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Snow days and school

How will kids make up all these snow days? How are snow days decided? Find out on page 31

McLaren fight continues

Proponents cite CON conflict of interest

BY ANDREAM.BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Local officials and McLaren executives say they will continue fighting to build a hospital in Independence Township despite legal setbacks and a Michigan State University study finding no lack of hospitals in southeast Michigan.

The proposed \$303 million hospital would be built on eight acres of land next to the McLaren Health Care Village campus at Sashabaw and Bow Point Drive.

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) denied McLaren's bid, based on a Certificate Of Need (CON) recommendation.

The CON process, created by the state to prevent increased health care costs through unneeded beds, is overseen by 11 commissioners appointed by the governor. All members of the committee are in the medical profession.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the CON commission presents a conflict of interest.

As a free market proponent, he said commissioners making the decisions should not be involved in the medical field. "If decision makers from the big three,

GM, Ford, Chrysler got together and told a competitor they could not build a plant, they would be in trouble," said Kittle.

The CON process requires health care entities to complete an application to submit and be reviewed by the MDCH.

A study funded by a grant to MSU by the MDCH, concluded there are 835 excess hospital beds in a group of several hospitals in Oakland County. In the entire state of Michigan there were 7,000 excess beds.

One of the lead researchers for the study, Paul

Delamater said during his research he discovered any hospital beds built are used, but the study also showed a hospital built in an area not demonstrating a need, like the proposed hospital in Clarkston, may lead to increased health care costs.

Delamater said during his research he found no need for another hospital

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Kittle

in the area.

"It's unfortunate," he said. "There's a lot more at stake here than health care."

According to the study, over 9.8 million Michiganians are served by 169 acute care hospitals, with a total of 26,180 hospital beds.

In 2010, there were nearly 1.2 million hospitalizations with over 5.3 million days of hospital stays. That figure breaks down to 9.5 hospitalizations for every 1,000 people—slightly higher than the national average. *Please see Hospital on page 4*



Mason Van Gieson leads the Clarkston High School Drama Club's production of "Peter Pan," opening next week. Photo by Wendi Reardon

High flying adventure on stage

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Get ready to take flight with the Darling children as they venture to Neverland in Clarkston High School Drama Club's presentation of "Peter Pan," Feb. 13-16.

"The music is a riot and the characters are larger than life," said Mason Van Gieson on the newest production. "It is one of the best shows you could perform in high school - and we are flying."

The audience is introduced quickly to Wendy Darling and her two brothers, Michael and John, as Wendy is on the verge of adolescence - fighting the decision to stay a child or grow up.

"Peter Pan is a magical boy from Neverland," Van Gieson said, who steps into the titular role. "He takes Wendy and her brother on a trip in which they discover them-

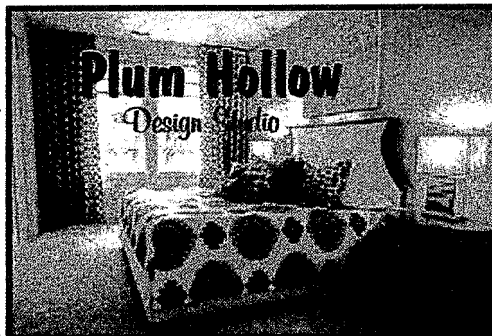
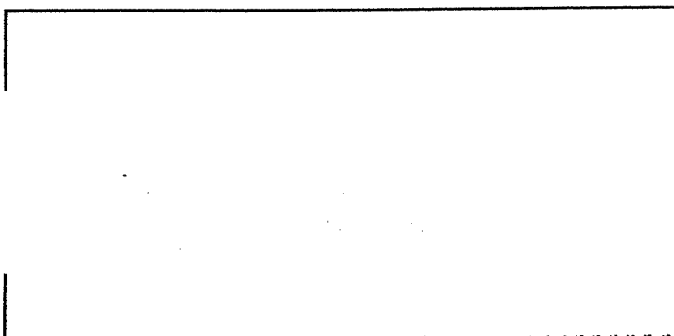
selves as children and encounter a lot of trials and tribulations. Not least the ominousness between Peter Pan and the evil Captain Hook."

Van Gieson added her character is motivated by fun and remaining a boy.

"Peter presents himself as the symbol of youth and ultimate freedom," she added. "He very much cares for his Lost Boys. But at the same time he is not a little boy - he is far from innocent."

"Hook is obviously the star of the show," said Carl Meyer, as Captain Hook. "Hook is pure evil. He is always plotting to take on Peter Pan - that's his goal in life to beat Peter Pan. He is always mischievous and doing different things. All of his pirates are afraid of him at all times that's why they do everything to his whim."

Visiting Neverland after Peter Pan's brief *Please see Drama on page 17*



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Sewer contract disagreement

A contract between the City of Clarkston and Independence Township will have to be renegotiated if the city wants to gain control of \$287,000 plus interest accrued through water and connection fees.

In December, Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt told council the city should request the money back so any interest could be collected.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said when Eberhardt requested the money back, he immediately reviewed the contract. Kittle said the contract is clear in who will collect and maintain control of the funds--the township.

"A contract that has been in place since 2001 calls for the township to collect fees and put them in a separate account for the city--which is what we are doing," he said.

Kittle said the funds are held in escrow and any repairs would be covered by the township from money in the city fund. If repair costs exceed the amount of money in the fund, the city must cover the remaining balance.

Independence Township Department of Public Works (DPW) installs water taps and completes any repairs in the city.

"Our concern is we give the city the money and they use the funds for normal operating expenses and then something breaks and it costs \$300,000 to repair. What if they don't have the money and the break has to get fixed," asked Kittle.

The contract can be renegotiated or the city can request a provision allowing interest to come to the city, he said.

Eberhardt said when she recommended getting the money back to city council, she was not aware of the contract between the city and the township.

She said it was just an idea.

"Getting the money back is really no big deal and I will inform the council about the contract, and ask them how the situation should be handled," she said.

— Andrea M. Beaudoin

State honor for music teacher

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Dozens of middle school and junior high students are honored every year for their musical achievements – this year, it's their teacher's turn.

Shelley Roland was selected as the Michigan Band and Orchestra Association's Band Teacher of the Year.

"It really is an honor," Roland said. "I'm humbled by it. It's so special. It really is."

She was selected for the top honor out of six nominations from the 32 district award winners, from MSBOA's 16 districts throughout the state.

"I know the other nominees, they deserve to win too," Roland said.

As teacher of the year, she will serve as assistant director at Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May at Western Michigan University, at the opening gala concert Saturday.

This is her 11th year teaching in Clarkston, and her 32nd year teaching. She taught for 19 years at Marlette Community Schools in the thumb.

"In Marlette, I was the band and choir director on my own - here, there's a whole crew," Roland said. "I'm blessed to work with outstanding colleagues, directors, music teachers who share similar goals. We have high expectations for students and one another."

Her responsibilities include directing four bands and a choir at Sashabaw Middle School, serving as an assistant director of the Clarkston High School Marching Band, and directing the CHS Clarinet Choir.

"At Sashabaw Middle School, there are a

lot of firsts at that level. They're learning what it means to be a musician, constantly in awe of making music," she said. "Seeing young musicians accomplish their goals and learn to love music can be doggone motivating."

The young musicians learn tone production, how to listen to one another, read rhythm, articulate tone or slur, build endurance, skill sets, and confidence, she said.

"They get better at what they're doing – it's very exciting," she said.

Roland also leads Clarkston Community Band, open to all musicians including those from the high school.

"It's a wonderful, hard working group of very dedicated musicians," she said.

She enjoys marching band because it gives students a chance to get back together.

"At Marlette, students were together from fifth grade through high school," she said. "Here, in a larger district, they get split into different bands, but they're all together again in marching band - it's fun."

Her goals are to continue to teach with energy and passion, as well as advocate for music in schools.

"It's hard for students to stay enrolled in choral and music, with all the demands on their schedule," she said, "I'm always advocating for programs for younger kids, so they can interact with middle school and high school musicians."

She has three children, Bayne (Sarah), Megan (Greg), and Meredith (Tim), and grandchildren Gabe, Lily, Isabel, Madison, Lawson, Andie, Sophie, Will, and Sawyer.



Shelley Roland

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Shrinking Pontiac reason for hospital, officials say

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average.

Delamater said he also discovered no resident in southeast Michigan is more than 30 minutes away from a hospital.

CEO Jack Weiner of St. Josephs Mercy Oakland in Pontiac said McLaren should just accept the fact they were denied under CON and move on.



Weiner

"When they say we don't want them to build another hospital because it threatens us they're right," said Weiner. "We are all competitors, but I'm playing by the rules and they are trying not to. The reality is St. Joe's serves an uninsured population and McLaren wants to serve the insured."

"I have been very outspoken proponent of the project" he said adding that McLaren is trying to fight the CON process that is in place because it works. They are trying to go around rules that everyone is living with."

Weiner said McLaren just wants to build a hospital in Clarkston for selfish reasons. "Clarkston is an affluent area with more insured and more attractive population."

"If St. Joe's wanted to move some or all of our hospital, we couldn't because it does not meet the CON rules," he said.

Weiner noted that St. Joe's just invested \$500 million dollars in the Pontiac hospital.

"We are committed to this area, which is a highly uninsured area, like we have been for more than 100 years, if the CON rules were different we would decide to move beds and serve a different community."

St. Joe's does not have that option because of the very important CON rules in place.

Weiner also noted that St. Joe's has unused beds, and that hospitalizations in Oakland County has declined over the years.

Weiner also said he believes no new jobs will be created by moving beds from Pontiac to Clarkston and the community and local businesses will end up paying for unused beds.

Weiner said there are many problems with the McLaren proposal.

"The community will pay for infrastructure, business will have to pay for the additional beds and other institutions will have trouble with expansion," he said.

"If this was Texas it might make sense, but our population in Michigan is not growing and people in the community are already served by the many hospitals in close proximity."

"All this is economic greed," he said. "Look at money they have spent to make this hospital work including donations to politicians."

Kittle said Clarkston residents should be angered by the decision and write their law-

makers, and that the decision puts residents at great risk. Kittle said he has expressed his concerns to Governor Rick Snyder and will also write a letter to President Obama over the matter.

Kittle said besides the 1,300 new jobs the hospital would create the growth potential to develop the over 190 acres of undeveloped land on Sashabaw Road is enormous. Over time, the new hospital would lead to spinoff business and have a positive effect on the area.

McLaren's Marketing Executive Kevin Tompkins said the search for a new facility began in 2006.



Tompkins

"We are always looking for growth and expansion opportunities," he said. "Northern Oakland County came up on our radar screen characterized with a lot of demand for health care."

Through market research, McLaren also discovered area consumers had too far to drive for health care.

Tompkins said research data for the area showed a big demand for inpatient and outpatient care coupled with a long drive to get to care facility.

After reviewing market information McLaren decided Northern Oakland County was a promising area in need of an additional hospital—then the acreage on Sashabaw was discovered.

Tompkins said the location was a great area to build health care facilities because the market should be there and because of the close proximity to interstate I-75.

McLaren got to work

Tompkins said after deciding Northern Oakland County was the place to build, they started looking for property when they found the parcels on Sashabaw.

"Several parcels of land were cut up into multiple lots so we bought all nine and created one large eight-acre plot," he said.

In 2006 McLaren Health Care Village was opened. Tompkins said McLaren broke ground on Phase 1 of the project in 2007 and held a grand opening celebration opening in May 2009.

McLaren's Health Care Village, which houses Clarkston Medical Group, has been extremely successful. "All facilities there are running well ahead of budgets and the demand for health care services is there in Clarkston. We are way ahead in terms of budgeting," Tompkins said.

Pontiac no longer has the population

Tompkins said although Pontiac McLaren Oakland hospital is certified for 400 hospital beds, many remain vacated and staffing is not provided for the unused beds. McLaren has proposed moving 200 beds from Pontiac to the new hospital in Clarkston.

