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Fun in the snow



Springfield Plains Elementary fifth graders Whitney Bedor, keeping warm with her scarf wrapped around her head, snuggles close with Alayna Zielinski, at right, and Erica Zentner, in back. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

Keep it safe this winter

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Snow is in the forecast. And with a douse of snow is sure to come a flurry of car accidents.

Springfield Township has already had an abundance of winter-related accidents this year. Sgt. Frank Schipani of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said since the start of the holiday season there have been approximately 30 to 40 accidents, and deputies have had to assist the Michigan State Police with several others as well due to the high numbers.

Over a township in Independence, Lt. Dale LaBair said just the opposite. Winter-related vehicle accidents are actually down this year, and especially during the holiday season. LaBair feels the area has not seen any real significant ice or snow falls, and said the Road Com-

mission of Oakland County has been on top of the winter weather we have received.

But winter is in full swing and nasty road conditions are certain. Schipani offers the following tips next time you get on the icy, snow-covered streets:

- Slow down.
- Anticipate lights changing. Be prepared when others may not anticipate lights changing.
- Have a cell phone for emergency purposes.
- Wear a seat belt.
- Make sure children are secured.
- Get an emergency kit that includes a blanket, flash light, warm clothes, boots, hat and gloves. Keep a bag of sand in the trunk.
- If you find yourself skidding or

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Stuart looks to future

Despite failed proposals, Supervisor proud of 2002

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

The year 2002 was a busy one for Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart.

Stuart, along with his fellow board members, had to deal with many issues including bond issues for new facilities. In August, the board asked the voters for \$7.5 million to build a new township hall and make improvements to Clintonwood Park. The proposal was rejected by a 3,984 to 2,363 margin.

"There are a lot of reasons why it may have fallen," Stuart said. "I think a lot had to do with the economy. It is one of those things that is easier for people to reject than some other things. It was very widespread throughout the whole county with proposals failing. The library millage just barely passed for operation and typically that passes by 80 or 90 percent."

During the November election, they asked for \$26 million for a new township hall and a new community center with senior facilities and that was also rejected by the voters by a wide margin. One of the reasons Stuart asked for money again in November was the work the Citizens for the Community group put into the project.

"We of course took a lot of flak for putting another issue on right afterwards, but I felt the people who worked on the community center/senior center issue had a belief the people supported what they were trying to do and they deserved to have a right to find out," Stuart said. "I am not going to recommend to the board that we, by another method, do what the people have told us not to do. Whether or not it was the best decision only time will tell. When you ask the people a question you have to be willing to accept what the answer is. Despite it going down I am pleased with how the entire process worked."

Stuart stated the only thing they can do now is look at other substitute facilities to help with the overcrowding or move people around.

Another issue which generated considerable interest in the last year was the proposed condominiums being built on the corner of Maybee Road and Dixie Highway. Some area residents feel there

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Dale Stuart
Independence Township Supervisor

is too much congestion in the area and the development would, among other things, lower property value, increase traffic and disrupt natural wetlands. After urging the board to purchase this land and turn it into a park, the residents are now attempting to purchase the land themselves through a special assessment district and Michigan Department of Natural Resources grants.

"We are not the size or income of a community that can afford to have a park that we paid \$3 million for. There are cities that buy up land just to stop development but we don't have that privilege. If I were sitting out in the community and I had told the board not to pay \$6 million to build a new township hall I don't think I am going to think very highly of them spending half that money to have a vacant lot," Stuart said. "If they can come up with something that works it is fine. But it is what the property is zoned for and I don't think it will have a negative effect on the value of the property."

Stuart is satisfied and proud of how the last year in Independence Township has gone. He believes the government is efficiently run and does not foresee the township taking on an additional services.

"This is a beautiful community with beautiful development in it. I am proud of the way the township has grown. I think we have grown appropriately," Stuart said. "I think it has been pretty much business as usual in the township."

One of the biggest issues affecting the board in 2003 is one they have no control over. With the Michigan economy struggling, the state government is going to have to make some cuts. Many local governments are concerned these cuts will come in revenue sharing where Independence Township gets a great deal of their budget.

"We are preparing by analyzing what we can and what we need to do to face whatever they throw at us. Obviously, since we do run very tight budgets, any significant change in state shared revenue is going to have an effect on the township. Hopefully we can simply delay improvements that would be appropriate at this time. If it becomes more serious then we are going to have to look at personnel. But that will be the last thing we do."



Dale Stuart

Briefly

Carlisle/Wortman Clarkston office planned

Carlisle/Wortman Associates, Inc. of Ann Arbor has acquired the practice of Donnellon Swarhout Associates currently of Troy. Both companies provide community planning consulting throughout Michigan. A branch office will be opened in the Clarkston area by March 2003.

Heading the new office will be David Donnellon who formerly was a principal with Donnellon Swarhout Associates.

Carlisle/Wortman Associates currently serves Independence Township and Springfield Township among other governments.

Village Players set for auditions

The Clarkston Village Players is proud to present auditions for their production of "Run for Your Wife," by Ray Cooney.

A taxi driver gets away with having two wives by having an irregular work schedule, but when he tries to stop a mugger and becomes a hero, his picture winds up in the paper and the merry-go-round begins.

Audition dates are Sunday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. and Monday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Roles are available for six men and two women. Readings will be from the script. Auditions will be at the Depot Theater, located at 4861 White Lake Rd. in Clarkston. For more information call (248) 625-8811 or visit www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

Clarkston Rotary to hold wine tasting at Bordine

The Clarkston Rotary Club will be holding "A Taste of Spring," a wine tasting gala, at Bordine Nursery in Springfield Township Feb. 12.

The event will last from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person, \$30 at the door. Proceeds benefit local projects and polio eradication worldwide.

To order tickets contact any Rotarian, or call Jeff Lichty at (248) 625-4244. Tickets are also available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St., (248) 625-8055.

Adult foster home opens house in Davisburg

An adult foster home, located on Scott Road off of Andersonville, is now open for business, and an open house is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 19. For more information, call Cindy Rodriguez at (248) 736-5541.

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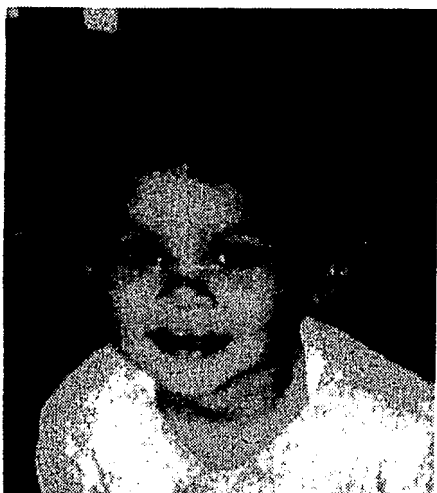
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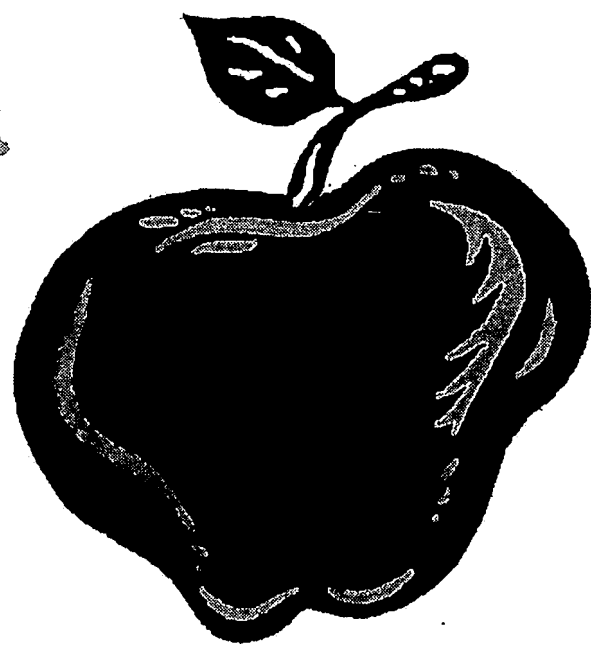
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The Second Front

Clarkston Village Players present 'Extremities' Jan. 10

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rikki Schwartz, director of the upcoming Clarkston Village Players' production of 'Extremities', explained why the group chose the adult-oriented show.

"I think the CVP makes an attempt to select at least one play each year that isn't shown at other theater, because it's a little edgier than others," she said.

The group will present 'Extremities' at the Depot Theater on 4861 White Lake Road in Clarkston beginning Friday, Jan. 10.

'Extremities', written by William Mastrosimone, centers on a woman and her roommates who struggle with the ethical and logistical questions related to "captive becoming captor" after an escape from a brutal attack in her own home. The woman and her roommates try to kill her attacker for fear he won't be prosecuted.

"The play begins with an assault, and the girl (Marjorie, played by Hale Wells) fights back," Schwartz said. "Her roommates (Patricia, played by Terri Andrews, and Terry, played by Debbie Vanderkolk) come home and decide what to do."

Schwartz didn't want to give away any more details, but the press release for the performance states the play deals with adult themes and features strong language and sexual content. There is no nudity, but the play does contain a graphic sexual assault scene. The show is recommended for adult audiences only.

The show is produced by Bob Geric and directed by Schwartz. It is a four-person production, with Dan Geric rounding out the cast as Raul, the assailant. The background for each of the cast members is as follows:

■Wells is performing in her second play at CVP. She returned to the stage last season in 'Night Watch', after a 20-year hiatus from comedy, musical and dramatic endeavors (including serving as a member of the Dramatics Competition Team) at Bloomfield Hills Andover High School.

■Geric is a brand new member of CVP, where he is putting his master's degree in theater from Eastern Michigan University to use in this production. He recently returned from New York City, where he spent several years acting, directing, and studying and directing stage combat.

■Vanderkolk has been an active member of the Clarkston Village Players for four years, performing in several CVP productions. She currently shares CVP's publicity chair position with husband Dean.

■Andrews first acted at the age of 13, and performed in several productions at high school. She had not performed in theater since then, but recently visited the CVP Web site and auditioned for this production.

Show dates are January 10, 11, 17,

18, 19, 23, 24 and 25. Friday and Saturday performances begin at 8 p.m., Thursday performances at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday performance at 2 p.m.

For more information, contact the Clarkston Village Players at 248-625-8811 or visit their Web site at www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

Middle, Raul (Dan Geric) confronts Marjorie (Hale Wells) during the Clarkston Village Players' production of Extremities, which begins Friday at the Depot Theater in Clarkston. Below, Marjorie and Terry (Debbie Vanderkolk) get into a verbal fight. Right, the three roommates, Terry, Marjorie and Patricia (Terri Andrews) discuss their next course of action. Photos by Jeff Patrus.



