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Commission shuts down Dixie project until April

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A combination of cold weather and unexpected needs has led the Road Commission of Oakland County to postpone the widening of a portion of Dixie Highway until mid-April.

The road commission had been widening the part of Dixie Highway between I-75 and Davisburg Road in Springfield Township from four lanes to five, but the winter weather prevented the project from being completed by the end of November as originally scheduled, according to road commission spokesman Craig Bryson.

For now, three lanes will remain open to accommodate motorists. Those three lanes will eventually become the two northbound lanes and the center left-turn lane. Thompson McCully, the Whitmore Lake-based firm which has been contracted for the project, will resume construction of the two southbound lanes around mid-April and should finish the project in about 30 days, Bryson said.

Part of that project will include the removal of temporary asphalt in what is currently the southbound lane, and will eventually become the center left-turn lane.

"When it was clear we couldn't get five lanes (before the original completion date of late November), we didn't want to leave it at two lanes," Bryson said. "We rushed to put a temporary asphalt layer on there. It was never intended to be permanent. We're going to go back in the spring and put a permanent asphalt lane there. It's not undrivable at all. There may be a few pothole problems, and our maintenance people are watching them."

In addition to weather concerns, part of the project's delay had to do with the onset of some unexpected drainage issues. "We had to add some additional sewer drains," he said. "We also had to enclose some drainage ditches along the road."

The project was originally scheduled to get underway in early to mid-July, but was delayed until late July because state highway officials had not given final approval of federal highway funds for the project, as mandated by State Department of Transportation rules, according to Bryson.

He also stated Ameritech had to move some power lines to widen the road, which added to the delay in the project's start.



Floyd Frick caught this "deer of a lifetime," but had it stolen from his yard the next day. Photo provided.

Deer escapes hunter, even after the kill

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was the deer of a lifetime. But, lifetime Clarkston resident Floyd Frick's eight-point buck he shot with his bow and arrow was stolen from him within 24 hours of its kill.

Frick had been hunting with his father on his father's Reese Road property, Wednesday night, Dec. 11, when he bagged the trophy deer.

"I used to travel up north to hunt, but I've been hunting down here for the last couple years because it's more of a challenge," Frick, 44, said.

He, in fact, has been hunting since he was 16. "I've gotten several deer but nothing that compares to this. This was the one."

Gloating, he put the deer in his truck, and kept it there when he drove it to work the next morning.

A bus driver for Clarkston schools, Frick returned home about 9 a.m. after his morning bus run. He took some pictures of the deer, and strung it up in a tree in a yard, before leaving again for work at 11 a.m. When he returned home after 5 p.m., the deer was gone.

A neighbor who was putting up Christmas lights outside said they saw

"What is the guy who stole it gonna say to his buddies when they see it mounted on his wall?"

Floyd Frick

a beige, late model, truck at the Fricks' home for about 10 minutes during the day.

Frick said there have never really been any criminal activities in the neighborhood on Claypool prior. "It's not like it is a real travelled road. It's a cul de sac."

"It was beautiful. The deer of a lifetime. The biggest I've ever got with a bow, especially in Clarkston. It just kills me. I worked hard for that. And there's really nothing I can do about it," Frick said.

"What is the guy who stole it gonna say to his buddies when they see it mounted on his wall, 'Yeah, this is the deer I stole?' It should be mounted on my wall."



Motorists on Dixie Highway between I-75 and Davisburg Road will have to navigate a three-lane highway until April 2003, when plans to widen Dixie to five lanes will resume. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Driver who hit Taylor to be sentenced

Jose Carcamo, the 26-year-old driver who hit Clarkston resident Tricia Taylor, will face sentencing shortly after the new year.

Carcamo, of Orion Township, will appear before Judge John McDonald of the Oakland County Circuit Court Jan. 13 at 8:30 a.m.

At a hearing Monday, Dec. 2, he pled no contest to two counts of operating a vehicle under the influence of

liquor causing serious injury and two charges of felonious driving. Carcamo could face a maximum of five years in prison on these charges.

Taylor, 18, had both of her legs amputated above the knee after Carcamo's speeding vehicle pinned her against the Ameritech Building in downtown Pontiac as she walked with her date at the Arts, Beats and Eats festival Aug. 31.

Light Ink

Briefly

Clarkston group offers scholarship

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SEMCOG urges safe and sober driving

With more people expected to travel on America's highways during the holiday season, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) urges everyone to enjoy the holidays but know the facts that alcohol is a significant factor in holiday deaths.

Fact: Impaired driving is one of the most often-committed crimes, randomly killing someone in America every 30 minutes.

Fact: A fatality in a crash is nine times more likely when alcohol is involved.

Fact: In southeast Michigan, alcohol was involved in 37 percent of all traffic deaths in 2001 (up from 2000). Alcohol was a factor in 184 deaths and 679 severe injuries (156 deaths in 2000).

Fact: In southeast Michigan, traffic crashes involving alcohol are highest in December. There were 644 crashes involving alcohol in Dec. 2001, an average of nearly 21 each day that month.

Fact: In Michigan, alcohol was involved in 34.7 percent of all fatal crashes in 2001. Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 461 deaths.

Fact: In the United States, 17,448 people were killed (or 41 percent of all fatalities) in 2001 in crashes involving alcohol.

Fact: In the United States, from Thanksgiving 2001 through New Year's Eve 2001, 2,053 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes, 42 percent of all fatal crashes.

"We, at SEMCOG, hope that these facts heighten the awareness of drivers to be extremely cautious during the holiday season and all year," SEMCOG Executive Director Paul Tait said. "Our message is simple: Don't risk it. If you plan to drive, don't drink."

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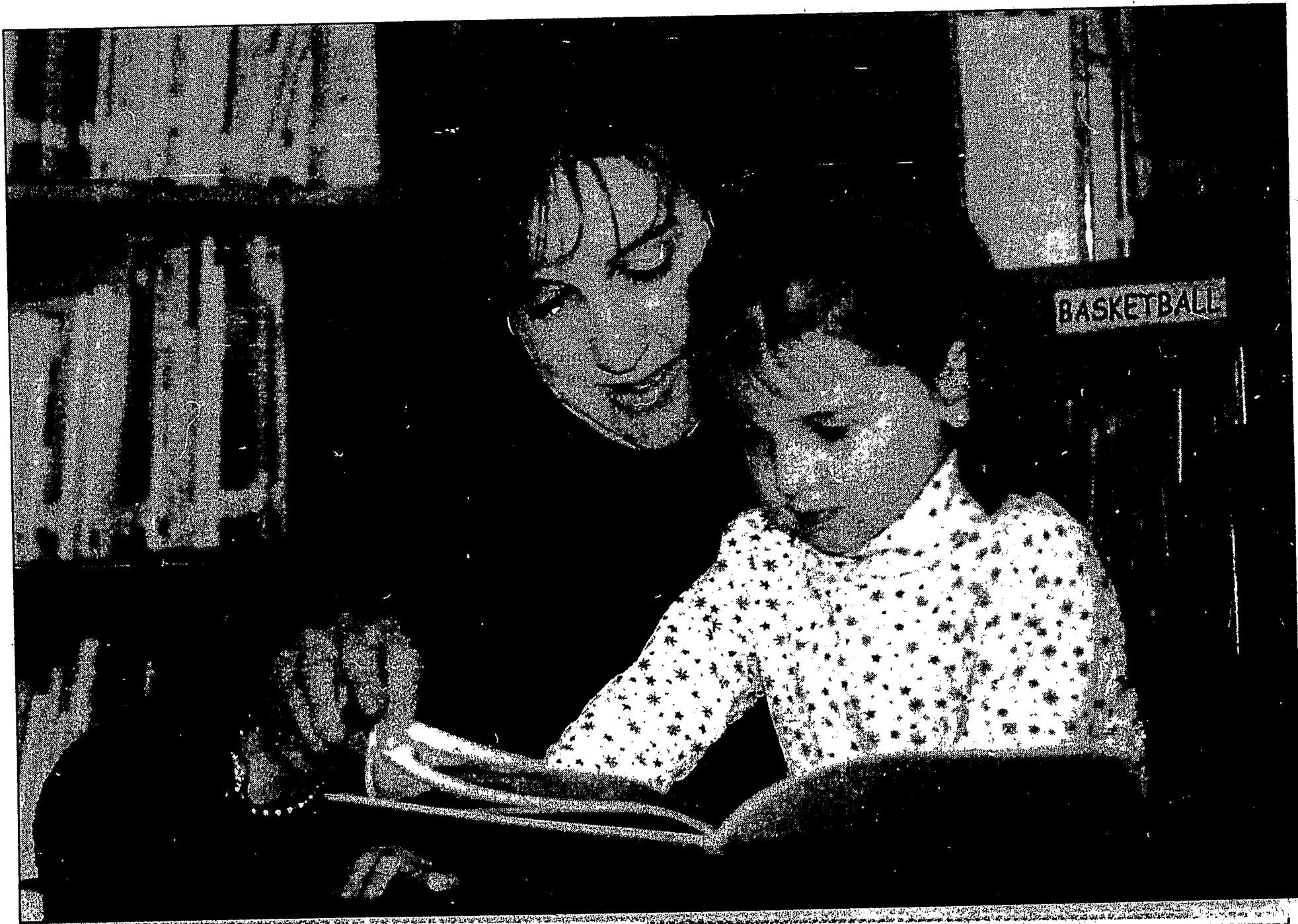
Second grade teacher Kathy Noble led her Bailey Lake Elementary students and their parents in 2,003 seconds (about 33 1/3 minutes) of reading at noon on Friday, Dec. 6 in the media center.

They were just one of thousands of readers all over the world for the Read for 2003 program sponsored by Scholastic. In fact, there were 832 classrooms participating in Michigan alone for this fourth annual event.

Noble and her class even get their Bailey Lake name posted on a world map for their participation, and will post photos of themselves along with others from across the world on the Scholastic website at www.scholastic.com.

Several moms and dads stopped by Bailey Lake Elementary Friday, Dec. 6 to read with their children for Read for 2003, the "world's largest classroom reading event," sponsored by Scholastic. On right, John Spiker and son Logan take time out to read.

Below, Michele Johnson and daughter Marisa enjoy a book together. Photos by Jennifer Nemer.



Combs: No changes in the works for police department

City hopes to have permanent chief in place by March 1, 2003; department hires new officer

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Even though the Clarkston Police Department will be changing leaders as of Jan. 1, don't expect too many changes in how the department is run.

Deputy Chief Ernest Combs was appointed by the Clarkston City Council Dec. 9 as the interim police chief, effective at the beginning of 2003. He will be replacing Chief Paul Ormiston, who is retiring at the end of the year to become a flight attendant and in-flight security instructor with Spirit Airlines.

Combs' appointment was for a 60-day period (until March 1, 2003), with the council's option to extend that appointment if more time is needed to fill the position on a permanent basis.

"Actually, I'm planning to continue the programs that Chief Ormiston has put into place and improve upon them if I deem it necessary," he said.

Combs, who stated after the Dec. 9 council meeting he is "absolutely" interested in becoming the permanent chief, believes whoever replaces Ormiston has a tough act to follow.

"He's done a lot of significant things in the community, and it's going to be hard to fill his shoes," he said.

The council's Finance Committee met Monday to discuss the job description and salary structure. City Councilman Scott Meyland stated the city is beginning a search to fill the position.

"Primarily, we need to take a look at the salary and job description, and to make sure the position fits well with the community's needs," he said. "We want to make sure we have a thorough search."

Meyland added the council hopes to have a per-

manent chief in place by the time the 60-day interim period expires.

"I'd like to think so," he said. "That's our goal right now, but we'll see how the search process goes. It depends on how soon we'll be able to get a job description together. Our goal is to act sooner rather than later."

In other Clarkston police news, Combs stated the department has hired Fred Earnshaw, a recently retired 29-year veteran of the Royal Oak Police Department, to join its force.

"I think he'll be quite an asset to the community with his vast experience and public relations skills," he said.

I guess that's why they call them the blues



Blues performer Robert Jones was on hand at Clarkston Middle School Thursday to introduce students to the blues. Jones gave two concerts Saturday at the Depot Theater. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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Springfield board approves 2003 salary increases

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Springfield Township is keeping its salary increases for 2003, with three exceptions, at the same rate as the previous two years.

