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Township Times*

## Low score for school chief in Dec. evaluation

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Board of Education rated Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock as "barely adequate" in its evaluation last month.

However, board members said they would call to revisit the evaluation at the school board meeting on Jan. 12, after deadline for this *Super News* edition.

"Based on some things I have learned since we did the official evaluation on Dec. 8 and based on a formal request by Dr. Rock to the board to revisit the objective data based portions of the evaluation, I am going to suggest at the school board meeting on Monday, Jan. 12, that the board consider revisiting these sections of the evaluation," said Trustee Steve Hyer in an email, Jan. 8. "This is a decision that only the full board can make at a school board public meeting."

The board used the same evaluation format as last year, provided by Michigan Association of School Boards, said board Vice President Sue Boatman in a phone interview, Jan. 11.

"We had a process we agreed to," Boatman said. "We agreed the results would stand."

"We had three meetings of the entire board - we put the time in," said board Treasurer Joan Patterson in a phone interview last Friday. "I don't understand why there's an issue - we agreed on the process and we followed that process."

Trustee Elizabeth Egan said the board  
*Please see Superintendent on page 9*



**BOLD EXPLORER:** John Cox is ready to conquer the moon, portraying Neil Armstrong at Pine Knob Elementary's Explorer Wax Museum, Jan. 9. Please see pages 37-38 for story and pictures.  
*Photo by Phil Custodio*

## Truck bomb investigation

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

A pickup truck was destroyed in an explosion, 8:15 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 10, in the 8200 block of Tindall Road in Springfield Township.

Residents said they heard a loud explosion in their driveway, and discovered the damaged Chevrolet S10. The pickup truck was owned by a family member who was not home and had parked it in the driveway overnight. The homeowners did not see or hear anyone leaving or in the area.

The explosion destroyed the interior of the vehicle, sending debris over the yard and the driveway. The windshield of the truck was blown over the home and into the backyard of the residence. The explosion also shattered a window in the home. No one inside the home was injured.

Oakland County Sheriff's Office Detectives from the Springfield Township Substation and the Sheriff's Fire Investigation Unit responded. Once on scene they requested the Michigan State Police bomb squad and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to assist in the investigation. Evidence was collected for further forensic examination. A neighborhood canvas was conducted. A canvas of area hospitals was also conducted with negative results.

The cause of the explosion is under investigation, as is a motive. The investigation continues.

Tips should be forwarded to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Fire Investigation Unit at 248-858-4911.

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## Mayor still committed to city, despite rumors

Joe Luginski, who was re-elected mayor of Clarkston this past November, missed 11 of 25 meetings since March 2014, including the Dec. 8 meeting.

Luginski said being mayor and a council member means more than showing up twice a month for council meetings.

"People may not realize the personal time and time away from my private business day I take to attend to matters for the city," he said. "Whether it be phone calls, meeting with the city manager, attending committee meetings or answering emails, two meetings a month is not all the position requires."

Responding to rumors he was leaving Clarkston, Luginski said he had no plans to do so.

He previously posted a response on Facebook to rumors that he was retiring.

"Apparently a few residents have said that my family and I plan to move in the near future, either because we are forced to for financial reasons or simply because we want to leave the village," he said.

"I have no intention of moving – we love living here in the City of the Village of Clarkston because of its historic downtown and neighborhoods, great families, and supportive neighbors. We plan to stay for many years."

When previously asked about his absences, Luginski said his travel schedule should be slowing down.

"I never told you that missing meetings would end. What I did tell you, months ago, was that I thought my travel would lighten in 2015, allowing me to attend most City Council meetings. I did not, will not and cannot guarantee that I will never miss a meeting in the future, nor would I ask that from anyone on council. That would be unrealistic," he said.

He declined to answer a question about his salary.

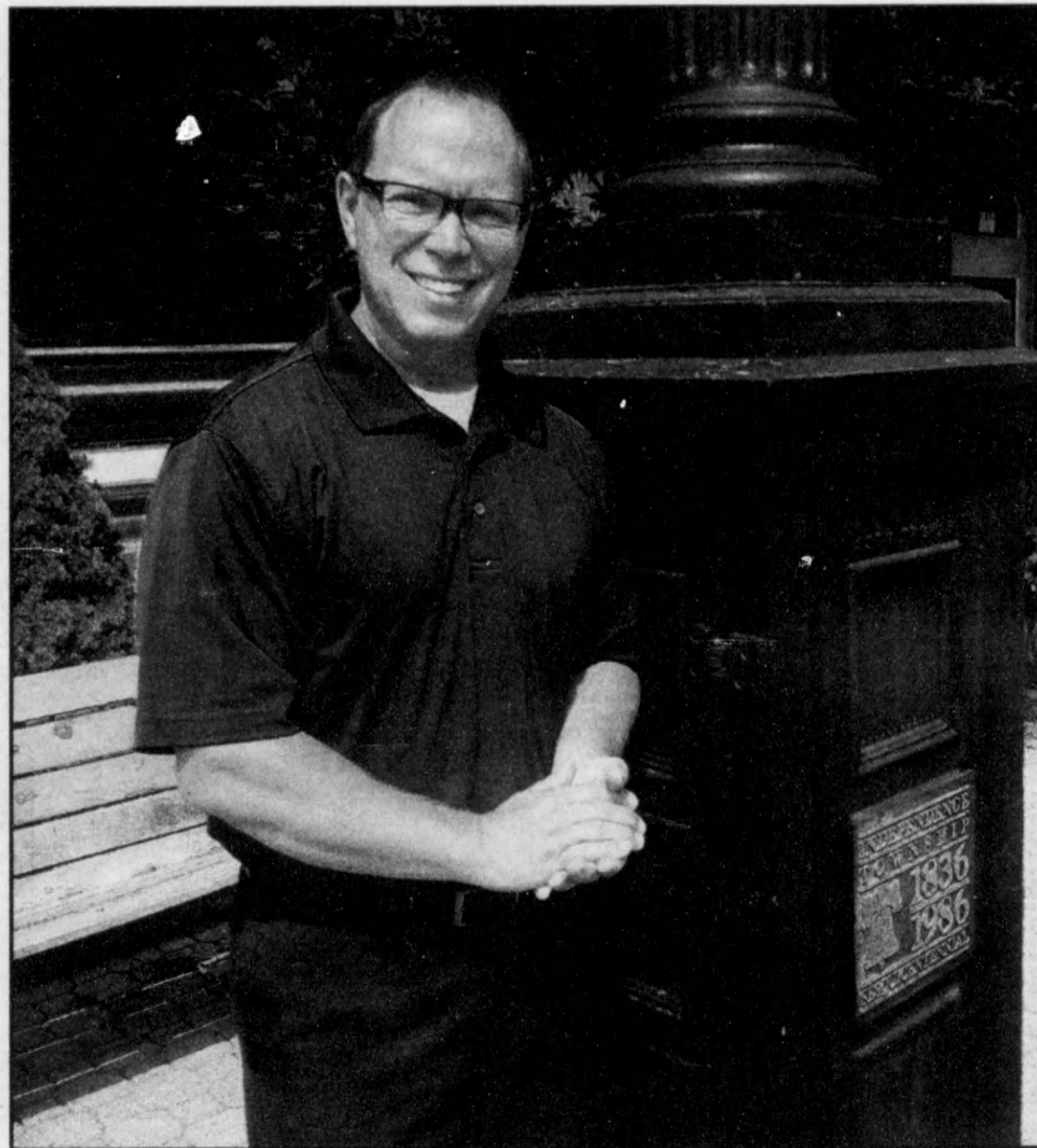
"The question regarding the stipend I receive for being mayor is inappropriate and I choose not to respond," he said.

According to the city charter, the mayor receives a \$3,850 annual salary.

— Andrea Beaudoin



Luginski



Jim Tedder of Clarkston is Michigan District 43's newest representative. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Rep. Tedder takes his seat

Republican Jim Tedder, elected by voters to serve as 43rd District Representative in the State Legislature, was sworn in on Jan. 14.

Tedder called *The Clarkston News* to give area residents an update, Jan. 9, and thank voters for giving him the opportunity to serve them.

"I just want to thank voters for electing me," said Tedder, who won the seat with 58.02 percent of the vote, 18,661 votes in the November election. "You just can't imagine how humbling it is, looking out my office window and seeing the capitol."

He said he spent the last few weeks before being sworn in getting his new office in Lansing up and running. He will spend his time in office working hard for residents, he said.

"If there is anything I can to help, or if you just want to discuss an issue, please don't hesitate to call my office," he said.

To reach Tedder in Lansing, call 517-373-0615 or email [jimtedder@house.mi.gov](mailto:jimtedder@house.mi.gov).

— Andrea Beaudoin

## Rep. would seek input if notice bill returns

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Michigan HB 5560, the Local Government Public Notice Act, died in state senate committee at the end of the legislative session.

If the new house were to reintroduce the bill, which would phase out publication of public notices in newspapers by 2025, newly elected state Rep. Jim Tedder, R-District 43, wouldn't automatically follow his predecessor Gail Haines' "yes" vote.

"If it comes up, I'd love to come in and talk to you and get your concerns," said Tedder, who was elected in November. "It's important to talk to all parties affected – the township, newspapers, seniors."

Digital media may be the way of the future, but many people still prefer printed materials for information, he said.