"We are only staffing for 120 beds there

in Pontiac," he said. "The need for hospital beds that was once there in Pontiac is not there anymore."

Pontiac is a shadow of what it used to be and those beds are not needed anymore, and they are needed in North Oakland County. There is no acute care center North Oakland County—nothing."

According to the US Census Bureau when the Pontiac hospital was expanded to include acute care around 1975 the population in Pontiac was around 82,000. In the 2010 census, the population has declined to just over 59,000.

Tompkins said there is a lot of misinformation being spread including that Pontiac will lose jobs if the Clarkston hospital is opened.

"There is no staff working for the 280 beds that remain vacated. There are no jobs associated with the empty beds," said Tompkins. "What we want is to be allowed to move those unstaffed empty beds to Clarkston and create state-of-the-art jobs and create economic development in Oakland County."

He added that moving the beds will allow McLaren to do a better job of distributing health care services.

The proof that a hospital is needed in Clarkston is there.

"There have been accidents in the area and it took an enormous time to get to the hospital. Those examples is part of how we have worked to prove our case to state of Michigan that there is an unmet need in the area, and a need to move those hospital beds," Tompkins said.

Tompkins added that many competitors do not want McLaren to build a hospital in Clarkston. "They are not interested in the proposal because it threatens their existing hospitals," he said.

McLaren's bid was rejected again on Dec. 20 when circuit court Judge Coleen O'Brien upheld the Michigan Department of Community Health's (MDCH) decision denying McLaren's request to build a the new hospital.

CON Commission

Michigan's Certificate Of Need commission is made up of 11 members, including

- Two hospital representatives,
- One medical doctor
- One doctor of orthopedic
- One doctor, MD or DO, from a medical school
- One nursing home representative
- One nurse representative
- One member representing companies that are self-insured
- One representing companies that are not self-insured
- A representative of Blue Cross/Blue Shield/BSN
- One representative organized labor unions

Briefly

City meetings recorded

After a request by Clarkston resident Tom Stone, Clarkston City Council meetings are now recorded and broadcast on Independence Television.

City Hall was wired for broadcasts, but not used for long. Broadcast only requires portable video equipment now, however. Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the township is happy to help.

City Manager Carol Eberhardt said a link to the latest meeting will be posted on the city's web site online. Older meetings will be available on the ITV website for up to a year. The first meeting was taped on Jan. 27.

Help for weatherization

Low-income residents in need of home weatherization may be eligible for upgrades through the Federal Department of Energy and administered by the Michigan Department of Community Services. Free upgrades can include energy savings services like combustion appliance testing, installing ceiling insulation and ventilation, sidewall and floor ventilation, and interior sealing of major cold-air infiltration areas. Eligibility requirements must be met and those interested must apply. For more information visit www.olhsa.org or call 517-546-8500.

Wild game dinner

American Legion Campbell-Richmond Post 63 hosts a Wild Game Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, at the post home, 8047 Ortonville Road.

Tickets are \$20 per person at the all-you-can-eat fund raiser. Planned menu includes elk, white tail deer, duck, walleye, salmon, domestic turkey, and samples of other assorted wild game, along with desserts.

Events also include raffle of several guns, Booze Basket raffle, and 50/50. Call 248-625-9912.

Correction

In the story "Wolves hot lead leaves Dragons cold on ice," Jan. 29, Kyle Hogarth was the player who sealed the game for the Wolves after Clarkston turned over possession and headed into the Dragons' territory.

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City spat unresolved despite many letters

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Concerned citizen Cory Johnston has received flack from City Manager Carol Eberhardt over what she says is continual, unfounded criticism.

Emails have been sent back and forth between Eberhardt, Johnston, and other council members over what Eberhardt calls negativity that is no good for the city.

Johnston said he is just pointing out troubles he sees in the city.

Eberhardt said she doesn't mind when residents have criticisms for her or the city, but at least get the facts straight if you want to complain.

"This has been going on for years with other managers," according to Eberhardt, who claims Johnston is often just plain wrong about his complaints.

She also said Johnston complains about things he voted for when he served on the city council.

Johnston closely monitors audio from the city council meeting as well as various happenings around the city, takes notes and often makes comments on social web sites.

Over the past several weeks, Johnston has expressed his disapproval of how the city handled snowplowing after the area received 15.3 inches of snow.

After Eberhardt penned a letter to Johnston outlining how she felt his complaints were incorrect, Johnston in turn wrote a 25-page response.

Johnston summarized his 25-page response.

"The south bridge in the city's Depot Park meets no known standard for construction including ADA, the Michigan Building Code and AASHTO which is frequently used for this type of structure. How it was and is constructed is undocumented and there is no evidence that it has been inspected by anyone qualified to state it is adequate or safe for public use," he said.

Johnston said he enjoys walking city streets, and often takes photos when he sees a problem.

During a trip around the city after the snowfall, Johnston pointed out that some sidewalks in the city had yet to be completely cleared weeks after the gigantic snowstorm.

"Some of the sidewalks were impassible," he said, showing areas on Miller Road, along M-15 at Walton and at other areas of the city.

Eberhardt said the few employees in the Department of Public Works (DPW) department are not miracle workers and can only clear snow so fast. There are also problem having a place to put all that snow.

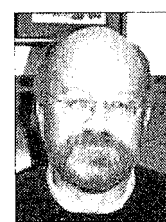
"Why is there all this snow in these places," he asks pointing out the footprints that dot sidewalks you cannot tell exist.

"It's clear people have tried to walk on them," he said, adding a city ordinance states sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours.

"It took them over a week to clear the sidewalks," he said, and wondered why the city is not ticketing homeowners who have not met the city ordinance requirements and cleared the sidewalks.

"I want to be able to walk in the city," he said.

Johnston said the city ignores rules all the time adding that if residents or businesses do not clear sidewalks they should be done by city workers and issued a fine for the job.



Johnston

Johnston has also expressed concerns over a recently repaired bridge in Depot Park.

Johnston's response letter cites recent repairs on the bridge saying that the repairs are haphazard and do not meet any Americans with Disability Act (ADA)

requirements.

"Because the public walks on that bridge if it is not safe that opens up the city to lawsuits," he said.

A few weeks ago, Johnston said he submitted two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to obtain information about repairs made on the bridge.

Johnston said for the second FOIA, he received a request back asking him to provide a more specific request. Johnston said the response took seven days, rather than the required five.

He also added that when Eberhardt responded to the request only information about the bridge was provided.

Johnston said he submitted the FOIA request's out of concern of a lack of paperwork documenting that ADA standards were met.

"The ADA is a law that must be followed, if not the city can be sued," he said.

Johnston said his opinions about the bridge come from his expertise as a structural engineer.

"The city has ignored my letters about issues regarding both the bridge and sidewalks or whenever I say that something the city or the manager is doing is wrong."

Because of the letter Eberhardt sent to Johnston, and city council members, Johnston said he has resigned from a community organization he has worked with for years and is very passionate about.

"I just feel nothing positive will come to the Clarkston Center for Performing Arts if I'm involved," he said. "The organization is just too important to me to let that happen."

Johnston recently submitted a letter of resignation from the CCPA because the city works so closely with the center. He said his involvement will just hurt, not help, because of his relationship with the city.

"Because of my vocal opinions I just think it's best my name does not come up," he said.

As for the criticism of the way she does her job, Eberhardt said she merely follows council orders. "I just do whatever they tell me to do."

"I am always open to criticism," Eberhardt insists. "All I ask is that if someone has criticism they propose a solution to the problem."

Her response to the letter:

"I will always work as hard as I can, my door is always open and I am always happy to help residents," she said.

"What's so offensive to me about all the complaints is that I try to make this place the best it can be and do whatever I can that is positive for the city I work hard for."

Johnston's most recent complaints could lead to big trouble for the city.

"There is nothing on the repair of the bridge, not one record that engineers inspected the bridge," said Johnston. "Someone with qualifications or certifications should have reviewed what was done to make sure it was safe."

"That's just plain wrong," responded Eberhardt over Johnston's comments saying that documents were in fact provided by qualified officials.

In Eberhardt's letter to Johnston she pointing out comments and complaints are some of the very things he voted for while on city council. Johnston says, so what.

"I think her response to my concerns are unprofessional and sad," he said adding that Eberhardt makes up things to discredit him and never brings up any of his concerns to the city council.

Johnston said he was blown away by the letter.

"As a citizen, any complaint I have should be addressed without question-without nasty letters," he insists.

Johnston said he is continuously surprised none of his concerns are ever addressed by city council, adding Eberhardt must spend a lot of city time working to discredit him-time that could have been spent working on finding out legal requirements and making improvements.

In the letter, Johnston also asked the city council to note the city administration has once again violated state law and city policy regarding a delayed FOIA request

Johnston said he considers the city to be guilty of gross negligence and misconduct.

Eberhardt said no matter what is done in the city, it will be wrong in Johnston's eyes.

Johnston said the city keeps violating the rules.

"What service is the city providing for our tax dollars if it doesn't enforce the laws and regulations it has adopted," he asked.



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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Who, now?

With a stage production like "Peter Pan," Clarkston drama students will be sure to put their best British-type accents to use – Captain Hook's evil threats just wouldn't sound the same otherwise.

I've been getting my fill of British accents myself, as my journey into entertainment free of cable television continues.

I've enjoyed lots of Japanese anime shows of all sorts on Netflix, ported through my trusty though increasingly outdated Wii, as well as Youtube and some others.

But now it's England's turn, namely, "Dr. Who." With just a sampling of episodes from throughout the sci-fi show's dozens of seasons, I'm not prepared to call myself a Whovian yet, but there I am getting.

Some are rather odd and offputting, but the structure is altogether brilliant. Whenever an actor playing Dr. Who wants to or has to leave and a new actor fills the role, they just write in a scene where the good doctor regenerates his form.

Perhaps the same can be said of James Bond, with his ever changing visages.

Amongst my favorite parts is the fact that everyone and everything in the shows I've seen so far has a British accent.

Ancient Aztec warriors? British accent. Evil gamesmaster from outer space? The Queen's speech. Cyborg mutant Daleks bent on eradication of all inferior lifeforms? Heavy Cockney accent.

I thought Daleks were rather silly, designed in the 60s in the shape of a large trashbin with a toilet plunger for an arm, but they're actually rather formidable.

When they screech their catchphrase I shrink in horror, even though it sounds like they're saying "Ex-stair-me-night!" Not for the faint of heart, they are, for they put into practice their philosophy with many a death ray.

And Wendy Padbury's Zoë Heriot, a young 21st century astrophysicist found on a rotating space station and who served as companion to the second doctor from 1968 to 1969, is absolutely charming.

Sadly, the supply of episodes on Netflix is quite limited. Alas, to the DVDs I must wander!



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

A call to reconsider emphasis on parking rules

Dear Editor,

In regards to "Parking confusion downtown," Jan. 29 edition, it's clear that parking downtown should be an important issue for local business owners and the community, but in this election year many hope that we can focus greater attention on perhaps more substantive issues affecting our local and national communities.

We are confronted with the effects of a state governor and legislature dominated by elitists who operate with stealth and lack of transparency and accountability, and with what appears to be a patronizing or even despising view of the larger population they are supposed to represent.

They've taxed pensioners, reduced educational funding and progression, and now in an election year pander to voters they obviously despise and insult by proposing an income "tax cut" for the middle class which in reality more greatly rewards high income earners--who continue to grow richer as the middle class stagnates or regresses--and which in any event represents little more than the value of a few McDonald's value meals for working people.

Smoking ban unfair to businesses, readers say

Dear Editor,

Why has no one repealed, struck down the way the smoking ban is written for bars and restaurants in Michigan?

This law especially hurts the small, mom and pop businesses that do not sell 50 percent or more food and make their living from local people. They should still have the right to determine what they want to allow in their privately owned business.