Civic center opening tops 2002 developments in Springfield

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

When it came time to talk about significant milestones in Springfield Township for 2002, Supervisor Collin Walls didn't have to look too far.

"You're sitting in the most obvious one," he said, referring to the township's Civic Center, which opened for business in March 2002. All of the township's departments, including Parks and Recreation and the Springfield Township Library, moved to that location.

Before the move to the Civic Center, the offices of the supervisor, clerk and treasurer were located on Davisburg Road in downtown Davisburg, while Parks and Recreation and the library were housed in separate locations.

Walls believes having all the departments under one roof — not to mention a lot more space to work with — has made for an easier working environment for township employees.

"We seem to be able to operate more efficiently," he said. "The staff all seems to be more relaxed. Toward the tail end, working in the old building was pretty stressful. The other thing that's made a difference has been the ability to put us in the same building."

He added the township has not received any offers for the former township office building.

Another significant township development was the death of longtime treasurer Lois Stiles in October at the age of 70. The board conducted a search in November, and after their top two candidates, Ruth Ann Hines and Jan Blanc, turned down the job, appointed deputy treasurer Jamie Dubre as the new township treasurer.

"That was obviously not a highlight, but the change has already had an impact in the office," Walls said of Stiles' death. "Lois was a very private kind of person, and Jamie is a bubbly, outgoing individual, so



Supervisor Collin Walls is excited about the business development in Springfield Township. Photo by Jeff Patrus. it's just a case of different personalities."

An objective of the township in past years has been maintaining a balance between development and preservation of the township's natural features. In recognition of their efforts, the township was honored as an "environmental success story" at the State of the Lakes Economic Conference in Cleveland Oct. 17.

According to Walls, meeting that objective "actually wasn't that difficult this year because there wasn't much new development."

He did note two of the developments which met township approval this year — Forest Point (located off of Andersonville) and Clarkston Woods (located off of Big Lake) are environmentally friendly and contain more than 50 percent worth of open space.

While Walls acknowledged he doesn't foresee anything "different, unusual or alarming" in 2003, he did express concern about the possibility of state-shared revenue cuts. He stated the cuts could happen around June.

However, he believes the township will be ready to deal with that possibility if it happens, by keeping with its fiscally conservative policy.

"I know some areas are concerned about what's going to happen with state-shared revenue," Walls said. "I think we'll be prepared for whatever cuts the state would make...We don't spend money until we get it. We spend very, very, conservatively."

On the flip side, Walls is looking forward to a couple of developments this year. One is the widening of Dixie Highway to five lanes, which is expected to be completed this spring. "From a safety standpoint, I think that will be a fantastic improvement," he said.

He is also optimistic about the likelihood of increased business activity on Dixie. The Randy Hosler car dealership has relocated from the Independence Township side of Dixie to Springfield Township, and Walls also stated the township's Planning Commission has approved a Kroger shopping center to be built near the Hosler dealership.

"That will be a major development for us," he said. "It will be architecturally attractive. My understanding is it's the developer's desire to get going in the spring."

Walls believes the Hosler dealership and the forthcoming Kroger store will spawn other business developments in the Dixie corridor.

"Activity tends to generate activity," he said. "That's kind of a combination of government and private business investment. That could and should serve as an incentive for other business improvements around the corner."

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Mayor looks forward to completion of water project

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Phase II of the city's water project will continue to be a hot topic for the City of the Village of Clarkston in the year ahead.

Construction work on the project began last fall, and Mayor Sharron Catalo believes that was one of the main accomplishments for the city in 2002.

Catalo hopes the project will be completed by this summer, and feels city residents will be pleased with the results.

"That's what we're counting on," she said. "I think the benefits will be long-term. Just the fact that the roads will be resurfaced is a positive. I think residents will notice that before they'll notice the benefits

of the water project."

However, City Manager Art Pappas believes the project was a long time in coming.

"To me, it's strictly a health thing," he said. "We're such a densely populated area that we need the safety of a good water system."

Catalo also thinks the completion of the downtown renovations last year was a good development. "The response has been very positive," she said.



Sharron Catalo

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Sharron Catalo, Clarkston Mayor

A key issue which will be facing the city this year is the search for a new police chief. Former chief Paul Ormiston resigned in December after having served as chief since 1995. Currently, former deputy chief Ernest Combs is serving as acting Clarkston police chief while the City Council searches for a permanent chief.

The council is still in the beginning stages of its search, according to Catalo.

"To be honest, because of the holiday, we haven't done much," she said. "Things are underway, but we haven't run an ad or anything."

Catalo doesn't have a specific timetable for the search for a new chief, but expects one similar to the search conducted in 1995 before Ormiston was hired. "I think that (the search) will take a little bit, knowing the last time we did this," she said.

Clarkston man found dead up north by own hand

A 45-year-old Clarkston man was found dead by a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head in Houghton, Saturday, Jan. 4. Michigan State Police of the Houghton post found the man, who had been shot days earlier, in a vehicle which was reported in an unlawful driving away of an automobile incident out of Springfield Township. The car was owned by the man's ex-girlfriend.

The man was also allegedly responsible for embezzling approximately \$60,000 from his employer, Premium Truck and Auto Body on Dixie Highway, a report that was filed with Springfield Township deputies Dec. 18. Reports state it appeared the man had been writing company checks to himself since May.

Stores caught selling alcohol to minors in December

Employees from five local liquor stores were cited for selling alcohol to individuals under the age of 21, after the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Independence Township sent decoys to each establishment on Dec. 18.

Out of 34 total stores investigated, those ticketed include workers from Bianca's II Party Store on Andersonville, Dandy Oil on Sashabaw, Nickelodeon Party Store on M-15, Dixie Party Store on Dixie and Little Dana's on Sashabaw.

Those responsible were issued a court appearance ticket and the reports have been sent to the Liquor Control Commission.

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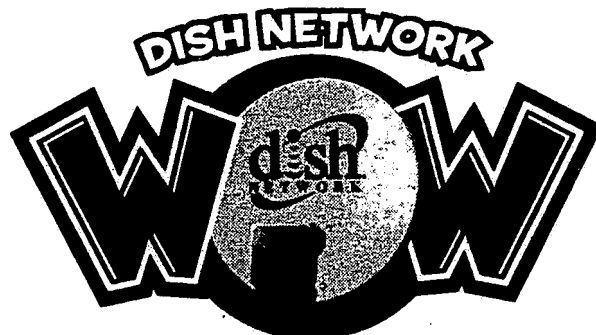
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Opinion

Click it or ticket campaign has flawed thinking

More than 19,000 safety belt citations were written by Michigan Law enforcement officers during the highly publicized Click it or Ticket campaign from Nov. 25 to Dec. 8 according to the Office of Highway Safety Planning.

Federal funds were granted to 18 counties to put additional officers on the roads during the two-week period.

In my opinion, what a waste of taxpayers' money and police officers' time. How is it the government's responsibility to make sure we buckle up on the road?

Why should police officers be concerned if drivers are wearing their seat belts or not? I applaud making an effort to ticket drivers who are intoxicated on the road or those who are speeding. When drivers engage in these types of behaviors they are putting others on the road in danger and should be punished for doing so. However, if I am riding without my seat belt the only one I am putting in danger is myself.

The government should legislate to protect citizens from other citizens, and not try to protect people from themselves. If this is their idea of good government than why stop there? Why don't they legislate against fast food since studies have shown the fat in this food directly leads to heart failure? Accidents often skyrocket during snow storms so let's pass a law so people can't drive during a snow storm. Heck, let's outlaw cars in general since they cause many deaths each year. These ideas do seem crazy but are not so farfetched when thinking about the absurdity of the seat belt law.

I am sure a lot of readers are thinking, "why doesn't he just buckle up and quit complaining?"

Well, I do buckle up and I feel that everybody else should also. It is common sense that wearing your seat belt could save your life if you ever got into a serious accident. There is really no logical reason that I can think of for not wearing the belt at all times.

However, I feel that isn't the point in the argument over whether the government should get involved in forcing individuals to wear their seat belt. The point is keeping an eye on government, which is not only our right but our duty, and speaking up when they take too much control of our lives. The only seat belt law that should be enforced is the one in regards to children. Since children don't know any better it is important to make sure their safety is protected. As for adults, let them make their own choices.

My guess is some of the police departments are less concerned with the safety of the drivers and are more interested in the money raised for the seat belt tickets.

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Gargaro's World

Kyle Gargaro

Editorial

Reality shows overpopulate airwaves

Heaven forbid anyone at any of the television networks should come up with any original ideas these days.

It seems everywhere you go, there's an advertisement for another reality show, either a sequel to a previous edition or a brand new show. Either way, if you're watching television, you can't escape them.

Maybe I'm getting old, but I don't understand the appeal of these shows. Take the NBC show "Fear Factor," for instance. That show features people willing to do outrageous stunts for money. The underlying message is if you don't perform one of these stunts, you're a lesser human being.

After watching these stunts, I would conclude that one is a smarter human being, not a lesser human being, for refusing to perform these actions.

On the surface, doing these stunts seems like an act of bravery, but in reality, the lure of money and the proverbial 15 seconds of fame is the motivating factor behind the participants appearing on that show.

True bravery is someone fighting cancer or police officers and firefighters risking their lives every day to protect their communities, not eating a jar of flies.

A new show which is being promoted heavily on FOX is "Joe Millionaire", about single women who try to win the affections of a guy who supposedly has an inheritance and can offer a ton of money to a potential bride, even though in reality he's a construction worker.

Nice message to send out there -- it's cool to deceive others into thinking you're somebody that you're not. Don't feel too much sympathy for the per-

son who ends up with this guy, only to find out she's been had. Chances are she will be well compensated by the network for her performance, and she'll be interviewed on all the talk shows.

Or how about another show, The Bachelorette, a spinoff of the ABC show The Bachelor. Wonder what the chances are of the winning couple actually sustaining a long-term relationship and possibly marriage? In my opinion, the same as many Hollywood marriages and courtships (i.e. Jennifer Lopez and Ben Affleck). I'm not an authority on dating or marriage, by any stretch, but once again it seems people on these "reality" shows, as well as in Hollywood, are participating for the money and attention as opposed to finding a life partner.

And last but not least, there is the show that spawned reality TV-mania, Survivor, which has been to seemingly every different locale around -- I stopped paying attention after the first one.

The old saying "Everyone else is doing it" must be the main reason why these shows keep appearing and prospering. People who are just happy to be on television are probably making a small fraction of the million dollars per episode each member of Friends is making, so it's cost-efficient for the networks to keep churning out these shows.

