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## New Year's party raided

### Cops ticket 7 teens, arrest parents

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

New Year's Eve—a time of celebration. But for one Independence Township family that celebration came to an end with the arrival of some unexpected guests.

Authorities found out quickly they weren't invited to Michael and Peggy Strutzes' New Year's Eve bash. The Strutzes were arrested that night on a handful of charges including assault on a police officer, resisting and obstructing a police officer and host ordinance violation. Seven minors were ticketed for being in the possession of alcohol.

The Strutzes will meet before Judge Gerald McNally of the 52-2 District Court Thursday, on misdemeanor charges. If convicted, they could spend up to two years in jail or pay a \$1,000 fine on each count.

Last week, they plead not guilty during their arraignments at the Oakland County Circuit Court. They were released from the Oakland County Jail when Magistrate Judith Holtz set bond for each at \$5,000 cash or surety bond.

According to police reports, after complaints of a loud party with possible underage drinkers on December 31, Oakland County Sheriff's Deputies paid a visit to the Strutzes' Pinewood home. On arrival, deputies noted 20 cars parked on the street and in a turn-around next to the house. They watched as six people ran into the house from outside and shut off the inside lights when party-goers spotted the officers.

Homeowner Michael Strutz, 49, assured deputies there were no underage drinkers in his house or anyone in the house besides he, wife Peggy, 49, and their two children.

When deputies informed the couple they'd have to check their children for evidence of drinking as well as search the house, Michael Strutz shut the front door on the officers.

Deputies struggled to gain entrance and the Strutzes became aggressive. Reports state punches were thrown as the Strutzes wrestled officers to the floor. The Strutzes' 18-year-old daughter also charged a deputy. One deputy said in his report he was struck in the nose by Michael Strutz, causing it to bleed.

After calling for backup, officers from Brandon, Orion and the Clarkston Police Department all re-

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## A new home for a good cause



In "two days, with two trucks and four men," Supervisor Katie Stewart said, Lighthouse Clarkston's equipment and goods were moved for no charge, to their 6300 Church

St. location. Movers for the Changing Places moving company included Paul Jones, Jerry Bliss, Tim Comstock and Brian Beck. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

## Lighthouse moves to Comm. Ed.

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Lighthouse Clarkston is enjoying a change in scenery for the new year. Well, at least temporarily.

Two weeks ago, the organization which helps low and no income families with food, clothing and personal items, moved to the Community Education building at Church and Waldon.

They'll occupy the space for four to six months, Lighthouse Clarkston Emergency Services Supervisor Katie Stewart said, but are actively looking for a permanent place.

Lighthouse Clarkston's prior location, Sashabaw Presbyterian Church on Maybee Road, was too small and not structurally sound enough to house their equipment and goods.

Because of some of the structural problems, the Lighthouse Clothes Closet had to temporarily shut its doors while Lighthouse Clarkston operated

out of five different buildings.

Original plans to move into a new building on property donated by Clarkston's Congregational Church fell through. This forced Lighthouse Clarkston to weigh the options of either renovating the old church, operating out of five buildings or look for an existing facility, said Lighthouse Emergency Services Interim Director and Clarkston resident Rosellen Loye-Bucy.

Loye-Bucy said the ideal facility would be 6,000 to 7,000 square feet, handicap accessible with at least one large room for the Clothes Closet, another large room for dispersion of Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets, plus walled offices for staff. Parking is also a necessity and a good, easily accessible location for Lighthouse's many North Oakland County clients.

Right now, the ten-year-old Lighthouse Clark-

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## The News in Brief

### Open House at new Chamber offices

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce has moved into new offices at 5856 S. Main St., and will host an open house to show them off. The Community Open House is Thurs., January 11 from noon to 4 p.m. "You must come see the clock!" says chamber Executive Director Penny Shanks. The chamber has also established two \$1,000 college scholarships for high school graduates attending an accredited four-year college or university as a full-time student. Deadline for applications to be returned to the chamber is March 16. They may be picked up at the chamber offices or through the Clarkston High School counseling office. For more information on the open house or scholarships, call the chamber office at 625-8055.

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### Clarkston teachers granted tenure

The Clarkston Board of Education granted tenure to four district teachers at their meeting Monday. Rebecca Cotton, a social studies teacher at Clarkston Middle School, Gary Kaul, a social studies teacher at Clarkston High School, and Shawn Ryan and Theresa Soloman, science teachers at Clarkston High School, have now qualified for tenure in the district. All four teachers have completed four years in the district.

### School board to cast vote for amendments

The Clarkston Board of Education will be voting to amend several bylaws at the meeting of the Oakland County School Board Association (OCSBA) meeting Jan. 17. The board made that decision at its regular meeting Monday. Under Article VI, Section 4, the board voted to recommend Option B, which does not limit members of the OCSBA's Board of Directors from serving in a dual role by being an elected member of a local school board and an intermediate school board. Option A would have limited directorship to one trustee from each school district and would allow no more than one member to have a dual role.

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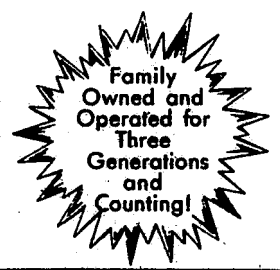


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# The Second Front

Reflections on the past, thoughts of the future

## Budget a challenge for schools in 2001

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The past year marked many challenges and achievements for the Clarkston school district, and next year promises to be no different, according to Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools.

The year 2000 began, as is usually the case within the district, with a board retreat. It was at that point, Roberts said, that the board decided to schedule the dialogue sessions, involving board members and administrators, that currently take place.

Roberts said dialogue between the two parties is essential for the district to be successful.

"The board, by nature of its position, is our policy arm," he said. "The role requires them to be concerned about policies, the budget, and to be responsible for the personnel actions that we recommend. The administration, by the

nature of its role, must focus on the operational piece of the school equation."

Roberts said the district has four main priorities to keep in mind: curriculum, finance, enrollment/facility use, and communication.

At the heart of the district's mission, he said, is education. "Student achievement is the focus of any school system worth its salt," he said.

To that end, Roberts pointed to several accomplishments in the past year of which the district can be proud.

One of these achievements is the district topping the list of Oakland County schools on the 5th grade MEAP writing test. Clarkston students achieved a 90.7 percent proficiency rate in that regard, while Oakland County achieved 76.5 percent proficiency, and the state of Michigan, 67.8 percent.

Roberts said that is a significant achievement, considering that the Clarkston district ranks among the low-



Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent of Clarkston schools, says the budget will be the real challenge this year.

est in Oakland County with regard to per-pupil funding.

"That is phenomenal," he said. "I think it proves that money alone does not make for a quality education. We have great kids."

Another significant accomplishment, Roberts said, is the recognition of Springfield Plains Elementary School as a Michigan Blue Ribbon School. That award was announced in December.

Roberts said the Blue Ribbon application process is extremely beneficial in helping the school understand what makes them tick.

"It's a strategy that really helps a building to dig deep into themselves, to understand what they're all about," he said. "I'm very proud of the staff and the writing team. I think that's representative of our schools."

Roberts also pointed out several accomplishments within the past year at

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## ALS, Clarkston Creek are past and future concerns for Independence

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The year 2000 was a successful one for Independence Township, according to Supervisor Dale Stuart.

The Advanced Life Support (ALS) program for the community of Clarkston and Independence Township was approved by voters in August and will be initiated this year. Last year, the Township Board approved the Fire Department's purchase of three new emergency vehicles and are preparing for a community-wide Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) program.

As far as successes go, Stuart said, "you can't get higher than that."

"It will make a significant change in what the Fire Department offers to the community and it will very likely save lives," he said.

There were also challenges last year.

After negotiating throughout the year, the township finalized a deal with Clarkston Creek developers to keep the golf course along with wetland area mitigation rights sold to the township. Developers will be allowed to build 165 condos plus office and retail space near the site on Maybee.

Stuart said while Clarkston Creek was a challenge, it was also one of the biggest achievements of the year to have voters approve to preserve open space. "There were surprises every day



Dale Stuart said Clarkston Creek and ALS are past and future challenges.

(last year)," said Stuart. "Never a dull moment."

One problem still to be resolved is flooding on Almond Lane caused by stormwater runoff at Clarkston High School.

"Almond Lane is a difficult situation, we have attempted to work with the schools for a number of years to deal with this problem they caused," said Stuart. He added he doesn't "see the school board standing up to their responsibility," forcing the Township Board to look for alternatives.

Stuart, however, does not know

what those alternatives may be at this time. "But we can't have the people on Almond Lane continue suffering."

In October, the board approved a proposal to install a gravity pipe from Clarkston High School to Gulick Lake that would direct water away from resident's backyards and basements.

The cost would be around \$183,000. The township agreed to pay 25 percent of the cost and direct \$25,000 from the Road Commission for Oakland County to the project.

The township would like Clarkston schools to pay the balance, but they have

refused to do this, so far.

The schools have said they can only afford to pay for a pump station which would direct overflow storm water runoff from school detention ponds into Clarkston road culverts and wetlands near the school administration office building.

"You learn from everything you come across," the supervisor said. "We stand on the shoulders of everyone who came before us."

Looking into the future, Stuart said, "The township is coming into a difficult time."

"We've enjoyed spectacular growth

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### Talk to Dale Stuart live on TV

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart will listen to your questions, comments and yes, even your complaints in a live call-in show. It will be broadcast on Independence Township's local cable access show, Perspectives, on Channel 65 at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 30. The show is moderated by Andy Reish, public access coordinator for Comcast in Clarkston. Call 625-7069 for information.

# CHS pool to be run by Community Ed.

**BY JEFF PATRUS**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A changeover in management of the Clarkston High School pool has put a temporary halt to some swim programs for the community.

The Clarkston Community Schools district is in the process of turning over control of pool programs to Clarkston Community Education.

The schools finalized a decision in December to take over programming responsibilities from Independence Township's Parks and Recreation Department. Parks and Rec. had been running the swim programs since the pool opened in 1998.

According to Anita Banach, public relations coordinator for Clarkston Community Schools, the swimming lessons at the high school pool are on hold until the district can find someone to fill a pool coordinator position.

The job was posted prior to Christmas, and the district is currently reviewing applications, Banach said. The position would pay between \$35,000-40,000 per year.

Rich Ashley, aquatics director for Parks and Rec., managed operations at the pool until he was informed the schools were taking over, he said on Monday. He added he was asked to apply for the job at the schools, but declined because he enjoys his association with Parks and Rec.

Ashley said he will continue as aquatics director for Parks and Rec, running the Team Reptile program and swimming programs at the beaches.

According to Mike Turk, acting director of Parks and Rec., the board approached the township about taking over the program approximately three months ago. Parks and Rec. did not register people for swim classes beyond the end of last year.

"It was something that they wanted," said Turk of the board's desire to run the pool.

At the time the high school opened, the district was not in a good position to operate a swimming program, according to Turk. That led to the township getting involved in conducting swimming classes as well as holding open swim days at the pool.

"It was a joint venture when (previous director) Ann Conklin was here," he said. "They weren't really

equipped to run the pool, so we helped them out. And we'll be glad to do what we can to help them now."

Once the swimming lessons resume, they will be conducted through the district's community education department, according to Banach.

"They've (the schools) been investigating what would be the best way to run the pool," she said. "It was a natural time for us," she said.

She said there would be no plans to change any of the existing swimming programs, and, in fact, hopes that the district will be able to offer additional programs.

"Hopefully, they'll just be expanded," Banach said. "We can offer the community the programs and then some."

She said that once activity resumes, the pool will be running the same way as it has been under the township's direction.

"Residents should feel confident that the pool will be operating as they're accustomed to," Banach said.

## Springfield receives award for headwaters project

**BY JEFF PATRUS**  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township has received recognition from the Michigan Society of Planning for its efforts to preserve the Shiawassee and Huron river areas.

The township was one of five that received an Outstanding Planning Project award for the Shiawassee/Huron project. The other four are Highland, Milford, Rose, and White Lake Townships. The five participating townships combined

with the Village of Milford on the project.

According to the December 2000 edition of the *Michigan Township News*, "Township and village officials came together in 1997 to preserve and protect the natural areas along the Shiawassee and Huron rivers, while still allowing development to occur. A Natural Areas Opportunities Plan was prepared to establish an open space system of linked natural areas throughout the six-community project area."

The effort was co-chaired by Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls.

According to Walls, the participating communities each received a plaque at the society's annual conference, held in October.

Walls said many of the recommendations made in the report are being taken into consideration by the township board.

"Several of the policies and suggestions are being incorporated into the master plan update," he said.

