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## Millard to chair county commission

## BY JEFFFPATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer
In a last-minuteturn of events, Oakland County CommissionerFrank Millard, R-Clarkston was named as the Republican candidate for chair of the county
board of commissioners.

The movecame at the annual Republican caucus meeting heláa Monday Since:

Willard, atarkson attomey received 10 of the 18 yotes, compared tof five forComissioner TomLaw, R-West Bloomfield, and three for Charles Palmer, Clawson.


According to Millard, he and Law originally shared the same group of supporters", and Millard set his sights on the chairmanship of the Finance Committee, while Law sought the board chaiman's job.

However, Millard said he decided to pursue the board chairman's position after he determined he wouldn't be elected as chair of the Finance Committee.
"It came to pass that it didn't look like I was going to get the finance position;" he said.

Millard said that the responsibilities of the board chairman are to overse board administration and the Board of Commissioners as wellasto act as a spokes: person for the board:

He represents about 48,000 residents of District 4. Which encompasses parts of Waterford Indepen, dence Townstip and the city of Clarkston

The official election will be at the commissions first meeting in January

## Let the holiday parties begin!



Above, thor Fenton, 5, tells Santa what he wouldilk for chistmpe at the children's Chilstmas Party Dec. 2 held at the Independence, Township Library on Clantion hoad. The tile of the party was A thteknght music whob and Anne Burns of Glarkion, right peform top the children. "A Chtie Knigh Music is a Burns' original mustcal tale teaturing Renaissance instruments a dragon and diragonslayer, The couple has been pertormingin prograins and at chools since 980. The annual Chirstmas phitywas 10 hitd from ages 3 to 10 and Includod snacke and a gitt Abouth120.fids ftitadud each of the two partas, one in the moming and ond inthe afternoon. The party: Wht 18 so pon oren' by the Clarkston A rea. Qumbrab


## Springfield Plains named a Michigan Exemplany Blue Ribbon School

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Theirchildien are atenging one of 22 elemen. Why ethools selected as Blue Ribbon Exemplary

Schools in the state of Nichigan. Spring field Plains will altomatically be nominated by the state for the National Blue Ribbon Schools award The results will be an nounced this spring.

The Blue Ribbon Schools program recogntzes schoools that inet local state and national goals:

A panel teviewed factors such as standards, curnculumand family and community parnerships: ELementary and secondary schools compete in altemating years.

Mémbers of the state Board of Education will present the award next month.

# The News in Brief 

## Public Hearing for new subs in Springfield

The Springfield Twp．Board will hold two pub－ lic hearings involving requests for special land use at its Dec． 14 meeting．

One hearing is for a 53 －unit single family resi－ dential development on approximately 107 acres． The property is noth of Scott Rd．and Big Lake Rd．，south of Andersonville Rd．and west of the Ca － nadian National railroad tracks．

The other hearing involves a 22 －unit property known as Riverview Crossing，between Andersonville and Clark roads．

Copies of the concept plans and other infor－ mation are available for review at the Springfield Township Clerk＇s office， 650 Broadway，Davisburg． Call 625－4802 for information．

## Elections coming up for Oakland Conservation

Residents interested in running for the Oak land County Conservation District Board of Di－ rectors may pick up a petition at the District office located at 2891 Dixie Hwy．in Waterford．

Petitions signed by at least five residents of the District must be filed at the OCCD office on Dec． 15.

The annual meeting and director＇s election will be held Jan．25，at 6 p．m．at Clarkston United Methodist Church， 6600 Waldon Rd．Absentee ballots are available for voting in the election at the Conservation District Office Mon．to Thurs．，be－ tween 10 a．m．and 3 p．m．begining Jan． 5 ．
was Formore information，call the district office at 673－4496．

## Drop Lighthouse items off at Clarkston News offices

There is a collection box for non－perishable goods and new，unwrapped toys for Lighthouse Clarkston at The Clarkston News offices．

Items needed include：canned cranberries， fruits，vegetables，evaporated milk，pumpkin pie filling，boxed dessert，bread，pie crust stuffing and Bisquick or other baking mixes，noodles，instant mashed potatoes，potatoes，onions，Jello，rice，soup． Please－no glass containers．

Lighthouse Clarkston supervisor Katie Stewart sald over 100 needy families will visit the Lighthouse Christmas Store for food and toys．It is currently located at Clarkston Community Ed．， 6300 Church St．

The items need to be dropped off by Mon－ day，Dec．11．Our offices are located at 5 S ．Main Street，at the comer of Washington and Main in downtown Clarkston．

For more information call Lighthouse at 673 － 4949 or The Clarkston News offices at 625－3370．

## Chamber Holiday Mixer

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Com－ merce annual Holiday Mixer is Thürs．，Dec． 21 from 5：30to 7 p．m．at The Clarkston Cafe in downtown Clarkston．

Oakland County Executive L．Brooks Patterson will be the special guest

The event is billed as a networking／social event and guests are encouraged to bring their business cards．Admission is $\$ 10$ at the door． There will be a cash bar RSVP by Dec． 19 to the Chamber at 625－8055：

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Monica Nouhan of Clarkston is on her way to Hawail this weekend to participate in the 26．2－mile Joints in Motion Interna－ tional Marathon on behalf of the Arthritis Foundation．Her personal commitment is to raise $\$ 4,000$ by Dec． 25 ．She is running on behalf of her mother－in－law，Amelia Nouhan，and her Uncle George Curis， and the 1.5 million Michiganders who face the challenges of arthritis on a daily ba－ sis．Donations may still be made．Checks should be made out to the Arthritis Foun－ dation with Monica＇s name written in the memo portion，and mailed to：Arthritis Foundation，Michigan Chapter， 17117 W． Nine Mile Rd．，\＃950，Southfield，MI 48075－ 4508.

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## The Second Front

## Family history plays a big part in holiday traditions for the Smiths

Editor's note: This is the second in our series on area residents and their holiday traditions. BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer.
The more things change, the more things stay the same around Elaine FieldSmith's home during the holiday season.

Field-Smith, a Springfield Township trustee, lives on the same property that has been in her family since 1836 . Therefore, it is fitting that holiday traditions in her family have stood the test of time.

One of those customs is the Nativity scene that is a part of her home.
"This has been a family tradition for as long as I can remember," she said.

The familiar celebrations of Christmas are also part of the Smith household.
"We go to church on Christmas Eve," she said. "Christmas Day, we always have Grandpa and June come down early in the morning for presents. After that, the guys all get dressed, and go feed the cattle."

The men that are responsible for doing so are husband Jerry, and son David.

Field-Smith said that familiar holiday recipes, such as fruitcake cupcakes,


Elaine Field-Smith trims her Christmas tree In her home.
oyster stew, and Christmas Day dinner- - ... "A lot of gur tradition is based featuring a ham shank and lots of veg- दaround food," she said, "I always make etables.
cards while baking."
"Our family celebration is based upon Jesus' birth," she added.

She emphasized that while family members may change over time, the family customs and traditions remain intact from when she was growing up.

As a child, we were still here on the farm," Field-Smith said. "It hasn't changed much, except for the people. We do the same things. Our traditions have all continued on. I find comfort in the fact that our traditions are all the same, generation after generation. Our grandparents used to come to our house early Christmas morning to open presents, so that tradition has continued on, but the people have changed."

Field-Smith said she still reads the story 'Twas The Night Before Christmas to her son, David. She also pointed out how each of the ornaments on her Christmas tree means something to her

She added how she finds the holiday season to be a happy one.
"I find the Christmas season to be the most joyful time of the year," FieldSmith said. "I enjoy all the decorations. I enjoy how people decorate homes in the community."

## At Home For The Holidays

## Refrigerator muffins

By: Al and Arlene Roberts

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees, spray a 12 -cup muffin tin with non-stick cooking spray.
2. In a small bowl, combine the following ingredients:

1 cup of raisins
1 cup of boiling water
2-1/2 teaspoons of baking soda

1/2 teaspoon of salt Set aside to cool.
3. Cream the following ingredients inallarge bowl:

1 cup of sugar

* $1 / 2$ cup of shortening Add 2 eggs. $21 / 2$ cups of flour, 2 cups of All Bran cereal and 1 cup raw oatmeal to the large bow andmix.

4. Combine the wet and dry ingredients with 2 cups of buttermik and add $1 / 2$ cup of choppedints.
3 3 5 Pour batter into thecups. filling each about $2 / 3$ full.

6 Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes.

Nor, The batter can be keptinthe refigerator for atew Week if in is tit hily covered.t.

## Thumbprint cookies

By: Karen Foyteck
Combine the following ingredients:
$1 / 2$ cup shortening (part butter)
$1 / 4$ cup brown sugar
1 egg yolk
$1 / 2$ teaspoon vanilla
Sift the following ingredients together and theniadd to the other mixture:

## 1 cup sifted flour

12 taspoon salt:
Combine all ingredients well and then fom into 1-inch ball. Dip in slighty beatenegs whites. Then, roll the balls in fine ly chopped nuts Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased bak. ing sheet Bake in a 375 degree oven for tive minutes. Remove fromoven. Qulckly pess thumb genty on the top of each cookie. Return to oven and bake 8 min utes more A fter baking, drop apple jelly cor aclentelly of your choice) in the thumbphint of each cookie.

## Baklava

By: Penny Shanks
Filling:
3-4 1bs. finely chopped walnuts
2-3 c; sugar
rose water or orange water
Mix together using your hands.
Add 1 tsp. of rose (orange) water at a time until reach desired taste.

## Syrup:

3 c. sugar
1-1/2 c. water
Boil on low heat for 5-6 minutes. Add $1 / 2$ tsp. lemon juice and $1 / 2 \mathrm{tsp}$. rose water at a time to desired taste.

Crust:
2 lb . rendered butter
2 packages Fillodough (thawed)
Lightly butter bottom of $12 \times 18$ inch pan with pastry brush. Lay one sheet of Fillo dough down and brush with warm butter. Continue until 1 package of dough is on bottom of pan. Move quickly as dough dries very fast!) Add nut filling. Repeat layers of dough and butter with second package of Fillo dough. Cut into small diamond shapes (BEFORE BAKING). Trim excess dough from sides of pan and bake in 350 degree oven for 30 40 minutes on midale rack until golden brown. Remove panfrom oven and cool to room temperature. Pour syrup over entire pan and recut.

> Have a deliclous hollday recipe? Share your holiday recipes with other Clarkston News readers.

> Send them to $\mathbf{4}$ s at The Clarkston News, 5 . Mhain St. Clarkston, M 48346 ; fax them to 625 . O706: e-mall them to clarkstonnews Qadninet

## MDOT wants historical data for M-15

## BY JENNIFER NEMER

## Clarkston News Staff Writer

Are you familiar with important historical data or archaeology along the M-15 Corridor? If so, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is looking for your help.

Compiling historical data is part of the curren $\$ 1.2$ million Environmentaland Engineering Analysis of M-15 between I-75 and I-69.

At a meeting Nov. 15, compliance specialist Nancy Demeter, historical archaeologist Stephan Demeter and preservation planner Elaine Robinson shared the process of how the historical data will be gathered and processed. They are part of Common wealth Cultural Resources Group, Inc. (CCRG) of Jackson, hired to lead a historic evaluation throughout the corridor.

They will study the broad patterns in history or events connected to a certain location, founding fathers or significant people, architecture that is fifty years or older, and archaeology. Also, historical researchers are interested in finding Native American reservations which may have existed.

Communication between the residents of the M 15 Corridor and CCRG, is needed so nothing is overlooked.

Residents should contact CCRG at 1-800-731 3550 if they know of any properties that should be labeled on the map as historic. This will allow the researchers to survey the site and determine if it is in fact a historical property.

The study, sponsored by The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), is being conducted by The Corradino Group, a Louisville, Ky, based engineering firm.

Susan Reddy, founder of the Concerned Citizen Group in said, The Corradino request the the issues perstudy. It is that the that the
of. all M-15 Brandon Township Group and MDOT public's input on taining to this important résidents townthe corridor realiz added, "They will any group or indiyour concerns and call their 800 number

For more information, visit the National Register at www.cr.nps.gov/places.htm and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation at www.achp.gov,

In October, The Corradino Group announced they dropped non-auto options from the study because they do not address the need for more transportation capacity in the corridor.

