. Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound . . . and yet no matter how many times I hear the pipes call that melody, my eyes water.

By the sounds of blowing noses and sniffles, I could tell my eyes were not the only ones wet with tears. Maybe I only cried because I am genetically disposed to weep at the sound of a bagpiper blowing *Amazing Grace* — a genetic memory if you will, implanted on DNA and passed from one generation to the next. From my Celtic past to my homogenized present, from myself to my father and my father's father, and his before him, none could escape the bagpiper's call, without emotion.

The conspiracy was completed when the organist played *Danny Boy*. I didn't have a chance at staying composed and dignified.

But, the rest of the people gathered at Bossardet Funeral Home shed tears because they had truly lost somebody special and dear to them. Frank Leach was called home, as they say, to the Lord.

I felt out of place. These good folks had known Frank for a longtime — his children and grandchildren their entire lives. I hadn't talked to or seen Frank in well over five years. Yet, there I was, intruding on their last, personal and loving moments with Frank before he was laid to rest.

I didn't talk to any of the family. I didn't send flowers. I almost didn't go to the funeral services. But, I remembered Frank, slipped in and sat near the back of the room. I remembered Frank.

Frank Leach was the first person in Oxford to befriend me, when I waltzed into town nearly 15 years ago.

In life, with his blue Oxford Police uniform on he looked tough. With his deep voice, he sounded rough. And, he did have a certain swagger to his walk. I don't know if he practiced it, but it was John Waynesque and effective.

Back when I covered the Oxford Police beat, I would walk in the department every Monday morning around six. I'd grab all the reports and call logs, fill up my cup of coffee from the Mr. Coffee Machine and get to work.

Frank was either there or would enter shortly thereafter. We'd talk about lots of things, his youth, his family, Oxford, my life, my family.

"New trench coat, nice," he commented once. "I need to get me one, too."

A cop, he was observant and wasn't afraid to offer a compliment. On the other hand, he wasn't afraid to offer advice, either.

"You've gained a little weight, Don. Why don't you use my diet. It's easy. I call it the two-finger diet. You take the two fingers on either hand . . ."

He put his hands up, only his index and middle fingers not folded into his palms. " . . . and push away from the dinner table."

Frankly, that was Frank.

He was a genuine person, however, not a John Wayne caricature. He smiled, laughed and got angry. As far as I could tell, he was honest. He reminded me of my own father. He had that fatherly way about him. And, maybe that's why I went to his funeral.

He was a good man, but I didn't have the guts to stop and tell his family that. I kept on walking, right out the door and to my car. I wanted to give something to them, to let them know he was a special person. A flower or a plant didn't seem enough.

To his wife of 34 years, Charlotte, children, Victor, Tammy, Michale, Gary, Kelly, Tracy and Tiffany, I send my condolences. Frank Leach will be remembered not only by me, but by those who knew him as a good man.

Comments for Don Rush can be emailed to: [Donrushme@juno.com](mailto:Donrushme@juno.com)



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## the People Poll

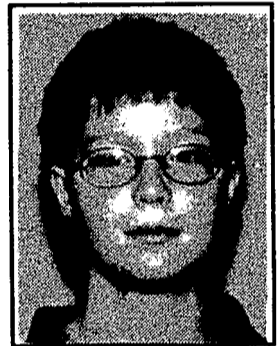
BY Maralee Cook

The Clarkston News asks Junior Optimists at the annual holiday kids' party at Independence Township Library:

### What do you like most about the holiday season?

"I like it all. I don't really have a favorite part."

-- Patrick Alexander, 12, Clarkston Middle School



"Seeing all the decorations and the stuffed Santas in the windows."

-- Matthew Clark, 12, Clarkston Middle School



"The vacation from school."

-- Nick Puroll, 12, Sashabaw Middle School



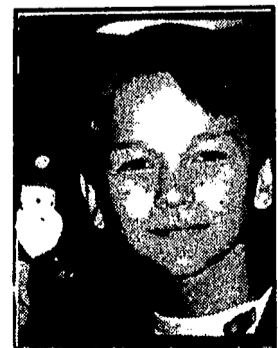
"I love seeing all the lights in houses, and the ones hanging up at our hosue and in my room."

-- Betsy Varnau, 12, Clarkston Middle School



"Probably the tree."

-- Steve Puroll, 11, Sashabaw Middle School



## Keeping it (seasonably) light

Things to wonder about while watching December re-runs.

If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP? . . . Does fuzzy logic tickle? . . . Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks? . . . If they arrested the Energizer Bunny, would they charge it with battery?

Sometimes I feel like Rodney Dangerfield. I started eating an apple a day and got sick.

I think I'll go on a diet before Christmas. John Patrell suggested I switch to two percent milk and eighty proof whiskey.

Franklin DeLano Roosevelt seems to be most often mentioned as "Man of the century." I don't know where he should be ranked, but certainly not ahead of GI Joe. The men, who are represented by this name, did more for US than anyone.

Vice President Al Gore is a Washington-based, life-time politician who has never been seen without a white shirt and unexciting necktie.

That is until his advisors pointed out his staid, boring, stereotyped appearance. They apparently told him to undress, and re-dress with a short sleeve golf shirt, but no jacket unless it's nylon with UAW, NEA, Siera Club



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

or Teamsters emblazoned thereon.

The result is: He looks dorky! Out of his element! False!

Now, seeing how well this "new look" is doing for Gore, President Clinton has adopted the same unprofessional appearance.

Did you see him walking through Greece, or was it Turkey, carrying a cup of coffee in one hand and an umbrella in the other . . . and with the top two buttons of his dress shirt unbuttoned? Obviously, he'd been told by Gore's advisors to look like a tourist instead of the leader of the greatest country in the world.

Never has a president of the U.S. ever looked so unpresidential so often as Clinton. But, perhaps when you've been impeached we could expect a person to have a "who gives a darn" attitude.

Even so, I wish Mr. Clinton would readopt the presidential, professional, leader look and go back to wearing a necktie in public. Maybe I should send him one of my Rush Limbaugh tie pieces.

I put two of our bird feeders out a month sooner than usual this fall. I didn't really think the cardinals, blue jays, sparrows, doves and squirrels would flock to it so soon.

I thought they would forage in the swamps and fields around our place until the snow flies, that it would be the preferred food and they loved their independence.

But, I guess they are more like people that I'd thought.

### OPINION

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candles, not pillar candles). It is not put in to enhance the scent as reported on TV.

If you are concerned about his problem my solution is to buy American-made products. If there are any questions, feel free to contact me or stop in at the factory.

Mary Tebo, Owner  
Davisburg Candle Factory

Read more Letters to the Editor on page 8A

# Guest Opinion, by Dale Stuart, Independence Township Supervisor

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ship is getting the opportunity to buy the course at a reasonable price because the developer will make his money on the balance of the property. The citizens of the township are the winners because open space and community character are preserved, valuable tax base is generated, and the environment is enhanced.

Independence Township defends and upholds its Master Plan and zoning every day. The township is known to be very demanding in this regard. The proof is what you see all around.

The real risks have been and will continue to be examined by the township. No final agreement will be entered into unless all of the t's have been crossed and the i's dotted. The real danger is not that the momentum of a great opportunity will lead to the wrong decision. The real danger is that the character of the community will be forever changed because the township chose to "roll the dice."

I encourage everyone who has an opinion on this subject be heard. Your opinion is important and will be

considered. Before you form your opinion, learn the details of the proposal. Examine them with an open mind. Entering into this proposal will not inhibit any of the other worthwhile projects that we are contemplating or can contemplate.

When someone preserved Central Park in New York, I am sure some people thought it would be better to have it developed. We can all be thankful that someone in New York thought ahead.

It is important to this community that its leaders think innovatively. It is important to this community's future, the reason that this is such a vibrant place to live, that the community think "outside of the box."

I do not automatically dismiss any idea. I encourage the department directors to be bold and creative. We will continue to do just that. Think where we would be if Christopher Columbus had listened to those who believed the world was flat. The naysayers will continue to try to torpedo every innovative project with fear and innuendo. Unfortunately, too often they are successful. When that happens, what might have been never

will be.

When development has enveloped every square inch of space from the Detroit River to the Zilwaukee Bridge, Independence Township citizens will enjoy the highest value in their properties because we have been diligent in keeping large lots and lots of open space. When that time comes, people will praise the foresight of the people who preserved Clarkston Creek Golf Course. Not because it is or isn't a golf course but because the open space made all of the property around it more valuable and life more pleasant.

What would you prefer, spending several thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands of dollars on attorneys and courts, or investing in the future of the community? Even if we were successful in court, how long would it be before the next challenge? The only way to assure that the open space is preserved and the wetlands enhanced is for the township to own the property.

## 'Your giving has helped a lot of people' for Hats off for Cancer drive

Dear Editor:

I would just like to say thank you to all the schools, organizations and individuals who donated hats for the Hats Off For Cancer hat drive. The response was unbelievable. Working together with this great community has been a blessing. As a community we have touched the hearts of many and gained ourselves from this experience.

I would like to add a special thank you to Mr. Don Brose for all his support and help in delivering hats, Junior Optimist clubs of Clarkston for believing in the program enough to sponsor the event and all the work they put into making it successful.

Thank you to Ashley Lindahl, Dana Schlosser, Matt Dudek, and Matthew Prunte for their leadership and commitment. A big thanks goes to Mr. Tom Bialik, the principal of Sashabaw Middle School for his encouragement and cooperation. I also would like to thank all the newspapers that ran articles on the project. Getting the word out played a major part in the success of the drive.

Our goal was to collect 500 hats. On Make a Difference Day a total of 1,622 hats were collected. The final count to date is 1,680. So far hats have been delivered to the Clarkston MIRO Cancer Center, Karmanos Cancer Institute, and The Rose Cancer Center at Beau-

mont Hospital. Hats will also be taken to the U of M Cancer Center and Henry Ford Hospital. Some adult hats that were donated are being given to the Detroit Rescue Mission. They will distribute them to homeless shelters in Michigan.

I just wanted to let you know how your giving has helped a lot of people. Thank you once again and may you and your families be richly blessed this holiday season.

Sincerely,  
Maria Blaine, Oakland County  
Director for Hats Off for Cancer

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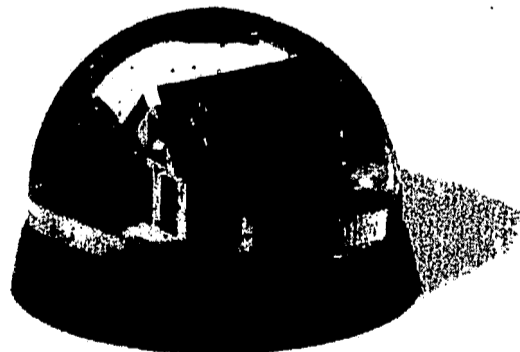
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## Jim's Jottings

The most frequently asked question upon the return from Freeport, Grand Bahama Island, is "Would you go back?" I usually hesitate. There are so few places I've traveled to. Would I go back?, yes, but not until I've seen more.

There are extenuating circumstances. However, I don't expect too many like the one that took so many of us on this trip. After all, how many times does a friend win a week's vacation with all expenses paid for 25?

But, there is something uneasy about this island. It's brand new. Practically everything except the Bahamian huts has been built since 1963. To me there is something inwardly upsetting about congested tourist attractions anywhere, Michigan, Florida, or Freeport. Mix it with big time gambling and the uneasiness spreads.

Mind you, now. These things didn't concern me at the time. We partied, shopped, played the part of the tourist to the hilt, including a straw hat. Paul Gunnerfeldt, one member of our group, mentioned something about us being the Ugly American.

But, home, telling about our trip and putting together some of the conversations, I am a little uneasy about the island.

A newspaperman there sat with us at Rotary. Later we talked. He said it would take me 2 weeks to tell you all there is about this island and what is going on. He mentioned something about there being shootouts at night as gunmen come ashore in boats.

There is a conflict between the Bahamian government and the Port Authority. It seems an Act passed by the government in the 1950s is haunting the government. They think they gave too much power to the Authority. The hinting of who the Authority really is was also scary.

The newsman mentioned that construction was dropping sharply and some contractors would sell for 60 cents on the dollar to get out.

On the flight from Freeport to West Palm a 14-year-old girl next to us, who lives on the island said, "You wouldn't believe what is going on there." Below us was a carved out subdivision, canals all built, ready for building. She said it (Queen's Cove) was stopped



Miss Jean Lussier, left, and runner-up, Claudia Sawyer, stand beside this year's Junior Miss, Sue Griffiths.

## Sue Griffiths named "69-70" Jr. Miss

Sue Griffiths, student extraordinary, poised and pretty, danced her way into the crown of Clarkston Jr. Miss for 1969 and '70 and a \$600 scholarship on Saturday night.

Just a week ago she had won the distinction of receiving the D.A.R. award as the outstanding girl at the Clarkston Community High School.

Sue is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Griffiths of Pear Street. Both Mr.

and Mrs. Griffiths are teachers in the Clarkston School system. Mrs. Griffiths teaches 3rd grade at Clarkston Elementary and Mr. Griffiths is a 6th grade teacher at Sashabaw Jr. High. She has 2 brothers at home. Joel, 14, is a 9th grade student at Clarkston Jr. High School and Mark, 19, is a freshman at General Motors Institute.

The 16 contestants culminated 6 weeks of hard work on Saturday, when their day started at 8:45 a.m. with the round of personal interviews with the judges.

The judges for the contest were Mrs. Robert Eusele, Mrs. Diane Wright and Mr. Archie Patton.

With the completion of the interviews, the girls were honored at a luncheon with the judges and sponsors of the contest. The evening's activities started for them at 5:30 and came to an exciting peak when they demonstrated their talent and poise to the judges and an overflow audience at the Clarkston Little Theatre.

The routines that demonstrated their

coordination and physical fitness were arranged by Mrs. Beth Ladd. Mrs. Marilyn Hennig and Mrs. Pat Osler wrote original words to the song that set the "Moon theme."

Tom Osler, who was the master of ceremonies, presented questions to each of the formally gowned girls.

Osler announced the winners: the judges' award for the most original and sincere talent went to Marcia Fahrner; the Jaycettes' award for the most outstanding talent, with the accompanying \$25 bond, was given to Tammy Mahar; the runner-up, and recipient of a \$250 scholarship was presented to Claudia Sawyer.

Miss Jean Lussier, 1968-69 Jr. Miss, crowned Sue Griffiths as Clarkston's new Jr. Miss.

Chairman of the entire pageant was Gerald Hennig of the Jaycees. Trophies were provided by Mr. Don Auten and the scholarships were donated by a group of 19 merchants.