"I see the value in printed offerings – I personally look in

the *Clarkston News* for notices," he said. "We're still a ways off where every citizen is comfortable with electronic materials. To be certain, citizens must have access to notices."

He would also talk to local governments about their costs and concerns with it.

"I appreciate the spirit of saving costs – I'm open to it, but I'm always reluctant to make impositions on local government," he said.

The bill included provisions to allow government to publish public notices on their websites with no mechanisms or funding for third-party verification of publication, protection against power outages or hackers, or equipment and training for the municipal workers who would be charged with posting and archiving the notices.

The City of the Village of Clarkston's website went down from Dec. 26-29 when its registration was allowed to expire.

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## Briefly

### Award nominations

Do you know someone who is doing things in our community and deserves recognition? Nominate them for a Community Award.

The annual Awards Breakfast is Tuesday, May 19, from 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. at Clarkston Community Church.

"We serve a complete and delicious breakfast, thanks to Brioni Café and Deli. It's just a great time for our community to come together and celebrate all the good things going on in Clarkston," said Clarkston Community Church Pastor Greg Henneman. "The purpose of our Awards Breakfast is to honor people and organizations that have made special contributions to the health and well-being of our community."

For more information on the Community Awards call Clarkston Community Church 248-625-1323.

### Boots for Kids

Prudential Great Lakes Realty of Clarkston is collecting new boots and donations for Health Alliance Plan's Boots for Kids Campaign.

Boots and donations will be collected at Prudential Great Lakes Realty, 20 W. Washington, Suite 5C, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until March 1.

"Last year alone, we collected more than 1,000 pairs of boots for local children. If this winter is anything like last year in Michigan, we know these boots will be put to good use," said DeAndre Lipscomb, vice president for HAP's Marketing and Community Outreach.

For more information about HAP's Boots for Kids program, visit <http://hap.org/bootsforkids>.

### My Habitat Clarkston

My Habitat Clarkston needs volunteers for the final stretch of its home build in Springfield Township.

Projects include interior punch and installation of counter-tops, Tuesday, Jan. 20; and interior punch and cleaning, Thursday, Feb. 5.

For more information, call Annabelle at 248-338-1843 ext 284, or email [annabelle@habitatocland.org](mailto:annabelle@habitatocland.org). To sign up to volunteer visit [www.volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.asp](http://www.volunteerup.com/ProjectCal.asp).

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Workers lay the foundation for the new bridge in Depot Park last month. *File photo*

## State looking into bridge barriers

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is investigating a complaint received in regards to soil erosion during the bridge construction job in Depot Park.

The MDEQ confirmed it had received a complaint, and is in the process of ensuring all required permits were acquired in a correct and timely matter.

The complaint was filed with the DEQ after local residents complained the City of the Village of Clarkston did not properly protect area waterways when a bridge was removed and replaced in the south end of the park.

Crews removed the old part of the bridge as well as the beams cementing it in the water before installing the new structure.

Independence Township resident Tammy Heazlit claimed the city did not ensure proper erosion control was in place during the project.

When the construction project was underway, a silt barrier fence could be seen on the edge of the river to block dirt and debris from entering the water.

Heazlit said the barriers were installed later than they should have been, were installed incorrectly, and could have been installed in a better and more ecologically conscious manner.

She took photos and said the project began after proper barriers were put in place.

Oakland County Commissioner Tom Middleton (R-Clarkston) visited the construction site to get a good look at the barriers

in place. Middleton said the contractor is responsible for getting an erosion permit from Oakland County Health Division.

Middleton said the contractor receives specifications from the county on what barriers need to be in place.

"They always make you go out a little further, too," he said. "Once the barrier is in place, the county has to come out and inspect the project before it begins."

Middleton said inspections on jobs are sometimes delayed for a variety of reasons including holidays or if a project is postponed.

Heazlit said the barriers were recently straightened and fixed after she filed the complaint with the MDEQ.

She added the city "got lucky" because of the holiday, and the county inspector did not see the alleged violations.

The law requires proper barriers be installed and maintained during construction projects near waterways, but Middleton said he believes the barrier was sufficient and appeared to be installed correctly.

A county inspector issues the proper permit for the job. After all requirements are met, including barriers, the inspector visits the site again.

Once the job begins, it is the contractors' job to make sure the barrier is preserved.

Heazlit said barriers not placed correctly allows sediment to discharge into state waters, a violation of the Clean Water Act.

"That violates my right to a protected watershed that is provided to me under the Clean Water Act," she said.

The city's engineering firm Hubbel, Roth & Clark also has a storm water specialist on staff, who inspects jobs and ensures the city is following requirements.

Earlier this year, Heazlit questioned what the city was doing to protect local waterways during a road and drain construction project on M-15.

Heazlit said she believed it was the city's job to ensure no hazardous materials like "sludge" from the construction job were going down the drains.

MDOT contractors on the job maintained they were using the correct barriers when it came to the way drain were protected from the seeping "sludge."

City officials did not have any jurisdiction over the project or how workers from Michigan Department of Transportation performed the work because M-15 is a state road.

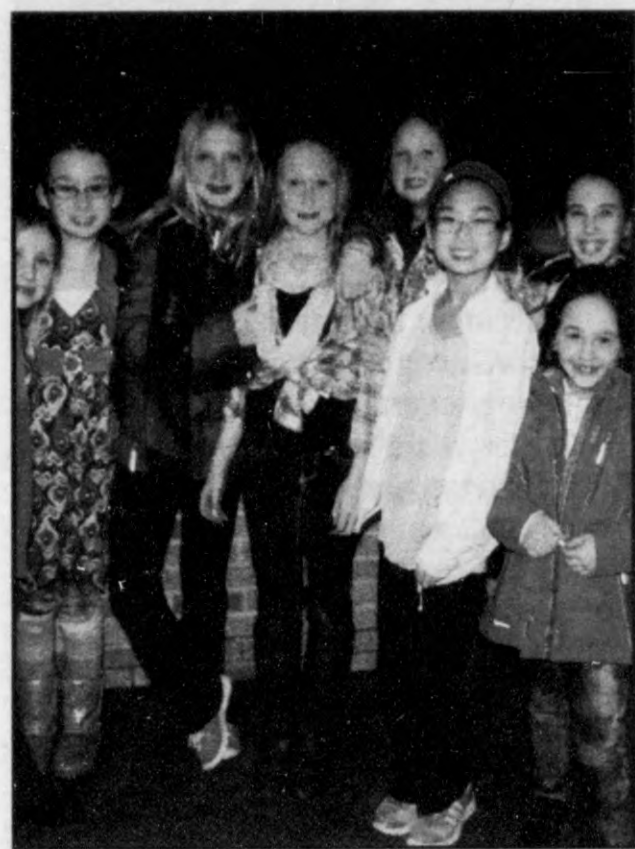
Sediment or debris entering the waterways is a concern. Storm drains in the city flow into local waters and eventually the Clinton River.

The river where the work took place on the bridge, leads into Dollar Lake and travels just north to flow into the Clinton River.

Clinton River and its tributaries stretch across more than 760 square miles of land in southeast Michigan, including portions of Oakland, Macomb, Lapeer and St. Clair counties.

Rain and snowmelt from areas run into the river, and can carry with it debris and pollutants that are harmful to aquatic life.





Abigail Mundy's friends from Springfield Plains cheered their classmate on.

## Clarkston Idol

Clarkston choirs hosted the Clarkston Idol contest for students in grades K-12. Seventeen students in five divisions competed in the finals, Jan. 8, at Clarkston Junior High School.

Springfield Plains Elementary student Abigail Mundy was voted Clarkston Idol in the Grade 5-6 Division. Her proud mom Gina Mundy sent us some pictures.



Mundy smiles with joy when she is announced winner in her age group.



The Clarkston Idol sings "Rolling in the Deep" by Adele.



The winner celebrates with some flowers. Photos submitted

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## Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

### Freeze

Each year we make resolutions to mark the beginning of something new. This time around it's 2015. Many people make a vow to quit smoking or shed some pounds. Others, they vow to be more productive or successful.

I don't know about you, but I find it very overwhelming to think about all the things I need to change. I don't know if you have heard, but the defense mechanisms are fight, flight or freeze.



It used to only be fight or flight, but now the term freeze has been added. This makes sense to me.

I think the "freeze" mechanism is the equivalent of hiding under the bed if an intruder breaks in. You can't escape or run away, so what else can you do but freeze.

Perhaps the people that freeze and get overwhelmed easily, are so busy looking at the big picture, they forget it's the details that make the big picture a reality. These people are so busy thinking about how much needs to be accomplished or changed, they freeze in place, and do not accomplish or change what is needed.

This "freeze" business is accompanied by an inner critic from hell who loves it when you are frozen. I was reading about this inner critic recently, and one of the ways to deal with it is to listen to what it's saying. Make it your ally.

You make this nasty voice you ally because it is that very voice that wants you to do to your best, and when you don't do your best watch out because that's when it is the fiercest.

If you are constantly listening to what this inner critic has to say than it cannot just creep up on you at the most inopportune times and tell you to freeze. So in the end make this inner critic your friend, and listen. If you are the person who looks at the big picture, and is overwhelmed, just try to focus on the details.

And finally, if you screw up, just remember each day is a new day!

