

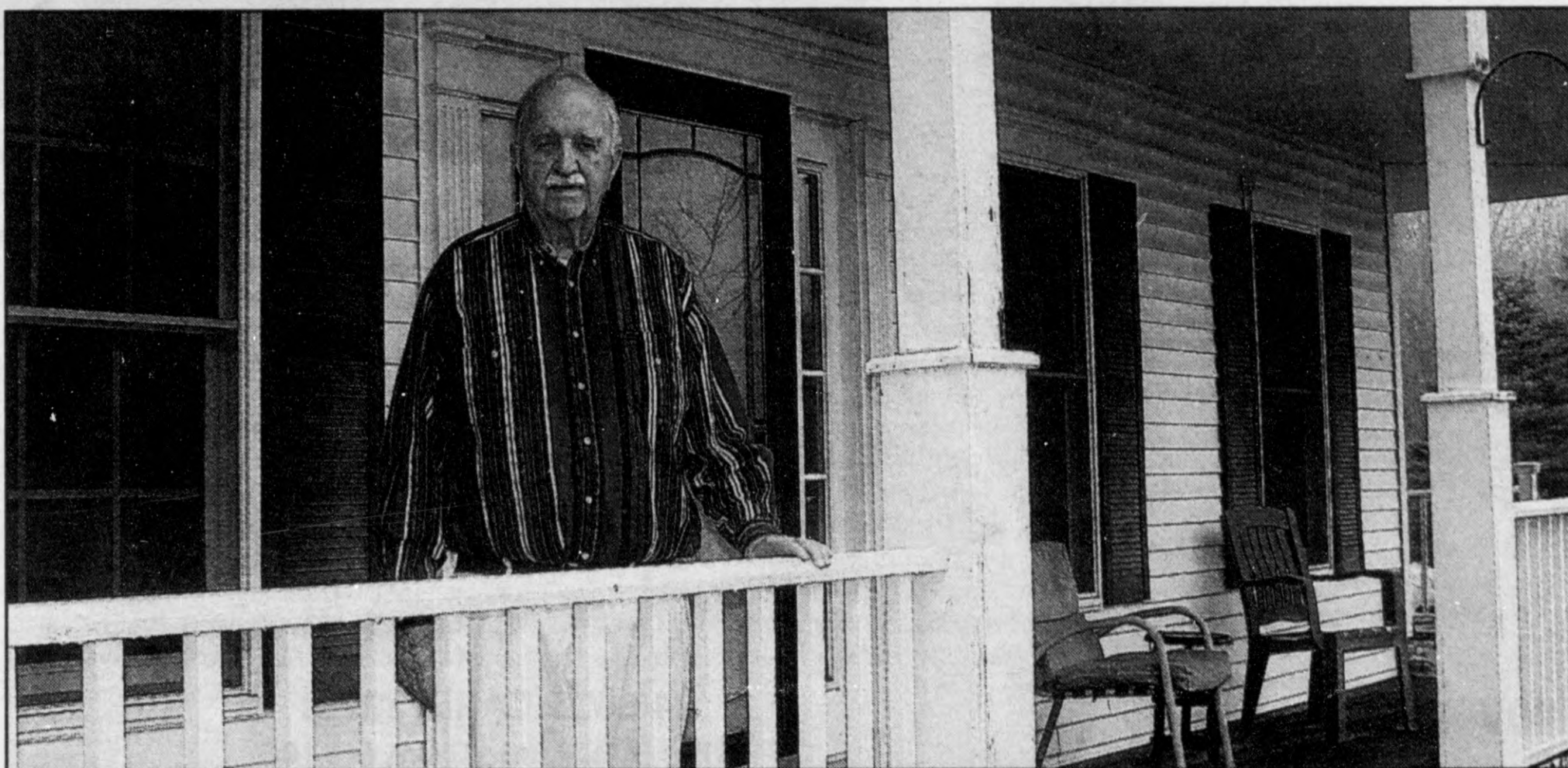
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Clarence Johns of Independence Township is working with his bank to be able to stay in his home on Allen Road. Photo by Phil Custodio

Last stand for World War II Marine

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
 Clarkston News Editor

With the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific during World War II, Clarence Johns' job was to hold his ground.

Now 89 years old and living in Independence Township, he has one last battle to fight – this time to stay in his home of more than 50 years.

"The payments are so high, he can't make them. He has no savings left," said his daughter, Ann Gregg. "He's going to be 90. How much time does he have left – if he could get some help, that would be awesome."

Johns bought 40 acres on Allen Road in the 1960s with his wife, Patricia Tisch, who

is a graduate of Clarkston High School, and there they raised two children, Ann and Patrick.

"Patricia wanted to live where the horses were," he said. "Allen Road still has the most beautiful real estate."

Most of the property has been sold off, with the last piece containing Johns' traditional two-story house with three bedrooms and two-and-a-half bathrooms. It's based on the Ewing house from the TV show "Dallas."

"I just like the design. It's nice," he said. "It's a nice house. I like everything about it. It's warm. It heats up easily – I can shut it off every night."

He refinanced it with Wells Fargo 14 years

ago, during the housing bubble, for more than \$400,000 with a 30-year, interest-only loan. With a weakened housing market, he now faces higher payments he's having trouble making.

"He called the bank, and they were like, 'no, sorry,'" Gregg said. "It's sad. He's a World War II veteran. They take advantage of people."

Johns is still talking to the bank, and working with the state and veterans' office for assistance working out a lower payment, he said.

"I'm working on that," he said.

He volunteered for the Marines at the beginning of the war with his brother.

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Winter weather whips into town

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

After a relatively warm winter so far, the new year has brought frigid temperatures and snow to the Clarkston area, and slick roads with it.

"We had crashes scattered all over the township (Monday morning) from about 4:30 a.m. until about 7:30 – Sashabaw, M-15, Clintonville, Dixie and White Lake," said Oakland County Sheriff's Lt. Dirk Feneley, Independence Township substation commander.

A wreck on I-75 at Holly Road also caused traffic to back up into the township, Feneley said.

"Salt doesn't work really well when it's this cold," he said. "It's better in the sunshine. When it's like that, people should take more care and slow down."

Monday's low temperatures reached minus 14, with students heading back to school at a blistery seven degrees.

"We just had a low pressure system track through the Great Lakes and cold air came in behind the warm air which caused the icy mix," said Sara Schultz, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in White Lake.

Schultz said cold temperatures were expected to continue throughout the week with low temperatures and high wind chills.

"The biggest concern will be the cold and wind chill," she said.

By the end of the week, the temperature is expected to increase, but still remain only in the teens.

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What's new with high cholesterol? By Erica Harding MD

As we age, we hear more and more about our cholesterol levels and that we need to control it before it harms us. Cholesterol can be confusing to many individuals because high levels do not cause observable everyday symptoms. There's also lots of negative press about the most used drug category, the 'statins'. To add to the complexity, there also exists a multitude of products claiming to lower cholesterol. You might have heard about cholesterol treatment everywhere from your primary care doctor, your chiropractor, your naturopath, TV and the internet. What is one to do with all of the information presented to them about cholesterol?

As physicians, we pay close attention to cholesterol levels. This information helps us to identify patients at risk for heart attack and stroke and hopefully prevent these diseases and the extremely negative effect they can have on your quality of life. It is for this reason that it is also important that you have the information you need to make decisions and lifestyle changes related to high cholesterol.

A set of new guidelines were released in 2013 by a panel of primary care doctors, cardiologists and endocrinologists who reviewed multiple studies involving thousands of patients. There are 4 groups that benefit from drug therapy to lower cholesterol:

1. Those patients who have already had a stroke or heart attack
2. Patients with diabetes type 2
3. Patients with an LDL level (bad cholesterol) greater than 190
4. Patients with an estimated risk of vascular disease of greater than 7% using a risk calculator (can be found online on the American Heart Association website https://www.heart.org/gglRisk/main_en_US.html)

It's also important to realize that most patients should have a trial of diet and exercise and quit smoking, if applicable, prior to starting drug therapy, especially those in groups 3 and 4.

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So, why are statins considered the most recommended medications? The answer is because they have the most medical evidence supporting reduction of risk in medical trials. Do statins have side effects? Of course. You may have heard about muscle pain and liver enzyme issues. In my experience, which is supported by the literature, liver enzyme abnormalities are rare and can usually be avoided by carefully selecting the right medication for the right person. Muscle pain can be a side effect, but more often than not, this can be mitigated by making sure there are no medication interactions and switching to a different statin if possible. These side effects are uncommon, only rarely causing permanent damage. You also may have heard that statins can affect your blood sugar. These medications can raise blood sugars, however, usually only in patients who are pre-diabetic. These individuals generally progress on to diabetes even off statin medications and are usually at high risk for heart disease.

If your physician recommends a statin to control your cholesterol levels, it is important to ask about any drug interactions that may occur with pre existing medications you are taking. While other drugs are available to treat cholesterol, they do not come with the supporting data that they reduce your risk for heart attack and stroke.

In conclusion, these guidelines can help you and your physician make decisions about actively lowering your risk for heart attack and stroke. If your cholesterol remains high after making lifestyle changes, if you have already had a heart attack or stroke or if you have diabetes, these drugs can be part of an effective preventative medicine regimen.

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Township pledges fix for potholes

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle is seeking bids from local asphalt companies for 1,000 and 2,000 feet of milling and filling potholes on roads in the township.

"Let's go out and fix these things right," Kittle said. "If you don't like the job the Road Commission Oakland County did last year, you will like it less this year."

RCOC has \$7 million less in their budget. Kittle said he does not like spending money on county roads, but he would rather residents spend money on roads rather than car repairs caused by potholes.

On the November 2015 ballot, lawmakers are proposing a 1 percent sales tax hike. If passed by taxpayers, \$1.3 billion will be added to roads budget, \$260 million for low income tax relief, \$300 million in additional revenue for schools, and about \$94 million in revenue for local governments.

Under the proposal, the tax on each gallon of fuel would be lowered from 19 cents for gas and 15 cents for diesel, to a 14.9 flat rates for both regular fuel and diesel.

Kittle said if the proposal is passed, it would still take a while for revenues to be sent to local governments.

Kittle said the general fund has a surplus, and he would like to spend the money on roads now so work can get started in spring.

Budget Analyst Rick Yaeger said the township has a surplus of about \$345,000.

— Andrea Beaudoin

Vet works to keep home

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"I had nothing else to do," he said. "They sent us over there in a hurry."

He served in the infantry and engineers with the Third Marine Division in the Pacific Theater, including Guadalcanal, Guam, and Iwo Jima. He ran a crane and other heavy equipment, often under fire.

"Once I had to move 500 pound bombs to shore and we took some mortars," he recalled. "A Japanese mortar shell landed right beside the ship, 2-3 feet. If it had hit the ship, I wouldn't be here today."

After the war, he went to Ohio State University under the GI Bill to earn a degree in civil engineering.

He has worked in the industrial building trade making metal wall panels for new construction since 1955. He had an office in Troy, and still works on it at his home.



Christine Landry walks through downtown Clarkston looking at the coating of snow received in the area. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Season of snow and ice arrives

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Winter has been gentle so far compared to the last one, when snowfall records were broken and brutal temperatures were frequent.

Last year in April, after spring began, an additional 2-3 inches of snow broke the 1974-1975 records for the most snowfall.

"Last year at this time we had a foot of

snow," she said.

This year we face quite the opposite scenario.

Schultz said under an inch fell in December, much lower than normal at the Weather Service location in White Lake for the month.

Winter began on Dec. 21. The first day of spring is March 20.

Briefly

Chamber director retiring after 18 years

Penny Shanks, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce executive director, announced her retirement, Monday, after 18 years with the chamber.

Shanks' last official day will be Jan. 16. She is moving to the Ann Arbor area, where her husband, Kurt, works.

Hoops for Troops

Join the Clarkston Girls Basketball teams on Feb. 13 for their second annual Hoops for Troops.

The event is held in honor for 2006 Clarkston High School graduate Jenna Beno who passed away October 2012 from injuries she sustained while serving in Iraq.