The township board approved a 3.2 percent increase for the 2003 salaries of board members and other township officials. Supervisor Collin Walls will make \$55,500 next year, up from \$53,780 in 2002. Clerk Nancy Strole will make \$49,600 (up from \$48,030),

while newly appointed Treasurer Jamie Dubre will make \$49,600, up from the \$48,030 former treasurer Lois Stiles made last year before she died in October.

Trustees Dean Baker, Margaret Bloom, Dave Hopper and Dennis Vallad decided they should keep their 2003 compensation at \$1,200 plus \$100 per meeting, instead of \$1,500 plus \$100 per meeting as suggested by Walls.

The three exceptions were listed in a Dec. 9 memo from Walls to the township board. He noted

planning coordinator Sue Roberts, who started in July, was making less than the previous coordinator. The board approved an increase to \$27,000.

In addition, Walls also mentioned Fire Chief Charles Oaks felt his current wage of \$39,200, with a small increase, was acceptable, and that most of the budgeted increase could be used in other area.

While Walls respected Oaks' viewpoint, he felt the fire chief should be paid the budgeted \$46,000 for next year.

"I appreciate his commitment, but funds are available and his wage should be more commensurate with his responsibility," Walls said.

The third exception was regarding the Fire Clerical position, in which a 3.2 increase would be \$10.68/hour. Walls stated the office clerical rate of \$10.92 would be more appropriate for the fire clerical department.

Other township salaries for 2003 are as follows (with 2002 salaries in parentheses):

- Building Inspector: \$32,950 (31,950)
- Assistant Chief: \$4,000 (3,800)
- Planning Commission: \$75/meeting, Chair \$85 (\$50/meeting, Chair \$60)
- Zoning Board of Appeals: \$75/meeting, Chair \$85 (\$50/meeting, Chair \$60)
- Recording Secretary: \$60/hour for first hour, \$15 for each 1/4 hour thereafter (\$50/hour for first hour, \$12.50 for each 1/4 hour thereafter)
- Assessor: \$50,900 (49,400)
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- Appraiser II: \$34,300 (33,200)
- Appraiser I: \$26,800 (26,000)
- Deputy Clerk: \$31,600 (30,600)
- Voter Registration Clerk: \$27,600 (26,700)
- Administrative Assistant: \$31,600 (30,600)
- Building Department Coordinator: \$27,000 (26,150)
- Deputy Treasurer (position currently open): \$26,400 to 29,300 (28,400)
- Office Assistant: \$22,100 (21,400)

SMS band students awarded

Band students from Sashabaw Middle School returned from the Michigan Schools' District 4 Solo and Ensemble Festival, held in Brighton on Saturday, Dec. 7, with several awards.

Blue first division ratings were earned by Brandon Fairse, cornet solo; Jessica Craig, flute solo; Wally Myers, snare drum solo; Katie Morse and Julianna Foust, woodwind duet; Zack Semann, James Maurer, Jacob Line, Shane Fitzgerald and Travis Shelton, brass quintet; and Clorissa Novak, Elizebeth Frederick, Jamie Okopny, Jamie Johnson and Adam Walker, woodwind quintet.

Red second division ratings were earned by Steven Sweedyk and Nick Johnson, cornet duet;

Rockwood Bullard and Amanda Witkowski, brass duet; Nicole Nestorovski and Danielle Thomas, cornet duet; Brian Steele and William Thompson, brass duet; Nick Damico, Kyle LeClair and John Decker, sax trio; and Joe Chaney, Brian Steele and William Thompson, brass trio.

A flute quartet also attended but was not given a rating. They were: Katie Morse, Cassie VanNest, Jill Hoekstra and April Pieknik.

Students attended the festival for comments from different adjudicators to improve their playing. "A job well done by all and I hope they have learned something to make them a better musician," Doug Doty, band director at SMS, said.

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Opinion

Holiday season means shopping

Here is a tale about yours truly braving the elements to travel to Great Lakes Crossing and attempting to complete all Christmas shopping in one day:

8:30 a.m.: As everybody knows the key to holiday shopping is to wake up early and get a jump on the crowds. Unfortunately productive weekend mornings for myself is much like Detroit Lions' victories: Spread out widely during the year.

10:30 a.m.: I finally rumble out of bed and decide to ease into my day with a tasty bagel. I mean, who can shop on an empty stomach?

12:05 p.m.: My automobile pulls into the Great Lakes parking lot and attempts to find a parking spot within two miles of the mall.

12:11 p.m.: I curse myself for sleeping in as I go through rows of cars trying to find a decent spot.

12:17 p.m.: I finally walk through the doors to the mall after throwing my loose change to the jolly man ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. I point this out not only because the Salvation Army bell ringer is a holiday staple, but also because I am attempting to create a buzz so the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce will name me Clarkston Citizen of the Year. If you could help me out by spreading the word that would be appreciated.

12:25 p.m.: I walk into a sporting goods store to begin shopping. After picking out a gift for my brother, I turn my attention to the fitted caps section of the store to purchase myself a Detroit Tigers cap in honor of the new Alan Trammell Era.

12:32 p.m.: I leave the hat area in pure frustration as my abnormally large cranium can not fit into any of the hats. Sadly, I have grown out of the 7 5/8 hat size. Evidently, I have the second largest head in American with first place being held by none other than Rosiè O'Donnell.

12:50 p.m.: A stop at Cinnabon takes place. They must put an addictive chemical in their cinnamon treats for I can't walk past the counter without indulging.

1:09 p.m.: I enter the specialty store filled with everything ever peddled on television.

1:15 p.m.: I realize why I have never bought anything after watching an infomercial.

2:50 p.m.: The trip to Great Lakes is not as productive as I would have wished. After the highlight of the Cinnabon, I only found a couple of gifts to purchase. It is time to break out the big guns.

3:08 p.m.: I roll into the parking lot of the Kohl's Department store. Indeed, if all else fails, bank on Herb Kohl and his store of everything. It doesn't matter what the person or what the occasion, you can find it at Kohl's. The only store which I believe has at least 50 percent of their merchandise on sale at any given time.

4:30 p.m.: I am walk to my car with a sense of satisfaction for a job well done. Everybody on the Christmas list is accounted for and I even have more than a week to spare. Nothing can knock me off the emotional pedestal I stand upon.

4:50 p.m.: Where the heck did I park? Why does half the population drive a gray Grand Am?

5:20 p.m.: Back to Lancaster Lakes Apartments. Time for a nap.

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Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Commentary

Community feedback important first step

As readers know, the school board is planning to place a bond issue on the ballot this coming June. The purpose of the bond is to add instructional space to eliminate overcrowding; and to consolidate operations in a way that helps the district offer services in a thorough, efficient and cost-effective manner. In addition, the district plans to complete a variety of capital improvement tasks like playground improvements, the purchase of furniture and equipment, and upgrading needed technology. While it is important to understand the components of this proposal, it is equally critical that citizens realize how this bond will benefit the community, impact their pocketbook, and offer opportunities for public participation.

The Clarkston Advantage

It has been said that, "a community is known by the schools it keeps." Think about it! Do you know of any outstanding community that does not feature a quality school system as a component of its reputation? In fact, Clarkston is a wonderful place to live and to raise a family. This is due, at least in part, because of the community's support of its schools. The education of our young people is a sacred trust that translates directly to the quality of life a city or village enjoys. By the way, it also impacts the economy as well (home value/community desirability).

Bond Dollars and Sense

As far as the pocketbook is concerned, our school district is well known for getting the most out of the dollars we receive. We are already well ahead of schedule with regard to paying off the last bond issue; and the present proposal will not raise the tax rate. Yes, like refinancing a home mortgage, it will extend the repayment schedule but the rate will not increase! That is good news for all of us. It is also a very opportune time to finance needed repairs and necessary

additions/renovations because the interest rates are low and the workforce is available.

Citizen Participation and District Planning

This past week we conducted a few "feedback sessions" to provide information, and to listen to the questions/concerns that members of the community might have relative to the bond. This is one step in a long process. While the administration has publicly worked with the school board over the past two years to build a conceptual plan, it is now time to deal with some of the details.

At the recent feedback sessions, comments made by individuals helped us gain perspective and understand some of the misconceptions/rumors that exist. While it is the administration's responsibility to develop a plan of action, staff and citizen involvement is necessary for a quality proposal to take root! We are currently in the process of developing the preliminary bond application and this task is fairly well regulated by the state. As soon as we receive approval at the state level, we will need an army of volunteers to help "cross the T's and dot the I's."

We want to move carefully and deliberately. After all, spending too much time, effort and energy before the bond passes is presumptuous at best, and costly to getting the present workload accomplished. Nonetheless, the feedback we received tells us that there are some committees that must be called to action before asking our community members to vote. So, at the January Board Meeting, the process for citizen involvement will get a "jump start."

In the meantime, I have some homework for conscientious readers. Take some time to review our recommendations, to develop a deep understanding of the difference between bond dollars and operational funds, and to think about how this bond can make our schools even better tomorrow than they are today! As a district, we stand ready to meet with any individual, group or organization that may want to learn more about the bond plans and to share their ideas for making the plan work best for students.

Clarkston Schools



Dr. Al Roberts

Too much Christmas, that cannot be good

Usually I highly anticipate the Christmas season. Especially since I've gotten older. The giving is so much cooler than the getting like as a child.

I know I'll be excited when Dec. 25 is finally here, but this year I seem to have lost much of my enthusiasm.

Maybe it's because I was seeing Christmas lights on homes before Thanksgiving, watching and hearing Christmas commercials on television and radio before Thanksgiving, and even hearing Christmas music in stores before Thanksgiving.

I understand why stores bring out their Christmas merchandise prior to Thanksgiving (for people like my grandma who has nearly completed Christmas shopping in August); an early Christmas is necessary in some instances. But there is a thing called too much.

Too much Christmas, it can dampen a normally upbeat holiday spirit. Usually I have grand gift ideas, can't wait to go shopping, enjoy wrapping, and soak in as much of the holiday decor I can.

Just Jen



Jennifer Nemer

Really none of that is there this year. And I want it to be, but every year Christmas seems to get earlier and earlier. Every year it seems the aim is to be bigger and better. Every year, the commercialism of Christmas is too much.

When it came to the birth of our Messiah, a stable would have to do. Amidst the grime and smell and animals, Jesus Christ became flesh.

It was simple and quiet, though the One that was born was born to save the world and give eternal life.

There was none of the glitz like we, today, expect at Christmas. But was it any less special that first Christmas?

Christmas is fun -- celebrating with family, opening presents and all that goes along with the holiday. But it's so much more than that.

Remembering the intended focus of Christmas, that's more than enough to bring back the enthusiasm I thought I had lost.

I found this on the Internet and thought it was cute. It's called, "Why Jesus is better than Santa Claus."

•Santa lives at the north pole. Jesus is everywhere.

Please see Nemer on page 19

Mickey Mouse Head camera a hit

Cameras have always fascinated me. I have cameras all over the house. Some work, some don't and they come in all shapes and sizes. Some have polished wood and brass mechanisms. Some fold up into a big leather box, others have metal casings or plastic parts. But, they are all fascinating.

I like the way they look, I like the way they sound -- well, they way they used to sound before everything went electronic. On the old cameras the sound of the shutter shutting, internal mirrors flapping, springs and gears doing their thing came together in chorus with a single harmonious "click." And, depending on the sound of that click, you could tell if your old mechanical camera was set correctly. If it sounded right, chances were the picture would turn out okay.



don
rush
don't rush me

The new-fangled computer gizmos take good pictures. They're handy, can fit in your pocket and they look nifty (when's the last time you read that word?), but I still like the heaviness of an old 35 mm resting in my left palm. I love putting the camera to my left eye, seeing the frame filled with the moment I'm trying to capture, focusing and taking the shot.

When this love affair with the camera began, I cannot recall, but I do remember writing Santa the winter of 1968, asking for one. I remember Santa coming through in the clutches with a shiny new plastic Mickey Mouse Head Camera. Man, that was a magical Christmas!

That was the year I actually saw Santa's sleigh being pulled by Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. It was Christmas Eve. Sometime around midnight the Rush Clan's 1965 tan Buick Skylark pulled up in front of the red-brick and white sided home on the corner of Berwyn and Orangelawn. Myself and sister Barb were asleep in the back seat. Baby Patricia was just as asleep in Mom's arms. (Yes kids, as strange as it may seem there was a time when the roads were so safe, that nobody used seatbelts, car seats or any other device to prevent injury.)