So here is a few lines from the hit movie "Frozen":

*My power flurries through the air into the ground.*

*My soul is spiraling in frozen fractals all around*

*And one thought crystallizes like an icy blast*

*I'm never going back; the past is in the past!*

# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Reader commends Rush for column

Dear Editor,

I've known Don Rush since he was a Wee Lad, having read his writings every since he began at *the Clarkston News*.

Many times I have thought you were "nuts." Other times I have thought you were "wise" beyond your years.

In between I'd say "He's smart as a whip," "hilarious," and then "dumb as a rock." Now, then, your column "Bummed out because it's the holiday season?" has shaken my old bones.

It is without saying that this column, in

my opinion is the most wonderful writing that has ever come out of your mouth. It is great, fantastic, super, intelligent and very thought provoking. In this world where hate, greed, egotism, vulgarity, rudeness, deceit, killing and other things I can't say in a local news publication.

I just want to say "thank you," "God bless you," Merry Christmas," and well written, local lad.

Sincerely,

Vince Alonzi  
Clarkston

## A call to keep public notices in print

Dear Editor,

To state Sen. Dave Robertson regarding HB 5560, please consider the negative consequences of the action proposed by HB 5560, moving public notices from newspapers to websites 10 years from now.

Our free press is already threatened on every front, and the removal of public notices from the printed page would be yet another nail in the coffin of daily and weekly newspapers. But far worse is the assumption people will look to websites to learn:

Decedents' estates, where and when claims are to be filed;

Proposed changes in legislations;

Proposed changes in ordinances;

Proposed zoning modifications; and

The potential of mortgage foreclosures.

That's a partial list. The existence of HB 5560 would be unknown if not published in the opinion pages of *the Clarkston News*.

Yours very truly,

Nancy L. Lopez  
Davisburg



**SMILE OF THE WEEK:** Lauren McKay smiles as she performs with the Clarkston Varsity Dance team. The Lady Wolves perform at half time during the Wolves game this Thursday against Rochester. The dance team competes at the Pistons Pom Classic at the Palace of Auburn Hills on Saturday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 2000

**"Accident heightens concerns over Dixie intersection"** Fears turned into reality for several motorists concerned about the Dixie Highway and Big Lake Road intersection after an accident sent two people to the hospital.

**"The heart of a champion, the spirit of a winner"** When Chris and Gordon Wellsandt arrived in Windsor, Canada for their special delivery they weren't sure what to expect from the nine-week-old Alaskan Malamute, Monty. For 11 years they trained him to be a champion of his breed and Monty had won dozens of state, national and international awards.

**"Icemen alone in first place"** Hustle won the game for Clarkston Hockey as they defeated the Royal Oak Blades, 9-2, to control first place in the OAA I. Jon Bemis led the team with three goals and three assists.

### 25 years ago - 1990

**"Beefed up police force in township"** Three Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies were added to the police force covering Independence Township. The addition of the officers brought the number of police patrolling the township up to 15.

**"United Methodist celebrates sesqui-centennial"** Members of Clarkston United Methodist Church celebrate 150 years beginning with a chili dinner. Then, walked from the original church, located at the corner of Church and Buffalo streets, to the present church, located on Waldon Road. Coffee and hot cocoa topped off the evening along with good fellowship.

**"Wolves leave Huskies howling, 68-61"** The game was back and forth between Clarkston and Pontiac Northern Boys Varsity Basketball teams but the Wolves pulled ahead in the final quarter to win the game, 68-61.

### 50 years ago - 1965

**"Two automotive worlds on display at auto show"** There were two worlds at the 49th Annual Detroit Auto Show. The first was a present day with all the glitter and glamour of new 1965 models. The second was the world of the future, as represented by the dream and idea cars at the show.

**"MSU accepts inaugural invitation"** Dennis Urick, a 1964 Clarkston High School graduate, and member of the Michigan State University Marching Band was invited to President Lyndon B. Johnson's inaugural with the rest of the marching band.



# Playing the back nine (where did the years go?)

This is in no way golf related, but I am going to write about the "back nine" of life.

Which, arouses questions like: How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

Time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that we were young, just married and embarking on our new lives, Hazel and me.

Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went.

But, here it is . . . *The Back Nine Of My Life* and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I was only on the first hole, and the back nine was so far off, I couldn't even try to imagine what the back nine would be like

But here it is: my friends are retired and getting grey; they move slower and when I see each of them, I see an older person now.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day. And taking a nap is not a treat any more -- it's mandatory.

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life, so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember.

If you are on the back nine make it a fantastic nine. And remember, it is health that is real wealth and not the pieces of silver and gold.

Lastly consider this:

- Your kids are becoming you, but your grandchildren are perfect.
- Going out is good, coming home is better.
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
- You tend to use more 4 letter words, "What? When?"

But old is good in some things: Old songs, old movies and best of all OLD FRIENDS!

\* \* \*

Also good were Burma Shave signs. The company started their roadside sign campaign in 1955 on two roads out of Minneapolis.

Burma Shave first had to convince shavers to switch from brush to cream. The first of their 600 signs used humor:

He played / a sax / had no B.O/ but his whiskers/ scratched / so she let him go. And: The answer to / a maiden's / prayer / is not a chin / of stubby hair.

"Said Juliet to Romeo / If you don't shave / Go Homeo." "He had the ring / He had the-flat / But she felt his / chin and that was that.

By 1963, the Burma Shave signs were few. Between the car companies pushing speed and highway do-gooders pushing safety, road side signage was billboard size or nothing.

The REOs, Packards, Studebakers, the V-8 engines and the speed controlling politicians gave into the gas pedal freaks and we in the last few generations are settling for wheel chairs, walkers and canes.

In other words, we only have memories of the front nine of life.

## Je suis Charlie, shooting the messenger

Oh, sometime last week whilst working high atop the ivory tower at 5 South Main Street in Clarkston (actually I was looking down at all the little people trying to stay warm in single digit weather, and smiling smugly, sipping a hot coffee) I got a phone call that went something like this:

Caller: "So, Don, news guy in charge, what do you think about what's happening in France."

Moi: "Not much, I'm in Michigan and it's too cold here to think." My joke didn't resonate. So, I floundered on. "I think it's tragic like the rest of the civilized world, of course. I think I might write my column and headline it, *I am Charlie*."

Caller: "Definitely tragic. But, they were threatened before. They were told if they made fun of the prophet Mohamed, something like this would happen."

Je suis Don: "Yes, but it's their job. Journalists get threatened and killed all the time, but they still do their job. You do this job not for the pay, it sucks, but because it's a calling."

Caller: "It wasn't a newspaper or a news magazine, it's like *Mad* magazine here. Comics."

Moi: "Well, maybe. I have never read it, but I think their cartoons were editorial commentary."

Caller: "Would you risk your life, right now, Don Rush, knowing you could get killed and leave your two sons fatherless for a job?"

Me: "Ah. Duh. Hmm?"

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

I kinda blanked out there and maybe answered off the cuff, "I'm a small potatoes guy. I like, no I love community journalism and so I don't think that situation is relevant to me."

Stumble, fumble, "Thanks. Good bye."

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I love looking at old newspapers and in particular I like looking back at our old *Oxford Leader* newspapers. In my Oxford office over 100 years of newspaper archives are less than 15 feet away from my desk and I love to touch, smell and read them.

Started on April 15, 1898, *The Leader* used to run political, editorial cartoons on the front page quite often. I am sure it was a service the publisher purchased. Some of it was quite good, usually national and world politics.

Safe. Nothing local. Non controversial.

In the early 1990s we at *The Leader* had a guy who was a pretty good cartoonist come to us with this proposal, "If you pay me, I will draw editorial cartoons for you. You give me the idea and I will draw it."

I do not remember the issue (though if I weren't so lazy, I could get off my duff and walk less than 15 feet from my desk and find out), but it seems to me the Oxford Village Common Council made some decision that didn't sit right with us high and mighty newspaper folk.

And, as the Fourth Estate, we thought we should editorialize about it.

We did. We called up the artist dude and he drew us up a political cartoon. Each of the council people were characterized in the council chambers. Either above or

under we wrote, "The Village People."

Holy cow, did that cause a stink -- amongst those on council! They called and yelled at the publisher. They called and yelled at the editor. They called and yelled at me. They called and yelled at the ladies taking classified ads. They called, canceled their subscriptions and threatened to sue for libel if we did not retract and apologize for our damaging portrayal of them.

I think what set them off -- at least some of the council men -- was there was a notion that members of the popular music group, The Village People, were not heterosexual. And, by putting the locals' faces near the name, The Village People, we were in some way inferring something about their sexuality.

We outted nobody.

Nor did we apologize.

We did invite them to our office so they could vent, share their concerns, and to hear ours. I believe at least one upset councilman re-subscribed to the newspaper.

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So, what about what happened in Paris last week? What do you think, terrorists didn't like the content so they assassinated the journalists. They killed the proverbial messenger and others in the way. Twelve dead.

Do you think this newspaper should be more opinionated? Should we keep the heat on the locally elected and appointed government types? Let me know, e-mail, [Don@ShermanPublications.org](mailto:Don@ShermanPublications.org).



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#### Service for the Community

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Sundays at 3:00

Mondays at 10:00

Find out what's happening with our community's non-profit organizations.

#### The Bright Side

Wednesdays at 1:30

Fridays at 10:30

Mondays at 9:30

Positive stories from around Michigan. This week's episode looks at 21st century libraries.

