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Love endures for local couple

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

It was love at first sight for Jerry Olson, seeing Margaret, his future wife for the first time in 1959.

"She was extremely attractive, very well put together," said Jerry, describing their first meeting at a college dance in St. Paul, Minn. "She knocked me off my feet. Me, I was handsome, and funny."

"He's still funny," Margaret Olson said.

The Olsons joined William and Sandra French, Larry and Bonnie Larson, and Joseph and Gloria Cudejko in a Valentine's Day Love Is In The Air celebration at Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center in Independence Township.

The event included a marriage renewal ceremony performed by Reverend Darrel Smith, music, and refreshments.

"It was a really nice ceremony," Jerry said. "This is a very caring place."

Margaret, who suffered an aneurism in 2009, is a resident of the facility. Jerry, who lives in Clawson, spends about 3-4 hours a day with her.

"I don't want her to feel alone," he said.

This is Clarkston Specialty Healthcare's first wedding vow renewal ceremony, said Cameo Nickerson, ADC.

"I wanted to do something different this year because we usually have a dance on Valentine's Day," Nickerson said. "I wanted to do something to honor the couples at our facility that to me are a perfect example of what true love is. Watching them visit and do so much for their spouses daily is so touching and I wanted to celebrate that."

The Olsons certainly qualify. They married and moved to Michigan in 1963, raising three children, Charlie, Kristen, and Paul.

"I'm ready for another 50 years," Jerry said. "In those days, people paid attention to their wedding vows. We've had our ups and



Jerry and Margaret Olson toast the renewal of their wedding vows at Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center's Valentine's Day Love Is In The Air celebration. Photo provided

downs, but we love each other very much."

Asked for advice for couples today, Jerry suggested getting to know each other before making big decisions.

"Try to be pretty sure about your prospective spouse before you get married," he said. "If you're waffling, have children and then break up, the children are the ones who suffer. They didn't sign up for that. Be as sure as you can."

Also, don't think marrying someone will change them, he said.

"That doesn't work - I'm still the same idiot you married," he said to Margaret.

"I know that," she said.

The center created a wedding chapel and reception hall atmosphere and filled the hall with family and friends.

"I wanted it to look like a true wedding ceremony and reception so they would feel like they stepped outside of our building and into another environment," she said. "I wanted everyone who attended to feel special and have a great time, which I believe they had. They are still talking about it. I really want to thank my staff, Bea, Brandon, and Monique - I appreciate the hard work they did that day and everyday."

Gag rule?

Limits on school board comments draw fire, questions

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Writer

Folks are fired up about last week's school board meeting, which ended with a lawyer addressing Clarkston School Board members on what to say and when.

"As an American this makes me mad as hell," said Michael Powell of Independence Township. "Tell me this isn't a violation of all board members Constitutional rights."

Board President Cheryl McGinnis invited attorney George Butler from Dickerson Wright, the school district's law firm, to the Feb. 13 meeting in response to comments to her from the public. People told her board members were violating bylaws and procedures, she said.

Butler said district bylaws require board members speaking in public to say they are not speaking for the board but as only a citizen.

"You have the responsibility when you are talking to make it crystal clear you are not in any way, shape or form talking as a board member," Butler addressed. "That is life as a board member. The only way you can act as a board is through resolution."

Board Treasurer Steve Hyer presented a motion for each board member to comply with policies and procedures. The motion passed, 7-0.

On Feb. 20, Powell forwarded to the Clarkston News a link to a podcast recorded and broadcast by WJR on Feb. 18, featuring Steve Hyer, school board treasurer.

The host introduces Hyer as treasurer of the Clarkston School Board twice during the course of the interview, and one of the topics discussed is the upcoming school technology bond vote, set for May 8.

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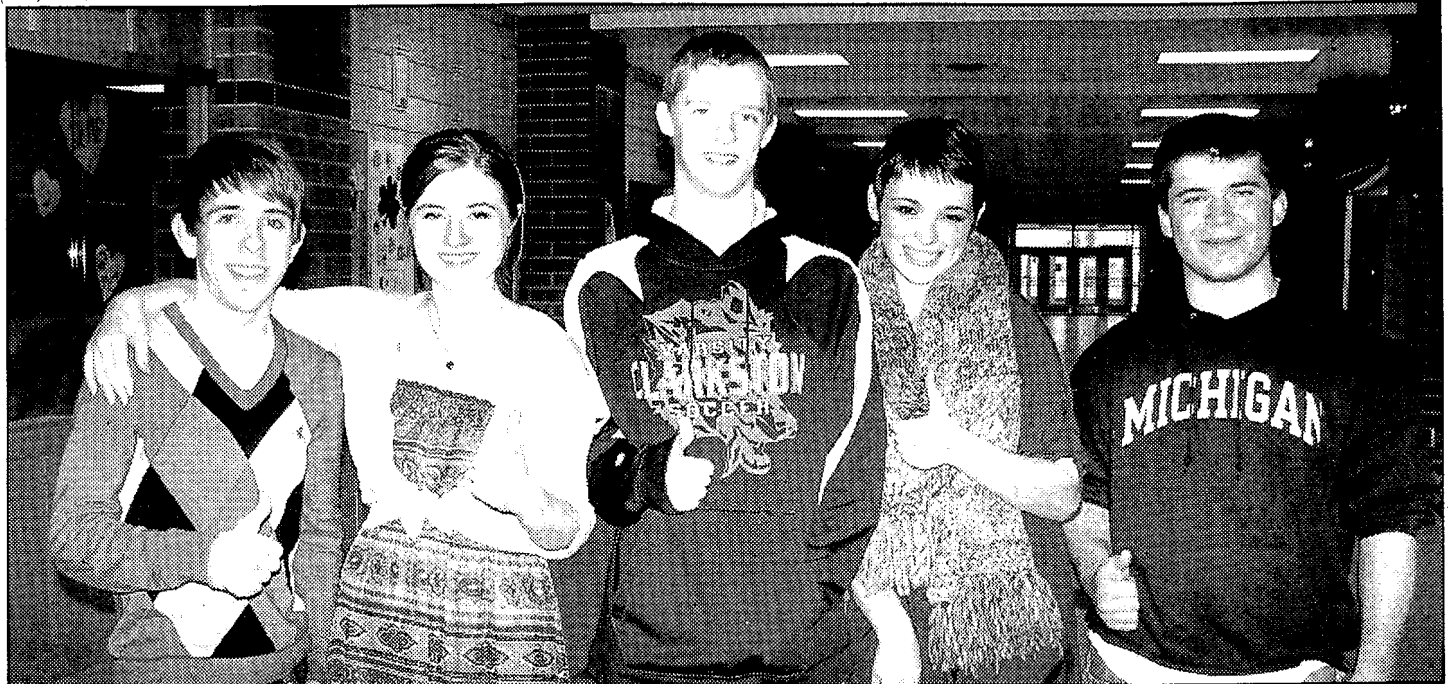
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From left, Andrew Salada, Hannah Frame, Nicholas Dahl, Melissa Pavlik, and Kyle Gruebnaue are National Merit Finalists. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Scholars on a national scale

Clarkston High School students Nicholas Dahl, Hannah Frame, Kyle Gruebnaue, Melissa Pavlik, and Andrew Salada are amongst about 8,400 National Merit Finalists in the nation.

"I'm so excited - I couldn't be more thrilled," Pavlik said.

"It's really awesome," Gruebnaue said. "It's a big deal, a scholarship opportunity for out of state I wouldn't have otherwise. It's really important to me."

"It's kind of cool - we worked really hard for it," Salada said. "It's nice to be recognized for hard work we did. It's humbling."

"I signed up on the last day of registration with cash I had on hand, then didn't think anything of it," said Frame, who is interested in studying chemistry after graduation.

"I'm really interested in knowing how the world works," she said. "Nanotechnology fascinates me."

Dahl is looking into engineering. "I like electrical engineering, computers, something like that," he said.

Gruebnaue is looking at Central Michigan, Western Michigan, and other universities' engineering programs.

"I'll take some intro classes - take it slow and figure out what I want to do," he said.

Salada is looking to study aerospace engineering at Texas A&M.

"I love planes and flying - I always have," he said.

Pavlik is looking to study political science, perhaps in Chicago.

"I'm really interested in government," she said.

Finalists compete for National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships, as well as corporate- and college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards.

Scholarship winners are announced in the spring.

- Phil Custodio

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Teacher's legacy lives on

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Former Clarkston music teacher Grayce Warren passed from this life to the next on Jan. 28 at age 61, but the legacy she left behind will live on.

"It's too bad her life was short, but what she left behind was certainly a treasured trove of knowledge and standards," said long time friend and co-worker Barbara ("Ma") Gibson. "It was a joy knowing her and having her for a friend."

Fellow long-time friend and Clarkston High School teacher George White agreed.

"Grayce was a very dedicated, caring educator that was a surrogate mom to hundreds and we saw that reflected in the wonderful chorus that came to her funeral that celebrated the work she had done with them," he said.

Warren was born in Negaunee, 180 miles past the Mackinac Bridge in the Upper Peninsula. Coming from a poor family with parents who survived the depression, she learned a hard worth ethic from a young age that carried her through life.

"If you didn't work for it you didn't get it. If you didn't have the money you didn't buy it, there were no such things as credit cards," she said in October 2011 Podcast interview with former student Shawn Smith. "If something was broke you learned to fix it, if you couldn't fix it, you lived without it."

Having a family that was musical in some form or fashion also instilled in her at a young age a love and desire for music, so deciding what she wanted to be when she grew up "was a decision she never had to make," according to Warren. She knew in the third grade she wanted to become a music teacher. Education was something she was also taught to value.

"My parents said we don't owe you anything but education," Warren said in the Smith interview. "Then what you do with your education is up to you. You got the skills to do it with."

Her father passed away her senior year of high school due to cancer. After graduating Negaunee High School, she went on to Northern Michigan University and was the second person to graduate from Northern with two majors in Music, one as a Mezzo-Soprano vocalist as well as the pipe organ. A month after graduating college her mother passed away from a stroke. It was at that point she put all she had into a new car that she bought headed to a job interview in Clarkston with only \$150 in her wallet and everything she owned in that car.

Warren taught music 32 years for Clarkston

schools before retiring in 1997. In that time she not only taught choir, but also assisted "Ma Gibson" in the schools musicals.

"Her help and her knowledge of music were unlimited as far as putting on very good shows the audience could enjoy through the years," Gibson said.

Warren was known for holding her students to the reach the highest standard possible, not only in music, but in life. Some famous "Words of Wisdom by Warren" include "Excellence is a habit," "Good rehearsals make for good performances," "Talent does not make up for hard work," and "Success comes from doing well every day, not by setting out to accomplish success."

Kim Koerber Hill, class 1983 said "she was a great lady who loved teaching, and taught us all some good life lessons as well as a passion for music."

"The fond memories of Madrigal singers and four years of Musicals will always be a treasure in my mind and in the background I can hear Grayce Warren voice," Hill said. "She should have been proud. She did make a difference."

David Watson, class of 1980 agreed.

"Grayce loved music and teaching her young choir students was a passion of hers," he said. "You could see it on her face when we would get it right, she would almost be in tears."

One of Watson's greatest memories was when she directed the Madrigals to sing at a "Welcome Home" party at the high school when he came home from the hospital after a life altering diving accident that left him paralyzed.

"The Madrigal Singers serenaded my return," Watson said. "It made the evening very special."

One of Pandora (Watson) Keiser's favorite memories was singing the Lord's Prayer at the capital as the opening prayer for State Representatives meeting.

"That was something traditional we did and brought out the best in all of us at that time," she said. "It was bringing the Lord into the meetings and our small group. It was just a very moving inspirational time."

"She put a song in our hearts and a smile on our faces . . . that's even when she was trying to teach us how to play the piano," said Clarkston News Assistant Publisher and Class of 1981 Clarkston Graduate Don Rush.

Outside of teaching Warren was proud to have sung with the Rackham Choir. She also enjoyed knitting, sewing, cooking, her English Garden and traveling. She traveled all the way to New Zealand to visit a former student.

John Warren described his aunt as a "very independent woman and very self capable woman."

"She did what she wanted to do the way she wanted to do it through her entire career," he said. "That really defines what she did and she did it well."



Warren

Briefly

Bird watchers count 66 species at lakes

More than 50 volunteers counted 22,735 birds of 66 species in the 112th annual Christmas Bird Count, one of the oldest conservation events in the world.

Three American Bald Eagles were spotted near Independence Oaks and Addison Oaks county parks.

Open water on most of the lakes bolstered the species list to include some diving ducks, such as the Common Goldeneye and Common Merganser. One unique species spotted was a Glaucous Gull.

Volunteers from Oakland County Parks and Recreation and the Michigan State University Extension programs assisted Education Resource Specialist Kathleen Dougherty in an area that included Orion Oaks.

Dougherty, along with two feeder watchers, observed 34 different species.

For more information, visit OaklandAudubon.org or DestinationOakland.com.

Root rock at Carrick concert

Carrick House Concerts welcomes Dave Boutette of Ann Arbor and the six-piece group Mike Mangione & the Union, playing roots rock music, 4 p.m., March 4. Admission is \$15 donation - all goes to the performers. Call 248-394-0113.

Missionary at church

Clarkston United Methodist Church welcomed Rev. Jim Gulley as guest preacher at Sunday Morning Worship Services, Feb. 19.

Gulley has served as a missionary in Nigeria and Cambodia, and is a specialist in sustainable agriculture. In addition to his professional mission service, he has worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Ibadan, Nigeria. He is now a consultant to the United Methodist Committee on Relief with a special focus on Haiti and the improvement of its health services and agricultural future.

He was in Haiti last year during the earthquake. He was a buried under rubble for 55 hours along with other leaders of the United Methodist church.

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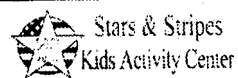


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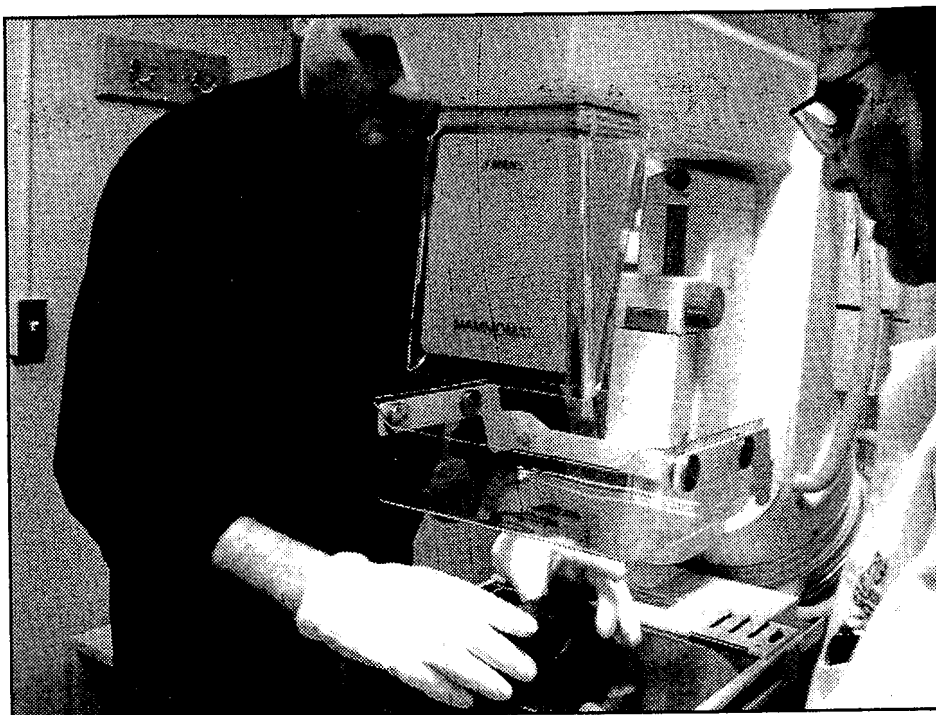
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Michael Stafford of Clarkston, director of Cranbrook Institute of Science, examines a shrunken-head artifact with the help of McLaren-Oakland hospital.