Hoops for Troops will raise money for Operation Second Chance, which is an organization which helped Beno.

Sponsorships are due January 14. Please contact Megan Goldberg at HoopsForTheTroops@gmail.com or call 248-496-5226 to become a sponsor or for more information.

Tour of Champions

Join the Clarkston Varsity Football players on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. when they will celebrate being named to the 10th Annual MaxPreps Football Tour of Champions.

MaxPreps made the announcement Dec. 16 Clarkston received an invitation to the Tour of Champions, presented by the Army National Guard, after beating Saline for the MHSAA Division 1 Football State Championship and finishing a 14-0 season.

This is the second consecutive year the Wolves have received the honor.

For more information about the Tour of Champions, please visit the MaxPreps Tour of Champions site.

Wolves' banquet

The community is invited to the gridiron heroes' end of season awards ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 18.

The Clarkston Varsity Football team will not only their back-to-back championship win but going 14-0 for the fall season. The awards begin at 4:30 p.m. at Clarkston High School.

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A broken utility pole leaves wires hanging over the water in the Clarkston park. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

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Wires dangle over river in Depot Park

A utility pole in the woods behind the gazebo in Depot Park leans at about a 45 degree angle.

Hope Alesi, whose home on Main Street with her husband, Mike, is adjacent to the leaning pole, is wondering when utility companies will fix it.

The resident said she called DTE to report wires hanging over the river soon after

the pole was damaged in a wind storm last September.

"When they came out, all they did was cut the top of the pole off," she said. "Then they did some work up front, and left. They told me they would notify companies that have utilities on the line, but no one has come."

The utility pole, and the wires running to

Main Street businesses, continued to hang over the water this week.

Alesi said when the pole first came down, she and her neighbors stood around in amazement to see the wires hanging so low.

"Please do something about the situation," she said.

DTE has been notified.

-Andrea Beaudoin

Funds approved to fight invasive species

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As 2014 came to a close, Independence Township still had \$17,220 to fight invasive species in the area.

At their Dec. 23 meeting, the township board approved a \$10,055 payment on behalf of area organizations to expedite the process.

In 2014, the township budgeted \$20,000 for the project.

Its purpose is combating invasive species, but only spent \$2,780 so far. The board amended the 2014 budget to make the payment to the Natural Community Service. The township will be reimbursed \$10,500 this

year.

NCS will submit information to apply for grants and other funding from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Many communities are working to fight invasive species. Springfield Township is asking for \$60 per household. Independence is requesting \$40 per household.

Clarkston also spent \$5,500 last year to fight them.

Invasive species such as phragmites are taking over area wetlands because they have no natural predator. The reed-like plants can grow up to 15 feet tall with roots stretching 10 feet underground.

The Oakland Invasive Species Task Force, or OPIS, leads the fight against phragmites. OPIS is very active and their mission is to protect lakes, streams and wetlands. It also works to educate homeowners, businesses and government agencies how to fight the invaders.

North Oakland Headwater Land Conservancy is also fighting invasive species to protect and conserve the woods, fields, streams and other natural resources in the headwaters area of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint Rivers.

For more information, visit www.oaklandphragmites.com.

Over \$231 million dollars Clarkston area transactions expected in 2015

Real Estate Sales Lagging?

By Don Rush

I got this news blurb via e-mail today, Monday, Dec. 29, 2014:

Great Growth Doesn't Spur Fall Homebuying

Existing home sales fell for only the second time in eight months in November, and the decline was sharp: the National Association of Realtors announced a 6.1% slip. New home purchases fell 1.6% last month according to the Census Bureau, marking their first down month since July 3.

What's a real estate agent to do?

May I suggest separating yourself from the pack? Every one *knows* everybody else *only* goes online to find a home. Right?

Sure. But, who inks the deal? Who holds potential home buyer/seller's hand through the process? Who finds homes similar to the ones found online? Which agents are the ones making the most commissions?

The hardest working agents?

or

The smartest working agents?

My bet is on the smartest working agent in any brokerage is the one making the best commissions. So, how can you separate yourself out from the pack? How can you help make sure when folks need your help they think of you first?

One way is to get your face into as many homes around your office as many times as possible. Direct mail can work, but costly to both print and mail. Social media is cool, for only those folks who already are your "friends." Websites are great . . . but who knows how to get to your site versus everybody else's?

I just googled my hometown (Clarkston, Michigan) plus "real estate" and I got 800,000 results in under a third of a second.

Marketing is a top-of-the-mind proposition. How do you help make yourself the top-of-the-mind real estate agent? How do you make yourself the go-to person in your town?

If you are lucky enough to have a community newspaper delivering news and advertising to your commu-



nity you need to beat a path to their front door before anybody else does! Contrary to what you read online and hear/see in broadcast news, newsprint ain't dead. Oh, the big dailies are doing all they can to put themselves out of business (and they are still making money), but the growth in the newsprint industry is in community papers. And, growth is the key word here.

Fact is, local residents trust and read their own community's newspaper.

We had an audit done of our circulation area at the end of 2014. As part of that audit, the company also asked a number of "yes" and "no" questions as part of a phone survey of LOCAL people.

In our community 98% of the respondents said they recognize they get our papers. And, nearly 75% (73.5%) of all respondents said they frequently use our paper for making purchasing decisions.

Think about that. Three out of every four households look at our "little" community newspaper and then purchase stuff because of the advertisements they've seen!

The audit/survey also showed seven percent of respondents will need a real estate agent in 2015 -- that represents over \$231 million dollars in sales! Again, what agent will reap the benefits?

Answer: The one who doesn't listen to all the noise about free marketing; the one who invests in his or herself and the one who puts her or himself out into the community as often as it takes -- as the local expert.

Be the local agent folks call once they find a house they think they want to buy, or when they want to sell.



Kid Rock stops by downtown Main Street for a television appearance in 2011. File photo

Readers like Kid Rock's views

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston rocker Kid Rock's views recently shared at *The Guardian.com* struck a chord with local folks.

The article shared on *The Clarkston News* Facebook page reached 10,968 people, with 120 likes and 32 more "shares."

Born Robert Ritchie, the singer shared his views on a variety of topics, including politics, guns, and his music, including:

- "I don't FaceTweet or whatever people do. I understand that I'm the old guy now. I turn on my computer and look at porn a little bit, see what's going on in the news, but that's about it. I'm comfortable with that";

- "I am definitely a Republican on fiscal issues and the military, but I lean to the middle on social issues. I am no fan of abortion, but it's not up to a man to tell a woman what to do. As an ordained minister I don't look forward to marrying gay people, but I'm not opposed to it";

- "I played Barack Obama's inauguration even though I didn't vote for him. I didn't agree with his policies, but there was an exciting sense of change in the air. That promise hasn't been fulfilled -- the country is more divided than ever";

- "I'm not just wealthy, I'm loaded. I can say that because I'm not embarrassed -- I've never made a dishonest dollar. I try to do right by the people around me";

- "I'm 43 and about to become a grandfather, but it keeps my redneck street cred up";

- "The partying gene skips a generation. I was really wild and I never saw that in my son. He'll have a few drinks, but that's it";

- "My success with women picked up around the 14 millionth record I sold. I know what it was about -- I don't exactly look like Brad Pitt. I learned to be careful. I didn't want 10 kids around. But there have been a lot of women. I could have set a better example for my son";

- "I don't smoke much weed, it makes me dumb. But they should legalize and tax everything: pot, cocaine, heroin. Has it not been proven that people will always find a

way to get what they want?";

- "I'm always buying more guns. I have everything from a Civil War cannon to an MP-5 machine gun and old police guns. If someone invades your house, yeah, you can shoot them. I don't think crazy people should have guns";

- "Rap-rock was what people wanted at the time, and they still love those songs at shows. But it turned into a lot of bulls*** and it turned out to be pretty gay ... if someone says you can't say "gay" like that you tell them to go f*** themselves. You're not going to get anything politically correct out of me."

A Facebooker responding to the Kid Rock story on *The Clarkston News* page posted a link to a story calling him "homophobic" for his views, but other comments were complimentary.

"I still like him and his music. Love the fact that he gives back to the military and veterans...congrats on becoming a grandpop," posted Michelle Beuter.

This past December, Kid Rock helped raise over \$33,000 to send over 10,000 care packages to troops serving overseas.

Said Chuck Kelterborn, "I think he is a stand up guy that seems confident in his views and he is not out to hurt or belittle people."

Jade Nicole has "nothing but love for this guy. Keeps it real."

"I think it's great," posted Kristy Brandon. "He's got opinions and he's consistent with them. I may not agree with all of them, but I respect that he is in touch and not afraid to speak them. I've lived in Michigan for the last several years and regularly hear he gives back. And I get the sense that he is probably the kind of guy that does a whole lot more the press never picks up on. He does it for the right reasons, not to improve his image."

Sharla Davis said she personally shares similar views.

"Love it," she said. "Bottom line is he is an excellent businessman, a genius. I love his comments about earning his wealth. Right on!"

Kid Rock's new album "First Kiss" comes out Feb. 24. Check www.theguardian.com/music/2015/jan/03/kid-rock-this-much-i-know for the complete article.

Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Bringing in the new year

Time for a new year and new goals. Well...some new goals. Some goals have a way of carrying over each year. One goal is making a dent in my bookcases. I start the years with a goal to read at least one book in a month.

The goal has stepped up a notch - I joined the Reading Challenge 2015 during the weekend. Nothing like just jumping into a challenge especially without reading the list first.

With the reading challenge it will bump it up to at least one book per week. Challenge accepted. It was easier when I was younger - then I probably averaged two books per day, but I did visit bookstores a lot more often. (It made it easy when there were two of them at Summit Place Mall. Dangerous. Very dangerous.)

Glancing through the list I already have a few books on my book shelf. A few others may be a challenge - story which takes place in hometown, a graphic novel and an author with same initials. I have already browsed a few authors - I may have to rearrange initials to make it work.

It adds to the photography challenges I try to accomplish every month - though realize it once the month begins it is already "x" amount of days into the new month.

As for other goals for the new year - scrapbooking at least more than I did last year. I only did it once last year. So even twice would be good.

I embark on another plan with Nuview Nutrition beginning on Jan. 19 - basically it is a reboot for the body. It is a good way to start the year with a refresher boot camp.

Then, work a little on the bucket list. One of the items is to participate in at least one of the runDisney marathons. It might not be this year but working towards the run. First step is to run a 5K. I ran a portion of Warrior Dash last year which was a big step for me.

Color Run is always on the list of events to participate in and our group is anxiously awaiting when the registration begins.

Also, add more adventure. Last year, I ventured through Michigan and visited the Upper Peninsula. For 2015, venture a little more through Michigan and venture out of the state and visit new spaces and places.



Questions on school mock election

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Two articles in *The Clarkston News* on Nov. 12, 2014, caught the attention of an Independence Township reader.

The first reporting results of the election in which Republican Rick Snyder easily won re-election. The second, "Students take turn to vote," was about fourth graders at Andersonville Elementary conducting their own, mock election for governor - the students went for Democratic candidate Mark Schauer, 83 to 81.

"I would be interested to see how the results of the registered voters that live in the school district that includes Andersonville Elementary compare to that of the children of the school," the reader said. "It is my contention that 8 and 9 year old children do not have a great knowledge of politics or of the candidates running for office, and obtain their opinions on these subjects from the influence of what they are exposed to in their homes and schools."

He would expect children to be most influenced by their parents, he said.

"If the registered voters of the Andersonville Elementary district had voted similarly as the rest of the township did, then the results of the school children's vote is surprising, at the least, and alarming if the school's teachers are indoctrinating the students with their personal political preferences in the classroom," he said. "This activity by the teachers would be outrageous, in my opinion, and may be of interest to the parents of the students being exposed to it."

According to Oakland County Clerk election reports, Republican Rick Snyder received 3,907 votes in Springfield Township, 69.62 percent, and Democrat Mark Schauer got 1,584 votes, 28.23 percent.