For a complete schedule, visit our web site:  
[www.independencetelevision.com](http://www.independencetelevision.com)  
 or find us on Facebook.



Our Lady of the Lakes Lego robotics teams won medals and trophies in competition. Photo provided

## Trophies for robotics teams

The Laker She-Bots Team 2383 won the First Place Trophy with their robot named OLL-e (pronounced as Ollie) for Robot Strategy and Innovation at the First Lego League (FLL) Robotics Michigan Southeast State competition took place in Monroe, Dec. 6.

OLL-e impressed the judges with how many missions this robot could do in 2 1/2 minutes. This award was given for recognition as a team that uses solid engineering practices with a well-developed strategy to design and build an innovative, high performing robot. The 4th-6th grade Laker She-Bots is an all-girl team coached by Maureen Roth and Andy Voto and team members include Bella Asai, Lili Alcauter, Allison Voto, Amanda Roth, Sydney Prins, Alyssa Prins and Marianna Alcauter.

Two Our Lady of the Lakes robotic teams received top awards. The second robotics team at OLL, called the Laker Brick Heads took the top award for the Innovation Project Solution, which

recognizes a team's solution that is exceptionally well-considered and creative, with good potential to solve the problem researched.

Their project involved the Swim with the Dolphins Mattress and the Floating Backstroke Neck Trainer. The Swim with the Dolphin Mattress is a device that helps train a person in how to do the butterfly dolphin kick. The Floating Backstroke Neck Trainer is a device that will keep a swimmer's head in the right position to prevent their feet from sinking and swimming crooked. The fourth and fifth grade Laker Brick Heads are coached by Maureen Roth and Joe Anthony. Team members include Frank Roth, Anthony Dupuis, Frankie Martinez, Katelyn Ward, Joe Anthony, and Ali Anthony.

Fifty schools were in attendance for Michigan's first state robotic competition. Teams had to attend a qualifying tournament and roughly 25 percent of the teams from each tournament qualified for the state finals.

## Scholarships, prizes in essay contest

The theme of this year's Clarkston Area Optimist Essay Contest is "Optimism Should be a Priority."

Students under the age of 19 years and still in school can enter essays, which must be between 700 and 800 words.

The essay contest is nationwide. The Clarkston club offers prizes of \$200 for the first place winner, \$100 for the second place winner and \$50 for the third place winner. The local winner will go to the Michigan Dis-

trict Optimist competition and compete for a scholarship of \$2,500.

Rules for the contest are on the [www.clarkstonoptimistclub](http://www.clarkstonoptimistclub) website. The contest is open to all students who live in the Clarkston Community Schools attendance area whether they attend school in the area or not.

Deadline for the essay contest is Friday, Jan. 30. For more information, contact [info@clarkstonoptimists.org](mailto:info@clarkstonoptimists.org).

## Superintendent evaluation

Continued from page 1

should have used district improvement plans as the data basis of the evaluation.

"In the board self-evaluation, which was an open meeting/workshop, the facilitator explained to the board that the District Improvement Plan and School Improvement Plan should be the basis for the superintendent goals and relate to the board goals," Egan said. "The Michigan Legislature passed PA 25 in 1990, which is the foundation for these plans."

Board Secretary Craig Hamilton said when the board discussed school improvement plans at the retreat, they found them not in compliance with state law.

According to the law, "school board members, school building administrators, teachers and other school employees, pupils, parents of pupils attending that school, and other residents of the school district shall be invited and allowed to voluntarily participate in the development, review, and evaluation of the district's school improvement plans."

That hasn't happened, Hamilton said. "There has been no community input," he said.

The school board met in closed session, Dec. 8, for the evaluation. Kelly Horst, elected to the board last November, takes her seat this week. She replaces board President Rosalie Lieblang, who was not re-elected.

School administration responded to a Freedom of Information Act request on Jan. 7, providing the 2013-2014 Superintendent Evaluation letter. Superintendent Rock was rated "effective" in last year's evaluation.

This year's evaluation was not included because it was incomplete, said Heidi S. McClain, district FOIA coordinator.

However, the 2014-2015 evaluation letter was included in the information packet for the Jan. 12 meeting, which was uploaded to the district website as of Jan. 9.

According to the letter, written by Lieblang, "the superintendent's relationship with the board of education is critical to effective leadership of our district. At times we have had challenges in this area as the board has not always been informed of some of the future plans and district initiatives in a timely manner."

This statement was also included in the previous year's letter.

According to a evaluation worksheet provided to *The Clarkston News*, individual board member totals varied widely — scores totalled 99.20, 97.65, 97.60, 48.75, 45.35, 39.65, and 28.37. Board member names were not included in the document.

The scores were averaged into a total board score of 65.2. Ratings include "ineffective," "minimally effective," "effective," and "highly effective."



# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Identity theft

An Independence Township resident said she received a letter from a company on Dec. 28 thanking her for opening a new account, and a debit card would be sent. She had not opened an account with the company. They said someone opened the account on Dec. 21 using her name, address, and Social Security number.

## Man injured in fight

A 27-year-old Detroit man refused medical treatment for injuries to the left side of his face after a fight in the 2000 block of Mann Road, 9:32 p.m., Dec. 29. He said he was dropping his son off with the boy's mother when two men attacked him. The mother told deputies she didn't know what happened, but the fight took place outside. Under further questioning, she admitted it started inside the home.

## Truck permit violation

A deputy on northbound I-75 at Ortonville Road stopped a truck because of a broken tail light and improper reflective tape, 11:06 a.m., Dec. 29. The truck company was cited for registration plate violation, reflective tape violation, broken tail light, no trailer license plate light, and no annual inspection on the trailer.

## FOC warrant

A deputy stopped to check on a truck and trailer getting a tow on Reese Road at Holcomb Road, 4:58 p.m., Dec. 30. The driver, a 37-year-old Owosso man, had an MDOT permit, but was he was not on an MDOT road. He didn't have a county permit, so his company was cited for permit violation. The driver was jailed on an FOC warrant out of 19<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Benzie County.

## Cited for trespassing

A 26-year-old Waterford man was cited for trespassing after he wouldn't pay his tab and wouldn't leave at a restaurant in the 7000 block of Gateway Park Drive, 12:29 a.m., Jan. 3.

## Generator taken

A generator was taken from an unlocked detached garage in the 9000 block of Marmora, Jan. 3.

## Credit theft

An Independence Township resident received an email notification of a \$408.06 charge to her credit card at a convenience store in Highland Township, Jan. 8. She called the store, and a manager said a man told him it was to buy gift cards for a charity raffle.

## Safety on ice

Tips to stay safe on the ice, provided by Oakland County Sheriff's Office, include:

- Do not go out alone on the ice nor make the first tracks;
- Always leave a travel plan with someone who can call for help and direct a search party if you do not return;
- Dress in layers to protect all exposed parts of your body. Consider wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) as part of your overall protective clothing or a flotation jacket or suit;
- Bring safety items including cell phone, whistle, rope, ice pick or awls, screwdriver, hand flares, flashlight, throw-able PFD;
- Check and double check ice thickness with an ice spud, auger or cordless drill – 5 inches on foot, 8 inches for snowmobiles and ORVs;
- If you hear the ice crack or detect unsafe ice you should stay spread out, immediately lie down and crawl back to safer ice by the same way you came; and
- If you fall through the ice, do not panic. Call out for help and kick your feet while getting your hands and arms up onto safer ice. This is when the ice awl or screwdriver will help you with your self-rescue. Continue to "swim" up onto the ice far enough to crawl or "roll-out" to safer ice.

## Home invader

A resident in the 2000 block of Mann Road was sleeping in her bedroom when she was awoken by someone pounding on her front door, 4:01 p.m., Jan. 5. She thought it was her boyfriend home from work. But it was a stranger, described as a Hispanic man, unshaven, 5-foot to 5-foot-9-inches in height, and wearing a dark hat and plaid coat, who opened her bedroom door, saw she was there, and fled. Investigation showed the front door and lock was damaged.

## Welfare check

Deputies arrive to serve an FOC warrant in the 9000 block of Ortonville Road, 12:38 p.m., Jan. 6, and noticed what appeared to be a body underneath blankets on a couch. They knocked but received no response. They were authorized to break in, and managed to get the door open with little damage. When the removed the blankets, they found clothes and pillows made to look like a person. The home was empty. They left a card, resecured the door, and left.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

## Defense key to victory

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Students in the Jungle roared as freshman C.J. Robinson's second shot from the free throw line added another point to the scoreboard with 1:10 remaining at the Wolves' game at Lake Orion on Friday.

A minute later they were cheering with excitement as junior Luke Rekuta scored on a basket, following his 3-pointer before the game ended with a 74-48 win for Clarkston.

"I told our kids by far it was the best defensive effort we had so far," Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife smiled. "Defensive was the difference in the game and the spirit. We were good on both ends of the floor - especially defense."

The Wolves' defense held Lake Orion to 19 points during the first half and Fife pointed out seniors Josh Bonzheim and Merrick Canada were outstanding.

"Bonzheim can't play good defense unless he has support from the other four. It is everyone playing together so I am really happy with it," Fife added.

Offense leaders of the Wolfpack was the duo of point guards freshman Foster Loyer and senior Andrew Myers with a combination of 36 points. Loyer scored 20 points for the night and Myers had 16 points.

