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Planning commissioner sticking around despite dispute

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the wake of a dispute with two local property owners, Clarkston planning commissioner Robyn Johnston was willing to resign her spot on the board.

However, Mayor Sharron Catalo refused to accept her resignation, calling the dispute with residents Steve Wylie and Bruce Whitmer a "neighbor to neighbor" matter.

Wylie and Johnston held a private meeting Nov. 25 with Catalo, Johnston, City Attorney Tom Ryan and City Councilman Scott Meyland, according to Catalo.

The two parties contend Johnston had a conflict of interest when she voted on a setback policy in June 2001, establishing 30 feet as the front setback requirement for homes zoned R-1 residential.

A little more than two months afterward, Johnston applied for a building permit for an addition to her home that is 32.2 feet from the property line.

Furthering the dispute between the parties, Wylie was denied a variance by the Zoning Board of Ap-

peals for his property on Middle Lake Road. In addition, Whitmer sued Johnston over an easement and won; that decision had been appealed.

"I think she has a conflict of interest," Wylie said of Johnston. "She has a very small piece of land she's building her house on. The buildable area on her lot is very small because there's a sewer easement that cuts through her property. I don't think a public official should act in a conflict of interest situation."

Johnston could not be reached for comment as of press time.

Catalo believes Johnston, who has been on the Planning Commission for five years, is a valuable member of the commission due to her experience as an



Sharron Catalo

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Body found dead on local roadside

BY JENNIFER NEMER
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Police are seeking help in the investigation of a man found dead on the side of the road in Springfield Township.

At first the man's identity stumped police, but investigators have concluded the man is Michael Lee Smith, 30, of Berkley. Police are not releasing information concerning the cause of death.

Lt. Mark Newman of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said Smith was found wearing a Detroit Tigers T-shirt, wedding ring and nothing else. He had a distinct tattoo of the Grim Reaper on his arm.

"We don't know how long he was there," Newman said, "but we estimate no more than two days." Smith had been last seen on Dec. 10.

A man walking along Oakhill, between E. Holly and Dixie, at approximately 11:30 a.m., found Smith, laying seven to eight feet off the side of the road.

Anyone with information in this case is asked to call the OCSD at (248) 858-4950.

Lighthouse helps out families in crisis

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston Lighthouse helped make the holiday season more festive for the less fortunate in North Oakland County.

Setting up shop in the Knights of Columbus hall, Lighthouse serviced 698 families, including 1,147 children last week.

"The need is greater this year than previous years for families in crisis with the downturn in the economy," Lighthouse special events coordinator Jane Carr said. "We hope that by helping the parents with holiday items they have more money to pay their bills."

Among the items which filled the Knights of Columbus hall were toys, clothing and food.

"The outpouring from the community has been wonderful. It has been very impressive," Carr said. "The community has once again come through. And without all these volunteers there is no way we could pull this off."



Lighthouse volunteers organize donations at the Knights of Columbus hall.

Day care expansion okayed

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Springfield Township Board gave the go-ahead for the expansion of a day care center on Andersonville, but rejected the density plan for a development on Andersonville and Clark.

The board held public hearings for both items at its regular meeting Dec. 12. The first hearing was regarding a request by Oak Hill Day Care Center owners Valerie and Dayne DeHaven to add a second floor to its existing structure.

At the public hearing, Valerie DeHaven stated the extra floor would allow her to expand her facility to 36 students and five staff members, an increase of approximately 8-12 students from her current capacity.

The board granted DeHaven a special land use permit to allow her to expand the day care center.

The second public hearing item was regarding a request by Kalabat Construction to build a 20-unit development on 71 acres at Andersonville and Clark. Clerk Nancy Strole stated the parcel is environmentally sensitive and could not support the number of units proposed.

"That parcel could not sustain 20 units," Strole said. "The developer needs to look at the plan and the action of the board. Obviously, it can be developed, but we didn't determine a specific number of units that the property could support. We could only re-

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Deadlines set for paper

Due to the New Year's Day holiday *The Clarkston News* will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Deadlines for advertising are as follows: classified advertising, 9 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30; display advertising, noon Friday Dec. 27.

Briefly

Clarkston groups offer scholarships

Four area service organizations have announced they will work together to solicit high school scholarship applications. This joint effort represents up to 11 local scholarships valued at \$500 to \$1,000 each.

The joint scholarship cooperative undertaking is chaired by Sheila Ritter, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and includes representatives from the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club and the Clarkston Rotary.

"We hope that a single application form, a coordinated deadline date and joint publicity efforts to encourage students to apply for these local scholarships will increase the number of students applying for these local funds," Ritter said.

The joint application form represents a pool of nearly \$10,000 available through 11 individual scholarships. Limit is one scholarship award per student from each organization. The scholarships include:

- Chamber: two scholarships of \$1,000 each.
- Optimist: three scholarships of \$1,000 each.
- Farm and Garden: four scholarships of \$500 each.

- Rotary: two scholarships of \$1,000 each.

The scholarship form is available online at www.clarkston.org. Applications will also be available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Clarkston High School counseling office and the Independence Township Library after the first of the year.

Volunteers for ski patrol needed

Independence Oaks is looking for winter ski enthusiasts to volunteer for the Oakland County Parks Nordic Ski Patrol. Volunteers patrol Independence Oaks which is located near Clarkston on more than 10 miles of trails.

"It was exciting to have snow by Dec. 1," 23-year patrol veteran Jim Meloche said. "It's shaping up to be a good snow year for skiers and our volunteers."

Meloche said some benefits of Nordic ski patrolling include keeping fit, getting outdoors in winter and meeting interesting people.

There are two levels of participation and the minimum age to apply is 16. Associate patrollers are put to work as "eyes and ears" and look for skiers to distress. With further training, they can become National Ski Patrollers.

Ski equipment will be provided for those without it, and training sessions are offered to learn first aid and search and rescue skills.

In exchange for 40 hours of service, volunteers will receive a 2003 Oakland County Parks annual vehicle permit good for unlimited entry to six parks, Fourth of July fireworks and free entry to "Oakland County Parks Day" at the Oakland County 4-H Fair.

For more information call Meloche as (248) 641-0044.

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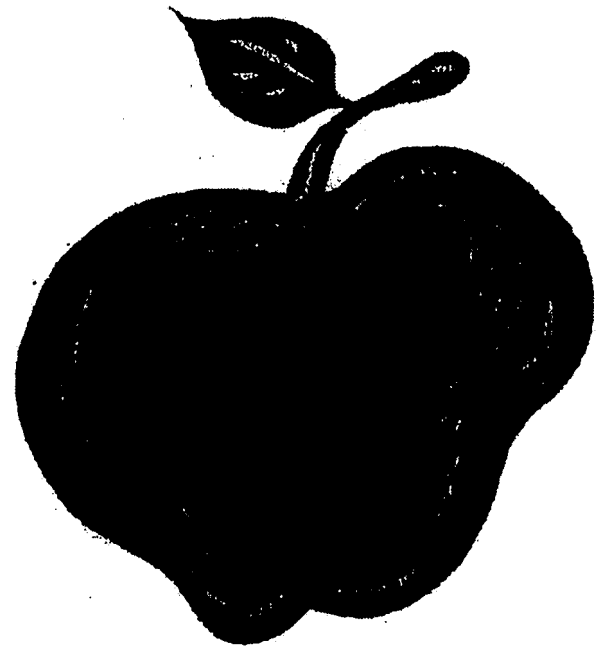
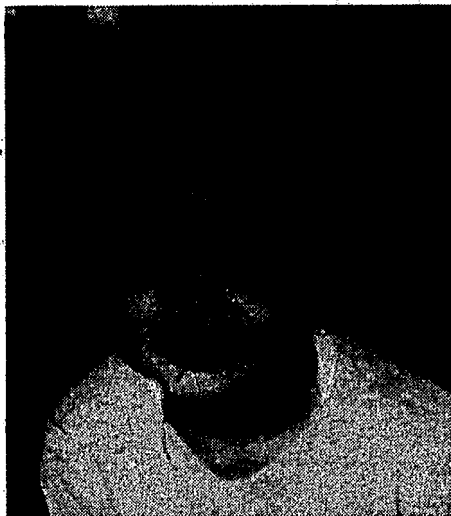
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The Second Front

Clarkston man appreciates generous neighbors

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

'Tis the season for giving.

But for 34-year Clarkston resident Ronald Keener, confined to his home most of the year because of excruciating back pain, he is often the recipient of others' generosity.