These non-auto options are mass transit, paving gravel roads as well as telecommuting (reduction in travel due to working at home via electronic means) demand management (typically through large employers who offer ridesharing, four-day work weeks and off-peak travel time), and transportation systems man-
agement (techniques designed to maximize use of the existing transportation system).

Bypasses were considered for Goodrich, Lake Louise and Irish Road but have been eliminated. It was noted that their impacts are not great enough even though they do divert some traffic from sections of M-15. Also eliminated is the widening of M-15 to a wide boulevard.

Widening M-15 to five lanes or to a narrow boulevard is being considered which alleviates many of the impacts associated with all other alternatives.

Independence Township clerk Joan McCrary supports the narrow boulevard concept in order to maintain the "rural ambiance," in comparison to afive lane highway. She encourages residents of the M-15 corridor to write in support of the narrow boulevard.

The next public meeting will be the middle or late January. After that, a public meeting in March should result in a final recommendation from the consultants on the future of M-15. It will then be submitted to the state and the federal government for funding. And by October, a plan should be accepted.

All residents are urged to attend the public meetings.

If residents would like to be notified by mail on all future M-15 meetings, please visit MDOT's website at $w w w . m d o t$. state.mi.us $/ \mathrm{m} 15$. Include your name and complete address. The website is updated with new developments regarding the Environmental Assessment study.

## Reception to honor retiring youth librarian Anne Rose

A reception honoring Anne Rose, head of youth services at the Independence Township Library, on herretirement will be held Monday, Dec. 18 from 3-5 p.m.

The reception will be held at the Community Meeting Room of the Independence Township Li brary, located at 6495 Clarkston Road. Hors d'oeuvres,
cake and punch will be served
Rose has served as the children's librarian at Independence Township Library for 28 years.

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## Schools evaluate elecetion costs

## BY IEFP PATRUS

Clarksion News Staff Writer
Problems yithas Junés schooliboandelection handed by the Independence To wnship have prompted the Clarkston School District to consíder conducting its ownelections

After analyzing costs, the distric thas leamed it could save about $\$ 1,000$ fornext June selection

The findings were presented by David Resehke, assistant superintendentork 8 operations at he Noy 13 school board
K Reschike said the cost of nextyeat sections if they were to be rum by ndependence rownship Would be $\$ 21050$ compared to $\$ 19887,50$ ifrun by the school district.

The school elections conducted in June 2000 by the township cost $\$ 2270343$.

One difference in the costs is the rental of a storage truck to transport ballots. Thatexpense Would cost the township" \$375in 2001, about the same as this year's cost of $\$ 374.40$. The district said renting a truck would not be necessary.

In addition, he said the district would not have to use the stanchions for line control during the election, as the township did this year

Reschke said he would be willing to work with Independence Tównship Clerk Joan McCrary and try to work on a satisfactory election contract.

We need a contract that has specific language in terms of the duties of the township and the duties of the district he said.

He added that he expects to have mores nformation on the matter for the board in Janusty

The discussions between the two parties came aboutas aresuliof concems over how this year selectiowas handed

During thatelecton incumbens Karen Foyterk andMary Elien McLean, as well as trustee candidale Stephen Hyet were almost fored to tun as write-in
candidates for the election, due to nistakes, in filing of paperwork
. $A$ last minute court ruling prevented that from taking place, Foyteck and Mciean were ultimately reelected to the school board.
W. A theect 9 meeting of the board Foyteck took exception to the ow whip s rentalof a truck for 312 days, as well si townshit employees being paid Saturday overtime costs to deliper election equipment that could havebeendeliveredon Eiday atastraight time rate
 about the constinction of stanchions for the election by Mccraty thits band befmstead of bidaing for theequipment The stanchions were constructed at a cost of approximately $\$ 4,700$ according to McCrary, with 13 of the cost being billed to the schooldistrict.

She commented that the policy for Independence Township is to bid out the projects totaling $\$ 10,000$ or more. She said the additional stanchions were needed this year because of the additional precincts that have beencreated.

McCrary said that the township employees delivered equipment for part of the day on a Saturday because they were busy with their regular job duties on Friday.

She also pointed out that there are now three additional precincts in Springfield Township (at the vocational center, Andersonville Elementary, and. Sping field plains Elementary School, as wellas two new precincts in Independence Township: \#13 at the First Congregational Church, and \#14 at Pine Knob Elenentay School

- Durngthe Nov 13 meeting Reschike pointed out this Wast the firstime the district ran into prob1 ms withitetownship nithanding school elections. $z$ This is the first the we vescen (aschool election situation) with major contentiousness; he said


## School board signs onto SuITant IIL SUut

## BY JEREPARUS

Clarkston News Staff Witer
The Clat iston Board of Education, by a 6 0 margin approved a resolution to take part in the third round of lawsuits seeking appropriate special education funding from the state of Michigang

The latest suit is a continuation in the series of Durant lawsuits agaitst the state for failing to meet tis füding responsibilities for mandated special education activities and services.

The resolution says the district" is and has been since 1978 required to provide special education services and dactivities by operation of the School Code, cufrently the Revised School Code, and by various administrative rules and regulations imposed by the Michigan Department of Education."

The resolution also says the state has an obligation "to fund the full amount of costs incurred in providing new activities and services or increases in the level of activities and services required by the Michigan Legislature or any State agency subsequent to 1978." It was adopted at the board's meeting Nov. 13.

Clarkston receives $\$ 6,447$ per student from the state for special education funding, accord ing to Craig Kahler, the district's director of business senvices He added costs for special education students can sometimes range up to $\$ 40,000$, depending onthe needs of the student.

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## A time to think of others

Students and staft throughout Clarkston, and business and community members are organizing drives to help those less fortunate during the holfdays. An example of one of many of these heartwarming events, at right, Renee Flores, Kendra Baker and Amy Emery from Sashabaw Middle School deliver food and other items to Lighthouse Clarkston Nov. 27.


## Letters To The Editor

## Sign up to serve Independence Township

Periodically it is necessary for Independence Township to consider appointments to various boards and commissions. Typically, $I$, as supervisor, recommend individuals to the Township Board for these appointments. These boards include the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Board of Review (considers value assessmentissues), Cablecasting Board and Safety Path Committee.
t fyouare interested in servingonone of these conmittees now or in the futures would like to hear from

## The real reason for the season

Wow, where has the year gone?
It seems like only yesterday we were eagerly awaiting Y2K and the fate of the world. But, here we are enjoying another Christmas season.

Well, hopefully, you're enjoying it, if you're not letting the stresses of the holiday season get to you.

And there can be quite a few of them, like coming up with those clever gift ideas, battling the impatient store crowds, decorating, wrapping, Christmas cards, cook-ing-whoa! You get my drift.

Man, there is a lot of preparation for a celebration that only lasts one day.

But on the other hand, as we enjoy time with our family and friends, the kindness of giving, and an abundance of food, we realize Christmas is also a time to witness God's goodness.

There's a true story of God's goodness and Christmas' greatest gift. It's special to me and I'd like to share it with you. It's. found in the gospel of Luke chapters one and two.
"In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth,' a town in Galilee to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary."

The angel went to her and said, Greetings, you are highly favored! The Lord is with you.' Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be?
"But the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child ard give to a son and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. hiskingdom willineverend:
HTHow will this be, Mary asked the angel, since I amavirgin"
7. Whe angelanswered, the Holy Spirit will come
you. Please respond by Dec. 8 to P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347.

In your response, please provide a brief resume, name the committee on which you would like to serve, and a statment of how you believe you could be an asset on the committee.

Dale A. Stuart
Supervisor
Charter Township of Independence
upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you...For nothing is impossible with God."
"'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May it be to me as you have said.'"

## Just Jen



Jennifer Nomer
"In those days, Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child."
"While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn."
"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified:"
"But the angel of the Lord said to them, 'Do not be afraid. 1 bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."
"Today in the town of David, aSavior has been bom to yout he is Christ the Lord."

E-mail Jennifer Nemer at clarkstonhews@adninnets, ,

## Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow

As the weather has progressed this week, I see snow in our forecast . . . well, it's about danged time. If it is going to be 30 degrees Fahrenheit or colder, there might as well be snow. At least it'll look pretty.

And, that my friends is some dandy, unassailable logic, if I don't say so myself.

The holidays are upon us. Trees, real and fake are decorated. Homes have yards and yards of colorful lights draped around them. We need snow.

We haven't had a winter of snow since 1977 (or there abouts). Sure we'll get a day or two of 12 inches, but the last 20 years, that has been the extent of the white stuff. No, I say it's time for a real winter.

The kids need a winter where they can go sledding every night after school. They need some real snow days off from school, not the mamby-pamby, wimposauras, administrative day off from the kids snow day. School administrators ask yourself this: What good is a snow day, if the day you have off doesn't have enougtrsnow to go sledding?

Call a day of snow when there is little snow and you're inviting trouble. What are kids to do when they are not in school? You don't have to let your imagination go wild to figure the adventures in kid-dom will continue.

Gosh, I used to sled every night after school. The neighborhood where we grew up-on Clarkston Road by Walters Lake - was perfect for winter fun. Within a half-mile there were no less than eight sledding hills of varying degrees of danger.

The Queen Mother of Sledding was the hill on the north side of Walters Lake. There was one trail that led down from a burnt out Boy Scout camp, wound around trees, and dumped out into the ice covered lake.

What a rush!
The Queen Mother, however, was a hill you had to walk up, with your sled and it was across Clarkston Road and on the other side of the lake. Which meant we usually sledded down our driveway onto Sylvanview. That was probably the best hill in the hooduKids froma half-mile away would drag their sled to my house. It was steep. The run was lơg. It was great fun.

It was a road, however, and occasionally an emergency arose. On occasion whomever was sled-
ding would have to either bail off his/her sled then roll to the side or, try the more risky maneuver of taking the sled down to the first drive and make a hard left.

This move usually caused grown-ups much dismay. Not only did they run the chance of flattening a neighbor kid, they also had to stop their car - lose momentum and get stuck at the hill's bottom. Back

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me then front-wheel drive vehicles were the next best thing to being nonexistent. A lot of grown-ups parked their cars at the botom of the hill, tires buried in snow. They'd walk home, retrieve a shovel, walk back and try to dig themselves out.

We kids would continue to have fun and sted.

There was no room for guilt on the sledding hill. Nor was there a place for the feint of heart. Us older kids would try go down hill standing up on our bladed sleds. We'd try all sorts of stupid things. The younger kids, in their plastic saucers and long, wooden toboggans usually stuck to an easier hill - like the hill from my yard down to the neighbor's home.

It was short, a little steep, but not dangerous. Your typical training hill, if you will. It wasn't dangerous until Sister Patty, It think she was seven or eight, hit sledding age. She and her friends loaded up on a toboggan. Patty positioned herself last on the thing, facing backwards.

As the toboggan raced forward, Patty was able to watch our house disappear from view. Swoosh, down they went! Laughing all the way down, facing the backward, Patricia Loretta didn't notice everybody had bailed, that she alone was barreling down the hill at warp speed. She didn't know the sled was on a collision course with the comer of the home at the bottom of the hill.

When the snow powder settled, one of Patty's legs was oddly pointing off to her side. That little sledding incident put her in a body cast for a few months.

Hmmm? Just forget all that stuff I said 'bout snow.

Comments, suggestions, slander and words of wisdon can .be E-mailed to Don at: dontrushmedon@aol.com

## Get in the spirit; shop for a tree

Holy Moly, Happy Holidays!
I haven't had a Christmas season start out like this in 20 years.

We've had an artificial tree for at least that long. I've got the color-coded branches memorized so they can be put in wrong sockets without re-reading the directions.

Tips of these branches have been bent in every direction a couple times to fit the comer of the room, to better display long bulbs and short bulbs and to better handle lights, tinsel and tree-stowed gifts.

The day after the turkey was stuffed in us, Hazel said, "I'd like a fresh Christmas tree this year!"

You "seasoned" husbands know what that means. Find a saw, get some tie-down rope and start the mini, van. We're going to go find us a live Christmas Tree:

Candy Cane Christmas Tree Farm has been advertising with us for some years, so we went to their Seymour Lake Road farm. It was a good experience.