As it stands it is unconstitutional and illegal. How can the rights of a private estab-

ishment be unlawfully taken away without people like you not protecting them?

Things like this are destroying our State and our Country, little by little, one by one at the whim of a few! Is there no one left who cares to protect the peoples rights from unlawful laws?

It is a discriminating, depraved and unjust law that makes a person stand outside in the cold or a storm to smoke!

It's time for some career politicians to move on. Encourage your family and friends to register to vote, critically examine the issues, and vote this year. Perhaps our parking and pothole issues can be resolved without more tickets or signs.

Michael Fetzer
Independence Township

Charlene and Larry Liggett
Independence Township



SNOW DAY: A couple enjoys the winter scene in Indian Springs Park. Photo provided by Cynthia Roy

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"Independence Elementary School it is!" From Ottawa Woods to Prairie Hills, New Horizon to Sweeping Pines, over 165 names for Clarkston's new elementary school were submitted to the school board by community members. Independence turned up the most often in 33 entries. School board members chose Independence Elementary because it was suggested the most often and honors the township name.

"City cautious on Mill Ponds board"

The Clarkston City Council was all set to approve the forming of a lake board for the Clarkston Mill Ponds but further questions about what the board would do stalled the action.

"Badger outstanding as hockey team upsets Trojans"

Thanks to outstanding goaltending from junior Steve Badger the Clarkston Hockey team pulled off the biggest win in their three year history with a 3-1 win over Class A state champions Trenton. Badger stopped 35 of the Trojans' shots.

25 years ago - 1989

"School bond nets low interest" Series two of the \$5.2 million bond issue approved by voters in June 1988 was sold Jan. 31 at an excellent rate, according to Bill Jackson, director of business services for Clarkston schools. It would save taxpayers in the district around \$100,000 in interest over the 15-year life of the bond.

"CHS teacher of the semester likes a challenge" It was easy to see why Bill Genshaw was chosen as teacher of the semester by Clarkston High School students. While talking about his favorite topic history or the abstract idea of education his voice was filled with urgency and his expression was intense. Even after 21 years of teaching he still got up for his classes in world history and media.

"Garbage haulers consider recycling as cure" Everyone creates it and everyone is going to have to cooperate to reduce the problem of garbage. Two ways to reduce by recycling and incineration - and garbage haulers in Independence Township were watching the current trend with interest. "I feel it's a must down the road," said Ken Smith of Smith's Disposal. "Something has to give."

50 years ago - 1964

"Clarkston rolls past Milford" Clarkston Basketball rebounded well after their first loss to Holly to go on to beat Milford, 81-50. Dan Craven scored 28 points for the ninth win.

This is how it works, in too many places

First, too often we voters are not offered really good people on a ballot.

Second, companies do not always hire totally fair, unprejudiced, honest firms to help them reach new growth goals.

In both cases, openings can come up that bring less than honest (even totally dishonest) people into the mix.

Think of the recent firings in the U.S. Treasury. Two former officials are no longer there having been found with their hands in the cookie jar.

It's just the way it goes when bosses and electeds have a kink in their being and greed finds that weakness and sets in.

It can happen in the streets. It can happen when honest thinking isn't available.

It can happen when guidance is missing, or not accepted and it can happen

when people have the notion others are wrong, or that they've earned more than the going rate.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

But, I think the real rationale of those with the brain kink is they are smarter than the rest of us and no way will we catch them.

More than a couple prominent Detroiters quickly come to mind.

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• If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?

• Odd how all the "intelligent life finding instruments" are pointed away from earth.

• My body is a temple, therefore I declare myself tax exempt.

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No where has it been more obvious that president Obama is not a strong supporter of the United States military than his actions of this past fall. To prove a point against the Republican led Congress, he approved the blockading of National monuments, including our Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.. That cemetery has always been wide open for people to visit our fallen soldiers

But not under Obama's reign.

The only motive I can see for his not issuing a presidential order to keep this military cemetery open is because he lacks feelings for our military.

Oh, he'll go to ceremonies for lapel pinning of honored service people, but only for political gain.

Political gain is where you'll find him

when he's not on a golf course like he was while veterans' families and friends were removing barricades at the cemetery.

Why would he not issue another of his presidential orders to let people see the fields of the fallen -- he's already used that pen 5,700 other times?

President Obama is the leader of the greatest country in the world. Why doesn't he do that job? Lead.

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• I know, when people see a litter box they always ask, "Oh, have you got a cat?" Just once I'd like to say, "No, it's for company!"

• Parents can look so peaceful when their children are asleep.

• Reaching under the couch is as close as I get to yoga.

Duck Dynasty beards, No Label politicians and Bruno Mars?

I remember there was a time -- actually most of my adult life -- when I would grow a facial hair. Yep, back before the TV show Duck Dynasty made beards popular, yours truly had a nice, manicured one. I guess that puts me ahead of the curve on the men's fashion list.

Sometimes I would just grow it in the fall. Sometimes I would grow it for the winter. And, some years I had it even in the hot summer months. I shaved it off about six or seven years ago because the red beard that I knew and loved, was invaded by patches of gray -- most noticeably right on my chin.

Youngest son, Sean, said with his little boy voice that he didn't like it that I had removed the beard. "I hope you grow it back soon."

I remember thinking, "Thanks, you little six-year-old puke. I like the way your face looks, too." I said nothing and to show my independence didn't grow it back . . .

. . . until this weekend.

I wondered how much gray has crept in said beard? So, this past Saturday I just shaved under the jowls and on top of the cheeks. It's kinda of an experiment on aging. I will report back in a few weeks.

* * *

A few weeks ago Clarkston attorney Henry Woloson faxed me over an interesting article/column from *The Wall Street Journal*. Penned by Gerald F. Seib. The story was headlined, **New Push To Bridge Gaps**. Wrote, Seib:

" . . . No Labels is a movement, now three years old, of Democrats, Republicans and independents, from inside Congress and out, dedicated to the simple propo-

sition that partisans in Washington ought to start talking to one another again across the divides -- and that voters ought to start demanding such behavior."

Until Henry sent me the fax, I ain't never heard of such a group, especially a group that has no labels. (*Note to kids at home: Don't use no double negatives on your school work, or your English teachers will hunt me down and kick my butt for being a bad writing influence.*)

According to the column, 90 members of Congress have signed up for the No Labels' "Problem Solvers Caucus."

They have a three year plan, that started with the release of a "publication" called *No Labels: A Shared Vision for America*.

I don't know if this group will get any traction. They are not a third party, not a tea party and not part of the 99-percenter far left, whacko crowd. They're in the middle and being in the middle is sorta' bland. It's not sexy. It's like eating milk toast. Blah!

Who knows?

The political pendulum has swung right and it's swung left, maybe it is time for a good stroke in the middle. I need somebody to look into these guys for me and then get back as I am too busy watching the gray sprout from my face.

Email me, Don@ShermanPublications.org

* * *

So, we all endured yet another Super Bowl "extravaganza." Wasn't it swell? Here are the thoughts I jotted down during and after Super Bowl 48.

1. Lions.
2. Bruno?
3. Ouch.

1. I hurt me to watch that game. Over the past forever years every Detroit Lions fans has seen this game.

It was like de ja vu all over again, save for the team uniforms weren't colored Honolulu blue and silver -- just orange, royal blue and white.

It was painful from the first snap that went over quarterback Payton Manning's head to the end whistle with the Seattle Seahawks defeating Denver, 43-8. The way the Li -- I mean Broncos lost is every way the Lions have lost every big game they've ever played since 1958: Embarrassingly.

I felt bad for the Denver fans, but not really that much.

2. I only knew the name of the half time act Bruno Mars when they introduced he and his crew would perform. I think that was a few months ago. Holy cow! What a good act. Not such a good act that I would shell \$60 bucks for a ticket to watch him perform live, but good nonetheless. And, if you want to watch him perform, he'll be in Michigan in June. Tickets, I hear, went on sale the day after Super Sunday . . . Hangover Monday.

3. I don't have problems with Hangover Monday these days, but I did notice traffic wasn't so bad first thing Monday morning. Do a lot of local folks take off work or come in late the day after the SuperBowl? I read that some 1.5 million Americans will call in sick on Hangover Monday, costing American companies something like \$820 million in lost productivity.

Ouch!

The Puritan in me keeps asking, "Why don't they just play the game on Saturday?"

Then the capitalist in me keeps answering, "Profits. Playing the day on Saturday means one less day of making money for the National Football League."

Ah. Nuff said.

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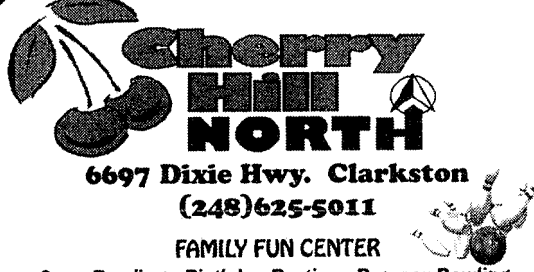


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Manager finds wallet

Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt found a wallet in Depot Park, 11:36 a.m., Jan. 20. She was unable to contact its owner, a Goodrich resident, so she turned it over to police.

GPS taken

A GPS was taken from a vehicle in a Flemings Lake Road parking lot, 1:30 p.m., Jan. 21. The owner didn't remember if it was locked.

Credit fraud

An Independence Township man called his credit card company when he noticed \$300 in charges at gas stations in Davison and Union Lake he didn't make, 4:51 p.m., Jan. 24. When they checked, the credit company found six fraudulent charges for more than \$600.

Award for helping kids

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Detective Kim Potts was presented a Certificate of Excellence by CARE House of Oakland County, Jan. 29.

"It was pretty exciting, an honor," said Potts, sheriff's deputy stationed in Independence Township.

"I think it's great - she deserves it," said Lt. Dirk Feneley, commander of Independence Township substation. "She works hard for kids, and has great rapport with CARE House."

Potts was recognized for her work with children.

"CARE House is a place we can take children when we're investigating abuse and neglect cases," Potts said. "The substation can be scary to kids. CARE House is kid friendly."

A trained forensic interviewer talks to the child while Potts, social worker, crisis counselor, Child Protective Services representative, and sometimes prosecutor observe.

"I watch the interview, take notes and gather evidence, and meet parents or guardian and let them know what's going on," Potts said. "When I was with Highland Township, I was the sole person working with CARE House for about five years. When I took the position here last year, I started to do it again."

Located near St. Joe's in Pontiac, the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County's CARE House also offers advocacy, education, prevention, and treatment services for children and families in abuse and neglect cases. All services are free to the families.

As Oakland County Sheriff's liaison officer to Clarkston Community Schools, Potts investigates child abuse and neglect cases.

"Anything, verbal abuse, repeated abuse,

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Warrant arrest

A records check showed a 40-year-old Independence Township man was wanted on warrants out of 50th District Court and Livonia, so deputies went to pick him up, 9:06 p.m., Jan. 27. Warrants were for retail fraud second degree and failure to appear on a driving with a suspended license charge. When a deputy knocked on the front door, a deputy stationed in back saw the suspect head into a back bedroom. His wife answered and said he wasn't home, and the deputy said they already saw him. He came out when called and was arrested.

Too cold for dog

Deputies were called to check on a dog heard howling and crying in the cold, 6:39 p.m., Jan. 24, in the 8000 block of Elkrun Drive. They found the animal in a doghouse not well sheltered from the 28 mph wind in the 14 degree weather, with no food nor water. The dog was taken to animal control and message left for the owner.

Marijuana in the cupboard

An Independence Township man called police when he found marijuana and pills in a kitchen cupboard, 10:49 a.m., Jan. 24. He said it probably belonged to his mother's ex-boyfriend, a 28-year-old Pontiac man who had moved out recently. Deputies collected the items.

Suspended driver

A deputy stopped a pick up truck with an unreadable license plate, 9:04 p.m., Jan. 29, on N. Holcomb at Miller Road. The driver, a 21-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license.