Now he wants to give back, the only way he knows how, by recognizing publicly the many people who help him out.

It's people like Louis and Marva Tessier who often provide a meal for Keener. Or Skip Flannigan who'll shovel Keener's snow-covered driveway. Or even Rachel Ryan who picks up Keener's mail for him every day.

"What do you do for people like that?" Keener, 60, asked, which led him to contact *The Clarkston News*. "You see all this negative stuff on T.V., but you don't hear about the positive stuff, people who go out of their way for you."

Many of Keener's neighbors, like those mentioned above, check on him periodically. And then there's also Mary Ann Webb, a Waterford woman who does Keener's grocery shopping, prescription runs and more. Recently, she brought Keener five cakes because she knows he enjoys sweets. He got a kick out her bringing him a cake on her own birthday. "That's the kind of people I know."

"It's people like that who all come together and make my life a heck of a lot easier. People like that," Keener paused, "it's just hard to explain. They make all the bad things better."

What really hit hard in a special way happened to Keener this past Thanksgiving.

He was planning to visit family for the holiday. His daughter, Tina, was at his home, here from Atlanta. That morning, as he walked down his hallway to the front door as he and Tina were to leave, he was overcome with dizziness and passed out. Plans for that day were cancelled.

Word spread to next door neighbor and the Tessiers' daughter, who Tina, 34, had grown up with. Louis and Marva had already left for the day to spend



Louis Tessier brings over a cake for neighbor Ronald Keener, who rarely leaves his home because of a painful back condition. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

time with their family in Davisburg.

"At about 1 p.m., Louis pulls up," Keener remembers. "He brought me Thanksgiving dinner all the way from Davisburg. And they always make sure I have something to eat during the week. They both work. They're busy all the time. But they still have time for me. It's like their kids left home and they adopted me."

It's been two months since Keener has been able to leave his house. "I'm lucky if I can go to the drive-thru bank or the drug store," he said. "It hurts from the neck down."

Keener explained many of the vertebrae in his spine scrape together when he walks, due to degenerated discs. This causes him great pain that shoots throughout his arms and legs.

He takes 15 to 20 pills a day, wears morphine patches, and often is on the couch nearly 24 hours a day, he said.

On good days, Keener can walk with a cane, but most days he uses a walker for better support or a wheeled-walker with a seat.

Keener has not had any surgeries because he feels they would be of no help. It seems these painful conditions run in the Keener family.

"My father had it. My brother has it. My son (35-year-old, Edward, of Grand Blanc) is starting to have it. And now my daughter is starting to show signs of it. It's something I think is heredity."

Keener's brother, who was forced to leave the workforce at 35 because of this sickness, has had many surgeries, but none have improved his condition or pain, Keener said.

Keener felt the symptoms begin 10 years before he retired as an in-house auditor for General Motors where he worked for 30 years. "I was working 15 hour days. I was in the fast lane. It (the symptoms) didn't bother me as much."

Keener, who has been retired for 11 years, said, "I was a highly active person. But when you wake up and can't move; when you're sick to your stomach when you do move; it's hard to do anything."

"I watch TV about 24 hours a day. If I sleep three to four hours a night I'm doing good. (The pain) is never ending."

However, Keener said he feels lucky to have these wonderful people in his life. "This is the ideal neighborhood. We're close-knit because we've all lived here so long."

Louis Tessier said of Keener, "He's been a good friend for many years, since he moved in next door. He's just the kinda guy you like to know. We took a couple vacations together. When he couldn't get around anymore and didn't have anyone to cook meals for him, we started to. We bring him one to two meals a week, clean out his driveway when it snows, it's just something we do."

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Ronald Keener

Sashabaw Middle School 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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Clarkston Middle School Lego team goes to state

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

With thinking caps collectively on, 10 Clarkston Middle schoolers worked together to come up with a unique way to combat the drug problem in Colombia, and were awarded for their efforts.

Sophia Angelis, Amy Cannons, Sam Fioroni, Kevin Giaier, Eric Leichtnam, Ben Mackie, Luke Osborn, Michael Schreiber, John Verros and Adam Zak -- otherwise known as the Penguins -- are part of the F.I.R.S.T. (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Lego League Robotics Team.

Coached by Rich Sanders and Judy Schreiber, the team was one of nine teams out of 36 to advance from regional competition at Lakeland High School in White

Lake, Nov. 23, to the Michigan 2002 F.I.R.S.T. Lego League State Tournament, Dec. 7, at the Novi Expo Center.

Against 64 teams participating in the state finals, the Penguins received runner-up for the Innovative Solution Award.

"They demonstrated to the judges one of the most thought-provoking and innovative solutions to the research assignment," coach Schreiber said.

The team designed a robot, fondly dubbed D.D., for Drug Detector, to suck up the cocaine in Bogota, the capital of Colombia and the world's largest supplier of the drug.

"We just brainstormed 20 cities that had problems," leaguer Michael Schreiber explained. "Then we thought

about solutions for all the problems and we chose the city we had the best solution for."

Their solution: a robot that uses a system much like a vacuum cleaner and replants a seed chosen by the Colombian government with a seed-planting mechanism. A Global Positioning System keeps the robot on track. When D.D. sees cocaine, it descends from a flying position, lands on tractor treads and proceeds with the demolishing process.

"It's just fun to see what you can make a robot do," sixth grader Schreiber said.

Each year the Lego League aims to inspire young people to pursue opportunities in science, technology and engineering by involving them in problem solving challenges. This year's challenge was called City Sights and was comprised of two parts:

The Research Assignment -- Design a solution, using robotics technology, which meets the needs of city inhabitants. Then create a presentation of research findings and conclusions.

And The Robot Game -- Design and develop a F.I.R.S.T. Lego League robot to solve different missions. Specific rules and point values are associated with each.

"It was exciting to win," young Schreiber said. "One kid banged his head on a pole when he stood up. I was just really surprised and ran."

Fellow leaguer Sophie Angelis said, "It was pretty amazing. I was really surprised. We'd never gotten any award at state before." The team has been together for two years, last year out of Independence Elementary. In their rookie season, they won a regional award for team spirit.

"We had better presentation and better ideas this year, so it felt better to win," team member John Verros said. "I was surprised. I didn't think we would really win, there was so many good teams."

Coach Schreiber was pleased with the team's performance. "They were a great team to work with. They worked well together and the ideas just rolled off of them. They were fun to be with."



From left to right, Ben Mackie, Amy Cannons, Sophie Angelis, Adam Zak, Eric Leichtnam, Luke Osborn, Kevin Giaier, John Verros and Michael Schreiber present principal Linda Foran their trophy which they received for runner-up in the Innovative Solutions category at the F.I.R.S.T. Lego League state finals. Not pictured from the team is Sam Fiorani. Photo provided.

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Mom's Club of Clarkston collects for Lighthouse

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A drive this holiday season to give hats and mittens to the needy, grew to heights The Mom's Club of Clarkston weren't expecting.

The support group for stay-at-home moms participate in several service projects a year, and have collected goods for the Clarkston Lighthouse the last two years.

This year, per request by Lighthouse for 1,500 hats and mittens for 1,500 kids, the Mom's Club felt led to hold a drive, just as they did last Christmas.

"Last year we reached out to our membership, but this year we contacted local businesses and large manufacturers, which worked out tremendously," club president Jamie Mengyan said.

The Mom's Club used their funds to purchase six dozen hats and six dozen gloves for donation, and individual members donated items as well.

"We've had a wide range of donations," she noted. "We'd like to thank local businesses Village Apparel and Country Cords; major chains like Kohl's,

Target, Kmart and Meijers; and manufacturers Screamer Hats out of Seattle, Four Star Distribution out of California, Northland Woolens out of Montana, Ambler Mountain of Canada, and Thirteen Mile."