When Dad picked me up to take me inside I can remember opening my eyes. It was cold and crisp. There was snow on the ground but it was a clear, clear night. I looked up at the stars in the darkness, and right there, way above our Redford Township-home, I saw a tiny red light flying. Rudolph. It had to be. Airplane, no it

couldn't be. I was five, so Santa it was.

I told Dad I saw Santa (which was a good thing, because earlier in the night Grandpa McDonal said if Rudolph landed on his roof he'd shoot him for Christmas dinner). Dad said we had to hurry up and get inside and to sleep so St. Nick wouldn't pass us by. I don't know if I stayed awake a moment longer. I do remember getting up before the sun, rousing Barb out of the bed below mine and running to the front room to see if indeed Santa had passed us by.

Up to the Christmas tree we ran, and there in the early morning darkness we stood in amazement. Presents! Beautiful presents, all packaged in red and green paper. Maybe we were giggling too loud, or excitedly singing praises to the big guy in red. Whatever the case of our merriment, Dad staggered out of his and Mom's bedroom and out into the hallway.

"Go back to bed, it's too early to open presents," he mumbled and staggered back into his cave.

Whether Barb, 4 and I heeded our father's words, I can't say. I do know, when it was finally time to open presents we went at it with gusto. Fervent believers in the power of Santa (Christmas . . . Christ the son of God . . . Jesus who?) ripping through colored paper and cellophane tape for the promised treasures within .

I can honestly say, I do not remember any other present Santa left for me that year, save for the plastic Mickey Mouse Head camera. I still have the camera. And, some of the pictures I took that Christmas. I remember Dad stopping the Buick at a store to get flash cubes and 120 film for my camera, before making our way down to Grandma Rush's Detroit home.

Like I said, I still have some of the pictures. There's the one of Uncle Gene drinking a beer by the fire-place. There's the one of Aunt Pat drinking a beer in the dining room. There's the one of Grandma sitting daintily, a cold yellow brew in a clear glass tilted to her lips.

I also remember being lectured by Pops Rush for the enthusiasm I displayed with my new camera. I guess he never heard that freedom of the press also pertained to photographers. Or, maybe he just didn't care.

It's fun looking back at those old Christmas photos and remembering. Maybe that's why I like cameras -- for the pictures they take and the memories they can save.

Comments for Papparazi Rush can be e-mailed to dontrushmedon@aol.com.

Jim's Jottings, by Jim Sherman, Sr.



One of the best parts of the holiday season is sharing time with friends and family. For me, I also get to share with you, the reader, my love for my (ever growing) grandchildren. Up front, sitting on Grandpa's lap is Haley Speed, 3. Her twin brother Trevor is sitting with his 17-year-old cousin, Dan Offer. Behind me are granddaughters Savannah Speed, 7 and Karen Offer, 14. May their smiles bring smiles to you. Merry Christmas!

A look back

in The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■A conflict erupted at the Independence Township Board meeting last week when Supervisor Frank Ronk recommended reducing the trustees' salaries, effective Nov. 20, 1988. After about 20 minutes of heated discussion, the board voted 5-2 to freeze the trustees' salaries, eliminate the trustees' fringe benefits and to freeze the salaries for supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

■The decision to purchase new buses for the Clarkston school district has been delayed until January. The school board decided Dec. 14 to consider budget reductions before it decides whether to purchase six new buses to replace six old buses in the district's fleet.

■A telephone survey by the Clarkston Community School District indicates that the tax hike request on the October ballot was defeated mainly because residents believe their taxes are too high. George White, principal of Pine Knob Elementary, served as chairman for the survey in which 355 randomly selected residents were called.

25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■Three of the five fire sirens Independence Township has contracted for with Oakland County are already installed, according to Fire Chief Frank Ronk. The Independence Township Board had okayed the agreement at its April 5 meeting and had authorized Clerk Chris Rose to withdraw \$12,825 from the revolving fund to pay for them. Eventually, two more sirens will be installed at an additional cost of \$600.

■Springfield Township residents who apply for the homestead tax exemption and don't receive it in time to pay their property taxes will not be penalized for late payment. The township board voted Wednesday, Dec. 7 to waive the three percent late payment penalty for those individuals.

■Keeping with the season, Ms. Sally Lindeman's fifth graders at Andersonville Elementary School made Christmas wreaths last week. But mothers won't be finding them under the tree. The students have them on sale for 25 cents each or five for a dollar.

50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■On Tuesday evening, the Clarkston Rotary Anns held their annual Christmas party at Colonial Shores. At seven o'clock a delicious turkey dinner was served at a T-shaped table beautiful with Christmas decorations. The attractive arrangements of angles and reindeer made of styron were the clever handiwork of Mrs. Robert Atkins, president of the club. Mrs. Atkins gave the invocation.

■Everyone is invited to a brief dedication and lighting of a Christmas tree in living memory of Mrs. Jessie Field Campbell. This will be at the front steps of the Community Building at 4:30 p.m. sharp on Sunday, Dec. 21, according to the legend which Mr. A.E. Butters will present.

■Margaret Holser of Clarkston has just been awarded a Certificate of Merit and a Junior Membership in the Holstein-Friesian Association of America, Battleboro, Vermont. This recognition is doing satisfactory Holstein Calf Club work as a 4-H member. All privileges of the Association except voting have been given to her until she is 21 years old.

Around Town

Independence Oaks in Clarkston and Springfield Oaks Activity Center in Davisburg are among several Oakland County Parks accepting Christmas trees 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.

The Widowed Support Group will meet Thursday, Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. The topic for the evening will be "Welcoming in a New Year." The meeting is free of charge and is open to men and women of all ages who have recently been

widowed. No registration is required. Refreshments will be served. Questions, or to be added to a mailing list, call the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home at (248) 625-5231.

There will be a blood drive Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Rd. in Clarkston. Questions? Call (248) 625-5611.

Goodfellows raise \$12,600 to buy winter clothes for children



Clarkston Rotarian Michael Spillum sells a Goodfellows newspaper at the corner of Main and Washington Friday. The Goodfellows raised \$12,600 to buy shoes, boots and other winter items for 354 local children. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff
Writer

Despite the tough economic times, Clarkston residents stepped up to the plate to help local children in need.

The Clarkston Goodfellows newspaper sale Dec. 6-7 raised a total of \$12,600, about 10 percent more than last year, according to Rotarian Joel DeLong. "We started out with 6,000 newspapers, and we have about 250 left," DeLong said.

DeLong commended the community for giving the extra effort to donate during the drive.

"I think people are being overly generous, given the economic plight of everyone else," he said. "The true giving spirit reaches into the Clarkston

community."

This Saturday at the Church of the Resurrection, across from the Independence Township Library, the Goodfellows will distribute new shoes and boots, as well as hats, mittens and gloves, to 354 local children, according to DeLong.

He was pleased with how many people volunteered to help out. About 30 members of the Clarkston Rotary sold the newspapers, along with 30 friends of the Rotary (former Rotarians, friends, and workers from Machine Engineering).

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Springfield board adopts consent agenda at December meeting

The Springfield Township Board approved the following consent agenda items at its Dec. 9 meeting:

■ Authorized the payment of bills totaling \$258,961.20.

■ Established the 2003 schedule for the regular meetings of the Springfield Township Board, to be held the second Thursday of each month: Jan. 9, Feb. 13, Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8, June 12, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

■ Established the 2003 Planning Commission workshop meetings for the first Thursday of each month: Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4.

■ Established the 2003 Planning Commission business meetings for the third Monday of each month: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15,

Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15.

■ Established the 2003 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule: Jan. 16, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 14, June 18, July 16, Aug. 20, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18.

■ Authorized Michigan Township Association (MTA) Conference attendance and budget, not to exceed \$315 per board member.

■ Established a reimbursement mileage rate of 36 cents per mile, effective Jan. 1, 2003.

■ Approved a 2003 fee schedule with Carlisle/Wortman Associates for \$75 per hour plus \$375 monthly retainer.

■ Authorized an additional Sheriff's Deputy for the Springfield substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, effective Jan. 1, 2003.

Additional deputy for Springfield

Sgt. Frank Schipani of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Springfield Township announced the addition of an extra deputy to the substation.

The Springfield Township Board approved the additional deputy at their Dec. 12 meeting.

Deputy Steve Armstrong will join Springfield Township at the first of the year. He transfers from Orion Township. He brings the staff total to nine deputies and a sergeant in Springfield.

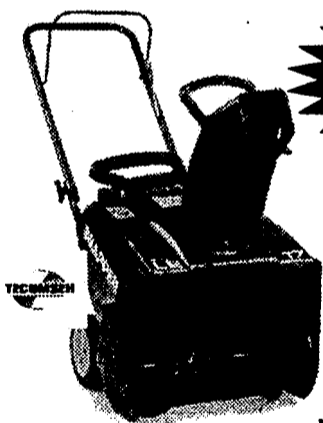
"This will give us two people round the clock," Schipani said.

Pangori or Picasso?



Seven-year-old Maria Pangori of Clarkston stopped by *The Clarkston News* office Dec. 4 to pick up her prize and see her work in print for the first time. Pangori was the grand prize winner of the paper's annual cover design contest for the Holiday Carol Book and won a giant stocking filled with surprises valued at \$50. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

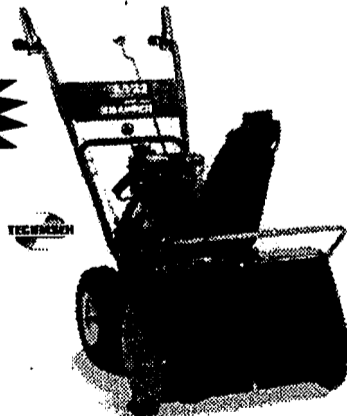
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Heart of Clarkston parade successful in second year

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Second Annual Heart of Clarkston Parade was a huge success, according to the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Penny Shanks.

"It was awesome," Shanks said. "We had more floats than we expected and the lighting was incredible. I was astonished by the creativity."

This year's parade started an hour later, at 6 p.m., so the lights would be better seen in the dark. The chamber estimates more than 5,000 individuals attended the parade which is up from the 4,000 to 5,000 from last year.

"It was just a lot of fun," Clarkston resident Mary Lou Schell said. "People were responding well and the children enjoyed it."

Nancy McDavid, Clarkston resident and member of the Friends of the Independence Township Library, also enjoyed the parade.

"My favorite part of the parade was probably our float because we worked really hard on it. I liked the horses, too. It was a nice parade," McDavid said.

Parade award winners included: Best use of lighting, Country Oaks Landscaping; Best costuming; Clarkston Elementary Tiger Cub Scout Pack 126; Most creative entry, Clarkston Elementary Girl Scout Troop 317; Musical entry, Springfield Plains Brownies Girl Scout Troop 1214.

"The parade turned out to be everything we wanted it to be," Shanks said.



Photos by Jeff Patrus



Check out page 20 for more Heart of Clarkston Christmas parade photos.

Public access stations allow everyone to be heard

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Local residents can become television stars by staying right here in Clarkston. That is because the Clarkston Public Access television stations allow residents to develop their own show.

There are three local channels on the Comcast system: Channel 10 (public access), Channel 20 (education channel) and Channel 22 (government channel) which are broadcast out of the Comcast building on Waldon Road.

"We take volunteers from the community. We usually don't say no to anybody," Access Coordinator Andy Reish said.

Reish, who is employed by Comcast, has been access coordinator for three years.

"When I came up here there was nothing. There were no producers and limited playback. Basically nothing was happening," Reish said.

In his few years in Clarkston, Reish has built up the programming with plenty of help from the community including students in the area. Reish works closely with students from the Clarkston Renaissance High School.

"We work a lot with the kids and that pulls in a new generation to public access television. They work on projects about their school," Reish said.

Reish tries to get a wide variety of programming so the station has something for everyone. There is everything from rock videos to taped liturgical celebrations.

Another popular show is the current events broadcast called "Perspectives." They bill it as talk radio on television and it tackles a number of issues of local interest. During the November election season, the members of the Senior Advisory Committee appeared on the shows to talk about the merits of the taxpayers funding a community center with senior facilities.