High-tech archaeology

For Michael Stafford of Clarkston, director of Cranbrook Institute of Science, the trick to examining centuries-old artifacts is to look inside without opening them up.

Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe of Clarkston could help with that, working with McLaren-Oakland hospital's radiology department in Pontiac for some community assistance.

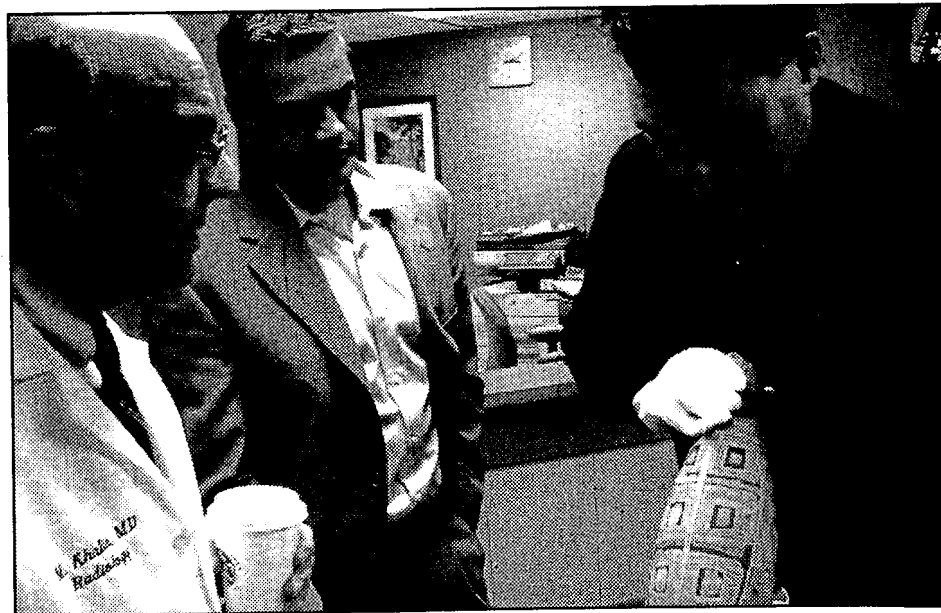
The Pontiac hospital volunteered its X-ray, MRI, and Computed Tomography scanners to examine a shrunken head from South American and two mummified birds from ancient Egypt.

They identified the birds as an ibis and a

falcon, dating from 800-900 B.C.

The shrunken head, from the late 1800s to early 1900s, is that of an unfortunate man of European descent, perhaps a trader or explorer. His skull, teeth, and other hard tissue were removed and the remainder dissolved in chemicals on a wooden form to its final shape. It was donated to Cranbrook in the 1950s.

It is one of four shrunken heads in the institute's collection. The other three are of local, indigenous origin. The institute plans to return those three to the ethnic groups they originally came from in the Amazon River region, Stafford said.



From left, Dr. Mahmood Khalid, chief of radiology, Dr. Shivajee Nallamothe of Clarkston, and Michael Stafford check out a mummified bird. They used the hospital's scanners to identify it as a ibis. Photos by Phil Custodio

New MEAP scoring means new baseline

Clarkston MEAP scores are down this year, but that's because the state moved the goal posts.

"The drops in scores this year are totally a reflection of the state's changes in cut scores," said Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston Community Schools superintendent. "This year will simply serve as a baseline year from which we can compare future years."

"These are the results we expected after the adjustment of the cut scores," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan. "The new cut scores show that we aren't where we thought we were before, but this is the picture of where we are now. The focus needs to be taking this to the next

level."

The state adopted the new cut scores to more accurately predict collect success in their freshmen year of college.

Due to the changes in cut scores, all schools across the state will see a drop in scores, Rock said.

"CCS students have always performed at a high level on standardized tests," Rock said. "Our district continues to provide an excellent education for every student we serve and we work to constantly to improve."

The Michigan Education Assessment Program was administered last fall to grades 3-9. Students in grade 11 took the MME, which included the ACT assessment.

Clarkston schools Fall 2011 MEAP, MME

Grade 3	Math	Reading	
Advanced	3.6%	16.2%	
Proficient	46.9%	59.6%	
Partially Proficient	28.9%	19.8%	
Not Proficient	20.5%	4.4%	
Met or Exceeded	50.6%	75.8%	
Grade 4	Math	Reading	Writing
Advanced	8.4%	14.4%	13.1%
Proficient	49.3%	66.9%	50.5%
Partially Proficient	18.4%	14.2%	35.5%
Not Proficient	23.8%	4.5%	1%
Met or Exceeded	57.8%	81.3%	63.5%
Grade 5	Math	Reading	Science
Advanced	4.8%	21.3%	8.3%
Proficient	42.7%	64%	13.7%
Partially Proficient	24.8%	11%	42.8%
Not Proficient	27.7%	3.7%	35.3%
Met or Exceeded	47.5%	85.3%	22%
Grade 6	Math	Reading	Soc S
Advanced	8.6%	34.3%	4%
Proficient	44.6%	48.4%	33.8%
Partially Proficient	23.7%	10.8%	57%
Not Proficient	23.1%	6.5%	5.2%
Met or Exceeded	53.2%	82.7%	37.8%
Grade 7	Math	Reading	Writing
Advanced	9.7%	26.8%	19%
Proficient	35.6%	50%	43%
Partially Proficient	26.7%	16.1%	35.7%
Not Proficient	28%	7%	2.2%
Met or Exceeded	45.3%	76.8%	62.1%
Grade 8	Math	Reading	Science
Advanced	13%	19.8%	6.7%
Proficient	40.2%	54.9%	16.6%
Partially Proficient	27.1%	20.2%	35.5%
Not Proficient	19.6%	5.1%	41.2%
Met or Exceeded	53.2%	74.8%	23.3%
Grade 9	Social Studies		
Advanced	6.5%		
Proficient	37.2%		
Partially Proficient	41.7%		
Not Proficient	14.5%		
Met or Exceeded	43.8%		

Statewide MEAP results

Percent proficient in reading

Grade	2010	2011
3	63.2%	62.4%
4	63.5%	67.7%
5	65.3%	68.8%
6	63.2%	67.0%
7	55.6%	59.7%
8	56.0%	60.5%

Percent proficient in math

Grade	2010	2011
3	34.8%	36.3%
4	39.6%	39.9%
5	38.5%	39.6%
6	36.2%	37.1%
7	35.9%	37.2%
8	28.9%	29.4%

Percent proficient in reading

Grade	2010	2011
5	17.4%	15.3%
8	14.9%	16.5%

Percent proficient in soc. studies

Grade	2010	2011
6	28.1%	27.7%
9	33.2%	28.7%

Percent proficient in writing

Grade	2010	2011
4	47.2%	44.5%
7	47.8%	47.3%

Clarkston proficient, with adjusted cut scores

	2010	2011
Third Grade reading	74.5%	76%
Grades 3-8, Math, Reading	52.3%	48.8%
MME	27%	26.1%
ACT Composite Score	20.9	21

MEAP proficiency cut scores made tougher

2010 Grade, score, % Math

3rd, 300/427, 70.3
4th, 400/554, 72.2
5th, 500/671, 74.5
6th, 600/761, 78.8
7th, 700/873, 80.2
8th, 800/961, 83.2

Reading

3rd, 300/417, 71.9
4th, 400/529, 75.6
5th, 500/631, 79.2
6th, 600/726, 82.6
7th, 700/823, 85.1
8th, 800/921, 86.9

Science

5th, 500/661, 75.6
8th, 800/967, 82.7

Social Studies

6th, 600/733, 81.9
9th, 900/1045, 86.1

Writing

4th, 400/532, 75.2
7th, 700/832, 84.1

2011 Grade, score, % Math

3rd, 336/427, 78.7
4th, 434/554, 78.3
5th, 531/671, 79.1
6th, 629/762, 82.5
7th, 731/873, 83.7
8th, 830/961, 86.4

Reading

3rd, 324/417, 77.7
4th, 419/529, 79.2
5th, 521/631, 82.6
6th, 619/726, 85.3
7th, 721/824, 87.5
8th, 818/921, 88.8

Science

5th, 553/666, 83.0
8th, 845/969, 87.2

Social Studies

6th, 625/734, 85.1
9th, 928/1045, 88.8

Writing

4th, 400/512, 78.1
7th, 700/804, 87.1

Charity week successful at Clarkston High

During the CHS Charity Week, which took place during the week of January 30-February 4th, the Clarkston High School Leadership Program raised over \$6,000.

During the course of the week, there were five major events held where students, staff, and the community could contribute donations to two local charities and one national charity. The \$6,000 will be divided between The Rainbow Connection based out of Rochester, The Oakland County Care House, and the Jimmy V. Foundation.

The support that CHS received from the students, staff, and the community was absolutely impeccable and next year, CHS hopes to raise even more than this year.

Charity Week was established to give back to the local community and to also donate money to a national organization, which focuses on a major cause.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

MEAP mayhem

MEAP scores are in – check them out on page 5A.

Putting them together for the paper was a chore. This is not a back-to-basics endeavor. With all the different scales and percentages all over the place, you need a high score in the MEAP math test to figure out the results of the MEAP math test, along with all the others.

What an over-engineered mess.

Also confusing are the categories – Advanced, Proficient, Partially Proficient, and Not Proficient.

Based on my calculations, a third grader has to score 336 out of 427 points to be considered “Proficient” in math. If the score is between 322-335, the student is “Partially Proficient.”

So to be proficient, one must get 78.7 percent of the answers correct, a high D or low C when I went to school. And this is with the new, tougher standards. Last year, a third-grade student just needed to get 300 out of 427 points, 70.3 percent, to be considered proficient.

Who in the adult, working world is considered “proficient” if they know less than 80 percent of their job?

I’m still working on the school board’s free speech issue.

Their lawyer spoke to the board at their last meeting, schooling them on policies restricting what they can say in public. They’re not supposed to say anything without an official disclaimer saying any and all things said are personal opinion, not reflecting the board, etc. etc.

Then I listened to board Treasurer Steve Hyer on WJR’s podcast, broadcast live five days after that meeting. I didn’t hear a disclaimer during the entire interview, even though the host twice specifically identified Hyer as a member of the school board.

During the school board meeting, board members argued the bylaws are not as restrictive as presented by the attorney. Hyer wasn’t one of them, though. According to the *Clarkston News* story on the issue, he actually made the motion that each board member comply with the policy.

I’m still awaiting comment, but I can see the policy isn’t as clear as school administrators or lawyers might think it is. District bylaws shouldn’t trump the U.S. Constitution – that’s clear.



Support for school teachers, bond

Dear Editor,

Over the past two and a half years, I have been a proud parent of a Bailey Lake Elementary Bulldog. My son is a child who has special needs and the staff at Bailey Lake exceeds my expectations each and every day.

This year has been no exception. During the past week, my son underwent surgery, I think we are on number six, and the staff once again rose above expectations to care for him as his educational and physical needs grew. The Bailey Lake Staff provide a great educational environment where he feels safe, loved, and cared for each day. The out-pouring of prayers, positive thoughts, cards, and kinds words have been overwhelming.

I often wonder what my son’s life, and his parents life, would be like if we did not have great educators looking out for him and all our children each day as we send them off to

school to have their educational, emotional, and physical needs met.

In this time when every aspect of the institution of public education has been invaded by political agendas and we quarrel over whether or not to pass a bond that would ensure an even greater education, for around \$100 a year for most of us, for our children, the educators at Bailey Lake Elementary and the Clarkston Schools family as a whole, continue to put all that aside to do what they know is right, meet the needs of my child, and all our children.

So, by all means, the next time you run into a veteran, thank them and shake their hand for all they have done for us. You might also want to do the same for those whose take care of our most precious resources, our children.

Dennis Klenow

Independence Township

SCAMP calls for school memories for tour

Dear Editor,

This year Clarkston SCAMP will host the 30th Annual Home Tour on June 2-3.

We are incredibly lucky this year to include the Renaissance High School/Community Education Building on the tour. But we need your help!

Built in 1930 for kindergarten-12th grade and later becoming Clarkston Junior High, this building touches countless people within our community.

To make this event extra special, we would like to showcase memorabilia from every year the school has been open. We are looking for pictures, yearbooks, trophies, and varsity sweaters and jackets. Call SCAMP at 248-623-8089 or email info@clarkstonscamp.com.

Memorabilia loaned to the Home Tour can

be dropped off at the SCAMP office Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or by appointment before May 1. Include dates, names, locations and other pertinent information. We also want to find teachers, staff, and alumni to serve as volunteer docents, Saturday, 4:30-7:30 p.m., and Sunday, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 2:15-5:15 p.m. Email George White at gswwclarkston@gmail.com.

Finally, we would love to know if you were a member of a band or other entertainment that wants to reunite to entertain the crowds.

We hope this event draws Clarkston alumni of all ages. Info can be found on the SCAMP website at ClarkstonSCAMP.com.

Thank you for your help,

Beth Huttenlocher Kirchner

Renaissance/Community Ed Chair

Ballot language idea to dissolve cityhood

Dear Editor,

I am glad to see Mayor Joe Luginiski has finally taken the time to publically address the financial issues of being a city (“Officials still see need for cityhood,” Feb. 8).

I recommend your readers also read the *Clarkston News* archives from August and September 2010. Little has changed since then other than the financial status of the city getting worse. The city eliminated the police department back then. It is now two years later and it seems we have the same problems with little left to cut.

I can’t imagine why the mayor and Councilmember Richard Bisio would comments they are “not confident in the township’s abilities and sensitivity to the needs of Clarkston” when most of the city’s services, such as water, library, police and fire are provided and controlled exclusively by the township.

Many of the downtown Main Street events are put on by “Clarkston” organizations and

businesses that are in the township, not in the city. Based on the actions of the city government over the last several years, I have far more confidence in the township than I do the city.

I see no reason to pay extra taxes to be a city when the city can do so little. We need protection from our city government, higher taxes, and the city’s inability to do any better.