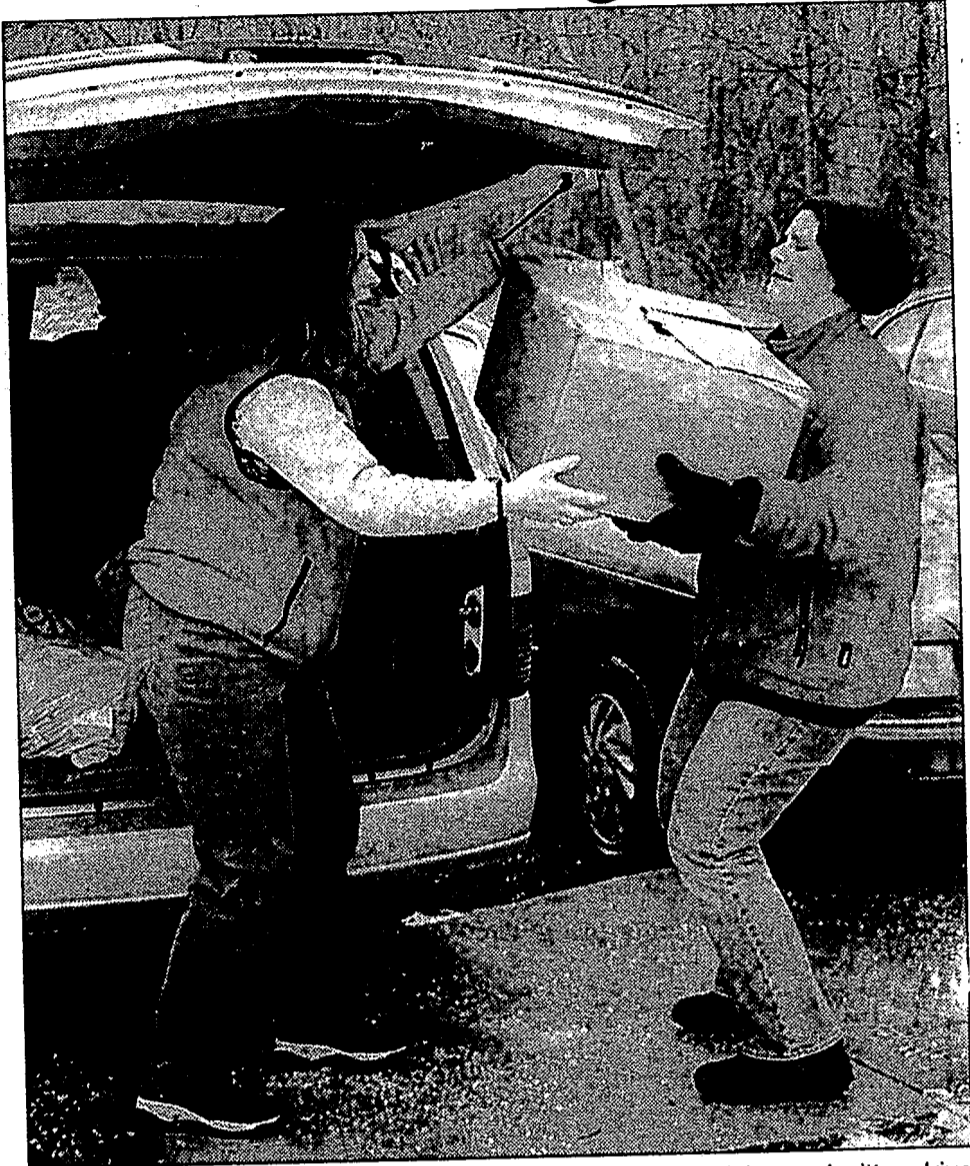
Total collections added up to 516 hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks, and all were dropped off at the Lighthouse on Wednesday, Dec. 18. This, just in time to be given away at the Lighthouse Christmas store Friday, Dec. 20 and Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Knights of Columbus hall in Clarkston.

The annual store helps families in need enjoy Christmas, offering them gifts for the kids, food for Christmas dinner, and more.

Lighthouse staff worker Lisa Mujica said, "If you could see how many people walk out of (the store) crying, it's amazing. Even the dads. It's cool. We like to give them everything on their list."

"I'm glad we could be a part of it and hope we made a dent," Mengyan said.

"Oh, it was a big dent," Mujica said with delight.



The Mom's Club of Clarkston collected 516 articles during their hat and mitten drive for Lighthouse Clarkston this holiday season. Club members Jamie Mengyan, left, and Kelly Pacifico dropped off the collection at the Lighthouse, Dec. 18. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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Mom's Club President Jamie Mengyan

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Opinion

Revisiting my resolutions

As the days of 2002 come to an end it is inevitable to look at the new year quickly coming up on us.

I, like many individuals in our society, use this time to set some resolutions for the upcoming year. Goals are set in late December and are usually forgotten by the time Trent Lott celebrates the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. in late January.

However, being in the newspaper business, my thoughts get put into print each week. Looking through last year's issues in preparation of the Year in Review, I came across my New Year's resolutions from one year ago. Here are the resolutions revisited with a commentary on how I fared.

- To cut back on my sports watching which can consume large portions of the evening and weekend hours. *I guess at this point I am 0-1. I am a sports junkie and I don't believe that is ever going to change. Whether it be an NFL Sunday, NBA hoops contest or March Madness I am tuned in on a consistent basis. At least I admit that I have a problem.*

- To have more patience in my everyday life. *We will call this one a draw. I believe I have shown more patience in my life, but realize there is still a lot of room for improvement. It is hard when there are so many idiots out there (my three loyal readers are excluded of course).*

- To become more physically active. *Finally, a resolution I have accomplished. I have actually exercised on a regular basis throughout the year. Through the workout room at my apartment complex and pick-up basketball games my goals were reached when I could walk up the multiple stairs at The Clarkston News office and not get winded. Sadly this has not led to weight loss since I eat like a true Italian.*

- To learn how to make coffee. *I lamented last year that it is sad that I am 24-years-old and have never made a pot of coffee. This year I am 25-years-old and have never made a pot of coffee.*

- To go through an entire year without being sucked into a Lifetime Network movie. *Simply put: mission accomplished. I indeed have a sense of satisfaction for being able to reach my goal. However, before I pat myself on the back too much I must confess I have watched Celebrity Boxing, Eliminate and the Real World throughout the last 12 months.*

- To get to know my neighbors at the apartment complex I had recently moved into. *Not so lucky on this one. I converse with the same individuals I see in the workout room every week, but as far as neighbors I have not been so lucky. I guess when living in an apartment, not many friendships are forged between neighbors. However I do give people in my building a hello or a head nod while coming into and leaving my apartment.*

So out of the six resolutions I accomplished two, fell short on three, and broke even on one. I don't think that is bad, but obviously there is room for improvement.

Gargaro's World



Kyle Gargaro

Letters to the Editor

Teacher thanks community for giving

There is a book called, "The Giving Tree." The story talks about the leaves of the tree giving shade to a young boy after a long day of playing. The boy grows older and is in need of many things. The tree gives her apples to the boy to sell and her branches for him to build a home. The tree and the boy grow older and the boy needs the trunk of the tree to build a boat and sail away. The tree happily gives him her trunk. In the end, there is just a stump in the ground where the boy, now an old, tired man, comes to sit. In other words, the tree gave everything it had for another.

This book is used as a comparison to what has happened recently in our community. Following the fire, which destroyed the Mallory home, the North Sashabaw community has demonstrated its willingness to give everything it could to help this family. It has given physical goods, kind messages of encouragement, positive thoughts and even prayers. In these very difficult economic times and during the holiday season when all of us find our finances stretched, our community has shown what "love thy neighbor" is all about. But it is the children in North Sashabaw Elementary that I want to really tell you about. I have been very moved by the love and care that our school children have shown. They have truly rallied for the Mallory family. There are the school children who have brought in their favorite toys

or stuffed animal, and not just any stuffed animal but one the giving child probably took to bed with her every night. There is the child who brought in a Bible because she knew the Mallory family believed in God and would be in need of one. There is the child who brought in the used sweatshirt, it was the only thing he had to give. There are the children who are not part of the North Sashabaw school who gave their allowance money for food for the Mallory family. There are the children who just said the right words of concern and comfort to the Mallory children.

These children did not learn about giving on their own. These children learned about giving from their parents -- good, caring and loving individuals. As a teacher in the school, I write this letter to the community, to parents and children alike, to say thank you. Thank you for giving what you could. Thank you for being such wonderful examples. I have left school many days recently emotionally drained by the complete selfless acts of you and your children, because of the unconditional ways that you and your children have said, "I am so sorry for your loss." It feels good to be so drained.

Peace.

North Sashabaw Elementary teacher

Public Access Station has quality programs

Recent chatter has erupted concerning Clarkston's Public Access channels. A little light along with the heat might be warranted.

As a contributor to cable programming for more than two years, the notion that the channels lie dormant is incorrect.