"We have had everybody on the show from gubernatorial candidate David Bonior to Independence Township Clerk

Clarkston Public Access Playback Schedule		
Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays
4:30pm	Streets of Oakland County	Team Reptile
5:00pm Army News Watch	Frontline Police T.V	Cartoon Analysis
5:30pm Women In Golf	Science of Financial Health	H2Oakland
6:00pm Seniorcise	Michigan Spotlight	Oakland Co. Road Comm.
6:30pm Healthy Living	Perspectives- LIVE	Clarkston Rotary
7:00pm The Fishing Place	The Tom Selhost Show	Independence Twp Board mtg
7:30pm Collect This!	VIDEO X-TREME - LIVE	(continued)
8:00pm Bob's Music Time	(continued)	(continued)
8:30pm Country Countdown	(continued)	(continued)
9:00pm The Beat Goes On	(continued)	(continued)
9:30pm (continued)	The Center For New Thinking	(continued)
10:00pm The Nutcracker Ballet	(continued)	OFF THE AIR
10:30pm (continued)	(continued)	
11:00pm (continued)	(continued)	
11:30pm (continued)	(continued)	
12:00am OFF THE AIR	OFF THE AIR	
Thursdays	Fridays	Saturdays/Sundays
3:00pm Hymn Sing	Herb's Musical Entertainment	
3:30pm (continued)	(continued)	
4:00pm Praise Ministry	H2Oakland	
4:30pm Passing On The Praise	The Fishing Place	
5:00pm The Way, The Truth, The Life	Country Countdown	
5:30pm Waterford Church Of Christ	Collect This	
6:00pm Christ Lutheran Church	Cartoon Analysis	
6:30pm (continued)	Team Reptile	
7:00pm Call From The Mountain	The Tom Selhost Show	
7:30pm Mt. Zion	Bob's Music Time	
8:00pm Bethlehem Temple Presents	The Beat Goes On	The Beat Goes on
8:30pm (continued)	(continued)	(continued)
9:00pm The Prophetic Word	The Fishing Place	The Fishing Place
9:30pm (continued)	Just Because	Just Because
10:00pm Off The Air	VIDEO X-TREME - Replay	VIDEO X-TREME - Replay
10:30pm	Off The Air	Off The Air
11:00pm		
1:00am		

Your ACCESS To Clarkston!

Joan McCrary," Reish said. "Township Supervisor Dale Stuart has also been on the show. The show is very politically-minded."

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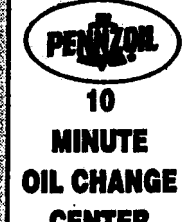


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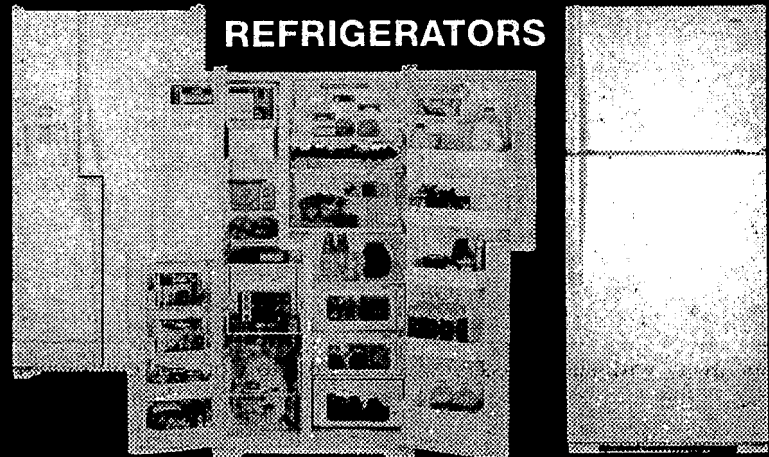


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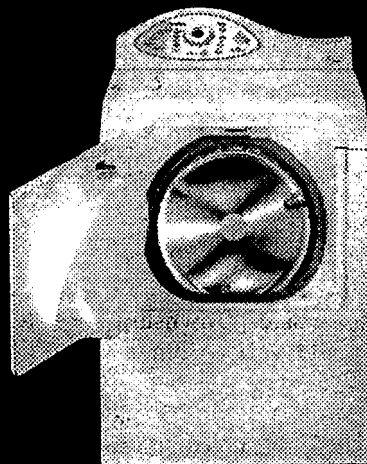


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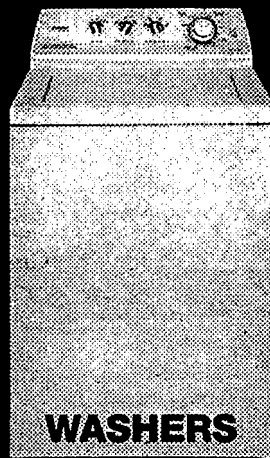


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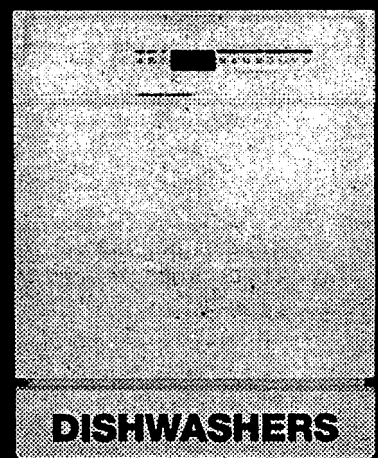
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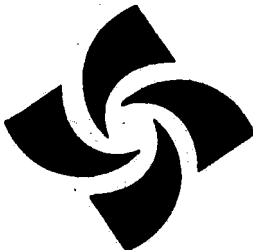
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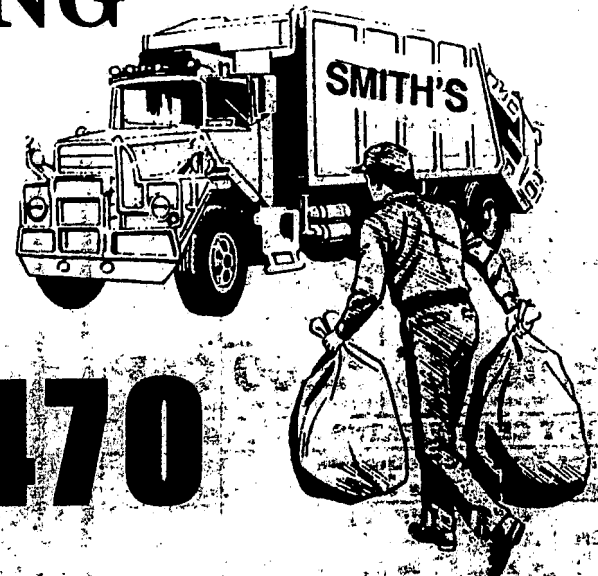
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BY JEFF PATRUS
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Ten years ago, residents of the village of Clarkston approved a charter for cityhood and changed the face of its police coverage.

With the move to cityhood came a break with Independence Township regarding police services. The township opted not to contract out its police services to Clarkston after cityhood was adopted, according to the April 15, 1992 edition of The Clarkston News.

The village decided at that point to investigate the possibility of forming its own police department. The committee to look into that possibility was made up of Mayor Sharron Catalo, City Manager Art Pappas, Councilman Bill Basinger, and two police officers residing in Clarkston who were serving in other departments: Paul Ormiston (who was working in the Auburn Hills Police Department at the time; he became Clarkston's police chief July 1, 1995) and Steve Sitar (who was working in the Pontiac Police Department and is still employed there today).

"They were just wondering what the department would cost if they had to form their own agency," Ormiston, who is retiring as Clarkston's police chief at the end of this year, said.

After Village of Clarkston residents voted 206-194 to approve the

charter for cityhood Feb. 4, Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary was quoted in the Feb. 5, 1992 edition of The Clarkston News as saying she didn't foresee an extension of the police contract the village had for police coverage from the township because the contract was now up for negotiations with Oakland County rather than Independence Township.

In a recent telephone interview, McCrary stated it was the city that made the first move to start their own department.

"It was the city's decision instead of the Sheriff's Department," she said. "They felt they could get better coverage and more local coverage."

McCrary also stated the Independence Township substation of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department is furnishing police coverage to the city during late-night hours.

Former city councilman Bill Basinger acknowledged what McCrary said was true, but also talked about how the township administration at that time was opposed to the Village of Clarkston becoming a city.

"We originally sought through the cityhood process to have joint coverage with the township and share resources," he said. "The prior township administration opposed cityhood quite strongly and said if we became a city, they would not enter into a contract for joint police

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In the April 15, 1992 edition of The Clarkston News, Basinger reported the cost for the city to have its own police protection would be approximately \$80,000, plus \$17,000 for a police car with equipment.

While that cost was more than the \$61,693 the village paid for its last contract with the township, Basinger stated the amounts of revenue the city's own officer would generate from issuing traffic tickets would most likely offset the additional cost, which would mean no extra cost to the taxpayers. He said at the time the city would keep 1/3 of its revenue.

Currently, the city has budgeted \$221,000 for its police department, according to Pappas.

Although Independence Township fought several legal battles to stop Clarkston from attaining cityhood, the Michigan Supreme Court upheld an

earlier ruling by the State Boundary Commission, which approved the idea of Clarkston's quest for cityhood in January 1990, according to the June 17, 1992 edition of The Clarkston News.

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In addition, that issue reported the village met with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, "which has agreed to handle all dispatching for our police and indicated that since we are county residents, deputies from

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Ten years later, Basinger believes Clarkston's police department has excelled at meeting the needs of the community.

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Sunday, Dec. 15, malicious destruction of property on Forest Valley. A blue spruce was cut and stolen from a resident's front yard.

Medicals on Dixie, Maybee north of Pelton, Sashabaw, Lakewood Blvd., Cramlane, and Boulder Ridge.

Building fire on Felix Drive.

Saturday, Dec. 14, larceny from a vehicle on Glenwood Creek. A 20-year-old man was responsible for stealing cell phones, which were able to be traced back to their owners.

Home invasion on Parview. An unknown person broke into an apartment and stole a shot gun.

Building fire on Sashabaw. The fire was contained to the home's attached garage. Police reports indicated the starting point for the fire possibly started from an electrical source for Christmas lights.

Larceny from a person and domestic assault on Lake Waldon. A 43-year-old woman stated her husband allegedly assaulted her with a 2x4 before taking her purse without her permission. The couple's 16-year-old son attempted to push his father away from his mother, but was also assaulted. The man was arrested.

Domestic assault and possession of marijuana on Sashabaw. A 23-year-old woman reported her boyfriend hit her

while they were shopping at a grocery store and left with her car keys. The 24-year-old man was tracked down at a friend's house and arrested. Marijuana was found on his person.

Larceny of an unattended snowboard on Pine Knob.

Automatic alarms on Waterford and Heatherwood.

Medicals on Sashabaw, Northview, Pine Knob, and Oak Vista.

Personal injury accident on Dixie at Maybee.

Friday, Dec. 13, fraud on N. Eston. The complainant stated \$1,000 was withdrawn from her checking account, after an unknown person used her debit card number.

Home invasion on Waldon. A door was kicked in and several guns, valued at \$935, were stolen.

Malicious destruction of property on Stonewood. An unknown person in a vehicle ran over two street signs.

Larceny of ski equipment from an un-locked vehicle on Clinton.

Home invasion on Parview. Money and electronic equipment was stolen.

Investigation on E. Church.

Personal injury accident on Ortonville at Middle Lake.

Medicals on Dixie, Pine Knob, Clintonville, and Waterford.

Thursday, Dec. 12, burglary on M-15. The front door of a gas station was shattered with a rock and several packs of cigarettes were stolen.

Home invasion on Sashabaw. A TV and DVD player were stolen.

Medicals on Maybee and Dixie, and Pine Knob.

Wednesday, Dec. 11, malicious mischief on Shannon Lane. The complainant reported her living room window was shot with paint balls.

Larceny from a vehicle, no force, on Scenic Pines Court.

Larceny of an unattended snowboard on Pine Knob.

Domestic assault on Dixie. A 39-year-old man was arrested.

Automatic alarm on Elk Run Court.

Medicals Dixie, Algonquin and Thendara, Edgewood, Pine Knob Lane, and Woodcreek.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, injured person on Dixie. An 80-year-old man stepped off the curb while walking home from the store with groceries and fell onto the pavement and could not get up.

Breaking and entering attempt of a storage facility on Maybee.

Automatic alarm on Waldon Center.

Medicals on Mann, Clintonville, Citation, Sashabaw and Maybee, and Dixie and Ortonville.

Monday, Dec. 9, possession of marijuana on White Lake. Three males, between 18 and 19 years of age, were cited during a traffic stop for a burned out license plate light.

Breaking and entering on Parview. Approximately \$568 worth of jewelry was stolen from an apartment. The entry door appeared to be tampered with.