Clarkston's Jr. Miss will compete in the regional contest at Holly on December 12 and 13.

because they built the airport up to the edge of the sub.

A construction worker, on the islands for 4 years, 1 at Freeport, said he'd had it. Because of cutbacks in wages he could now make more in Florida, regardless of tax savings in Freeport.

One way to trill about Freeport might be to say that it is new and clean, but 2 out of 3 of the hotels we stayed in had leaky roofs.

More Letters to the Editor

Township Hall study should come before Clarkston Creek decision

Dear Independence Township Trustees and Editor:  
I am concerned about pressure being applied to the Independence Township Board to approve the extremely complicated "concept" for the township to purchase Clarkston Creek Golf Course.

If the board approves "the concept" before they obtain an unbiased financial opinion, ask the voters to accept the purchase, wait for the \$25,000 Town Hall/Civic Center Space, Needs and Site Selection report, they will have made it very difficult to change their minds in the future.

There have been some scare tactics saying if the township does not purchase Clarkston Creek open space will be lost to a subdivision, water problems, traffic concerns, and a lawsuit could result.

The 2020 Plan is being ignored by the proposal of rezoning recreational land and deeding 14 acres worth one million dollars to the developer.

There is great financial concern over our township borrowing \$3 million to purchase Clarkston Creek. Should the township engage in an enterprise not in their control? How much would it cost to purchase land back from the developer for the promised site of the Town Hall/Civic Center? Let us not repeat unsound investments.

How will the township cope, if the venture proves unsuccessful? The taxpayer will have to bail the township out of debt. Should the township support golf at such a huge expense and do we need more houses and commercial on Sashabaw? Is Parks and Rec with their busy schedule a good candidate to run a golf course?

I am a 16-year township resident and I feel that preservation of our open space is a priority, but done

with wisdom and financial responsibility.

At the December 7 Independence Township Board meeting don't give your approval to "the concept" of the township purchasing Clarkston Creek. Do not be pressured, but do enlist an unbiased opinion about the township going into the golf business.

Please wait for the completion of the Town Hall/Civic Center study. Ask voters their opinion and act fiscally responsible about assuming four million dollar debt in untried waters. This will be the board's most important decision in 1999.

Respectfully yours,  
Peggy Dryer  
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# How does our school district measure up?

Did we win? What was the score? Who was the Most Valuable Player?

Questions like these are commonly used in the world of sports and they have taken over the academic world as well. Box scores, better known as MEAP test numbers, have become synonymous with learning, and the emphasis on beating your neighbor has taken on a life of its own.

It is my opinion that heavy reliance on MEAP scores teaches us to view complex issues through unduly simplified lenses. As your superintendent of schools, I want to assure our citizens that our faculty is committed to measuring performance.



Dr. Al Roberts

But relying on any one measure of success is just foolish, and too much instructional time is being lost to a test that doesn't measure up! A good coach would not judge an athlete on his or her performance in just one game, nor would a good "boss" judge the ability of an employee on the results of one day's work. So why is it acceptable to judge our young people based upon the results of one test? Yet that is exactly what happens when MEAP test results are published and the box score mentality takes over. The emphasis on testing rather than learning does little to help our children measure up to expectations.

Let's look at reading, one of our most significant expectations. It remains the most important skill a student can master. In spite of our growing use of technology, reading helps us to communicate through the spoken and written word, to work in teams, and to solve problems. Of the seven national goals set for the nation's schools, the first states "All students will read independently and well by the end of the third grade."

Of course this priority sounds quite sensible and is in sync with the goals of any primary grade teacher. But it has oversimplified another complex issue. Meeting this priority is only simple if you:

- Don't take into account the fact that children learn at different rates.
- Discount the fact that some homes, believe it or not, are void of books.
- Ignore the reality that some of the nation's children come to school lacking experiences that were once commonplace.
- Disregard the lack of parental involvement received by some children.
- Fail to accept research that shows the importance of a child's first three years in preparing for a lifetime of learning.
- Forget about health and nutrition issues that make life difficult for some of our youngest citizens.

If we are to meet the reading expectations stated in this national priority, educators must face obstacles with a positive attitude, lots of passion, and the support of citizens. In Clarkston our approach is rooted in research. First, we are maintaining lower class size in the primary grades because research supports more individual attention to children who are still "learning the ropes."

Second, our teachers are emphasizing literacy. During the past few weeks, I have spent a considerable amount of time in classrooms. My observations tell me that reading, writing and/or spoken communication are being incorporated into virtually everything we do. It is impressive to see five, six, and seven year old youngsters participating in literature circles, engaging in book discussions, and practicing guided reading.

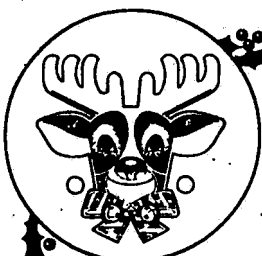
In addition, the link between reading and writing is being explored in positive ways that support learning. You would not believe the quality of the student-

authored stories I was fortunate enough to read while visiting a first grade room. Nor can I adequately describe the excitement of the children - almost as though they were shouting with joy, "I can read and I can write!" I can assure you that our faculty members are reading professional journals, developing the skills needed to teach them from a literacy perspective, and assessing the progress of students on an ongoing basis.

Third, we are seeking the support of every parent and are looking for ways to meaningfully include him or her in the education process. We are also consulting with our parent/teacher groups to redefine traditional roles. But the work ahead will best be achieved when all citizens see the schools as reflections of themselves. Just as teamwork is the trademark of

tomorrow's workforce, so must it become the hallmark of today's schools. Interested in helping? Call me on the hotline, 623-5454, e-mail me at robertag@clarkston.k12.mi.us or call the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. (The Chamber is putting together a database of talented citizens who are interested in volunteering at our schools).

Yes, schools across the United States are being called on to dramatically change the academic odds for millions of children. It is the right thing to do and will affect the fabric of our society in positive ways. But victory depends upon our ability to recognize the complexities, our willingness to spend more time teaching and less time testing, and our commitment to use meaningful data instead of box scores.



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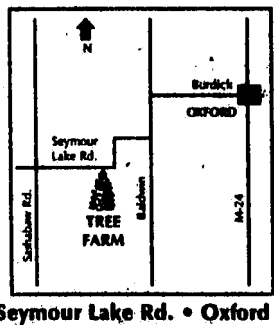
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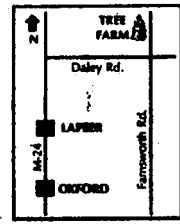
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# Santa investigation turns sour, childhood memory a deception

Everything made sense to me when I was four. You may think, "Wow, he must be pretty smart if everything made sense to him when he was four!" but just wait, I haven't gotten to what made sense to me way back in yesteryear, when kids were kids and we had to walk to preschool and back uphill, barefoot and shirtless whether it was snowing or not.

When I was four, it was simple: Everything existed because your parents, your babysitter, or your preschool teacher told you (right after she hit you with her special spiny death paddle... 'you little 'uns today are living in the plush lap o' luxury compared to us old-timers') it existed.

A Fat Man with a huge sack of toys that never ran out of presents flew to your house every Christmas on a Boeing reindeer jet, then proceeded to squeeze down your chimney (even if you didn't have a chimney; wow, Kris Kringle has a gift) and deposit said presents under your tree, and what reasoning did you need? Mommy said so. So it is written, so it is done.

So was the world, until I hit five or six. My link to the outside was always right, but there were some things that were iffy. Thus, questions are asked.

"Dad, what happens to the kids who don't have chimneys?"

"The Fat Man with the huge sack of toys that never runs out of presents who flies to our house, via sleigh pulled by flying reindeer, makes his own chimney to squeeze down, and that's how everyone gets presents on Christmas. Only if you're good and don't



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set the tree on fire, of course."

And a problem arose in my mind.

Plus the problem remained: what of those who lived in lower level apartments? Did the Fat Man crawl through the vents? With a sack full of presents that never ran out, no less? It was logical to think, "Well, if he can make presents appear out of thin air and make reindeer fly, why not make a chimney as well? Obviously he must have some sort of power I can't explain, and Mom and Dad told me so, so it must be right."

Then, at church, the minister said something about the church buying presents for children in need. So I thought, "Where's the Fat Man? He has a sack full of toys that never runs out of presents!" I wondered if the Big Guy forgot about those poor kids, but that couldn't be: If he could create matter out of thin air and defy the observable laws of gravity, surely he wouldn't miss anyone.

All this didn't make sense, so obviously there was something I wasn't taking into account. My only logical course of action, of course, was to stay up Christmas Eve and see how Santa operated first hand. I then, of course, proceeded to fall asleep around 10 o'clock. A note appeared around the presents the next morning (curiously, in my dad's handwriting), from the Big Guy,

to my sister and I, saying how much he loved the cookies and milk, and how much Donner loved the carrots we put in the mailbox for him.

"How strange," I thought. Mommy, Daddy, and the kindergarten teacher with the stupefying spiny baseball bat of doom wouldn't tell me a fib, would they? They would teach me to never lie, right?

And so, I thought it would be A-O.K. if I waited until next year to stay up late and observe Mr. Kringle in the name of science, so that every kid could understand how our supplier of toys operates.

This even after I found that the object of my affection for the last few years, the one whom I visited at the mall (even though it was a different man each year) and told my most intimate desires, the one whom I had been good for all year so he wouldn't look me over, was actually two people, and they dressed and looked remarkably similar to my parents...

You can imagine my dismay. At first I didn't believe - "Ol' St. Nick must have possessed my parents and bent them to his will!" - but as I ran through everything I knew... it fit into place. All of it.

No one wants to think they are being purposely deceived by people who seem to be so nice. Everyone wants to think that we are better judges than that, and that we are able to discern what is real and what is not. No one asks any questions, partly because we assume that no one would do such a thing as to lie to us, and partly because we still want to believe.

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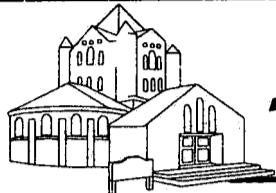
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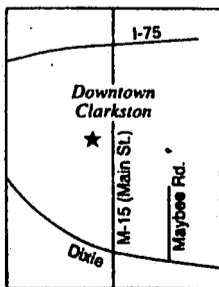
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'... every once in a while, you come across a gem'

# Clarkston area book club delves into reading

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"When I finish reading a good book, the first thing I want to do is talk to someone about it."

Perhaps a passion for reading -- and sharing -- drew Catherine Lobb to establish monthly book meetings in Clarkston over five years ago.

She and other book lovers meet for an hour and a half at Independence Township Library to scrutinize, analyze and ponder over different novels. At the Dec. 2 meeting, F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Great Gatsby" was on the table for discussion.

The novel is set in the roaring '20s in the "nouveau riche" area of New York. The lead character (after which the novel is named), throws lavish parties in an attempt to rekindle an old flame, despite knowing that "old flame" is a married woman.

Each month, the book group is led by a different person. They discuss the author's history, and each person has the opportunity to raise questions. The group also tries to relate the novel's conclusions and inferences to life today.

For example, when talking about whether Fitzgerald's tale is meant to be sarcasm or fantasy, the subject drifted to the pursuit of the American Dream. Comments were made about big business takeovers in small-town life, such as that of Wal-Mart versus family-owned hardware and paint stores.

The women also analyzed each of the characters, and came to the conclusion that Daisy (the main female character) was meant to symbolize women in the 1920s as shallow and owned by men. They also suggested Fitzgerald believed nothing came from riches, except loneliness.

Lobb said often, discussion strays from the novel and into current events. "Oh, yes. We'll say, 'let's get back to this book.'"

"Everyone quite often brings out a different perspective... which makes it fun," she said.

The retired English teacher and Clarkston resident for over 30 years believes books are meant to be discussed in depth.

Lobb finds the book club itself to be an excellent opportunity to spend time with other people in the community. "You kind of get to know your neighbors," she said. "I've met lots of great people."

Another longtime Clarkston resident and former teacher, Betty Wright, encouraged Lobb to start the group and said she hasn't missed a meeting since.

She said being a part of a book discussion group

is a positive experience for all who participate. "Everyone has different experiences in life, and they can put a different spin on things."

"And of course, not everyone likes every book. But every once in a while, you'll come across a gem."

With the popularity of the book club's daytime meetings, an evening discussion group also has been established, and is led by Patience Beer, adult librarian. Both groups are open to anyone, Lobb says.

She encourages men to attend, although the group currently is all women. "And there's no age group," she said.

Many suggestions made for future book discussions come from those in attendance; the range of literature is varied, Lobb said.

"It's from here to there."

At the next meeting of the daytime group, Feb. 3 (there is no January meeting), the book up for discussion is "The Ground Beneath Her Feet" by Salman Rushdie. The book to be discussed at the evening meeting Dec. 14 is "The Robber Bride" by Margaret Atwood.

The daytime group meets the first Thursday of each month, from 10-11:30 a.m. The evening group meets the second Tuesday of each month, from 7:30-9 p.m.

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Catherine Lobb, Clarkston resident, founded a book club discussion group five years ago and says the different perspectives "makes it fun. . . . I've met lots of great people."

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"Every child should be given the opportunity to have a happy holiday season," said Bill Clark, general manager for Coldwell Banker Schweitzer. "With the community's support, we'll be able to provide children in need in the North Oakland County area with a more memorable holiday experience."

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## Teacher takes job, students to heart

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Prior to teaching at CHS, Denstaedt taught fifth and ninth grades, and also coached varsity girls' volleyball for a short time. In total, she's spent 32 years in education.

She attended high school in Rochester and received bachelor and master's degrees at Oakland University. The move to become a teacher is what she calls "a lucky fluke. Options were limited for women."

"But I love teaching. I love developing people. And I love learning."

An example comes from a recent project Denstaedt has become involved with, helping first through third-graders at Pine Knob Elementary write their own short stories. She said the level of creativity is astounding, and the work has "regenerated" her.

"I judge my success by the success of my students. It becomes the personal challenge."

In addition to the college text, Denstaedt also is

working on a screenplay, following a class she took which was taught by a screenwriter for HBO. Denstaedt sees it as a challenge -- and a dream.

"It really is fun, because the characters become real," she said. "If I could have another life, I'd be a screenwriter. Or, I wouldn't mind being a poet."

Like many writers, Denstaedt is inspired by quotations, including this one by nationally-known educator and writer Don Murray: (Picture two workers conversing on a bench.) "The self speaks, the other self listens and considers. The self proposes, the other self considers. The self makes, the other self evaluates. The two selves collaborate."

