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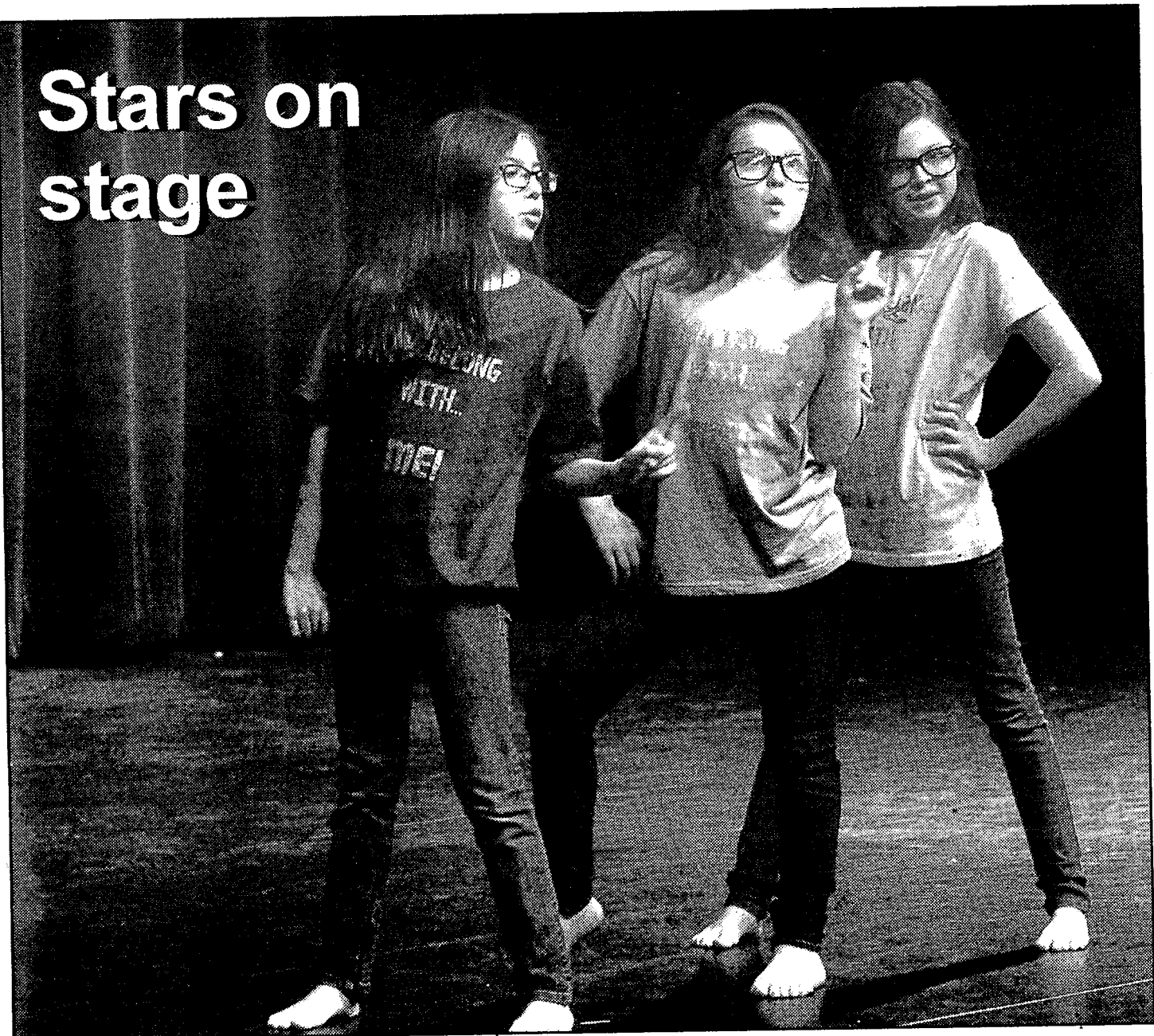
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From left, Rebecca Luis, Jacqueline Dunahay, and Elyse Kalinowski perform Taylor Swift's hit "You Belong with Me" at Bailey Lake Elementary's talent show last Friday night at Clarkston Junior High School. For more, please see page 8A. Photo by Wendi Reardon

One hour to feed thousands

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An hour's enough to make a difference in thousands of lives – Clarkston students are ready to prove it.

Students in Clarkston High School's Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) club are organizing the first annual Kids Against Hunger, March 10.

"It shows kids can make a difference and a huge difference," said Morgan Addis, head of the club. "You are never too young. It's cool to inspire the underclassman. If I can do it, you can do it."

Kids Against Hunger helps local organizations as well as national and international organizations, Addis explained.

A third of the donations go to a local food shelter, third to a national disaster relief organization, and the rest to developing countries.

"One dollar feeds 42 children," Krista Deo said. "It's eye opening."

During the one hour, beginning at 10 a.m., volunteers package a cup of soy, cup of rice, tablespoon of dried vegetables and tablespoon of chicken seasoning into each bag.

Each bag feeds six adults or 12 children, Addis said.

The food is formulated to meet nutritional needs of a person suffering from malnutrition or starvation.

The community can help by donating money – either \$10 or \$25 – or an hour, 10-11 a.m. on March 10 to pack food.

Addis explained \$10 covers the cost of food for 428 children and \$25 feeds 1,071 children. Each package of food is 28 cents to make. They hope to help at least 120,000 kids.

The organization started this year after Addis decided she wanted help as she planned this year's Relay for Life.

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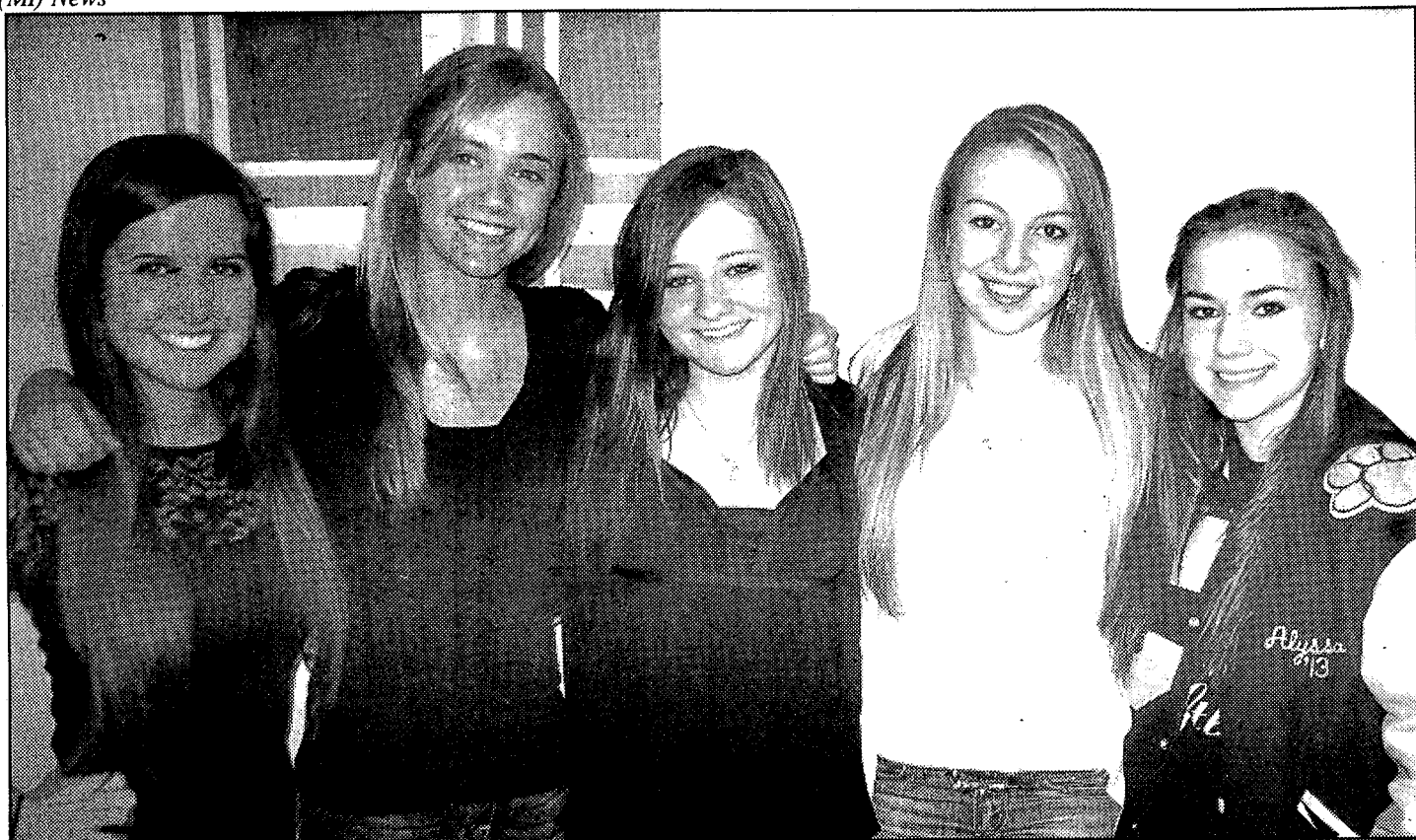
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From left, Lindsay Morin, Krista Deo, Morgan Addis, Morgan Ritthaler and Alyssa Armstrong, members of the Clarkston High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America organization. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Food packing event at high school

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"Our advisors, Jessica O'Rourke and Lisa Donley, wanted to start a club and we decided, why not," she added. "It is the perfect community service project."

Since they had time before Relay for Life in the spring, they decided to try Kids Against Hunger, an organization Donley knew through Birmingham schools. They also partnered

with Blessings in a Backpack for the event.

For Kids Against Hunger, check in is 9:40 a.m., Saturday, March 10, at the high school cafeteria. They will have a kids corner with activities as well as speakers from Kids Against Hunger and Blessings in a Backpack. If they have enough volunteers, they will make blankets to donate to a local clothing shelter.

"Anyone can come," invited Morgan Ritthaler. "Plus the bags go right to the kids in the different countries."

"Thank you everyone for supporting us," Addis added. "Even the littlest bit went a long way. We couldn't have done it without their support - either in advice or donations."

For more information, contact Donley at ldonley@clarkston.k12.mi.us.



NICE DAY FOR DUCKS: Some feathered friends enjoy nice February weather, Sunday, in Depot Park. The sunny skies haven't been great for the park's new ice skating rink, but it's fine for the ducks. Photo by Trevor Keiser

90 day suspension for Mike Clark

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Mike Clark, Independence Township deputy supervisor, has 90 days to think about township closed sessions.

Trustees suspended Clark for 90 days, directing him "to refrain from coming on any township property except for publicly available areas unless requested by the HR director or designate and the suspension will not limit his attendance at public meetings."

According to the board order, approved 4-2, Feb. 21, Clark must provide paperwork, drug tests, and other procedures as required by the Human Resource department.

Also, he must provide a written apology to the board and the township for his misconduct. The township board may then lift the suspension.

"We have a responsibility not only to the employees, but to the citizens of the township that we act in a responsible manner, irregardless of whether or not that impact is greater or less on an individual," said Trustee David Lohmeier. "We have had legal opinions and determined Mr. Michael Clark is officially an employee, even though he doesn't have any authorities or responsibilities. The deputy supervisor

position is an employee of the township."

Trustee Larry Rosso agreed the reprimand was necessary.

"We don't want an employee to ever replicate that type of behavior," he said. "We don't want to be exposed or viewed by other municipalities as one that does not have control of the political and the more importantly the legal process that we are duty bound to follow."

Clerk Barbara Pallotta said she felt the motion was well thought out.

"I support motion in hope that Mr. Michael Clark will take this to heart," Pallotta said. "You can't be an employee in name only. You have to actually conduct yourself in a professional manner because you are representing the township and the public."

While he did not agree with the behavior, Trustee Mark Petterson voted against the motion because he felt Clark was only following orders given by Supervisor Dave Wagner and "didn't have a clear intention of absolutely disrupting the meeting."

"I think the whole thing is an absolute big giant mistake," he said. "I think we



Clark

could have spent our money better than chasing our attorneys around looking for opinions."

Treasurer Curt Carson voted "no" because he felt the board wasted time on a non-issue.

Trustee Neil Wallace wished Clark would have attended the meeting, so he could have "urged him to do the community a favor and give them a break from his pointless and unproductive diatribes."