"They play with each other pretty well," Fife said. "There is no jealousy. Often times a senior would have taken that as a negative but he has played better. It's good to have that feeling you have two guys who can take care of the ball during the game."

The Wolves opened the game with Loyer, Canada and Myers putting them on the board with six points.

Lake Orion's Elmalik Martin broke Clarkston's streak with a basket scored at 5:03.

It only fueled the Wolves as Loyer scored a 3-pointer off a pass from senior Jonah Newblatt.

The quarter closed with Clarkston holding onto the lead and holding the Dragons down in the single digits at 18-7.

Myers kickstarted the next quarter with a 3-pointer and assisted junior Tabin Throgmorton with his 3-point shot. The momentum carried them through as the finished the first half 31-19.

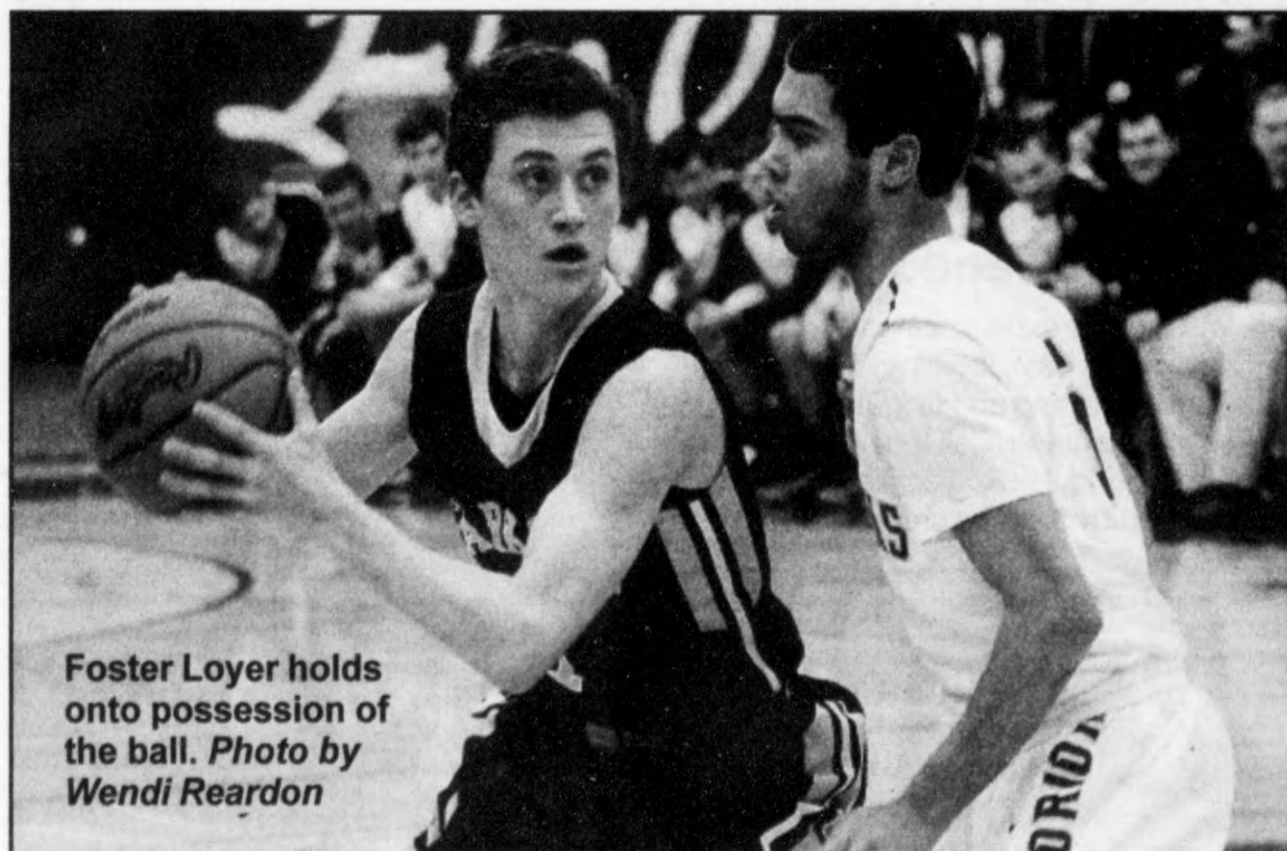
The Wolves also defeated Pontiac during the week, 40-25. Loyer led with nine points and senior Jonah Newblatt scored eight points.

Fife added the two wins help the Wolves with seeing different techniques.

"Pontiac they are going to hold the ball and do different things," he explained. "Lake Orion ran a 1-2-2 zone against us and did different things against us. Anytime you see different defenses it's good because your kids have to adjust to it. They get them on different positions so they have to talk."

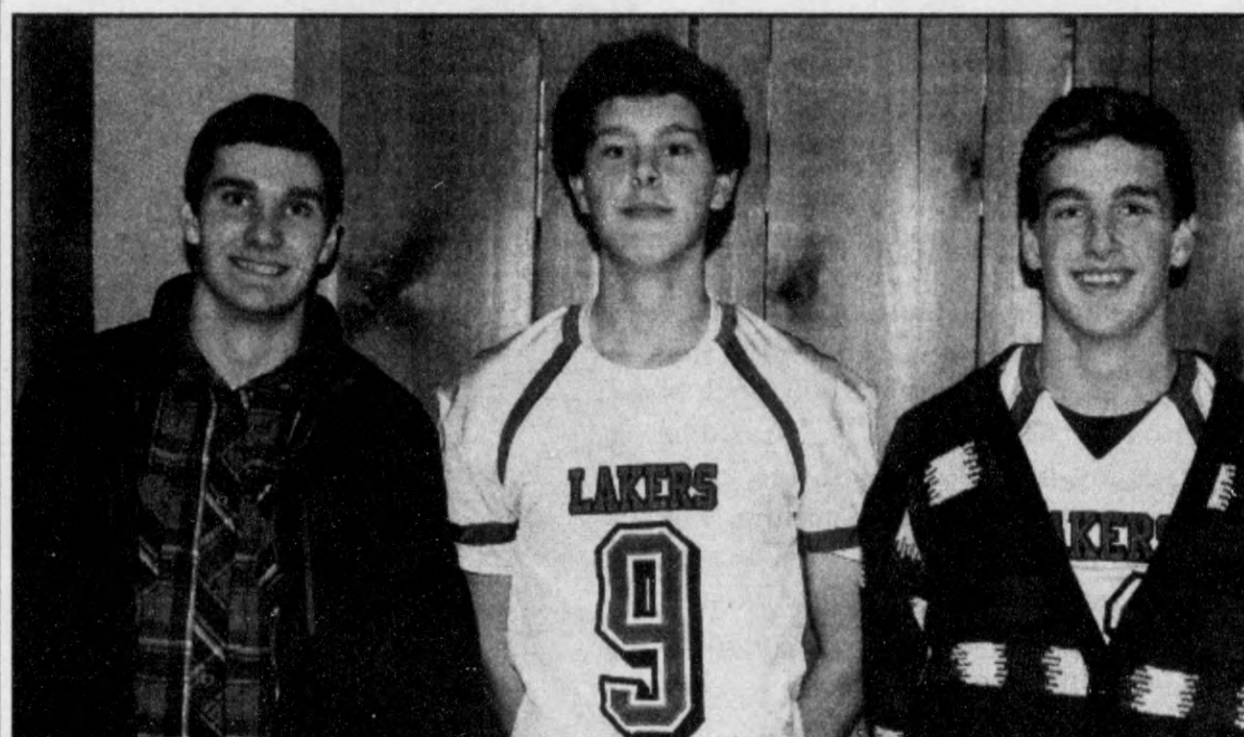
The boys opened the week at Carman-Ainsworth and host Rochester on Thursday at 7 p.m. On Saturday they head to Warren Fitzgerald to play Detroit Pershing at 6:30 p.m.

"It will be a crazy week," Fife said.



Foster Loyer holds onto possession of the ball. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



From left are Chris Cartier, Clay Senerius and Devin Senerius. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Lakers poised for success

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Snow may be covering the football field at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes but Clarkston residents Chris Cartier, Clay Senerius and Devin Senerius are looking forward to the fall and helping to make a longer playoff drive.

The trio of juniors, plus Adam Kline, also from Clarkston, helped the Lakers finish 9-2 after they ended the season to Harbor Beach, 39-21 in the MHSAA Division 8 District Final.

"The loss was a heartbreaker," said Devin. "I wanted to keep playing."

"It was the second time we lost in district finals," Clay added. "We really want to keep moving on and make it to Ford Field."

"We know how hard we have to work now for next year," Cartier pointed out.

The season also started with a loss which motivated the boys to play harder.

"We decided we didn't want to lose anymore," Devin explained. "We came together to play our best."

"The loss at the beginning of the season really helped us a lot because we came together as a team," Cartier added. "We made friends with everyone."

"It was an eye opener we needed to get better," Chris said. "We really worked hard throughout the season."

The Lakers also finished as Catholic League C-D Champions after beating Allen Park Cabrini in the Prep Bowl, 45-14.

Highlights from the game include quarterback Clay completing 15-of-23 passes for 222 yards and three touchdowns.

Devin caught nine passes for 151 yards and two touchdowns. Cartier rushed the ball 10 times for 114 yards and caught a 3-yard touchdown pass.