However, another saying -- "Less is more" -- might be worth noting here. Remember how "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" was all the rage a few years ago, and they put it on several times a week. Now you don't really hear much about that show any more.

In a few years, the reality TV concept will likely suffer the same fate. And that's not a bad thing -- that's a good thing.

E-mail Jeff with your opinion at jmpatrus@aol.com.



What's up with that!

Jeff Patrus

Breaking free from the stress of life

I wanted to write a funny, lighthearted column today. But I'm feeling quite the opposite.

Maybe it's the dreariness outside or the forecast of snow that could be adding to my down in the dumps state today.

Even so, it's Jan. 2, a new year, a new beginning, as I wrote in last week's "Just Jen." With that typically comes a renewed outlook on life and goals for the year ahead.

However, I really don't have that at the moment. For several reasons, I've been struggling with an overwhelming feeling of stress for a few weeks now. It's taking its toll on me and I've had a variety of illnesses in the last three weeks.

But I'm determined to get past this and am taking some steps toward doing so. I'm writing about it because I know I am not the only one dealing with stress.

It may be you are dealing with a medical diagnosis, family troubles, work, or an unexpected tragedy. Whatever your difficulty, I thought I'd share some of the approaches I'm using to help get me through this trial. They may be helpful to you too.

Of course, there's breathing exercises, regulating your sleeping habits, eating healthier, getting support from family and friends, personal quiet times and more that help in physically calming you in the midst of your stress.

But most importantly, seeking help is key -- help

from the one, true Counsellor.

•Don't rely on your own power to get through. Cry out to God and He will hear and help you.

"Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice," the Bible says in Psalm 55:17. Elsewhere, in 2 Chronicles 20:9, "If calamity comes upon us, whether the sword of judgment, or plague of famine, we will stand in your presence before this temple that bears your Name and will cry out to you our distress, and you will hear us and save us."

•When you are tempted to worry and feel anxiety mounting, remember to cast your cares on Jesus.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?" Matthew 6:25 says. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own," Matthew 6:34 says.

•Meditate on the Word, and spend time in worship.

"I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds. Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?" Psalm 77:12-13.

None of these steps are easy to do. Especially, for me, a self-described independent person. However, they are always the key in seeing me through.

Even though I call myself a born again Christian, life isn't smooth sailing. There's still stress, and I know there will always be stress in life. But with Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, I know He can help me break free from it's grips.

He can help you too.



Just Jen

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Light Ink

Taking community newspapers to new heights

As the dawn of yet another year approached, the leaders of the universe that is Sherman Publications sat atop their ivory towers and looked down at me. From far atop I heard their voices, bellowing like rolling thunder. In unison, three voices spoke as one . . . "Donald," they summoned. "Donald. It is time. We have you here to hear of our desires. You are the chosen one to tell our people."

"But," I interjected, "Will they listen?"

Their voices boomed out their annoyance at my doubting, "No buts! Tell them, tell them it all!"

And then, as if under some unearthly command, cumulonimbus clouds converged to obscure my vision of the Three Towers. They spoke no more, were they still up there? Watching me? What were they doing up there in those ivory towers?

Silence.

"But, you forgot to tell me what it is you wanted me to say, and to whom," I said softly, obviously to myself.

What had they said? "Our people . . ." What did that mean? Our people? Their children? No. Their employees? No. Then, out of nowhere a thought hit me. *Their people are their readers.*

So what message did they desire me to send to you, the reader?

My best guess is about a golden rule of community journalism -- one we may have gotten away from recently. That rule?

"Thou shalt accept for publication, those announcements from individuals, groups, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas -- any interested party. Thou shalt accept said announcements with smiling faces and plenty of thank yous -- and then follow through and publish said announcements promptly."

That means we cannot make you readers jump



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through hoops to get information published. Mail it, e-mail it, drop it off, call it in -- if you make the effort to furnish us with information it is our job to get it in our community newspaper. (Of course, we reserve the right to correct spelling, etc. -- come on, it's still our business.)

As editors and reporters for a community newspaper, we need to get out there and pound the pavement, press the flesh and meet new people. We have to hear different points of view. We cannot rely (solely) on one source of information. We cannot rely (solely) on public relations personnel for info from our local forms of government.

Many residents criticize elected officials and administrators of being smug and beyond reproach. Those same folks may think the same of us.

When we get a letter to the editor criticizing us, we have to realize there are other points of view. We need to come to grips with the fact that criticisms are not necessarily a bad thing. When readers see spelling errors and let us know, they actually care enough about us to tell us to shape up.

The message seems pretty simple, we need to be open to our readers. We need to get back to the idea that everyone in our community has a story, and that it is our job to tell it. Before we can tell it, though, we need to get out and talk to the community.

What was the message those leaders of this community newspaper want me to share? I guess it is to share our renewed commitment to the readers and our community. If you want to see something in the paper, think we should do something better, by all means let us know.

Send in your announcements of births, weddings, anniversaries and life's achievements. Send in your recipes. Send in your letters to the editor. Send in those funny pictures you take that make you smile. We have room for it -- we are your community newspaper.

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Comments for the chosen one can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com

A look back

in
The Clarkston News

15 YEARS AGO (1988)

■ The Independence Township Board and Burroughs Materials Corp. plan to go back to the drawing board to negotiate additional gravel mining on Oakhill Road. After voting 4-3 to defeat a motion to disallow additional gravel mining on Oakhill Road, the board voted 6-1 to table the request and to negotiate further with the extraction company, a division of the Edward C. Levy Co.

■ The academic top 10, arranged in alphabetical order, will lead the Clarkston High School Class of 1988 while school officials work to fine-tune the current grade point averaging system. The elimination of valedictorian and salutatorian status in lieu of the top 10 was accepted by the board of education Monday night as part of a proposal submitted by Dr. Robert Burek, principal.

■ Developer Leonard Grossman is one step closer toward building a subdivision off Pine Knob Road, north of Clarkston Road in Independence Township. With little comment, the township board unanimously approved the tentative preliminary plat for Grossman's proposed development, Pine Knob Country Estates.

25 YEARS AGO (1978)

■ A move to quietly edge the Oakland County Sheriff's Department out of a contract with Independence Township is headed for a vote by trustees later this month. Meanwhile, a contingency plan to establish a full-time, 16-man police department under Police Services director Jack McCall has been secretly prepared. The estimated cost of funding the police force for McCall was put at "around \$225,000."

■ Springfield Oaks Golf and Country Club on Andersonville Road will stay dry this year because of a decision by the Springfield Township Board to deny them a liquor license. Ted Fuller and George Lekas, owners of the Oaks Corporation, were present at the Jan. 11 board meeting to petition for approval of a resort liquor license.

■ Robert Vandermark was elected chairman and Thomas Bullen vice-chairman of the citizens advisory committee to the Clarkston Community Schools at a working session Thursday, Jan. 5. Carol Balzarini was elected secretary. The committee voted to tour school facilities on Monday and Tuesday mornings of this week to study problems, use of space, and observe the schools in action.

50 YEARS AGO (1953)

■ Tonight at 7:30 p.m., the annual Father's Night program will be presented at the Clarkston Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) meeting at the school. The main feature of the program will be William Caulacas, director of physical education at the Pontiac Boys Club. Accompanying Caulacas will be the Boys Club gymnastics team who will present a fine show.

■ The Clarkston Home Extension group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the Township Community Center at 10 a.m. The lesson will be on aluminum trays. Those attending are asked to bring along two small art brushes, one for very fine lines and one for a little coarser work, as well as some tracing paper and a polishing cloth. The lesson will be conducted by Mrs. O.C. Adams, Mrs. George Perry and Mrs. Paul Kittredge.

■ The officers of the Clarkston Rotary Club for the ensuing year will be Rudolf Schwarze, president; Charles Rockwell, vice-president; Allen Hawke, treasurer. No secretary has been chosen as yet. Other board members are: E.D. Rummins, Garnet Poulton, Leslie Greene, and Charles H. Lippincott.

I resolve to procrastinate more (tomorrow)

I don't make New Year's resolutions because: 1. I know I won't remember them; and 2) Even if I did remember them, I know I wouldn't keep them.

But if I did make a New Year's resolution it would be: *I resolve to procrastinate more, starting tomorrow.*

"The 2003 Old Farmer's Almanac" lists 64 holidays and observances, plus 14 religious observation days. A more confirmed cynic than I would say, "So that's where our elected officials get their days-closed-but-with-pay calendar."

Is there any department in a grocery store that has grown faster than the frozen food section? The generation X, Y and Z'ers may never know how good home cooked food can be if they get the frozen-food-eating habit.

Oh, I've tried some Banquet and Stouffer's. They don't dare add various seasonings lest they are accused of causing rashes, burning and burping, as seen through the eyes of a lawyer.

Frozen foods also promote laziness.

Ah . . . the baking, frying, cooking, house filling odors of roast beef, baking cookies, frying breaded pork chops and the smell of a pan of spaghetti sauce.

Compare that picture with the anticipation you have for the microwave heating of an all-inclusive plate of doof . . . that's food spelled backward, which is the way future generations should look for fine food smells and tastes.

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Received this "Letter of resignation," author unknown, late last year:

Jim's Jottings



Jim Sherman

"I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8-year-old again.

"I want to go to McDonald's and think that it's a four-star restaurant. I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make ripples with rocks. I want to think M&Ms are better than money because you can eat them.

"I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summer's day. I want to return to a time when life was simple, when all you knew were colors, multiplication tables and nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you cause you didn't know what you didn't know and didn't care.

"All you knew was to be happy because you were blissfully unaware of all the things that should make you worried or upset. I want to think the world is fair. That everyone is honest and good.

"I want to believe that anything is possible. I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again. I want live simply again.

"I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness and loss of loved ones.

"I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind and make angels in the snow.

"So here's my checkbook and my car-keys, my credit card bill and my 401K statements. I am officially resigning from adulthood.

"And, if you want to discuss this further, you'll have to catch me, cuz . . .

"Tag! You're it!"

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Police and Fire

Independence Township

Sunday, Jan. 5, a newspaper box was stolen on Hidden Lakes.

An abandoned vehicle, malicious destruction of property and larceny from a vehicle on Dixie. The red GMC Jimmy was parked in the lot of a fast food restaurant.

Saturday, Jan. 4, larceny of a license plate from a vehicle parked at a grocery store on Sashabaw.

Several juveniles were reported to have been inside a vacant apartment on Parview drinking. Upon police arrival, the kids fled.

Friday, Jan. 3, an unknown person failed to pay for \$40 in gas at a station on Dixie.

