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Heil is helping others as she was helped

(Editor's note: During the holiday season *The Clarkston News* will highlight local residents helping others. Anyone with a story idea can call the paper at 248-625-3370.)

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Her life has been touched by the children she treats.

And at the same time, Mary Ann Heil, a pediatric medical assistant and coach for Attention-Deficit Disorder (ADD) at the Clarkston Medical Group, has touched their lives as well.

A local parent, who preferred to remain anonymous to protect his/her son's privacy, e-mailed *The Clarkston News*, praising Heil. "She has helped my son go from a failing student to the honor roll in just one year. In talking to other parents in the Clarkston area, I have found that she has helped many people overcome their difficulties with ADD and their children. She is a great asset to the community."

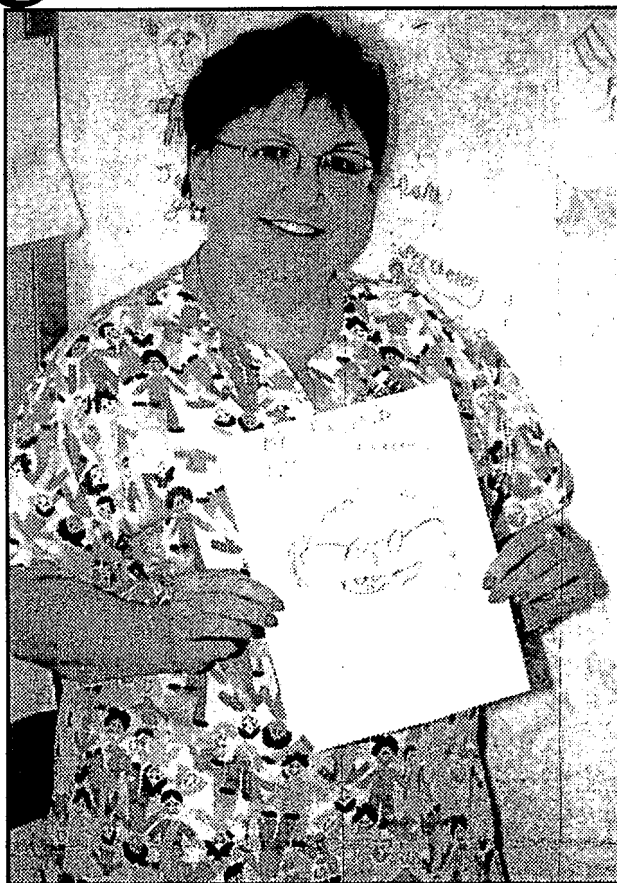
Upon meeting Heil -- who guides her patients through their treatment which includes medication as well as behavior therapy, parent training, individual and family counseling, education and more -- it feels as if you have an instant friend. Who couldn't like someone who wears an "All children are special" pin and whose office is wallpapered in colorful drawings from her little patients?

Her bubbly personality, however, somewhat masks the hardships she has endured to get where she is today.

The 32-year Clarkston resident, who has a bachelor's degree in education and early child development from Michigan State University, used to teach nursery school. But widowed at 27, she found herself struggling to make ends meet for her and her three boys.

As times were tough, she'd often find a money-filled envelope in her mailbox from an anonymous someone or accept a home-cooked meal from a neighbor, all graciously donated without any prompting.

"There are such wonderful people in the world,"



Mary Ann Heil of the Clarkston Medical Group coaches children with ADD. Many of her patients have created special drawings, which she displays in her triage room, like the one she holds which reads, "My favorite ADD teacher." Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Heil, 59, said. "We have to give back and this (working with children with ADD) is my way."

To better support her family, she changed careers to pediatric medicine, which led her to an interest in the study of hyperactivity in children.

ADD has been recognized as a medical condition since the early 1900s, but awareness remained limited until the early 1990s. For many years, it was called Minimal Brain Dysfunction.

According to medical research, ADD stems from a neurobiological basis, or a physical problem in the brain. Research suggests there is a chemical imbalance affecting the neurotransmitters in the brain. Neurotransmitters -- dopamine, norepinephrine and serotonin -- are chemicals used by the brain to help send messages across the nervous system, specifically the space between cells called the neural gap. When there is an imbalance involving the amount of neurotransmitter available, the messages sent from cell to cell are sent incorrectly.

At 42, Heil was self-diagnosed with the same disorder she was helping others overcome.

Heil explains through the years of treating others and reading "You Mean I'm Not Lazy, Stupid or Crazy?" by Kate Kelly and Peggy Ramundo, a self help book for adults with ADD, she realized all the symptoms were there.

"No wonder I connect with these kids and I love them so much."

She remembers being a child in school and being told to sit on her hands to help her pay attention. But she'd be so concentrated on sitting on her hands, she still wouldn't be able to pay attention.

It's this misunderstanding of children with ADD, that has made Heil's career more like a mission.

"I want to take the stigma out of ADD. I want others to stop seeing what is wrong with it and start seeing what is beautiful about it. Because people with ADD are beautiful."

Unfortunately, many only see the negative, she says. "People don't see all the wonderful things."

"I've seen a child go from F's in school to A's and B's within a 10-week marking period," Heil, who treats approximately 500 kids a year, said.

"There's a child who was brought to me in fourth grade. She was failing in math and you couldn't decipher her handwriting. She went from failing to A's. Her I.Q. jumped 30 to 40 points. Her handwriting improved. She's now a wonderfully adjusted girl."

"Another girl, who came to me in third grade, is in her first year of high school," Heil said, who has

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School board to finalize facility plan by Dec. 9, conceptual plan reviewed

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education discussed a conceptual plan to eliminate overcrowding and consolidate auxiliary programs and services within the district at their Nov. 25 meeting.

Here's the latest:

- Renovate the administration building to house all administrative functions including Special Services and Community Education.

The hope is bringing everything under one roof will better serve residents and offer better coordination in the district.

The Clarkston Road facility will also be built onto for room for Early Childhood programs, currently held on Maybee Road, as well as the DOLLS and SPICE special education programs, currently held at Springfield Plains Elementary.

Space will remain on the property for a possible future elementary school.

- The current Community Education Center on

Church Street, off Waldon, will be renovated to "return to its historic prominence" and will continue housing the Renaissance alternative high school program as well as adult education programs.

- Pine Knob Elementary will build on approximately four to five classrooms to make the facility a 600-student school. Redistricting will more evenly distribute the elementary population.

The board is expected to approve a final recommendation at their Dec. 9 meeting.

A bond proposal to fund the plan will be on the June 9, 2003 ballot, and the new grade configuration will be implemented in 2005-06.

This includes housing all district sixth and seventh graders at the Sashabaw Middle School site; all district eighth and ninth graders at the Clarkston Middle School site; and 10th through 12th graders at Clarkston High School.

Expansions and renovations will be made to SMS and CMS to accommodate the additional students.

Clarkston News set to collect for Lighthouse

As in past years, The Clarkston News office will be accepting nonperishable food and toy donations for Lighthouse North, for the Christmas holiday.

Final drop-off deadline to the News office is Monday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m.

Individuals may also drop-off food and toy items directly to the Lighthouse North on the Sashabaw Road location on Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. to noon; Sunday, Dec. 15, noon to 3 p.m.; or Thursday, Dec. 19, 9 a.m. to noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Maybee Road in Clarkston.

Donations director Jane Carr is asking for items for senior citizens as well as pre-teen and teen-age children (in addition to toys for the little ones). If you have any questions, please call Jane at (248) 620-6116.

Briefly

Coats for the Cold collection begins

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard announced the start of the 2002 Coats for the Cold collection which includes two local drop-off spots.

The effort is sponsored by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and will run from Dec. 2 to Dec. 16. The local drop-off spots include Damman Hardware at 6669 Dixie Highway in Independence Township and Oakland County Sheriff's Department on Citation Drive.

Bouchard began the project 16 years ago and it continues to grow with each passing year thanks to the generosity of the community. This year there are more than 50 locations throughout the county that have been secured as Coats for the Cold drop-off sites.

The new or clean used coats collected during the next couple of weeks will be given to several different charitable organizations who will then distribute the coats to those most in need at no cost.

"Coats for the Cold is an easy way for the community to reach out and help someone less fortunate stay warm this winter," Bouchard said. "With our combined donations, we will assist thousands in the area who would benefit from such a simple gift of giving."

Senior center set to host food program

The Independence Township Senior Center will be a distribution point for the Emergency Food Assistance Program in Oakland County on Dec. 11.

The program is put on by the Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency. All individuals who are income eligible and not registered may do so at the site by bringing social security cards for all household members, verification of household income and photo identification.

The assistance will be available on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Recreation department hosts festival

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department is set to present Family Holiday Fest on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7.

During the festival at Bay Court Park, residents will be able to take horse drawn wagon rides, enjoy festival entertainment, refreshments and thousands of light displays. Shows include a sing-a-long, a puppet show and a magic show on both days. Tickets can be purchased at the Parks and Recreation office located at 90 N. Main in Clarkston. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation department at (248) 625-8223.

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The Second Front

CHS S.A.D.D. the state's most improved

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The message seems to be spreading. Two years ago, the S.A.D.D., Students Against Destructive Decisions, chapter at Clarkston High School was made up of four members. Last year, they grew to 15, and now this year, they have 40.

Because of this, the group was recently awarded the Most Improved Chapter of the Year at a student leadership conference. More than 600 students, representing 580 chapters in Michigan, attended.

Many of the CHSers say they were shocked by the recognition. But, of course, all feel it very exciting.

The club also won for having the best decorated car, in a sillier contest.



The Clarkston High School S.A.D.D. club and sponsors surround the cars that won Best Decorated at a recent student leadership conference. Photo by Amanda Littleton.

We're trying to get grants, but if any businesses want to sponsor us to help us out with our projects, we'd appreciate it.

Kati LaMonda, President of S.A.D.D.

"We expected that award more than (the Most Improved)," senior Carlie Trapp laughed.

"(Winning Most Improved) made us want to do more in emphasizing our message," the club's vice president and senior Kelly Katnik said.

And so they couldn't wait to get back to Clarkston and start planning events for the remainder of the year. So far, they plan on adopting a family in need for Christmas, conducting a mock car crash for juniors and se-

niors, getting awareness out to students as young as fifth grade, and much more.

"They are just on fire," S.A.D.D. advisor Trisha Carter said. "It's so exciting."

The students want to do so much this year, they've, in fact, been forced to narrow down their activities because of lack of time, and unfortunately, money.

"We're trying to get grants, but if any businesses want to sponsor us to help us out with our projects, we'd appreciate it," president Kati LaMonda said.

Each S.A.D.D. member feels it is so important to get the club's message out.

"The numbers are growing. Too many people are dying for dumb reasons. We can help reduce that,"

Cheyenne Albarkat said. "The message we're getting out is it's not just wrong to drink and drive or do drugs and drive. It's illegal to do drugs. It's illegal to drink under 21. A lot of people think it's okay to drink as long as they don't drive."

"And if you're 21, drink responsibly," Trapp added.

Trapp, LaMonda and Katnik are disappointed they won't be able to be a part of S.A.D.D. next year, as they are all seniors.

"I'd drive from (college) to be a part of this again," Trapp said, adding she hopes to start her own S.A.D.D. club when she is a teacher.

Anyone interested in sponsoring the S.A.D.D. group can call the high school at (248) 623-3600.

Clarkston students star in upcoming ballet at high school

When the Lakes Area Civic Ballet performs its 12th "Nutcracker" on Dec. 14 and 15 at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, a trio of area young people will perform in principal roles.

Emily Wiggins will turn 13 just two weeks after her performance of Clara. As the young girl at the centerpiece of the famous ballet, the Nutcracker Prince sweeps Clara away to the Kingdom of Sweets. A seventh grade honor role student at Sashabaw Middle School, Emily is an experienced dancer and performer.

The young ballerina has won many dance scholarships and is also an award winning performance soloist. Emily is a student of Terri Newman and Christine Wiet. She is a member of Terri Newman's talented "Classy Dancers" performance troupe, and has danced in Las Vegas, Boston and Orlando. Actually, Emily is an international performer as she studied tap and ballet in Germany for three years, starting at age 6, when living overseas with her family.

Ashley Shaw is a 14-year-old and a freshman at Clarkston High School. The honor roll student will be dancing the role of Columbine, a doll new to this production, who accompanies Clara on her journey.

In 2001, Ashley was awarded the title of America's Junior Dancer of the Year from Boston based American Dance Awards, being selected from numerous contestants throughout the United States and Canada. Ashley began dancing in pre-school and showed exceptional promise very early. She won the titles of Dance Masters of Michigan's "Petite Miss Dance of Michigan" and "Junior Miss Dance of Michigan" in 1999 and 2001 respectively. A member of the award winning "Classy Dancers," Ashley has earned an impressive array of scholarships and trophies, especially for such a young dancer.

Stephanie Lang is a sophomore at Clarkston High School and will be performing the role of the Snow Queen. The 15-year-old honor roll student began ballet classes at the age of three. Stephanie also studied jazz, tap and lyrical forms of dance. She has been a member of the Classy Dancer performance troupe for six years, is an award winning soloist, and recently



From left, Stephanie Lang, Ashley Shaw and Emily Wiggins will perform in the Nutcracker at Clarkston High School.

Stephanie has traveled to New York, Boston and Los Angeles to further enhance her dancing training.

Performances of "The Nutcracker" will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$13 and \$15 and can be charged by phone by calling (248) 666-1971, Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets can also be purchased at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce on Main Street in Clarkston, Monday through Friday from 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. or at the door prior to showtime.

Have a story idea for the Second Front?
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Pursley to return as Clarkston's DPW director

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After being away from the Clarkston Department of Public Works for about five months, Bob Pursley decided he wanted his old job back.

Pursley and the Clarkston City Council talked things over, and the council decided to hire him back as the city's DPW director, Councilman Dan Colombo announced at the council's Nov. 25 meeting.

According to Colombo, the council's budget committee met with Pursley last Thursday to iron out the details of Pursley's return. He will be employed on a probationary basis for about six months, and will make \$18,200 as the city's full-time DPW director.

"We felt comfortable enough to offer him his

position back as the director of the DPW," Colombo said. "We decided it would be in the best interest of the city to offer him his position back."

Pursley, who was not at Monday's meeting, served as city's DPW director for 10 years and was with the city for 16 years before announcing his resignation Friday, June 7. He was not available for comment as of press time.

"He's served this community for a long time," Colombo said. "He had a good break to reassess the situation and decided he wanted to continue."

In other business, the council:

■ Adopted guidelines for Freedom of Information requests. Interested parties must now pay a \$50 good-faith deposit for requesting items that require the city to

do a significant amount of research (such as building files or copies of planning commission or council meetings), plus 50 cents per copy. Residents will not be charged for routine requests such as copies of tax files, according to City Manager Art Pappas.

"This is just to put some controls on this," he said. "We haven't had much of a problem, but it can become a problem."

■ Announced they would be awarding a bid of \$725,000 to establish a special assessment district for the city's water project in the area bounded by Holcomb, Miller and W. Washington. The bid will be awarded at the council's next meeting Dec. 9.

■ Cancelled their scheduled meeting for Monday, Dec. 23.

Local municipalities follow state law for FOIA requests

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Officials in the City of the Village of Clarkston and Independence and Springfield Townships say they follow state guidelines when it comes to processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

At their Nov. 25 meeting, the Clarkston City Council adopted guidelines for handling future FOIA requests. The council determined city residents must pay 50 cents per copy for smaller requests, such as a tax bill or smaller ordinance.

If the request will take a significant amount of time, residents are asked to give a \$50 good-faith deposit in accordance with the state guidelines, according to City Manager Art Pappas.

From that point, state law dictates residents be charged an hourly rate equivalent to what the lowest-paid clerical help in that municipality makes, according to Pappas. After the request is processed, whatever amount of the \$50 deposit is not charged to the resident will be refunded, according to Pappas.

Springfield Township Clerk Nancy Strole serves as the township's FOIA coordinator. She also stated the township follows the state law in charging residents based on the hourly rate of the lowest paid clerical staff member.

In addition, she noted costs of the materials used in processing the request, such as paper and toner for the copying machine, are factored into the cost of the request.

"We follow the state law — the costs are set out

for state law," Strole said.

In Independence Township, the board adopted a policy for FOIA requests and copies at its April 4, 2000 meeting. Copies for FOIA requests and day-to-day use were set at 50 cents apiece, while copies for taxpayers' personal use are free for one or two pages.

Book-type requests, such as for the budget or a street index, are \$50 or the actual cost plus administrative costs if duplicated by an outside source. A copy of a single ordinance is \$3.

Blues performer Jones coming to Depot Theatre Dec. 14

Native Detroit Robert B. Jones will be making a stop at the Depot Theatre in Clarkston Saturday, Dec. 14.

Jones will be giving two shows that evening, at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each.

An ordained Baptist minister, Jones has more than 15 years experience as a blues performer, radio broadcaster and educator. He has been recognized nation-

ally in Living Blues Magazine and was named Detroit's Best Blues Instructor by Metro Times Magazine.

Jones holds a bachelor of arts degree from Wayne State University and hosts the radio show "Blues from the Lowlands" on WDET-FM in Detroit.

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Reflective addresses from fire department aid rescues

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

You've seen them on the roads before, but you may have never realized they held such importance, or where you could pick up one up for your own home.

They're reflective address signs, and in an emergency they prove to be quite an aid to rescue workers.

Independence Township Fire Engineer/Paramedic Mike White said they are very helpful in finding a home more quickly, especially when time matters most.

"It benefits us and it benefits them."

Many residents have cursive, non-reflective numbers for their addresses, which are difficult to see in the dark, White said. In addition, an even bigger problem is hidden driveways.

"There are times when there is just one person in a truck in the middle of the night, you're on autopilot,

and you don't want to have to double check your maps. In this business seconds count."

The department has been selling the signs for just over a year, something surrounding areas have been doing as well, and residents can order one at any of the three Independence Township fire stations.

Fire Station #1 is located on Citation Drive, off M-15; Fire Station #2 is at the corner of Sashabaw and Clarkston; and Fire Station #3 is located on Maybee, near Clintonville.

The signs cost \$15 each. White said \$7.50 goes towards the cost of materials, while the other half goes to the Fireman's Fund which aids local residents who have lost their home and belongings in a fire. For example, the charitable funds can assist a family with a hotel stay if their home has been destroyed in a fire.

The signs are produced at the fire stations and

typically can be picked up approximately two days later, White said.

The address appears on the front and back of the sign, and -- particularly noteworthy for Michigan/Michigan State fans -- can come in green and white, blue and gold or any combination of those colors.

White suggests posting the sign at the end of the driveway or on a mailbox post if the mailbox is on the same side of the street as the driveway.

For those who are in need of special assistance, members of the Fire Department can assist in posting the address for no extra charge.

With the holidays in full swing, White feels the signs also make a good gift.

"We're not out to make any money on this, we just feel this is pretty important in finding an address quickly."



