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City files plan to fix budget

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

With auditors suggesting more oversight and the state asking for a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), Clarkston City Council is taking action.

"All departments will be reviewed closer to ensure all expenses are anticipated and recorded," said Treasurer Sandra Barlass.

She prepared a CAP and sent it to Lansing on Feb. 8. Council members reviewed the plan, as well as a letter from the state, at their Feb. 25 meeting.

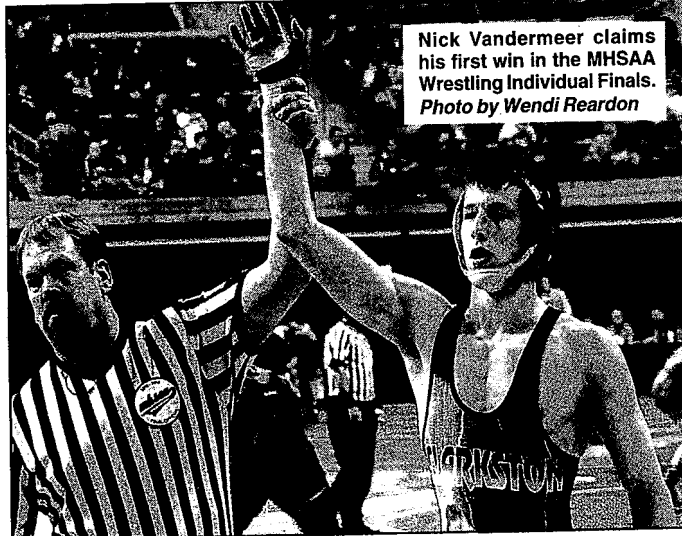
The Department of Treasury in Lansing sent the letter, Jan. 9, in response to Clarkston's 2012 audit. It outlines four violations of state statute or deficiencies possibly causing noncompliance with Michigan laws.

One violation the state identified was "actual expenditures exceeded the amounts authorized in the budget." Another was "a budget was not adopted for all required funds." Other violations had been reported in audits in previous years; they were deficiencies in the city's investment policy and a lack of segregation of duties.

The letter insisted the City respond with a CAP within 30 days or else they could lose the ability to borrow money or would be subjected to another audit, which would be performed by the Department of Treasury at the City's expense.

The CAP prepared by Barlass calls for the city treasurer and finance committee to "limit overruns to the budget by reviewing the financials on a monthly basis."

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Nick Vandermeer claims his first win in the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

State victory for Vandermeer

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Nick Vandermeer flipped opponent Jordan Atienza from Livonia Franklin onto his back 4 minutes, 17 seconds into the match and it was over. The Clarkston High School senior won the 2013 state title in the 152-pound weight class at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Saturday.

"He had one of the toughest weight classes in the tournament," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "He wrestled an exciting match and kept everyone on their toes. To be in that weight class and finishing with a pin is a huge accomplishment."

Senior Chris Calvano (189) finished in second place after a 4-3 loss to Rochester in the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals and went 3-1 for the tournament.

"He lost to a tough kid," said Moscovic.

"Chris went after him. It turned out not to be his day but he had a heck of the season."

Adam Myers (215) placed fourth after a 15-3 loss to a familiar foe, Matt Okaiye from Waterford Kettering, finishing 3-2.

"I was proud of the way they wrestled and the way they represented Clarkston," said Moscovic. "They had a good tournament."

All three opened the tournament on Thursday with wins. Vandermeer opened with a 7-0 decision over Mike Babicz from Detroit Catholic Central.

"It was a tight match," he said after the win. "I wrestled smart and did exactly what I need to do. It is always good to get a win over Catholic Central."

Vandermeer added it would boost his confidence as he went further in the tournament.

"I know what I can do," he said. "It makes

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Spring forward!

Mornings will be dark but home commutes brighter as Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend

Turn your clocks ahead one hour, Sunday morning

Commissioner sees water risk in oil, gas drills

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When it comes to oil and gas drilling in Oakland County, "I don't think this is a good fit for us. We're a tightly populated county, and our water resources are incredibly important to our economy, and if we had an issue that was serious it could really be devastating," said Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash.

Nash's concerns stem from incidents in other states where contamination due to oil and gas drilling operations have occurred.

For example, during an extraction in Pennsylvania, "one of the well heads blew out, and they had a 75 foot tall column of poisonous water coming out of the ground, splashing all over, and it threatened some nearby streams," he described.

Independence Township Board is currently considering a proposal from Jordan Exploration, an oil and gas company from Traverse City. Lately, their partners, West Bay Exploration, have approached locals about signing leases.

Jordan Exploration has offered to enter into a nondevelopmental lease with the township board, which wouldn't allow a wellhead on township property. Instead, wellheads would be located on nearby properties owned by private landowners.

Nash said, "it's more than just what's going on at the wellhead. When you're doing a nondevelopmental lease, you're still getting those pipes underneath the ground."

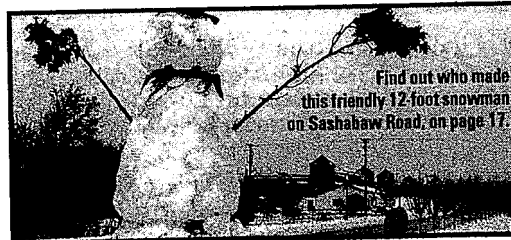
West Bay Exploration Vice President Pat Gibson said the series of concentric casings made of concrete and steel pipe

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Boys State, for students in grade 11, is a state, national, and civics program, June 16-22 at Northwood University in Midland. Post 63 is interviewing candidates this month for the leadership program, and will sponsor those selected for the week-long program.

The post is looking for at least 3-4 eligible candidates from Clarkston and surrounding areas.

Contact Jerry Grzywinski, chairman, at 248-494-2821 for more information and application.

Post 63 Auxiliary is searching for female juniors in high school, interested in attending Girls State at Michigan State University, June 16-22.

Girls State offers a simulation of all levels of government, executive, legislative, and judicial, and offers students opportunities to explore how government works and our effect on it. Interviews will be Tuesday, March 12, at 7 p.m. Contact Amy Laboissonniere at 248-892-1203 or adtdsb@yahoo.com for an application. More information can be found at www.michalaux.org.

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Artist finds miracles in his life and art

BY YOLANDA GARFIELD

Special to the Clarkston News

Mike Hendrix of Clarkston believes he is living a miracle. His love and zest for art certainly reflects a miraculous life.

Hendrix, who was Orion's 2011 Artist of the Year, and wife Brenda have been married for 43 years.

He has experienced some serious health issues the past few years but continues to breathe life into his beautiful and varied works of art.

A deeply spiritual couple, they are the proud parents of two daughters and seven grandchildren, and they feel blessed every day.

He is a graduate of Lake Orion schools and the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, where he says he studied every kind of art possible.

During the early years of their marriage, Mike worked for different studios and agencies as an automotive catalogue photographic retoucher.

"I only painted maybe one painting a year then, I was so busy working," he said.

Ten years ago, after two heart surgeries with complications, he partially retired. "I suppose that's when our troubles really started," he recalled.

"When I recovered, I continued to work doing commercial art part time, and I really

loved doing that," he said. "I only worked during the summers before the car catalogues came out."

The rest of the time, he explored various art forms and expanded his creativity.

"Suddenly," he said, "things changed again."

Excruciating headaches baffled the doctors and almost led to his death.

Four months passed and Brenda said, "many trips to the ER left us more discouraged than helped."

Finally a diagnosis of fluid on the brain led to numerous procedures, brain bleeding, craniotomies, a subdural hematoma, and challenges to his quality of life. He survived them all.

"He was healing slowly, relearning many things," says Brenda. "All these the astonishingly beautiful body of work, was seen in the retrospective celebrated at Orion Art Center in February."

More than 40 years of Mike's pieces, from presidential portraits of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington to eerily realistic human sculptures, from birds to landscapes, were exhibited.

"I think we had over 40 works at the show," he said. "I get tired of doing one type of paintings, so I always try to do something different all the time."

His current favorites are the recycled art sculptures, which are whimsical, humorous and very detailed.

"My work was so tight and precise, so now it's a lot of fun for me to do the recycling, finding all those little pieces," he added.

The work is fascinating. It's extremely varied. The sublime landscapes are joyful. Expertly rendered birds and animals.

Classic portraits, are juxtaposed against the unsettling sculptures of humans.

His sculptures of humans are so realistic they have given numerous patrons a start. They are made with styrofoam. Then, formed, sanded, and painted to look like human beings, complete with eyelashes, hair and expressions.

Although he clearly enjoys the work, he always expresses his gratitude to God.

"It's because of God's Grace that we're able to talk about this," he said, explaining the surgeries and traumas happened within seven and a half weeks and he was getting better.

"Then I had a stroke," Mike said. "I survived, and we give the glory to God, because He pulled me through. There's a lot of things I can't do, but I can still draw. I have trouble with my memory and a lot of simple things I can't do. I need Brenda to help me out a lot of times. We are very blessed. We feel that God has given us this trial so we can give Him glory, or why else would He have kept me alive?"

The website address is www.orionartcenter.org.



Mike Hendrix touches up a work.

Briefly

Kids Against Hunger

The second annual Kids Against Hunger event is March 23 at Clarkston High School.

The registration fee to participate in the event is 10 dollars per individual or 25 dollars per family.

All the money goes to the cost of the food. It is a great family event and only requires an hour of your time.

Last year the community fed 166, 128 children around the world and locally.

If interested in participating or donating please contact Lisa Donley at ldonley@clarkston.k12.mi.us or Megan Hanselman at mchanselma14@clarkston.k12.mi.us. Registration forms are located at the high school main office.

No WiFi yet

Wireless Oakland continues to try to make WiFi available in downtown Clarkston. They haven't found a good place to get a clear signal, however. According to City Manager Dennis Ritter, the county had little success at finding a signal from the top of KH Home on Main Street.

Next, they may try climbing to the top of Essence on Main. Once a signal is found, Clarkstonites will be able to access high speed broadband on their mobile devices.

Detroit Voice on CD

Clarkston High School's Detroit Voice has been chosen to have their version of Aretha Franklin's "Chain of Fools" appear on the Best of High School A Cappella (BOHSA) compilation CD.

"This is a huge honor as hundreds of tracks were submitted and only 19 tracks were chosen for the CD that is sold worldwide," said director Brian Haverkate.

The CDs will be available through the Clarkston Vocal Music Department this spring as well as on iTunes.

Detroit Voice, an a cappella vocal group, was created as a celebration of Detroit-inspired music from throughout the decades.

Correction

The story "Cable committee needs info before final OK," Feb. 27 edition, and the column "No PEG for me," on which it was based, overstated PEG funding for Independence Township. The township receives \$200,000 in PEG fees per year. We regret the error.



Kirsten Zalobski of Team RUSH, left, discusses an iPad with Agnes Oakley.

Bridging the technology gap

Team RUSH (Respect Unity Spirit and Heart) Leader Kyle Hughes and six members of the Clarkston High School robotics team spent part of their day with some of the senior members of the Ortonville Woman's Club to demonstrate recent innovations in communications, Jan. 24.

Hughes brought along a few iPads and other handheld items to help bridge the technology gap that often exists between generations.

"The RUSH ladies started the presentation with 'how to use' the iPads, with the tap, double tap and swipe," she said. "To get them into a big bang at the beginning, we went into 'Photo Booth,' and they were able to take photos of

themselves, then modify them. We had one of our RUSH girls leave the room and she called in from another room. We referenced how they may be able to Skype their families, so they could see their grandchildren from afar - in their hands."

Hughes said the girls really connected with many of the seniors.

"It was interesting—the seniors became very comfortable with the technology and were realizing Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest were not so far out there. Consider many of the seniors used rotary telephones and cameras with film—they had even brought some in to the center so the RUSH girls could make some comparisons."

Risks, rewards in oil exploration

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his company uses to extract minerals from beneath the earth's surface ensures, "nothing can get to the groundwater aquifer."

In addition, Gibson notes, "it's all been very closely regulated by the state of Michigan."

Chris Bickley of Jordan Exploration told the Independence Township Board a breach was "scientifically impossible."

From Nash's point of view, "you can put on all the safeguards you want, but human nature is we're not perfect and things happen." He added, "some geologists will say that there is a possibility of [oil and gas] infiltrating through the ground."