Denstaedt says a quality teacher must be willing and able to listen -- "be a reflective practitioner. I am a teacher of reading and writing. But I am also a teacher of people."

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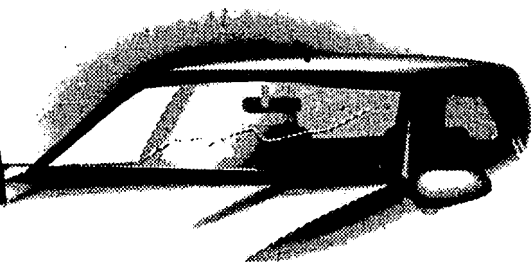
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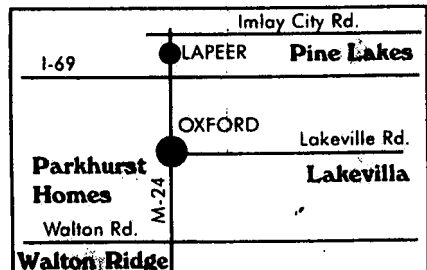
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## Revitalizing Clarkston

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to insist on quality landscaping with genuine materials, historic street lights and underground utilities.

The most frequently heard complaint was the number of real estate offices downtown. While he conceded they do well in Clarkston, he said they were "killing the golden goose." Ideally the real estate businesses would take the initiative to move off Main Street or onto the second floor of buildings on their own. If not, the city should work toward the transformation of the space over time through rezoning, he said.

### Traffic:

Hyatt suggested creating a truck route to save wear and tear on the historic buildings and increase a pedestrian-oriented community. He cautioned against creating a by-pass around the city, saying it would cause the "death of the downtown."

Depot Street should be made a two-way street with detours on the infrequent times that it is impassible because of bad weather.

## Clarkston Creek

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McGee shared some of Wallace's concerns, but also felt the township should negotiate the issue in closed session.

Stuart stressed he wanted the board to vote on the concept only. "Necessary details" could be hashed out later. In response to financial concerns, Stuart said the township would not enter into any contract without strict provisions. "We would not have a deal." He had no comment following the meeting.

Locricchio and land planner Manny Kniahynycky said they weren't discouraged. Locricchio said they would be back at the next board meeting (Dec. 21) or the first meeting in January.

A special meeting could also be set. Township Attorney Gerry Fisher said part of the meeting could be closed for "financial and legal aspects," but an open session would have to take place "for any decision."

"And the debate really has to be in open session. It's a public decision," Fisher said.

### Parking:

Parking spaces should be protected, Hyatt said. He recommended the city lot at Washington and Main streets have only two-hour parking spaces.

The lot on Depot Rd. Should be made more user friendly, said Hyatt. He recommended better lighting and a handrail for people walking up Depot to Main Street. He said the city should also install signs showing where parking lots are located.

He suggested that valet parking be created for evening activities. He also recommended the city look into creating parking ramps in the future for the lots at Washington and Main streets and Depot Road.

### Buildings:

Hyatt recommended a preservation architect be retained for guidance or design assistance for building owners. He suggested business owners be more creative with them as well as window displays to encourage window shopping. He also said building exteriors and interiors should be maintained to the highest quality possible.

### Business development:

Since there is little room for additional businesses, he said businesses should consider expanding their services. He urged the lending community to be included

in all activities relating to revitalization. He recommended businesses advertise as a group and the community develop an aggressive marketing plan. Heritage tourism is the highest growth of tourism today, he said.

The Process Committee, which oversaw the beginning of the revitalization process should evolve into a management team which will direct the implementation of the action agenda, said Hyatt. The community will need to raise about \$35,000 per year to carry the project into the future, he said.

"You have a responsibility as a community to protect what you have. It's not beyond your grasp," Hyatt said.

After the meeting, Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catalo said, "I thought it was great. (This is) the way I felt about most of these things. Everything sounded feasible."

Jack Schubitowski, of Clarkston State Bank, and the administrator of the Process Committee said the committee would be renamed the Downtown Clarkston Partnership, meeting twice a month to continue the implementation of the revitalization program.

The plan will be available to the public in the near future said City Manager Art Pappas. There will probably be a fee for it he said, which would be established at the next city council meeting, December 13.



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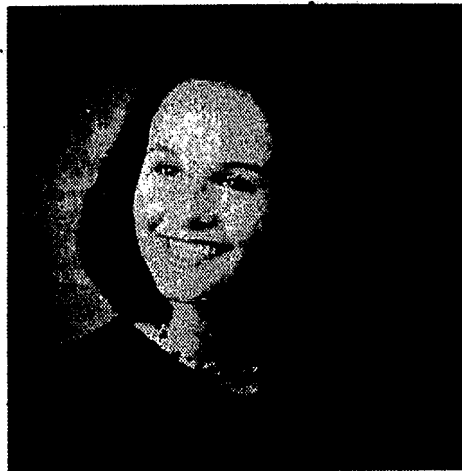
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**Constance Webb**

*Parents:* Chris and Sandy Webb  
*Honors and Activities:* JV and Varsity cheerleading, Band, track, Choralaire, varsity choir, varsity track.  
*College preference:* Undecided.  
*Career Goal:* Undecided  
*Creative and Performing arts:* Singing.



**Lauren Giordano**

*Parents:* John and Paula Giordano  
*Honors and activities:* National Honor Society, Editor of school paper, dance, tutoring, Toys for Tots performance, Encore Dance Scholarship, Blue and Gold Club, Dancing in Carry Nation Festival, dancing in Christmas program at Whiting; assistant dance teacher.

*College preference:* Alma or Hope.

*Career goal:* Career in dance.

*Creative and performing arts:* Lyrical routine.



**Karen Zynda**

*Parents:* Kenneth and Connie Zynda

*Honors and activities:* National Honor Society, track, Marching Band, helper with Junior Grace Church Chapel, Scholar Athlete award, Japanese Club.

*College preference:* University of Michigan.

*Career goal:* Sciences.

*Creative and performing arts:* Trumpet solo.



**Andrea Ronk**

*Parents:* Steve and Anne Ronk  
*Honors and activities:* Student Council, Drama Club, dancer in school musical, student choreographer, Blue and Gold club SADD executive board, STAR, HOBY leadership award, HOBY junior counselor, Pom Pon squad, DAR award winner, class executive board member, volunteer at local hospital, children's programs and health fairs, crisis team.

*College preference:* Point Park College, Western Michigan University or University of Michigan.

*Career goal:* Elementary education and to own and operate her own dance studio.

*Creative and performing arts:* Dance.



**Courtney Bates**

*Parents:* Susan Bates.  
*Honors and activities:* Varsity track, cross country, Marching Band, Concert Band, MIP Marcher, flute section leader, National Honor Society vice president, Interact, freshman girls basketball, AAU, -Chenille Academic Award, OAA two-time Scholar Athlete, honor roll, Japan-American Scholarship winner, foreign exchange student to Japan, Girls State Senator, District Solo Ensemble Division I superior flute solo rating.

*College preference:* Michigan State University.

*Career goal:* International relations.

*Creative and performing arts:* Flute solo.



**Courtni Brewer**

*Parents:* Tim and Liz Wichersham  
*Honors and activities:* Blue and Gold club, Theatre Arts, Yearbook, Spirit Award, UDA all star, NCA Danz Top Gun, NCA Danz All American, soup kitchen, food drive, modeling, life-guard, Pom Pon squad.

*College preference:* Western Michigan University.

*Career goal:* Fashion and broadcasting.

*Creative and performing arts:* Theater arts and dance performance.



**Adrienne Verla**

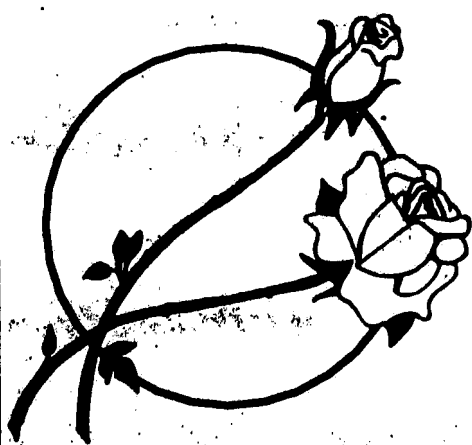
*Parents:* David and Deborah Verla  
*Honors and activities:* Mackinaw, Honor scouts, Marching band, National Honor Society, Drama team at Shepherd Fellowship Church, Girl Scouts, Japanese Club, Wolf Pack pep club, volunteer at Independence Township Library, Who's Who Among American High School Students.

*College Preference:* Undecided.

*Career goal:* Paleontology, communications, journalism, or international relations.

*Creative and performing arts:* singing.

*Congratulations and good luck to the contestants!*



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# Wedding chapel offers eclectic experience

**BY RENEE WIGHTMAN**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Driving past the gray building on Ortonville Road near Oakhill Road, one wouldn't realize people are taking sacred vows within.

But since October, Rosemarie DeBoer has held eight weddings at her own private chapel, just south of Brandon Township in Clarkston. The building, formerly used as an antique auto finishing shop and prior to that, a church, now is owned by DeBoer and her husband, Eugene.

Part of the building consists of the approximate 1,300 square foot chapel, complete with parlour area and private bride's room. Aside from planning weddings, DeBoer also runs a custom interior sewing shop, meanwhile sharing the space with her husband's computer consulting business.

"He always claims, 'My office is getting smaller and smaller,'" she said, laughing.

The DeBoers acquired the building, located at 3994 Ortonville Road, four years ago, and recently became inspired to transform it into the chapel. She even named the chapel after a vow heard at any wedding -- "And I do."

"Seven years ago, I had a wedding in my backyard," she said. "And I think sparks must have come from that."

DeBoer said the job flexibility allows her to travel and spend quality time with her grandchildren. "I've got to be a flexible lady. This gives me my independence."

The parlour area is decorated with silk flower arrangements, gilded mirrors



**Chapel owner Rosemarie DeBoer**

and period furniture. Trips to New York to shop and visit with her mother gave DeBoer an opportunity to add eclectic pieces.

"I'm very creative. I wanted it to be an intimate delight, dripping in elegance," she said. "The real enjoyment of beautiful things comes from using them."

In the chapel itself, several unusual items decorate the room, including a piece from an antique baby crib and hanging lantern fixtures. Simulated pillars are made from long slats of painted wood.

"I think they add a lot of atmosphere," DeBoer said.

The chapel sits 50 comfortably, but can hold up to 70 guests, she said. Taped music is provided, but the bride and groom may bring in music. The couple also may choose live piano music.

DeBoer can arrange for a non-de-



The chapel parlour is decorated with antique furniture, lavish fabrics and has a romantic touch. "I like a conglomerate of pretty things," says DeBoer.

nominal minister to perform the ceremony, but couples may invite their own.

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## Wedding chapel

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very small weddings, the parlour area may be used for a light reception with hors d'oeuvres.

Also, with inclement weather, the bride and her attendants may use a back garage to enter the building. "I try to accommodate everyone," DeBoer said.

Prices for weddings vary from \$175 to \$450 -- "and that \$450 is gonna be the tops," she said.

DeBoer said most of her advertising comes from word of mouth, and feedback from newlyweds has been highly positive.

Marcia McManus, Ortonville resident, said her daughter Sara's wedding at the chapel was "gorgeous."

"I put a wedding together in 24 hours. Rosemarie bent over backwards for me," McManus said. "They asked us what we wanted, not told us what they had."

As an "extra special touch," McManus said DeBoer even contacted her after the wedding. "Other chapels don't do that," she said.

DeBoer has more plans in store for the business. She will open a used furniture shop in the back of the building, and wants to rent the parlour area for afternoon teas.

In the spring, she plans on providing couples with a package option for photography, a limousine service and fresh flowers. She also is in the process of landscaping the grounds outside the chapel, for photo options outdoors.

"There's so much potential here," she said. For more information on how to schedule a wedding or tea, contact DeBoer at 620-6370.



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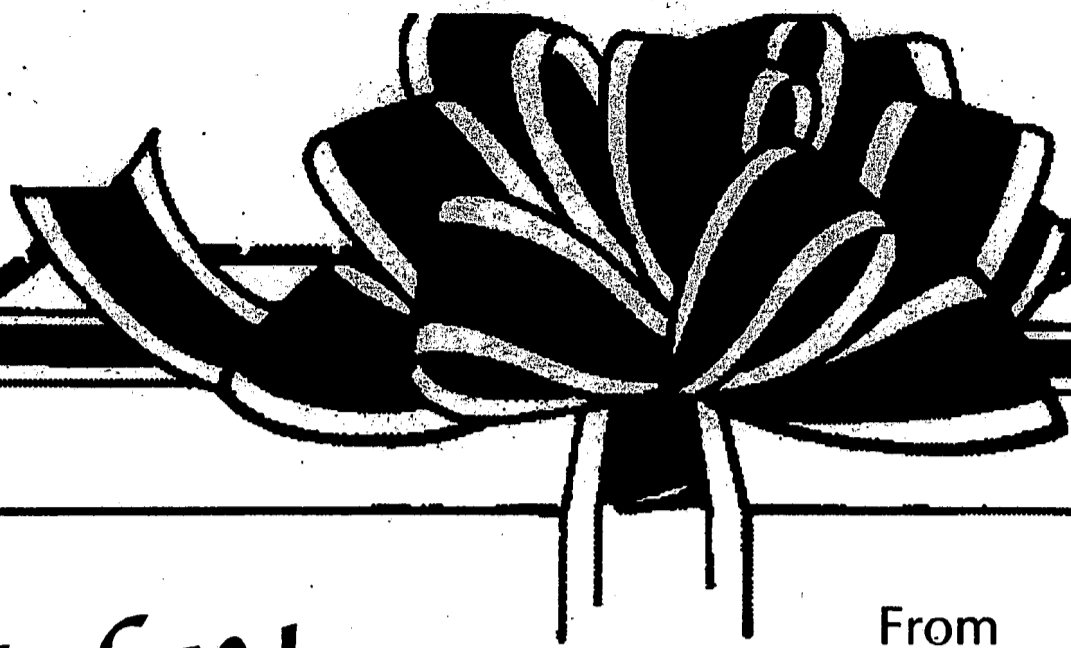
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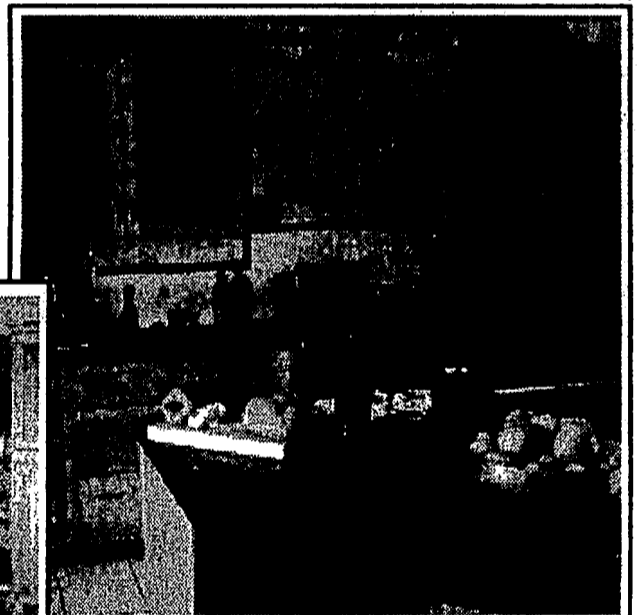
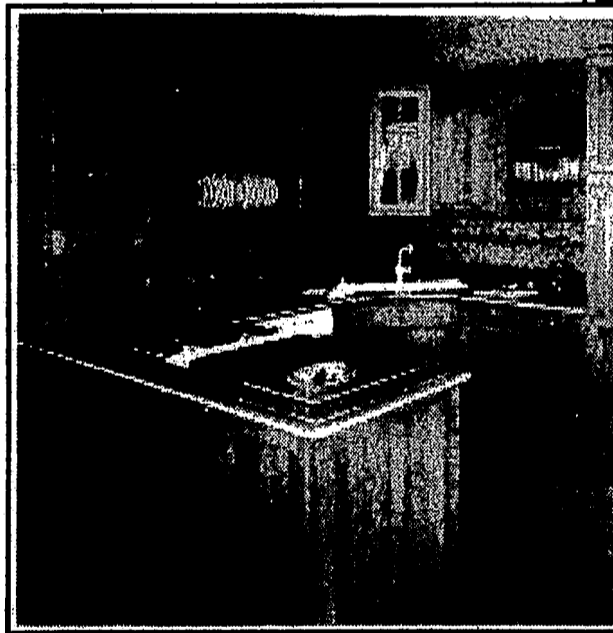
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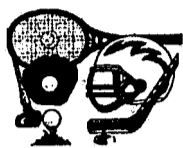
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- ◆ **Hockey**  
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12/13 vs. Birmingham
- ◆ **Wrestling**  
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home basketball games begin around 7:30 p.m.