Engineer/paramedic Mike White of the Independence Township Fire Department displays a reflective emergency address sign, available for \$15. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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A couple of you have called, stating you could not access our online survey, and thus be entered into the drawing to win \$500. There is still time to access the website

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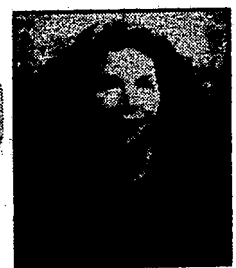
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Opinion

Time to remember those in need

As the calendar flips to December, the holiday season is in full swing. The last of the leftover turkey is being polished off, while the malls are packed with holiday shoppers looking to find the absolute perfect gift.

However, it is important in this holiday season to remember those who are less fortunate. Indeed there are individuals among us concerned with where this month's rent money is going to come from rather than what new DVD is being released for Christmas.

This is especially evident this year with the Michigan economy still struggling with many workers being let go and struggling to find new jobs.

Our very thoughtful community has already begun to give. Local business, Macksey Interior and Design, is giving five percent of their sales to Lighthouse and has challenged local businesses to do the same. Meanwhile, the students at Clarkston Middle School donated more than 11,000 food items and \$2,249 to the Lighthouse right before Thanksgiving which helped feed the less fortunate on Turkey Day. This is a tribute to our community when we can give even when times are tough.

And while Lighthouse does much good in our community, the James Schultz family was correct in a letter to the editor last week which pointed out numerous other charities that perform services for our communities. So in this holiday season organizations like the Salvation Army and churches should not be forgotten. There are a lot of people out in the world who need help. It is not important who you give to, but rather that you are thinking of somebody else during the holiday season.

So I urge everybody to do all they can to help charities this holiday season. Some people don't give because they feel they can not give enough and don't think their few dollars would make a difference.

I can tell you it does make a difference. I have done more than my fair share of charity articles for numerous papers during my career in journalism. During my interviews with charitable organizations they always make sure to say that every donation counts no matter how small or insignificant the donator might think it is. Because the simple fact is if everybody threw in just a few bucks, a lot of people would be a lot better off.

I will get off my soap box now and wish everybody a happy holiday season.

On a related note, as in past years, The Clarkston News office will be accepting nonperishable food and toy donations for the Clarkston Lighthouse during this holiday season. Final drop-off deadline to the News office is Monday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m.

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Gargaro's World

Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Status report on maintenance project given

Now that I am nearing the completion of the repairs and maintenance project of the Davisburg Cemetery you entrusted me with five years ago, I felt it was appropriate to inform residents regarding the status of this very important project.

Completed:

- Extensive brush, tree and stump removal.
- Leveling, raking, seeding and mulching of old section to rectify severe undulations.
- Major portion of stone walls, stairs and patio area completed.
- Most of old fence removed.
- Driveways graveled and compacted.
- Re-setting of approximately 40 headstones that have been lying on the ground since the 1960's.
- Leveling, straightening and aligning of numerous other headstones.

- Extensive brush and tree trimming.

Still needs to be completed:

- Finish reconstruction of stone walls.
- Purchase and placement of sign designating Davisburg Cemetery as a "Michigan Historical Site" once the Historical Commission of Michigan rules regarding our application. I am confident that the Davisburg Cemetery will qualify, ruling pending.

I wish to express my deepest appreciation to all of the residents who have donated their time and energy to help me attain the goal of repairing and restoring the Davisburg Cemetery. I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. With the cooperation of the Springfield Township Board I have been able to achieve more than I could have hoped for.

Elaine Field Smith
Davisburg Cemetery Sexton

Girls cagers set a new standard

On the one hand, it was a sad occasion; on the other hand, it was a time to give thanks for a terrific run.

The Clarkston girls basketball team had just been eliminated from the state playoffs, losing to Brighton 49-44 in the Class A regional finals Tuesday, Nov. 26 at Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township, finishing the year with a 20-4 record.

The team was visibly downcast after the game, sad because they lost, and in the case of seniors Jenn Carlson, Kira Karlstrom, Megan Renda, Laura Richards, Christine Terry and Anna Trim, probably sad because it was the last game they would play together. You could hear team members crying in the locker room.

However, a different picture was painted after Coach Ann Lowney talked to the team in the locker room after the game. The girls made their way back to the gym floor, where several well-wishers waited to congratulate them on a tremendous season.

Yes, they were still crying in some cases, but they were also hugging, laughing, and having fun like girls their age are supposed to do. Hopefully, they celebrated on their way home, because they earned the right to do that.

This was a team in the truest sense of the word. You could tell it was an all-for-one and one-for-all group. For example, during the Brighton game, Carlson, Karlstrom and Trim wore wristbands displaying the number five of Renda, their senior teammate who missed the season due to injury.

They were always cooperative when interviewed, both for this newspaper and other media outlets. They probably had a dozen other things they could be doing besides talking to reporters, but they were aware they were representing Clarkston, and

they did so with grace and class.

On the court, they were a fun team to watch, and their sense of teamwork was evident — they usually could be found making the extra pass, hustling for loose balls, not allowing second chances on defense, and draining three-pointers or slashing to the basket.

Right now, the seniors on the team are still perhaps in a little bit of shock that their season is over. When interviewed after the game, Karlstrom, who is headed to Drexel University in Philadelphia for the 2003-04 season, could have been speaking for any of her senior teammates when she said "it hasn't sunk in yet" that this was her last game at Clarkston.

At the same time, they have established a new level of excellence for future Clarkston teams to emulate.

Before this group of seniors came aboard, Clarkston had not won a district championship in girls basketball since 1978. The 1999 edition of the Wolves, with Carlson (who has signed with Hillsdale College for next season) and Karlstrom playing on the varsity as freshmen, finished 11-12.

However, they turned their fortunes around in 2000, as the Wolves won their first district title in 22 years. Clarkston followed that up with a league championship last year, and pulled off both league and district championships this season.

Yes, it will be a weird feeling when these six players won't be playing for Clarkston next year. However, you get the sense this group of seniors will be successful no matter what they choose to do with their lives — and that's what high school sports is supposed to be all about.

Meanwhile, the cupboard is definitely not bare for next season. With eight players on this year's varsity returning for next year, and a junior varsity team which went 16-4 this season, next year's team has an excellent shot to make a few memories of their own.



What's up with that!

Jeff Renda

Write a Letter To The Editor . . .

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Fruit cake, et al

On a recent blustery day I stumbled into Lakes Community Credit Union in Lake Orion. And, there up on the counter separating me from the teller chick, was a familiar white box. A box with the promise, "Baked in the deep south according to a famous old southern recipe."

That holiday favorite, the Claxton Bakery Fruitcake, was sitting pretty, in all its glory, begging to be bought.

"Do you actually sell these things?" I asked the teller-chick, Maureen to family and friends.

"Yeah. I'm gonna' buy one," she said and smiled.

My shock, which I thought was well concealed, must have been oozing through to my facial expression. Without prompting, Maureen added, "I don't eat fruit cake. I'm gonna' cut them up, shellac 'em and make them Christmas ornaments."

"Great, now can I draw some money out of my checking account and I'll get me and my dumb look out of your financial institution?"

Back in the car, I started to think. Does anybody eat fruitcake? When you mention fruitcake, people get funny looks on their faces. Yet, they must be popular for something, there are a lot sold . . . so, I thought some more.

My top 10 things you can do with a fruitcake . . .

10. Give as a gift to that "special" somebody
9. Sell to somebody else
8. Wear around your neck while you sleep to fend off little fairies and whacked-out elves
7. Throw 'em in the back of the pickup for added weight during the winter driving season
6. Makes a great paperweight
5. Cut 'em up, shellac 'em, hook 'em and make Christmas decorations
4. Bomb shelter building material, would also serve as emergency food rations in case of the "big one."
3. Make it an anchor
2. Festive looking doorstop.

And the Number 1 thing I can do with a fruitcake is give it to my wife as a present.

Yep, it's true. I came home with a wad of cash in my pockets, this great idea for a column (making fun of fruitcake) and she tells me she loves the nutty, fruity goodness that is a fruitcake.

"Everybody jokes about them, but I never get one," she said, nearly putting a dagger in the back of this week's column. Nearly. I was able to look inward and access my feelings. Taking shots at fruitcake was a go!

I did research on Claxton Bakery and fruitcakes in general. The recipe, "from the deep south," was created

by an Italian immigrant, Savino Tos, who opened the Claxton Bakery in 1910, in Claxton, Georgia. The fruitcake of note was born when, in the fall, "Tos decided to capture the spirit of the season by offering a premium quality fruitcake, filled with nature's finest fruits and nuts."

In 1927, Tos hired an 11-year-old lad, Albert Parker. In 1945, Tos retired and sold the business to Al. According to legend, Al saw the writing on the wall when it came to the bakery business. Grocery stores were putting the hurt on the local baker. Al focused all his energy on one thing: Fruitcake. And, in that first year, Al and a few workers baked 45,000 pounds of fruitcake.

Their 50,000 square foot bakery, now produces millions of pounds of fruitcake yearly. Claxton, GA, is now the Fruitcake Capital of the World, and over 1,000 service groups sell the fruitcake as a fund-raising project. Al ran the company until his death in 1995, at the age of 79. His four children now run the company.

As Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know the rest of the story . . ."

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And, from the internet, here's a fruitcake recipe:
1 cup butter, 2 cups sugar, 6 large eggs, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 3 cups flour, sifted, 1/2 t. salt, 1 cup bourbon, 1 pound pecans, chopped, 3 cups white raisins (or use candied fruit), 1 t. nutmeg. AND a very large bottle of bourbon whiskey.

First, sample the whiskey to check for quality. Assemble all of the ingredients. Check the whiskey again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat this step.

Turn on the electric mixer and beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar and cream until beat. Make sure the whiskey is still okay... try another cup. Turn off the mixer. Beat six eggs and add to the bowl, then chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the tuner. Throw in two quarts of flour. Gradually pour in the cow. Add 2 dried anything.

If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a drowscriver. Sample the whiskey and check it again for consistency. Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Who cares??? Check the whiskey again.

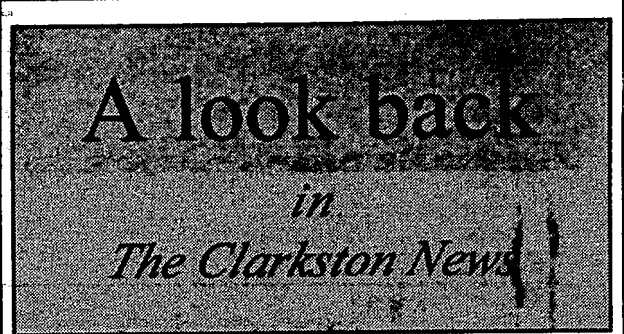
Now sift the nutmeg and strain your nuts. Add one table. And the spoon. Of whiskee. Or something. Whatever you find left. Grease the oven. Turn the crake pan to 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner.

Pour the oven into the batter. Throw the bowl out the window. Lick the batter off the floor. Bake 300 minutes at 50 degrees. Finish the blobble of whisly and flow to bed.

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15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■The annual Goodfellows newspaper sale last weekend provided about \$2,850 for needy Clarkston area families. The annual sale is a joint effort between Rotarians and Independence Township firefighters who gathered at corners to sell the newspapers to passing motorists. The money is used to support "Shoes for Kids," in which referrals are made through the schools by Goodfellows.

■With one exception, the mathematics score in seventh grade, Clarkston school district officials are pleased with the test scores of fourth, seventh and 10th graders in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests. The annual MEAP tests in reading and mathematics, required by the State Department of Education, are designed to test basic knowledge.

■When the Clarkston Board of Education meets Dec. 14, the agenda will include the first formal discussion on the projected budget for the 1988-89 school year. The news won't be good, said Superintendent Milford Mason. The preliminary figures will show the need to make reductions of \$1,754,000 and will set into motion a series of special meetings to decide where the cuts will be made, he said.

25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■Independence Township Board members wrestled Tuesday night with the same old problem — no money in the police department budget. Treasurer Betty Hallman said the department needed about \$12,000 by Wednesday in order to meet its payroll, settle current bills, and pay its share of the contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

■Federal grant money totaling \$10,300 was received by Independence Township officials who will be paying back local funds borrowed to purchase the township senior citizen center. Township Supervisor Floyd Tower said the belated funds were received as promised by the Oakland County Community Development office. The money was due the week of Nov. 7.

■Three weeks after a neighborhood meeting of school officials, property owners, residents and police, most businesses along the M-15 corridor report some improvement in the area during school hours. Residents who said they were "fed up" met at Lufkin's Pharmacy Nov. 17 to demand action against ever-increasing vandalism, harassment and loitering on the part of Clarkston high schoolers.

50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■On Monday, Dec. 8, the Clarkston Rotary Club will have an outstanding program on International Relations. For this occasion Dr. Mohammed Tawfik Ramzi, Professor of Political Science at Fouad University, Cairo, will be the speaker. He is presently doing research and lecturing at the University of Michigan.

■On Thursday, Dec. 11 at 8 p.m. in the Clarkston High School gym, the Vocal and Instrumental Music Department will present their Annual Christmas Concert. Featured on the program will be the Seventh Grade Chorus, Senior Chorus, Girls' Trio, Soloists, Junior Band and Senior Band. Admission is free, so why not help usher in the Christmas season by listening to some fine music.

■The Clarkston Home Extension group will meet for their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 12:30 p.m. at the township community center. The officers for 1953 are: chairman, Mrs. Ralph Walton; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Paul Kittredge; project leader, Mrs. Keith Lowrie; leader, Mrs. Hawley Skarritt; flower chairman, Mrs. Frank Stolzman.

The 'light' season

In this case 'light' means non-heavy - as in: If you are going to try cross country skiing, start with a small country.

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The First Christmas

If the first Christmas, the three wise men had been women, they would have asked directions, arrived on time, cleaned the stable, helped deliver the baby, made a casserole and brought practical gifts.

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Money will buy a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of its tail.

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Environmentalists are complaining that too many catalogs, especially L.L. Bean, Orvis and Eddie Bauer, are selling nature short by printing on virgin paper instead of recycled paper.

What is virgin paper? Paper made from trees that have never been seeded?

Several years ago makers of newsprint, the stuff you're holding to read this, felt they were forced to use recycled paper in their final product. These makers said recycled paper would cost more and not hold up as good through the printing process. We're talking cheap paper here.

So, maybe we get recycled paper and maybe we don't, but major newsprint makers started putting "recycled" on their packages, and we were told it had up to 5 percent recycled. We wondered at the time if they meant only the label had recycled paper.

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Swedish and Chinese scientists analyzed the DNA of

654 dogs from Europe, Asia, Africa and North America and found that almost all dogs share a common gene pool. It proved that man's best friend came from East Asia at least 15,000 years ago. The key words here are 'almost all dogs.' That's a scientist's way of saying, "We're not really sure, and don't put me under oath."

Our conclusion is that no scientist wanted to say the Bull-Mastiff and Rottweiler came from one of their countries. Certainly no one but the French would want to be held responsible for the Poodle and only the Mexicans want Chihuahua credit.

Of course, we Americans want the Labs, Spaniels and hounds. Things that won't bite us and we won't step on.

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Pacific Life Insurance Company brags in their commercials about helping people reach their financial goals. They do it with action film of professional football players.

In none of the financial planning pitches I've read or heard about has anyone compared what I should do for my financial future to that of a million-dollar-a-game athlete. They would have lost me on the first play.

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Very longtime readers of Jottings know that I have a love of bread and butter sliced pickles (non-store-brand) topped with creamy peanut butter.

I should have reminded you November was National Peanut Butter Lovers Month, not to be confused with National Peanut Butter month which is March.

I'm closing with some peanut facts, then I'm going for a spoonful: The peanut is a legume, not a nut; Creamy is preferred over crunchy; George Washington Carver (1864-1943) is the recognized father of the peanut industry. He made over 300 products from the peanuts.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sunday, Dec. 1, disorderly person on M-15. A 56-year-old Lake Orion man -- dressed in a short black skirt and blouse with long, painted finger nails, makeup and long reddish hair -- was reported to have used the female restroom at a Clarkston restaurant and was upsetting patrons. A representative of the business told police, the man has been frequenting the establishment two times a week for the last two months. The man was issued an appearance ticket for disorderly conduct and was advised not to return.

Disorderly person/fraudulent 911 call and mentally deficient person/combatative on Mann. A 47-year-old woman called 911 laughing and talking erratically. When police responded she became violent. Police reports describe her as vulgar and threatening. This was the 17th time she has made a bogus call to police or 911. In the past, she called 911 to tell dispatchers to take the day off as well as called for protection for her Isaiah Thomas autographed shirt.

Building fire on Balmoral Terrace. A fire burning in a fireplace caused smoke into the home due to a closed chimney flue. No one was injured. Police also found marijuana paraphernalia in the home and destroyed it.

Police were dispatched to Lancaster Lake Court for a loud party complaint where a 20-year-old man was issued a citation for a host ordinance violation, failure to change address and minor in the possession of alcohol.

Malicious destruction of property on Lake Waldon Drive. Someone shot paint balls at a home.

Three homes on Caribou Trail had their mailboxes maliciously destroyed.

A 21-year-old man was arrested for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor on Maybee, a first offense. He had a blood alcohol level of .22.

Saturday, Nov. 30, malicious destruction of prop-

erty on Ennismore. A vehicle was spraypainted.

Malicious destruction of property on Campfire Circle. A homeowner's driveway had an obscenity spraypainted on it.

Friday, Nov. 29, death investigation on Briarwood Court. A 39-year-old Clarkston man was found dead in his home. A preliminary autopsy report from the medical examiner determined the death was due to drug abuse. Police found drugs, which appeared to be heroin, and drug paraphernalia in the man's home.

Home invasion on Cherlane Drive. The homeowner returned to find the garage door was not working properly and someone had dented it in attempting to get inside. Nothing appeared to be missing.

Thursday, Nov. 28, a 21-year-old Waterford man was arrested on Clarkston for operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor, a first offense.

Investigation on Shrewsbury.

Automatic alarm on Heatherwood.

Building fire on Algonquin.

Medicals on Paramus, Dixie and Upland.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, unlawful driving away of an automobile and larceny from a vehicle on Sun Valley Drive. A 2002 Saab, valued at \$42,000, was taken from the owner's garage, which, along with vehicle, had been left open. A set of keys were inside the car as well as credit cards and more.

Malicious destruction of property on Lancaster Lake Court. A vehicle had its driver's side window broken out.

Larceny of a portable hunting blind and other items on Ortonville.

Tuesday, Nov. 26, a 51-year-old woman on Drayton complained of receiving harassing telephone calls.

Medicals on Willow Park, Gateway Park, Minnewana, Ridge Trail, Dixie, Miller and Sashabaw.

Fuel Spill on Parview.

Personal injury accidents on Clarkston at Newport,

Washington at Main, M-15 south of Rattalee Lake, Andersonville at Nelsey and I-75 south of Sashabaw.

Monday, Nov. 25, larceny of two plastic flower pots from an apartment patio on S. Marshbank.

Malicious destruction of property on Dixie. A vehicle, parked in the lot of restaurant, had its left rear tire punctured and two left doors scratched.