Virginia Shannon, the state associate of Environment Michigan, agrees. "There is no way to make any drilling or extraction risk-free, and the threat to local water supplies is real and extensive," she said.

Jordan Exploration and West Bay Exploration are considered companies in "good standing" to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. However, Shannon argues, "regardless of the company and their standing, we know that gas drilling in other states has contaminated drinking water sources, made nearby residents sick, and turned forest acres into industrial zones, all while releasing significant global warming pollution."

Besides the potential environmental impact of oil and gas drilling in Oakland County, Nash feels property owners should be aware of a *New York Times* article recently published, which stated major banks "will not put mortgages on a place that has a

fracking lease on it," he said. "If the banking industry has questions about it, then I think we all should."

Nash is aware that both Jordan Exploration and West Bay Exploration have said they don't intend to use the technique of hydraulic fracturing (fracking), but from his point of view, "if they don't want to, then a countywide moratorium shouldn't be a problem for them. From what I've heard, they don't like the idea of a moratorium, so that says to me that they might still be interested in fracking."

Gibson from West Bay Exploration said he had "no opinion one way or the other" on a fracking moratorium because "it is irrelevant to what we're doing."

"It's not just fracking although fracking is the most serious part," Nash counters. "Oil drilling is a very dirty business. In a conventional oil well, you'll have 50 or 60 oil trucks coming through the roads around it everyday."

Without a countywide moratorium, Nash notes he has little regulatory authority over oil and gas operations.

"Local communities really have more power in terms of zoning and ordinances," he said.

In September, West Bloomfield Township passed a six-month moratorium on drilling operations, and in July Waterford Township passed a resolution in support of regulatory action on oil and gas development.

The Water Resources Commissioner has spoken at numerous town hall meetings since oil and gas companies have shown increasing interest in exploring in the area. During the meetings water well drillers like Joe Curry of

White Lake Township and Hal Fitch of the Department of Environmental Quality have shared their expertise and answered citizens' questions.

"We're looking to do them all over the county, so anyone who is interested, we'd love to set it up and work on them," Nash said.

For property owners who are considering entering into lease agreements with oil and gas companies, Nash has two pieces of advice. First he suggests you "talk to your mortgage company and make sure there's not a problem" because your mortgage could be impacted by an oil and gas lease.

Secondly, Nash advises that you talk to an attorney before you sign anything. "And not just any attorney," he said. "You should really find one that has experience with gas and oil leases."

He also encourages communities and private property owners to test their water before drilling occurs. "So you have a baseline, so you know what's in the water before you start drilling," Nash said. After oil and gas extraction, the water can be tested again to see if there is any contamination.

While Nash is aware that people have an opportunity to gain revenue from oil and gas royalties if they enter into lease agreements, "You've got to measure it against what potential hazards there are. Everybody has to judge this for themselves."

Contact the Oakland County Water Resources office at 248-858-0958 or check www.oak.gov/water for more information. Find out more about Environment Michigan from www.environmentmichigan.org.



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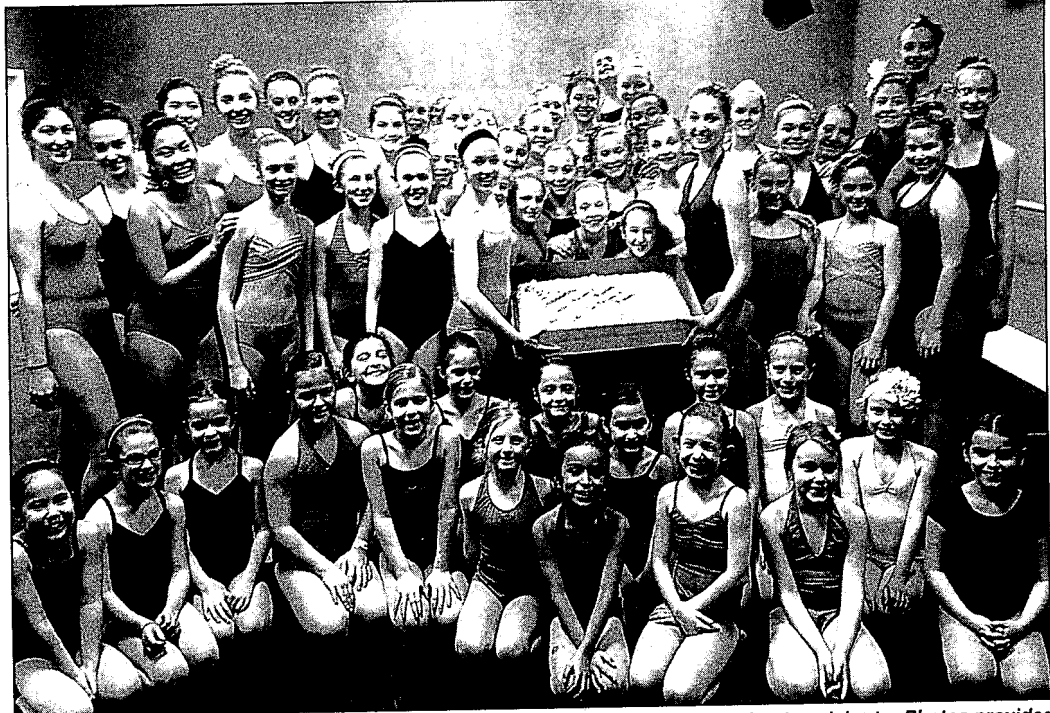
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Taylor Kanigowski of Clarkston and Hannah Hamlin are Miss Dance of MI 2012 and Miss Dance of MI 2013.



The Classy Dancer Competitive Group and Dazzling Star performance troupe gather to celebrate. Photos provided

Local dancers earn state titles

Taylor Kanigowski of Clarkston danced her way to a state title, winning Miss Dance of Michigan 2013 at Dance Masters of Michigan solo title pageant, Feb. 9-10.

Katie Humphreys of Holly was awarded the title of Teen Miss Dance of Michigan 2013. Eighteen local dancers 10-17 years old, students at The Dance Shoppe in Waterford, competed in the pageant.

Both girls have been dancing since they were 3, and spend at least 15 hours a week at the studio dancing. To win these prestigious awards, the girls participated in audition classes, interview with the judges, and solo performance onstage.

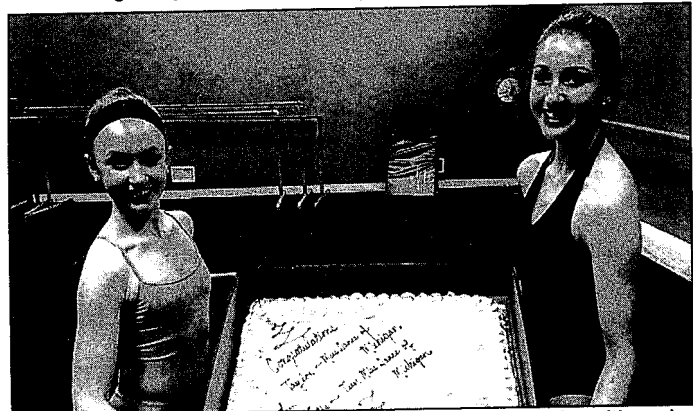
Many other students of The Dance

Shoppe placed as runners-up, and semi-finalists to the title.

Kanigowski, 16, is the daughter of Kelly and Brian Kanigowski of Clarkston. Humphreys, 13, is the daughter of Michelle and Tim Humphreys.

Katie and Taylor will head to New Orleans in July to compete for national titles.

Giving up titles from last year were four Dance Shoppe students – Lauren Tate (Petite), Nicole Kennedy (Junior), Emma Seidel (Teen), and Hannah Hamlin (Miss). Nicole holds the national title of Jr Miss Dance of America, awarded this past summer, and will return to New Orleans as well to give up her title.



Katie Humphreys and Taylor Kanigowski celebrate their title wins with a cake.

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Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

Making history

As soon as I get home, my dog (Killeen) is ready for a hike whether it's been snowing all day or not. She may be covered in fur, but I'm the softy.

It isn't only because of her brown puppy eyes or the need for exercise that I give in, but also because the snow captures nature's history, and I don't want to miss it.



Killeen races ahead, jumping over downed limbs and smelling every stone in her path, but I like to take it slow and see who else felt like a wintery sojourn.

Among the familiar dog paw prints, two-pronged hooves of deer are easy to identify, and sometimes they lead to trails worn from generations of use. Where they've smeared to a halt, I can tell it's slick and layers of snowflakes have hidden the ice beneath.

Tiny mouse tracks that look more like dots with a wispy tail line at the center reveal their whiskery noses have been poking under leaves or the tall grass offered the perfect place to take cover. I spot the large, fork-shaped prints of a crow among the teenier tracks of smaller fliers and know why my birdfeeder is empty again.

I follow the lope of a rabbit to where the outline of his feet is deeper and more distinct. I can even see where his fluffy white tail pressed into the snow. Maybe he stopped there for a rest or slowed down to perk his ears up and listen for another's approach.

The tracks regularly lead away from my path and deeper into the woods or under low brambles I wouldn't dare crawl through.

All the activity etched in the snow explains a sprinkling of pine needles, a sheet of birch bark ripped away from a trunk, or a single stray feather waving in a breeze.

While the next rain or snowfall will leave no trace of yesterday's story, a new history will be written on nature's fresh slate.

If I don't throw on a few extra layers and tug on my boots, Killeen and I won't leave any marks for other critters to ponder.

Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Thanks to supporters of Friends of Ryan

Dear Editor,

We wanted to give the following special recognition for supporting us in our inaugural Friends of Ryan Kennedy fund raiser this past weekend: A Space 2 Dream, Ryan's friends and family, Buck Shots Bar and Grill, Turtle Toys of Clarkston, *The Clarkston News*, the Graphic Wizard, Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors, Clarkston Schools staff, Matt Walls and The Locals.

We also wanted to thank all of the volunteers and all of the guests who donated to our cause. We had over 90 businesses donate items (a list can be found on our website

at sites.google.com/a/clarkston.k12.mi.us/fork) and services and were able to raise over \$15,000.

It truly was amazing to see all the support for Ryan and the playground project. It was better than we could have expected and a tremendous kick off to our fundraising efforts!

Save the date for May 4 for a 5K Run and May 11 for Kids Day in the Park, both upcoming fundraisers. Please "like" us on facebook or follow us @FriendsOfRK on twitter for up to the minute information.

Sincerely,

Friends of Ryan Kennedy



SMILES OF THE WEEK: Kelly Cousino, 13, of Independence Township and her dad, Gary Cousino, celebrated a snow day off from school, Feb. 27, by making a snowman in their front lawn. *Photo provided*

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A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 1998

"No injuries in two Sunday house fires" Two house fires reported within minutes of each other Sunday kept the Independence Township Fire Department busy. A dryer was blamed for a fire on Pine Knob Road. No one was hurt, and the house did not sustain serious damage. Two minutes after the first call, a basement fire was reported on E. Harvard. The fire started in the electrical panel of a basement laundry room. A family of four was home at the time, and they escaped without injury.

"Local girls help nab suspect" Two teenage Clarkston girls were heroes to some younger children when a man pulled up in a car and exposed himself. They shield the younger children and took in detail to give police a description of the man and the vehicle.

"Icers start playoffs on strong note" Clarkston hockey began state playoffs with a bang as they beat Waterford Mott in the first round of district playoffs, 8-0.

25 years ago - 1988

"Springfield quintts continue to thrive" The now-famous L'Esperance quintuplets, who made their debut at William Beaumont Hospital on Jan. 11, continue to progress well. The quintts, born to Michele and Raymond L'Esperance, are the first in vitro fertilization quintts in the nation.

"Tree stumps anger many" Over 75 Lake Oakland residents voiced their opposition on place to add fish spawning areas of stone, concrete and wood to the lake. It would replace spawning area damaged the previous fall when tree stumps were removed to make boating safer.

"Nerves spoil title shot for wrestlers" Dave London and Jason Campbell represented Clarkston after a five year drought in the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals. They lost in their early matches but were ready to go in 1989.

50 years ago - 1963

"World day of prayer" Plans are being completed for the World Day of Prayer service, which will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston. The service uses as its theme "More Than Conquerors" and has been prepared this year by the Christian Women of Korea.

"Wolves advance to district play" Ken Miskin and Dan Craven teamed up for a total of 43 points in a 71-51 victory for the Clarkston Boys Basketball team over Waterford.

Take time to think when making decisions

Knowing when to and when not to is key in so many aspects of our lives.