Owner Frank Genovese meets and greets visitors. He's a ${ }^{\text {pixeyw}}$ guy, short, white bearded, Christmas stocking hatted and wide-smiling enthusiasm.
"Been here before?" he asks everyone. "Let me explainourfarm. The firs are here, sprice there, and do youlike this one? With that he pulls some needles of a free and says, This one smells like tangerine ${ }^{2}$ as he encourages yout to smell it By golly it does?
Whetheryou buy any thing or not Frank says,
Have a good time
said to stay alive longer than others and have a good fragrance. Problem was none of the fir trees mentioned rang a bell with her.

So, off we went, further and further into the manyacred Christmas tree farm. I've shopped with Hazel many times, and I know we don't buy the first great tree we see.

No, we observed from all sides numerous trees that looked alike, with the right height and gerth, though, I'll admit some tree pinnacles were different.

All trees were price-marked, some, that resembled he and I, Frank said, were imperfect and low priced.

The owner also assured me that even I could cut down a tree with his sharp saws. Well, I did, then fook it to the shaker and tier, where I was told to go inside and pay for it.

Meeting Cathy Genovese, Frank's wife, at the cash register, was and even better experience than being greeted by Frank. And the fact that she gave me $\$ 2$ off thoughI didn' Bring a coupon from one of our papers, and recognized my name did not influ-

This "fresh Christmas tree" Idea of Hazel's showed again why we seasoned husbands go along withour wives suggestions, th because they re often
ence my opinion. right.


# People Poll 

By Jeff Patrus
The Clarkston News asks: How do you think the recent changes at Daimler Chrysler will affect the company?
"I think it will affect it favorably. The company was experiencing too much management and too much marketing."

- Bill Manion

"I don't think for the good. I think people are going to be angry; because the U.S. bailed them out with loans, and the Germans took over, so we basically gave away the company. I think people are going to be upset about it"
- Dee Niazy
"I think the changes will make the day to day business a litle bit smootherbetter product plants, better products, and higher quality."
- Keith Kerby


1 figure that they can no longer be consideredan American company anymore. Idont know how it will affect them, They

Still have some decent attractive 1 products,:



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For the past few years, I've looked forward to Theatre-A-Thon, the night the drama club puts on a nine-hour variety show. I'm looking forward to it again this year, and not just as a performer: this year, I am directing the whole show.

It's nice to be able to develop it into the best show I can make, but it's also a lot of work. Our club sponsor keeps telling me that it's really not as much work as former directors have made it out to be, and that I shouldn't get stressed about it.

While my only major task is getting a schedule of acts set up for the auditions and then the performance, the stress comes from thinking you're not going to have enough acts to fill two hours, much less nine, and that's the fear I was running on last week.

Each act has to turn in a skit sheet in order to get a spot in the show, and these sheets were due Friday. On Wednesday, there were three turned in, and that number had only increased to ten by Thursday. Since we've just started musical rehearsals, I was paranoid that Theatre-A-Thon just wasn't going to be anyone's
priority, and no one would bother with putting an act together. But in high school especially, things tend to get done last minute, and after picking up the last of the sheets, 1 am confident we will have plenty of stuff.

So what is this stuff? Acts can be pretty much anything. Theatre-A-Thon is one of the only times students are able to come up with whatever they want and perform it on our stage for an audience. Singing, playing music, dancing, and acting in skits are usually the core types of acts. I don't like that word skit, though: something about the two hard consonants rubs me the wrong
 way. My friend Becky and I have taken to calling our skit a "brief comedy," as it is described on the title page.

I encourage you to come see the show on De-
cember 15 . Of course, I'm the director, so I think everyone should come see us. But it's one of the most fun nights of the year for many of us, and I think that comes across on stage. There's really no question of not getting the part you want, so you're free to be whatever. We can let our senses of humor shine. And if someone has an ambitious idea for some new performance, Theatre-A-Thon gives him or her access to an audience.

We've got raffles, too, so you can win things! And admission is free (though we are always more than happy to take donations)! Bring the kids to see Children's Theatre! Bring the rest of the family! Bring a friend! Bring your poker buddies! Bring the girl you met in the elevator! Bting everybody you know -- there's something for everyone! You'll laugh; you'll cry! You don't have to stay the whole time from three o'clock to midnight, but why not? We've goot nice, cozy chairs in the Performing Arts Center inviting you to stay as long as you like. You won't regret it, and since it's free, there's nothing to lose. Hope to see you there!

## Staying focused on the positive at the schools <br> Have you watched a newscast lately? Do you <br> and warm clothes for the needy, volunteering time at a <br> and friendly for every student, staff and visitor. Last

find yourself asking if society has gone crazy? Do people really believe that anything positive is achieved by accentuating the negative? I, for one, had hoped to see the end of the negative ads, the put downs, and behavior that might best be described as uncivilized; but the saga continues. Isn't this ironic? After all, this is a season that calls for Americans to give thanks, to "count our blessings" and to think of others.

No, this is not a political column, but it is important to note that our kids learn by watching us deal with the challenges of life. They look, listen and pick up many of our traits. Given the ongoing barrage of negativity, and the tendency of the media to focus on the gruesome, the violent and the loathsome; it is important for adults to help our young people develop a positive perspective. This is easy in a community like ours and accentuating the positive is particularly easy for someone in my position. Everyday I have the good fortune of witnessing staff members assisting students in reaching their potential, working to help them build their selfconfidence and taking the time to recognize excellence. Allow me to share a few specific examples.

- Each of our school buildings is involved in community service projects. Whether it is collecting food
month they initiated a Friendship Day to share positive thoughts and appreciation for their fellow classmates. -Students in our choir participated in a heart-felt concert in memory of a friend and fellow classmate. Teachers and students at Independence Elementary have initiated a project with our downtown businesses to decorate their windows and storefronts for the holidays.

Events like these are typical of life in Clarkston, yet some find it easy to get caught up in a cycle of negativity.

I have a secret for those who find it difficult to enjoy the holidays- one visit to a classroom is a sure cure for such things as the "winter doldrums" or "holiday blues!" In the spirit of the season, I challenge all of my fellow citizens to take a closer look at the people and happenings around them. My guess is you will find many positive things to share with our young people. Take the time to point out good behavior, a genuine act of kindness, or a good deed. Such actions are worth modeling; but sometimes children, like the rest of us, are too busy to notice. Together, we can make the world a better place.

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shelter or caroling at hospitals and homes for the eld-
 erly, our students are reaching out to the world around them.
-At Springfield Plains Elementary the theme for the 20002001 school year is "Kindness is Contagious." Activities and events focus on teaching our children that doing nice things is a simple way to make the world a nicer place for everyone.
-At Bailey Lake Elementary some fóurth grade students have been "pen pals" with students in a Detroit school. Through ongoing communication our students have decided to help provide a few necessities to their pals who may be struggling through the winter. The students will be donating canned goods, books, school supplies and warm clothes directly to their pen pals.
-The CHS STAR Club (Students Teaching Acceptance and Respect.) have been diligently working to make certain our high school environment is warm


## Prize helpswoman continue＇bearing＇love

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer
Peggy Thomton is spreading love one bear at a time

The lifelong fesident of Waterford has a unique mission in life－to collect stuffed teddy bears，name them，dress each，and give them away toless fortu－ nate children．

Recently，Thornton received a ＂blessing＂in the disguise of a teddy bear when she was the winner of Clarkston Realty＇s prize drawing at the Clarkston Business Expo，Nov： 2.

The large teddy，decked－out in Christmas gear，to Thomton is＂Precious． I don＇t know what to call him except Precious：That＇s his name，＂she said．

Realtors Cheryl Karrick and Dave Miller met Thornton the night of the Expo．Miller explained there was a young lady chatting with us who put her name in the fishbowl．She told us she collected bears and finds fóster homés for them

He continued that they were told a＂touching story＂of how she collected so many girl－type bears and so many boy－type bears for a charity event＊＊And it was like a mrracle，＂Miller said，as there was an equal amount of girl bears fofr girls and an equal amount of boy bears for boys，unbeknownst to Thomton prior to the event．
＂You talk about miracles，＂ Thornton said，She explained in the past， she and her sister，Linda Wéllbaum， would meet frequently for lunch at a co－ oneynolongerim business on Dixie High－ 9idyyeftuxearsage the res sumanthe d ta Christmas lundheon for needy children and Thornton volunteered her time by Mrapping stuffed animals to give away． And as Mirlere xplained an amazing story took place．It was such a joy to be part of that，she said．
＂I just give as I see need，＂ Thornton sald：She said she doesn＇t know how she got involved doing such


Clarkston Realty realtors，Dave Miller and Cheryl Karrick，with Peggy Thornton and her prize．Miller sald when Thornton came to pick up her prize，＂she seat－belted the bear into the front seat and her back seat was full of stuffed teddy bears．＂
an unusual charity like donating teddy mother resided，and where she said she bears，but explains it as something that saw tears in the eyes of the recipients． ijust happened，
ont VHowever her benevolence is not limited to teddy bears．＂I get stuffed animals from garage sales，friends and family．They need a home and I find one for them，＂Thomton said．

In the past，she has donated other stuffed animals like a six foot pink fla－ mingo whose home is now the Pontiac Rescue Mission．She also donated gifts to Bortz nursing home，where her late

噍 talked about．Igave het a stuffed kitty with a velvet bow，she adored it．＂

Or how about a huge stuffed St ． Bernard？Thornton raffled that off for food baskets through the Heart of the Lakes VFW post，a＂wonderful won－ derful organization＂she＇s been involved with for eight years．
＂We just do a lot of good work there，＂shie said，such as charity work
with the YA Hospital and Haven，finan－ cial aid to students，and more．＂All pro－ ceeds $g o$ to charities，we retain noth－ ing，＂Thomton said，who added the La－ dies Auxillary group is looking for new members．

Helping ease other people＇s pain also helps ease yqur pain，＂she said．
＂My sister is quite ill right now，＂ Thornton explained and＂Precious＂has helped Thomton be peaceful and thank－ ful with the situation，realizing that God has truly blessed her，she said．＂I feel this little teddy has helped me to stay focused and determined in life．＂

Unlike Thornton＇s usual giving na－ ture，she＇s keeping this teddy for her－ self．＂He＇s bringing such joy to my life， I can＇t part with him right now：＂He＇ll take a special place in Thornton＇s col－ lection．
＂My sister made me count（how many teddy bears are in her collection） and in two rooms，at one point，I had one hundred，＂she said．Her collection can see anything from little figuirines，to stuffed teddies，to bear－covered window scrapers for her car．

Thomton，on the other hand，has donated so many teddy bears and other stuffed animals；she＇s lost track．＇I＇ve never put a number to it，which gives me an excuse to keep buying more，＂she said．

Miller said，＂There couldn＇t be a more perfect person to win．＂

To Thornton，each person doing their own makes a world of difference． ＂God hias blessed me，iamily and friends have given to me，so Ilike to give back．＂

A poem by Hellen Keller，on a typed post－it nöte，decorates Thornton＇s refrigerator as a reminder to her．
＂I am only me；＇but still I am oné． 1 cannot do everything，
but still 1 can do something；
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## Schools sign on to Durant II

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Despite the fact that school districts have won the previous two lawsuits against the state or Michigan, Kahler said Michigan is still not living up to its obligations in providing special education funding.
"All they' ve really done is' shift the numbers again," he said. "They don't seem to get it."

Penny Shanks, a taxpayer in the Clarkstonschool district, and wife of school board trustee Küt Shanks. has agreed to be included in the lawsuit as a plaintiff against the state.
"As aboard, you are not allowed to bring a suit against the state, Kahler explained.

The Durant II lawsuit cost the Clarkston district $\$ 13,500$ in legal fees, according to Kahler, He said those fees were reimbursed to the district in October of this year.

According to Kahler, the amount of money the district will spend on Durant III depends on thow long the litigation lasts, and how. much time is taken up by the district's attomeys. He said the legal fees will come out of the district's general fund.

Kahler said that the pool of Michigan school districts participating in Durant III is larger than for Durant II. He said the number of districts particpating "was closing in on 300."