Computer hacked

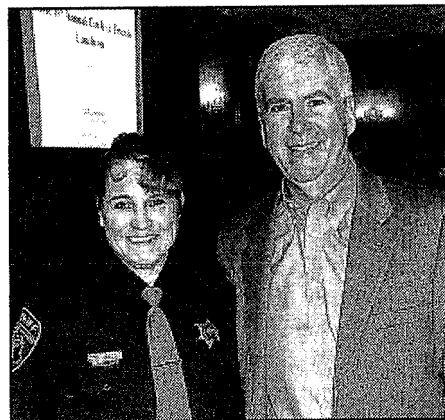
An Independence Township man got a call from someone offering to fix a virus on his computer, 9:22 p.m., Jan. 28. He followed their instructions, and later saw what looked like people using the machine to access other people's bank account and send money to others. He shut it down and called police.

Stolen car recovered

Deputies on patrol at Sashabaw and Maybee came upon a vehicle which had previously been reported stolen in a car-jacking in Independence Township on Jan. 10. The vehicle was parked and unoccupied, 3:06 a.m., Jan. 28, but fresh foot prints in the snow led away from the vehicle to a nearby apartment complex. Deputies set up on the vehicle and Auto Theft was notified of the situation. Auto Theft Detectives responded to the location and took over surveillance of the vehicle. At this time the investigation continues.

Highbeamer ticketed

A 29-year-old Waterford woman passed a deputy with her high-beam headlights on, 9:25 p.m., Jan. 28, on Sashabaw Road at Clinton Road. The deputy turned and pulled her over. She said she had them on because her passenger side low-beam light was burnt out. She was cited with driving with an expired license and defective equipment, and given a warning for failure to dim.



Det. Kim Potts was honored by Gov. Rick Snyder for her work with CARE House. Photo provided

anything to do with child abuse and neglect," she said. "I take them from beginning to end."

The deputy is also working with the Detroit Pistons on a new event, Detective Potts Night with the Detroit Pistons, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 15, at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Children with disabilities, as well as those who work with them, will get seats on the floor as the Pistons take on the Indiana Pacers, take a post-game shot on the court, and enjoy other activities.

"I feel those children do not get enough recognition - it will be a night for them," she said. "We've been working on this since September."

Sponsors so far include Clarkston Area Youth Assistance and Clarkston Coalition.

"We need 100 tickets sold," Potts said. "If it goes well, we'll expand it to the junior high, high school, and Renaissance High School."

Special prices for the game are \$45, lower level, \$45; \$20, upperlevel, \$20; and \$5, hot dog and soda. For more information, call James Vish at 248-377-0196.

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Clarkston's Sporting News

This Saturday ..

Wolves compete in the MHSAA Individual Wrestling District at Rochester High School.

Win puts Wolves in league lead

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves bounced back from a loss early in the week against Bloomfield Hills to defeat Rochester, 55-41.

"It was a good win for us," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "As ugly as it was it was a good win. We needed this."

The boys started off with a 10-2 run, which was capped off with two field goals from senior Nick Owens before Rochester was sent to the free throw line for two points.

The Falcons put two points on the board from the line and the Wolves took over possession to score nine more points before the first quarter finished. Sophomore Tabin Throgmorton ended the quarter with a field goal, putting the score 19-4.



Nick Owens beats a Rochester defender to the rebound during the second half. Photo by Larry Wright

Rochester outscored the Wolves in the second quarter by one point to put the score 28-14.

"Coming out in the first half everything was pretty good," said Fife.

But the tide began to turn as Rochester opened the second half with five points from Mike Murri off a 3-pointer and a basket. Another 3-pointer from Jason Lee closed the gap by six points as they closed in on the Wolves. They scored for more points by the time it hit the mid point of the third quarter.

"They scored 12 straight points on us and I was going 'oh, we are in trouble,'" Fife admitted.

The fear ended at the 3:45 mark as junior Andrew Myers scored inside to break the scoring drought.

It was the basket which helped the boys turn things around, Fife added.

"It was finally getting a basket on them," he laughed.

Owens was next with a basket and one point scored on the free throw line. Throgmorton added two more from the line which would end the quarter, 35-26.

Owens opened the scoring in the final quarter with a 3-pointer as the Wolves added 20 points in the final eight minutes.

"The best thing was coming back and getting a positive," Fife added.

Owens led for the night with 19 points with four field goals. Throgmorton added 17 points with two field goals.

"Owens shot the ball well," Fife added. He has to slow down on some. He wants to win so bad and play so well he just has to calm down a little bit. But when he makes a shot he calms down."

The win put Clarkston back into the lead for the OAA Red title but Fife took it as a grain of salt explaining they still had to face league opponents one more time.

The Wolves opened the week with a 74-62 loss at Bloomfield Hills, Jan. 28.

"They took it to us," Fife said. "We just didn't play well."

Throgmorton led with 15 points, with two field goals; junior Merrick Canada scored 14 points and Owens had 12 points from four field goals.

The boys head to Southfield-Lathrup on Wednesday at 4 p.m., 19301 West Twelve Mile Road for a make-up game cancelled from Jan. 24.

They are home on Friday as they take on Southfield and head to Pontiac next Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Cheer takes first

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolves showed off their enthusiasm and spirit in three cheer competitions and finished each one in the top three.

The competitive cheer team, with a combination of seventh graders from Sashabaw Middle School and eighth graders from Clarkston Junior High School, ended the season at Grand Blanc's Bobcat Classic, Jan. 25.

They finished in first place at Bobcat Classic as they scored a combination of 383.2 after two rounds.

"It was amazing," said Nicole Schmidt, one of the three coaches. "It was so exhilarating watching them wait for the judges to announce who was coming up in third, second and first. When they heard their names they were so excited - they were jumping up and down."

It wasn't the first competition they finished in first place - they opened the season taking first place in Oxford's Mardi Gras Mambo, Jan. 11.

Schmidt explained it was a competition they wouldn't forget. The cheer team

started the morning off stuck in the snow in one of the area neighborhoods and were running 45 minutes late.

"When we entered their emotions were already high and they were nervous," Schmidt recalled. "To win that one was more special. We got stuck, we still made it and we won. It was the cherry on the ice cream. It showed they were able to overcome some obstacles and still do well."

The Lady Wolves finished Rochester's Royal Rumble in third place on Jan. 18.

"They looked great in all the competitions but the last competition they really pulled together as a team," Schmidt said. "They worked hard. They did awesome. They really deserved it they put a lot of hard work into this."

For all three of the competitions they were also with the JV and varsity cheer teams.

"It was really neat for them to support and cheer them on and be advocates for each other and bring the Clarkston cheer community together," Schmidt said.

They practiced together twice a week along with cheering at basketball games. Please see *Cheerleaders* on page 13

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Wrestlers up for districts

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers finished the regular season taking second place at the OAA Red Championship tournament at Oxford last Friday.

They scored 178 points while Oxford took first place with 212 points and Rochester rounded of the top three spot with 133 points.

"It was good," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "It was exciting to watch them wrestle. We had a lot of guys step up and made matches. A few guys lost and then came back to win in revenge matches to place. We wrestled well."

The Wolves had two finish as champions - Bret Foltz (130) and Kyle Masters (140).

Foltz went 3-0 for the day and defeated Oxford in the first round with a pin with 44 seconds left in the match. He went on to two close matches to beat Harrison, 3-2; and Farmington in the championship round, 4-3.

"He had a really good tournament," said Moscovic. "He had some close matches but found a way to win all of them. He wrestled really well."

Masters also went 3-0, beating Farmington, 5-2, and Stoney Creek, 5-3. He won the championship match against Rochester Adams with a major decision, 11-2.

"He did a great job," Moscovic added.

The Wolves had five wrestlers finish in second place: Connor Ryan (119), Cameron Wilkie (125), Jake Dionne (135), Tyler Slating (145) and Nathan Troutvine (215).

Greg Miller (112), Nolan Eriksen (152), and Kas Waitkus (160) finished in third place. Chris Trimmer (289) took fifth place while

Stevan Franco (171) and Scott Shelton (189) finished in seventh place.

The Wolves last home meet of the regular season against Carman Ainsworth was cancelled due to weather. Moscovic added it did help out the guys since they only had to make weight once.

"It helped the kids relax a little bit and focus more on wrestling than making weight," he added.

The Wolves host the MHSAA Wrestling Team Districts on Wednesday with Bloomfield Hills and Waterford Mott., 6 p.m.

"Both teams, since it is a district championship, will come in and wrestle well and wrestle their best," Moscovic said. "We will have to do the same. If everybody wrestles we will be fine and be able to get through it. We will have to all show up and wrestle as a team. I think our guys are ready to start their post-season."

He added it will help to have it at home in front of a home crowd. They will also be able to honor their seniors since they were unable to do it in the regular season.

"Anytime you can wrestle at home it's good," he said.

The district champion moves on to regionals next Wednesday at Rochester.

The boys will be at Rochester this Saturday for the MHSAA Individual Districts where they will face opponents from Bloomfield Hills, Lake Orion, Oxford, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Romeo, Stoney Creek, Troy, Troy Athens, Utica, Utica Eisenhower, Utica Ford II and Waterford Mott.

Shutout on the ice in OAA

Icers took third place in the OAA Red with a shutout against Farmington last Thursday, 2-0.

"We played excellent," said Bryan Krygier, head coach for Clarkston Hockey. "Defensively we played well and our two goals held up. Our defensive zone moved the puck quickly out. We didn't allow them any time or any shots. We played a pretty flawless game and we only had one penalty."

Garrett Polish started the scoring in the second period with 14:48 left to go with an assist from Joe Popp and Jacob LaPorte. Four minutes later LaPorte struck on a goal of his own with Polish and Chase Wiedemann on the assist.

Nick Surovec made 15 saves in the net for his second consecutive shutout and the Wolves made 43 shots on the net.

The boys used the momentum in their first period against Romeo in the OAA-MAC Showcase last Saturday. Polish and Kyle Cuthrell put the Wolves on the board in the first period to put the score 2-0. Kamren Huizenga added one more in the second period, putting the lead 3-0.

But the Bulldogs came back to score two goals and scored one more to tie on a power play.

"They are just a difficult team to play against," said Krygier. "They beat us last year in the showcase. We were in the box too much. We had too many penalties and a lack of discipline. We stopped skating half way through the second period. It was a disappointing tie especially when we had the lead."

The Wolves play in the Michigan Public High School Showcase this week on Thursday, against Reeths-Puffer, 3:45 p.m.; and on Sunday, against Canton, 3 p.m., at Chelsea Art Coliseum.

"We have never seen Reeths-Puffer," said Krygier. "They have a pretty good team. Hopefully we can have two days of good practice and work on those things we do against Romeo. We have to get to the puck quicker, battle for the puck quicker and when a team is down we need to take them out of the game. Canton - we played them in the past it has always been a good game. We will make sure we don't play down."

~Staff Writer Wendi Reardon



Jessica Altene's block causes a Pontiac player to lose control of the ball.
Photo by Wendi Reardon

Team effort leads to win

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Alaina Cook caught the pass from senior teammate Carly Giroux before she put it through the hoop.

Within the next few minutes, she scored two more baskets to help the girls gain a lead on Pontiac last Thursday.

A field goal from junior Ashley Skaggs ended the first quarter 20-0.

By the time the final quarter finished the Lady Wolves won, 43-8.

"It was a very good team effort," said Tim Wasilk, head coach Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball. "It was very unselfish as they moved the ball around and got some quality shots. There were a lot of good touches inside and out."

"We did a good job defensively," he added about keeping Pontiac in the single digits. "We pressed a little bit in the first quarter and created a few turnovers then we just played our half court man-to-man defense and communicated well. We did a pretty good job with the defensive drops."

Cook led the team with 10 points and senior Kacy Robinson added nine points with three field goals.