This quote was handed down to me from my dad he would say, "Shelly you have to know when to and when not to!"

At the time I was a teenager messing up little tasks given to me from him, I would get all emotional and frustrated with either myself, others or HIM! I remember thinking, "yea, yea, whatever that means!"

It's funny how as we get older we seem to understand those little lessons our parents were trying to teach us but at the time were over our heads!

Have you ever had a time in your life where you needed to make a decision that made you have to weigh out the "pros & the cons"?

Or had your feelings hurt by a friend? Or felt like taking a stand in something you believe in?

Sometimes we just act on it based on emotion only to find out that we've made the wrong choice or made a fool out of ourselves.

Or maybe we don't realize it was a bad choice right away but down the road it shows up that you did in fact not choose wisely.

I believe when something works to share it with others, I'll share with you my dad's quote, "know when to and when not to"... that may mean you

will have to slow down and think about it.

Be silent and listen to what your heart is saying about it. When doing this I developed my own strategy it's called the "24-hour rule" which means, NO DECISION MAKING or emotional reaction for 24 hours.

This gives time to weigh out the pros and cons this also gives you time to quiet your mind, to listen to your heart. It can also stop you from saying something you will regret.

Have you ever heard your parents say to you when you were little and upset by something, maybe a fight with your best friend, and they say something like, "oh honey, things will look different tomorrow."

Well, here it comes back at us

again... and how many times are we hearing our parents come out in our voices to our kids!? That's another article!

They were right, things do look different after 24 hours and you've had time to think, listen, weigh things out so you can come to a better outcome.

Today I challenge you to see where if you just "know when to and when not to," how it will calm your world and organize your thoughts and maybe even save your reputation!

Until next time.

Contact Shelly Kovach, a long time resident of Clarkston offering fashion-advice-solutions for everyday situations, at shellyksays@gmail.com or shellyksays.blogspot.com.

Shelly Says



Shelly Kovach

When life gives you cherries, spit out the pits

For the past few years I have heard from folks in our office, from our readers and from our business partners that times are hard.

I'll admit, it is hard to dispute that conclusion when using logical equations with variables of higher energy costs, higher food costs, fewer automotive-related jobs, more home foreclosures and charitable need.

Were I not an optimist (small "o"), I would say things are mighty dim. Were I pessimistic, I would cry, "woe is me," whilst crying in my beer.

But, things are changing. I think another set of folks are tired of waiting for good stuff to happen to them. Rather than wait, they're making their own good stuff happen. (Children, read: hard work.)

However, I also see pulling in and out of area driveways many newer vehicles, many of these the expensive to own and operate kind. I also see plenty of cars in the parking lots of area restaurants and grocery stores.

I see new businesses opening in our communities. So, I draw the conclusion, using my own logic, that things ain't as bad as they seem. Things may be tighter, but folks in these parts are still eating, driving, buying, getting haircuts, fake and bake tans and medical attention.

We publish Total Market Coverage (TMC) products in the immediate area (the *Ad-Vertiser* in Oxford, Orion and Addison; the *Penny Stretcher* in the Clarkston area and *The Citizen* in the Ortonville-Goodrich area).

Since the lowest point of the last five years, I

think more folks are moving back into the community. Increase the press run, Whitey!

The thing is, I guess, locally at least the economy is moving. I don't know about up north or down south, but right here, things are still going forward.

And, if the rest of the state is going south, then us moving forward is really a good thing.

What can we do to keep the ball rolling? For one, don't give up. Something else we can do is shop and use local services.

Support businesses that pay local taxes (and donate to local charities and to every student endeavor that comes their way). Keep the cash in the community. Support your neighbor and his/her business.

In an old issue of *BusinessWeek's Small Biz* magazine, Deputy Editor Susan Price wrote an editorial that caught my eye.

Make Lemonade

Finding Opportunity In Troubled Times

"With rising energy costs, falling housing prices, a jittery stock market and an anemic dollar, the economy certainly has seen better days," she wrote.

"Well before economists and the media started whispering about a possible recession, entrepreneurs were on it. That's not to say they shuttered their warehouses or crossed their fingers and hoped

the storm would quickly pass.

By nature, entrepreneurs seek opportunities, no matter the climate . . ."

As I read Susan's words, another thought that had been bangin' around in my Neanderthal-like noggin was starting to take solid form.

I picked up my Neanderthal-draggin' knuckles from the floor, dusted off the salt-residue brought in from the driveway and wrote a note to myself. (Urggrl, Neanderthal Don need help remembering grumphfl.)

"Rugged individualism. Entrepreneurial spirit of them in Michigan 100 years ago put us on the world's map. Have we too long been good, little workers? Has living through generations of being comfortable made us expect handouts?"

Dad said, "it's a big, bad bear out there and nobody owes you anything." And then I scribbled, "when you are given lemons, make lemonade. Is that too risky?"

Maybe.

Or, maybe each of us can wake-up our own inner entrepreneur. Maybe if homes are not selling, those with homes for sale can lease or rent rooms.

Maybe realtors can offer services for fighting property taxes at local boards of review (providing comparative home values for property owners to show why their taxes should not go up). Look for opportunity then act.

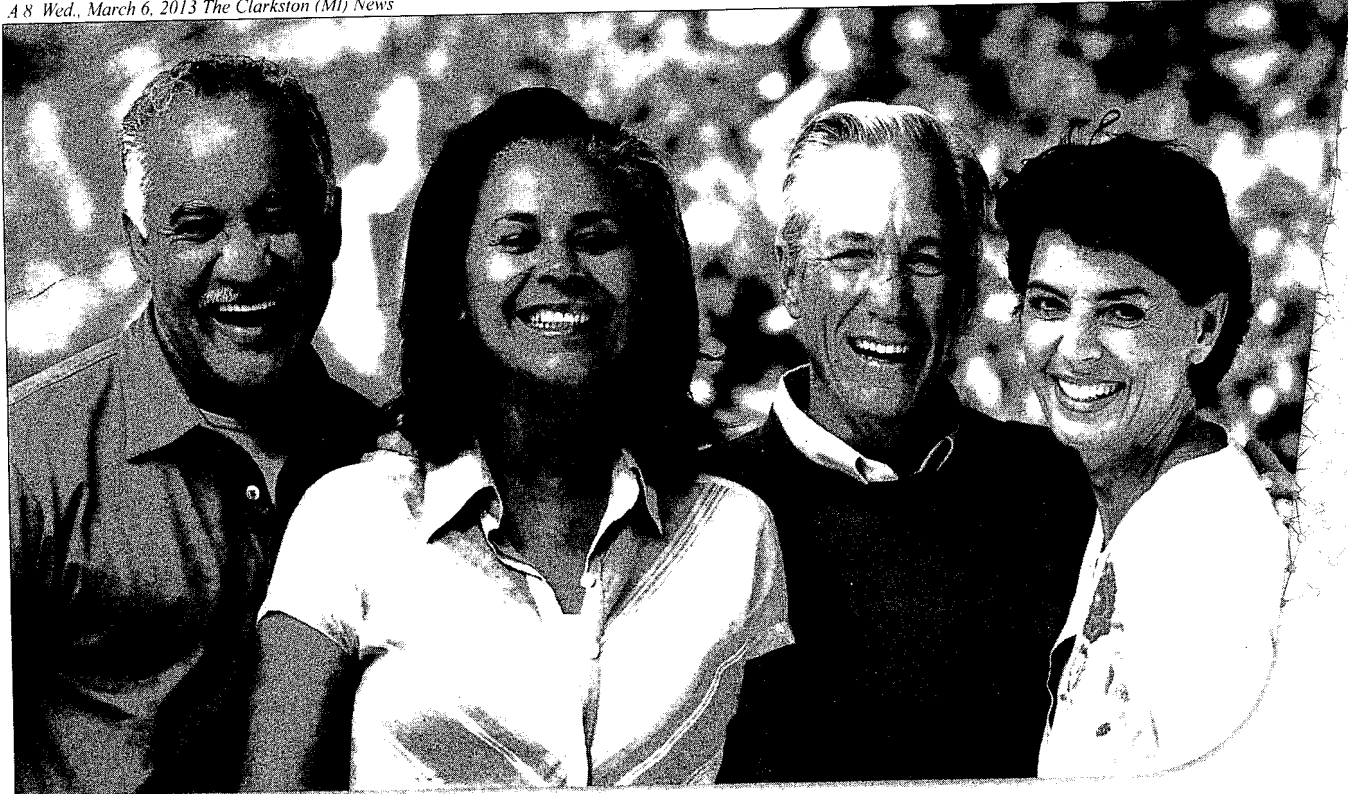
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Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Tax scam

Two Independence Township residents reported receiving letters purporting to be from the Internal Revenue Service, stating they were being audited and asking for personal information, Feb. 18 and Feb. 28. The letters were fraudulent.

Credit fraud

An Independence Township resident reported someone charged \$469 on his credit card through Pennsylvania State University, Feb. 22. The charges were unauthorized.

Handguns lost

A Ridgeview Drive resident said he was cleaning his garage, Feb. 22, when he realized two handguns he was storing there were gone. He put a .40-caliber pistol and .38-caliber revolver in a lockbox, and placed it in a bag with other items, five years ago. He suspects they were taken out with the trash sometime over the past few years.

Vehicle break-ins

Driver's and passenger windows of five vehicles in a parking lot in the 5000 block of Marshbank and Upland Drive were smashed out, Feb. 24. Radios, amplifiers and speakers were ripped out of vehicles and taken.

Thefts from homes

Someone forced their way into two houses under construction in the 7000 block of South Village Drive, Feb. 25, and took bannister trim, iron framing, vacuum, and other items.

Too many fish

A deputy on patrol stopped a pickup truck with its reverse lights on while moving forward at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, 7:41 p.m., Feb. 25. The driver, a 56-year-old Waterford man, had a suspended driver's license. The passenger, a 24-year-old Waterford man, had seven walleye fish in buckets in the back. Asked if he knew the legal limit was five, he said yes, but he lost count. The man smelled of marijuana, and said he smoked some while fishing. He was cited with possession of too many walleye. The driver was cited with driving with a suspended license.

Shoplifter

While investigating a shoplifting incident on Dixie Highway, a deputy stopped a 23-year-old Independence Township man at Dixie Highway and Waterford Road, 8:35 p.m., Feb. 28. The driver was cited with driving on a suspended license. Investigation continues.

Break in

Someone broke into a home in the 6000 block of South Hampton Drive and took a purse containing glasses, prescription drugs, and identification documents, Feb. 25.

Warrants in stop

A 39-year-old Detroit man was stopped at Sashabaw and Clarkston roads for having an unreadable paper license place on his car, 4:14 p.m., Feb. 27. A record check showed he had a misdemeanor traffic warrant out of 47th District Court and a suspended driver's license. His passenger, a 46-year-old Detroit man, had two misdemeanor warrants out of Hazel Park, which said to advise and release. The vehicle was impounded and paper plate, replaced. The case was submitted to the prosecutor.

Caught with warrants

A 26-year-old Independence Township woman and 27-year-old Taylor man came to the Independence Township substation, 12:14 p.m., Feb. 27, for help with their child. The woman's mother had filed for custody of the 5-year-old, her grandson. The mother was the child's legal guardian, but both parents had warrants for their arrest. The father had a felony warrant out of Hillsborough County and misdemeanor warrant out of 19th District Court - both declined to pick him up. The mother had a failure-to-appear warrant out of 52-4 District Court for obstructing police, and was arrested. A court date was set on custody of the child.

Help from gas station

An gas station employee in the 7000 block of M-15 called police after a customer asked to use his phone, saying she had just broken into a doctor's office down the street. She was then picked up by a vehicle, 4 a.m., March 1. Deputies found fire damage to two inside doors and the carpet at the office. A man arrived and said his daughter, a 29-year-old Ortonville woman, was responsible and was at his home in Independence Township. The woman, a former patient of the doctor, was arrested and jailed. Charges are pending for breaking and entering, and arson.

Prescription fraud

Deputies arrested a 43-year-old Holly woman for prescription fraud in the 7000 block of Main Street, 1 p.m., March 1. She had attempted to pass fraudulent prescriptions.

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



FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED: Springfield Plains Elementary Alpha Club delivers food from a recent food drive to Lighthouse. The club also had a soup drive for Neighbor for Neighbor in Davisburg, which they delivered last Wednesday. Photo provided

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Clarkston's Sporting News

This Week ...