Springfield Township

Sunday, Dec. 1, domestic assault on Country Lane. A 38-year-old old alleges her husband pushed her into a wall after a verbal fight. The man was not at the scene of the incident when police arrived. The report is being forwarded to the prosecutor's office for review.

A 41-year-old Holly woman was cited for disorderly person/falsely summoning a police officer. The woman said she and her husband were fighting, but the 911 call was accidental in nature.

Saturday, Nov. 30, a 23-year-old woman on French Lane was cited for a loud party ordinance violation.

Friday, Nov. 29, larceny at a business on Terex. An employee reported someone took approximately \$2,000 to \$3,000 in invoices. There were no signs of forced entry.

Thursday, Nov. 28, domestic assault on Bluewater. A 25-year-old man was arrested for punching and choking his live-in girlfriend.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, malicious destruction of property on Bluewater. The complainant states an unknown person drove by her vehicle after midnight and squirted white paint on her vehicle. She captured the incident on videotape.

Larceny of a home air conditioning unit on Tindall.

Monday, Nov. 25, threats/intimidation on Roberts. The mother of the alleged victim reported a 15-year-old girl is making threats to harm her 14-year-old daughter.

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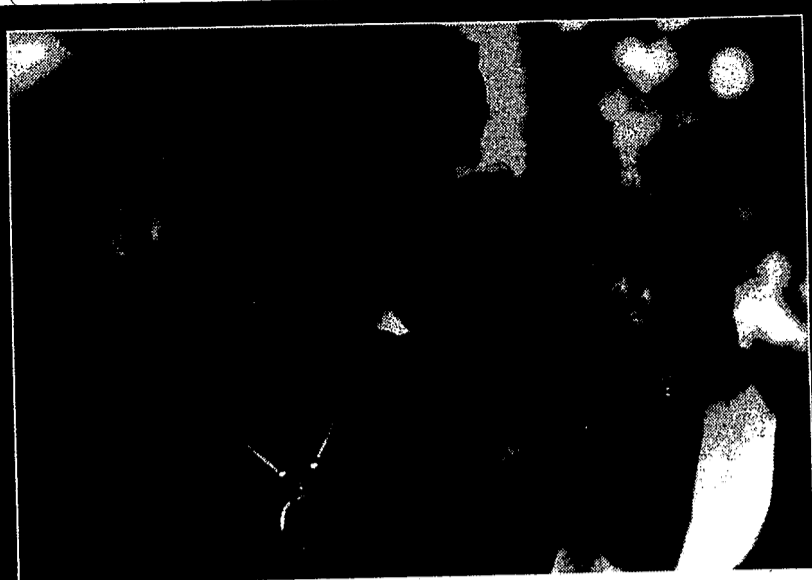
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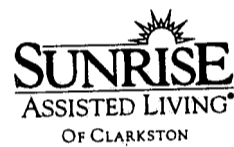
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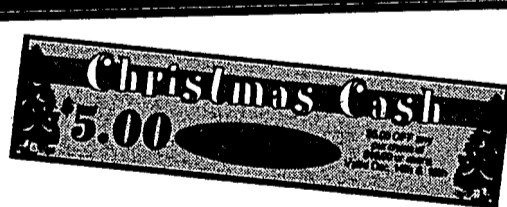
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Around Town

The Clarkston High School Drama Club presents Theatre-a-Thon "Reality Rules," a variety show Friday, Dec. 6 from 3 p.m. to 12 a.m. Stop by any time at the Clarkston High School's Performing Arts Center. The M.I.M.E Troop will perform at 6 p.m. and the Children's Theatre will follow at 6:45 p.m. There is no fee, but attendees are encouraged to partake in the raffle drawings, purchase refreshments or make a donation. All monies will help the Drama Club put on this year's musical and spring play.

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation presents Family Holiday Fest. Capture the spirit of the season by visiting with Santa and his elves, taking horse drawn wagon rides, enjoying festive entertainment, refreshments and thousands of light displays Friday, Dec. 6 from 6-9:30 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 7 from 5-9 p.m. Tickets are available at the Parks and Rec office at 90 N. Main St., and cost \$5 per resident, \$7 per non-resident or \$20 per resident family, \$25 per nonresident family. Onsite tickets will be limited at \$5 per person and will not include an entertainment show. For ad-

ditional information, call (248) 625-8223.

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to the Independence Township Library's annual Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to noon or 2 to 3:30 p.m. The party will feature music, treats, a special visitor from the North Pole and dazzling entertainment courtesy of Greg Lester's Puppet Adventures. Pick up your free tickets at the library. Space is limited to 120 children. Call (248) 625-2212 for further details.

The First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Rd., will hold a Candlelight Preview, Friday, Dec. 6 from 6-10 p.m. Enjoy music; a candlelit atmosphere; a live auction for fully decorated Christmas trees and merchant packages; sales of crafts, wreaths and swags; and hors d'oeuvres. Advance tickets are \$10; \$12.50 at the door (12 and older). Also have breakfast and pictures with Santa Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. And from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, there will be crafts, a bake sale, cookie walk, 50/50 raffles, carolers, lunch, and

more. Free admission. Call the church at (248) 394-0200 for more information.

The youth of St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston, will present a drama, "The Story of Salvation from Creation to Resurrection," Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m., under the direction of the "Youth-to-Youth Catholic Evangelization" team from Montrose. Call the church at (248) 625-4580 for further details.

The Clarkston Community Band presents the 7th Annual Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. in the Clarkston Middle School auditorium, featuring a selection of holiday favorites.

Oakland County Sportsman's Club

Woman's Auxiliary is hosting a benefit for Tricia Taylor, Tuesday, Dec. 10. Featured will be an all-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatball dinner, entertainment by "Elvis" Kelly, a silent auction and 50/50 raffles all evening. Doors open at 5 p.m. Entrance fee is \$5. A cash bar will be available. Oakland County Sportsmen's Club is located at 4770 Waterford Rd. in Clarkston. For more information, call Mary Callahan at (248) 673-4558 or Renee Dallaire at (248) 623-1958.

Enjoy holiday traditions, make herbal crafts and participate in a sing-a-long at the Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks on Sashabaw, Dec. 14 from 1:30-4 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Call (248) 625-6473.

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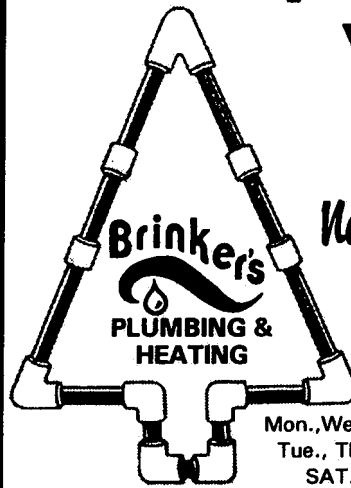
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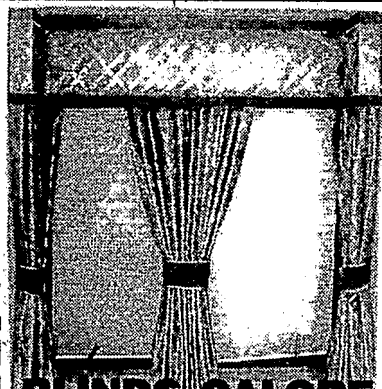
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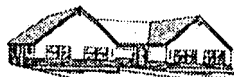
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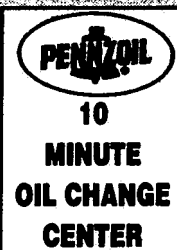
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Obituary

Robert L. Dutton

Robert Louis Dutton of Auburn Hills, formerly of Moulton, Alabama, died Friday, Nov. 29 after a courageous battle with ALS. He was 77.

He was the devoted companion of Marian; father of Dwayne (Betty) of Orion, Marion (Sandy) of Orion, Sheila (Doug) Selke of Rochester Hills, Donna (Pete) Landry of Davisburg and Lesa Collings of Waterford; also survived by eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren; brother-in-law of Rubert Waits and Julia Mae Dutton, both of Alabama.

Bob had a great love and devotion for his family and a special place in his heart for Tennessee Walkers. He owned and operated Dutton Ruffing, Auburn Hills. Bob served in the U.S. Army, having earned the Purple Heart for injuries sustained in World War II. He was a member of Heritage Baptist Church.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to ALS for research.

Cynthia L. Kraft

Cynthia L. Kraft (Marino) of Rochester Hills, formerly of Clarkston, died Sunday, Dec. 1 at the age of 43.

She was the wife of Edward; daughter of Lee and Dorla Marino of Clarkston; daughter-in-law of Arlene and Arthur Kraft of Highland Township; granddaughter of Yolanda Cummings and Mercedes Kraft; sister of Lynette (Mike) Kunzar of Texas, Lee "Mick" (Marcia) Marino of Clarkston, Terry Marino of Davisburg and Bruce Marino of Texas; sister-in-law of the late Joyce Smith, Cheryl Kraft of Highland, Al Kraft of Linden and Art Kraft of Highland; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Cindy had a great love for all God's creatures, especially her dog Maggie.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 6 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of committal at All Saints Cemetery. A Scripture service will be held Thursday, Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends may visit Wednesday, Dec. 4 from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 5 from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Make A Wish Foundation.

Goodfellow newspaper sale benefits children

The Clarkston Rotary Club will hold their 52nd annual Goodfellow newspaper sale in Clarkston on Friday, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 7. This year's donations will allow the Clarkston Rotary to provide shoes and boots, hats, mittens and gloves to each of the 350 community children that have been signed up, according to Goodfellow chairperson Joel DeLong.

Rotarians, family and friends of Rotary will sell a special Rotary edition of their Goodfellows newspaper at the corner of Main and Washington streets,

and at Maybee at Dixie from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day of the sale. In addition, newspapers will also be sold at Kroger on Dixie Highway, and the Farmer Jack stores on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road and Sashabaw at Waldon Road. Members of Cub Scout Pack #314 and Boy Scout Troop #199 will join in the Saturday collections at the local grocery stores.

Donations can be made to Goodfellows, and mailed to: c/o Clarkston Rotary Club, P.O. Box 43, Clarkston, MI 48347.

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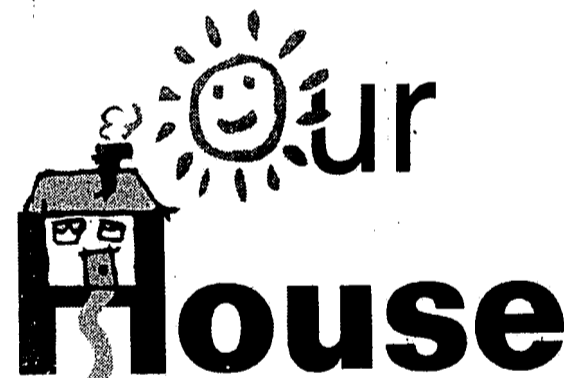
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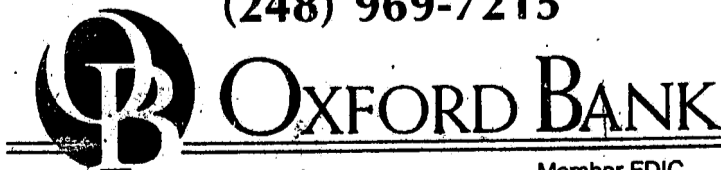
Clarkston Rotary President Mary Sloan stands by one of the poles on Main Street which has been decorated for the Christmas season. The Clarkston Rotary Club is responsible for the purchasing of the Christmas decorations. Photo by Jeff Patrus.



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It's easy being green at annual Farm and Garden Club market

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whether you like it or not, the holidays are here. Which means it's time for decorating.

For those of you who enjoy, or dislike, this aspect of the season, the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club wants to help.

Their annual Greens Market, Saturday, Dec. 7, will feature hundreds of fresh Evergreen arrangements of various sizes and styles; wreaths and roping; loose greens; and other assorted decor.

Club member Mary Jane Scharfenkamp said all is good for home, office or gift giving.

The Greens Market, in its 11th year, is the club's

major fundraiser. Proceeds go to support a variety of community organizations like Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Clarkston SCAMP, 4-H and much more.

Scharfenkamp noted last year the club gave \$4,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors and made book donations to the Independence Township Library, among other charitable activities.

Annually the club holds environmentally-related programs, like the Michigan Birds of Prey, in the elementary schools.

The club is also responsible for maintaining landscaping upkeep on Main Street and at the library.

The 40-plus member club is more than 50-years-old and is a branch of the National Farm and Garden

Association.

Scharfenkamp invites the public to shop the Greens Market. "If people come and support the Greens Market they are supporting the community and all they value in it."

Stop by Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Rd., across from the Independence Township Library.

He who is in love with himself has at least this advantage—he won't encounter many rivals.

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Mary Jane Scharfenkamp,
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Dennis family 'sees miracles happening' in program

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Frank and Bertha Dennis have been witness to countless people with disabilities discovering how horseback riding makes a difference in their lives.

Since 1969, the Springfield Township residents have ran a therapy riding program, known as the Proud Equestrian Program, from their home. With the assistance of 4-H and local residents, they have seen 'miracles big and small,' according to Bertha Dennis.

The Dennis family operates their program from their home, also known as the "Triple B Ranch," in the spring and fall months, and anyone with a disability age 5-85 can ride in the program.

A total of 18 volunteers currently help out with the program, which is held once a week. Instructor Camille Drost, a Clarkston resident, helps the volunteers learn the fundamentals of horseback

riding, according to Bertha.

"The local 4-H program backs me with sidewalkers," she said. "We have a real good group of people that come here and help us. It takes a lot of bodies available to do this. We're always looking for volunteers."

Bertha, who also heads up Triple B's 4-H Club in the summer, stated the program is run through donations. Local residents donate the horses and saddles, and the 4-H Club holds fundraisers to raise money for other expenses.

"Triple B's 4-H Club is strong," she said. "We'd love to have the community more involved. It's just an important program. You see so many things happen."

Frank Dennis stated he and Bertha check out the horses before they're used in the program. "You have to have a horse that likes working with people," he said.

Frank relayed one of the "miracles big and small" which happen with the

program.

"A mother had been bringing her son here for four years and he hadn't said one word," he said. "One day, he got on the horse, and within five minutes he was laughing and talking. You never can tell — the doctors don't always know... You can look out at the arena and see miracles happen."

He also noted visitors are welcome

to stop by anytime and watch the program in action.

"I don't see how a person can watch this and walk away and not be touched," he said.

For more information on the Proud Equestrian Program, contact Frank and Bertha Dennis at 248-625-5981.



Bertha and Frank Dennis of Springfield Township tend to one of the horses used in the Proud Equestrian Program, which has been helping out disabled residents since the couple started the program in 1969. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Literal linens



Bailey Lake Elementary second graders followed the fashion trend of one, Miss Amelia Bedelia, who they'd read about in class. In honor, a fashion show was held Friday, Oct. 26 to display the mixed-up garb Amelia would typically wear -- like a turtle neck shirt with turtles around the neck, bell bottom jeans with actual bells at the bottom, or a T-shirt with the letter T all over it. As the kids strutted their stuff down the runway, they read aloud descriptions of the items they wore. Here, from left, are Scott Schuitz, A.J. Kowal and Tristan Farough.

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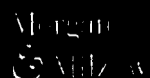
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Clarkston resident Tricia Taylor, with mother Kim Boesl, poses with fire fighters Bob Smith, Tom Wojno, John Pender, Dave Ostertag and Bill Waldo, who presented Taylor with a check for \$5,600. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

A gracious gift for Taylor

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff
Writer

The Orion Township Fire Fighters Association recently presented a check for \$5,600 to Tricia Taylor, the 19-year-old Clarkston girl who lost her legs after being hit by a drunk driver.

The association held a dance Oct. 19 and divided the \$2,600 proceeds between the Lake Orion Lions Club, Gingellville Goodfellows and Taylor. The Goodfellows and Lions immediately gave back the proceeds to have 100 percent go to Taylor.

The AID Association for Lutherans, out of Orion and Oxford, matched the funds and then some, giving \$3,000 for Taylor as well.

Fire fighters Bob Smith, president of the Fire Fighters Association; Tom Wojno, of the Gingellville Goodfellows; John Pender, with the Fire Fighters Association; Dave Ostertag of the Gingellville Goodfellows

and Bill Waldo, retired fire fighter and vice president of the Lions Club presented the donation to Taylor, Tuesday, Nov. 26 at the Orion Township Hall. Her mother Kim Boesl and nurse Terri McRight, of Acclaimed Home Care, were also on hand for the quiet affair.

Taylor said of the

support she has been receiving, "I think it's great. I like the support. It shows people are actually doing something."

She said her progression is going well, that she shouldn't have any more surgeries and is scheduled to begin physical therapy after Thanksgiving.

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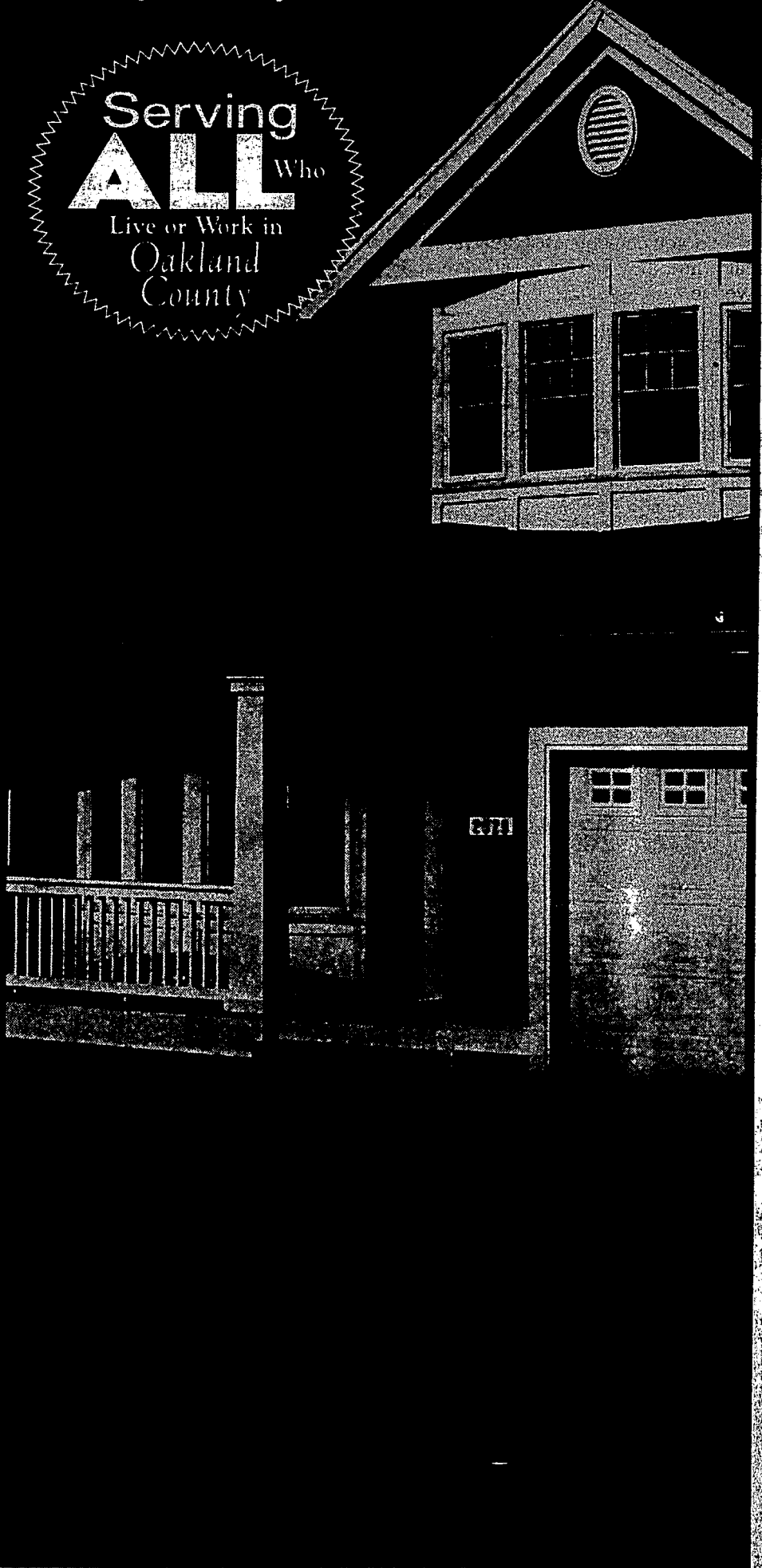
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ADD

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been with the Clarkston Medical Group for 25 years which is the only pediatric practice in Oakland County that has an ADD coach. "She is a beautiful ballerina now and has performed in New York and California."