Anderson Elementary Principal Bruce Martin said the Student Council conducts the mock elections on election day for governor and president to teach students about the voting process, and feel a connection to what their parents and other adults are experiencing at the polls.

"Our teachers do very little, if any, sharing about their personal political views, especially in an elementary school setting," Martin said. "Our standard practice is to give factual information about the candidates' backgrounds and then direct students home to their parents for discussions about preferences and voting decisions."

In recent years, the school's student broadcast team has prepared candidate informational items for fellow students as part of their newscasts in the days preceding

the election, he said.

"Student reporters research each candidate and bring information back to the student news team," the principal said. "They work with an adult advisor, a former broadcast news reporter and print journalist, to narrow down the information to a simpler format and address only those items the student body might find interesting: name, age, hometown, previous jobs, married, children, pets, hobbies, and major campaign issues/promises."

The fourth graders prepare slideshows on both candidates, he said.

"The slides aren't very heavy in terms of politics because the students frankly aren't as interested and the deeper political issues sometimes aren't very age-appropriate for our younger children - views on abortion, gay rights, terrorism, and national defense, to name a few," Martin said.

Students walk down with their classmates to the "polling precinct," an empty classroom or stage in the cafeteria, are given a simple "ballot," vote in a private booth, and then receive an "I Voted!" sticker for their shirt.

"They are excited to get the sticker, especially since, hopefully, their parents come home later that night with a similar sticker and they can have a meaningful conversation about the election," he said. "The next morning, we announce on the student-led broadcast news who the actual winner turned out to be, either to cheers or dismay depending on how each student voted. Many of the students already know who won because of the news feeds in their homes and discussions with their parents."

Clarkston Community Schools follow the Michigan K-8 Grade Level Content Expectations for Social Studies, which include lessons on citizenship, history, communities, government, etc., he said.

"We certainly stress all Americans have a right and responsibility to vote in elections, but we do not tell students how to vote or for which candidates to vote," Martin said. "Again, we direct the students back to their parents for discussions on voting preferences and decisions."

At the start of each school year, the school hosts an annual Partnership Night open house, outlining curriculum benchmarks for the coming year, he said.

"We provide parents with links to the state curriculum expectations so parents can study upcoming lessons should they choose," Martin said. "Classroom newsletters and webpages will sometimes include comments about current units of study and also notify parents about upcoming events such as the mock election."

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Y2KO'd" Like other parts of the world, Clarkston wasn't bugged by Y2K. Local governments, police, schools as well as stores and restaurants reported Dec. 31 was pretty quiet despite the hype and hoopla. New Year's Day was welcomed with gladness, not glitches.

"Special delivery" Proud parents Jeff and Mary Baker rang in the New Year in the delivery room - their daughter, Maria Christina Baker, was born at 12:14 p.m. on New Year's Day to the Clarkston couple. Christina wasn't due until Jan. 13 but Mary started experiencing pain on New Year's Eve and found out she was in labor after going to the hospital.

"Trio wins medals at Goodrich tourney" Clarkston Varsity Wrestling came out with three champions at the Goodrich Tournament of Champions - Jon Robinson (heavyweight), Pat DeGain (215) and Clint DeGain (152). The team ranked seventh overall.

25 years ago - 1990

"Flu season hits Clarkston area" The good news was the recent rise in "flu" cases was dwindling. The bad news was the real flu, influenza, had yet to arrive. Area physicians had seen two types of flu from visiting patients - the most common being the respiratory flu.

"MEAP results show 'good gains' in Clarkston" MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) test results for Clarkston showed students made good gains, said Judith Backus, director of curriculum. Grades fourth, seven and tenth did better in mathematics, basic reading skills did better than in 1988. Grades fifth, eighth and tenth did better than 1988.

"Volunteer activity was rewarding in many ways" Marianne Bernand won an Outstanding Award of Merit in Honor of Jean Wolf at the 31st Annual Mid-Michigan Exhibition for her pencil drawings of priests she had met volunteering at the Colombiere Center in Springfield Township.

50 years ago - 1965

"Local news" Christmas dinner was held a week later at the home of the Henry C. Klines family where 25 relatives enjoyed the family gathering and opened the gifts from under the tree.

"News notes from Clarkston High" Clarkston High School students were preparing for the upcoming talent show which some acts would dance, sing or put on an original act.

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My first job(s), asparagus to news

From Thursday, May 28, 1970

Bud Guest, WJR's Sunny Side of the Streeter, got me to thinking the other day about jobs I've had. I couldn't top the number mentioned by a printer in Lapeer, but it was fun recalling some of the ways I've earned coin.

As you read this, maybe you'll think back to some occupations you tried your hand at. If you do, why not jot them down and send them to me.

The first job I recall having was cutting asparagus. Had to cut those stems about six inches high starting a half-inch below the ground.

The first sales I tried was selling corn cobs for kindling. Some of us 10-11-year-olds would fill a gunny sack or two with corn cobs given us by Bancroft elevator and go door to door seeking a nickel for our product. Sales were few in 1936-37

and I can't remember what I bought with the money.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

To earn money, to buy some "goodies" at the free show I'd pick up discarded bottles along M-78 and turn them into cash. One day I worked as a corn husker and for a few days I picked potatoes.

While living in Owosso, I caddied at Owosso Country Club the summer of 1940, and that same summer three of us hitch-hiked to Traverse City to make a killing picking cherries. I never earned a dime.

I think of that trip often. I was 13. I wouldn't think of allowing my son to do

that. And, I wonder why my folks did. Probably times and people both have changed.

For a couple years I peddled the *Owosso Argus Press* for George and I. Evans Campbell, though I didn't know them personally then.

I also mowed lawns at various times, clerked in Kaufman's men's store in Owosso, worked in a book store on campus and as a bus boy at the Burdick Hotel in Kalamazoo, while at WMU in 1943-44.

For a while I tried selling insulation door to door, but I quit after three weeks without making one sale.

Then, to the newspaper business, first selling ads and printing and now running the joint. I may have had more jobs, but I can't remember them. It was fun thinking of them, though.

The voice of a free people

Letters to the Editor should deal with issues affecting our community. They not only criticize, but also praise. Where they point out problems, so too should they offer suggestions.

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It's a digi-world we live in. Rats.

So, it has come to pass in this brave new world of instant gratification, notification and articulation that when we see or hear something that may or may not be true, we instantly share our indignations. (Try saying that sentence with one breath!)

We post it on our favorite social website either by hand held phone-type devices or the "old fashioned" way with a keyboard and computer. Either way, we want to the world to know how we are feeling, right now at the moment and without thought we let our fingertips do the shouting. And, since we live in this digi-world of computer interconnectiveness, we can now also put our rage into petition form to get others to join our merry band of disrupters.

Recently it came to my attention of one such petition -- well, here it is . . . tell me what you think.

We Petition The Obama Administration to work with Congress to pass and sign a law to protect journalistic integrity and honesty.

"A Fox News affiliate intentionally manipulated C-SPAN audio of peaceful demonstrators to sound like anti-cop chants, which was replayed nationally.

"There may always be insane people who get copy cat ideas from television. The First Amendment gives us the right to express ourselves just the same. To willfully and negligently manipulate audio to give an impression peaceful demonstrators call for violence against law enforcement is unnecessary, egregious, divisive and puts lives at risk.

"The Press is an industry the Founding Fathers wished to protect. Journalism is necessary to democracy. That means a Free Press. It also

means journalistic integrity. Case No. 2D01-529 is interpreted to give news the right to lie. We need a law to clarify this and protect information consumers."

This "petition" is wrong on so many levels, I don't know where to begin. Hmm? First, somebody actually wants a law passed to protect journalistic integrity and honesty based on "a" news affiliate error of reporting/editing? Really?

Second, do we really want the guys and gals in Washington, DC passing a law about integrity and honesty? Do they even know what those words mean?

Third, that someone thinks a law to "protect" any part of a journalistic endeavor is a scary proposition. I bet if I researched a little, the Nazi's probably had similar laws enforced "protecting" "honest" "reporting." In other words, when there are laws curtailing any part of any journalistic reporting, a slippery slope to having no journalistic reporting is being built.

The meaning of words, from person to person, to society to society and from one era to the next changes. Who is to say "honest" and "integrity" will mean the same thing in 50 years?

Fourth, who says television "news" is journalistic these days? Seems to me it is more opinion and aligning to a certain ideology than news. The broadcast media rarely reports the news, it tells us what we already want to hear.

Fifth (and finally), the way this petition was written, you wouldn't think anybody would sign aboard. You would be wrong! It was first put on-line on Dec. 27 and as of Jan. 5, 6,597 people joined the cause.

Were I a pessimist I would conclude, "we're

doomed."

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Recently, the City of the Village of Clarkston made the national "news." The on-line blog at www.domaininvesting.com, had this recent headline:

Domain Lesson From Clarkston, Michigan

Wrote blogger Elliot Silver, "I caught a news article on *ClarkstonNews.com* about the website for a small city in Michigan, and the City Manager shared a valuable lesson all municipalities and businesses should heed: Set up a single e-mail address to receive important e-mails, such as domain name renewals.

"The domain name that is home to the website for the City of the Village of Clarkston (also known as Clarkston) expired, and apparently someone from the previous administration was listed as the registrant. As a result, the domain name expired, rendering the website unreachable since it was in pending renewal status. Fortunately, they were able to get in touch with that person, and it appears that the website is now operational again.

"Had the domain name been registered to an e-mail address that is monitored by someone from the city, it likely would have been renewed on time, and there would not have been downtime."

Which leads me to this public announcement -- this incident is another example of why Michigan (or any state) should only allow local government to post notices on-line . . . online ain't always up and sometimes things on-line change, or get hacked.

Your thoughts? Don@ShermanPublications.org.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

"Was simply the best return on investment we've seen from any advertising we've done in any medium"

I participated in the Business Card Directory with the Clarkston News in 2014 for the first time. We are a small business and don't have a large ad budget, but we try to reach local residents directly whenever we can. This directory was **simply the best return on investment we've seen from any advertising we've done in any medium.**

I'm not sure what the secret is with this specific campaign, but the response from the community to this listing was amazing. We received 17 calls the very first 24 hours after the Business Card Directory was delivered. I know because we asked each customer how they got our contact information.

I remember being told, "I like to support local businesses when I can," and "I have you listed in the Clarkston Business Directory."

People do keep these directories as well, as I had it mentioned to me months after the delivery. I will absolutely be continuing to support the directory and when I need to do local focused advertising I always go to the Clarkston News & Sherman Publications.

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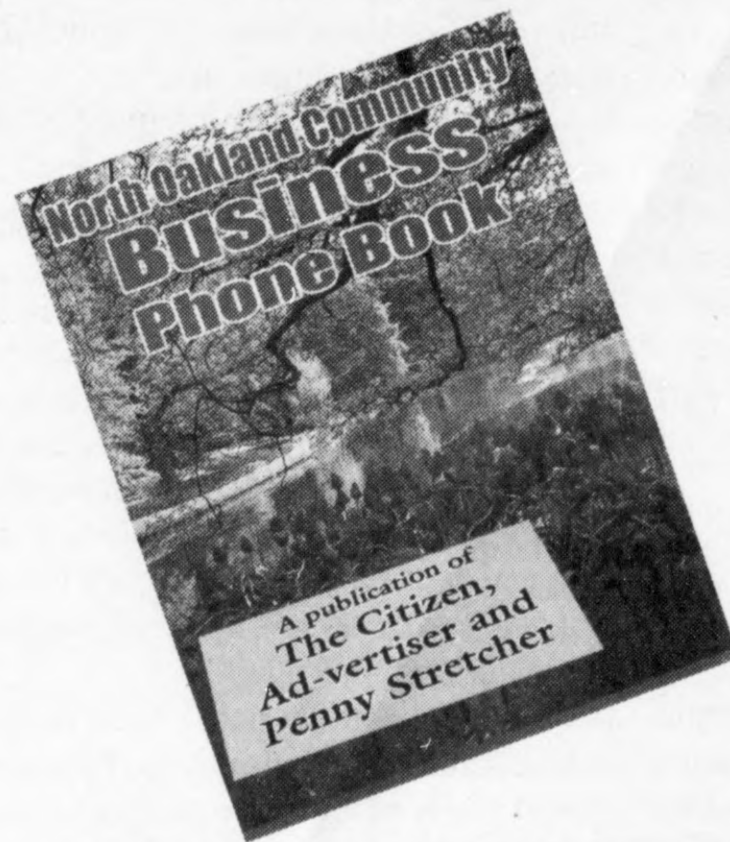
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Follow code to stay safe on the slopes

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Winter is descending in force – good news for Pine Knob Ski Resort in Independence Township.