Girls Basketball competes for the MHSAA regional title at Waterford Kettering while the boys go for the district title.

Claim on third district title

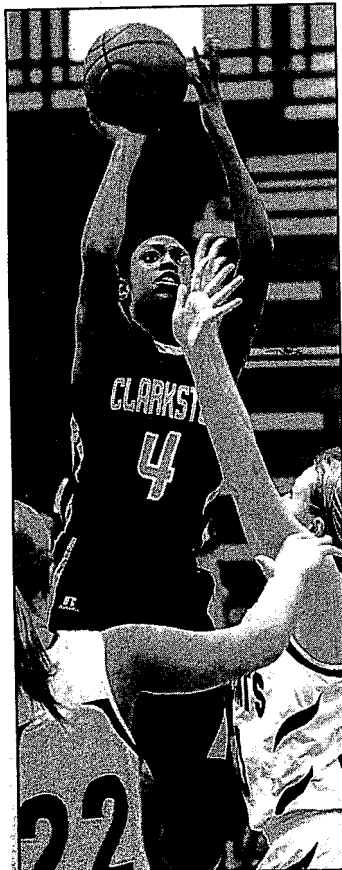
BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers are making their third consecutive trip to the MHSAA Regional playoffs this week.

They sealed the deal after claiming their third district championship from Oxford last Friday for a 36-17 win.

It is the second district championship the Davenport sisters, senior Erin and sophomore Erika, have fought for together.

"I love it," Erika smiled. "It's a huge accomplishment especially with my sister. It's good - both of the years I have played we have won districts."



Erika Davenport shoots past Oxford defense. Photo by Larry Wright

"I was real happy with how we played defense," said Clarkston Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk. "We were solid defensively. In the second half we started getting some shots and making a little run and press a little bit. They took care of the basketball."

"We did play good defense," Erin added. "Erika nailed it today with good blocks."

The Lady Wolves went on a 7-point run in the first quarter to get the lead before Oxford scored again with less than two minutes left. The Lady Wildcats scored four points before the quarter closed to put the score, 8-5.

Both teams opened the next quarter with shots to add to the board but they fell. Jessica Murphy from Oxford was the first to score on a basket then score two points from the line to put the Cats ahead, 9-8.

The Davenport sisters brought the Wolves back up beginning with a shot made from Erika from under the basket. Erin added to the score 30 seconds later off a pass from senior Delaney Kenny. They ended the first half with a 16-11 lead with five points from Erika and four from Erin.

Erika admitted she did have a few shots which missed their mark in the first half but she pushed past it.

"I knew I had to keep my head up and they would start falling," she said, adding her teammates helped to pick her up and keep her motivated.

Kenny and Erin led the team, both with 11 points. Kenny scored a 3-pointer in the game. Erika scored 10 points during the game.

"Oxford had heck of a year," said Wasilk. "They are well-coached and we knew they had players that could shoot the ball."

Clarkston beat Lake Orion in the district semi-finals on Feb. 27, 50-16.

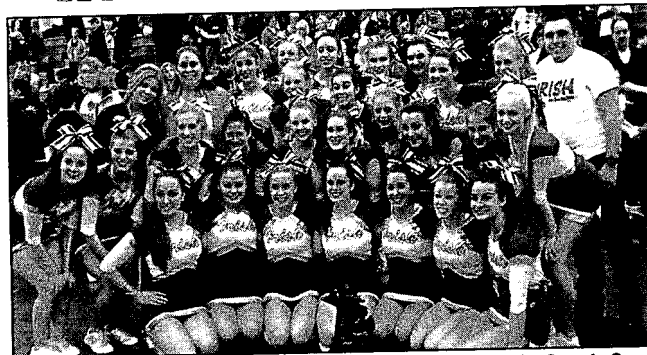
They dominated from the beginning of the game starting with a 16-point run started by Erika. They finished the first half with a 25-7 lead.

The Lady Wolves played Utica Ford in the first round of regional playoffs on Tuesday.

The winner moves on to the finals on Friday against the Birmingham Marian/Auburn Hills Avondale winner on Thursday. The game is at Waterford Kettering, 2800 Kettering Drive, 7 p.m.

See how the girls did on Wolfpack Update on www.ClarkstonNews.com or Twitter @CNewsWRSports.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Notre Dame Prep team members are: top row from left, Coach Sam Mularski, Coach Beth Campbell, Angela Serra, Paige Lombardo, Alyssa Chojnacki, Emily Schiavi, Kayla Piskorowski, Alison Kot, Stephanie George, Alyssa George, Lauren Chojnacki, Gymnastics Coach Chad Berry; middle row, Morgan Gales, Lauren Sadowski, Maggie Crowe, Kennedy Quirk, Lauren Kavanagh, Megan Gowdy, Olivia Riley, Aly Gonzalez, Margaret Michel, Hannah Brzustewicz; bottom row, Faryn Prosser, Lauren Nantel, Lindsey Lombardo, Nicole Sollmer, Kristy Malter, Emily Rodriguez and Hannah Genord. Photo submitted

Cheering all the way to states

Clarkston residents helped their teammates at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep go all the way to the MHSAA Competitive Cheer Division 4 State Finals on Saturday.

The team finished in second place with 765.84 points, scoring 226.7 points in the first round, 223.04 in the second round and 316.10 in the final round. Richmond took first with 768.64 points.

"We have had an amazing season," said Coach Beth Campbell. "We have won first place in every competition except for one where we had suffered an injury and had to replace someone."

Going into the state finals they were picked as one of the top two teams.

"We are definitely vying for the state championship," Campbell said going into the weekend. "We have a wonderful chance."

The road for finals began when they placed first at the MHSAA District

competition at Richmond High School, Feb. 15. They scored 772.22 with 230.7 points in the first round, 224.72 in the second round, and 316.8 in the final round.

"It is the first year Notre Dame Prep won the district championship so it was a really big deal," Campbell added. "The program has been improving year after year. This year we had a group of senior leaders who really helped to lead the team. Also the team is very focused on winning. They want to be the best and they are not willing to give it up for anyone."

They finished second in the the MHSAA Regional competition, Feb. 23 with 762.38 points.

They prepared by doing the same things at practice as they had done all season long and not putting pressure on themselves.

Clarkston residents are Kennedy Quirk, Morgan Gales, and Campbell.

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Chris Calvano takes on Detroit Catholic Central in his first match.

Finishing strong at finals

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me realize what I need to do in the match."

Calvano also opened the tournament with a win over DCC with a quick pin on Jimmy Russell, 56 seconds into the match.

"That kid used to go to Clarkston so I guess you could call him a traitor. The thing is DCC kids use the same style so it was easy to counter," Calvano smiled. "It always feels good to know you are done for the day. You can go home, hang out and get a good night's sleep."

He added he didn't do anything differently to prepare for the state finals and went through his normal routine.

"I have gotten to the point you just get rid of all the nerves because all of the nerves take your energy," Calvano noted.

Myers also took charge at the beginning of his first match leading to a pin 27 seconds into the match.

"It helped me to get pumped to continue wrestling and win my matches," he said.

Feeling confident for the next set of matches of Friday, the boys won their quarterfinals matches. Vandermeer beat Portage Central's Dominic Latora with a fall after being behind in the match in points.

Calvano and Myers tied their opponents

at the end of three matches and won in overtime. Calvano beat Wyoming's Jack Rozema, 4-3, and Myers beat Oxford's Ben Line, 5-3.

"They kept their composure," said Moscovic, adding Vandermeer also had to win in overtime in the semifinals. "They kept wrestling. They kept their heads in the match. They wrestled until the end, which is something we preach. They were all positive and kept with it. It paid off for them."

All three moved onto the semifinals and Calvano and Vandermeer went onto the finals after posting wins.

Myers lost and went on to take on Matthew Mulcahy from Grand Haven for the chance for third place.

He beat him in a 5-0 decision and went on to face off against Okaiye. He lost 15-3.

Moscovic noted Myers began wrestling in ninth and did great for his first visit at the finals.

"What an accomplishment for someone who never even participated in wrestling before his freshman year," he added.

Vandermeer, Calvano and Myers finished the season with All-State honors.

"It was an honor to coach them," said Moscovic. "They represented the program with great integrity and honor."



Adam Myers grabs control of the match. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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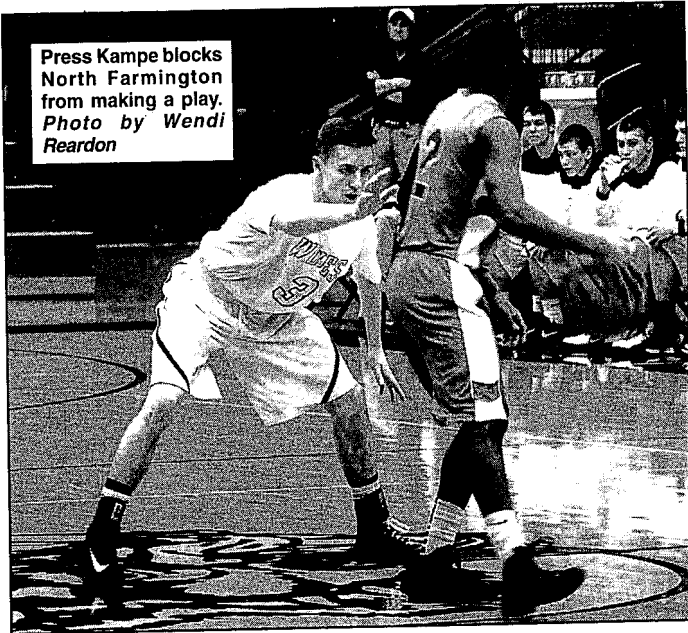
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Press Kampe blocks North Farmington from making a play. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wolves crush Raiders

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The tide had turned as Cagers went into their final quarter against North Farmington in their last home game for the season.

The Raiders slowly gained on the Wolves lead and with 80 seconds left in the game had gotten within two points after scoring a 3-pointer.

Senior Dylan Hancock passed the basketball inside to teammate senior Jordan Dasuqi with 53.7 seconds to go. As Dasuqi was making his shot, he was fouled on and sent to the line for two points. He scored on both and two more when he was sent to the line again seconds later for two more.

Another point from junior Nick Owens at the line put the score at 37-30. Raider Caleb Hogans scored on a field goal before the game closed, putting the score 37-33.

"North Farmington has done that before to us," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. "They would have the ball and played their speed. It worked for them. We talked about it and we worked on it but you can't stimulate it in practice. It really takes 45 minutes to get it in your kids in and dictate the tempo of the game."

Owens opened the game with a 3-pointer to set the momentum. North Farmington answered with a field goal of their own, but it missed its mark and the Wolves grabbed the rebound.

Owens struck again, not once, but twice within 30 seconds off two passes from teammate junior Press Kampe. Both times he nailed a 3-pointer, putting the score 9-0.

Junior Michael Nicholson followed it up with reaching up and sinking the ball through the net. Dasuqi finished the first quarter with a basket off a pass from sophomore Andrew Myers.

"Fortunately we got off to a good start," Fife said.

North Farmington outscored the Wolves in the second quarter 10-6, but Clarkston held onto the lead in the going into the final quarter.

"Farmington played smart," said Fife. "They have a good ball handler who can make plays. It's good for preparation. Win or lose at the tournaments, we have been there."

Dasuqi led the team with 11 points. Owens scored 10 points with three field goals during the game. Hancock added six points to the board.

The Wolves continued their streak with a win over Southfield-Lathrup, 61-48. They opened the game with 20 points to capture the lead. Dasuqi led with 24 points and Owens have 14 points, with two 3-pointers.

They captured the OAA Red league title for the seventh consecutive year, finishing with a 11-1 record in the league.

Cagers opened the week with a win over Lake Orion in the MHSAA District playoffs on Monday, 54-43.

The boys move on to the semi-finals on Wednesday against Romeo, 7 p.m. The district playoffs conclude with the final round on Friday at 7 p.m. All games are at Lake Orion High School, 495 E. Scripps.

Check Wolfpack Update on www.ClarkstonNews.com to see how they did or follow on Twitter @CNewsWRSports.