"It was a great game for our girls who don't get to get in as much," Wasilk added.

They got a lot of playing time tonight. Remia Bryant and Katelyn Kuenzel, two seniors who haven't played a lot this year, got a lot of time and scored tonight."

He added sophomore Kelsey Hunt, a player they brought up from the JV team also had some time on the floor.

"It is good to see her get some varsity experience and get accustomed to some of the things we are doing."

The girls beat Ann Arbor Huron on Jan. 29 in overtime, 60-58.

"It was a good game," said Wasilk. "We were down nine in the third quarter and we put a press on them. It worked well. It created some tempo for us and sped the game up. Our kids played harder in the second half and just found a way to win."

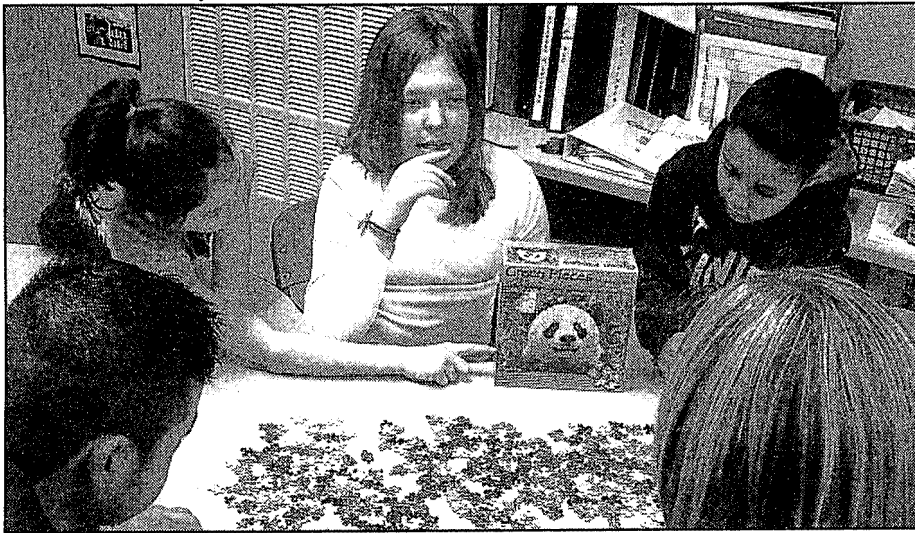
Clarkston grabbed possession at the beginning of overtime to score early. Robinson scored three points in overtime while Erika Davenport added seven and Jessica Altene scored two for the win.

"We were pretty aggressive hitting the offensive glass," said Wasilk. "We rebounded well and hit some layups."

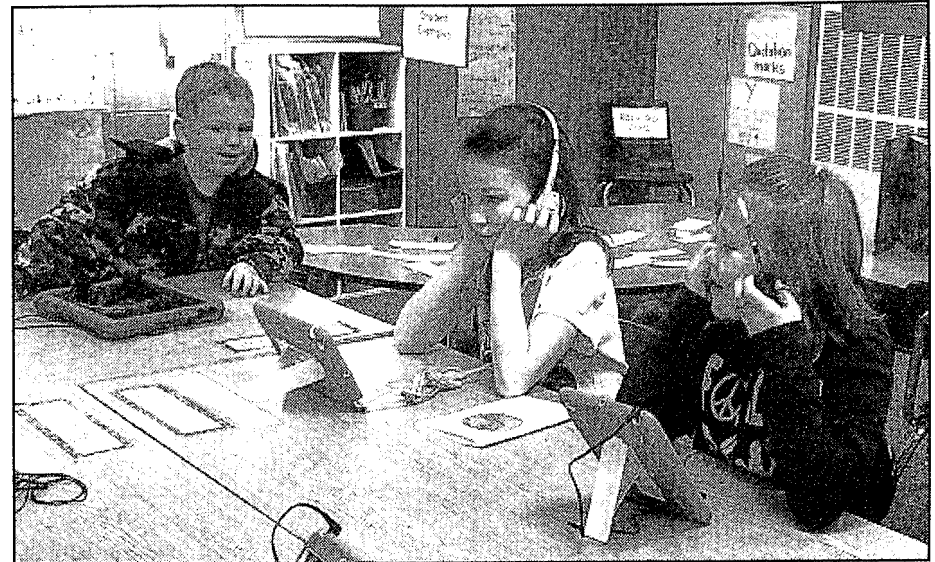
Davenport led with 23 points for the night and Robinson had 21 points.

The Lady Wolves (11-2) head to West Bloomfield on Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m.

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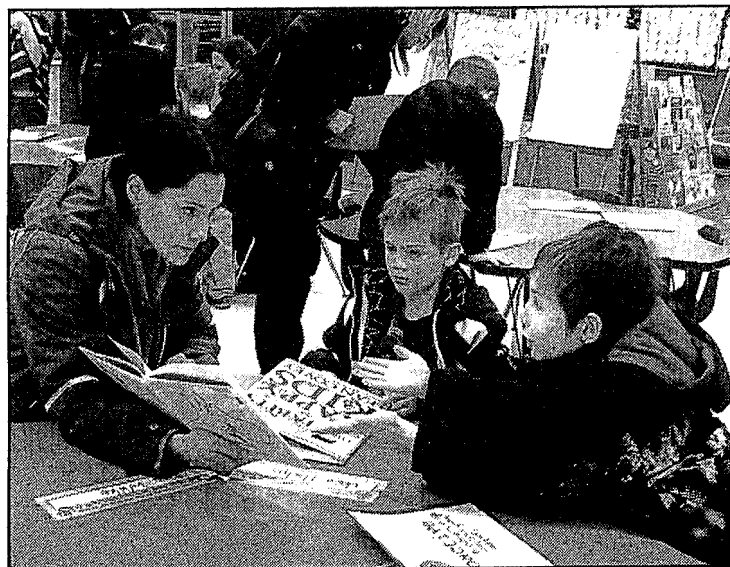
From left at Habit 2, Begin with the End in Mind, Bella Smiley, Jillian Livingston, and Victor Navarro-Montoya show how a puzzle is easier if you can see what the final image will be.



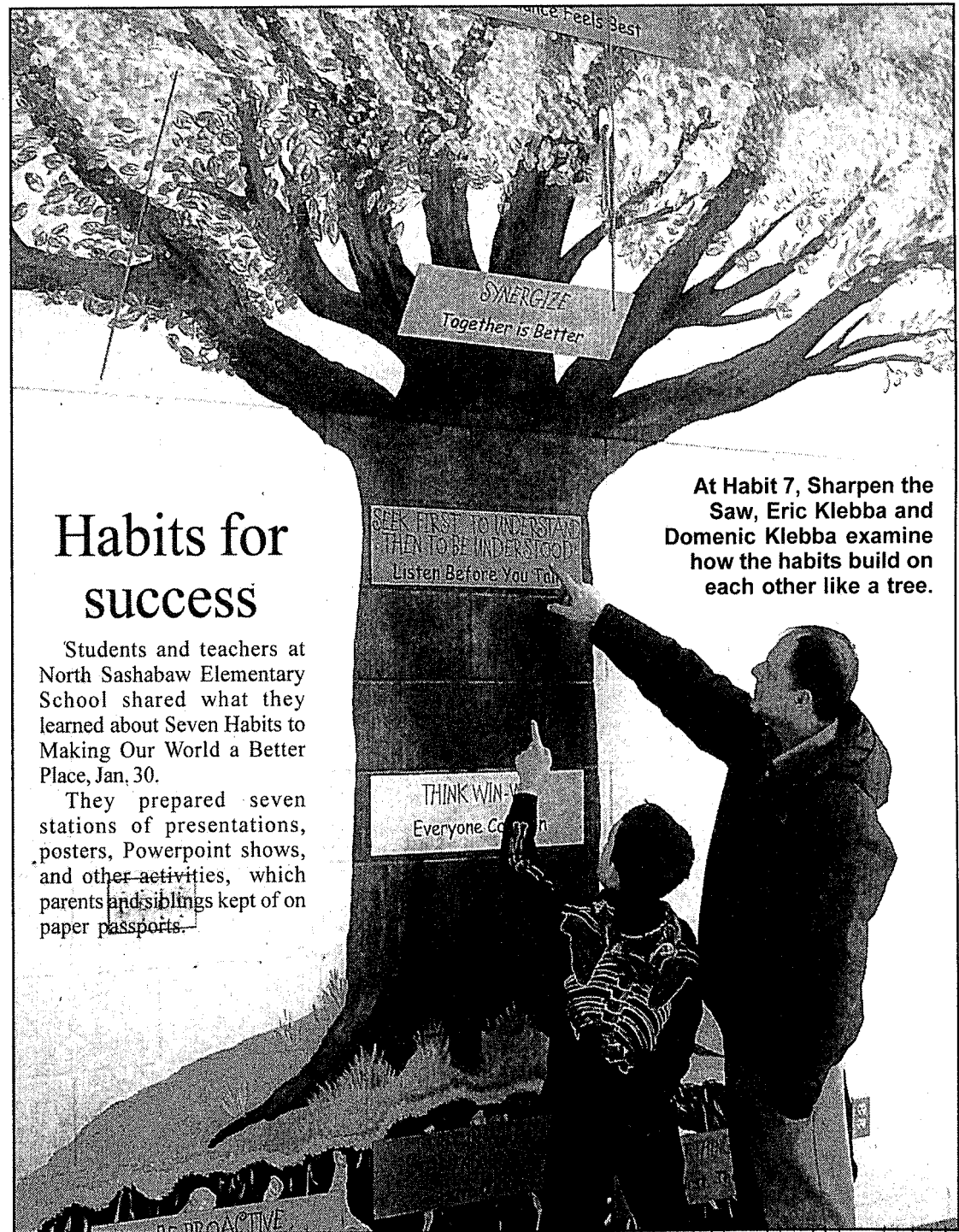
At Habit 3, Put First Things First, Logan Sisk, Erin Sisk, and Kaileigh Sisk listen to a presentation. Photos by Phil Custodio



Lily Spencer and Sara Spencer check out Habit 4, Think Win Win.



At Habit 1, Be Proactive, Sarah Zeemer reads to Wesley and William Zeemer.

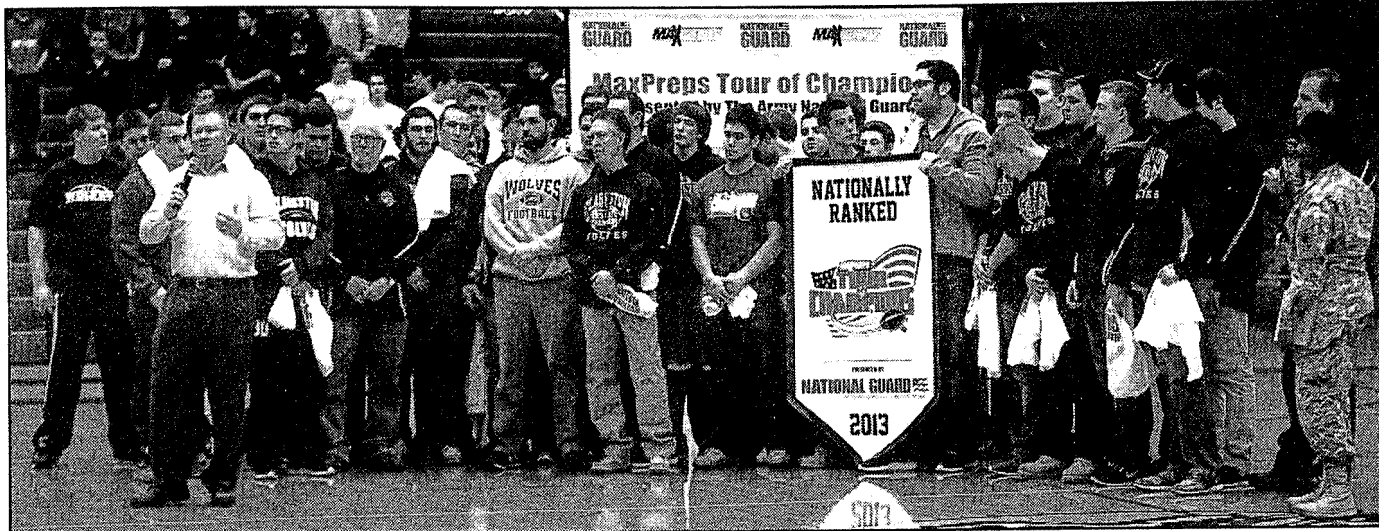


Habits for success

Students and teachers at North Sashabaw Elementary School shared what they learned about Seven Habits to Making Our World a Better Place, Jan. 30.