My proposed ballot language is this:

“A petition to vacate the incorporation of the City of the Village of Clarkston, for it to again be part of the Charter Township of Independence and to require the preservation of the Historic District and Historic District Commission within the township” – per the Home Rule City Act, Act 279 of 1909, MCL 117.14a, the Municipal Historical Commissions Act 213 of 1957, and the Local Historic Districts Act, Act 169 of 1970.

Cory Johnston
Clarkston

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

“M-15 widening gets support” After years of discussion of making M-15 safer, another idea was being explored to widen it from two lanes to a parkway design. The design would be four lanes and a boulevard, from Cranberry Lake to Seymour Lake roads.

“Medical missionary shares trip with kids” Clarkston resident Maureen Tippen talked to more than 100 12- and 15-year-olds at St. Daniel Church about her second trip to the Dominican Republic. She volunteered with the Midwest Medical Missions.

“Icers merciless in regional win” Clarkston hockey blew out the Howell Highlanders in the first round Region 6 game, 10-0. The game ended with 4:16 left in the third period.

25 years ago - 1987

“Box burns” One firefighter suffered second degree burns as about a dozen firefighters put out a fire which destroyed the Clarkston High School press box on Feb. 18, 11:20 p.m. Investigators were looking for two people involved with setting the fire.

“Village tackles police protection question” The Clarkston Village Council planned to hold a hearing to find out how residents felt about police coverage and if they would favor a tax raise for more coverage.

“Clarkston decides to sue over sign” The Clarkston Village Council decided on Feb. 23 to file a lawsuit seeking the removal of a light muffler sign on the corner of Clarkston Road and Main Street. The sign which the village issued by error violated a zoning ordinance.

50 years ago - 1962

“Six students make league band” Six Clarkston High School students, Dennis Ulrick, Bob Sawyer, Fred Lissner, Gary Haizer, made the Wayne-Oakland County League Band, Pam Lovejoy and John Knox were alternates.

“Robin red breast spotted Monday” Mrs. John Walker, a resident on Clarkston Road, reported the early arrival of the Robin red-breast after seeing the bird in her yard during the day.

“Local news” Ten friends were guests of Teddy Strawridge when he celebrated his 10th birthday. The boys enjoyed sandwiches, potato chips, pop, ice cream and cake. Later they went roller skating at the Clarkston Rollerade.

Dancing was, was, so much fun, until...

My two-years older sister, Barbara, taught me to dance when I was about 15. We lived in Morrice, a town of about 450 people, 14 miles south of Owosso -- the biggest town in Shiawassee County, with 14,000 residents.

There were just four boys in our class of nine. I don't think any of them danced.

I liked dancing. And everything I tried, I *knew* I was the greatest, whatever. That ego prevails to this day, untrue though it is.

With Mother's permission, she let me hitchhike Saturday nights to Owosso and Edgewood Gardens dance hall, in a woods east of Owosso.

After the dance I'd hitchhike to Corunna, three miles from Owosso where brother Dair and his family lived. They had a sofa for me.

Then came a 22-month Navy tour, a hospital (tb) for 17 months, then I met Hazel at a dance and we danced at every opportunity for 50 years.

Before she found me, she spent Saturday nights barn dancing in Swartz Creek and Sunday night polkaing in the same town, about 20 miles east of Owosso. I love spelling that town. I was born there.

Now to the point of this Jottings.

The Oxford Rotary Club hosted a Valentine's Day party Feb 10, at Oxford Hills Golf and Country Club. Ray Johnson of Imlay City provided the great music.

Bob Warnke kept things moving with his mic and mouth. He had strangers asking strangers to dance and the night went fast.

At one point, a lovely lass with a colorful Valentine blouse asked me to dance. My heart skipped, my will waned, but my legs were unwilling and I had to reject such an invitation for the first time in my dancing lifetime.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

I know I'm going to fall. Everyone does. Knowing my feelings, daughter Luan convinced me to buy one of those medical alert alarms.

Thinking back to that rejected dance, I wonder if I should have tested that alarm while dancing with a beautiful woman?

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It really strains me to keep from getting worked up about some of our government's actions, the influence do-gooder environmentalists are exerting, banking, the Detroit Pistons, popular fashion, the tube, high cost of king crab legs, my computer, car drivers, sirens behind me, and, and, and.

But, this winter's weather has been nice.

Okay, I'll get specific about one thing. A mixture of

the list above, has forced (and financed) companies to build so-called "electric" cars.

Specifically, the Volt. The CEO of General Motors says the average income of buyers of this Chevy is \$170,000 a year. Then our Uncle Sam rebates these buyers \$7,500 (raising it two \$10,000 has been suggested). This all adds more to the federal debt.

When all the federal and state subsidies to General Motors and its Volt suppliers are totaled, it is estimated each Volt sold costs taxpayers as much as \$250,000!

In 2009, one of our president's task forces concluded the Volt, "will likely be too expensive to be commercially successful," yet the President did not cancel the project.

Oh, wait, there's more.

The Volt is fueled, in a large part, by electricity generated by fossil fuels, the industry has not figured out how to dispose of the 500-plus pounds of the highly hazardous lithium batteries per car.

So, let's see: The Volt is very expensive for its buyers and we taxpayers. It has limited mileage. It's little, even un-American little, and there is no way to get rid of the batteries.

Hmmm?

I'll close on an up note. Advocates say the Volt will pay dividends for decades, and more time is needed to prove the true worth of the Volt.

Wild sights and wilder turkeys: a cultural experience

As a parent, I think it's incumbent upon me to make sure the lads, Shamus and Sean, get a well-rounded education.

Their public school district takes care of the reading, writing, 'rymetic, social reprogramming and brainwashing. Their mother makes sure of their manners and other social graces, like personal hygiene and saying things like, "please," and "thank you."

I head up the rear, rounding out their well-roundedness by introducing them to the finer things in life like reading science fiction, watching action movies, how to make pancakes (Dad's secret ingredient is to squeeze the juice of one orange into the batter), cooking an awesome pot of chili and how to keep the lawn mower a'mowering.

You know, important things.

This past weekend -- aside from cracking the whip so they'd complete their homework -- was a cultural weekend. A weekend of new and exciting experiences, I promised. No, we didn't go to the Detroit Institute of Arts (though, we saw prints, paintings, pottery and the like that somebody, somewhere probably displays as art). Not to the opera, symphony, poetry or other highbrow experience.

The cultural experience I wanted for my sons was gritty and real. See, I was

raised a lily-white boy from the mean streets of Clarkston. Which is to say, the streets were pretty darned nice and maintained and pretty much everybody was the same as me, except maybe better looking, more athletic, artistic and articulate. Oh, and everybody drove a better car in high school. I drove a 1972 Chevy Vega Kamback -- pumpkin orange and complete with rust holes on the front fenders big enough to be labeled torpedo holes by some shop teachers (and I won't name names, DJ Marsh).

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

followed).

Back to the point, I wanted Shamus and Sean to see a different part of their world, a world that exists only a few miles from our base-camp at Compound Rush in Goodrich. I took them to the Dixieland flea market at the intersection of Dixie Highway and Telegraph Road.

And, the Dixieland flea market did not disappoint. Even though my old buddy Lee

Classman, aka Indian Joe, has long since left this plain of existence for the Happy Hunting Grounds in the sky, colorful characters still abound at Dixieland.

The smells, the sounds, the feel and the people -- it is that different world I wanted the boys to experience and not because that world is bad or wrong. Only because it is different. I hoped they would see something other than their lily-white world. It didn't take long for we three amigos of Honkydom to fall in-line behind two very pale, painfully pale, "Goth" types.

(For those still stuck in Honkydom, Goths refer to a segment of the population who like to pancake their faces white, and then highlight their lips and eyes with black lipstick and eye-liner -- both genders. They have plenty of piercings, leather and black-died hair. Goth is short for Gothic. They look kinda ghoulish, but in a nice, dead kind of way.)

We hung out behind the Goths for a bit, looked at booths for biker-club types, tattoo parlors, used tools, musical instruments, sword/knife/blades and DVDs. I shooed them past the adult magazine booths and ethnic cuisine eateries.

We survived.

I then took and home via Seymour Lake Road in Oxford, where we saw a

turkey walking at the corner near Coats Road.

"You guys ever see a live, wild turkey before," I asked.

"Turkeys creep me out," Sean said.

"Wild turkeys aren't as ugly as farm ones," Shamus countered.

I turned our Ford Escape around, turned down the turkey's street and drove slow so the boys could continue their cultural education. He (the turkey) glared at us. I drove on and then, to get back home, turned in a driveway and backed out onto the street to return to Seymour Lake Road. When I came to a stop, the turkey ran out and started pecking at our front tires. I backed up and he moved to the front of the Escape and started pecking some more, every once in a while poking his head up over the hood.

We were trapped by a turkey on the mean streets of Oxford. Who woulda thunk it? As I opened the car door to shoo away the mad turkey I thought, "I felt savor at Dixieland flea market with the Goths."

I don't know if the lads' cultural education was enhanced, but I think I did manage to scar them for life with the mad turkey thing. They can add that to the list of things they will need to tell their psychiatrists when they grow up. . . .

Young artists win awards

Three Clarkston High School students were honored with Excellence in Visual Arts awards at the Southeastern Michigan Regional competition, Feb. 11.

Awards received by Erika Snoeyink include Silver Key, Painting; Certificate, Painting; Certificate, Printmaking; Certificate, Design; Certificate, Painting.

Alyssa Spytman earned awards including Gold Key, Printmaking; Gold Key, Mixed Media; Gold Key, Art Portfolio; Silver Key, Mixed Media; Certificate, Printmaking; Certificate, Fashion

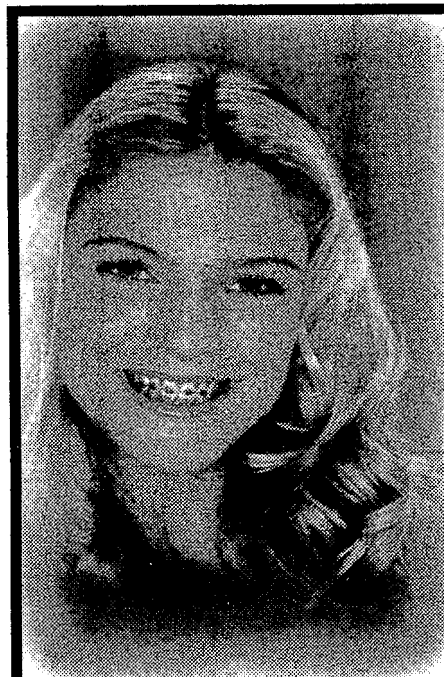
Allison Stawara earned a Silver Key award, Painting.

Their art teachers are Meg Buchanan, Kevin Breen and Nicole Kaplan Rudolph.

Gold Key winners advance to the national level in New York City.



From left are Alyssa Spytman, Erika Snoeyink, Allison Stawara, and Ms. Meg Buchanan. Photo provided



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Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Depart

Marijuana at school

Clarkston High School officials called deputies when four students arrived from Oakland Technical Campus smelling of marijuana, 1:12 p.m., Feb. 9. An 18-year-old Clarkston student said there was a bag of marijuana in the glove box of his car, and it was his. A small baggie of marijuana was found in the backpack of a 16-year-old Independence Township boy. The 18-year-old was cited with possession of marijuana. For the 16-year-old, deputies petitioned to probate court for possession of marijuana. All four were suspended from school.

A tip from a student led Clarkston High School officials to a 16-year-old Springfield Township boy with a bag of marijuana in his car, 9:34 a.m., Feb. 13. He was suspended from school and referred to Clarkston Area Youth Assistance. Clarkston school Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said the marijuana incidents were isolated and actually took place at the Oakland Technical Center.

Felony warrant

Deputies went to the North River Road home of a 19-year-old man wanted on a felony warrant out of Sixth Circuit Court and two misdemeanor warrants, 8:48 p.m., Feb. 9. The suspect answered the door and they recognized him from his jail photo. He said he didn't want to go with them but they arrested him anyway and took him to jail.

Fugitive found with heroin

Tracking down a 23-year-old woman on two misdemeanor warrants, deputies went to the home of her mother in Springfield Township, 11:45 p.m., Feb. 9. With permission to enter, they found her locked in her room. The mother opened the door with a hairpin and they found the suspect semiconscious on the floor, a blackened metal spoon, used syringe, and some powder next to her. She was treated and arrested on the warrants, misdemeanor stolen property out of Waterford and felony stolen property in Pontiac. The white powder found with her tested positive for heroin.

Driver over the line

A deputy stopped a 31-year-old Burchville man for driving a long distance in the center turn lane on Clarkston Road near Sashabaw, 9:22 p.m., Feb. 9. He had a suspended license, arrest warrant out of Detroit for drunk driving, misdemeanor arrest warrant out of Wyandotte for driving with a suspended license, and felony arrest warrant out of Southgate for drunk driving, third offense. He was arrested on the felony warrant.

Bad phone use

Employees kept an eye on a shopper, a man about 40 years old, as he spent about 40 minutes looking at a new cell phone, 11:55 a.m., Feb. 9, in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road. After he hurried away from the store, they didn't find anything missing. However, checking the phone's web browser history, they found Internet searches for a local school district, as well as "porn," "porn teen 13 years old," and "dogs." They reported the incident to the sheriff's office because of the reference to child pornography.

Attempted break-in

Residents in the 6000 block of Hillside Drive returned home, 4:19 p.m. Feb. 12, and found signs of an attempted break-in, including footprints in the snow around the house and a broken basement storm window.

Converter cut away

A driver found his car exhaust too loud after it had been left at the Park and Ride at Sashabaw and I-75, 11:58 a.m., Feb. 14. The catalytic converter had been cut away.

Hit-and-runner caught

When a 32-year-old Independence Township man drove away from the scene of a car crash, 3:31 p.m., Feb. 11, at Maybee Road and Dixie Highway, the other driver followed him. Deputies caught up to him at S. Main Street and Waldon Road in downtown Clarkston, where he had crashed his van into a rock wall. Independence Township firefighters were called because of smoke from the vehicle. The driver, who was three previous convictions for drunk driving, said he had taken prescription pain medication. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Reckless driver arrest

Several drivers called 911 to report a reckless driver on southbound M-15 heading towards Independence Township, 11:28 a.m., Feb. 13. The 26-year-old Davison man was weaving from shoulder to shoulder, forcing other drivers off the road. He crashed into a tree south of Oak Hill Road. The driver, who was bleeding heavily from the head, was taken for treatment by Independence Township Fire Department. He told deputies he just took cold medicine. Deputies got a search warrant for a blood draw and testing by Michigan State Police.

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Dr. Joslin graduated from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her residency at Mount Clemens General Hospital and Pitt County Hospital in Greenville, North Carolina. She currently lives in Rochester Hills with her husband and four children and enjoys running, biking, cooking, gardening and reading.

A Common Cause of Knee Pain: Patellofemoral Syndrome - by Dr. Christina Joslin

Patellofemoral syndrome (PFS) is a common cause of frontal knee pain. It is caused when your kneecap (patella) doesn't move properly over your thigh bone (femur) when your knee bends and straightens.