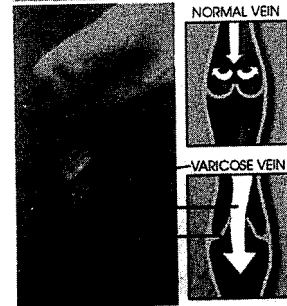
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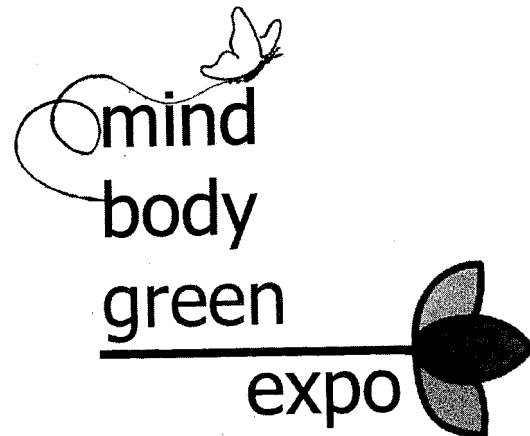


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Senior Paige Morrison cheers in her last home Clarkston Boys Basketball game.



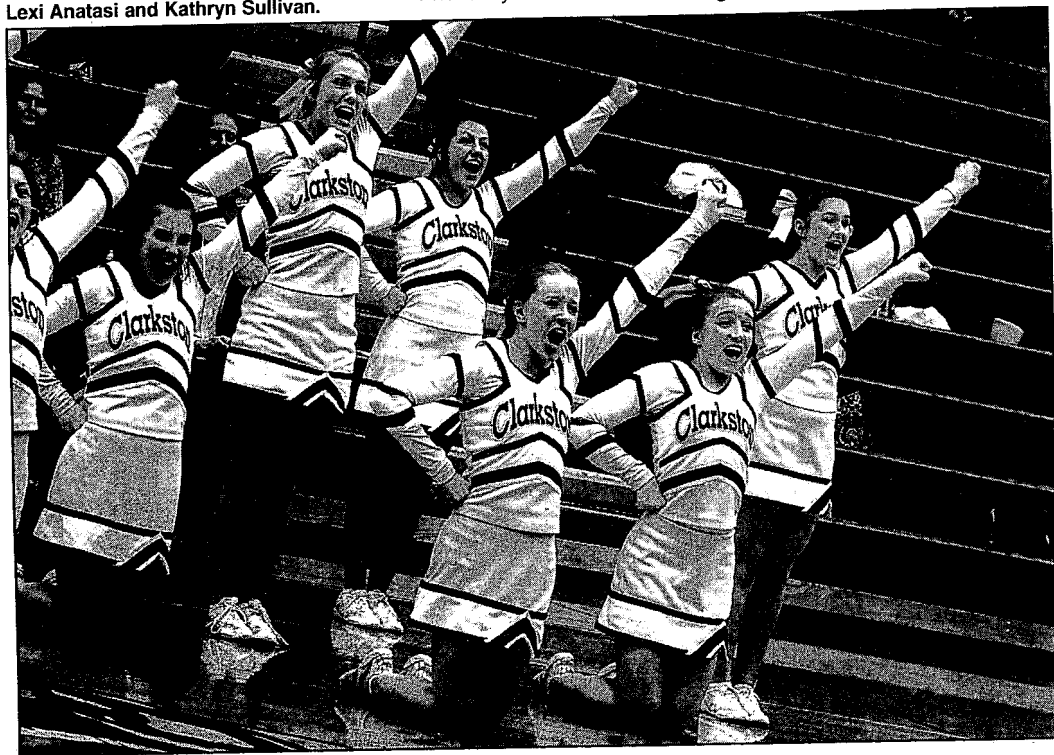
Lexi Anatasi and Kathryn Sullivan.

Let's go, blue!

The Lady Wolves cheered on the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team on Feb. 26 as they won their last home game for the season, 37-33.

The varsity competitive cheer team finished the season as OAA White league champs. They graduate two seniors from the team this June - Paige Morrison and Kathryn Sullivan.

Photos by Wendi Reardon





Notre Dame Marist students in grades 6-8 wear blue apparel and blue ribbons in honor of Cathy Ihm.

In Ihm's memory

Notre Dame Marist Academy students raised a total of \$662, March 1, in memory of Cathy Ihm of Clarkston in their Dress in Blue Day.

Ihm was active at the school as a parent and volunteer during her fight with colon cancer - she was diagnosed with colon cancer stage IV in 2007.

Students wore blue in her honor, and collected donations from teachers, staff, and family.

They teamed up with the Colon Cancer Alliance (CCA) to raise funds and promote awareness of the disease, which is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States. The students learned colon cancer can be prevented and treated with a healthy lifestyle and regular screenings.



The Ihm family, from left, Adam, Jim (dad), and Kelsie. Photos submitted



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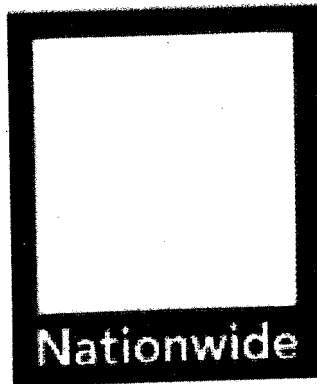
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Union braves snow to picket Sagano's

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the midst of the falling snow on Feb. 22, you may have seen picket signs held high on the corner of Sashabaw and Waldon Roads. What was the demonstration's target?

It was Sherman Heating and Cooling for employing nonunion workers to renovate a 10,656 square foot building where Sagano's Japanese Steakhouse will open in May.

The site at 6545 Sashabaw next to The Salvation Army was formerly home to a CVS. The cost to turn the pharmacy into a restaurant is estimated to be \$880,000, and Sagano's received a building permit in January allowing interior renovations to begin.

Members of Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 and Local 7 gathered in front of the future Sagano's location holding signs printed with phrases such as "honk for local jobs" and "Sherman Heating and Cooling does not have a contract with Sheet Metal Workers Local 7." They passed out flyers discouraging people from patronizing Sagano's when it opens. The picketers reported hearing supportive honks and seeing a few signals from drivers that were not supportive of their protest.

"We were picketing for area standards. They aren't paying the wages that are established in our area," said Chuck Taormina marketing representative of Local 80 out of Southfield.

The wages the union expects Sherman Heating and Cooling to pay are an estimated \$60 per hour, which includes healthcare, annuity, and pension, Taormina explained.

In addition, Taormina noted the business is from Swartz Creek. "We want area jobs for area people," he said.

Doug Sherman owner of Sherman Heating and Cooling is familiar with the Sheet Metal Workers Local 7 and has noticed them picketing at other projects where he's worked.

"I used to belong to that union for 22 years, and they didn't really care about me after I was laid off," Sherman said. "We all have to make our mortgage payments and put food on our tables, and they weren't there to help."

After the company he worked for downgraded and Sherman lost his job, he turned to the union. "I was on the books for two years and never heard from them," he said. When Local 7 didn't help him find employment, "I started my own business," Sherman stated.

While Sherman owns a non-union business, he has used materials from companies employing union labor. "All the sheet metal and ductwork we're buying for the job is from union shops," he pointed out.

According to Sherman, the three employees working on the ductwork and adding exhaust fans to the future Sagano's don't want to be a part of a union.

"All these union business agents have approached all my employees and asked them to come work for a union, and they've all declined and turned them down," Sherman said.

"Well, most owners say that," Taormina countered. "Why would he want to give them an increase in pay, healthcare, and pension when he can cheat?"

Despite the unemployed picketers outside, the nonunion work of Sherman Heating and Cooling continues, but don't be surprised if you drive passed union demonstrators at the corner of Sashabaw and Waldon before the renovations are complete.

"We may be back in the future," said Taormina.



Pickers bundle up and make their views known on Sashabaw Road.



Sheet Metal Workers Local 80 and Local 7 picket a new restaurant. Photos by Mary Keck

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How did you spend the latest snow day, Feb. 27?



"Sleeping in!"
— Denyse Couture



"Traveling home from Florida."
— Dawn Raffler



"Making birthday goodies for my 17 year old. What a birthday gift for her, sleeping in!"
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"Snow blowing the driveway."
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Smiling snowy sentinel stirs up Sashabaw Road

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

When an oversized snowman with a traffic cone for a hat appeared in the median of Sashabaw Road at Bow Pointe Drive, Feb. 27, it was a bit of a mystery.

A Facebook inquiry on *The Clarkston News'* page left folks stumped for a while.

"I don't know, but I love it," posted Mary Zubalik of Clarkston.

"Am I going to get in trouble if I admit it," wondered Clarkston resident John Mathers.

It took a while, but amongst the 37,040 views, 944 "likes," 157 comments, and 317 shares was the truth. Members of a new church group, Reverse Church, were out late and constructed the snowman in the early morning hours before sunrise, Wednesday.

"My husband and his friends did it last night about 2 o'clock in the morning," said Kate Waterson, whose husband Jerry Waterson is a member of Reverse Church. "They came home and got me and my sister so that we could go see it."

The snowman is one of many random activities the church is doing to get attention, said Ryan Ikeler, also a member of the church.

"We were just out sledding when we noticed you could make really big snowballs," Ikeler said. "Jerry Waterson said, 'hey, let's build the biggest snowman we can in the middle of Sashabaw Road.' We thought that sounded awesome."

It got lots of attention, according to folks posting on Facebook.

"Loved seeing it this morning - put a big smile on my face," posted Kim McAlister.

"That is awesome, someone worked really hard on that," said Dorene Melvin.

"Best use for a road cone that I've seen in quite awhile," noted Cheryl Crandell.

"They need to do this every year so the city can keep an eye out for when the Clarkston snowman will show up! Kids would love looking forward to this - me too," suggested Heather



The giant snowman greets commuters with friendly outstretched arms on a dreary, winter drive into work. Photo by Phil Custodio

Grove. The snowman looks to be of traditional three-ball construction, but it's actually four.

"We stacked them up and molded them to look like that," Ikeler said.

They made the biggest ball using snow from along Bow Pointe Drive.

"The lower section was so big we used a Hummer to drag it across the road to get it there," he said. "We had a lot of fun!"

About 40 Clarkston, Lake Orion, and other north Oakland County residents founded the church last September to serve God and restore the community.

"We're moving to downtown Pontiac to make a difference there," he said.

Reverse will be meeting at the Lafayette Grande in downtown Pontiac starting Sunday, April 21, 10 a.m.

For more information, check www.churchreversed.com or call 248-462-2563.



From left are Jerry Waterson, Ryan Ikeler, Brian Banks, TJ Thompson and other Reverse Church members, with their creation. Photo provided



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Art Presentations, 11:30 a.m., March 6: Spiritualism in Abstraction, Art of Paul Jenkins in the Context of Buddhism. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$7/members, \$9/non-members. 248-625-8231.

Meet the author, Christina L. Barr, author of *Sunrise Sunset* young adult novel and *Superkid* novel for middle readers, 7-8 p.m., March 6, Independence Township library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Landscaping For Wildlife, North Oakland Wild Ones, 7:30 p.m., March 6. St. Daniel Church Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. Register, anebushroe@hotmail.com.

Visit Sashabaw Middle School, 9:10-10:40 a.m., March 7, 5565 Pine Knob Road. Classroom visits and programs highlighting in Performing and Visual Arts, Exploring Engineering, Foreign Languages and other elective offerings. RSVP to Heidi, 248-623-5408.

Mom2Mom Resale Event, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., March 9, Davisburg Elementary Gym. Slightly used baby and children's items. Fees include \$1/shopper; \$15/seller without table; \$20/seller with table.

Murder Takes a Cruise murder mystery, Clarkston Artea Optimists, 7:30 p.m., March 9, Paint Creek Country Club, Lake Orion. \$60/person. Table rate, \$50/person. Call Betty Reilly, 248-922-9134, tickets at Brose Electric, 248-623-7900.

St. Patty's Party, 7 p.m., March 16, St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Boulevard. Irish style dinner, entertainment by Tom Farrell and Larry McLeod. \$15/each, \$25/couple. 248-394-1034, 248-933-9179.

Around Town

Clarkston  the local TV station

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



Cast members, from right, are Joey Nadon, Samantha Stafford, and Cassidy Rodriguez. Photo provided

Beauty and the Beast on stage

Mt. Zion School of Performing Arts Youth Theatre presents Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, JR.

Mt. Zion's production features songs from the Academy Award winning animated feature film and includes an elaborate set with beautiful costumes.

Featured in this production are three local youth actors, Joey Nadon, Samantha

Stafford, and Cassidy Rodriguez, who have been with the theatre program since its inception.