"I suspect he does not have the personal self awareness or discipline not to come back here, but to me it won't matter. He's demonstrated who he is and he's demonstrated he's not to be taken seriously," Wallace said. "I certainly will not be able to take him serious after these events."

Clark said he only serves at the pleasure of the supervisor, according to state statute MCL 41:61 paragraph two.

"I do not serve at the pleasure of the township board they do have no authority to reprimand me," Clark said. "There are other legal entities in the state of Michigan that have jurisdiction over this issue besides the township attorneys."

Township officials called deputies after Clark refused to leave a closed session last December.

No permanent placement for public comments

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Public comments at Independence Township Board meetings are back up front, though not officially.

Treasurer Curt Carson's motion to move public comment to the top of the agenda permanently was denied in a 3-3 vote.

Clerk Barbara Pallotta can place public comment at the top of the agenda at her discretion.

"In the last three meetings we have gone ahead and moved public comment back up to the front of the meeting each time and it's worked very well, other than the fact people aren't aware that could potentially happen," Carson said. "I believe having the ability to come in and speak, and tell the board what their thoughts are, whether it's positive or negative, is a right our residents and citizens should have."

Trustees moved public comment to the end of the agenda six months ago. Since then, many residents told Carson they felt disenfranchised in participating in the process or voicing their opinions.

Trustee Neil Wallace voted to move it formally back to the front, but also agreed to move it to the end of the agenda last year.

"The only reason I agreed with it was because it wasn't being used, it was being abused over and over. It was disruptive of our meetings and to the point where it made it difficult to pierce through and be productive," Wallace said. "I think that threat has dissipated and I'm no longer concerned."

Wallace was referring to comments by current Deputy Supervisor Michael Clark.

Trustee David Lohmeier said he liked moving public comments to the front because it didn't require people to stay until the end of the meeting, but opposed doing it by formal motion.

"I think Mrs. Pallotta has had a lot of flexibility in agenda formats which has worked out tremendously well," he said. "I'm not a big fan of starting to arbitrarily put controls around her, where this has to be here and this has to be there."

Lohmeier also noted if anyone uses public comment to disrupt meetings, he would be the first to ask it be moved back to the end of the agenda.

Trustee Mark Petterson agreed.

"The board can move it around anytime, we're just adding more bureaucracy to it. If it gets out of hand, we can move it again," Petterson said. "Right now you're going to

tie our hands with our own motion."

However, Carson said the public needs to know when they can speak. Trustee Larry Rosso agreed.

"The public should have some definitive knowledge when we post the agenda that they have the right to speak at that time and they can arrange their schedule accordingly," he said. "I think it should be policy when precisely it is scheduled."

Clerk Barbara Pallotta said she liked the flexibility she had been given on the agenda and wanted it to continue.

"I'm a firm believer the main reason we're here is to conduct the business of the township. If we can't get through this business, we defeat the purpose of the agenda," she said. "Roberts Rules allows us for public comment, but it's at our discretion."

Pallotta also feels if a person comes to a meeting to speak on something not on the agenda, it's usually a complaint, which means the board is not doing its job.

"At that point I would gladly move public comment up - if I'm not doing my job towards someone to publicly call me out on something," she said. "But I still would like the opportunity to resolve problems before they hit the podium."

Briefly

Safety path committee

Independence Township Board voted unanimously to reconstitute the Safety Path Committee.

Committee members Joe Figa, Deborah Froehlich, Tammie Heazlit, Nancy Peek, and Ron Ritchie will discuss plans for new paths, connections, safety, and path master plan in the township.

Also, Safety Path Superintendent Kevin Daniels is a non-voting member, and Clerk Barbara Pallotta is the voting board representative.

Property tax town hall

State reps. Eileen Kowall and Brad Jacobsen sponsor a town hall meeting on property tax assessment and the Board of Review appeal process, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Monday, March 5, Springfield Library, 2000 Davisburg Road.

The free event is a joint effort with state Sen. Dave Robertson, R-Grand Blanc, and will feature Mark Avery, local attorney and tax expert.

Topics include methods of appeal and common mistakes to avoid when completing property taxes. Local residents are encouraged to ask questions.

For more information, call 866-334-0010 or email EileenKowall@house.mi.gov.

Clarification

The story "Wallace sets sight on supervisor seat," Feb. 8, should not have used "search" when referring to Trustee Neil Wallace's calls to township employees in reference to the township's missing tractor.

Deputies' report stated a Department of Public Works employee "received a phone call from a board member by the name of Neil Wallace who gave him an address on Pine Knob Road and asked him to have the parks guys go by the address and see if the tractor in the yard could be the one that belonged to the township."

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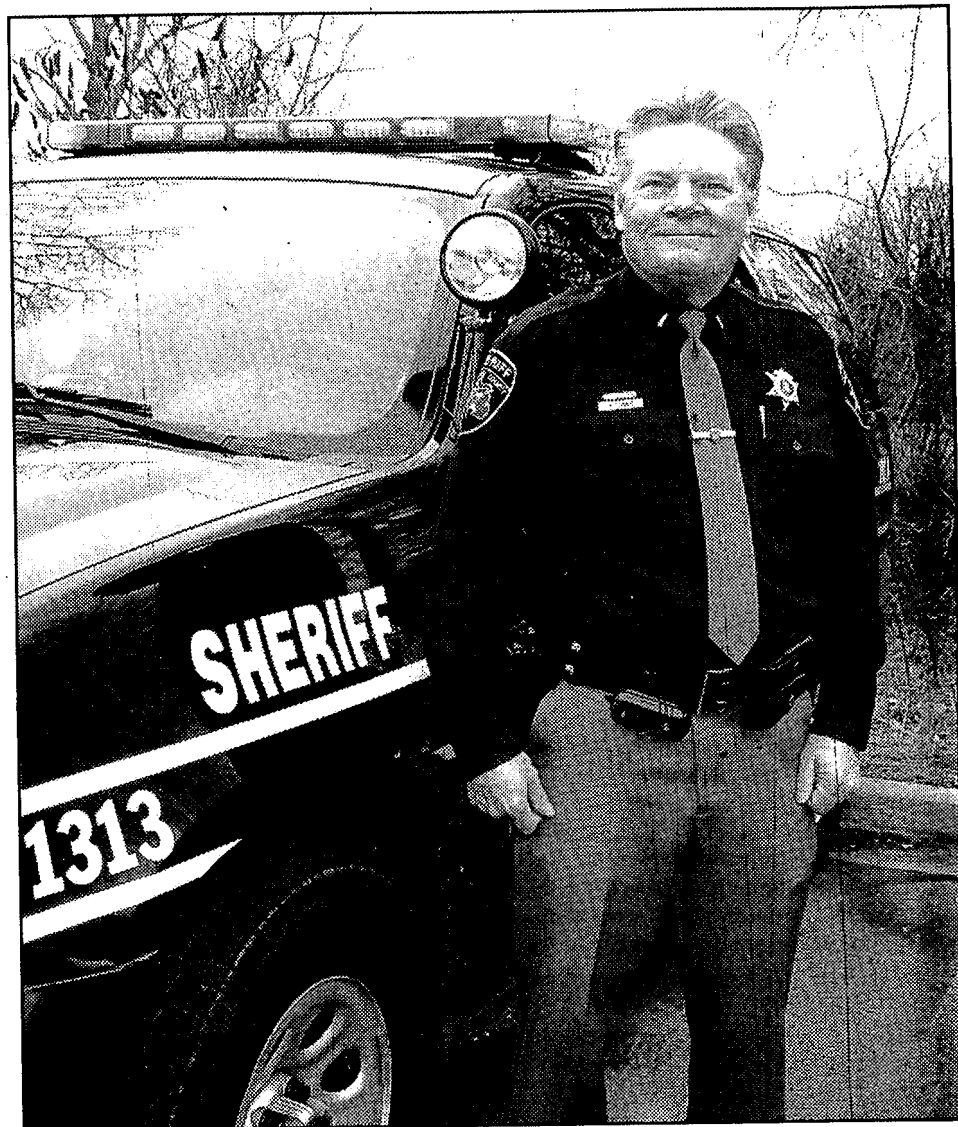
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Lt. Dale LaBair, who joined Oakland County Sheriff's Office in 1972, is ready to retire. Photo by Phil Custodio



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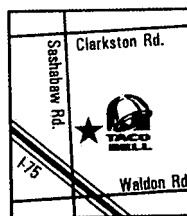
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Four decades on the force

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

After 40 years of making the Clarkston area safe, Lt. Dale LaBair is ready to ride off into the sunset, heading for the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee.

LaBair, commander of Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation, plans to retire this year and move to Greenback, Tenn., with his wife, Lisa, and daughter Lauren, where they already own property.

"My wife is getting antsy to move," he said. "We like the area—it's a good, middle of the road place with a nice climate, overlooking the foothills of the Smokies."

LaBair joined Oakland County Sheriff Office in 1972, when Sheriff Frank Irons was in charge.

"I was two days from being 22 years old—I was probably one of the youngest there," he said. "I was interested in it, and I knew they liked military people."

He was in the U.S. Army Reserves, joining in 1970. At the time, deputies assigned to north Oakland County patrolled large areas.

"We went everywhere. Springfield Township, Groveland Township, Holly—that would be all one car," he said. "It was pretty crazy but a lot of fun."

Crime seems to be less, but they stayed busy dealing with bar fights, brawls, and big field parties—all with nothing but a six-shooter, nightstick, and radio in the car.

"It was a little wilder," he said. "Deputies had a lot more authority. They were the law."

Through the years, he also worked undercover investigating narcotics crimes, laboratory and range work, special investigations, records, and jail administration.

"They treated me well," he said. "It's been a good job for me, I enjoy it."

He was named substation commander in 1995, his first command.

"And I've been here ever since," he said. "I've had good people to work with. They made the job fun."

One of the highlights was attending the FBI National Academy in Virginia in 2007.

"It was very prestigious, I enjoyed it," he said.



Clarkston High School's Detroit Voice group includes Sarah Milano, Mason Van Gieson, Adrianna Fay, Saaja Rayford, Manny Estrada, Dakota Miller, Conor Foley, Nathan Wilson, and Jameson Waterbury. *Photo provided*

Clarkston group in competition

Clarkston High School Vocal Music Department hosts the International Championship of High School A Cappella Great Lakes Semi-Final, 7 p.m., Saturday, March 3, in the high school Performing Arts Center.

Clarkston High School's own Detroit Voice will compete against four other groups from three states in the vocal tournament for the chance to advance to the finals in New York City in April.

Groups sing popular music from Motown to Katy Perry.

"The best way to describe contemporary a cappella music is to imagine your favorite song from the radio and then imagine all of the instruments and instrument sounds produced by only the human voice," said Brian Haverkate, Clarkston High School vocal director. "These groups will amaze you with the sounds they are able to create."

Detroit Voice includes Sarah Milano, senior, soprano; Mason Van Gieson, sophomore, soprano; Adrianna Fay, senior, alto; Saaja Rayford, senior, alto; Manny Estrada, junior, tenor; Dakota Miller, senior, tenor; Conor Foley, senior, vocal percussion/baritone; Nathan Wilson, freshman, baritone; and Jameson Waterbury, senior, bass.

They will be singing music by Stevie Wonder, Boyz II Men, and Aretha Franklin. General admission tickets are \$5 for stu-

dents and \$10 for adults. Purchase at the door or in advance at www.varsityvocals.com/ichsa on the "Events" page through www.ticketalternative.com. Tickets purchased in advance will be held at Will Call on the evening of the show.

For further information contact Haverkate at bdhaverkate@clarkston.k12.mi.us or visit the Clarkston Choirs website at www.clarkstonchoirs.com.

— Phil Custodio



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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

March Madness

Good-bye February. It was fun but now it is time for March, marking the end and beginning of two sport seasons.

This week's adventures include the Lady Wolves Varsity Basketball team going for their second consecutive district title in Holly. A Wolfpack of five from the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling heading to the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals.

Go in with a bang, Clarkston, and make a sizzle. Sorry. Getting excited for all the teams as they get one step closer to their goals.

In the middle of March is the beginning of spring season with try-outs and the start of practice.

If you haven't seen, turn to page 11A to check it out, we are doing a full-color spring sports special edition. Get ready to add it to your keepsakes. (Graduation parties are only a few months away - do you have all the photos you need of your senior? I want you to be prepared.)