Cartilage lines the underside of your kneecap. The cartilage allows the kneecap to glide over the bones of the knee. Strong tendons attach the kneecap to the bones and muscles that surround the knee. The patella tendon attaches the kneecap to the shin bone. The quadriceps tendon attaches the kneecap to the thigh bone.

PFS starts when the cartilage under the kneecap starts to break down because:

1. The kneecap is in an abnormal position
2. There is tightness or weakness of the tendons in the front or back of the thigh (quadriceps muscle or hamstrings)
3. Repeated activities place extra stress on the kneecap (running, jumping, twisting, skiing, soccer)
4. It can also be a sign of arthritis of the kneecap

Symptoms:

1. Grating or grinding sensation of knee when bending the knee
2. Knee pain in the front of the knee that occurs after sitting for a long period of time
3. Knee pain that worsens when climbing stairs

What you should do: See your primary care provider to determine if this is the cause of your knee pain. Typically x-rays are normal and the diagnosis is made by examining the knee.

Treatment: Usually consists of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAIDs) medications like ibuprofen or naproxen, hamstring stretching, quadriceps strengthening exercises and modifying your activities so you can still remain active without further causing knee pain.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Change of heart

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Freshman Luke Brandel put a halt on his wrestling season after going to a heart screening held by Clarkston High School and Beaumont Health System, Jan. 21.

He was diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, called WDW.

"Usually you have one path for your electrical currents for your heart beating," Brandel explained.

"I have an extra one so it sometimes gets caught up in this path and start beating really fast."

His cardiologist said he would have been one of the few athletes who collapse on the field from a cardio arrest even though he is a healthy young teenager.

"The cardiologist said he was a walking time bomb," mom, Jacque added. "If he was hit or dropped just right it would put him in cardio arrest."

It was a twist of fate Brandel went to the screening since he wasn't going to go at first.

"I didn't want to send him because it would just be one more thing," Jacque explained. "He is a wrestler and football player. The event supported the teams and we support the teams so we went. We did and all this came about. It has been cool to see what came about."

Luke said the screening took ten minutes after sticky pads were put on both sides of his chest and on his stomach.

They sent him home information and for his mom to call the cardiologist.

Jacque added they made it easy and organized with everything she had to do and the cardiologist spent time.

She said she had an inclination some-

thing was going on.

"He was doing his homework and said 'feel my heart.' It was beating rapidly," Jacque remembered. "I thought it was a prescription he was on. His pediatrician said to stop taking it. It didn't register it was his heart."

"Sometimes I would have an episode and my beat was 212 beats per minute," Luke added. "It just starts going. Then, it would stop."

Luke had a non-evasive surgery and everything is done with robotics, Feb. 10.

"It is a simple procedure and they expect he will have full physical contact within a week," Jacque said before the surgery.

"It is great because I won't have to waste the whole season," Luke said ready to get back to the mat.

The Brandel family and friends are thankful to Clarkston Community Schools and Beaumont for the heart screening.

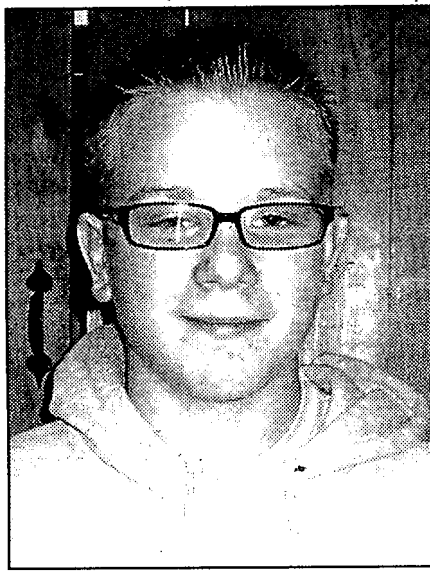
"If we can get one more kid to participate

and be saved from something critical like he was, we have done our job," said Jacque. "Puberty is the age to catch these things. It is a lot to swallow and take in. I am a paramedic but I am a mom first and I don't want anything to be wrong with my kid."

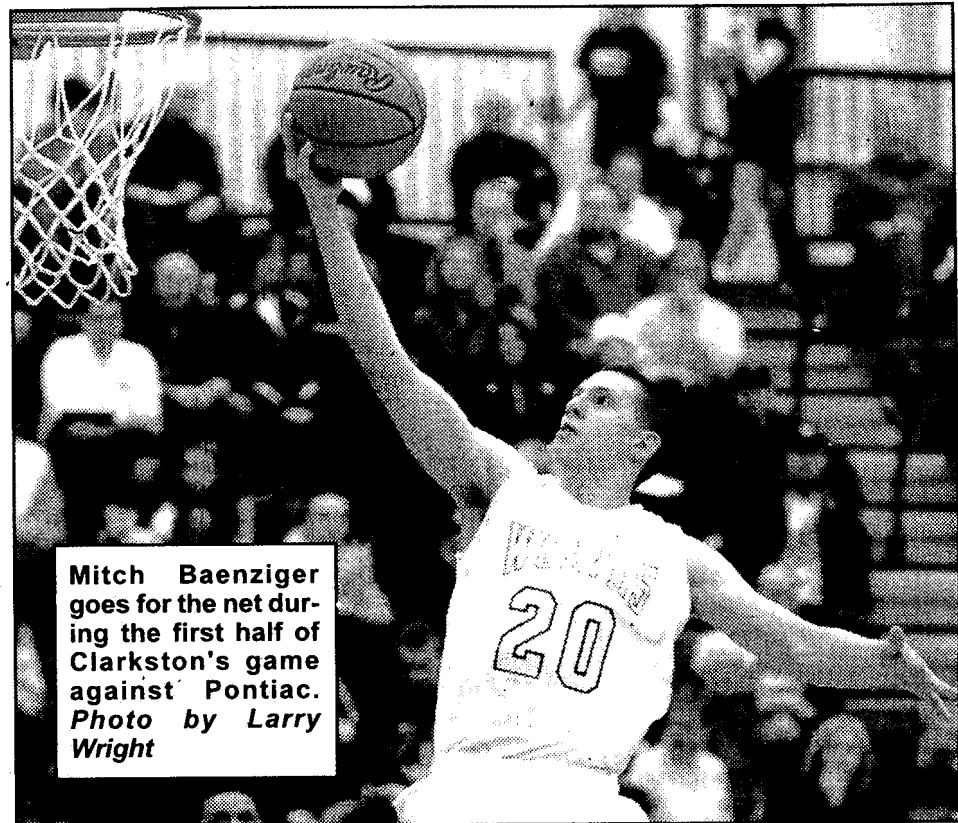
"Go get it done," Luke added. "It will help you out."

According to Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock, 563 students were screened during the event. Thirty students could continue playing sports and needed to follow up with their doctor. Four students were told to stop exercising until they had an additional evaluation from their doctor.

"The doctors don't think he will be fatigued," Jacque smiled. "We expect good things from this and positive energy from him and a little more endurance."



Luke Brandel



Mitch Baenziger goes for the net during the first half of Clarkston's game against Pontiac. Photo by Larry Wright

Edge over league rival

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers were preparing for another round of games while their classmates were out on Monday for mid-winter break.

It had been at least a week since they played their last game, a quick-paced, thrilling win over Pontiac to tie for the OAA Red league title.

"It was an old-fashioned game between Clarkston and Pontiac," said long-time Wolves Boys Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife after the 58-52 victory. "That's how they're supposed to be played. The kids played hard on both sides. They kept their composure. It was a good ball game."

The score was close throughout the game and the Wolves' finished the third quarter with a 42-41 lead.

Junior Jordan Dasuqi opened the last quarter with a basket with an assist from senior Zach Collins. It started the Wolves 11-2 run with baskets from senior Mitch Baenziger, Chance Huth and Dasuqi.

"We got as good as a game out of Baenziger - taking care of the ball, making plays and making good decisions," said Fife. "I really thought he played well - handling the ball and just keeping us in the game and not turning it over."

Pontiac began starting more momentum with 2:40 to go in the game, starting with one point at the free throw line. They added five more points.

Huth scored with 1:20 to go to widen the gap to a 6-point lead. With two 3-point misses by Pontiac kept Clarkston fans at ease as the

the Wolves went into the final minute of play.

Baenziger scored three more points from the free-point line, as did Pontiac to end the game 58-52.

Dasuqi and Baenziger led the team with 23 points each. Dasuqi scored three 3-pointers and Baenziger scored one. Huth scored six points during the game.

"Dasuqi and Baenziger got a lot of easy looks because of Nick Tatu," said Fife, about Tatu not scoring during the game. "It is tough on Tatu but good for our team not to look to Nick to score all the time. Troy they weren't going to let Tatu beat them but the other kids came up. He played with us and didn't think of himself."

The Wolves played Rochester Adams on Tuesday.

"They are always tough," said Fife.

They are back home on Friday with a rematch against Southfield, 7 p.m. to continue their reign in the league.

"It is a good challenge for us," he said about the league games. "It is a good challenge mentally not to get into that stuff."

The boys head to Southfield-Lathrup, currently holding second place in the league, next Tuesday for an early game at 4 p.m.

They started the week with a 14-2 overall record and 9-0 in the league and look to improve as they head into the last two weeks of the regular season.

"Our kids have been a little bit Jekyll and Hyde in a couple of games and effort in times," said Fife. "Right now at the end of the year you want to play and compete hard like you should be."

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Boys, girls ski teams swoosh into state finals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Having an abnormal winter can slow some down on the slopes - but not Clarkston. Both ski teams finished last week in the top three at MHSAA Division 1 Regionals.

The boys finished in first place with 45.5 points at Pine Knob Ski Resort last Thursday, ahead of Lake Orion, in second place, and Grand Blanc, in third place.

The girls finished in second place with 122, in front of Grand Blanc, third place, and behind Fenton.

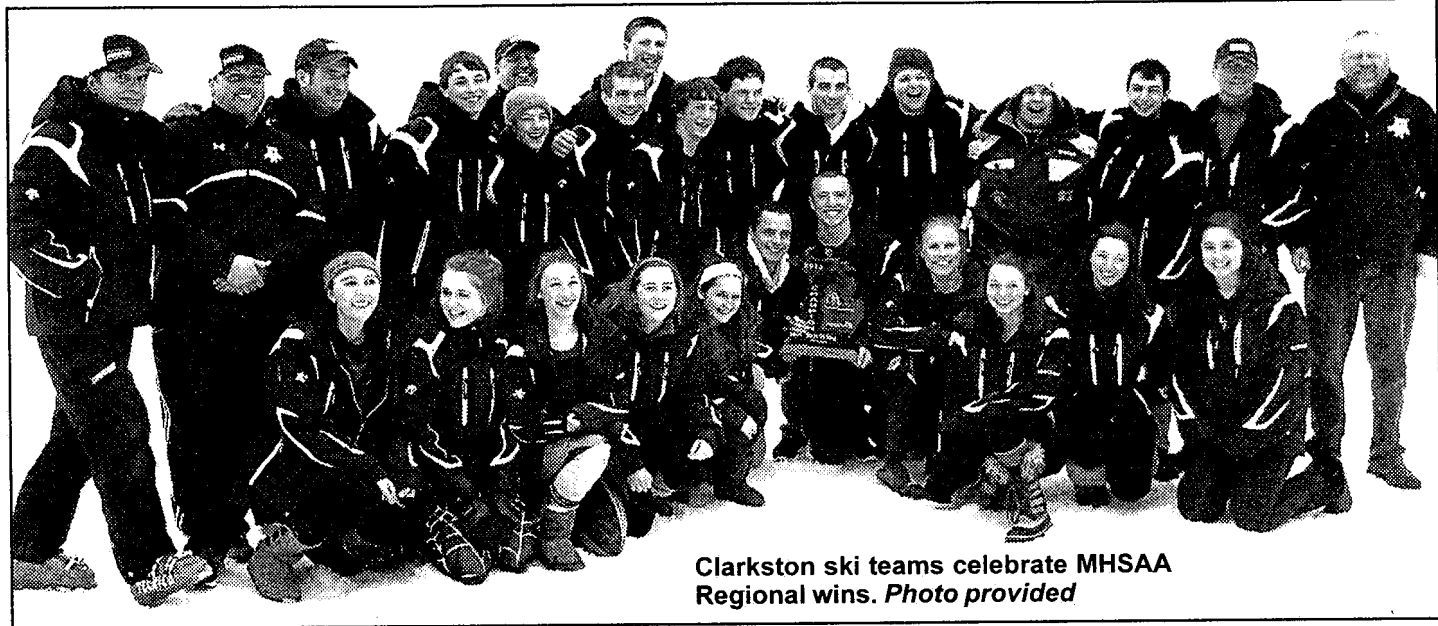
"The girls did fantastic," said Mike Foyteck, head coach for the Clarkston Ski teams. "They really skied well. It was one of their goals to be in the top three in the region. I was really happy with them. Overall the boys skied well. It wasn't a clean race.

Ryan Callahan finished in first place overall for the boys in the giant slalom, 34.74, and slalom, 41.88.

"It was nice to see that," said Foyteck.

For the slalom, Grant Huber finished in second place, 42.77; Derek VanItallie, in third, 42.84; and Lance Holsbeke, 44.09.

In the giant slalom, VanItallie, in fourth, 35.57; Huber, sixth, 35.65; and Holsbeke, in 18th, 36.19.



Clarkston ski teams celebrate MHSAA Regional wins. Photo provided

Caroline Spytman led the girls during the slalom race, finishing in 11th place in the time of 51.99. Karoline Holsbeke finished in 16th, 53.00; and Olivia Dunn, 18th, 53.40.

Holsbeke led in the giant slalom, finishing at 37.82 for eighth place. Dunn finished in 12th, 38.05; Lauren Martin, 16th, 38.52;

and Maddie DeClerq, 17th, 38.63.

"They skied really well together as a team," Foyteck added. "Karoline and Olivia have been skiing well all year long."

Heading into the MHSAA State Finals on Monday at Nub's Nob in Harbor Springs, the teams prepared by training up north

during their extended break.

"There are some pretty fast girl teams," Foyteck said, looking ahead. "The boys team looks really good. They are a contender for the title this year, after being runner-up last year. It will come down to the Monday race and if we don't have any problems."



Erika Davenport runs into tough defense. Photo by Larry Wright

Girls head to playoffs with home win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Last Friday was marked with memories and hugs as the Lady Cager seniors defeated Stoney Creek in their last home game of the season, 39-27.

"We played really well tonight," said senior Anna Manilla. "They are a solid offensive team and Gabby (Yurik) is a really good shooter. We played a solid defense and pushed the ball."

"I am proud of us for keeping them to 27 points," senior Jessica Ming added. "We worked really hard on defense."

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball lead took the lead in the first quarter and continued to hold to the lead throughout the game - even after slowing down in the second half.

"We did more half court defense and didn't do as much press," said head coach Tim Wasilk. "We tried to move the ball and get shots within the paint. We did good but we didn't finish particularly well with our shots. We found a way to get it done."