Performances will be at the Mt. Zion Theatre, 4900 Maybee Road, Fridays, March 8 and 15 at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, March 9 and 16 at 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Call 248-393-1407.

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.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 6:30 p.m., third Monday, Deer Lake Back Court Restaurant, 6167 White Lake Road. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

Slow Flow Yoga with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. 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.

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

Fit Club Walks, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Divine Nutrition, 7743 Sashabaw Road. Free. 248-393-08989 or 248-625-6551.

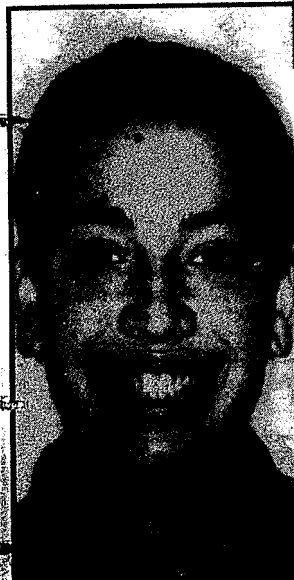
Look Good Feel Better, American Cancer Society, free makeover for all women in cancer treatment, third Mondays, March 18, May 20, July 15, Sept. 16, Nov. 18, 1-3 p.m., McLaren Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe. 800-395-LOOK.

Tuesday

50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3. Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4.

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. Please see *Around Town* on page 30

Smile of the Month



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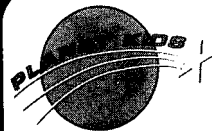


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Religion

Events Preaching

Reach out to those in need

We are well into the season of Lent in the church calendar. During this time it is not unusual for people to give something up as a reminder of what our Savior, Jesus, gave up for us.

St. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 8: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich.

Imagine what He gave up for us!

He had all the riches and glory of heaven, but He gave it up to come into our world. He had all the power of God, yet He submitted to the sinful power of man so He could die on the cross for our sins.

He gave it all up. He entered poverty for us, so we could live in a palace, heaven!

I often wonder how blessed we feel. When people ask me how I am my response is that I am blessed.

Sometimes, however, I don't feel very blessed.

I am tired from a long day or lack of sleep the night before. But I had, at the least, the day and a bed in which I was able to rest.

I had a roof to keep the snow and rain off me, and a furnace that kept my house warm all night long.

I woke up to a hot shower. I checked the news on the television and internet. I had

food waiting for me in the kitchen so I would not begin the day hungry.

Then, I begin to think about the people who do not have those opportunities.

They might have to wander down to a mucky river they bathe in and do their laundry and get their drinking water. Food is not plentiful, so they have little to eat.

They might have some shelter against the elements, but electricity is rare and expensive.

They have more important uses for their limited resources. It is a different life than the one we live.

But what do we do? We complain about so many of the things we have (or feel that we need) because they don't work like we want them to or because we don't have them.

Do we really understand how blessed we are? Just look around you. Even those who live in poverty are better off than many in the impoverished nations of the world.

What are we to do? In Matthew 25, Jesus tells a parable, a story with a teaching point. At the end He tells us that as we do for others, we do for Him, if we fail to do for others, we do not do for Him.

The parable leads us to understand that this was the way of life for the people He addressed.

Look around you. See who is in need. Reach out to them and become rich in the ways of God.

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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

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DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

CrossTowne Kids' Club, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Learn about God and Bible through lessons, application, activities, for grades 1-5.

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

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Death notices & Obituaries

Sandra Kay Frasa, 69

Sandra (Sandy) Kay Frasa, 69, of Frostproof, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, beloved wife of Warren Frasa for 48 years, passed away peacefully in the loving arms of her husband on Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring, Fla.

Sandy was born in Pontiac, Mich., and lived most of her life in Clarkston where she had careers in nursing as an LPN, as a bank teller, and various positions with Oakland County, while raising her family and traveling prior to retiring to Rainbow Resort in Frostproof, Fla.

She was passionate about sewing, quilting and machine embroidery. She thoroughly enjoyed teaching others to exercise their creativity through these crafts, as well as continually mentoring countless students and friends in the creative arts she dearly loved at the resort. Besides Warren, Sandy is survived by her two sons Craig Frasa and wife Dawn of Clarkston, Mich., and Mark Frasa and wife Laura of Waterford, Mich.; her grandchildren, Emily, Darren, Aaron, and Taylor; her brother Terry, niece Stacey, nephew Kevin; sister-in-law Barbara; numerous cousins, and many dear friends.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the doctors and nurses of Winter Haven Hospital and Good Shepherd Hospice for their care and attention. We thank God for the gift of her life, and the blessing of the time we had with her.

A funeral service was March 2 at First United Methodist Church, 150 Devane St. Frostproof, Fla. Sandy will then return to Michigan for a funeral service, Wednesday, 6 p.m., at **Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home** in Clarkston, with visitation starting at 5 p.m. Burial will be at Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sandy can be made to The First United Methodist Church in Frostproof, or the Good Shepherd Hospice of Sebring.

James L. Wilson, 69

James L. Wilson, "Jim," of White Lake passed away Feb. 26, 2013, at age 69.

He was the loving husband of Marty for 45 years; beloved dad of Joe (Corey) and Russell (Theresa); Bumpa of 10 and Great Bumpa of four; brother of Bill Wilson; brother in law of Mike and Laura Madison; uncle of Georgia and Anna Grace Madison. He is preceded in death by his siblings Mary Ann See and Jack Wilson.

Jim retired from General Motors after 43 years of service. He was an active member of Base Church.

Funeral Service was March 2 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Pastor Devine Meyers officiating. Memorials may be made to Base Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

William Reynolds Jr., 86

William R. Reynolds Jr., "Bill," of Waterford passed away Feb. 28, 2013, at age 86.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara. He was the loving father of Linda Ritchie, Debra (Steven) Powrie and William R. Reynolds III; grandfather of Jennifer (Scott) Marlinga, Kristyn Ritchie and Ronald (Amanda) Ritchie; great grandfather of seven.

Bill retired from Amerigas. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Bill was a Past Commodore for the Oakland County Boat Club. He was a member of the Drayton Plains Lions Club, Elks Club, American Legion, and a longtime Usher at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church.

Scripture Service was March 3 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was March 5 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice.

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Daniel Stephenson, 58

Daniel Stephenson of Clarkston passed away Feb. 28, 2013, at age 58.

He was the loving husband of Janet for 29 years; father of Jason Dean (April) Stephenson; Son of Mary Ellen Stephenson; brother of Mary Cook, Catherine (Michael) Kolomitz, Tim (Connie), Harry (Cheryl), Earl (Cindy) and Cheryl Franklin; brother in law of Kathy (Brian) Dailey; preceded in death by his dad Earl, brothers Henry and Jeremy.

Dan was an avid Bass Competition Fisherman. He was an active member of Alcoholics Anonamous for 31 years.

Memorial Service was March 3 at the Clarkston American Legion, 8047 Ortonville Road, Clarkston. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Vern Roberts, a good life remembered

Vern Roberts, retired Pontiac police officer and owner of Southern Motors in Clarkston had a saying, surround yourself with good people and you'll have a good life, according to LeeRoy Simpson, who worked for Roberts for over 25 years. Mr. Roberts passed away on Feb. 17.

Mr. Roberts grew up in Waterford and always had a passion for cars said his daughter, Dorothy Johnston. After graduating from high school, he worked as an ambulance driver for Fleet Ambulance, she said.

"Mr. Roberts' father was a GM man and he wanted his son to work in the plant, that lasted

for a week," according to Simpson.

On his 21st birthday, he joined the Pontiac Police Department and served 25 years on the force. Prior to his retirement, he served as a police liaison officer at Pontiac Northern High School.



"Vern had a circle drive at his home in Lake Orion and always had cars for sale," said David Witt, manager of Southern Motors, a muscle and classic car dealership. Witt met Mr. Roberts while he was a student at Pontiac Northern and served as his office aide. Mr. Roberts first companies were Roberts' Corvette Shop and Southern Auto Sales back in the late 1970s located on Oakland Avenue. The company later moved to Baldwin Avenue location in Pontiac.

Both Simpson and Witt said Mr. Roberts treated them as "sons and part of the family" and both employees have worked at Southern Motors for more than 20 years.

Simpson said, "in the beginning, the cars Mr. Roberts sold were in the \$1,500 to \$1,800 range. Today many of the same muscle and classic cars are selling for more than \$30,000 while some can bring \$90,000 or more."

Today, the company Mr. Roberts founded sells muscle and classic cars all over the world. Sitting on the showroom floor are cars ready to be shipped to Australia, Malaysia, Denmark and Germany. Witt says, Mr. Roberts didn't immediately understand the need to market cars on the internet but today Southern Motors has a good reputation in the global marketplace and is well-known for selling over 7,000 cars.

Johnston said her dad was frugal and smart

and didn't take many risks. "He knew so much about old cars. He had a great feel for business of using used vehicles," she added.

Besides the business, Mr. Roberts loved racing and was planning on racing this summer, said his wife, Mary Ann Roberts.

"He had a passion for Corvettes and he went back into racing in 2000 at Waterford Hills, mid-Ohio and Road Atlanta," said Johnston, "he put me through driver's school and we raced against each other in the same flight but different classes. He had a T-1 custom painted multi-colored race Corvette, he raced."

Mr. Roberts also loved to watch his grandkids play sports. "No matter the weather, he didn't want to miss any opportunity to experience his grandchildren's activities," said Johnston

"Everyone said he was a great listener. He would spend time and listen and he seemed to know the right thing to say," said Johnston

Both Witt and Simpson said Mr. Roberts had a love for ice cream.

"You never sealed the deal without buying Vern a Dairy Queen," according to Simpson.

Mr. Roberts was known for his perfect hair. According to Simpson and Witt, "he blow dried his hair three times and then sprayed it. We loved to tease him about his slick hair," said Simpson. Simpson said when Roberts finished a race, he would always tell him (Roberts) he needed to fix his hair. Mr. Roberts was an Elvis Presley fan and the slick hair may have had something to do with Elvis.

"Southern Motors was more like a clubhouse than a business," said Simpson, "we will miss him as a part of the group."

Mr. Roberts funeral arrangements were handled through Coats Funeral Home in Clarkston.

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New plan to fix budget troubles

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The most significant budget overrun the auditors identified was \$7,733 for a City Hall and Grounds expense. According to Barlass, "the majority of this variance (\$6,388) was due to a difference in classification of expenses." The CAP stated, "our auditors reclassified the expenses."

In response to the state statute violation requiring a budget for all funds, the City adopted a budget for the Mill Pond Improvement Board on Jan. 28.

Regarding deficiencies from previous years, the City's CAP states "the investment policy was updated in February 2012 and reviewed by our auditor without incident."

Additionally, the City intends to improve the lack of segregation of duties by using a temporary employment staffing company "in the event a key employee is not available," Barlass wrote in the CAP.

According to City Manager Dennis Ritter, the city has never used a staffing company before and none has been chosen yet.

Ritter also said, the City may choose another auditing service in the future. They currently use Janz and Knight PLC. New auditing services would be discussed at the City's next Finance Committee meeting on March 11.

The City Council will meet again on March 11 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall on Depot Road.

Grants for projects

Clarkston Area Optimist Club is looking for projects in need of monetary assistance to serve the youth of Clarkston and Independence Township. The club has received a grant to support Clarkston's youth who live within the boundaries of the Clarkston Community Schools and they will be passing the money on to organizations enriching students' lives.

A financial support application is available at the club's website, www.clarkstonoptimists.org or by calling 248-514-1729.

Last year, the club donated about \$46,000 to projects such as the new tennis facility at Clarkston High School, summer bookmobile at North Sashabaw Elementary, Blessings in a Backpack, Cultures of Thinking program at Pine Knob Elementary, and Clarkston High School Athletic complex.

Applications require information on how many young people will be served, how the money will be spent, how youth will be impacted, how it will be evaluated, and how they can leverage money from other sources.

The committee will be meeting for the next three months. Applications should be mailed to Clarkston Area Optimist Club, c/o Joette Kunes, P. O. Box 891, Clarkston 48347 by March 31.



