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Up from the ashes comes a miracle

Local family thankful for safety

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Miracles do happen.

They come in all forms, and many times amidst a situation that seems dismal and bleak.

On Wednesday, Dec. 4, at approximately 7:10 p.m., Scott and Pauline Mallory's home on Cecelia Ann went up in flames.

According to Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk the cause of the fire was ruled undetermined, but structural damage is estimated at \$100,000 and approximately \$60,000 worth of contents were lost.

Unfortunately, the family did not have renter's insurance on the Cecelia Ann home they have rented from Scott's parents for nearly three years. (The structure was insured, its contents were not.)

However, even through this tough situation, Pauline said, "We're doing remarkably well. I just thank God for the lives of my family."

The Mallorys have four children -- Kayla, 6, Lucy, 5, Andrew, 4 and Jack, 2. There's another little one due in March.

Like the safety of her family, Pauline said there have been many other miracles she has witnessed through this tragedy: such as the portrait of Jesus that hung center on a family room wall in the Mallory's home.

After the fire, the home's walls streaked black soot. Other pictures that hung nearby Jesus were covered in soot

and ruined from water marks. Yet this large picture of Jesus remained untouched. The painting has hung in the home for more than 25 years, when Scott's parents lived there, and it was the second fire it survived.

"You know there is something special about that! It truly is a miracle. It just goes to show who is ruling my life," Pauline, 30, said. "That's why I'm so calm; why I'm so at ease, because I know the Lord is the center of our lives."

She said God plans everything to happen at certain times and for a reason. "(The fire) happened on Wednesday for a reason."

The family regularly attends church at Our Lady of the Lakes in Waterford and is never home on Wednesday nights, which aided in the family's safety in this instance. "Miracles do happen and we're truly living proof," she said.

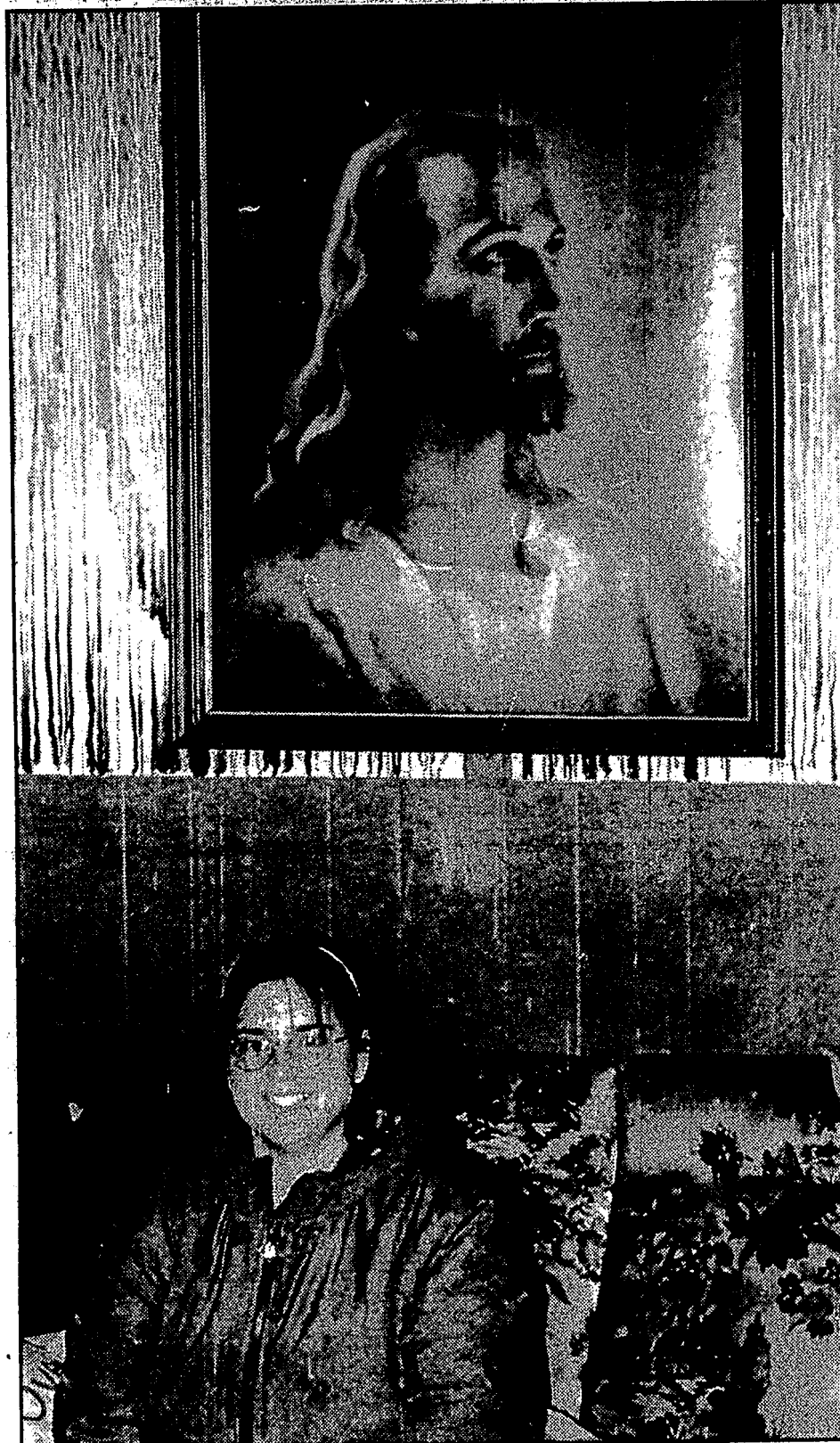
To get the family back on their feet, many in the community are generously providing for the Mallorys in their time of need.

The Independence Township Fire Department is pulling funds from the Firefighters Union and Fireman's Fund to give the Mallorys gift certificates to Kids R Us, Toys R Us, Meijers and much more, to help out with the holidays, Ronk said.

At North Sashabaw Elementary, where the two oldest Mallory children attend, secretary Sherri Summers has been helping gather community support by contacting several local businesses.

Summers' persistence helped find the Mallorys a temporary place to stay. The family had been staying at Pauline's parents home in Waterford, but moved

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Clarkston resident Pauline Mallory sits in front of a portrait of Jesus, miraculously untouched, after a fire blazed through the home. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Best Image Possible

Parents respond to \$78 to \$85 million bond application

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education begin preparing a bond application for a \$78 to \$85 million district plan to eliminate overcrowding, parents have questions.

The board, at their Dec. 9 meeting, authorized Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts to prepare a preliminary bond application to be brought back for board approval at the next meeting, Jan. 13.

But less than a week prior, the schools held two feedback session meetings on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4, to show the public just what they had been planning for the June 9 bond.

With about 40 in the audience each night, all were brought up-to-date on fa-

cility planning, grade reconfiguration, program needs and goals, and funding as well as had time for questions and answers.

Many parents brought up concerns regarding student opportunities, class sizes, attendance boundaries at the elementary level, traffic and budget impact.

Attendee Vicki Roy thought the schools' proposal was good, "But like most things it has its pros and cons. I would like to see if the questions brought up at the meeting will be answered (by the School Board)."

Roy, who has one child at the elementary level and one in middle school, said she is concerned with transporta-

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Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing, informs the public at a special feedback session meeting at Independence Elementary Dec. 4 about the upcoming bond and plan to alleviate overcrowding in the school district. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Briefly

Secondary students honored by Optimists

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club held its second Youth Appreciation Breakfast in as many months Dec. 4 at Liberty Golf and Banquet Center.

This month's breakfast recognized students at the secondary school level. Honored with awards were: Lindsie Blouin, Jenna Leach, Ryan MacWilliams and Andrew Wint, Clarkston Middle School; Molly Horner, Ryan McLatcher, Brett McMillen and Sophie Ness, Sashabaw Middle School; Matt Buchi, Kirk Hanna, Dan Howard, Elizabeth Hunt, Sara Mehaffey, Kourtney McLean, Ryan Parrott and Amanda Walsh, Clarkston High School; Josh Johnson and Katherine Mendiola, Renaissance High School.

On Nov. 13, the Optimists recognized students from elementary schools in the Clarkston district.

Coats for the Cold collection continues

The 2002 Coats for the Cold collection, which includes two local drop-off spots, continues.

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.

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.

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.

Mother arraigned in court on charge of baby death

The 26-year-old Springfield Township woman accused of hiding her pregnancy and leaving her baby to die in a clothes hamper after giving birth faced Judge Nanci Grant of the Oakland County Circuit Court Tuesday, Dec. 3 for an arraignment.

Grant entered a not guilty plea on Carmen Rappuhn's behalf, and scheduled a pretrial for Jan. 28 at 8:30 a.m.

Rappuhn posted 10 percent of her \$5,000 bond, and is on tether and ordered to remain at her mother's Springfield Township home.

She is being charged with manslaughter, which is a reduction by Judge Gerald McNally of the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston from the original charge of second degree murder.

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The Second Front

Lego leaguers from Cedar Crest take top honors

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Their young minds are working overtime. Only fifth grade at Cedar Crest Academy in Clarkston, and they are already thinking of global issues like cleaning up polluted waters, dabbling in computer technology, and becoming young leaders and team players.

And why? Because they are part of the F.I.R.S.T. Lego League, a world wide organization that challenges students to learn programming, robotics construction and innovative problem solving techniques.

The team, led by teacher Jenny Healy, was awarded the Innovation Research Solution Award at a recent competition, taking first place in the presentation category.

"We really had to work hard, but we learned a lot," student Rachel Hanson said. "It's fun. You get to work as a team."

The Lego League creates a challenge for students to solve through the use of robotics and research, Healy explained. Students create a question and solve it through research and the development of robotics.

"Each student plays a vital role in the team's success with the creation of a presentation, technical review, programming and the building of a robot," Healy said.

This year's challenge was called City Sights and students were encouraged to explore the challenges urban planners face every day in order to provide basic services such as clean water, a safe environment, edu-

cation sustainable energy and venues to the inhabitants of a city.

So the leaguers decided they'd attempt to clean the polluted waters of, not just a city, but the country Bel-

In short, but thorough, PowerPoint presentations, a group of students stood before judges in competition sharing facts about Belgium's polluted waters they learned in their research, and how they'd fix the problem.

Both teams decided to build robots with filters, with their own variations, for cleaning the waters.

Next students must demonstrate their solution by building a computer-programmed robot out of Legos, then see if the robot can accomplish specific tasks in two and a half minutes, while gathering points along the way.

The team placed 27th, in this "table" portion of the competition, out of 30 participating teams.

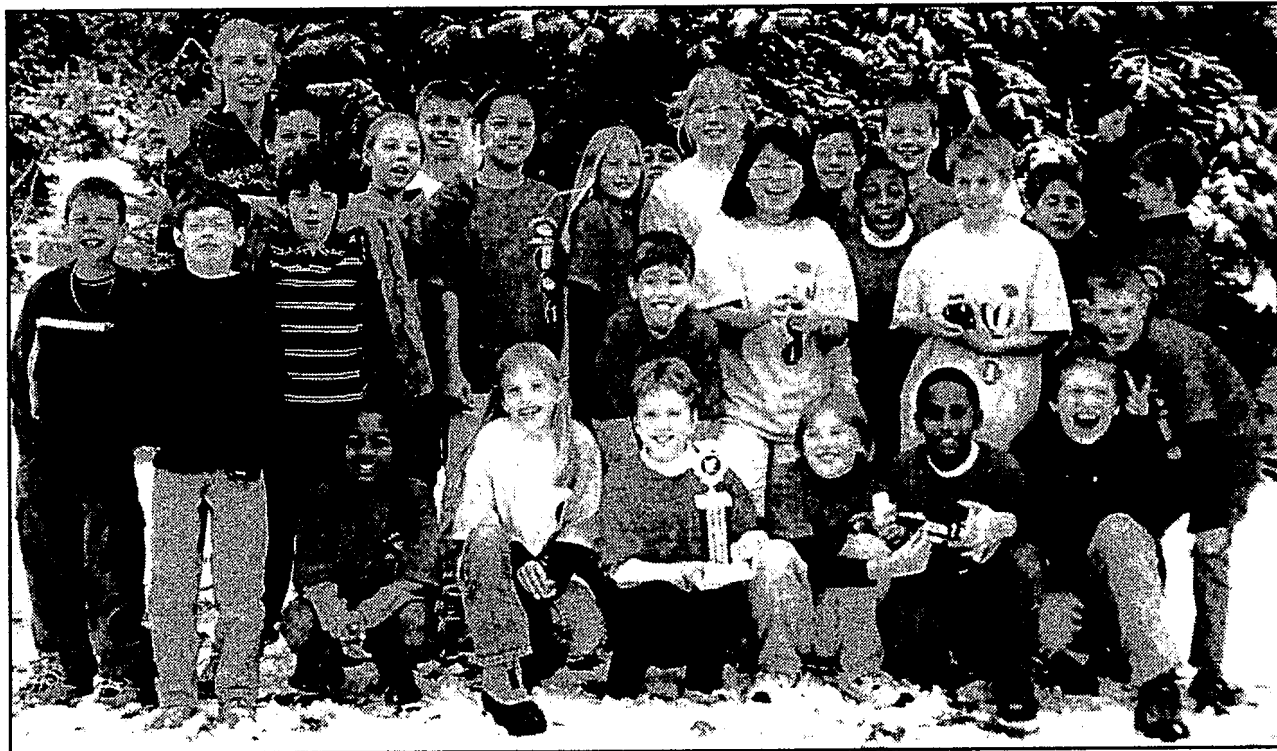
"They had a lot of struggles, but it challenged them and they learned so much," Healy said.

And all the students are ecstatic about taking home a trophy for their presentation.

"When I heard 698, 699 (team numbers in competition). I said 'Yeah!'" leaguer Forrest Rapp said.

Amidst laughs, Hanson said of her very excited teammate Kelly Peters, "She almost deafened me with her scream when we won."

Peer Sarah Novotney said, "The thing about Lego League is it's school, you learn math and science, but it's more fun. It's like school, but not. I don't know why anybody wouldn't want to be in it."



The Cedar Crest Academy Lego League is Lauren Comp, Nathan Cowan, Travis Crimmins, Michael Deibel, Christopher Doig, Max Dorn, Rachel Hanson, Katerina Gawronski, Kierstan Gill, Sanchay Gupta, Analicia Honkanen, Aimee Isham, Carson Johnston, Christopher Julian, Steffen Kachinsky, Ian Lacy, Andrew Lumetta, Morganne Matheis, Jared Minor, Sarah Novotney, Kelly Peters, Forrest Rapp, Devon Seery, Ethan Seery, Garrett Wolf, Caleb Wood and Ryan Zukoff. Here they pose with league leader Jenny Healy and their trophy. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

gium, inspired by fellow Lego leaguer Jorg Lootens' home land.

The group was broken into two teams of 10, dubbed Nitro and Nitro 2. Some of the students focused on preparing presentations, others on building a robot, but all was done with combined brain power.

"This is a child-centered program. We (adults) just guide them a little bit," Healy said.

Kaleidoscope Foundation receives matching donation

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As part of their tax-exempt status, the Modern Woodmen of America have to give back to the communities they serve.

On Dec. 4, Helen Vergin, director of the Kaleidoscope Foundation, based in Springfield Township, was the beneficiary of the Woodmen's generosity.

Jeff Miller of the Modern Woodmen, a matching fraternal life insurance society, presented Vergin with a check for \$5,125 (\$2,500 of which was matching funds) at the Village of Holly municipal offices, to be used for the foundation's building fund.

The society is 120 years old and currently has about 800,000 members in the continental United States. Miller has a Modern Woodmen office based in Fenton.

"We're not a non-profit organization, but we have to give money back to the community," Miller said. "Modern Woodmen pay no federal, state or local income tax. In lieu of this, they have local camps with people involved in the community."

The Woodmen are headquartered in Rock Island, Ill. Each of the society's local camps can match up to \$2,500 per year, and such requests must involve Modern Woodmen members (which Vergin is) and be approved by the main office.

Vergin still hopes to get Kaleidoscope's permanent headquarters built within five years. However, its potential location is still up in the air.

"We're still negotiating with Rose Township and trying to find property in Springfield," she said. "Those are in the center of our service area and have easy



Helen Vergin, director of the Kaleidoscope Foundation, accepts a check for \$5,125 from Jeff Miller of the Modern Woodmen Dec. 4. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

access."

The foundation has organized several other activities this year to help raise money for its building fund:

- "Monday Seniors," a gathering of area senior citizens at 1 p.m. each Monday, featuring cookbook sales, quilt raffle sales, and dinners.

- Its first annual style show as well as the Rose Hill Center Craft Show in May.

- A September auction and a garage sale each month from March-September.

- Sales of cookbooks and tickets at the Davisburg Expo in June and the "Concert in the Park" series at Depot Park in Clarkston in July, as well as quilt raffle tickets at the Novi Sewing Expo in September.

- Sponsorship of a car show at the Oakland County 4-H Fair in July.

The townships which the foundation serves are also doing their part to help out Kaleidoscope. The foundation's cookbooks can be found at the following locations: McKay's in Holly; the White Lake Township office; the Highland Township office; the Springfield Township Library; the Groveland Township office; and the Independence Township office.

For more information on the Kaleidoscope Foundation, visit their Web site at www.kaleidoscopefoundationmichigan.org.

Resident tells board public access is inadequate

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston resident Cathy Shafran is looking to raise awareness to what she perceives as inadequate public access television.

The six year Clarkston resident addressed the Independence Township Board on Dec. 4 urging them to improve public access.

"To my bewilderment the channels sit nearly dormant. I don't understand it," Shafran said.

There are three local community public access channels on the local cable. There is one station for Independence Township government, one education channel for the schools and a regular public access channel for those in the community who wish to produce a program.

Shafran also sent letters to members of the township trustees and school board to raise awareness in the issue.

"We have a school system that's eager to share a myriad of programs and activities with its community. The school has invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in state-of-the-art technology that has prepared it for disseminating video programming. We have a township that has suffered a second millage defeat with residents seeing only a cash cow because of the lack of dissemination of information about the crucial items included," Shafran said. "And the cable channels, which could play a vital role in all these efforts, still sit virtually silent."