Megan Hastings led the team with 12 points with two 3-pointers. Erika Davenport had 11 points and Delaney Kenny added nine points with one 3-pointer. The Lady Wolves kept the Lady Cougars' leading scorer, Yurik, to 16 points.

The girls head to Troy on Friday and Holly on Monday for the first round of MHSAA District playoffs.

"They are well-coached," said Wasilk. "They are very well-disciplined. They have a good post player and they play very well defensively."

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The Everest Collegiate Competitive Cheer team; front row from left, Sarah Stafford, Alex Lis-Planells, Hannah Burgess, Cyntia Gonzalez, Diana Zott, Mikayla Thibodeau, Shannon McDunnough, Sarah Luttinen; back row, Tori Slack, Mascot Elle, Annie Toohey, Monica Toohey, Hannah Terbrack, Ana Lorente, Kristin Ireland, and Monica Lis-Planells. Not pictured Coach Nancy Burgess. *Photo submitted*

Winning spirit

The Everest Collegiate Girls Competitive Cheerleading Squad won their very first meet while at Fenton High School's Tiger Invitational, Feb. 11.

Everest took the Division 4 trophy with a score of 628.8360.

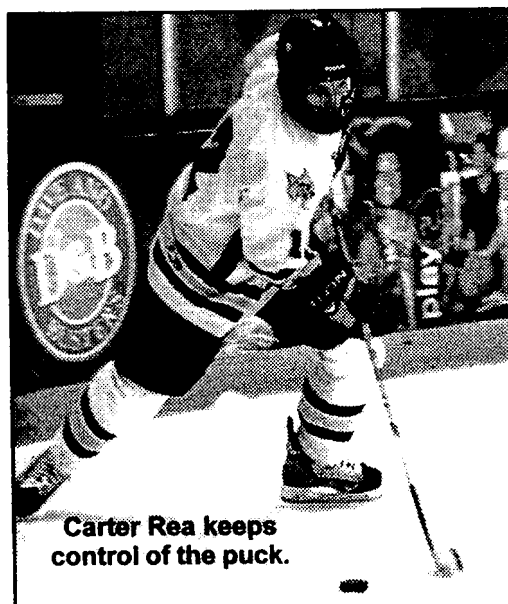
Previous to this weekend's big victory, the Lady Mountaineers have finished second in every competition they have entered.

Everest competed in the MHSAA District 21, Division 4 meet on Saturday and finished

in third place. They scored a total of 642.9000 points after three rounds - for their highest score of the season.

They compete in the MHSAA Regionals this Saturday in Mason at 6 p.m. against Adrian Madison, Blissfield, Hudson, Laingsburg, Madison Heights Bishop Foley, Memphis, Michigan Center, Napoleon, Parkway Christian, Pewamo Westphalia and Springport.

Good luck, Lady Mountaineers!



Carter Rea keeps control of the puck.

Going for Dragons

The Wolves are getting ready for a rematch against crosstown rivals, Lake Orion, this upcoming Saturday.

Both advanced to the OAA Red championship game after taking out their competitors.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team beat Stoney Creek last Friday after scoring four goals in the third period, 5-3.

They continued on to beat Oxford in the semifinal round, 5-2.

The Wolves look to avenge their earlier game against the Dragons. They tied at the end of regulation but lost in overtime, 2-1.

The game is at Birmingham Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m.

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Board members find bylaws too restrictive

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At the Feb. 13 school board meeting, trustees Joan Patterson and Rosalie Lieblang questioned Butler about the bylaws.

"Anyone has the ability to ask me why I voted a certain way and I have the right to explain," Patterson said.

Lieblang added people have come to her asking about issues that haven't come before the board.

Butler said they should let the concerned citizen know board members can't talk about it until it comes before them.

He also pointed out board members should not discuss their vote or reasons why before a meeting.

"Until the vote is taken, you swore in your oath to keep an open mind on every single issue," he said. "Telling someone in the public what is going to happen or what they are going to make happen is inappropriate – no reason why discussion can't happen in public view. All your talk happens right here."

Another scenario presented was board members talking to vendors, staff and administration, which is also not allowed. He added if they had questions to go through the proper



Steve Hyer, at right, with Team RUSH students in WJR studio for their podcast. Photo provided

protocol – share with the board president and it will be passed on to the superintendent.

"If it is that important to get information – follow protocol," said Butler.

He pointed out access to buildings are limited to board members unless they are volunteering or public event. Even then, he noted, keep the discussion limited to the event

and don't talk about other topics.

"You must restrain yourself," he said firmly.

Dawn Schaller of Independence Township thought the issue should have been handled differently.

"It was by far, the least professional, most uncomfortable, and unacceptable presenta-

tion I have seen yet at a board meeting," said Schaller.

"The gag rule imposed by the Clarkston School administration, in my opinion violates Article I, Section 5 of the State Constitution," said Henry S. Woloson, an attorney who lives in Independence Township.

The free speech clause says "Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right; and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press."

Patterson said she follows the letter of the law and the board policies.

"I think the issue is what it means to everyone of us and be on the same page," she said.

"I believe there are board members that believe they are not doing anything wrong but probably are," added Trustee Susan Boatman.

The clarification is needed to make the board more effective, said McGinnis.

"I think the discussion was important for the board to take a leadership role for the community to look upon the board that they are truly looking at the well-being of the children," said Independence Township resident George White.

Phil Custodio contributed to this report.

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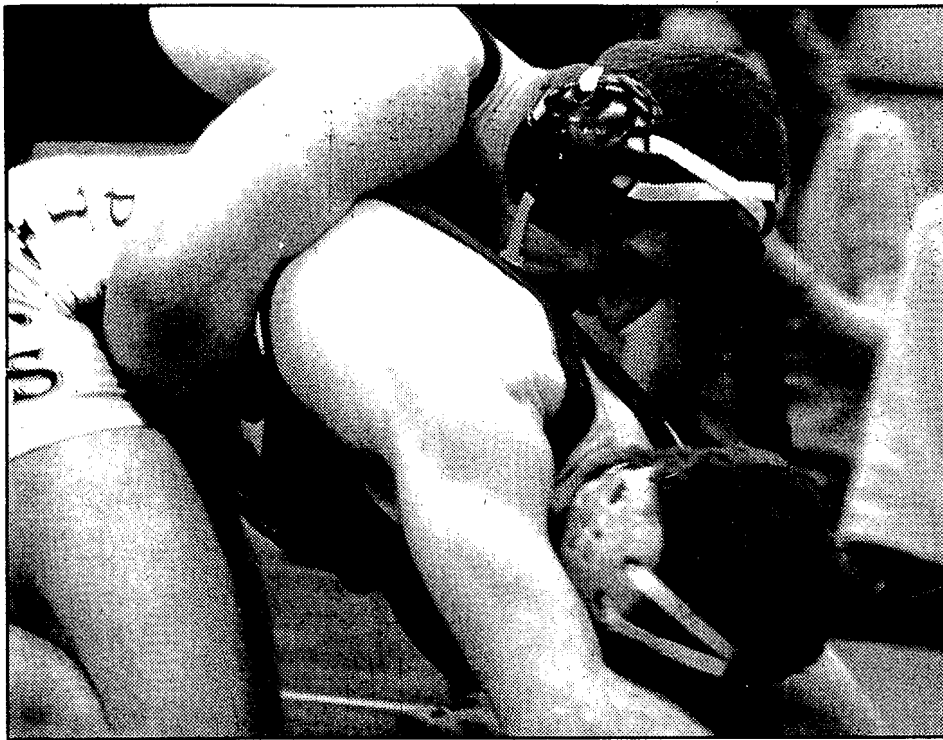
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Chris Calvano gains ground against Waterford Kettering, Feb. 9. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Looking for championships

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

When the six minutes were done for junior Chris Calvano and senior Scott DeVos claimed championship titles in their respective weight classes at the MHSAA Individual Regionals, Saturday.

Nine from the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team went to the tournament and five qualified to go to the state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills next week - Calvano (171), DeVos (289), junior Nick Vandermeer (152), senior Ethan Frick (189), and sophomore Cameron Wilkie (119).

"It is a pretty tough region. They did really well," said Coach Derek Moscovic.

Calvano defeated three wrestlers in his weight class, Davison's Ryan Thick, 1-0; Midland's Krute Hoffman, 5-3; and Hartland's Justin Charneski, 7-3.

"He grabbed the lead right away against Hartland," said Moscovic. "He wrestled a smart match and right down to the whistle to get a takedown with ten seconds left. I was proud of him."

DeVos also had three wins against Saginaw Heritage's Ray Delgado, fall 3:20; North Farmington, Majd Mokbel, fall 1:27; and Walled Lake Central Ildo Luca, 4-0.

"Scott is really pushing to pace the heavyweights and trying to open matches up," said Moscovic. "He is doing a nice job with each one of his matches."

Vandermeer, Frick and Wilkie finished in fourth place to take the final spot to go to the state finals.

"Cameron upset a kid from Davison to move on," Moscovic added about Wilkie's

win over Derek Humphrey, 4-3 in the third round. "It was a big accomplishment for him. He did a nice job of keeping his head in the match and keep wrestling. The last second reversal to win the match moved him on."

DeVos, Frick and Vandermeer are making their second consecutive appearance at the state tournament. DeVos and Vandermeer both finished at All-Staters.

The team lost to Hartland in the MHSAA Team Regionals for the third consecutive year, 44-24.

"We went out there and wrestled well," Moscovic said. "At the end they were just a well-coached team. We fell a little behind and weren't able to catch up. They a good team. You are going to have to really compete to beat them."

Wins came from Jake Dionne (130) with a pin over Devon Shalut; Mike Cardinale (135) defeated Marcus Lopez, 8-5; Calvano defeated Justin Charneski. They won in the 119- and 285-pound weight classes by voids.

The boys defeated Birmingham Seaholm, 53-21, finishing the season 20-10.

The five Wolves heading to Auburn Hills now prepare to compete for the championship crown.

"I am looking forward to competing next week," said Moscovic. "We are going to have a good tournament."

The tournament begins March 1 at the Palace of Auburn Hills with the Grand March at 2 p.m. and the first round starts at 2:15 p.m. with the 189-pound weight class.

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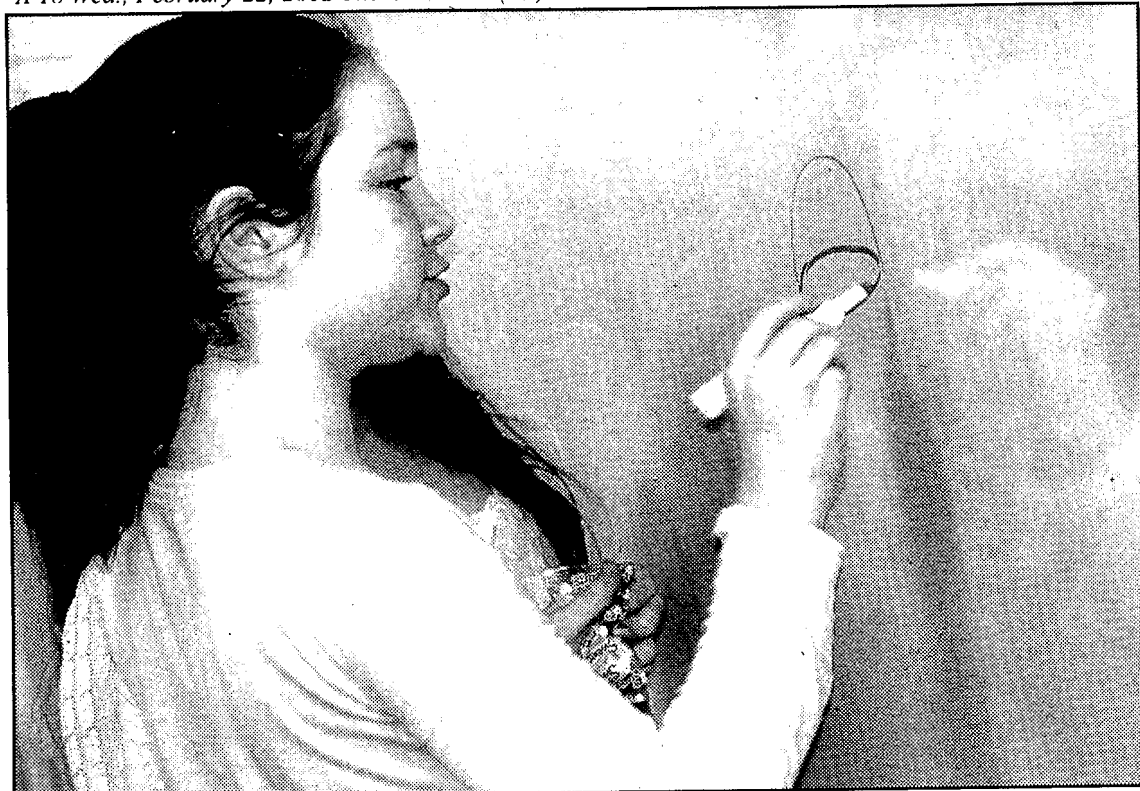
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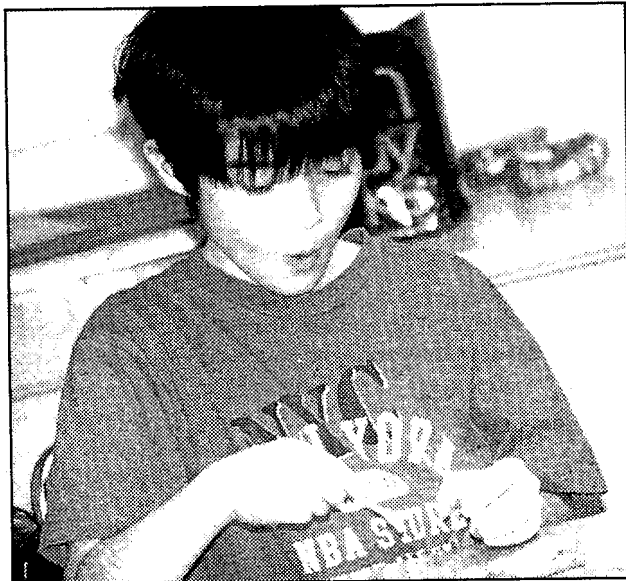
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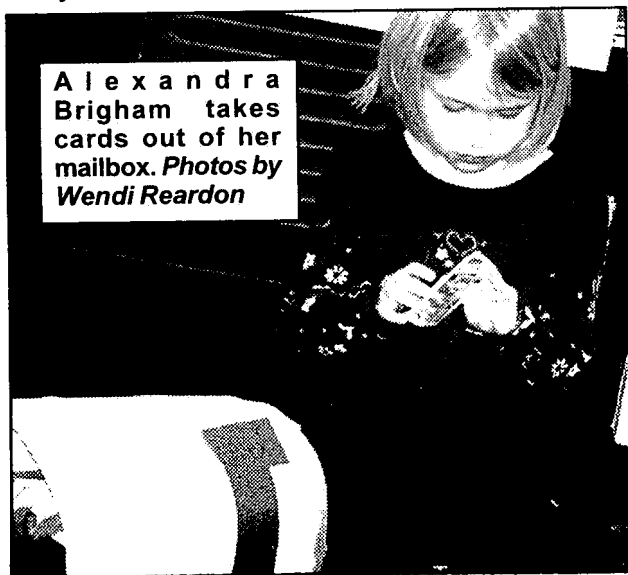
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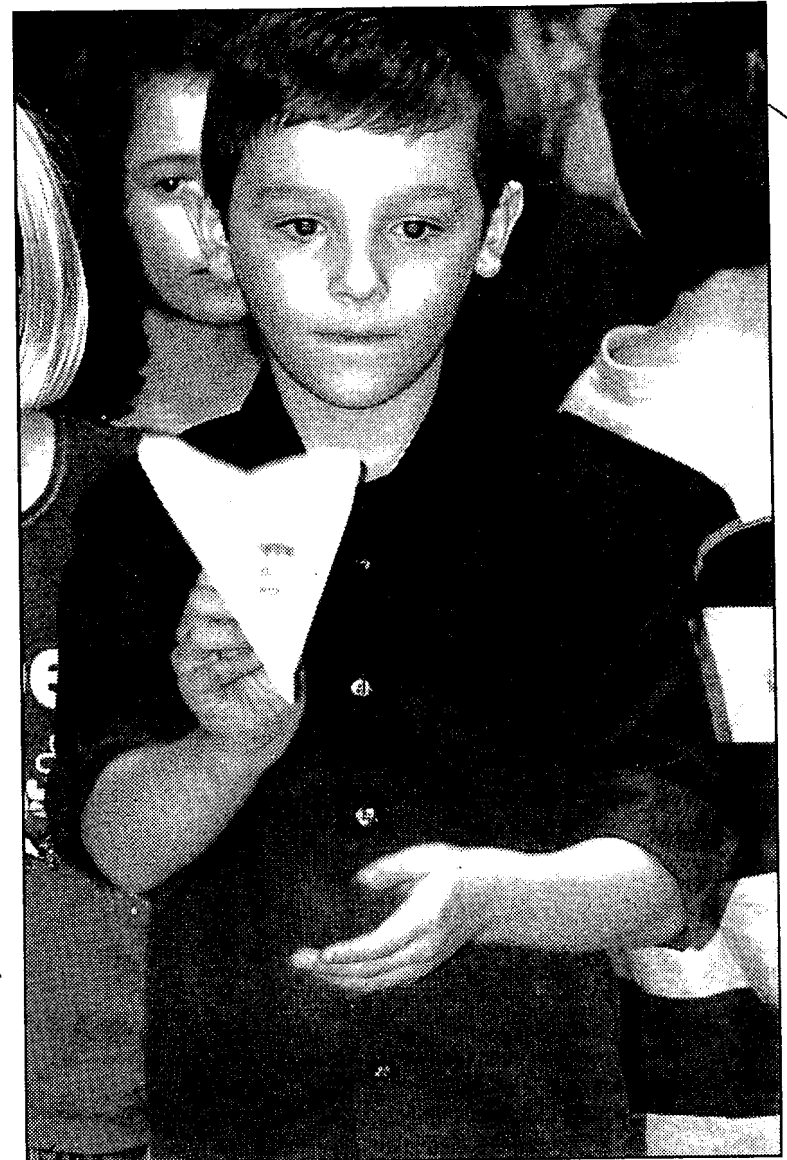
Heartfelt day