But with the thrills and chills of the slopes comes risk of high-speed impact. To stay safe, the Pine Knob Ski Patrol offers a Responsibility Code for each skier: stay in control at all times; give people ahead of you the right of way; stop in a safe place for you and others; when starting downhill or merging, look uphill and yield; use devices to prevent runaway equipment; observe signs and warnings, and stay off closed trails; and know how to use the lifts and towropes safely.

Mike Rhadigan, patrol director, has more words of advice.

"Wear a helmet – that's the most important thing in the world," Rhadigan said. "The second most important is for snowboarders to wear wrist guards. When a snowboarder falls, the natural instinct is to put your arms out."

The resort offers lessons daily, which he also highly recommends.

About 140 strong, they keep 6-10 patrollers on duty up and down the slopes on five-hour shifts, monitoring skiers and providing help when needed.

With skiers heading down the slope from 10-20 mph, up to more than 50 mph for the fastest downhill racers, injuries can be

severe.

A 51-year-old Shelby Township woman died from injuries suffered in a crash into a tree and a fence, Dec. 12.

On Dec. 29, a 17-year-old Troy boy cracked his helmet during a crash, briefly losing consciousness, 10:03 p.m., Dec. 29. He was taken to Crittenton Hospital for treatment.

Ski patrollers carry radios and medical kits, and are trained to stabilize the patient and get them to patrol headquarters as quickly as possible, using toboggans stationed around the hill.

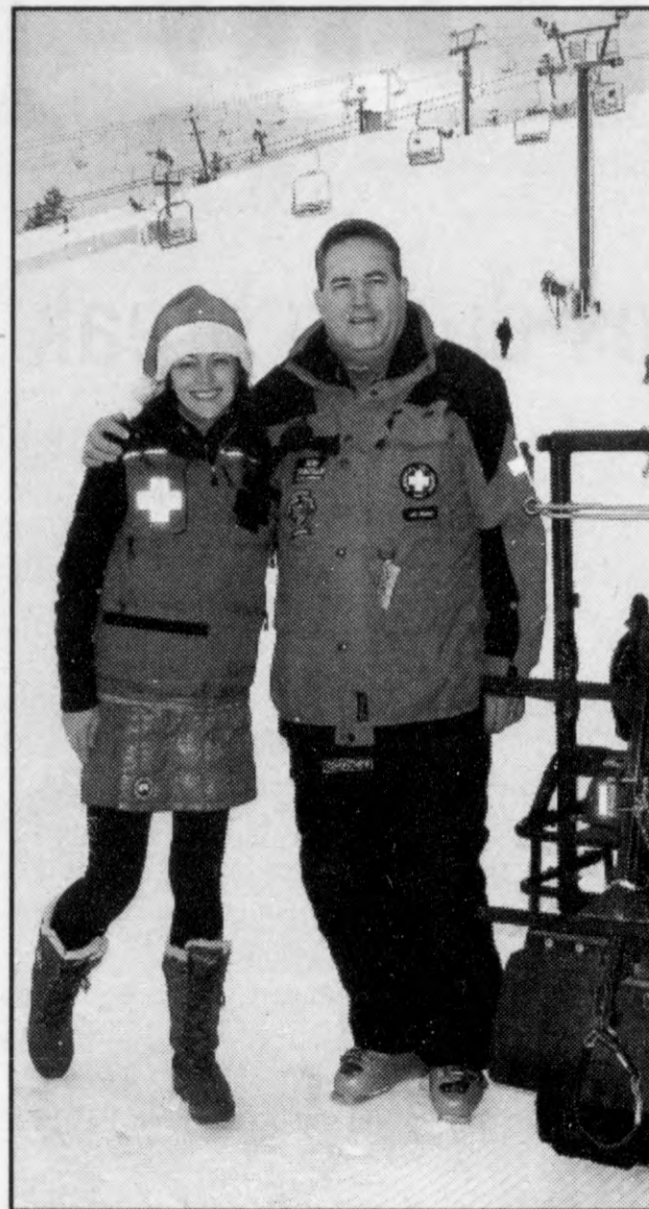
"If there's an injury to a leg or arm, they can quickly splint it," Rhadigan said. "If they're close, they'll ski the patient in. If farther, they'll hook the toboggan to a snow mobile, to get them to the station as safely as possible to prevent further injury."

The station is equipped with medical beds, oxygen, and other first aid equipment. Further help is also nearby, he said.

"We're fortunate to have an Independence Township fire station right on the corner," Rhadigan said.

Training is ongoing and the patrol is always recruiting more members.

"They have to love to ski. We really want them to be good skiers, but we'll teach them," he said. For more information, check www.pksp.org. For more info on Pine Knob, call 248-625-0800.



Director Mike Rhadigan, patroller Melissa Srock, and the rest of the Pine Knob Ski Patrol work hard to keep skiers safe. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Suspended license

A deputy on patrol noticed a minivan with a broken tail light in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, 11:40 a.m., Dec. 26. A record's check showed the registered owner had a felony warrant for grand theft out of Orange County, California. The vehicle, however, was being driven by his ex-wife, a 29-year-old Independence Township woman. She was cited for defective equipment, driving with a suspended license, and no proof of insurance.

Misdemeanor warrant

A deputy ran the license plate of a vehicle in front of him on Dixie Highway, 11:48 a.m., Dec. 28, and found the owner had a suspended driver's license and misdemeanor warrant out of White Lake Township for driving with a suspended license. The owner, a 45-year-old Waterford man, was arrested and turned over to White Lake Police.

Identity theft

A business owner in the 4000 block of White Lake Road called police after reviewing his company's bank account, Dec. 29, and noticing two suspicious pending debit transactions totaling almost \$2,000. The online transactions were in Dec. with a travel agency in Switzerland.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Runner in road

A 33-year-old Lake Orion man was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for commitment and treatment, 7:04 p.m., Dec. 29, after being found in traffic on Maybee Road. Several motorists called police to report the man sitting on the yellow line in the middle of the road with his hands in his coat pockets, running around the road, and stepping in front of vehicles. Deputies found him on Maybee Road at Dvorak Street, yelling unintelligibly. He was restrained, and had a spit hood placed over his head after he spit at deputies. Officers spoke to his mother, who said he is diagnosed with schizophrenia and bi-polar disorder, and does not take his medication.

Theft from vehicle

A homeowner in the 4000 block of Second Street awoke and noticed the dome light was on in his SUV, 3:44 a.m., Dec. 30. He found his paperwork and personal items had been gone through, and a digital camera was gone.

Marijuana arrest

A 22-year-old Springfield Township man was arrested and jailed for Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana, 3:12 a.m., Dec. 29, at a residence in the 9000 block of King Road. A neighbor called police to report a possible burglary, after seeing a garage door partly open and someone inside. Deputies arrived to find a man inside the garage wearing a respirator. When deputies went inside the residence with the man, who said he lived there, to get his identification, they could smell an even stronger odor of marijuana and observed large tubs of marijuana. There were four other people in the house. An Oakland County Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Team detective was called to the scene to assist with the investigation. None of the residents were medical marijuana care takers or patients. About two pounds of marijuana was seized. A 24-year-old Pontiac man was arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Deliver from White Lake Township Police.



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Wolves sink Eagles during break

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

As the temperatures dropped outside, the scoreboard was heating up inside as the Wolves defeated Ann Arbor Skyline, 59-43.

"It was an ugly win," reflected Dan Fife, long-time Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach. "I thought they out competed us mentally and physically. Our experience won the game for us."

The Wolves and Eagles battled for the lead in the first quarter but it was Clarkston who took the lead with 2:43 remaining after senior Merrick Canada was successful on his two attempts on the free throw line. The two throws put the Wolves ahead 8-7.

Two baskets from senior Andrew Myers and freshman Foster Loyer put the boys up to 12-7.

Skyline attempted to close in on the score in the last minute with two field goals but both shots missed their mark.

Clarkston began the drive in the second quarter with one point from junior Tabin Throgmorton and a 3-pointer from Myers.

In a course of two minutes Skyline got past defense for six points, but that's all they would score during the quarter as the Wolves finished the half in the lead 25-13.

Three minutes into the third quarter senior Josh Bonzheim sunk a basket, putting the Wolves ahead by 16 points.

The game began to heat up as Skyline answered with five points and the back and forth battle began.

"We kept giving them easy baskets," Fife added. "We didn't play like a Clarkston team should be playing especially at this point and the guys we have coming back. We should have been probably better coached because I think we were outcoached."

Senior Jonah Newblatt scored 13 points during the quarter as the Wolves outscored Skyline 20-19 to hold their lead at 45-34.

The Wolves went 10-2 in the final quarter in the first eight minutes with five points from Loyer, four points from Canada and one point from senior Dayton Wallis.

Newblatt led the team with 20 points as Canada added 13 and Loyer added 11 points to the score.

"Jonah did a good job on the boards," Fife said.

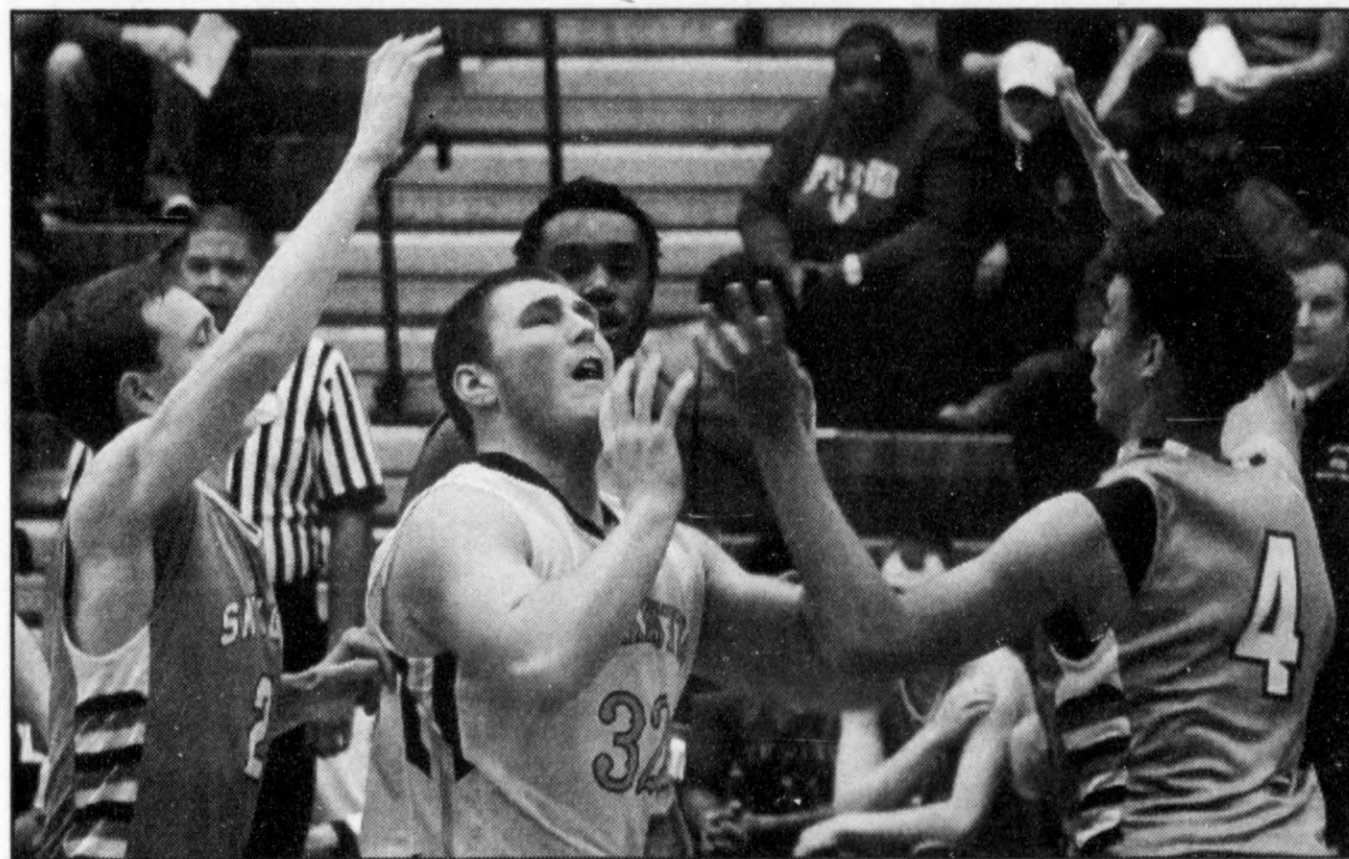
He added the Clarkston bench is deep and it was a tough game to come into for the subs.