According to Clarkston Schools Director of Marketing and Communications Anita Banach, the education channel is currently a message board with a powerpoint type presentation with information such as school phone numbers.

"That is definitely something I would like to improve," Banach said. "At my previous district we had a lot on the station and people eventually tuned in. It was a real informative source."

According to Township Clerk Joan McCrary, a

Editor's note: In next week's Clarkston News we will look further into public access television in Independence Township: what are the current shows, how to get involved and what do other communities have will be looked at.

portion of resident cable bills goes towards funding the channels. The township board meetings are broadcast on the government channel.

The township is currently in negotiations with Comcast.

As of press time, Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart did not return numerous phone calls by *The Clarkston News*.

The three channels are broadcast out of the Comcast building on Waldon Road and are under the eye of Access Coordinator Andy Reish.

"We rely on volunteers and we do as much as we possibly can," Reish said. "We have a tremendous show called 'Perspective' which is basically talk radio on television. We have had everybody on that show from David Bonior to Joan McCrary. It is very politically minded. We had the seniors who were attempting to pass the new senior center come on that show."

Shafran is disappointed in the lack of reaction from both the schools and the township. She is committed to not letting this topic die. Shafran has lived in Clarkston for six years and has experience in television as a journalist for Channel 12 in Flint.

"I sent them a heart-felt letter about the pure waste of a resource we have in this community. I raised three questions to them at this board meeting and they didn't respond at all," Shafran said. "Nobody from the

school has responded either. This issue will not go away. To me, the local cable channels are as much a community resource as Depot Park or the Clarkston High School pool or the signs that remind us that Clarkston Fall Fun Daze are coming."

In her letter, Shafran also pointed out she was disappointed by the broadcast of material so offensive that her neighbors block the channel so their children can't see it. These programs are on the regular public access station.

"Whatever we put on we are not going to satisfy everybody," Reish said. "Probably not a lot of people want religion programming on Thursday but when you take volunteers from the community that is what happens. I usually do not say no to anybody."

Clarkston High School Academic Achiever

Name: Beth Randall

GPA: 4.0

Plans after graduation: University of Michigan; undecided on studies

High school involvement: three years of swimming, three years of gymnastics, in fourth year of track

Honors: Scholar Athlete Award, and state qualifier for the 300 hurdles in track

Community involvement: a part of the Leadership Team for the Clarkston United Methodist youth group whose activities include "Righteous Mission" and "Rake-a-Difference."

Favorite High School memory: competing in sports and creating close friendships will all of my teammates.



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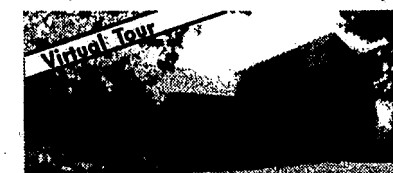
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Heart of Clarkston parade set for second year

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is set to celebrate the season with the 2nd Annual Heart of Clarkston parade on Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m.

The parade is going to feature approximately 40 entries this year, compared with 26 entries last year.

"The parade was very successful last year and we had a very good response," Chamber Director Penny Shanks said. "It was a positive experience. We had between 5,000 and 6,000 people view the parade. We received a lot of thank you letters. It absolutely hit a nerve with the community and they really liked it."

The idea of the Heart of Clarkston parade came from a strategic planning session by the Chamber. They were looking to identify what draws people to Clarkston and how to expand on that.

"We thought it was a sense of community, family and hometownness. With our growth we are at a threat to lose that identity if we don't have activities to draw the community together," Shanks said. "We came up with the heart of Clarkston which represents community, family and charity. We saw there was nothing in the months of December and January time frame

We would like to increase the size and we think it definitely will. The word is out that the parade is a cool place to be. It should be a fun evening for the entire family.

Penny Shanks, Clarkston Area Chamber

so we decided on the parade."

A special part of this year's parade is the children of SCAMP coming back and participating in the parade. The group has 40 Scampers returning to take part. The members will be escorted in Tyke Engres' own horse and wagon.

This is the first time SCAMP has had this type of reunion.

"We really wanted them to get back together," SCAMP media coordinator Michelle Cotter said. "And it being the holiday season is a great time to do it."

The Scampers will be handing out candy canes to the audience.

"Everybody is looking forward to it. It is really

exciting and should be really fun," Cotter said.

The Chamber is looking for 6,000 to 8,000 people to attend the parade.

"We would like to increase the size and we think we definitely will. The word is out that the parade is a cool place to be. It should be a fun evening for the entire family," Shanks said.

The parade starts at the Community Education Center on Church Street and runs down Main Street to Miller.

There will be middle school and high school student singing groups caroling before the parade throughout the route.

Organizations plan online calendar

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Independence Township will combine their resources with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and the Clarkston School District to develop a community calendar online.

The Independence Township Board passed a measure at their Dec. 3 meeting approving the concept and initial funding for the online calendar. The design and building cost is \$3,000, while the maintenance in the first year will cost \$900. Each of the three organizations will contribute \$1,300.

"It will be valuable. You can look at Sept. 3 and see the township offices are closed that day because

it is Labor Day," Clerk Joan McCrary said.

In the recent past, the township and the chamber have combined to print a community calendar. However, due to budget constraints, the township decided they could not produce the calendar this year. That is when they decided to attempt an online form.

"I think this is a great way to get information out to the public," Township Treasurer Jim Wenger said. "My only concern is we constantly keep it updated or else it is useless."

The township also plans to have printed pages of the online calendar available to residents who are not connected to the Internet.

Look for parade pictures in The Clarkston News next week.



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Opinion

Into the great wide open

There was an old fashioned rock n' roll show which took place at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday night.

Mr. Tom Petty brought along his Heartbreakers to metro Detroit and performed at a feverish pitch.

I often rail about the current state of rock n' roll. Having groups such as Creed, GreenDay and Sugar Ray passing themselves off as rock bands and being commercially successful is depressing at best.

It is obvious that I was born in the wrong musical era. My compact disc rack is filled with the likes of The Rolling Stones, Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band and Aerosmith. However, during my formative years bands such as Fine Young Cannibals, INXS and Mr. Big were topping the charts.

The notable exception, of course, was The Black Crowes who hit the mainstream when I was in middle school and remained a heavy influence in my music listening until their unfortunate breakup last year (thank you very much Kate Hudson). Indeed, when the "most rock n' roll, rock n' roll band" decided to hang it up, the genre took a hit.

However, by attending Tom Petty's concert last Saturday night I was able to turn back the clock and enjoy a good, old fashioned rock n' roll show.

My first clue this was going to be a good night occurred as soon as I walked through the Palace doors. No I did not receive a Tom Petty bobblehead, but rather saw one Gary Graff mingling amongst the crowd. Now when the rock n' roll insider makes an appearance you know a great show will soon follow.

The opening act was Jackson Browne who left a lot to be desired. Yet, I strangely enough enjoyed hearing "Running on Empty" as the anticipation to see Petty intensified.

Then Petty came out and blew the roof off the Palace. The rock icon played such classics as "Free Falling", "Won't Back Down" and "Mary Jane's Last Dance" while also pulling out the more obscure tune such as "Yer So Bad." While his new compact disc, "The Last DJ," is not as powerful as some of his other releases it translates much better live than it does on the compact disc.

Petty had a lot of energy throughout the show. He was all over the stage jamming on his guitar and keeping a running conversation with the enthusiastic crowd.

Petty once again showed why he was one of the greatest rock stars of our time. If you are a rock music fan he is definitely a must see.

Sadly Petty is getting up there in age and one can only guess how much longer he will be bringing his old school rock on the road. Hopefully someone will step up and fill the void of all these rock stars who are in the twilight of their careers.

We can only wait.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Goodfellows thank all who supported drive

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to sincerely thank all of those who so generously donated during the 52nd Annual Goodfellow's Newspaper sales this past weekend, Dec. 6 and Dec. 7. The spirit of the donors was encouragement for those collecting in the cold winter winds, not only for their contributions, but also for their expressed appreciation for the Shoes for Kids program.

One hundred percent of all donations collected will be used to purchase new shoes and boots, hats, mittens and gloves for community children. On Dec. 14, the Clarkston Rotary will host 354 children at Church of the Resurrection.

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to express its gratitude and appreciation by acknowledging the following for the success of this year's program:

• A special thank you to *The Clarkston News*, Jim Sherman, and Don Rush, editor, and their staff for preparation and publication of the Goodfellows Edition. *The Clarkston News* has donated the special newspaper for the last 13 years.

• Machine Engineering employees for their extra efforts in selling papers. They have continued to support this program and its success for the past 13 years.

• Cub Scout Pack No. 314, Boy Scout Troop No.

199 and their leaders for braving the cold and selling papers in front of local grocery stores.

• Clarkston Interact Club members for also selling in front of local groceries.

• Sashabaw Middle School Student Council for their generous donation.

• City of Clarkston DPW for providing warm space for the Goodfellows headquarters.

• To the many friends and family members of the Clarkston Rotary Club who so generously gave their time and energy in selling newspapers.

• Church of the Resurrection for hosting the annual Shoes for Kids distribution.

• Mr Alan's Shoes of Redford, Jason Riegle, store manager, and its store volunteers for bringing the shoes and boots to Clarkston for distribution.

• To the local elementary schools and area churches for hosting a hat, mittens and gloves collection Christmas tree.

Finally, thanks again to all who gave donations for the Shoes for Kids program and especially to those who gave so generously.

Joel DeLong, Lu Hewko and Mary Sloan
Goodfellows Co-Chairs
Clarkston Rotary Club

Fire marshal urges responsibly

(Editor's note: In light of the large number of local house fires from unattended burning candles in recent years, Greg Olrich, fire marshal of the Independence Township Fire Department, felt led to write.)

Place yourself in these settings for a moment and see if this could happen to you?

•**Scenario one:** You've just lit a tea candle in your living room because you enjoy the ambiance it provides. Now it's time to exercise in the next room on your treadmill. It seems you've just begun when you notice what appears to be smoke coming from the living room. You immediately go to investigate and find your couch is involved in fire.

How could this happen, you think, the candle you lit was in the glass tulip that came with it? It wasn't near any drapes or dried flowers, but now your new couch is going up in flames, and your entire home is threatened. You call 911 and get out of the house. As every second passes the blaze increases. The picture window in your living room breaks from the intense heat as the Fire Department arrives to extinguish the blaze.

•**Scenario two:** It's the holiday and you've just finished decorating and the place looks great. You love the holidays with the ornaments and Christmas tree and sweet smelling candles. You light a few candles and turn the lighting down low. Perfect.

You need to run to the store for some egg nog. Being cautious you run around the house blowing out those candles, but unknown to you, the candle on the coffee table is still burning in the middle of that beautiful dried flower arrangement. When you arrive back home the Fire Department is already there cleaning up after extinguishing the fire that spread to your coffee table and up the wall. Fortunately your fire alarm system is monitored by an alarm company who called 911. The firefighters inform you that the candle ignited the dried flowers, which spread through the room.

•**Scenario three:** You lose power. How frustrating. But, might as well make the best of it. You go throughout the house to light just enough candles to be

able to move around the house without stumbling over everything. You've placed out a lot of candles, but you're being cautious, all is away from combustibles and on saucers.

When you leave, the candles are blown out. At least you think all were blown out. When you return home, you notice a faint flickering in your front window. Your power is still out, what could that be? You aren't aware of it but a fire has been burning out of control in the basement. As you make an attempt to put out the fire upstairs you are unaware the floor is about to collapse. The fire spreads quickly, the Fire Department arrives but is hampered by the fact there are no hydrants. They must truck all the water to the site. And this fire is large, the structure is fully engulfed.

What is the most common thread with these fires?

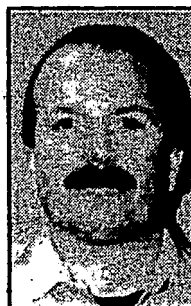
They have all happened in this community, and many more, all attributed to the use of candles. There have been more than \$750,000 property loss over the last few years alone. And many such fires caused by candles go undetermined, due to the fact that the remnants of the candle can be completely consumed.

There have been extensive studies done since the mid-80s, the most recent study completed in 1998, that clearly indicates candle fires have skyrocketed in the last 10 years. It's not that candles are any more dangerous than they ever were, it's just the fact their use has increased fivefold.

There are many factors that effect the efficient use of candles. Why even placing them too close to your heat registers have an enormous effect on the way they burn and their duration. And how about what is under that candle? Is the base it is sitting on noncombustible? Many are foam. Did you know there is no standard regulating the bases they sit upon? In fact, in scenario one, we felt the cause of the candle escaping from the glass tulip was the result of the candle flame impinging on the untempered glass which fractured allowing the candle to roll onto the sofa.

There are twice as many candle fires in December than any other month. Think about it, where,

Please see safety on page 19



Greg Olrich

Fruitcake and Santa rule!

I just can't escape the far-reaching grasp of fruitcake . . .

Oxford resident, and Pontiac Civitan Club member, Merle Smith, contacted me about last week's disparaging remarks on fruitcake.

"Dear Mr. Rush,

"I appreciated your column about fruitcake -- even the negative aspects of it. Any publicity, even negative, is welcome.

"For your information the Pontiac Civitan Club supplies Oxford area banks and merchants with fruitcake during the holiday season. Each year, the club is able to raise from \$5,000-\$6,000.

"One hundred percent of the profits go to local groups such as Crossroads for Youth, FISH and the Oxford Senior Citizen center. Camperships for developmentally disabled children are made possible through our donations to SCAMP.

"So add to your list that buying a fruitcake for any purpose provides some help for those in need."

Merle also sent along where these tasty (?) treats can be found: T&C Credit Union, Lake Orion; National City bank, Lake Orion; Lakes Community Credit Union, Lake Orion; Harvest Time, Oxford; Mike's All World Market, Oxford; Bank 1, Oxford, and all Oxford Banks and Oxford Lakes Dental Care.

Thanks, Merle. Happy holidays!

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Ah, to be young and in awe of the big guy in red.

Last weekend I took the lads to see Santa -- for the second time. Shamus, 5, has really wanted to see that right jolly ol' elf a second time, to tell his Christmas wish-list. On the first attempt, in Goodrich, Shamus hopped up on the big guy's lap and froze.

"What would you like for Christmas, young man?" the bearded one asked.

Shamus put his right hand to his forehead, squeezed his eyes shut and pushed his lips together tight. Then shook his head, shrugged his shoulders and said, "I don't know."



don
rush
don't rush me

"Well, just tell your parents and have them write it down and send it to me," Santa improvised, as he pushed the silent Shamus off, and waved in the next kid: two-and-a-half-year-old Sean, who decided he wasn't sure about Santa, and thought it better to cover his ears and cower behind me as not to see Papa Noel.

Round 2 was in Oxford's Centennial Park a few days after Santa left Goodrich. Shamus was psyched. He was ready to tell Santa he wanted some Hot Wheels and an electric guitar. Sean, well he didn't want to be within 12 feet of anybody wearing a red suit and pointy hat. But, Shamus couldn't wait to redeem himself.

After a little girl who was on Santa's lap jumped off, Shamus, with a sense of urgency about him, all business like, climbed up on that big, warm lap.

Shamus smiled.

Santa smiled.

"Santa," Shamus asked, "do you have a TV?"

"Yes," Santa answered, "Now what do you want for Christmas?"

Shamus' smiling face turned into something, stiff, expressionless, blank -- he sort'a resembled Al Gore for a moment. He put his right hand to his forehead, squeezed his eyes shut and pushed his lips together tight. Then shook his head, shrugged his shoulders.

What played through my mind was the scene from the movie "A Christmas Story." The scene when little nine-year-old Ralphie Parker gets his shot to tell Santa he wanted a Red Rider BB gun with a compass in the stock. Ralphie, like Shamus (or vice-versa) froze.

In the movie Ralphie comes to his senses, tells Santa, to which Santa replies, "You'll shoot your eye out kid."

In Centennial Park, Santa waited patiently then told Shamus to have his parents write out his list and send it to the North Pole.

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When asked if he wanted to see Santa, Sean turned his head and said, "No."

Comments for Don can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

A look back

The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■After four months of waiting, Treasurer John Lutz was relieved to hear Independence Township finally may receive \$63,000 in interest that was due last summer. State Treasurer Robert Bowman was expected to sign an agreement accepting a settlement with the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of about 60 municipalities, including Independence Township.

■A \$23.8 million amended budget for the 1987-88 school year was approved 6-0 by the Clarkston Community School Board. The budget covers expenditures for instruction, administration and transportation for 6,051 students, as well as money for food, maintenance, athletics and other areas, according to William Jackson, business manager for the district.

■A \$20,000 problem delayed final site plan approval Dec. 10 for a hardware store on M-15 in Independence Township. A sewer extension to the site at the southeast corner of M-15 and Northview Drive, estimated to cost \$20,000, may be required by the township Department of Public Works (DPW), according to township engineer Dave Lakin of Hubbell, Roth and Clark.

25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■School officials proudly hauled out the results of statewide testing Monday -- results that showed Clarkston school children ranked among the highest for basic reading and math skills for 1977. Results of the September testing for the Michigan Educational Assessment program show Clarkston fourth and seventh grade students consistently scored higher than state averages.

■Springfield Township has hired Sharon Bunting as deputy treasurer to assist Patricia Kramer with her duties. The hiring is in compliance with the June 1977 state mandate that local governmental bodies must hire deputy treasurers on a year round basis. According to Supervisor Collin Walls, the township, in the past, has hired extra help during tax time only.

■In a wide ranging session Monday night, the Clarkston Village Council discussed animal control and truck ordinances, snow removal problems, the request for street lights on Middle Lake Road and the two-way communications problem with the Independence Township Building Department.

50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■On Friday evening and all day Saturday the Clarkston Rotarians will sell their Goodfellow papers. This will be the thirteenth time the Rotarians have conducted this sale to raise money to give the children of this community a treat on Christmas Eve and also to help those in the area who have had misfortunes. The Rotarians will work in shifts under the direction of Byron Nolan.

■Mrs. Robert Waters and her crew of voluntary worker are to be congratulated. A total of 95 percent of the United Fund Goal has been reached and the campaign has been closed. The committee held its final meeting and elected the following officers for the new year: chairman, Herben Beach; secretary, Arthur Rose Jr.; treasurer, Robert L. Jones; budget director, Floyd Andrews.