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## Outstanding talent' at Theatre-A-Thon

By JeFr Patru
Clarkston News Staf Wriler
Likethe theater and other performing artsf then the Clarkston High SchoolDramaclub has something foryou.

Onf Fiday, Dec. 15 , the club will presentitt 12 th annual Theatre-a thon from 3 p.m. to midnight (if there is enough material to be performed) at the high school's Eerforming Arts Center.

The program is a variety show eaturing the talents of both onstage and backstage participants. Sched. uled acts this year include one act plays, a children's show, a dance competition, the EAS Mime Troupe, and numerous other actors, dancers, and singers.

According to Jeff Tice, theater aits instructor at the high school and sponsor of the Drama Club, the marathon is one of the main fundraisers for the club.

We take in anywhere from $\$ 300-\$ 1,500$ annu: ally, depending on the number of acts performing each year,' he said.

Admission to the event is free, though Tice added donations are welcome. Funds will be used toward the musical "Crazy for You,' to be performed in May, and the play "Our Town," to be performed in May.

Tice said participants in the event must be members of the club, and raise $\$ 15$ in pledges. He said "The-atre-a-thon" is similar to events such as the "walk-athon" and "dance-a-thon" in that regard.

He expects that about 1.50 students will take part in the Theatre-a-Thon, both backstage and on stage.

Kevin Kosbab, a senior at Clarkston High School who is the student director for the event, said that a children's theater group will performat 7 p.m, with a

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## CHS PTSA fundraiser is sthe cat's meow'

BY JENNIFER NEMER Clarkston News Stiff Writer

Bring Main Street into your home-in the form of miniature wood collectibles.

Kathie Valeri Carroll, co-president of the Clark ston High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) has announced their annulal Cat's Meow Fundraiser for the 2000 holiday season.

Clarkston lovers can collect one or all of the six piece set which includes replicas of

OOld favorites like Rudy's Market located at 9 S. Main since 1954, the Clarkston Country Store, buil in the 1860 s by Wiltse Vliet to house a cabinet shop It was purchased by James Schultz in 1971; and The Clärk House, 71 N. Main, built in 1839 by Nelson Clark.

New additions for 2000 sucfits the Clarkston State Bank, 15 S. Main, built in 1908 and owned by Henry Ford during the depression; and the Lambert House, 43 N . Main, built in the 1880 s and owned by the Lambert family for 90 years until it. was bought by the Olafssons in 1994
-And out of retirement this year is The Clark ston Independence Township Clock, created in 1986 for the Independence Towniship Sesquicentennial and stands in front of the Clarkston State Bank.

Each piece, which includes a description of the landmark, is approximately one-inch thick and varies in height.

The unique collectibles were suggested by a former CHS PTSA member from Ohio and were broughtto lifé in 1997.

The Cat's. Meow, an Ohio company, produces the wood creations from the handiwork of an artist tamed Faline. A trademark of Faline's work is to place a tiny black cat somewhere on the pieces and
one can be found on each of these artist-signed Clarkston collectibles; Two pieces of the original 199 se have been retired and are no longer available for purz chase. Those are the Independence Township of fice building at 90 N . Main and The Clarkston News, originally the Walter Building at $S \mathbf{S}$. Main.
"We would like to bring these pieces out of retirement to give people a chance to add them to their collection. We've had lots of requests," said Carroll:

Monies raised will support the CHS Reflections Ptogram, a fine arts program supporting visual arts, music, literature and photography. The PTSA will also give out student scholarships.

Typically two scholarships are awarded, but Carroll said, "our goal for this year is to give away faur:"

Last year, the Cat's Meow Fundraiser brought in approximately $\$ 2,000$.

Buildings are $\$ 15.50$ a piece and the clock is


Contact Kathy Valeri Carroll, plctured above with the six-plece set of Clarkston Village collectibles, to, order your own.
$\$ 10$.
To purchase your own collection, call Kathie Valeri Carroll at 620-8906, or chairperson for the Cat's Meow Fundraiser, Susan Leigh, at 625-6025 to bring the city of Clarkston into your home. Also, ask to be put on the mailing list to receive fliers on future additions.
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Lakes Area Civic Ballet proudly presents "The Nutcracker" in association with The Clarkston Foundation at 7:30 p.m. on Fri,, Dec. 8 and Sat., Dec. 9 at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Rd, off Clarkston Road. Tickets are $\$ 15$ and $\$ 12$ and may be purchased at Clarkston State Banks, The Clarkston Foundation, or Terri Newman's Dance Shoppe. Tickets may be charged by phone at 625-7500 or (248) 666-1971. There is a one dollar handling fee for charges. A wonderful holiday evening for the entire family! Logon to www.lakesareaballet.org for more information. ***
Santa Claus has made a special appointment with Springfield Township Parks and Recreation for all those parents who refuse to stand around in long lines at the malls. Bring your children and come out to the Hart Community Center on Sun., Dec. 10 from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is $\$ 3$ per child for Springfield Twp residents and $\$ 5$ for non-residents. Juice, snacks and presents will be provided. Pictures with Santa can be purchased for \$3. Preregistration is encouraged. Call (248) 6340412.

The Clarkston Community Band will hold its fifth annual Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 in the Performing Arts Auditorium at Clarkston High School.

The concert will feature traditional family Christ-
mas music, as well as popular music. There is no charge for admission, and refreshments will be served after the concert.

The band has been performing since 1996. It is a nonprofit organization, including musicians ranging in age from high school to over 80 .

The band is always on the lookout for new members. Anyone interested in joining the band or who wants more information should contact Jeanne Pierce at (248) 625-3546.
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In cooperation with Prescription Fitness of Waterford and Springfield Township Parks and Recreation, water aerobic passes are available for sale for individuals ages 50 and older. This program helps tone muscles and keep you physically fit. Classes are Mon-Fri. 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. at Prescription Fitness in Waterford, 5210 Highland Rd. There is a one-time, set-up fee of $\$ 5$ and passes are $\$ 30$ for ten visits or $\$ 50$ for 20 visits. A Swimming Medical Record/ Physician Consent Form must be completed and signed by a doctor and on file with the Parks and Recreation office before participation. This form is available through the Parks and Recreation office. Call (248) 634-0412 for more information.

Haverhill Farms of White Lake, in cooperation with Springfield Township Parks and Recreation is offering English Riding Lessons. Haverhill's instructors are committed professionals. Facilities include two outdoor rings and two indoor arenas. Lessons offered are flat lessons only, beginner through dressage. Participants must call Haverhill at (248) 887-2027 to schedule a start date. Cost is $\$ 140$ for ten lessons. For more information call Springfield Twp Parks and Recreation at (248) 634-0412.

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held at 12 locations througout Oakland County. Services include: heights and weights, head to toe physical exams, immunizations, vision and hearing testing, lab testing, growth and developmental screening, and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed. Appointments are required. For more information call. North Oakland in Pontiac at (248)858-1311, South Oakland in Southfield at (248)424-7066, West Oakland in Walled Lake at (248)926-3341, or Holly residents at 1-88-3500900 ext. 8-1311.

## Theatre-A-Thon

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mime troupe directly following. He also said there will be a "dance-off", featuring various dance routines that will take place throughout the evening.

According to Kosbab, while the entire show is geared toward a family audience, the 7:00 hour is particularly aimed at families, with the children's theatre and the mimes scheduled.
"We have all different types of acts through the night," Kosbab said. "We have a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses."

Tice said that about $10-12$ of the students will serve as masters/mistresses of ceremonies throughout the festivities, introducing the upcoming acts.

He encouraged all whoattend to stay for the full nine hours in order to take in the wide variety of acts that will be on stage that evening, promising a "funfilled evening" for the audience.
"I suggest people come at 3 and stay until 12 ," said Tice. "We have some really outstanding talent."

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Sunday, Dec. 3, a malicious destruction of property on Cramlane. Damage is valued at $\$ 100$.

Medicals on Cramlane, Sashabaw at 1-75, and Mann.

Saturday, Dec. 2, a carjacking that began in Flint ended at a gas station on Dixie Hwy and M-15. The man involved was armed but the victim of the crime was not harmed in the process. The man was arrested.

Two males at a grocery store on Sashabaw stole $\$ 82$ worth of beer and were caught on video.

Investigation on Poquosin.
Medicals on Stevens, Independence, Pear, and Clintonville.

Friday, Dec. 1, a larceny was reported on Meyers. Stereo equipment worth $\$ 1,500$ and an archery bow worth $\$ 350$ were taken from the owner's garage in the process of moving.

A larceny of $\$ 1,170$ was reported at a restaurant on M-15.

Investigation on Dixie Hwy.
Medicals on Flemings Lake and Clinton.
Thursday, Nov. 30, a home invasion was reported on Clintonville. A briefcase containing tax records, court custody records and a 1958 Detroit Ti-

## Police and Fire

gers yearbook valued at $\$ 150$ was taken by an unknown person.

Carbon monoxide investigation on South Main.
Medicals on Independence and Whithom.
Wednesday, Nov. 29, a man was caught stealing over $\$ 100$ worth of cigarettes from a grocery store on Sashabaw. His license plate number was obtained. Automatic alarm on South Main.
Medicals on Transparent, Brookstone, Dixie Hwy and in front of 9126 Sashabaw.

Tuesclay, Nov. 28, a man reported his diamond/ gold ring worth $\$ 1,250$ lost at a restaurant on Dixie Hwy.

A malicious destruction of property occurred at the Clarkston Community Education building on Waldon. Medicals on East Princeton, Middle Lake, and Maple.

Monday, Nov. 27, a man was stopped for suspicion of dealing narcotics in the parking lot of Clarkston High School. After denying three times that his truck contained no drugs, police searched and found numerous narcotics.

A construction trailer with equipment totaling over $\$ 7,000$ was taken from a site on Perry Lake.

An assault and battery occurred at a grocery store on Dixie Hwy. An employee was attacked by two customers.

A man on Andersonville driving under the influence lost control of his vehicle and rolled over. He suffered minor injuries.

A prescription fraud was attempted at a drug store on M-15. The man was described as $5^{\prime} 7^{\prime \prime}$ tall, heavy build, brown hair and seemed to be intoxicated. Investigation on Dixie Hwy.
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Personal injury accident on Andersonville at White Lake.

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# Help for the holidays 

## Clarksion Eagres oenefit planned for Orion grad with NF2

## BY LISA YAGTITINE

Lake Onion Review Staff Writer
Coning back from having tests done to determine the reason for some hearing loss, $T$, Wilson and his girlfriend joked in the back of the car that Wilson probably had a brain tumor.

Wilson's mother, Michelle Beghin Hollis, saidat the time she knew that Hollis did in fact have multiple tumors, a result of a condition called Neurofibromatosis 2 (NF2).
"I sat in the back of the car and listened to them," she said, "I had dark glasses on so they couldn't see (my reaction)."

Wilson, a 1998 Lake Orion High School graduate, was diagnosed with the disorder in June 1998. The Clarkston Eagles are planning a benefit for Dec. 9 to help defray some of Wilson's medical costs.

NF2 is a rare type of Neurofibromatosis that is characterized by multiple tumors on the cranial and spinal nerves, as well as other lesions of the brain and spinal cord. As in Wilson's case, hearing loss is often one of the first signs.
"He is a classic case," said Beghin Hollis, who explained that NF2 often doesn't show up in a person until their late teens.
"It can be inherited or just occur with no history," she said. "In our case, no one on either side of the family has had it before."

NF1 is a less severe type of Neurofibromatosis where tumors form on the outside of the body, on the skin. With NF2, thosetumors developinside causing all sorts of complications like hearing loss, blindness and possible paralysis. NF2 patients are also at risk for developing brain tumors and almost always develop tumors on both nerves to the ears theme Wilsonunderwentiifirist itrgery to have tumors on his hearing nerves removed in November 1998. One of the larger tumors on the right side was also pressing against his brain stem, and doctors were only able to remove 30 percent of it. A second operation proved ineffective.
"They got basically none of it that time" Beghin Hollis said. "But Jim got facial weakness as a result, kind of like when someone has a stroke."

Doctors attempted a third time to remove Wilson's tumors in May 1999. Now totally deaf in his right ear, there is a possibility Wilson could go totally deaf in the future.