Heil is so touched by the children's advances.

"If you could just see their faces. I treat a little boy who came in here and gave me a great big hug because he got all 3's and no 1's on his report card. Oh my gosh, the thrill! He loves school now. His mother was crying. It's just so wonderful."

Yet another boy Heil has treated is a goalie for his school's hockey team. After starting treatment and medication for his ADD, he hardly misses a puck, Heil said. "That kid's going to get a scholarship. It doesn't just help with academics, it helps socially as well."

Heil sees so much potential in each child she treats with ADD.

"These kids are not failures. They just need a new way of learning. If people would just listen to them, encourage them and pay attention to them. When they're motivated there's no stopping them. Their minds are amazing. I see the talent."

However, Heil said, the biggest enemy is self-esteem. "You can be a genius, but if you are told you are stupid. You are gonna be stupid. But if you are told you can do anything, you can. This should be the first goal (in helping someone living with ADD)."

Heil said she has learned much from the children she coaches, but mostly, "that they are just so beautiful. They have so much to give."

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Lowney: 'These seniors have built such a tradition'

Brighton eliminates Wolves 49-44 in regional finals Nov. 26; Clarkston finishes 20-4

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Midway through the third quarter of their regional final game against Brighton Nov. 26, the Clarkston girls basketball team had a 10-point lead and visions of advancing to the state quarterfinals.

However, the second-ranked Bulldogs withstood the Clarkston onslaught and came back to defeat the 10th-ranked Wolves, 49-44, at Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township. The loss ended the Wolves' season at 20-4.

Senior guard Kira Karlstrom led the Wolves with 13 points, while senior guard Anna Trim added 11.

The game was also the last for a class of six seniors — Karlstrom, Trim, Jenn Carlson, Megan Renda, Laura Richards, and Christine Terry— that overcame an 11-12 season in 1999 to win two league championships and two district championships during their time at Clarkston.

After the game, Clarkston coach Ann Lowney focused on what the seniors have accomplished during those four years, and told the team they should be proud of themselves.

"These six seniors have built such a tradition and they need to be so proud of that," she said. "We hadn't won a district since 1978. It's because of these kids that we were able to win two district championships...What they've done is amazing. They have to hold their heads high and realize what they've done."

Both teams started off slowly, feeling each other out, before Brighton got the early lead. However,



Clarkston's Stephanie Parkin (24) pulls away a rebound from Brighton's Kaitlin Gonta (20) and Renee Dean (33) as teammate Kira Karlstrom (23) looks on. Brighton defeated the Wolves 49-44 in the regional finals Nov. 26 at Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township. The Wolves finished the season with a record of 20-4. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Karlstrom drove for a layup with about a minute left in the first to put the Wolves up 9-8. Brighton came back to tie the game at 10 as the first quarter came to a close.

The two teams would continue their nip-and-tuck pace in the second quarter, Brighton built a five-point lead. **Please see Girls Basketball on page 24A**

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Kieras sprains knee before start of regionals

Forst honored as most valuable; Swartzmiller, Kirby also recognized at banquet

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston diver Kaitlin Kieras was hoping to use the regional meet in November as a springboard to the state meet later that month.

However, at the meet, held Nov. 13-15 in Lake Orion, Kieras was injured just before the start of the competition and had to forfeit her turn. "She had an accident as she was warming up, and she sprained her knee," Clarkston coach Kenwyn Chock said.

Kieras qualified for regionals by placing fifth in the league meet Nov. 6-8 at Royal Oak Kimball. In that same meet, senior Alex Beck earned all-league honors in the 50 yard freestyle.

With the girls season now in the books, the team was recognized for their season at the team banquet Nov. 26. Heading the list of award winners was senior Andrea Forst, who was named the team's most valuable swimmer.

Other award winners were sophomore Carrie Swartzmiller, who was named most improved swimmer,



Kaitlin Kieras

Athlete of the Week — Steve Morin

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In his first year on the Clarkston hockey team, junior Steve Morin has shown he will be one of the main offensive weapons for the Wolves this season.

Morin has notched three goals and two assists on the young season, including two goals in the Wolves' 4-3 win against Brighton in the first round of the Cranbrook Tournament Friday, Nov. 29.

Before hooking up with the Wolves, Morin (who has a younger brother, CHS sophomore Bryan Morin, as one of his teammates) was a member of the Detroit Skating



Steve Morin

Club, a travel team, for about five years.

According to Morin, Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier has enhanced his knowledge of the game.

"He's taught me the little things I need to know, such as stick positioning and learning different systems," Morin said

Morin also stated he enjoys the playing style of Jim Lattanzi, a senior on this year's CHS hockey team, as well as Pavel Bure, currently a member of the NHL's New York Rangers, who is consistently among the top goal scorers in the league.

He is the son of Judy and Chris Morin of Clarkston, and has two other brothers in addition to Bryan: Daniel, 20, and David, 12.

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and freshman Nicole Kirby, who was named rookie of the year (given to the team's best first-year swimmer).

In addition, six Clarkston swimmers — Forst, Teresa Kuhta, Christina Bauer, Sabrina St. Peter, Stephanie Friewald and Beth Randall — were named to the national academic All-American team. In order to receive that recognition, swimmers must hold a letter on the varsity team for two years and carry a 3.75 grade point average for their high school career, according to Chock.

The Wolves wrapped up their first season in Oak-

land Activities Association Division III with a second-place finish behind Farmington. Overall, Chock was pleased with the season, but wants the returning swimmers to set the bar even higher.

"We need to do more in the offseason, so that we have the opportunity to have a state swimmer and win the OAA next year."

Chock is optimistic about the team's chances for success next season.

"We lost a group of great seniors, but we have 11 eighth-graders coming in from the Clarkston Sea Wolves program, which is in its eighth season," she said.

Morin notches two goals in victory against Brighton

Host Cranbrook shuts out Wolves 4-0 in finals of tourney

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Thanksgiving weekend started out on a promising note for the Clarkston hockey team, but Cranbrook fed them a shutout Nov. 30.

The Wolves won a key league game against West Bloomfield 3-1 Wednesday, Nov. 26, and defeated Brighton 4-3 in their first game of the annual Cranbrook Thanksgiving Tournament Nov. 28.

However, in the championship game Nov. 30, host Cranbrook put the Wolves, who won last year's Cranbrook tourney, in a hole they would never recover from, as the Cranes blanked Clarkston 4-0.

The loss left Clarkston's record at 3-1-0 overall and 2-0-0 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

According to Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier, Cranbrook had more energy that night and did the little things needed to win.

"They simply beat us to the puck, and they came ready to play," he said. "We were a little sluggish, and it took us a while to get going. You can't dig yourself a hole against good teams."

In the first game of the tourney against Brighton, Clarkston senior Jacob Gibson scored what proved to be the game-winning goal in the third period on an assist from senior defenseman Jim Lattanzi to

put the Wolves up 4-1, and the Wolves withstood two late goals from the Bulldogs to pull out the win.

Clarkston took an early 1-0 lead in the first period as senior forward Adam Peters scored on an assist from sophomore Trevor Johns. After Brighton notched a goal in the second period, junior forward Steve Morin punched in two goals to put the Wolves ahead 3-1.

Morin's first goal came on assists from senior forward Eric Hall and senior defenseman Ron Knoebel, while his second goal was set up by Hall and Lattanzi.

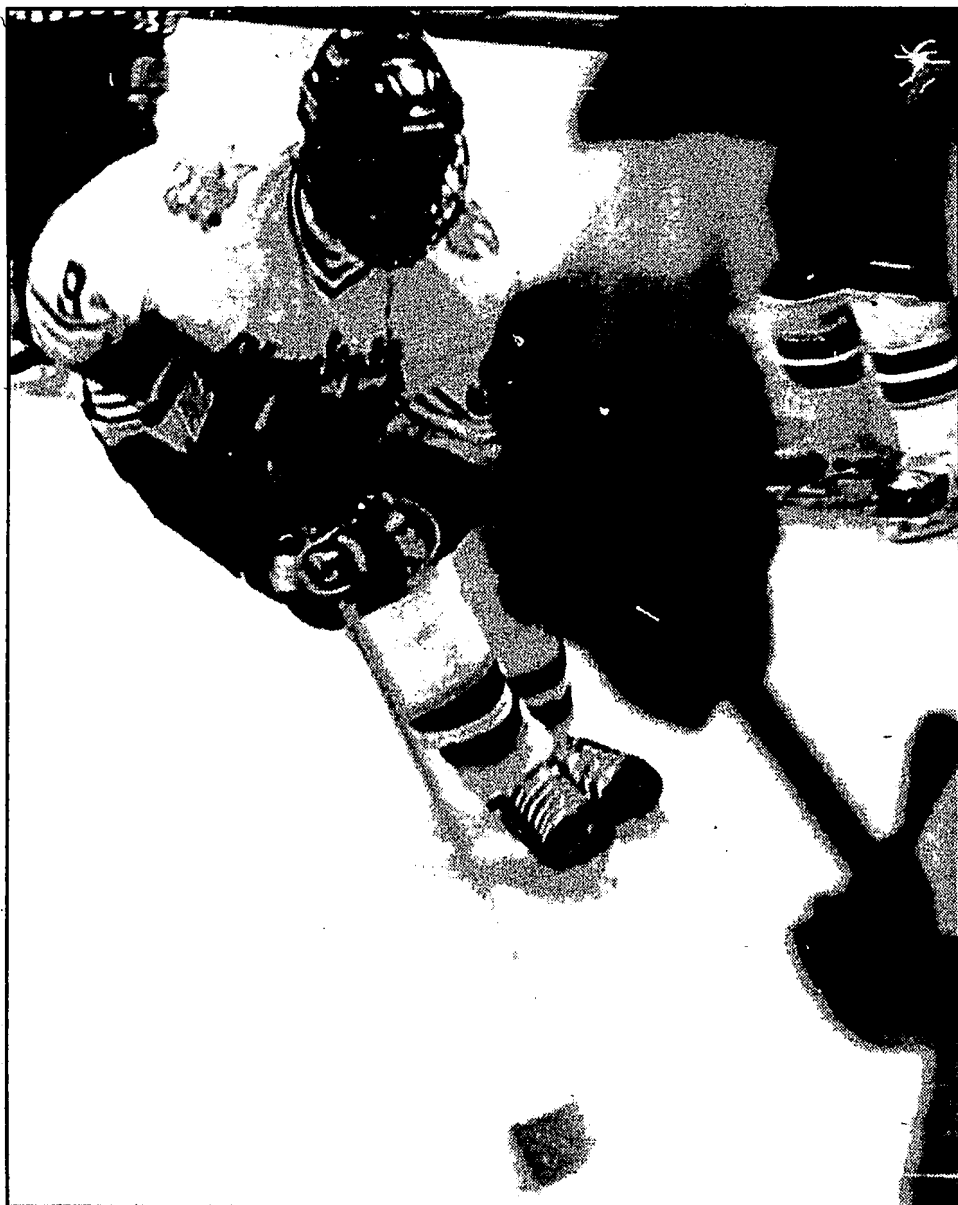
The Wolves earned their second straight league win two days earlier at the Polar Palace in Lapeer against West Bloomfield.

After both teams started off slowly, getting a feel for one another, the Lakers scored a first period goal to take a 1-0 lead. However, Clarkston junior forward Kyle Buzzo answered decisively with a goal off a feed from Steve Morin to tie things at one apiece after one period.

Clarkston would score in the second period to take a 2-1 lead, as Hall scored on an assist from senior forward Myles Purdy, and added an insurance goal in the third as Lattanzi tallied an unassisted goal.

As the Wolves prepare for their Dec. 4 game against Bloomfield at the Polar Palace, Krygier is pleased with how things are going in the early part of the campaign.

"Overall, I think we had a good weekend, and we're progressing fairly well as a team," he said.



Senior forward Eric Hall (9) chases down a puck in the corner during Clarkston's 3-1 win against West Bloomfield Nov. 27. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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High school involvement: band as a freshman and sophomore; short film production

Honors: induction into the Henry Ford Chapter of the National Honor Society

Clubs/organizations: Science Club; Art Club; and president of the French Club

Community involvement: National Honor Society volunteer; volunteer camp counselor at Independence Township Parks and Recreation summer camp

Favorite High School memory: making "Forrest Jay" and "Run, Melvin, Run;" and participating in The Bog to cheer girls swimming



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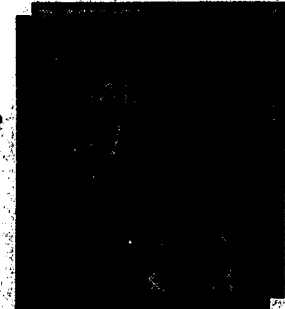
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Community band to break out Christmas favorites

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Same tradition, new location.
The Clarkston Community Band will be performing its seventh annual Christmas Concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8. The concert will be at Clarkston Middle School this year. There is no ticket charge, but audience members are asked to make a donation to the band, according to Gary Metzger, who has been with the band since its inception.

"In prior years, it's been at Clarkston High School," Metzger said. "This year, because of scheduling conflicts, they're going to move it to the middle school. The seating there is a little more conducive to a group like ours."

The band is under new leadership as well. Jeff Laity, who had been the band's baritone director, takes the helm from Jeanne Pierce, the founder of the community band, who recently became the director of a private school in Pontiac.

More than 30 members, ranging from high school age to 85, comprise this year's band, according to Metzger.

"Thirty to forty people is pretty much normal," he said. "It's all self-run. We have a president and meetings to decide the direction of the band. Part of the key is to get new members. It's a great learning experience. That's the key to the growth of the band, letting people know they're welcome."

The concert will feature different types of Christmas music, such as jazz, traditional and sing-along, Metzger said. In addition, the Clarkston Brass, comprised of five members of the community band, will be performing Christmas tunes for 15-20 minutes prior to the concert.



Director Jeff Laity leads the Clarkston Community Band during practice Tuesday, Nov. 26. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.



The Clarkston Community Band fine-tunes its music skills in preparation for the Community Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 8, at Clarkston Middle School. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

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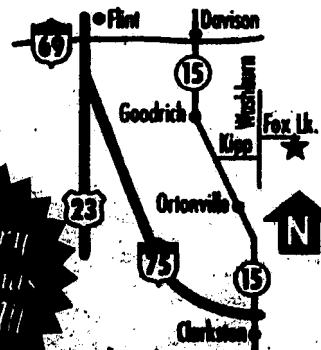
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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 25, 2002

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Catallo.
Roll. Present: Clifton, Catallo, Colombo, Gamble,
Meyland, Werner.
Absent: Savage.
Minutes of November 12, 2002, accepted as presented.
Agenda accepted as presented.
Resolved that the Police Department be authorized to
purchase a hand-held radar unit at a cost not to exceed
\$1,250, \$950 from Police Reserves and the balance from PBT
fees.
Meyland asked that Tom Stone be furnished a copy of
the T.I.A. traffic study on Robertson Court. This report did not
indicate that there was a need for a stop sign at the curve of
Robertson Court.
Moved That the Council meeting scheduled for Decem-
ber 23, 2002, be cancelled. Should the need be evident for a
second meeting in December, a special meeting will be called.
Resolved that the City of the Village of Clarkston hereby
requests to waive Recapture of 2000 CDBG funds as follows:
Account No: 800251 3384, Project Name: Public Services -
CDBG Lighthouse, Amount \$119.95
Resolved that the City of the Village of Clarkston adopt
the guidelines of the Michigan Freedom of Information, Act,
and at the time a request is made in writing under the Free-
dom of Information Act, a good faith deposit of \$50 be re-
quested with a charge of fifty cents per copy for any dupli-
cation of documents. Further, all copies will be made by a
City employee.
Resolved that the City Council authorize an expendi-
ture up to \$3,000 for the purchase of Building Department
software and training.
Resolved that the City of the Village of Clarkston con-
tinue its participation with the Charter Township of Indepen-
dence in the Hazardous Waste Program and not participate
in the NO-HAZ Consortium.
Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas
Clark

Sports shorts

Clarkston's Bauer named honorable mention all-league

Albion College junior offensive lineman Eric Bauer, a Clarkston native, was named to the honorable mention list of the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) football team.