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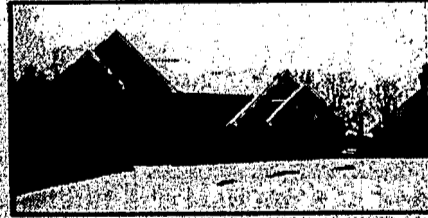
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# Comcast Cable has come to town

BY MARALEE COOK  
Clarkston News Editor

Comcast Cable Communications has officially taken over provision of cable services in Clarkston, Independence and Springfield townships.

The changeover became effective January 1, but it will be awhile before residents may notice many changes.

Bill Black, director of public affairs for Comcast said the company has been preparing for the transition for 18 months. "We have a general idea of what we want to do, but we want to spend the next few months finding out what's been provided and what's important to the community."

As of last week township officials weren't sure what the changeover will mean for their communities. But Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart hopes it means an improvement in service.

"What they intend to do for the township I don't know. We'll have to wait and see, but I would like to see improvements in the system and service," he said.

Predecessors TCI and AT&T did not do a good job for the community, Stuart said. "They were bad on service -- hooking up, answering complaints. They didn't do things they ought to do."

"We need higher quality equipment, better service and better programming. We're one of the worst (communities) in terms of programming. We need a better channel selection and more channels. The sta-

## How would you like your cable service improved?

Comcast Director of Public Affairs, Bill Black, said the company's corporate affairs and community relations staffs plan to spend some time contacting focus groups, talking to civic leaders and residents to find out what services have been available and what they want in future services.

If you would like to voice your opinion to of-

ficials, contact Comcast at (248)334-1144, Clarkston city offices at 625-1559, Independence Township offices at 625-5111, the Clarkston cable office at 625-7069, Springfield Township offices at 625-4802 or the Springfield cable office at (800) 346-2288. Direct mail to Comcast Director of Public Affairs, P.O. Box 5155, Southfield, MI 48034.

tus of their equipment, the status of their interest was evidenced by the way they responded. They just didn't care."

In Springfield Township, Comcast replaces Adelphia as the cable provider. Supervisor Collin Walls said he thought the most important improvement that could be offered would be Internet access.

High-speed Internet access is a service that Comcast supplies, said Black. Viewers will also have access to 300 channels on digital cable, video on demand and interactive TV.

In communities already serviced by Comcast, subscribers can receive a variety of packages, Black said. An additional 230 digital channels costs about

\$15 extra per month.

The high-speed Internet access runs about \$39.95 per month, which Black said is about half the cost of Digital Subscriber Line (DSL).

Customers can mix and match different levels of service and channels that will run from \$6 to \$60, said Black.

But he offered no specifics about when the services would be upgraded. "As far as a timetable, it's hard to say. It depends on the (community's) infrastructure there now and weather conditions," said Black. "But it makes good business sense for us to get services rolled out as soon as possible."

## Around Town

The Oakland County Health Division will offer an immunization clinic at the United Methodist Church, 140 East Flint Street in Lake Orion, on Jan. 10 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, Haemophilus influenzae Type B and Hepatitis B will be available. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of

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## Local meetings should be televised

Comcast Cable Communications officially took over cable operations in Clarkston, Independence and Springfield townships January 1.

According to Bill Black, Comcast's director of public affairs, the company is looking for input from the community on service and programming upgrades.

We suggest the city, township and school board officials cooperate with Comcast to broadcast their meetings on local access channels.

Channel 65 currently tapes Independence Township meetings. No meetings are taped in Springfield. A few years ago, school board and Clarkston city council meetings were also taped. That ended when AT&T took over.

Black said focus groups tell him residents aren't interested in watching the meetings. Springfield Township Supervisor Collin Walls said Monday he thinks fewer than 12 people have asked township meetings be televised.

We believe them, but that isn't the point. The meetings should be televised as a community service. There are many people who are unable to attend the meetings. Also, there are often topics of interest to residents discussed at meetings that are not printed on agendas.

While the decision to watch or broadcast meetings may not be a popular one, sometimes you just have to do the right thing. This is one of those times.

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### Kindness to Schermerhorn family appreciated

The kindness and generosity you have shown to all of us during this time of Judy's illness are much appreciated.

Thanks for the hot meals, the words of comfort, prayers, rides to the hospital, rides to the airport, constant support, and numerous other acts of kindness.

Thank you also for the astonishing collection of gifts delivered to us on Christmas Eve and the beautiful trays of Christmas cookies.

Your generosity and love have touched us deeply. Judy has made some progress and with God's help will be home to host a thank-you party sometime in the future.

You are all such a big help to us, and we hope that we can reciprocate some day.

We feel blessed to have such loving, faithful friends.

Sincerely,  
The Schermerhorn Family

## Confessions from a soda pop addict

Writing works up quite a thirst.

That's my excuse for all the calories, sugar and caffeine I thoroughly enjoy downing at least once a day.

My name is Jennifer. And I'm a popoholic. On average I put away three to four cans a day, easy.

What is it about pop I love so much compared to any other drink? I don't know.

But I've found a wonderful source to feed my addiction. His name is Rudy and I can always find him at 9 S. Main St. when I need a fix.

That's right, Rudy's Market.

I was told, when I first started this job, one of the perks working here was trying all the goodies at Rudy's next door.

Index fingers extended and thumbs together for an enthusiastic valley-girl "whatever!" It was a hard one for me to believe. It's a market. How exciting can it be?

I've since seen the light, though. Like a child coming of age, I understand now.

But in the beginning, that wasn't so. When I first met Rudy, I was on a mission. I grabbed a Mountain Dew, paid and left. Not noticing much else in the store.

Second time, same thing, this time add a candy bar. Still thinking, what's the big deal?

Third time—yes, third time, that's when it all changed.

That's when I was introduced to Stewart, Jones, oh there are so many. Rows and rows of endless brands of pop (or so my mind likes to think).

Not just your typical Pepsi or Coca Cola products, either. Yeah, they have those too, and even better is a substantial stock of lesser-known soft drink companies with not-so-typical flavors.

There are Lemon Meringue and Key Lime Pie from Stewart's, Black Cherry and Vanilla Cream from Route 66, Grape Soda from Jones...wait.

I'm sorry, all this talk was too much for me, my tastebuds were driving me next door.

Okay, I'm back and now with an Orange Cream Soda by Iron Horse in hand. Where was I?

Most of these pops, mmm, these are not pops. They're sodas, so the bottles tell me. I like that, it sounds so classy. Soda.

### Just Jen



Jennifer Nemer

The bottle for this Iron Horse Orange Cream Soda I've got reads, "Iron Horse Orange Cream. Smooth. Believe that dreams come true. Believe in Orange Cream. Orange Cream like you've never tasted."

Strong words, but "I believe."

I even get a kick out of my not-so-good carbonated ventures like Ginger Beer by Sioux City or Old Fashioned Spiced Ginger Ale by Stewart's—virtually same-taste sodas.

Spiced Ginger Ale, that just sounds too intriguing I thought. I have to try it even if I take one sip and throw it out. And that's what I did. Imagine the spiciest food, except your're drinking it, and

now make it carbonated!

So, where do my sodas and I go from here? I guess I'll continue consuming every unique soft drink at Rudy's while I work right next door. I know, I know, this time a big capital L on the forehead, for loser. But I don't care. I've accepted that.

And I've accepted that my pop addiction is probably going to be a lifelong battle. There are no 12 steps, no patches, no gum for pop junkies like me. Even in John 4:13 Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water (or pop in this instance) will be thirsty again."

That's not what I needed to hear.

In John 4:14, though, "whoever drinks the water (that's the crafty symbolism thing this time) I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

I've got that. Hey, maybe things aren't as bad as I thought for this soda fiend. At least I've got Someone on my side who can quench those carbonated thirsts and a whole lot more.

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# A Look Back

## 15 YEARS AGO (1986)

Ticket scalpers and peddlers congregating near the Pine Knob Music Theatre off Sashabaw Road have spurred Frank Campanaro to seek help from the Independence Township Board. Campanaro, a Mt. Tremblant Trail resident, appeared before the board to voice concern about the nature of some concerts held at the theater and the accompanying police protection.

Construction in 1986 will equal or possibly exceed that which took place in 1985, predicts Kenneth Delbridge, director of the Independence building and planning departments. He bases his promising forecast for the new year on figures he compiles annually. Those figures include permits for residences, commercial developments, housing additions, swimming pools, garages and sheds.

The number of building permits issued in Springfield Township keeps going up. The fiscal year runs from March 1 through the end of February and during the first 10 months of this period, there was a substantial increase. So far for the 1985-86 period, 188 permits have been issued, compared to 124 for the full year in 1983-84.

## 25 YEARS AGO (1976)

Property owners in 30 sections of Springfield Township will have to take a flat 10 percent increase in assessed valuations from the township this year, and they may be liable for another seven percent which the Oakland County Equalization Department has said it must tack on. Springfield Township Supervisor Don Rogers told township board members the finished assessment figures must be ready by next week.

Media programs, affording children in grades K through 12 access to various printed, photographic and electronic material, have become the expansion priority in the Clarkston School District. The Board of Education authorized administrators to proceed with the development of a media concept, which includes additional staff and space needs, the renovation required and the purchases necessary to get such a program off the ground.

Recommendations for three kinds of zoning along M-15 between I-75 and Cranberry Lake Road were made to the township board by the Independence Township Planning Commission at its meeting last week. A public hearing, attended by about 50 people, involved possible rezoning of several parcels of land within 300 feet of M-15.

## 50 YEARS AGO (1951)

Tickets are now on sale for the Home Talent Show to be presented in the Clarkston School auditorium on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21. This is going to be one of the biggest events ever sponsored in Clarkston. The proceeds will be used to equip the new Independence Community Center. Tickets can be secured from the organizations intending to use the center.

At the meeting of the Clarkston Rotary Club, the Reverend Harold Sullivan, on leave from the Congregational Church in Clinton, Michigan, was the guest speaker. He spoke on a new youth movement being started in Rotary for the exchange of students internationally. Robert L. Jones gave a brief talk on civil defense in this area.

The Oakland County Council of PTAs will meet in the Clarkston School. This means there will be no regular meeting of the Clarkston PTA. Parents, teachers and others who are interested in the school are asked to attend the meeting. The guest speaker will be Melvin Hart, manager of the Pontiac branch of the Michigan Unemployment Compensation Commission. His topic will be "Best Foot Forward."

# When did we have too much fun?

List week's ramblings of stupid things (and not a list, that would be tooooooo long) I did as a kid prompted one reader to report of her childhood affinity to fire and her husband to guns.

She wrote:

"I searched my brain for my own 'stupid' stories and only one really comes back clear in my mind. Now, when I think about it, I wonder if I should have had professional help. How scary. I think I used to have a fascination with fire. I played with matches all the time. I would light up whole books and throw them. I used to take them and crawl under my dad's speed boat which was on a trailer in the yard and light em up. Later I found out I was doing this under the gas tank. . . . I'm glad I outgrew that.

"My husband's stupid story is worse. He lived in the country and guns were a way of life for him. He says that he and his brother used to take the gun cabinet door off its hinges and steal all of his stepdad's ammo and replace them with duds or blanks? Then they used to practice on the hubcaps of moving cars!"

Yikes.

I have since e-mailed the reader back asking if the guns in her house are locked up safer than the one's her husband had access to as kids. If'n they ain't, I reckon I won't be driving in that neck of the woods anytime soon.

It's weird — the only things that separates most of us and the stupid things we have done and what we see in the newspapers and on the television news is just plain dumb luck.

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This same reader e-mailed me a Top 10 (in this case "11") list, this one from the still very-rich Bill Gates (what's a few Federal anti-trust lawsuits to a billionaire?).

"Here's some advice Bill Gates recently dished out at a high school speech about 11 things they did not learn in school.

"He talked about how feel-good, politically-correct teaching has created a full generation of kids with no concept of reality and how his concept sets them up for failure in the real world.

### RULE 1

Life is not fair - get used to it.

### RULE 2

The world won't care about your self-esteem.

The world will expect you to accomplish something BEFORE you feel good about yourself.

### RULE 3

You will NOT make 40 thousand dollars a year right out of high school. You won't be a vice president with a car phone, until you earn both.

### RULE 4

If you think your teacher is tough, wait till you get a boss. S/he doesn't have tenure.

### RULE 5

Flipping burgers is not beneath your dignity. Your grandparents had a different word for burger flipping — they called it opportunity.

### RULE 6

If you mess up, it's not your parents' fault, so don't whine about your mistakes, learn from them.

### RULE 7

Before you were born, your parents weren't as boring as they are now. They got that way from paying your bills, cleaning your clothes and listening to you talk about how cool you are. So before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.



Don Rush

Before you save the rain forest from the parasites of your parent's generation, try delousing the closet in your own room.