Wilson's life changed however when his aunt Jan Karrick of Clarkston heard a five-minute blip on a news


Jim Wilson, 1998, Lake Orion High graduate, will benefit from a dinner/auction by the Clarkston Eagles.
program about a revolutionary procedure called Cyberknife.
"I called Michelle) and she pot onithe mebsite,"
"(Jan) doesn't even watch the news...and our doctor here hadn't heard of it, but he said to go for it. It was kind of a miracle," said Beghin, Hollis.

Cyberknife, combining radiation and a pinpoint accuracy laser to target and kill tumors, was developed by Dr. John Adler, a neurosurgeon at Stanford University. The procedure involves no cutting, lessening the chances that surrounding tissue could be damaged.

The actual Cyberknife device, produced by Accuray, employs technology much like the Pentagon uses to target cruise missiles. Digital X-ray images target each tumor. The procedure is currently available at only four other locations besides Stanford Medical Center in California.

Stanford is where Wilson and his mother traveled overthe Thanksgiving holiday, so that he could undergo the first of three Cyberknife procedures. Because only one tumor can be done during each trip, with a three month waiting period in between each, Wilson will return for his second surgery in February and his third and final treatment in May.
"Now he's developed a spinal tumor since all this began, butit'sstill tiny," Beghin Hollis said. "They can't just keep zapping everything that pops up...They are going to do the most important ones first."

Wilson, 21, is currently a student.at Northwood University in Midland. He is studying automobile business and his mother said it is his dream to one day own his own dealership.
"He tries to block that it's even there," she said "He's a kid... When he heard he had to come back in February, he was like 'But mom, that's spring break time.' He treats (NF2) like it is an inconvenience."

Beghin Hollis said Wilson had to virtually learn to walk all over again after he lost his balance as a result of his first surgery. But by Christmas time that year, he was skiing again.
"It's incredible...He'stoo busy for it all, he doesn't like to talk about it," she said.

Although their medical insurance is so far cover ing most of the costs for the procedure, Beghin Hollis said other related costs due to the traveling have been mountingup.
"Most of the hotels (near Stanford) were like $\$ 200-300$ a day,' "she said. "And then there's food, and a rental car because we are 25 miles from the airport:"

Beghin Hollis said, she estimates each trip to California will cost about $\$ 3,000$.

That'swhy Kantick, whoworks at the Eagles and is also presidentof he Ladies A uxiliany, decided to put together the Dec. 9 benefit to help raise some monney to. pay for the travel expenses,

The event is $\$ 10$ for the spaghetti dinner, which will be $4-7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$ : Admission is free without dinner and tickets are available at the door. An auction and DJ entertainment are also planned.
"We're doing pretty good (selling tickets), I don't know where we're going to put all these people," laughed Karrick. "But justrallying together, that's what the Eagles are all about."

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## A Look Back

## 15 YEARS AGO (1985)

For the first time in about 30 years, Christmas decorations won't shine from the 11 light poles in downtown Clarkston. The decision was made by the Clarkston Rotary Club, the organization that provided and hung the holiday omaments all those years. Detroit Edison is to blame, says Rotary president Tom Murphy, because the company refuses to allow the installation of electrical outlets on the poles.

A proposed part-time "manager" position for the Village of Clarkston met with general approval at the village council meeting. Council members agreed the proposal had merit but tabled action pending further review. If a manager were to be appointed by the council, he or she would assume all the duties of the village secretary plus many obligations of the president and clerk.

A lawsuit against the Clarkston Surgical Center and the Michigani Department of Public Health has been dismissed by Ingham County Circuit Judge Thomas Brown, who issued a restraining order in September preventing construction of the facility. The suit, brought by Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital ( POH ), sought to have the center's state-authorized certificate of need (CON) revoked.

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## 25 YEARS AGO (1975)

Candidates wishing to run for Clarkston Village Council in the March 8 election have until December 29 to file nominating petitions within the villãge clerk. Five voting positions on the council are up, including president, clerk and three trustees. Currently filling those posts are Keith Hallman, Bruce Rogers and Ruth Basinger, Neil Granlund and Kathleen McCall, respectively.

The Springfield Township Board has okayed the purchase of an $\$ 11,500$ parcel of land in the southerm end of the township for a new fire hall. The land is located between Big Lake and Andersonville Roads just east of the Grand Trunk railroad tracks. The site was one of two under consideration by the board; the one not chosen was located just north of Andersonville Road.

A portion of the Hawk Took plant may be rented to Clarkston Village at a tentative annual rate of $\$ 5,000$. The village would use the rental space to store its vehicles and other maintenance equipment. A majority of other Village Council members indicated that they would be in favor of the proposal, submitted by council president Keith Hallman on behalf of Earl Hawke, part owner of the property.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1950)

The senior class of Clarkston High school presented "Who's Batty Now" to a well filled auditorium. The play was directed by A. G Heimburger, who is to be complimented for a job well done: The play was entirely different than any ever presented here. The action of the entire play took place in the living room of the Hatter home in a small city.

The forks in Clarkston will be glad to know that Mrs. Durand Ogden was able to return to her home after being ill with virus pneumonia. Mrs. Ogden was a patient at Harper Hospital.

Everyone will be pleased to hear that Billy Shanks, who is confined in St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac following an accident while tobogganing on Green Acres Hill, is getting along nicely: His spirits are good and he is looking forward to being home for Christmas.

The weekly meeting of the Clarkston Rotary Club was called to order in the Methodist Church with President Charles Robinson in charge. Group singing was led by R.L. Jones while William Ladd accompanied the group on the piano. Plans were discussed for street decorations, the goodfellow paper sale and the Christmas party for the community


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## Daimler/Chrysler changes 'happen in corporate America'

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer
The changes taking place at DaimlerChrysler are not a serious cause for worry for at least one of the company's local dealerships.

Check Fortinberry, president of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, has witnessed a lot ups and downs in the competitive auto industry during his $20-$ year association with Chrysler.

He said while recently, "we lost some good upper management people," the changes are a fact of life in the business world.
"This is a company that I've had a relationship with for over 20 years," he said. "Our market is so fiercely competitive. There are still tons of very talented people. Those changes happen in corporate America."

Fortinberry said the old adage of supply exceeding demand also had a part in the layoffs. Nonetheless, he said the product line at his dealership is still top-notch.
"The capacity exceeds demand," he said. "Leasing has changed the marketplace. There's a lot of inventory on the ground. The products we have are
excellent. The product plan we have coming up is tremendous. That won't be affected."

According to Fortinberry, a total of 100,000 units have been taken out of production for the entire model year. He said that while that is a significant amount, there are still over 4 million units that will be produced for this model year.
"It's far less than 10 percent," he said. "Our availability is still excellent (with the notable exception; Fortinberry said, of the PT Cruiser line, which has been selling very rapidly)."

He said overall, he expects the dealership will remain strong. He recently opened a new $\$ 750,000$ collision repair center at the dealership. (See adjacent story).
"We're in good shape," he said. "We've got good incentives. There's going to be some adjustments. I've been here (in the Clarkston area) 16 years and watched it grow."

A spokesman at J.P. McCarthy's Dodge dealership in Springfield Twp. refused to comment on the issue.


Clarkston Chrysler Plymouth Jeep Manager Nick Hopson (left) and dealership President Chuck Fortinberry examine a paint job at the new collision repair center.

## Clarkston Chrysler Jeep opens $\$ 750,000$

## collision repair center

Chuch Fortinberry, the president of Clarkston Chrysler Jeep, located on 8105 Big Lake Road, has expanded his dealership to include a new, state-of-the art collision repair center.

According to Fortinberry, the dealership added 10,000 square feet onto the existing facility in order to construct the center. The dealership broke ground in "late May or early June," Fortinberry said.
"We were already in the collision repair business, but we were limited," he said. "We've been in the
body shop business since 1987. Today's dealerships need to be full service. We were completely outgrowing our facility."

The new center cost $\$ 750,000$ to construct, and will allow for a dozen full-time body repair employees, according to Fortinberry.

In a press release, Nick Hopson, manager of the Clarkston Collision Center, said that the new center will lead to vast improvements in repair quality.
"We now have two down draft
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$\$ 499,000$, or $\$ 0.53$ per share, for the first nine months of 1999.
"Looking forward, we expect the area's economy to remain strong and our momentum to continue into the fourth quarter and new year," said Harrison. "Our team continues to set new watermarks. Their considerable efforts and success have moved us to the forefront of Michigan's de novo banks in terms of profitability and performance. And we continue to be pleased by the strong support accorded our little bank by area businesses and individuals."

The bank holding company declared a 10 percent stock dividend to shareholders of record October 31. 2000 . Hamisoon said the stock dividend was intended to reward shareholders for theircontinuing support The dividend payment was rounded up to the nearest 10 shares to determine dividend payout. No cash payments were made for fractional share holdings.

The bank opened January 4 1999. The banks Website is: www.clarkstonstatbank come

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## Chrysler Jeep collision center

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In addition, Hopson pointed out two new software programs that he said will make the center more efficient añd Hielpfulto insurance companies and customers:

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According to Fortinberry, the new collision shop will allow the dealership the capacity to repair up to 50 cars at one time.
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Everyone can relate to this because its a kid.. people think Ican do something now, I can make a difference, Beghin Hollis said.

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## lcers shut out Kettering

## Seven Wolves score in 8-0 win

## BYED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer
Nine Wolves registered points and Clarkston scored eight goals in an 8-0 dismantling of Waterford Kettering Dec. 2 at the Polar Ice Palace in Lapeer.

The Wolves improved to $4-1$ overall and remain 2-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

Clarkston scored two first period goals, three in the second and three more in the third:

Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier had been unihappy with his team's playin second periods in previous gamestitrough out the season. However, he said his: team played solid in all three periods against lue Captains.

IWasnt that worried about what the score came out to be, 1 Ifygier said T1m happy we won8:0, butl was more happy about them playins more as a team and within the system. They played all thre periods. Weput it all together to day Which was nice for a chinger ${ }^{2}$

Junior Mike Abrams scored the gamés opening goaf less than two mint utes into the game on an assist from Myles Purdy, Seremy Gabriel put the Wolves ahead 2.0 . ess than wo minutes later His goal was assisted by Ryant


Mike Choletio fires a shot in the Wolves win over Kettering.

Mackinnon
In the second period Gabriel Mackinnon and Eric Hall had goals with assists coming from Stephen lanowiak, Gabriel and Adam Peters, Hall's goalwas the most memorable of the night as he put 4 backhander past the Kettering goalie While tying on his back.

Abrams, Janowiak and Andrew Jofinston all scored in the third with assists coming from Purdy Gabriel and Peters.

Goalie Brendan Czarniecki earned the shutout and picked up

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Members of the Clarkston varsity volleyball team include Shenna Moran, Lyndsay Vincent, Diana Doyle, Jenny McLeod, Bethany Gozdzialski, Jennifer Frederiksen, Tricia Brewer, Bonnie Edgar, Lisa Ferguson, Andrea Gower, Kristen Falck, Shannon Sadowski, Rockie Tripi, Mary Warchuck and Angela Humphreys. The Wolves are coached by Gordie Richardson and assisted by Heather Wiley.

## Netters make the move to OAA I

Eight seniors return as
Wolves kick off season
Dec. 9

## BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer
Clarkston varsity volleyball coach Gordie Richardson is optimistic on the season. But the Wolves will have some stiff competition this year as they move up to the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

The Wolves are coming off a 6-6 record in the OAA II last year and posted an overall record of 25 -17-3. Other teams in the OAA I are Troy, Troy Athens, Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Groves, Rochester Adams and Lake Orion. Clarkston lost only three seniors from last year's team.
"I told the girls and their parents that I think we'll be good. The girls have to believe that they're good. We've got some talent and some kids who have put a lot of time in to get better either through summer camps or AAU leagues," Richardson said.