■The following items were on special at Terry's Market in Clarkston: smoked picnics, 38 cents/lb.; Birdseye orange juice, three cans for 49 cents; Franco American spaghetti, two cans for 25 cents; butter, 72 cents; Florida oranges, full of juice, three dozen for one dollar.

Christmas was, and is, my holiday

December, 1985 I wrote:

Readers who have followed Jottings for a couple Christmases know how much I like the season.

I like the shopping (spending), I like the giving. I like the partying. I like it to be snowing and I try to smile through the whole thing. Surprising; however, during the Christmas shopping rush I often find few are smiling.

I start early, like the first of November asking the family for their lists. I do not like buying something that may not be wanted. This, because my dad's criticism of Christmas gift giving is imbedded in my mind: Why spend money you don't want to spend on gifts someone doesn't want to receive?

Mother's influence proved stronger then and now, so I read the earliest catalogs, browse through stores and think a lot about both practical and impractical gifts.

Coming up with a gift that's useless, but funny, can be more enjoyable than giving a bauble, a VCR or a major personal thing.

At least it's more fun for me, because I never feel a gift is adequate. No matter what I spend, or how many gifts I buy, on Christmas morning when the family starts tearing and tossing, I shrink from a feeling of not having done enough.

It's the same way at work. Never do I feel the Christmas checks are enough. And, while employees are always grateful and expressive, I wish I could have done more.

That is my low of the season. Those gift-presenting times when I wish I'd done more.

My high is the tree.

Jim's
Jottings



Jim Sherman

I've always initiated the tree purchase and decorating. This year I put just about every decoration we've accumulated in over 36 years of marriage on the tree.

A casual observer can't tell if the tree is Scotch Pine or Maple. They can tell it's Christmas. The smell is there, the lights are there and the human spirit is there.

Soon the gifts will be there, and Christmas morning the family will be there.

* * *

December, 2002

In December, 1985 grandson Dan was the only real child present, and he was six months old. This December 25 we'll have Dan, Karen, 14, Savanna, 7 and twins Trevor and Haley, 3. The latter two will get the most attention. That's just the way it is.

Trevor will tear and smile at toys and frown at clothes. Haley will smile at everything she receives. I'm told that, too, is just the way it is between boys and girls.

I put up another live tree the day after Thanksgiving. Hazel the last couple years wanted live trees instead of boxed. Live trees drop needles, but they certainly smell better.

Two days later I had two joke, I hope, gifts in the tree. I've been promised lists and daughter-in-law Linda is chomping at the bit to let me take her shopping. Daughters Susan and Luan won't be far behind.

We've often been reminded that there are fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, but I'll bet we'll all have time to buy something for those we love and for some charitable giving.

Merry Christmas, everyone!

Best Image Possible

Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sunday, Dec. 8, unlawful driving away of an automobile on Dixie. An employee at a grocery store reported his 1989 Ford Escort was stolen from the parking lot of his employer.

Larceny of an unattended snow board on Pine Knob. Medicals on Bristol Park, Allen and Pine Knob. Personal injury accidents on Sashabaw and Waldon, and I-75 at Sashabaw.

Saturday, Dec. 7, malicious destruction of property to vehicles on Spring Lake and Adderstone. Windows were smashed out in both instances.

Disorderly person on Dixie. A 56-year-old man was cited for causing a disturbance at a store. The man allegedly picked up merchandise and threw it on the floor, was talking loudly, banging on windows and causing more ruckus.

Larceny of an unattended snowboard on Pine Knob. Personal injury accident on Dixie.

Medicals on Maple, Cramlane and Mann.

Friday, Dec. 6, malicious destruction of property on Flemings Lake. An unknown person poured an unknown substance in the complainant's gas tank.

A 33-year-old man on Oakvista was arrested for a domestic assault against his girlfriend.

Personal injury accident on Maybee at Pine Knob.

Investigation on Deer Lake. Medicals on Dixie, Fox Chase Lane and Newport. **Thursday, Dec. 5,** larceny of a snowblower from a group home on Whipple Lake.

Threats/harassment on Mountain View Trail. A 37-year-old woman reported her ex-husband continuously threatens her.

Medicals on Sashabaw, Flemings Lake, Clintonville, Hadley, S. Hampton, Dixie and Pine Knob. Building fire on Oak Park.

Automatic alarm on Clintonville. **Wednesday, Dec. 4,** larceny of a snowmobile trailer and two snowmobiles on Syracuse Avenue.

Burglary at a sports store on Pelton. The front door was broken by two rocks. Several snowboards were stolen.

Automatic alarms on N. Main and Dixie. Medical on Whipple Lake. Personal injury accident on I-75 at Clarkston.

Tuesday, Dec. 3, malicious destruction of property and larceny of gas at a business on White Lake. An unknown person forced entry through a front security gate and then stole gas from the gas pumps.

Disorderly conduct on Dixie. A 19-year-old man was cited for "mooning" several vehicles while stopped at traffic lights.

Malicious destruction of property on Pelton. An un-

known person drove across a yard, running over illuminated reindeer decorations.

Carbon monoxide investigation on Maple. Building fire on Maybee. Personal injury accident on Ortonville and I-75.

Monday, Dec. 2, identity fraud on Knollwood Court. A woman reported someone fraudulently used her cell phone.

Building fire on Washington. Medicals on Indianwood, Dora Lane, Fox Creek, Mann and Woodlane.

Personal injury accidents on Sashabaw at Stickney, White Lake at Mustang, and Sashabaw at Parkcrest.

Springfield Township

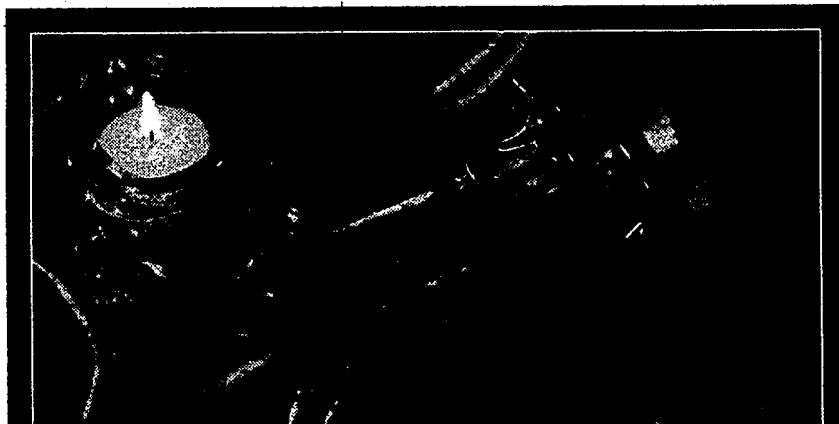
Sunday, Dec. 8, family trouble between a husband and wife on Cherrywood.

Domestic assault on Bluewater between a 23-year-old woman and her 45-year-old mother.

Friday, Dec. 6, simple assault and battery between juveniles on Oakhill. The mother of a seven-year-old boy reported her son came home from school with a bloody lip. A nine-year-old boy allegedly elbowed the younger boy on the school bus.

Identity fraud on Orchard Ridge. The complainant stated he received a letter from a credit agency that he applied for credit, though he did not.

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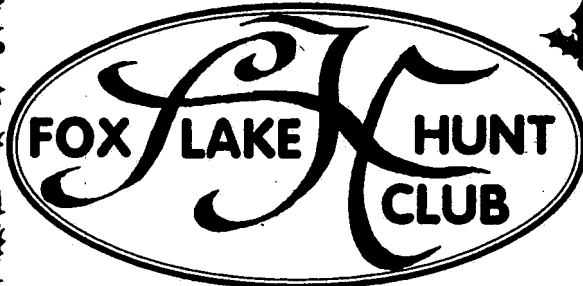
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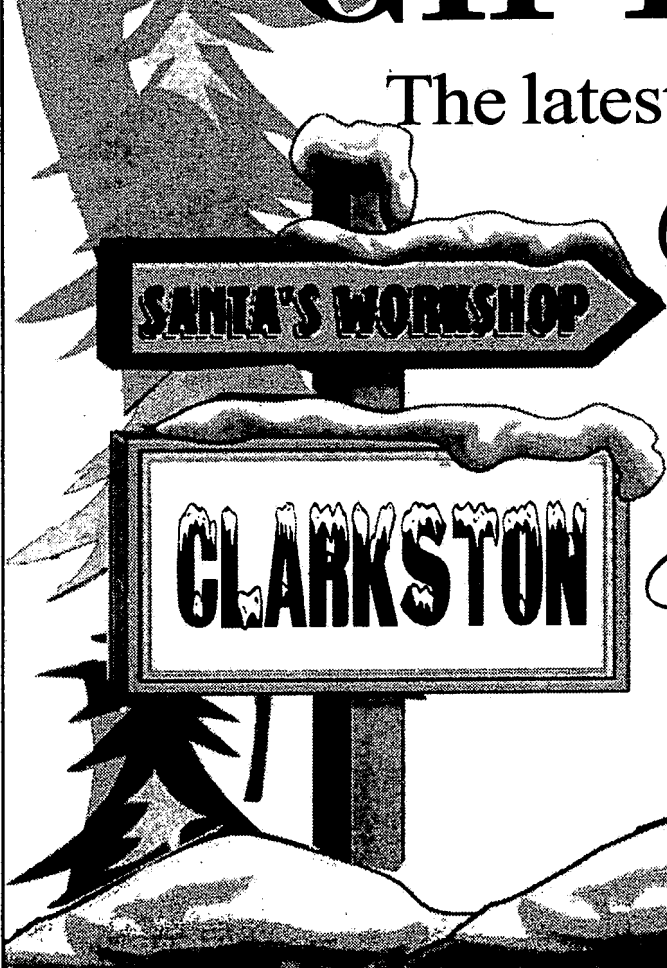
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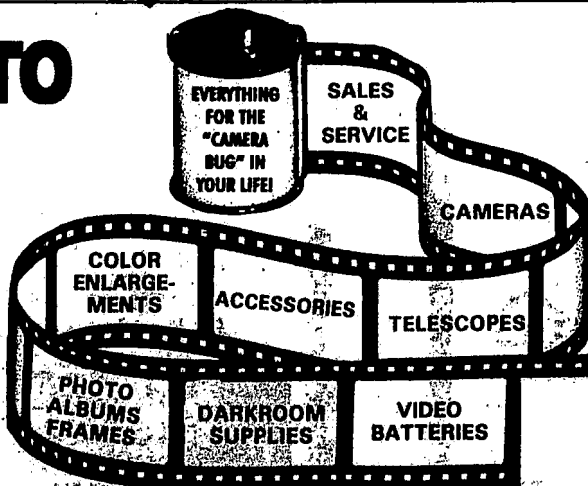
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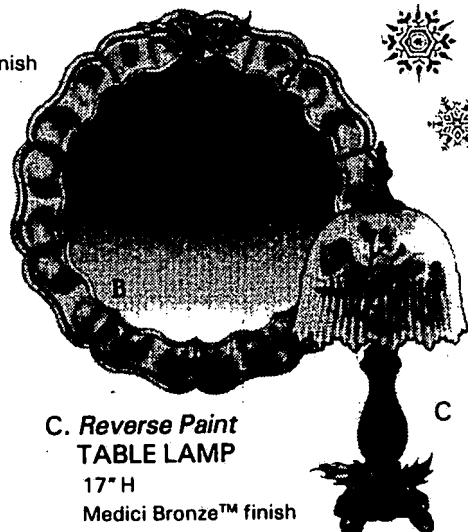
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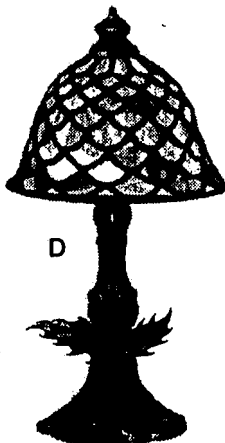
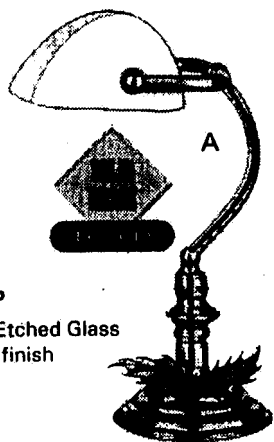


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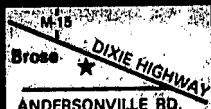


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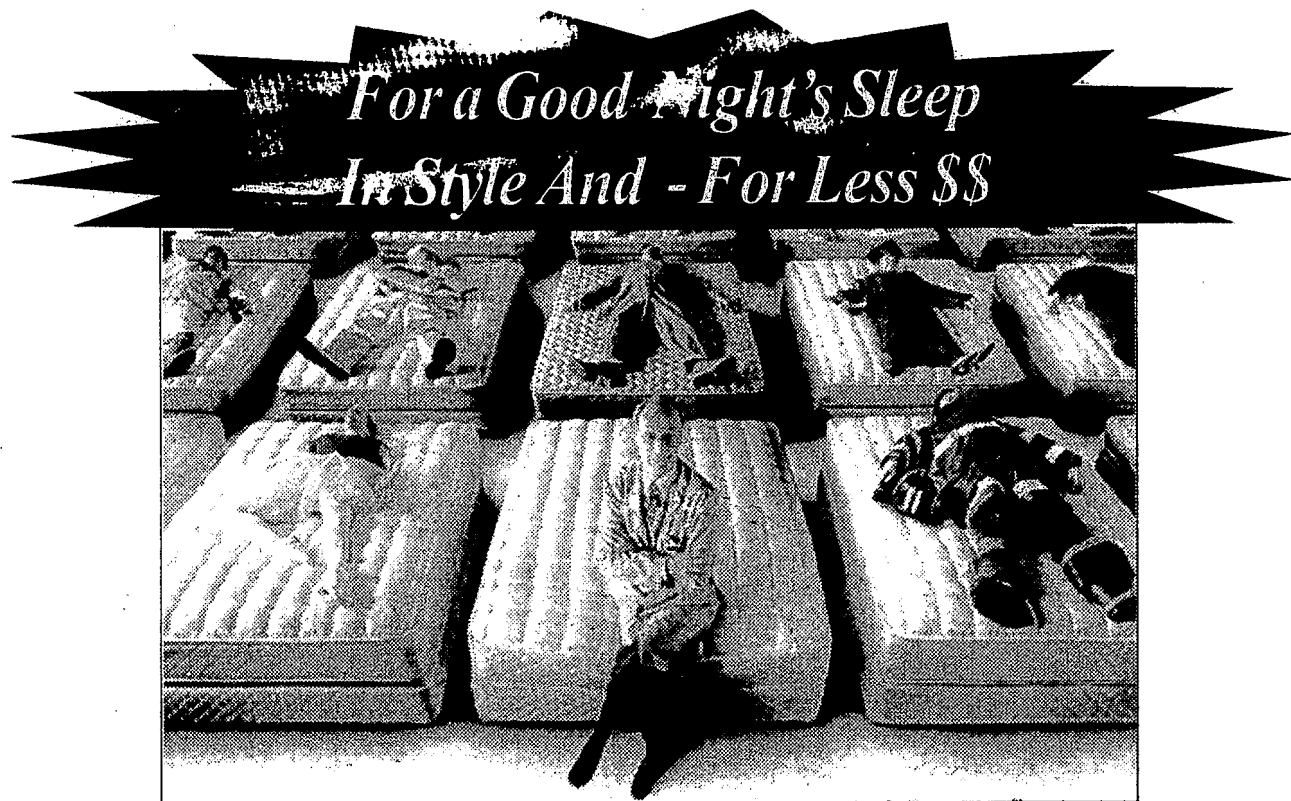
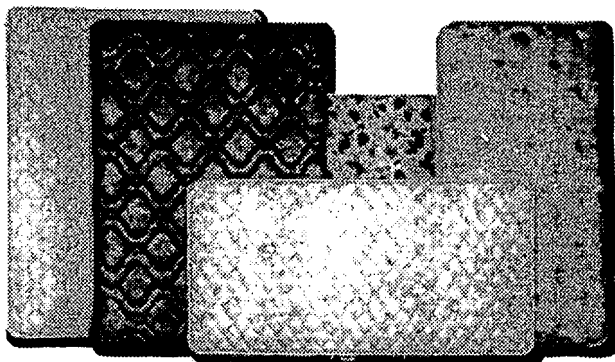
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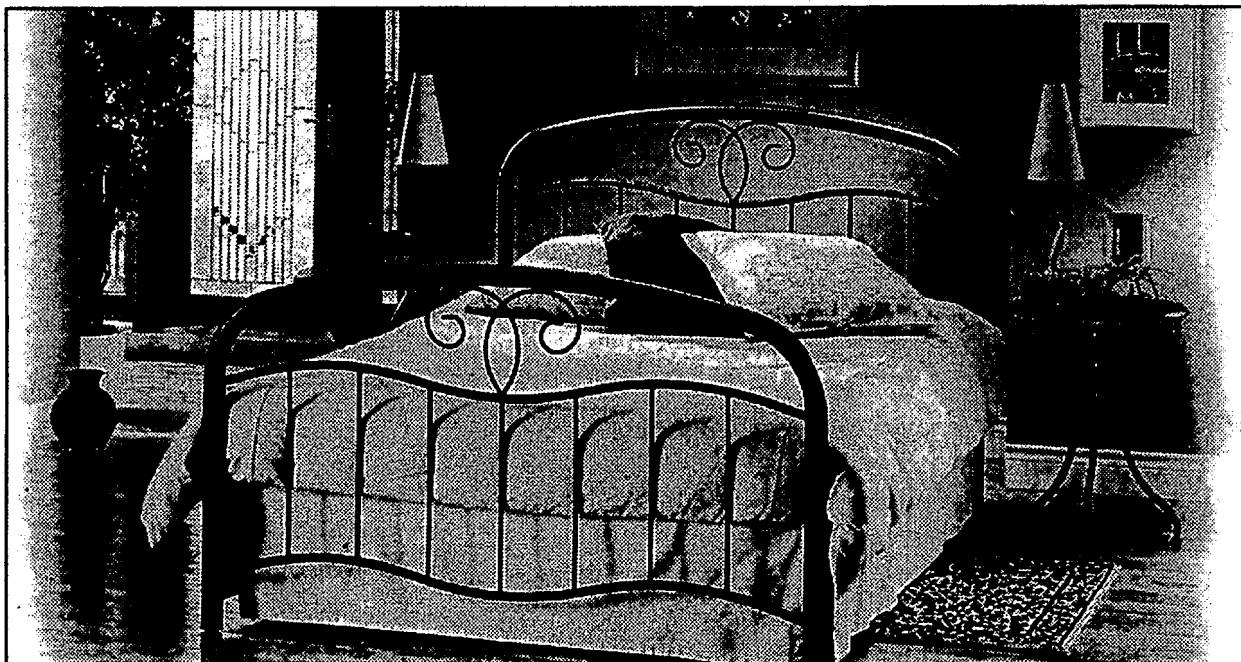
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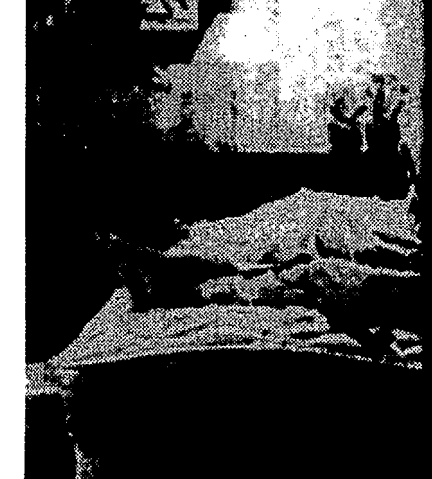
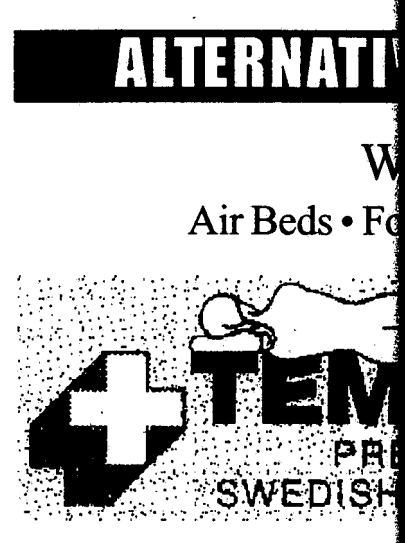
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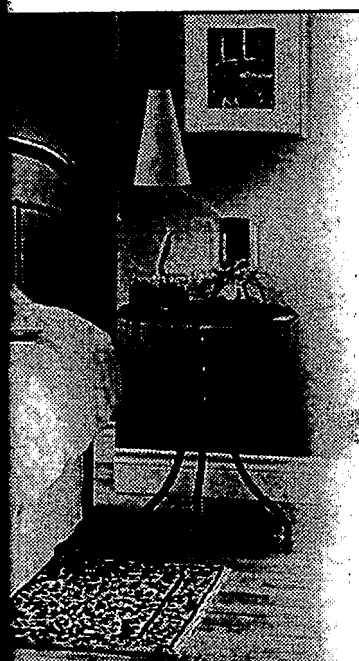