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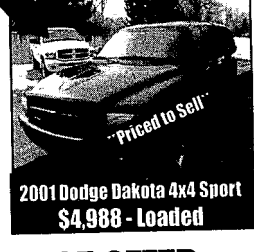
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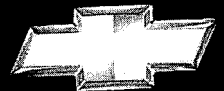
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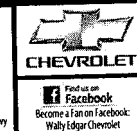
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Published: February 20 & March 6, 2013

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Luginiski, Hunter, Sabol, Roth, Haven and Eberhardt

Absent - Hargis

Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Haven, supported by Roth to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent: Hargis

Moved by Roth, supported by Hunter to move item 9. B. up to under 7. C. - Manger's Report.

Motion Carried. Absent: Hargis

Moved by Eberhardt, supported by Hunter to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent: Hargis

Moved by Hunter, supported by Roth to approve the request of the Canine Companions Rescue Center to hold a walk-a-thon and adoption event at Depot Park on August 10, 2013 with submission of the certificate of insurance.

Motion Carried. Absent: Hargis

Moved by Haven, supported by Sabol to approve the request of a Prayer Event to be held May 4, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in Depot Park with submission of the certificate of insurance.

Motion Carried. Absent: Hargis

Resolved by Eberhardt, supported by Haven to approve expenditure up to \$180.00 to send whoever wants to go of the four from the sign committee to the Scenic Michigan, Southeast Michigan workshop on signage.

Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Roth, supported by Eberhardt to adjourn meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Richter
City Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Grantor, Edward F. Mayne, Jr. (date of birth August 15, 1918), who lived at 1445 Keweenaw, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, died on February 25, 2013. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against Edward F. Mayne Revocable Trust dated November 7, 1973, as amended and restated, will be forever barred unless presented to William G. Zabel and Michelle M. Mayne, Co-Trustees, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust assets will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

Date: May 18, 2012
William G. Zabel (22671) William G. Zabel and Michelle M. Mayne, Co-Trustees
6480 Citation Drive
Clarkston, MI 48346
248-620-3330 248-620-3330

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2013-348, 321-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of KAAREN M. GABRIELE. Date of birth: 07/29/1942

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, KAAREN M. GABRIELE, died 12/19/2012.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Scott W. Adams named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd. and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Around Town

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

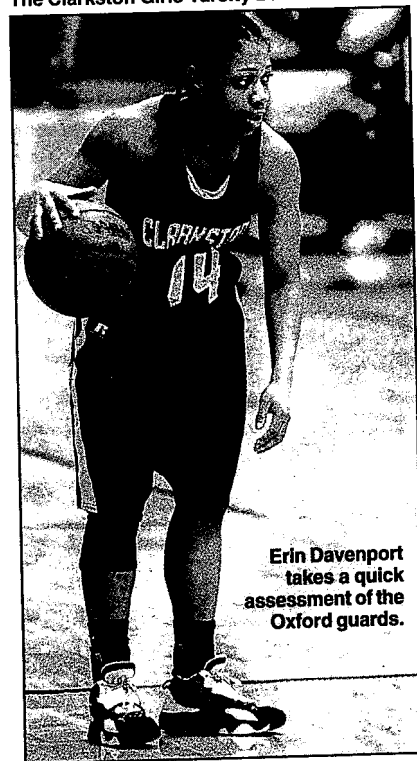
- Clarkston Community Women's Club,** 7 p.m., Feb. 19, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Gentle Yoga. All welcome. www.ClarkstonWomensClub.org.
- Wednesday**
Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.
- Tell Us About Your Travels,** 7-8:30 p.m., third Wednesday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. February: New Zealand and Australia. 248-625-2212.
- Thursday**
Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Stella M. Andrews, died November 7, 2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent will be forever barred unless presented to James D. Andrews, successor trustee or to Attorney Paul A. Bailey, 236 S. Broadway, Lake Orion, MI 48362 within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
February 19, 2013
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3169 Imlay City Road
Atica, MI 48412

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236 S. BROADWAY
LAKE ORION, MI 48362
248-693-4080



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team celebrates winning the MHSAA District title. Photos by Larry Wright



Erin Davenport takes a quick assessment of the Oxford guards.



Delaney Kenny shoots past Wildcat defenders.

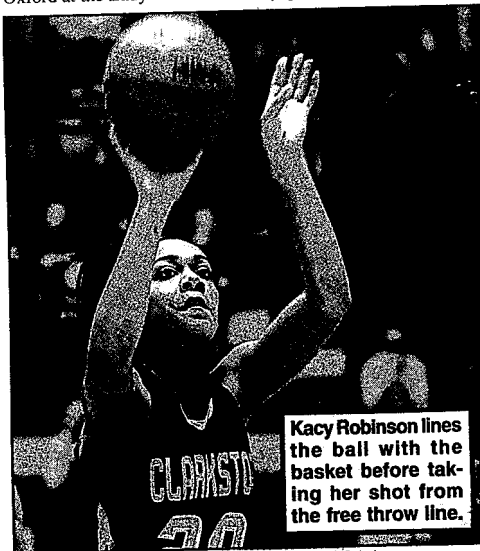
Third time's the charm

Lady Wolves finished last Friday winning their third consecutive MHSAA District crown.

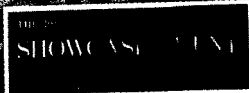
This time around they beat Oxford at the Lady Wildcats

home turf, 36-17. They also beat Lake Orion on their way to the title, 50-16.

The girls started regionals playoffs on Tuesday. For the full story, please see page 10.



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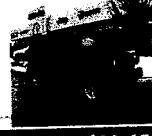
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Diabetes patients find road to health with Genesys help

Marilyn, Penny and Stephanie are regulars at Genesys.

Once a month, the newfound friends attend an extended medical appointment at Genesys East Flint Family Health Center specifically to learn about diabetes. All three are living with this illness, and – with the help of Genesys – they are doing everything they can to manage their condition.

Two years ago, Genesys East Flint Family Health Center began offering these monthly medical appointments. Small groups of women and men meet with a physician and a Genesys HealthWorks health navigator. Visits include education on wise food choices, adding exercise into their daily routine, preparing healthy meals, understanding food labels, and finding solutions to the challenges of living with diabetes.

Brenda Fortunate, DO, family practice physician at Genesys, leads the visits with Health Navigator Lisa Horne.

"This is one component of the patient-centered medical home Genesys provides to ensure patients practice prevention and learn disease self-management so they can stay as healthy as possible," reports Dr. Fortunate. "Our goal through the extended medical appointments is to deliver care that achieves better patient outcomes."

Marilyn Woodward, Penny Brewer and Stephanie McNinch – three regulars at the monthly medical visits – sound like diabetes experts when they start talking about what they have learned.

"I was diagnosed with diabetes about a year ago," Stephanie reports. My A1c was 8.9. I had to do something to get my condition under control. Through the group visits, I have changed my eating habits and plan to stay this way forever!" she says with confidence.

"I admit it especially is hard to eat right living with a family who does not have diabetes," notes Marilyn who was diagnosed 11 years ago. "I often fix two meals." She admits her family still likes goodies – chocolate donuts, sugary cereals and candy – which she has replaced with healthy food choices, thanks to what she has learned at Genesys.

"What I especially like about these medical visits is that we can speak freely and we can offer advice to others," says Penny.

"Sometimes, it is hard to eat right, especially with a food allowance of \$300 a month for three people," she continues. "One of our first visits was about how to eat healthy on a shoestring budget, which was really helpful for me. And at another visit, Dr. Fortunate asked us to bring our grocery lists so we could talk about them."

The women are proud to announce how their cholesterol, A1c and blood pressure numbers continue to drop.

"They really are teaching one another by sharing their stories and their struggles with each other," Dr. Fortunate finds.



"Dr. Fortunate makes each visit so worthwhile," says Penny.

"This group is important and needed," adds Stephanie.

And the women also emphasize how much they value the role of Lisa Horne as their health navigator.

"She calls at least once a month to check in on me," says Marilyn. "Lisa is a good resource with my other medical issues, too. She bends over backwards to make sure my family's needs are being taken care of. She boosts me up and makes me feel great!"

"We help one patient at a time," says Lisa when discussing the work of Genesys and the health navigator program. "To improve the health of an entire community takes one person at a time."

"Without Lisa and Dr. Fortunate I would not be where I am," announces Penny. "They have given me so much help, so much support and so much encouragement to push through my obstacles. The visits are very motivational. I am learning nothing is impossible!"

Genesys HealthWorks: an innovative model of care

Genesys HealthWorks was implemented to improve the health of this community, improve the patient and provider experience, and contain costs. HealthWorks focuses on health rather than disease. The extended medical appointments at the Genesys East Flint Family Health Center for patients with diabetes are one component of this model of care – all designed to improve outcomes for patients and keep them out of the hospital.

Genesys saves life of Linden teen twice

Like most 16 year olds, Ryan Tressel was anxious to get behind the wheel as soon as he received his driver's license. But, his plans came to a screeching halt during a routine weight lifting class at Linden High School three years ago.

"I was bench pressing when I started getting really hot ... I was sweating a lot and was feeling really dizzy," Ryan retells his story casually while his mother, Dee, can't stop the tears as she relives that traumatic day.

"I tried to call my mom, but I was so disoriented, I couldn't dial the number. I headed for the door so I could get some fresh air, but I never made it. I went straight for the floor, head first."

Paramedics took Ryan to the closest hospital - Genesys. Dee asked if they would take Ryan to her hospital workplace, but they told her, "we don't have time."

The Genesys emergency team was ready for Ryan. Within one hour, a series of tests had been completed, and Ryan was in surgery. The exertion of weightlifting while holding his breath had caused a stroke. His brain stem had shifted and his brain was bleeding profusely.

Dee asked that Ryan be airlifted to a hospital out of the area; once again, she heard "we don't have time."

Avery Jackson, MD (the neurosurgeon called in to save Ryan's life), prayed over Ryan. "He is a very religious man ... and a very good doctor," Dee shares.

The surgery took nine hours. "There must've been 30 of us in the waiting room," Dee says. "When Dr. Jackson came to see us after the surgery, he probably had about two or three questions from each of us, and he answered every single one."

While operating on Ryan, Dr. Jackson learned that a blood clot had broken off and traveled into a tiny hole between two chambers of Ryan's heart - a hole so tiny that it had not been detected previously. Ryan was not out of the woods. He needed heart surgery, too.

Marc Silver, MD, Genesys cardiothoracic surgeon, was called in. He assured Dee that Ryan was in good hands at Genesys.

Ryan survived major brain surgery and major heart surgery, but the effects of his stroke lingered. He lost half of his vision, his speech was slurred - "I talked like a drunken sailor - "Ryan laughs, and his left side was almost completely immobile. He spent a few more weeks at Genesys in the Inpatient Rehabilitation Center where he began the long road to recovery, which also included extensive cognitive impairment therapy.

Within a few months, Ryan was able to drive again, but not for long. While on the road with a friend, Ryan had a seizure, blacked out, slumped over his friend, and the car slammed into two trees with the wheels still spinning.

Ryan made a repeat visit via ambulance to Genesys. And once again, luck was on Ryan's side. He survived another near death incident.

It's been two years since Ryan made his last appearance at Genesys. Today, he's walking - on the campus of Saginaw Valley University almost through his freshman year, where he is excelling academically.

"Genesys was exceptional," he adds. "They comforted my family and that was important to me. From the time I got to Genesys to the time I left, everyone was awesome."

"I'm glad Ryan was at Genesys," says Dee. "We had a good experience. Everyone was so concerned and took good care of him. And the doctors at Genesys are excellent."



Specialists at Genesys pool resources to save man's life

Bob Dellinger describes the day he was rushed to Genesys by ambulance as "usual." The Grand Blanc retiree got up early, gardened for a few hours, and headed for the golf course to play 18 holes.

"I had a cup of coffee and a donut, and no lunch or dinner," he admits. As a result, his blood pressure began a steady downward spiral, causing him to faint later that evening, slam his head on a granite counter top, and hit the floor hard.



"Genesys is an excellent facility!"

After his arrival at the Genesys emergency department, results of extensive testing revealed Bob had suffered a severe cervical spinal cord injury. "I was paralyzed," Bob says in simple terms. The next several days were touch and go. His respiratory system was impaired, a blood clot had lodged in his lungs, he contracted pneumonia, and he fell into septic shock.

An extensive team of physician specialists worked side by side to save Bob's life. From his family doctor (Dale Hanson, MD) who led the team, the specialists included: Sunilkumar Rao, DO, cardiologist; Vivekanand Palavali, MD, neurosurgeon; Nael Tarakji, MD, neurologist; Fahim Khorfan, MD, pulmonologist and critical care specialist; and Dara Headrick, DO, medical director of Genesys Inpatient Rehabilitation.