## Clarkston passes first test

	<b>Clarkston</b>	<b>70</b>
	<b>Oak Park</b>	<b>59</b>

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Sports Editor

It wasn't the easiest way to start a new season, but the hard way still worked.

The Clarkston varsity boys basketball team got a good test from Oak Park but still emerged with a solid 70-59 season-opening win Tuesday night at the CHS gym.

The Wolves (1-0) withstood several runs by the Knights and pulled away

in the second half.

Coach Dan Fife, coming off the most frustrating season of his coaching career, said he was very happy with the team's performance.

"I'm extremely happy with the win," he said. "The kids played hard, and all 12 got in the game in the first half, and I don't ever remember doing that. But we got some great efforts."

The scoring of senior Ryan Marino and the scrappiness of sophomore Mike Blicher were the keys to the win.

Marino was his usual steady self, leading the team with 24 points thanks to a variety of buckets from different spots on the floor.

Blicher made a big splash in his varsity debut, scoring eight, handing out seven assists and playing a quick, aggressive floor game.

"Mike gave us a lift when Ryan (Kaul) was in foul trouble," Fife said. "Last year, we were lost when Ryan was on the bench. Mike is very capable and plays with confidence. He'll be a good player for us."

Clarkston went on an 11-1 run late in the first half that changed a one-point deficit into a nine-point halftime lead.

Senior Rocky Lund played well all around, scoring 10 points with seven boards and four steals. Senior Adam Schapman chipped in with eight.

## Wolves making progress on mat

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Sports Editor

This year's Clarkston wrestling team will take its share of lumps early in the season, but look for a payoff down the road.

Clarkston lost its first two dual meets to two of the best teams in the state - Warren Lincoln and Oxford, but bounced back to finish fourth at the Jenison Invitational on Saturday.

Clarkston has its first league meet of the season Wednesday at Rochester, its last meet before hosting the first day of the Oakland County Meet Dec. 17.

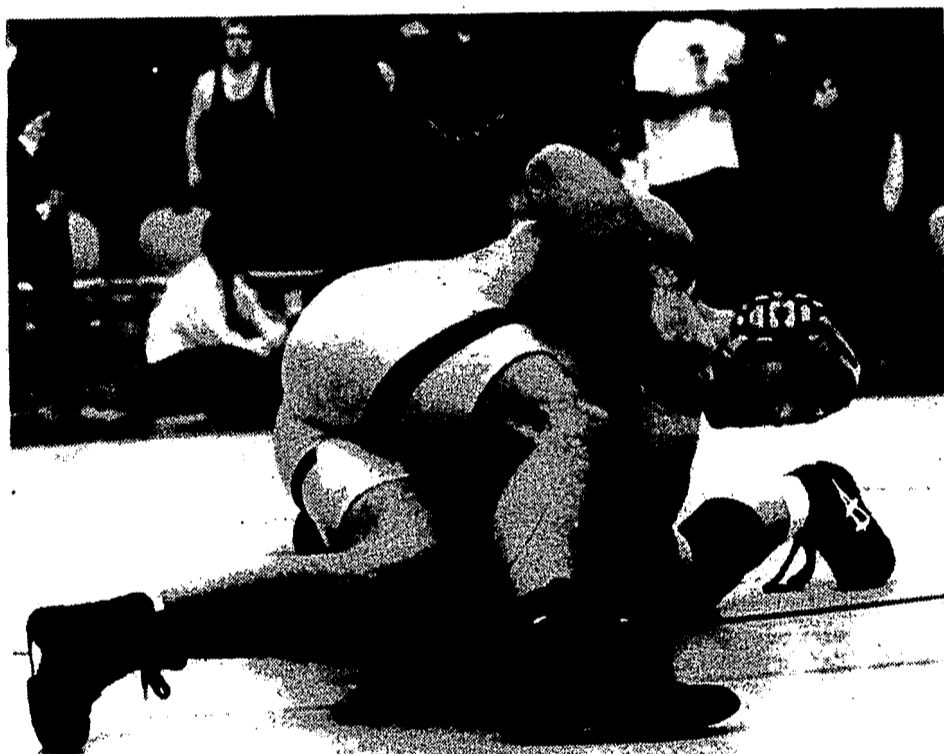
Assistant coach Frank Lafferty said the team is about where he thought it would be, but the young wrestlers are improving every day.

"We've got a young team, but we'll get a lot better as the season goes along," he said. "The guys are working hard and they're doing a good job of learning."

The Wolves took four first places at the Jenison tournament, which was won by the host school.

Seniors Dave Welanko (140) and Pat DeGain (215) finished first, along with freshman Clint DeGain (160) and junior Aaron Carnes (heavyweight). It was the first varsity tournament win for Carnes.

Senior Dave Endreszl wrestled well and finished third at 135. Senior Bret Gove (140) and freshman Nate Parker (130) also took third place.



Senior Pat DeGain dominates another opponent Thursday night.

Against Lincoln, Kevin Jenks recorded his first varsity win, taking an 11-6 decision. Welanko pinned Lincoln's Matt Switzer, and both DeGain boys recorded pinfall victories. Clint DeGain wrestled at 189, nearly 30 pounds over his actual weight, but still won in his varsity debut in just 1:42.

Lincoln and Oxford are considered to be two top contenders for the state Division II title this year. Oxford is ranked fourth in the state, and made the semifinals last season. Lincoln returned three state qualifiers from its team last year.

The "B" team competed at the Ferndale Varsity Invitational and finished sixth overall.

Taking second places were Jenks (189), and Brendan Czarniecki (152). Finishing third were Breton Place (130), Kyle Hester (140) and Shawn Miller (heavyweight). Nothing fourth-place finishes were Billy Williams (103), Jeremy Hertzler (125) and Mike Shadoian (145).

Other teams competing in the tournament included Oak Park, Ferndale, Madison Heights Madison, Madison Heights Lampheré, Macomb Dakota, Royal Oak Dondero and Utica.

# Wolves continue domination of Kettering

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BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
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This is the third year Clarkston and Waterford Kettering have faced off in hockey. All the games have been physical, chippy at times, and hotly contested.

But they've also been one-sided.

The latest matchup in the rivalry was more of the same, as the Wolves dominated the Captains for a 5-1 win Saturday night at Lakeland Arena. The win improves Clarkston to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the OAA Division I.

Clarkston faces a key early-season game with Royal Oak this Saturday at 2:20 p.m., also at Lakeland Arena.

The final score didn't indicate how one-sided the game was. Clarkston outshot Kettering 38-18, and had nearly all the scoring chances in the game.

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier said he was pleased with the consistency the Wolves showed in all three periods.

"I was happy with the effort," he said. "Their goalie made a lot of good saves and kept them in it. We have been trying to get the guys to play with more consistency and tonight, I think they did that better."

Clarkston was led by junior Jon Bemis, who had his first two-goal game of the season against Kettering. Bemis was snakebit the first two games of the season, scoring no goals and hitting five posts with shots. But he's scored three goals in the past two games and appears to be back to his usual sniper self.

"If you don't get the opportunities, that's one thing. But Jon was getting those chances and they weren't going in for him," Krygier said. "I told him to just continue to play disciplined and the chances will come."

Bemis scored a key goal for Clarkston late in the first period. Kettering cut a 2-0 deficit to 2-1 and seemed to be playing with more confidence. But Bemis top-shelfed a shot off a terrific pass by senior Anthony Facione. The goal gave Clarkston a 3-1 lead with 22 seconds left in the first period.

Less than a minute into the second period, Clarkston pulled away. Sophomore Adam Postal scored his fifth goal of the season and second of the game when he slid a shot in off a pass by Bemis. Postal has stepped up his game this season, both offensively and in the physical department.

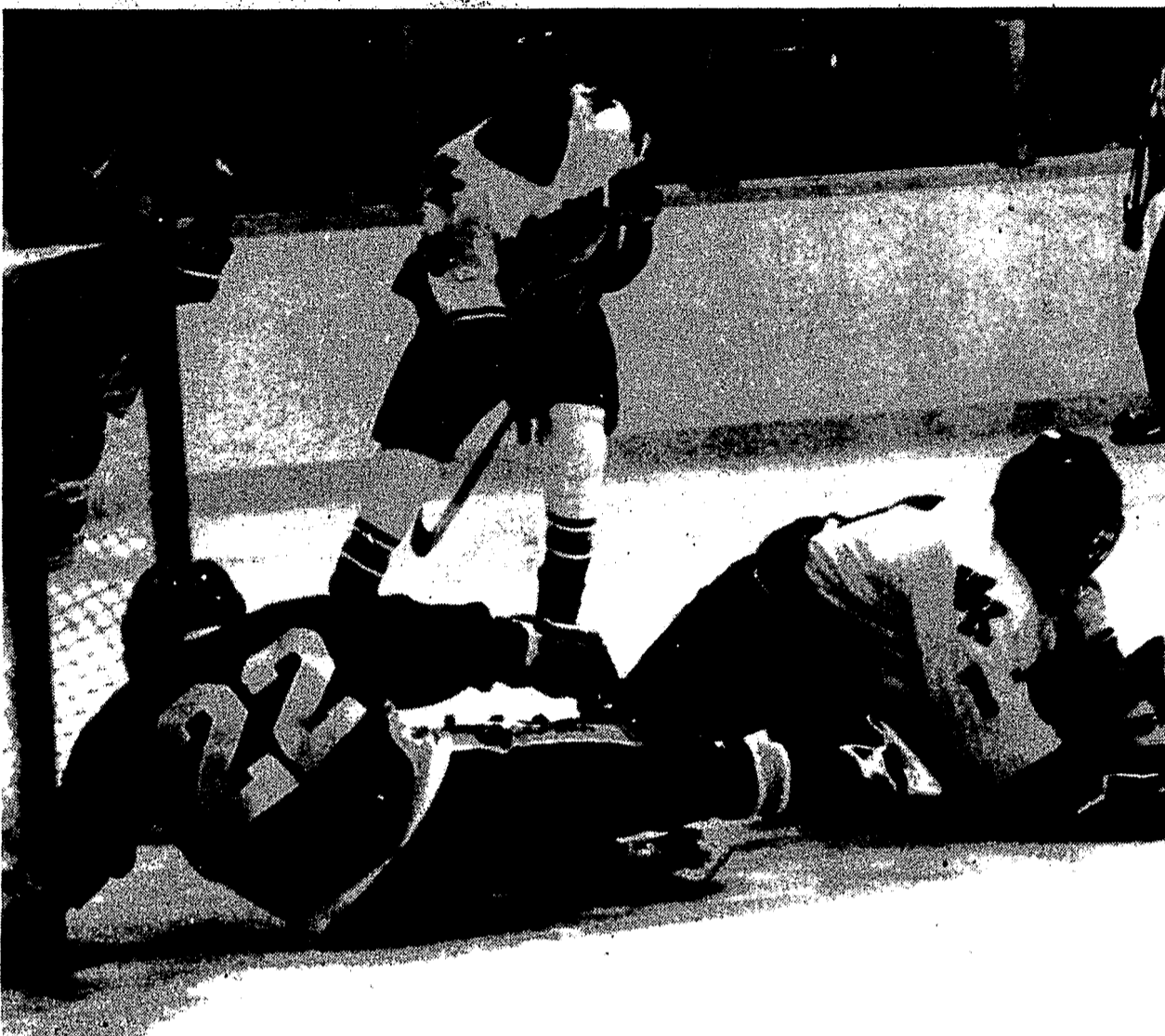
"Adam puts everything on net, and that means every shot has a chance to go in," Krygier said. "He's a kid who works hard and hits. He's going really well for us right now."

Jason Stoecker added the final goal for Clarkston later in the second, assisted by junior Ryan MacKinnon.

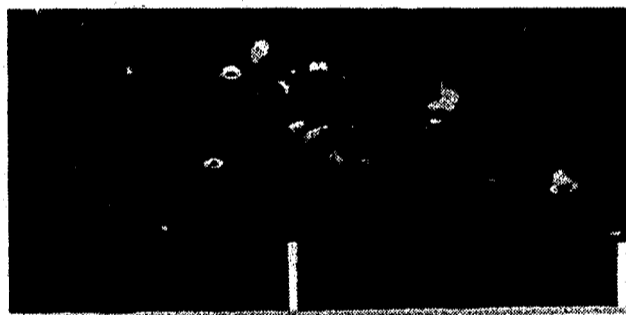
Jordan Conley started his second straight game in goal for Clarkston and recorded his second win. Krygier said Conley plays smart and has improved since last season.