Automatic alarm on Enclave.

Investigations on Misty Hill and Dartmouth.

Medicals on Horncliff, Ortonville, North River, and Mary Sue.

Springfield Township

Saturday, Dec. 14, family trouble on Farley. The parents grounded their son to the house, but he then left the house when his parents were out. Subsequently, during an argument, the 16-year-old boy pushed his father causing him to fall to the floor.

Thursday, Dec. 12, domestic assault on Broadway. During a husband and wife verbal argument, she told him to leave the house and proceeded to throw his clothes out the front door. He then grabbed her arm to stop throwing the clothes.

Tuesday, Dec. 10, stolen auto/recovered on E. Holly. A dealership alleges an unknown person stole a 2003 Ford Focus, valued at more than \$15,500. The vehicle was found in a Detroit impound yard.



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Clarkston High School Academic Achiever

Name: Lance King Red
GPA: 4.0

Plans after graduation: unsure of exact college, but I am looking for an art school. I am planning to major in traditional animation and to minor in illustration/sequential art.

High school involvement: As a past member of the Art Club, I have helped to create the two Clarkston murals now hanging in the school's stairwells. Designed the Japanese Club's homecoming banner last year.



Honors: I was a U.S. Student Ambassador--European Discover trip, 2000; Optimist Recognition of Merit in 10th grade; published a poem in Teen Ink Magazine; member of Who's Who Among American High School students.

Clubs/organizations: currently a part of the National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Octagon Club, Japanese Club and CHS Robotics. I am a past member of The Writers' Group (which sadly was not available this year) and the Art Club (which I hope to become a part of again second semester).

Community involvement: attend Oakwood Community Church; am a member of the church choir; and I have been a youth leader in my church's Awana Program where I worked with children who are in K-6th grade.

Favorite High School memory: No one moment from the last three and a half years stands out in my memory more than the others. I am glad for the experience I have had in high school, from the exciting experiments in Mr. Siko's chemistry class to getting my first job in 10th grade. I have learned much, but there is still so much more out there and, while it is somewhat peculiar to think that I will be leaving high school in a matter of months, I am eager to move on and begin a new journey through college and my life.

John R. Craven

John Ray "Jack" Craven of Clarkston died suddenly Friday, Dec. 13 at his home in Florida at the age of 74.

He was preceded in death by his wife Evelyn and daughter Jennifer; father of Dan (Leslie) of Oregon, Darlene (John) Malek of St. John's, John (Ann) of Clarkston and Susan (Dan) Lanpher of Holly; grandpa of Chad Craven, Matt (Pam) Barnett, Holly (Paul) Workman, Sean (Beth) Craven, Jason Craven, Nathan, Dale, Maria, Tina and Anna Lanpher; great grandpa of Hannah Workman and Madalyn Craven; brother of the late Mary Deochoa, Richard (Lavonne) Craven of Wisconsin, Bob (Dorothy) Craven of Florida, Barb (Clayton) Frick of Holly and Gary (Dot) Craven of Pennsylvania.

Jack served in the U.S. Marines during World War II and retired from General Motors after 30 years of service.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Dec. 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment followed at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Karmanos Cancer Institute or American Heart Association of Michigan.

Edna B. Graves

Edna B. Graves of Waterford, formerly of Schenectady, New York, died Sunday, Dec. 15 at the age of 94.

She was preceded in death by her husband Rufus; mother of Carolyn (Don) Place of Clarkston and Phyllis (Henry) Nowak of New York; grandmother of Christine and Mark Nowak, Susan (Dennis) Sullivan, Elizabeth (Michael) Jamieson, Derek (Kim) Place and Jennifer Place (Tom Braithwaite); also survived by 12 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Graves was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Reformed Church of Schenectady, New York where she was the first woman deacon of the church, and served on the visitation committee. She was also a licensed practical nurse at Ellis Hospital in New York; she was a lifetime member of the Order of the Eastern Stars, chapter 271, New York.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at Parkview Cemetery, Schenectady, New York. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Friends of the Independence Township Library.

Albert P. Campanaro

Albert Paul Campanaro of Waterford died Friday, Dec. 13 at the age of 90.

He was the husband of Sylvia for 62 years; father of Sandy Campanaro of White Lake and the late Frank (Connie) Campanaro of Clarkston; loving grandpa of Sherri (Todd) LaChonce, Frank (Kristy Land), Larry (Veronica) and Theresa (Joe) Fabrizio; also survived by four great grandchildren; brother of Rachel Ranzilla of Waterford, Anne Doderer, Eve Gottschalk both of Royal Oak and Rosemary Harris of California.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday, Dec. 17 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston.

James T. Connelly

James Thomas Connelly of Lomita, California, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Sunday, Dec. 15 at the age of 79.

He was survived by his wife of 48 years, Maxine, and daughter Cathleen of Lomita and numerous nieces and nephews. He was formerly employed by the General Motors Parts Division in Pontiac, Mich. He was a World War II veteran.

His ashes will be scattered at sea in a private ceremony. A memorial service will be held at a later time in Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Association of Diabetes or Peregrine Hospice. Arrangements made through Gamby Mortuary in Lomita, California.

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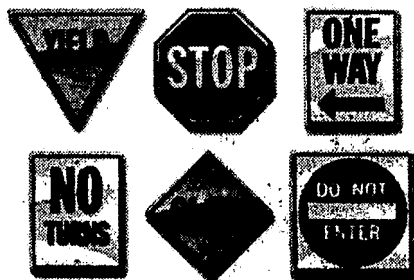
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Holiday parade brings out festive atmosphere in C-Town



Sports

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Johnston's 28 points sparks cagers to win

Flint Northern defeats Wolves 67-59 in 'ugly' season opener Dec. 10 at Clarkston

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

According to Clarkston basketball coach Dan Fife, better ballhandling spelled the difference between Clarkston's first and second games of the season.

Coming off a sloppy loss to Flint Northern in the season opener, Clarkston turned things around against Macomb Dakota Friday at Clarkston, defeating the visiting Cougars 75-64 to improve to 1-1 on the young season.

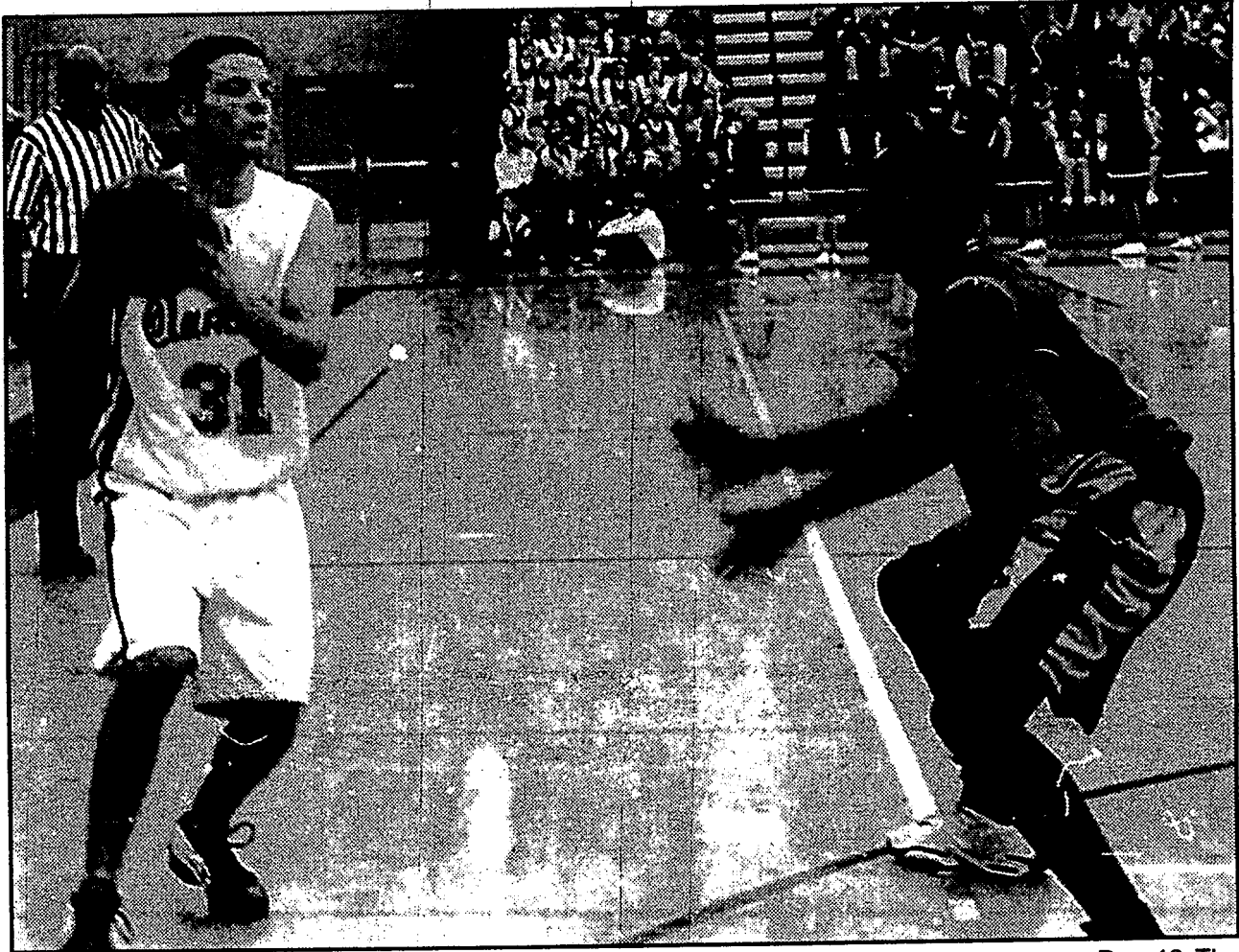
Junior forward Chris Johnston poured in 28 points to lead the Wolves' offensive attack, while junior forward Mark Thornberry added 12. The Wolves used a 20-9 second quarter advantage to take a 36-24 lead into the half, and never looked back.

"They just took care of the basketball much better and made better decisions," Fife said. "Kyle Rademacher dictated the tempo of our defense. As a team, we took care of the ball better."

The Wolves, plagued by turnovers and missed shots, dropped the season opener to Flint Northern 67-59 at Clarkston Dec. 10.

"That game gave a whole new meaning to the word ugly," Clarkston coach Dan Fife said. "I think that's a game we could have won. We were lax with the basketball and took strange shots, to say the least. I thought we showed a lack of discipline and structure. That comes back to me getting the point across in practice."

Clarkston raced out to a 7-0 lead behind sophomore Robbie Clark, who scored five of his 16 points in the first quarter. Junior Ryan Kaltz hit a jumper at the end of the first quarter to put the Wolves ahead 17-9 at the end of the first.

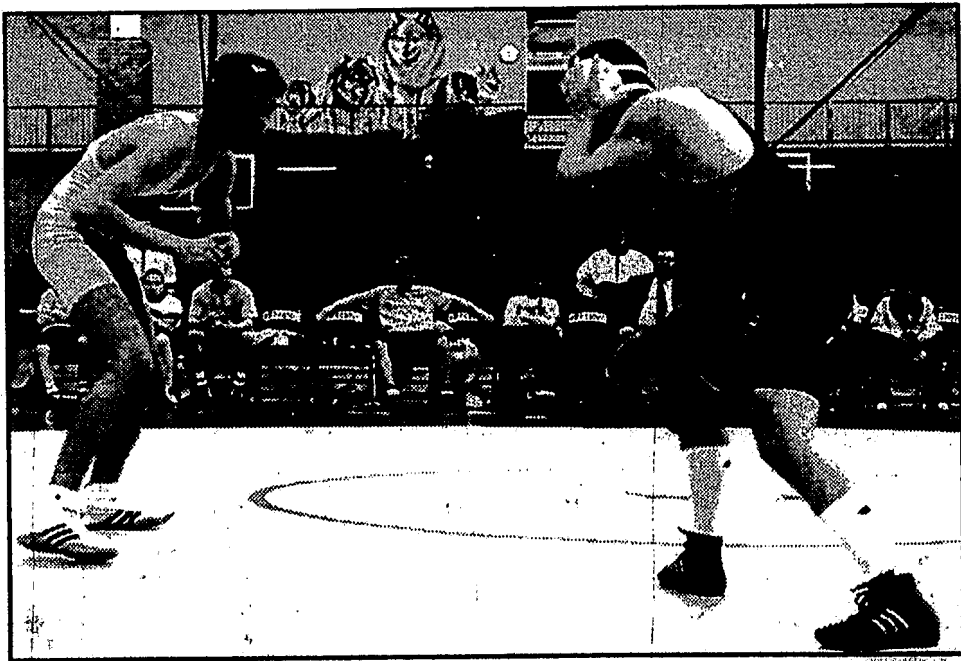


Clarkston's Mark Thornberry (31) looks to pass against Flint Northern in the Wolves' season opener Dec. 10. The Vikings defeated the Wolves 67-59, but the Wolves bounced back to win their first game of the season 75-64 against Macomb Dakota Dec. 13. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

The Wolves continued to control the action in the second quarter, but the game turned Northern's way toward the end of the first half, with Clarkston holding on to a 36-28 lead. As time was expiring, Northern forward J'Nathan Bullock launched a last-second shot

from about half-court, and the shot bounced off the rim before going through as the buzzer sounded, leaving the Wolves with a 36-31 lead at the half.