Thursday, Jan. 2, a man on Almond Lane reported someone opened a credit card in his name and charged \$1,100.

Larceny of a \$5,000 diamond ring from a home on Lake Waldon. Employees of a cleaning company are suspected.

Retail fraud at a gas station on Dixie. A man grabbed two cartons of cigarettes, valued at \$87.98, and fled the scene.

Tuesday, Dec.31, a Clarkston man reported fraud,

after finding four credit card accounts had been opened in his name with total charges adding to \$45,000.

A malicious destruction of property on Mann. A woman cleaning at a local business reported another woman demanded to be let inside to the building. When refused, she keyed the complainant's vehicle.

A woman on Mann was issued an appearance ticket for disorderly person/misusing 911.

Medicals on Pine Knob, Sashabaw and Ascension. Vehicle fire on I-75 at M-15.

Monday, Dec. 30, a 50-year-old man was arrested for a domestic assault and home invasion at the home of his ex-girlfriend on Mormora.

Home invasion on Baypointe. A microwave and dishwasher were stolen from a condominium under construction.

Medicals on New Castle, Reese, Klais and Pine Knob.

Personal injury accident on Dixie.

Investigation on Lakeview.

on Bluewater. A 24-year-old man was cited for playing music too loud in his apartment. When asked by police to turn off the music, the man replied he would rather be ticketed.

Harassment on Waumegah. A woman complained of receiving countless hang up calls.

Saturday, Jan. 4, burglary on Neal. The complainant states an unknown person forced entry into his locked pole barn and took numerous items.

Thursday, Jan. 2, larceny from a vehicle on Dixie. An unknown person removed the grill assembly, valued at \$2,500, from an SUV parked in a dealership lot.

Larceny of a snowmobile trailer, valued at \$500, on Enterprise.

Wednesday, Jan. 1, felonious assault on E. Holly. A 24-year-old man was hosting a party when he attempted to break up a fight and was struck on the head with a glass bottle. He sustained injuries to his head, face and side.

Tuesday, Dec.31, malicious destruction of property to a vehicle on Big Lake.

Threats/harassment on Louise. A woman stated her neighbor verbally threatened her after she told him to quiet down.

Springfield Township

Sunday, Jan. 5, ordinance violation/noise complaint

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The annual edition is published in 18 regional volumes, featuring more than 850,000 or just 6 percent of the nation's 15 million high school students. They represent approximately 20,000 of the 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

Who's Who students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an annual opinion poll of teen attitudes. The book is distributed on a complimentary basis to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries throughout the country.

Local students selected include: Clarkston's Anita Anderson, Laura Arpke, Katie Bailey, Edward Beebe, Maria Blaine, Amanda Browe, Lauren Cantin, Zachary Crane, Ashley Crane, Ashley Doyle, Kira Engelhard, Michael Fischer, Yazmin Fuentes, Caroline Gersch, Bethany Gozdziński, Timothy Healy, Jamie Hoffmeister, Andrea Hunt, Amanda Isham, Jason Kuhn, Gretchen Lange, Ashlee Leathers, Matthew Musser, Kelly Oneill, Alexandra Perrino, Matthew Prunte, Melissa Runstrom, Jessica Schmansky, Robert Scott, Melissa Shilling, Kaitlyn Sitar, Brad Spencer, Sabrina St. Peter, Sara Tilley, Katie Wilmot, Megan Zielinski, Jessica Carpenter, Gina Scoglietti, Brian Arpke, Jennifer Baibak, Jennifer Barrow, Ashley Beech, Jamie Briggs, Andrew Brown, Benjamin Cooper, Kevin Douglas, Jeffrey Driscoll, Tracy Epifano, Susan Fritz, Lauren Fuller, Devon Gilbert, Lindsay Green, Cary Henneman,

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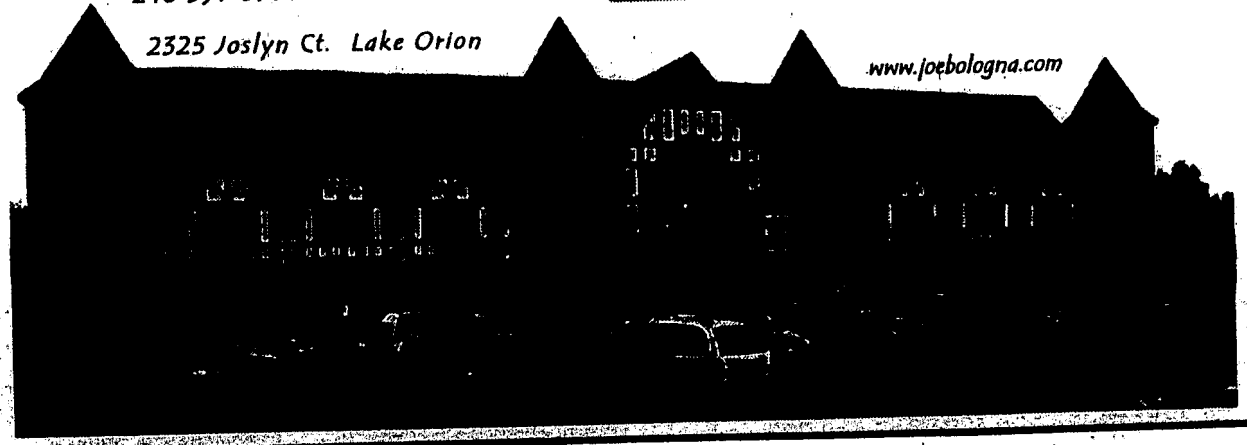
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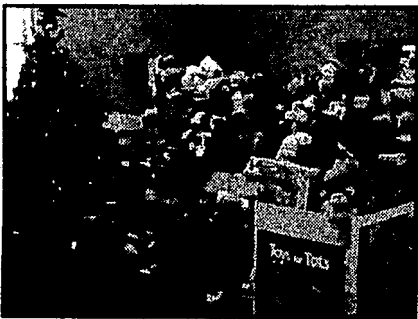
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Braving the cold while out on recess at Springfield Plains Elementary, Monday, Jan. 6, Nathan Reynolds, left, and Jacob James build a fort. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

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Local artist excited to bring work to Independence Library

BY KYLE GARGARO
Clarkston News Editor

Hugh Murphy is enthused about having his art displayed at the Independence Township Library meeting room.

"I can't believe it. I am so excited about this," Murphy said. "This is my first real show. I have never done one of these before."

Murphy has lived in Clarkston with his wife, Shawnie, for 32 years. The couple, who grew up down the street from each other in Detroit, have two children Wayne and Jennifer.

Murphy draws for a creative outlet. A new interest for the artist is illustrating people's homes, new and old. He has also drawn churches, barns, old cars and lighthouses among other items over the years.

"I enjoy taking a blank piece of paper and putting pen or pencil to it to see where the journey takes me," Murphy said. "I am not limited to any one subject."

The former automotive industry technical illustrator spends about 10 hours

a week working on his art. He is currently a designer for an automotive interior supplier.

Murphy said he has been an interested in art for as long as he can remember.

"I guess I have always been an artist. My mother would give me a box of crayons and some paper and I would draw until the paper was gone or dinner was ready. With eight brothers and sisters one could not afford to be late for dinner," Murphy said.

Murphy even showcased his artistic ability while in the army.

"The Mess Hall Sergeant found out that I was an artist and asked me to paint murals on the walls. Not a bad job plus I got to eat as much as I wanted," Murphy said.

Jean Cavalier, a Clarkston artist, chooses a new local artist to be showcased at the library each month.

To contact Murphy to have a drawing of your house done, interested parties can call (248) 394-0590 or e-mail oaktree1@earthlink.net.



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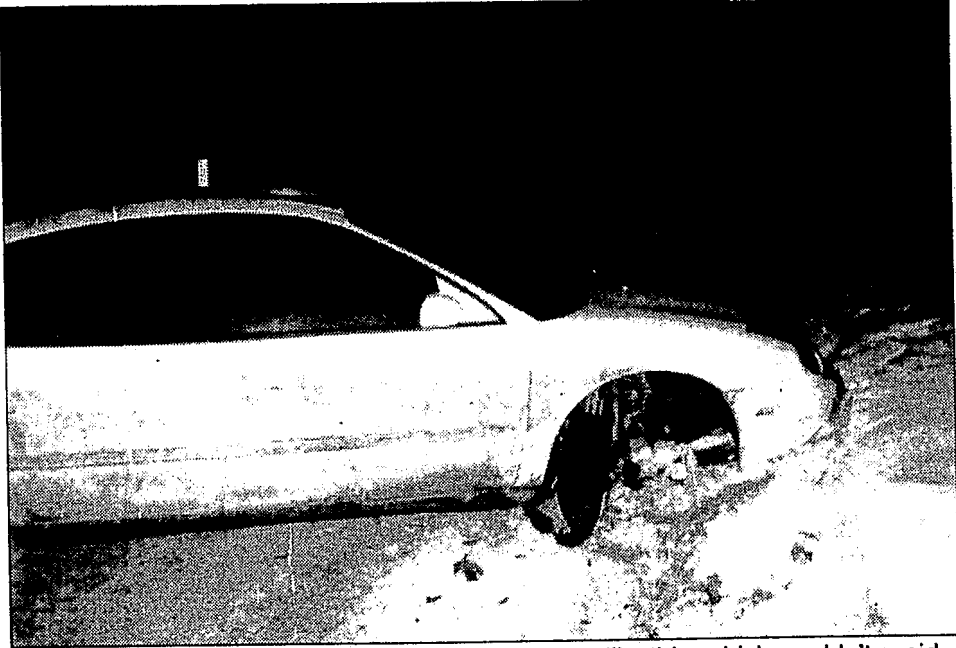
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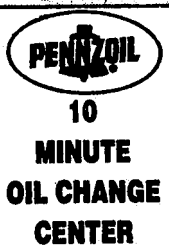
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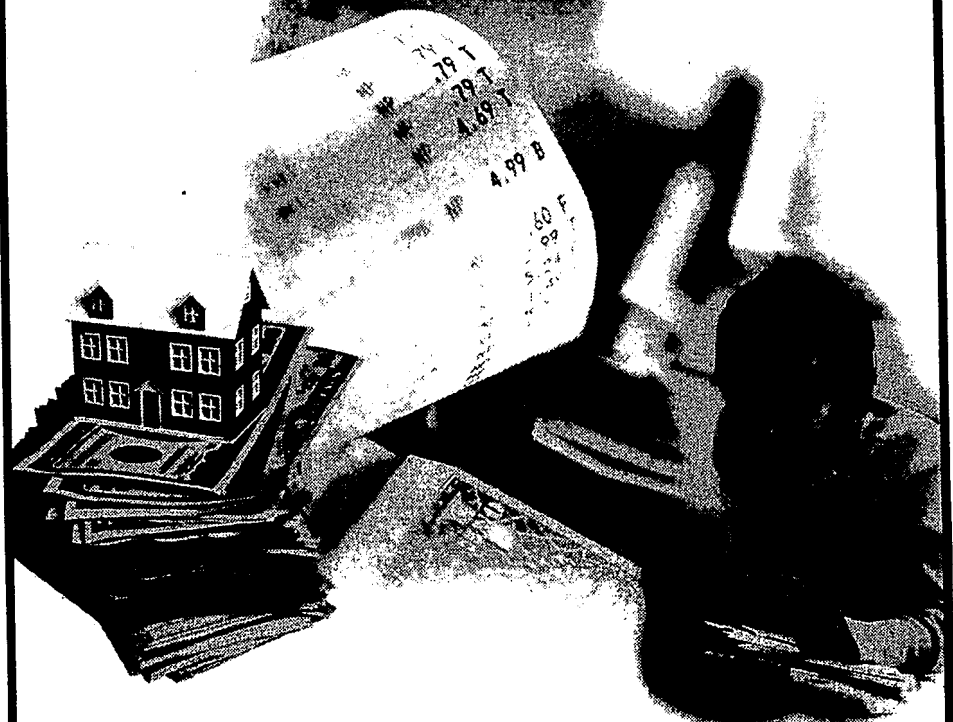
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Clarkston Co-op Preschool has successful holiday raffle