"He covers the puck and gets whistles," Krygier said of Conley. "He's been coming along real well for us."

Clarkston has beaten Kettering in every meeting between the two teams, scoring exactly five goals in each of the past three meetings. Kettering's team is the youngest in its brief history, having graduated 12 players off last year's team.



Junior Ryan MacKinnon crashes into the net during the first period Saturday night.



Before his crash, MacKinnon lets this slapshot rip against Waterford Kettering.

## Cheerleading competition coming up

The Clarkston varsity cheerleading team is getting into the Holiday spirit and is hoping to pick up some awards along the way.

Clarkston will be among 70 cheer teams from the state participating in the Holiday Cheers To You-Cheer for Charity, which takes place Saturday from 9-5 at Macomb Community College, located on 12 Mile Road between Hayes and Schoenherr.

Donations from this year's competition will help terminally ill children through Rainbow Connection and will help purchase a bullet-proof vest for the K-9 Unit of the Michigan State Police.

Other high school teams expected to be at the competition include Lakeland, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott, L'Anse Creuse North, Hazel Park, Clawson, Davison, Bay City Western, Mt. Clemens, Utica Ford II, Romeo, Roseville, Sterling Heights, Sterling Heights Stevenson, Utica, Swartz Creek and West Bloomfield.

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# Volleyball team is the hunted in OAA II

Four starters and an athletic lineup return for defending league champions in 2000

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
Clarkston News Sports Editor

Don't let a look at the roster fool you. This year's Clarkston varsity volleyball team is experienced, hungry, and ready to rock.

Despite only having three seniors, the Wolves will be an athletic, veteran team ready to duplicate last year's success, when they won the OAA Division II championship. The team opens play Saturday with a trip to the Lansing Waverly Invitational. The home opener takes place Monday when Clarkston takes on the Brandon Blackhawks.

Coach Gordie Richardson said he is excited about the team's chances this season and expects big things from it.

"I think we'll be pretty good," he said. "Jennie Winn's mindset was that this team shouldn't be in Division II, and they want to show everyone this year that they belong in Division I."

Clarkston was moved down to Division II before last season because of a 7-17 Division I record in 1997 and 1998. The Wolves didn't take the demotion lightly, ripping through Division II last year with an 11-1 record and winning the program's first league title since the 1995-96 season.

Clarkston has steady senior leadership thanks to Winn, Katie Tripi and three-year veteran Brittani Brewer. Winn will share setting duties with juniors Kristen Falck and Lisa Ferguson and is a vocal leader of the team.

Tripi will be a primarily defensive player, while Brewer will patrol the middle with her six-foot frame.

"Brittani needs to buckle down and play to the very best of her ability," Richardson said. "If she can get focused and take the next step, there's a lot she can do for us."

The Wolves have 11 juniors on their roster this year, but all of them are athletic and can bring a multitude of skills to the team.

"When you look at us on paper, we're a young team," Richardson said. "But we've got some juniors that played quite a bit for us last year and kids who are experienced varsity athletes in other sports."

Leading the junior class are Angela Humphreys and Mary Warchuck, two returning starters from last year. Humphreys was called up to the varsity team for the postseason her freshman year and just gets better and better. Warchuck is a lefthander with good power, always a good combination in a volleyball player. Much of the team's offense will come from these two.

Warchuck and Humphreys both check in at around 5-foot-9, and they are not alone in measuring up in the height department. Lyndsay Vincent was called up from the JV team last year, and at 5-10, has terrific athletic talent.

"Lyndsay has improved tremendously from last year," Richardson said. "She has good quickness and strength and can allow me to move Angela to the outside."



The 1999-2000 Clarkston varsity volleyball team.

Junior Andrea Gower is 6-2 and can dominate in the middle.

Tracey Honey and Lindsay Simko are first-year varsity players, but are no strangers to varsity athletic competition. Both have been varsity softball players for two years and were two of the best all-around players on the JV team last year.

Tricia Brewer didn't see much playing time last year on varsity, but that should change this year.

"Tricia is one of those kids that needs to play her way into some confidence," Richardson said.

Jessica Clavette and Shannon Sedowski are also in their first year at the varsity level. Richardson said the experience they gained in the offseason has helped them.

"They're not ready for the varsity level, but

they're not very far away, either," he said. "They played during the spring and they do all the little things that make a team better."

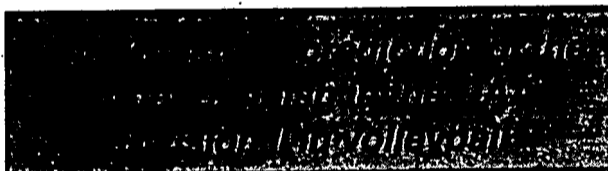
Richardson calls the Wolves the prohibitive favorites in the league, but there will be teams who give Clarkston a run for their money.

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## 1999-2000 CLARKSTON VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 11	Lansing Waverly Inv.
Dec. 13	vs. Brandon
Jan. 4	at Waterford Mott
Jan. 8	at W.L. Central Inv.
Jan. 10	at West Bloomfield
Jan. 13	vs. Rochester
Jan. 15	at Grand Blanc Inv.
Jan. 20	at Ferndale
Jan. 22	Clarkston JV Inv.
Jan. 24	vs. B.H. Lahser
Jan. 27	at Brandon
Jan. 29	Clarkston Varsity Inv.
Jan. 31	vs. Waterford Mott
Feb. 5	at Garber Inv.
Feb. 7	vs. West Bloomfield
Feb. 10	at Rochester
Feb. 12	Clarkston Freshman Inv.
Feb. 17	vs. Ferndale
Feb. 21	at B.H. Lahser
Feb. 26	at OAA Meet

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- 2 - Rochester
- 3 - Ferndale
- 4 - West Bloomfield
- 5 - Bloomfield Hills Lahser
- 6 - Waterford Mott
- 7 - Brandon

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# Champions outside of the city

In this space, I usually am saluting athletes from Clarkston for their hard work, determination, and eventually, success.

We're doing the same thing this week, only with a twist. Over the past couple weekends, more champions have been crowned from Clarkston, although trophies won't be displayed in the CHS hallways.

■ A hearty congratulations go out to **Rod Hool**, an assistant coach with the Detroit Country Day football team, who won an exciting 39-32 championship game on Nov. 27. The Yellow Jackets won the title without the services of its starting quarterback. The best part of the victory? Now Rod can grow back that beard for which he is semi-famous.

■ More cheers go out to former Clarkston basketball standout **Lori Wild**, who was a key member of Utica's team that won the Class A state title in Mount Pleasant last weekend.

Lori was a fun player to watch and to talk to. She was a starter on Clarkston's 1997 team that won the OAA Division I title as a sophomore, and the considerable athletic ability she has was apparent then.

The circumstances of Lori's departure from Clarkston were unfortunate, but I'm happy for her to see that everything has worked out. She is a delightful girl, and deserves every spoil that comes with winning a state championship.

Lori had 14 points and 13 rebounds in the state final win over Lansing Everett. In the postgame press conference, Lori credited much of her success to Clarkston coach **Ann Lowney**. A nice touch of class by Lori. When you get to the top, always remember the people that helped to get you there.

### In The Penalty Box



with Brad Monastiere

■ Even though no one from the area will see this, I'd like to congratulate the Columbine High School varsity football team for winning the state championship last weekend.

Less than a year after the shocking massacre on the campus, which claimed lineman Matt Kechter as one of the victims, Columbine came together to have a 12-1 season and win the 5A title 21-14.

Fittingly, Columbine rallied from a seven-point deficit in the final to win. The title won't bring back those killed, but it sure helps in the healing.

■ It's starting to look a lot like 1991 around the Pontiac Silverdome.

How else can you explain the charmed existence the boys in Honolulu Blue and Silver has led this season?

In a season full of impressive wins, the Detroit Lions raised the bar with a 33-17 win over Washington Sunday. The win improves the Lions to 8-4, the first time they have had that record after 12 games since 1991.

That team had to overcome a ton of injuries and bad fortune, just as this team has. I heard TV talking heads say the Lions season was over before it got started when **Barry Sanders** (remember him?) bolted the eve of training camp. In 1991, the Lions lost **Mike Uteley** to a terrible injury that ended his career.

In 1991, the Lions were 6-2 when starting QB **Rodney Peete** went down with an injury. Backup QB **Erik Kramer** stepped in, and after losing two in a row, the team won six straight to end the season. This year, **Charlie Batch** was injured after leading to team to a 6-2 start. Since then, backup Gus Frerotte lost the first two games he started, but has bounced back to lead the team to consecutive wins.

Will the Lions finish 12-4? Not likely. But a home playoff game seems assured, and with the confidence these guys are playing with, who am I to say that the ride won't end anytime soon?

# Wasilk tearing up the hardwood for Aquinas

Tim Wasilk, a 1996 Clarkston High School graduate and junior guard for the Aquinas College basketball team, keeps racking up the honors in his first year with the Saints.

Wasilk was named the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Week for Nov. 21-27. He led the Saints to a 1-1 record and averaged 21 points, four rebounds, 3.5 assists and 3.5 steals per game in the two games.

Wasilk was the leading scorer for Aquinas with 29 points in the team's 90-82 win over Hope College in the first game of the Old Kent Classic at Grand Rapids' VanAndel Arena. He scored 13 and had six rebounds in the team's championship game loss to Calvin, 89-66. He was also named to the All-Tournament Team for his performance.

# Volleyball team ready to go

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"West Bloomfield has Heather Robbins, who is a very good athlete, but will there be enough other people to make the team good?" Richardson said. "Jan Bowden is back coaching Rochester, and I know the parents are very happy with her there. Bloomfield Hills Lahser gave us a tough time last year also."

Clarkston lost to Fenton in districts last year, but there is no way that will happen again this year. That's because Fenton was moved down to Class B and won't be in the same state tournament division as Clarkston. The Wolves will travel to Holly for districts this year, where they will compete against Swartz Creek, Holly, Lapeer East, Lapeer West and Grand Blanc. Clarkston and Grand Blanc figure to battle it out for the district title, just like the two schools did in football, where Richardson was an assistant coach.

Good news for women  
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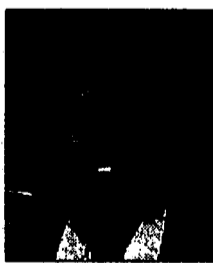
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# Obituaries

## Charles E. Fletcher

Charles E. Fletcher entered into rest Nov. 25, 1999. He was born June 17, 1926 in Canton, Ohio.

Mr. Fletcher was a veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army. He also was a member of Phi Beta Phi fraternity and a shiner, and was a graduate of Kent State University.

He was the devoted husband of Jean Hassink Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher also was survived by his daughter Katharyn Fletcher, and son Charles II, both of San Jose, Calif.; and son John of Roselle, Ill.

Mr. Fletcher was a resident of San Jose since 1980, and a former resident of Clarkston.

Arrangements were made by the Neptune Society of California. The family requests donations in his memory to The Hospice of the Valley, 1150 S. Bascom Ave., San Jose, CA 95128.

## Geraldine F. "Gerry" Steinhelper, R.N.

Geraldine F. "Gerry" Steinhelper, R.N., of Pontiac, entered eternal life Nov. 30, 1999. She was 89.

Mrs. Steinhelper was the beloved mother of Judy (Jim) Montiegel, Jerry (Pat), Chuck (Sharon), Richard, Lynn and Elaine (Dennis) Brophy. She will be sadly missed by 19 adoring grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard "Dutch" and seven sisters.

Mrs. Steinhelper was a registered nurse for nearly

50 years at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. The family would like to thank the staff and wonderful caregivers at IHS (Greenery) for all they did.

Funeral mass took place Dec. 3 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church in Waterford. Inurnment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Lighthouse North of Clarkston.

## Timothy E. Agar

Timothy E. Agar of Clarkston died Dec. 2, 1999 at age 58.

He was the beloved husband of Suzanne, and dearest father of April (Mark) Szymanski of Clarkston, Timi Agar Barwick (Michael) of Virginia, Peggy Agar (Mark Westlund) of Saginaw and Brad of Clarkston. Mr. Agar also was the grandfather of Cody, Brooke and Paige Barwick, and Markie Szymanski.

Mr. Agar was the loving son of Annette Fisher of Pontiac. He was the brother of Judi Nichols, Robert Agar, Dianne Goff, Roseanne Davenport, Dwane Hight and Gary Agar. He also was survived by his sister-in-law Beverly Combs and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Earl, stepfather Robert Fisher, and sister Melody Fisher Powers.

A Service of Remembrance was Dec. 3 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to United Way of Oakland County.

## William E. O'Roark

William E. O'Roark of Stuart, formerly of Clarkston, died Dec. 4, 1999 after a long illness. He was 74.

He was the husband of Norma, and brother of Vivian Sapsford of Walled Lake. Mr. O'Roark was the brother-in-law of Anita Davison of Gaylord.

Mr. O'Roark was preceded in death by his sons James and Todd.

He retired from Pontiac Motors, and was a life member of VFW, Elks and the Masons. Mr. O'Roark also was a member of the American Legion Post #63 Clarkston for over 51 years.

A memorial graveside service will be held at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston. Local arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice at Martin and St. Lucie County, Inc., 2030 S.E. Ocean Blvd., Stuart, FL 34996.

## LaVern "Vern" Bolton

LaVern "Vern" Bolton of Waterford died Dec. 5, 1999 at age 72.

He was the brother of Harold Bolton of Clarkston and Rosa (John) Rupp of Davisburg. He was survived by several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Bolton was preceded in death by his wife Lois; his brothers Carl, Earl and Louis; and his sisters Ruth, Gladys and Lillian.

He retired as a supervisor from the service department at Sears.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Dec. 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
On Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library, located at 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees will hold public hearings on the Applications by Norlight Telecommunications, Inc. for Disruption and Use and Occupancy Permits under the Right-of-Way Regulation Ordinance, to install and use underground and aboveground fiber optic cable in the road right-of-way from the north boundary of the Township south along M-15 to east along Waldon Road to the east boundary of the Township. The applications are on file with the Township Clerk's Office and may be inspected during hours said offices are open for business.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a public hearing on the above referenced application for a special accommodation use shall be held at the Independence Township Library (Meeting Room), 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan, on the 16th day of December, 1999, at 8:30 o'clock A.M.  
In accordance with the Township Zoning Ordinance, the hearing shall be conducted by the Township Supervisor. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Supervisor shall forward his recommendation, along with a record of the hearing, to the Township Board for final determination.  
The public hearing shall proceed as follows:  
1. All Exhibits to be offered on behalf of the Applicant shall be marked.  
2. Opening remarks shall be offered on behalf of the Applicant, outlining each of the points intended to be demonstrated, and briefly indicating the person(s) who will offer testimony and/or evidence in support of each of the points.