Among other locally produced shows that air throughout the week, our live Tuesday evening cable cast has provided information, entertainment and opportunity for input by viewers via local toll free phone lines. Guests have ranged from gubernatorial candidates, legislative hopefuls of every stripe and stature, state representatives, news reporters and Oakland County's sheriff. Township supervisors, local mayors, area educators and authors, groups of individuals supporting or opposing many of the recent millages, along with charitable groups have used our show "Perspectives" to

trumpet their views and announce their events.

Regarding Cathy Shafran's assertions that the channels are "a pure waste of resources," she has been asked to be a guest. Ms. Shafran declined to appear unless representatives of Independence Township or Clarkston Public Schools were also included. Our forum is open to her but we can't compel participation of others.

Thanks to all who have been or may be guests on our show. Thanks to Andy Reish, Comcast Cable Coordinator and all the staff at Channel 10 for making "Perspectives" possible. Mostly, thanks to our viewers and callers who become part of our Tuesday evening get together.

Robert Namoxica
Clarkston

Friends of Independence Library thankful for help

The "Friends of the Independence Library" would like to thank Rudy's Market (especially Robert and Max) for their hospitality. We were able to sell cappuccino during the Clarkston Christmas Parade.

Thanks to the great "Hometown Market" our sale was a success.

Mary Jean Baker
Friends of the Independence Library

Several wishes on Christmas list

Seems like just days ago that I was making out my Christmas wish list for the year 2002.

Well, time has certainly fled, and it's time for your fearless reporter to do the same thing for 2003 before he trots off to the parents' place in Clinton Township and joins Mom and Dad, sisters Amy and Jenny and brother-in-law Eric Kipp for some family bonding, Christmas Mass at St. Michael's in Sterling Heights, Christmas gift exchanges, and, of course, plenty of food.

Without any further ado, here goes:

What's up with that!



Jeff Patrus

the ongoing situation in Iraq. Unfortunately, it looks more apparent the U.S. will be going to war because of Iraq's apparent reluctance to fully disclose where it is hiding potential chemical weapons. There is, sadly, no simple answer to the situation, but it is sad that war is even talked about at a time many of the world's residents are celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

- Safe travel for all those folks heading to other parts of the state or country to see friends and family for the holidays. While it looks like it will definitely be a white Christmas, there isn't a ton of snow out there right now, which hopefully will make the driving conditions easier. It is so important to be with family and friends this time of year.
- Success for the Clarkston winter sports teams.

Please see Patrus on page 12

Light Ink

Were I king of the world . . .

Where has time gone . . . ?

Seems just like yesterday we were debating the merits of the new millennium starting in 2000 or 2001. The eve of 2003 is now upon us, and I don't know about you, but nothing feels different.

The hype has come and gone and within hours it will be 2003. Pass the champagne, let me kiss my bride and then hit the sack. I am making no requests for 2003 — the last request I made, God granted. The following day we received 17 inches of snow.

As far as this time of year goes all I can say is, resolutions, schmerezolutions. Who needs smacking, frackng resolutions to mess up a good holiday? Live your life as best you can, and leave resolutions to those freaks who have too much time on their hands and not enough problems to worry about.

That said, if I were to make a resolution or two, I think I'd shoot the moon, go for broke and try for the whole enchilada. Aim high, as Pops Rush used to say. "Be the best you can be."

My father's words as my guide:

"I, Don Rush, on this day, January 1, in the Year of Our Lord 2003, do solemnly resolve to fulfill my name's destiny and become ruler of the world by this time next year and enjoy whatever comforts and pleasures which accompany the job."

To heck with, "I resolve to lose 20 pounds," or "I resolve to quit smoking."

Those self-defeating promises are for chumps. But, I will promise you this — if I am Earth's Emperor I resolve that smoking isn't really bad for you and that women in size 2 clothing must be put on a diet of White Castle hamburgers and McDonald's milk shakes until said time when they weigh as much as the rest of us.

If I'm the Big Global Kahuna, citizen's arrest will be more than just two words put together. Citizen's arrest will mean just that . . . citizens can arrest.



**don
rush
don't rush me**

Come to think of it, wouldn't that be handy? How many times when you're tooling down the highway do you see some moron pass you at 90-plus miles an hour, cross over four lanes of traffic in front of you and other vehicles, all without the common courtesy of using a turn signal?

There is never a cop around when that happens. In my world, we're all cop-like. Chase that man, stop that man, deflate his tires, take his shoes, throw his keys in the creek — administer justice and call the boys and girls in blue and brown to pick him up and take him to the hoosgow.

Speaking of 'gators, that reminds of football, which reminds me . . . if I am The Man, the Detroit Lions football franchise will be stripped from anyone who has any connection to the current owners, the Ford Family. The new owners will not even be allowed to drive a Ford Motors product — foreign or domestic.

Intellectual discourse and debates will be encouraged. Chronic complaining will be outlawed. Any fringe group who has an "in your face" approach to their message shall be silenced and forced to live in Siberia with other chronic complainers and fringe groups.

That means, those pro-life folks who surround abortion clinics and show bloody, yucky pictures will be sharing igloos with the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, anybody who wears a white robe or Swastika, and with Queer Nation folks — those are the guys that shout, "We're queer, we're here and we're in your face!"

Get a life people . . . live and let live.

As the Exalted Earthling, I think it would be my job to ensure peace and tranquility for all . . . that means anybody who plays their car stereo loud enough to be heard 10 feet away (let alone 40 feet, 40 yards or a mile away) shall have their driving privileges, stripped, their stereo equipment confiscated and be forced to read books at the nearest public library on Friday nights and weekends.

But, like I said, I don't make resolutions.

And, you all can thank me later.

Comments for he with the overinflated imagination can be e-mailed to: donrushmedon@aol.com

A look back

in
The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■ In the past six months, a landscaping plan for the roughly four miles on Dixie Highway was developed by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), township planning consultant Richard Carlisle and the engineering firm of Ayers, Lewis, Norris and May of Ann Arbor. Part of the plan is to be incorporated with the road improvements next year, said Richard Ayers, chairperson of the DDA.

■ All seven of the village officials who will run for reelection in 1988 will do so unopposed. The three two-year terms of trustees Eric Haven, Frank Millard and William Basinger will expire. The remaining portion of Trustee Gary Symons' term must be placed on the ballot. Three village officers -- President Sharron Catalo, Treasurer Art Pappas and Clerk Norma Goyette -- are also up for reelection.

■ More than 200 teens at Clarkston High School have joined forces to do good deeds in the community. Formed last year, the Blue and Gold Club tries to help wherever they can, said Principal Dr. Robert Burek. The idea for the club came from a high school where Burek previously worked.

25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■ Jack McCall, director of police services for Independence Township, does not agree with the township board's estimate that he is \$40,000 above his budget. That figure, McCall says, gives the wrong impression. Actually, the department is only \$5,000 above its 1977-78 budget and that sum is due to an adjustment in the contract with Oakland County.

■ Next spring, Mike Turk of Clarkston will join the ranks of the newest sport to go professional -- softball. Turk will play shortstop for the Baltimore Monuments, one of the 12 teams formed just last year. Having played baseball since he was a little guy, he first became interested in softball six years ago when he started playing in Holly.

■ Two new Independence Township firemen, Mike Fahrner and Steve Ronk, went on the job last week. When Fahrner turned 18, he graduated from the ranks of junior fireman to that of volunteer. He graduated from Clarkston High School in 1975 and is aiming his career toward emergency medical technology. Ronk, also a graduate of CHS, is heading for the administrative side. He said being with the fire department is what he has always wanted to do.

50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■ On Wednesday evening, Christmas Eve, Santa Claus is coming to Clarkston. He was invited to come by the Clarkston Rotary Club. He will arrive at the Township Community Center at 7 p.m. and he will have a treat for every good little boy and girl in the community. For the last several years Santa has visited Clarkston on Christmas Eve and he has been welcomed by many happy children.

■ Young folks and old folks are invited to the dance at the C.A.I. Building on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, when everything will be done to help you celebrate the birth of a New Year. There will be old-time and modern dancing, favors and noisemakers. There will be good music and refreshments will be available.