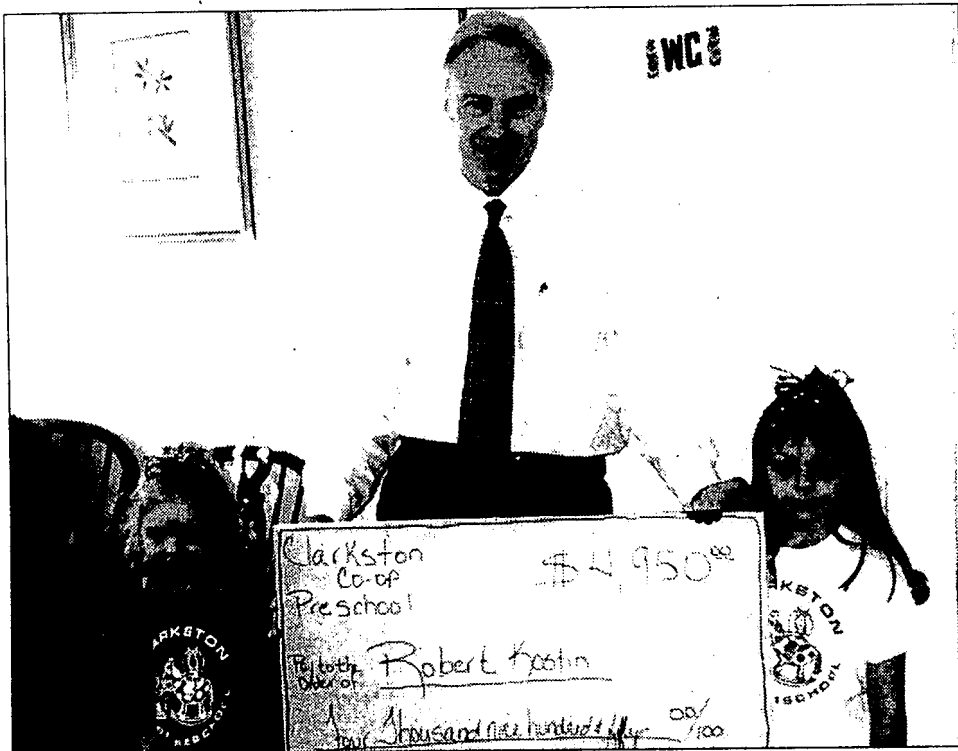
Clarkston Co-op Preschool, located in downtown Clarkston, held a festive "holiday raffle" recently. With the combined help of many in the area, they were able to have a great evening of fun and food while giving away some fantastic prizes.

The grand prize cash award in the amount of \$4,950 went to Attorney Robert Kostin. The second place prize, which was a big screen television, went to resident Larry Greene II.

"The event was a huge success for

our first try at such a raffle," president Tracie McCallum said. "In addition to these great top prizes, we were able to give away more than 65 additional door prizes to the people who attended our drawing. These prizes were so generously donated by area businesses and they made our event a huge success."

Clarkston Co-op Preschool has been located in downtown Clarkston for more than 33 years in the rear of the Clarkston United Methodist Church.



Current student Taylor McCallum and former student Alyssa McCallum pose with first place raffle winner Bob Kostin. Photo provided.



Larry Greene II was the winner of a big screen television. He is pictured with former student Alyssa McCallum and current student Taylor McCallum. Photo provided.

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Former supervisor, city councilman recall cityhood drive

Village of Clarkston separated from Independence Township to become city 10 years ago

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

During the Village of Clarkston's attempt to attain cityhood in 1992, Bill Basinger and Frank Ronk were on opposite sides of the fence.

However, Basinger, a former Clarkston city councilman, and Ronk, former Independence Township Supervisor, agree both parties have made things work since the village officially became the City of the Village of Clarkston July 1, 1992.

Basinger recalled how the drive for cityhood got started.

"In 1988, there was increasing conflict between the township and village over growth," he said. "We were concerned about if we were able to maintain zoning authority, as well as the effect of the development in the village...The township wanted to pursue a downtown development authority which would run through the village, and that may have meant altering its character."

However, the village had more than aesthetic issues on its mind at the time, he noted.

"We were concerned about maintaining local control," Basinger said. "A village is not a totally independent entity — it is part of the township as well."

However, Ronk, who served as supervisor from 1984-92, believed at that time if the village became a city, they would lose their voice in Independence. "It takes all the people in the city out of what happens in the township," he recalled.

With that in mind, village residents collected 142 signatures in 1988, out of approximately 400-450 registered voters, asking the state to grant the village's request for cityhood.

Later that year, the state boundary commission held a hearing at which representatives from both the village and township made their cases. The commission ruled in favor of the village, and the Clarkston Village Council agreed to let residents decide whether to move forward with cityhood.

Residents elected members of the Charter Commission on Oct. 16, 1990, and an election to decide whether the village should become a city was set for Feb. 4, 1992.

In the Jan. 29, 1992 edition of The Clarkston News, then village president (and current Mayor) Sharron Catallo and Ronk presented their viewpoints for and against cityhood. Summaries of both their stands are as follows:

■**Catallo:** "Both the township and the village are committed to doing what is best for their citizens. However, while the village remains the same, the township is experiencing the turmoil of expansion and growth. Consequently, our respective communities' needs are very different and will become even more so. Our future costs of operation can be estimated easily — the township, on the other hand, is on an ever-changing course to keep up with the demands



Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo believes the Village of Clarkston's move to cityhood more than 10 years ago has given city residents a greater voice in their government. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

caused by such growth. I believe it is only appropriate that our tax dollars be spent on just what is deemed necessary to operate the village, with those fiscal decisions being made by village residents."

■**Ronk:** "This division of the village and township would be like a divorce of a marriage...If this change takes place, it will affect the overall community, in that all services presently provided to the village by the township through taxes will have to be contracted by the city from whatever provider the city wishes. These services would probably double in cost, or more, when contracted or provided with the city. Also, there will not be any representation on the township's boards or commissions by city residents to voice their concerns and vote on issues in the township. At present, village residents sit on most every board and commission of the township."

Village voters, in a large turnout, narrowly approved the move for cityhood Feb. 4, 1992. With 400 ballots cast, the city charter was approved 206-194.

While Basinger acknowledged there has been very little changes in terms of the physical structure of the township — "The town looks exactly like we did

before cityhood" — he stated Clarkston took on more responsibility once it became a city.

"We assumed the duties from the township for assessing, collecting taxes, and police coverage," he said. "We preserved our right to road funds and revenue sharing."

Ten years after the change, Basinger believes the working relationship between the city and township is solid.

"I think we've cooperated quite well," he said. "I think it's removed some of the conflict, and each has a better understanding of their duties."

Ronk also believes the relationship between the city and township is okay, but also stated mutual cooperation between the two municipalities is necessary for that to continue.

"I think it (the relationship) is workable, like with the township and schools," he said. "It's not what you'd really like, but that's the way it is. The city and township will work out their differences as time goes by. Things happen in the township that the city would like to be a part of but aren't, and vice versa. People are always interested in what's happening on their borders."

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BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

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Patrons of Pete's Coney Island II on Dixie Highway might have noticed the numerous military branch flags that adorn the walls and the paratrooper mannequin that looks over the restaurant, but may not know the story behind it all.

"It all started a year ago," owner Ed Zull explained. "A customer, or friend as I like to call my customers, came in, said his son graduated from the (Navy) Seals and would I fly a flag. Next thing, another friend wanted me to put up a Marine flag. It just escalated from there."

From the Coast Guard to the Army, all seven service flags have been donated from customers and hang amidst an American flag.

Near the front entrance, a mannequin, disguised as an Army paratrooper, stands. "The Ortonville Community Historical Society asked if they could put a paratrooper on display, and I said, 'sure why not?' We're always customer-oriented. We like to put up what people like," Zull said, who runs the restaurant with his son Andy. "How long it's going to stay I don't know, but people seem to like it."

"The Airborne Soldier," as the mannequin is called depicts a 1960s era U.S. Army paratrooper from the 101st Airborne Division.

A sign explains, that during World War II, the Airborne Division, including the 11th Airborne Division whose customer-donated flag also hangs above, conducted combat jumps in several Atlantic and Pacific theaters of operation. The most recent use of combat parachute operations was by special forces in Afghanistan during the current war on terrorism.

Lee Stewart, a frequent customer of Pete's, is part of the historical society that helped put the paratrooper display together. He said the display is special to him because he spent 28 years in the Army as a paratrooper, did two tours in Vietnam, a tour in Beirut and has participated in a variety of government special operations.

"To me I saw it as a necessity. There was a duty to be done," Stewart, an Ortonville resident, said of his service.

Zull, whose family has owned the Pete's Coney chain since 1929, said of the display, "It's a good way to show our patriotism. I think it's a good thing to keep on people's minds that we are united. Especially now, what's more apropos than today?"

Pete's Coney Island II owner Ed Zull stands next to a unique display of patriotism in his Clarkston restaurant. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.



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Obituary

Florence T. Blachura

Florence T. Blachura of Clarkston died Monday, Dec. 30 at the age of 79.