- Any stipulations or agreements reached between the Applicant and the Township Attorney shall be presented, with the view of achieving an efficient hearing.
- Presentation on behalf of the Applicant with regard to all requirements and standards to be demonstrated and addressed for the approval of a special accommodation use, as provided by the Zoning Ordinance.
- Members of the public shall be heard.
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- On the established date and time for the continued hearing, Township representatives shall make a presentation, following which the hearing shall be deemed to be concluded, subject to the Township Supervisor being authorized to allow further presentation on behalf of the Applicant, limited to responding to one or more of the matters addressed in the presentation made by Township representatives.
- Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Township Supervisor shall make a written recommendation to the Township Board, which shall include a recommendation on the following:
  - Whether to approve or deny the application.
  - If a special accommodation use is recommended for approval, the specific use shall be described in detail, including any conditions to be imposed.
  - If a special accommodation use is recommended for denial, the reasons for such recommendation shall be specified.
- The Supervisor's recommendation, along with the record of the hearing shall be forwarded to the Township Board for final decision.

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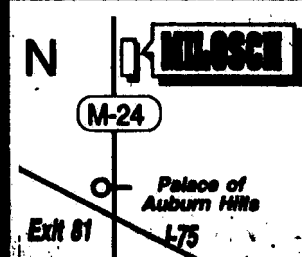
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**Sunday, Dec. 5,** owners of a Sashabaw party store reported two juveniles took a bottle of beer and fled the store.

Family trouble on Waterford Mill Terrace and Edgewood.

A Longview resident said someone apparently tried to break in to his home. He found a basement window broken and glass scattered on the ground.

Larceny of a cellphone and \$33 cash from two unlocked cars in a White Lake resident's garage. The resident was unsure if the garage door was locked.

**Saturday, Dec. 4,** felony assault complaint at a Dixie restaurant/bar. A 32-year-old man from Forest Park, Illinois said he was struck with a beer bottle by an unknown man with short hair. He suffered cuts to his head and face after an alleged fight broke out. He was treated by Independence Township firefighters and released.

Family trouble on Northcrest Village.

Someone removed mail from a mailbox on Woodcrest Ridge and scattered it on neighbors' lawns. The resident said someone also apparently drove around in circles on the front lawn.

**Friday, Dec. 3,** car-deer accident on M-15.

Larceny of an amplifier, 80 CDs and two speakers from a car parked in a driveway on Mann. Damage was done to the door lock.

**Thursday, Dec. 2,** larceny of two packs of cigarettes from a Dixie grocery store. An employee saw a 38-year-old woman take them without paying, and then attempt to put them back on the shelf

without him seeing her. She said she didn't know why she put them in her coat.

Larceny of three finish haulers from a unlocked truck on Foster.

Fraud on Pine Knob. A resident said someone apparently obtained his credit card and made three charges totalling over \$192. He also called a phone company and found someone was about to make an electric withdrawal to cover a \$1000 phone bill. He was credited the money and cancelled the withdrawal.

Home invasion on Dartmouth. A Sony color TV was taken from a living room, and eight video tapes were removed and piled on the floor. The front door jam was cracked open and splintered, and there was a large dent near the door handle.

**Wednesday, Dec. 1,** suspicious circumstances on Hadley Hill. A man waiting to pick up his son at a bus stop was counseled on how he responded to a question asked by a 12-year-old boy.

Three mail boxes were damaged on KayLynn. Mail tampering on Southampton. Mail was removed from a mailbox and found in a nearby field.

A 34-year-old Durand man was stopped for driving with expired plates on Dixie. He was found to have a suspended driver's license with several driving with license suspended convictions. He was also arrested on a Friend of the Court warrant from Wayne County, and taken to Oakland County Jail.

Larceny of three power tools from a garage on Longhurst.

Three boys, ages 13-16 from Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston High School, were picked up on

Church for possession of and intent to deliver marijuana to fellow students. They were released to their parents, with charges pending in Probate Court.

**Tuesday, Nov. 30,** residents on Lancaster Hill said their niece left and took their 1994 green Chrysler without permission. They said their niece, 17, was from New York and planned to enroll at CHS.

A cellphone was reported lost at a Sashabaw gas station. The complainant said he put it on top of his vehicle and drove off after filling his car with gas.

Someone attempted to pry open a vending machine at Bay Court Park on Andersonville.

Larceny of construction equipment on Pine Knob.

Four new vehicles were found with punctured tires, and some were scratched, at a Dixie car dealership.

A 20-year-old man was charged with retail fraud after he tried to exchange a can of baby formula at a Dixie grocery without the receipt. A store manager said he would exchange it for him, but the man did it himself, saying he wouldn't have done that if the manager had shown him the return policy. The man said he was ridiculed and attacked with a plastic knife by the manager and store employees when he tried to leave.

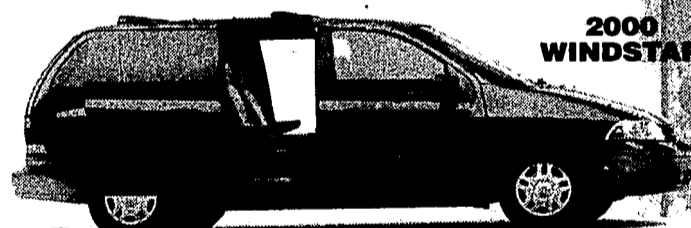
A 65-year-old Pontiac woman reported a lost purse at Deer Lake Athletic Club on White Lake.

A Glenalda resident reported a car window broken while his vehicle was parked in the driveway.

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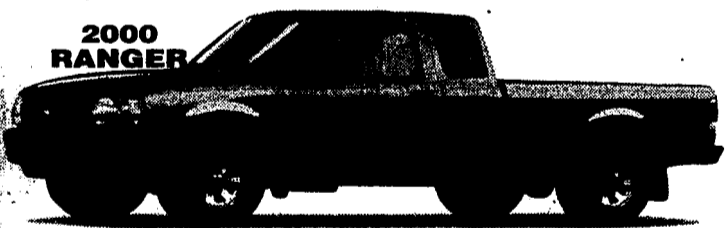


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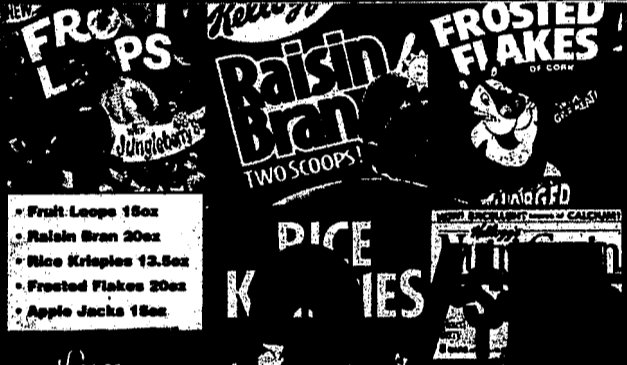
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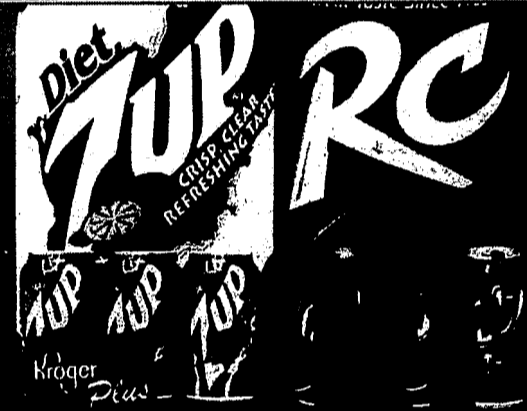
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# A Tribute to Champions



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Wednesday, December 8, 1999  
Section CW 8 pages

## Memories of an unforgettable season

It all began on a hot and muggy Friday night at Waterford Kettering.

Remember how much we sweat, just standing there watching? The early-evening sun was giving us one last reminder of summer.

It all ended on a gray, cool, misty day at Port Huron. The gray skies were a foreboding reminder that winter was on the way.

But inbetween - wow, what a season.

The 1999 Clarkston varsity football team staked its claim as the best

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in school history, finishing with an 11-2 record and advancing to the state semifinals for the first time.

This team seemed to top itself every week. Starting with the shutout at Kettering, the routs of Rochester Adams and Troy Athens, the gutsy wins against Lake Orion and Rochester.

And of course, who could forget the amazing playoff run? Starting with another rout of Adams, where the team got off to a 21-0 lead before half the crowd filed in.

Has there been a better team effort than the one the Wolves showed in the Grand Blanc game? The offense scores 35 points. The defense holds the best running back in the state to 17 second-half yards.

Then, the stakes got higher, and the can-you-top-this theme of the season became even more remarkable. A four-overtime marathon against Macomb Dakota for a trip to the state semifinals where the

team escaped the death of its season a half dozen times.

From that opening kickoff in Waterford to the final highlight video cut Jay Manojlovich and Dave Endreszl made, this has been a season to remember for myself, Clarkston fans, but most importantly the players.

This section is a tribute to those players. A tribute to their extra weight room work when no one was watching. A tribute to a coaching staff who believed in the kids. A tribute to the players on the bench, who finished games with clean uniforms, but hoarse voices. A tribute to the gladiators on the field, who gave everything they had, then gave just a little more. A tribute to the fans who always outnumbered the opposition in numbers and volume.

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# A season for the ages

*Wolves football team powers way to best season ever*

The Clarkston varsity football team entered the 1999 season with high expectations. A veteran offensive line anchored a team that welcomed a junior class that went undefeated as freshmen and sophomores. A preseason coaches poll pinned the Wolves as the favorites, and they didn't disappoint.

Here is a game-by-game review of the 1999 season, starting with the sweltering season opener in Waterford in August to the damp, chilly state semifinal game in Port Huron.

## Clarkston 36 Waterford Kettering 0 August 27, 1999

The Wolves open their season with a resounding win over the team favored to win the OAA Division II.

Clarkston thoroughly dominated the Waterford Kettering Captains 36-0, its biggest season-opening win ever.

Offensive execution was the key to the victory. Senior RB Chris Mitchell was efficient on the ground, rushing for 114 yards on 20 carries, and junior RB Rob Conley ran for 66 yards on nine carries.

Junior QB Ryan Kaul, making his first varsity start, completed 5-of-6 passes for 108 yards and a touchdown. He was helped by excellent protection from Clarkston's vaunted offensive line and a team that played mistake-free football.

"We had no turnovers and two penalties," said coach Kurt Richardson. "We were pretty good for a first game."

Clarkston's first drive of the season was a methodical 12-play, 62-yard drive that Mitchell capped with a one-yard scoring plunge.

Two plays later, the defense came up with the first big play of the game when Adam Schapman picked off a pass that led to Kaul's first touchdown pass, to senior TE Andy North.

The backbreaking play occurred late in the first half when Kaul lofted a high-arcing pass to senior WR Steve Schornak for a 71-yard touchdown that sent Clarkston into the locker room with a 20-0 lead.

"We came out ready to play and we had the intensity right from the start," said four-year senior Bubba Clement. "Getting the shutout was just awesome."



Photo by Ben Hoy

Junior Rob Conley, who will be a key player on next year's team, busts through the hole.

## Clarkston 19 Rochester 7 September 3, 1999

Clarkston got a stern early-season test from a good team, but passed with flying colors in a well-deserved 19-7 win over the Rochester Falcons.

In the team's home opener, Clarkston shut down Rochester defensively, holding hyped tailback Ed Hillery to just 54 yards rushing in the game. Last week against Berkley, Hillery ran for 183 yards and two touchdowns.

"We threw a lot of blitzes at them and our defensive line was in their backfield all day long," said senior LB Jeremy Williams.

Seventeen of Hillery's 54 yards came on the last play of the game, essentially garbage time.

"We worked on tackling all week," Richardson said. "Luckily, (Hillary) never got into a one-on-one situation with our defensive backs."

Although the Wolves didn't light up the scoreboard like they did against Kettering, their three scoring offensive drives were textbook.

Clarkston pounded at Rochester, mostly with Mitchell, who rushed for 141 yards on 32 carries. He sprinted through the Falcon secondary for a 37-yard score with 10:24 left in the second quarter putting the Wolves ahead 13-0.

Clarkston opened the second half with an outstanding drive, stringing together 15 plays that cov-

ered 76 yards. The backbreaker was capped by a quarterback sneak by Kaul.

"That was the drive that won the game for us," Richardson said.

Every part of the defensive unit helped the Wolves get the win. Jon Robinson, Ian Ramsey and North all sacked Rochester QB Chris Potts in the second half, while junior Cody Senkyr led the team with five tackles and two assists.

## Clarkston 42 Troy Athens 14 September 10, 1999

The Wolves played a balanced game in whipping the Troy Athens Red Hawks 42-14 at the CHS field. It marked the third time in the past four years Clarkston has rolled up at least 42 points against Athens.

Richardson, who as a coach is supposed to critique his team on each play, didn't find much wrong with the first half where the Wolves sprinted out to a 28-0 lead.

"I don't think we can play much better than we did," he said. "We played a great first half. Offensively and defensively, we didn't make many mistakes."

Mitchell got Clarkston out of an uncomfortable spot with a career-high 91-yard run. The run took Clarkston from its own 2-yard-line to Athens' 9-yard-line. He later scored to put Clarkston ahead 14-0 late.

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## Wolves' march through season leads to playoff run

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in the first.

"That run was a key," Richardson said.

Mitchell set a new career high with 196 yards rushing. Conley also had his best day on the ground, producing 107 yards and two touchdowns on just eight carries, good for 13.4 yards per carry.

### Clarkston 21 Brandon 0 September 17, 1999

The Wolves weren't very sharp in this OAA crossover contest, but thanks to the defense, they didn't have to be.