Nine Britons were selected to the all-league team, announced Nov. 18. In addition, 13 All-Michigan student-athletes were named to the honorable mention selections by the league coaches.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY FOR SASHABAW ROAD WIDENING & RECONSTRUCTION (MAYBEE ROAD TO I 75)

Your Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County and the Township of Independence invite your comments on the proposed project to widen Sashabaw Road from Maybee Road to I-75. The proposed project is to widen the existing two-lane road to a combination of a four-lane boulevard and five-lane roadway. We invite all interested citizens to attend the meeting and express their views on the Environmental Assessment prepared for this project in compliance with the Federal Highway Administration. For this purpose we have scheduled a public informational meeting:
Date: December 9, 2002
Time: 4 - 7 PM
Place: Independence Township Fire Station #1, 6500 Citation Drive, Clarkston
At the meeting, staff of the Road Commission for Oakland County will be available to discuss the project and answer questions. The Environmental Assessment will be available for public review at the following locations: Independence Township Clerks Office; Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road; and RCOC's Permit & Environmental Concerns Department at the address listed below.
Your attendance at the public meeting will give the best opportunity for presenting your views and gaining desired information. However, we welcome your written statements or exhibits prior to December 19, 2002. Send your comments to: Road Commission for Oakland County, Permits & Environmental Concerns Department, 2420 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328. If you require accommodation in accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, please provide our Engineering Department (248) 645-2000, ext. 2268, with five days advance notice.
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TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
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Date: December 3, 2002
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The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 7:30 pm at the Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346 to hear the following cases:
Case #02-0110 David Baran, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS REAR YARD SETBACK VARIANCE OF 17' TO CONSTRUCT ATTACHED GARAGE PLUS 2nd STORY ADDITION ON NON CONFORMING STRUCTURE ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Mohawk Blvd., and Maplewood Ave., Lots 23-27, R-1A Sunny Beach Country Club
08-12-329-036
Case #02-0111 Shelvy Howell, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS RENEWAL OF VARIANCE GRANTED FEBRUARY 6, 2002 FOR FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 16' AND REAR YARD SETBACK OF 26' TO CONSTRUCT NEW HOME ON NON CONFORMING LOT OF RECORD
Crestview Dr., and Sylvan View Dr., Lots 53-55, R-1A Sunny Beach Country Club Sub No. 2
08-13-162-001 and 002
Case #02-0112 Fox Creek Associates, L.P., Petitioners
APPLICANT REQUESTS EXTENSION OF VARIANCE GRANTED ON AUGUST 21, 2002 TO ALLOW (2) TEMPORARY BANNERS ON BUILDING
Fox Creek East, Building 9, R-2
The Village of Fox Creek
08-36-151-008
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.
Respectfully submitted,
Joan E. McCrary,
Township Clerk
Beverly A. McElmeel,
Director

Bleeding Text

Girls cagers hoop it up at regional final



Clarkston residents turned out in droves to support the girls basketball team in their regional final game against Brighton Nov. 26 at Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township. Wolves fans (clockwise from left) Samantha Carter, Lindsey Hood, Don Zimmerman, Carol Zimmerman, Stephanie Carlson and Erica Karlstrom show their support for the blue and gold.



Clarkston coach Ann Lowney (left) gives Stephanie Parkin (24) and Leigh Christy (44) some last-minute instructions before the second half of the Wolves' regional final game against Brighton Nov. 26. The Bulldogs defeated the Wolves 49-44 to end Clarkston's season at 20-4.

Photos by Jeff Patrus

Girls basketball

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lead at the beginning of the quarter, but Clarkston would come back as Trim drained a three-pointer to tie the game at 15 with about four minutes left in the half. Brighton and Clarkston would head to the locker room at the half tied at 19.

The Wolves, powered by their three-point shooting, would go on a 14-4 run at the beginning of the third quarter. Trim connected on two more triples, and Carlson buried a three-pointer with 4:23 left in the third to put the Wolves up 33-23 as Brighton called a thirty-second timeout.

However, the Bulldogs would power their way back and trimmed the Wolves' lead to 37-33 at the end of the third quarter.

From that point on, Brighton's defense put the clamps on Clarkston, as they forced nine Clarkston turnovers in the game's final 10 minutes.

With 3:36 left in the fourth quarter, Brighton took advantage of a Karlstrom foul and converted a three-point play to cut the Clarkston lead to 39-38. The Bulldogs would connect on a three-pointer with about 2-1/2 minutes left to pull ahead for a 41-39 lead.

The Bulldogs would eventually pull

ahead by five, 46-41, but Karlstrom pulled between two Brighton defenders and nailed a three-pointer with 28.6 seconds left, drawing a foul in the process as Clarkston cut the Brighton lead to 46-44.

However, Karlstrom missed the ensuing free throw attempt, and the Wolves missed a putback attempt. With the Bulldogs nursing a three-point lead, Brighton's Brittany Fulks made two free throw attempts to seal the win for the Bulldogs.

Despite the loss, Lowney stated the Wolves played hard throughout the contest.

"If you're scared of losing, then you don't compete," she said. "They didn't quit. Unfortunately, we missed a few shots late. Their defense hurt us a little bit. They picked it up a notch."

After the game, Karlstrom reflected on what Lowney told the girls in the locker room.

"She's never been more proud to say she's coached a team," Karlstrom said of Lowney's speech. "She hopes her girls turn out like us, because she won't have anything to worry about."

According to Karlstrom, the chemistry of this year's team is what she'll remember most about the season. "I've never been on a team that's gotten along so well," she said.



Kira Karlstrom

Coverage of MHSAA fall championships set

The schedule for coverage of Michigan High School Athletic Association championships in football and girls basketball has been set.

The package is highlighted by two weekends of live coverage of the MHSAA Football Playoff Finals and Girls Basketball Finals on Fox Sports Net. The network is covering both events for the fifth straight year in 2002, with the games reaching more than 2.6 million homes. However, due to a conflict with professional games, three telecasts will receive same-day delayed airings as well as an additional Sunday afternoon airing.

The Class A girls basketball championship on Dec. 7 will be tape delayed. The Class A girls basketball championship will receive a same-day delay telecast at 12:30 a.m. the evening of the event, and will air again on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m.

Here is the complete schedule for the live games to be broadcast:

■Girls Basketball — Class D — Dec. 7 — 11 a.m.; Class C — Dec. 7 — 5 p.m.; Class B — Dec. 7 — 7:30 p.m.

The additional replay schedule for the football and girls basketball telecasts is as follows:

■Football — Division 8 — Dec. 6 — noon; Division 2 — Dec. 13 — noon; Division 8 — Dec. 14 — 2 p.m.; Division 2 — Dec. 14 — 4:30 p.m.; Division 6 — Dec. 15 — 1:30 p.m.; Division 6 — Dec. 20 — noon; Division 4 — Dec. 21 — 4 p.m.; Division 7 — Dec. 22 — 12:30 p.m.; Division 1 — Dec. 27 — noon; Division 5 — Dec. 29 — 1:30 p.m.; Division 3 — Jan. 1 — noon.

■Girls Basketball — Class D — Dec. 10 — 2 p.m.; Class A — Dec. 11 — noon; Class C — Dec. 12 — 1 p.m.; Class B — Dec. 19 — 1 p.m.

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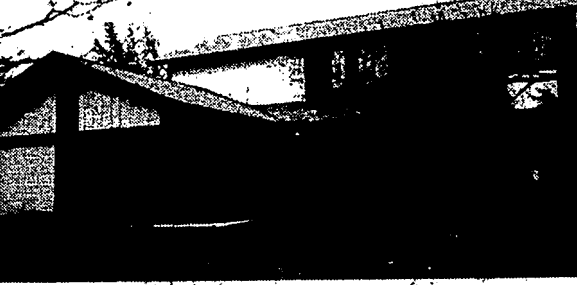
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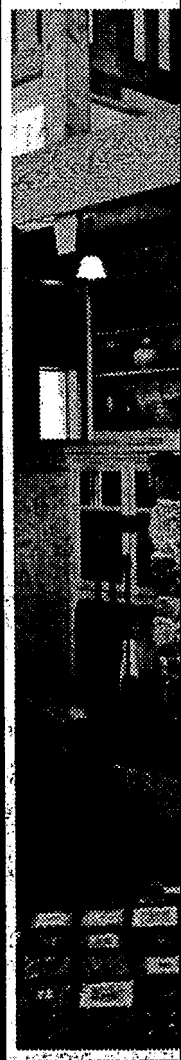
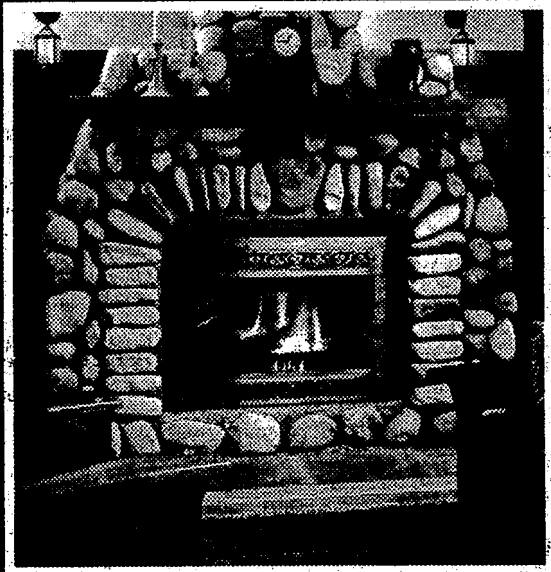
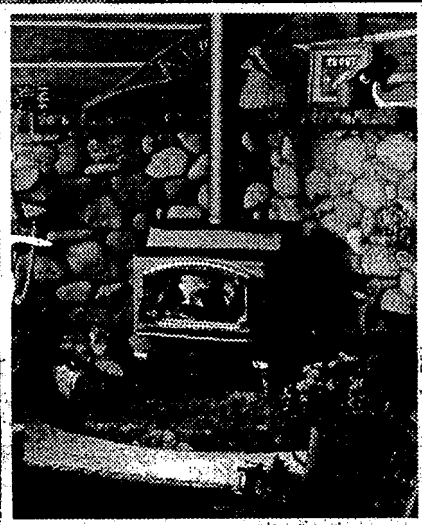
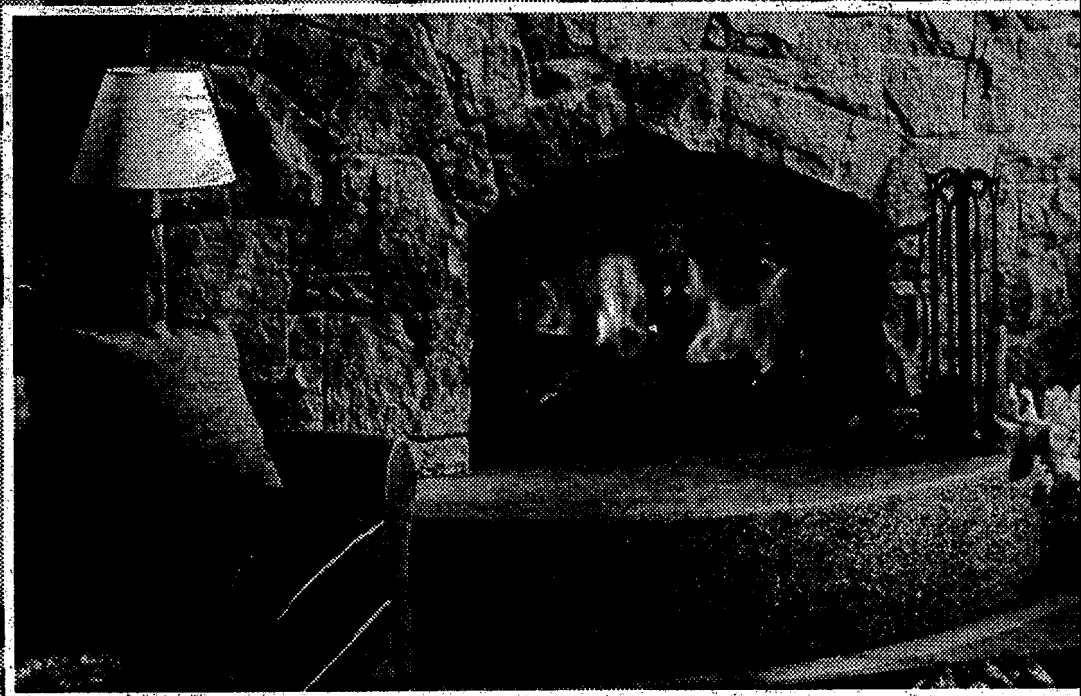
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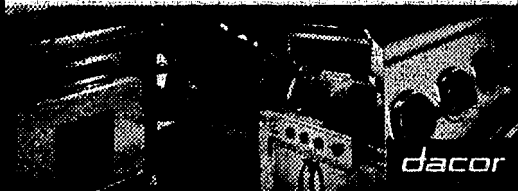
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Six-year-olds Matthew Morency, left center, and Joey Friend, right center, are fascinated by Gunnery Sergeant Scott Shively as he inspects their uniforms. They seem to be more interested in his uniform than passing their own inspection.



Brenden Smith, 10, is asked several questions from retired First Sergeant Charles Wittstruck while undergoing a uniform inspection.

Marines storm the beaches, check out local scouts

Cub Scout Pack 163 welcomed two United States Marines to their meeting at Independence Elementary, Thursday, Nov. 21. Retired First Sergeant Charles Wittstruck and Gunnery Sergeant Scott Shively performed a uniform inspection on each and every scout.

Though some were a little nervous about passing the inspection, Cub Scouts Spenser Pawlik, Joshua Wilson, Davis Bush and Stefan Hubble said they were excited to meet the Marines.

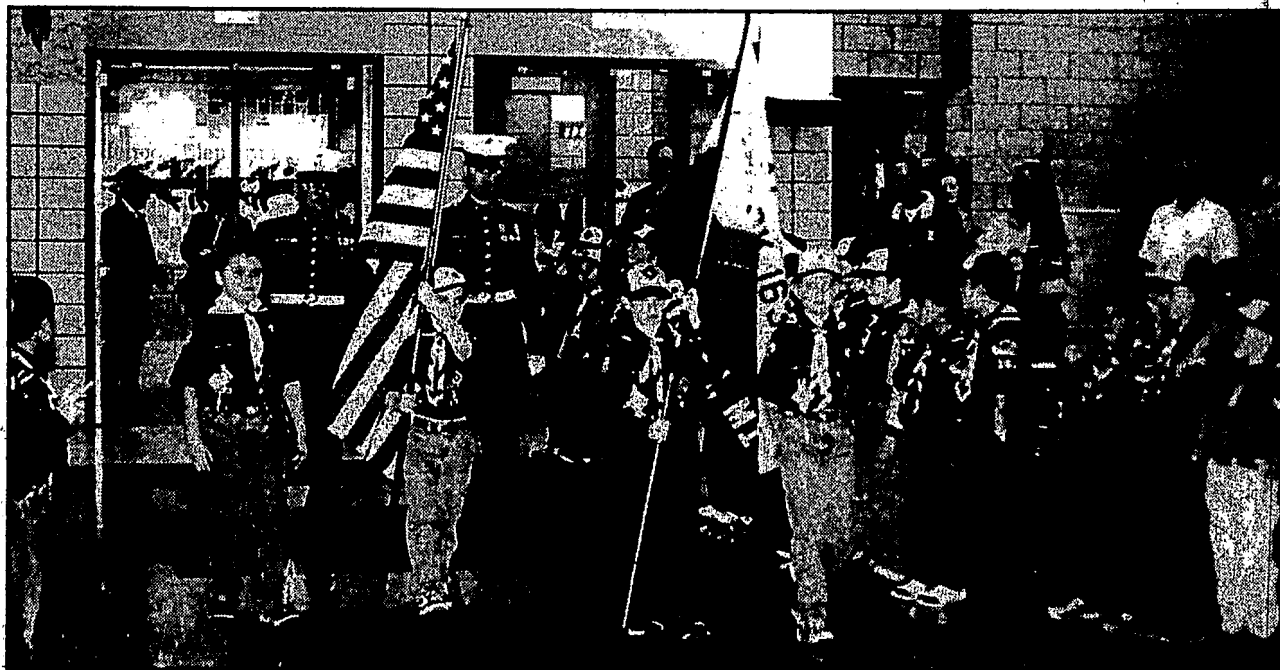
"I like their uniforms," Wilson said.

"I like their medals," Bush added.

"I like their hats. Those are cool," Hubble said.

"I like that big belt they wear," Pawlik chimed in.

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Matthew Haney, Andrew Salada, Sam Moore and Trevor Smith present the colors with United States Marines First Sergeant Charles Wittstruck and Gunnery Sergeant Scott Shively on their six.