She was the mother of Marvin (Judith), Michael (Connie) Pash, William Pash, Judith (Charles) Beuter and Patricia (Douglas) McConnell; also survived by 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; sister of Mary Kolton.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Jan. 2 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

John Ketvirtis

John Ketvirtis of Clarkston died Thursday, Jan. 2 at the age of 80.

He was the loving husband of Mary Anne; father of Mary Jane (Bud) Brandon, Sharon (Glenn Blumeno), Susan and John (Heidi); father in law of Tom Halstead; grandfather of Riley Anne; also survived by four brothers and two sisters; preceded in death by his daughter Ann Marie Halstead.

John was a member of BPOE #810 Pontiac and had retired from Pontiac Motors. He was an avid golfer and Packer Backer.

A funeral service was held Monday at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at Fairview Cemetery, Manistique. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Institute (Karmanos).

Susie DePoorter

Susie DePoorter of Clarkston died Monday, Dec. 30 at the age of 95.

She was the mother of Charles Soens of California and Marcel Ed DePoorter of Clarkston; grandmother of Susan and Michael. Susie was active in the Clarkston Senior Citizens.

A funeral Mass was held Thursday, Jan. 2 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston with Rev. Msgr. Robert S. Humitz officiating. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Around Town

Bill Thomas, a professional **Christian comedian**, is coming to Calvary Lutheran Church on Friday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. The Christian quartet, "Witness," will also sing. All are welcome. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee, desserts and make some new friends. Calvary is at the southwest corner of M-15 and I-75, behind Oxford Bank. Call the church for more information at (248) 625-3288.

Scott Hazelton, an Edward Jones investment representative in Clarkston, will host a free program on Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m. featuring "Time" magazine political writer **Hugh Sidey**. During the program, Sidey and Edward Jones financial experts will discuss their outlook on the nation, economy and financial markets in 2003. This live, interactive broadcast is presented at Edward Jones branch offices nationwide via the firm's private satellite network. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Hazelton at (248) 625-7016.

Norman L. Hunt

Norman Lee Hunt of Clarkston died Saturday, Jan. 4 at the age of 71.

He was the husband of Carolyn; father of Norman, Frank (Stacey), Denise (Ron) Scholz and Erika; grandfather of Andrea, Beth, Alisha, Carlee, Landon, David, Petra and Garrett; brother of Charles and Shirley Mae Abney.

Norm was a National Guardsman before joining the Air Force. He became a Staff Sergeant serving as a missile engineer in Germany during the Korean War. Norm retired from GM Truck & Bus and was Past PTA President, Exhausted Rooster from Clarkston Jaycees, Co-Founder of Boy Scout Troop 189 and served as assistant Scoutmaster for many years. He was a Lector at St. Daniel Catholic Church for eight years, later becoming the first Eucharistic Minister at that parish. He was a life member of the N.R.A. and a member of O.C.S.C.

A funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Rite of Committal at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Dr. Richard C. Halter

Dr. Richard C. "Pastor" Halter of Waterford, formerly of Harbor Springs, Gaylord and Pontiac, died Monday, Dec. 30 at the age of 90.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elsie Mae; father of Grace (Richard) Wagen of Rockford, David (Elizabeth) of Troy, Ruth of Clinton Township, Virginia (Tim) Winters of Clarkston, John of Texas, the late James, Mary (Trigg) Steinhagen of California, Robert (Cheryl) of Gaylord, Lois (Harvey) Stick of New Jersey, Elizabeth of Florida, Kathy (Dan) Foust of Ohio and Rachel (Doug) Post of Bloomfield Hills; also survived by 20 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Dr. Halter was a pastor at Main Street Baptist Church of Harbor Springs, Calvary Baptist Church of Gaylord and Associate Pastor at Emmanuel Baptist Church of Pontiac.

A funeral service was held Friday, Jan. 3 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Betty L. Hovey

Betty L. Hovey of Clarkston died Friday, Jan. 3 at the age of 78.

She was the loving wife of Ivan Hovey of Clarkston; beloved mother of Dianne (Tom) Wieshaupt of Goodrich, Debby (Joe) Urssing of Grand Blanc; devoted grandmother of four; dear sister of Violet Baleniki.

Private services were held. Arrangements entrusted to the Oxford Chapel of Huntoon Funeral Home.

So long Snoopy, lawn ornaments stolen from home

BY JENNIFER NEMER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Three beloved Christmas lawn ornaments were stolen from a home on Almond Lane last week, saddening their owners.

Three Peanuts Gang characters used to adorn 22-year Clarkston residents Paul and Karen Baert's front yard each holiday season for the past 15 years.

As spotlights shown on them all, Snoopy held a star to put atop a Christmas tree, Lucy held a string of lights and Linus held a gift in his hands.

"It was a darling Christmas display," Karen Baert

said. But what made the display so special was it's creator, the Baert's daughter, Kristin.

Now 36, Kristin, who has always been artistic as her mother explains, made the decorations as a senior in high school. She drew the characters on a 4x4 piece of plywood, cut out the characters and painted them, with the help of dad Paul.

Baert, who filed a police report Jan. 6, suspects the larceny took place in the wee hours of Thursday, Jan. 2, or Friday, Jan. 3, when the spotlights would have been turned off. She assumes the suspects had a truck to be able to fit the large characters.

This was the second time someone attempted to steal the lawn ornaments, though the first time, about five years ago, was unsuccessful.

Baert said many of her neighbors have asked in seasons past if the Peanuts Gang would be put out for the holidays because they enjoyed them so.

"Whoever has taken them, I hope they get enjoyment out of it like we have. But we feel they have most likely been trashed. It's sad. I don't understand. I would really like them back."

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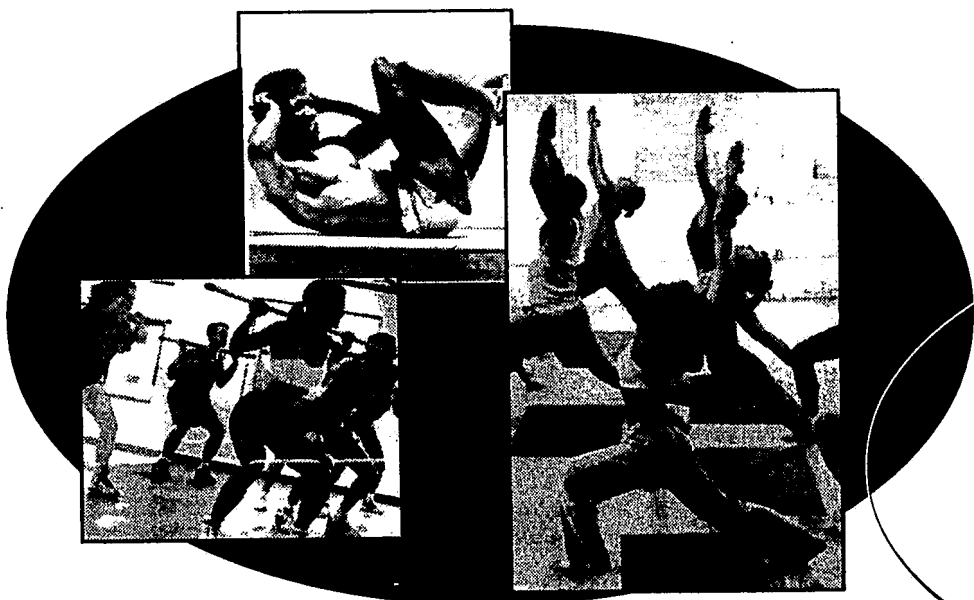
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Netters fall to Athens despite Heinrich's efforts



Clarkston volleyball coach Gordie Richardson (left) and assistant coach Jason Lewandowski watch intently from the bench during the Wolves' match against Troy Athens Monday. The Wolves dropped the contest against the Red Hawks 15-4, 3-15, 9-15. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's volleyball team had command of their Monday matchup with visiting Troy Athens.

However, the Wolves could not hold on for the win, falling to the Red Hawks 15-4, 3-15, 9-15. The loss dropped Clarkston's record to 5-6-1 overall and 1-1 in Oakland Activities Association Division I.

Senior Alex Heinrich had a strong all-around game for the Wolves, leading the team with 13 digs. Heinrich was also nine-for-nine serving and notched six kills for Clarkston.

Senior Megan Gaines was 67-for-70 setting and 18-for-19 serving, and added 17 aces, seven digs and four kills. Sophomore Stephanie Parkin added 10 digs, two blocks and three kills, while junior Ashley Hudson contributed 10 digs and three kills.

In weekend action, the Wolves notched a 2-2-1 record at the Walled Lake Central Tournament Saturday, Jan. 4, leaving their record at 5-5-1 overall and 1-0 in Oakland Activities Association Division I play.

Clarkston lost their first match of the day 10-15, 7-15 against Birmingham Marian. Senior Megan Gaines was 35-for-36 in setting and six-for-six in serving, and notched 13 aces. Gaines, junior

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Cagers fall short against St. Mary's

Eaglets, coached by former Clarkston assistant Porritt, hand Wolves 53-41 loss

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's basketball team continues to get an education in the school of hard knocks.

The Wolves faced a stiff test against visiting Orchard Lake St. Mary's in their Jan. 3 matchup. The Eaglets proved their worth as they downed the Wolves 53-41, dropping Clarkston's record to 2-4.

John Andrews led the Eaglets with 16 points, while DeWayne Watkins added 12. Junior Chris Johnston finished with 13 points for Clarkston, while senior Justin Whetstone added 10.

The Wolves made one lineup change for the contest, as sophomore Brad Goodman replaced sophomore Robbie Clark in the starting lineup. However, Clarkston coach Dan Fife noted that move was not a permanent one.

"I'm just trying to give other kids an opportunity — nothing more than that," he said.

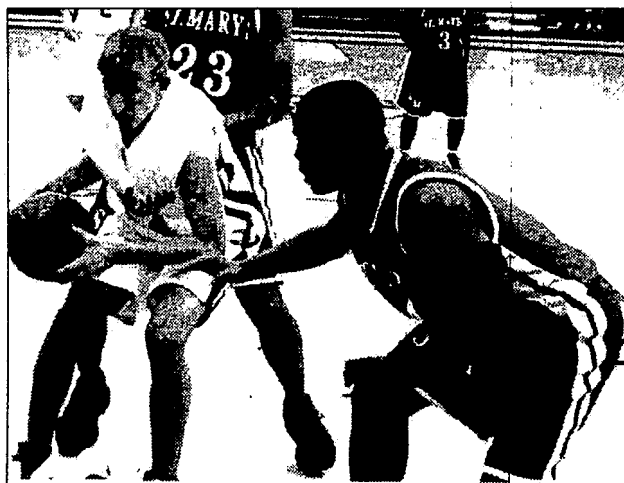
St. Mary's took it to Clarkston early, as they rolled to a 15-5 lead before Fife called a 30-second timeout with 2:36 left in the first quarter.