The mailboxes on each student's desk were filled at Clarkston Elementary. Students read through them during the Valentine's Day celebrations, Feb. 14.

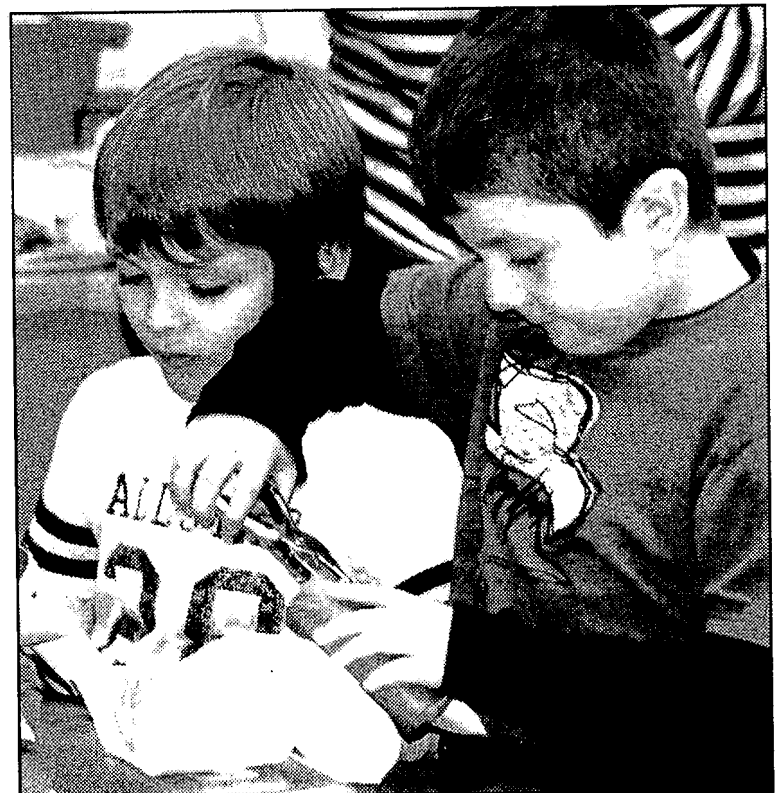
They also enjoyed nutritious and some not-so-nutritious treats. They played games with their classmates like bingo, musical chairs and were crafty and creative with Valentine's projects.



Niklas Brassat reads a valentine.



Nathan Stomp finds out if his aim is as good as Cupid's aim.



Will Osborne and Erik Perez create love bugs in first grade.



Time for some chill-axation

Ty and Ryan Dankert take a break from the action at the Independence Elementary Jump Rope for Heart, Feb. 14. See more pictures from the event on page 6B. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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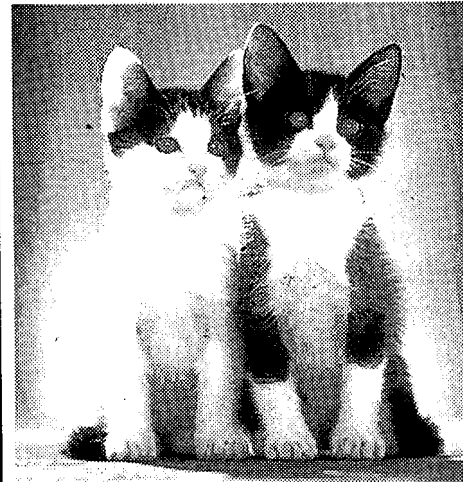
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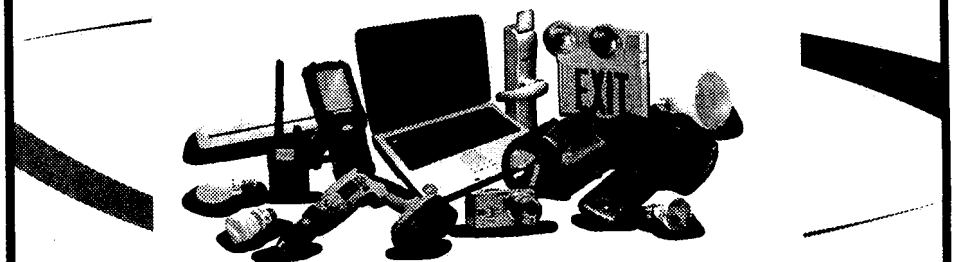
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- Amy Albright

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- Richard Coe

"I'm giving up procrastination."



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Creative fight against breast cancer

BY TREVOR TURNER

Special to the Clarkston News

Local friends decided to team up to create a calendar in support of breast cancer.

Jordan May of Clarkston was the brains behind the operation when he thought of making a calendar themed, Breads 4 Breast.

He said the idea came to him during "No Shave November."

"Every year some of my friends and I grow out beards for 'no shave November,'" he added.

Raising money for breast cancer brought a deeper meaning to May.

"A close family friend of mine was going through treatment at the time and I thought that it could be a different way of showing support and helping," explained May, whose friend's mother was diagnosed with breast cancer about a year ago.

While the calendar is still young since its release for sales, May said it has already exceeded his expectations.

"We have received several emails from people all over Michigan that have seen our Facebook page and want to know what they can do to help and if they can be in the calendar next year," he said.

The most difficult part of creating the calendar was trying to find a way to lower the cost of making it so when all is said and done the donation would be larger.

May overcame the hurdle by finding local sponsors willing to open their wallets and donate. Plus, the models threw in some money.

Among the companies who donated were Dead Sea Natural Cosmetics, Gutierrez Painting, I Smart Trivia, and The Print Shop.

"I would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity in helping with the calendar and supporting a good cause," said May.

For the calendar itself, May said Dustin Kring, who took the photos and created the layouts, did an amazing job.



From left are Ray Gutierrez, Jesse Kessler, Dustin Kring, Jordan May, Alan Marchio, Matt Craig, Leslie May, Anton Anton Rozhanskiy. Photo provided

But one picture that has been getting recognized for its bloop, but, not on Dustin's part is Mr. January, Jesse Kesler.

"Jesse didn't have a keen fashion sense that day and made the mistake of wearing white socks with black shoes and black pants," said May. "I'm not sure he will be able to live that one down with the ladies."

In the end, May said it took a lot of time and effort from everyone involved with the calendar to get it created.

"I knew from the beginning we have a great group of friends - making the calendar a fun time for all of us," he added.

For more information, email them at Beards4Breasts@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page - Breads 4 Breast Cancer Organization.



Jordan May poses for the calendar.

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Special Events

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Clarkston Village Players, "At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin," murder mystery, March 9-10, 16-18, 23-24; "Moon Over Buffalo," comedy farce, May 11-12, 18-20, 25-26. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., \$11; Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m., \$13; Sundays, 2 p.m., \$11. 248-625-8811.

Fund raiser for local fourth grader Ryan Kennedy, through Feb. 25, Tropical Smoothie Cafe, 6459 Dixie Highway donates 15 percent of sales. 248-922-9000.

Angels' Place Race fund raiser, 5-10 p.m., March 1, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway. Portion of bill goes to the 5K and 10K race on May 19. 248-625-4600.

Murder Crashes the Wedding, interactive theatre presentation of Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 6 p.m., March 3, Paint Creek Country Club, 2375 Stanton Road, Lake Orion. With dinner, open bar, silent auction. \$60. www.clarkstonoptimists.org.

Responsible Lawn Care workshop, Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter, 7:30 p.m., March 7, St. Daniel Church Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. With Lois Robbins, author of Lawn Wars, and Kathy Rollins, North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. Free. Register at anebushroe@hotmail.com.

Cats and the Fiddler, 7 p.m., March 9, Community Presbyterian Church, Monroe and

Around Town



A calendar of places to go, people to see and things to do

Sashabaw, Waterford. Bluegrass, folk, country music. 248-673-7805.

Anyone Can Paint, 9-11 a.m., March 19, step by step instruction. \$23, \$25 for non-members. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Titanic, the Musical, April 29, ticket to musical at Royal Oak Theatre, lunch at Lilly's Seafood, transportation, \$79, \$84 for non-members. Register at Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Weekly meetings

Sunday

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Monday

Buddy Basketball non-competitive recreational league for boys and girls with special

needs, Mondays through March 19. Players, ages 7-13, paired with buddies, ages 7-17. Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

Girls Softball Pitching Clinic, Mondays, through March 5. Conducted by Clarkston Varsity Softball coaching staff and other softball personalities for girls ages 8-13. Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$3. Drop In.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558

Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, 5:45 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays. Beginning, intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

Slow Flow Yoga Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. Beginning and intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

Creative Writing Workshop, Mondays, April 2 - May 7, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$15, \$20 for non-members. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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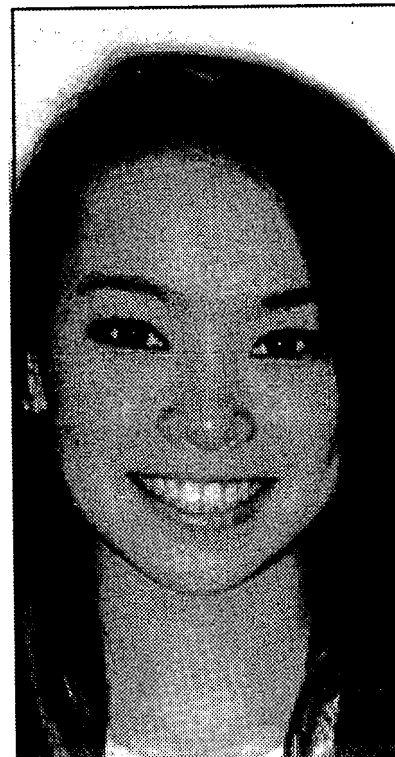
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Toothbrushes for Haiti

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Ever since Kelly Eberhardt has been going to Haiti to help provide medical relief after the 2010 earthquake, her mom Carol has always wanted to help make a difference.

"I don't know what made me think about this but all of the sudden it hit me," Carol said. "I just thought when your mouth is OK the rest of your body kind of follows."

Carol is looking to send Kelly with 500 toothbrushes and packs of toothpaste on her next trip in June.

Kelly who is a 1988 graduate of Clarkston High School, is a pediatrician in Stanton Island New York has always had an interest in international work. She got her first chance as a medical student when her husband Ibrahim, took her to spend time with his family in West Africa. There she worked at an Infectious Disease Clinic.

"I probably would have joined the Peace Corp if it would have worked into my life, but never did," she said. "I just always have been interested in helping other cultures and people in other places of the world."

When the earthquake happened in Haiti she knew she wanted to help. She began searching the internet and found a pediatrician friend on Facebook who was going with a small grassroots organization called Explorers Sans Frontieres or "Explorers Without Borders." Kelly contacted them to see if she could help out. In June 2010 she boarded a plane with a team of 12 to spend a week in Haiti.

They provided medical relief mostly, but she said a person doesn't have to be a medic to go along.

"We actually had first year medical students who knew nothing, had not even started med school yet, a couple nurses and some health educators," she said. "We like to include an education component to what we're doing."

Kelly said they each bring as many pharmaceuticals as they can, such as Tylenol, Motrin, antibiotics, vitamins, creams, Cortezone cream and divide them up into five equal piles for the five days they see patients. They also have giveaways such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, flip flops, and clothing.

They have a mobile clinic and travel from tent city to tent city seeing anywhere from 150-250 patients a day. They also visit an orphanage where they see around 150 kids. Typical illnesses are skin rashes, vaginal infections because the water is not clean and common aches and pains such as headaches, stomachaches and backaches.

"There are people who are sick but most just need Motrin, Tylenol, and vitamins," she said.

"Things we take for granted here and we can just run out to the pharmacy and always have in the house."