March is also a month of celebrating reading - which if you are just starting to read this column I am a big fan of reading. Others already know the smell of books and words formulated in a stream of creativity gets me everytime.

The month begins with sadness though. Jan Berenstain, co-creator of *The Berenstain Bears*, died last Friday. The adventures of Papa Bear, Mama Bear, Brother Bear and Sister Bear were always a favorite as a child. They were great stories with great illustrations and lessons.

I still have my collection and started my niece on them. I bought her *The Berenstain Bears and the New Baby* before her brother was born.

My favorite was probably *The Berenstain Bears and the Bad Habit* because like Sister Bear I had a bad nail-biting habit.

March is the perfect time to get into the habit of reading - either for yourself or to read to someone else. A perfect opportunity to visit the library, find a bookstore or try a new author.

I know a few schools are doing something special during the month - tell us what you are doing.

Or better yet, tell us your favorite book. I am always looking for new authors to try - best places to I have found them are used book sales and on Amazon. Though Amazon can be dangerous.



Support for ethical conduct rules

Dear Editor,

I'm afraid *The Clarkston News* has misidentified the main issue raised by George Butler's presentation on appropriate and ethical conduct by school board members at the Feb. 13 board meeting ("Gag Rule?" and "Phil in the Blank," Feb. 22).

Citizens of Clarkston and our hometown paper should ask, why was it even necessary for Mr. Butler to address the board on ethical conduct?

If any of the hypothetical activity Mr. Butler described has occurred, then school board members have been subverting state

law, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and violating their own policies and procedures.

These laws and rules exist to protect the democratic process and ideals, including free speech, which are compromised when elected officials seek to influence decisions in secret or outside the parameters established by law.

This rogue activity doesn't make someone a champion of the people, it makes that person an impediment to student achievement and unworthy of holding a position of trust in our community.

Kelli Horst
Springfield Township

Letters to the editor

A call to support children with bond

Dear Editor,

I would first like to remind everyone that when we replace negative thoughts with positive ones, we will start receiving positive results!

The cost of this bond is minimal and just imagine how it will help give our children the quality education that they deserve.

We have to remember that children are the future. U.S. schools are not where they

need to be in comparison to many other countries. And Michigan schools are not where they should be in comparison to many other states!

Therefore, we need help! Dr. Rock and his team are trying to provide it. We need this bond passed - our kids deserve it!

Regards,

Anna Muzzy
Independence Township

Reader supports following Hyer's precedent

Dear Editor,

As a longtime resident, I was shocked to find out that elected members of the Clarkston School Board have to take an oath to give up their first amendment rights to speak freely to those that have elected them. The notion that board members must make a disclaimer before speaking to the public, violates both the intent, and purpose of the first amendment of our Constitution. Thankfully five days into the gag order, school board Treasurer Steven Hyer has restored those rights back to all board members.

He and three students went to WJR radio studios, Feb. 18, for an interview that was not approved by the board. This, after being told five days earlier that board members who use their title without first disclaiming they are not speaking for the board is a "crystal, crystal, clear" violation of board bylaws, and is "totally inappropriate behavior" for a board member to engage in, but Mr. Hyer ignored that mandate and did so anyway.

Bylaw 0143.1 states: "The individual making the public statement shall not use his/her board title." And "this bylaw shall apply to ALL statements and/or writings by individual Board members not explicitly sanctioned by a majority of its members." There are no exceptions to the rule for opinions that agree

with a board resolution. Again, that much is "crystal, crystal clear."

Mr. Hyer has effectively set precedent for the rest of the board to follow. I encourage all Clarkston school district board members to follow Mr. Hyer's example and speak out, meet and talk with students, go to the public and give your opinion. And go into the classrooms that Mr. Hyer "has seen excellent work being done in" and experience that same "excellent work" firsthand.

Mr. Hyer's actions of late have shown the public that board members still have a God given right to speak freely, and that doing so IS the honorable thing to do.

However, I am dumbfounded as to why he would present a motion to reaffirm board bylaws and policies, passed 7-0, that he didn't believe in, and never planned to abide by. Thanks to Mr. Hyer, the gag order has been lifted.

I would like to be the first to welcome the Clarkston school board back to America, the land of free and the home of the brave. Board members can now exercise their new found freedoms as diligently as Mr. Hyer has. It would be "bad boardsmanship" not to do so. Let freedom ring!

Michael L. Powell
Independence Township

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Clarkston band releases first CD"

By day Frank Busemi, Ken Thomas, Michael Kimsal, and Martin Foulkes were all early 20's professionals, but by night they were rockers. Their band was called 'The Serfs. They had a release party for their first CD at Griff's Grill in Pontiac. The CD contained 10 songs and sold for \$10.

"New fire hall opens" After months of waiting, the Independence Township Fire Department finally moved into their new home on Citation Drive. The new headquarters was also the new home of station one and the Oakland County Sheriff Substation. The move was delayed due to several problems in the interior.

"Crimes up in Independence in '96"

After a year dip in 1995, crimes in Independence Township returned to their normal pattern in 1996, rising about 15 percent overall. Crimes in most categories rose, including the most serious Group A crimes such as burglary, vehicle theft and larceny. Group B crimes rose, including fraud, drunk driving, runaways, and liquor law violations. Group C incidents included traffic accidents also rose.

25 years ago - 1986

"Traffic irks subdivision dwellers"

A Chestnut Hills Farms resident was upset when she discovered traffic was just as heavy on her subdivision street as it was when she lived in Royal Oak. She put her house up for sale. Traffic counts taken in 1984 and 1986 showed an increase in cars using the shortcut.

"Howes sue" Virgil and Barbara Howe, parents of ex-major league pitcher Steve Howe, filed a lawsuit against a sports writer for a story which implied Virgil's alcoholism contributed to Steve's drug problems.

"3 on village ballot Monday, March 9" For the nearly 1,000 Clarkston residents another decision about government was close at hand. Three trustees were up for re-election March 9. James Schultz, Fontie ApMadoc and Douglas Roeser.

50 years ago - 1961

"Local youth prize winner"

Clarkston Youth Fred Warrick won third prize and a transistor radio in a Central Michigan University photography contest. He was one of three winners out of 175 entries. Categories included nature and landscaping, collegiate life, human interest and portraits and novelty trick photography.

Doctor, do I watch too many detective shows?

My most watched shows on television are "The Mentalist," "NCIS," "The Closer" and "Blue Blood." My DVR is programmed to record them.

They came to mind recently when I found myself searching for the background of a recently recommended orthopedic surgeon.

Last October I first noticed my left forearm hurt when it touched the arm of my computer chair. At first I ignored it, then in January I mentioned it to my GP.

Neither he nor I could locate the sore spot by feeling the arm. Then came the testing, mostly at Crittenton Hospital.

That was an x-ray. Over the next month inconclusive findings came from a catscan, an MRI and a CT, whatever that is.

Ah, my doctor said, let's see if an orthopedic person can conclude something from these four tests.

This one was officed at Beaumont Hospital's Campus-home in Royal Oak. Calling that complex a campus doesn't begin to describing the size of this layout.

Our instructions were to follow the green signs. The only less-than 4-story building is what looks to be a sprawling rich man's home. There are acres of park-

ing lots, plus a 4-story parking structure.

There's money in medicine, baby!

My first background check of my latest doctor was the phone book. Her name sounded oriental, but when I asked if she was Chinese, I got a giggle.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

It was my plan to make sure I was given results in non-broken English.

Her phone number-address indicated a Clarkston area residence. That clue got me to thinking she must know of, and should be reading one of Sherman Publications four weekly newspapers, *The Clarkston News*.

With that knowledge I could start a conversation, setting a friendly atmosphere, and maybe getting her to inform me totally of my sore.

Tom Sellack on Blue Blood couldn't have done it better.

I started, "You must read *The Clarkston News*?"

"I leaf through it."

"Do you read Page 7?"

"What's on Page 7?"

That's when my driver, son Jim, said, "That's where his column is."

Now, I reasoned, I was not *just* a patient, but someone she should *want* to know.

There was more banter, with it ending when she promised, "I will certainly read your column on Page 7 of *The Clarkston News* that's home on my counter."

Playing the part of the Mentalist, I continued to study her eyes as she said, "I found nothing to be concerned about in your pictures."

Ah, great news is always wonderful to hear and see telepathically.

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- A ESPN announcer said, "Stay tuned for Women's Cup standings." I stayed tuned hoping they would also announce the Men's Cup standings.

- A pizza company is running a campaign to stop avian obesity. Someone, please, come up with a dietary bird seed.

- When a pill company spends more time warning of possible effects than selling the product, hit the ignore button.

- If the amount of our national debt is not important, as Obama says, why pay taxes?

OMG WWDD? What would Dad do?

So, there I was. All snuggled up, warm and cozy under the blankies, lying in bed reading some cheap pulp fiction (Black Rain, by Graham Brown). It was last Wednesday night, around 8:30. As my eyes scanned the letters before me, I noticed the wind pickup behind me, outside.

Soon there after, I heard a soft thud against one of the three windows behind my headboard. And, then another. "Hmm. I thought," taking a moment's break from reading. "The wind is really picking up."

Then the two cats started making a racket in the window, which distracted my reading some more. "Argg!" I growled at the felines in my vicinity. I threw off the covers in exasperation and stood on the cold, wooden floor (to keep my rein as *Cheapest Dad In Town* alive, I keep Case d'Rush a balmy 52 degrees Fahrenheit all winter).

A little bird was sitting on the other side of the windowsill. The cats went into a deeper frenzy each time the bird hopped up and slammed itself against the glass. What the . . . ?

It was a smallish bird. If I had to guess, and I am, I'd say it was a finch

of sorts. It looked young. Has the warm winter made for early broods of birdlings? I turned off the reading light over my headboard.

The bird stopped banging up against the window.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

I turned on the lights, and, thud. The bird hit the invisible-to-it plane of glass. I turned off the light.

I got out a flash light and shined it out the window; soon the ball of feathers was on the ground a few feet away from the window. The wind picked up and the storm windows rattled a little. I took a deep breath and flicked off the flash-

light.

What to do? Turning the light on to read would only make the little birdie bounce back up and off the window. But, I wanted to read. I wasn't tired. I knew it was cold outside, because standing there in my skivvies I started to notice the chill myself. "Poor little bird," I thought. "Mother Nature's a cruel mistress. Survival of the

fittest, and all."

I hopped back in bed and put the covers over my head and turned the flashlight on and started reading again. Tic-toc. But, I couldn't concentrate on the words in the book . . . tic-toc . . . the plot . . . tic-toc . . . characters . . . tic-toc . . . and cadence were lost . . . tic-toc!

That dang-blabit-little-bird.

A little voice inside my head squeaked, "What would Dad, do?"

Growing up, my dad was the persona of masculinity. To the outside world he let on his love of country, John Wayne movies, all sports, meat, potatoes and Winstons cigarettes. He didn't like cats or birds or fish or lizards. Houses were for people and dogs.

Everybody who knew Dad, knew that. What they may or may not have known was he was tenderhearted. A softy. On countless occasions over the course of my childhood birds and some cats would make their way into our attached-garage to have their young.

And, each time Dad discovered this, he'd hang his head, then look up and shake it. "I'm a family man. Let them have their family."

He said the same thing each time.

And, the birds or cats would stay. When old enough, we would find homes for the kittens. As soon as the birds were old enough to fly, Dad would instruct yours truly to rid the garage of the nest and bid me and the sisters to keep the garage door closed.

And again, I thought of the howling wind, cold temperature and -- son-of-a-gun, it sucks to have a conscience!

I threw off the covers for the second time in about 10 minutes, got dressed, made a nest out of old newspapers in a basket, threw in a slice of bread and headed out into the night.

I found the little puffball out in the yard, picked him up and gently put him in the basket and then closed the top. I talked softly to him and put him in our side porch, out of the wind. I called my neighbor lady, Kathy, and told her I'd place a basket next to her back door in the morning, if the bird I caught was alive. In the morning, it was. I put the basket out in the morning by her back door, cuz the bird lived.

I later learned when Kathy went to give it some bird seed, it flew away. Mission accomplished. Maybe Dad would be proud.



Stop me if you have heard this one - Spencer Kerrigan performs his joke routine with Jacob Jones.