Freshman John Kast drilled a three-pointer to try and get the Wolves going, but St. Mary's maintained a 19-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Wolves went on a 10-5 run in the second quarter to trim St. Mary's lead to 24-18 before Eaglets coach George Porritt, a former Clarkston assistant, called a 30-second timeout with 3:30 left in the quarter.

After the timeout, St. Mary's responded with an 8-2 run of their own to increase their lead to 32-20 at the half.

Clarkston would make things a little more inter-



Clarkston's Robbie Clark (left) fights for position against the Orchard Lake St. Mary's defense Friday. The Eaglets handed the Wolves a 53-41 loss. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

esting in the third quarter, outscoring the Eaglets 17-11 to trim St. Mary's lead to 43-37. However, St. Mary's clamped down on the Wolves in the final quarter to preserve the win.

Fife believes the team's youth may have prevented them from properly executing down the stretch when they had a chance to come back.

"One time, we missed two back-to-back layups," he said. "Again, I think that was from a lack of experience. We haven't put it together yet. Our kids are still trying, so I'm still excited about going to practice."

Despite the slow start, Fife is hopeful the team will improve as the season continues.

"I'm still trying to get our kids where they're most comfortable and where they have the best opportunity to do well for us," he said. "I'm still optimistic about our kids."

The Wolves headed into the league schedule with a Tuesday trip to Rochester Adams. They continue with a Friday visit to Rochester as they battle the Falcons beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Port Huron Northern defeats Wolves in battle of goalies 2-0

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

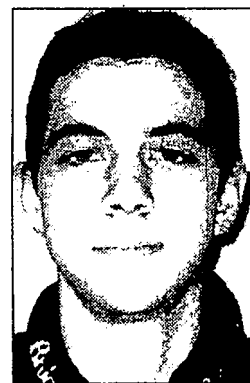
The Clarkston hockey team didn't play poorly during their game against Port Huron Northern Saturday — it's just that the Huskies played a little better.

Northern scored once in the second period and again in the third and shut down the Wolves offensively to gain a 2-0 win against Clarkston, leaving the Wolves with a season record of 6-3-4.

Despite the Wolves outshooting the Huskies 21-19, Clarkston could not capitalize on their offensive chances, according to Coach Bryan Krygier.

"They got a power play goal in the second period, and we had a bad defensive turnover in our own zone," Krygier said. "We had our chances, but their goalie played exceptionally well. I thought we played well, but we didn't capitalize on our opportunities. I thought (senior goalie Devin) Gerowitz played well. I'm not disappointed. I thought we played pretty well."

The Wolves return to action Wednesday as they host Farmington at the Polar Palace in Lapeer beginning at 7 p.m. They then travel to Waterford Mott for a game Saturday at 8:20 p.m.



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Members of the 2003 Clarkston boys ski team are: (front, l-r) Cobie Bland, Scott Huber, Brandon Boozer, Ryan Petersen and Blake Curdy; (middle, l-r) Brandon Rosengren, Mike Moore, Alex Rosengren and Kevin Vahlbusch; (back, l-r) Brian Cicinelli, Jeff Haladik, Brian Lichty, Joe Gorz and Ryan Parrott. Not pictured are John McNew and Jake Jacques. The Wolves are coached by Bruce Rosengren. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Seniors hope to lead boys skiers to state title

BY JEFF PATRUS
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's boys skiing team finished third in the state last year despite what coach Bruce Rosengren described as "some fairly poor individual results."

It stands to reason that with only one skier lost to graduation from last year's team, which went 7-1, the Wolves are very capable of advancing even further in the state meet.

"We're returning pretty much the entire team," Rosengren said. "I think we have another legitimate shot at the state title."

The Wolves will have a lot of senior power as they look to make that drive for the title.

Leading the way are seniors Brandon Rosengren and Ryan Parrott and junior John McNew, who will graduate a year early and will have to be replaced next year, according to Bruce Rosengren. Brandon Rosengren and Parrott will be the team's captains this year.

Those three will be joined by seniors Joe Gorz, Brian Lichty and Mike Moore and sophomores Alex Rosengren and Kevin Vahlbusch as the core of this year's team.

Bruce Rosengren stated the performances of Alex Rosengren and Vahlbusch were critical to the Wolves finishing where they did at states. "They pulled us through to third at states," he said. "They had a lot of weight on their shoulders."

So far, Rosengren is pleased with the level of competition the skiers have displayed in practice.

"These guys are all finishing within a half-second of each other," he said. "It's a good predicament to be in."

He thinks the team's depth is the strength of the team, with the giant slalom being the stronger of the two events for Clarkston.

"Overall, our team has always been strong in giant slalom," he said. "Whenever we've had a problem, it's been in slalom. I think we've corrected that."

As far as goals for the season are concerned, Rosengren hopes the team can "win everything we get into" and ski consistently, adding that the team is capable of accomplishing that goal.

He also stated the Wolves will be looking to accomplish a bit of history as they go for their third straight Southeast Michigan Ski League championship, which no team has ever accomplished.

From there, he hopes to win regionals and achieve their "best finish ever" at the state finals.

Brandon Rosengren is also looking for the team to improve upon last year's showing at states.

"We have high expectations," he said. "We finished third at states last year and we'd like to improve upon that. That's the main goal."

He believes the Wolves' main competition this year in league action will come from Rochester Adams and Lake Orion. "We can't let our guard down by any means

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(Home meets at Pine Knob Ski Resort)

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1/21	vs. R. Adams/Waterford (S)	4 p.m.
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2/18	SEMSL/at Mt. Holly	9 a.m.
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against those guys," he said.

Parrott believes the team is primed for a strong run.

"We should go undefeated in lower Michigan, otherwise we'll be disappointed," he said. "The team really gets along good. A lot of us have skied since we were young."

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Members of the 2003 Clarkston girls ski team are: (front, l-r) Pam Wylie; Michele Aenlle, Jamie Collier and Jody Piechura; (middle, l-r) Lindsay Mozer, Meghan Hall, Jenny Driscoll, Megan Peters, Jackie Bland, Laura Kovacic and Kate Mozer; (back, l-r) Jen Stanton, Nina Jackson, Alyssa Vermeulen, Maria Vermeulen and Mo Weiland. The team is coached by Bruce Rosengren and assisted by Tami Mitchell. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

Bland returns as girls skiers seek state title

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's girls skiing team lost a key competitor from last year, but will have another one returning from injury.

The Wolves, who went 8-0 last year and won the regional, division, and Southeast Michigan Ski League (SEMSL) championships before finishing third in the state meet, lost last year's Most Valuable Player, Allison Spinweber, to graduation. Spinweber is now a member of the women's ski team at Michigan State University.

However, Clarkston will be regaining the services of junior Jackie Bland, who was injured early last season. Bland has been working extremely hard to get herself ready for the season, according to Clarkston coach Bruce Rosengren.

"She's skiing extremely well," he said. "I'm glad to have her back."

Junior Lindsay Mozer believes with the number of Clarkston skiers returning, the team can make a run for the state title. "We finished good last year and most everyone's coming back," she said.

Rosengren, who is assisted by Tami Mitchell, thinks the Wolves will have plenty of firepower this year as they look to compete for the state title. The top returnee is sophomore Mo Weiland, who Rosengren expects to be the team's top skier this year.

However, he stated two other skiers, Bland and

senior Pam Wylie, won't be too far behind and will give the Wolves a formidable threesome at the top of the lineup.

The three will be joined on the varsity by seniors Michele Aenlle, Jamie Collier and Jody Piechura and juniors Mozer and Maria Vermeulen. Collier and Mozer will be the team's captains this year.

In addition, Rosengren believes two other girls, sophomores Megan Peters and Jennifer Stanton, are very capable of making the jump to the varsity level.

Rosengren is looking for consistent finishes from this year's team, who is seeking a seventh straight regional championship. He thinks while Cranbrook will pose the biggest threat from the SEMSL, the Wolves are more than capable of winning the league championship and making a run at the state title.

Collier stated the team is setting their sights high. "We'll definitely go undefeated down here (at Pine Knob), and I think we have a good chance at winning states, since we took third last year," she said.

Currently, the Wolves are ranked second in the state behind defending champion Marquette. Rosengren contends Marquette is the team to beat until proven otherwise.

"I think it will be their state final race to lose," he said. "Their season is longer, and they have a number of Junior Olympic athletes on the team."

Girls skiing schedule

(Home meets at Pine Knob Ski Resort)

S — Slalom

GS — Giant Slalom

1/7	vs. Cranbrook/Andover (S)	4 p.m.
1/8	vs. Cranbrook/Andover (GS)	4 p.m.
1/14	vs. N.D./Country Day (S) 4 p.m.	
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However, Rosengren is confident in the team's potential and ability to focus. Before the season, he met with the team to make sure the team and the coach were on the same page, and he liked what he heard.

"We just made sure our goals were the same," he said.

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Swimming brothers push one another to excel

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

They are brothers in water.

Nick and Andrew Riegel and Derek and Greyson LaHousse have pushed one another to excel, and learned from each other, and they are putting their swim abilities to good use for the Clarkston boys swimming team.

The Riegel brothers grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where they first learned the sport. They moved to Clarkston approximately five years ago and joined up with the Sea Wolves program in Clarkston, which serves as a "feeder system" for the Clarkston High School swimming program.

"My dad was a swimmer," Andrew Riegel, a sophomore at CHS and the younger of the two Riegel brothers, said. "I started when I was really young in Ft. Wayne. I sat out for a year, then started back here when I was in sixth grade."

Like his brother, Nick Riegel, a junior at CHS, believes joining the Sea Wolves was a natural way to get acclimated to Clarkston after moving from Ft. Wayne. "When we heard about the program starting up here at the high school, we joined up with the Sea Wolves," he said.