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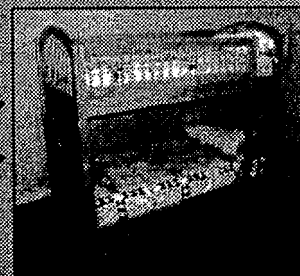
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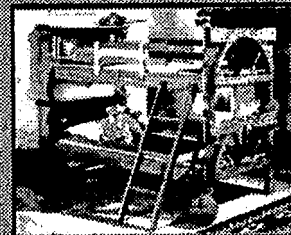
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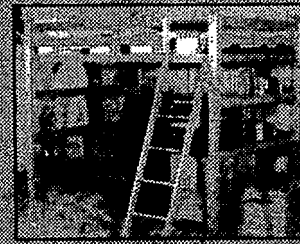
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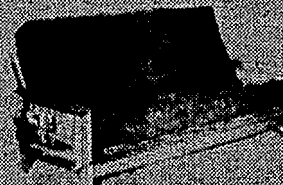
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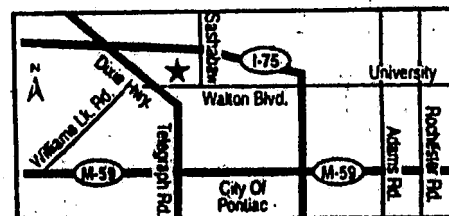
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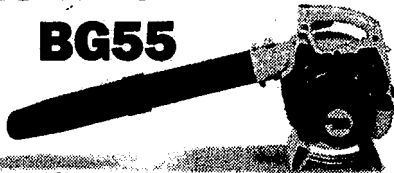


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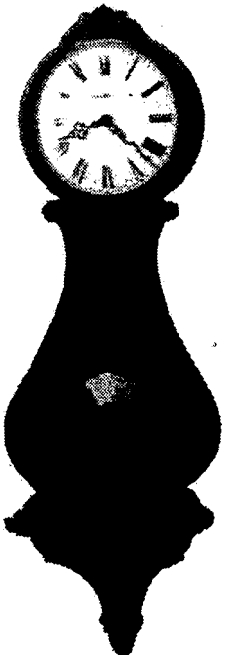
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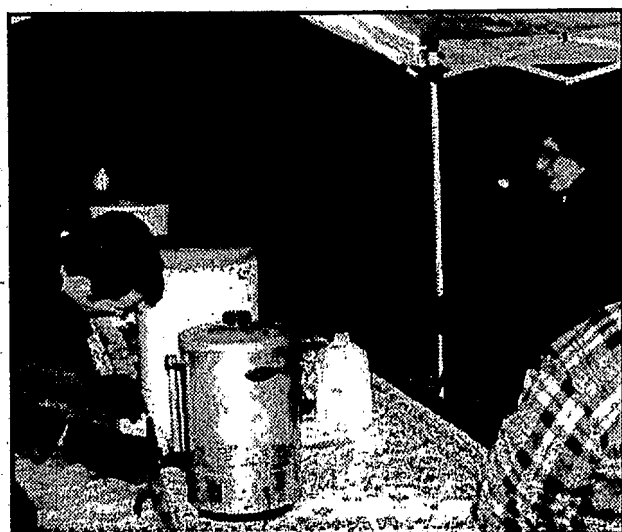
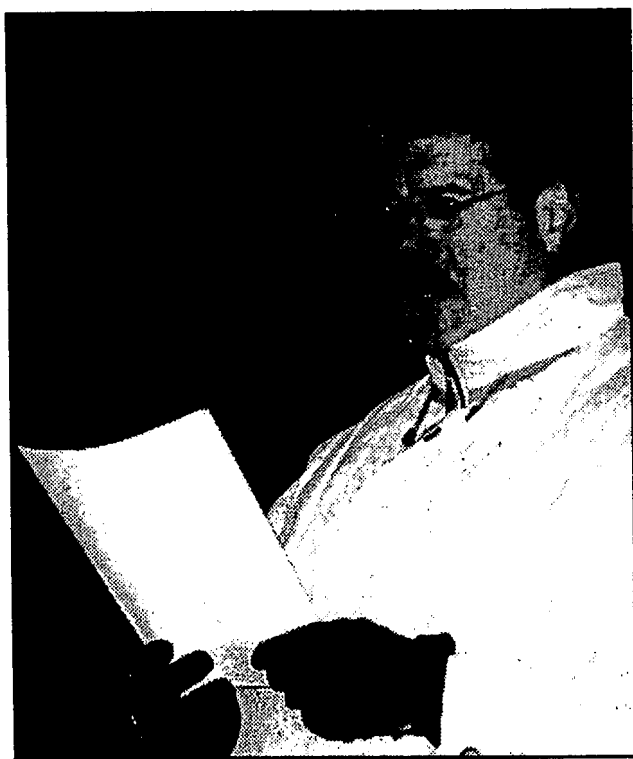
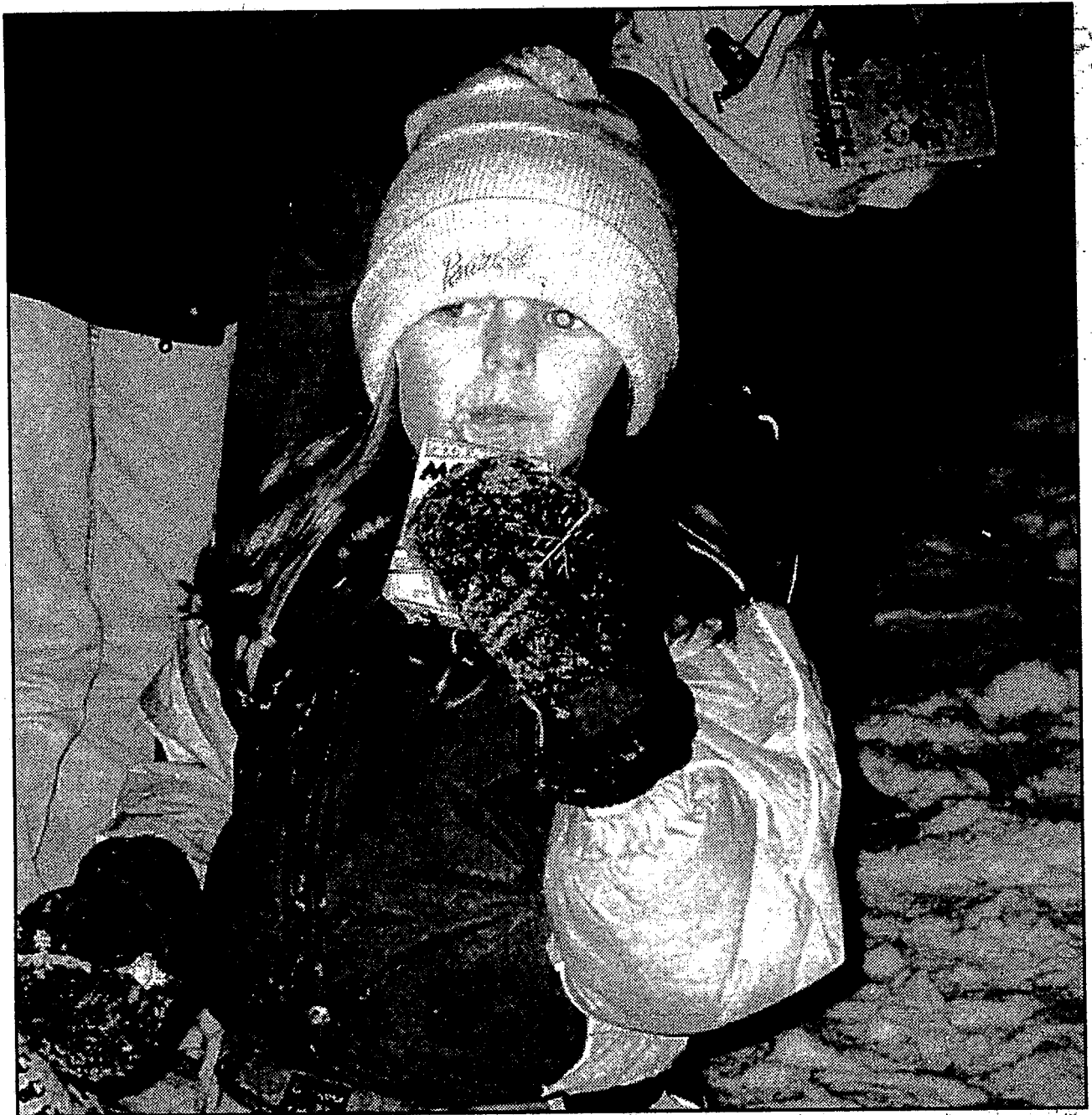
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Beginning the holiday season with song

Area residents gathered in front of the Independence Township Hall Friday, Dec. 6 to kick off the holiday season. The evening included the singing of carols, the lighting of the tree and an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Photos by Kyle Gargaro

Schools

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tion, among other issues, though she agrees the ninth grade should be pulled out of the high school.

"The big issue for me is that they did not bring up a cost whatsoever. If they can draw (the proposal) up on paper, then they have some idea what the cost will be."

Roberts only first revealed the cost range at Monday nights meeting.

"My biggest problem with the schools," she said, "is that they don't have a Plan B to fall back on if the bond doesn't pass."

Roy said the School Board needs to improve their communication with the community. "They have a habit of making their decision and then presenting it to the public."

When asked if she'd support the bond, she said, "I need more information before I can make my decision."

Chris Witherspoon, father of two at Clarkston Elementary, said the same.

"Everyone's budget is stretched tight with the economy the way that it is right now. I'd like to see more information (before supporting the bond). Right now, I'm on the fence."

Witherspoon acknowledges there is a definite problem with overcrowding, but is unhappy this is the third bond in recent years. (Bonds passed for Clarkston High School in 1995 and Independence Elementary in 1997.)

He is greatly displeased the cost of the bond was

not discussed at the feedback session.

Though the schools have said the bond will not raise the current tax rate because of a qualification for a School Bond Loan Fund, Witherspoon said "this means we'll just be paying longer." Anita Banach, director of communications and marketing, confirmed this, but said the schools are on schedule to pay the bond off early due to new built homes in the community which will be taxed.

"I think it is good (the schools) are getting the information out, but I think it's a little late in the ball game," Witherspoon said.

He said the board needs to give more time to the public to think about these matters, not less than a week before they finalize their plan.

"They've been doing a better job (of communicating with the community), but they need to do better. To say they have open meetings or they work with the local papers is not good enough. Not everyone has time to go to a meeting and not everyone subscribes to the local papers."

Witherspoon also said he dislikes the schools do not have a plan to fall back on if the bond does not pass.

Banach said the schools will have a backup plan by June 9, but the focus has been on establishing this plan first.

"We definitely have a lot more work to do," she said, adding there will be more time for community involvement now.

"As a small community we need to be able to help each other," Summers said. "We all fall on hard times. Regardless of who you are or where you come from, we all need help sometimes. It's the cycle of life."

And Pauline is very grateful for the help that has been shown to her family. "Thank God for the community and the school. Everyone has been so generous. The community outpouring is wonderful and remarkable."

If you would like to help the Mallorys with monetary donations, new or slightly used clothing or other donations, call North Sashabaw Elementary at (248) 623-4100 or the Independence Township Fire Department at (248) 625-1924.

A closer look: Clarkston schools bond proposal summary

Phase I: Elimination of overcrowding

- Sashabaw Middle School site addition -- Creates a "dual school" concept for grades 6 and 7. Adds classrooms and shared space for core facilities. Opening of building scheduled for 2004-05.

- Clarkston Middle School minor additions/renovations -- Reconfigures existing space to include more classroom space for grades 8 and 9. Adds and upgrades core facilities.

- Pine Knob Elementary School classroom additions -- Enlarges PKE to become a 600-student elementary school. Eliminates use of portables.

- Move SPICE and DOLLS special education programs from Springfield Plains Elementary -- These programs will move to the new Early Childhood Center at the Administration Building to provide additional classroom space at SPE.

Phase II: Consolidation of programs and services

- Early childhood programs move to new additions at Administration Building -- All early childhood classes from the Maybe Road location, including SPICE and DOLLS from Springfield Plains on Holcomb, move to Administration Building on Clarkston Road.

- Relocate/consolidate all administrative services to renovated Administration Building -- This includes Student Support Services and Community Education Administration.

- Renovations to Community Education Center Building -- Programs housed here include Renaissance High School, Adult Basic Education, Adult Autistic Programs, Continuing Education and Adult Enrichment programs.

Phase III: Required repairs and replacements

- Capital needs list -- Includes repairs to buildings, replacement of equipment and long-term maintenance needs.

- Technology upgrades and replacements -- Based on the district-adopted Technology Plan, this includes system upgrades, improvements and equipment replacement items.

- Safety and security -- Includes improvements to security systems and safety improvements.

Fire

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into the apartment over the weekend.

Deb Saba and Jan Buckley of Town Suites in Auburn Hills donated a fully-furnished, three bedroom, three bath apartment to the Mallorys at a significantly reduced rate.

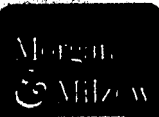
Rick Detkowski of Clarkston Mini Storage is donating a 10x30 unit at a reduced rate; Josten's photography studio is donating a replacement family portrait; and the Mom's Club of Clarkston donated clothing. And the Mallorys have also received help from the American Legion, Jet's Pizza in Waterford, and Meijers of Auburn Hills.

North Sashabaw Elementary donated truckloads of personal items, food, toys, school supplies, and more. A school-wide fundraiser is scheduled on Friday as well.

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Ormiston retires; Combs named interim police chief

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After much discussion, the Clarkston City Council accepted the resignation of Police Chief Paul Ormiston at their Dec. 9 meeting and appointed Deputy Chief Ernest Combs as interim chief.

Ormiston is retiring Dec. 31 after nearly 34 years of police service, the last seven as Clarkston police chief. As of Jan. 1, 2003, Combs will serve as police chief "for a period of 60 days, to be extended by the council as necessary as we evaluate options for the full-time chief," according to the council's resolution. He will be paid \$41,200 per year.

After the meeting, Combs stated he is "absolutely" interested in becoming chief on a permanent basis.

Combs served as police chief in Capac for about a year before returning to the Clarkston police department in September 2001. He had previously worked for the department from 1998-2000. He started out with the Ferndale Police Department and worked there for 26 years, the last 12 as sergeant.

Combs credited Ormiston with helping him adapt to a small-town police department after spending much of his career dealing with a higher-crime area in Ferndale.

"We have more time to be service-oriented," he said. "He did teach me quite a bit in that respect. That was a big selling point for me when I became

chief in Capac. The types of policing are totally different."

The discussion centered around whether the chief's position is considered full-time or part-time, and as such, what the salary will be for the chief's position. Currently, Ormiston and Combs work part-time at a salary of \$20,600 each.

City Attorney Tom Ryan recommended the council make the chief's position full-time. "I think we're being penny wise and pound foolish if we make it a part-time position," he said.

Ryan also suggested the council contact the Michigan Municipal League to help sort out potential candidates for the job.

The council's finance committee will meet Monday, Dec. 16 to discuss the job description for police chief and its salary structure, according to City Manager Art Pappas. In addition, he stated Ormiston has offered to help the council put together a job description.