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Clarkston's Elliot May (left) sizes up his Troy opponent during a Dec. 11 match at Clarkston. May finished in second place in the 112-lb. weight class at the Howell Invitational Dec. 14 as the Wolves took first place overall at the invite. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

DeGain, Herron and Wood lead Wolves to title

Grapplers finish with 247-1/2 points at Howell Invitational

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's wrestling team competed against some of the state's top teams Saturday at the Howell Invitational and came up smelling roses.

The Wolves finished in first place at the invite with 247-1/2 points, 78-1/2 points ahead of second place Lowell, which finished with 169 points. Lapeer West finished third with 150 points, while Goodrich finished fourth with 138 and

Eaton Rapids fifth with 122.

"This was a real good tournament," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said. "Lowell was in second, and they were the defending state Division 2 champions. Lapeer West has won two of three Division 2 state championships. It was a pretty good, strong tournament. To win it by 80 points was pretty good."

Leading the charge for Clarkston were Clint DeGain (171), Joe Wood (275) and Matt Herron (103), who all took first place in their respective weight categories. In addition, four Wolves — Elliot May (112), Braden L'Amoreaux (130), John Langdon (145) and Jason Talbott (215) — took second place honors.

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Johnson excels in opening win

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After their first meet of the season against North Farmington Dec. 10 had to be rescheduled for Jan. 30, Clarkston's boys swimming team couldn't wait to hit the water.

The Wolves proved they were ready to roll, defeating Rochester Adams 119-63 in their season opener Thursday at Clarkston. Clarkston took first place in 11 of 12 events to cruise to the win.

The only Rochester Adams win came in the final event of the evening, the 400 yard freestyle relay, as the Adams team of Dann Deaver, Philip Smith, Ian McGill and John Barczyk finished with a 3:54.38, outdistancing the Clarkston team of Nick Oldenburg, Louis Seaman, Troy Quantz and Dan Reed, which finished with a time of 4:05.74.

Diver Rob Johnson turned in the performance of the evening, according to coach Kenwyn Chock, as he took first place with 149.5 points. Teammate Greyson LaHousse was right behind with 143.75 points.

The team showed from the onset they meant business, as the 200 yard medley relay team of Troy Quantz, Jeff Driscoll, Nick Reigel and Louis Seaman took first place with a time of 1:53.09. Dan Reed followed that up for Clarkston with a win in the 200 yard freestyle, swimming a time of 2:03.31.

Nick Reigel continued Clarkston's winning ways with a time of 2:18.88 in the 200 yard individual medley, and Ryan Kurrle took first in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 25.09.

After the 1-2 punch of Johnson and LaHousse in the diving event, Nick Reigel came right back for the Wolves with a time of 1:02.42 in the 100 yard butterfly to take first in that event. Reed followed with a win in



Clarkston's Nick Reigel races the third lap in the 200 yard medley relay during the boys swimming meet between Clarkston and Rochester Adams Thursday. The team of Troy Quantz, Jeff Driscoll, Reigel and Louis Seaman won that event with a time of 1:53.09, and Clarkston defeated Adams 119-63. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

the 100 yard freestyle, swimming a time of 55.86, then Driscoll won the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 6:00.03.

The Wolves cruised home with wins in the 200 yard freestyle relay, where the team of Reed, Nick Reigel, Seaman and Kurrle finished with a time of 1:41.19; the 100 yard backstroke, where Quantz won with a time of 1:06.07; and the 100 yard breaststroke, where Nick Curdy finished first with a time of 1:12.51.

The Wolves hosted Birmingham Seaholm Tuesday, then they travel to Southfield Thursday for a 6:30 p.m. meet.

Heinrich, Parkin lead netters to opening win

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Stephanie Parkin and Alex Heinrich helped Clarkston's varsity volleyball team start off on the right foot Monday.

Parkin, a sophomore, had eight kills and 14 digs, while Heinrich, a senior, added seven kills and nine digs as the Wolves defeated visiting Birmingham Groves 15-8, 14-16, 15-11 in their season opener.

Junior Colby Gardner led the Wolves in setting, going 44-of-51 in that department, and was 15-of-15 in serving. Junior Lindsey Bramble was 24-of-28 setting for Clarkston.

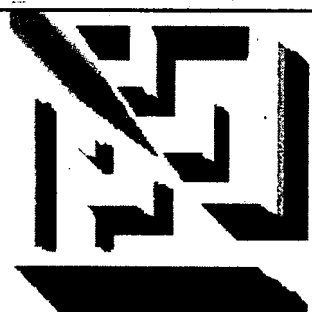
Junior Ashley Hudson added 10 digs for Clarkston, while seniors Jenni McLeod and Corey Sadowski added nine apiece.

The Wolves travel to Portage Northern for a Dec. 21 contest. They then have a two-week break before their next competition Jan. 4, 2003 when they travel to Walled Lake Central.



Stephanie Parkin

Check out next week's issue for coverage of the CHS wrestling team at the Oakland County Meet.



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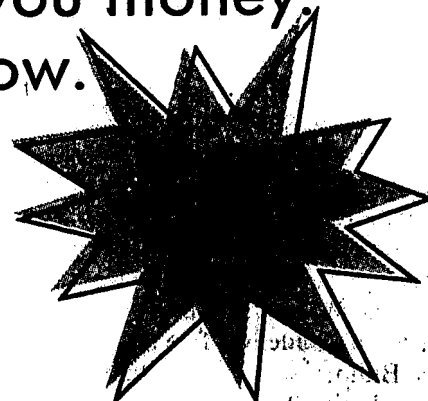
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Clarkston's Justin Whetstone (2) passes the ball to teammate Brad Goodman (4) during the Wolves' game against Flint Northern Dec. 10. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Krygier: Icers lacking killer instinct, focus

Troy defeats Wolves for first time in 4-1/2 years; icers tie B'ham

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A loss and a tie in last week's hockey action has left Clarkston coach Bryan Krygier convinced the Wolves are not playing up to their capabilities.

The visiting Troy Colts defeated the Wolves 3-2 in a game Saturday at the Polar Palace in Lapeer. The win was Troy's first against Clarkston in 4-1/2 years. The loss left Clarkston with a 4-2-2 overall record and 3-1-2 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

Last Wednesday, Clarkston needed a late goal to tie Birmingham Unified 1-1 at the Polar Palace. Senior defenseman Jim Lattanzi fired in a shot from the blue line late in the third period, and senior forward Eric Hall tipped in the shot to forge the tie with Birmingham.

"We haven't been focused and we haven't been playing to finish," Krygier said. "We haven't been defensively re-

sponsible and we're making mental mistakes."

In the game against Troy, the Wolves fell behind 1-0 in the second period, then Clarkston forward Adam Peters tied the game on assists from Myles Purdy and Bryan Morin. Clarkston would go up 2-1 in the third on an unassisted goal from Trevor Johns.



Bryan Morin

However, Troy would answer about two-three minutes later with a goal of their own, then scored the deciding goal with about two minutes left in the game.

"We're not being the first one to the puck — the other team dictates the play," Krygier said. "We're coming down to the third period crunches and we have to dig deeper and get the win. We're just not getting the killer instinct to put teams away."

The Wolves hope to rediscover that killer instinct at the High School Showcase Friday and Saturday. Clarkston faces off Friday at 3:40 p.m. against Ann Arbor Huron and returns to action Saturday at 11 a.m. against Novi.



Clarkston's Justin Whetstone (2) drives to the basket during the Wolves' opening game against Flint Northern Dec. 10. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Boys basketball

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At the start of the second half, the Vikings ran off nine straight points to take a 40-36 lead, and maintained the lead until Clarkston junior Brad Goodman drilled a three-pointer with 1:55 left to give the Wolves a 49-47 lead. However, Northern's Erouje Walton connected on a three-pointer of his own to put Northern back ahead, 50-49, as the third period came to a close.

Northern held onto the lead until Clark drained a three-pointer to tie the game at 52 with 5:10 left in the fourth. After a Northern basket, Clark then converted a three-point play to put the Wolves up 55-54 with 4:35 left.

The Wolves held a 59-55 lead after senior Justin Whetstone made two free throws with 2:55 left. However, Bullock scored five straight points to pull the Vikings ahead 60-59 with 2:11 left, and Northern pulled away from there.

"They turned it up physically, and we didn't turn up the thinking," Fife said. "We've got to create that atmosphere in practice."

Junior Chris Johnston tied Clark for the team lead with 16 points, while Goodman added 12 points and Whetstone 10.

Fife stated the positives from the game will come from the players making their mistakes, learning from them and watching them on film. He likened the situa-

tion to a student taking a test and getting a D-minus, then studying harder for the next test.

"That's part of teaching," Fife said. "Good teachers find a way for their kids to listen and learn...I'm still excited about these kids. I've got a lot to teach."

The Wolves traveled to Flint Carmen-Ainsworth for a Tuesday contest. They will hit the road again Thursday when they visit the Lake Orion Dragons for a 7 p.m. tipoff.

Athlete of the Week — Chris Johnston

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Life on the Clarkston varsity basketball team is good so far for Chris Johnston.

Johnston, a 6'6" junior forward, scored 26 points in the team's win against Dakota Friday and 16 points in the Wolves' season-opening loss to Flint Northern Tuesday, Dec. 10.

This is the first full season on the varsity for Johnston. Last year, he was on the varsity for about four games, but was sent down to the junior varsity.

"The practices have been really good and competitive," he said. "Things are going well."

According to Johnston, he first became interested in basketball as a fifth grader, playing on the playgrounds at recess. He stated he followed the Michigan team as a youngster, but not any specific player.

This season, Johnston believes Coach Dan Fife

has helped him build his confidence offensively.

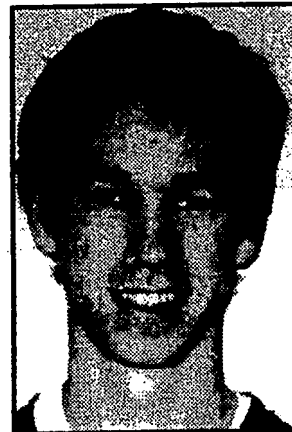
"He's given me a lot of information and tips to help me score," Johnston said. "He's given me the green light."

For personal goals this season, Johnston hopes to average 20 points and 10 rebounds, while team-wise he hopes the Wolves can end up with a winning record.

He doesn't have any definite plans as far as careers or college are concerned, although he noted he "would just play it by ear." Johnston did note that "going to play basketball for a college would be nice."

In his spare time, Johnston enjoys playing backyard football with his friends as well as video games. He is the son of Phil and Tammy Johnston of Clarkston, and has three siblings:

Phil, 21; Andrew, 18; and Jennifer, 13.



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Members of the 2002-03 Clarkston girls volleyball team are: (front row, l-r) Courtney Robinson, Megan Gaines, Colby Gardner, Megan Garrett, Ashley Bramble; (second row, l-r) Stephanie Reitano, Jenni McLeod, Caitlin McLean, Stephanie Parkin, Kristen Bradish; (back row, l-r) Head Coach Gordie Richardson, Jenna Kast, Lindsey Bramble, Team Manager Kirk Hanna, Alex Heinrich, Ashley Hudson, Assistant Coach Jason Lewandowski. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Co-captains Gaines, Heinrich to lead netters

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's volleyball team was right in the hunt for last year's Oakland Activities Association Division I title, and Coach Gordie Richardson expects this year's race to be just as tight.