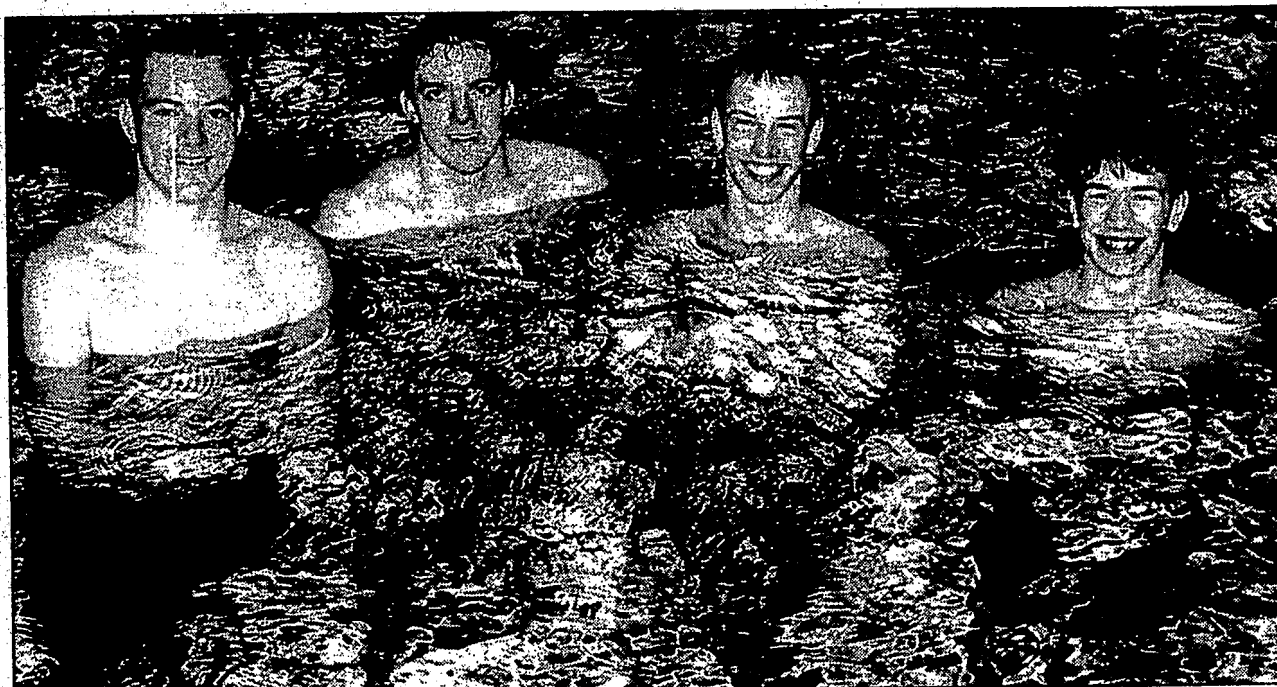
The Riegel brothers agree there is a competitive element between the two that makes them be the best swimmers possible. "My brother's just insane," Andrew said of Nick. "He swims and swims hard."

For his part, Nick feels his younger brother pushes him to compete harder. "You never want to get beaten by your brother," he said.

He hopes this year will be a memorable one for the team. "We want to go to states and win the OAA's (Oakland Activities Association Division II)," he said.

While the Riegel brothers both compete in distance events, the LaHousse brothers chose different ways to contribute to the team. Older brother Derek, a senior, is a distance swimmer, while younger brother Greyson, a junior, is one of the team's two divers.

Derek recalls his first days with the team as not being all that pleasant, but soon the sport grew on him.



Clarkston brothers (l-r) Andrew and Nick Riegel and Derek and Greyson LaHousse join forces to contribute to the Wolves' boys swimming team. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

"I came to the high school and I wanted to take part in a sport sometime during the year," he said. "I like swimming and felt I could do it. I actually missed the first week four years ago (as a freshman at CHS). I came in a week late and thought, 'This is horrible. I can't do this.' I stayed with it because I like it more than any other sport."

Like his older brother, Greyson became involved with the swimming team to get involved with a sport. However, his tale is different from Derek's in that his family had to push him to get involved at first.

"I joined the swim team because my parents made me, and then I kept bothering (diving coach) Kevin Brock about diving," Greyson said. "Last year, I came back and tried out again. They gave me a week during Christmas break to learn a bunch of dives."

Clarkston coach Kenwyn Chock recalled she

wasn't that optimistic at first about Greyson's ability to master those dives. "The odds were against him," she said.

However, Greyson proved he could do it, and now hopes to etch his name at the top of the school's diving records list, as well as make the state meet in diving.

When Derek graduates after this season, Greyson wonders who will give him that little kick-start at the beginning of the day. "He wakes me up in the morning and gets me in the car," Greyson said, adding he hopes to have wheels of his own next year.

Derek LaHousse, like his younger brother, also hopes to leave his mark on the Clarkston program. "I want to have my name on the record board for at least one year, and I want to be the best swimmer on the team," he said.

Volleyball

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Ashley Bramble and senior Alex Heinrich had four digs apiece.

The Wolves then rebounded in their next match with a 16-14, 15-9 win against North Farmington. Gaines was 32-of-33 in setting and six-of-six in serving, and contributed nine aces. Heinrich led the team with 10 digs, while sophomore Stephanie Parkin added eight. Senior Jenni McLeod notched five kills for Clarkston.

Next up for the Wolves was L'Anse Creuse, and the teams battled to a 5-15, 15-10 deadlock. Junior Colby Gardner was 12-for-13 serving and contributed six digs, while Gaines was 54-for-55 setting and eight-of-nine serving, also contributing 11 aces and six digs.

Senior Jenna Kast led the Wolves with 10 digs, while senior Corey Sadowski added nine and junior Ashley Hudson eight. Heinrich added five kills for Clarkston.

Clarkston came back with a 15-3, 16-14 win against Walled Lake Western. Gaines was 15-of-16 in setting with five aces and seven-of-eight in serving, while junior Lindsey Bramble was 14-of-16 in setting with three aces. McLeod, junior Caitlin McLean and Parkin had three kills apiece, while Hudson led the Wolves with five digs.

The Wolves closed out their day with an 11-15, 15-1, 4-15 loss to L'Anse Creuse. Gaines led the Wolves with eight digs, while Heinrich added seven and Gardner and Hudson six apiece. McLeod added four blocks and five kills for Clarkston.

Clarkston has a full slate in the week ahead. The Wolves travel to Bloomfield Hills Lahser for a Thursday meet, then hit the road again Saturday for the Grand Blanc Invitational. Clarkston then travels to Farmington for a Jan. 13 meet.

Athlete of the Week — Alex Heinrich

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Senior Alex Heinrich has emerged as a leader for the Clarkston volleyball team in the early part of the season.

Heinrich, a co-captain, tallied 13 digs and six kills and was nine-of-nine serving in the Wolves' 15-4, 3-15, 9-15 loss to Troy Athens Monday. She also excelled in the Walled Lake Central tournament Saturday as the Wolves went 2-2-1.

She first became interested in the sport as a seventh grader at Clarkston Middle School. "A lot of my friends were trying out," she said. "I tried out and liked it. I used to be a dancer, but I quit that for volleyball. It's a lot more fun."

Heinrich believes she is a steadier player in her second year on the varsity. "I'm more consistent and

I play more relaxed, which is a key thing," she said. "You have to relax to play well."

She also credits Coach Gordie Richardson for giving her the necessary guidance. "He's helped me so much," she said. "He's a man I look up to and he has a lot of experience. He coaches girls really well."



Alex Heinrich

Last year, Clarkston made it to the district finals before losing to Fenton. Heinrich hopes the team can put that loss behind them and win the district championship this year.

"I really want to win every game in the league, and I really want to get back and win districts," she said. "That's a big goal for us."

Next year, Heinrich will be attending Western Michigan University to take up nursing. She is the daughter of Dan and Sue McGraw of Clarkston.

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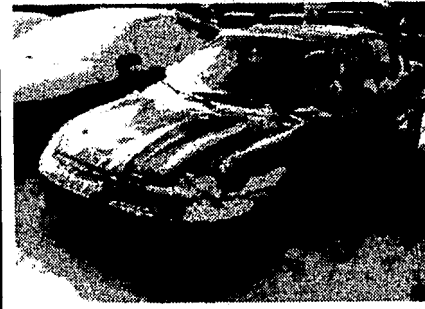
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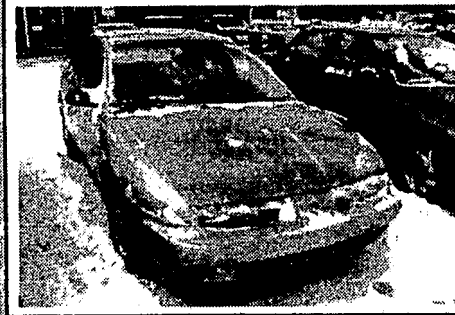
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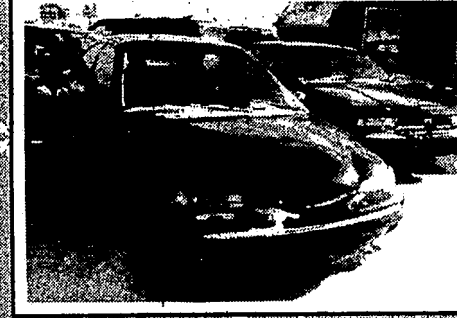
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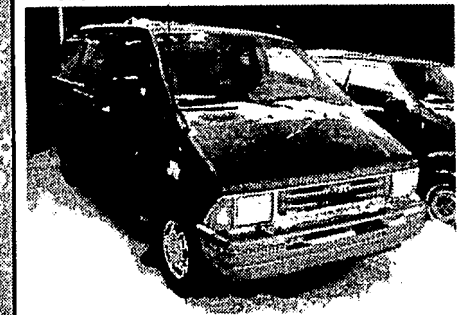
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320 MANUFACTURED HOMES

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330 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

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340 CHILD CARE

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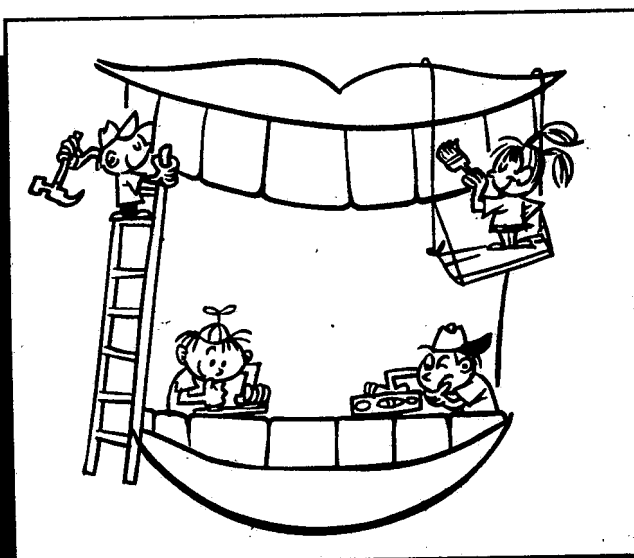
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