They prepared seven stations of presentations, posters, Powerpoint shows, and other activities, which parents and siblings kept of on paper passports.

At Habit 7, Sharpen the Saw, Eric Klebba and Domenic Klebba examine how the habits build on each other like a tree.



Clarkston Varsity Football team is recognized for being nationally ranked. Photos by Larry Wright



Ian Eriksen accepts Michigan Army National Guard All-State Dream team accolades from Michigan Army National Guard Sergeant First Class Vernatta Lamping.

Banner year celebration

The Wolves' state championship banner for winning the football finals in 2013 over Detroit Catholic Central now hangs in the Clarkston High School gymnasium.

The Clarkston Varsity Football team accepted a trophy and one more banner as they received honors from MaxPreps Tour of Champions during the boys varsity basketball game on Jan. 31.

The team finished 136 nationally for the 2013 season out of 16,000 high school football teams around the nation.

Clarkston is one of 50 schools being honored during the ninth annual MaxPreps Tour of Champions presented by the Army National Guard.

During the presentation, Ian Eriksen received Michigan Army National Guard All-State Dream Team honors for his accomplishments as runningback for the Wolves - in which he rushed 1,704-yards on 237 carries for 28 touchdowns.

MaxPreps uses the Freeman Rankings, a program, to determine team rank for the Tour of Champions.

Wolfpack Update: bowling, swim, diving, ski teams

Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team remained undefeated last week as they won their match over Lake Orion, 23-7, putting their record 8-0.

Eric Wagner led with a 450 series with 215 and 235 games and Evan Farough bowled a 446 series with 220 and 226 games. The boys are currently ranked sixth in the state in Division 1.

The boys JV team also beat Lake Orion, 25-5. AJ Speer led the team with a 396 series with 195 and 201 games. Ryan Little had a 353 series with 181 and 171 games.

The girls varsity team lost their first match of the season to Lake Orion, 16-14. Chelsea

Turk led with 156 and 215 games for a 371 series. Samantha Lavelly had a 338 series with 170 and 168 games.

Joe Zendejas finished in first place in diving with 371.25 points as the Clarkston Boys Swim & Dive team competed in the Oakland County Meet last week.

The boys took tenth place with 111 points among the 26 teams at Waterford Mott High School. They finished fifth in the 200-yard medley relay at 1:39.69.

Dalton Pokley finished in seventh place in the 50-yard freestyle, 22.10; and James Nelson was seventh in the 100-yard

breastroke, 1:01.13.

Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team finished in second place at the Traverse City Invitational while the girls varsity team finished in third. The boys finished their dual meets 8-0 with their last win over Lake Orion, 32-49. Reis Wiedemann led the boys in the slalom race finishing in third, 21.09.

The girls also beat the Dragons, 27-45, to put their record 7-1. Karoline Holsbeke led the girls with her first place finish in the slalom race, 25.20.

They host the divisional races on Wednesday and Thursday at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

Cheerleaders combine best efforts to win competitions

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and their regular practices. It was the first time the grades were combined for one team.

"We decided to make it more competitive for ourselves and we would combine the best of the best from our teams," said Schmidt.

"The cheerleaders were tough contenders, demonstrating a high level of stunting, tumbling and intricate

choreography," added parent Cristina Klaiber.

The seventh grade team from Sashabaw Middle School is Chloe Davis, Lexi Davis, Kylie Eckler, Taj Hall, McKenna Klaiber, Chloe Johnson, Richanda Mason, Emily Reynolds, Courtney Ross, Kate Rusnell and Breana Schmidt.

The Clarkston Junior-High School eighth

grade team is Ashley Becker, Taylor Davis, Hannah Dehart, Caitlin Dicker, Peyton Hodges, Courtney Jacob, Alex Lemanski, Lila Ninotti, Jacquelyn Pastula, Lauren Polick, Caroline Rock, Colby Rouse, Taylor Stone and Elizabeth VanHeulen.

The coaches are Schmidt, Megan Francis, Carly Williams and assistant coach Alexis Rouse.

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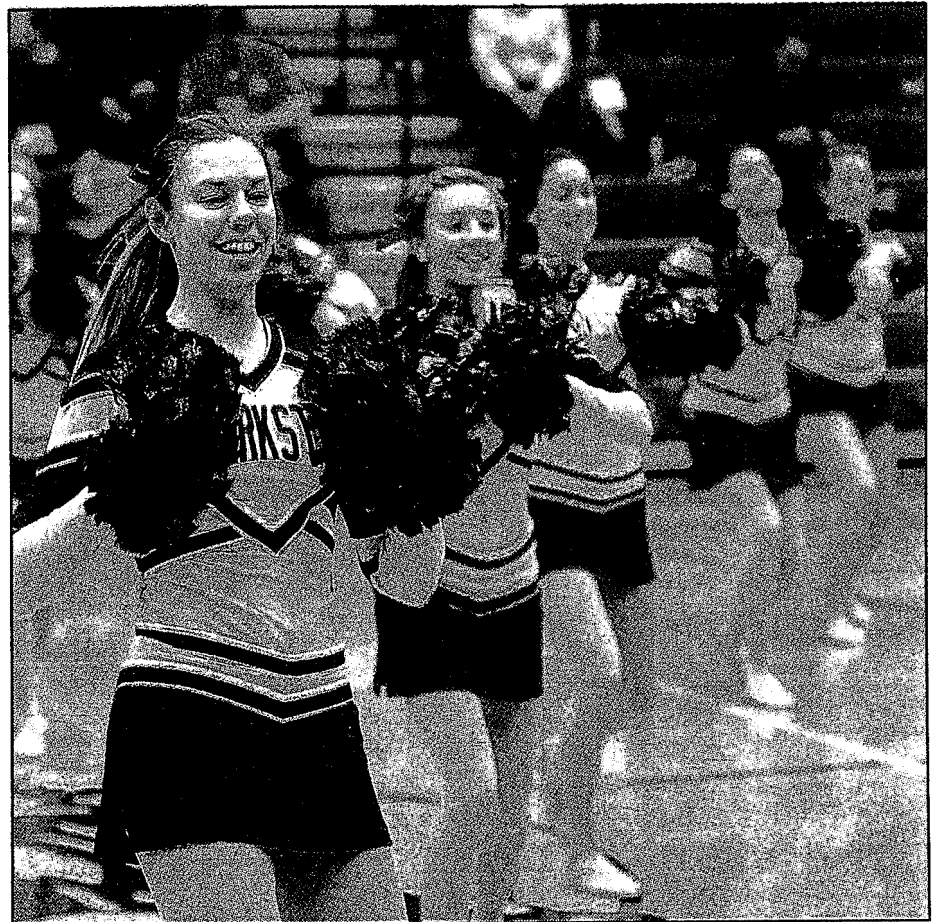


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HALFTIME SHOW: The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pom team performs during halftime at the Clarkston basketball game against Rochester. Photo by Larry Wright

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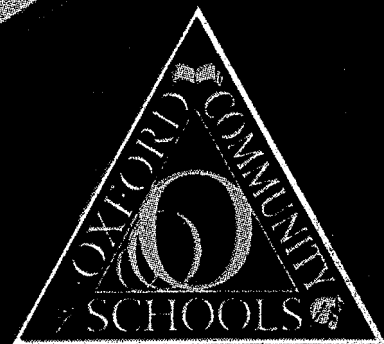
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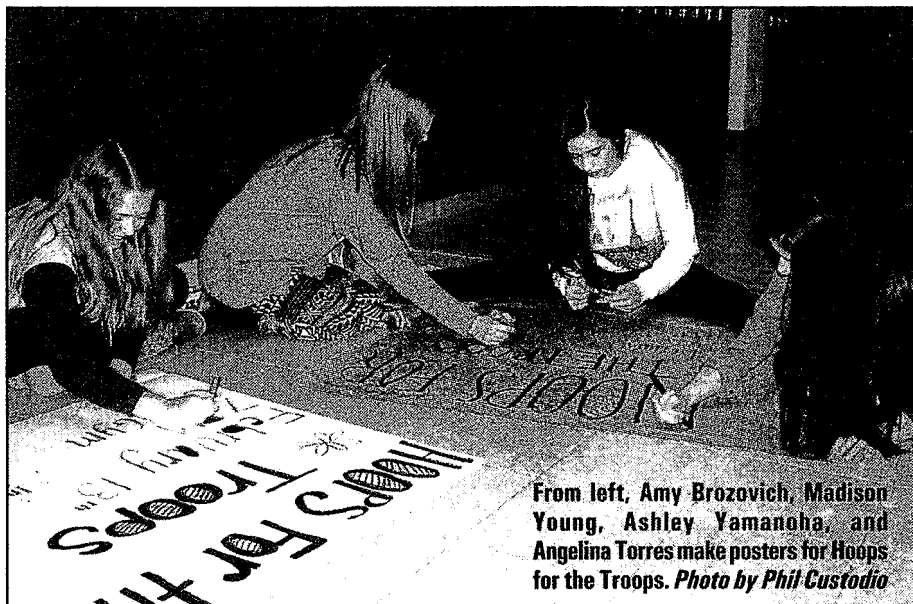
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From left, Amy Brozovich, Madison Young, Ashley Yamanoha, and Angelina Torres make posters for Hoops for the Troops. Photo by Phil Custodio

Support troops at hoops game

The Lady Wolves host their First Annual Hoops for the Troops, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 13 at Clarkston High School.

The game is in honor of Jenna Beno, a Clarkston High School class of 2006 graduate who served in Iraq and passed away in October 2012 from injuries suffered during her service.

Proceeds will go to Luke's Wings, an organization supporting service members who have been wounded in battle.

The Lady Wolves take on North Farmington, with ceremonies before the game and at halftime.

Wear your camouflage gear for the "Camouflage Out" at the JV and varsity games. "Hoops for the Troops" T-shirts will also be sold at the game, \$15 each, with \$5 going directly to Luke's Wings.

Admission is \$5. For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Megan Goldberg at HoopsfortheTroops@gmail.com.

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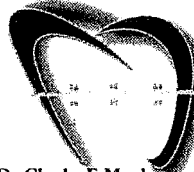
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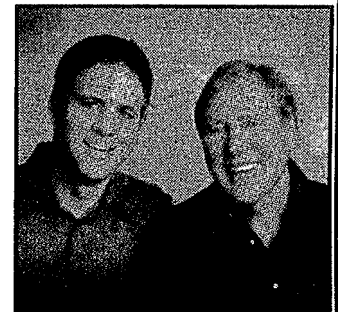
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Captain Hook, played by Carl Meyer, and his pirates are ready to take on the Indians in Neverland in Clarkston High School Drama Club's production of "Peter Pan." Photo by Wendi Reardon


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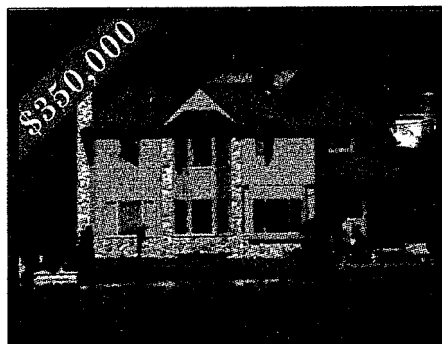


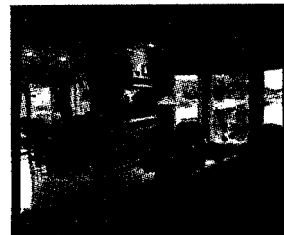
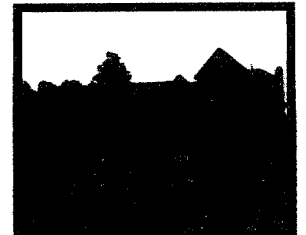
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Drama club takes flight with Peter Pan musical

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visit to her home in London is Wendy, played by Larissa McLetchie. She explained Peter Pan and Wendy immediately become best friends after he explains Neverland.

