

Inside 'Front' page: A drawing of the Three Kings by Clarkston Junior High ninth grader Bob Newman graces the front page of our Dec. 24, 1970 issue. See page 9A.

"There they are . . ."
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'She had a good life, a long life'

Elsa Schwarze, former owner of Rudy's Market, victim of fire

BY MARALEE COOK
Clarkston News Editor

Not only has the Schwarze family lost a beloved family member, they have also lost all records of their memories.

"She lived first for her boys, (Fred and Bob) and she lived for her grandchildren," said Fred's wife, Doreen.

The independent 86-year old, who didn't want to be a burden to anyone, loved living in the family home



Elsa and Rudy Schwarze

overlooking Dollar Lake on Pinehurst. Mrs. Schwarze, who owned Rudy's Quality Market with her late husband Rudy, died tragically in a house fire there early Saturday morning.

Next-door neighbor John Wagar said he first noticed strange popping sounds when he and his wife awoke early Saturday morning. He said he looked out the bathroom window, saw the flames and heard a loud boom.

Wagar said he told his wife to call 9-1-1 about 7:20 a.m. "The flames pretty well engulfed the front part of the house right away. It obviously had been burning, but we just got up." He said he rushed out of the house, "thinking you're going to help, and you can't, it's so far gone."

Wagar estimated the flames were 40 feet high at one point. Channel 7 cameraman Steve Zayac, who was driving south on I-75 on his way to Southfield, saw the flames from the expressway and drove into town looking for the fire.

At the scene, Independence Township Fire Department Capt. Steve Ronk said, "The fire was pretty well involved when we arrived." Accessing the site was complicated by the narrow dirt roads and one-lane bridges in the neighborhood. There are also no fire hy-

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Photo by Eileen McCarville

Kristina Hanna (center) does a wonderful job keeping in character as a doll who dances for children at a party in Saturday's performance of "The Nutcracker."

'Suite' success

BY EILEEN MCGARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Patrons attending the weekend's "Nutcracker" ballet enjoyed sparkling performances by gifted dancers, as well as local extras for the opening party scene.

Pat Roy, business manager for Lakes Area Civic Ballet, said the Friday and Saturday performances each drew 800 people, and special school performances for children Wednesday and Thursday saw "a full house."

"The Nutcracker Suite" was created by Russian composer Peter Tchaikovsky in 1892, said Phyllis Ness, a teacher at Pine Knob Elementary whose students attended a performance. Ness said the ballet was adapted from a story written by A.T.B. Hoffman in 1815.

The ballet tells the story of little German girl Clara, who recovers from a nightmare by dancing with her godfather. When her godfather is killed, she goes to the Kingdom of Sweets.

The Nutcracker becomes a handsome prince and takes Clara to visit his Kingdom of Sweets.

The event was co-sponsored by Terri Newman's Dance Shoppe in Waterford and the Clarkston Foundation. The prime parts of the Nutcracker/Prince and Sugar Plum Fairy were danced by Canadian stars Michael Faigaux and Daniela Sodero of the Alberta Ballet.

"We feel Clarkston is now our home," said Roy of the ballet's first year. She said LACB plans to make "The Nutcracker" an annual event, "a community thing."

Todd Moss, a member of the Clarkston Foundation who was paired with his dancer daughter Allison as Clara's parents, said the event was an endeavor to promote the performing arts in Clarkston. The Foundation has also supported CBB's dance programs. "I want to see the community building up by artists that are working hard," he said of the

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The News in Brief

CVP presents 'Weekend Comedy'

If you find yourself in the January doldrums, you can perk up your spirits with a ticket to "Weekend Comedy," presented by Clarkston Village Players.

The play debuts Jan. 7 and runs weekends and Thursdays through Jan. 22. A synopsis provided by the Players describes the show as a conflict between income, social and generation gaps that creates "chaos and hilarity, as two very different couples are involuntarily thrown together into one cabin for a weekend getaway."

Thursday showtime is 7:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday shows begin at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$9 for Thursday, \$11 for Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 625-8811. CVP productions take place at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston.

Clarkston school bus routes to be re-examined

One school administrator recently took matters to the road -- the school bus route, that is.

At the Dec. 13 Clarkston Community School Board meeting, Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent, said he recently spent a day on a school bus, following a bus route, to gain the children's perspective on bus rides. He said by January, he hopes to have a report back to the board on the district's transportation system.

He said a re-examination of every bus route will be taking place, and jokingly added, "We don't pay our bus drivers enough."

Independence Elementary dedication ceremony Jan. 9

Clarkston's newest school, Independence Elementary, will celebrate its official dedication ceremony at 3 p.m. Jan. 9. A historical slide presentation will be narrated by Principal Chris Turner.

The fifth grade class will mark the event by singing the new school song, written by music director Gwen Stewart. In addition, a time capsule will be placed in the lobby in early January. The items chosen for the capsule will be on display the night of the dedication.

Tours and refreshments will be available; the school is located at 6850 Hubbard Road, at M-15 in Clarkston. Independence Elementary is the final segment of Phase Three-First Tier construction, provided by the \$56 million bond issue approved by voters in June 1997.

Clarkston High School hosts Financial Aid Night Jan. 13

Seniors at Clarkston High School and their parents are invited to learn more about the options available to them for college financial aid next month.

Jan. 13, CHS will host an informational session on college financial aid for parents of seniors who will be attending college beginning in fall 2000.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school large group instruction room, and will focus on filling out the financial aid form (FAFSA) and financial aid programs. Information on scholarships, grants and loans also will be provided.

The speaker for the evening will be Cliff Levitt from Baker College's Financial Aid Office. For more information, call CHS Student Services at 623-4040.

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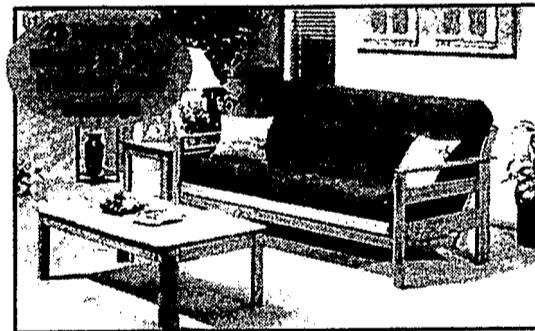
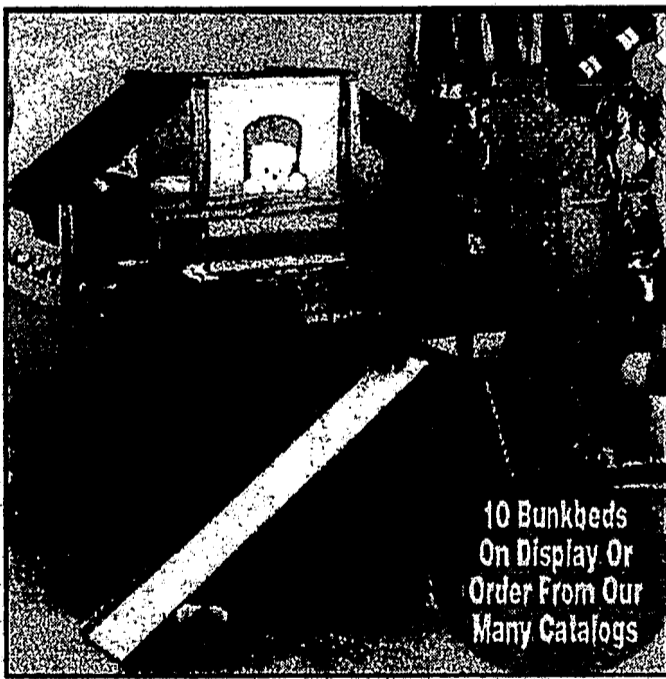
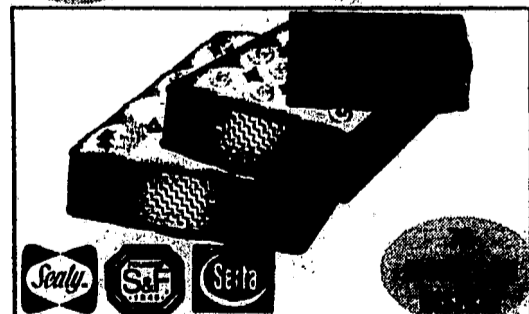
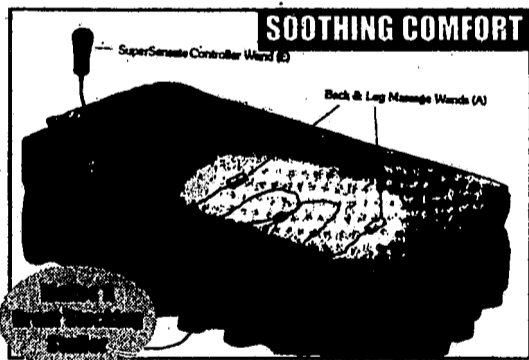


An udder delight

When it comes to hyping his kids' birthdays, Brinker's Plumbing owner Bart Sangle has proven he's no cow-ard.

Last year, Sangle decorated his son's lawn with 50 Winnie-the-Poohs when he turned 50. And on Dec. 16, his daughter Kristie Beno returned home to find her own surprise: 40 black-and-white heifer heads stuck on her lawn on Debbie Jo Drive in Springfield Township -- proclaiming "Holy cow! Kristie's 40."

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The Second Front

Lauren Giordano is Clarkston Junior Miss 2000

With the theme of "A New Century, A New Beginning," seven Clarkston High School senior girls competed for cash scholarships.

Lauren Giordano won the title of 2000 Clarkston Junior Miss and a \$1,000 cash scholarship. Lauren also received a \$250 scholarship as an Outstanding Interview winner, and a \$250 scholarship for Outstanding Creative and Performing Arts. The daughter of John and Paula Giordano, Lauren performed a lyrical dance to the song *Purple Rain*, by Prince. She hopes for a career in dance, and plans to attend Hope or Alma College.

Of the pageant, Giordano said, "It was very interesting. I liked meeting a lot of the girls I didn't know very well."

She said she wasn't nervous about performing her dance routine in front of the crowd -- she's used to that. But speaking in front of other people did give her some butterflies. She added she was surprised that she won, and her mom, dad and boyfriend, who were in the audience, were very excited.

First runner-up Andrea Ronk won an \$800 cash scholarship and a \$250 scholarship for Outstanding Presence and Composure. Andrea also performed a lyrical dance to *Good Mother*, by Jan Arden.

Andrea is the daughter of Anne and Steve Ronk. She plans to study elementary education in college. She would also like to own and operate her own dance studio.