### RULE 8

Your school may have done away with winners and losers, but life has not. In some schools they have abolished failing grades and they'll give you as many times as you want to get the right answer. This doesn't bear the slightest resemblance to ANYTHING in real life.

### RULE 9

Life is not divided into semesters. You don't get summers off and very few employers are interested in helping you find yourself. Do that on your own time.

### RULE 10

Television is NOT real life. In real life people actually have to leave the coffee shop and go to jobs.

### RULE 11

Be nice to nerds. Chances are you'll end up working for one.

E-mail Rush at: dontrushmedon@aol.com

# Laundry should stay women's work

For some time now I've been thinking I ought to learn how to do the laundry. Our laundry room is another of "Hazel's Rooms" (like all the other rooms in our house, including "my" den).

It's a room off the hall, and that's all I know about it. I don't invade it and I'd really appreciate it if Hazel would not invade the little, tiny space in the basement where I have a defined place for each nail, screw, nut, bolt and washer size.

Likewise, I have a place for screwdrivers (electric and all sizes of manual, including one 3-foot long), drills (antique and electric quarter, three-eighths and half inch), hammers (ballpeen, tack and claw), pliers (wire cutters, vice grip, needle nose and Robo Grip), and, well, you get the idea.

Anyway, laundry is Hazel's work. It was in the vows. And since it is one of the few jobs around the house I've never done, I've yearned lately to try it. It had nothing to do with being a little more help around the house because Hazel works 50 or so hours a week. Guilt isn't in me.

During this yearning, I've also wondered why I didn't put laundry ahead of cleaning mirrors, vacuuming and brushing out the toilets.

So, while Hazel was at work one day, I entered the sanctuary. From childhood days with laundry tubs and hand-wringers, I'd remembered mother separating the whites from the colored clothes.

That was easy, now for the soap. Read the label on the Downey. "Add directly to final rinse." I don't remember Hazel going back into that room until the noise stopped, and that wouldn't be just before the final rinse, would it? In a private call to

daughter Luan, I learned to put the liquid in a trough in the washer, shut the lid, turn a switch and presto.

Operating the drier was much easier. If a person can read a little, turn a knob and clean out a lint catcher, they can dry clothes.

The people who invented the electric washers and driers must be big hits on April Fool's Day and at practical joker conventions.

What kind of a chip did they put into those machines, and how did they write the programs for them that makes them turn my undershorts inside out?

Every pair, whether boxer or brief, was inside out. Imagine the trouble I'd have been in if I hadn't noticed that and been in an emergency in a busy terminal?

I guess that's just another of the many things that makes Hazel a wonderful wife.

In all our over 50 years of marriage she never once bragged about how she saved me many, many times from embarrassment, accidents caused by delay and confusion.

Those machines also turn pants pockets inside out. That's no big deal. I'd have spotted that before I put them on, as opposed to the other machine-wrought trick.

I'm pretty proud of myself for another outcome of what I call the "laundry experience."

I never lost a sock.



Jim's Jottings

Jim Sherman

# Kevin will be long gone by this time next year -- good luck!

I've been talking about applying to colleges for quite some time. Now that some results are coming back, let's put it to rest once and for all.

Those of you who know me personally probably know I applied to Oxford University (yes, the one in England) in the fall, and it's been my top college choice all along. I wasn't sure how far my application would get, since I had only a shady idea what my British competition would be. But I had done plenty of research, so I knew what Oxford was looking for and what I could expect if I was accepted.

I'll skip the long, boring account of the application process, which differs greatly from that for an American college, and cut to the most recent development. The professors at Oxford had told me to expect a response from them before Christmas. Nothing showed up in the mailbox on Saturday, and no mail was to be delivered on Sunday or Monday, Christmas.

I enjoyed my family's Christmas festivities, but there was a constant underlying worry about the letter that was floating around the postal system somewhere between here and England. I was fortunate enough to be traveling with the marching band to London the day after Christmas, but this created the problem of either getting the mail before we left for the airport or having to sit through the whole flight knowing that the letter had probably gotten to my house and I was still unable to know the contents. Our mail comes right around the time we had to get on the road, so I spent the whole day in nervous anticipation, causing a nice little breakout of zits.

The mail did come before we left, so I shuffled

out into the cold to find out if the letter had come. It had. I would have opened it right there in the street, but my parents wanted me to bring it into the house so they would see my ecstatic joy or profound sadness for themselves. I imagine my blood pressure was rather high as I tore into the envelope to find out that I had been accepted.

I've never been so happy about something in my life, and it's still hard to wrap my head around all of it at once (the zit situation has cleared up significantly).

The first reason I thought of Oxford as an option was my love of England, so I'm excited to be spending my next few years there. But that alone wouldn't have been enough to apply: the academic program is also something I can't get here.

Wherever I was going to go, I knew I'd be majoring in English. Oxford, though, doesn't even really have majors, since you only take one course: I'll only take English for the full time I'm there, which is only three years compared to our typical four.

You can't go into it undecided, since you apply specifically to that one course and are admitted based solely on your work and interest in that course.

It certainly isn't the well-rounded approach American schools favor, and I will miss history classes and the like, but the prospect of studying English litera-

ture in depth for three years is thrilling.

I often get asked how much it's going to cost. Compared to some of the schools I looked at, it's cheaper, and the absence of a fourth year makes a significant dent. While I was waiting for the Oxford letter to arrive, though, I received a scholarship I didn't even know existed for over full tuition at U of M. No part of me wanted to go there, but the wallet part of me — or rather, of my parents — was suddenly more attracted to it.

I didn't even want to tell my dad about the scholarship for fear that any possibility of going to any other college would end. But my parents have been very supportive through this whole college thing. They're as excited about Oxford as I am and equally as unwilling to turn it down. Still, we look at what the bottom line would be at U of M in disbelief of what we are giving up.

High school seniors often get asked where we're going to college, but many schools don't give a reply until April, so most of the time the answer is "I don't know yet."

I feel lucky to have an answer this early. The comfort of knowing exactly where I'm going to be in eight months is a wonderful relief, and I'm looking forward to that place being Oxford.

The only problem is that it makes calculus seem like a waste of time and energy, but I know I still have to do it, no matter how little I care about it. How sad for me. No, I really don't have anything to complain about, which is an odd sensation. I think I'd better get it checked out.



CHS Life

Kevin Kosbab

## Around Town

The Clarkston Village Players presents "Move Over Mrs. Markham" by Ray Cooney and John Chapman in association with Samuel French Inc. Mistaken identities, nuances, innuendoes and just plain mayhem run intricately through the Markhams' flat nearly undoing their 15 years of marriage as well as his career. This is a comedy of errors as they try to balance cover-ups, redecorate the flat and conduct business meetings in this wild and zany free-for-all.

Jan. 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27. Thursday shows are \$9 and start at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday shows are \$11 and start at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at Tierra Fine Jewelry, 64 S. Main or by calling 625-8811.

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"Eco-explorers WONDER WHY" will be Sat., Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center in Independence Oaks County

Park, 9501 Sashabaw. Children six to eight will find answers to questions like "Why does a cat's eyes glow in the dark?" The program will answer questions through experimentation and explanations. Participants will take home additional experiments that can be performed using common household items. The cost is \$10 per child. Pay in advance to register. Call 625-6473.



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# Quisenberry takes over as Springfield commander

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

There's a new man at the helm of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Springfield Township substation.

Sgt. Ken Quisenberry, formerly road sergeant at the Independence Township substation, has taken over as commander at the Springfield post.

He replaces Sgt. Patrick Miles, who was transferred to the Sheriff's Department's Detective Bureau, located at department headquarters in Pontiac.

Quisenberry assumed the Springfield commander's spot in mid-November, and said things have gone well for him as he gets accustomed to being a substation commander for the first time.

"It's been going extremely well during that time," he said. "We've been very busy, but we've been able to stay on top."

Quisenberry said the winter storms have made things busy at his office.

"The recent weather has created some difficult working conditions, but all in all, we've handled it well," he said.



Sgt. Ken Quisenberry has taken over as the commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department's Springfield Township substation.

Quisenberry, a lifelong resident of Ortonville, has been with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for 22 years, with most of that time spent as a patrol officer. He was promoted to sergeant five years ago.

"I did most of my road patrol work in Springfield, Brandon, and Independence (townships)," he said.

As substation commander, he oversees a staff of ten officers -- the tenth one coming on board at the start of this year.

He said his primary responsibility as substation commander at Springfield is to make sure the township's residents continue to live in a safe environment.

"Springfield Township is a growing community, and it's my goal to maintain and improve the police services provided by the sheriff's department, that keeps pace with the growing community," Quisenberry said. "I think it's important that the people in the community enjoy a certain quality of life. Part of the quality of life in northern Oakland County is due to its police service."

# Independence Twp. OKs CSB branch, denies condos

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Independence Township Board denied one but approved another concerning two rezoning requests that were on the agenda for the December 14 meeting.

A request to rezone a 4.43-acre parcel from a single family residential to multiple family was denied five to two by the board.

Petitioner Thomas Wilhelm of Clintonville Pines LLC received approval from the Planning Commission in November to rezone the land on Clintonville Road for condominiums.

The Township Board felt differently. Supervisor Dale Stuart said the rezoning would intensify problems in an already dense area.

However, Treasurer Jim Wenger and Trustee Dan Travis voted for the request.

During a public hearing with the Planning Commission in November, area residents in attendance voiced concerns of an increase in traffic and noise problems if Wilhelm's development progressed.

Planning Consultant Dick Carlisle said no one likes to hear of increased density in the community but the area could benefit from this and needs it.

In other township news, the board approved a

request to rezone a parcel on the west side of M-15 near Cranberry Lake Road from a residential to office service.

Clarkston State Bank president Dave Harrison said this is the start of a long process. Now, in its early stages, the 3.5 acre property will eventually be home to a new Clarkston State Bank branch.

The 2,000 square foot bank will have a lobby, drive-up ATM and three to four drive through terminals. The bank will be part of a 30 to 35,000 square foot office building, said Harrison.

Construction should start at the end of 2001 and could see business at the end of 2002.

# Schools approve designation of 2000 Durant proceeds

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Board of Education approved the designation of its third installment of Durant I settlement funds at its December 17 meeting.

The board, by a 5-1 margin, authorized \$138,300 in proceeds to be used for nine different projects at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Trustee Mary Ellen McLean voted against the move; trustee Kurt Shanks was absent from the meeting at the time of the vote.

The funds were received in November. The original Durant lawsuit, filed in 1978, contended that the state of Michigan fell short in paying its share of special education funding. Over 100 school districts statewide took part in that lawsuit.

The list of projects recommended by Craig Kahler, the district's director of business services, for Durant settlement designation are as follows:

- Bleacher repairs, Clarkston Middle School:

\$9,000

- Gym divider repair, Clarkston Middle School: \$15,000

- Storm sewer repairs, Clarkston Middle School, North Sashabaw Elementary, and Independence Elementary: \$10,200

- Water softener connections, Clarkston High School: \$30,000

- Irrigation system, ball fields, Clarkston High School: \$25,000

- Removal of tennis courts, Sashabaw Middle School: \$12,500

- Utilities to portables, Pine Knob Elementary, Bailey Lake Elementary, and Andersonville Elementary: \$16,600

- Air conditioning unit repairs, Springfield Plains Elementary: \$17,000

- Installation of a fence at child care, Clarkston High School: \$3,000

In a Dec. 7 memo to Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts,

Kahler said that "most of these projects have been completed out of necessity, but the limited resources available for such projects have driven this recommendation."

"A lot of it was stuff that did come up outside of what would be a normal plan," he added at the meeting.

Roberts said the district did not have funds targeted for these needs.

"We didn't have money budgeted for those," he said. "This is an infusion of money. We need to take another hard look at our budget and where we spend our dollars."

According to Kahler, the first two installments of the Durant settlement were used last year to complete improvements at the district's transportation facility, including mechanical system upgrades, locker room and rest room upgrades, the addition of a driver's ready room, and improvement of office space.

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# Residents write letter asking for environmental study

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Parke Lake residents have sent a letter to three different governing bodies asking that an environmental study be conducted on a matter concerning their property.

The residents, in their letter, are requesting a study be done on the routing of storm water from Clarkston High School property to the Clarkston Community Schools administration building, which will eventually make its way to Parke Lake.

The letter was sent to the Clarkston Community Schools district, Independence Township, and the City of the Village of Clarkston.

"We're not angry with anyone," said Tom Stone, a resident whose property is accessible to Parke Lane. "We would like to know, is our lake going to be safe?... We're people that share a focus: The focus is the lake. We wouldn't want to see anything destroy it."