For McLetchie, her favorite part of the musical is when her character and Peter Pan meet when he is searching the room for his fairy friend, Tinkerbell.

"The whole dynamic between them is great throughout the whole thing," Van Gieson added.

Meyer enjoys his character's song "Captain Hook's Waltz."

"The song is so much fun. It has so much energy," he smiled. My second favorite part is the big fight. I really like sword fighting. It is so much fun."

Van Gieson is looking forward to breaking the fourth wall, the invisible wall between the actors and the audience.

"I get talk to all the kids to tell them to clap their hands," she said. "It is my favorite part. The kids love it and I love seeing all the kids.

To help bring the story to life with sets is the backstage crew hard at work creating and building the different places the character venture.

"It's been kind of crazy," said Maria Magidsohn, who has worked backstage for four years. "It is a really big set. It has been a challenge but everyone works really well together to pull through. I am happy with the results."

"We have a really dedicated crew which is really helpful," Meredith Turner agreed.

Evan Coe added each set is bigger than one set they would for just one show and Mike Arner pointed out it they also have more detail.



Michael and John Darling along with Peter Pan and the Lost Boys check on Wendy. Photo by Wendi Reardon

The favorite set amongst the four including Emily Mick and Sara Galik is the pirate ship.

"It had the most work put into it but it has so many cool details put into it which makes it very special," said Arner.

Turner added the community should come out to see at least one of the performances because it is going to be magical and it is perfect for a night out for Valentine's Day.

"Peter flies," Magidsohn smiled. "Since they are flying we had to accommodate for it - moving the set differently and setting it up differently than initially planned. We put in

so much of our time - it is definitely going to turn out well."

McLetchie added the show is completely designed around being young, having fun and being adventurous.

"The youth and freedom of it is something that needs to be visualized and experienced by the adults as well," said Meyer. "Sometimes you get overwhelmed by every day life - take a break and experience something that is pure joy, happiness and adventure."

Performances are Feb. 13, 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 15 and 16, 2 p.m. Tickets are

\$14 for adults and \$12 for students and senior citizens. Following each performance is a meet and greet with the characters in the cafeteria.

Tickets can be reserved by calling the high school box office at 248-623-4024 or visiting the box office weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information, visit www.sites.google.com/a/clarkston.k12.mi.us/dramaclub.

"If you thought 'Beauty and the Beast' was impressive this one will basically knock your socks off because of how much more we have put into this one," Mick added.

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- Mark Riha



"To stay on top of a changing market."
- Darlene Goodwin



"I want to change a lot more things, but I have already quit smoking."
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"I just wish people would worry about the things you can do something about. Don't sweat the small stuff. Worry about the things you can change."

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Twins plan Africa trip for summer service

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Malcolm and Veronica Hill of Independence Township plan a summer service trip to Africa, and they need the community's help. In exchange, they're offering help of their own.

"We're no stranger to physical labor, so we thought we'd offer a variety of services," Malcolm said.

"We're looking at various ways to raise money, and let people know you can make a difference here and around the world," Veronica said.

The twins, whose parents are Steven and Erin Hill, are offering snow shoveling, pet sitting, baby-sitting, tutoring, as well as lawn mowing, window cleaning, power washing, and other services when the weather improves, to help raise the nearly \$5,000 each for the trip.

They plan to travel to the Maasai More region of Kenya with the Me to We organization. During the three week trip, the main mission will be to help build a school.

"We'll be starting from scratch by making bricks," Malcolm said. "It'll be a full day every day."

"We'll get to know local people, spend time with them, learn some of the language," said Veronica. "It will be a big change, no running water, no technology."

"We have the ability to go halfway around the world and help out," her brother said. "It's something we wanted to do - go out and see the world, and help out here at home."

So far, they've reached out to friends, family, neighbors, community groups and businesses, passing out flyers and spreading the word about their upcoming trip.

"We'd like to share this opportunity with others, and use our skills outside the states," Malcolm said.



Malcolm and Veronica Hill are selling stationary packs and Rafiki friend chains made in Kenya as one idea to raise money for a summer volunteer service trip to Africa. Photo by Phil Custodio

"Help us help others," Veronica said. "There's always an opportunity to change the world, not just locally. Even if you don't have the ability, you can make a small monetary donation and help out people who have to walk miles to get water."

"It's a lot of hard work we hope pays off with a great experience," Malcolm said.

"It'll be life changing," said Veronica.

The Clarkston High School juniors have been part of scouting, National Honor

Society, and other service groups. They both play soccer, Veronica plays piano, and Malcolm enjoys Scottish snare drumming.

The trip will be at the end of June, with fund-raising deadlines at the end of March.

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Fund raiser, 5-8 p.m., Feb. 11, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie Highway. Gratuities support Creative Co-Op Preschool.

Valentine Dance, 1-3:30 p.m., Feb. 14, Hart Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. \$10, includes appetizers, desserts, entertainment, dancing. Pre-Register at Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, 248-625-8231.

Antique Roadshow, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Feb. 20, Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$3/one item, \$5/two items, limit 6 items per person. 248-625-8231.

Wild Game Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 22, American Legion Campbell-Richmond Post 63, at 8047 Ortonville Road. Elk, white tail deer, duck, walleye, salmon, domestic turkey, samples of other wild game. \$20. 248-625-9912

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Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

Clarkston Area Mothers & More, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third Monday. Red Knapps restaurant. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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

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

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

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.

Around Town



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



DINNER PRESENTATION: Guests listen to a presentation by All Saints Cemetery, a part of Mt. Elliot Cemetery Association, at Buck Shots Bar and Grill. All Saints hosted the dinner of steak and mashed potatoes, followed by dessert. Representative Karen Mack discussed making final resting plans including traditional burials, cremation and all natural burials. Future presentations are being planned. For more information visit www.mteliot.com. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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

Tuesday

Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Belly Dance Lessons, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sashabaw Road. Low impact traditional-style workout with Naima Marina. No experience necessary. All welcome. \$10. 586-292-7750.

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

LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays 12:15-1:30 p.m., Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive, 248-420-3126.

Wednesday

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, third Wednesday through October, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Feb. 19: Alcatraz Island, from Before 1769 through the Present Day. 248-625-2212.

Thursday

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

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

Independence Township Conservatives Club, 6 p.m., Feb. 13, Big Boy Restaurant, 6440 Dixie Highway. Speakers: Ray Norton, Ph.D., Canadian Consul General, "International Trade Crossing" and Frank J. Grannett, R.Ph. founder, Coalition Against Overmedicating Our Youth. "Over Medicating Our Youth."

Office hours. Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

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

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

50+ Individualized Computer Tutoring, Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$30/member, \$35.00/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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

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

Saturday

Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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

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

Obituaries

Death notices &

John J. Cesarz, 77

John J. Cesarz of Ortonville passed away suddenly, Jan. 28, 2014, at age 77.

He was the husband of Mary; father of Cindy (Marty) Kapanowski, John III (Sue) and Matt (Aimee); grandpa of Andrew, Laura and Mike; brother of Joe (Janet) and Justine (the late Ed) Godzik.

John served in the U.S. Army, retired from Chrysler, and worked at Independence Township Senior Center.

Funeral Mass was Feb. 1 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville. Service at Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project or Independence Township Senior Center. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center is planning a memorial for John, Friday, Feb. 7, from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Carriage House, 6000 Clarkston Road.

The informal gathering to remember John, who worked at the center for over 15 years, will include a luncheon and collection for a flag pole in his memory.

Jimmy L. Wrinkle, 75

Jimmy Lee Wrinkle of Clarkston passed away Feb. 1, 2014, at age 75.

He was the husband of Anita for 54 years; father of Chris Finger, Rob (Pam) Wrinkle, Cari (Sean) Gretkierewicz and Claudine (Ron) Schoenherr; preceded in death by his daughter Cathi and his parents Dale and Laura Tinnin; grandpa of Cole, Samantha, Danielle, Andrew, Hayden and Lauren.



Jim retired from Pontiac Motors. Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 6-8 p.m. Funeral service, Thursday, 11 a.m. at Maranatha Baptist Church, where friends may visit directly at the church after 10 a.m. Private interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Maranatha Baptist Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

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Walean Sue Fraus, 70

Walean Sue Fraus, "Wendy," of Clarkston passed away Jan. 27, 2014, at age 70.

She was the wife of James; mother of Brent Bakka and Jamie (Gary) Bakka-Young; stepmother of Cynthia (Michael) Wohlschlaeger, Michael Fraus, Robert (Sara) Fraus and Jerry (Lisa) Whelpley; also survived by nine grandchildren; preceded in death by her sister, "Lil Bit" Beki Perrett; sister of Mark (Bonnie) Zehnder.

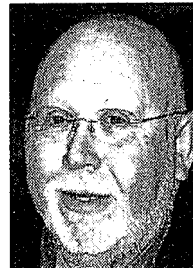


Funeral liturgy was Jan. 31 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Donations may be made to Beaumont Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Gary Groesbeck, 72

Gary F. Groesbeck of Clarkston passed away Jan. 28, 2014, at age 72.

He was the loving husband of Pinky for 50 years; beloved father of Braden (Julie) Groesbeck; proud papa of Tyler and Emily.



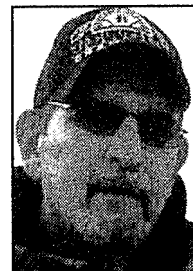
Gary retired from General Motors after 30 years of service. He was a member of the Oakland County Bass Anglers.

Funeral Service was Feb. 1 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Woodrow Kosmac Sr., 63

Woodrow W. Kosmac Sr. of Stanwood, Mich., passed away Jan. 29, 2014, at age 63.

He was the loving husband of Marcia for 35 years; beloved father of Kelly (John) Roggenburk, Stephanie (Jim) Regner and Woodrow Jr. (Alexis); grandfather of 10 and great-grandfather of one; brother of Betty, Judy, and Suzie; preceded in death by brother, Bobby.



Celebration of Life Service was Feb. 3 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

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Daniel J. Curry, 79

Daniel J. Curry of Clarkston died Feb. 2, 2014, at 79 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of the late Joan; loving father of Brian (Barb) Curry and Dawn (Darrell) Blakesley; dearest grandfather of Joshua (Johnna), Jacob and Lucas; also survived by his brother John (Sally), sisters Sally and Mary Ellen, many in laws, nieces and nephews.

Daniel retired from Pontiac Motors after 42 years of faithful service.