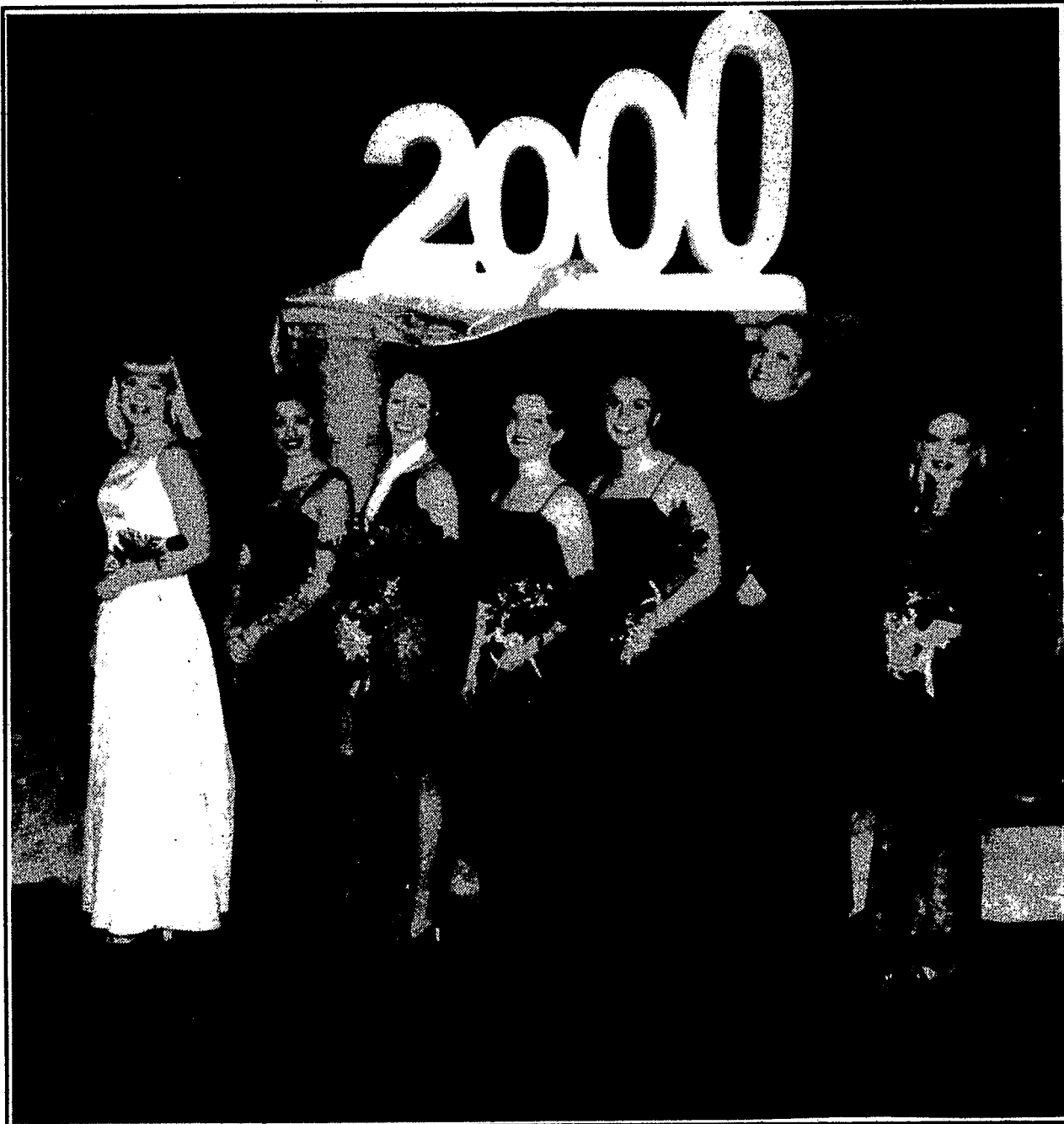
The daughter of Kenneth and Connie Zynda, Karen plans to attend University of Michigan and pursue a career in science.

Second runner-up was Karen Zynda, who won at \$500 cash scholarship and a \$250 Scholastic Achievement scholarship.

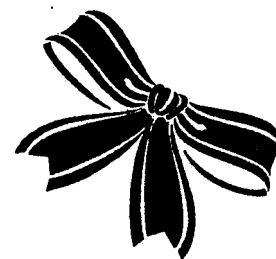
Karen played a coronet solo from Concert Rondo for her creative and performing arts presentation. The daughter of Kenneth and Connie Zynda, Karen plans to attend University of Michigan and pursue a career in science.

Merit Scholarships were awarded to four of the contestants in the amount of \$100. These four recipients are Constance Webb, Courtni Brewer, Adrienne Verla and Courtney Bates.

Adrienne Verla also was awarded \$250 for the Spirit of Junior Miss Scholarship.



From left to right, Courtney Bates, Courtni Brewer, Lauren Giordano, Andrea Ronk, Constance Webb, Adrelenne Verla and Karen Zynda. Winner Lauren Giordano will travel to Alpena in March for the Michigan Junior Miss program.



(Left) Clarkston resident Stephanie Lang is an animated Fritz, Clara's mischievous brother who breaks her Nutcracker doll. Here, he tries to terrify young party guests with a rat doll, which evokes Clara's dream of her beloved Nutcracker doing battle with the Rat King.

— Photostory by Eileen McCarville

(Left) Clara (Karen Well) and the Nutcracker/Prince (Michael Faigaux) dance a beautiful pas de deux before they meet the Snow Queen.

Nutcracker cast 'wonderful'

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ballet.

Prior to the performances, Moss admitted a little stage fright. "I wasn't as nervous as I thought," he joked Monday. "I thoroughly enjoyed it and the kids were wonderful." He echoed Roy's sentiments. "We hope it becomes a tradition and it's ours."

School suspensions, expulsions take 'nosedive' at CHS

Discipline at middle schools 'an active issue,' school official says

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the holiday break in full swing for area students, another milestone has passed for the district.

The first semester for stricter rules applied to students for disruptive and violent behavior has made the half-year mark. Despite a few recent expulsions taking place in the district, one school official says the frequency of expulsions and suspensions has seen a decline.

In July, Gov. John Engler signed into law two new Senate bills -- Public Act 103 and Public Act 206 -- which provide stricter policies on school districts' responsibilities toward suspensions and expulsions. Pat Brumback, assistant superintendent for Clarkston Community Schools, said as a result of the new set of standards, less frequent suspensions and expulsions have taken place in grades six and higher.

"The number of occurrences (of suspension and expulsion) at Clarkston High School has taken a nosedive," Brumback said. As for middle schoolers, she said, "discipline at the middle schools is an active issue, always."

In November, the Clarkston School Board ap-

proved the expulsion of two students -- a high schooler and a middle schooler -- by roll call vote under the consent agenda. During the Dec. 13 meeting, two more students were expelled, and a third reinstated, following a full year of expulsion.

The high school student expelled at the Dec. 13 meeting violated item C-29, Physical Assault, of the Student Code of Conduct. Specifically, the student was expelled for verbal assault on an administrator and property damage to the school, Brumback said.

The student will be placed in an alternative setting until Jan. 31 before being considered for reinstatement. Brumback said the student cannot apply for re-admission until the end of the semester.

The middle schooler, who attended Clarkston Middle School, was expelled for violating items C-24, Look-a-Like Weapons; C-25, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments; and C-32, Insults/Verbal Abuse, of the Student Code of Conduct.

The student will be placed in an alternative setting until Jan. 12; litigation is pending on the violations, Brumback said.

Brumback said the student who was reinstated was involved in an educational program outside the Clarkston school district during his expulsion.

According to the state-mandated policies, "snap suspension" by teachers is permitted, based on a student's behavior in the classroom. The student can

be suspended for up to one full day, Brumback said.

Following the suspension, a parent-teacher conference must occur. Brumback is unaware of any snap suspensions taking place this semester.

The second rule affects expulsion policy, and states if physical assault by a student "at school against a person employed by or engaged as a volunteer or contractor" occurs, the school board "shall" make a decision to expel the student permanently. In addition, verbal assault, a bomb threat or similar threat can result in an expulsion of up to 180 days.

Brumback said the term "expulsion" today has a somewhat different meaning from the traditional understanding of the word. "Expel used to mean, goodbye forever. Now it may mean, up to a certain amount of time," she said.

In order to be reinstated, a board-appointed committee consisting of an administrator, teacher, two board members, and a parent of a student in the district must meet. Brumback said the student must show he/she is serious about returning to school and remaining non-violent.

Also, the parents of the student must show they are active in their child's becoming reinstated in the district, she said.

She added the district's goal is to keep students in school; however, "the school has to be a safe environment."

Cigarettes blamed for cause of Thendara house fire Sunday

Owner alerted by smoke detectors

BY EILEEN McCARVILLE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Cigarettes tossed into a trash can are what started a fire in Thendara Park early Sunday morning, officials said.

The fire was reported on Seneca at 12:05 a.m., and firefighters arrived six minutes later. According to fire officials, it started in the garage, burning two vehicles and spreading to the attached house before it was finally extinguished, three hours later. Independence Township Fire Department Inspector Bob Cesario said the blaze was brought under control within

30 minutes. A family member called the fire department, using a cordless phone outside the home, Cesario said.

No one was injured in the blaze, which caused an estimated \$50,000 in smoke damage to the home. The fire also destroyed two vehicles parked inside the

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Fire claims the life of Elsa Schwarze and family's memories

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 drants. Mrs. Schwarze's home is located between Dollar and Cemetery lakes. "We inched back in here on a single lane bridge that is suspect," he said. "We've known this area is trouble for a long time. There's a lot of water, but getting to it is a different story."

Brandon and Springfield townships' fire departments supplied extra water tankers, said Ronk. About 500 to 600 feet of water hose was used. The department also used its grass fire truck with drafting capabilities, to draw water out of Cemetery Lake. Brandon's Fire Department also sent firefighters.

On Monday, Independence Township Fire Marshall Greg Olrich said the fire was still under investigation. "Because there was so much structural damage, there's not a lot to go on. We assume it started in the area with the most damage -- the north end of the house near the kitchen. The cause will probably go undetermined." He estimated the fire could have been burning for as long as one-and-one-half hours before firefighters arrived.

Fire Chief Gar Wilson said the autopsy report showed Mrs. Schwarze died of smoke inhalation.

Fred Schwarze said Monday all of his childhood memories were lost in the fire. Rudy, who died in 1992, and Elsa were married on Columbus Day in 1933 and bought the first of four markets they would own in Clarkston. Ironically, two them were lost to fire before they finally

settled in the cobblestone-front market at 9 S. Main Street.

Fred said Elsa worked alongside Rudy at the market, as did both boys. Fred remembers helping out as early as the age of five. Doreen said when Fred and Bob were youngsters, Rudy told her when it came to housework and chores, "everything can wait; take care of the boys."

She continued that tradition as the boys grew up and had their own families and visited her, said Doreen. "She loved having her children and grandchildren over. She put everything down when her grandchildren came over," she said.

The home was filled with mementos, said Doreen. Mrs. Schwarze loved to dance and kept her old dresses. Doreen said her daughters used some of the clothing as costumes for their schools' Odyssey of the Mind programs.