Earlier in the meeting, the council accepted Ormiston's resignation with regret. Before becoming Clarkston police chief on July 1, 1995, Ormiston was a patrol officer with the Pontiac Township Police Department (now the City of Auburn Hills) for 23 years. He started his police career after graduation from high school in 1969 as a radio dispatcher with the Rochester Police Department.

"Paul has performed his job as chief with the

best interests of the community in mind," City Councilman Scott Meyland said. "We wish him well in his retirement."

In his Dec. 4 resignation letter to the council, Ormiston, who was not present at Monday's meeting, stated while his decision was not an easy one, he believed it to be the correct one for himself personally and for the department as a whole.

"I believe it to be the correct decision for me because I have met every goal which I set for myself in terms of what I wanted the department to be," he said. "I believe it to be the correct decision for the agency because I feel that this department deserves to have a police chief which is completely focused on the needs of the community, the agency, and the agency's personnel."

He also noted he is leaving the department "in very good hands and the transition should be very smooth," referring to Combs as "a very capable person."

In other business, the council:

- Awarded the bid for the special assessment bonds for Area 3 of the city's water project to Oxford Bank at a rate of 5.05 percent.

- Passed a resolution asking the Michigan Department of Transportation for its support for long-range planning regarding the potential widening of M-15 from northbound I-75 through Brandon Township and Goodrich.

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Celebrating Independence in Independence, Dec. 14

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Way back in 1776, our land had revolution in its midst. The British rule was coming to an end, as we fought for our independence."

Nicholas Marty wrote this song, "Let's Proudly Fly the Flag of the U.S.A.," more than 25 years ago as a tribute to our nation's bicentennial and said to himself, "some-day I'll use that."

Now it's his theme as he attempts to establish a Flag Month, celebrated June 14 through July 14, in all 50 states to honor the American flag and everything it stands for.

The Warren resident will make an appearance in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's 2nd Annual Heart of Clarkston parade, Saturday, Dec. 14, which starts at 6 p.m. and runs down Main Street.

Marty's float will feature lighted flags for each state. He has also asked several individuals in the Clarkston area to join him on his stroll through downtown.

"I asked if the color guard can be in front of me. If not, I don't want to be in a parade. The color guard shouldn't be anywhere but right next to the American flag."

"On July Fourth we did proclaim, the right to freedom in our country's name. As we commemorate this day of days, let's proudly fly the flag of the U.S.A."

Marty, 76, is more than enthusiastic when it comes to his country. He's passionate, emotional and sincere. And he has come to Independence Township simply because of its name.

"Independence just goes with what I'm doing." And, so far, what he's done is see his mission come to fruition in 10 states.

Michigan Gov. John Engler was the first to declare Flag Month on January 4, 1999. Following suit were: California (June 4, 1999); Nebraska (July 12, 1999); New Jersey (June 8, 2000); New Mexico (Dec. 5, 2000); Colorado (Dec. 19, 2000); Arkansas (Jan. 12, 2001); South Carolina (Jan. 13, 2001); Missouri (May 8, 2001) and Illinois (May 22, 2001).



Nicholas Marty, and his patriotic entry, will be featured in the Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Heart of Clarkston parade, Dec. 14. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

National Flag Day, the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777, is officially celebrated each year on June 14, which was designated so Aug. 3, 1949 by President Harry Truman, though President Woodrow Wilson officially established a proclamation on May 30, 1916.

So why has Marty, a retired plumber, taken it upon himself to lengthen the honoring of the flag to a month? Because, he says, simply, a month is better than a day.

"People just put their flag up for one day and then take it down. This way they can fly it for a whole month."

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Marty said he contacted State Representative Paul Wojno who suggested he go through our nation's capital to accomplish his goal.

"I said no, no, no. I want to go state by state. And if they don't want it in their state, I'll go there and talk to them myself. I'm not joking, I will."

And Marty is determined he'll accomplish his goal. "I'll do it," he says firmly. Afterwards he plans on sending all 50 original proclamations to Washington D.C. in hopes of having it displayed in the Smithsonian Institute.

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Clarkston Milestones

Engaged



Amanda Marie Simmons and Nicholas Graham Lovellette, both of Lansing, announce their engagement.

Simmons, a 1998 Clarkston High School graduate is currently a legislative assistant for the Michigan House of Representatives. She is the daughter of Donna and James Grant of Lapeer, formerly of Clarkston, and Billy Simmons of Waterford.

Lovellette is a 1998 Sexton High School graduate and is currently attending Lansing Community College. The son of Brian and the late Nancy Graham of Lansing, Lovellette is a photographer at Nick Lovellette Photography.

A September 2003 wedding is planned at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing.

Retired

Technical Sergeant **Richard (Rick) Pfahlert** retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service.

During his career, he was in the Aircraft Structural Maintenance field. Pfahlert was stationed at Bergstrom AFB in Austin, Texas from 1983 to 1996, and at Pope AFB in Fayetteville, N.C. from 1996 to 2002.

He is the husband of Kathy (Dapoz), the father of Kelly and Katy, and the son of William and Margaret.

Congratulations on your retirement! Love, your family.

At School

Albion College senior **Neil A. Meyer** was selected by audition to play in the Albion College Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. James Ball. Meyer, who is majoring in English, is the son of Richard and Elizabeth Meyer of Clarkston and is a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Albion College sophomore **Robert E. Koch** was also selected by audition to play in the Albion College Symphony Orchestra. Koch is the son of James and Jana Koch of Clarkston and is a Clarkston High School graduate.

Clarkston's **Christopher Sadjak** and Davisburg's **Nicholas Koenigsknecht** earned a 3.7 or better to qualify for the Honor Roll for the first card marking at St. Mary's Preparatory.

Catrina Farrugia of Clarkston was selected as a representative to the Student Government of Ferris State University. Because of her outstanding leadership skills and commitment to campus, she has been appointed to the position of Vice President of Rules. Farrugia will have a direct impact on the campus and the way it is run due to her position.

Albion College student and Clarkston High School graduate **Adrienne M. Trager** is currently spending the fall 2002 semester studying in New York City. Trager, the daughter of Aaron and Victoria of Clarkston, is a senior majoring in art.

Albion College student and graduate of Notre Dame Prep **John C. Schwartz** is currently spending the fall 2002 semester studying in London, England. Schwartz is a junior minoring in value theory of philosophy and is a member of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Public Policy and Service. He is the son of Michael and Judith Schwartz of Clarkston.

Clarkston's **Rita Bourell, Tonya Douglas, Tara Nico, Rebecca Pieknik, Ryan Stanton, David Stapleton, Julie Watts, Constance Webb, Brian Witkowski, Stephanie Dean, Marcia Dodich, Katherine Habermas, Rudy Hunt, Kelly Knight, Claudia Lieberwirth, Susan Matsubara, Maria Nowicka, Beth Quisenberry, Heidi Steen, Shantelle Taylor, Raymond Walters** and Davisburg's **Kayla Batchelor, Guadalupe Cummins** and **Meghan Swick** are featured in the 25th Annual Edition of The National Dean's List, 2001-02.

Christopher Ryan Shobe, son of Kirby and Joyce Shobe of Clarkston, graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor of science in aviation science and administration.

Just Married



Lisa Marie Aenlle and Scot Alan Matusz were married August 10, 2002.

Lisa is the daughter of Dr. Anthony and Beverly Aenlle and Scot is the son of Melvin and Marcella Matusz. Both families are long time residents of Clarkston.

The nuptials were performed at St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel in Bloomfield Hills with a reception following at Bay Pointe Country Club. The couple honeymooned in the Bahamas and now reside in Haslett.

The bride is currently attending Michigan State University's Medical School and the bridegroom is employed by the Alberici Company.

In Service

Navy Airman **Zaclary A. Carino**, a 1998 Clarkston High School graduate, completed Dynamic Response '02 while assigned to the amphibious assault ship USS Nassau, based in Norfolk, Va.

After transiting the Suez Canal from the Mediterranean Sea after its month-long operation in Kosovo (Dynamic Response '02), Carino's ship shifted location from the U.S. Sixth Fleet Area of Responsibility to that of the U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. Fifth Fleet in the Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea Area.

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Kiwanis presents check to Taylor

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The North Oakland Lakes Kiwanis Club presented a \$375 check to Tricia Taylor at their Dec. 4 meeting.

Taylor is the 19-year-old Clarkston resident who lost her legs after being hit by a drunk driver. Taylor and her parents accepted the check at the Kiwanis Club's weekly meeting at the Mesquite Grill.

The club held a garage sale on Sept. 14 to raise the money.

"We thought this was a really great cause," co-chair of the garage sale Brett Bonkston said. "We would really like to thank everybody who donated items for

the garage sale. A lot of people just gave us items to sell. It was definitely a success."

The North Oakland Lakes Kiwanis Club was founded in April and currently has 16 members.

"We are a volunteer organization which aids children and also the needy," Bonkston said.

The club is also sponsoring a Key Club and working crowd control for the Dec. 14 holiday parade.

"For a small group we are getting a lot done. We are always looking for more people," Bonkston said.



Kiwanis Club President-elect Patti Hunt presents a check to Clarkston resident Tricia Taylor. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

Forensic winners



The students of Everest Academy in Independence Township recently participated in a Forensics Competition. The students competed against their classmates with the winners showcasing their talents by performing in the finals. Above, left, Karley Wayne presents while, above, right, Tabatha Kalabat participates in the finals. Photos by Kyle Gargaro.

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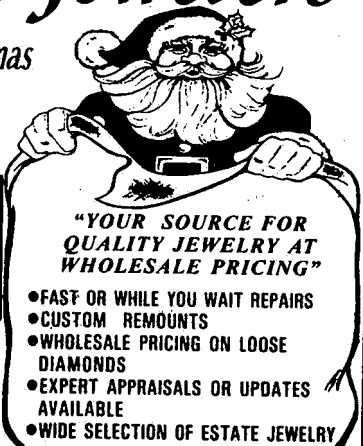
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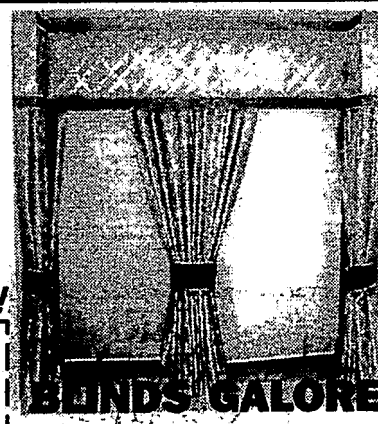
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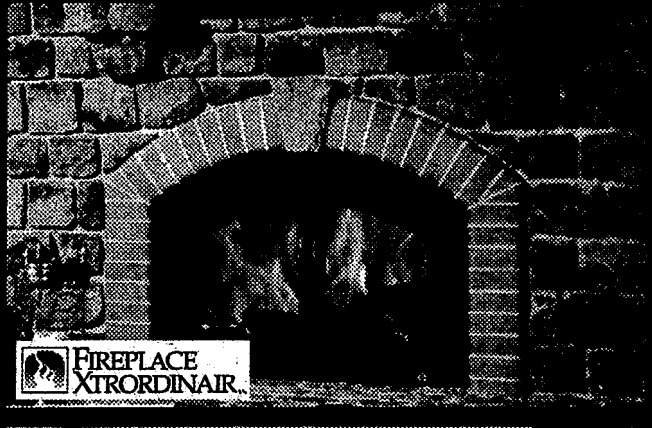
Family Holiday Fest is a big hit

The Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Holiday Fest at Bay Court Park last weekend. The evening included indoor entertainment shows, wagon rides and a visit from Santa Claus.



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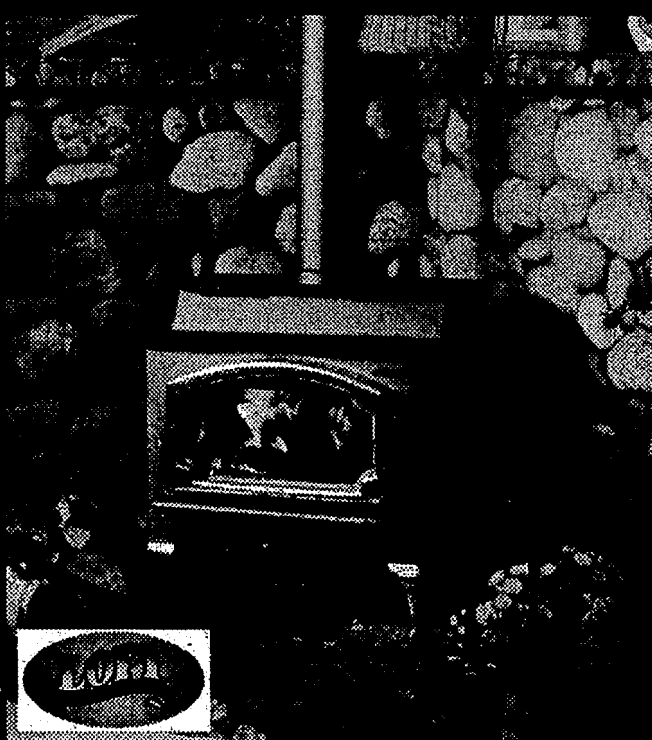
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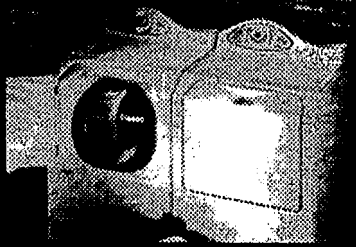


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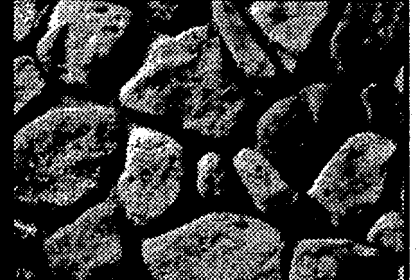
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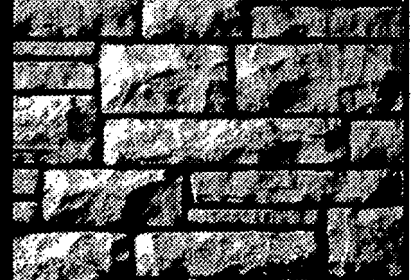
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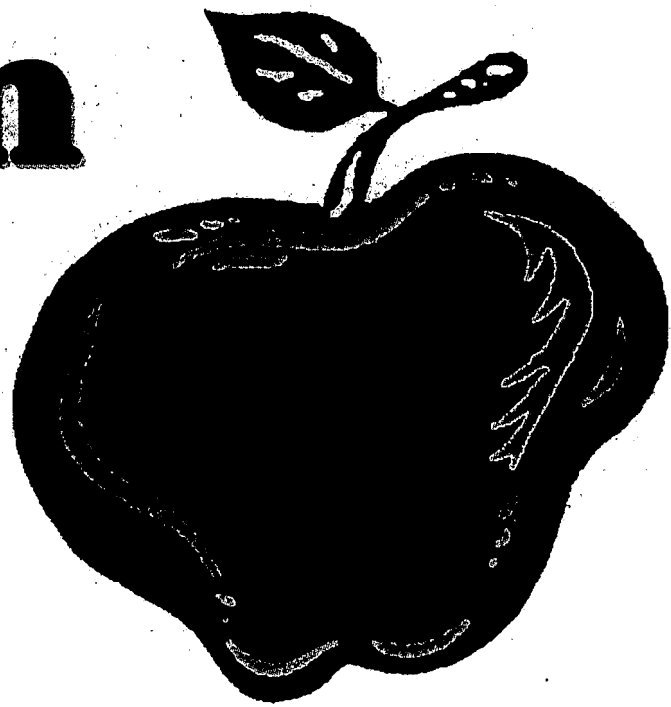


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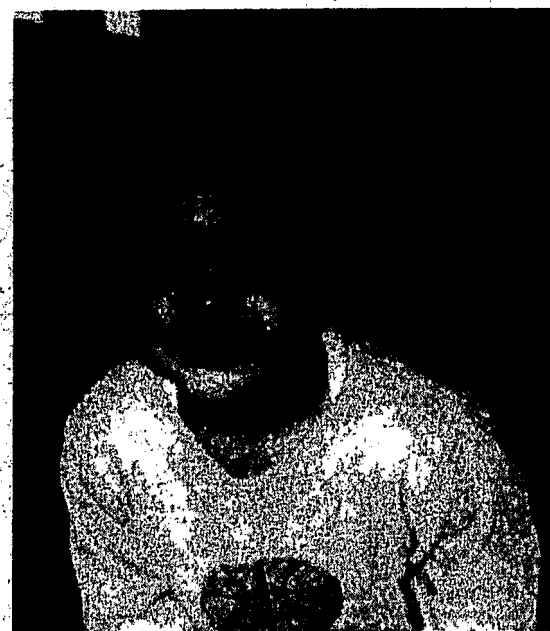
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Buzzo nets two goals as icers tie Royal Oak

Peters earns hat trick as Wolves top Bloomfield 8-1. Dec. 4; Birmingham on tap

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The injury-depleted Clarkston hockey team is still plenty tough to handle, as Royal Oak and Bloomfield found out last week.

Even though they were missing five players, the Wolves still forged a 3-3 tie against Royal Oak Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Polar Palace in Lapeer. The tie left the Wolves' record at 4-1-1 overall and 3-0-1 in Oakland Activities Association Division I.

The five players missing in action were:

■Senior forward Myles Purdy, who has been out for two weeks with mononucleosis and should return in time for Clarkston's game against Birmingham Dec. 11 at the Polar Palace.