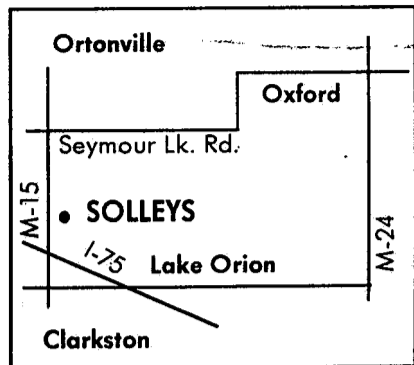
■ The following items were on special at Terry's Market in Clarkston: beef pot roast, choice grade, 69 cents/lb.; frozen orange juice, three cans/45 cents; fresh cranberries, one lb. pkg., 29 cents; butter, 70 cents/lb.; S & W coffee, 79 cents/lb.; cranberry sauce, two cans for 39 cents; frozen strawberries, one lb. pkg., 47 cents.

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. Happy New Year!

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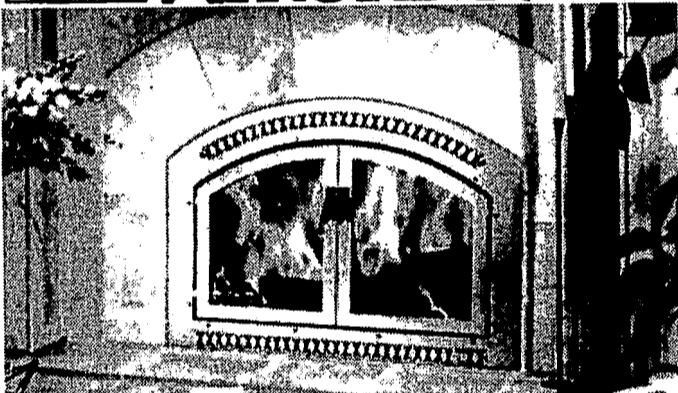


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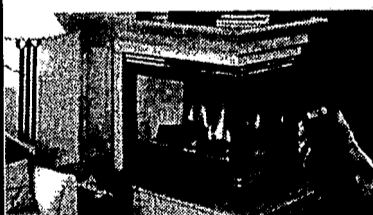
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Worship

From the Bulletin

'If only I was a bird...I could save them'

There is a story that leaps to the front of my mind every Christmas.

It seems there was a farmer who, on one particularly cold and stormy night, looked out his window to see a small gathering of quail in his yard behind the house.

The quail were freezing. Huddled together in the deepening snow, the farmer watched as the quail were being periodically scattered by the whipping wind currents.

The farmer, not wishing any harm befall the birds, decided to light a lantern in the barn and leave the door open for the quail so they would be warmed by the light and find shelter in the straw.

The farmer waited in the barn hoping the birds would soon see the open door and accept the farmer's invitation. But after a few moments it was obvious the quail did not know what to do and the storm was getting worse.

The farmer began to approach the birds in an effort to "shoe" the birds or corral them into the safety of the barn. This approach failed. The closer the farmer tried to get to the quail the more scattered and scared the quail became.

After several more attempts the disappointed farmer went back into his house. It was there that the farmer realized that his size and appearance were too overwhelming to the birds. They couldn't possibly relate to such a powerful and authoritative figure. Watching the quail and trying desperately to think of a solution the farmer thought to himself, "If only I was a bird. I could guide them to safety. They wouldn't be afraid of me and could follow me all the way into the barn. "Yes," the farmer said to himself, "if only I was a bird, I could save them."

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David,

which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David). To be taxed with Mary, his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were still afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" (Luke 2:1-14 KJV)

Merry Christmas Clarkston, and Happy New Year!



Out of the Woods

Pastor Bob Galey, Oakland Woods Baptist Church

Clarkston
pastors, would
you like to
contribute a
column to the
Worship Page?
If so, call
(248) 625-3370.

Every year the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Clarkston observes the Feast of the Holy Innocents, three days after Christmas, with a special service to remember all children who have died. All members of the community are invited to attend this year's service Saturday, Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.

Friar William McDonald said it is one of the dark mysteries of our faith that the birth of the Savior was also the cause for the slaughter of children when King Herod had put to the sword all children under the age of two in the town and surrounding areas of Bethlehem, as recorded in Matthew 2:13-18.

Especially invited are those who have lost children of their own. This can include loss by miscarriage, abortion or violence. No one will be asked to share their specific loss or story. That will remain between each worshipper and God, McDonald said.

The service will be the Holy Eucharist, according to the use of the Episcopal Church. It is open to people of any religious persuasion as well as those who have no spiritual home.

Any who choose not to attend, but wish the names of children be remembered at this service, may phone the church office at (248) 625-2325.

The church is located at 6490 Clarkston Rd., just opposite the Independence Township Library.

New Year's Eve church services around town include:

- Candlelight service at 5 p.m. and Family Fun Time from 6-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Clarkston, 5972 Paramus. Call (248) 625-3380.

- Bible study and prayer time at 7 p.m. at Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway in Clarkston. Call (248) 625-2311.

- Service with Holy Communion at 3 p.m. at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw in Clarkston. Call (248) 625-4644.

- Dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and service from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Maranatha Baptist Church, 5790 Flemings Lake in Clarkston. Call (248) 625-2700.

- Service at 11 p.m. at Mt. Zion Church, 4900 Maybee in Clarkston. Call (248) 391-6166.

- Party for ages 18 and up starting at 12:30 a.m. at the Clarkston Christian Association, 5529 Sashabaw. The third annual event includes food, beverages, dancing, billiards and more. Cost is \$10 per person. Call (248) 620-4900.



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Commissioner

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architect and building designer. She stated Johnston's issues with Wylie and Whitmer do not warrant her removal from the commission.

"There's no reason for her to resign," Catallo said. "To me, it's a neigh-

bor to neighbor problem. It's not anything that affects the community in general. There's no merit in what they're saying. I haven't heard anything from anyone else in the issue."

Day Care

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spond to what's been presented. Informally, we provided comment to the developer's representative (Douglas M. Kress). We tried to provide some guidance and feedback."

Kress tried to persuade the board

the developers were going to preserve the environmental features of the site. However, the board unanimously agreed it could not support the development as presented.

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The Clarkston wrestlers, in particular, have shown this could be a special season after winning their second straight Oakland County championship Saturday. The boys basketball team earned a hard-fought win against Lake Orion Thursday and will continually have to overcome growing pains. The girls volleyball team started out with a win, and boys swimming has won two of three, so things look promising for them, and despite some recent speed bumps, the hockey team still looks to be a solid contender for the league title.

■This may very well fall into the miracle category, but competitive seasons next year for the Tigers and

Lions. The M&M regime (Matt Millen and Marty Mornhinweg) have been an unmitigated disaster their first two years on the job, and their job security is tenuous at best. The team has so many holes it's very hard to see how they'll be better anytime soon. The same goes for the Tigers, where new manager Alan Trammell has recruited some of his 1984 world champion teammates (new bench coach Kirk Gibson and new bullpen coach Lance Parrish) to help restore the tarnished luster of the Olde English D. The team is still plenty devoid of talent, but Trammell and company are very unlikely to tolerate any of the nonsense and selfish be-

havior of recent Tigers teams.

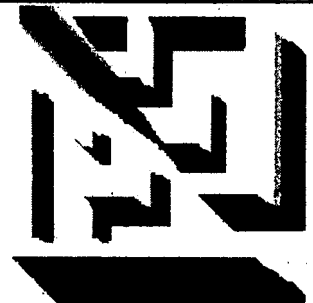
■A good start to the administration of Michigan Governor-elect Jennifer Granholm. Despite my misgivings about Ms. Granholm, she has a lot of issues to face (the state's economic situation being first and foremost) and will need cooperation from both parties to tackle these issues.

■In addition, good starts for all local elected officials who are assuming their roles on the Oakland County Commission and the state House and Senate, in local judgeships, and in other elected offices.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

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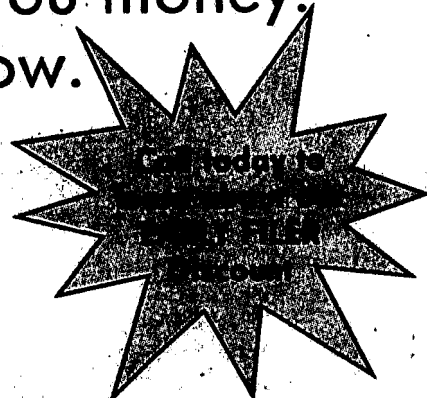
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Wolves dominate Oakland County meet

Six grapplers nab titles as team repeats as county champs

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston left no doubt about who is the best high school wrestling team in Oakland County.