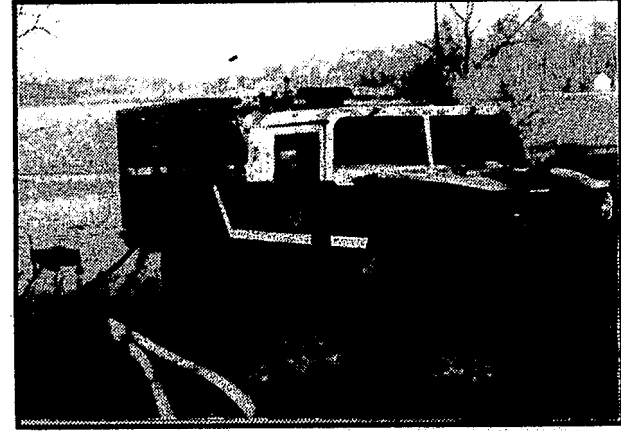
Fred said during World War II the FBI broke into his parents' home because they had come to the U.S. from Germany. Pictures of the trip from Germany are part of the family history lost in the fire.

Mrs. Schwarze was a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church and the Rotary Anns. She loved to sew. She made quilts and decorated pillows for family members. She also loved vacationing up north, bird watching and tending to her indoor plants.

Doreen said she suffered with rheumatoid arthritis and had left the home very little over the last several years. The family took meals to her almost every day,



The fire at Mrs. Schwarze's home, pictured above, was fully involved when firefighters arrived about 7:20 a.m., said Capt. Steve Ronk. The grass fire truck, pictured at right, was used to draw water out of Cemetery Lake. Brandon and Springfield townships supplied water tankers.



Photos by Maralee Cook

even though Mrs. Schwarze said she didn't want to be a burden.

"You're not a burden, you're my life," Doreen said she told her mother-in-law.

"She had a good life, a long life," said Fred.


Services were Wednesday, Dec. 22

at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the family for the education of her granddaughters, Rudi, Casey and Erika.

For additional information, please see Mrs. Schwarze's obituary on page 16A or contact the funeral home.

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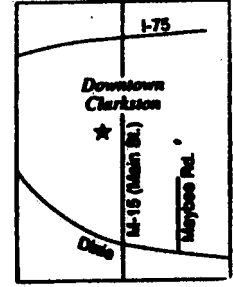
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Dear Editor,

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Thanks to all, enjoy your holidays. Because of you, this year we were able to make two families' Christmases a little bit brighter!

Clarkston Community Schools
Central Office Staff

Holiday Inn is still a bad idea second time around

Dear Editor,

What's the saying . . . "Here we go again."

Despite overwhelming opposition from our community, Eagle Investment of Mid-Michigan is once again trying to develop a Holiday Inn in the middle of our community. This proposed use of land along M-15 adjacent to a nice quiet neighborhood, wetlands and Little Waters Lake was very strongly opposed by not only dozens of residents of Cranberry Lake Estates but also many other township residents from all corners of our community.

Instead of taking the hint, this group of out-state developers, along with the property owners, have chosen to once again try to ram this hotel down our throats. They've changed their proposal from an 82-room hotel to an 80-room hotel, but that's about it. A repackaged mistake is still a mistake!

Allow me to list some of the reasons for our continued effort to stop this development:

1. Township residents jammed every Township Board meeting, Planning Commission meeting and Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that dealt with this topic to voice opposition.

2. This type of hotel development, which would

cater to out-of-town transients, is not the type of development which should be located within 50 feet of someone's back door. How would you like to live with the noise that this hotel would bring? Adjacent residents would never know a peaceful moment again.

3. Runoff from this hotel would damage the fragile ecosystem of Little Waters Lake and the adjacent wetlands. Yes, there would be lots of runoff from not only the hotel but also all the trucks coming in and out of the property. When are we going to start taking care of these precious areas?

4. Whether 82 or 80 rooms, this hotel would still tower over neighboring homes (this two-story hotel, already perched on a hill above neighboring homes, would be two stories above the rooftops of its neighbors).

5. Additional traffic on the neighborhood side of M-15 is totally unacceptable and very unsafe. Without as-yet-unplanned reconstruction of M-15, patrons of this hotel would have no way to turn south towards Clarkston or either entrance to I-75. I guess this means they'd be doing illegal U-turns on the M-15 state highway or cutting through Amy Drive into Cranberry Lake Estates,

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Nutcracker magic keeps this little girl's heart alive

Once upon a time there was a little girl who dreamed of princes and princesses, fairies, pixies and Peter Pan.

She enjoyed her wonderful, sometimes frightening, world of make-believe and conveyed this into stories, poems, plays, music and paintings. She was nurtured by a ballerina mother and a musician father, who introduced her to "The Nutcracker Suite" when she was very young.

The little girl grew up into a bigger little girl who wrestled with the sometimes harsh realities of life. She could often be found escaping into her serene world where every story had a happy ending.

When she had her own little girl, that little girl, too, found her own, very-private world of make-believe. And she, like her grandmother, grandfather and mother, learned to appreciate the arts.

This second little girl followed her grandmother's path and eventually, too, became a dancer. One of her fondest moments now is recalling how she experienced the joy of dancing in "The Nutcracker."

So, on Dec. 18, the two little girls attended a performance of "The Nutcracker" at Clarkston High School.

They sat, often glancing at each other, with smiles and a hint of tears, connecting with the images of beautiful Sugar Plum Fairies, handsome Princes, and terrifying Nutcrackers and Rat Kings.

They entered the wonderful world of make-believe once again, and were glad to see their men also enjoyed this ballet. Yes, the men had a little bit of a problem with

seeing men in tights, but the little girls could accept this. They saw the men crunched down in their seats, and they smiled fondly at their little-boy antics. And knowingly at each other.

And when they left the auditorium, and went out into the starry sky, they looked up and thought they saw the pixies who would play a part in their dreams tonight.

The bigger little girl returned home and kissed her own little girl good-by (she still had some exams to take at U of M before coming home to Christmas).

The bigger little girl looked at the three Nutcrackers sitting on her piano — who all appeared to be wearing somewhat frightening (but wonderful) grins. She reached out to touch them, and noticed her hands were now older, lined with prominent veins and a few wrinkles. They weren't the smooth, pink hands of a little girl anymore.

When did that happen? — she asked herself. She was somewhat startled because at one time she believed she would be a little girl — not only inside, but outside — forever.

This realization of her aging hands and body had again awakened her to the harsh realities of life. She knew it wouldn't be that long before she would be an old little girl — and perhaps run off to join the pixies in the heavens. But she sensed she had some time. And, besides, she realized, it's that sparkle and wonder in your eyes and little-girl magic that keeps you young.

So she smiled and went to sleep, peacefully. She was thankful the night had evoked the images from childhood and kept the magic alive. And she knew she would carry the story of the Nutcracker in her heart forever.

El-
Liners



Eileen
McCarville

A Christmas wish from me to . . .

Dear Santa,

It's a topsy-turvy world out there, and the lives of two people don't amount to a hill of beans . . . Sorry Santa, wrong letter. Santa, I know you and those happy little elves are busy this time of year, what with the holidays and all, so I won't ask you to make anything for me.

I've been a good boy, sort of. This year I've only whizzed off a few dozen people with my opinions written in this space. Since you've been a loyal subscriber all these years, I thought I'd finally take the time and write to you.

Yes, I know I haven't written in such a long time. And, no, it wasn't because I never got the GI Joe with the Kung-Fu grip I asked for in my last letter.

All is forgiven Santa. I was only crushed for a few weeks. But, the spirit of a five-year-old boy is an easy thing to run over and forget. I know, I know . . . it's a topsy-turvy world. But, I was such a good boy that year. I helped Mom and Dad. I didn't pick on my little sisters. I cleaned my room, was polite to my elders and all I got was a stupid Mr. Potato head. Wow . . . thanks for the effort, big guy . . . I digress, Santa, that is all in the past. I've grown up, or at least expanded my waist size since then.

This year Santa, the spirit of Christmas is back in my heart and, like I said, I've been a good boy (you can even ask my Momma).

On my Christmas list this year Santa, I wish for:

1. Oxford Police Officer Jim Flores to continue his recuperating ways. The veteran law man has been off the Harley and out of the squad car for the last few months. I also ask you to tell lots of locals to send cards expressing the same.

2. State Representative Ruth Johnson to make sure that when construction starts on M-15 (from I-75 up through Ortonville) that an extra turn lane is added to the Oakwood intersection. Making a left hand turn from southbound M-15, to eastbound Oakwood is a dangerous proposition. Somebody is going to get rear-ended there.

Santa, we know Ruth has been a good girl, so please give her this idea. Maybe you could write it on a piece of paper and stuff it in her stocking:

3. Emergency dispatch in Oxford on January 1. Fire Chief Jack LeRoy should spend the new year with his family and he doesn't need the extra work.

4. Open hearts, minds and ears for the new Goodrich Village Council. They need the ability to listen to their constituents.

5. New walking shoes for the elected officials in Oxford. For so long now they have only talked amongst themselves, paid consultants and a few like-minded individuals, that their scopes have been limited. With their new walking shoes they could actually get out on the streets and hear what people think. And, by actually meeting and talking with new people they could widen their circle of friends and thus be happier.

6. Shamus: to put poo-poo in the potty. Santa, this would actually help the entire world: Our two-year-old poopin' machine, goes through lots of diapers that go into landfills. Save the environment by putting the idea into this kid's head that the potty is more than just a reading chair.

7. Mickey The Wonder Dog to stop eating stuff off the kitchen table.

8. Tolerance from educators and school-folks to those who are not educators and school-folks. Santa, there has been a backlash against these school-types because some tend to look down upon those who are not-school types. It's pretty evident outside the school-zone.

9. Health and happiness to all.

10. GI Joe with the Kung-Fu grip (just seeing if you're paying attention).

Comments for Don Rush can be e-mailed to: Donrushme@juno.com



Don't Rush Me

Don Rush

Merry Christmas from Grandpa 'Jim's Jottings' and his grandchildren



That's Grandpa Jim (in case you couldn't guess) holding twin Haley Speed and grandson Danny Offer holding twin Trevor. They'll be four

months old December 30. In between are Savannah Speed in the hat and Karen Offer. Grandma wishes a very merry Christmas to all, also.

OPINION

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the People Poll

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN

The Clarkston News asks Andersonville Elementary fifth graders:

What is your fondest Christmas memory?

"Me and my brother and a couple of his friends were snowboarding, and my brother pushed me . . . and I did a flip and landed on my back."
-- Cody Noel



"I went sledding and we made jumps -- and it was fun because we had a snowball fight."
-- Drew Howard



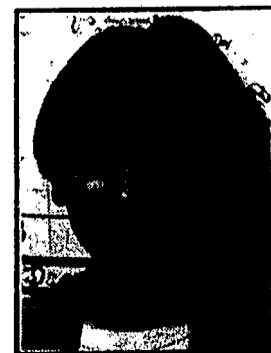
"Christmas dinner, I guess, because I got to see some family I barely see."
-- Kandice Keen



"My best memory was going to Tennessee to visit my family."
-- Austin Rehm



"When I got my dog, Maxine -- and another (favorite memory) was when I went up to my cousin's cabin."
-- Jamie Schram



More Letters to the Editor

Holiday Inn

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and using private driveways to turn around.