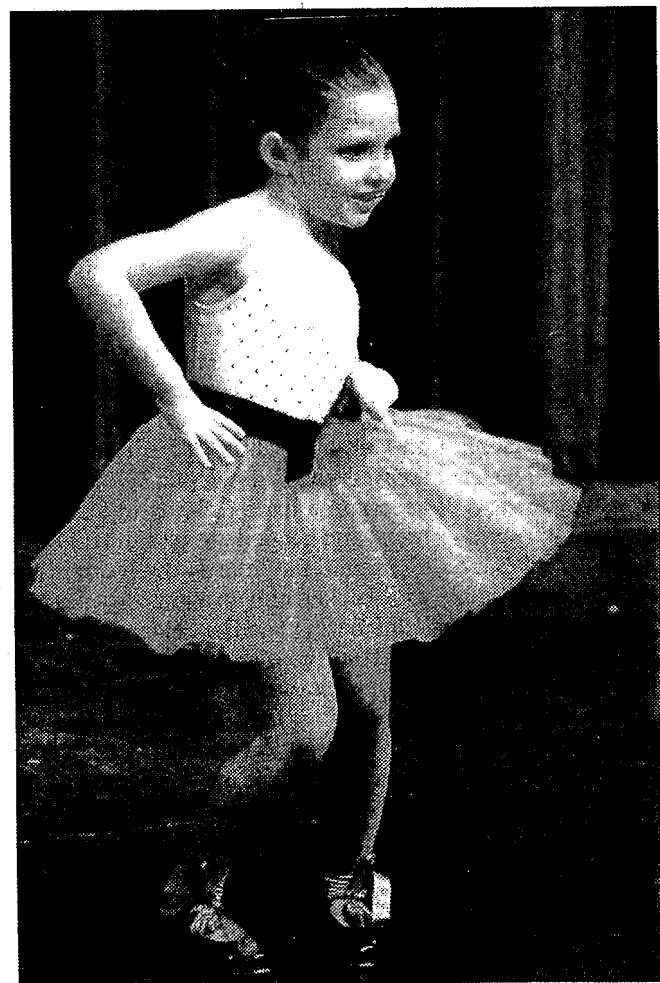
Show your skills

Forty acts of music, dancing, jokes lined the night for Bailey Lake Elementary's talent show - "The Nicest Kids in Town," last Friday.

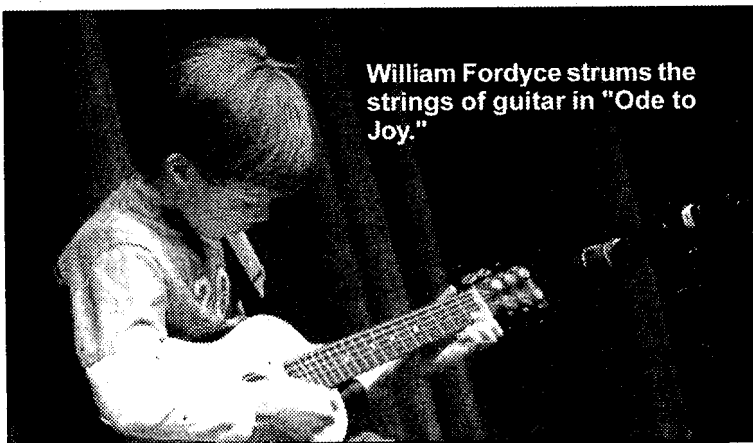
Amongst the talented students were also teachers with a surprise for the kids and the audience - a flash mob.



Joel Girschner, Valen Kurmanaik, Kyle Kaufman, Ben Haas and Ethan Hayes play a jazz beat on instruments they made. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Sophia Harp tap dances to a classic oldie "Little Bitty Pretty One" by Thurston Harris



William Fordyce strums the strings of guitar in "Ode to Joy."



Lauryn Sajan and Quinn Ludd go with the beat to "Party Rock Anthem."



Katharine Rottach sings "A Year Without Rain" by Selena Gomez.



Phoebe Savoie dances to the theme song from the Flintstones.

Laptop taken but not cats

A resident in the 4000 block of Fox Creek got home, 11:52 a.m., Feb. 15, and found two of his cats locked up in a bedroom and a laptop missing. There was no sign of forced entry.

Mean Canadians, eh?

Three Canadian men were ticketed for disorderly conduct at Pine Knob Ski Resort on Sashabaw Road, 7:05 p.m., Feb. 18. The men, 30, 31, and 34 years old, were reportedly cursing and throwing beer cans on resort grounds, ignoring requests to stop and refusing to leave. The three of them smelled strongly of alcohol, and the 30-year-old wore a belt with holders for beer in it.

Missing car

A car was reported missing from the 9000 block of Hadley Road, Feb. 18. The owner thought it might have been towed but a call to Independence Township showed that wasn't the case.

Not the right ones

Deputies on the lookout for two breaking-and-entering suspects stopped two men, 7:03 p.m., Feb. 19, at Tindall and E. Holly roads. A security guard who reported the incident said he wasn't sure about them so they were released.

Public Safety

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

Identity theft

A Sunridge Court couple received an email from a big box store thanking them for a \$196 online purchase, Feb. 20. They made no such purchase.

Assault arrest

A 32-year-old S. River Road woman was arrested for assault and battery, 8:54 a.m., Feb. 20. She reportedly pushed her mother to the floor and held her there during an argument. A friend who had come to visit pulled them apart.

Thefts from vehicles

An SUV's spare tire was taken in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, Feb. 21.

Someone smashed the passenger side window of a car parked in the 6000 block of Waldon Center Drive and took a laptop computer, 11:27 p.m., Feb. 21.

The front passenger window was smashed and purse taken from a car parked in the 4000 block of Maybee Road, Feb. 21.

Drunk designated driver

On the lookout for a reckless driver on Sashabaw Road, deputies stopped a 24-year-old man returning with friends from a rock concert in Auburn Hills, 10:50 p.m., Feb. 20. He was the designated driver, but said he drank 3-4 beers. With a preliminary breath test of .180, he was arrested for drunk driving.

Domestic assault

A 17-year-old Independence Township boy was arrested for domestic assault, 6:58 p.m., Feb. 22. In an argument, he pushed and choked his father, punched a wall, tried to run through a wall, grabbed a kitchen knife, made threats with it, then threw it, hitting the wall.

Call Crime Stoppers of Southeast Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN OR 1-888-887-6146.

Fund raisers for Legion Auxiliary

Campbell-Richmond Auxiliary Unit 63 hosts a Brunch, Bake-Sale and Brown Bag Auction fundraiser, 11 a.m., Saturday, March 10, at 8047 Ortonville Road.

Admission to brunch is a \$5 donation. Local businesses donated items for the bake sale and auction.

Proceeds benefit auxiliary's projects for veterans and active-duty military.

For more information call 248-935-1529 or 248-625-9912, after 3 p.m.

Auxiliary Unit 63 hosts an "Elvis" evening of entertainment, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Saturday, March 24.

Admission is \$10. All proceeds benefit the Girls State Program. For more information, call 248-625-1919.

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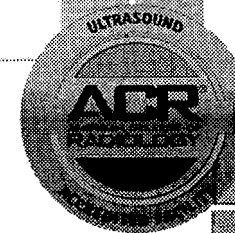
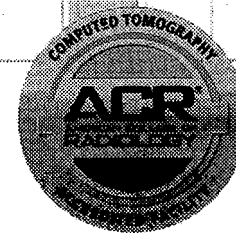
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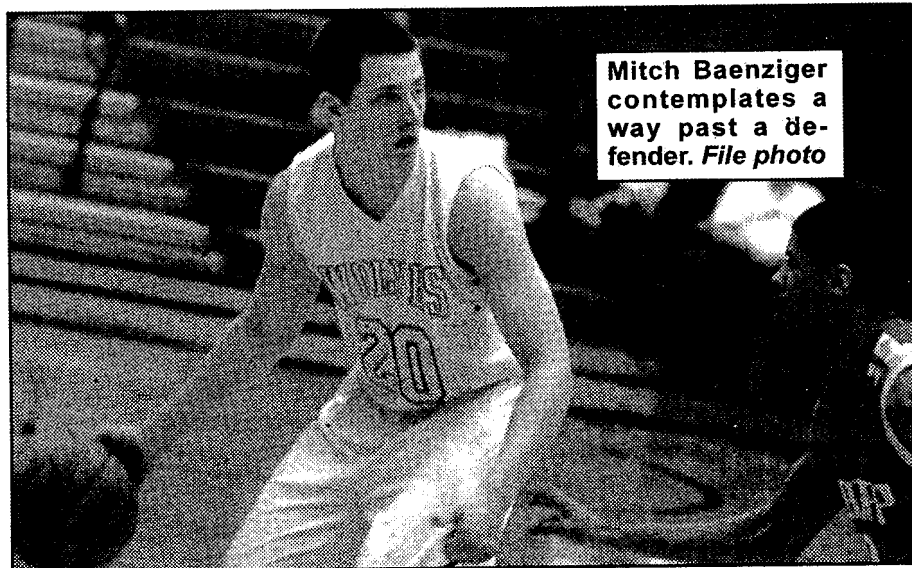
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Baenziger hoops it up

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Mitch Baenziger caught the pass from teammate Zach Collins and made his shot to continue the Wolves' lead in the last quarter on Friday night.

With the basket and five points prior, the lead was cut to 52-36 before the game finished as a 61-43 win for Clarkston.

He ended the game with nine points and scored 16 against Rochester Adams on Feb. 21.

Baenziger began playing basketball in third grade after finishing hockey. He decided it was time to try something different.

From the moment he stepped onto the wooden court and held the basketball in his hands, Baenziger enjoyed it.

"It has been my favorite sport since," he added. "I liked it and had a lot of fun."

Baenziger spent his fall seasons on the football field at quarterback for the Clarkston Varsity Football team. He said the two sports help each other out.

"You have to be tough to play football," he added. "The toughness of football translates on the basketball court. You also have to be strong with the ball."

The high pressure atmosphere on the field also helps when he plays basketball.

After his last year at Clarkston he would like to continue playing basketball

in college.

"I would play for any college that will give me a chance," he said.

Baenziger currently has a 3.6 grade point average as he ends his second trimester this Friday. He is currently taking Advanced Placement Calculus, Physics, Civics, a computer class. He also spends time helping autistic students with their school work.

His plan for college is to study Kinesiology, focusing his attention on sports medicine.

"I have a passion for sports," Baenziger explained. "It is something I want to continue. I am pretty good at math and science. It mixes sports with my math and science ability."

When he is playing sports, he is spending time with his family, hanging out with his friends, or enjoying the outdoors.

His advice to the young cagers and fans watching the Wolves every game is to work hard.

"Working hard in basketball can translate to working hard anywhere in life," Baenziger said.

"You can be talented in something but if you work harder you will be more successful."

Baenziger and his senior teammates play their last home game this Thursday against West Bloomfield, 7 p.m.

Getting ready for playoffs

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves clinched the OAA Red title after winning their game against Southfield, 61-43.

But the win wasn't as easy as the scoreboard portrayed as the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team fought through presses, turnovers and pressure on the court.

"We are taking the ugly win," said Dan Fife, head coach. "Southfield hasn't won a lot of games in the league but they should have. They are a lot better than their record shows. We had to play too hard mentally. We got consumed in ourselves when we made a mistake or missed shots."

The boys led ending the first half, 23-16.

"They are a good team," said senior Mitch Baenziger. "We struggled to take care of the ball. Once we got down on their offense we were able to have success. They had a ball pinch on us and it is something we have to work on."

Senior Nick Tatu opened the third quarter with a 3-pointer and Southfield scored four points in return. Zach Collins added a basket and Tatu scored five more points to build a 33-22 lead.

By the time the third quarter ended, the Wolves put eight more points on the board - from Jordan Dasuqi, Alan Kamieniecki and Matt Dellinger. The Bluejays put nine more points on the board.

"Everytime we got up on them, they cut it," said Fife. "We just hung in there and made key shots."

Dellinger opened the last quarter with a

basket only to have Southfield score on two free throw shots. Chance Huth followed it with a basket and Baenziger shot a 3-pointer before Southfield scored again. The boys continued to build momentum and climb raise their side of the scoreboard.

Tatu led with 17 points, scoring on five 3-pointers. Dellinger scored ten points and Baenziger had nine points.