"I feel pretty comfortable bringing them in," he said. "Chewy (Cole Chewins) didn't get to play all night just because of the defense they had."

The Wolves (4-0) started the week on Tuesday against Pontiac. They head to Lake Orion on Friday and Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday.

"I hope we learn from this," Fife added going into 2015. "This is a good game for us. I think their team competed hard. Our experience made the difference. You don't want to go into games like that. We dodged a bullet - that's what we did."

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



Senior Jonah Newblatt finds an opening to shoot past the Eagles. Photo by WAR

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK French kicks for Saints

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Before 2014 ended Clarkston High School senior Maegan French marked the new year with signing her letter of intent in early December to play soccer for Siena Heights University.

She received four offers from private universities before she chose to continue her dream of playing soccer with the Saints in Adrian, Mich.

"I really liked the campus when I went to visit and the coach - he is really cool," she smiled. "The team is really good and I like the religious aspect of the college. It was pretty important to me to follow my beliefs."

French added she really liked the small feel of the school and it reminded her a lot of Clarkston.

"They have the same colors as Clarkston, too," she smiled.

French currently plays the midfielder or forward position with the Michigan Jaguars FC. She plays year round with the team.

Her current season ends in January and the next season will start in March and runs until June.

One of her favorite moments playing with the Jaguars was playing in the Crossroads of America Women's College Showcase in Indiana.

"It was at one of the biggest sport complexes in the country," she said. "It was a really great experience. There were 32 soccer fields lined up."

French began playing soccer at the age

of five-years-old when she joined Kiddy Kicker. She tried out for the travel team Michigan Impact in Clarkston when she was in fifth grade and was a right winger for them for six years.

When she was young she also participated in dance and gymnastics but always played soccer.

French explained she always loved soccer.

"It was something about the love for the game," she said. "I really like it. It never gets old."

She played for the Clarkston Varsity Girls Soccer team in her sophomore year before deciding to play with the Michigan Jaguars.

"I wanted to play in college and I could get exposure to a lot of coaches," she said.

It would also help with competition as she played with a lot of competitive players throughout the state of Michigan.

French added the experience with the team also helped her to break out of her comfort zone.

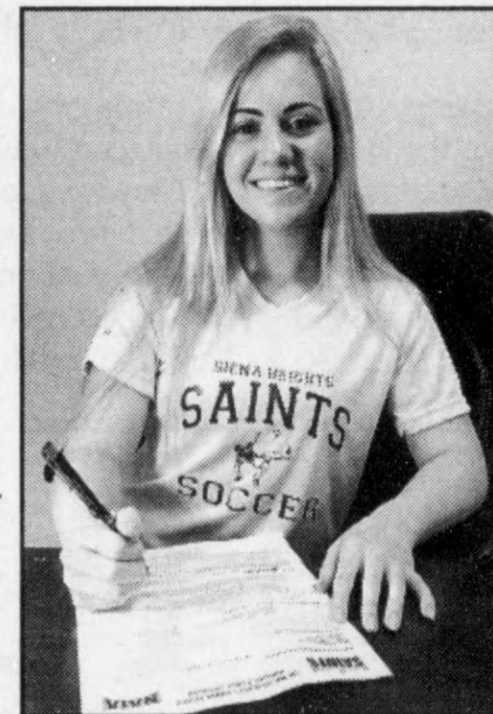
"She is a very dedicated player and excited for her future," added mom,

Ramona French.

Maegan plans to study communications and is choosing between focusing on journalism or marketing.

"I really like to write," she said, adding her hobbies lean toward the creative spectrum with writing, drawing and painting.

Her advice to aspiring athletes is to never stop believing in your dreams and always step out of your comfort zone.



Maegan French signs her letter of intent for Siena Heights University. Photo provided

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Surge in first quarter leads Lady Wolves to victory

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Cagers showed what two and a half of weeks of practice did as they defeated Ann Arbor Skyline on Dec. 30, 60-27.

"It was good to come back and play somebody different," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk. "We did some good things defensively. We shot the ball pretty well."

The Eagles opened the game with a 3-point shot. It only sparked the Wolves as senior Erika Davenport scored three baskets against the visitors.

Freshman Kayla Luchenbach scored the next two baskets with assists from Davenport to put the Wolves up 12-3.

A field goal from senior Ashley Skaggs and another basket from Davenport ended the first quarter, 18-8.

Wasilk added Davenport is good on the offensive end of the floor when she gets the ball in her hands.

"A lot of people think of her as just a post player but when the ball is in her hands she is such a good ball handler," he said. "She is very unselfish and gives us that flexibility to go inside and out with her. Usually when the ball is in her hands good things happen."

The momentum carried over into the second quarter as the Lady Wolves scored 16 more points and head the Eagles to only three baskets to go into half time, 34-14.

"We were pretty good defensively," Wasilk said. "We try to keep teams out of the paint and we did a good job of it."

With a 20-point lead in the second half, the Lady Wolves were able to put in players from off the bench.

"It was good," Wasilk noted. "Some of our players who normally don't handle the ball handled it a lot. Some players who don't shoot, made some shots."

Davenport led the team with 21 points and 13 rebounds with four assists and five blocks.

"Erika was pretty good tonight as far as distributing the basketball, rebounding and getting us going on the break," Wasilk said.

Sophomore Meghan Deardorff added nine points to the score.

Clarkston went into the game with a 2-2 record after their second loss to Grosse Pointe South on Dec. 13. The girls took the break as an opportunity to work on a few things.

"We always look to improve over Christmas break," Wasilk said. "It's a good time for us to come together and put new



Junior Kayla Russell makes quick moves as defenders surround her. Photo by Wendi Reardon

things in and see what hasn't been working for us. It's been good to get away for a little bit and work on some of those things."

The Lady Wolves opened the new year on Tuesday at Walled Lake Western. They host Lake Orion on Tuesday and head to Oxford next Tuesday before they start league

play in the OAA Red.

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

"It's good to jump into league play after Christmas especially when you have some new pieces to piece together," Wasilk said. "We still have a long ways to go but we are getting there."

Young team brings heart and dedication to mat

Grapplers begins the new year focused on winning the OAA Red league title and heading to the state tournament.

"We have a lot of young kids so it might even be better than it has in the past," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Head Coach Derek Moscovic. "We haven't qualified for the state tournament in a long time so maybe this will be the team who does it."

They already have experience after battling some of the toughest teams in Michigan at the Rocket Duals, Oakland County Tournament and Detroit Catholic Central Invitational. It will help them as they head against teams in the league.

"It is going to be tough," said Moscovic. "Oxford and Rochester are programs with long traditions. They have their own goals and we want to work hard to achieve ours."

Key returners to help lead the way for the young team are Josh Cohoon, Kyle Masters, Mitchell Nelson, Kas Waitkus and Nate Vandermeer. Nelson and Masters were both regional qualifiers last season.

Moscovic added having a young team will make it an exciting season to watch.

"I am very excited about the potential we have this year. I would expect from Clarkston this year is to go out improve every week because we don't have any state returners coming back," he said. "It is all fresh we can

only go upward. Every week is a building and stepping stone for the end of the season. We have young kids and a great room. Probably the best room I have ever had with the character and work ethic."

He added fans can expect a lot of heart from the boys as well.

"You are going to see a lot of kids win matches that maybe aren't the most experienced or biggest wrestlers but ones who just want to keep wrestling because they have a huge heart and hard work ethic," Moscovic smiled. "You are going to see a lot of matches where a young Clarkston

wrestler upset somebody maybe they shouldn't have."

The Wolves host Rochester Adams this Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. and head to Bay City Western for Michigan Duals on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

They face Oxford and Stoney Creek at the Rochester Adams Quad set for Jan. 14.

The following week they take on Rochester Adams and Farmington, Jan. 21, and teams from Macomb County in the Macomb/Oakland Duels, Jan. 24. ~WAR

Wolves are back home on Jan. 28 at 5:30 p.m. and host the league meet on Jan. 31.



Clarkston Wrestling Team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

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Wolves looking to rule the lanes another season

Bowlers ended last year at state finals and are excited for the new season on the lanes.

Lenny Kersten, co-coach for the Clarkston Boys Bowling teams, added the excitement was felt on the day of tryouts when 20 boys came out to try out for the teams.

"I was just overwhelmed by the response we had especially the boys with trying out for bowling," he said. "It was cool because we never had that much participation. I didn't cut them because this is how you build a program. This is how you develop your bowlers especially newer ones. A great crop of JV players will be ready to step in next year."

The boys varsity team consists of five returners of last year's regional championship and state finals qualifying team - seniors Kris Adair, Evan Farough, Nick Treece; juniors Timmy Cuthrell and Jacob Kersten. Newcomers include sophomores Alex Clifford and AJ Speer.

"Alex and AJ are ready to make the jump up in the varsity program," Lenny added. "They have the knowledge behind them now. It is getting them ready and prepped for not just next year but for this year."

Jacob leads this year's team after finishing 2014 named to the All-State First team.

"We have a really strong group of boys," Lenny added. "I see us making a run at the state title this year. There is no reason why we can't make a strong showing not only in the team event but I see us placing some boys in the singles - that is what I am looking forward to. I always have high hopes for it."

JV Boys team includes Leo Chasse III, Derek Childs, Sean Furness, Ryan Little, Jake Phelps, Glen Rose, Jr., Drew Sagowitz, Justin Smith, Emerson Stuver, Patrick Umlauf and Donny Wolfgang.

The girls varsity team has all of their bowlers returning - seniors Chelsea Turk, Hailey Paull; juniors Vicki Wolfgang, Tess Horowitz and sophomore Sam Lavelly.

"We are excited about this season," smiled Clarkston Girls Bowling Coach

Elanor Hallman. "We are hoping for a successful season and to do well in regionals."

The girls finished in third place last year in the MHSAA Regionals, which qualified them to compete in the state finals.

"The varsity team is all returning champions," Hallman added. "They have the drive and what it takes to have a successful season and they work well together. We also have a JV girls team this season."

The JV team includes freshman Tyler Sermak, sophomores Hannah Allen, Kayla Yenshaw, Chelsea Paull and junior Jillian Ritchey.

Hallman added the season will be exciting to watch because the teams are spirited, energetic and have the drive to win.

Both teams are looking forward to OAA league play. Hallman noted there were changes to the league this year.

"The league looks good. Last year we stayed within our division and played everybody twice. This year they have changed it where they have combined both and we will be playing everybody once," she explained.

Both teams are looking forward to their matches against Lake Orion and Oxford.

"We are going to have our usual showdown," Lenny said. "One of our best matches of the year is against Oxford. They are one of our stiffest competitors like they are every year. They are bringing back a strong team. I see them being a force."

He added Lake Orion will have a strong team this season as well.

"We have a strong veteran leadership team," he said. "Everybody feeds off each other. They are very supportive of each other."