"The season went well," Clay said. "It was really fun. We had a lot of fun, good people to play with on the team. It was just a great time playing with them."

What they enjoyed most was playing and creating memories with their friends. Please see Clarkston on page 14

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# Davenport leads against rivals in second half

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers fought back from a 7-point deficit in the second half to strike down Lake Orion last Thursday, 48-35.

"It was a good character win for us," said Tim Wasilk, head coach of Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball. "We didn't get our heads down. We just picked it up and played hard."

Senior Erika Davenport started the drive at the beginning of the third quarter with a 8-1 point run with assists from junior Kayla Russell and freshman Kayla Luchenbach.

The Lady Wolves closed the quarter leading by one point after a shot from senior Taylor Mullins with 22 seconds remaining, 32-31.

"We came out with a lot more energy in the second half," said Tim Wasilk, head coach of Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball. "We just went after them with our press, communicating more, showing more energy and keeping the ball inside."

Lake Orion led at the end of the second quarter, 23-16.

"Lake Orion did a great job of playing hard, playing with a lot of energy and shooting the ball in the first half," said Wasilk.

During the half time the chat in the locker room was about staying calm and keeping the press on the Lady Dragons.

"We made some defensive adjustments and they worked," Wasilk added. "We tried to get everyone on the same page. We are still trying to find our way as a team. We are growing. We are getting better."

Davenport opened the fourth quarter once again scoring as she connected with the basket for five points with one point from

the free throw line.

The Lady Wolves continued to edge away in the score with help from Russell, Luchenbach and Skaggs on offense while defense kept Lake Orion to scoring only four points.

Wasilk added senior Jessica Altene did a great job defending especially against Sarah Voss, who scored 3-pointers in the first half against Clarkston.

Davenport led the team with 30 points with 16 of them scored in the third quarter.

"Erika started moving better in the second half," said Wasilk. "When you have a player that talented she can do special things on the floor. She is tough to stop with the ball in her hands either she is creating for other people or creating for herself. Good things can happen when she takes it to the next level."

He added it helps the seven underclassmen players for this season and future seasons.

"You see someone who stays calm and has learned to be calm under pressure and battle adversity and battle teams better," he said. "The players see that and they see the quiet and calm leader she can be when she wants to be. It gives us confidence from an offensive standpoint."

Russell scored seven points for the team.

The Lady Wolves also defeated Walled Lake Western, 45-27. Davenport contributed 30 points to the game and had ten rebounds. Mullins had 11 rebounds.

They start league play in the OAA Red this week and the wins will help the girls especially against Orion, Wasilk said.

"Anytime you can be down at half and

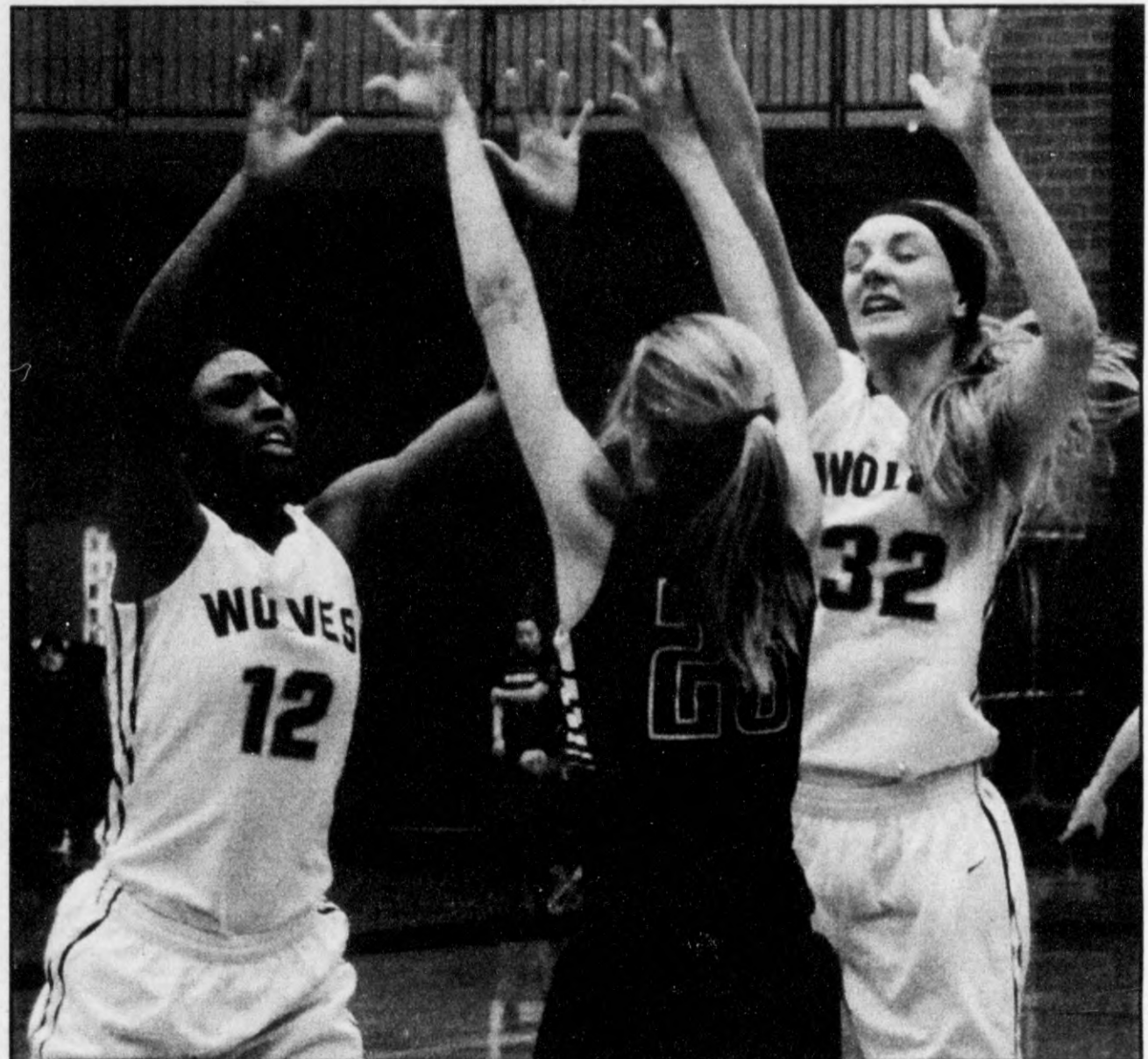
come back and battle - it is huge," he added. "We got punched in the first half and we battled. It can just lead to confidence going into the future and going into league play. When you are down, you are not out."

The girls opened the week at Oxford on Tuesday and play a OAA Red league game

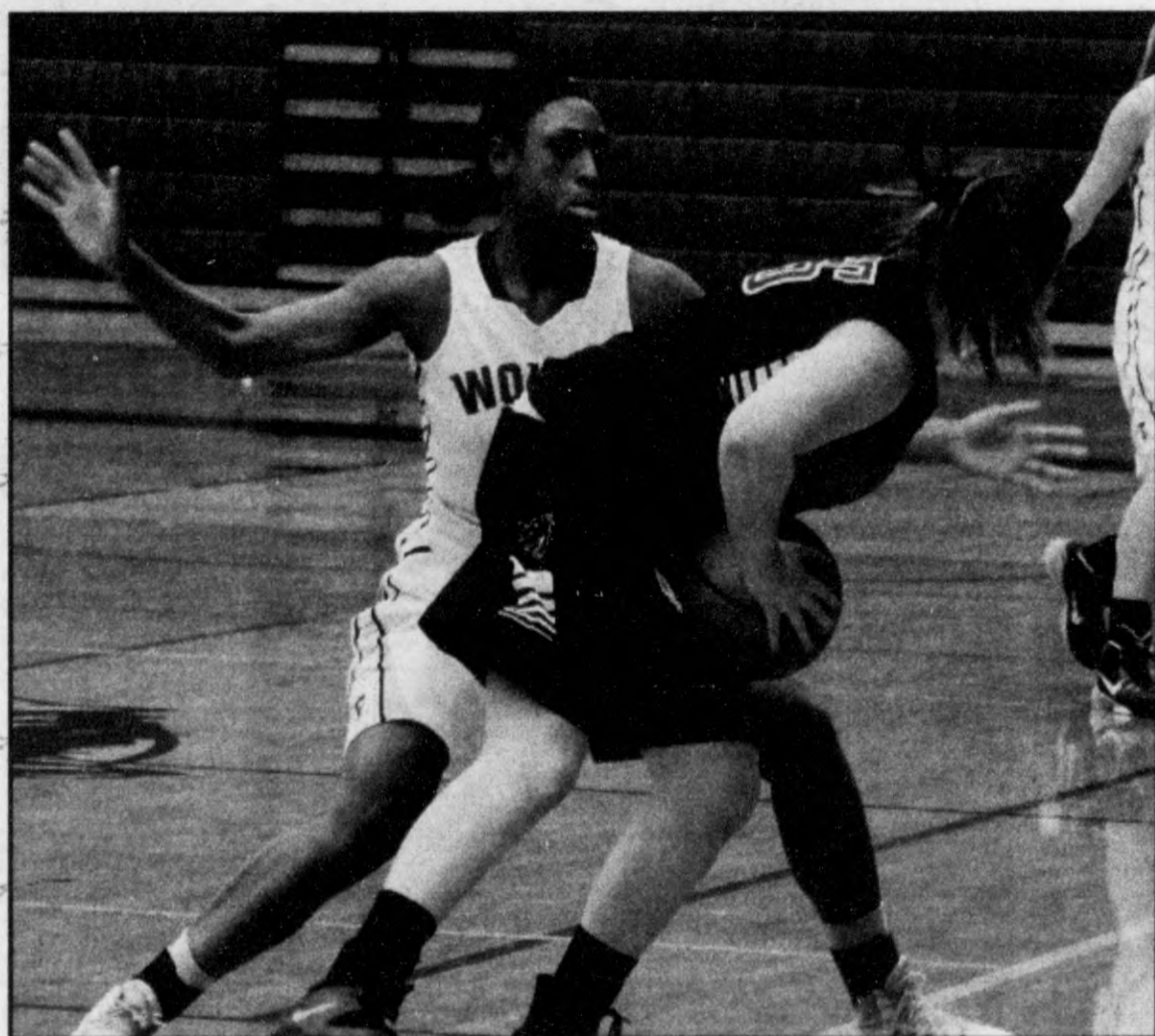
at Southfield-Lathrup on Friday.

