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Fondly remembered, a classmate's tribute

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For Hometown

A tribute to Elizabeth M. Clawson, a graduate of Mishawaka High School, Class of 1943, who passed away Jan. 28, 1994.

Who was Elizabeth M. Clawson?

A person who loved people, and had a special way to make each of us feel so very important. Even for those of us who had left our roots and traveled far away. Somehow she would always find us and bring us back with a motherly touch, and a twinkle in her eyes.

She was a special person that was dedicated to our Mishawaka High School of 1943.

She could see the reunion of our class 1943-1993 in her dreams, and visions of grandeur. I could only see bits and pieces. Then on Aug. 21, 1993, the dreams became a reality for each of us. Our 50th class reunion was upon us.

Her attention to details, her love and devotion to each of us is something I will always cherish.

Not only did she use her talents within the Class of 1943, but reached to other classes who needed help in finding their classmates — possibly 12, 20 or more. Finding them was a trophy of success. She often stated, "It was her mission in life."

Her attitude about the Invader (cancer) in her life would not deter or defeat her in any way. She was on a mission and with that in mind she chartered her journey that would be arduous, sometimes lonely, sometimes happy, and being frustrated at not being able to do more, but she overcame obstacles time and again. Dr. Ansari was her guiding star during this difficult time.

To describe our Elizabeth M. Clawson words that come to mind are: Determined, disciplined, strong, encourager, loving, gentle, compassion, servant, tenacity. These are but a few words. Each of us in our own way could add to the above list.

Her favorite words were, "Go for it!"

FIRST PERSON

We offer our pages as a forum to any reader of Hometown. This tribute to a deceased classmate from the Mishawaka High School class of 1943 is written by Barbara Price Burget of Littleton, Colo.

All readers are invited to write for Hometown. Send your stories to Hometown [illegible] in future issues.

The night of Golden Memories, Aug. 21, 1993, and seeing her so happy with all of us around her and capturing this rare moment on film is indeed a treasured memory.

Emotions came in like a cascading flood and took us back to our teen age years and for a step back into time we were at Mishawaka High School savouring previous memories of by gone days.

Who was Elizabeth M. Clawson?

She was my friend.

She is enjoying her time with God. No tears, no pain, no sorrow, no invader. But somehow I feel God has given her a special assignment to look down from heaven to see what we will do in 1998. So with a twinkle in her eyes and a motherly touch we may feel a nudge now and then, or maybe a gentle push to get things done for 1998.

A graduation announcement that I received some time ago had this as a Class Motto. I believe it fits well with our thoughts.

"All of our yesterdays maybe gone today, but they will forever live in all our tomorrows."

Could she have been an angel who showed us the way to real happiness and joy on this earth?

Thank you for sharing your life with us.

Hometown Photo MATT BEAL

Cheek to cheek

Young Middle school student Alice Hunt gets a colorful facial, courtesy of artist Ronda Gill during the annual Arts Connection at the school.

Artists Viola Robinson helps student Miranda Barry gets her hands on art as part of the Arts Connection experience.

Performance artist Arthur "Two Crows" Yates showed students at the Arts Connection that even a non-visual arts could be shared.

Hometown Photo SHERRI GREENE

State finalists

This display on the All American women's baseball league was a winner in the History Day Competition. The John J. Young Middle School eighth-graders who created it, from left, Micah Rayburn, Jessica McRoberts and Christina Koecke, interviewed former South Bend Blue Sox players and used their photographs, baseball cards and souvenirs.

HISTORY DAY COMPETITION FINALISTS

When the state finals of the National History Day Competition is contested next Saturday in Indianapolis, the following students will represent Mishawaka-area schools. They are among 65 area students qualifying for the finals after claiming top honors in the District 1 competition at Schmucker Middle School.

More than 270 area students competed.

The Northern Indiana Historical Society has sponsored the district competition since 1981 and donated special awards this year along with Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc.

The state competition is scheduled for the Indiana Government Center in Indianapolis.

JUNIOR DIVISION

Group Projects
Micah Rayburn, Jessica McRoberts, Christina Koecke (Young Middle School) first place; Caroline Eckert, Melissa Heintzberger, Adam Heyde and Chris Muncy (Young Middle School) second place.

Group Media
Brandon McGann and Tony Carlo (St. Joseph Grade School) first place; Erin Schultz and Anne Osberger (St. Monica Grade School) second place.

YOUTH DIVISION

Individual Media
Desmond Dolly (St. Monica) first place.

Group Media
Sarah Eastburn, Ashley Konstanty and Kurie Schultz (St. Monica) first place.

Individual Projects
Thomas Marvel (St. Monica) third place.