The bowlers head to the Bakers Dozen tournament this Saturday and face Oxford at Collier Lanes on Monday. They head to the Oakland County tournament on Jan. 17 and 18.

"It's an exciting time," Lenny said. "I am just looking forward to an incredible year."

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon




Clarkston Girls Varsity/JV Bowling teams: in back row from left, Hannah Allen, Vicki Wolfgang, Chelsea Turk, Tess Horowitz, Jillian Ritchey; in front row, Chelsea Paull, Hailey Paull, Sam Lavelly and Kayla Yenshaw. Not pictured Tyler Sermak. Photos provided



Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team: in back row from left, From left, in back Alex Clifford, Jacob Kersten, Timmy Cuthrell, Evan Farough; in front row, AJ Speer, Nick Treece and Kris Adair.

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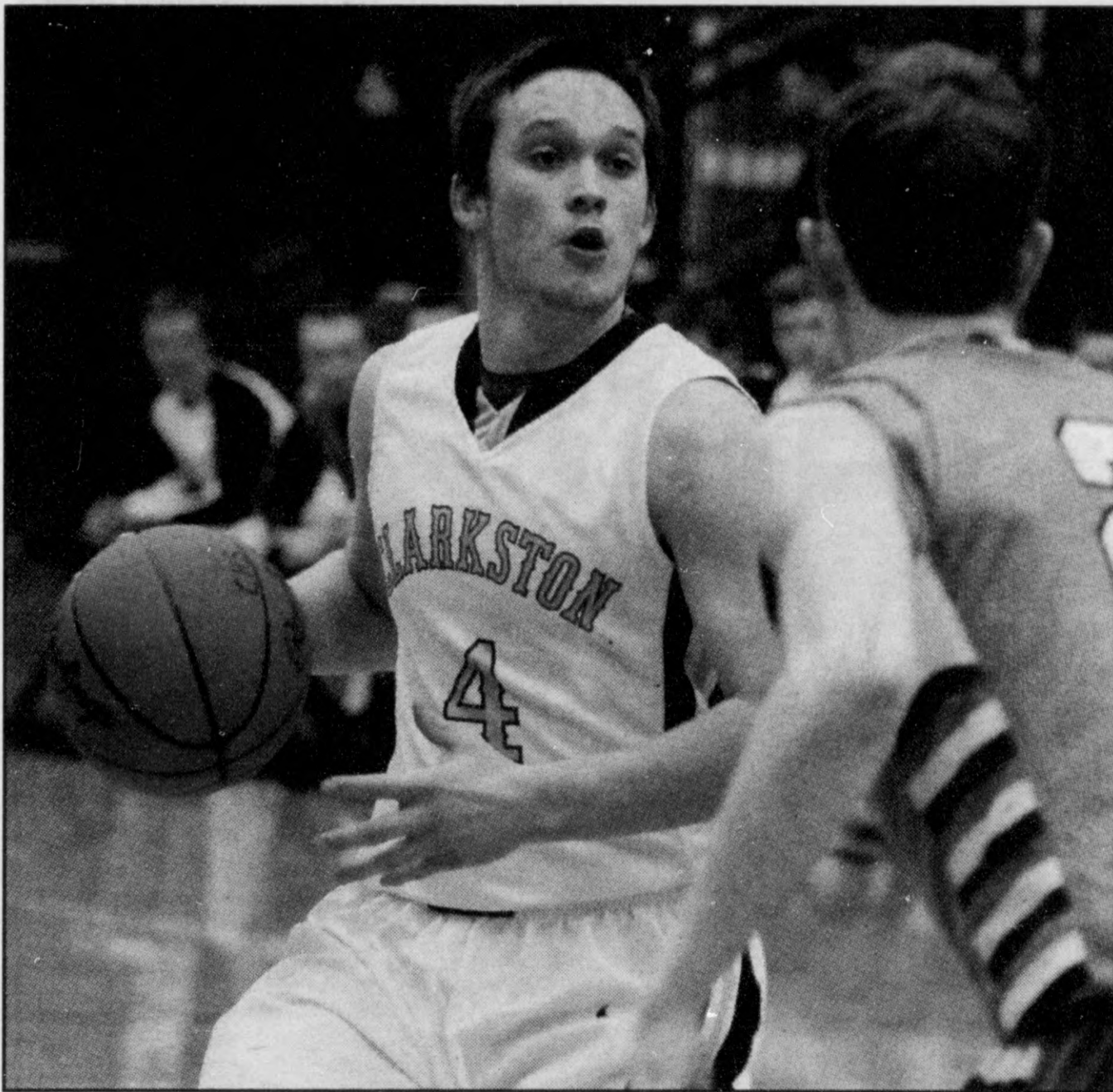
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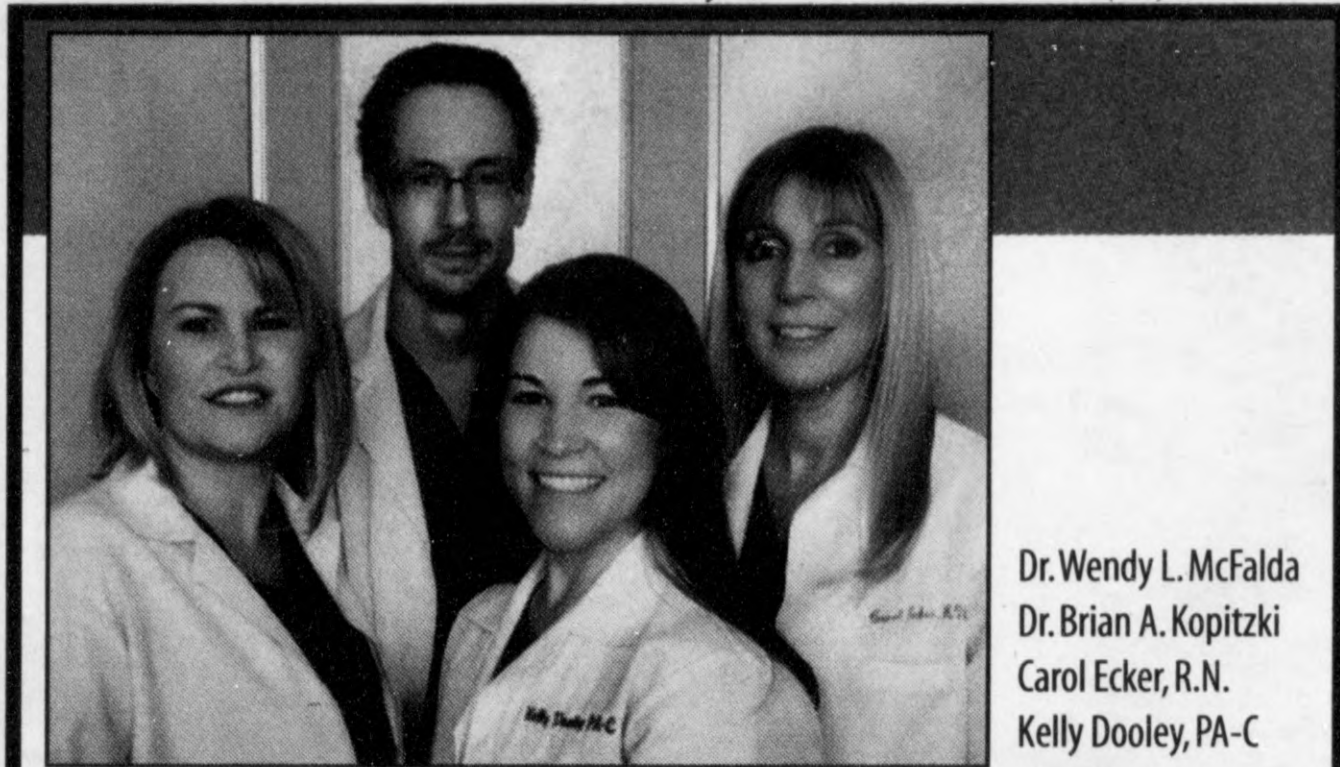
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PLAYMAKER: Senior Andrew Myers looks for a teammate to pass to as Ann Arbor Skyline guards close in on him in the first half of the game on Dec. 30. The Wolves defeated the Eagles, 59-43. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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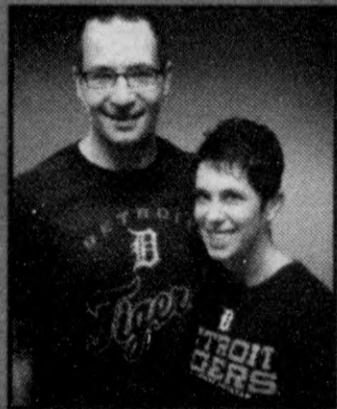
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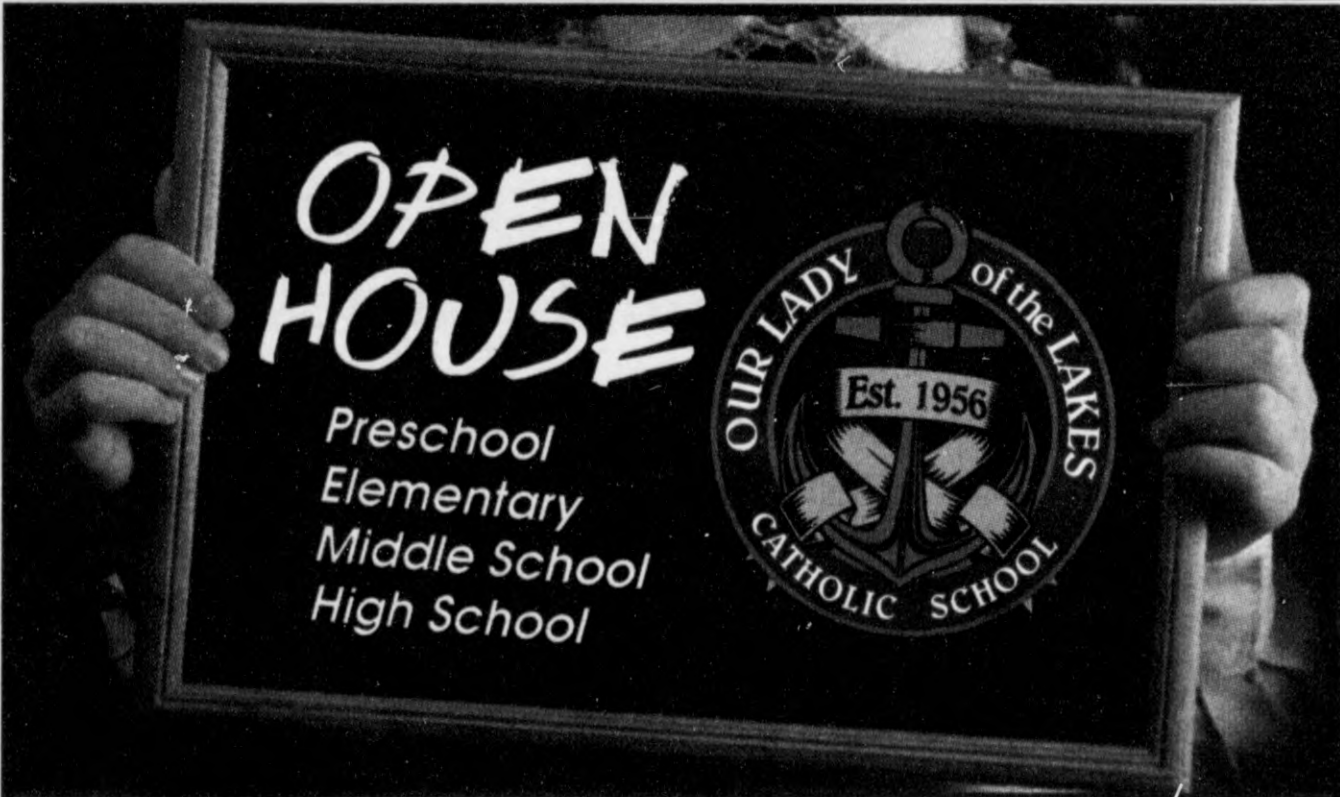
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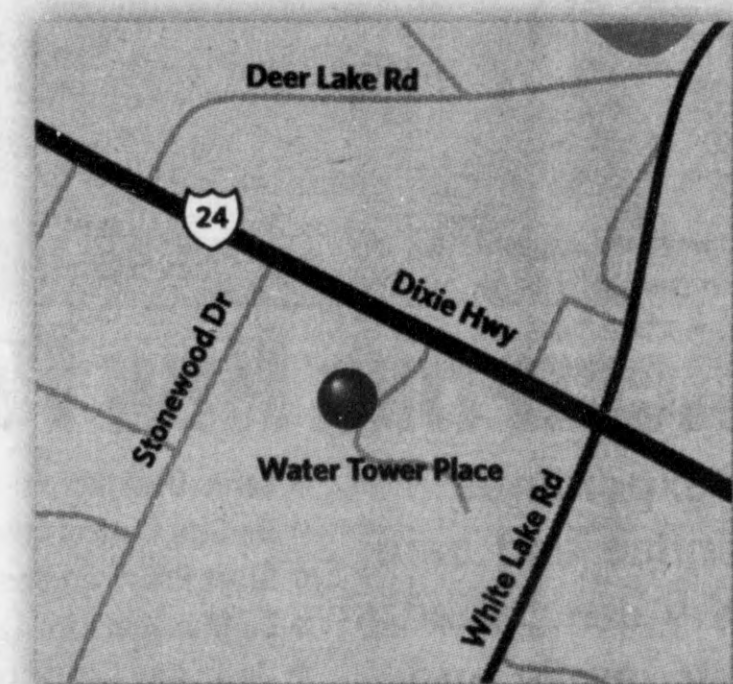
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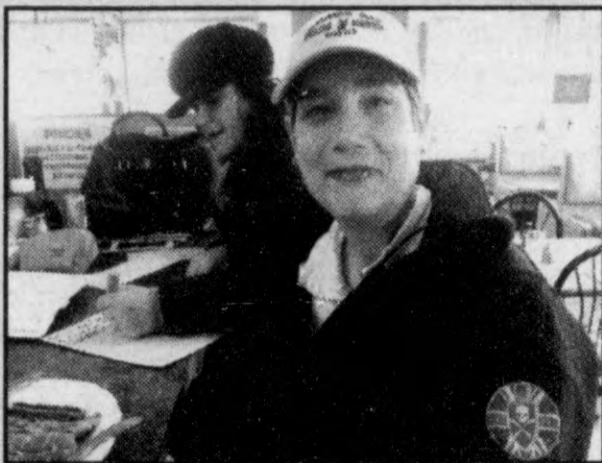
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Thoughts on winter so far?