In addition to asking for a study, the residents also requested in their letter "that a public hearing be held to present and discuss proposed routing plans and/or the results of the impact study."

Stone said the residents' letter is merely a precautionary measure on their part, and added that no problem currently exists.

"We're not any organized group," he said. "There is not a problem. We don't want there to be a problem."

On July 27 of last year, the Independence Town-

ship Board and the Clarkston Community Schools district held a joint meeting to try and resolve the water drainage problem that came from Clarkston High School.

At that meeting, Independence Township engineer Tom Biehl of Hubbell, Roth and Clark, presented four options to be considered: 1) installing a gravity outlet, coming out of the wetlands, south of the high school retention pond; 2) looking at an off-site storm sewer, staying in the Waldon Road right of way; 3) looking at a permanent pump outlet on the property; 4) putting a pump station on the school property.

At this point, no resolution has been agreed upon by either side. The district opted to support the fourth option, which would have cost \$108,100. The school district would have paid \$58,100 of that cost, while the township would have paid \$25,000 and the Road Commission for Oakland County the remaining \$25,000.

However, the township board, at its Oct. 17 meeting, voted to support a modified version of the first option, at a total cost of \$183,000. The township would have picked up 25 percent of the cost (\$47,750), the Road Commission would have picked up \$25,000, and the school district the remainder of the cost (\$110,250).

At that meeting, Dr. Al Roberts, superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools, said that the district could not afford to commit any more money than the \$58,100 it had agreed to pay for the first option.

Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart said that he has read the letter sent to him by the resi-

dents, but still said the schools' solution to the problem will not work.

"I think the potential solution that the schools have hooked onto is the least viable," he said. "I don't think it does much good to have an environmental study on a solution that I don't support."

Clarkston City Manager Art Pappas said the members of the City Council haven't had a chance to read the letter, but discussed the issue at their Monday meeting.

"I put it in for the packets at the council meeting," he said. "They haven't had time to look at it."

Roberts said that the district would not be opposed to an environmental study, but reiterated that the district has done what it could in terms of a financial commitment to alleviate the Almond Lane situation.

"I understand that the letter was sent by Dr. Tom Stone, whom I respect a great deal," he said. "We have no objection to that (doing an environmental study). We have no jurisdiction in terms of doing a study or not doing a study. From our vantage point, we at least stepped up to the plate and said here is the money we have. We are not in the water management business. We feel we've done our part."

Roberts said it would be inappropriate to commit an inordinate amount of school funds to the problem when it has not been proven that the district was the root cause of the problem.

"There are lots of reasons why that could have occurred," he said. "We're kind of in a logjam here. I hope we'll be able to find a way out of it."

## City to write Stone, contact township and schools regarding Parke Lake

BY ED DAVIS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Parke Lake resident Tom Stone may get his wish, but it won't be the city who flips the bill.

Stone recently asked the Independence Township Board of Trustees, Clarkston Community Schools Board of Trustees and the City of the Village of Clarkston to conduct a study of the possible impact on Parke Lake of the routing of storm water from Clarkston High School property to the Clarkston Schools Administration property.

At its regular meeting Jan. 8 the city council discussed Stone's letter and said the three parties

should meet to discuss the matter.

In response to Stone's letter, city manager Art Pappas will be writing a letter back to Stone and send copies to the township and the schools. He said he will suggest those two parties to contact the Department of Environmental Quality and the Oakland County Drain Commission if they have not done so already.

Mayor Sharron Catallo said the council is more than willing to discuss the matter with the township and school board, but said it should be the schools who take the initiative.

"I think the schools should take the lead on us

(the council), the township and the schools meeting. But I am willing to take the lead," Catallo said.

However, city attorney Tom Ryan said the city does not have the money to fund a study.

Councilman Walt Gamble said the problem may also include the Clinton River system.

"If there is a problem it's probably impacting the system. This is similar to the Mill Pond situation in that it involves the township and part of the city. These people need to form their own committee. We should participate but not get embroiled in the funding of this," Gamble said.

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**Sunday, Jan. 7,** a vehicle parked in the lot of a restaurant on Dixie Hwy had three smashed-out windows and items stolen from inside. Damage may be up to \$1,000 and a coat and CDs totalling \$450 were taken.

A construction trailer on Allen was broken into. Entrance was gained by cutting the locking device and \$25,000 worth of tools were stolen. Damage to the trailer is valued at \$75. The trailer was parked at a new home site.

A malicious destruction to a vehicle occurred on Tuson. A car parked in the apartment complex had three windows broken out. Damage is valued at \$500.

**Saturday, Jan. 6,** a vehicle on Dixie Hwy at M-15 was rear-ended. A blue Jeep Cherokee involved in the accident fled the scene.

A vehicle pulling out from Citation Drive onto M-15 failed to yield and struck another car. A red Dodge Van involved in the incident left the scene.

**Friday, Jan. 5,** a vehicle on Mountainview was broken into and a purse was taken. A window was broken out.

Ice fell from a fast food restaurant on Sashabaw fell and went through a vehicle's back window.

A briefcase, printer, scanner, and other items totalling \$725 were stolen from an unlocked vehicle on

Caberfae Trail.

**Thursday, Jan. 4,** an unlocked vehicle in the driveway of a residence on Windyknoll Court was entered and a stereo and cell phone were stolen. The items are valued at \$350. A garage door opener in the car was used and a bike inside the garage was taken.

A vehicle parked in the driveway of a residence on Minnewana was entered and an MP3 player was stolen. A garage door opener in the car was used and the vehicle inside the garage was also entered. Several items were stolen from the second car including a suitcase, laptop and golf clubs.

A man, 25-35 years old, wearing coveralls, a tan Carhart jacket and ball cap stole a pack of cigarettes from a grocery store on Sashabaw. The man picked up two packs, paid for one and left. When an employee tried to obtain his license plate number before leaving, threats were made. No license plate number was taken down.

A larceny was reported from a video store on Sashabaw when \$119 worth of videos were stolen.

A woman reported her purse lost or stolen from a restaurant on Dixie Hwy. She had \$150 cash, a watch and medication in her purse.

**Wednesday, Jan. 3,** a man on Clarkston reported mail fraud. Packages ordered and delivered during the Christmas season were taken from his porch, he

claimed.

A Clarkston Middle School boy got off the bus to his home on Farley with a swollen hand that had been dislocated and broken in two spots. He claimed another student allegedly bent his hand back.

An owner of a business on Sashabaw reported her son took her vehicle without permission from the parking lot.

A business on Dixie Hwy had its sign, which hung above the entrance, stolen. It is valued at \$90.

A resident on Oakstone accidentally left the garage door open and the vehicles parked inside were broken into. A cell phone and CDs were missing.

A man on Bronco reported his cell phone lost or stolen.

**Tuesday, Jan. 2,** a cell phone, worth \$250, was taken from a vehicle on Glenwood Creek.

A business on Dixie Hwy reported personal checks worth \$502.10 and \$477.62 in cash stolen. A maintenance company is suspected.

A vehicle stopped at a sign on Clintonville, attempted to make a turn and collided with another car. Minor injuries were reported.

**Monday, Jan. 1,** a driver on Clarkston left the roadway, hit a tree and came to rest on the vehicle's side. Alcohol was involved and minor injuries were reported.

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by Kelley R. Kostin  
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# Budget a concern for schools in 2001

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### Clarkston High School:

■ Four National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and six commended students, the most the school has ever had.

■ Nine students qualified for the Michigan Mathematics Prize competition, also the most the school has ever had.

■ First place in the Oakland County Programming Competition at Cranbrook.

■ Football team — district and regional champions

■ Girls' basketball team — district champions (first time in 26 years)

■ Marching band placed in the top eight in the state band competition this fall.

■ Wolves Renaissance Program, for perfect attendance, recognized 320 students for perfect attendance for the first semester.

A concept that was discussed at a board meeting in December, and will be addressed further in January, is the middle school teaming concept. Roberts said while that system is very much a work in progress, team teaching, if implemented properly, will allow students and teachers at the middle schools to benefit from the experience.

"While it's an unfinished work, that philosophy, focusing on student learning and team planning, we believe will get us to that point," he said.

Roberts emphasized the importance of eliminating any unnecessary barriers that students may face in the learning project, and encouraging students to become lifelong learners.

While he said, "I'm a perfectionist — I'm never

satisfied," Roberts added that he is realistic and understands that each student has different skills.

"We need to challenge every youngster in the school system to be the best that he or she can be," he said.

Roberts said the key challenge the district faced this past year, and will continue to deal with in the year ahead, is the budget.

He said the district's fund equity must be increased to the 15 percent level, in order to avoid the type of cash flow problems the district is currently experiencing.

"We have some budget problems that need to be addressed," he said.

Roberts said the district must have a budget that is capable of supporting a maintenance plan, as well as the ability to cycle in furniture, equipment and technology purchases

He said the district recently received a certificate of recognition from the Association of School Business Officials, a national organization.

Student enrollment and space needs are other issues facing the schools, according to Roberts. The Clarkston Board of Education has conducted a couple of workshops recently in which board members and administrators brainstormed to find ways to deal with the situation.

The board will receive a report from administrators Dave Reschke, assistant superintendent for K-8 operations, and Patricia Brumback, assistant superintendent for 9-12 operations and special services, in January.

"We feel we're moving in a deliberate and positive way to examine all the practices that can accom-

modate the kids we have," Roberts said.

He commented on other concerns facing the district next year.

"Busing has been a real challenge," Roberts said. "We're not reimbursed by the state for busing, except for special education students. I still don't think our community understands school funding as it relates to Proposal A."

The Clarkston district will participate in the third Durant lawsuit against the state of Michigan, seeking their share of special education funding from the state.

"The Durant issue is intriguing," Roberts said. "The Supreme Court has seen it the same way we do — we're underfunded. I don't understand why Lansing doesn't see it the same way we do. The courts have spoken. The shell game won't work anymore."

He said that without appropriate funding from the state, the district has to take money for special education from its general fund, which he said hurts all students in the long run.

"I'm the superintendent of all the kids," Roberts said. "It puts all superintendents in a bad spot where they have to take funds from general education funds. None of our kids should be shortchanged, whether they're classified (as special education students) or non-classified. My concern is, what we absolutely don't need is a divisiveness between parents over who gets the dollars, who will benefit. The state needs to step up to the plate and fund special education the way it is meant to be funded."

Overall, Roberts predicted some obstacles in the future, but said the school district's staff and community is more than capable of taking on that responsibility.

"I think we're on the right track," he said. "We have a long way to go yet. We have some challenges ahead of us. The test of leadership is what you do with more difficult problems. We're looking forward to the challenge. We have a team that's up to the challenge."

# ALS, Clarkston Creek past and future concerns

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for a number of years," Stuart said. He cautioned that may change with the board trying to build up the community on a falling budget and limited by Proposal A and the rate of inflation. "Costs grow faster than that rate for the types of services we need," he said.

Plus, the township is limited by available space

and could approach its maximum growth in the near future. That all depends on the economy, Stuart said. If the economy is strong, the demand for services and housing will remain strong. If it slows, it will mean more time before the township reaches its maximum growth.

Despite the economy, Stuart said the board will seek to better serve who it serves. "It is a challenge

meeting the needs of the people in the township while keeping costs down," he said. "We will need to be more prudent in our spending."

Newcomers Daniel Kelly and David Wagner, elected to the board last fall, Stuart said, "are intelligent men who bring a lot to the board. They know how to think, how to analyze and will be an asset to the board."

"Exciting things are ahead," Stuart said.

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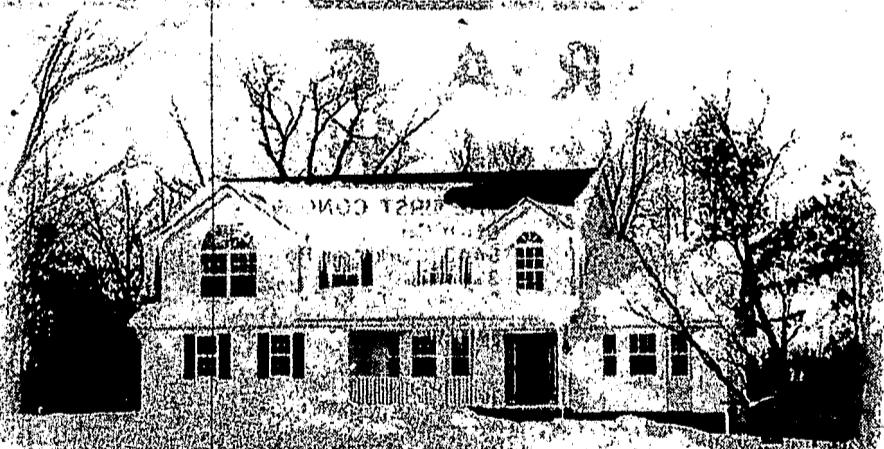
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# Obituaries

## Mary H. Robbins

Former Clarkston resident Mary Hill Robbins died Dec. 24, 2000 at her home in Corvallis, Ore. She was 84.