The Wolves had 11 team members medal at the Oakland County Meet, held Friday and Saturday at Clarkston High School, as Clarkston captured their second straight county title with 339.5 points.

Clarkston coach Mike DeGain said he's "pretty darn sure" the Wolves set a record for most number of points scored at the county meet.

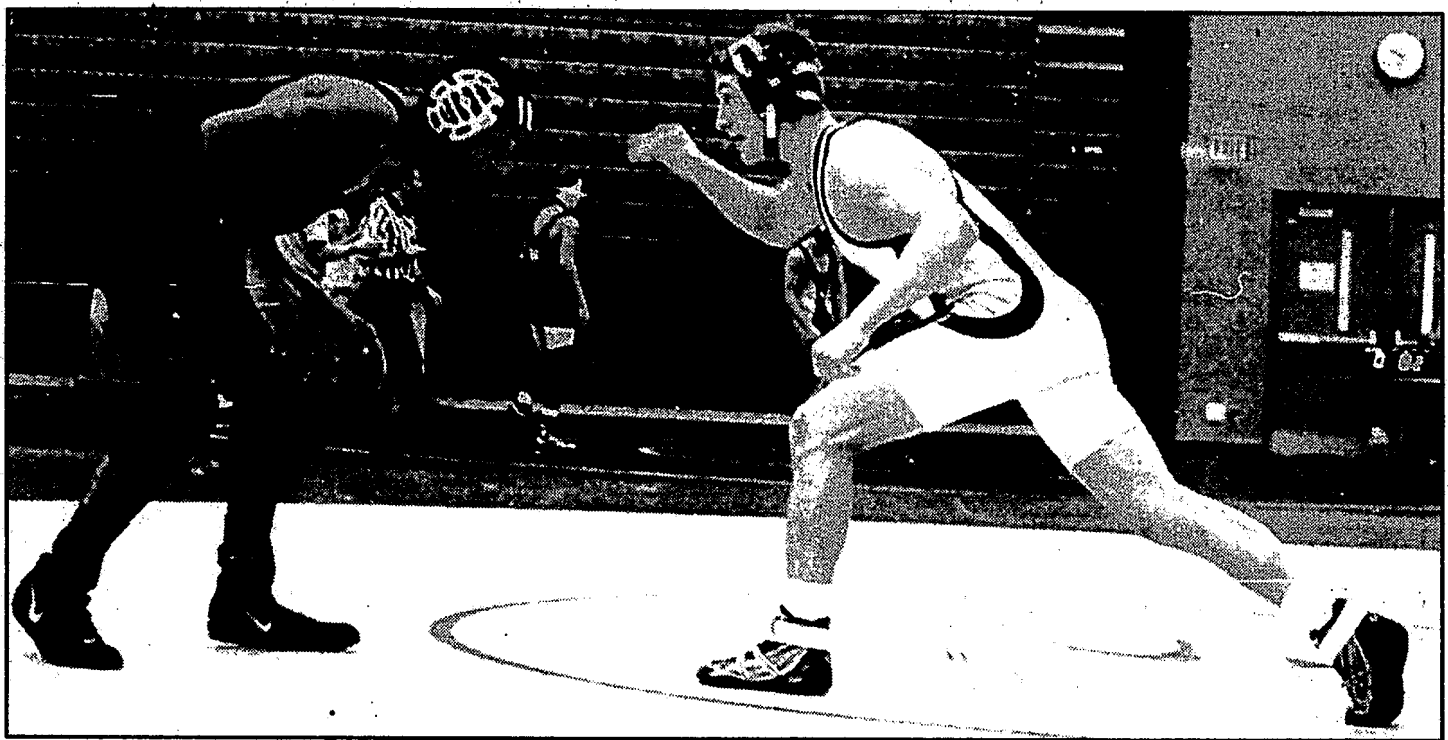
Oxford finished a distant second with 207 points, while Milford finished third with 195.5 points, Novi fourth with 184 and Walled Lake Western fifth with 169.5.

DeGain believed going into the meet the Wolves would have a strong showing.

"I'd be lying if I told you it was a surprise," he said. "This is a pretty focused team. Everyone's working hard, and I think this is a direct result of that."

Among the pleasant surprises at the meet, according to DeGain, were Matt Herron and Sean Turner, who didn't place in the county meet last year, but won championships this year, and John Langdon and Braden L'Amoreaux, who won their first county titles this year.

Of the 11 Clarkston medalists, six of them captured championships in their



Clarkston's Braden L'Amoreaux (right) grapples with Nate Meredith of Birmingham Seaholm in the second round of the 130-lb. weight division during the Oakland County Meet Saturday at Clarkston. L'Amoreaux was one of six Clarkston wrestlers to bring home individual titles as the Wolves won the county meet for the second straight year. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

weight classes, which tied a county meet record for most champions in one year by a school. The roll call of titlists is as follows:

■ Herron (103), who defeated Brian Slaght of Brandon by technical fall, 15-0, in the division final.

■ L'Amoreaux (130), who defeated Chris Kinaya of West Bloomfield by a 9-2 decision.

■ Langdon (140), who pinned Jake Williamson of South Lyon in 1:03.

■ Turner (152), who defeated Cory

Froeber of Clawson by major decision, 10-2.

■ Clint DeGain (171), who defeated Tim Breyer of Oxford by default.

■ Joe Wood (275), who pinned Eric Chapman of Waterford Mott in 16 seconds.

In addition, Tony LaJoie (125) brought home a runner-up finish in his weight class after losing a 7-4 decision to Oak Park's Mel Perry in the division final.

Other Clarkston medalists were:

Kyle Hester (third, 189); Jason Talbott (third, 215); Bryan Webb (fourth, 119); and Nate Parker (six, 145).

The Wolves return to action Wednesday, Jan. 8 when they travel to Rochester Adams for a meet against the host Highlanders and the Rochester Falcons. They then travel to St. Edmund's in Ohio for a Jan. 11 meet.

DeGain stated St. Edmund's is one of the top five or six teams in the country and should provide a good test for the Wolves.

Swimmers head into break with win against Southfield

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's boys swimming team is heading into the holiday season on a good note.

The Wolves took command of their Thursday meet against host Southfield in the second event of the competition, the 200 yard freestyle, and never looked back on their way to a 115-58 win, improving Clarkston's season mark to 2-1.

Southfield took first place in the 200 yard medley relay to take an 8-6 lead in the early going. However, Clarkston's Nick Reigel finished first in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 202.93 as the Wolves took an 18-12 lead. Dan Reed captured first in the 200 yard individual medley with a time of 219.43 to increase the Clarkston lead to 30-16.

The Wolves dominated from there, capturing first place in five more events on their way to the victory:

■ Jeff Driscoll in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 113.97.

■ Evan Schneider in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 102.22.

■ Troy Quantz in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 606.39.

■ The team of Driscoll, Brian Miller, Mike Nelson and Nick Reigel in the 200 yard freestyle relay with a time of 149.58.

■ The team of Driscoll, Nelson, Nick Oldenburg and Louis Seaman in the 400 yard freestyle relay with a time of 404.35.

It was a different story for the Wolves two days earlier, as there were five pool records set in the boys swimming meet between visiting Birmingham Seaholm and Clarkston.

The bad news for Clarkston is those records were set by Seaholm, as the Maples edged the Wolves 92-88, squaring the Wolves' season record at 1-1.

The records set by Seaholm were in the 200 yard

medley relay, 200 yard freestyle, 200 yard individual medley, 100 yard butterfly and 400 yard freestyle relay.

The Maples finished first in five other events on their way to the win. Seaholm took an 8-6 lead with their win in the 200 yard medley relay. The Wolves hung close, though, and took the lead in the diving competition, as the 1-2 tandem of Rob Johnson (159.80 points) and Greyson LaHousse (148.35) took the top two spots in that event, pushing the Wolves ahead 38-34.

However, two events later, the Maples took first and second in the 100 yard freestyle, catapulting them back in front 53-51, and Seaholm never looked back from there.

Clarkston's other first-place finish came in the 100 yard breaststroke, where Jeff Driscoll captured that event with a time of 1:11.17.

The Wolves have approximately 1-1/2 weeks to get ready for their next meet, Monday, Jan. 6 at Berkley, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

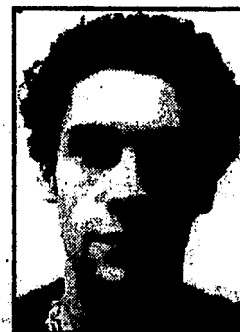
Athlete of the Week — Bobby Johnson

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In his second year on the Clarkston boys swimming team, junior Bobby Johnson is proving to be a force in diving competition.