"It's been fine but today it's negative 15. I walked down the street, and it was freezing. It was so cold I couldn't breathe."

- Robin Wilkinson



"Been OK until now. Today it's freezing, but so far this winter it has not been bad."

- Gina Berishaj



"I loved it before. It was warm enough for me not to wear a coat. Now I have to wear a hat and scarf."

- Debbie Herron



"We have had a nice, pretty and easy winter. It's cold out now, but it will get better and warmer before you know it."

- Bob Foster

"I don't mind the cold, but I don't want to shovel. We have been really lucky this year. It has not been bad."

- Stephanie Tran

By Andrea Beaudoin

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Lots of hair for Locks of Love

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Arlene Morence of Davisburg faces the winter cold of 2015 without the long hair she had last year, but it's for a good cause.

Morence, 71, donated about 12 inches of her formerly lengthy tresses to Locks of Love.

"She looks so much better. It took 20 years off," said her best friend Debbie Misner. "She needs a scarf for her neck now."

"I found a scarf," said Morence, who will keep it short for awhile. "It's a lot easier to take care of, not having to fool with the hair as much. It feels a lot better."

This was her first time donating to Locks of Love.

"One of my neighbor's children had done it," Misner said. "Three weeks ago, I said, 'you should send it to Locks of Love.'"

"I saw something about it on TV so I've thought about it before. When Debbie said that, I thought, 'let's try it,'" Morence said. "I figured, why let it go to waste? Let someone else use it."

Morence usually wears her hair long, last having it cut two years ago.

"She had so much hair," said Misner, who suggested her stylist of seven years, Randolph's Salon in Clarkston, for the job.

When they learned the hair was going to Locks of Love, they offered to cut the hair for free. Stylists cut off about 12 inches, tied with rubber bands for donation.

Morence was born in Detroit, and has lived in the Clarkston area for about 14 years.

They've been friends for years and both attend Mt. Zion Church in Independence Township.

Morence is also an organ donor.

"If someone can use something I can't use anymore, they should," she said.

"It's important, the gift of life," Misner said.



Arlene Morence of Davisburg, at left, with her friend Debbie Misner, donated a foot of hair to Locks of Love. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Blood drives, American Red Cross, 8 a.m. - 1:45 p.m., Jan. 11, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; 10:30 a.m. - 4:15 p.m., Jan. 27, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

50+ Swim Fitness Classes, Jan. 13-30. Three classes. Clarkston High School Pool, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Register, 248-625-8231.

50+ Individual Genealogical Research by Dr. Thomas K. Stone, Jan. 21, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., \$10 for one hour. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call to schedule, 248-625-8231.

Alzheimer's fidget quilt workshop, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 7, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Bring sewing machines to stitch lap blankets with variety of trims, lace, buttons, zippers for local Alzheimer's facilities. Potluck. Call Nancy, 248-394-0637.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 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 Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

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

50+ Spanish Lessons, Mondays, Jan. 26-March 2, 6-7 p.m., \$40. Language fundamentals, history. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road.

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

Around Town

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



FLOWERS OF RED: Jen Daniels of KH Home offers a colorful flower arrangement, just the thing in these grey winter days. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

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.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Community service group for all ages. 248-421-7699.

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.

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

50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. All welcome.

50+ Adaptive Yoga, Tuesdays, Jan. 13-Feb. 17, \$35, all types of bodies and abilities. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Register, 248-625-8231.

LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road. 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.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

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.

Support group on "language" of memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease, 1-2 p.m., every other Thursday through March 5, Mendelson Home for assisted living, 2450 Watkins Lake Road. 248-674-2241.

Grief Support Group with Coats Funeral Homes, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4301 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

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

50+ Individualized Computer Tutoring, Thursdays, Jan. 8-22, 2-4 p.m., \$30/hour, Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call to schedule, 248-625-8231.

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. \$7. 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.

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

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	<p>Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?</p> <p>Social Security and You: Tuesday, January 13, 7 p.m. Kevin R. Cook from Merrill Lynch will discuss Social Security.</p>	<p>Affordable Care Act: Thursday, January 15, 6:30 p.m. Department of Insurance and Financial Services' Lisa Ross will review the Affordable Care Act and how to shop for coverage on the Marketplace.</p>	<p>Baffling Bill the Magician Monday, January 12, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Join us for a magical evening filled with classic magic tricks and amazing illusions that will amuse and amaze all ages. No registration required.</p> 
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A New Year's resolution that works

Statistics have shown by the time you read this article, 20 percent of the people who have made a New Year's Resolution will fail to keep it. (www.happypublishing.com/articles/self_improvement/top-reasons-people-break-resolutions).

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Matthew Webster

There are many reasons why we don't end up keeping our New Year's Resolutions, but the predominant reason happens to also be the very same thing that causes people the most frustration within the Christian faith. So, maybe I can help set free, chronic resolution makers and frustrated followers of Christ all in one article.

Many New Year's Resolutions are destined to fail from the start because they are based on the all or nothing premise.

For instance, a common resolution might be to stop smoking. Smokers will tell you, your desire to quit will not diminish your craving to smoke. If you were to ever light up another cigarette, you have failed in your resolution to quit smoking.

Resolutions depend on your ability to overcome something that has been stronger than you in your past.

Christians can also land in the same camp, frustrated over something stronger than their own ability to overcome. This is why works-based religion does not work. (Bad pun)

What is the alternative for frustrated resolution makers/Christians around the world? Hebrews 4:11 says; "Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest."

What the writer of Hebrews is referring to is to enter into Christ's rest. Understand Christ's work on the cross accomplished victory in your life, for all who will receive what He has done.

So, instead of looking to ourselves to

overcome, we look to the One who Overcame.

The key is found in what you believe and where you look. If you don't believe that God wants to bless you and has already blessed you with every blessing in Christ Jesus, then you will constantly work and never rest.

You will exhaust yourself trying to get what He has already given. You may try and work for rewards from God, work harder to set yourself free from destructive habits (resolutions), but if you are trying (working) instead of trusting (faith/receiving) you will find you are always in want, anxious and insecure, exhausted and ever failing.

Watchman Nee said, "you can trust or you can try and the difference is heaven and hell." Resolutions are all about trying to become the best version of you that you can become (www.usa.gov/Citizen/Topics/New-Years-Resolutions).

In Christ, the best version of you is found. What makes you a holy and righteous beloved child of God is not your actions. It is who you are. It was a free gift to you, purchased by the blood of Christ. Like a great tree, you mature into what God has already made you to become.

That is how sanctification works. So, setbacks come as a result of self-effort when we live in our strength instead of receiving the unlimited supply of the Almighty God.

Israel had to wander in the wilderness because they tried to earn what God wanted to give them and consequently they never entered the Lord's rest until after a generation had passed.

I pray that your New Year's Resolution will be to give up self-effort, and abide in the love of Christ. You 'll be amazed to discover whatever resolution you have to do, flows out of who you are and not the other way around.

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Webster is pastor of First Congregational Church of Clarkston.

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Lawrence Mitchell Jr., 70

Lawrence J. Mitchell Jr., "Butch," of Clarkston passed away Dec. 30, 2014, at age 70.

He was the husband of Nancy for 52 years; father of Natalie (Lee) Napier; preceded in death by his daughter Christine; grandpa of Kelsey and James.

Butch retired from General Motors and was an avid street rod enthusiast. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with family. Funeral service was Jan. 3 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment, All Saints Cemetery. Any donations to the family will be used toward the future education of Butch's grandchildren. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Diane Richerson, 79

Diane Richerson of Rochester Hills, formerly of Lubbock, Texas, passed away Dec. 28, 2014, at age 79.

She was the mother of Darcy (Jim) Schultz and Doreen Brollier; "Grammy" of Nathan and Scott Schultz; also survived by her granddog Kozmo; preceded in death by her sister Marjorie Johnson.

Memorial service was Jan. 2 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church or Danish Village, 2566 Walton Boulevard, Rochester Hills, MI 48309. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Richard F. Phelan, 85

Richard F. Phelan, age 85, of Rochester Hills, passed away Dec. 25, 2014.

A graduate of the University of Iowa and a veteran of the U.S. Army, he retired from Chrysler Corp. after a career in International Finance.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Jane (Heffernan) Phelan since November 23, 1957; dear father of Kathleen Gabruk and Kelly (Gary) Pahlow; loving grandfather of Jonathan, Maggie, Marissa, Sean and Brendan; brother of Joanne Little.

Private family services with interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery took place on Friday. A Memorial Mass was on Jan. 6 at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, Rochester Hills. Memorial contributions in his memory may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association and envelopes will be available at the church. Arrangements entrusted to **Pixley Funeral Home**, Rochester, www.pixleyfuneral.com.

Death notices & Obituaries

Ruby Mansfield, 104

Ruby Mae Mansfield (McGhee) of Clarkston passed away Dec. 31, 2014, at age 104.

She was preceded in death by her husband Estell and son Charles, "Jack," Dec. 29, 2014. She was the grandmother of Robert McGhee, the late Doug (Andrea) McGhee, Jackie (Randy) Beck and Kellie Gilchrist; great grandmother of eight and great great grandmother of 15.

Mae retired in 1970 from General Motors Truck and Coach after 30 years of service.