"The league was very balanced last year, as evidenced by a three-way tie for first place," Richardson, who is retiring at the end of this school year, said. "We were in second. Most of the season, we played to our potential. We were a little bit inexperienced, which I think really hurt us at times."

Last year's team finished with a record of 24-20-2 and lost in the district finals to Fenton at Clarkston High School. Richardson commented on that loss and the team's desire to start fresh.

"I think we were probably most disappointed when we had the opportunity to win the districts here and didn't finish," he said. "We're putting that behind us. We can compete for the league championship this year, but we'll have to do it with hard work, quickness and experience."

Anchoring the team this season will be co-cap-

tains Alex Heinrich and Megan Gaines. Five other seniors — Jenni McLeod, Stephanie Reitano, Courtney Robinson, Corey Sadowski and Jenna Kast — also head up the squad.

Richardson described Sadowski as the team's defensive specialist, and said Kast and Robinson were "outstanding-student athletes."

Also returning this season is sophomore Stephanie Parkin, who at 5'9" will give the Wolves a shot-blocking presence in the middle.

Newcomers to the varsity this year are: juniors Colby Gardner, Ashley Bramble, Caitlin McLean, Kristen Brandish, Lindsey Bramble, Ashley Hudson and Megan Garrett.

Richardson described this year's team as an intelligent and hard-working group.

"We have at least a couple kids that will be all-academic," he said. "They're a really coachable group of kids and accept goals willingly and get along with each other."

According to Richardson, this group of players has been playing Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) vol-

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Girls Volleyball 2002-03 schedule

12/16	vs. Groves	6 p.m.
12/21	at Portage Northern	8 a.m.
1/4	W.L. Central Inv. (V)	9 a.m.
1/6	vs. Troy Athens	6 p.m.
1/9	at Lahser	6 p.m.
1/11	Grand Blanc Inv. (V)	8:30 a.m.
1/11	Davison Inv. (JV)	9 a.m.
1/11	W. Bloomfield Inv. (F)	9 a.m.
1/13	at Farmington	5:30 p.m.
1/18	Clarkston JV Inv.	9 a.m.
1/23	at Rochester Adams	6 p.m.
1/25	Clarkston Varsity Inv.	9 a.m.
1/27	vs. Troy	6 p.m.
1/30	at Seaholm	6:30 p.m.
2/1	Clarkston Freshman Inv.	9 a.m.
2/3	at Groves	6 p.m.
2/6	at Troy Athens	5:30 p.m.
2/8	Bay City Cent. Inv. (F)	TBA
2/8	Fenton Inv. (JV)	9 a.m.
2/10	vs. Lahser	6 p.m.
2/13	vs. Farmington	6 p.m.
2/15	at Kiwanis Inv. (V)	8:30 a.m.
2/20	vs. Rochester Adams	6 p.m.
2/22	Andover Inv. (V)	9 a.m.

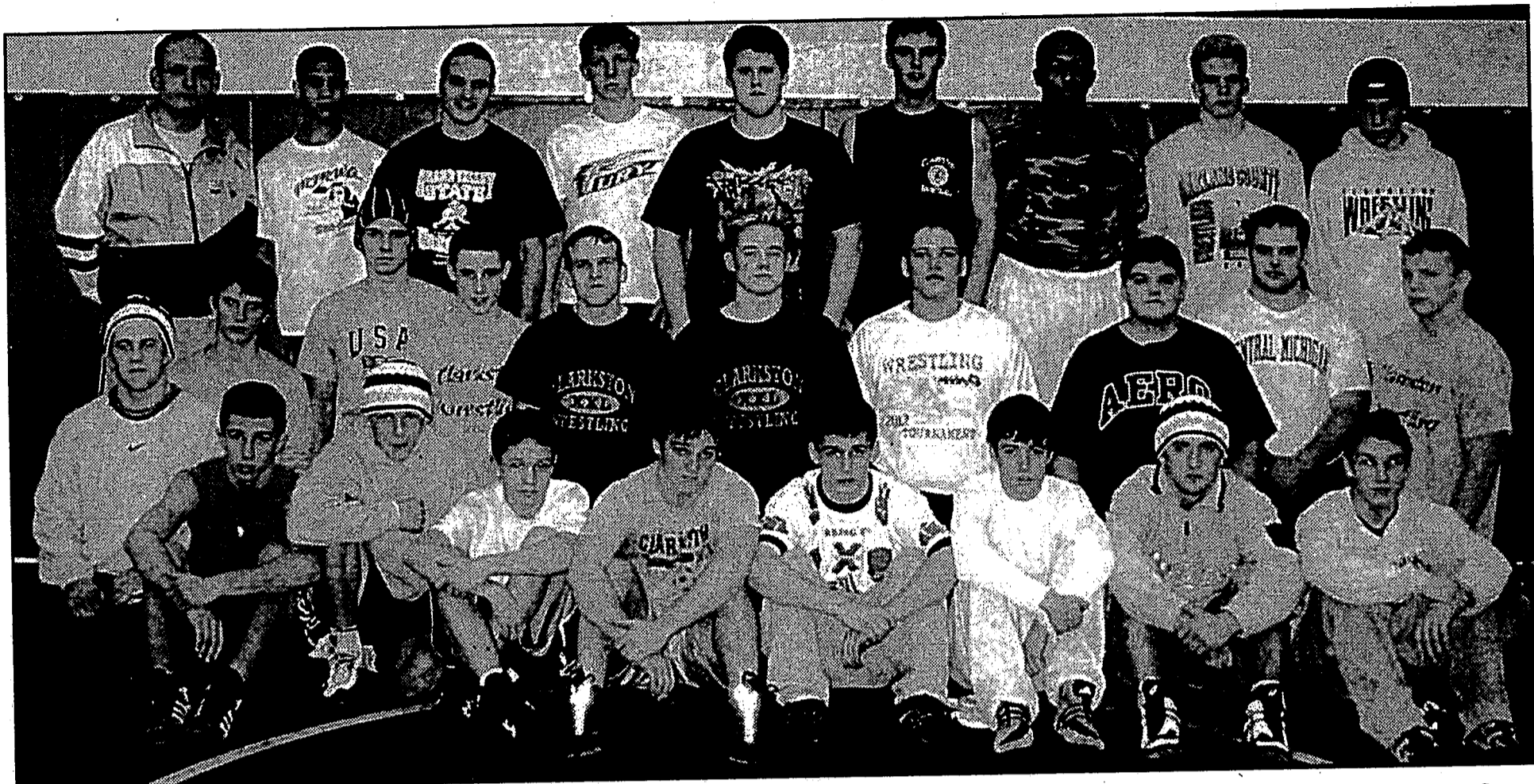
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Members of the 2002-03 Clarkston wrestling team are: Patrick Alexander, Clint DeGain, John Eubanks, Derek George, Jeremy Hendrix, Josh Hensel, Matt Herron, Steven Herron, Kyle Hester, Matt Hunter, Bryan Klein, Tony LaJoie, Braden L'Amoreaux, John Langdon, Elliot May, Nate May, Josh McAllister, Mitch Miller, Eric Perysian, Kyle Peterson, Brenton Place, Rob Prince, Josh Proffitt, Nick Quaine, Rob Sabo, Dan Settington (Manager), Steven Smiley, John Smith, Spencer Stege, Jason Talbot, Sean Turner, Bryan Webb, Chris Webb, Jake Williams and Joe Wood. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Wrestlers set their sights on state championship

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Last year, seven Clarkston wrestlers got a taste of state championship competition.

This year, the team hopes they can make it as a unit to the state meet — and win it. "This team has a goal to win the state championship," Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said.

Four all-state competitors head up the list of returning wrestlers, which include all of last year's starters. Leading the way is Clint DeGain, who won the state championship in the 160-pound class. DeGain, who has committed to wrestle next year at The Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, will be competing at both the 160 and 171-pound classes this year, according to Mike DeGain.

The other three all-state returnees are Tony LaJoie (fifth at 130), who will be dropping to 125 this season; Joe Wood (fifth at heavyweight), who recently committed to Michigan State University and will be staying in the same weight class; and John Langdon (seventh at 145), who will be competing at 140 and 145 this season.

In addition, three state meet qualifiers return this season. Elliot May (who qualified last year at 103), will be competing at 112 and 119 this season; Braden L'Amoreaux (119) will be moving up to 130; and Jason Talbot will be remaining in the 215-pound class.

Other wrestlers who figure to contribute to this

year's team, according to DeGain, are Matt Herron (who competed in a national All-American Greco-Roman tournament this summer and will start at 103 pounds), seniors Brenton Place and Kyle Hester (who will compete between 160-189 pounds this year) and senior Derek George.

The Wolves will be seeking a repeat of last season's league championship. In order to accomplish that feat, Clarkston will face challenges from Lake Orion, Rochester and Avondale, according to DeGain.

In addition to their league title hopes, the Wolves look to be in the hunt for the county title at the Oakland County Tournament Dec. 20-21 at Clarkston, as well as the district championship.

So far, DeGain is pleased with the work ethic of the team. "They're doing real well," he said. "We've had some intense practices."

Clarkston started off their season Dec. 5 at home against Hartland and Bay City Western, then headed to Bay City Western Dec. 7 for a tournament. "All the best teams in the state will be there," DeGain said.

Members of this year's team are: Patrick Alexander, Clint DeGain, John Eubanks, Derek George, Jeremy Hendrix, Josh Hensel, Matt Herron, Steven Herron, Kyle Hester, Matt Hunter, Bryan Klein, Tony LaJoie, Braden L'Amoreaux, John Langdon, Elliot May, Nate May, Josh McAllister, Mitch Miller, Eric Perysian, Kyle Peterson, Brenton Place, Rob Prince, Josh Proffitt, Nick Quaine, Rob Sabo, Steven Smiley, John Smith,

Clarkston Wrestling 2002-03 Schedule

12/5	vs. Hartland/ Bay City Western	5:30 p.m.
12/7	at Bay City Western	TBA
12/11	vs. Dakota/Troy	5:30 p.m.
12/14	at Howell Inv.	9 a.m.
12/20	Oakland Co. Tournament	3:30 p.m.
12/21	Oakland Co. Tournament	9 a.m.
12/28	Goodrich Tournament	9:30 a.m.
1/8	at Rochester Adams/Roch.	5:30 p.m.
1/11	at Lakewood St. Ed's	10 a.m.
1/13	Japanese Nat'l	6:30 p.m.
1/18	Swartz Creek Inv.	8 a.m.
1/22	at West Bloomfield/ Avondale	6 p.m.
1/25	at Portage Central	8:30 a.m.
1/29	vs. Lake Orion	6 p.m.
2/4	vs. Detroit CC/Center Line/ Chippewa Valley	6:15 p.m.
2/7	OAA Championship (at Troy)	4 p.m.
2/13	Team Districts	TBA
2/15	Individual Districts	10:30 a.m.
2/19	Team Regionals	6 p.m.
2/22	Individual Regionals	10 a.m.
2/28	State Finals	TBA
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Looking on



Clarkston sophomore defenseman Steve Eddy takes in the action during the Wolves' 1-1 tie against Birmingham Unified Dec. 11. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2002

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Catallo. Roll. Present: Catallo, Colombo, Gamble, Meyland, Savage, Werner.

Absent: Clifton
Minutes of November 25, 2002, accepted as presented. Agenda accepted as presented with the addition of Local Unit Certification, Computerized Tax Roll Application; Rate for Area 3 SAD; Resolution for D.P.W. Supervisor; and, Interim Police Chief.

Bills in the amount of \$356,786.65 approved for payment.

City Council accepted Chief Ormiston's resignation with regret; the letter of resignation dated December 4, 2002, with the effective date of resignation as December 31, 2002.

Mayor Catallo expressed the Council's appreciation for Chief Ormiston's assistance along with Steve Sitar in the establishment of the Clarkston Police Department in 1992, and subsequently his appointment as the Police Chief in 1995.

Resolved That the City Council adopt the Resolution for compliance with requirements of a computerized tax roll and request for Oakland County to apply for use of a computerized tax roll. (Copy of Resolution attached to official Minutes)

Resolved That Oxford Bank be awarded the bid for the \$725,000 issue of Special Assessment Bonds (Area 3). (Resolution attached to the official Minutes.)

Resolved that as authorized by Special Assessment Resolution No. 5, the effective rate of 5.05 percent be charged for Area 3 Special Assessment District Roll.