The boys beat Rochester Adams on Feb. 21, 77-51. They opened with a 23-9 lead in the first quarter and kept building going into the remainder of the game.

Tatu and Baenziger led the team, scoring 16 points each. Matt Dellinger and Dasuqi scored 13 points each and Dylan Hancock added seven points.

It was Dellinger's return after being out for five and a half wins and it helped.

"Delly does a lot of things people don't see," said Fife. "He does the physical press. He has the toughness and the mental toughness."

The wins brought the boys up to 16-2, 10-0 in the OAA Red before they went into their last week of the regular season.

The Wolves host West Bloomfield on Thursday for their last game of the regular season.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The boys play Grand Blanc in the first round of MHSAA District playoffs on Monday at Swartz Creek High School, 5 p.m.

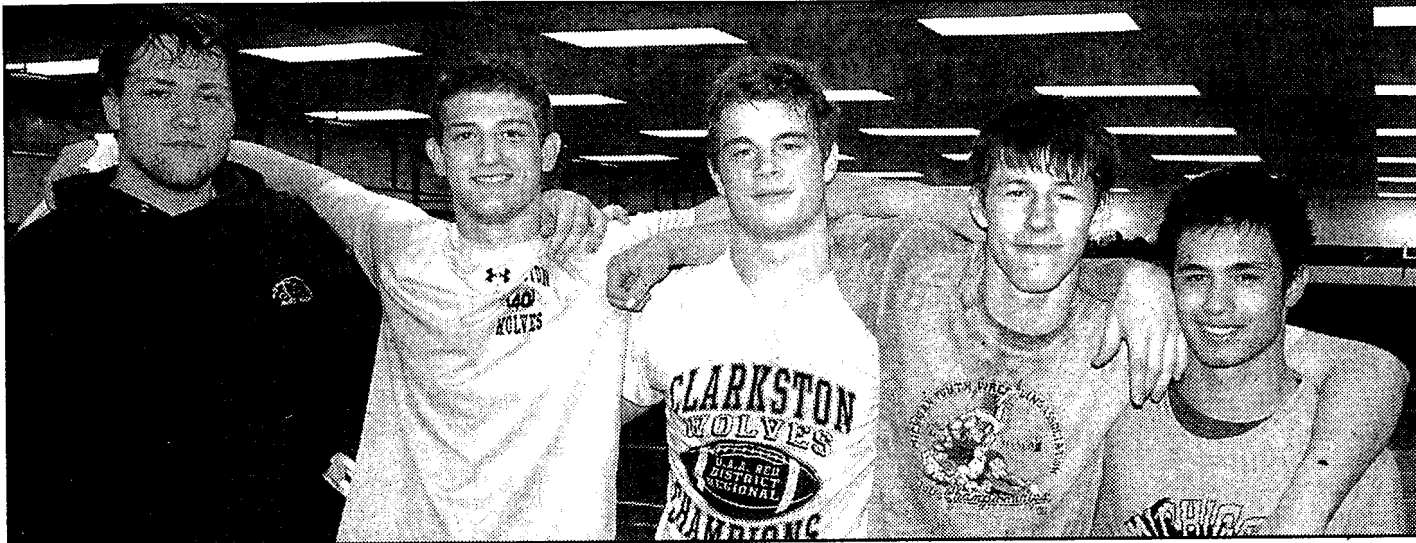
"We have seen them," said Fife. "They can do some things but not things we haven't seen before. It is a new season. Tomorrow is a new day. It is going to be about where our mind is."



Alan Kamieniecki battles his way past two Southfield defenders. Photo by Larry Wright


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Scott DeVos, Chris Calvano, Ethan Frick, Nick Vandermeer and Cameron Wilkie take a break from their practice Friday afternoon. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Five seek crowning glory

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The mats are being unrolled and laid at the Palace of Auburn Hills - setting the stage for this week's MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals.

Five grapplers from the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team are counting down the hours until the first round begins at 2:15 p.m. on Thursday.

"I am excited," said junior Chris Calvano about his first visit to the finals. "I am definitely nervous. I think I will be ready with the way we are preparing."

Sophomore Cameron Wilkie shared the same sentiment, also making his first appearance.

"My main goal was to make it to the Palace," he added. "Now it is time for a new goal. I just want to place. It doesn't matter where it is."

Returners Ethan Frick, Nick Vandermeer and Scott DeVos admitted they have been thinking about it every day and were more than ready.

"Last year I underestimated," Frick admitted, after his season ended after his first two matches in the 215-weight class. "If you expect an easy match or even a wrestler that lost by a lot - it is a mistake. Everyone wrestles their best at the Palace."

All agreed going through districts and the regionals competitions helped in preparation for their finals this week.

"It was a little bit harder at regionals than I thought," said Vandermeer. "I wish I wrestled harder. I had a tough bracket. Each match was harder. It was fun though."

"It was a challenge," DeVos admitted adding unlike Vandermeer he didn't have a tough bracket. "For districts I had a bye to the semifinals. Through regionals it was the wrestlers I beat in districts. It was a good experi-

ence."

Last year Vandermeer and DeVos finished at All-State, Vandermeer in eighth place and DeVos in fourth place. They look place again, but higher. While Calvano, Wilkie and Frick look to place in the top eight to be All-State finalists.

Frick (39-10) opens the state finals in the 189-pound weight class against Kevin Beazley from Detroit Catholic Central. Beazley finished last year with a loss to Clarkston in the championship round. Frick looks to continue the trend and add another loss to Beazley's 44-1 record.

"Some of us got matched up with tough guys," Frick added. "But we are going to go out there with no fear. It is training ourselves to focus. We know the moves. We know how to execute the moves."

DeVos (29-3) is next to wrestle for the Wolves in the 285-weight class. He takes on Fraser's Mike Fruelrich in his first match.

"I am going to go out there and wrestle the guy in front of me," he said. "I don't care about the bracket or I am at the Palace. I am going to wrestle the person."

Wilkie (36-14) will take on Gabe Martinez from Livonia Franklin to open up his first visit to the state finals in the 119-pound weight class.

Vandermeer also faces a Detroit Catholic Central opponent, Alec Mooradian, his first round. He wrestles in the 152-pound weight class and looks to improve his current 37-10 record.

Calvano (31-10) ends each round for Clarkston in the 171-pound weight class. He opens against Oxford's Liam Logan.

"It is about mental toughness," he added as he prepared.

Doors open at 1 p.m. on Thursday. Ticket prices are \$45 for all-session reserved seats, \$10 for single-session reserved seats and \$9

for general admission. All tickets include parking and are available at the Palace Box Office.

The competition continues into Friday and Saturday with rounds beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. The championship match begins at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday. Keep updated on the match at www.clarkstonnews.com.

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Bowlers off to Battle Creek for finals

The Wolves are heading off to state finals in Battle Creek this Saturday after their showing at their regional meet last week.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team started the momentum last Friday by winning the MHSAA Division 1, Region 3 Championship at Drake's Lanes - qualifying them for the finals.

Eric Wagner and Kyle Kirby had the high scores for the day. Wagner had a 632 series and Kirby had a 585 series.

"Conditions on the lanes were tough with the middle of the road pattern," said Alan Pittman, assistant coach. "Scores were low and shot making was at a premium."

The girls team finished in fourth place, missing third place to qualify for the finals by 42 pins.

"It was a tough loss for the girls considering they won the regionals just a year ago," Pittman added.

Stephanie Lavelly made it up to the team by qualifying for a trip to Battle Creek in the singles event. She made sixth place at the Saturday event. She will also bowl on Saturday.

Tyler Hanscak and Chris Gemborys were close to qualify for the boys team but finished in 19th and 25th place.

The boys finished their regular season

as OAA Red champions while four members from the boys varsity team and two members of the girls varsity team received their All-Conference medals at their league meet, Feb. 18.

The first team All-Conference honors went to Wagner with a second overall high average at 213 in the entire conference and Lavelly. She was also second overall with the highest average with a 194.

Second team All-Conference honors were Kirby, season average of 208; Hanscak, season average of 205; Gemborys, season average of 204; and Erika Nowak, season average of 176.

During the conference meet the boys took on Berkley, winning the first match and losing the second match. The third match was close to see who would move on to the championship round. The Wolves lost by eight points. They moved to the last match to take on Lake Orion. They swept the first two games to finish in third place.

The Lady Wolves also qualified after beating North Farmington and Oxford. They moved on the championship game against Lake Orion. They won the first game and lost the next two to finish in second place.



Stephanie Lavelly heads to state finals this Saturday. File photo

Wolfpack Update

Skiers battled an odd winter and used it to their advantage as they won the state championship on Monday.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team scored 81 points, keeping ahead of Marquette and their 117 points, to make school history.

Derek VanItallie led the team, finishing fourth in the slalom and the giant slalom. More details to come in future editions.

After claiming the OAA Red title, the Lady Wolves continued their momentum by winning the first round of the MHSAA District playoffs on Monday, 48-27.

They move on to the next round against Fenton on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The championship is set for 7 p.m. on Friday. Both games are at Holly High School, 6161 East Holly Road.

Icers lost to Lake Orion on Saturday for the OAA Red Championship, 3-2.

They could have an opportunity to play them again as they take on Lake Orion or Lapeer in the MHSAA Pre-Regional game, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at Detroit Skete Club.

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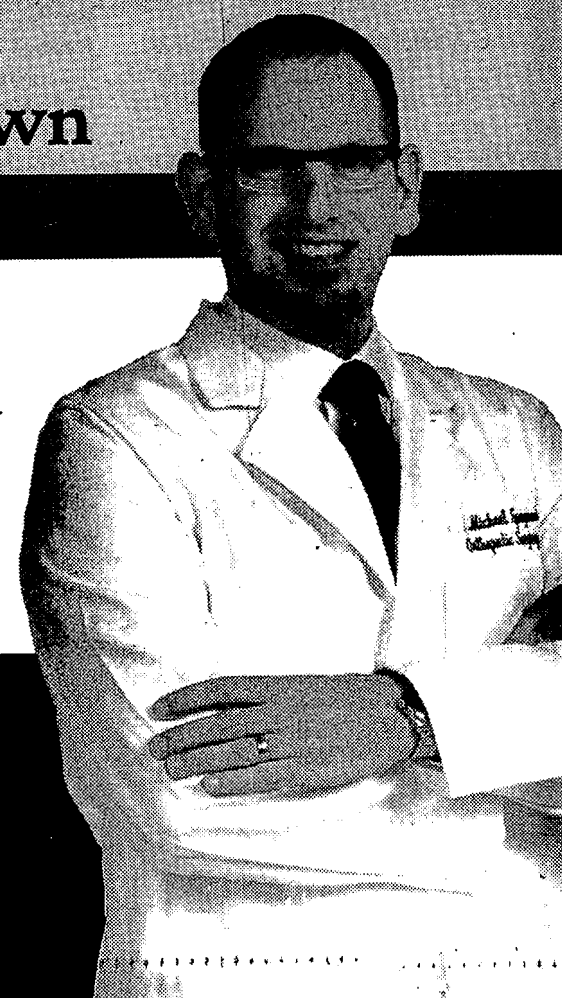
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Downtown walk

Dan Owens enjoys a brisk sunny day, Sunday, with a walk downtown with his dogs, Coco and Bailey. Photo by Trevor Keiser

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Cancer awareness

Swan for Life Cancer Foundation hosts a Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month program, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., March 3, at the Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive.

The event is free and open to all. Topics include Colon Cancer Screening, Survivorship, Support Services, and Nutrition. Eric Preston, a metro Detroit comedian, will also perform.

For more information, call Swan for Life at 248-620-9600, ext. 5, or check www.swanforlife.org.