The Wolves feature eight seniors on the team. The captains are Angela Humphreys, Shannon

## Varsity volleyball schedule

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$12 / 14$ at Athens ( $6: 30$ p.m.)
1/4 vs. Groves ( 6 p.m.)
$1 / 6$ at W.L. Central Varsity Tourney ( 9 a.m.)
1/8 vs. Adams (at Stoney Creek High 7:30 p.m.)
1/11 vs. Orion (6 p.m.)
1/13 at Grand Blanc Classic (8:30 a.m.)
1/18 at Troy (6:30 p.m.)
1/25 at Seaholm (6:30 p.m.)
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Sadowski and Mary Warchuck
Richardson said his team has made great strides in the early going.
"I'd say early in the year we're further ahead in offense than we've been in years. We're better on defense than we were at this time last year too," Richardson said.

In addition to their three captains, the Wolves fea ture 6-foot-3 Andrea Gower and setter Kristen Falck. Falck, Humphreys and Warchuck all played at the varsity level during their sophomore year.

The team has a few key characteristics that Richardson hopes to capitalize on. He said his team can play different styles, has quickness, power and is very coachable.
"I think we can beat teams in different ways this year," he said. "We have enough volleyball knowledge that we can go finesse or we can play the power game. In volleyball, the key is can we receive serves and get side outs. If we do that, a team can't beat you," he said.
"I think this group of kids feels good about themselves. They're a hard working group," Richardson

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Members of the Clarkston varsity basketball team Include Ryan Kaul, Ramzy Dasuqui, Blake Fields, Sean Eley, Adam Kretz, Case Bannasch, Matt Mahrie, Mike Loveless, Justin Jones, Ryan Briceland, Cody Senkyr, Dave Ritzema, Ben Horstman, Mike Blicher, Matt Pearsall and Bryan Endreszi. The-Wolves are coached by Dan Fife. He is assisted by Scott Muska, Eric Chambers and Gary Kaul.

## Fife says mental toughness is team's biggest strength

## Cagers return nine seniors in tough OAA I

## BY ED DAVIS

Clarkstön News Staff Writer
Clarkston varsity boys basketball coach Dan Fife said his team may not be as talented physically as last year's, but he thinks they're smarter.

The Wolves finished last season posting a 16-8 overall record. They won their district, but fell in the regionals to Pontiac Central 67-61 in overtime.

The Oakland Activities Association Division I race will be as tough as ever with Ferndale, Rochester and Pontiac Northem being the favorites, Fife said.

The Wolves will find out early how good they are. Their first three games are against those three teams.
"The beginning of the season will be tough, but that doesn't change what I do with the kids. Our goal is to always play hard and compete and try to win every game. We've got to compete within ourselves," Fife said.

Clarkston comes into the season with nine returning seniors, but only one returning starter in Ryan Kaul. Kaul will lead a solid group of point guards including Mike Blicher and Blake Fields. Ryan Briceland and Ben Horstman will contribute from the two guard spot. In the middle will be Bryan Endreszl, Cody Senkyr, Ramzy Dasuqui and Dave Ritzema. The for-

## Varsity basketball schedule

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ward position will be handled by Matt Pearsall, Justin Jones, Case Bannasch and Adam Kretz.

The majority of the players also played on the Clarkston varsity football team. But because of the success of that team, Fife has had less time to prepare his team for the season. However, Fife said he en-
'Our goal is to always play hard and compete and try to win every game. We've got to compete within ourselves.'

Dan Fife - Varsity basketball coach
courages his players to also play football.
"All three of my kids (Dugan, Jeremy and Dane) played football. I think it's good for kids to play both. The kids will already be tough," Fife said.

Fife hopes the success of Clarkston's football team carries over to his 11 players who played football.
"I think that team showed a lot of character and that the kids are used to winning. They'll go out and compete," Fife said.

However, the Wolves will miss several of last year's•key players. Ryan Marino, Rocky Lund, Adam Schapman and Pete Ritzema have all graduated. Marino averaged over 20 points per game last year and Lund led the Wolves in scoring in their district championship game against Holly. Schapman and Ritzema gave the Wolves a solid inside presence.

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Members of the Clarkston varsity swim team include Nick Andalora, Steve Ashley, Jon Balcom, Andrew Breen, Rob Bryan, Ryan Cocciolone, Nick Curdy, Jeff Driscoll, Tom Fick, Derrick Goltry, Norm Goltry, Adam Kasper, David Kouri, Joe Kraut, Matt Kuhn, Derek Lahousse, Greyson Lahousse, Kevin Miller, Paul O'Connor, Nick Oldenburg, Shawn Proffitt, Troy Quantz, Dan Reed, Nick Riegel, Travis Roche, Evan Schneider, Louis Seaman, Kyle Sweeney, Ryan Trawick, Aaron Tyler, Ryan Wheaton and Cody Williams. The Wolves are coached by Kenwyn Chock and the diving coach is Kevin Brock.

## Swimmers eager to compete in OAA II

## Wolves return 19 swimmers of last year's championship team

## BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer
One year after winning its league, the Clarkston varsity swim team has bumped up to the next level.

The Wolves won the Oakland Activities Asso ciation Division III title last year. This year the Wolves will be competing in the OAA II.

Other schools in the OAA II include Wes Bloomfiela, Beikley, Andover, Troy Athens, Royal Oak and Lake Oriont Clarkston is the only school in the OAA II which does not have a state qualifier.

The Wolves are only in their second season, but coach Kenwyn Chock is hoping last year's experience pays off.
"Im hot sure how that will pan out in terms of competition, but I think the kids know more about what to expect in practice. It should help in our training. The kidsare willing to put in more effort and know what they 've got to do," she said.

Chock säid she does not know who the favorite

Varsity swimming schedule<br>12/12<br>12/14<br>$12 / 19$<br>1/9<br>1/11<br>1/13<br>1/18<br>$1 / 23$<br>$1 / 25$<br>$2 / 1$<br>23<br>27<br>$2 / 13$<br>$2 / 15$<br>vs. Hazel Park (6:30 p.m.)<br>vs. Southfield (6:30 p.m.)<br>vs. Clawson (6:30 p.m.)<br>vs. Troy ( $6: 30 \mathrm{pm.m}$ )<br>at Seaholm (6:30 p.m.)<br>at West Bloomfield Invite (TBA)<br>vs. Orion (6:30 p.m.)<br>at Berkley (6:30 p.m.)<br>vs. Andover ( $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.)<br>at Femdale ( $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.)<br>at County Toumey (TBA)<br>at Rochester ( $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.)<br>at Athêns ( $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.)<br>vs. Royal Oak ( $6: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.)

in the league will be this yeat, but said Troy Athens and West Bloomfield look good. Last year the Lakers competed in the OAAI

While the Wolves don't feature an all-state swim mer, they do boast seyeral all-league swimmers. Paul O'Connor, Rob Bryan, Bob Masterson and Kevin Miller $^{\prime}$
were all named all-league last year and Chock is hop ing for big things from them again.
"Those four kids have done a good job for me in the past and I'm expecting big things from them again this season," she said.

Diving for Clarkston will be Steve Ashley, Norm Goltry, Miller, O'Connor and Aaron Tyler.

Chock also noted Dan Reed and Joe Kraut as swimmers who should have solid seasons.
"They didn't place at the OAA finals last year, but they look good so far," she said.

Adam Kasper, Matt Kuhn, Troy Quantz, Jeff Driscoll and Derrick Goltry all have a year experience, Chock said:

Chock is also excited about her freshman swimmers; which make up nine of the 33 spots on the team. She said Nick Riegel trained year round with the Clarkston Sea. Wolves and should be a strong contribuor. In addition, Chock said he has seen good things from Andy Breen early on.

The Wolves first meet is Dec. 12 vs. Hazel Park at 6:30. p.m. Clarkston will also have an intra-squad meet Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m. when the boys team takes on the girls team. The girls won the OAA IV this season.


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## A quick take on

 winter sports/ what's up with college football?Saturday I spent the evening at the Polar Ice Palace in Lapeer to watch a Clarkston hockey game and I had plenty of company:

The Wolves destroyed Ketterisg 8-0, but that wasn't too much of a surprise. The Wolves are defending Oakland Activities Association Division I champs, while the Captains are in the middle of the pack of the OAA II. What did surprise me was the amount of fans that made the trip up to Lapeer.

Members of the swimming, football, track and volleyball teams were all in attendance to watch the Wolves. It further demonstrated the amount of support this community has for its sports teams.


The Bottom Line

Also last week, I got reaquainted with the winter coaches. These coaches are special to me in that they are the first group I got to know when I started here almost a year ago. Getting to know Clarkston Atheltics Director and varsity basketball coach Dan Fife, Gordie Richardson, Mike DeGain, Kenywn Chock and Bryan Krygier has been a joy. After talking with each coach here's my nuts and bolts of what to expect from Clarkston this winter.

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## Athlete of the week: Stephen Janowiak

On the team roster Stephen Janowiak is listed as a forward. But in reality, his position is whatever coach Bryan Krygier asks him to play.

The senior captain has been used both as a forward and on defense this season. It's that versatility that Krygier said makes him a very special player.
"Sometimes we've had to move him back to defense because of injuries, so he's been instrumental on both offense and defense. He works hard and is scoring goals for us on offense and when he comes back to defense he helps strengthen us back there also. He's an all around good hockey player for us," Krygier said.

In Clarkston's 8-0 win over Waterford Kettering Dec. 2, Janowiak had a goal and two assists.

While he's showing up in the stats, his contributions to the team go beyond the points he's accumulated, Krygier said.
"He's been a leader on and off the ice. As a fourth year player he's been a real asset," Krygier said.

Janowiak, who has been playing hockey for 14 years, agrees.
"Everybody's working together and coming together, but half of this team is new. With me being in my fourth year, a lot of the kids are asking me what to do on the ice," he said.
"I feel I'm a good team player and a good passer. I'm excited about this season," he said.

'He's been a leader on and off the ice. As a fourth year player he's been a real asset.' Bryan Krygier - Varsity hockey coach

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Basketball - The roster is a cliff note version of the football roster. With 11 players coming off the Wolves 12 -win football season, this group knows plenty about winning and expects to win every night. Clarkston will miss Ryan Marino and his 20 some points per game, but I think this team should do just as well as last year's Give them time. This senior class knows how to win.

Volleyball - Last year Gordie Richardson had his eyes set on 30 wins. This year his team will have a tougher time getting them. The Wolves bumped up to the OAA I this year and will have their hands full. However, Richardson will have his athletic team ready to go and he only lost three from last year's team.

Wrestling - Last year Mike DeGain's crew was bit with the injury bug. That forced a lot of freshmen into starting spots. That experience should pay off some this year. They also have seven returning starters coming back.

Swimming - Like the volleyball team, this bunch has jumped divisions. Kenwyn Chock's team will be in the OAA II this year after winning the OAA III in its first year. The Wolves have a solid core of seniors on this team and Chock is also excited about her freshman class. I'm sure it'll be another record breaking year in the pool this season.

Hockey - In both games I've seen the Wolves play this season they looked good in the first period. But in that win over Kettering they looked good in all 45 minutes. Coach Krygier always has his team ready to go and focused. They have an important group of league games all coming up soon. But if they play like they did against Kettering, they'll be a force to be reckoned with.

Pro Football - How quickly things change. After the Detroit Lions improved to 8-4 sports pages in the area were flooded with articles saying a playoff berth was likely. Now at 8-5, a playoff bid is anything but a certainty. The NFC is clogged with a bunch of teams trying to get in. Philadelphia, New Orleans, St. Louis, Tampa Bay and the Lions all have five losses. What may be the biggest surprise is that Washington may not even get in. I guess money can't buy a championship in football like it can in baseball.

College Football - What will it take to get a playoff system in college football? As most people know by now, Florida State will take on Oklahoma University in the national title game. While Miami, who beat Florida State earlier this year, takes on Florida in the Sugar Bowl. So if the Seminoles and Hurricanes win there's a chance there will be co-champions. Remember how happy everybody around here was in ' 97 when Michigan had to share the title with Nebraska? Sharing a title is stupid. There should be a playoff system - period.

Mac Football - I put this in its own category because it's a microcosm of what is wrong with college football today. It ends up that Marshall will represent the Mid American Conference with a 7-5 record. Meanwhile, Western Michigan University, who is 9-3, and Toledo who is $10-1$ won't be going to a bowl game. As messed up as the BCS system is, the MAC system is even worse. All that matters is a team's divisional games and the MAC title game.