Mae's Funeral Service was celebrated with her son, "Jack," Jan. 2, at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Charles McGhee, 85

Charles D. McGhee, "Jack," of Clarkston passed away Dec. 29, 2014, at age 85.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ida and son Doug. He was the father of Robert "Bob" McGhee; Jackie (Randy) Beck; Kellie Gilchrist; Terrie (Dan) Ambroso; Tom (Evelyn) Joyce and Todd (Brenda) Joyce; grandfather of nine; great grandfather of 15; father in law of Andrea McGhee; son of Ruby Mansfield and the late Estell McGhee.

Jack retired from General Motors. He enjoyed working for Davisburg Parks and Recreation. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Funeral Service was Jan. 2 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Alger A. Glaza, 84

Alger A. Glaza of Davison, formerly of Madison Heights, passed away Jan. 4, 2015, at age 84.

He was the husband of Joyce for 57 years; father of Linda (Steve) Gooden, Frances (Paul) Maconochie, Nancy (Fred) Podvin and Paul Glaza; papa of Taylor, Connor, Alex, Kendall, John, Evan, Jaden and Joe.

Alger retired as a tool and die maker. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and was a member of American Legion Post 267.

Rosary service was Jan. 6 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass, Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Saint Dominic Chapel, Highland. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Saint Dominic Chapel. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Brian E. Stamas, 46

Brian E. Stamas of Capehart, Reno, passed away Jan. 4, 2015, at age 46. He was the loving husband of Stephanie; father of Daman Capehart; son of Shari and Jack Capehart; brother of Michael (Lynnette) Capehart, Debra Capehart and John (Holly) Capehart; son in law of Stephen and Antoinette Stamas; brother in law of Elaine (Thimio) Sotos, Elizabeth Stamas and Christine Stamas; also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Trisagion Service, Thursday, 7 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service, Friday, 10 a.m., at the funeral home. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

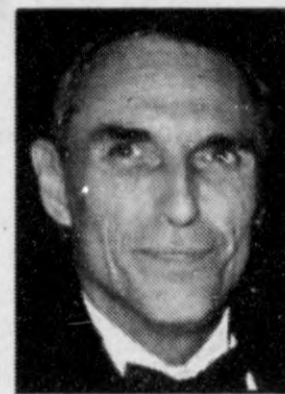


Robert J. Walding, 65

Robert "Bob" J. Walding of Clarkston passed away Jan. 2, 2015, at age 65.

He was the husband of Pamela for 44 years; father of Angela (Glen) Hagadone, Susan (Ryan) Eichbrecht, Rebecca Walding and Adam (fiancé Mary) Walding; son of Florence (the late Edsel) Bellant; grandfather of Ashley, Lyllia, Emma, Hannah, Cameron, Ayden, Davin, Gage and Vivian; great grandfather of Colten; brother of Anne (Gary) Sanford and Vicki (Greg) Beaudry.

Funeral service was Jan. 5 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Eduardo Valverde, 66

Eduardo John Valverde, "Ed," of Brandon Township, formerly of Warren, passed away Jan. 3, 2015, at age 66.

He was the husband of Danuta; father of Eduardo II and Brian; stepfather of Anna (Andre) Jodlowski; also survived by four grandchildren and one great grandson; son of Felipe (the late Maria) Valverde; son in law of Victoria (the late Walter) Kluska; brother of Rosalinda (Herbert) Seubert and LuzAnne (Joseph) Palazzolo.

Ed retired from Chrysler as an engineer. He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Lodge 6824, Ortonville. He was a classic car enthusiast and enjoyed boating, golfing and bowling.

Rosary service, Wednesday, 6 p.m., at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 3-8 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 10 a.m., at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville, with visitation at the church beginning at 9 a.m. Donations may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

**Obituaries
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Township contracts with county for cleanup

Independence Township has a new hazardous waste collection service. The Township Board approved a \$15,000 contract with NOHAZ, North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste, for 2015.

DPW Director Linda Richardson said the township previously provided the service

on its own. Last year, township costs for its spring cleanup was about \$33,000.

Contracting with NOHAZ is now a better option and more cost effective, she added.

Supervisor Pat Kittle said residents will be able to drop off recyclables at any

NOHAZ clean-up day throughout the county.

Trustees approved the recommendation, with a \$10 charge per car to participate. The 2015 clean-up day is scheduled for June 6. For more information, call Independence Township DPW at 248-625-8222.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2014-359, 420-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of YAN HUI, Deceased. Date of birth: May 14, 1924
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Yan Hui, died February 18, 2014.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Timothy P. Flynn personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 31, 2014
Timothy P. Flynn
6480 Citation Drive, Suite A
Clarkston, MI 48346
248/625-0600

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
OAKLAND CONSERVATION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
OAKLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT

To all residents of the Oakland Conservation District, notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of March, 2015 at the Hart Community Center, in the town of Davisburg, located at 495 Broadway, Mill Pond Park, Davisburg, Michigan 48350, an annual meeting and director's election will be held. On the 25th day of January, 2015 being 45 days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, absentee ballots are available for voting in the election by writing to or calling the Conservation District Office located at 7150 Dixie Highway Suite 2, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, phone number 248-922-7822, during the regular business hours of the District which are between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm. For more information regarding time and costs, please call the number listed above. RSVP is required.

Residents are Individuals of legal age who can demonstrate residency in the Conservation District via one piece of identification.

Patrick Costello, Director
Oakland Conservation District
OAKLAND CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S
SPRING TREE SALE

The Oakland Conservation District's Spring Tree & Shrub Sale is scheduled for April 25, 2015 at the Waterford Oaks Greenhouse with pick up between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Trees and shrubs offered are bare root. For more information, please call 248-922-7822 or visit www.oaklandconservationdistrict.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2015 REGULAR/BUDGET MEETING
SCHEDULE

7:00 PM - TOWNSHIP HALL MEETING ROOM
6483 WALDON CENTER DRIVE
CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN 48346
(248) 625-5111

DAY	TYPE	DATE
Tuesday	Regular	January 6 & 20, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	February 3 & 17, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	March 3 & 17, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	April 7 & 21, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	May 12 & 26, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	June 9 & 23, 2015
Wednesday	Budget	June 17, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	July 7 & 21, 2015
Wednesday	Budget	July 15, 2015
Wednesday	Budget	July 29, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	August 11 & 25, 2015
Wednesday	Budget	August 12 & 19, 2015
Wednesday	Budget	September 2, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	September 8 & 22, 2015
Wednesday	Budget	September 16, 2015
Wednesday	Budget	September 30, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	October 6 & 20, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	November 10 & 24, 2015
Tuesday	Regular	December 8 & 22, 2015

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

POSTED: December 30, 2014
PUBLISHED: January 7, 2015
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PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
DECEMBER 23, 2014

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder
Absent: Aliaga

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Randal Ford, Sr. Associate-Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.; Todd Sneathen, Sr. Project Engineer-Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Trustee Lohmeier
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- 1. Report: Supervisor's Report (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)

- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

- K. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014
- 2. Approval of the Payroll of December 19, 2014 and Check Run of December 17, 2014 for a Total Amount of \$635,562.56
- 3. Approval of Payment of Invoice over \$10,000 and Budget Amendment for DNR Invasive Species Management Grant Proposal Project Administration
- 4. Approval of Fire Department FY 2014 Budget Adjustments
- 5. Request to Approve Final Fiscal 2014 Budget Amendment #12F; removed from CONSENT AGENDA
- 6. Confirmation of Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals 2015 Regular Meeting Schedule

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of Final Fiscal 2014 Budget Amendment #12F

- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Acceptance of Proposal and Authorization of Continuation Contract for SAW Grant Televising/Cleaning and Repairs/Rehabilitation on Township Sanitary Sewer System
- 2. Amendment to Previously Adopted Motion #2014-10-206-DPW
- 3. Approval of Budget Adjustment for the Installation of Channel Grinder
- 4. Approval to Waive Bid Process - Valve Insertion Method for Valve Replacement in Clarkston Gardens
- 5. Adoption of Oakland County North Oakland Household Hazardous Waste (NO HAZ) Consortium Resolution and Approval of Interlocal Agreement
- 6. Acceptance of Audit Advisory Committee Recommendation - Professional Services Provider for the Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending 2014
- 7. Adoption of the Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies 2015 Annual Permit for Work on State Trunkline Right-of-Way
- 8. Adoption of the Non-Union Employee Policy & Benefit Manual - No Action Taken
- 9. Adoption of the Personnel Policy & Procedure Manual
- 10. Appointment and Reappointment of Members to Boards and Committees
- 11. Adoption of Resolution for Approval of Brewpub License - Clarkston Courts, LLC

- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

- 1. Report: Charter Township of Independence Investment Analysis for Quarters Ending June 30, 2014 and September 30, 2014
- 2. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report; November, 2014
- 3. Report: Building Department Monthly Report; November, 2014
- 4. Minutes: Video Center Administrative Board; September 17, 2014

- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Lohmeier

- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, January 7, 2015



Jose Aliaga informed several ladies at a party at Basket Full of Yarn he would be dancing for a good cause in January. Aliaga told the ladies he is always happy to dance. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Trustee to dance with stars

Independence Township Trustee Jose Aliaga is making the headlines again, but this time it's for fancy footwork he plans to perform during "Dancing with the Oakland County Stars."

The event is 7-10 p.m., Jan. 17 at Petruzzello's in Troy where stars raise money to benefit Faith in Action, a non-profit organization.

Several TV hosts and other VIP's will also be dancing to raise money for a good cause.

Aliaga confessed he gladly said yes after being asked to participate.

With a spring in his step and a smile on his face, Aliaga admitted he is always happy to dance.

When asked what makes him so happy, he said, "I am healthy, and blessed. God always has something good for me."

To vote for Aliaga in advance at a cost of \$10 or for more information visit www.faithinactionoakland.org.

Guest judges include L. Brooks Patterson, Linda Lee and Chuck Edwards from WYCD Young Country and Alisa Zee

from Heart Radio.

Faith in Action has programs which care for people where they reside -- in private homes or apartments, assisted living facilities, hospice homes or group homes. Faith in Action programs do not provide adult day care services, operate senior centers or clinics.

The programs provides transportation, shopping and errands, friendly visiting, respite for caregivers, light housework for seniors.

Aliaga is from Peru, and in addition to serving as Township Trustee he also ran for State Representative in the 2014 election. He works as a Spanish Instructor at Frankel Jewish Academy in West Bloomfield. He also has his own TV show, "The Jose Aliaga Show" on Comcast and AT&T.

As the founder of the "Aliaga Foundation," Aliaga works with underprivileged children in the Andes, native communities in Latin America to help improve education and provide serious needs.

-Andrea Beaudoin

Around Town

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

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2014-357, 026-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of KWAN CHUI, Deceased. Date of birth: June 4, 1926
TO ALL CREDITORS:
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TOPS 1093 Clarkston, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

Friday

Woodcarving Class, Fridays, Jan. 9-30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$40; \$10 material fee. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

Line dance class, Fridays, 2-4 p.m., Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road. \$4, all levels. 248-682-9450.

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.



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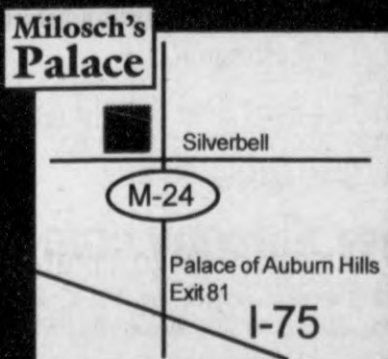
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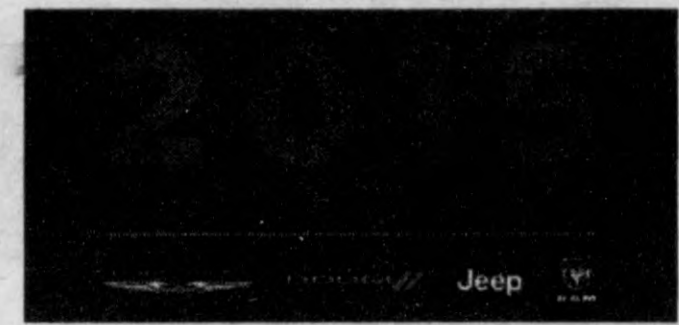
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