Marathoners fight cancer

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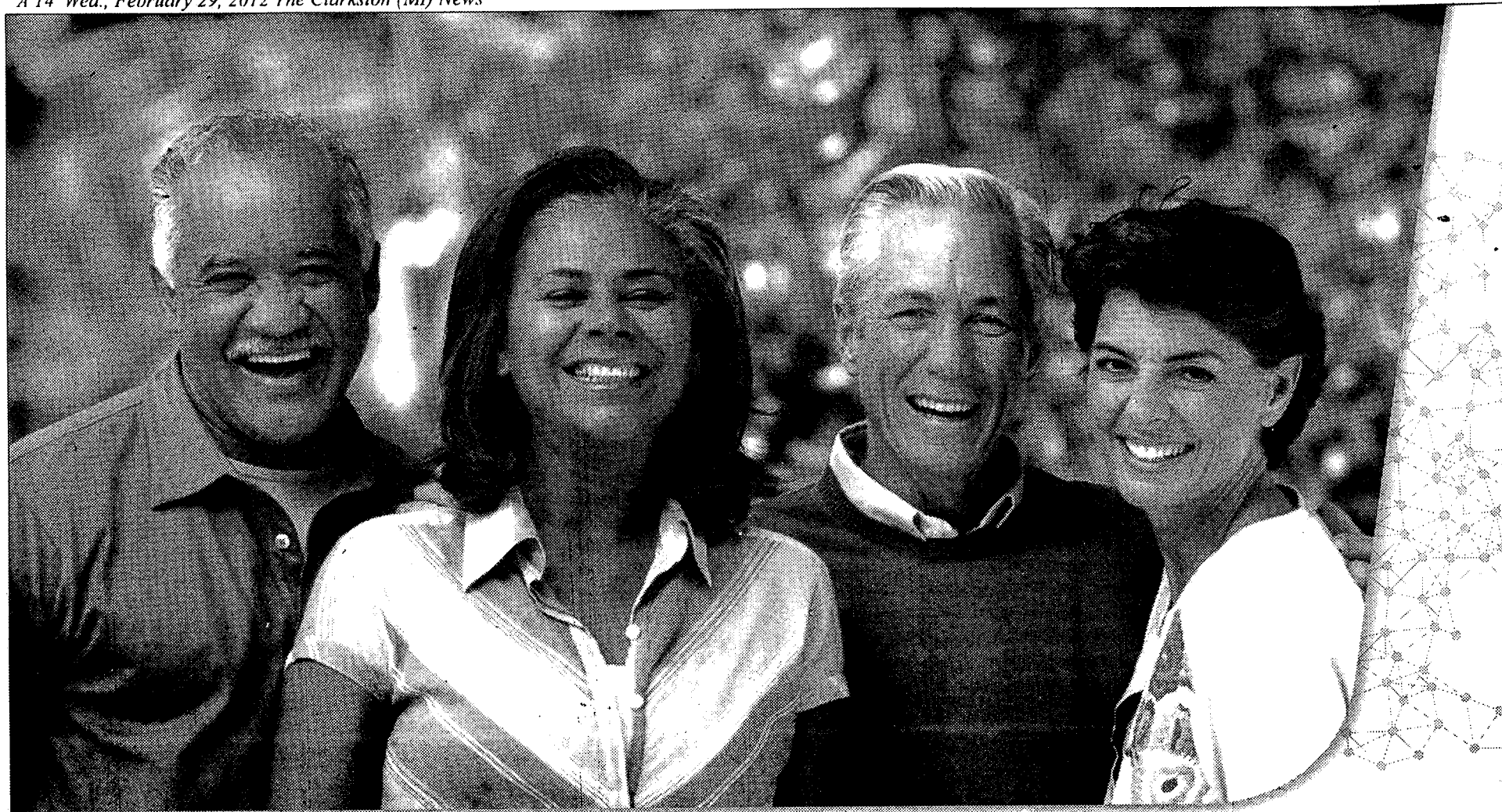


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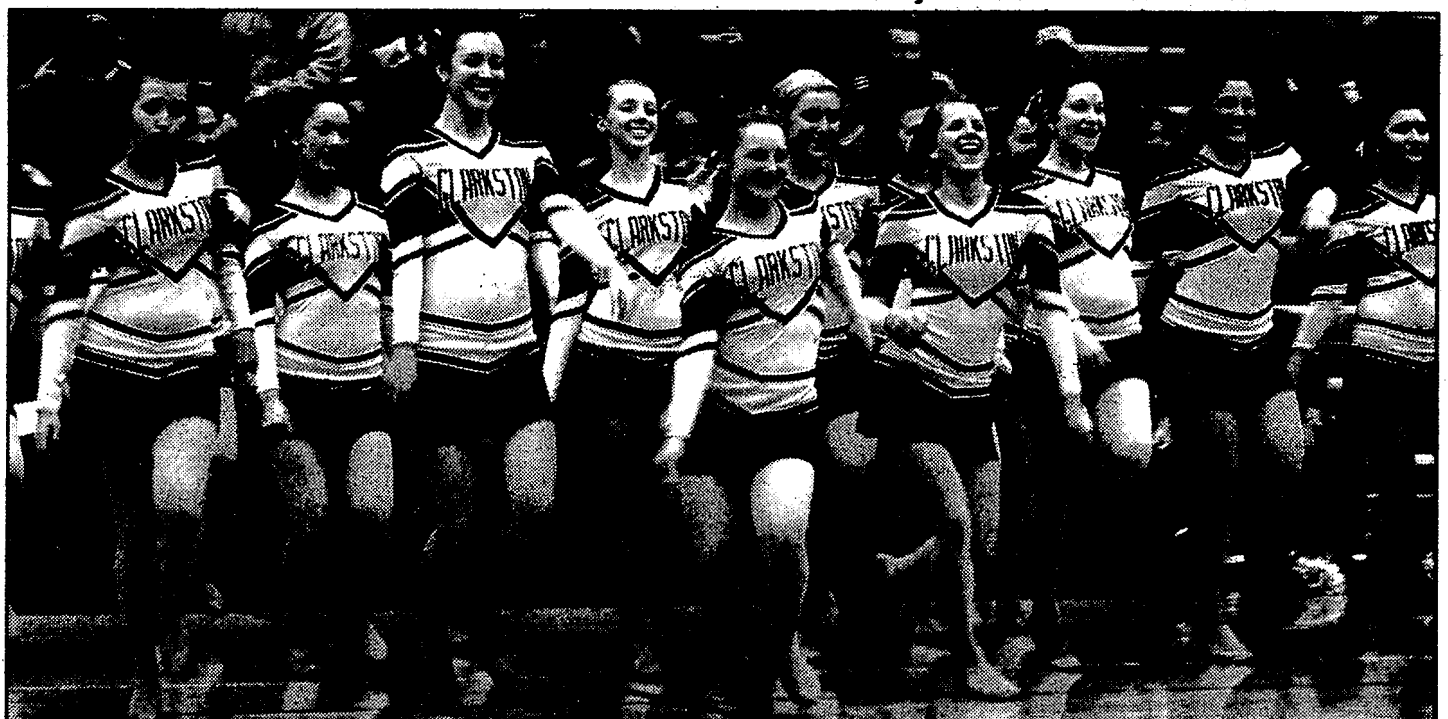
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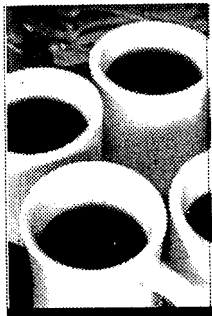
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Carpentry students at Oakland Technical Campus, northwest, put their skills to the test in competition at Springfield Oaks County Park, Feb. 16. Photo by Phil Custodio

Business achievements

Mary Jane Connolly joined Pink the Salon in September 2011. She is a Licensed Esthetician and offers a full range of facials, resurfacing peels, micro-current and complete body waxing.

Sandra Dalton was elected treasurer for the Ortonville Chamber of Commerce. She is branch manager at Clarkston State Bank Sashabaw Road Office, 6461 Sashabaw Road. She has been in banking 12 years, the last six years at Clarkston State Bank. She lives in Ortonville and along with manager of our Sashabaw Road Office she is also responsible for our courier program and our student banking program.

David B. Richards, graduate of Clarkston



Connolly



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High School class of 1973, was recently named Chief Operating Officer of Rossetti.

In his new role, Richards is responsible for management of all major architectural projects and management of the firm's day-to-day operations.

He has been with the firm for 33 years. Milestones in his career include his joining of the firm in 1978 as a Junior Draftsman, becoming a Registered Architect in 1981, an Associate of the firm in 1985, the Director of Technical Services in 1990, Director of Project Management in 2001 and being promoted to Principal in 2002.

Scott Hazelton, financial advisor in Clarkston, helped his firm Edward Jones achieve No. 5 rank on FORTUNE magazine's "100 Best Companies to Work For 2012."

Edward Jones also ranked No. 3 for large-sized companies and No. 2 for work-life balance for associates who feel "encouraged to balance their work and personal life." The firm was the highest ranking financial-services firm on the list.

This year's tax, retirement deadlines

Important Tax & Retirement Planning Deadlines for 2012:

Sept. 30 – Beneficiary Designation Date. It may be possible for beneficiaries of IRAs and Qualified Retirement Plans to take Required Minimum Distributions based on their own single life expectancy only if the deceased IRA or QRP account owner had a Designated Beneficiary(s).

Oct. 1 – 2012 Catch-up Contribution Universal Availability Deadline. Individuals who attain age 50 or over on or before December 31, 2012 may make catch-up contributions to applicable employer retirement plans.

Oct. 1 – Deadline to Establish SIMPLE IRA Plan for 2012 Plan Year. An employer may set up a Simple IRA plan any date between January 1, 2012 and October 1, 2012.

Oct. 1 – Deadline to Set Up a New Safe-Harbor 401(k) Plan for 2012 Plan Year. The first plan year must be at least a three-month plan year.

Oct. 15 – Last Day to Recharacterize a 2011 Conversion to a Roth. These taxpayers are (1) those whose Roth IRA has experienced a drop in market value of the assets following a 2011 conversion from a traditional to a Roth IRA, and (2) those who made a Roth IRA contribution and their AGI exceeded \$125,000 for a single filer, or \$183,000 for a married filer.

Nov. 2 – Deadline for Providing SIMPLE IRA Required Notices (Including Notification

of Plan Termination). Employers sponsoring a SIMPLE IRA plan must provide each eligible employee with two required notices 60 days prior to the start of the 2012 plan year. First, provide either (1) a Summary Plan Description (SPD) for the plan, or (2) a copy of the IRS Form 5304-Simple or 5305-Simple. Second, employers are also required to notify each eligible employee that he/she may make or change salary reduction elections during this 60-day period.

Dec. 1 – Deadline for Notification of Switch from Regular 401(k) or Profit Sharing Plan to a Safe Harbor 401(k) Plan. Employers that have amended their existing

401(k) or PSPs to include a safe-harbor 401(k) provision effective 2012 must provide written notice to each eligible employee between 30 and 90 days prior to the start of the 2012 plan year.

For more information on these and other year-end tax and financial planning opportunities, please consult with your Financial Advisor or CPA. This material was prepared by Raymond James for use by James B. Kruzan, CFP®, CRPC® of Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. Member FINRA/SIPC.

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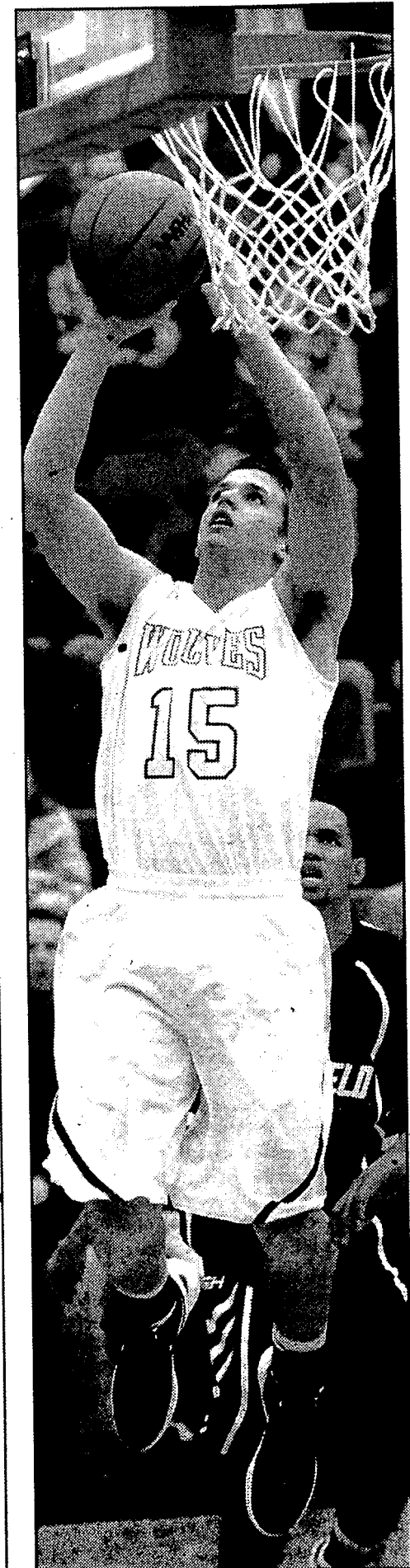
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HITTING THE HOOP: Matt Dellinger goes for the basket at the home game against Southfield, Feb. 24. Photo by Larry Wright

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.
Roll: Present - Mayor Luginiski, Bisio, Hunter, Hargis, Roth and Haven
Absent - Inabnit
Others Present - City Manager Ritter & Attorney Ryan

Moved by Hargis, supported by Haven, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.
Moved by Roth, support by Hunter to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Treasurer's Report:
Cash Disbursements - 1/7/2012 thru 2/10/2012
General Fund - \$37,154.61
Tax Fund - \$267,323.94
Sewer - \$ 9,790.68
Mill Pond - \$ 400.00
Motion Carried. Bisio voting No.
Moved by Roth, supported by Hargis to except resignation with regret from Charles Inabnit.
Motion Carried.
Moved by Hunter, supported by Haven to postpone the Job Descriptions of City Manager, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Administrative Assistant, DPW Director and DPW Crew Member until the next meeting of February 27, 2012.
Motion Carried.
Moved by Roth, support by Hargis to Adjourn at 8:50 PM
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Richter, Clerk

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.
OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

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.
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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.