6. Safety is a very big concern. Who will be watching over our children when there are 80 rooms full of out-of-town patrons of this hotel?

7. This hotel goes against the Master Plan for township development. Our Township Board and Planning Commission, not to mention the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Circuit Court all voted against the developer in this matter during 1999. This opposition from township residents, the elected officials and courts should

carry some weight in determining what should be done with this development proposal. This entire stretch of M-15 has been zoned for office use. Unless my understanding of American English is slipping, an 80-room hotel is not OFFICE USE.

8. Mrs. Baylis has tried to find support in her claim that she is suffering financial hardship due to the opposition to this project. I venture to say that those of us who live in Independence, especially those who live right in the shadow of this proposed hotel, would suffer a much greater hardship if it were built. Our homes are all we have, whereas this property is just one of Mrs. Baylis' holdings. She can afford to build something more

compatible with the township Master Plan more than we can afford to lose value in our single investment (our home).

As township residents concerned about the future of our wonderful community, we all must be vigilant when it comes to how Independence is developed. We must preserve the atmosphere that drew us here in the first place. Development is good, but it must be responsible and compatible with township planning and the expectations of the majority of its residents.

Michael Phillips
Independence Township

There are 2000 reasons to make a change

The year 2000 seemed so far away when I was growing up. People thought the next century would be one of fabulous new inventions and time to do the things we really wanted to do. Flying cars, interplanetary vacations, and robots that did the housework, would be commonplace; and just in case you thought your imagination was going wild, television shows reinforced the futuristic images that were so vivid in your mind. Some readers may remember Captain Video, the Jetsons, or even Flash Gordon. So what happened?

The last time I looked, cars are still traveling along 175; the Bicentennial Man is only in the movies; and space travel remains just a dream for most citizens! The world has certainly changed, but the futurists did miss a significant piece of the puzzle. As an educator, I believe the most consequential change we have experienced is the transformation of the family unit; and this is the transformation that troubles me most.

At one time in our history, children had a support system that included, for the most part, two parents and an extended family. Because most folks didn't stray too far from "home," grandparents and great grandparents were also available to assist with the raising of our children. Since education was seen as the key to the future, teachers were provided with the utmost respect and, in most cases, we trusted one another to do what was in the best interest of the child. Now, I am not arguing that a single parent or a blended family cannot be an exemplary model; nor am I suggesting that we return to yesterday. I am not proposing that respect and trust are to be given lightly, nor do I think schools always have the right answers. I do believe, however, that we all need to return to a basic premise - KIDS COME FIRST!

Despite the deplorable circumstances that find their way into the lives of some youngsters, especially in our

urban areas, schools must create a sense of hope and find a way to help all kids succeed. While our Clarkston kids are, for the most part, fortunate; my observations tell me that too many of our children need extra support to succeed in school; too many of our parents are too difficult to "track down" when there is an emergency; and too many of our citizens have not learned the value of quality home/school communications.

Need Extra Support to Succeed in School - It is a fact that some of our students are coming to school lacking the experiences that set them up for success. Other pupils are not developmentally ready for kindergarten and need another year of preschool experiences, at home or in a certified preschool. While we know that success in the early grades prepares a youngster for a lifetime of learning, we haven't figured out a way to help the families that need us most to provide such experiences. I guess it is always a question of funding - a question that is too often answered from a shortsighted perspective. If providing such services would increase the chances of success for youngsters, wouldn't it be less expensive than the alternative (poorly trained workers, increased criminal activity, and the need for more jails)?

"Tracking Down" Parents When There Is An Emergency - Yes, parents work and it takes time to get to their child's school. Given the reality of today's world, it is important to establish a back-up plan. Our parents need to connect with those who could rekindle the concept of "extended family." A trusted neighbor or

friend can make a real difference in the lives of our children!

Quality Home/School Communications - We know that parents who display interest in and support for their child's education are likely to have successful, well-adjusted students. So, why is it that attendance at conferences isn't nearly 100 percent? Why is there resistance to disciplinary measures designed to help a child accept responsibility for his/her actions? I have my theories, and certainly the schools can do more; but the participation of parents and community members must be part of any solution. Outward signs of support for your schools is the most logical starting point. If for no other reason, such support tells our children that education is important. It also sets forth an expectation for our youngsters - you are expected to learn.

As we enter the new millennium, resolutions are often made. I would like to suggest that the following be given some consideration. Let's do more to:

1. Celebrate our success stories (new buildings, more opportunities for our students, etc.); but also recognize there is much work to be done to make all students feel welcomed and wanted by the community at large!
2. Demonstrate support for our young people. Attend a music concert, a sporting event, a play or other school activity.
3. Display trust and respect for one another, even for those who have opinions contrary to your own. We are the models children see; and as Barbara Johns stated in a recent news article, "We are the village."



Clarkston Schools
Dr. Al Roberts

Kevin's been puttin' on the Bunny Suit again

Over two straight months without a moment's pause have finally come to an end.

The fall play was responsible for the first part of this, with the weeks between the play and last week being filled with preparations for Theatre-A-Thon, last Friday's nine-hour Drama Club variety show. It's a night we all look forward to every year; it presents all sorts of performing arts opportunities not available otherwise and really lets us get creative.

I hadn't thought I was involved in too much Theatre-A-Thon stuff. I was going to be in two dance numbers, I was directing a one-act, and I wanted to emcee. It didn't sound like a lot to do, and I was disappointed that I hadn't gotten a chance to get a few more skits together. I was wrong about not having a lot to do.

The first dance number I was in was the Austin Powers sequence, which was organized by our vice president, who was also serving as the director of Theatre-A-Thon. Don't get the impression I can't dance - that certainly is not the case. In this particular dance was being planned, the part for me and I was committed. Well, the part in which the Dirty Easter Bunny would be the role.

The Dirty Easter Bunny was a long way off last year, anyway. Every year, a Drama gets a specific number of points, if a person has thirty points at the end of a year, they are eligible for entry into the International Thespian Society. And they are initi-

ated at a ceremony which more or less involves the initiates making fools of themselves for the entertainment of the previously initiated Thespians. My personal foolishness was accomplished when my initiator put me in a bunny suit and told me to talk rudely. It must have made an impression, 'cause the Bunny was slated as the villain in the Austin Powers dance.

What was I to do? Let someone less experienced take over my role? Really, there wasn't even any dancing for the Bunny to do, just a single fight with the hero. So I took on my first dance number and first set of rehearsals.

The next was a plan my friends and I had been working on for quite some time. We used Lou Bega's "Mambo Number Five," myself acting as the singer and seven of my friends playing the numerous ladies referred to in the song. We made most of the girls offbeat (conjoined twins), ugly (barrel-shaped girl with facial hair), or generally weird (a nun - well, the song wasn't exactly written about nuns) as possible.

This much we had planned immediately after hearing the song for the first time, but the actual dance didn't come together until about two weeks before Theatre-

A-Thon. When we finally got together to choreograph it, I discovered I would have to be smooth if the dance was to be successful, and I was supposed to be dancing alone on stage for the first part of the song. Dancing itself is not an easy thing for me to pull off without looking like an idiot - so if I'm trying to dance like an idiot, everything's okay. When it came to looking smooth, I didn't think there was a chance. But you do what you have to do, and I got through it. The dance was funny, and that's what mattered to us.

Aside from all this, I still had to get the one-act play I was directing together, and we surprisingly managed to organize our emceeing in time.

All the work everyone had done came together on Friday, when Theatre-A-Thon was performed. Our audience was great, really getting into everything, and I had more fun than I've ever had, along with everyone else I've talked to. And, as always, we're sorry it's over. As for being disappointed with my level of involvement, I have no complaints - I don't think I sat down for more than five minutes from the end of school until one o'clock in the morning.

It's a great show and it gets better annually - come see us next year!



CHS Life
Kevin Kerbob

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Jim's Jottings

By Jim Sherman

I find myself pausing more at Christmas time than any other holiday period to reflect. I give thanks more now than at Thanksgiving. I think of the dead more at this time than during Memorial Day.

I salute our land more now than during the Fourth of July break. Thoughts and plans for the future come more easily and more frequently now than over the New Years week.

It's THE pause time of the year. THE time to think of family, friends... where we fit into the scheme of things and where we can fit better... how we can light our candle.

Some columnists, some preachers, some well-meaning people have had me convinced in the past that Christ has been taken out of Christmas. That everyone is mercenary, only after the buck.

... That kids don't know what we're celebrating, only that it's gift and gimme time.

I no longer believe this. I think practically all kids and parents, through their upbringing or schools, are knowledgeable of who the Babe in the manger is... that it's His birthday we're celebrating.

I don't think merchants make Christmas come any earlier now than it did 25 years ago. Our newspapers are thicker this time of year and we are so exposed to this holiday, so we should get tired of the season before anyone.

But that's not the way it is. We delight at the season. We enjoy the shopping, the crowds, the parties, the "Merry Christmassing," and more than anything we enjoy the pause this holiday affords us to think and reflect.

I thank God for making it possible.

Merry Christmas, everybody.

Sorry

We are sorry that we omitted photo credits in last week's issue of the Clarkston News. Pictures of the snow storm were made by Ron Brittan of the Clarkston Junior High School Camera Club and Mr. Robert Tilley of Transparent Discs.



"The three kings . . ."

Drawn by Bob Newman, 9th grade, Clarkston Junior High

'New Town' concept explained

The "New Town" concept was presented during the Independence Township Board meeting Tuesday night by Royce Downey of Development Consultants, Inc.

Downey, former manager of Walled Lake, was invited to the meeting by supervisor Gary Stonerock.

The principal of the new town concept, Downey said, is to set a definite figure of growth for a given area, like Independence Township, then plan and design new towns and satellites for it.

In the slide presentation Downey showed new towns in the US, Europe and Asia, giving closeups of shopping and residential areas in single and multiple housing.

In speaking of the Independence area, or those similar, Downey said the first step was to point out "what we have."

The second was to recognize "we have the opportunity to do something (plan) about it."

He listed the third step as a question "will we have the courage to do it?"

Another suggestion Downey made was to have an architectural review of the Independence community.



Don Colton, Jaycee external vice president, collects the "Toys for Tots" donations. The toys were repaired and wrapped. They will be distributed to needy children this week. Bill Halsey is chairman of the project.