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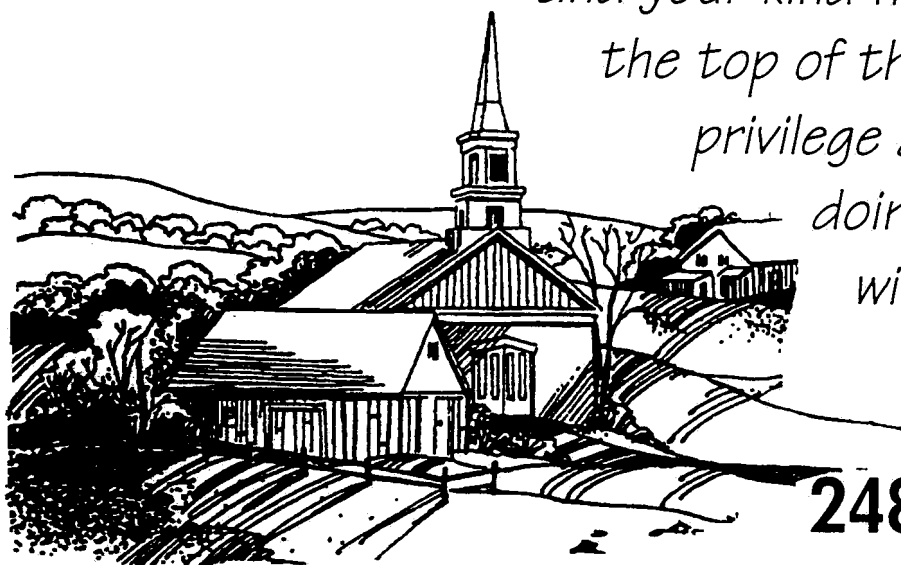
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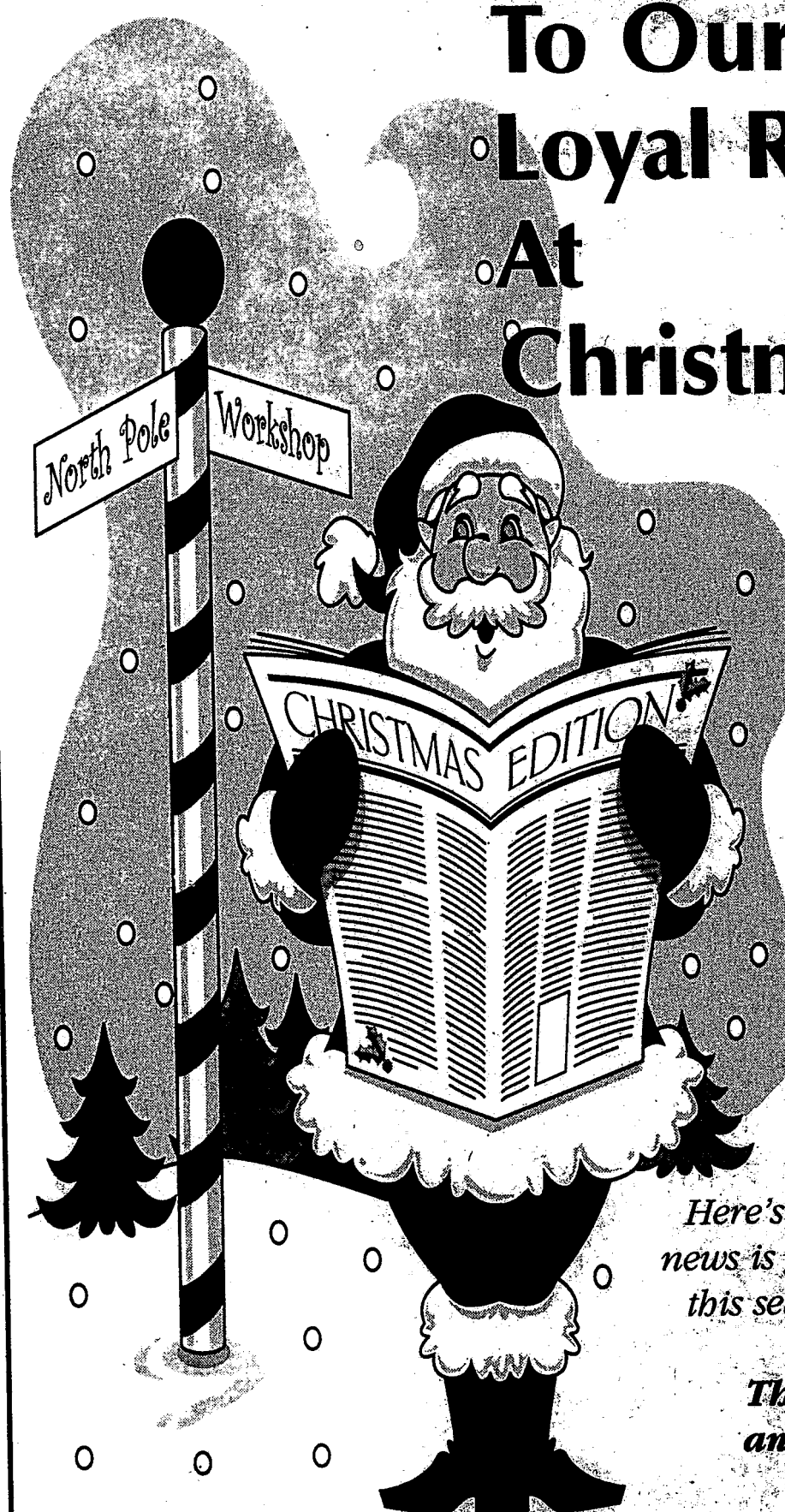
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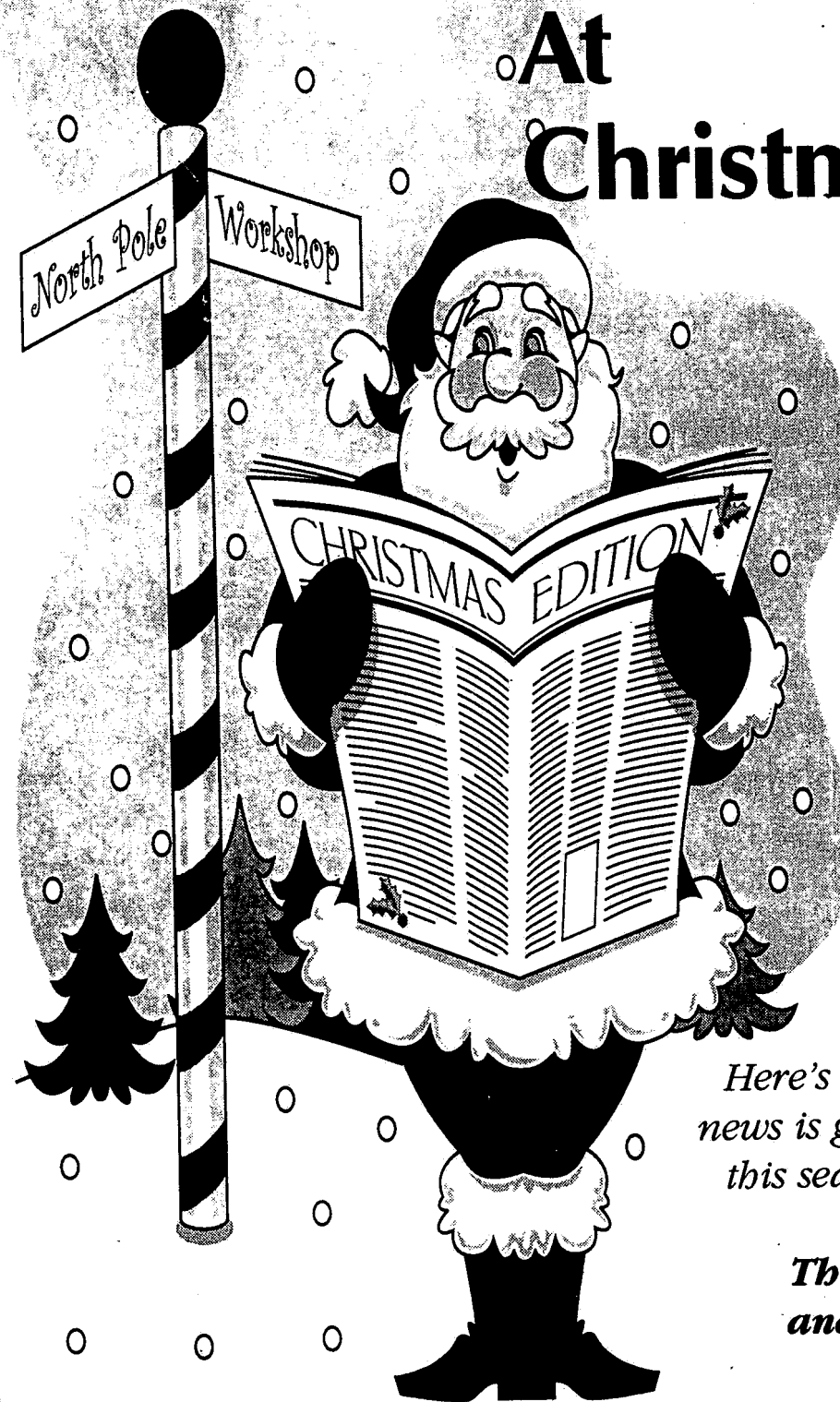
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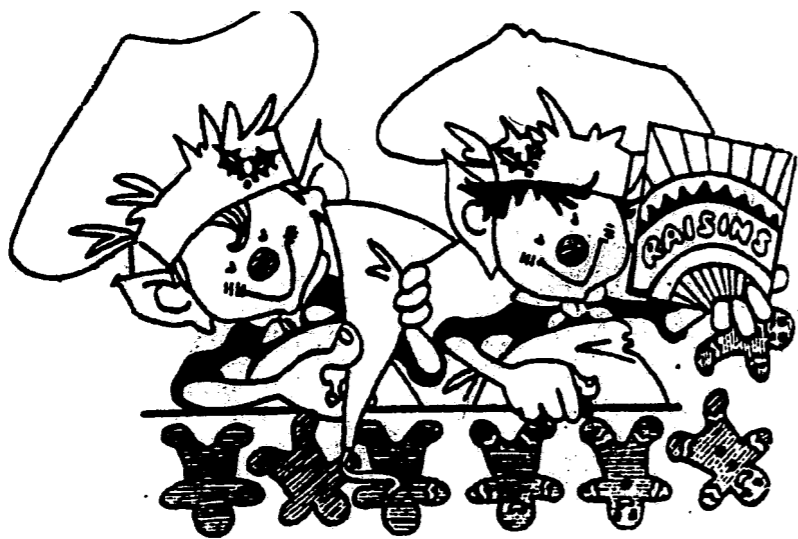
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2. See the blaz - ing Yule be - fore us, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
3. Fast a - way the old year pass - es, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

F C7 F C7 Dm C F C7 F Gm F C F

'Tis the sea - son to be jol - ly, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
Strike the harp and join the cho - rus, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
Hail the new, ye lads and lass - es, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

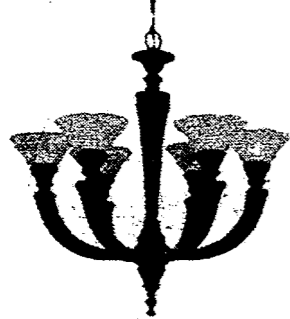
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Don we now our gay ap - par - el, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
Fol - low me in mer - ry meas - ure, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
Sing we joy - ous all to - geth - er, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

F C7 F C7 Dm C F Bb F Gm F C7 F

Troll the an - cient Yule - tide, car - ol, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
While I tell of Yule - tide treas - ure, Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.
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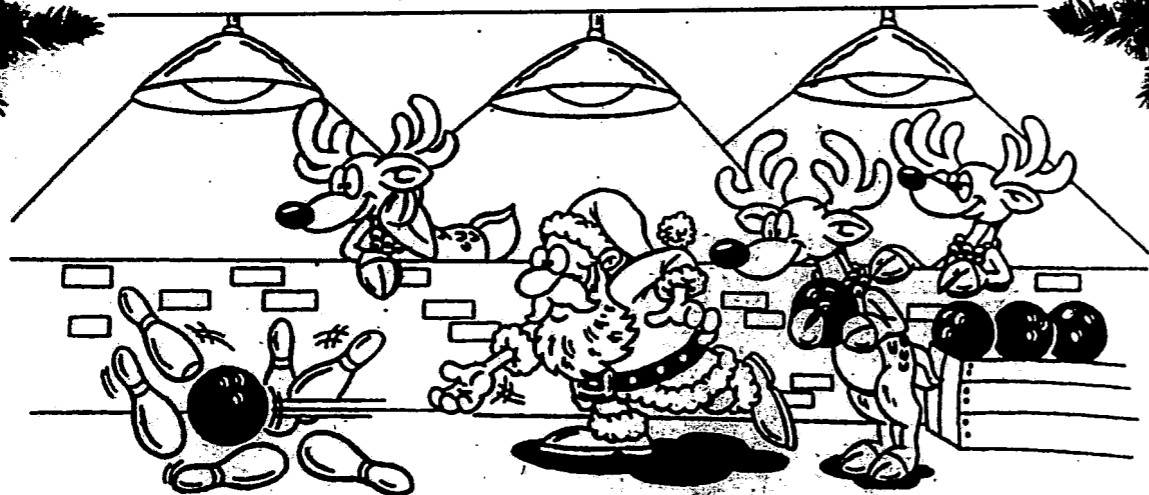
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G C G

1. A - way in a man - ger, No crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, The poor Ba - by wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask Thee to stay, Close

D7 C G

lit - tle Lord Je - sus Laid down His sweet head; The
lit - tle Lord Je - sus No cry - ing He makes; I
by me for - ev - er, And love me I pray; Bless

G C G

stars in the sky — Looked down where He lay, The
love Thee, Lord Je - sus Look down from the sky, And
all the dear chil - dren In Thy ten - der care, And

D7 G Am D7 G

lit - tle Lord Je - sus A - sleep on the hay.
stay by my cra - dle, Till morn - ing is nigh.
take us to heav - en, To live with Thee there.

JINGLE BELLS

Traditional

Ab Db F7

1. Dash-ing thru the snow, In a one horse o - pen sleigh;
 2. A day or two a - go, I thought I'd take a ride; And
 3. Now the ground is white, Go it while you're young;

Bbm Eb Eb7 Ab

O'er the fields we go, Laugh-ing all the way;
 soon Miss Fan - nie Bright, Was seat - ed by my side; The
 Take the girls to - night, And sing this sleigh - ing song; Just

Ab Db F7

Bells on bob - tail ring, Mak-ing spir - its bright; What
 horse was lean and lank, Mis - for - tune seem'd his lot, He
 get a bob-tail'd bay, Two - for - ty for his speed, Then

Bbm Eb Ab Db Eb7 Ab

fun it is to ride and sing a sleigh-ing song to-night!
 got in-to a drift-ed bank and then we got up - sot!
 hitch him to an o - pen sleigh and crack! you'll take the lead!

REFRAIN

Ab Db Dbm Ab

Jin - gle bells, jin - gle bells, jin - gle all the way!

Db Ab Fm Bb7 Eb7

Oh what fun it is to ride, In a one horse o - pen sleigh!

Ab Db Dbm Ab

Jin - gle bells, jin - gle bells, jin - gle all the way!

Db Ab Eb7 Ab

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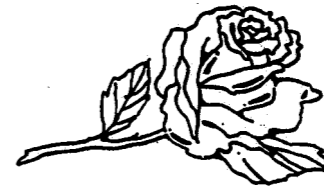
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G C G D Em C G D Am Em

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom - ing, From ten - der - stem -
 2. I - sa - lah 'twas fore - told it, The Rose I had -

G D G C G D Em C G D Am Em

- has sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing As men of - old -
 in mind; With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin - Moth -

G D G Am Bm G A D G

- have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright, A - mid the
 er kind. To show God's love a - right She bore to

C G D E Am G Am Bm G D G

cold of win - ter When half - spent was the night.
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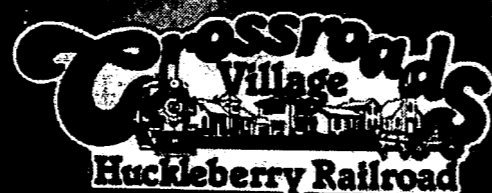
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D Em D A7 D G

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2. Joy to the world! the Sav-ior reigns: Let men their
3. No more let sin and sor-row grow, Nor thorns in-
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

A D D

ceive her King; Let ev-ry heart pre- pare Him -
songs em- ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
fest the ground; He comes to make His bless- ings -
na- tion prove The glo- ries of His right- eous -

D A

room, And heav'n and na- ture sing And heav'n and na- ture
plains, Re- peat the sound- ing joy, Re- peat the sound- ing
flow Far as the curse is found Far as the curse is -
ness And won- ders of His love, And won- ders of His

And heav'n and na- ture sing, And

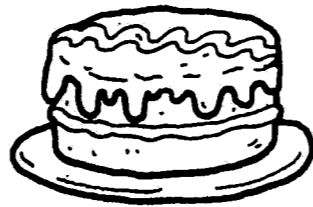
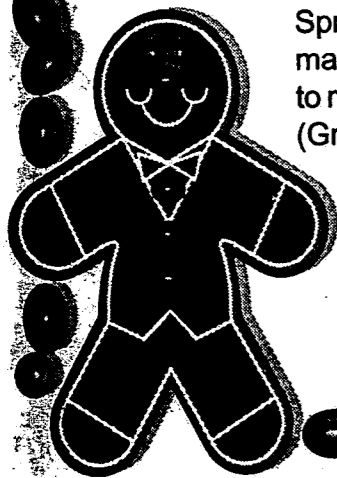
A D G D Em D A7 D

sing, And heav'n and heav'n and na- ture sing.
joy, Re- peat, re- peat the sound- ing joy.
found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
love, And won- ders, won- ders of His love.

heav'n and na- ture sing

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- O Christ - mas Tree, O Christ - mas Tree! Much pleas - ure thou can't give me;
- O Christ - mas Tree, O Christ - mas Tree! Thy can - dles shine so bright - ly!
- O Christ - mas Tree, O Christ - mas Tree! How rich - ly God has decked thee!

G C G Bm D7 G

Not on - ly green when sum - mer's here, But al - so when 'tis cold and drear. O
How oft - en has the Christ - mas tree, Af - ford - ed me the great - est glee! O
From base to sum - mit gay and bright, There's on - ly splen - dor for the sight. O
Thou bidst us true and faith - ful be, And trust in God un - chang - ing - ly. O

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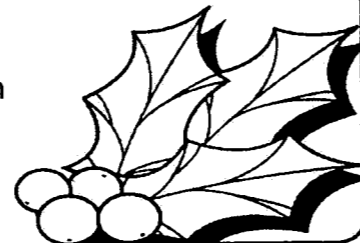
Christ - mas Tree! O Christ - mas Tree! Thy leaves are so un - chang - ing.
Christ - mas Tree! O Christ - mas Tree! Much pleas - ure thou can't give me.
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Christ - mas Tree! O Christ - mas Tree! How rich - ly God has decked thee.

Chef Jerry of the Back Court Restaurant in Deer Lake Athletic Club presents his Harvest Chicken

4 servings

- 4 Boned and skinned chicken breasts
- 2 red Delicious apples chopped. Leave on the skins.
- 2 tbl. Brown Sugar
- 2 tbl. Pecans
- 2 oz. Ginger brandy
- 3/4 cup Heavy cream
- Salt to taste

Lightly flour the chicken breasts and saute in butter until brown on each side. Add apples, brandy, brown sugar and pecans. Simmer for 3 minutes until the apples are tender. Add cream and simmer for an additional 3 minutes. Best served over wild rice or a pasta of your choice.



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JOHN FRANCIS WADE

Ab Eb Ab Eb Ab Db

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, Joy-ful and tri-
2. Sing, choirs of an-gels, Sing with ex-ul-
3. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap-py

Ab Eb Fm Bb7 Eb Bb Eb Ab Eb Fm Eb Bb7 Eb

umph-ant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth-le-hem;
ta-tions-Sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav'n-a-bove;
morn-ing-Je-sus, to Thee-be glo-ry giv'n;

Ab Bbm Ab Bb7 Ab Eb Ab Fm Bbm Eb

Come and be-hold-Him, Born the King of an-gels;
Glo-ry to God in the high-est;
Word of the Fa-ther, Now in flesh ap-pear-ing;

After each verse:

Ab Eb Ab Eb7 Ab Eb Ab Eb7

mf O come, let us a-dore Him, O come, let us a-

Ab Eb Ab Eb7 Ab Eb Bb7 Eb Eb7 Ab Bbm Ab Eb7 Ab

dore Him, O come, let us a-dore Him, Christ, the Lord!



SNOWMEN

What you need:
 1 package (20 ounces)
 refrigerated chocolate
 chip cookie dough
 1½ cups sifted
 powdered sugar
 2 TBSP milk

DECORATIONS:
 Candy corn, gum drops,
 chocolate chips, licorice
 and other assorted
 small candies



Preheat oven to 375° F.

Cut dough into 12 equal
 sections. Divide each section
 into 3 balls: large, medium and
 small for each snowman.

For each snowman, place 3
 balls in a row, 1/4 inch apart,
 on ungreased cookie sheet.
 Repeat with remaining dough.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until
 edges are very lightly
 browned.

Cook 4 minutes on cookie
 sheets. Remove to wire racks;
 cool completely.

Mix powdered sugar and milk in
 medium bowl until smooth. Pour
 over cookies. Let cookies stand
 20 minutes or until set.

Decorate to create faces, hats
 and arms with assorted
 candies.

Makes 1 dozen cookies

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O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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F F^o F F^o Gm F C7

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a -
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is
 4. O Ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we

F Cm D7 Gm F C7

lie; A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go
 bove, While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring
 giv'n! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His
 pray; Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to -

F C7 G^o A Dm Gm A F

by: Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light; The
 love. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth; And
 heav'n. No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin, Where
 day. We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell; O

F F^o F Bb+ Gm F G7 F C7 F

hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 prais - es sing to God, the King, And peace to men on earth.
 meek souls will re - ceive Him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
 come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Spiced Oranges in Red Wine

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 lemon slices
- 1 two inch cinnamon stick
- 4 whole cloves
- 1/2 cup burgundy
- 6 to 10 navel oranges,
depending on size

In a saucepan, combine sugar, water, lemon slices, cinnamon stick, and cloves; boil exactly four minutes. Strain and reserve juice. Chill one hour and add burgundy. Peel oranges in spiral fashion being sure to remove all the white portion of the rind. Cut oranges into sections or slice them. Add to spiced wine. Chill at least one hour. Spiced wine can be prepared four to five days ahead, and poured over oranges the morning of serving.