Kelly also noted that they're not just outsiders coming in to provide relief, but there is a Haitian ran nursing school they work close with.

"We leave our leftover supplies with them," she said. "If people need close follow up they go there because they actually have a medical staff there."



Kelly Eberhardt volunteers to help people in need in Haiti.

Following her trip in 2010 Kelly was one of the recipients of the International Humanitarian Peace Award. She was "taken back" because she didn't really see her self as a humanitarian.

"When they called me and said I was being given this award I was a little shocked because at that point I had only been to Haiti once. I was just doing what I love to do and not really thinking about it, but it was definitely an

honor," Kelly said. "People who were getting awards with me were military people and a lot of clergy people. It was a nice surprise."

Kelly returned to Haiti in March 2011 and said she plans on continuing to go once a year, even after her next trip, as long as the organization is still going.

"Now that I have two kids (Muhammadou, 11 Saliou, 6) I couldn't really travel for long periods of time," she said. It's great because this is a week at a time and it's close to the United States so it's not too far away."

As for the conditions, Kelly said they're getting more "permanent housing" to replace the tents. "Permanent" she said means "an 8x8 or 10x10 metal slabs, with wooden sides and a tin roof," but there are still thousands and thousands in tents.

"Amazing they live in a tent with no running water and no electricity and still get their kids off to school everyday," she said. "But they struggle getting basic necessities of clean water and enough food."

As far as her mom helping her out, Kelly said "It's great."

"My mom has always been volunteering, always donating her time to different organizations, helping them organize or sit on their boards or something Maybe that's where I get it from," Kelly said with a laugh. "We're grateful to her."

Those interested in donating new toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste can drop them off at John Stevenson's Dentist Office located in downtown Clarkston at 22 S. Main Street or at Frank & Me at 20 S. Main Street.

For more information on Explorers Without Borders checkout www.explorersss.org.

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Milestones



Jenna and Jared

Parker-Ostrom

Randy Parker of Flint and Jayne Parker, of Lake Orion are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jenna Parker, to Jared Ostrom, son of Gerald and Jane Ostrom of Clarkston.

The wedding will take place June 2012.

Students achieve success

Clarkston student **Chloe Smiley**, a freshman Entrepreneurship major, has been named to the Dean's List with High Distinction at Grove City College.

Smiley is a 2011 graduate of Clarkston High School and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smiley of Clarkston.

Alicia Young of Clarkston, a sophomore Political Science major, has been named to the Grove City College Dean's List. Young is a 2010 graduate of Clarkston Senior High

New additions

Harper joins Longs



Jeff and Lindsay Long of Clarkston announce the birth of their daughter, Harper Rose, on Jan. 17, 2012. Harper was 8 pounds, 5 ounces and 20 inches in length. She is welcomed by grandparents Mark and Nancy Laudicina of Sterling Heights, Connie Long of Clarkston, and Robert Long of Clarkston.

Welcome Goldie

Gabriel Green and Carrie Phillips of Independence Township welcome the birth of the daughter Goldie Ginger Green, Jan. 5, 2012, 12:06 a.m., at Crittenton in Rochester.



School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young of Clarkston.

Scarlett Maye Shader of Clarkston was named to the Miami University president's list.

Andrew Schreiber of Clarkston received an undergraduate degree in Computer Science from Kettering University, December 2011.

Send milestones to 5 S. Main St. or Clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Religion

Forty days of Lent is imitating Jesus

Today is Ash Wednesday and Christians from all over the world begin a forty day spiritual journey known as Lent.

The destination is Easter and I'd like to offer a few words that might help you walk the path more successfully. Basically, Lent is about 'walking alongside' Jesus Christ by imitating him and following his call to conversion.

The forty days of Lent are first of all an imitation of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert before he began his public work.

He fasted during this time and when the days were over, the devil tempted him just as he had tempted Adam in the Garden of Eden.

Adam disobeyed God's command and God told him: "You are dust and to dust you shall return."

In this way, God was revealing that death is one of the consequences of sin.

The ashes that many receive on their forehead today are a reminder of that reality.

Whenever we purposely do something we know to be wrong, we turn our back on God and start to walk away from the loving Father who created us. We walk away from the source of our life and this route will always be a dead end.

Well, the good news is that Jesus is the new Adam. Instead of turning his back on God as Adam did, Jesus responded in the desert by being faithful to God.

Jesus thwarted temptation. By imitating Jesus' obedience to God, we do an about-face from Adam's path and turn towards the path of life.

That 'turning towards' God is exactly what the call to conversion is all about.

There are many ways to reverse course, but there are three things that are especially effective: fasting, prayer, and almsgiving.

These are three signposts of the spiritual life that will always point us in the right direction.

Fasting helps us along the path of conversion when dealing with ourselves;

almsgiving directs our goodness towards others, and prayer turns us toward God.

It's no secret that a child will tend to think about only what he wants when he wants it. Adults have the responsibility to teach children to look beyond themselves.

In a similar way, fasting helps us to be spiritually mature. By giving up something, we are able to see beyond our own immediate needs; our vision is purified.

Fasting directs our vision outside of ourselves. So, in certain sense, fasting prepares us for almsgiving, the path of giving to others. By giving to others we follow the path of Christ who said:

"It is better to give than to receive." That, of course, leads us to prayer, which is turning towards God by looking at Jesus Christ. Prayer is the final step in conversion because we direct our minds and hearts towards our final goal: God himself. No matter where you are on the journey may this Lent bring you closer to the final destination. Happy trails!

Fr. Daniel Pajerski, LC, is Formation Director for Everest Academy.

Spiritual Matters



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In our churches...

Art of Marriage, Family Life, Feb. 10-11, Oakwood Community Church, 5791 Oakwood Road, Ortonville, www.oakwoodcc.org.

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

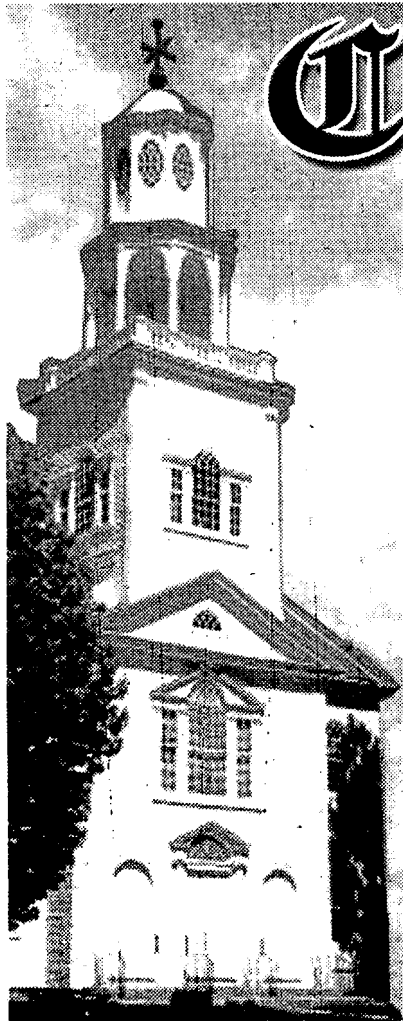
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Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

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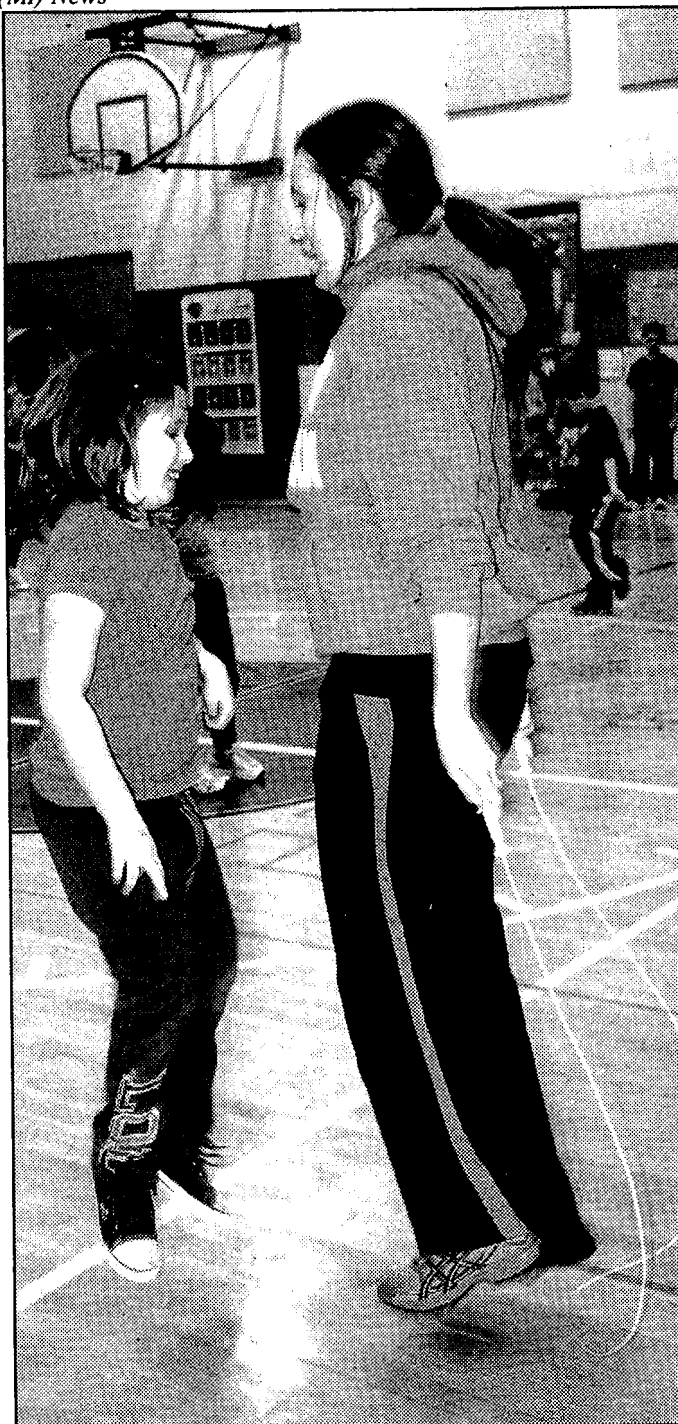
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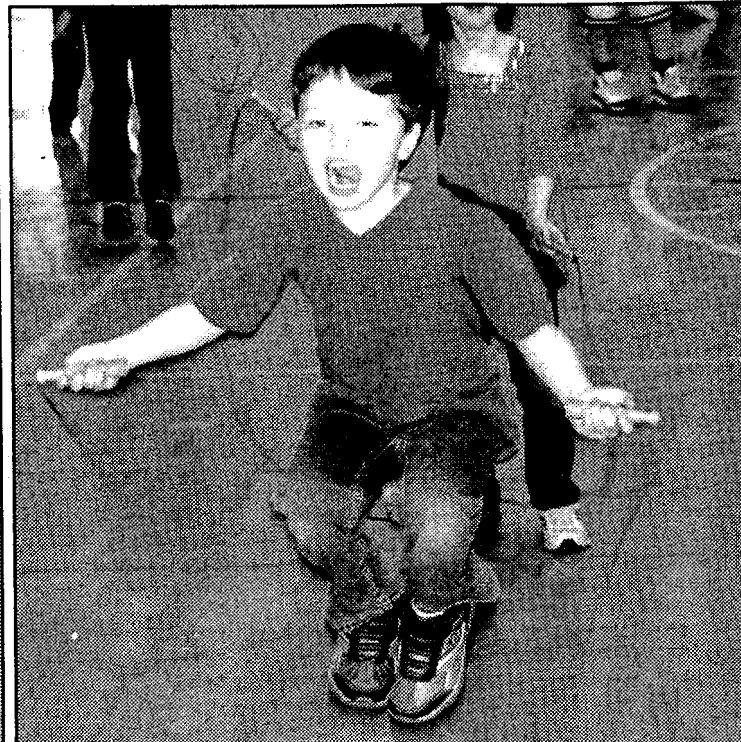
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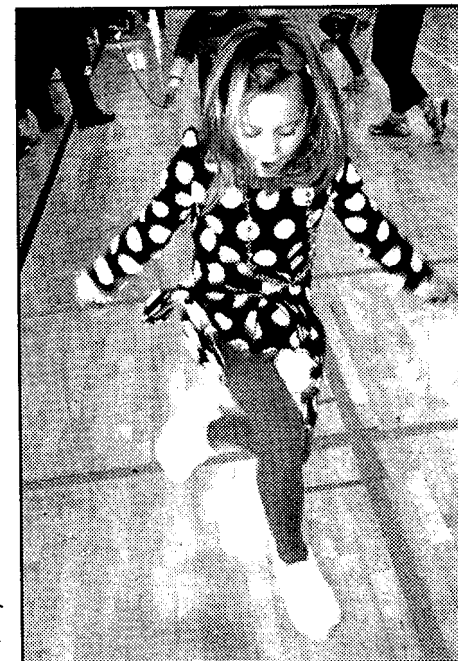
Jeremy Mattson jumps as fast as he can.

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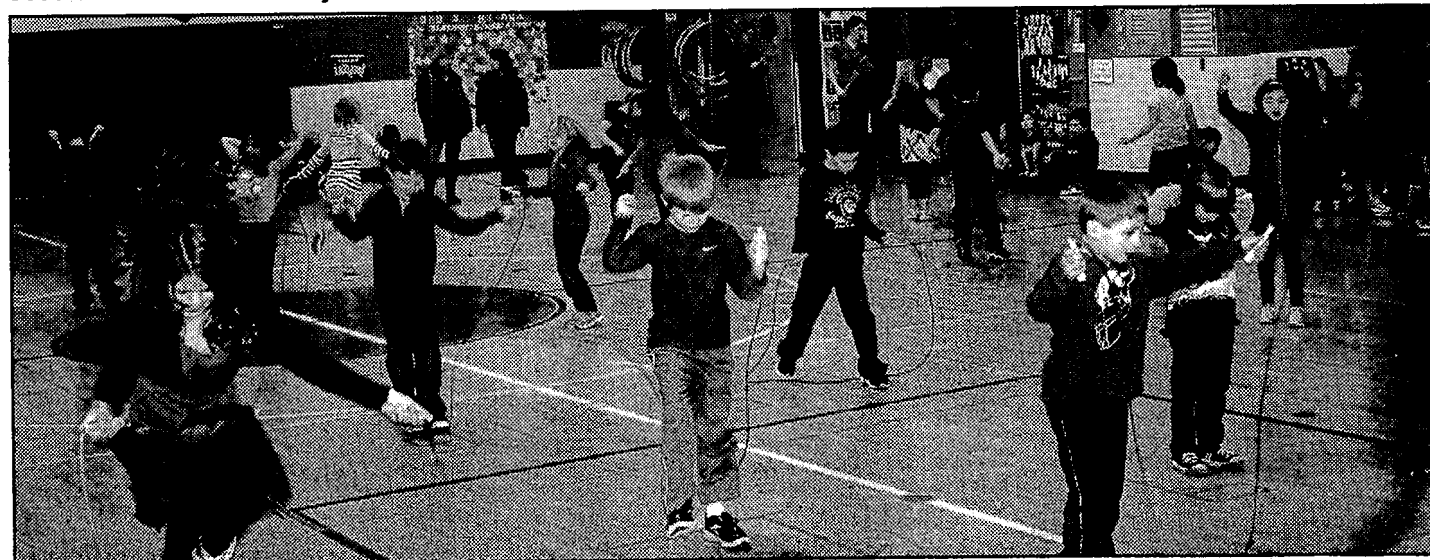
First through sixth graders were armed and ready with jump ropes on Feb. 14 inside the Independence Elementary gym for the "Jump Rope for Hearts" event.