She was born to Whittaker R. Hill and Effie G. Schaefer in Defiance, Ohio. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1938.

She married W.T. Robbins May 25, 1940, in Dearborn.

She worked for a short time as a journalist before becoming an elementary school teacher. From 1960 to 1976, she taught fifth and sixth grades in Clarkston. In 1976, she moved to Sandy, Ore. and in 1999, she moved to Corvallis.

She was a member of Alpha Xi Delta, Theta Chapter, and was an avid contract bridge player.

Survivors include her husband; sons, Ward of Eagle Creek and Scott of Corvallis; daughter, Mary Ann Murphy of Lansing; brothers Clarence K. Hill of Spring Valley, Calif., and Whittaker R. Hill of Sylvania, Ohio; and three grandchildren.

Service was Dec. 28, in the chapel at McHenry Funeral Home, Chaplin Phil McBrien officiated.

Memorial donations can be made to the Willamette Valley Hospice, 2700 Market St. N.E., Salem, OR 97301-1641.

## Frances E. Stewart

Frances E. Stewart of Clarkston died suddenly Dec. 30, 2000 at the age of 86.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert in 1964.

Mrs. Stewart was a member of the Clarkston United Methodist Church.

She was a nurse for Dr. Buehrig for 12 years and was a supervisor at Oakland Medical Center. She was an alumni of Henry Ford Hospital of Nursing and was a member of Sashabaw Plains NSDAR, Waterford Book Review Club, Tuesday Musical of Pontiac, Oakland Co. Retirees Association and the First Families of Ohio.

Inurnment was at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorial service was held Jan. 10 at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd in Clarkston with Pastor Doug Trebilcock and Pastor Jill Zundel officiating.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston. (www.legacy.com)

## Janet E. Masi

Janet E. Masi of Clarkston, formerly of Warren, died Jan. 3, 2001 at the age of 57.

She was the wife of John and the mother of Michelle (Tyrone/Tim) Wood of Davisburg and Renee (Phil) Wojcik of Garden City. She was the sister of Joe (Kathy) DeCarlo of Calif.

Mrs. Masi was born in Detroit.

She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in home economics from Marygrove College. She taught in Detroit schools for three years then took a leave of absence to raise her two children.

She returned to teaching at Marygrove as an adjunct instructor before taking a job with the CETA program in Warren.

Mrs. Masi became the personnel director for Warren during the Randlett administration then moved on to the Warren-Centerline Chamber of Commerce where she held the post of vice president until last summer when illness forced her to retire.

Funeral service was held Jan. 8 at St. Daniel Catholic Church.

Memorial may be made to the Servite Sisters.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

## Gloria Ann McBride

Gloria Ann McBride of West Bloomfield died Jan. 6, 2001 after a courageous battle it cancer. She was 70.

She was the mother of Jean of Clarkston and the grandmother of Douglas. She was the sister of Jean Hart of Bridgeport.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston.

Interment was at White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or Hospices of Henry Ford. (www.legacy.com)

## Ardith M. Gratz

Ardith M. Gratz of Clarkston died Jan. 4, 2001 at the age of 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Marshall W.

She was the mother of Marshall of Holly, Nancy (Richard) Powers of Waterford and Richard (Phyllis) Cole of Waterford. She was the grandmother of Vernon (Heather) Collett Jr., Marshall and Melissa Gratz and David Cole. She was the great-grandmother of Garrett.

Mrs. Gratz was a lifetime member of the

Clarkston Eagles no. 3373.

Funeral service was held Jan. 9 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Support Minister Donald Kevern officiating.

Interment was at Ottawa Cemetery.

## Irma M. Shivlie

Irma M. Shivlie of Clarkston died Jan. 8, 2001 at the age of 96.

She was the special aunt of Patricia Sadler of Tenn., formerly of Clarkston, Myrtle Walker of Morrice and several nieces and nephews.

Irma was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, where she served as president of the Fenton Auxiliary.

Funeral service was held Jan. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston with Dr. James Keough officiating.

Interment was at Union Plains Cemetery in Byron.

## Clarence J. Zawacki

Clarence J. Zawacki of Clarkston died Jan. 7, 2001 at the age of 79.

He was the husband of Edna and the father of Rosemary Davison of Davisburg. He was the grandfather of Heather Marie.

He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was the brother of Walter (Agnes) and Bill all of Mt. Pleasant.

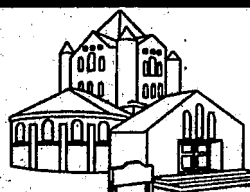
Mr. Zawacki retired from Pontiac Motors, Plant 63.

Funeral mass will be held Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Waterford.

Prayer service will be Jan. 10 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Trust 100 Funeral Home in Clarkston where friends may visit Jan. 10 from 3-5 and from 7-9 p.m. and on Jan. 11 directly at the church after 10:30 a.m.

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## New gallery features local artists

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As an artist and art teacher, Jo Grossman saw a need for a specialized business in the area and decided to fill that need herself.

She rented a small space for an art studio in the lower level of the Tierra Jewelry building at 64 S. Main at the corner of Waldon. Then she had a better idea. She decided to expand it into a gallery.

"I'm surprised by the amount of local artists there are in Clarkston," Grossman said, who felt there was a great need to have a place where local artists could showcase their work.

Grossman said the response from the public has been good since she opened her doors October 26.

Grossman who has been a teacher for 20 years, teaches art at Holly High School. She feels many art teachers, especially, don't have the opportunity to exhibit their work and that's where Seescape steps in.

Grossman would like local artists to participate in the different shows she intends to have approximately every other month.

Seescape recently wrapped up its Relative Aperture show featuring work by Alan Wichar which Grossman described as "photos of man made structures and perspective."

Grossman called the current show of work by artists Marcia and Bill Finks



Seescape Studio and Gallery owner Jo Grossman wants to give local artists a place to feature their work.

of Fenton, "sophisticated yet simple primitive figures from rusted steel."

Grossman also has her own work on display in different media. These include "Into You," an acrylic painting of two faces appearing to melt into one another, and "Innerscape" where Grossman incorporated likenesses of her students in a spiral-shaped collage, and more.

"My work typically has a reference to women's roles because women are very much responsible for the emotional environment for which we live," Grossman said.

Seescape will display the works of Terry Tracy in February in a show titled "Natural Encounter". In April watercolor artist Rob Lennox will have his first professional show, said Grossman.

Everything is for sale in the 400-square foot room she remodeled herself.

Grossman is collecting names of people who would like to start a group for local artists to lend inspiration to each other.

She also would like to work with Clarkston Schools, allowing students to visit the gallery, or to host shows for them.

The name Seescape comes from a combination of art, Grossman's love for the ocean and a sense of escapism. It's open Wednesday through Friday 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m. Call 922-9116 for more information.

## Tempt your tastebuds at The Chocolate Moose

The Chocolate Moose. Just the name is enough to tempt your tastebuds and drive you inside. Upon entering your eyes dance across an assortment of truffles, moose tracks, and nut clusters. It's nearly heaven.

Owner Christie Kojima, born and raised in Clarkston, started out by making candies from her home. She contemplated opening a store "for quite some time" and to the sweet delights of the Clarkston public. The Chocolate Moose opened Dec. 9.

The business name has been passing quickly by word of mouth, said manager and Kojima's best friend Gaylene Portela.

"We've had very good business, even with all the snow," said Portela, who noted the staff of "two moms working during the day and seven teens who fill in after school and on Saturdays."

The chocolate shop has goodies starting from 75 cents on up. Seven kinds of truffles range from raspberry to capuccino and make up a portion of the moose's menu. Get a four-truffle assortment for \$7.50.

Nut clusters come in white, dark and milk chocolate for \$11.50 a half pound and \$13.95 a pound. Add a dollar and they'll be packaged in a gift box.

Other delectables include peanut butter cups, moose macaroons, molded chocolate suckers, sugar-free chocolates and pre-packaged chocolates. And of course, moose tracks, which Portela described as a "giant turtle. They're very large and very good."

Gift baskets are available per customer's request. The Chocolate Moose is located at 64 S. Main and is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.



Rich Bell and manager Gaylene Portela working hard at The Chocolate Moose, which opened for business Dec. 9.

### Business Briefs

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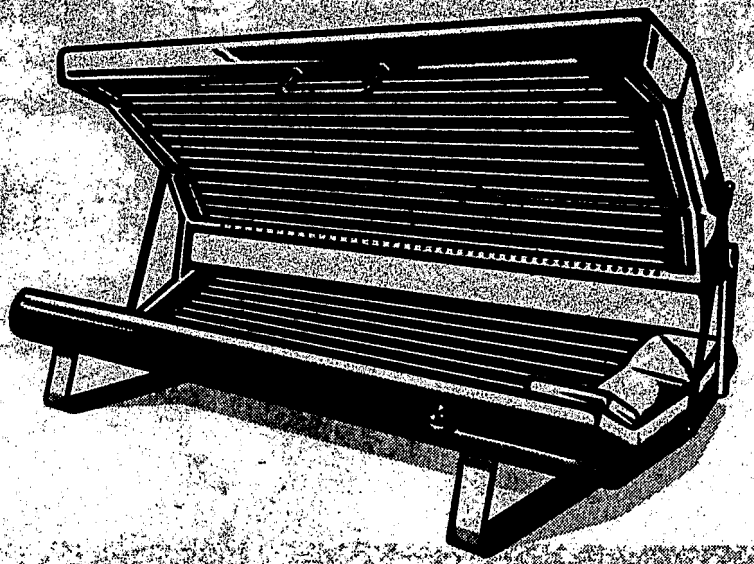
Mary Kaverley, a sales associate with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate, 7151 N. Main, Clarkston, was recently awarded the Humanitarian and

Community Award by the North Oakland Board of Realtors. This award is given in recognition for outstanding contributions and dedication toward the betterment of the community.

Val Henderson has joined the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce

staff as a part time clerk whose main duties are to coordinate the chamber portion of Career Connections initiatives. Career Connections is a partnership between the chamber and Clarkston Community Schools to increase meaningful career exploration opportunities for students.

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## Lighthouse Clarkston moves

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ston is "plugging away," said Stewart, getting the place ready for its patrons.

"It'll take awhile to find a home for everything and get things set up," Stewart said. She hopes to get settled in in the next couple weeks with a small or limited Clothes Closet up in mid-February.

Lighthouse Clarkston helps 300 households a month throughout North Oakland County including Independence, Springfield, Waterford, Brandon, Holly, Groveland, Orion, Oxford and Leonard Townships as well as the City and Village of Clarkston, said Administrative Assistant Connie Stapleton.

Individuals seeking assistance can visit Lighthouse Clarkston on a walk-in basis. Registration is necessary and specific identification is required for qualification. Those who qualify can come in once every 30 days for food. And once the closet is open, clients can visit once a week for clothes. All is donated used apparel in clean and good condition, said Stewart.

Other programs are offered throughout the year like holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas, Christmas gifts for children, Easter baskets, back to school supplies, and referrals to other agencies if cli-

ents need additional help.

Once a year, when money is available, Lighthouse Clarkston will help a family or families with housing, utilities and medication for those who qualify.

Approximately 100 volunteers—"a great bunch of volunteers," said Stewart—work with the organization along with the five staff members.

Through the volunteers, Lighthouse Clarkston can extend its programs to phone reassurance for seniors (a simple call to see how someone is doing) or scheduled rides to doctor's offices or hospitals with the help of volunteer drivers, and more.

Lighthouse Clarkston's funding comes from federal, state, local, churches and individuals. Other monies and goods come from drives such as Boy Scout/Girl Scout fundraisers as well as the "Take a Sack and Bring it Back," a month-long drive for food with eight participating local churches.

"That keeps us stocked with food all year long," said Stewart.

Stewart said Lighthouse Clarkston is eternally grateful for the community's support in the past and present and asks the community to be patient while Lighthouse gets settled into a new home.

Service hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The new phone number is 620-6116 and the fax number is 620-6337.

## New Year's Party raided

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sponded. The three members of the Strutz family stopped resisting after they were pepper sprayed.

Eight minors were found in the kitchen area of the house and six more hiding upstairs. All were given preliminary breathalyzer tests and those registered at .000 were allowed to leave.

Seven teens, all 17 to 18-years-old, were ticketed for consuming alcohol and were turned over to their parents.