Because Life's Little Bundles All Shapes and Sizes, We Wish Happiness This Holiday Merry Christmas From the The Clarkston Ne



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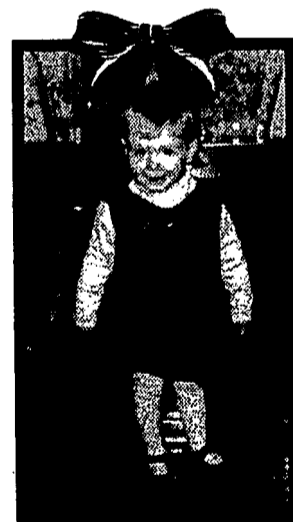
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Cheryl Holland,

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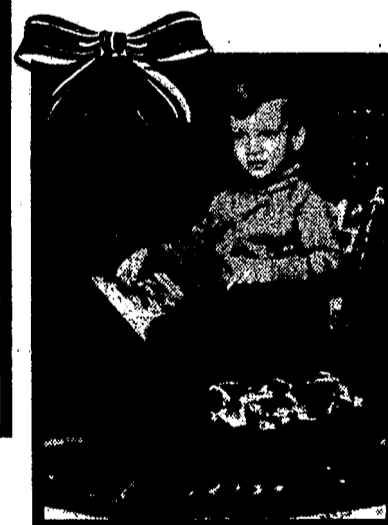
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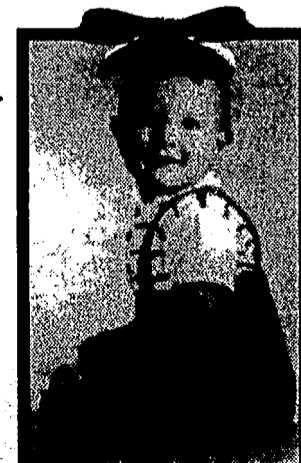
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Salvitor is also a neutered male Shepherd mix, approximately six years old. He is described as friendly toward children and enjoys playing ball.

The two dogs are being kept at the K-9 Stray Rescue League. The league is a state and federally licensed non-profit group formed in 1990 primarily to save dogs on the euthanasia list at the Oakland County Animal Shelter.

To adopt, call either (248) 456-8192 or (248) 627-9224, or check out the league's Web site at www.K9RescueLeague.com.



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Salvitor

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by Robert Kostin
Attorney at Law



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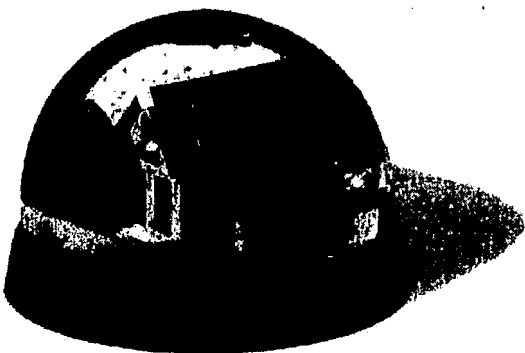
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Police and fire

Sunday, Dec. 19, a 21-year-old White Lake man said he was in a fight with five other people at a Dixie bowling alley. He said he was hit in the nose and back of his head twice, but police found no physical evidence at the scene.

Saturday, Dec. 18, police noticed a man sitting in a car at a Dixie restaurant, moving his arms uncontrollably. They asked him why he was shaking and he said he had smoked some crack cocaine earlier. A crack pipe was confiscated from the front seat. He was cited for disorderly person and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A N. Marshbank resident said he saw six to seven youths enter a vacant apartment. Police found damage which included holes in the drywall, burn marks on the carpet and an open bedroom window with a screen missing. They left a message with the apartment manager, but were unable to locate the suspects.

Friday, Dec. 17, two 28-year-old women argued in their apartment on Tuson. One said she'd been drinking and the other tried to prevent her from leaving. One woman was arrested for domestic violence and lodged in Oakland County Jail.

Thursday, Dec. 16, a woman was spotted by police walking on I-75 near Sashabaw. She said her boyfriend swung at her and left in her car. The 43-year-old boyfriend was found at a nearby gas station and arrested for a warrant out of Florida.

A 24-year-old clerk was cited for selling alcohol to a person under 21 at a Dixie pharmacy. Police used a teenage decoy, who purchased a four-pack of Seagram's wine coolers. According to reports, the clerk checked the decoy's ID, but sold her the alcohol anyway, saying, "Wow! You have to be born in '83 to buy alcohol now!" She told police she didn't do the math to calculate the decoy's age.

Wednesday, Dec. 15, forced burglary into an ATM machine at a Sashabaw gas station. Fingerprints were taken after a field technician found the machine's back door open.

Family trouble on Oakhill. A 36-year-old woman

told police her husband kicked her in the back and pushed her into some boxes. The man told police his wife began yelling at him while he was asleep and he pushed her away. The man was arrested for domestic violence and taken to Oakland County Jail.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, reported burglary to a dentist's office on Bluegrass. Someone apparently kicked open the side door and forced the back entry door open, taking cash from a front desk drawer.

Monday, Dec. 13, a 16-year-old girl said her 43-year-old father grabbed her arm, pushed her and smashed her finger with a garbage can lid on Horse-shoe. He was arrested for domestic violence and taken to Oakland County jail. The daughter said her father often becomes violent when he's drinking.

A 21-year-old clerk at a Maybee gas station said she was approached by a man who wanted to buy cigarettes. When told she was closing for the night, he told her he didn't want to have to hurt her. She said she didn't have cash, but gave him cigarettes and lottery tickets. She ran to a bathroom and barricaded herself. She then called police, who are investigating.

An apartment tenant on Dixie said a man with a long ponytail tried to break into a maintenance building. Later she heard a noise and found several blobs of toilet paper on his doorwall, air-conditioning unit, rails and deck. He told the manager, who reported seeing the stranger before.

Animal complaint on Dora. A man called police after his dog was hit by a vehicle resembling a Jimmy or Blazer. He believes it was intentional. The dog died shortly after being hit.

A 42-year-old Pontiac woman said she accepted a ride from man driving on Baldwin and spent the night with him. She said the next morning he pointed a gun at her and wouldn't let her leave. She told police she ran to a neighbor's home to call 911. Police contacted her mother, who said her daughter is enrolled in a drug treatment facility for crack cocaine addiction. She said her daughter has left the facility several times to buy drugs, often in a disoriented state.

Thendara house fire

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garage, causing an additional \$35,000 loss, Cesario said. "The home is repairable," he added.

Cesario said the wife was alerted by smoke detectors and awakened her husband, who was sleeping soundly. Their two teenage children were spending the night elsewhere.

"That was a big factor in the discovery of the fire," Cesario said of the working detectors. The wife opened the door to the garage, but was driven out by the smoke, Cesario said.

Cesario said the family is lucky. He stressed some words of caution for the holidays. First, "Be careful of those cigarettes." People are often careless, tossing their cigarettes to who-knows-where. "Sometimes you're just not conscious of what you're doing," he said.

Burning candles left unattended are also dangerous. Cesario told a tale of one woman who remembered a house fire as a child. Then, as an adult, she left a candle burning — and caught it just in time. "It almost burned right down to the base." If you do choose to burn candles, don't place them near combustibles, Cesario said.

As for Christmas trees, keep real trees watered. It's a good practice to pull the light plug if you're leaving — even if you have an artificial tree. However, most are now quite fire-safe. "Use cool lights that don't require a lot of electricity," Cesario said.

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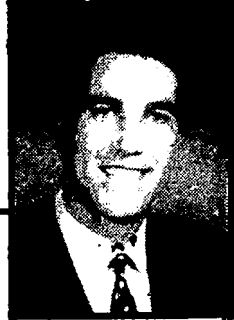
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Series of Clarkston collectibles are the 'Cat's Meow'

Parent teacher student association offers reproductions of Main Street buildings

The "Cat's Meow" series of collectible Clarkston buildings continue to grow. The group of reproductions of historical buildings, offered by the Clarkston High School PTSA, has added two buildings. Just in time for Christmas are the Clark House and Main Street Antiques and Country Store. Reproductions of Rudy's Market, last year's offering, are also available.

The reproductions are painted wood, and are about five inches high and six to eight inches long. The collector pieces run \$15.50 each, and all proceeds benefit the CHS PTSA.

Previous collector pieces, The Clarkston News building, Independence Township Hall and the Independence Town-

ship Clock are out of circulation but may be special ordered, said PTSA co-president Kathie Valeri Carroll. An order with the company will be placed after the PTSA receives 60 pre-paid orders for each building. For more information, contact Carroll at 620-8906 or Cat's Meow Chairperson Susan Leigh at 625-6025.

Carroll added the PTSA is always looking for new members. The meetings are the third Wednesday of each month in the CHS Media Center.

The next meeting, January 19, will take place in the Large Group Instruction room because the work of students participating in the PTSA Reflections Arts program will be featured.



Clarkston High School PTSA co-president Kathie Valeri Carroll is pictured with the three newest Clarkston collectible buildings from the "Cat's Meow" collection: the Clark House, Main Street Antiques and Country Store and Rudy's Market.

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Obituaries

Marjorie Elaine (Dickman) Smith

Marjorie Elaine (Dickman) Smith, born Jan. 26, 1924, entered eternal life to be with the Lord on Dec. 14, 1999.

Mrs. Smith was with her two youngest children, James Ervin (Angela) and Diana Ervin (Gregory England); and two gifted granddaughters, Ameshia Ervin and Miranda England, whom were by her side until the Lord called her home.

She also has another special granddaughter, Jamie Reed. Mrs. Smith also was survived by Harry Smith Jr. and family, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Smith is survived by a host of friends and two other sons, Larry LeClear and Donald Rose.

She is preceded in death by her late husband Harry Smith, and special granddaughter Akita Ervin.

Funeral service took place Dec. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Michigan-Milford Office and to the family.

Frederick Glenn Gehrke

Frederick Glenn Gehrke, beloved infant son of Randall and Brenda Gehrke, went to be one of Jesus' little lambs shortly after his birth on Dec. 15, 1999.

He was survived by a brother, Gerret Gehrke, at home, and brothers Joshua and Jason Gehrke of Howell. Frederick also is survived by his uncle and aunt, Mike and Denice Grassmid, and their four children of Cutlerville.

Other survivors are his aunt, Gina Gehrke of Ann Arbor; grandparents Fred and Betty Boersma of Grand Rapids; and grandparents Glenn and Sharon Gehrke of Davisburg.

Christian burial was at the Gaines Township Cemetery, with Revs. Ron Kool and George Mussell officiating. Notes of condolence and concern may be sent to Randy and Brenda at 4119 Michael St. S.W., Wyoming, MI 48509.

Elsa K. Schwarze

Elsa K. Schwarze of Clarkston died suddenly Dec. 18, 1999 at age 85. She was the former owner of Rudy's Market in downtown Clarkston.

She was the mother of Fred (Doreen) of Clarkston and Robert (Pam) of Arizona. Mrs. Schwarze also was survived by her granddaughters Rudi, Casey and Erika.

Mrs. Schwarze was the sister of Rosa (Rex) Fenstermaker of Clarkston, and the aunt of Mary (Ray) Pendergrass of Waterford.

She was preceded in death by her husband Rudy.