Group Projects
Stephanie Horban and Amanda Stanton (St. Monica) first place; Nick Simon and Paul Wollman (St. Monica) third place.

JOHN YOUNG MIDDLE SCHOOL COMPETITORS

The complete list of students from John Young Middle School (with their project names) who participated in the District History Day Contest. John Young was represented by 38 students.

Young History Day sponsor John Carey said, "I'm very proud of all these kids. For many of them, this is their first event of this type. We had a great turnout of parents and staff for the Open House. That meant a lot to the students and to me."

Angie Doolittle (Hitler the Holocaust and World War II); **Doreen Little** (The Final Solution); **Justin Sante** (James Oliver: Plowing Through History); **Danyelle Tagliaferri** (Ein Volk, Ein Reich, Ein Fuhrer); **Dennis Soule** (The Forgotten Crisis); **Mary Rich** (The Life of Larry Bird); **Mike Traver** (Alexander Graham Bell and The Development of the Telephone); **Dan Fisher, Andy Merrill, John Hall Jr.** (Hiroshima, To Hell and Back); **Tuah Mason, Tony Pham, Emily McKay** (Battle of Gettysburg); **Jon Amdor, Tony Dunn, Lucas Terry** (The Great Sphinx Watcher of the nile); **Brice Boembeke, Aaron Dobbins, Barry Sebesta** (D Day: The 7th of June); **Caroline Ecker, Chris Muncy, Mellissa Heintzberger** (2nd place, will continue on the state contest); **Adam Hyde** (Studebaker: Rolling Through America); **Sabrina Hlawacz, Adriane Kujawa, Kim Sommer,** (Luck o' the Irish: South Bend's Claim to Fame); **Christine Koecke, Jessica McRoberts, Micah Rayburn** (All American Girls Professional Baseball League: A legend in their own time); **Stephanie Leeds, Penny Van Driessche** (Our Living Constitution: Honorable Mention for Alpha Kappa Alpha Award); **Melissa Evans, Kelly Sullivan** (John F. Kennedy); **Jenny Gosa, Tabatha Dempler** (Hometown Vice President: Schuyler Colfax); **Tim Grantham, Greg Samples, Woodslock: Music and Arts Festival); Mike Traver** (Alexander Graham Bell).

Mark Yoder earns promotion to captain in Army

Mark A. Yoder has earned a promotion to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army.

Captain Yoder was assigned to the 407th Forward Support Battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

His assignment as the Battalion Staff S-3 position followed extensive training at the U.S. Army Advanced Logistic & Command School in Fort Lee, Va.

He has also completed the required amount of parachute jumps to attend the Army's Advanced Jumpmaster School at Fort Bragg.

He is the son of Keith and Virginia Yoder of Penn Township.

Mark Holmes returns from Naval operation

Navy Ensign Mark D. Holmes, son of Cathy L. Swaney of Mishawaka, recently returned to his home port of Pascagoula, Miss., after a deployment in the Caribbean aboard the guided missile frigate USS Stephen W. Groves.

The mission was in support of Operation Support Democracy.

As part of a multi-national naval task force under the direction of the United Nations, USS Stephen W. Groves was one of several U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships working in cooperation with participating allied countries to ensure enforcement of U.N. sanctions against Haiti.

Holmes' ship and its helicopter squadron conducted presence operations, boarded and searched ships for prohibited commodities, and monitored ships in the Caribbean.

USS Stephen W. Groves' mission follows the Navy's new strategy entitled "... from the Sea," which shifts the sea services' focus from a global threat to regional challenges and concentrates on near-land warfare and maneuver.

Naval Forces provide a wide range of crisis response options, most of which have the distinct advantage of being easily reversible. If diplomatic activities resolve the crisis, Naval Forces can withdraw without action or build-up ashore.

Holmes joined the Navy in April 1990.

Dog Program registration

Enrollment is being taken for the 1994 St. Joseph County 4-H Dog Program.

Youth who will be at least 10 years of age and who will not exceed 19 years of age this year are eligible.

The first meeting will be held on May 2, in the Esther Singer Building of the 4-H Fairgrounds corner of Jackson and Ironwood roads. The meeting is set for 7 p.m.

Barouska stationed in Adriatic Sea

Navy aircraft mechanic David C. "Chris" Barouska of Mishawaka will be stationed aboard the Saratoga in the Adriatic Sea until June 12, as part of the NATO agreement on Bosnia.

This is the final mission for the Saratoga before it is retired. Chris graduated from Penn High School in 1989. He is the son of Daniel and Linda Barouska of Granger. He is engaged to Susan Sheridan of Granger.

He joined the Navy in May 1991.

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