Classification: easy
Planning: must prepare ahead
Preparation time: 15 to 20 minutes
Servings: 4 to 6
Chilling time: at least 2 hours

Mulled Cider

- 1 gallon apple cider
- 2 cups sugar
- 48 whole cloves
- 12 cinnamon sticks
- 4 tsp whole allspice
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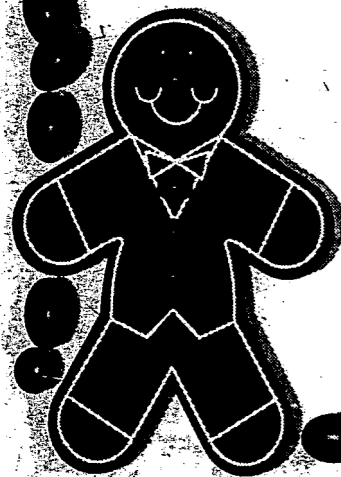
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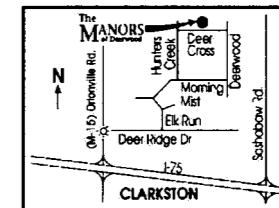
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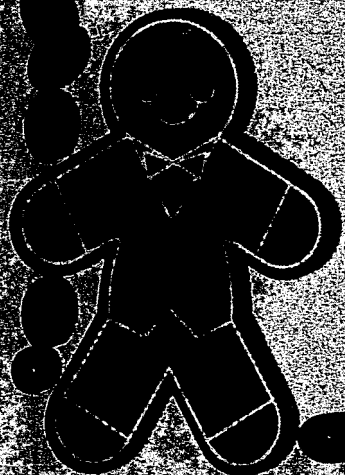
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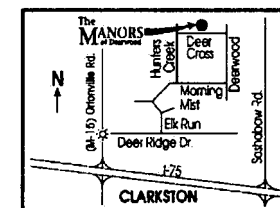
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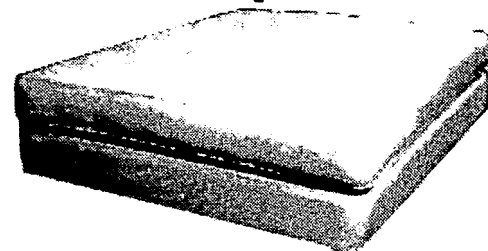
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all is bright. Round you Vir - gin Moth - er and Child!
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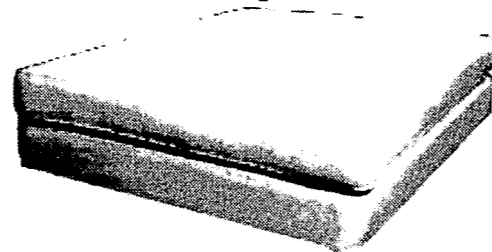
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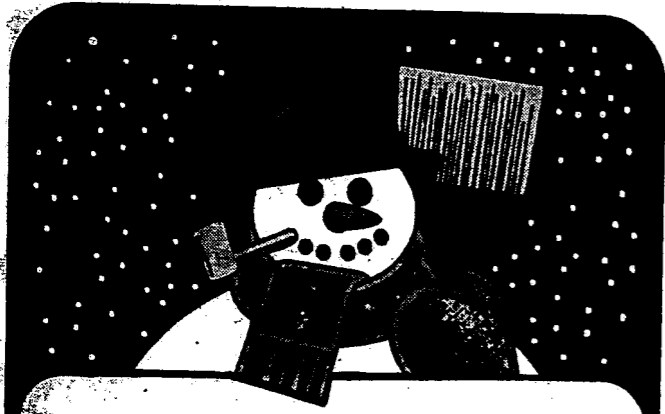
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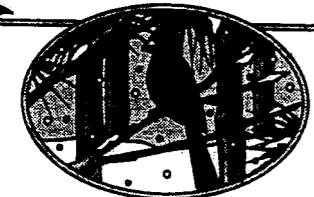
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Em D G D D#°

1. What Child is this, who laid to rest — On
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, — Where
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, — Come

Em Am B Em D G

Ma - ry's lap, — is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet - with
ox and ass — are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; — for
peas - ant, king, — to own Him; The King of kings, — sal -

REFRAIN
Bm G

D D#° Em Am B Em

an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this — is
sin - ners here — The si - lent Word — is plead - ing: Nails, spear, shall
va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the

D D#° Em Am B

Christ the King; Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:
pierce Him through, The Cross be borne, for me, for you:
song on high, — The Vir - gin sings — her lul - la - by:

Bm G D D#° Em Am B Em

Haste, haste to bring Him laud — The Babe, the Son — of Ma - ry!
Hail, hail, — the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son — of Ma - ry!
Joy, joy, — for Christ is born, — The Babe, the Son — of Ma - ry!



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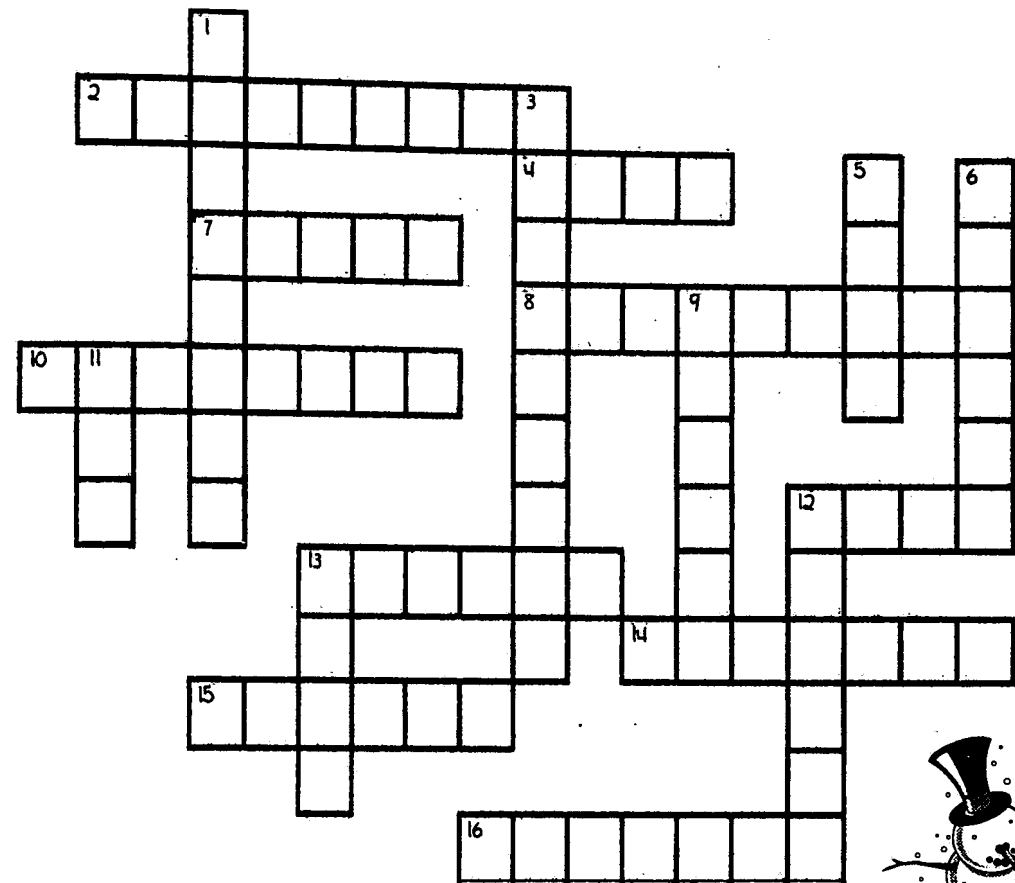
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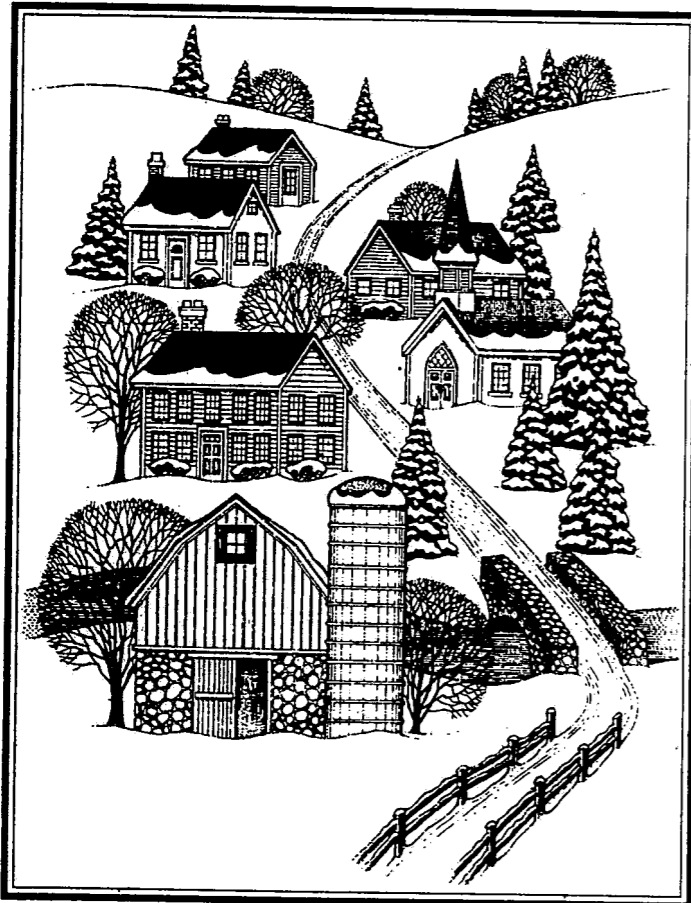
Clues - Down

1. Found under the Christmas tree
3. Hung over the fireplace
5. Shone over Bethlehem
6. Eat too much of this & get a tummy ache
9. The strongest reindeer
11. Santa's little helper
12. the biggest reindeer
13. White crystals of frozen water

Clues - Across

2. December 25th
4. Decorated for Christmas
7. Delivers presents to good boys and girls
8. Red and white striped, eatable treat
10. pulls Santa's sleigh
12. The 12 ____ of Christmas
13. Santa drives this to deliver presents
14. the fastest reindeer
15. Used to remove snow
16. First day of the year

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Materials Needed:

11 Cinnamon Sticks, each about 2½ inches long
3 Tear-drop shape sections from a piece of whole star anise
Band or scroll saw
Heavy green thread or green crochet cotton
12 inches of 1½ inch wide green sheer wire-edge ribbon
1/2 inch gold liberty bell or gold jingle bell
Glue gun and glue sticks
Scissors

Finished Size:

Each cinnamon stick reindeer measures about 2 inches across x 5½ inches long x 4-3/4 inches tall.



Directions:

Select four full length cinnamon sticks for the body of the reindeer. Glue long edges together with smooth sides out to make a bundle as shown in photo.

In same way, glue three cinnamon sticks together to make another bundle. Cut this bundle crosswise to make a 1 inch long bundle for the neck and a 1 inch long bundle for the head of the reindeer.

Select four cinnamon sticks for the legs. Trim these four as needed to make them the same length, leaving each at least 2 inches long. Glue two legs with smooth sides out to each end of the body, positioning them as shown in the photo and making sure the reindeer will stand.

Glue the neck bundle upright to one end of the body and the side of the head bundle to the top of the neck as shown in the photo. Glue a star anise section to each side of the head for ears and

one to the opposite end of body for tail.

Thread a piece of thread or crochet cotton through the hanger on the bell and tie bell around neck of reindeer.

Wrap ribbon around reindeer's neck and tie ends in a bow under the head. Trim ends of ribbon as desired. Wrap thread around the body of the deer to make a hanging loop and glue in place on body. Trim the tree with your spicy critter!

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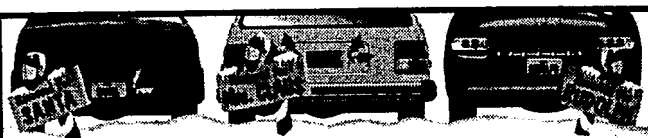
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1. O come lit - tle chil - dren, O come one and
2. He's born in a sta - ble for you and for
3. See Ma - ry and Jo - seph with love beam - ing
4. Kneel down and a - dore Him with shep - herds to -

Eb Bb7

all, To Beth - le - hem haste, to the man - ger so
me, Draw near by the bright gleam - ing star - light to
eyes Are gaz - ing up - on the rude bed where He
day, Lift up lit - tle hands now and praise Him as

Eb Bb Fm Cm

small, God's Son for a gift has been sent you this
see, In swad - dling clothes ly - ing so meek and so
lies, The shep - herds are kneel - ing, with hearts full of
they; Re - jice that a Sav - ior from sin you can

Ab Bb Eb Bb7 Eb Fm Bb7 Eb

night To be your re - deem - er, your joy and de - light.
mild And pur - er than an - gels the heav - en - ly child.
love, While an - gels sing loud hal - le - lu - jahs a - bove.
boast, And join in the song of the heav - en - ly host.

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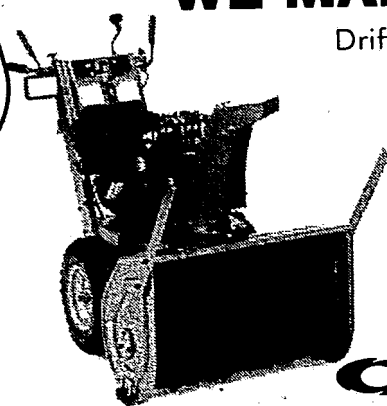
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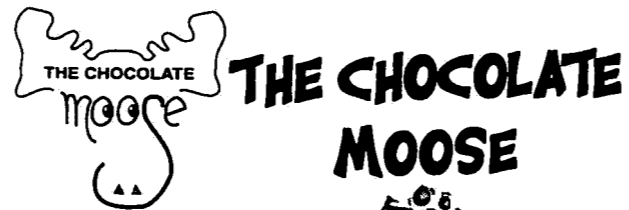
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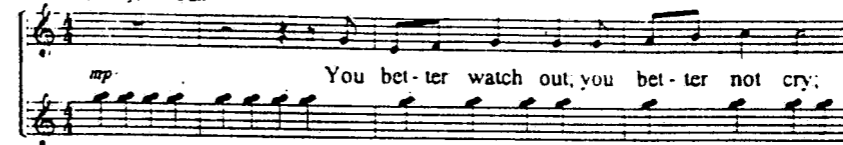
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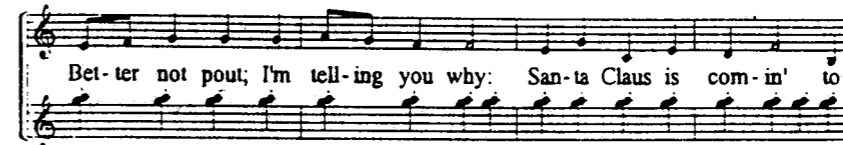
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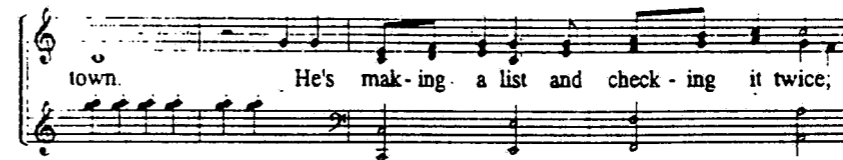
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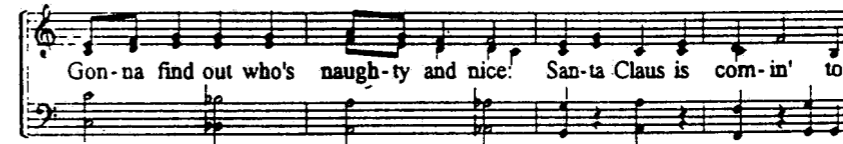
mp You bet-ter watch out, you bet-ter not cry;



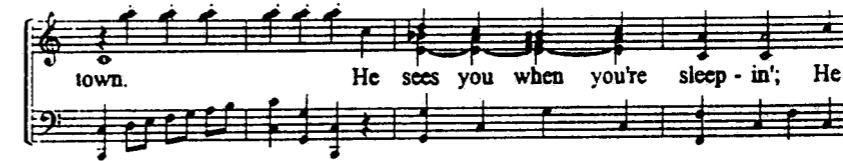
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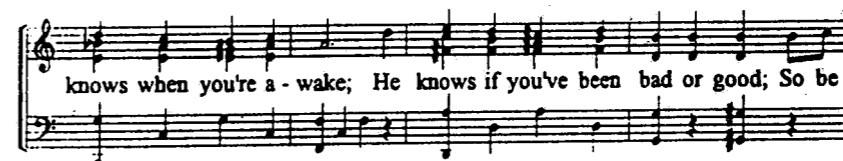
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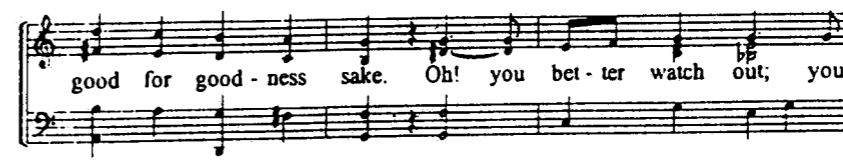
Gon-na find out who's naugh-ty and nice! San-ta Claus is com-in' to



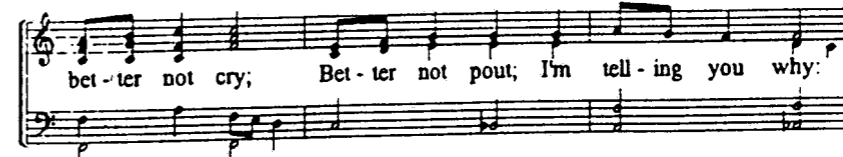
town. He sees you when you're sleep-in'; He



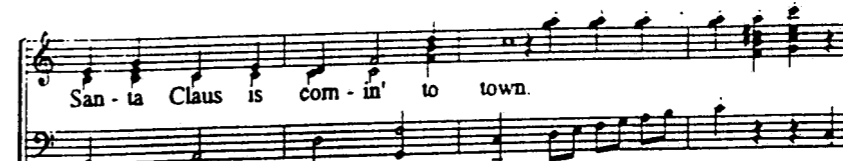
knows when you're a-wake; He knows if you've been bad or good; So be



good for good-ness sake. Oh! you bet-ter watch out; you



bet-ter not cry; Bet-ter not pout; I'm tell-ing you why:



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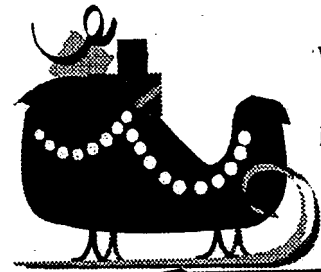
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2. Shep - herds why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See Him in a man - ger laid Whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

Dm Am Dm C F C7 Dm Am Gm Dm C F C7 F

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ whose birth the new - born King.
Ma - ry, Jo - seph lend your aid, While our hearts in love we raise.