They now face a six-week drug diversion program taught by Clarkston High School student assistance coordinator Kelly Kanigowski through the district's community education, said Lt. Dale LaBair, commander of the OCSD Independence Township sub-station.

The class begins January 10 Kanigowski said, adding, "This particular case has been getting a lot of attention, but there are parties every weekend where teens get ticketed. We developed this program to hopefully reduce those numbers."

The teens' first-offense tickets have been recorded on their driving records. The charges will be removed after successful completion of the class, said LaBair. The charges will stay on court records in case there is a second offense.

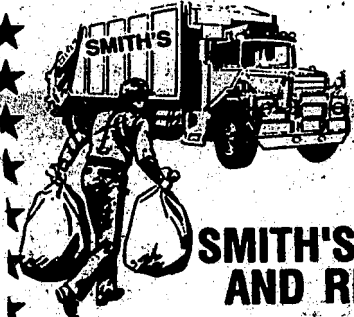
The program is a collaborative effort between the district and probate courts, police officials and Clarkston schools, said LaBair.



Volunteers (from left) Jim LeBlanc, Charlene Miller, Mei Taylor and Barb Reed get Lighthouse Clarkston ready for clients at their new digs at Clarkston schools Community Education building. The address is 6300 Church St., but can be accessed from Waldon Road too. The home is just temporary. Lighthouse Clarkston is looking for a facility of its own.

What do you think? Write us a letter at The Clarkston News, 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346 or e-mail us at [clarkstonnews@adni.net](mailto:clarkstonnews@adni.net)

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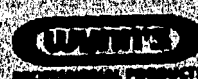
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# Sports

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## Upcoming games:

- Wrestling:**  
1/10 at Lake Orion  
5:30 p.m.
- Hockey:**  
1/13 at East Kentwood  
7 p.m.
- Basketball:**  
1/12 at Pontiac Northern  
7 p.m.
- Volleyball:**  
1/11 vs. Lake Orion 6 p.m.
- Swimming:**  
1/13 at West Bloomfield Invitational TBA
- Skating:**  
1/10 vs. Adams 4 p.m.

Questions about upcoming games? Call the CHS Athletic Office for times and locations - 623-4050.

## Netting plenty of success

*Wolves down Groves, get strong games from Gower, Humphreys*

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston varsity volleyball team's motto is every player, every ball, every play. The Wolves needed a total team effort to defeat Birmingham Groves.

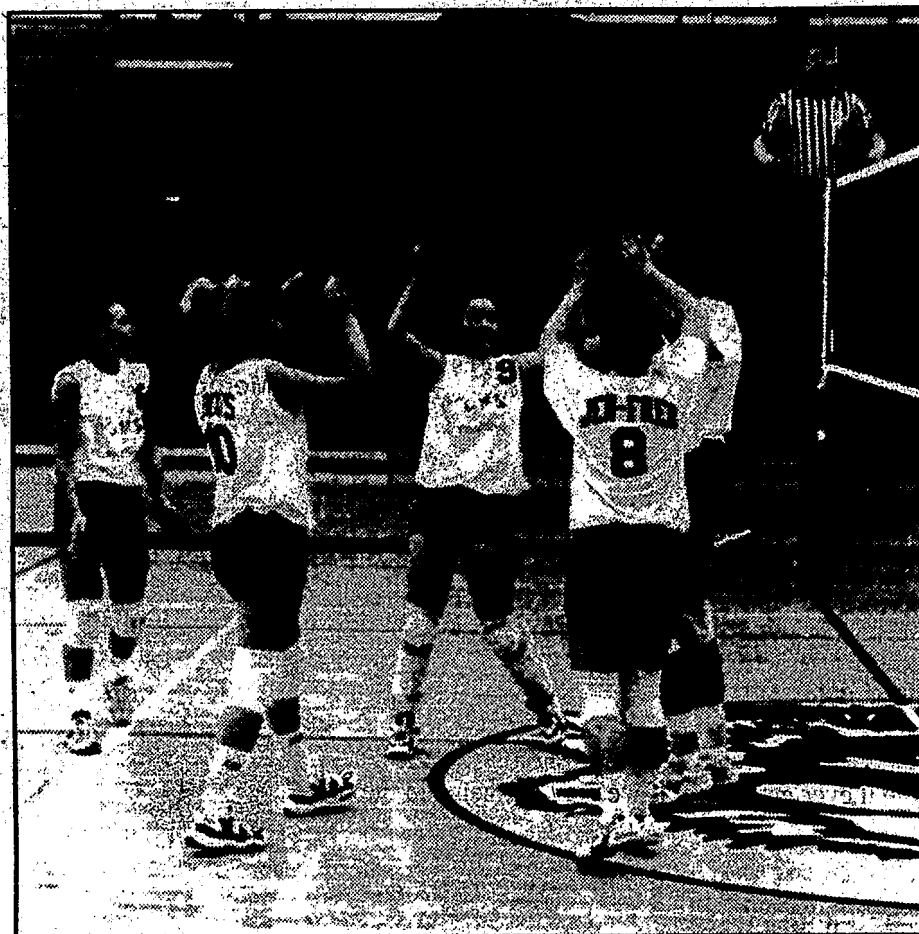
The Wolves improved to 5-2-1 and 1-1 in the Oakland Activities Athletics Association Division I with a league win over Groves Jan. 4 at Clarkston High School. The Wolves won 14-16, 15-11, 17-15.

Clarkston coach Gordie Richardson said his team played strong in several areas.

"Our hitting percentage was very good and we were strong in serve reception. We were excellent in serve efficiency. We were 92 of 95. We matured a lot mentally since the Athens meet," Richardson said.

The Wolves led Troy Athens 14-6 in game one of their league opener Dec. 20, but let an eight point lead slip away.

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The varsity volleyball team has had plenty of reasons to celebrate lately. Pictured above, from left, are Shannon Sadowski, Bonnie Edgar, Tricia Brewer, Jennifer Frederiksen and Andrea Gower.

## Grapplers finish fourth at tournament

*Chism improves to 19-1, B-Team's Herron has strong showing*

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even though they had three of their best wrestlers out of the lineup due to injuries, the Clarkston varsity wrestling team still managed a fourth place finish.

The Wolves had nine wrestlers place at the Saginaw Heritage tournament Jan. 6 which featured 12 schools. Carson City-Crystal won the tournament, followed by Reed City and Alpena.

Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said his team had a good showing.

"They did well. Having nine kids place when you figure the injuries we had is pretty good. The kids are really coming along well," DeGain said.

Clarkston's top performance came from Brian Chism (152) who took first place. He is now 19-1 on the season.

Chris Jaroneski (215) and Shawn Miller (275) both finished in second place. Tony Lajoi (125) finished fourth and Nate Parker (140) took fifth. Other Wolves who did well included Kyle Hester (171)



Matt Heron is one of several strong freshman varsity wrestlers.

'Having nine kids place when you figure the injuries we had is pretty good. The kids are really coming along well.'

Mike DeGain - Varsity wrestling coach

and Derek Sheets (160) who both finished fifth. (130) each finished sixth. Dan Setterington (119) and Jeremy Hertzler

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# Basketball team continues to struggle

**Wolves fall to 2-4 and are outscored 18-8 in fourth quarter in loss to OLSM**

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

As soon as the Clarkston varsity basketball team seemed to be on the right track they were derailed by the Class B defending state champions.

Clarkston suffered its fourth defeat of the season by losing to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Jan. 3 at Clarkston High School 51-47. The Wolves are now 2-4 overall.

Once again it was a fourth quarter let down that led to the loss.

Fourth quarter letdowns have plagued the Wolves in several games this season. They gave up 33 points in the fourth quarter to Rochester. Clarkston was tied late in the game in the season opener against Pontiac Northern and lost.

Clarkston coach Dan Fife said games shouldn't come down to the fourth quarter.

"It shouldn't come down to that. The game should be decided before it ever gets there. If we play our game in the first three quarters then it wouldn't come down to the fourth," he said.

In the third quarter Clarkston rallied from a five point halftime deficit and led by seven with less than six minutes to play. Ryan Briceland's three-pointer gave the Wolves a 42-35 lead.

But the Eaglets responded with an 8-2 run and took a 44-43 lead with less than three minutes to play. Orchard Lake St. Mary's made it a three point lead with just over a minute to play.

Senior point guard Ryan Kaul cut the lead to one by making a layup with 51 seconds remaining.

The Eaglets then fouled senior forward Bryan Endreszl, who tied the game at 47 with a free throw.

However, the Wolves allowed the Eaglets to re-take the lead on their next possession.

Clarkston had one last chance to tie or win, but Kaul's pass was intercepted by an Eaglet and the Wolves were forced to foul for the remainder of the game.

Clarkston's leading scorer was Endreszl who had 14 points. Briceland added 11 and Matt Pearsall scored 10 points for the Wolves.

Fife said the loss was difficult, especially after Clarkston played such a strong game against McKenzie High School over Christmas break.

"I hope it's just a slump. I hope that's all it is. We played so well against McKenzie. I'm not sure what the problem is. Maybe I'm not the coach to get it out of these kids," Fife said.

Fife said the slow start should not be attributed to a lack of desire because of Clarkston's varsity football team's playoff loss. Twelve members of the basketball team also played football.

"Maybe some of the kids want to attribute it to football burnout. That's the easy way out. If they're

## The rundown

**The game:** The Wolves led 42-35 in the third quarter, but scored only five points the rest of the game. It was another case of Clarkston getting outscored in the fourth quarter.

**High scorers:** Bryan Endreszl had 14, Ryan Briceland scored 11 and Matt Pearsall added 10.

**Up next:** The Wolves visit Pontiac Northern. The Huskies are one of the state's top teams and beat the Wolves in the season opener 61-56.



Members of the varsity basketball team had a hard time watching the fourth quarter against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.



Ryan Briceland heads to the basket in recent action at Clarkston High School.



Clarkston coach Dan Fife in a moment of frustration against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

**'I hope it's just a slump. I'm not sure what the problem is. Maybe I'm not the coach to get it out of these kids.'**

Dan Fife — Varsity basketball coach

real athletes than they'd want to win at marbles. Orchard Lake St. Mary's won state titles in both football

and basketball last year. All of my kids played both sports. If they don't want to be playing here than they shouldn't be. There are plenty of other kids in Clarkston who can play basketball. I, and any other coach for that matter, only wants kids who want to play hard for me," Fife said.

Clarkston's next game will be Jan. 12 at Pontiac Northern. The Wolves fell to the Huskies in the season opener at Clarkston High School 61-56 Dec. 6.

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## 2000 sports recap and hopes for the new year

A year in review from yours truly. Okay, I'm a few days late, but last week's paper didn't have room for my column and the week before I just had to vent about the Lions. So, without further ado, here's my take on the sports world, as I remember it, both locally and nationally.

**Clarkston Sports** — The football team had a great run in winning their league, district and regional for the second straight year. The girls basketball team won its first district in over 20 years. The boys basketball team won their district. The girls ski team went to states. The boys ski team sent two individually. The hockey team had Steve Badger and Tom Newman named All-State. Clint DeGain made it to states as a freshman wrestler. Cheer team took 15th at state championships. The boys and girls swim teams both won their leagues. Matt Harrison went to state in golf. The softball team won their district. Boys track finished second in the county meet and won the Ashley Relays while the girls took fourth at the county meet. Girls golf finished second in their league in their first season. The boys tennis team went undefeated in dual meets, won the league meet and two tournaments. Pat Heber graduated with 67 wins. Can you say success?

**Michigan Football** — Good finish to an up and down season. It was the most entertaining early bowl game on New Year's Day. Henson put up tremendous numbers and the A-Team got his rushing record. But it's the guys up front who deserve most of the credit.

**MSU Basketball** — Izzo and company were crowned NCAA Champs in an exciting tournament. I'm not a huge college hoops fan, but I enjoyed their run in March.

**MSU Football** — From 8-2 to 5-6. It's too bad really, but I still think they should have finished higher than Michigan two seasons ago.

**Red Wings** — Another disappointing early playoff exit at the hands of Colorado. The Wings are legitimate contenders for the cup again this year, but anything but a favorite. However, myself being a New Jersey Devils fan couldn't have been happier with how the playoffs panned out.

**Pistons** — I went to a game a few weeks ago against Minnesota. I fell asleep. This team is remotely exciting, but they haven't been a contender in almost a decade.

**Tigers** — Speaking of not being a contender, how about these guys? They peaked our interest for about a 10-day span when Detroit sports fans actually had interest in more than one sport in September this year. Remember how big a deal it was when they finally got to .500? Whoopie! As soon as they flirted with wildcard berth they let us all down — new stadium and all.