Funeral service will be 3 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8, at **Coats Funeral Home - Waterford**. David Parks, minister, officiating. Family will receive friends at the funeral home Saturday from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service. To send a condolence to the family go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

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DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

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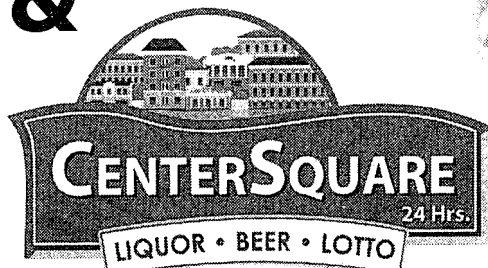
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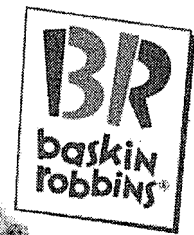


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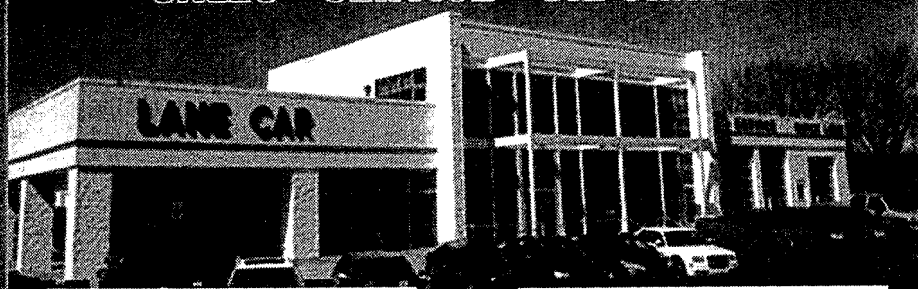
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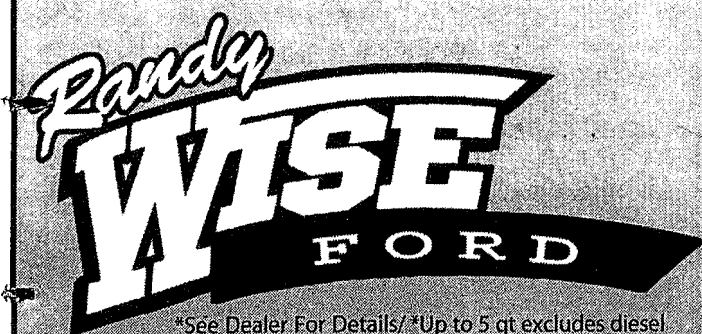
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Business owners chafe under parking enforcement

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Several business owners spoke up to say downtown Clarkston has no parking problem and issuing tickets is the wrong message to send to visitors.

Councilwoman Peg Roth, who is on a newly formed Streets, Sidewalks and Parking Committee, said the committee should have had a chance to address the issue and make suggestions before parking tickets were issued.

Instead of waiting for committee suggestions, the city council voted to issue citations starting Jan. 16 to drivers parked on city streets between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. cars parked longer than two-hours in time restricted spaces.

During the first few days, almost 20 citations were issued.

"I think the enforcement process is a concern," said Doug Scott, general manager and owner of Movement, at the Jan. 27 council meeting. "There is a general sense there is no parking problem in the city, but if there is, I think we can find a better solution than top-down enforcement."

Scott said better communication between the city and local business owners, rather than the city deciding to immediately issue citations, would have been a better solution and may have helped prevent the problem.

Many of his employees use both the public parking lot on Washington Street as well as a private lot behind Clarkston Mills, and often violated the two-hour rules in the Washington lot, he said.

"I would say we were definitely a violator

of that two-hour parking because it was just easier for us to come in and out," he said.

Scott said he has directed employees to park behind the Clarkston Mills from now on, but remains concerned over his clients visiting his office and returning to their car to find a parking ticket.

"My personal concern is that I will have clients come in and stay for more than two hours and it would be embarrassing for them to go out to their car and have a parking ticket," he said.

Scott suggested the city back off enforcement, and has heard many retailers express the same sentiments.

"This is sending the wrong issue to visitors," he said.

Christina Calka, owner of the Village Fashion Boutique, agreed with Scott and told the council several fellow business owners in the Clarkston Retailers Group asked her to speak at the meeting on their behalf.

"As a retailer it's very disheartening to give people who come in to support our town parking tickets," Calka said. "Two hours does not give people who are spending money in town long enough to stay and explore."

She added visitors should be allowed to stay as long as they want without time constraints, and she, along with other retailers, believe issuing citations is the wrong answer.

Clarkston Mayor Joe Luginski said the goal of issuing citations is not to discourage people from visiting town—it is just to make sure park-

ing spots are available.

"There are parking problems as far as lack of space and it's tough to find spots," he said. "The idea is to get parking spots moving. We would like to keep these spots turning over."

Luginski said the new committee was formed to explore parking problems and make suggestions to resolve those problems.

So far, one committee meeting has been held.

"We are trying to solve the problem, but maybe we have created a problem," Luginski said.

Councilwoman Peg Roth said Councilman David Marsh, chair of the committee who was absent at the Jan. 27 council meeting, expressed interest in meeting business owners to gather their opinions so the committee can make suggestions.

Roth said the issue was acted upon too quickly and disagreed with the city council's decision to act before the committee was able to discuss the issue in depth.

"What's the point of the committee," she asked.

Bob Roth, her husband and owner of Washington Management, said parking issues should have been discussed more before the city decided to issue tickets.

"Some businesses are being given permits to park," he said, while others are not. "If there is a two-hour parking limit, it needs to be enforced, but we need to treat everyone the same."

In an email to *The Clarkston News*, Paul Kampe of Independence Township asked why Sharon Catallo did not abstain from voting whenever local restaurants were discussed.

"It was apparent she did not abstain from commenting against the business. It seems like she should not be involved in discussions about impending downtown business decisions due to her son's ownership of the city's two main nighttime and weekend destinations (Clarkston Union and Union Woodshop)," he said. "Sounds like a conflict of interest to me."

Besides issuing citations, other recommendations included installing signage to let visitors know where to find additional parking or readjusting parking spots. Luginski said he encourages residents and business owners to come to the committee meetings.

"The more input we have the better," he said. "We want to make it work for you guys."

Catallo said enforcing parking issues is no easy task, and definitely not a money maker for the city.



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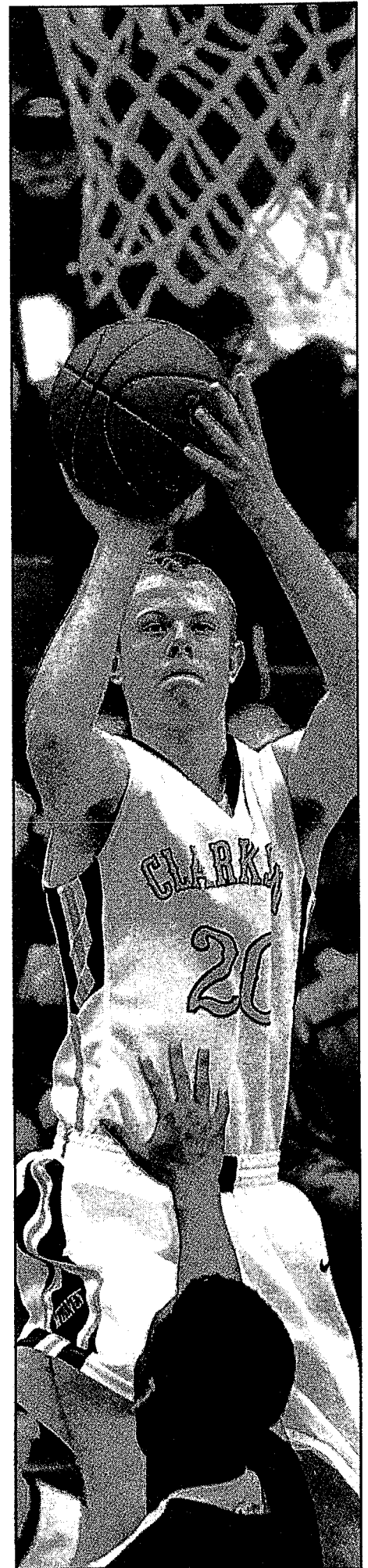
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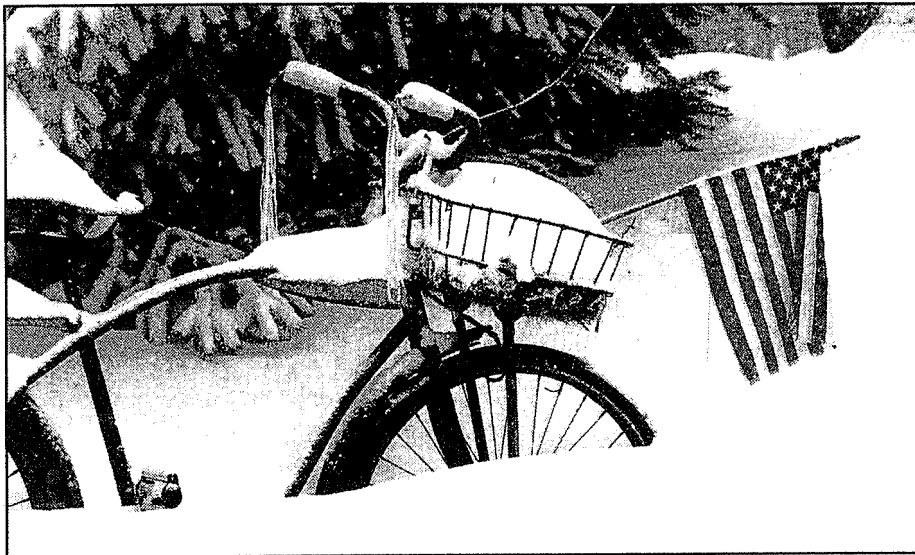
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Merrick Canada takes a shot against Rochester. Photo by Larry Wright



A bicycle on White Lake Road awaits warmer days. Photo provided by Cynthia Roy

Snow days piling up

With eight snow days so far for Clarkston schools, students may need to come in extra days or stay longer to make it up.

"We won't know for sure until April when more information comes out from the governor," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "Should we need to add time, we will likely do so by slightly extending the school day as opposed to adding additional days to the calendar."



Rock

Clarkston's calendar allow for seven snow days. "Since the entire state is affected by this, we expect the governor to issue some sort of reprieve, but we cannot be sure," said the superintendent. "The administration will work with our collective bargaining groups, our parents, and the board of education to make this decision."

When there's snow and ice, transportation chief Kevin Bickerstaff goes out early to check the roads.

"He also looks at the temperature and works with his staff to get the buses started,"

Rock said. "If the temperature is -20 with the windchill, Kevin will recommend closing. If the roads are difficult or dangerous for buses, then Kevin will recommend closing."

Bickerstaff and Wes Goodman, executive director for operations, also talk to officials in other districts to see what they are doing.

"Wes then calls me and makes a recommendation," Rock said. "I make the decision and then begin the information distribution process."

The decision is based on student safety and not on what might happen later in the week or month, he said.

"Each day is its own consideration. We must keep our students safe," he said.

Bickerstaff, who has been with the district for nearly 40 years, keeps a record of all closings and the reasons, and uses the data in his decisions, Rock said.

"He is very good at his job and he puts student safety first," said the superintendent. "This is the worst winter we have experienced in many years. We anticipate additional snow days, although there is no way to predict what will happen."

-Phil Custodio

Spread the Love for Lighthouse

Clarkston schools are collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly through the month of February for donation to Lighthouse of Oakland County in Clarkston.

The Spread the Love drive is to help restock the shelves at the food pantry. Every month, Lighthouse feeds over 800 people, with more than 60 percent of them being local children.

Spread the Love started in 2013 at Independence and Andersonville elementary schools.

"Last year was a huge success - 229 jars of PBJ were collected," said volunteer, creator and parent Beth Kirchner.

Helpers can donate a jar of peanut butter, jelly or both at Clarkston area elementary schools, local businesses, Independence Township Fire Department Station 1 or at the Senior Adult Activity Center.

Neiman's Family Market has a peanut butter and jelly table set up at the store, and shoppers can buy the goods and leave them at the store to be collected later.

On Feb. 7, Lighthouse Chief Development Officer Pricilla Perkins will visit Independence Elementary to talk to the whole school and rally students to work towards making the 2014 Spread the Love drive a sweet success.

-Andrea Beaudoin



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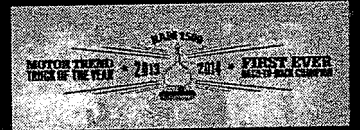


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