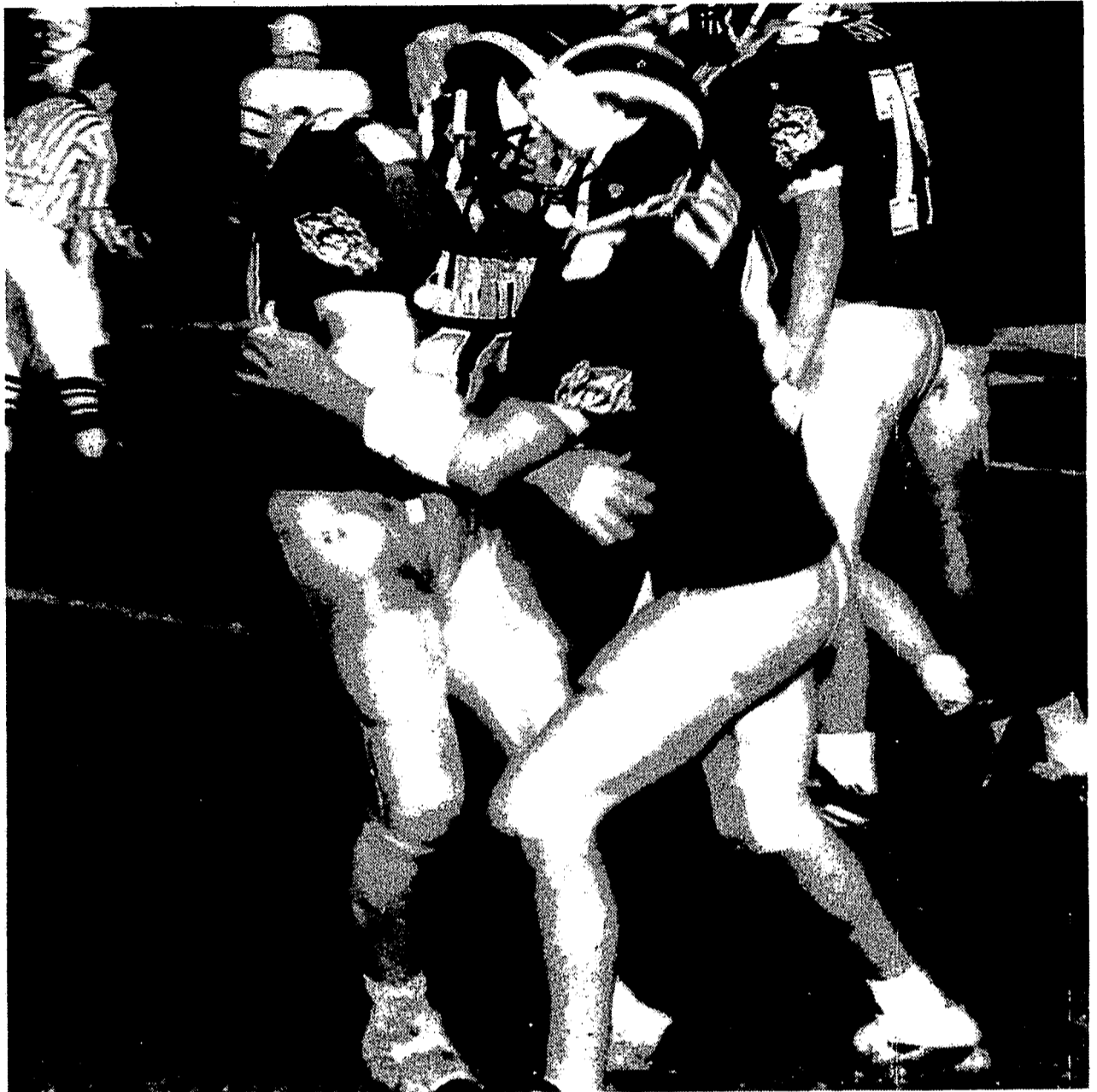
Clarkston recovered from a sleepy first half to polish off the Brandon Blackhawks 21-0 in Clarkston's first trip up M-15 in seven years.

Penalties negated several big plays by the Wolves, who opened their new field with a resounding 55-28 win over Brandon last year.

"We were not focused and weren't disciplined," Richardson said. "We had a terrible week of practice and it showed. I think the guys took Brandon for granted."

The defense played up to par, recording its second shutout of the young season. The unit has allowed just 21 points all season.

Brandon runs the wing-T offense, lining up three backs in the backfield and having the quarterback fake to all of them. It's an offense predicated upon decep-



Ryan Kaul and Chris Mitchell celebrate a touchdown in the playoff win over Adams Oct. 29.

tion, but the Wolves stuffed the Blackhawks all night.

Senior FB Chad Booker had his best game of the season, rumbling for 86 yards and a touchdown. His blocking helped Mitchell rush for 127 yards.

### Clarkston 17 Pontiac Northern 12 September 24, 1999

Last year's matchup with Pontiac Northern was a classic as the Wolves drove 89 yards in the last 93 seconds of the game to win 13-12.

This year's game wasn't as dramatic, but nearly as close as Clarkston slugged out a 17-12 win over its

biggest basketball rival at the CHS stadium.

The Huskies presented a tough matchup for Clarkston. Northern is opposite of Brandon offensively, using QB Richard Armstrong's speed and arm strength in its passing veer offensive attack.

But the Clarkston defense was once again up to the challenge, preventing the big plays which Northern has thrived on all season.

Clarkston opened the game with a 15-play, 71-yard drive ending with a Kaul touchdown. In addition to the run, Kaul completed 11-of-15 passes for 129 yards, his most prolific passing day of the season.

"Ryan can throw it, and we've got good receivers this year," Richardson said.

The win gives Clarkston its second-straight 5-0 start to a season. In 1998 however, the team lost three of its last four games.

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*"I will always  
remember  
getting pounded  
on by the first 'D'  
in practice. And  
dancing on Lake  
Orion's field after  
we beat them."  
Sr. Dave Welanko*

## Nice Job Wolves!

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**WOLVES TO CHAMPIONS**

## Clarkston has best football season ever

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### Troy 21 Clarkston 14 October 1, 1999

So close, but so far away.

Once again, Clarkston played its arch-rival Troy down to the wire, but once again the Colts were the victors.

Troy has beaten Clarkston three years in a row by a combined nine points, and this one was just as agonizing.

The Colts capitalized on a fumbled punt to score the game-winning touchdown in the final five minutes of the game to get the victory. The Wolves had a chance to tie the game, but a long pass was broken up with less than 10 seconds remaining.

"They made the big plays and we didn't," Richardson said. "We missed plays and turned the ball over, and you can't do that against a team like Troy."

The Wolves appeared to have momentum when they recovered a Troy fumble on its own 2-yard-line. Mitchell powered into the end zone to tie the game 14-14 with 4:22 left in the game. Matt Pearsall stuffed a screen pass on Troy's next possession, setting up the Wolves for a shot at the win.

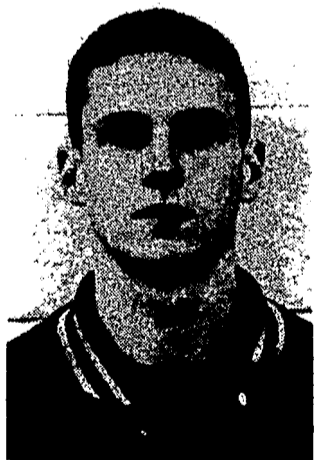
### Clarkston 35 Rochester Adams 14 October 8, 1999

Homecoming 1999

The CHS Homecoming game was a night to enjoy all the spoils of victory.

The Wolves treated the big crowd to a dominating win over the Rochester Adams Highlanders, and clinched a spot in the state playoffs.

Clarkston got off to another terrific start, taking



*"The Grand Blanc game showed a total team effort. We played our best game against one of the best teams."*  
 Sr. Andy North



Photo by Ben Hoy

It took a lot of people to tackle senior TB Chris Mitchell this season.

a 21-0 lead before the Adams bus had a chance to cool off.

The Clarkston defense forced five Highlander turnovers while Kaul sliced up their secondary for 165 yards passing and two touchdowns.

The win also put Clarkston back into first place in the OAA I thanks to Troy's 38-24 loss to Rochester. But greater goals await the Wolves.

"We want to finish 8-1," Kaul said. "And we want a home game for the playoffs. We know we have to finish strong."

Mitchell scored a career-high three touchdowns and rushed for 136 yards.

### Clarkston 31 Berkley 21 October 15, 1999

Clarkston survived a tweener game against the Berkley Bears, penthouse holders in the OAA II.

The Wolves cruised to a 31-21 win over the Bears in a game that wasn't as close as the final score indicated. Berkley scored 14 fourth-quarter points against Clarkston's subs when the Wolves were up 31-7.

Kaul and Schornak hooked up on a 26-yard Hail Mary pass in the waning moments of the first half that broke open a close game. Instead of a three-point half-

time deficit, the Bears went into the locker room down 16-7, and it would only get worse.

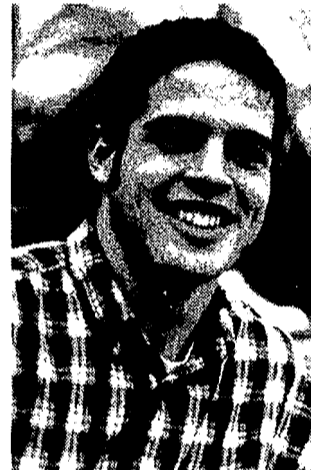
Clarkston pounced on the wounded team in the third quarter, scoring on its first two possessions putting the game away.

Mitchell punished Berkley for his first 200-plus yard rushing game of his career, scampering for 234 on 26 carries. Schornak finished with six receptions for 98 yards and two scores.

### Clarkston 24 Lake Orion 14 October 22, 1999

The wind was bitter, but the win was sweet.

In the coldest game of the season, the Wolves put together a terrific game in defeating rival Lake Orion 24-14 at the new Orion stadium.



*"The Lake Orion game was the turning point in our season. The team came out with enthusiasm and everyone played well.."*  
 Sr. Rocky Lund

With the win, Clarkston earned its first OAA I championship and home playoff game in three years.

This game was a showcase for the offensive line, who helped Mitchell to 226 yards rushing on 39 carries. The blocks the line made allowed Mitchell to rip off 16 carries of five or more yards.

"The big guys just got it done," Richardson said. "We made the plays when we had to make them."

Mitchell's best run came on a draw play on third-and-19 that netted 27 yards. The play caught the excellent Lake Orion defense completely off-guard and was a turning point in the contest.

### Clarkston 34 Rochester Adams 14 October 29, 1999

District Semifinals

The first Clarkston playoff game in three years could not have started any better.

Junior Adam Gebus took the opening kickoff back 97 yards for a touchdown giving Clarkston a 7-0 lead while many fans were finding their seats.

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## Clarkston has best football season ever

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The Wolves capitalized on Adams turnovers to take a 21-0 lead in the first quarter, but the game wasn't over.

The Highlanders responded with a pair of impressive drives to make it a 21-14 game at halftime. Then, the defense stepped up.

Senior Chris Smerka recorded his third sack of the game on a fourth-and-two play that killed a long Adams drive. The play led to a Mitchell touchdown, putting Clarkston ahead 28-14.

"We stopped being so cerebral and started getting more physical," Jeremy Williams said. "We played as a whole and just closed down their offense."

The playoff win was the second in school history, but the team wasn't satisfied with just one.

"This game doesn't matter anymore," Williams said. "There's no last week there's no next week. All that matters is the game in front of you."

## Clarkston 35 Grand Blanc 14 November 5, 1999



The defense had the ultimate challenge in front of it: stop the most explosive tailback in the state.

Consider Reggie Benton stopped. The defense was simply magnificent all game long, and the offense was flawless in the second half as Clarkston earned a district championship with a 35-14 win over the Grand Blanc Bobcats at the CHS stadium.

Benton riddled Lake Orion for 383 yards and five touchdowns last week, but was held to 110 yards and one score against the Wolves. Sixty of those yards came on one play in the second quarter.

"He had to get started to make plays, and we never let him get started," said senior DB Rocky Lund. "We don't have one great player like they do. We have a squad, made up of a great offensive line and a bunch of good players at every position."

The defense held Benton to six carries and 17 yards in the second half. The offense did its part to keep him off the field, scoring touchdowns on three drives that totaled 43 plays and 223 yards.

"Our offensive line did a great job, and coach (Mike) Stefanski called a great game," Richardson said. "The kids just did a great job."

Kaul was terrific in the second half, completing a key third-down pass to Gebus for 42 yards, then hitting Schornak on a perfect fade pass that gave Clarkston a 28-14 lead.

The Wolves set a school record for most wins in a season (10) and most playoff wins (two) with the victory. Mitchell outplayed Benton, rushing for 176 yards on 38 carries.

## Clarkston 57 Macomb Dakota 56 November 12, 1999

They could play football another 25 years and never see a game like this again.

Every Clarkston player - those who played and those who cheered - were exhausted, but as happy as ever after the Wolves' 57-56, four-overtime victory over Macomb Dakota in the regional finals at the CHS stadium.

Clarkston won the game when Lund threw a two-point conversion to North after lining up for the fourth extra point of overtime. Lund - the kicker - took a pitch from holder Ross Martello and tossed a four-yard pass to North, who rolled out into a pattern into the end zone.

"I just started running and I saw North open," Lund said. "I love North."

This classic game featured seven ties and seven lead changes, including the four overtimes, where the teams alternate possessions until one team stops the other, or makes a two-point conversion.

The game just getting into overtime was remarkable. Dakota mixed the run and the pass and frustrated the Clarkston defense through the first three quarters. With 11 minutes left in the fourth, the Cougars held a 28-14 lead, and there appeared to be little hope for a comeback.

Kaul directed the team on a pair of scoring drives that concluded with a three-yard pass to North with 12 seconds left that tied the game. It was North's third catch of the drive, but not his most important of the game.

"We played the first three quarters like we had been practicing," Richardson said. "We weren't focused. But we sucked it up when we had to. Steve came up with some big catches for us. This is what high school football is all about."

Kaul passed for 168 yards and tossed three scores to three different receivers. Schornak made a career-high eight catches for 82 yards. Mitchell rushed for 166 yards on 32 carries and set a single-season rushing record.



*"When we won the Dakota game, everyone went on the field and just went wild. I still think about how we were down by 14 in the fourth and came back to win it."*

Sr. Jon Robinson

## Utica Eisenhower 14 Clarkston 9 November 20, 1999



Two of the best defenses in the state hooked up, but only one team would make a trip to the Pontiac Silverdome to the state finals.

That team was not Clarkston, as the Wolves saw their terrific season end with a 14-9 loss to the Utica Eisenhower Eagles at Port Huron Memorial Stadium.

The Wolves were plagued by seven turnovers but still had a chance to win the game in the end. Kaul completed two quick passes to Schornak which put Clarkston at Eisenhower's 32-yard-line with 15 seconds to go. But he was sacked on the next play, and Clarkston ran out of time.

"Not turning the ball over and not committing penalties are why we are here," Richardson said. "In the second half, we played our hearts out on defense. I am proud of our guys."