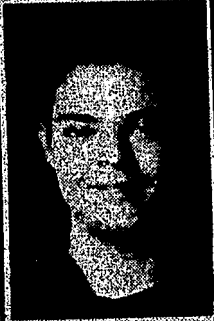
**Lions** — Speaking of letting us down, look no further than these perennial underachievers. From Fontes, to Ross, to Moeller, these guys are consistent. Consistent at letting us down.

**Tyson at the Palace** — As usual, a Tyson fight that didn't live up to the hype. Tickets sold for thousands of dollars. Hmmm... that equates to about \$100 per minute?

**Last year's Super Bowl** — I was at a Super Bowl party and left at the end of the third quarter because the game was so boring. Tennessee had done nothing up to that point. I ended up listening to one of the best endings in recent history on the radio during the drive home.

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Ed Davis



The Bottom

# Icers fall to Royal Oak

## Gabriel, Bemis score in penalty filled game

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston hockey coach Bryan Krygier did not like the officiating in his team's last game. He didn't like the result either.

The Wolves fell to league rival Royal Oak 3-2 Jan. 6. Clarkston now stands at 9-2-1 and 4-1-1 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I.

The two teams combined for 17 penalties in what Krygier described as a slow and choppy disappointing loss.

"We're such a disciplined team it's not like us to be penalized like this. I think the refs did a poor job calling the game. They whistled us for our first penalty two minutes into the game," Krygier said.

The teams were tied at two heading into the final period. But Royal Oak tallied its third power play goal of the game in the third for the game winner. Clarkston's goals came from Jeremy Gabriel and Jon Bemis. Mike Cholette and Eric Plante earned the assists. Brendan Czarniecki stopped 26 of 29 shots.

"Gabriel is coming back. He was scoring for us early in the season and then he had a bit of a lull. But he's working hard and scoring again," Krygier said.

While Royal Oak made the most of their power play opportunities, scoring three with the man advantage, the Wolves didn't score on the power play in their six opportunities Krygier said.

"We're going to stress the power play in practice this week," Krygier said. "It's a tough loss for us, especially coming off the great weekend in Alpena."

### The rundown

The game: Clarkston was penalized in the first two minutes and had nine total penalties. Royal Oak scored all three goals while on the powerplay. Clarkston did not score with the man advantage. **Clarkston goals:** Jeremy Gabriel and Jon Bemis scored for Clarkston with assists coming from Mike Cholette and Eric Plante.

**Up next:** The Wolves visit East Kentwood who they beat over Christmas break in the Alpena Christmas Classic Tournament.

Two weekends ago the Wolves won the Alpena Christmas Classic by defeating two of the best teams in the state in Alpena and East Kentwood. Clarkston is currently ranked fifth in the state in Division I.

"I don't think we were over confident. It was just hard to concentrate out there with all the choppy play," he said.

The Wolves resume action Jan. 13 when they have a rematch with East Kentwood on the road.

"I'm sure they'll have payback on their minds. We'll have to be at the top of our game. They're not going to hand us anything. We've got our work cut

out for us," Krygier said.

## Athlete of the week: Ben Horstman

He drained five three pointers against Rochester and led the team with 16 points. But Ben Horstman thinks things can only get better.

The 6-foot senior has seen an increase in playing time this season on the varsity basketball team. Horstman played some varsity last year, but has shown vast improvements in his senior season coach Dan Fife said.

"Ben is an outstanding shooter. I'm confident in his shot. He's getting used to the quickness and strength at this level and he's really coming along nicely," Fife said.

Horstman said his jump shot is his biggest strength.

"I've been working on my jumper my whole life. That, and my help side defense are probably the things I do the best. Coach Fife and coach (Doug) Colling have really helped me along," Horstman said.

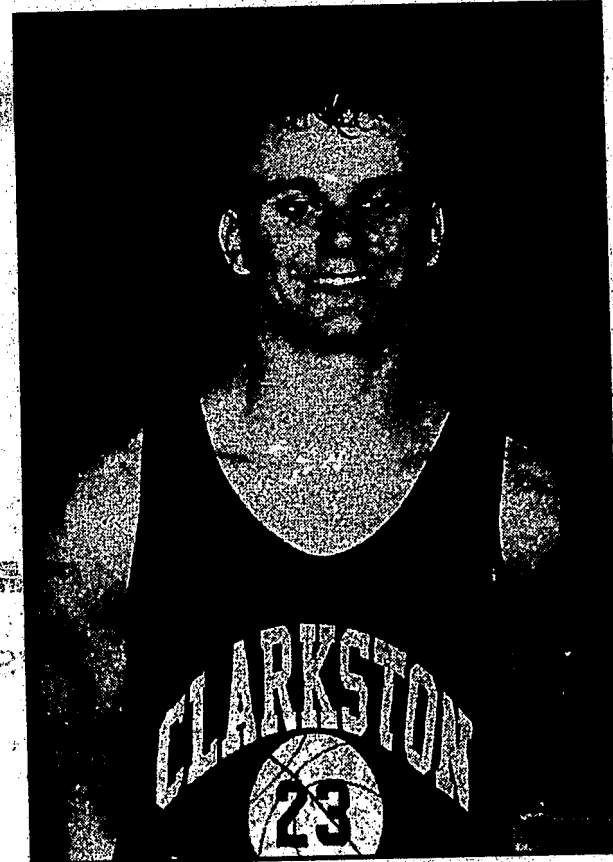
Horstman said Fife's confidence in him has also helped his game.

"He tells me how much confidence he has in me. I've also been playing more lately," Horstman said.

Fife said as good a player as Horstman is becoming on the court, he's just as good a person off the court.

"He's just a great, likeable kid," Fife said. "If I had a daughter I'd let her date him. As the season goes on I think you're going to hear and see more of Ben Horstman."

Horstman maintains a 3.4 grade point average and plans on studying sports management at either Defiance College in Ohio or Aquinas College. His favorite NBA player is Allan Houston of the New York Knicks.



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Dan Fife — Varsity basketball coach

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## Volleyball

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They didn't make that same mistake in their match against Groves.

Clarkston dropped the first game 14-16, but rallied from a 9-2 deficit to win game two 15-11. The third game was a back and forth battle Richardson said.

"We were up 10-7 and then they tied it at 10. Then we went up 13-10 and then they got four straight to go ahead 14-10. But we rallied, tied it at 14 and ended up winning it," he said.

In both league matches the Wolves have dug themselves big holes early, but that doesn't seem to concern Richardson.

"As long as we continue to come back I'll be fine. I would rather see us be more efficient early on though. But I was real pleased with our mental toughness. We played a strong mental game," he said.

Clarkston got strong performances from Kristen Falck, who was 16-of-16 serving. She added 27 assists.

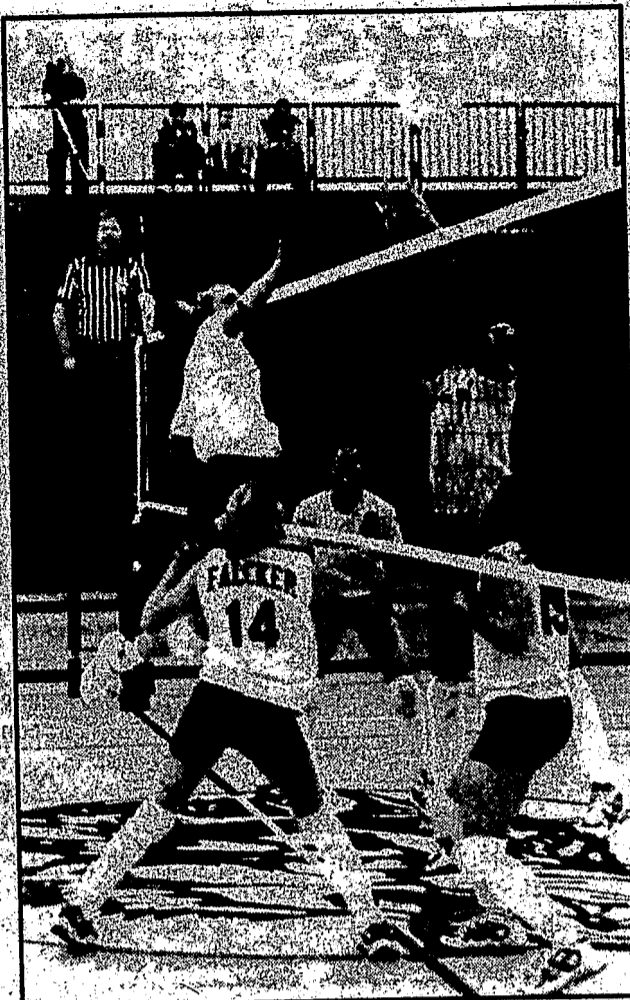
Andrea Gower was 14-of-14 serving with 10 digs. Falck and Gower each tallied 11 digs.

Angela Humphreys was 14-of-16 in serve reception and 11-of-11 in serves. She also had six solo blocks.

"Angela played great for us in the middle," Richardson said. "We also got strong games from Shannon Sadowski who really stepped up for us. Bonnie Edgar also played hard and Lisa Ferguson is a great role



Gordie Richardson



Andrea Gower, rear, and Kristen Falck, front, have given the Wolves solid play this season.

player. She's a strong server and plays solid defense. Andrea Gower and gave us a good game too," Richardson said.

"If we're going to continue to win it's going to be a total team effort," he said.

The Wolves resume action Jan. 11 when they host Lake Orion. JV and freshman action starts at 6 p.m. Varsity action will start around 7:30 p.m.

## Walled Lake Central Tournament

The Wolves improved their record to 7-4-1 overall at the Walled Lake Central Tournament Jan. 6.

Clarkston beat Farmington in the first match 15-6, 15-8. In the second round, the Wolves fell to league rival Birmingham-Groves 8-15, 6-15. The Wolves rebounded in their third match of the day downing John Glenn 15-6, 15-11. In the fourth round the Wolves fell to host Walled Lake Central 15-13, 13-15, 7-15.

Falck had 38 assists, one ace, nine digs and two blocks. Lisa Ferguson had four assists, one ace and 17 digs. Gower had one assist, three aces, 13 digs and 11 blocks. Diana Doyle had two assists, three aces, 14 digs and three blocks. Tricia Brewer had two assists, two aces, 20 digs and one block.

## Clarkston beats Adams

The Wolves picked up another league win as they defeated Rochester Adams Jan. 8 16-14, 15-5.

The win improved Clarkston's overall record to 8-4-1 and 2-1 in the OAA I.

Falck had 24 assists, one ace, four digs and three blocks. Humphreys had seven digs and two blocks and Gower added five digs and nine blocks for the Wolves.

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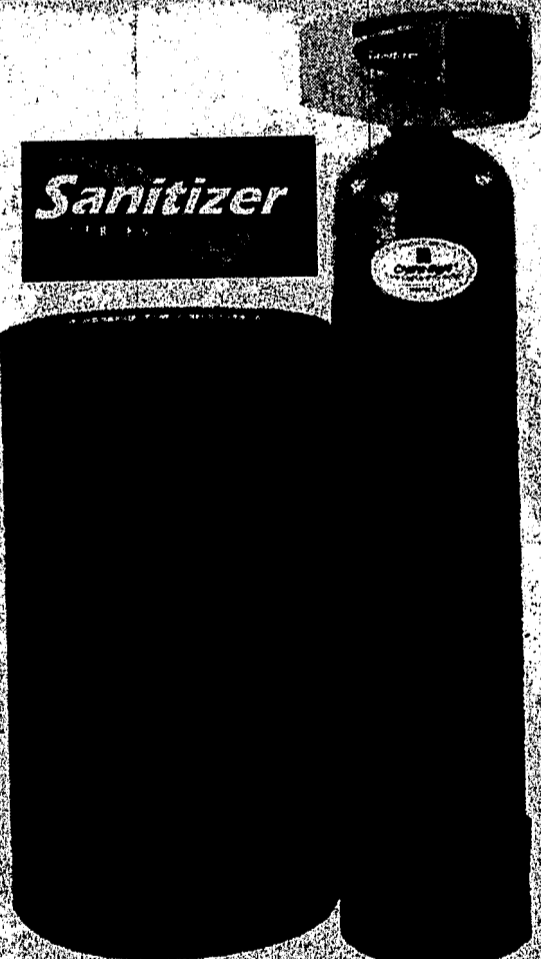
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### Wrestling

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The Wolves were without the services of Clint DeGain and Sean Turner who were both out with shoulder injuries. DeGain is out for the season while Turner should be out for at least a week, coach DeGain said. John Langdon also missed the meet due to an ear injury. He will probably be out for at least a week, DeGain said.

The Clarkston B-Team finished third at the Bishop Foley tournament Jan. 6.

Highlighting the meet for Clarkston was Matt Heron (103) who defeated an opponent who was previously 17-0.