"They are two good teams," said Wasilk. "They are two well-coached teams. It will be a good week for us. It will be tough."

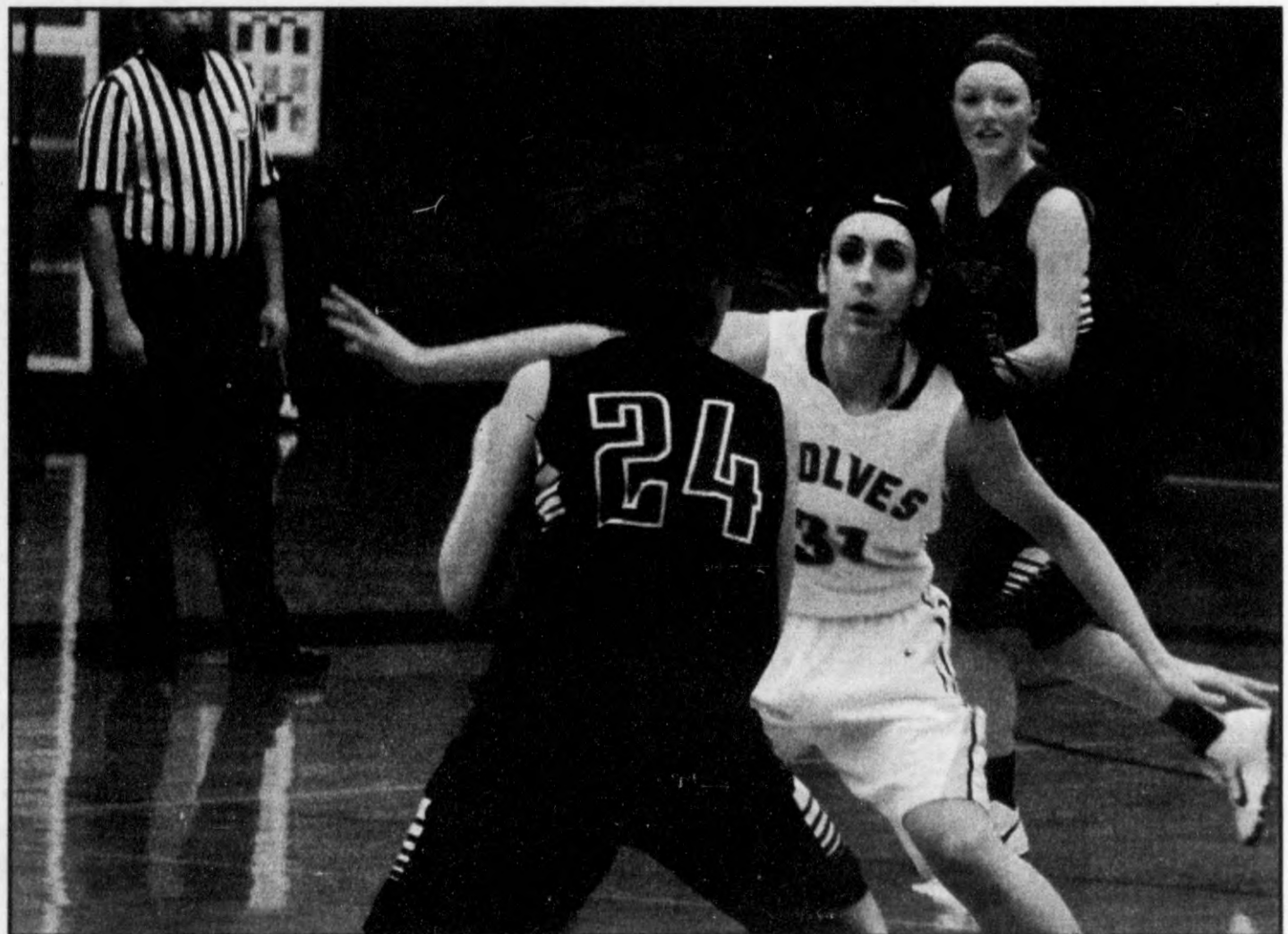
They are back home on Tuesday against Avondale when JV plays at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows.



Erika Davenport and Kayla Luchenbach block Lake Orion from passing the ball. Photos by Wendi Reardon

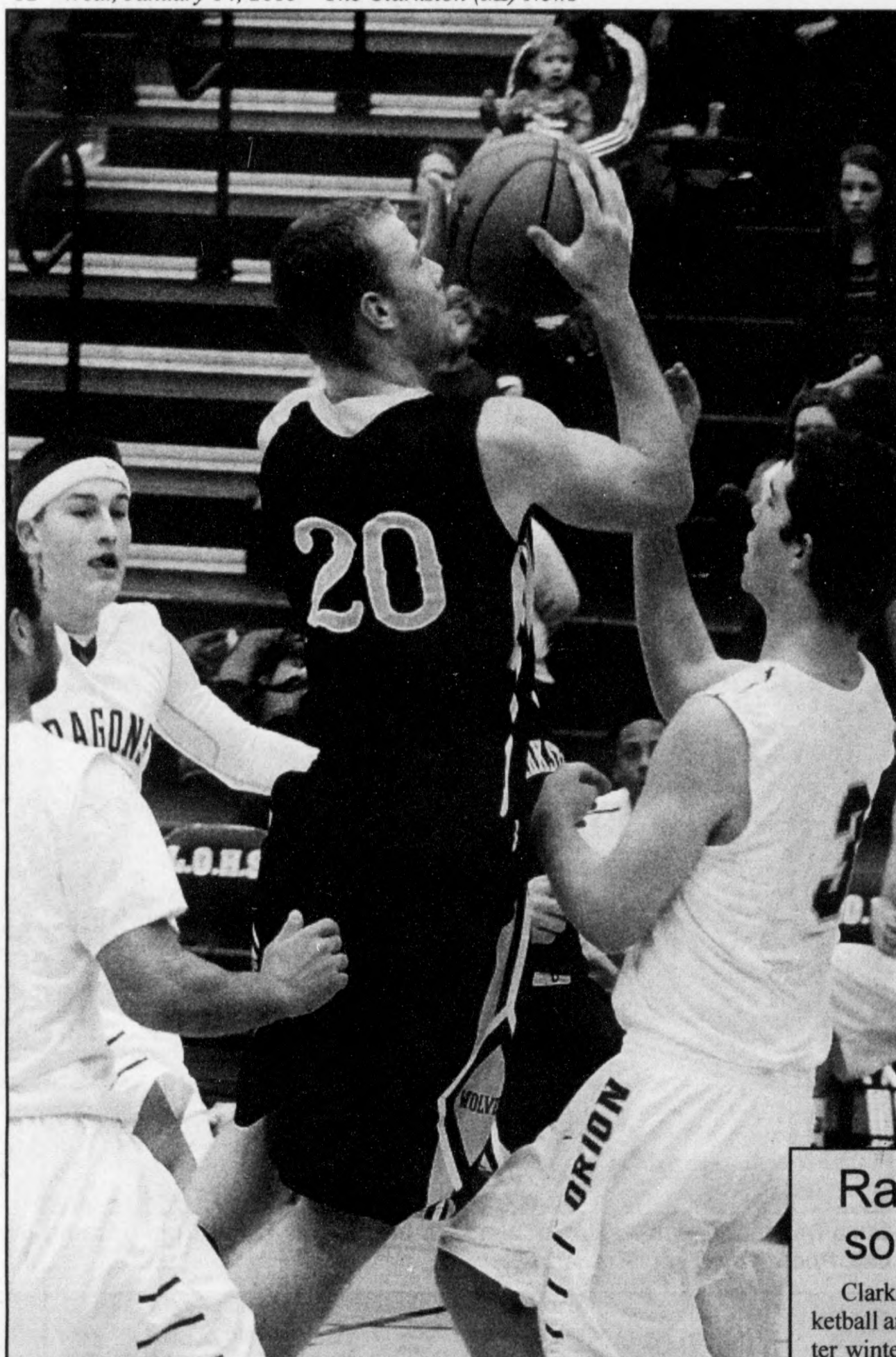


Erika Davenport blocks Lake Orion at the half court mark.