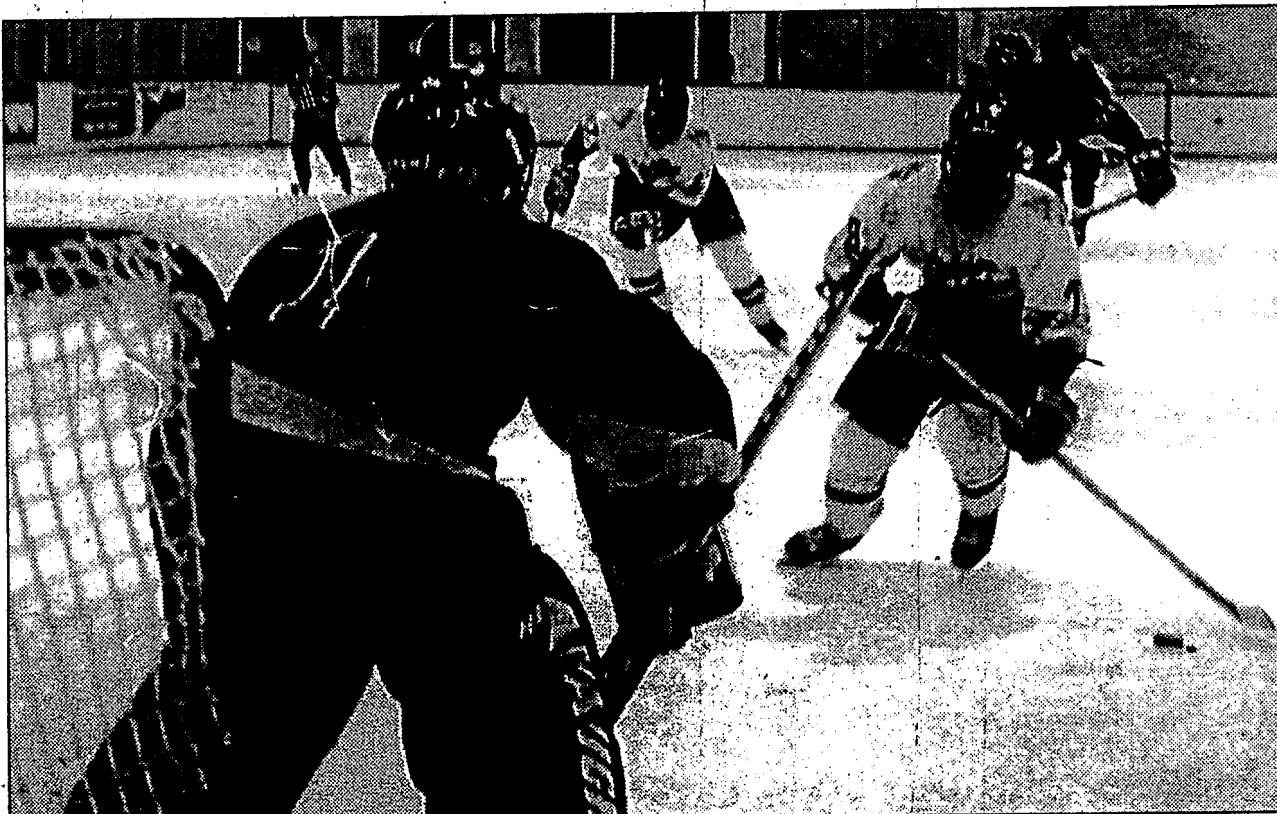
■Senior defenseman Ryan Wells, who strained a tendon and tore a ligament in the Wolves' 8-1 win against Bloomfield Dec. 4 at the Polar Palace. Wells was coming across the blue line and his foot got jammed in the boards. He had to be helped off the ice, and will miss 2-4 weeks, according to Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier.

■Sophomore defenseman Dan Mutz, who injured his knee and will be out 3-4 weeks.

■Freshman forward Kyle Cummings, who broke his collarbone and will be out 4-6 weeks.

■Sophomore defenseman Brad Townsend, who quit the team, according to Krygier.

One player who was very much healthy for Clark-



Clarkston defenseman Ron Knoebel (7) looks to make his move against the Bloomfield goalie Dec. 4. The Wolves defeated the Chargers 8-1. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

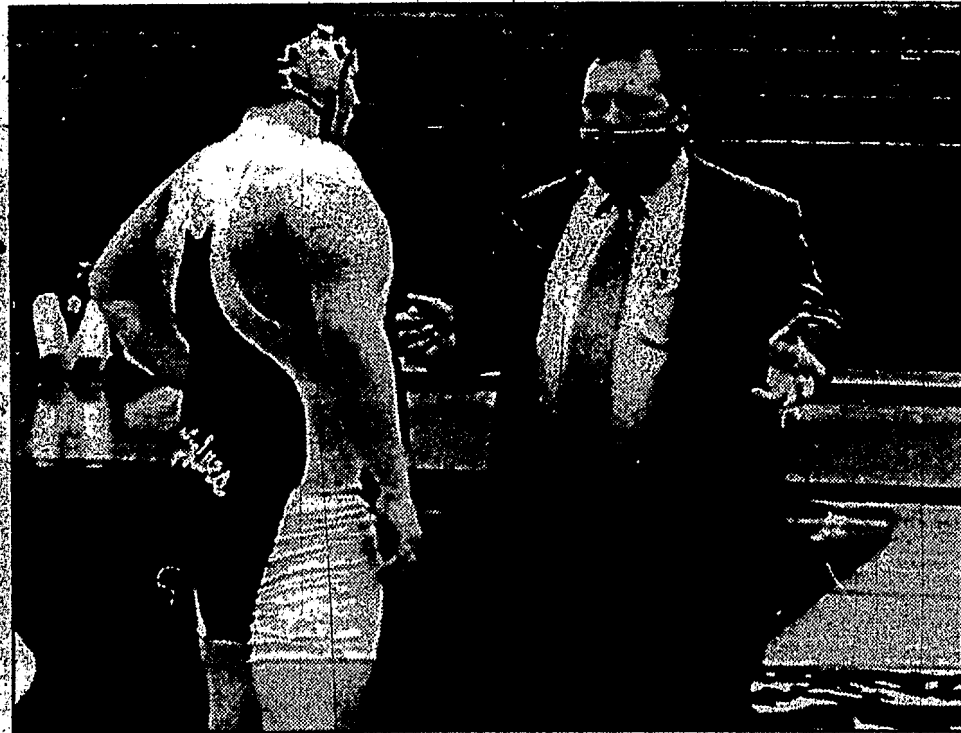
ston was junior forward Kyle Buzzo, who scored two goals in the game against Royal Oak. The first came in the first period off an assist from sophomore forward Mike Fogg to tie the game at one, while the second came with one second left in the second period, assisted by Fogg and junior forward Steve Morin, to tie the game at two.

Morin notched the other Clarkston goal in the third period to cap off the scoring, as he found the net unassisted.

Clarkston had 31 shots on goal, and senior goaltender

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DeGain, LaJoie and Langdon excel in tourney



Clarkston wrestling coach Mike DeGain gives some post-match comments to senior Joe Wood after his win against Bay City/Northern Dec. 5. The Wolves defeated Northern and Hartland in their first meet of the year. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Wolves make it to Michigan Duals finals, fall to Davison

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's wrestling team is facing some top competition right off the bat.

The Wolves made it all the way to the finals of the Michigan Duals Saturday, Dec. 7 at Bay City Western. However, Clarkston fell short against Division 1 state champion Davison, as the Cardinals defeated the Wolves 38-30 to win the meet championship.

Clint DeGain (171 lbs.), Tony LaJoie (135) and John Langdon (140, 145) led the charge for Clarkston, as the three wrestlers won all five of their matches at the meet.

Clarkston made it to the finals with a 50-15 win against New Lothrop in the semifinals. In the first round, the Wolves

defeated the defending Division 3 state champions, Richmond, 53-21; in the second round, they defeated the defending Division 2 state champions, Lowell, 49-27, and in the third round, the Wolves ousted Detroit Catholic Central 50-15.

Four other Clarkston wrestlers — Kyle Hester, Joe Wood, Steve Smiley and Matt Herron — went 4-1 at the meet, while Elliot May, Braden L'Amoreaux, Sean Turner and Jason Talbott finished with 3-2 marks in the day's competition.

"I thought we did very well," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said. "We defeated the Division 2 and 3 state champions pretty soundly, then we lost a very close match to Davison. Three of the matches against Davison could have gone either way."

The Wolves opened up their season successfully in a meet against Hartland and Bay City Western Dec. 4 at Clarkston High School. The Wolves defeated Hartland 66-6 and Bay City

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Girls cagers look to continue winning ways next season

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The cast of characters may change next season for the Clarkston girls basketball team, but the team's work ethic will be expected to remain the same.

The Wolves recently wrapped up a 20-4 season that saw them win their second straight Oakland Activities Association Division I regular season title and their second district championship in three years. Clarkston was eliminated by Brighton in the regional finals, 49-44, on Nov. 26 at Chippewa Valley High School in Clinton Township.

Six seniors — Jenn Carlson, Kira Karlstrom, Megan Renda, Laura Richards, Christine Terry and Anna Trim — wrapped up their Clarkston careers this season. However, Clarkston coach Ann Lowney hopes their work ethic will carry over to next year's varsity.

"My six seniors worked so hard, and that has to continue to be the case," Lowney said. "You can't pick up the ball in August and drop it in November."

Two of this year's starters, Carlson and Karlstrom, have committed to play college basketball for the 2003-04 season. Carlson will remain in-state at Hillsdale College, while Karlstrom will head to Drexel University in Philadelphia. A third starter, Trim, has received interest from Madonna University in Livonia and Northwood College in Midland.

The Wolves will have a strong frontcourt next season, as two starters from this year's team, 5'9" sophomore Stephanie Parkin and 5'10" sophomore Leigh Christy, will return to lead next year's team.

Five other players — juniors Jenna Clavette, Megan Kleinedler, Sarah Mahrle and Suzie Giroux and sophomore Jill Kouri — will also be coming back to comprise the core of the 2003 squad.

In addition, the Wolves can be expected to receive strong reinforcements from this year's junior varsity team, which went 16-4 this season and finished 20-3 as freshmen.

At this point, Lowney will take a wait and see approach before determining who will make the jump from the junior varsity to the varsity, but she stated there will be ample opportunity to earn playing time next season.

"I don't know who's going to make it from this year's JV," she said. "We're going to take the time over the summer to evaluate things. The best players will play next season."

Junior varsity coach April Kosin pointed to two



Clarkston's girls basketball team finished this season with a 20-4 record, an Oakland Activities Association Division I championship, and a district championship (team pictured above with district trophy). Seven players will return for next year's squad. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

players from this year's squad who will help out next year at the varsity level. One is guard Amanda Leach, who "has a very nice shot and she's probably my best defensive player," according to Kosin.

The other is guard Tamara Green, who started out on the varsity this season. "We're looking at her to come back up and help us at point guard," Kosin said.

Despite the loss of the six seniors, Kosin feels the program will be in good shape next season.

"I think we're going to be okay," she said. "Ann still has a lot of talent, but they're different types of players. I think we'll have to be more patient going up the floor. We'll have to slow things down and make adjustments."

Girls basketball season results

(Home team in bold)

- 8-29 **Livonia Ladywood 54**, Clarkston 52
- 9-3 **Clarkston 64**, Holly 25
- 9-8 **Clarkston 68**, West Bloomfield 42
- 9-10 Clarkston 59, **Waterford Kettering 47**
- 9-15 **Saginaw Nouvel 54**, Clarkston 39
- 9-17 Clarkston 55, **Troy Athens 52**
- 9-19 **Clarkston 69**, Lake Orion 30
- 9-24 Clarkston 56, **Troy 30**
- 9-26 Clarkston 63, **Rochester 27**
- 10-8 Clarkston 58, **West Bloomfield 52**
- 10-10 **Clarkston 47**, Waterford Kettering 39
- 10-15 Clarkston 61, **Rochester Adams 45**
- 10-17 **Clarkston 59**, Troy Athens 56
- 10-22 Clarkston 60, **Lake Orion 39**
- 10-24 **Clarkston 54**, Troy 41
- 10-29 **Clarkston 58**, Rochester 51
- 11-5 **Clarkston 49**, FH Harrison 24
- 11-7 West Bloomfield 56, **Clarkston 49**
- 11-12 **Clarkston 46**, Rochester 37
- Districts (at Oxford)**
- 11-20 Clarkston 36, Brandon 21
- 11-22 Clarkston 57, Waterford Kettering 38
- Regionals (at Chippewa Valley)**
- 11-25 Clarkston 64, Port Huron Northern 49
- 11-26 Brighton 49, Clarkston 44

Athlete of the Week — Sean Turner

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston junior wrestler Sean Turner is anxious to show Wolves fans what he can do.

Turner missed his entire freshman year with injuries, but is off to a solid start this season. He has a 5-2 record so far, but both of those losses were by one point, and one of those was to the defending 152-pound state champion, Blake Gardner of New Lothrop.

"He had a good week, even though he didn't come out with the win," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said of Turner. "He wrestled very well."

Turner started wrestling in a club about 7-8 years ago with current teammates Tony LaJoie and Elliot May. He has watched and learned since coming down with the injury, and he believes that work is paying off.

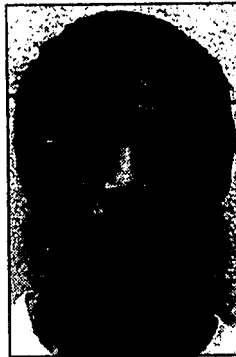
"My first year, I broke my wrist," he said. "As the years went on, I developed and watched other

wrestlers and learned from them. Coach DeGain has been on me from day one, telling me how good I'm going to be. After each match, he says, 'You could have done better, but I'm proud of you.' That's all I need to hear."

This year, he hopes to make it to the states. "I want to get everyone to know my name, because I've been injured," Turner said. "I want to take the team as far as possible."

Turner used to run boys cross-country, but stopped doing that when he developed shin splints. In his spare time, he is learning to play the guitar with teammate John Langdon. He hopes to one day become a small business owner, and would like to attend the University of Washington.

He is the son of Ron Turner and Sandy Searcy of Clarkston, and has two brothers — Justin, 18, and Dave, 20.



Sean Turner

Check out next week's issue for previews of the volleyball and wrestling teams.

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Members of the 2002-03 Clarkston boys swimming team are: (front row, l-r) Nick Oldenburg, Dan Reed, Louis Seaman, Keith Voorheis and Kevin Harris; (second row, l-r) Adam Whaley, Troy Quantz, Jeff Driscoll, Josh Badgerow and Jim Peers; (third row, l-r) Travis Waltz, Tom Fick, Evan Schneider, Ryan Kurrle and Brian Miller; (back row, l-r) Nick Reigel, Greyson LaHousse, Robert Johnson, Nick Curdy, Derek LaHousse and Andrew Reigel. The Wolves are coached by Kenwyn Chock and assisted by Kevin Brock. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Seven seniors hope to move swimmers up in OAA II

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's boys swimming team is looking to its senior class to help lead a move up the Oakland Activities Association Division II standings.

The Wolves, who placed fourth in OAA II last season, will have 1/3 of their team comprised of seniors, with seven on the 22-man roster. Of those seven, six — Nick Curdy, Jeff Driscoll, Derek LaHousse, Nick Oldenburg, Troy Quantz and Dan Reed — have been with the program the entire four years of its existence. The seventh, Louis Seaman, joined the team as a sophomore.

Coach Kenwyn Chock believes they have come a long way since their freshman year. "They've definitely become very competitive," she said.

However, Clarkston also features plenty of underclassmen who will make their presence felt. Juniors Evan Schneider, Tom Fick and Adam Whaley lead what Chock terms "a strong junior class", and sophomore distance swimmer Andrew Riegel and freshmen Keith Voorheis, Mike Nelson and Ryan Kurrle will be key swimmers as well, according to Chock.

The team's two divers, Greyson LaHousse and Rob Johnson, "are really strong and have been working hard," according to Chock.

"Greyson LaHousse has an opportunity to qualify

for the county meet and the states," she said. "He's worked very hard during the offseason."

In order to achieve their goal of finishing in the upper half of OAA II, the Wolves will face plenty of competition. Heading that list is defending OAA II champion Berkley and Birmingham Seaholm, which finished in third place in the league. In addition, Chock stated Troy Athens and Lake Orion will field competitive teams this year.

The second place team last year, Bloomfield Hills Andover, has moved out of OAA II, but things won't be any easier for the Wolves, as Chock feels Andover's replacement in the league, West Bloomfield, will field a strong team.

However, Chock feels the Wolves can keep up with the competition "as long as we can stay healthy." The team is already into what Chock described as "our full-intensity training", which means the team swims Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, as well as Monday-Friday evenings and Saturdays. The team will also practice throughout the holidays, except for Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Wolves competed in their first meet of the season Tuesday, Dec. 10 as they host North Farmington at 6:30 p.m. They are also at home for their next two meets, Thursday, Dec. 12 against Rochester Adams and Tuesday, Dec. 17 against Birmingham Seaholm.

Boys swimming

2002-03 schedule

12/10	vs. N. Farmington	6:30 p.m.
12/12	vs. Rochester Adams	6:30 p.m.
12/17	vs. Seaholm	6:30 p.m.
12/19	at Southfield	6:30 p.m.
1/6	at Berkley	6:30 p.m.
1/14	vs. West Bloomfield	6:30 p.m.
1/16	at Royal Oak	6:30 p.m.
1/21	at Troy Athens	6:30 p.m.
1/23	vs. Harrison	6:30 p.m.
2/1	Oakland County Tournament	TBA
2/4	at Rochester	6:30 p.m.
2/6	at Lake Orion	6:30 p.m.
2/19-2/22	League Meet	TBA

This year's team members are: Josh Badgerow, Nick Curdy, Jeff Driscoll, Tom Fick, Kevin Harris, Rob Johnson, Ryan Kurrle, Derek LaHousse, Grayson LaHousse, Brian Miller, Mike Nelson, Nick Oldenburg, Jim Peers, Troy Quantz, Dan Reed, Andrew Reigel, Nick Reigel, Evan Schneider, Louis Seaman, Keith Voorheis, Travis Waltz and Adam Whaley. The Wolves are coached by Kenwyn Chock and assisted by Kevin Brock.

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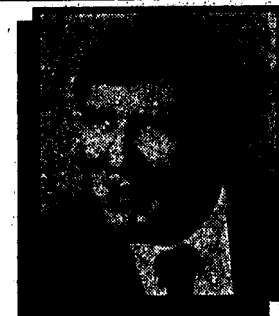
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Members of the 2002-03 Clarkston varsity boys basketball team are: (front row, l-r) Student Managers Amy O'Neill, Brandon Ralston and Katie Sampson; (second row, l-r) Robbie Clark, Ryan Kaltz and Kyle Rademacher; (third row, l-r) Joe Moran, Chris Brookes, Assistant Coach Lars Covintree, Assistant Coach Jack Cunningham, Head Coach Dan Fife, Assistant Coach Eric Chambers, Assistant Coach Neal Sage, John Kast, Brad Goodman; (back row, l-r) Mark Thornberry, Justin Whetstone, Matt Orris, Chris Johnston, Jake Meissnest and Chad Zelinski. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Whetstone, Orris to anchor young group of cagers

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston basketball fans will need a program to identify the Wolves in the early stages of the 2002-03 season.