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.
SYNOPSIS**

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
FEBRUARY 21, 2012

A. A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:31 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; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst, Julie Meredith, Library Director; Joe Barnhart, Cable Access Program Manager; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.; Elizabeth Young, Schultz and Young, P.C.
Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA as amended
E. CLOSED SESSION: None Requested
M. PUBLIC COMMENT: Craig Richardson, AFSCME Union President
F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Treasurer Carson announced the deadline for applications available to high school seniors from the counseling offices for scholarships through various local organizations is March 2nd and further announced that tickets are available for the Optimist's annual murder mystery fundraiser to be held on March 3rd.
G. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
1. Quarterly Report Presentation-Removed (Curt Carson, Treasurer)
2. Superintendent's Report (Bart Clark, Superintendent)
3. Monthly Budget Update (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)
4. Monthly Budget Adjustments (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)
Trustee Petterson arrived at 8:30 PM
5. Police Fund Update (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)
6. District Library Agreement Proposal Update (Julie Meredith, Library Director)
7. Cable Program Access Center (CPAC) Update (Joe Barnhart, Cable Access Program Manager)
I. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:
1. Discussion and Decision for Appropriate Disciplinary Action for Deputy Supervisor, Mike Clark (David Lohmeier, Trustee)
J. CONSENT AGENDA:
1. Request to Accept Treasurer's Quarterly Report-Removed for action at a later date (Curt Carson, Treasurer)
2. Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes-January 24, 2012- Approved
K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
L. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Request to Retain Professional Services of the Township and Labor Attorneys - Approved
2. Second Reading of Ordinance to Implement State Law-Contractor Requirements - Approved
3. Request to Reconstitute Safety Path Committee and Appoint Members - Approved
4. Request to Approve the 2012 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program Third Party Contract - Approved
5. Request to Direct Township Attorney to Research Hour Restrictions for Solicitation Ordinance - Approved
6. Request to Relocate Public Comment on the Agenda - Failed
The meeting RECESSED at 11:33
The meeting RECONVENED at 11:36
7. Request to Approve Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$253,990.49 - Approved
M. PUBLIC COMMENT: Moved to front of Agenda
N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics
O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
1. REPORT: Summary of Historic Sashabaw Plains Presbyterian Church Window Repair - Noted and Filed
P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 11:40 PM.
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want to see 'Hugo,' though."
- Tim Lenhardt

"I haven't seen it yet, but 'The Descendants' - we're going to Hawaii and I want to see that in the movie."



- Dave Cushing

"'Harry Potter' - I love everything about it, the books, movies. They're so entertaining!"



- Jane Magidsohn

"'Harry Potter, with the defeat of Voldemort, good vs. evil."



- Rick Clark

By Phil Custodio

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Playwright brings drama to Optimists

BY JOETTE KUNSE

Special to the Clarkston News

Independence Township author Patience Beer is always thinking about how current events can be integrated into her interactive plays. Beer has written her 10th play, "Murder Crashes the Wedding," for Clarkston Area Optimists Club.

This is the fifth play she has produced for the Optimists, this year set for March 3 at 6 p.m.

"Murder mysteries have to be thought of as a game, the solution to the mystery has to be easy enough for someone to figure out but not too obvious," said Beer, a retired librarian and voracious reader.

With a wedding, there are no shortage of plots. She has been thinking about the play for about six months and wrote it in January.

While Beer loves a good mystery and Kate Atkinson is her latest favorite, a murder mystery in an interactive play format has to be structured differently because it is 100 percent exposition. The events in an interactive play throw the audience into the story.

Beer laughs as she says she is influenced by the Marx Brothers and "Law and Order," ripped from the headlines. Members of the Beer family have appeared in her previous plays. Beer, a published author, says she comes from a family of writers, with her father authoring a mystery.

"Murder Crashes the Wedding" revolves around character Bindy Armbrewster, a woman in her fifties who has been married five times and widowed shortly after those weddings. Armbrewster plans to marry 27-year old Butch Cassidy Rockefeller. Beer's humor in names is evident throughout the play.

Beer said she takes some of her ideas from real life people and events. Listening to reports of the Kardashian wedding last year prompted her to put the murder mystery together with a wedding. Beer says the character Bambi Beyonce Armbrewster, step-mother of Bindy, is



Playwright Patience Beer, left, and Clarkston Optimist Club member Robin Brose review the script to one of Beer's plays. File photo

based loosely on the life of Anna Nicole Smith. Joining Bindy, Butch, and Bambi, will be a wedding planner, the best man, and an uninvited guest. Every character has secrets about themselves and nobody is quite who you think they are, Beer said.

Guests arriving at the Optimist dinner and play will be greeted by the actors, who will also mingle with the guests during the open wine and beer bar. Beer says she gives her actors a back story so when they are questioned by the audience, they can answer honestly.

The play is preceded by a dinner and silent auction. The play will be performed by local Clarkston Area Optimist members, ending with the murder scene. Each dinner table at the play will have the opportunity to solve the murder mystery and name a suspect. Beer says a prize is awarded for the winning table and also to the

table with the most imaginative solution.

"After the audience makes their guesses, the final scene of the play or the solution scene is acted out telling what really happened," Beer said.

Beer laughed and said, "there is no room for subtlety in an interactive play."

She said she loves to see the plays performed and it is her donation to the Optimist mission "of making a better future for the young people of the community."

The dinner theater is a major fundraiser of the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Tickets are \$60 per person for dinner, a beer and wine bar, silent auction and the murder mystery play. This year's event will be at Paint Creek Golf Club, 2375 Stanton Road. Tickets can be purchased at Brose Electric, 5897 Dixie Highway, Pay Pal, or from a local Optimist member.



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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.

Office hour, state Rep. Eileen Kowall, 12-1 p.m., March 5, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. 866-334-0010.

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.

Emergency Food Assistance Program, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 6. Independence Township Senior Adult Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Free food through OLHSA for seniors only. 248-209-2600.

Cats and the Fiddler, 7 p.m., March 9, Community Presbyterian Church, Monroe and Sashabaw, Waterford. Bluegrass, folk, country music. 248-673-7805.

Camp Scrap Lock-in for Oakland County Fair, March 9-11, Springfield Oaks County Park. \$75, round the clock scrapping, dinner, snacks, bev-

Around Town



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

erages. 248-634-8830.

Brunch, Bake Sale, Brown Bag Auction, 11 a.m., March 10, Campbell-Richmond Auxiliary Unit 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$5 donation for lunch. 248-935-1529. **Elvis** entertainment, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., March 24. \$10, proceeds benefit Girls State program. 248-625-1919.

Protecting Your Memory, Health, Wealth, and Life to the Fullest series, 4-5:30 p.m., March 18, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. With Dr. Nathan Chase, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Internal Medicine. 248-625-3288.

Genealogy Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 17, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Free, but register at 248-625-2212.

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.

Weekly meetings

Monday

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.

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.

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.

50+ Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Dance to country, salsa, cha-cha and rock and roll rhythms with Rosemary Hall to exercise your body and mind! Ongoing @ \$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

Tuesday

Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3, drop in, all levels welcome; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, drop in. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

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, 6770 Dixie

Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

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

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Diners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

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

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

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.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, Please see Around Town on page 6B

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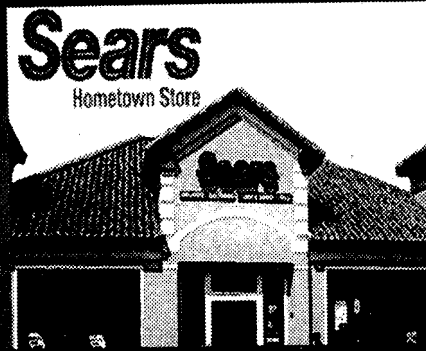
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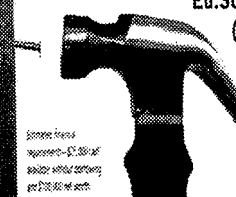
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 They're coming home, join the cry,
 Home, our loved ones, to you and I,
 Through the Desert Storm they churned,
 They proved the torch of liberty still burned.

Salute the courage they have shown,
 Turn out, turn out, our troops are coming home.
 They're coming home, wait, toll the bell
 For those who gave their all and fell
 In that far land across the sea.
 Let's bow our heads and bend the knee.
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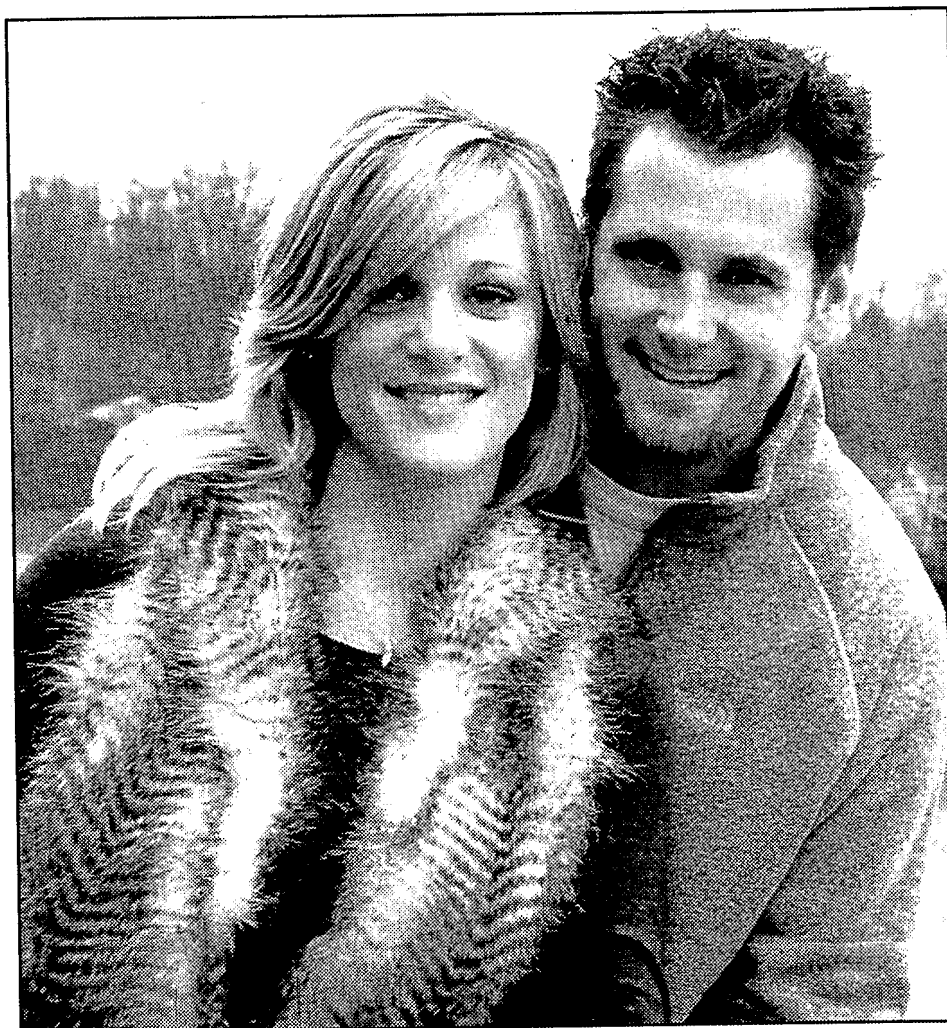
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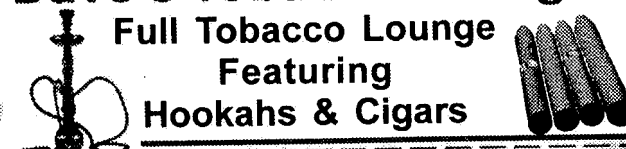
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Religion

Christian nation or nation of Christians?