Mrs. Schwarze was a member of Clarkston United Methodist Church and Clarkston Rotary Ann's.

Funeral service is Dec. 22 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston, with Rev. Trebilcock officiating. Interment takes place at Lakeview Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family for the college education of her granddaughters. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home.

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'She was just a sweet person'

BY RENEE WIGHTMAN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A woman who spent the majority of her 95 years in Clarkston and left a lasting impression on all who knew her died Dec. 14, 1999.

"Anybody who knew her would say nice things about her," said Frank "Tink" Ronk, son of the late Elizabeth H. Ronk of Waterford. "She did special things for people.

"She loved to bake and do things for other people. She always would bring cookies to the guys at the fire station," he said. "She just loved the people."

Mel Vaara, former assistant superintendent of schools, agrees with Frank Ronk's opinion of Mrs. Ronk. Vaara worked for her part time while she was a teacher and said "she was so supportive" of the community.

"She brought treats and goodies for the workers," Vaara said. "But it was her personal touch with customers that mattered the most."

Longtime friend and Clarkston resident Chris Kevern said Mrs. Ronk was like a "mother figure" to her.

"She was just a very sweet person. Perhaps I saw her as a mother figure, who generated a mother's warmth and love.

"It was just one of those beautiful friendships," Kevern said.

She and Mrs. Ronk met at Clarkston United Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Ronk was a charter member. "She was busy and involved in doing things with the church," Kevern said.

Kevern added Mrs. Ronk loved to travel and learned to play golf after her retirement from the post office. "She saw it as a challenge," Kevern said.

She said Mrs. Ronk's involvement with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren also was strong. "She loved to talk about her family, her kids."

She was pleased to share their accomplishments, but not in a bragging way."

She said Mrs. Ronk's sense of community persevered. "She enjoyed going out. There was always somebody that she knew -- she knew everybody.

"You can't begin to say all of the beautiful things (about her)," Kevern said. "She will be missed. She'd want us to continue and not to mourn, but to remember her in happy and loving ways."

Mrs. Ronk was a member of one of the first graduating classes at Clarkston High School in 1923. There were only seven in her graduating class at the former school site, which now houses Independence Township Hall offices.

She became postmaster of the Clarkston Post Office in 1933 and retired 37 years later in 1970. Mrs. Ronk also served two years as a teacher at the

Bailey Lake School, a one-room schoolhouse, before becoming postmaster.

Mrs. Ronk was a member of the Clarkston/Waterford Business and Professional Women.

She was the loving mother of John (the late Arline) and Frank "Tink" (Mary), all of Clarkston. She also was survived by eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ronk was the sister of Lessiter (Polly) Hammond of Texas, the late Mary Katharyn Oakes and the late Lucille Brandt.

She was preceded in death by her husband George.

Funeral service was Dec. 16 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston, with Donald Kevern officiating. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery.

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By Mike Harris

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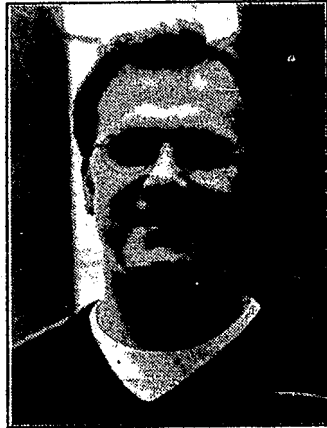
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Members of area churches celebrated Advent beginning the last Sunday in November. Ric Huttenlocher, right, puts together a Christmas tree at Clarkston United Methodist Church with help from his wife Carola, standing, and the couple's daughters, Claire and Tessa.

Holiday worship times at area churches

Clarkston Community Church, 625-1323
Dec. 24, Christmas Eve service at 5 and 9 p.m. Service at 11 a.m. on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2
Community Presbyterian Church of Drayton Plains, 673-7805

Christmas Eve Family Service at 7 p.m., Candlelight Communion at 9 p.m.

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 625-3288

Christmas Eve worship, 5 p.m., Jesus' Birthday Celebration with Christmas Carols and a puppet show tell the story of Jesus' birth; 7 p.m.

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St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 625-4644

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 1 and 7 p.m., Candlelight Service with Communion at 11:15 p.m. Christmas Day Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m.; New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1 p.m. with Communion.
St Daniel Parish, Clarkston -- 625-4580

Christmas Eve, Mass at 8:00 and midnight; Christmas Day, Mass at 9 and 11 a.m., no 5 p.m. Mass; Sun., Dec. 26, Mass at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m., New Year's Eve, Mass at 5 p.m.; New Year's Day, Mass at 5 p.m.; Sun. Jan. 2, Mass at 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

Clarkston United Methodist Church, 625-1611

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m., children, carols, candles, choirs; 7 p.m. message, carols, candles, youth choirs; 9 p.m. message, carols, candles, Chancel Choir; 11 p.m. Holy Communion, carols, candles, message, special music. Sun., Dec. 26, 9 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., Jan. 2, Covenant Services of Holy Communion worship at 9 and 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Church of the Resurrection, Episcopal, 625-2325 Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 10:30 p.m. carol singing; 11 p.m. Midnight Mass; Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26, 8 and 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist; Wed., Dec. 29 Feast of the Holy Innocents, 7:30 p.m., Holy Eucharist. This is our annual service in remembrance of all children who have died. The community is invited.

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Fest sparks holiday spirit

There was lots to see and do at the Family Holiday Fest, sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation.

The annual event, which took place the Dec. 17-19 weekend, included Santa and Mrs. Claus, the playscape decked out like Candy Land and Toy Land, horse-drawn wagon or

sleigh rides, refreshments and entertainment.

Guests also enjoyed the Festival Singers, who sang traditional carols garbed in Dickens costumes, as well as a puppet show in the beach house. No snow — but the festivities definitely got folks into the spirit of Christmas.

(Above) Brothers Jordan and Riley McMichael help themselves to some candy, provided by elf Courtney Bollman and Pikachu (Caitlin McLean).



PHOTO BY RENEE WIGHTMAN

Ann Stevenson, owner of the Union General Store, 50 S. Main St., says her eclectic shop has a bevy of last-minute Christmas gift ideas, including these packaged bath and body items. She says they're perfect "for the 11th hour."

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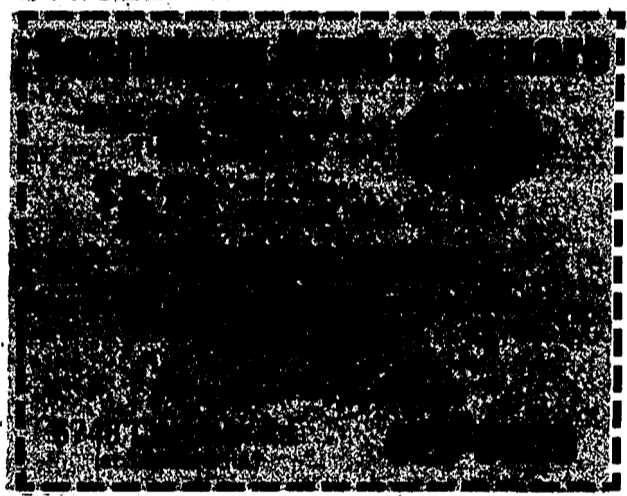


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and sliced (reserve 6 whole berries for garnish)
3 tbsp. granulated sugar
2 tsp. orange-flavored liqueur
2 tsp. orange juice
1 (3-oz) package ladyfingers separated

- In food processor, combine ricotta, cream cheese, confectioners' sugar, and orange zest; puree. Transfer to medium bowl; fold in whipped topping.
- In same food processor, combine 1 cup sliced strawberries, granulated sugar, liqueur, and orange juice; puree.
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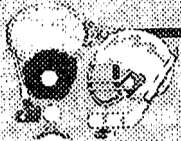
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- ◆ **Volleyball**
1/4 at Waterford Mott
- ◆ **Hockey**
1/5 vs. Berkley at Hazel Park
- ◆ **Wrestling**
12/29 at Goodrich Tournament of Champions

home basketball games begin around 7:30 p.m.

Magnificent Marino

Guard explodes for 39 points in Clarkston's win

	Clarkston	70
	Ferndale	65

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Sports Editor

The shots were going in from everywhere. Three-point bombs. Driving layups. Bank shots. Swished free throws. And by the time it was over, senior guard Ryan Marino was in rarified air.

Marino scored 39 points in Clarkston's 70-65 win over the Ferndale Eagles Friday night. It was the highest point total for a Clarkston player this decade, and among the best in school history.

With the win, the Wolves head into the holiday break with an overall record of 3-1, and 1-1 in the OAA Division I.

Marino dazzled the Eagles with his accurate shooting from all parts of the court, and made several key free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

"To score 39 points against a team like Ferndale, that's tough to do," coach Dan Fife said after the game. "Ryan has worked his butt off since the end of last season to define himself as an offensive player. He's got it down now."

Marino said he thought his point total was much lower than it was.

"I figured I had 25, tops," he said. "I couldn't believe it when someone first told me. This was a big win for us. After the Northern game, we had a lot of the same questions we had last year. But this year we stuck it out and the guys stepped up."

Clarkston took full advantage of a slow start by the Eagles to take an 18-9 first-quarter lead. Marino had six of the team's first eight points, but had a lot of help in the team's start.

Sophomore point guard Mike Blicher, making his first varsity start, had six points, three rebounds and two assists in the first quarter. He finished the game with eight points and five assists.

The Wolves kept the Eagles at an arm's length through the second quarter, keeping the lead between six and nine points.

Clarkston sprinted out on a 9-2 run to start the second half, thanks to a pair of 3s by Marino and one by Rocky Lund.

"We came out with those threes, and we should have put them away from there," Fife said. "We then let them back in, but we made the shots when we had to."

Marino scorched Ferndale for 12



Ryan Marino swishes three of his career-high 39 points Friday.

fourth-quarter points, six coming from the free throw line. He added a career-high eight steals and seven rebounds in his outstanding all-around performance.

Senior center Adam Schapman stepped up with a very good game for Clarkston, scoring nine points and collecting a game-high 12 rebounds.

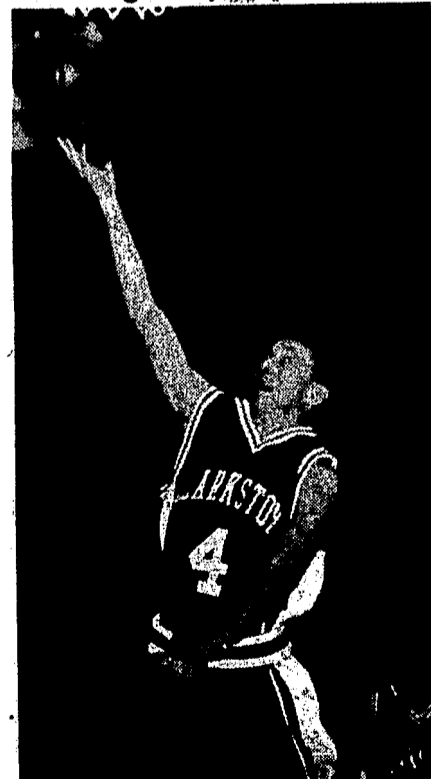
"Adam was outstanding on both ends of the court for us," Fife said. "He had a couple turnovers, but he made some very good decisions too."