Conclusion - Football fans could debate the college system forever, which is why I prefer high school and pro to college.

In pro football, all that matters is your record, not who you beat, when and by how many. The best team wins the Súperbowl - period. In high school, if you get six wins you're in and you go from there.

Don't get me wrong, Ido like college football. But its system is all out of whack In the meantime, I'll enjoy the bowl games and watch a ton of them

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## Volleyball

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Birmingham Seaholm is the favorite in the league Richardson said: The Maples have won the league the last three years. He added Troy Athens will also be tough and has a lot of height.

Every team in the OAA I will be a challenge Richardson said.
"Groves has a 6 -foot- 4 girl and Lake Orion is always a tough rivalry in any sport. Adams will play us tough and is well coached. There are no walkovers in this league. It's tough," Richardson said.

The Wolves open their season Dec. 9 at Lansing Waverly at 9 a.m. Clarkston's home opener is Dec. 11 against Birmingham Seaholm at 6 p.m.

## Hockey

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his second win of the season. His first win came in overtime in Clarkston's win over $U$ of D.
"He came up with the big saves. Plus, he moved the puck out himself a little bit, which helps out our defense. It was a.good game for him," Krygier said.

Even with an 8-0 victory, Krygier said his team must stay focused and not get carried away.
"It's an 8-0 win, but we're going to move onto bigger and better things. We have to feed off this one and come back and play Bloomfield. Then we have three league games that we have to win," Krygier said.

Clarkston hosts Bloomfield Dec. 6 in another crossover game. Then Clarkston has three straight league games against Royal Oak, Birmingham and Troy.

Keep up with the Wolves each and every week. Read The Clarkston News!


## Robert D. Sutliff

Robert D. Sutliff of Clarkston died Nov. 20, 2000. He was 61.

He was the husband of Joan and the brother of Lorraine (Elwin) Brown of Texas and the late Richard (Carol) of Clarkston.

He was the brother-in-law of Sallie (Ron) Stahl of Goodells.

Mr. Sutliff was employed at General Motors Plant 17. He was a member of the Cedar Lodge F \& AM 60.

Memorial service was Dec. 1 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the Genesys Hospice Care Center. (www.legacy.com)

## William A. Barnes

William A. Barnes of Pontiac died Dec. 3, 2000. He was 83.

He was preceded in death by his wife Mildred

## Basketball

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"I think our biggest strength this year will be our character," Fife said. "It may not show up early. People will have to watch us for a while. But the thing with these kids is that I've known most of them most of their lives. They're a good group of kids who are mentally tough," he said.

Clarkston's next basketball game is Dec. 8 at Ferndale. Their next home game is Dec. 12 against Rochester.

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and brother Frank
He was the father of Marlene, Judy, William Jr. (Linda) all of Pontiac, Shirley (George) Thompson of Fla., Leonard (Kathy) of Davisburg, Richard (Susan) of Waterford, George (Julia) of White Lake and Ruth (Steve) Shastal of Mio.

He is also survived by 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was the brother of George (Sally) Long of Waterford.

Mr. Barnes retired from U.S. Truck as a truck driver and had been employed as a security guard at the Silverdome

Funeral service will be held Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston where friends may visit Dec. 6 from 3-5 and from 7-9 p.m.

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## A Tribute to



## Football team has best season ever

Climb a little higher.
That was the motto of this year's Clarkston varsity football team and the Wolves did not disappoint. They posted a school record 12 wins. They won their league, district and region for the second consecutive year.

Here is a week-by-week recap of the historic season the Wolves put together.

## August 25, 2000 Clarkston 14, Sterling Heights Stevenson 7

Give credit to the Wolves defense in this one. It was that side of the ball that gave Clarkston their opening week win.

Linebacker Ian Ramsey's strip of the ball, which was recovered by Nick Beadles sealed the win for the Wolves.

That strip at the end was textbook. That's how you draw it up. Ian's a gamer, just a gamer," coach Kurt Richardson said.

In addition to Ramsey's strip, Ryan Kaul had a late game interception return and took it back to the Titan's 27 yard line.

The Wolves first score of the season came from running back Rob Conley on a 2 -yard run. Kaul also had a rushing touchdown for the Wolves. Kaul went 10 -of-19 in the game for 120 yards. Conley finished with 120 yards rushing.
"They're the best over here. It's the best playing the best. I told the kids before the game it's going to come down to who wants it more," Richardson said.

lan Ramsey hunts down a Grand Ledge player in the state semifinal game.

Photo by Ben Hoy


Quarterback Ryan Kaul scrambles in the Wolves 30-14 district semifinal win over Grand Blanc.

Photo by Ed Davis

## August 31, 2000 Clarkston 20, West Bloomfield 10

The Wolves were on the road again and came away with their second win of the year thanks to another great defensive effort.

The Wolves recovered two Laker fumbles and intercepted a pass.

Conley busted through the Laker defensive and gave the Wolves their first points of the night on a 45-yard touchdown with 9:20 to go in the half.
"That was a big play for us. That was the swinging point," Richardson said.

The Wolves put together another scoring drive late in the half. Kaul hooked up with senior wide receiver Gary Strutz on a 26 -yard pass which gave Clarkston a first and goal at the Laker seven yard line. Conley capped off the drive on a 2 -yard touchdown run to put the Wolves ahead 14-3.

Kaul's 57-yard pass to wide receiver Ryan Briceland helped set up a Nate Davis 5-yard touchdown run to put the Wölves ahead 20-3.
"I think Nate ran better at the end of the game. I think he's one of those backs who needs 25 carries," Richárdson said.

Kaul finished the game completing seven-of16 passes for 125 yards. Briceland had two catches for 72 yards. Conley had 77 yards rushing and Davis had 64 on the ground.

Beadles and Ramsey each had six tackles. Mike Loveless had four tackles, one assist and a fumble recovery and Chris Jaroneski recovered a fumble.

## September 8, 2000 Clarkston 14,

## Rochester Adams 10

A stingy first-half defense helped the Wolves open league play with a win over Adams in a crazy home opener for the Wolves.

After a scoreless first half, the Wolves and Highlanders combined for three touchdowns in the first two minutes of the second half.

The Wolves first scoring drive started with a 44 -yard kickoff return by Shane Bennett. Briceland then drew a pass interference call which gave the Wolves the ball at the 35 of Adams. Kaul scrambled to the 13 yard line which helped set up a 13-yard touchdown run by Conley.

However Adams had the answer as on its next
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## AHear to Remember

## Football

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Nick Beadles wraps up a Comet in the state semifinal game.

Photo by Ben Hoy
offensive play running back Colin MacBeth busted through the Wolves defense and went untouched for an 87 -yard run to tie the game.

But the Wolves came right back with their own big play. This time it was Kaul to Adam Gebus who connected on an 83-yard touchdown bomb.
"I know from track experience that I can get away from most anyone. I knew I'd get in the end zone, I knew we needed it. This is the kind of play I live for," Gebus said.

After an Adams field goal put them within four, the Highlanders forced the Wolves to punt and got the ball back late in the game. But like the opening 'season win over Stevenson it was Kaul who came up with the big play, intercepting a Highlander pass and sealing the win for Clarkston.
"I know when they're throwing, there's nobody better back there than Ryan. He always comes up big," Richardson said.

## September 15, 2000 Clarkston 35, <br> Lake Orion 20

Conley will remember this one for a long time. His four touchdown effort against long time rival Lake Orion helped the Wolves bump their record up to 4-0 and 2-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

Conley finished the game with a career best 241 yards on 28 carries.
an The Dragons were plagued with five turnovers
during the game.
This one w/as also a coming out party for the Wolves offensive line.
"That Orion game was the one where our line really started to put it together," Clarkston offensive line coach Rich Porritt said.

Lake Orion coach Chris Bell gave credit to the Wolves after the game.
"It was a typical Clarkston team; very solid. they are very good."
September 22, 2000 Clarkston 30, Troy Athens 23

Athens tied the game at 23 with a field goal, but was held in check the rest of the game by the Clarkston defense. The Redhawks had three drives in the red zone, but all they came away with were three points.

Pearsall led the Wolves with nine tackles, followed by Carlson with six.

## September 29, 2000 Clarkston 21, Waterford Mott 7

The Wolves qualified for the playoffs for the second straight year as they picked up their sixth win of the season.

This win marked the first big game for the 'Ryan


Mike Atkinson (1) and Mark Carlson (42) combine for a tackle on a Grand Ledge Comet.
Photo by Ben Hoy

Troy Athens had its chances to put the first cracks in Clarkston's undefeated armor, but came up short as the Wolves improved to 5-0.

A 6-yard touchdown run by Davis with 4:40 remaining gave the Wolves the lead for good and kept them perfect on the season.

But it was by no means a perfect game.
Kaul got injured in this game, but came back to lead the Wolves to its first scoring drive. His touchdown pass to Briceland gave the Wolves their first lead of the game.

Clarkston fell on hard times later in the first half and eventually trailed $\mathbf{2 0 - 8}$. But the Wolves battled back with a 1-yard touchdown run by Conley to cut the lead to five.

Conley scored again late in the half to put the Wolves ahead 23-20 with 2:38 remaining in the first half.

Connection.' Kaul had an impressive game completing 12 of 18 passes for 230 yards and two touchdowns. Briceland caught six passes, two for touchdowns for 177 yards.

Richardson gave credit to his quarterback/receiver tandem following the game.
"Ryan Kaul was very good tonight. So was Briceland. They were the difference tonight," Richardson said.

The two connected on two touchdowns. One from 30 yards out in the opening quarter and another from 81 yards with $3: 31$ to go in the first half. Conley also scored on a 2 -yard touchdown run for the Wolves.

The defense was led by Senkyr who had eight tackles and three assists, Pearsall who had six tackles and three assists and Ramsey who had five tackles and one assist.

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Running back Nate Davis (24) picks up a couple of his 140 yards with the help of a block from Mike Loveless (41)

Photo by Ben Hoy

## October 6, 2000

 Clarkston 42, Troy 19Even though the Colts had a down year, records were out the window when these two teams got together.

But this game belonged to the 'Ryan Connection.' It terrorized the Colts in one of Clarkston's strongest performances of the season.

Kaul had a career day passing for nearly 350 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for another. This game also brought out an added dimension in the Wolves offense' in tight end Bryan Endreszl. Kaul spread the ball out to his wideouts, backs and the tight end as the Wolves beat the Colts for the first time in four years.
"Ryan Kaul was the man tonight. He was the man and our receivers were right there with him. They were the difference," Richardson said.

Conley had three touchdowns and rushed for 81 yards in the rout of their long time rivals.

In 1999 the Colts handed the Wolves their only regular season loss. In 1998 Troy edged out Clarkston 7-6, and in 1997 edged out Clarkston 21-20.
"There was a bit of a revenge factor for the last four years. We haven't beaten them and they've beat us in close games," Richardson said.

## October 13, 2000

 Clarkston 48, Rochester 14 (Homecoming)This one belonged to the second stringers.
On a perfect homecoming night, the Wolves de stroyed the Falcons and bumped their record up to 80.

Richardson was all smiles after this one. The Wolves put it out of reach 12 minutes in as they litup Rochester with 27 first quarter points.
which paved the way.
The Wolves never trailed, or struggled, in this rout of the Captains. A week after putting up 27 points in the first quarter against Rochester, the Wolves lit up Kettering with 22 first quarter points.

Endreszl caught two touchdown passes within the first three minutes, Davis also scored an opening quarter touchdown.

Conley started the second quarter by rushing in from 15 yards out. Three minutes later he added a 38-yard scoring scamper.


Running back Rob Conley was one of Clarkston's most reliable offensive weapons this season.

Photo by Ben Hoy
"This was fun. You couldn't ask for anything more. All the kids got in, the second teamers scored. It was just about perfect," Richardson said.

The game was highlighted by a 90 -yard touchdown run by Blake Fields and a forced fumble by Rick Greene which was recovered by Jason Setla.

In addition to the second stringers making big plays, Davis had his break through game of the year coming up two touchdowns.

## October 21

Clarkston 46, Waterford Kettering 20

It wasn't as close as the score indicated, which is the scary thing.