Little by little, one day at a time, Bob got better. Once he was out of the woods, his next hurdle was regaining mobility. He was transferred to the Genesys Inpatient Rehabilitation Center where "I had to be pushed around in a wheelchair. I could push myself a little with one foot."

For the next few weeks, he underwent intensive occupational therapy and physical therapy several hours a day, every day.

"The staff motivated me to get up every day and work hard. They are great people. I felt fortunate," Bob reflects.

When he was able to go home, he soon graduated to a walker. Within three months he was using a cane, and now he is walking independently. "I still have a slight limp and I don't have all of the strength back in my right hand and foot," he notes. "The fainting spells have stopped and I'm working on keeping my blood pressure elevated."

Last summer, Bob trained for the Crim 5K walk and he resumed most of his normal daily routine. His next milestone is getting back on the golf course.

"Genesys is an excellent facility," he announces. "I don't think I'd be alive if I were somewhere else. And I know I would not have progressed as much without the rehab staff pushing me every day.

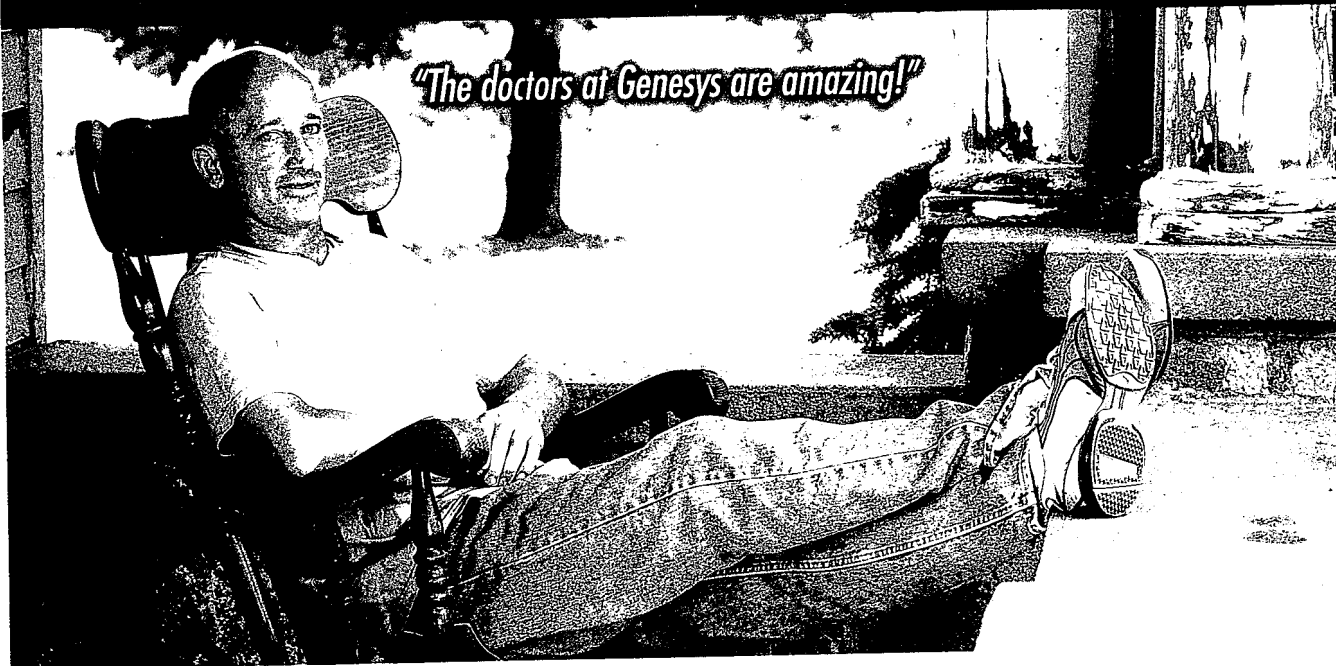
"In a couple of seconds, your life can change," he reflects. "I got a second chance - I am seeing a different picture of life these days. I was very lucky ... I am lucky to be alive."

Genesys Inpatient Rehabilitation Center helps patients rebuild their life

- Goal is to help patients resume an active, productive, independent life.
- Specialists, under the direction of the patient's family physician, team to develop a treatment plan customized for each patient.
- Staff is trained to care for these patients: stroke, brain injury, spinal cord injury, amputation, traumatic injury, arthritis conditions, orthopedic injuries, neuromuscular diseases, and other medically complex conditions that cause functional declines.

For details, call 810-606-6500.

Reunion with a Cause helps man stay in his home



Roger Pool-Blair used to say, "I'm as healthy as a horse." In fact, he hadn't seen a doctor in 20 years until the back pain started, and never stopped.

He first sought help at a local hospital. "I was told they couldn't find anything. A few days later, the pain went to my neck and I went back to the hospital. I was told the same thing. They couldn't find anything wrong. They gave me some pain medication but it wasn't working."

Next came the numbness in his leg. "I couldn't stand and I couldn't work. I started seeing a chiropractor once a week and it seemed to help at first, but before I knew it, I was going four times a week and the pain was not subsiding." Roger's positive expression never fades as he retells the events that led up to his diagnosis of leukemia.

The numbness soon affected both legs. "I couldn't take it anymore so I went to the emergency department at Genesys."

An MRI showed spots on his vertebra. A bone marrow biopsy revealed the diagnosis: Roger had leukemia.

"My biggest worry was losing my house," Roger says. "A counselor at Genesys told me about several options to help me pay my medical bills. One was Reunion with a Cause.

"I'm stubborn; I really did not want to ask for help, but people from the Reunion committee visited me often when I was in the hospital at Genesys and told me funds were available. They said they could help with my house payments, and with my gas and groceries."

Every time Roger came to Genesys for his chemotherapy treatments, a representative from the Reunion stopped to check in on him.

The next step in his treatment plan was a bone marrow transplant. The Genesys medical team, led by Oncologist Rizwan Danish, MD, worked with the transplant center at the University of Michigan Medical Center to ensure a seamless transition of care. Luck was on Roger's side again when his brother was a 10 point match! The transplant was successful, and today, Roger is doing great – and still in his home in Holly, thanks to funds from Reunion with a Cause.

"I am not sure if I would be in my home right now if Reunion funds hadn't helped me through. They took that pain away from me.

"And the doctors at Genesys who take care of me – they are amazing!

"I was watching March Madness on TV one day at the hospital when Dr. Danish stopped in. He sat and watched the game with me and we talked sports!"

Reunion with a Cause helps Genesys cancer patients

Genesys, in partnership with the Holly community, sponsors Reunion with a Cause to help Genesys cancer patients with special financial needs not covered by insurance: medications, medical equipment, private pay aides, transportation to and from cancer treatments and other special needs — like helping Roger Pool-Blair with his house payments. One hundred percent of the proceeds from the fundraising event go directly to Genesys cancer patients in need. Last year's event yielded more than \$80,000.

This year's Reunion will take place Friday, Aug. 9, from 6 pm to 10:30 pm at Holly High School. For details, call 810-606-6387.

Fenton man healthier than ever, thanks to Genesys

Fifteen years ago, Roger Terrell didn't worry much about the soreness in his toe, but as it got worse, he had it checked out.

At first, antibiotics seemed to help, but only temporarily. Pain relief treatments also were not a fix, and neither were treatments in the hyperbaric chamber at Genesys Wound and Hyperbaric Center.

"I couldn't walk, I couldn't even stand without intense pain," he says. "I was ill and tired and my social calendar was full - with doctor and wound care appointments," he says. All the while, his medical team at Genesys worked tirelessly to save Roger's limbs.

"I would not go anywhere else but Genesys!"



A bone infection was attacking his entire system. Roger often was bedridden. "Sometimes I couldn't even lift my head off the pillow. I wasn't healing."

When Roger was hospitalized with gangrene in his toes, Michael Lewis, DO, infectious disease specialist at Genesys, told Roger his circulation was compromised and infection would continue to attack his body.

Brad Sweda, MD, vascular surgeon at Genesys, was called in for a consult. The decision was made to remove the lower portion of Roger's leg in order to stop the infection from spreading.

That's when Roger met the Genesys Orthotics and Prosthetics team.

"Dave and Gillian (Dave Williams, director of the center; and Gillian Campbell, Genesys certified prosthetist) spent a lot of time with me discussing this step, and they answered every single question I had, and I had a bunch!" Roger retells his story, knowing its happy ending. "They came back to see me three, maybe four times to make sure all of my questions were answered.

"They did not tell me what to do. They gave me the facts so I could make a clear decision," Roger emphasizes.

"One of my big concerns was if I would be able to walk by July. Our church had a big youth event that I was organizing and I wanted to be there. They convinced me I could be active again, and they didn't lie!"

Even before his July event, Roger was back on the golf course, wearing a perfectly fitted prosthetic leg. And in July, he was on his feet all day at his church.

The components in his new leg rotate so Roger can swing his golf club with no worries.

"We accommodated his lifestyle," reports Dave. "We asked Roger what he wanted to do and we fit his prosthetic to fit his lifestyle. We custom made his leg to his height, weight and activity level. And the fit must be comfortable at all times. Roger comes into Genesys every few months to make sure his leg maintains a perfect, comfortable fit."

"Genesys did such a good job," Roger is happy to report. "I don't think most people even know I have a prosthetic leg."

Today, one year later, Roger says there is no sign of infection in his body, and he is stronger and healthier than he has been in 15 years.

"Having this new leg has made all the difference in the world for me."

In addition to regular checkups with Genesys Orthotics and Prosthetics, Roger follows up with Dr. Sweda and Dr. Lewis.

"Dr. Lewis worked hard to make my life comfortable - he is the kind of doctor you want. And Genesys was integral to making me where I am right now. These people have been so good to me. I would not go anywhere else but Genesys."

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Genesys offers innovative procedure for incontinence

More than 33 million people in America – one in six adults – suffer from incontinence (bladder control problems). Heather Smothers is one of them. A mother of two young children, she began having bladder control issues after her first child was born in 2002. It got progressively worse after she had her second child in 2005. Her obstetrician at Genesys, Christopher Tykocki, DO, referred her to a urologist who tried to correct her problem with a bladder sling, but it only worked for a short time, Heather explains. Dr. Tykocki was not about to give up on finding a solution for his patient.

He learned of a new procedure that might work for Heather. Dr. Tykocki referred her to Keith Heslinger, MD, an OB/GYN at Genesys, who, along with Thomas Wright, DO, OB/GYN, were undergoing training to perform a new procedure – InterStim Therapy – that might work for Heather.

InterStim Therapy targets the communication breakdown between the brain and the nerves that control the bladder. If the nerves are not communicating correctly, the bladder will not function properly.

Determined to help this young 35 year-old woman, Dr. Heslinger conducted a trial assessment on Heather to see if the therapy would work. He numbed a small area of the lower back and inserted a thin, flexible lead near the tailbone. The lead was taped to the skin and connected to a small external device Heather wore on her waistband. This external device sends mild stimulation through the lead to the nerves near the tailbone, helping the bladder function properly. The trial worked!

Dr. Heslinger and Dr. Wright arranged outpatient surgery for Heather with a physician who had completed the extensive training and had conducted several procedures already.

The one hour outpatient procedure involves inserting a small InterStim device in the gluteal muscle (upper buttock) with leads running to the sacral nerves, which help control the muscles related to bladder and bowel function.

"It's been almost three years since Heather's procedure "and it still is working," she is happy to say. "I'm so glad Genesys presented me with this option," Heather sings praises for her Genesys team of doctors who worked together to find a solution for her.



"I'm so glad Genesys presented me with this option!"

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Genesys offers diabetes resources

Genesys Diabetes and Nutrition Center offers:

- Diabetes prevention classes several times a year
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- One-on-one counseling and education

For details, call 810-606-7720.

Genesys introduces Karl Ilg, MD Electrophysiologist

Dr. Ilg recently joined the Genesys Heart Institute Physician Group. He comes from Oakwood Health System where he served as Medical Director of Cardiac Electrophysiology. Dr. Ilg completed a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine and one in clinical cardiac electrophysiology – both at the University of Michigan Health System.



To reach Dr. Ilg, call the Genesys Heart Institute Physician Group: 810-606-7550.



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