All five of last year's starters — Mike Blicher, Eric Kieras, Mike Loveless, Matt Mahrle and Dave Ritzema — plus key reserves Adam Kretz and Sean Eley have graduated from a team which went 18-5 last year and went to the regional finals before losing to eventual state champion Pontiac Northern.

In their place is a group of young players which Coach Dan Fife hopes will form a cohesive unit as the season progresses.

Fife is counting on the team's two seniors — Matt Orris and Justin Whetstone — to set the tone for the rest of the team, which is comprised of six juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen.

"When it comes down to it, the success will come down to Orris and Whetstone's leadership and their attitudes," Fife said. "Hopefully, they'll be our leaders. They've come a long way in our program. Going into this year, Justin's the only one that's had any significant minutes playing on the varsity. Experience-wise, we'll go through some growing pains. Right now, our kids are enthusiastic and working hard, and I'm excited about

that."

Fife is pleased with how Orris and Whetstone have taken the leadership reins to this point.

"They've been outstanding so far," he said. "I don't know if we've had a kid make as much progress in one year as Matt Orris. If we were starting again with last year's team with where he's at right now, he'd play a lot of minutes. He's one of our few three-sport players (boys soccer and baseball being the other two). I think Justin is trying to prove to himself he's ready to accept the leadership role and that he's capable of it."

One other player who has likely secured a starting spot is 6'6" junior Chris Johnston, who will start at center. "We'll need a lot of production from him," Fife said.

From there, the other two starting spots are up for grabs. A couple of candidates, juniors Ryan Kaltz and Mark Thornberry, are nursing injuries at this point. Fife stated at this point, junior Kyle Rademacher and sophomore Robbie Clark would be the likely starters.

However, that lineup is not etched in stone, according to Fife.

"All of our team, I can see where they could all help us one way or another during the season," he said.

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Boys basketball 2002-03 schedule

12/10	vs. Flint Northern	7 p.m.
12/13	vs. Dakota	7 p.m.
12/17	at Carmen-Ainsworth	7:30 p.m.
12/19	at Lake Orion	7 p.m.
12/27	vs. Murray Wright	7 p.m.
1/3	vs. O.L. St. Mary's	7 p.m.
1/7	at Rochester Adams	7:30 p.m.
1/10	at Rochester	7:30 p.m.
1/14	vs. Troy	7 p.m.
1/17	vs. Pontiac Northern	7 p.m.
1/21	at Pontiac Central	7 p.m.
1/24	vs. Southfield	7 p.m.
1/28	at Lathrup	7:30 p.m.
2/4	at Ferndale	7:30 p.m.
2/7	at Pontiac Northern	7 p.m.
2/11	vs. Rochester	7 p.m.
2/14	at Southfield	7 p.m.
2/18	vs. Pontiac Central	7 p.m.
2/21	vs. Lathrup	7 p.m.
2/28	vs. Ferndale	7 p.m.

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Shick: About 3,800 skiers so far at Pine Knob

Ski club opens for business Nov. 22, a month ahead of last year; more business predicted

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

At this point last year, Pine Knob Ski Club general manager Rob Shick was wondering when the club would open for business.

That certainly hasn't been the case this year.

The club opened its doors Nov. 18, more than a month earlier than last year's opening date of Dec. 22. So far, about 3,800 skiers have made their way to the club, according to Shick.

"Last year, it was 45 degrees and we were crying because there wasn't any snow," he said. This year, we're averaging about 400-500 skiers per day."

Two of the regular skiers at the resort are Justin Eichbrecht and Luke McCarrick, both of Waterford; who have skied at the resort during ski season for about 4-5 years.

McCarrick is able to use his love for skiing to earn some money for himself. "I teach ski school here, and I ski here about every day, work or not," he said.

Eichbrecht is particularly pleased with how early the ski resort opened this year, compared to last year, and is enjoying the skiing this season.

"This year's good," he said. "It gets better every year. Compared to last year, it's good that it's an early start."



Justin Eichbrecht (left) and Luke McCormick, both of Waterford, relax after taking to the slopes of Pine Knob Ski Resort in Clarkston Monday. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

According to Shick, the club bases the day it will open on the weather reports it receives. Those people interested in finding out when the club is open usually call the club's main number (248-625-0800) and access their snow hotline.

"If we get a report where it looks like we'll have three or four days in the mid-twenties, we'll make snow

and open it up," he said. "When the snow hits the ground, everyone gets excited about it."

Shick expects business will continue to be strong at Pine Knob in the foreseeable future. "The next 10-day forecast is looking good — it looks like we'll have some snow," he said.

Krygier: Convenience key in move to DSC

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston High School's hockey team and its fans will have a shorter trip to its home games next season.

The CHS athletic department reached an agreement last week with the Detroit Skating Club of Bloomfield Township for the Wolves to play their home games at the DSC starting with the 2003-04 campaign.

Currently, the Wolves play their home games at the Polar Palace in Lapeer.

According to coach Bryan Krygier, easier access to the DSC, as opposed to the Polar Palace, was the determining factor behind the switch.

"There's not as much travel time for the home games," he said.

"It's also more convenient for students, since they won't have to travel as far to see the team."

Clarkston athletic director Dan Fife agreed the move would be beneficial for all concerned.

"That will be such a blessing for our kids and fans," he said. "The weather's generally better farther south than in Lapeer."

Krygier also noted the seating capacity at the DSC is approximately twice that at the Polar Palace.

The Wolves will have to make an adjustment next season in terms of playing surface, according to Krygier.

"The Detroit Skating Club mainly caters to figure skating, while the Polar Palace is geared to-



Clarkston goalies Aaron Catanese (left) and Devin Gerowitz confer before a recent game. The Clarkston hockey team will be playing at the Detroit Skating Club in Bloomfield Township beginning with the 2003-04 season. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

ward hockey," he said. "Lapeer has an NHL-style rink, while the DSC has an Olympic-style rink."

Sports shorts

Clarkston's Hearn begins basketball season at Albion

Erin Hearn, the daughter of Lawrence Hearn and Michaelene Hearn of Clarkston, is a member of the women's basketball team at Albion College. Hearn, a junior at Albion, is a graduate of Notre Dame Prep.

Under the direction of head coach Doreen Belkowski, the Britons are looking to build on the momentum generated from a 17-win season a year ago. Albion opened the season at the Kiwanis-Wittenburg (Ohio) Tip-Off Tournament Nov. 22-23.

The Britons opened the home portion of the season Nov. 30 against Anderson (Ind.) University. Albion will also host Defiance (Ohio) College in non-league action Dec. 30. Albion's first Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association is Jan. 8, a home game against Alma College.

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Boys basketball

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"Right now, I don't see a set lineup."

With three sophomores (Clark, Brad Goodman and Jake Meissnest) and two freshmen (John Kast and Joe Moran), Fife likened this year's boys team to the Clarkston girls basketball teams of 1999 and 2000, when Jenn Carlson and Kira Karlstrom started as freshmen and Anna Trim started as a sophomore.

Those three started their varsity careers at an early age and progressed to the point where they captured two league championships and two district championships. Fife is hoping for similar results down the line from this group of players.

"Even though it's a challenge, this group is something we can build on," Fife said. "I'm looking to build with these kids for the future."

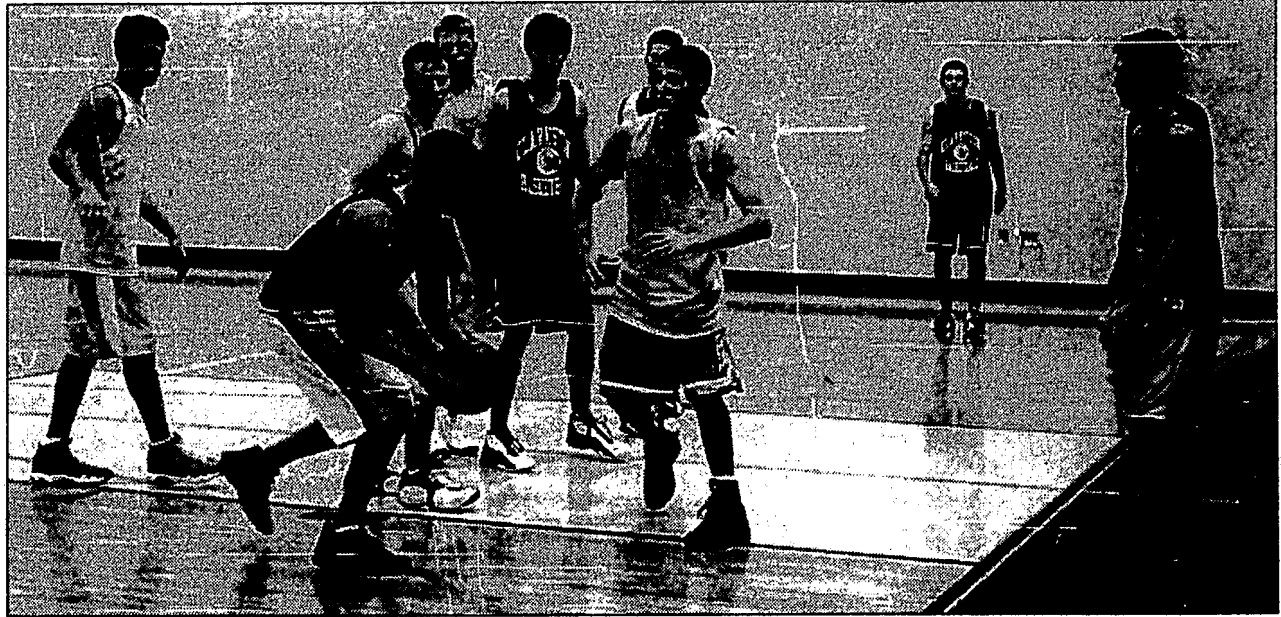
Sophomores Goodman and Meissnest will see minutes backing up at the point guard and center positions, respectively, and Kast and Moran have impressed Fife with their willingness to put in the hours needed to succeed.

"It's been a long time since I've seen kids that are what you call old-school gym rats," he said. "That's what you want from this program. Others are going to follow that kind of leadership."

Fife is also looking for contributions this season from juniors Chris Brookes and Chad Zelinski. "They should be able to help us," he said.

The Wolves will again play a tough non-conference schedule in addition to the highly regarded level of competition in Oakland Activities Association Division I. Clarkston scrimmaged at Detroit Denby Friday evening before hosting Flint Northern in their season opener Tuesday.

The Wolves play highly regarded non-conference opponents such as Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Detroit Murray-Wright and Dakota before tackling their league schedule. Fife said schools such as Pontiac Northern, Lathrup, Southfield and Ferndale will again field quality teams in OAA I competition.



Clarkston's boys basketball team scrimmages Monday afternoon in preparation for their opening game of the season Tuesday at home against Flint Northern. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

'When it comes down to it, the success will come down to Orris and Whetstone's leadership and their attitudes.'

Dan Fife
Clarkston basketball coach

Still, the goals remain the same for the Wolves as they are each year — to win the league and win districts. Fife realizes his young team has a lot to learn, but is optimistic they will meet the challenge.

"We're trying to cram a lot at them in a short time," Fife said. "The quicker they mature, that's when we'll become good. When our opponents can no longer take advantage of our inexperience, then we'll be fine."

Varsity boys basketball 2002-03 roster

No.	Name	Gr.
2	Justin Whetstone	12
3	Ryan Kaltz	11
4	Brad Goodman	10
5	Kyle Rademacher	11
13	Jake Meissnest	10
14	Robbie Clark	10
21	John Kast	9
23	Joe Moran	9
24	Chris Johnston	11
31	Mark Thornberry	11
32	Matt Orris	12
35	Chris Brookes	11
42	Chad Zelinski	11

Head Coach: Dan Fife

Assistant Coaches: Eric Chambers, Jack Cunningham

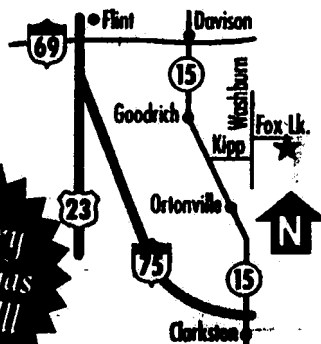
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Blues performer Jones coming to Depot Theater

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Robert Jones hopes people will see the blues in a different light after his concert this Saturday, Dec. 14.

Jones will be making a stop at the Depot Theatre in Clarkston to give two shows that evening, at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each.

While people may associate the blues with sadness, Jones believes there's more to the genre than melancholy feelings.

"Blues tries to express a reality," he said. "They're a reflection of people's experiences, their joys and their sorrows. Blues is a way of doing that."

The Detroit resident first got serious about playing the blues when he was "around 26-27" and played his first concert at the Soup Kitchen Saloon in Detroit. He has been going strong for almost 20 years since. Jones has been recognized nationally in Living Blues Magazine and was named Detroit's Best Blues

Instructor by Metro Times Magazine.

In addition, 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.

He talked about how he takes a lot of pride in teaching others about the blues.

"Education is actually a big part of what I do, whether it be lessons or using music as a vehicle for American culture," he said.

Jones, who is an associate minister at Sweet Kingdom Baptist Church in Detroit, talked about how there is a misconception about how the blues and religion are at odds.

"I think there's been a natural antipathy between the blues and the church which is more manufactured than real," he said. "I think the preacher and the bluesman have different messages. The preacher talks about a better life in

'The blues are simply a way of people expressing what's on their minds and in their hearts.'

Robert Jones
Detroit blues performer



Bluesman Robert Jones, a native Detroit, will be performing two concerts at the Depot Theater in Clarkston Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 each. Photo provided.

and daughter Arnesia, who are teenagers. "I like to stay close to home," Jones said.

For ticket information, call the Depot Theater at 248-625-8811.

Around Town

The public is invited to a **Christmas concert** featuring The University of Michigan-Flint Alumni Choir with the children and handbell choirs of Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd., Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. The program will include a carol sing-along led by the handbell choir. A free will offering will benefit both groups. A reception will follow the concert. Call (248) 625-1611 for more information.

Don't forget to attend the **2nd Annual Heart of Clarkston Parade**, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. on Main Street.

Call the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce at (248) 625-8055 for further details.

Students at both Funshine preschool sites are getting their voices tuned for a **Funshine Sing**, Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston High School auditorium. For more information call the South Sashabaw Early Childhood Center at (248) 674-3141.

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Obituary

Barbara F. Holt

Barbara F. (Lape) Holt of Lexington, Tenn., formerly of Clarkston, died Sunday, Dec. 2 at the age of 67; she was born March 18, 1935.

She was preceded in death by her husband Herbert and son Dennis; mother of David (Bonnie) Lape of Oxford, Denise Lape of Florida, Donald (Theresa) Lape of Clarkston, and Darrell (Lenore) Lape of Clarkston; grandmother of 13 and great grandmother of 15.

Funeral and interment were held Dec. 2 in Lexington, Tenn. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Trust Fund for Children with Special Needs or Hospice of Michigan.

Olga S. Dibble

Olga S. Dibble of Waterford went home to celebrate with her Lord Saturday, Nov. 30 in Dallas at the age of 57.

She was the loving wife of Ron; cherished mother of Jeannette Mortimore of Texas and Debbie (Joe) Williams of Texas; stepmother to Stacy Goeckel of Goodrich, Ron Jr. (Crystal) Dibble of Pontiac and Emily Dibble of Warren; awaiting grandmother of Lilah Page Williams and adored Nana to Olivia and Boo-Boo Goeckel; beloved daughter of Arturo and Petra Salas of Pontiac; dear sister of Juan Salas of Waterford, Francisca (Jose) Rosas of Tennessee, Pete (Sue) Salas of White Lake, Art (Denise) Salas of Waterford, Bobby Salas of Pontiac, and Dan (Tammy) Salas of Mt. Pleasant; daughter in law of Alice and Ray Dibble of Waterford; special aunt to many nieces and nephews.

Olga was a woman of great passion, kindness and love that spread laughter and joy to the multitude of lives she touched. She was retired from General Motors after 25 years of service.

A celebration of Olga's life was held Saturday, Dec. 7 at Mt. Zion Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Constance M. John

Constance Mae "Connie" John of Loudon, Tenn., formerly of Clarkston, died Thursday, Dec. 5 at the age of 67.

She was the wife of David P.; mother of Jennifer (John) Chambers of Florida, Jeffrey Paul (Sandra) John of Georgia and James Andrew John of Ohio; grandmother of Devin Alexis John; daughter of Louise and the late Earl Hensel of Waterford; sister of Lorraine Newkirk of Waterford and David Hensel of Florida; also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Connie was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Lenoir City, Tenn.

A memorial Mass was held Friday, Dec. 13 at 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Friends may visit Thursday, Dec. 12 from 6-9 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials may be made in Connie's memory to St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1580 St. Thomas Way, Lenoir City, TN 37772.

Mildred S. Roberts

Mildred S. Roberts of Clarkston died Thursday, Dec. 5 at the age of 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ray and her son Richard; mother of Ed (Shirley Morgan) of Waterford, Ruth Phipps of Clarkston and David (Linda) of Ortonville; grandma of Eric, Jason, Ann, Karen, Bill (Chris), David and Lori (Jeff); great grandma of Lacey and David; great great grandma of Cameron.

Mildred was a longtime member of Sashabaw Presbyterian Church.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 9 at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church. Interment at Sashabaw Plains Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Cranbrook Hospice or Sashabaw Presbyterian Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Local girls excel in national tennis tournaments

Two Clarkston girls did well for themselves in national tennis tournaments during Thanksgiving weekend, and will be headed to the Super Nationals tournament in Arizona.

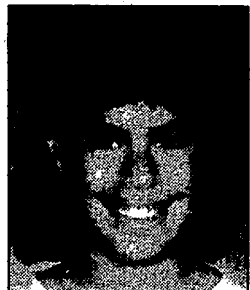
Clarkston High School sophomore Lauren Little won the championship at the Girls 16 National Open held Nov. 28-Dec. 1 in Ann Arbor. The tournament featured 64 girls from throughout the country.