"The past few games, Adam has been a force inside for us," Marino said.

The Eagles nailed five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter in an attempt to come back, but never got any closer than the final margin.

It was the first time Clarkston had defeated Ferndale since March 6, 1998.

"I'm anxious for the holiday time, because our football guys can finally get into real basketball shape," Fife said. "It's been a hard mental road for them, and we can get them a nice break, because they've gone straight since August."



Sophomore Mike Blicher played well in his first start.

Wrestlers finish third at county meet

DeGain, Robinson win county wrestling titles

BY BRAD MONASTIERE

Clarkston News Sports Editor

Half of the starting lineup for the Clarkston wrestling team had never experienced the rigors of the Oakland County Meet before.

With the lack of experience thrown into the mix, coach Mike DeGain said he was very happy with Clarkston's third-place performance. The Wolves finished with 215 points, tied with Walled Lake Western in the two-day tournament that concluded Saturday night at Lake Orion High School.

As expected, Novi went home county champs with 265 points. It was the first county championship in school history for the Wildcats. Troy rose out of the pack to finish second with 248.

Oxford (211 points) and Milford (200) rounded out the top six. Defending county champion Rochester Adams dropped to 10th-overall.

"Overall, I was really, really happy with everyone's performance," Coach DeGain said. "We had seven first-year kids in our lineup, and to be within striking distance of first was a good job by our guys."

Seniors Pat DeGain (215 pounds) and Jon Robinson (heavyweight) each won individual county championships, justifying their roles as favorites in their respective weight classes.

DeGain maintained his perfect record with pinfalls in every match, easily defeating Troy's Jamie Mitchell in the 215 finals.

Robinson, who won the county title in overtime last year, beat Oxford's Eric Ghiaciuc in the finals this year.

Dave Welanko, Bret Gove and Clint DeGain each finished third at the meet. Clint lost to eventual county champ Derrick Keasley of Hazel Park 5-4 in the semi-finals. Keasley was literally saved by the bell, as DeGain was in the process of taking him down as the third period expired. Had he fully executed the takedown, he would have been credited with two points, giving him a 6-5 lead.

"If he had one to three seconds more, he would have won the match," Coach DeGain said of his youngest son.

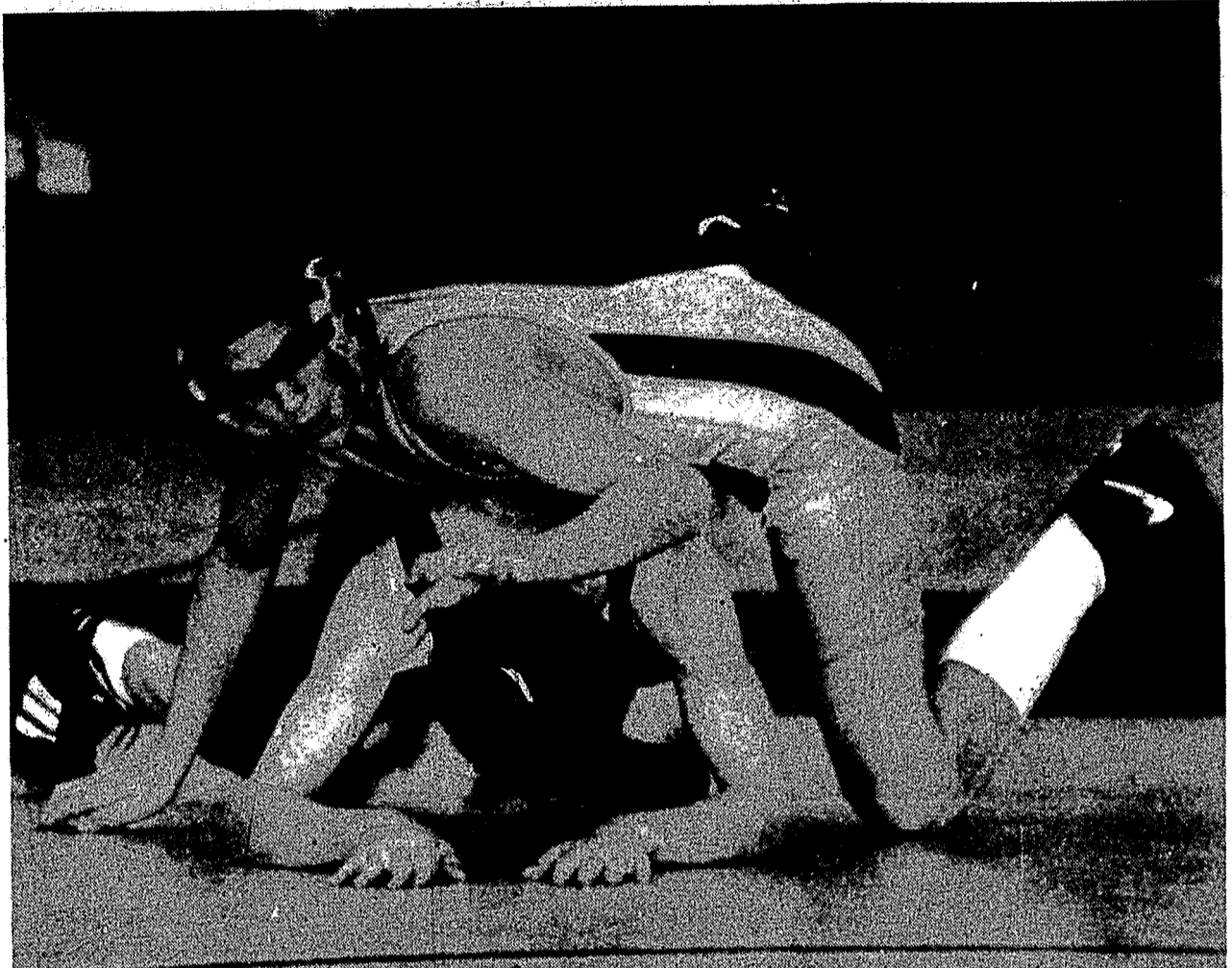
Coach DeGain said he was pleased with the performances of Nate May, Nate Parker, Dave Endreszl and R.J. Booker, all first-year wrestlers who came within one match of placing at the meet.

DeGain said he was not surprised at how well Troy did at the meet, saying the Colts have an experienced lineup that improved tremendously from last year, when they finished 17th at the county meet.

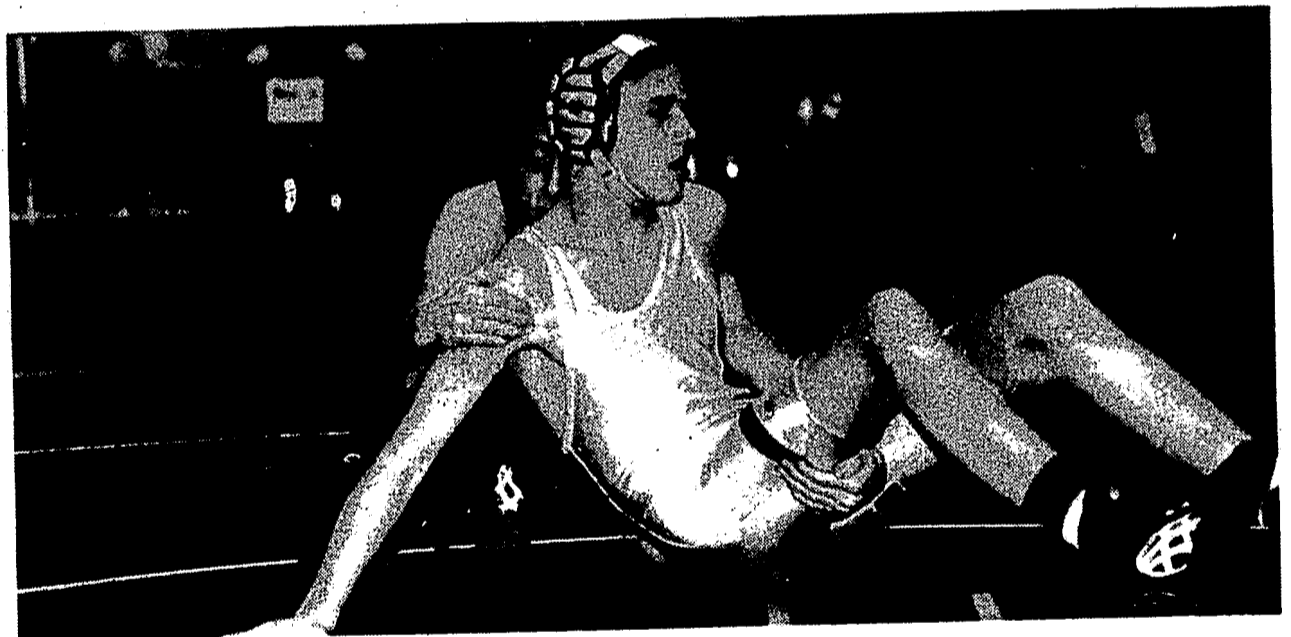
"I knew they would be pretty strong, because their kids became much more competitive by the end of last season, and it's carried over," he said. "I look at our league, and out of the six teams, four or five could be all over each other."

The next challenge for Clarkston will be the Goodrich Tournament of Champions, which will take place Wednesday, Dec. 29 starting at 10 a.m. The tournament there has traditionally been considered the very toughest in the state, even tougher than the state meet because elite teams from all four state divisions are competing.

Wednesday, Jan. 5, Clarkston takes on Troy Athens in an OAA I dual meet, its last league action for two weeks.



Clarkston's Blake Harlow can't see, but he's still in control in his first-round match.

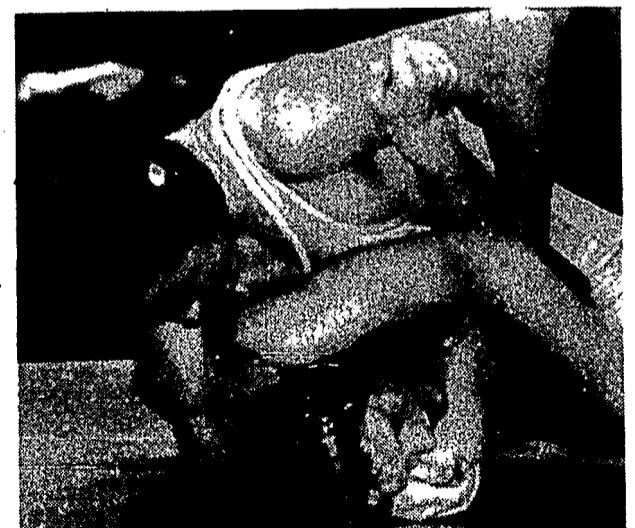


Jason Spencer hits the mat Friday at the Oakland County Wrestling Meet.