Other Wolves who placed in the tournament were Chuck Smark (140), Nate May (160) and Matt Nowak (189) who finished in second place. Justin Spicer (145), Brenton Place (152) and heavyweight John Eubanks finished third and Matt Hayes (130) finished fourth for the Clarkston.

The Wolves resume action Jan. 13 at 10 a.m. when they compete in the Adrian Tournament. The B-Team will compete in Bedford Invitational.

### Davis

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**Yankees** — High payroll equals world champions. It seems to be a pretty successful formula in baseball these days.

**Lakers** — Did anybody not have those guys picked to win the NBA by March?

**John Rucker** — Gave sports writers in this town something to write about in the summer besides the Tigers.

So with that, here's a quick list of what I'd like to see in 2001: As much, or more Wolves success; a first round playoff win by the Pistons; a good run by the Wings, but a repeat of the New Jersey Devils; somebody besides the Yankees to win the World



Jeremy Hertzler was one of nine Wolves who placed at the Saginaw Heritage Tournament Jan. 6.

Series; a good Spartan football team; a good Michigan football team; another college football national champion outside of Florida; a Tiger team that gets 100 wins and a new Super Bowl champion... the Detroit Lions. I know it won't happen, but it's fun to dream.

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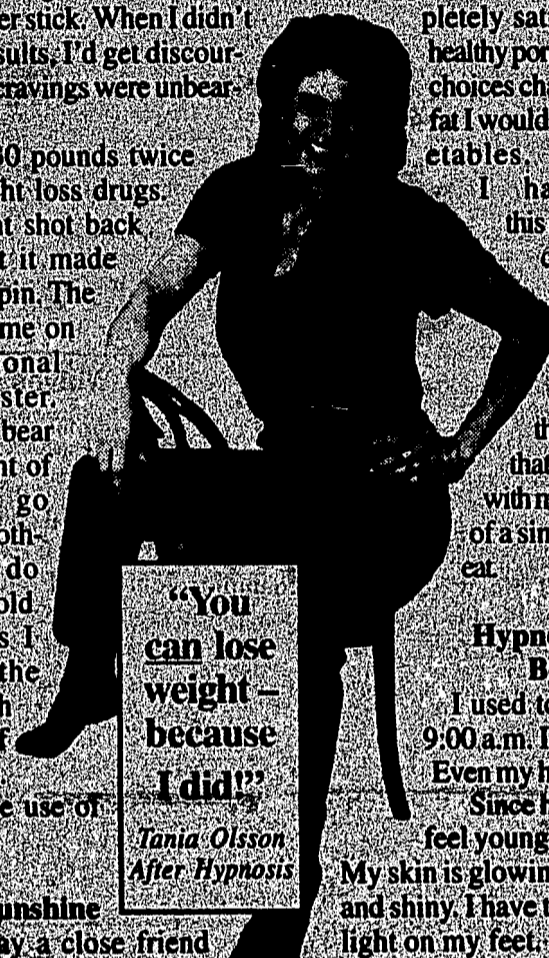
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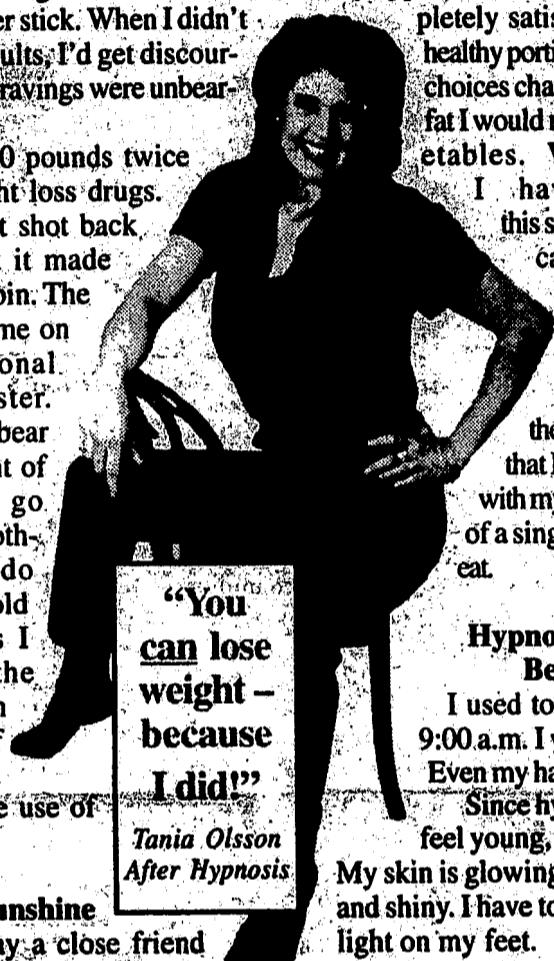
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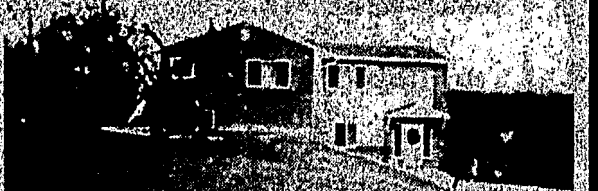
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# Rosengren, McNew ski with county's best

**CHS varsity skiers race in Colorado, aim for U.S. Junior Olympic team**

BY ED DAVIS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston skiers Brandon Rosengren and John McNew haven't made the U.S. Olympic Ski Team yet. But if they keep doing what they've been doing, they just may.

Rosengren qualified for the U.S. Junior Olympic ski team in 1999 and 2000. He also represented Clarkston at the state championships last year.

He has been a member of the U.S. Ski Association Central Division for seven years. He competes in races throughout the Midwest and Colorado against skiers up to 10 years older than he is. But he doesn't let that age gap get in the way.

Instead, he took 12th place in the giant slalom at the Mid-Am Race recently in Colorado. The competition lasted six days. Rosengren spent four days in Winterpark and two days in Loveland. But it was his 12th place finish in the giant slalom in Winterpark that he considers his shining moment of the competition.

"It was a fast course and I just let it go. I didn't hold anything back," he said. "It was definitely one of my best out west races."

Rosengren's 12th place finish against some of the nation's toughest competition was quite an accomplishment, coach Tom Halsey said. Halsey served as Clarkston's varsity ski coach from 1992-96 and accompanied Rosengren and McNew on the trip out west.

"Brandon is on track to have a good shot at being an Olympic skier someday," Halsey said. "He's a very coachable kid and really takes suggestions well. He doesn't let his own ideas get in the way. He's got a tremendous work ethic out there."

Halsey is currently the ski coach at Cranbrook and has been a skiing coach for 16 years. He is also involved in the Thunderbolt Training Program which is a developmental ski program. Well over 300 high school skiers from Mt. Holly and Pine Knob ski resorts compete in the organization. Halsey said Rosengren is one of the elite skiers in the program.

"He's one of the best I've seen and he's certainly the best sophomore. We're very proud of him," Halsey said.

In addition to his 12th place finish in the giant slalom at Winterpark, he also finished in the top 30 out of a field of over 100 skiers in the super giant slalom.

Rosengren said he did much better than he expected in the giant slalom.

"It was the first time I've ever raced that course. It's a long course with a tough s-turn with lots of trees. It's tough to control your speed through there. I was just hoping to end up in the top 40," he said.

As a result of his hard work and dedication to the slopes, Rosengren may end up on the U.S. Ski Team one day. But Halsey said being an Olympic skier is not all that glamorous.

"It doesn't bring with it much wealth or fame, but he's on track to achieve that if he sets his mind to it," Halsey said.

Rosengren will compete in the U.S. Junior Olympics the first week in March at Beaver Creek Ski Resort in Colorado.

John McNew, another Clarkston

varsity skier, also competed at the Mid-Am races.

Although he has only competed in five USSA races, McNew still

qualified for the Mid-Am races. Halsey said simply qualifying was quite an accomplishment.

"John was one of the last to qualify, but just to get there with only five (USSA) races under his belt is something special. I think for John it was just a great learning experience to be competing against some of the best competition around," Halsey said.

Halsey said McNew almost finished all six races he competed in.

McNew raced in two slalom, two giant slalom and two super giant slalom races. He has been with the Thunderbolt Training Program for over three years.

McNew, like Rosengren, stepped up a division this year. McNew said going from the 13-15 age group to 15 and above made for much tougher competition.

"It was a big accomplishment just to be there. It was my second time out there racing in Colorado. I felt more comfortable out there this year," he said.

Last year, while competing in the 13-15 age group, McNew finished 40th. This year he took 52nd in the super giant slalom while competing in the 15 and over age group.

McNew said he hopes to qualify for Junior Olympics also. He made the team last year and is aiming for a repeat performance later this winter.

"This year I'd like to finish around 25th. The top 25 qualify," he said.



John McNew



Brandon Rosengren

# Questions on the Wolves troubles on the hardwood this season

1. Q: Clarkston is 2-4 (at press time). What's wrong?

A: They can't finish. In the loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's the Wolves were outscored 18-8 in the fourth quarter. In their loss to Rochester they gave up 33 points in the fourth quarter. Both games were theirs for the taking and they didn't seize the moment. They were also both lost on Clarkston's home court.

2. Q: It's not like Clarkston to be 2-4. Are they really having that much trouble this season?

A: They could easily be 4-2. They had their opportunities against Orchard Lake St. Mary's and against Rochester. They also could have beaten Pontiac Northern in the season opener. They lost to the Huskies by only five. Clarkston went into double overtime with the Eagles.

3. Q: How do they get back on track?

A: It all starts with communication and attitude. Twelve of the basketball players were part of the varsity football team. They knew how to win and refused to lose on the grid iron. That same killer instinct is not evident in the gym this year. Somebody on the team needs to take a leadership role. It doesn't seem to me like the players are helping each other out on the floor. They need to talk

to each other.

4. Q: What are the positives the team can build on?

A: Unfortunately, Clarkston's lost the three games I've seen them play this year so the positives haven't been many. But I have seen good things from Bryan Endreszl in the paint. He's a hard worker and does a lot of dirty work. As a result, he's usually one of Clarkston's top scorers. Matt Pearsall and Ben Horstman have also shown a good jumpers at times this season. Mike Blicher is an exciting guard who isn't afraid to get inside and makes things happen. Ryan Kaul is a good point guard and is acrobatic, but sometimes it seems like he tries to force things.

5. Q: Where's the jungle?

A: No clue. While talking to a few parents and fans last week they told me about how the old gym used to be packed and there was nowhere to sit. I remember much larger, louder crowds last season, especially in the student section. Granted one game I attended was the day before Christmas break and the other one was on a Wednesday, but the stands are anything but packed. It reminds me of a Pistons game.

E-Mail Ed your opinion to [aedavis11@aol.com](mailto:aedavis11@aol.com) or to [clarkstonnews@admi.net](mailto:clarkstonnews@admi.net)

People should think things out fresh and not just accept conventional terms and the conventional way of doing things.

—Buckminster Fuller

## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

In the Matter of Albert Rudolph Mallast, Sr., Deceased  
File No. 276-174-DE  
Honorable Pezzatti

3083 Henrydale  
Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326  
SS#: 379-20-0488

### PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
TAKE NOTICE: On 12-22, A.D. 2000, at 8:30 a.m. in the probate courtroom, Pontiac, Michigan, before Honorable Judge of Probate, a hearing will be held on the Petition of Albert R. Mallast, Jr. requesting that Albert R. Mallast, Jr. be appointed personal representative of the Estate of Albert Rudolph Mallast, Sr., who passed away on November 19, 2000, and who lived at 3083 Henrydale, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326.

Creditors of the Deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate will be forever barred unless presented to the (proposed) personal representative or to both the probate court and the (proposed) personal representative within four (4) months of the date of publication of this notice.

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

In the Matter of BEATRICE M. FRANCE, deceased  
File No. 00-276, 135-DE  
Last Address: 7200 Lanore  
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SS No. 382-36-5827

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### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The decedent, who lived at 7200 Lanore, Waterford, MI 48328, died November 7, 2000.

An application for informal probate was filed by BEVERLY J. SANDS, 691 E. Packingham, Lake City, MI 49651-9388. On 12/20/2000, the Oakland County Probate Court, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341, granted informal probate.

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At a regular meeting of the Independence Township board held on December 19, 2000, the Township Board authorized a First Reading for a rezoning of Parcel 08-35-476-002, West side of Clintonville, North of Mann Road.

On December 27, 2000, the above notice ran in The Clarkston News (with a map). This rezoning notice was printed in error. In fact, the Township Board denied approval of this rezoning request from the developer. Therefore, this notice should not have been published.

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File No. 01-276, 260-DE  
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SS#: 372-24-3226

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