The Wolves put together their first 9,0 regular season in four years. Again, it was a bigfirst quarter

## October 27, 2000 <br> Clarkston 30, Grand Blanc 14 (District semifinal)

Stingy defense and a 98 -yard kick return by Adam Gebus highlighted this one.

For the second year in a row the Wolves ruined the Bobcats playoff run.

Twice Grand Blanc put together time consuming drives, but they couldn't get into the end zone.
'The Wolves could however. Kaul hit Endreszl for Clarkston's opening score on an 11-yard touchdown pass.

The Wolves extended their lead to 14-6 when Gebus ran back a Grand Blanc kickoff for 98 yards.

In addition to offensive and special teams touchdowns, the Wolves got a defensive score. Pearsall

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## A Year to Remember



Wide receiver Adam Gebus (20) was all smiles atter his 98 -yard kick return against Grand Blanc.

## Football

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picked off a Grand Blanc pass and ran it back 70 yards to put the Wolves in commanding lead.
"The run back and interception were huge plays for us," Richardson said.

## November 3, 2000 Clarkston 28, Walled Lake Central 14 (District final) <br> This game changed on a Davis run, but it was

 won by the "Ryan Connection' and the offensive line.Davis's 30 -yard touchdown run with 11:30 to go in the first half sent a message to the Vikings that this night belonged to the Wolves.

Richardson, who has been coaching for the Wolves for 14 years called it one of the best runs he has ever seen in high school football.

Davis ran through several would be tacklers on his way to end zone for the Wolves opening score.

Also having a great game were Kaul and Briceland. Briceland dropped the first ball thrown to him and it resulted inian interception. But after that mistake it was smooth sailing.


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Briceland ended the game with 10 catches in the Wolves district win.

Conley had another strong game rushing as he picked up 116 yards on the ground.

But-while Davis, Conley and Briceland had tremendous games, this one was the best performance of the season from the offensive line. They gave Kaul time to engineer an 86 -yard 15 play drive which kept the Vikings offense off the field. The drive was capped off by a 15 -yard touchdown pass from Kaul to Briceland with 3:32 to go.
"On that last drive, they were bringing the world at us, but our offensive line did a great job of giving Ryan time to throw," Richardson said

'I know we could have gotten further, but we had a great season.
But next year they should be alright. I think
they'll come through.' - Matt

Pearsall

## November 10, 2000

## Clarkston 41, Plymouth

 Canton 31 (Regional final)Plymouth Canton gave Clarkston's defense all it could handle, but the Chiefs had no answer for the Wölves' passing attack.

This one also gave Richardson his 100th career win and his second straight regional title.

It was another big night for the 'Ryan Connection' as Briceland brought down 11 catches for nearly 200 yards as Kaul put together a near perfect performance completing 15 -of-18 passes on the night.

In addition, Chris Jaroneski's fumble recovery late in the third helped the Wolves open up a 10 point lead.

Give credit to the hogs on this one as they gave Kaul all day to find his targets.
"The Hogs and Ryan were outstanding today," Richardson said. "Did they even sack Ryan today? Those two (Kaul and Briceland) have been together since the eighth grade. They always know where each other are."

The Chiefs came within three late in the game and attempted an on-side kick. But Pearsall recovered and solid running down the stretch by Conley took precious time off the clock and put the game out of reach. It was the second week in a row Conley

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broke the 100 yard marker

## November 18, 2000 Grand Ledge 17, Clarkston 15 (State semifinal)

For the second year in a row turnovers cost the Wolves a shot at the state title.

On a cold, overcast afternoon the Wolves saw their state championship dreams come to an end.

Three interceptions, all in Comet territory, hampered Clarkston's chances. The Wolves still had a chance to win with 1:33 to play, but Kaul's final four passes were all incomplete.

Conley went down early in the second quarter with a knee injury, but Davis had his best game of the year picking up 140 yards on 21 carries and two touchdowns.

The Wolves were heartbroken as they saw their season come to an end in at Lansing Everett High School.
"Their defensive backs did a great job on us. That's why we had a hard time passing on them," Richardson said.

But even with the loss Clarkston's senior class has done things most,kids would only dream of. They


Wide receiver Ryan Briceland snags a touchdown pass in the Wolves 42-19 win over Troy.

Photo by Ed Davis
ended their football career at Clarkston with an astounding 41-3 record dating back to their freshman season.

They won the OAA I two straight years, went a perfect $9-0$ in the regular season, and won two straight

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Thousands of Clarkston faithful made the long trip and battled the elements to see the Wolves play In the state semifinal game.

Photo by Ben Hoy

## What a year it was in C-Town

What a year it was for the Clarkston varsity football team. The Wolves won a school record 12 games They also managed to wrap up league, district and regional titles for the second year in a row. It was exciting, fun, emotional and memorable. Here are my top memories from this year's history making team.

Ramsey's forced fumble - Ian Ramsey's forced fumble late in the opener against Sterling Heights Stevenson helped secure the Wolves first win. It helped set the tone for a defense that lived off turnovers and it was my first Clarkston football game.

The first three minutes of the second half versus Rochester Adams - I almost had to take Vivarin to get through the first half, but then the two teams exploded for three scores in 180 seconds. One of the most exciting plays for the Wolves this year was that 83 -yard touchdown bomb from Ryan Kaul to Adam Gebus.


The Bottom Line

Kaul's interception Kaul's pick at the end of the Adams game secured a huge win for the Wolves and boosted them to $3-0$ on the year. It was a great play, and I'll never forget the sideline's reaction as Kaul ran down the field.

The 'Ryan Connection' - Watching Kaul and wide receiver Ryan Briceland play together this season was something. Their five years of playing together showed up time and time again.

Interviewing Kurt Richardson after beating Troy - It must have felt good to get that monkey off his back. The Wolves had been defeated by the Colts four straight years, but the Wolves demolished Troy in a landslide. It was the first of three consecutive routs for the Wolves.

The Homecoming win - Watching the second stringers make big plays in one of the biggest games of the year was a thrill. But I don't think anybody was happier than coach Richardson. No uniform went home clean on that memorable night.

Endreszl's quick scores - It's not often that a player scores twice in the first three minutes, but that's what tight end Bryan Endreszl did as the Wolves went on to run over Kettering 46-20.

Big plays in the district semifinal win Gebus's 98 -yard kick return was something else. But so was Matt Pearsall's 70-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Nate Davis's 30-yard touchdown versus Walled Lake Central - This was a run with attitude. Davis was going to score and nobody was going to stop him plain and simple. That run changed

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## A Year to Remember

## 2000 Clarkston varsity football roster




Coach Kurt Richardson talks to his players after the Wolves last practice of the season.

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the momentum of the game and helped Clarkston to its second straight regional title.

Kaul's performance versus the Vikings - He was composed, confident and near perfect completing 15 of 18 passes. But he had a tremendous supporting cast in the hogs up front, and a very talented and reliable group of receivers.

The support in the semifinal game - I was astounded by the number of Clarkston faithful who made the long trip to Lansing to watch what was a great football, game. The weather didn't cooperate, but that didn't stop the Clarkston fans for showing their support for their team. I was even more surprised when I came back to the office Monday morning and foundout 118 people had called on Saturday afternoon wanting to know the score.

A final thanks - A final thanks to the players, coaches, parents and fans who made this year very memorable. A special thank you again to coach Kurt Richardson and his staff for always being easy to get a hold of during the season. It made my job that much easier. Another thank you to athletics secretary Linda Walker, who gets the joy of fielding dozens of my phone calls. Thanks to Ben Hoyfor shooting photos and making the trip with me to Lansing in the less than ideal weather conditions. Thanks to Maralee Cook and Don Rush for their assistance with this section. It was my first year covering the team and it was one I will not soon forget. Hope you enjoyed the coverage and I'll see you again soon. Go Wolves!

## Football

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district and regional titles.
"It's win by committee. It wasn't an individual thing at all," Richardson said. "Those seniors are the winningest group in Clarkston football history."

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## 100 wins for Richardson; what players say

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## Clarkston News Staff Writer

When former and current Clarkston football players are asked what it was liketo play पnder Kur Richardson the answers vary, but there is certainly one underlining theme - he toves his players.

Richardson has been the head coach of the Wolves the ast 14 seasons: Hisaccomplishments are astounding but the love he has for his team, and the love his team has for him is greater than any amount of wins and losses.

Pat Müligan, who played wide receiver and defensive back uníder Richardson fromi 1994 -1995 said of his former coach, "What makes him a great coach is that he's a great person."

It's that type of response from his players that is what sets Richardson apart from many other football coaches, He earned is 100 th career victory Nov. 10 with a 41-31 win over Plymouth Canton in the regional final. While interviewing some of his former players, everybody had an abundance of positive things to say about their former coach.

Herenow are what current and former Wolves, along with Clarkston Athletics Director Dan Fife and others said about coach Richardson:

## Jason Graves.

Jason Graves played defensive back and running back under Kurt Richardson from 1992-94. He was a four year college player at Grand Valley State University:

TRR . found a way to be yourffiend. He got the jof done, but we always had fun at practice. I looked forward to practices playing for him. He tagged med he name Forest. Gump at one practice. I ran from ohe end of the field to the opposite fence at one practice I think he thought if was strange, but by the end Ithink he had a smile on his face. I'm proud of the tradition heds buitt at Clarkston. It's good to see your old tean get better and better every year:"

## Pat Mulligan

PotMulligan played wide receiver and defensive back under coach Richardson from 1994-95.

What makes him a great coach is that he's a great person He reaily made a difference in my life on the field, but more importantly off the field. You can tell when he sees us (former players) he missed us. I honesty believe our class was his favorite. He was always there for me on, and off, the field."

## Tim Wasilk

Tim Wasilk played wide receiver and defensive back undereoath Richardson from 1994-95.
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## Dandife Clarkston Athléfics Director

Tye known K.R. since hewas in the seventh grade. He's got a long history with Clarkston and what he's done is continued the Clarkston tradition and integrity with the rules, princtples and work ethic he instills mhis kids. He's given back to the kids what he was given In high schoo ove as coaches have tumed our jobs basically into year round jobs, but K. R has a ways been a year round coach. He's wise and hes gor a uemendous low for the game and for the kid Sit sino necessarily wis and 10 osses but the fact that he kids will remember the positives he taught them tate on it if X Yo can teliby the way he and his kiscary themselves, that hey havealotorpride Thats what R R is allabout:

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Kut Richardson earned his 100 th win this season in the Wolves regional firal win over Pymouth Canton Hovilo.

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## The facts oncoach Kunt Richardson:

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## Ryan Clement

Ryan Clement was a four year varsity player under coach Richardson from 1997-99. He currently plays at Grand Valley State University.
"He did a great job and was a great coach. He pulled me up to varsity when I was a freshman, told me what I needed to do and took me under his wing. All of his former players really wanted him to win that state title this year. Nobody deserves it more than K.R."

## Eric Bauer

Eric Bauer played on the offensive line from 1998-99. He currently plays at Albion College.
"Now as a college player I realize what a great coach he was. He coaches at a higher level. Now I have an advantage on other college freshman because of him.

## Matt Pearsall

Matt Pearsall Was a two-year starter at defensive backundercoach Richardson the last two years.
"He was way more than just a coach to me. He was a very good friend. He's very committed to his players. I loved playing for him and I wouldn't want to play for anybody else."

## Ryan Kaul

Ryankaul was a two-year starter at quarterbäck under coach Richardson the last two years.
"He's worked very well with all the kids and does an excellent job motivating them. Because of him, Clarkston has become more of a football school, and not just known for basketball."

## Ryan Briceland

Ryañ Briceland played under coach Richardson for two years at the wide receiver position.
"Ever since I was alitle kid I've wanted to play for him He's ano nonsense guy and think he's very well respected around the state?

## Ramzy Dasuqui

Ramzy Dasuquit played under coach Richardson the last two years as linebacker.

Ithink hewas a great coach and all the players really tespected him. When he talked, ev crybody listened. He really helped me as a player coming off two shoulder injuries ${ }^{2}$,

## Anhette Pichordson

He's very dedicated and puts the time in, He Loves the kids and has a great coaching staff. lithink They have a bond in thatevery body has the same goal. All the coeches want to use spops to make the kids betten. He just want o d do whot th best for he kids?


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