Resolved That the City Council approve the hiring of Bob Pursley as D.P.W. Supervisor at an annual salary of \$18,200 under the terms stated in the agreement discussed at the last regular Council meeting.

Resolution in support of Access Management by MDOT adopted by City Council. Copy on File.

Resolved That Ernest Combs be appointed interim Police Chief for a sixty-day period starting January 1, 2003, at a salary of \$41,200 per year to be extended by City Council as necessary as the Council evaluates options for the position of Chief of Police. The interim Chief of Police appointment is a full-time position.

Moved That upon recommendation of City Attorney Ryan) the Michigan Municipal League is to be contacted to work with Council on a placement search for Chief of Police.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Artemus M. Pappas, Clerk

Wrestling

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Other wrestlers placing for Clarkston were: Tony LaJoie (third, 125), Bryan Webb (third, 119), Kyle Hester (third, 189), Sean Turner (fourth, 152) and Brenton Place (fifth, 160).

On Wednesday, Dec. 11, the Wolves soundly triumphed over both of their foes in a home meet, defeating Dakota

66-6 and Troy 60-6.

The Wolves return to action Friday and Saturday as they host the Oakland County Tournament. Clarkston is hoping for a repeat of last season's tournament at Lake Orion, where the Wolves captured the county championship and seven individual wrestlers placed in their respective weight categories.

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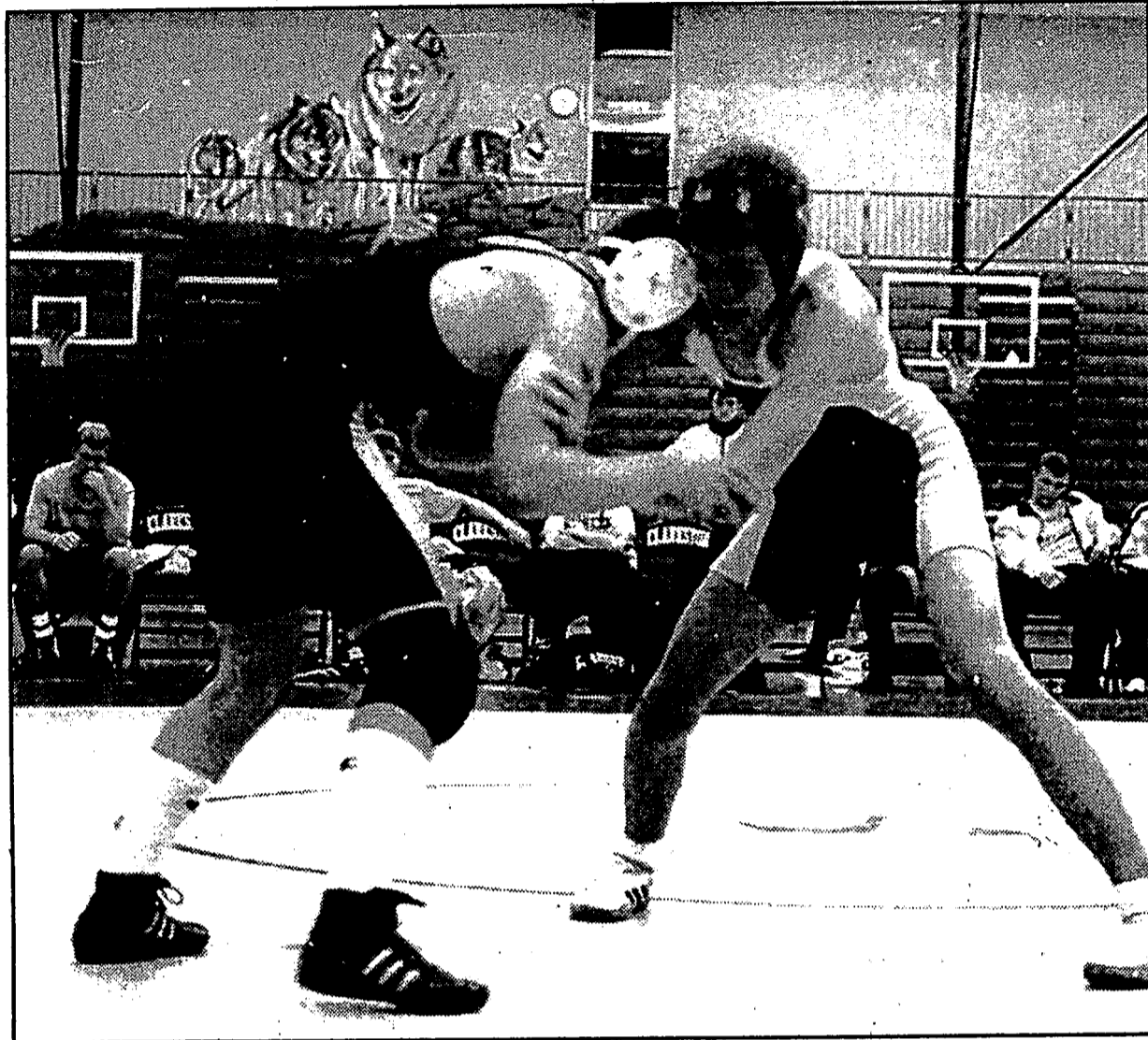
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Heat of competition



Clarkston's Elliot May (right) looks to take down his Troy opponent during action Dec. 11 at Clarkston. Photo by Jeff Patrus.



Clarkston Coyotes goaltenders Adam Richards (left) and Glenn Kendrick allowed only four goals in the Midget B division of the Sports Extravaganza Thanksgiving Tournament held Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in Melvindale. Richards was named the tourney's MVP. Photo provided.

Coyotes attain first place finish at Thanksgiving tourney

The Clarkston Coyotes, who compete in the Little Caesar's JV Prep League, claimed first place in the Midget B Division of the Sports Extravaganza Thanksgiving Tournament held Nov. 29-Dec. 1 in Melvindale.

In the four game series, the Coyotes scored 26 goals while allowing only four goals to slip past the team's goaltenders, freshmen Adam Richards and Glenn Kendrick.

Earning points for the Coyotes were forwards Jim Fournier (seven), Bobby Cadeau (seven), Mike Medonis (five), Brandon Kenerson (five), Chris Messing (five), Eric Paddison (four), Brian Stanton (three), Brendon Best (three) and Alex Gifford (one).

The defense scored four of the team's goals with hard blue line shots from Mark Brady (three goals, two assists), Danny Walsh (one goal, two assists) and Mike Zak (one assist). Goalie Adam Richards received the tournament's MVP with a goals against average of .923 and a shutout in the championship game against St. Clair Shores.

The Coyotes currently rank first in the Little Caesar's JV Prep League ahead of Brighton and Novi. Clarkston has upcoming games at Lakeland Ice Arena on Dec. 21 at 7:10 p.m. against Walled Lake Central and Dec. 22 at 5:30 p.m. against Waterford Mott.

Girls volleyball preview

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leyball since the ninth grade. That level of competition, which lasts from the end of the CHS volleyball season until June, has helped make the Wolves a better team, Richardson stated.

"We see the court a lot better," he said. "Our experience allows us to not go into a panic mode. You know you can make something happen and you can recover from mistakes."

The OAA underwent a facelift from last season. Lake Orion, who was in Division I last year, is now in Division II, and Bloomfield Hills Lahser has moved up from II to I. In addition, the Farmington schools have joined OAA I this season.

The end result is an eight-team league, which means the teams in OAA I will not play everyone else twice, a fact that could have an impact on the league race, according to Richardson.

"Who you don't play may have as much a bearing as who you do play," he said.

Nonetheless, the coach expects the league competition to be as fierce as ever.

"I think it will be well-balanced," he said. "Athens has good height and poses problems. Lahser has young, good athletes. Groves is always competitive, and Seaholm has a new coach and a reputation of being a tough team. Troy is really scrappy, and Farmington, I don't know a lot about, but they have pretty good-sized kids. I think we'll have a much better idea about half-way through the season. I think it will be a lot of fun because everyone will have a chance to win."

Varsity Girls Volleyball 2002-03 Roster

No.	Name	Grade
1	Colby Gardner	11
3	Jenni McLeod	12
5	Ashley Bramble	11
6	Caitlin McLean	11
7	Kristen Bradish	11
8	Alex Heinrich	12
9	Megan Gaines	12
11	Lindsey Bramble	11
14	Stephanie Parkin	10
15	Ashley Hudson	11
16	Stephanie Reitano	12
21	Megan Garrett	11
22	Courtney Robinson	12
24	Corey Sadowski	12
27	Jenna Kast	12

Head Coach: Gordie Richardson
Assistant Coach: Jason Lewandowski

As far as goals for this season are concerned, Richardson emphasized it is important for the Wolves to come together as a team and improve throughout the season. If they do that, he said the other goals, such as winning the league and districts and advancing as far as possible in the playoffs, will take care of themselves.

Despite the fact this is his last season, Richardson is not approaching the campaign any differently than in past seasons.

"I'm going to work as hard as I always have," he said. "I've just been taking it a game at a time. I'm hoping when we're done, it will be a successful season, and we can say it was a great way to finish."

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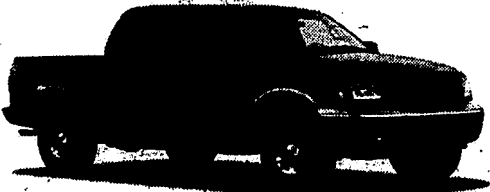
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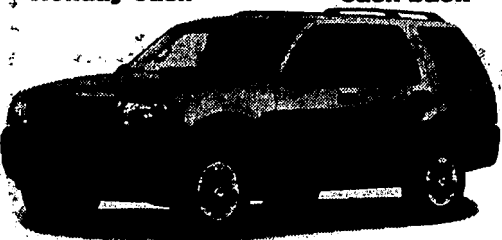
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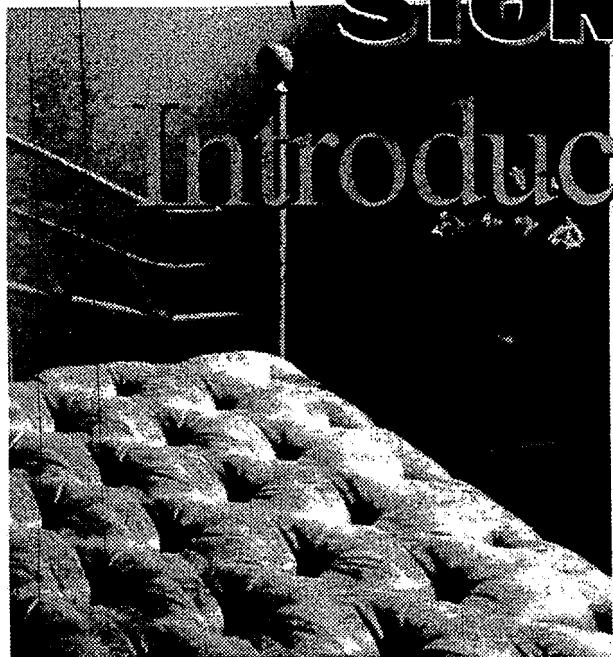
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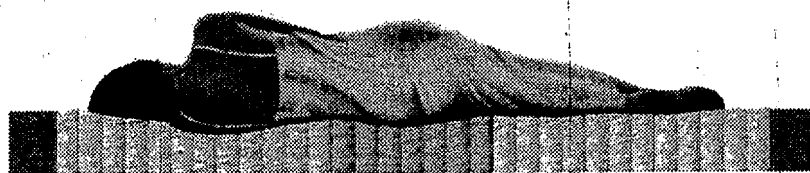


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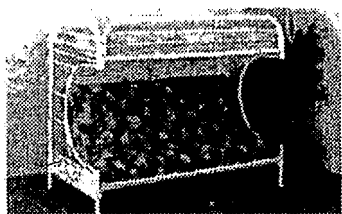
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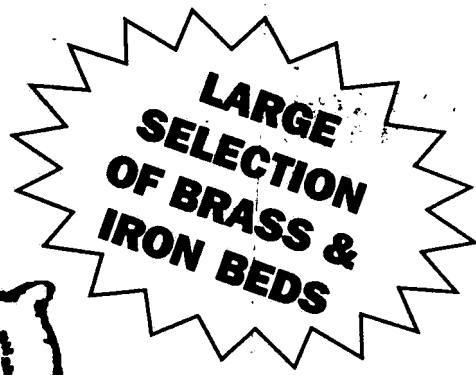
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