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1. Good King Wen-ces - las look'd out On the feast of Ste-phen,
 2. "Hith-er, page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it tell-ing
 3. "Bring me flesh and bring me wine, Bring me pine-logs hith-er;
 4. "Sire, the night is dark-er now, And the wind blows strong-er,

A F#m E A D E D A D E A

When the snow lay 'round a - bout, Deep and crisp and e - ven;
 Yon-der peas-ant, who is he? Where and what his dwell-ing?"
 Thou and I will see him dine When we bear them thith-er."
 Falls my heart, I know not how, I can go no long-er."

A D A E A E F#m D A D E7 A

Bright-ly shone the moon that night, Tho' the frost was cru - el,
 "Sire, he lives a good league hence, Un-der-neath the moun-tain;
 Page and mon-arch forth they went, Forth they went to - geth - er,
 "Mark my foot-steps, my good page, Tread thou in them bold - ly:

A D E7 F#m7 E A D A E7 F#m D A

When a poor man came in sight Gath-'ring win-ter fu - el.
 Right a- gainst the for-est fence, By Saint Ag-nes' foun- tain."
 Thro'the rude wind's wild la-ment And the bit-ter weath- er.
 Thou shalt find the win-ter's rage Freeze thy blood less cold - ly."



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- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 TBS baking powder
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg, freshly grated
- 2/3 cups packed dark brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup safflower oil
- 2/3 cup unsweetened apple juice
- 1 tart cooking apple, unpeeled and finely diced (1 cup)
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts

Preheat oven to 400. Generously butter 12 muffin cups, 2-1/2 inches in diameter, or use paper liners. In a large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder and nutmeg; add brown sugar. In a medium bowl, combine egg, oil and apple juice. Whisk until blended. In a separate medium-sized bowl, toss together apple and cinnamon until evenly coated. Stir in raisins and nuts. Pour egg mixture over sifted dry ingredients and fold lightly, three or four times with a rubber spatula, to partially combine. Add apple mixture and distribute evenly using as few strokes as possible. The batter should not be perfectly smooth.

Divide batter among prepared muffin cups. Bake in middle of oven 23 to 25 minutes, or until tops are golden and spring back when lightly pressed. Let cool in the pan about 2 minutes. Using a blunt knife, ease muffins onto a wire rack and let cool 15 to 20 minutes. Makes 12 muffins.

Stuffed Baked Apples with Vanilla Sauce

Classification: average
Planning: can prepare ahead, Partially
Preparation time: 30 minutes

Servings: 4
Cooking time: 15 minutes
Baking time: 25 minutes

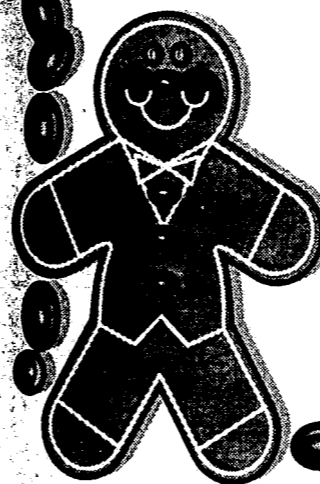
VANILLA SAUCE:

- 3 egg yolks
- 2 TBS sugar
- 1 cup light cream
- 2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup heavy cream, slightly whipped, or frozen whipped topping

APPLES:

- 1/2 cup ground blanched almonds
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 TBS water
- 4 tart apples, peeled and cored
- 1-1/2 tsp butter, melted
- 1/2 cup sifted bread crumbs
- 2 TBS butter

To make vanilla sauce, beat egg yolks and sugar in top of double boiler. Add light cream and cook over simmering water until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add vanilla extract. Cool mixture stirring occasionally. When cool, fold in whipped cream. Chill until ready to serve. To prepare apples, mix ground almonds, sugar and water. Fill apples with almond mixture; roll in melted butter and then in bread crumbs. Place in a nine-inch square baking dish, and dot with 2 tablespoons butter. Bake in a preheated 425 degree oven for 25 minutes. Do not overbake; apples should be firm. Serve hot apples with vanilla sauce which is chilled or at room temperature.





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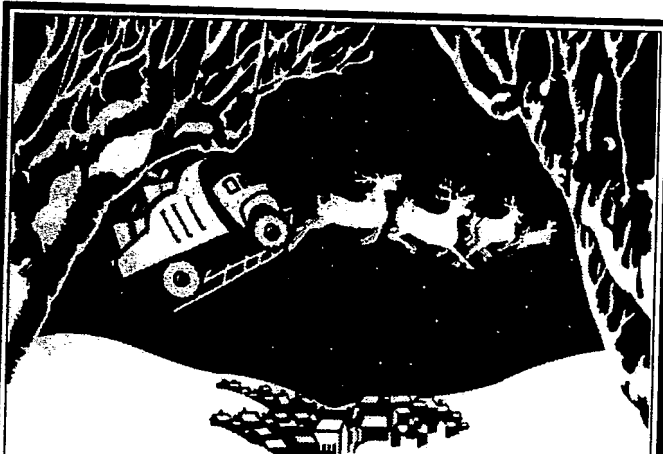
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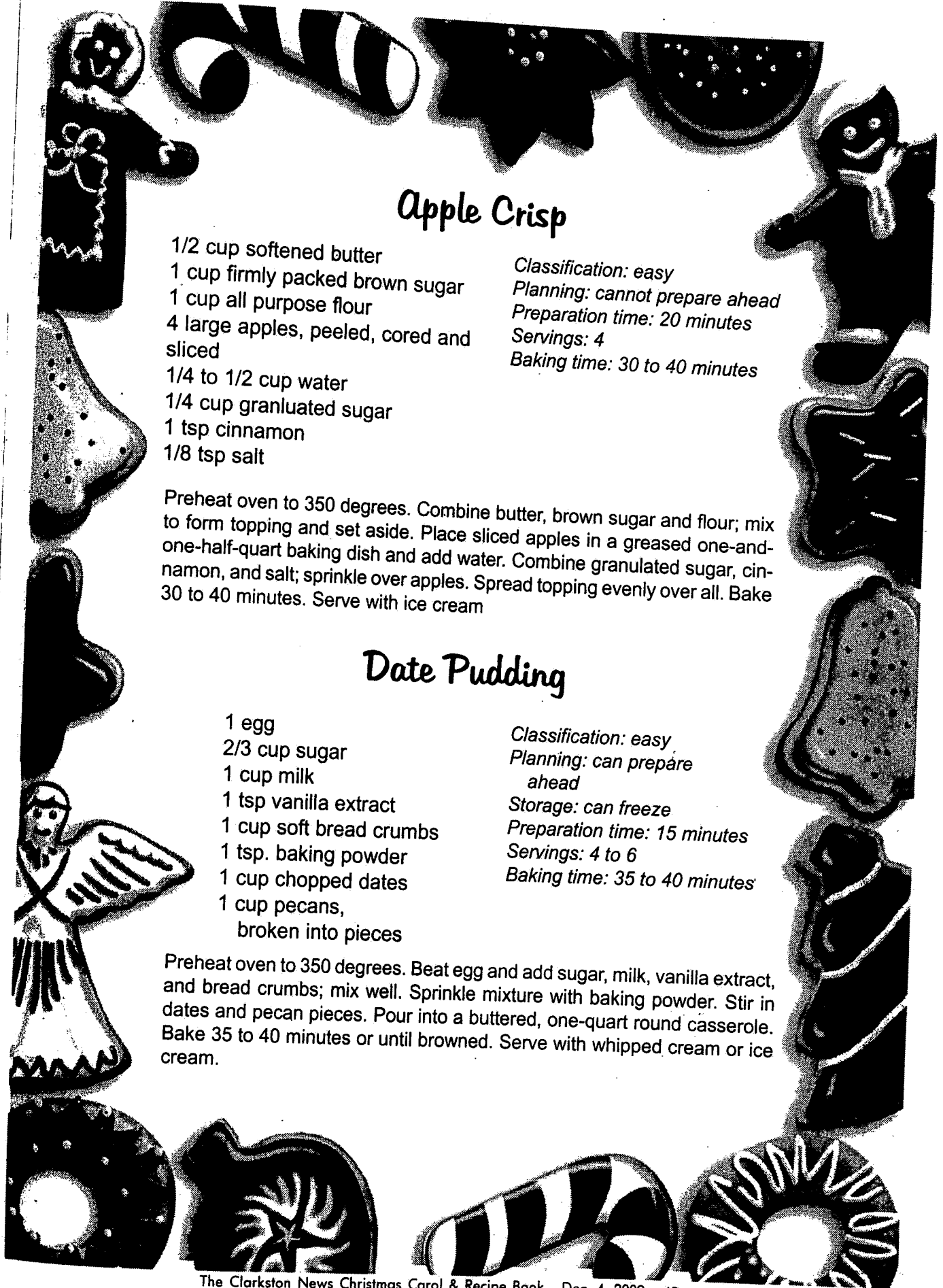


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Apple Crisp

- 1/2 cup softened butter
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
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- 4 large apples, peeled, cored and sliced
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/8 tsp salt

Classification: easy
Planning: cannot prepare ahead
Preparation time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4
Baking time: 30 to 40 minutes

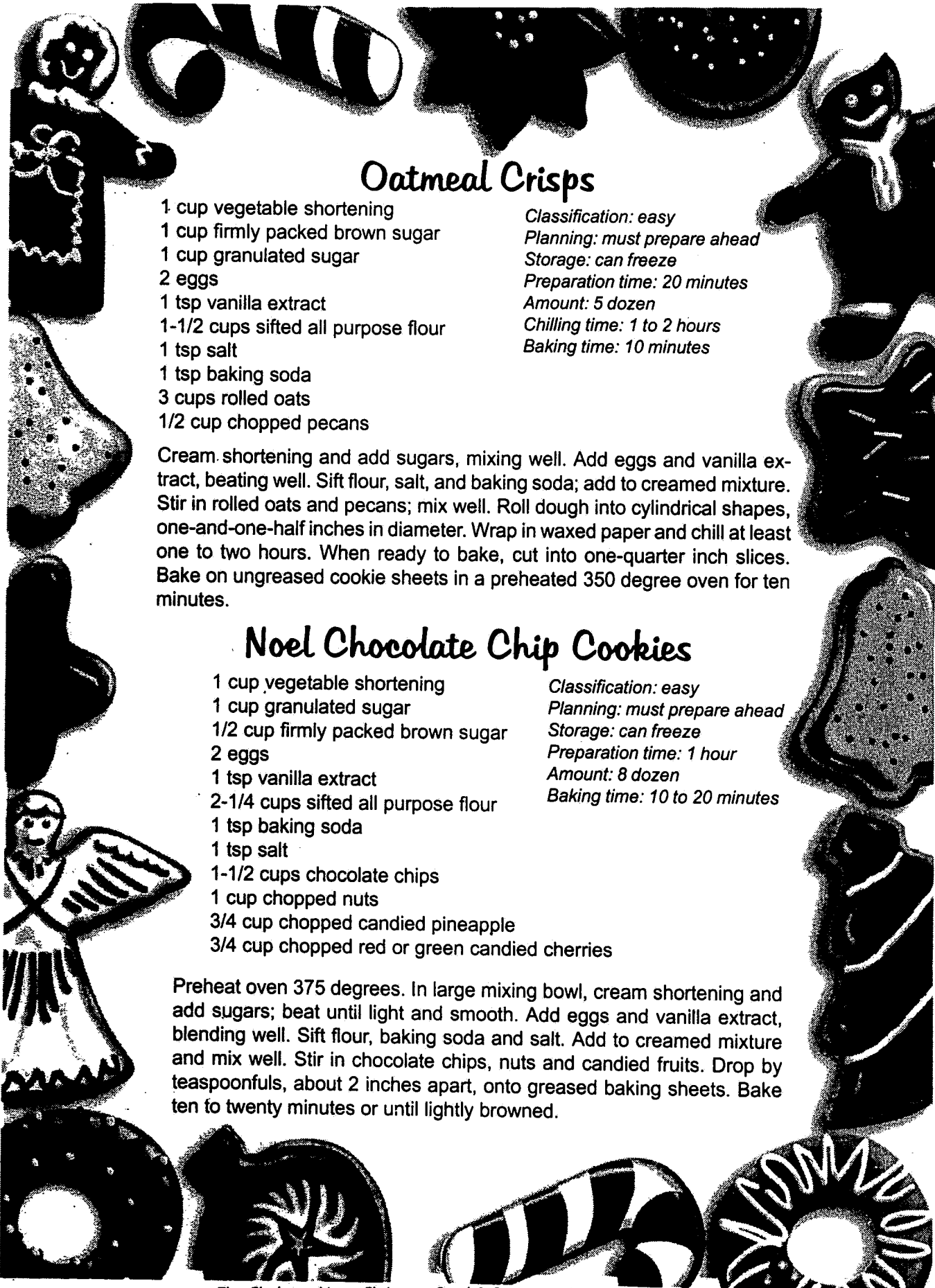
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine butter, brown sugar and flour; mix to form topping and set aside. Place sliced apples in a greased one-and-one-half-quart baking dish and add water. Combine granulated sugar, cinnamon, and salt; sprinkle over apples. Spread topping evenly over all. Bake 30 to 40 minutes. Serve with ice cream

Date Pudding

- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 cup chopped dates
- 1 cup pecans, broken into pieces

Classification: easy
Planning: can prepare ahead
Storage: can freeze
Preparation time: 15 minutes
Servings: 4 to 6
Baking time: 35 to 40 minutes

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat egg and add sugar, milk, vanilla extract, and bread crumbs; mix well. Sprinkle mixture with baking powder. Stir in dates and pecan pieces. Pour into a buttered, one-quart round casserole. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until browned. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream.



Oatmeal Crisps

- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups sifted all purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 3 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans

Classification: easy
Planning: must prepare ahead
Storage: can freeze
Preparation time: 20 minutes
Amount: 5 dozen
Chilling time: 1 to 2 hours
Baking time: 10 minutes

Cream shortening and add sugars, mixing well. Add eggs and vanilla extract, beating well. Sift flour, salt, and baking soda; add to creamed mixture. Stir in rolled oats and pecans; mix well. Roll dough into cylindrical shapes, one-and-one-half inches in diameter. Wrap in waxed paper and chill at least one to two hours. When ready to bake, cut into one-quarter inch slices. Bake on ungreased cookie sheets in a preheated 350 degree oven for ten minutes.

Noel Chocolate Chip Cookies

- 1 cup vegetable shortening
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2-1/4 cups sifted all purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1-1/2 cups chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 3/4 cup chopped candied pineapple
- 3/4 cup chopped red or green candied cherries

Classification: easy
Planning: must prepare ahead
Storage: can freeze
Preparation time: 1 hour
Amount: 8 dozen
Baking time: 10 to 20 minutes

Preheat oven 375 degrees. In large mixing bowl, cream shortening and add sugars; beat until light and smooth. Add eggs and vanilla extract, blending well. Sift flour, baking soda and salt. Add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in chocolate chips, nuts and candied fruits. Drop by teaspoonfuls, about 2 inches apart, onto greased baking sheets. Bake ten to twenty minutes or until lightly browned.

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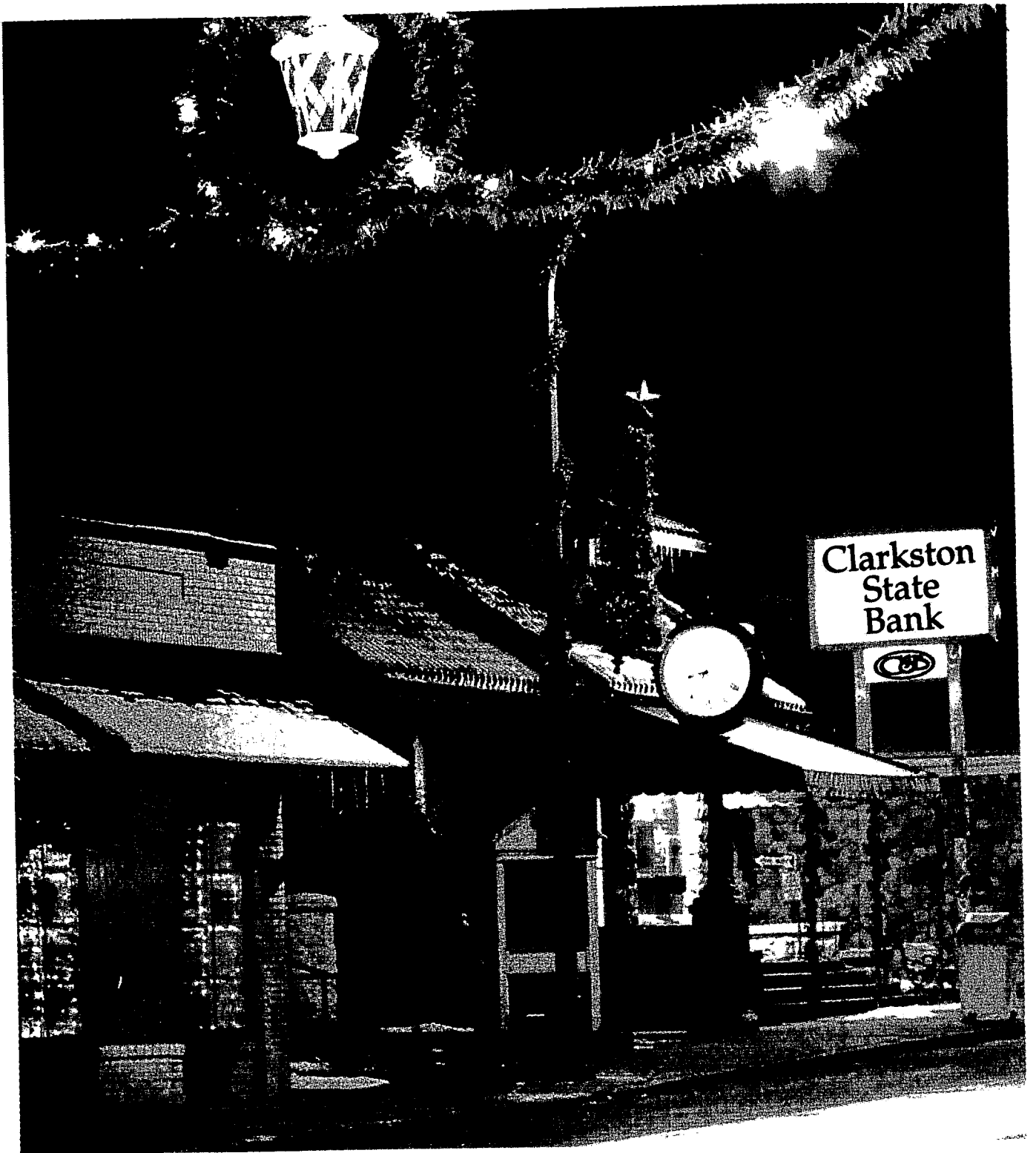
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