The Eagles scored their two touchdowns on drives that totaled just 51 yards. Clarkston's points came on a fourth-down scoring pass from Kaul to North in the first quarter.

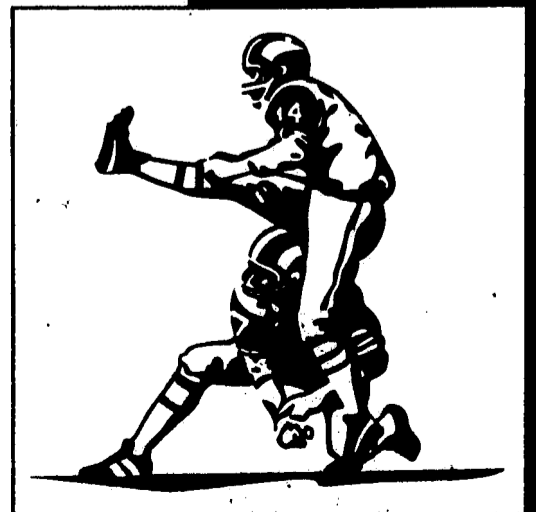


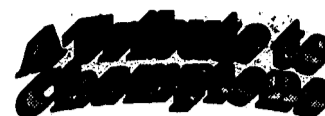
Coach Kurt Richardson stalks the sidelines, while in the background, offensive coordinator Mike Stefanski goes over a play with junior QB Ryan Kaul.

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## 1999 Clarkston football roster

1	Adam Schapman TE/OLB	Sr	51	Jay Manojlovich C	Sr
2	Andy Kleinedler WR/DB	Jr	52	Scott Gordon C	Jr
3	Matt Pearsall DB	Jr	53	Scott Dufort OT	Sr
4	Ian Ramsey OLB/TE	Jr	54	Ryan Lucken N	Sr
5	Ryan Kaul QB/DB	Jr	55	Chris Smerka DT	Sr
6	Jon Chenet LB/FB	Jr	56	Derek Tegler LB	Sr
7	Dave Endreszl DB	Sr	57	John Chesley TE	Jr
8	Rob Conley RB	Jr	58	Erik Wheatley OL	Jr
9	Ryan Briceland WR	Jr	59	Dan Newman LB	Jr
10	Blake Fields RB/DB	Jr	60	Matt Garcia N	Jr
13	Bill Kalush K	Sr	61	Jon Robinson LB/G	Sr
14	Phil Arakkelian K	Sr	62	Ryan Renusch LB	Sr
15	Ben Horstman DB/WR	Jr	63	Ryan Stanton G	Jr
16	Ross Martello QB/DB	Sr	64	Eric Bauer T	Sr
17	Cody Senkyr DB/WR	Jr	70	Bubba Clement OL/DT	Sr
20	Adam Gebus WR/KR	Jr	71	Zach Carr OL	Sr
21	Bryan Endreszl WR/OLB	Jr	72	Rudy Kellersohn OL	Jr
22	Erik Kennerson WR	Sr	73	Chris Jaroneski OL/DT	Jr
23	Dave Welanko RB/DB	Sr	74	Dustyn Swendsen N	Jr
24	Rocky Lund DB/K	Sr	75	Greg Crosby OL/DT	Sr
25	Andrew Dise DB	Jr	76	Shawn Miller OL	Jr
30	Jerry Brady N	Jr	77	Brian Cross DT	Sr
31	Andy North TE/OLB	Sr	78	Aaron Martin OL	Sr
32	Dave McEvoy OLB	Sr	79	Brent Schermerhorn OL	Sr
33	Derek Sheets LB/FB	Jr	80	Steve Schornak WR	Sr
34	Dan Arnold DB	Jr	81	Gary Strutz WR/DB	Jr
35	Jeremy Williams LB/FB	Sr	82	Kevin Jenks DT	Jr
40	Chris Mitchell TB	Sr	83	Aaron Moehlig WR	Jr
41	Mike Atkinson LB	Jr	84	Aaron Caldwell DB	Jr
42	Mark Carlson OLB	Jr	85	Ryan Baker DB	Jr
43	Derek Casper FB/N	Sr	86	Pat Davis TE	Jr
44	Ramzy Dasuqi LB	Jr	88	Ryan Thomas DB	Sr
45	Nick Beadles FB	Jr	89	Chad Booker FB/DT	Sr
50	Jim Busch OL	Sr	90	Brad Daris DT	Jr

## Clarkston football top 10 finishes

### 1999

1 - Detroit Catholic Central	9-0
2 - Lansing Sexton	9-0
3 - Oxford	9-0
4 - Flint Carman-Ainsworth	9-0
5 - Walled Lake Western	9-0
6 - Adrian	9-0
7 - East Lansing	8-1
8 - Grand Blanc	8-1
9 - Midland	8-1
10 - Clarkston	8-1

### 1996

1 - St. Heights Stevenson	9-0
2 - Westland John Glenn	9-0
3 - Clarkston	9-0
4 - Utica Eisenhower	8-1
5 - Dearborn Fordson	8-1
6 - Battle Creek Central	8-1
7 - Bay City Central	8-1
8 - Lansing Sexton	8-1
9 - Detroit Catholic Central	7-2
10 - Rockford	8-1

### 1994

1 - Belleville	9-0
2 - Utica Ford	9-0
3 - Detroit Cass Tech	9-0
4 - Muskegon	8-1
5 - Warren DeLaSalle	8-1
6 - Howell	8-1
7 - Troy	8-1
8 - St. Heights Stevenson	8-1
9 - Monroe	8-1
10 - Clarkston	8-1

### 1977

1 - Flint Southwestern	9-0
2 - Birmingham Brother Rice	9-0
3 - Plymouth Salem	9-0
4 - St Clair Shores Lakeshore	9-0
5 - Detroit Southwestern	9-0
6 - East Kentwood	9-0
7 - East Lansing	9-0
8 - Saginaw Arthur Hill	8-1
9 - Portage Central	9-0
10 - Clarkston	9-0

## Inside the numbers

0 points scored against Clarkston by Brandon and Waterford Kettering combined; 1 loss by the Wolves in the regular season; 2 points the fake extra point pass was worth thrown by Rocky Lund to Andy North against Macomb Dakota; 3 playoffs games won by the Wolves, a new school record; 3.8 yards per carry Grand Blanc' Reggie Benton averaged against Clarkston; 5 straight games won at the start of the 1998 and 1999 seasons by the Wolves; 10, the team's ranking in Class A at the end of the season; 16, the number of touchdowns Clarkston and Dakota combined for; 97, the yards Adam Gebus' opening kickoff return for touchdown covered in the playoff game against Adams. 113, combined points between Clarkston and Dakota, setting a new state playoff record for combined points; 1,955 yards rushing by Chris Mitchell, a new single-season school record; 10,000, number of estimated fans at the Clarkston-Grand Blanc playoff game Nov. 5.



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## Future seems bright for Clarkston football

*JV program on 18-game  
winning streak, skill  
positions look strong for 2000*

**BY BRAD MONASTIERE**  
Clarkston News Sports Editor

Players and fans will always remember the 1999 season for the great plays, dramatic games, and long run through the playoffs.

Next year could provide more of the same.

The 2000 Clarkston varsity football team certainly has the potential to match the achievements the 1999 team did. But it will take a lot of hard work, commitment and togetherness.

Next year's team could have as many as 37 returning letterwinners, including this year's starting quarterback, two wide receivers and several defensive standouts.

"Next year, we will have to be as close-knit as this year's team was," said junior DB Cody Senkyr. "Our defense is going to be something to contend with."

Senkyr, along with standouts Matt Pearsall and Ian Ramsey, will anchor the defensive unit. Pearsall and Ramsey were terrors at linebacker, making big hits and creating turnovers at key moments for the Wolves this year.

Rounding out a terrific linebacking group will be Ramzy Dasuqi, who missed much of the season with a shoulder injury. He started the first three games of the season and was playing well before he got injured.

The one area Clarkston will lack experience will be along both lines. The offensive line was the strength of the team the past two years, but four starters will graduate from that group - Dream Teamer Bubba Clement, Jon Robinson, Eric Bauer and Brent Schermerhorn. Center Scott Gordon is the only returning starter on the offensive line.

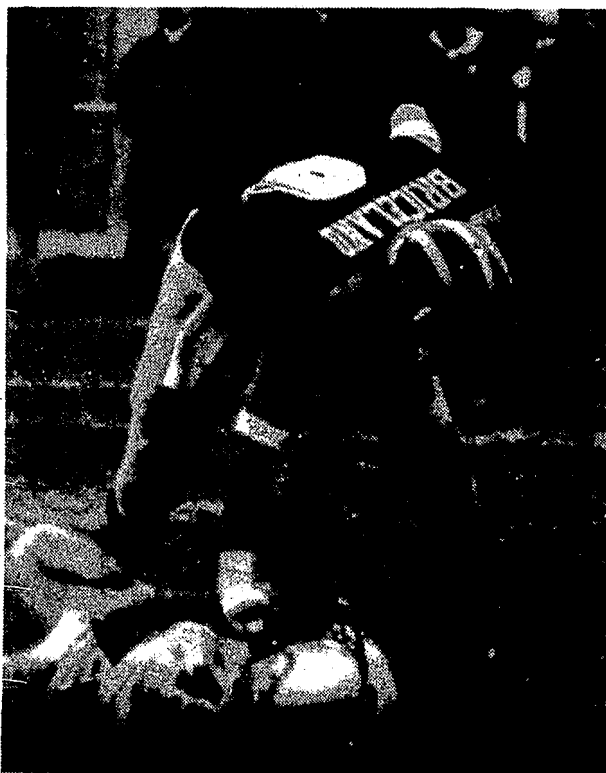


Photo by Ben Hoy

**Junior WR Ryan Briceland will join Adam Gebus to form one of the county's top receiving corps for Clarkston next season.**

"We won't be as strong on the line, but we'll be quick," Senkyr said.

Adam Gebus and Ryan Briceland return at the receiving spot, and both had bright moments this season. Briceland missed much of the season due to injury, but made an impact when he was healthy. Gebus is the team's speed demon, and is an excellent kick returner.

Rob Conley should slide into the starting tailback position after playing with Chris Mitchell this season in the two-back set. Conley is a slasher who will get the tough yards. But he's got a tough act to follow,

after Mitchell set a school record with 1,955 yards rushing in 1999.

Ryan Kaul was solid in his first season as the starting quarterback, and this year's experience should make him even better next year. He had an outstanding touchdown-to-interception ratio and showed the ability to scramble for positive yards.

Other top returnees should include LB Mike Atkinson, FB Nick Beadles, OLB Bryan Endreszl, and DB Dan Arnold.

Look for players like Brian Larson, Ken Coventry, Eric McKnight, Case Bannasch, Kyle Brownell and Matt Mahrle to come up from the JV ranks to have an impact next year on varsity, according to JV coach Doug Colling.

"They will have some big, big shoes to fill, with losing Bubba and Jonny," Colling said. "But I think skill-wise, they will be very good. They will have some speed, and the kids have proven they are winners. But it will be all about replacing the big guys up front."

Next year's senior class will enter the season with a 29-2 high school football record, dating back to its freshman season. That group went 9-0 as freshmen in 1997 and 9-0 on JV in 1998. In addition, the 1999 JV team went 9-0, meaning expectations are sure to be high for the Wolves next season.

"We've got to have guys step up like they did this year," said junior Ben Horstman. "We have to approach the games with the same level of excitement we did this year, and guys will have to work harder in the offseason."

So what advice would this year's senior class give to next year's team? Horstman hit on a major part of it.

"The guys have to stay close in the offseason," said senior DL Chris Smerka. "That makes a big difference, because you all become like one big family. You begin building the relationships with the younger players as soon as the season is over, and show them how to compete."

"Gotta work hard in the offseason," Clement said.



*"Next year I think we'll go pretty far. It's just a matter of every guy on the team working hard."  
Jr. Derek Sheets*

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**Junior QB Ryan Kaul flings the ball over the Utica Eisenhower defense. His passing will be a key factor in the success the Wolves have next season.**



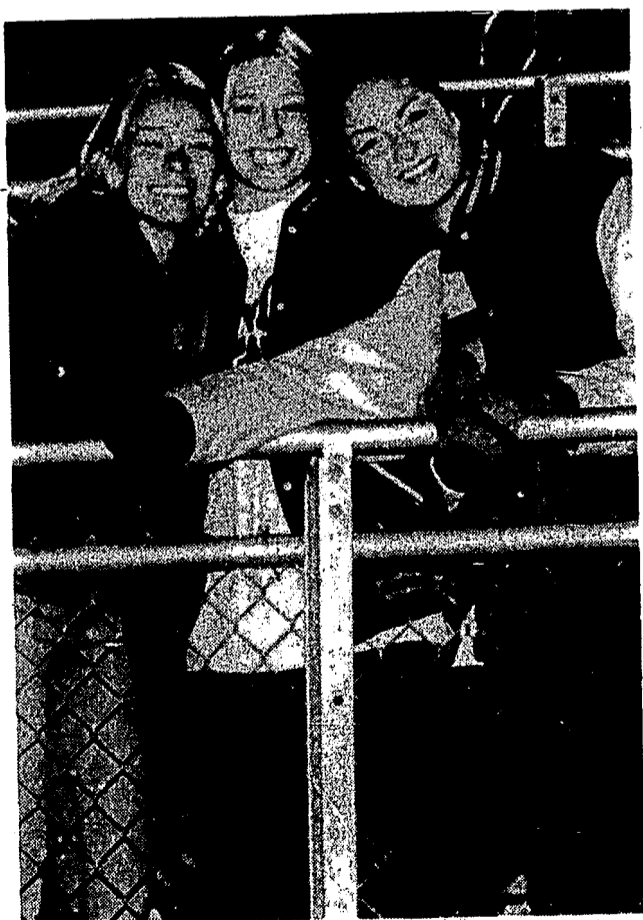
**The Wolf (a.k.a. Kenny Leonard) gets the fans fired up at the state semifinal game.**



**Tailgating means grilling hot dogs, throwing the football in the parking lot and hanging out with friends. These fans were living it up before the Pontiac Northern game Sept. 24.**

A tribute to the

# *Fans*



**The Girlfriends (a.k.a. Becky Knott, Lindsey Prudhomme and Kim Burlough) cheer on the Wolves from their spot in the stands right up front.**



**The fan support was a big part of the Clarkston football success this season. At right, junior Matt Evans gets a boost from Erik Kennerson after Clarkston's win over Macomb Dakota. Below, fans literally spilled out of the stands to watch the Wolves in the state semifinals.**