Many people like to think of the United States as a Christian nation, they even see it as a part of our founding.

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When we align ourselves with the thought pattern that the United States is a Christian nation, we end up thinking that government is the solution for our problems.

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarrubias

Government is not our solution, God is!

Our government has not been the source of blessing on our country; it has come from the Church.

The scripture is very clear—God looks at the world from the lens of His Church; we are the pupil of His eye.

If the Church takes its proper place, it will not matter if we have an anti-Christian nation because the Word boldly proclaims: "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray..."

He will hear our prayers and heal our land.

If we have a pro-Christian nation, but the Church fails to keep our right standing with God, the opposite can also happen.

Our lax attitude towards our Christian responsibility could bring judgment upon our country.

For this reason, as Christians, we must understand that our first responsibility to our nation is to be the salt and light God has called us to be.

Through the influence of Christians in the founding of our nation, it is good to recognize that we have a government that is very conducive to the operation of the Church in allowing our influence to pervade the land.

The biggest problem the early Christians feared in their new government was too much government involvement in religion. For this reason, they were adamant on the separation of church and state.

Most of them were familiar with the European model of state churches, sponsored and supported by governments.

The state-supported churches became dependent on the government, as people do in modern society when the government is seen as the support system to help them in their time of need.

The end result of this will be an overly intrusive government trying to control the behavior of its citizens, or in the case of the Church—trying to control the Church.

The marriage of church and state is an unholy union because the Church is the bride of Christ; we must always remember our fidelity and that help should only come from Him.

The real issue in present society is not the separation of church and state, but separation of God and state.

Our nation has always felt comfortable calling on God; but recently, secularists have advocated the removal of religion from the public square.

As Christians, we must advocate "godliness" as our national heritage.

As "Americans" we should also be very mindful of our Christian heritage and resist the influence of multiculturalists, who insist we divest ourselves of this important heritage.

I also believe it would be wise to promote immigration policies that favor those who share our very important Christian heritage!

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion Church.

In our churches...

Dr. Bob Jones III, chancellor of Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., special speaker at Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway, 9:45 a.m. service, March 11. Hosted by Springfield Christian Academy. 248-625-9760.

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.

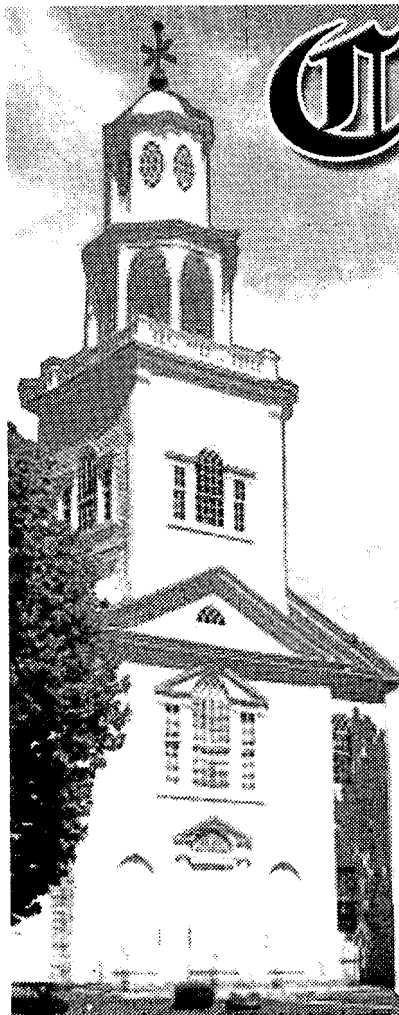
DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. March 15: Barbara Rollin and Mary Melega from Independence Township Senior Center. Refreshments served. All welcome. 248-625-1326

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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Preschool Vision Screening for children 6 months-5 year, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12

p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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.

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

New plant zone

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has redrawn the plant hardiness map for the United States.

According to the USDA, "Hardiness zones are based on the average annual extreme minimum temperature during a 30-year period in the past, not the lowest temperature that has ever occurred in the past or might occur in the future."

Home grown



Mary Pellerito

Most of Oakland County went from hardiness zone 5 (-10 to -15 F) to hardiness zone 6 (0 to -10 F).

This means that Oakland County residents can grow perennials, trees, and shrubs that can survive cold temperatures up to -10F. This does mean you

need to pull your current plants out. If a plant is thriving in your garden, by all means, keep it. Many plants thrive in a range of zones. You just need to pay attention to the zones identified on the plant label at the nursery or plant description in a catalog.

Zones in the latest edition of the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map are based on 1976-2005 weather data. The previous edition of the Plant Hardiness Zone Map, revised and published in 1990, was drawn from weather data from 1974-1986.

According to the USDA, "A trial check did not find that the addition of more recent years of data made a significant difference in the definition of these zones. Each zone represents the mean extreme minimum temperature for an area, calculated from the lowest daily minimum temperature recorded for each of the years 1976-2005. This does not represent the coldest it has ever been or ever will be in an area, but it simply is the average of lowest winter temperatures for a given location for this time period."

Oakland County gardeners can approach the new hardiness zone by planting natives and buying local.

Add native plants to your landscape. Select native plants grown at local native plant nurseries. These plants have survived the fluctuations of temperature in Oakland County for hundreds of years.

There are two local native plant nurseries in Ortonville—American Roots and Oakland Wildflower Farm.

If you love ornamental plants, which we use for decorative and design purposes, visit your local, independent nursery to get help selecting plants that do well in our area. The experts at our local plant nurseries grow the plants they sell and are great resources for learning about the best ornamental plants to include in your garden.

Mary Pellerito is a garden writer living in Brandon Township. She is a Master Gardener and a member of Wild Ones. Contact Mary at mary.pellerito@gmail.com.



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Obituaries

Janet Armstrong

Janet Armstrong of Waterford passed away peacefully, Feb. 25, 2012, after a long courageous battle with cancer.

She was the loving wife of 32 years of David; mother of Larry Weeden, Kelly (Michael) King, Kelly Armstrong and Tracey Armstrong; proud grandma of eight; also survived by four great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews; daughter in law of Lucille and Floyd Armstrong; preceded in death by her beloved mother Effie Graybill.

Celebration of Life service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials maybe made to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Daisy Kiesling, 87

Daisy Kiesling of Chesterfield, formerly of Madison Heights, passed away Feb. 25, 2012, at age 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ivin. She was the mother of Jeffery (Carol), Brent (Paula), Linda (the late Jimmie) Lawrence, Patricia (Richard) Florkowski and Randall (Eileen); also survived by 13 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Kiesling retired from Chrysler. She enjoyed going to Greektown Casino, cooking, and gardening.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ortonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Gail N. Roeser, 73

Gail N. Roeser of Clarkston passed away Feb. 23, 2012, at age 73.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 47 years, Fred Roeser, D.D.S. She was the mother of Fred, Mike and Todd (Lina); proud grandma of Sarah, Michael, Davis, Emily and Mollee; also survived by many extended family and friends.



Mrs. Roeser was an elementary teacher for Pontiac Schools and taught special education for the Clarkston Schools. She played piano and sang in the church choir.

Visitation was Feb. 27 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Feb. 28 at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Make A Wish Foundation.

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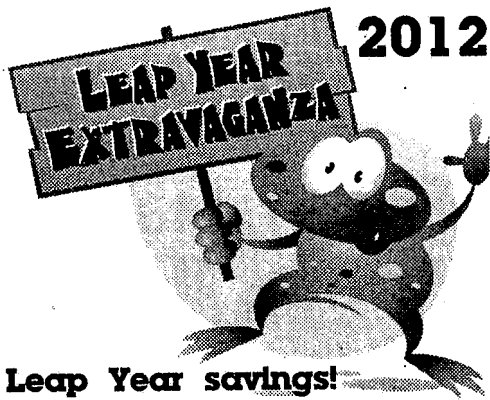
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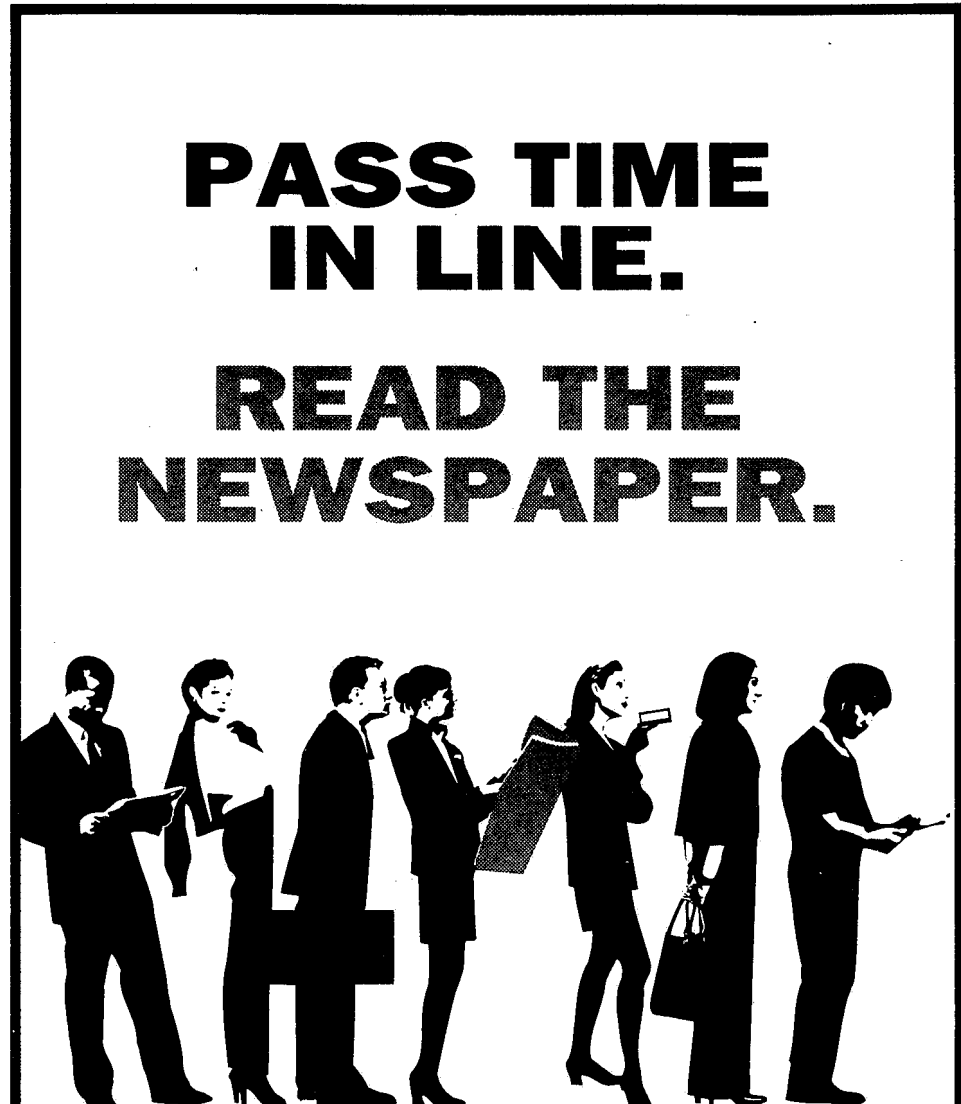
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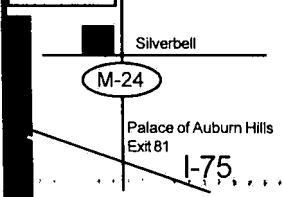


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