Johnson, who attended Waterford Kettering in ninth grade before transferring to Clarkston last year, finished first in diving in the team's first two meets of the year, Dec. 12 against Rochester Adams and Dec. 17 against Birmingham Seaholm.

He credits assistant coach Kevin Brock, who coaches the team's divers, for his suc-



Bobby Johnson

cess. "He's really cool," Johnson said. "He helps me improve a lot and works with me on everything."

He hopes to make regionals in diving this year, as well as earn a lot of points for the Wolves in diving throughout Clarkston's season.

Johnson became a member of Clarkston High School's chapter of the National Honor Society this year, and listed math and science as his two favorite subjects.

He is the son of Kenny and Lisa Johnson of Clarkston, and has a younger brother, Nick, 7.

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Goodman sparks cagers to win

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston boys basketball coach Dan Fife summed up his team's win Thursday against host Lake Orion succinctly.

"At least we can enjoy Christmas," he quipped. The Wolves made sure they could do just that against the Dragons, members of Oakland Activities Association Division II. Clarkston, who controlled much of the game, fell behind in the fourth quarter but came back to defeat Lake Orion 53-47 in OAA crossover action.

The win improved Clarkston's record to 2-2, while Lake Orion dropped to 2-1.

The Wolves started out strong, outscoring the Dragons 15-7 in the first quarter, and held onto the lead at the half 26-19.

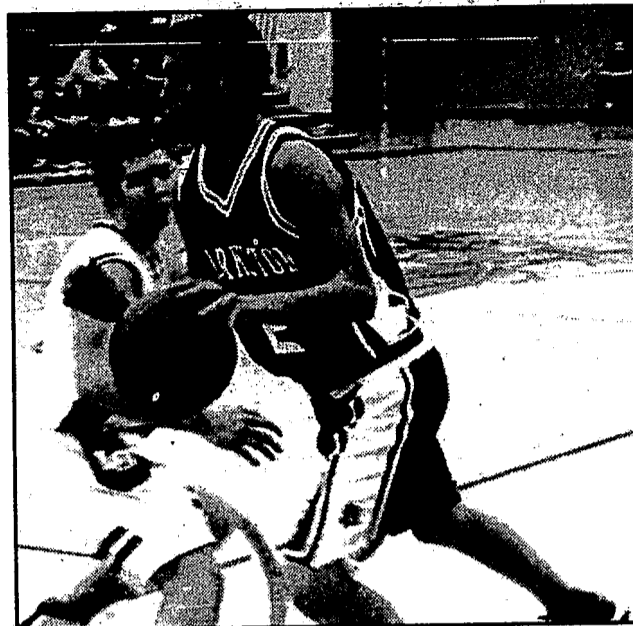
Clarkston would assert their dominance even more in the third quarter, as the Wolves went on a 7-2 run before the Dragons called time out with 3:40 left in the third and Clarkston leading 33-21.

However, the Dragons did not make an immediate dent in the Wolves' lead. With seven seconds left in the third, Clarkston junior forward Chris Johnston (who led all scorers with 21 points) made a layup and drew a foul. Johnston connected on the ensuing free throw, giving the Wolves a 39-29 lead as the quarter expired.

Lake Orion would start to rumble in the fourth, as Dragons guard Alex Traurig (who was the Dragons' only double-digit scorer, netting 13 points) drained a three-pointer to cut Clarkston's lead to 39-34 with six minutes left.

Johnston took inside on the next possession to increase Clarkston's lead to 41-34, but the Dragons connected on two free throws, and Lake Orion guard Brent Skiba drained another three-pointer to cut the Clarkston lead to 42-39 with 4-1/2 minutes left.

Joel Malkasian connected on two free throws to put the Dragons within one, 42-41. After Johnston missed a free throw with 3:12 left, Traurig drilled another three to put the Dragons ahead 44-42 with 2:45 left.



Clarkston's Justin Whetstone (right) drives to the basket during Clarkston's 53-47 win at Lake Orion Dec. 19. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Clarkston sophomore guard Robbie Clark (who had 11 points) was fouled with 2:22 left. He missed the first free throw, but made the second to cut the Lake Orion lead to 44-43.

On the ensuing possession, Malkasian turned the ball over, and Clarkston sophomore guard Brad Goodman (who contributed 10 points off the bench), zipped a pass to Johnston, who connected on a hook shot to put Clarkston back ahead 45-44 with 1:55 left.

From that point, the Dragons sent Clarkston to the line as much as possible, but the Wolves made eight free throws down the stretch to clinch the win.

"Brad Goodman gave us a heck of a spark and came up with a couple of big steals," Fife said. "He took care of the ball and gave us a left off the bench."

The Wolves will return to action Friday, Dec. 27 when they host Detroit Murray-Wright beginning at 7 p.m.

Richardson: Netters learned a lot at tourney

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston's volleyball team's record at the Portage Central tournament Saturday was not the greatest, as they won twice and lost three times.

However, Coach Gordie Richardson does not consider the trip a loss — not by any means.

"I think the experience was really good," he said. "There's some high-powered teams there. The kids gave a great effort. We knew it was going to be difficult."

The Wolves started out on the right foot with a win against Bay City Central. After a loss to Forest Hills Northern, Clarkston rebounded with a win against Woodhaven in what Richardson described as "a really close, tough match."

Clarkston's next match, against Rockford, was the most disappointing one of the tourney, according to Richardson.

"We came out really flat," he said. "We had an excellent opportunity to win the second game and take

the match to a third game. We were up 11-7 and fell behind, and we eventually lost 17-15."

Clarkston wrapped up the tourney with a loss to host Portage Central, who simply had "too much firepower" for the Wolves, according to Richardson.

Among the shining lights for the Wolves at the tourney were Alex Heinrich (who battled through illness, Lindsey Bramble (who stepped in for Megan Gaines at setter) and Stephanie Reitano (who was the team's most consistent offensive player, according to Richardson).

"I don't think we had anyone that played poorly," Richardson said.

The Wolves will spent the next 1-1/2 weeks working on their skills before their next meet Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003 at Walled Lake Central. Clarkston returns home for a Jan. 6 meet against Troy Athens.

In the meantime, Clarkston will scrimmage Friday, Dec. 27 against a group of Clarkston alumni, and Saturday, Dec. 28 against Fenton.

Icers testing their mettle in holiday tournaments

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

For most people, the holidays are associated with rest and relaxation.

It's a different story for the Clarkston hockey team. The Wolves are competing in a pair of tournaments designed to see how they stack up against some of the state's best.

The Wolves, currently ranked fourth in the state, notched a pair of ties in the High School Hockey Showcase Friday and Saturday at Trenton. On Friday, the Wolves tied Ann Arbor Huron 1-1.

Clarkston's goal came with five minutes left in the first, as Adam Peters scored on an assist from Steve Morin. Ann Arbor Huron scored with 1:06 left in the game to forge the tie.

On Saturday, the Wolves earned a 5-5 tie against

Novi, as Steve Morin netted two goals apiece, while Peters, Eric Hall and Kyle Buzzo each scored once. The Wolves are now 4-2-4 overall.

While Coach Bryan Krygier would have liked to see the Wolves come out of the Showcase with a win or two, he was pleased with how the team performed.

"We did well," he said. "Ann Arbor Huron was ranked in the top 10, and Novi always has a strong team. It's a way for us to judge ourselves against the top teams in the state. Anytime you don't lose, you're doing something right."

For the third straight year, the Wolves will be competing in the Alpena Christmas Tournament Friday, Dec. 27 and Saturday, Dec. 28. The Wolves will take on Alpena in the first game Friday, and depending on the result of that game, will take on either East Kentwood or Negaunee.

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Guest editorial

Thanks for the memories — farewell to the team

(The following was a speech given by Clarkston senior girls basketball tri-captain Kira Karlstrom at the team's banquet Dec. 16. Karlstrom is a four-year lettered varsity basketball player at Clarkston High School. She has signed to play at Drexel University next fall.)

I remember four years ago when I sat at this banquet, staring up at the departing seniors, thinking I could not wait to be one of them. But now that I finally made it to this point of time, I wish I had one more chance to be sitting where you are. I know year after year, person after person will repeatedly tell you to cherish these moments and memories. Over and over they will tell you it will go by faster than you think. You may hear it 1,000 times and you know, they are right. People really never appreciate what they have until it's gone.