Lauren Little

Little, the sixth seed, won the title by defeating Maria Martinez, the third seed from Abingdon, Maryland, 7-6(4), 6-3 in the tournament final.

Meanwhile, Alyssa Lucas, a seventh grader at Clarkston Middle School, took part in the United States Tennis Association (USTA) tournament held Thanksgiving weekend at Genesys Athletic Club in Grand Blanc.



Alyssa Lucas

Lucas and her partner, Melanie Capuano of Grosse Pointe, took first place in doubles. Lucas also placed in the top six in singles, thus qualifying her for both singles and doubles competition at the Super Nationals. Players from as far away as Nevada, Florida and Oregon competed in this tournament.

Both Little and Lucas got the start under Mary Jo Colonna at Deer Lake Racquet Club in Clarkston, and both currently train under Gilbert Rincon at Genesee Valley Tennis Club in Flint.

Hockey

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Devin Gerowitz stopped 15 of 18 shots for the Wolves.

"I thought we worked hard," Krygier said of the game with Royal Oak. "Their goalie came up big and made some key saves."

With the recent rash of injuries, Krygier emphasized how important it is for the Wolves to set aside individual pursuits and help each other out.

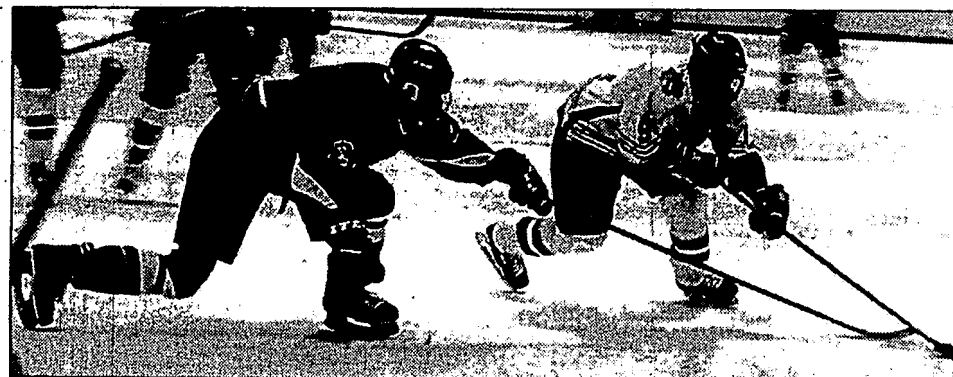
"We have to work harder and make sure we're responsible on the ice," he said. "We have to rely on each other more and

play as a team."

Against Bloomfield, junior forward Adam Peters was the big offensive force, as he earned a hat trick and assisted on two other goals in the Wolves' 8-1 win against the Chargers. Buzzo and senior forward Eric Hall scored two goals apiece, while senior forward Matt Brady netted his first goal of the season.

Junior goalie Aaron Catanese started his first game of the season and picked up the win for Clarkston.

Clarkston returns to action Wednesday, Dec. 11 as they host OAA rival Birmingham at the Polar Palace. The Wolves then host another league rival, Troy, on Saturday, Dec. 14.



Clarkston's Eric Hall (9) reaches for the puck Dec. 4. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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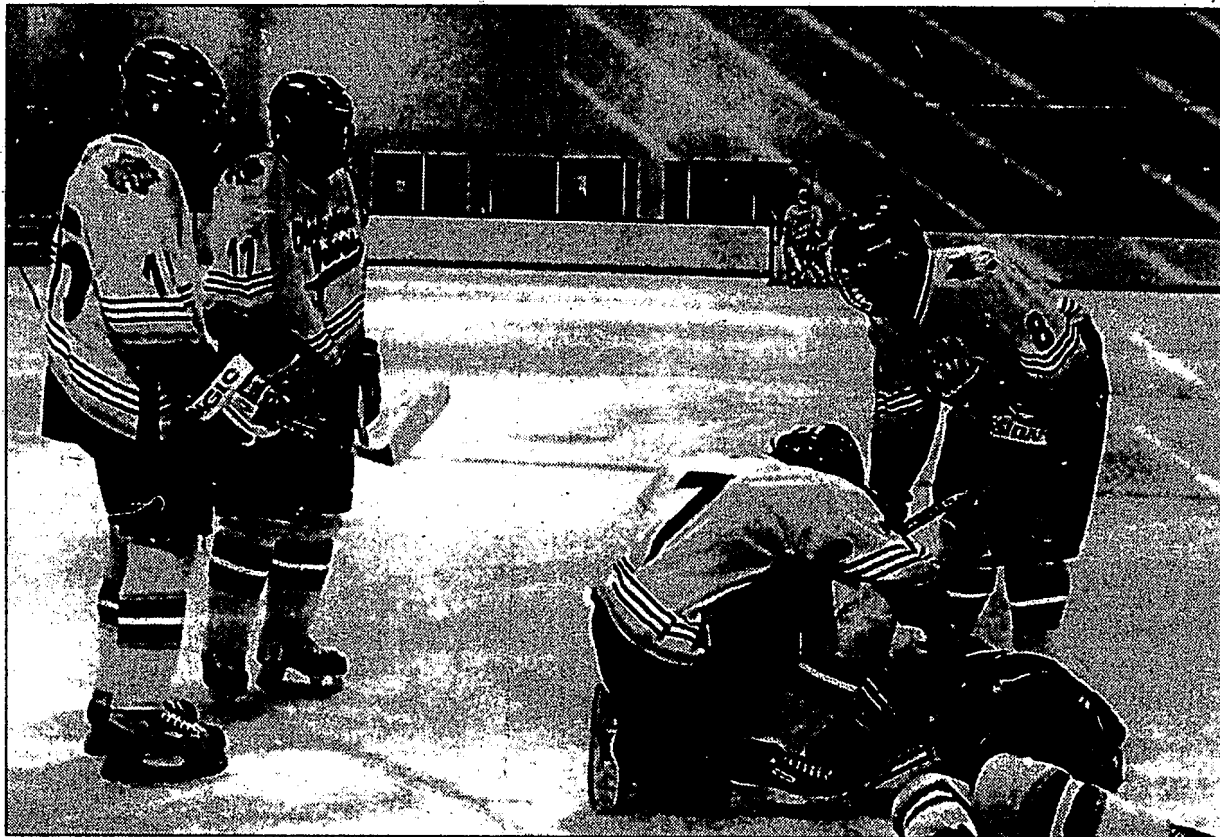
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Clarkston hockey players Ron Knoebel (7) and Adam Peters (8) come to the aid of injured teammate Ryan Wells (23) as Bryan Morin (15) and Trevor Johns (11) look on during the Wolves' Dec. 4 game against Bloomfield. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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Clarkston's Kyle Hester (above) sizes up his Bay City Western opponent Dec. 5. Hester won both his matches in the 171-lb. weight class, and the Wolves defeated both Western and Hartland to successfully open their season; (top) The Clarkston wrestling team warms up before their match against Bay City Western. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Wrestling

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Western 66-17.
 Eleven Clarkston grapplers — Herron, John Henzel, Bryan Webb, L'Amoreaux, LaJoie, Langdon, Turner, Smiley, Clint DeGain, Hester and Wood — won both their matches that evening, while May and Kyle Peterson went 1-1 in the meet.
 Clarkston hosts Dakota and Troy in a Dec. 11 meet, then travel to Howell Dec. 14 for the Howell Invitational. The Wolves have never competed in that event, but Mike DeGain is expecting the tourney to be another strong test for the Wolves.
 "It's a very strong field — it's one of the toughest in the state," he said.

Best Image Possible

Basketball helps ease stress of bad weather

I suspect most metro Detroit drivers were in the same boat I was during the Dec. 2 arctic blast—stressed out.

First, I drove to the Polar Palace in Lapeer to interview Clarkston hockey player Steve Morin for the weekly Athlete of the Week feature. Later, it was on to an appointment in Sterling Heights. By the time I arrived back in C-Town, it was time to chill out and take a breather.

The weather does have a funny way of putting a damper on social plans. However, Clarkston residents don't have to travel very far to see some quality hoops action.

The Wolves kicked off their season with a home game Tuesday against Flint Northern, and will compete against some quality non-conference teams, such as Dakota, Detroit Murray-Wright and Orchard Lake St. Mary's, in addition to league opponents such as Pontiac Northern, Lathrup, Southfield and Rochester.

If Clarkston fans don't recognize anyone from last year's team, it's understandable. Gone are all five starters from last year's team — Mike Blicher, Eric

Kieras, Mike Loveless, Matt Mahrle and Dave Ritzema.

The Wolves went 18-5 last year and won the Oakland Activities Association Division I tournament and district championship before losing in the regional final to eventual state champion Pontiac Northern.

This year, the Wolves will have only two seniors — Justin Whetstone and Matt Orris — on this year's varsity along with six juniors, three sophomores and two freshmen. Whetstone is the only player on this year's team to see significant playing time last year.

While they are young, expect the Wolves to be competitive and work hard once again this season. It's hard to imagine any Dan Fife-coached team doing anything else.

In Clarkston and elsewhere, high school basketball has a way of bringing the community together when there is nothing else to do during the winter.

College basketball is also a hot topic of discussion among sports fans nationwide during the winter. Locally, the fortunes of the two major college teams could not be any different.

For Michigan State, the old saying "they don't rebuild, they reload," seems to apply. The Spartans are once again ranked in the Top 25 and have several newcomers (including Rochester graduate Paul Davis, who many Clarkston fans saw last year when the Wolves played the Falcons) that will make an impact with the program.

By contrast, the fortunes of the Michigan basketball team couldn't be much worse. The Wolverines have already banned themselves from postseason play this season after conducting an internal investigation into the actions of booster Ed Martin.

Even if the Wolverines were eligible, it's extremely unlikely they would even make it to the NIT this year. Michigan has already suffered losses to two Mid-American Conference teams, Central Michigan and Western Michigan, and were blown out by coach Tommy Amaker's alma mater, Duke.

Nonetheless, hoop fans in Michigan have plenty of options to take in some quality basketball action, from the local high school gym to college or NBA games on television. It's a good way to counter the winter blues.

What's up with that!



Jeff Patrus

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from Dec. 26 through Jan. 11. Independence Oaks will accept tree through Jan. 31. Trees can be dropped off 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week. Trees must be free of all decorations, metal objects, string and plastic. Large quantities from commercial lots will not be accepted. The parks system will process the trees into wood chips which will be available free to the public on select Saturdays at Orion Oaks in spring. For more information, call (248) 858-0906.

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A free public lecture on **immune system education** will be Tuesday, May 28 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library in Clarkston. Hear breakthrough scientific information and clinical research from the world's leading viro-immunologist, Dr. Jesse Stoff, M.D., N.D., Homeopath and author of "The Prostrate Miracle," "Chronic Fatigue the Hidden Epidemic" and "Friendly Fire—Transforming the Challenge of Autoimmune Disease." Learn about

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Bleeding Text

Sea Wolves compete in Spartan Invitational

The Clarkston Sea Wolves Swim Club took part in their first team meet of the year at the Spartan Aquatic Thanksgiving Classic Invitational at Churchill High School in Livonia Nov. 23-24.

The team is comprised of Clarkston swimmers at the elementary and middle school levels and is run by Clarkston High School swimming coach Kenwyn Chock. The team did very well with some of their seasoned swimmers as well as some new members.

In the 8 and under girls division, newcomer Natalie Vela, 6, took first place in the 50 yard backstroke and Kendall Kamp, 7, placed third in the 25 yard backstroke. In addition, a newcomer, Daniel Agnew, 6, placed second in the boys 50 yard backstroke.

In the 10 and under girls B division, Julia Vela, 10, grabbed two seconds and two thirds in the 50 yard backstroke, 100 yard individual medley, 100 yard breaststroke and 200 yard freestyle, respectively. In the C division, Emily Alli and Amber Fullmer also placed in

the top three.

In the 10 and under boys B division Steven Nelson, 8, took two first places in the 50 and 100 yard backstroke with a second in the 100 yard breaststroke and a third in the 50 yard freestyle. Newcomer Kramer Kamp took two firsts in the C division in the 50 yard breaststroke and the 100 yard freestyle and Dakota Gordon placed second in the 50 yard backstroke.

In the 11-12 girls B division, Alyssa Vela took a first in the 500 yard freestyle with a 6:16.05 and a second in the 100 yard flystroke with a 1:15.69. Kaitlyn Hassett took a second in the 50 yard freestyle with a 30.03 and in the C division Dominique Kunz took first in the 100 yard breaststroke. Robert Nelson, 11, did an impressive 1:16.28 in the 11-12 boys B division 100 yard individual medley and also took a second in the 50 yard backstroke.

In the 13-14 girls B division, Kandice Keen placed first in the 200 yard individual medley and 200 yard back open, second in the 200 yard breaststroke and three thirds in the 100 yard back open, 100 yard breaststroke and the 200 yard fly. Amanda Hassett placed

eighth in the 100 yard free. In the C division Megan Bland placed first in the 200 back, Elissa Smith first in the 50 yard free, Kati Snelling second in the 100 yard fly and Rachel Napier second in the 50 yard free exhibition.

In the 13-14 boys B division, Ryan Kurrle placed first in the 200 yard individual medley, 100 yard fly, 100 yard breast and 1000 yard free with a second in the 200 yard fly and a third in the 100 yard free open. Michael Nelson took a second in the 200 yard breast open with three thirds in the 100 back, 500 free and the 200 fly. Philip Voorheis took a first in the C division 200 yard back.

In the 15 and over girls B division, Chelsea Hassett placed first in the 100 yard free and third in the 200 yard breaststroke. In the C division Jaime Bonneau placed in almost all events. For boys, Keith Voorheis placed third in the 100 yard breast and 200 yard back.

It was a great meet for the Sea Wolves and they are looking forward to their next invitational at Lake Orion High School Dec. 14-15.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD
AGENDA
7:30 p.m.
TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

DATE: December 17, 2002

- Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Opening Statements and Correspondence
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Approval of Purchase Orders
Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run
Approval of Agenda
Public Forum
Unfinished Business

1. Apostolic Church of Christ - Proposed Amendment to Consent Judgment Regarding Site Plan and Planned Unit Development on Vacant Parcel at Northeast Corner of Dixie Highway and Deerhill Road.

2. Paramus Drive Drainage Study

New Business

1. Request for Variance at Waterford Hill Raceway - West Bloomfield Police
2. Request to Modify Building Department Fee Schedule

3. Resolution in Support of Access Management

4. Appointments to Boards and Commissions

Only those matters that are listed on the agenda are to be considered for action. A majority vote of the Board members may add or delete an agenda item.

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

Supervisor Stuart called the December 3, 2002 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Independence Township Library. Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: present: Kelly, McCrary, Stuart, Rosso, Travis, Wagner, Wenger. Absent: None.

There is a quorum.

1. Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2002 as submitted.

2. Approved the payment of the revised list of distributions in the amount of \$62,709.55.

3. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$618,126.54.

4. Approval of agenda as amended.

5. Approved motion of Reprogramming of CDBG 2002 Funds.

6. Approved motion authorizing Clerk to sign Plante & Moran 2003 Engagement Letter.

7. Approved motion to participate with SMART Municipal Credit funds for 2003.

8. Approved motion to accept recommendation of the Safety Path Committee.

9. Approved motion to join participants in creating a community website.

10. Approved motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Published 1/11/02

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan E. McCrary
Township Clerk

Attendance remains high at 2001-02 tournaments

Attendance at Michigan High School Athletic Association post-season tournament events increased during the 2001-02 school year, with new records set in overall spectatorship in competitive cheer and ice hockey.

The overall attendance figure of 1,578,557 was the third highest ever to the 1999-2000 record total of 1,668,905 fans. The boys attendance mark of 1,214,542 ranked third all-time, as did the girls figure of 364,015.

The girls competitive cheer tournament series drew 10,390, topping the old record of 9,522 the previous year; and the regionals attendance for that tournament of 7,125 far exceeded the previous record of 5,889 fans in 1999-2000.

For the third consecutive year, ice hockey, in its three-division format, has set new attendance marks. This past year's tournament set marks at the regional (40,201), quarterfinal (8,808) and overall (59,039). The

old overall record was 54,966 a year ago.

The boys soccer finals set a new attendance record last year with 5,950 fans, topping the old mark of 5,564 in 1998-99; and the girls volleyball semifinals set a new mark with 4,031, passing the old mark of 3,954 in the first year of the 16-team, two-day elimination tournament format.

Also of note was baseball recording its third highest series attendance ever with 45,056; boys basketball attracting 93,508 fans for the final round (quarterfinal-semifinal-final) of that tournament, its highest since the 1998 event; team dual wrestling drawing its second highest spectator total ever for the series with 365,490; girls gymnastics having its second highest series number of 2,472; softball notching its third highest total (41,430) and district (23,939) attendance figures; and girls volleyball drawing its second highest finals crowd ever of 3,868.

Tussle on ice



Clarkston's Eric Hall (9) fights for position with a West Bloomfield player during the teams' Nov. 27 contest. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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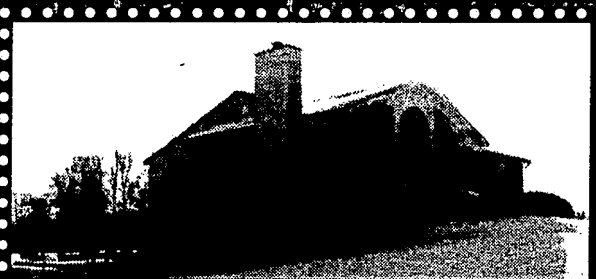


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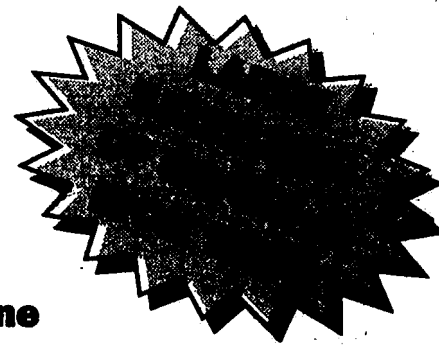
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