County contenders

Top teams at the Oakland County wrestling tournament

1 - Novi	265
2 - Troy	248
3 - Clarkston	215
4 - W.L. Western	215
5 - Oxford	211
6 - Milford	200



Freshman Clint DeGain is on his way to another win, this one against Brandon.

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Boys swim team ready to make a splash

Wolves competitive with Yellow Jackets in first-ever meet Thursday night

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
Clarkston News Sports Editor

The first Clarkston boys swimming and diving team isn't planning on getting drowned by anyone in its first season.

The team's competitiveness was shown in its first meet Thursday, when Clarkston lost a tough meet to Auburn Hills Avondale 103-79, a decent showing by a team in its first-ever varsity meet.

Coach Kenwyn Chock said she was impressed with the team's diving performance and its overall competitiveness.

"Our divers took one-two-three, and I was pretty happy with that," she said. "They can do dives of higher difficulty levels, and that will help them. We also did pretty well in the freestyle events, which is important to any high school team."

The 200 medley relay team of Ryan Wheaton, Joe Kraut, Kevin Miller and Paul O'Connor took first place with a time of 2:01. It was the first event to ever take place for Clarkston boys swimming, and the Wolves came out a winner.

Freshman Nick Olbendrund was named Swimmer of the Meet by Chock for his performances in the 200 and 500 freestyle events. He set school marks in each event, swimming a 2:40.83 in the 200 and 7:38.84 in the 500.

"Nick had no competitive swimming background, he just took a few lessons," Chock said.

Avondale is among the favorites in the OAA Division III this year, giving the Wolves a gauge of where they stand in the league race.

"My goal for this team is to win the league," she said. The other teams in the league are: Clawson, Hazel Park, Ferndale, Pontiac and Southfield.

Miller is the team's only swimmer with previous competitive high school experience. A junior, Miller was a diver and swimmer for Roseville High School. He heads a strong and athletic group of divers.

"Our divers are already improving their degree of difficulty," Chock said. "One has a gymnastics background, and that will help us out a lot."

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The 1999-2000 Clarkston boys swim team.



Kevin Miller (foreground) takes the lead on an Avondale swimmer in the 200 medley relay.



Ryan Wheaton does the backstroke in the first Clarkston boys swim meet Thursday.

1999-2000 CLARKSTON BOYS SWIM SCHEDULE

Dec. 16	vs. Auburn Hills Avondale
Jan. 6	vs. Pontiac
Jan. 11	at Lake Orion
Jan. 20	vs. M.H. Lamphere
Jan. 25	at Hazel Park
Jan. 27	vs. Ferndale
Feb. 1	at Southfield
Feb. 8	vs. Clawson

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Wolves back on track with key league win

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BY BRAD MONASTIERE

Clarkston News Sports Editor

The bitter taste of back-to-back losses by the Clarkston hockey team was replaced with the sweetness of a big win Monday night.

The Wolves scored four third-period goals to defeat the Troy Blackhawks 5-1 at the West Bloomfield Arena. Clarkston improved to 6-3 overall and 4-2 in the OAA Division I. The win also sent the team back into a first-place tie in the league with Royal Oak.

The Wolves won the rough-and-tumble game with Troy thanks to an opportunistic offense and clutch goaltending by senior Steve Badger.

"The biggest key was goaltending, by us and them," said coach Bryan Krygier. "I don't know how Badger made some of the saves he did, but he kept us in there early."

Troy came out the aggressor, controlling the play for the first period, making Clarkston scramble to clear the puck. But as the period ended, the Wolves started to counterattack effectively.

Senior co-captain Bill Kalush scored the first goal of the game on pure hustle. He outskated a Troy defender for a loose puck heading towards the goal, dove on the ice and tapped it in with the backhand. Badger kept the game 1-0 thanks to three big saves, two coming on a Troy power play midway through the period.

The Blackhawks tied the game less than two minutes into the third period, and a tight finish seemed to be waiting. Then, Clarkston's offensive depth took over.

Senior Derek Hool stuffed in a shot on the short



Senior Bill Kalush (11) advances the puck while Jon Bemis (16) backs him up.

side 77 seconds after Troy tied the game, starting Clarkston's rally.

Sophomore Adam Postal, one of the team's top

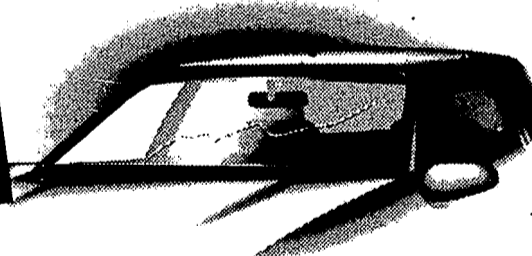
players so far this season, scored a beautiful power play goal with 5:31 left in the game. He took a pass

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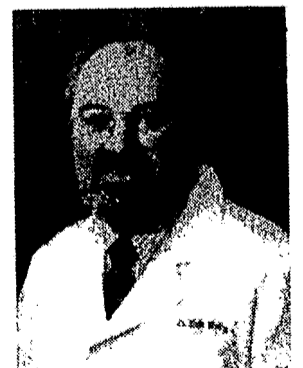
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Boys swim team ready for first season

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The girls swim team was made up of athletes who generally didn't play another sport. That is not the case with the boys team, who has athletes from baseball, football and cross country on its roster.

Senior Derek Casper is one of the team's captains, and he will be a four-year starter for the varsity baseball team this spring. He also has two years of varsity football under his belt.

Josh Riggs and Nick Petrinic played varsity baseball last season, while Matt Haver and Andrew Breen ran cross country. All will be lending their competitive experience to the team this year. Aaron Tyler is the team's other captain.

"These guys push themselves hard," Chock said. "With their athletic background, you can get more out of them in practice and we can introduce more things to them earlier than I could with the girls."

Clarkston is off for the holidays until Jan. 6, when the combined Pontiac team comes to CHS for a dual meet. Chock said her goals for the break include conditioning and improved technique.

"I want us to do some strength training and see our technique improve," she said. "With that, our times will come down. If we can teach them how to be competitive swimmers, we will do well in the league."

Hockey team bounces back with win over Troy

From Page 4B



Senior Anthony Facione blasts a shot at the net in Clarkston's Dec. 11 game against the Royal Oak Blades.

from freshman defenseman Jimmy Lattanzi, stickhandled around a Troy defender, and flipped the puck into the net.

Seniors Anthony Facione and Jason Stoecker added late goals within 11 seconds of each other to finish up the scoring.

Krygier said the win was a result of the hard work the team put in since its last game, a 5-3 loss to Birmingham Dec. 13.

In hockey, you go through cycles. You can either decide to stay in a rut, or you can work hard and get out of it. They have worked hard over the past week, and when you do that, the goals will come."

Postal, Facione and Hool each had a goal and an assist for the Wolves. Lattanzi had two assists, and Tom Newman assisted on Stoecker's goal.

Krygier said defensive puck movement was a key to the win for Clarkston.

"We got our transition going, and we got the puck up the ice," he said. "We didn't turn the puck over in our end, and that made a big difference."

"Anytime you lose two in a row, it's good to come back with a win like we had tonight," he said. "We worked hard in practice, and we knew good things would happen, like they did in the third period."

Clarkston is off until Wednesday, Jan. 5 when it hosts Berkley, a solid first-year program. Friday Jan. 7, the Wolves face a key league showdown at Royal Oak, a game that could go a long way to determining this year's OAA I champion. The Berkley game will be played at the Hazel Park Ice Arena.

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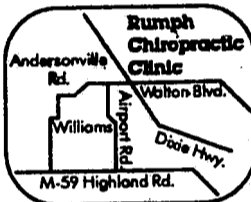
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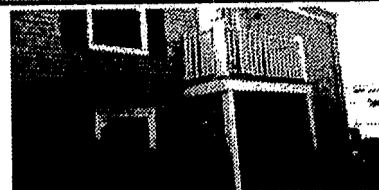
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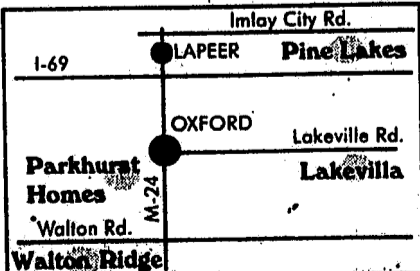
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December 13, 1999

SUMMARY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Mayor Catallo at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Present: Catallo, Clifton, Gamble, Meyland, Sanderson, Savage. Absent: Colombo.

Minutes of November 22, 1999, accepted as presented.

Agenda be accepted as presented.

Bills in the amount of \$35,893.99 approved for payment.

Community Development Block Grant Funds for 1995 in the amount of \$4,768.04 and 1996 Funds in the amount of \$550 reprogrammed from "Removal of Architectural Barriers" to the Oakland County Home Improvement Program.

Council meeting scheduled for December 27, 1999, was canceled.

City Council approved the proposed city portion of a \$169.12 assessment for the Mill Pond engineering study.

Resolved That the Performance and Indemnification Resolution required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a governmental body an Individual Permit for Use of State Trunkline Right of Way, Form 2205 or an Annual Permit for Miscellaneous Operations within Free Access State Trunkline Right of Way, Form 2205B, be adopted.

City Council passed a resolution opposing the special tax break for utilities as proposed by the State Tax Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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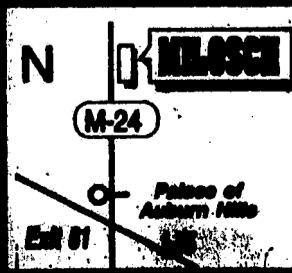


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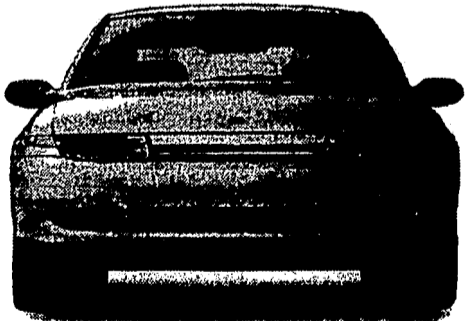


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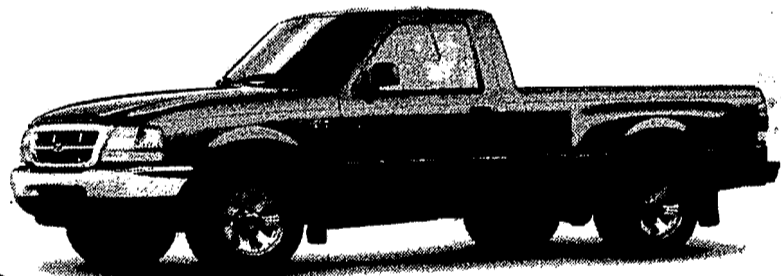
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