Kira Karlstrom

And when it is, you appreciate it because you finally take the time to slow down and look back at your accomplishments, your learning experiences, and most of all, the things you will carry on in the future. This will make you realize that basketball is not just a game of wins and losses, how many points you averaged your senior year, or how many turnovers you had. Because years from now, those aren't the things you'll remember. What you will remember is the role basketball played in your life and the teammates you shared an experience with.

I have accepted the fact that when I leave here

I will walk away with more than I've ever dreamt possible. I will walk away with the meaning of friendship, being part of a team, and knowing how 15 individuals can come together to work as one to accomplish the same goal. I have learned what it means to have the heart, passion, desire and dedication to really want something. How to win and lose with grace, be a leader and competitor, and what it means to completely fall in love with what many people see as just a game. It may be just a game, but it is that game that 10 years from now I will look back on and say, "those were some of the best times of my life."

But in order for all of this to have ever been possible, there are some people I need to say thank you to. To my team, I'll never find another team like you guys. You have made this season what it was, special. It makes me proud and honored to say when I took off my jersey for the last time this year; I was able to be a part of that.

The one thing I loved about this team is that everyone cared about everyone else. As the paper stated, "It was one for all and all for one," and that's priceless. It's the type of team where at the end of the season when I received my postseason honors, every time I saw my name somewhere there should have been 14 more names right beside it because I would not have been the player without you all. I love you guys and will never forget the memories we all share.

Art (assistant coach Dr. Art Even), I'm finally leaving! What are you going to do without me? You've been there from the beginning to the end of my high school career and I've learned a lot from you. I'm definitely going to miss the "Hey two-three, are we ready" followed by the high five before every game. I won't let anyone replace you.

April (junior varsity coach April Kosin, who

coached the varsity in 2000), I'm going to miss talking to you. You were my coach for one year and that year is irreplaceable. Thank you because it was that sophomore year that made me believe that maybe by my senior year I could help lead our team to something great, and look at what we've accomplished.

I want to thank the fans and parents that came to game after game and gave us your undivided support. I also can't thank enough those that sent me cards and letters of encouragement throughout the season because you believed in our team.

Ann (varsity coach Ann Lowney), it's been long six years. I can't believe it's time to say goodbye. I'll never be able to thank you enough for what you've done for me. You've taught me the game and been my mentor every step of the way in my career. I was sometimes a head case in practice but you never gave up on me. Everyone always asked me why does she always scream at you so much. But I'm glad you do because I know that if you're still screaming at me, there must be a reason for it. When you stop, that's when I'll worry. You've always pushed me and you never let me play down to a level lower than you thought I was capable of playing. You've been the influence of my career and as I leave for the first time and I start a new chapter in my life you won't be there. But we all have to grow up and I guess this will be my first major test. I love you.

And so to my teammates, coaches, family and friends. I am now a senior varsity basketball player whose season has now come to an end; standing in front of all of you for the very first and last time; and I'm proud to say I was a part of Clarkston basketball.

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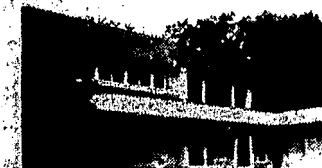
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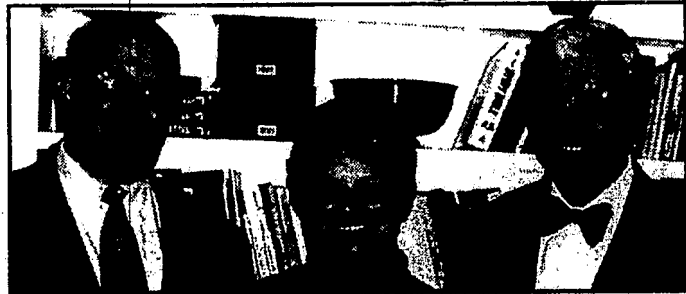
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1997 PONTIAC GRAND Am, \$4500 obo. 248-969-0783 IILX2M17-2

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250 CARS

1999 TAURUS, 4 door, metallic silver, 30,000 miles, immaculate condition, power seats, windows, mirrors, door locks. Keyless entry. 3.0 V-6 engine, factory installed 6-CD player, \$9600. obo 248-693-9420 after 2pm. IILZ50-8nn

1994 BUICK SKYLARK, 85,000 original miles, brand new remanufactured V-6 engine, power locks, cassette, cruise. A must see! \$4000 or best offer. 248-431-8925. IILZ49-12nn

1992 BUICK LESABRE, 4 door, white with burgundy red top and interior, 105,000 miles, new tires, runs excellent, \$3400. 248-393-4403. IILZ48-12nn

1992 SATURN, 4 door, automatic, power windows, locks, new brakes, CD player, white, good condition, 118,000 miles, \$1200. 248-922-0243. IILZ22-12nn

2000 SATURN, 50,000 highway miles. Auto trans, pw, CD, ac, sunroof, excellent condition. After 5:00, \$11,000 obo 248-627-2330 ZXM-12nn

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260 VANS

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1989 FORD E350 gas work van, with hydraulic lift gate, runs good, \$2000 obo. 248-379-0444. IILZ51-4nn

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270 TRUCKS

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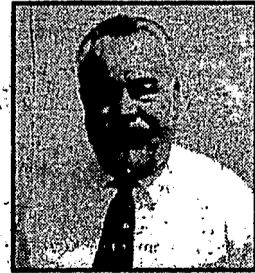
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Around Town

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 trees 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.

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.

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 and is open to men and women of all ages who have recently been widowed.

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.

Obituary

Stephen R. Keen

Stephen Richard Keen of Burton, formerly of Ortonville, died Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the age of 47.

He was the beloved husband of Bernadette "Bernie"; son in law of Mary Lou (the late Robert) Berry; son of Patricia (the late Richard) Shepard, brother of Rod (Laurie) Keen, Deborah Keen and Jeff (Shannon) Keen; step brother of Richard (Cheryl) Shepard, Keith (Nina) Shepard and Cheryl (Daryl) Richards; special uncle of Kandice, Kyle and Justin Keen.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Dec. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to the family.

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Fatal accident

Troy Roberts Smith, 26, of Waterford died after crashing his vehicle into a tree at approximately 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 on Bridge Lake, north of Davisburg Road in Springfield Township.

Sgt. Frank Schipani of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said Smith lost control on the icy road, spun around, nipped a southbound car, kept spinning and then hit the tree. He died of his injuries on Dec. 19.

Smith was not wearing a seat belt.



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 **OPEN SATURDAYS**

Celebrating Christmas at Andersonville El.

Students in Jodi Gabbard's second and third grade class at Andersonville Elementary brought out the holiday cheer as they partied before Christmas break, Dec. 19.

The Clarkston News asked the kids, "What's the best Christmas present you've ever received?" Here's what they had to say:

"Crayola window washable markers." --Darian Defrege

"I guess, Palm Puppies." --Jessica Bacher

"A bike." --Lacy Lobenstein

"A dome tent." --Adam Cape

"A Playstation 2." --Brock Sommers

"Probably, my rollerblade shoes." --Morgan Lewis

"I think my ice skates." --Lindsay Adams

"A bike." --Kendall Allmand

"A remote control car. It goes like 20 miles per hour. And a Game Cube." --

Zack Strelecky
"A BB gun." --Alex Draska

"A drum set." --Brandon Cornell

"Blow pens." --Megan Worden

"An X-Box and a Game Cube." --Lindsey Paz

"A digital camera." --Lauren Hartman

"A charm bracelet." --Emma McGowan

"My scooter. I can do wheelies." --Michael Vanderweel

"My dog Storm." --Melina Selent

"A truck. It's a remote control." --Kenny Teichmann

"A make-up kit." --Katelyn Dillon

"My Polly Pocket ferris wheel." --Allison Lindsey

"A CD player." --Jamie Arden

"A bike." --Joe Konarzewski

"Probably what Mrs. Gabbard got us. A giant chocolate apple." --Natalie Drumb



Joey Konarzewski delightfully shows off his recently opened present, as Alex Draska, with festive Santa hat, looks on.

Right, Tom Trezona and Lindsey Paz play a game of hot potato, or hot Christmas present in this case.



Allison Lindsey tears into her Christmas gift.



Michael Vanderweel puts a smile on classmate Tom Trezona in the make-a-snowman game.

Bleeding Text

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