Groups would jump rope as hard and as fast as they could for about 30-60 seconds before switching groups.

The event was a fundraiser for the American Heart Association and to help teach the students the importance of exercise to keep their heart healthy.



Natalie Beach jump ropes 'trot style.'



Blanche Presby, 98

Blanche Presby of Waterford, formerly of Lake Angelus, passed away Feb. 17, 2012, at age 98.

She was preceded in death by her husband Michael Presby, granddaughter Kathleen Praet and sister Helen Gutt. She was the mother of Jacqueline (Roger) Greger, Michael (Nancy) Presby, Patricia Presby and Stephen (Kay) Presby; grandmother of David (Kelly) Greger, Sherrill (Terry) Payne, Christopher Greger, Michelle Presby and Rachel Presby; great-grandmother of Kyle, Devin, Sarah, Austin and Brandon.



Visitation was Feb. 20 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Feb. 21 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Lourdes Nursing Home Activities Department for Piano and Organ Maintenance. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Carlos D. Galaviz, 28

Carlos D. Galaviz of Ann Arbor, formerly of Clarkston, died unexpectedly Feb. 16, 2012, of natural causes while vacationing in Las Vegas, at age 28.

He was the son of Kristine and David; brother of Andrea (Matt) DeMonbrun; grandson of Valoise (the late Eldon) Rouse and Rebecca (Eligio) Galaviz; also survived by aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.



Carlos was a Clarkston High School 2002 graduate and University of Michigan Ross Business School 2006 graduate. He also attended UNLV Boyd School of Law. He was employed as an accounting analyst at MyBuys, Ann Arbor.

He enjoyed golfing and playing the piano and was a devoted UM sports fan. Arrangements are being completed by the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, call 248-625-5231. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Avon 2-Day Breast Cancer Walk (Andrea DeMonbrun).

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

James D. Butler, 74

James D. Butler, "Jim," of Davisburg passed away unexpectedly Feb. 15, 2012, at age 74.

He was the loving husband of Marietta; beloved father of Cliff (Linda) Butler, Colette (Steve) Connor and Corinne (Scott) Weaver; devoted grandpa of Melissa, Chase, Reilly, Ryann, Jordan, Jarred and Joshua; dear brother of Arlene Mahlke, Deanna (Walt) Austin and the late Mondaine Kelley.

Mr. Butler retired from Chrysler after 44 years of service. He enjoyed traveling, golf, fishing, hunting and spending time outdoors.

Funeral Service was Feb. 20 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

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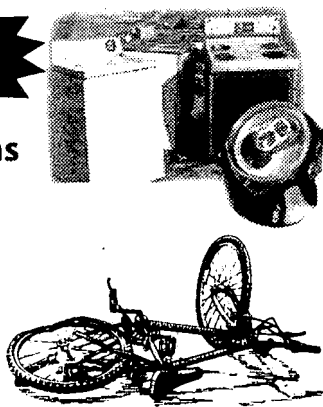
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The contest is open to sixth through ninth graders who attend schools in the Clarkston area. Students are to create a four to five minute speech about "How Optimism Helps Me Overcome Obstacles."

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club will judge local students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the winners. Male and female winners of the Clarkston Optimist Oratorical contest will receive awards of \$100 bonds, with second place winners receiving \$50 bonds and third place winners \$25 bonds.

Oratorical contest chairman Don Brose said scoring criteria includes poise, content of speech, delivery and presentation, and overall effectiveness. Rules for the oratorical contest are available at Clarkston Middle School, Clarkston Junior High School, Everest Academy, Cedar Crest Academy or Brose Electric. Deadline to register is March 13, at Brose Electric, 5897 Dixie Hwy., Clarkston.

The Optimist Oratorical contest is one of the most popular programs with the over 2,000 clubs of Optimist International participating. Carrying out the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Kids," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. The

For more info, call Brose at 248-623-7900.

Grand re-opening

Kumon of Clarkston Math and Reading Center will celebrate a Grand Opening at their new location at 6325E Sashabaw Rd. March 1, from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. There will also be Open House on Friday, March 2 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. and on Saturday, March 3 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Families of school aged children are invited to attend the free event, which will feature activities, raffles, refreshments, and information about Kumon programs.

"Math and Reading are essential to the academic and personal development of children, opening their minds to new worlds, people, and experiences," said Kumon of Clarkston Director and Head Instructor **Dulal Mostafa**. "I'm excited to celebrate the joy of learning with families of Clarkston and neighboring communities."

Kumon of Clarkston was established in 2001 starting by renting space at First Missionary Church on Clintonville Rd. Kumon of Clarkston has helped over 800 pre-school to college students of all socio-economic levels form the community. For more information call 248-625-8666

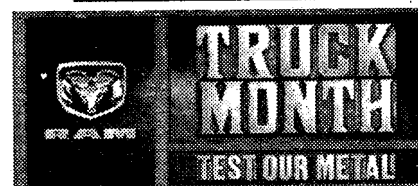
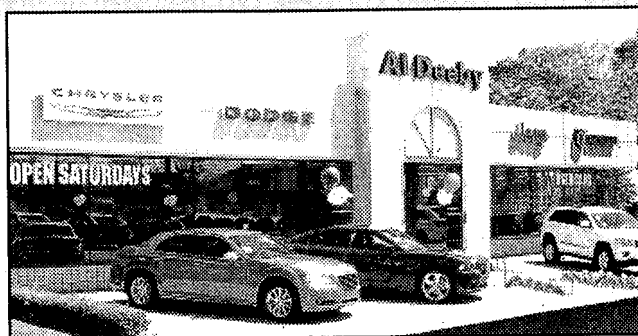


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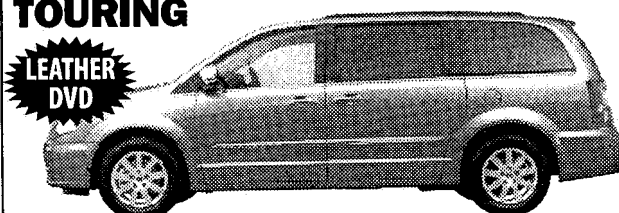
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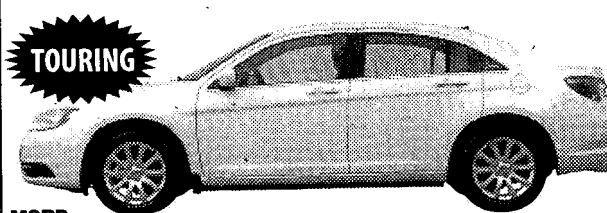
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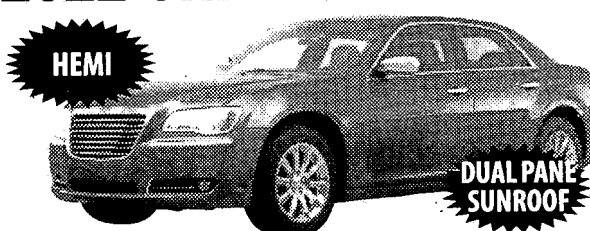
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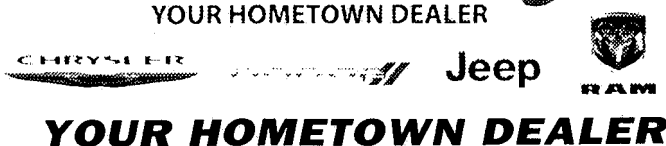


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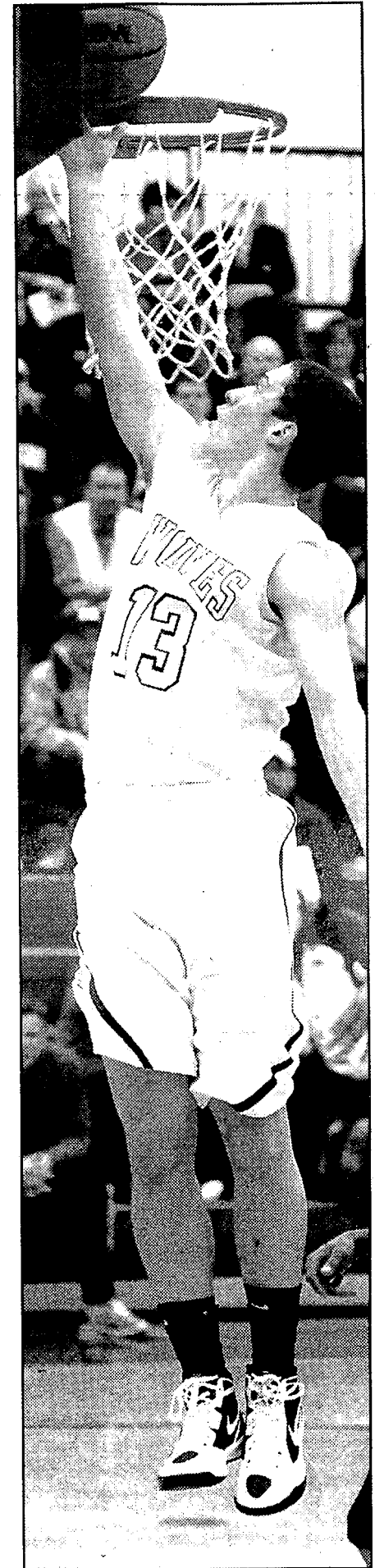
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Dr. Bob Jones III to visit Springfield

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A third-generation preacher, Jones has served in numerous capacities at Bob Jones University, including speech teacher, assistant dean of men, assistant to the president, and vice president.



Jones

In 1971, he was appointed president of the university and served in that office for 34 years. He retired from the presidency in 2005 and was elected chancellor. He remains the chairman of the Board of Trustees.

He speaks at evangelistic campaigns, youth rallies and other religious gatherings all over the world.

Jones also performs regularly in Shakespearean productions presented by the internationally recognized BJU Classic Players. He has also played several dramatic roles in Christian films produced by the University's motion-picture unit, Unusual Films.

He and his wife, Beneth, have three children.

For more information, call 248-625-9760.

William Hutchinson

William G. Hutchinson, "Bill" "Gary" of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly, Feb. 19, 2012, at age 63.

He was the son of Evelyn "Lyn" Miller and the late William; brother of Randall "Randy" Kent Hutchinson; nephew of Billie Beauchamp, Bette VonGruben and Virginia Swanson; special cousin of Patty Pemberton and several other cousins; also survived by his family at Bird Road House.



Funeral service, Wednesday, 11 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 10 a.m. until time of service. Interment White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. Memorials may be made to Freedom House, Farmington. Online guestbook www.wintsonfuneralhome.com.

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The evening included a strolling buffet, cocktails and entertainment by Tony Vitale and B & B.



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Teresa Vermeulen, Terri Nallamothu enjoy some yummy cupcakes.



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- A. A Regular Budget Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:14 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Petterson, Wagner
There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Susan Hendricks, Finance Director; Linda Richardson, DPW Director

- Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA as presented
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None Requested
- F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- M. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- G. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- 1. Budget Presentation: Department of Public Works (Linda Richardson, DPW Director)

- I. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

- J. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. Board of Trustees Regular General Meeting Minutes - December 20, 2011 as Amended - Approved
 - 2. Board of Trustees Regular General Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2012 as Amended - Approved
 - 3. Board of Trustees Regular General Meeting Minutes - January 17, 2012 as Amended - Approved

- K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

- L. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - 1. Amendment to the Regular Budget Meeting Schedule - Approved

- M. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics
- O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS: None
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.
Roll: Present - Mayor Luginiski, Brueck, Inabnit, Roth, Hunter, Hargis, Bisio
Others Present - City Manager Ritter
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to Approve the Agenda, but pull item 9e under new business from the agenda. Motion carried.
Moved by Haven supported Hargis to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.
Resolved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, to grant permission to the Clarkston Optimist Club to construct an ice skating rink in Depot Park near the Gazebo at the Club's expense.
Resolution Adopted
Amendment to original Resolution.
Amendment approved by roll-call vote with no objections
The amendment Adopted.
The Original Resolution was approved by a roll-call vote with no objection
Resolution Adopted
Moved by Roth, support by Hargis to approve the Lions Club request to sell white canes
Motion Carried
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to extend the meeting past 9:00pm
Motion Carried
Moved by Hargis Support by Roth to adjourn at 9:29pm
Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted
Dennis Ritter, City Manager

Around Town

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Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Bring practice mat or towel. Free-will offerings. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road, 248-891-4365.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

Breast Cancer Support Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology,

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

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TO ALL CREDITORS:
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The Charter Township of Independence 2012 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 6, 2011 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear 2012 year assessment appeals of value, classification and hardship exemption requests on March 9, 12, 13 & 16 from 9:00 am through 12 noon, on March 8 & 15 from 1:00 pm through 4:00 pm, and on March 7 & 14 from 5 pm through 8 pm.

If you wish to appear in person to appeal your assessed value, it is required that you have an appointment with the March Board of Review. The Assessed Value represents 50% of market value. Appeals are for the 2012 tax year only. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f_2658_7.pdf and at the Township Assessing Department at the address indicated above. This form should be mailed to the Independence Township Assessing Department, PO Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347. It must be received prior to the close of the March Board of Review and documentation supporting your opinion of value should be attached.

The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2012 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Sincerely
Kristen Sieloff, MAAO
Independence Township Assessor

Publish: 2/15, 2/22, 2/29/12

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Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

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Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

Zumba, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.

Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

Wednesday

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

Tell Us About Your Travels, third Wednesday through October, 6-7:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

Thursday

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd.,

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Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Feb. 16: Bob McGowen, local author of "A Year on the River." Refreshments served. All welcome. 248-625-1326

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Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

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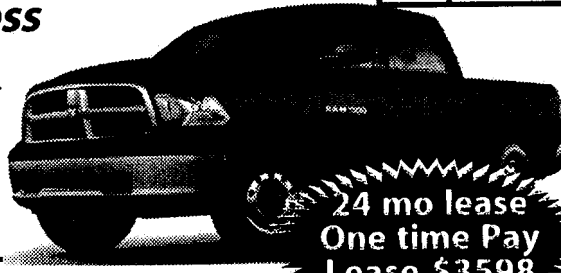
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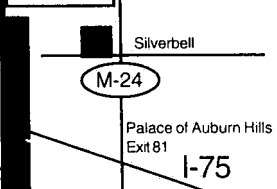
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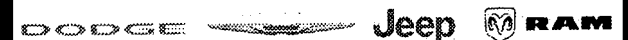
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