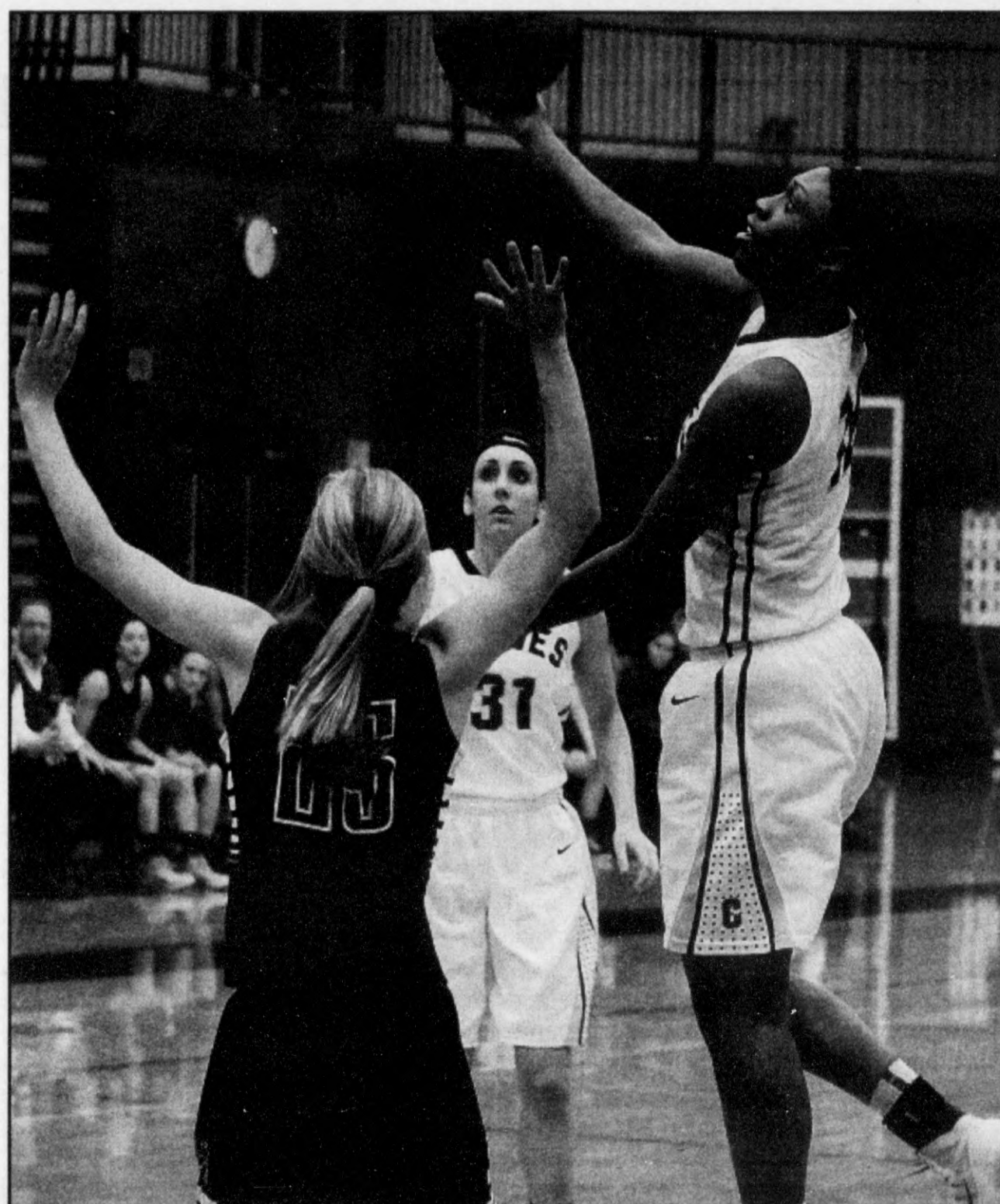


Jessica Altene uses quick movements on defense to slow down Lake Orion.





Merrick Canada breaks through Lake Orion's defenses.

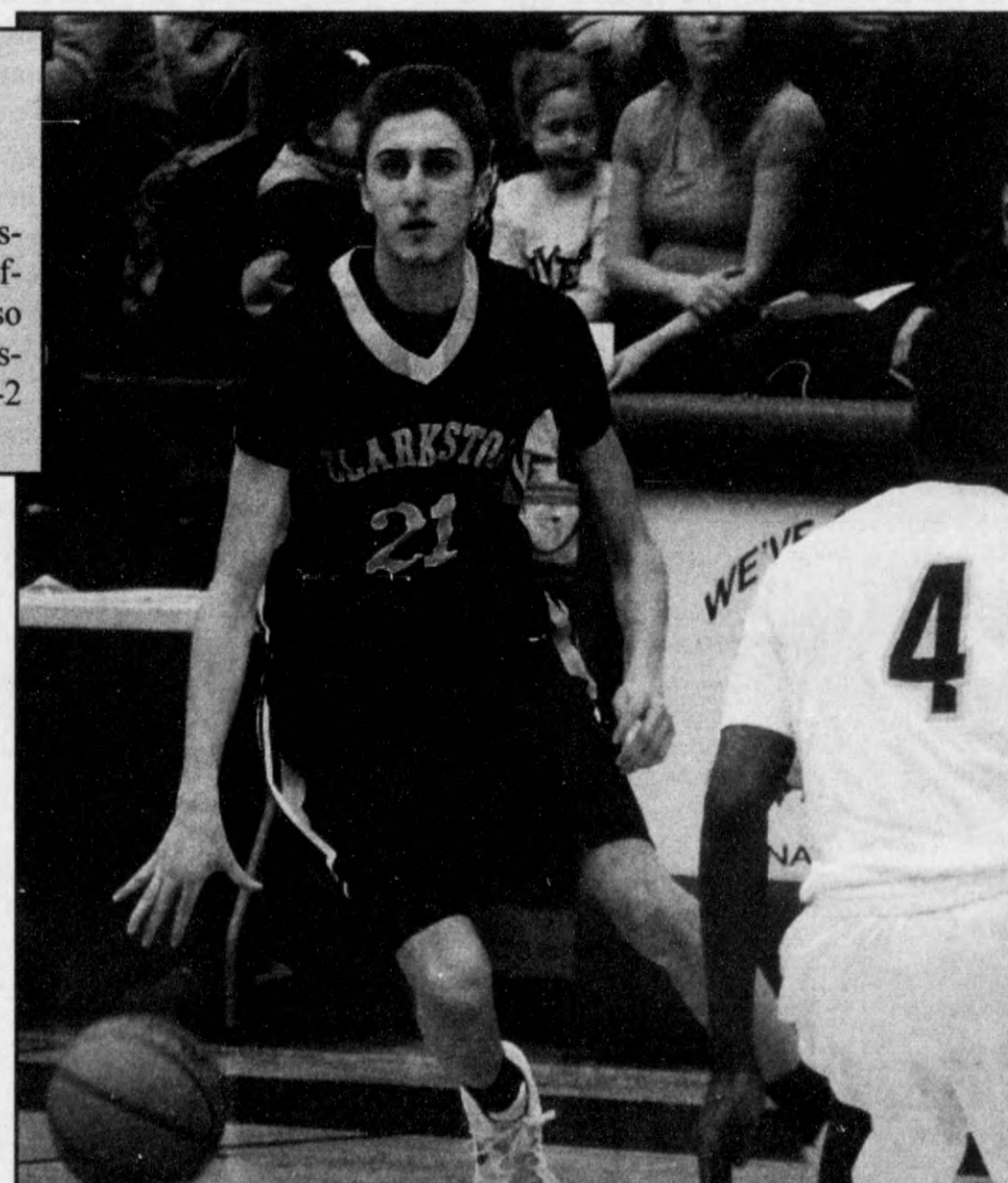


Erika Davenport jumps to make a basket in the second half.

## Racking up some wins

Clarkston boys varsity basketball are back on the court after winter break undefeated so far, with a 6-0 record. Girls basketball hit the court with a 5-2 record so far.

Kayla Luchenbach is ready to grab possession as Lake Orion throws the ball back into play.



Tabin Throgmorton evaluates his options of which teammate to pass the ball to at the away game. Photos by Wendi Reardon



# HomeTown Experts Answer Your Questions Monthly

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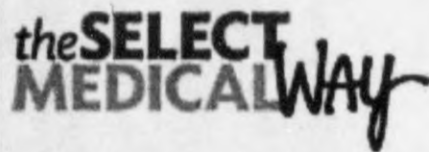
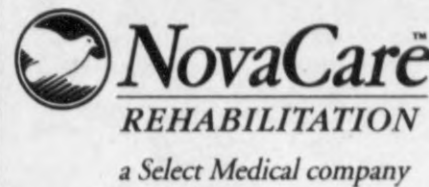
**Cindy Crandell R.N.**  
Functional Medicine  
Nutritionist  
Lifestyle Educator

**Q.** How can I get enough nutrients without consuming too many calories?

**A.** Focus on a variety of nutrient rich foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains only 1 per day, low-fat dairy or dairy alternative products and lean proteins can help you get the nutrients you need without excess calories. You need to avoid excess calories by limiting your consumption of processed foods high in added sugars and solid fats, and alcoholic beverages; these provide calories but are poor sources of essential nutrients. Finally because calorie intake must be balanced with physical activity to control weight, stay active and make healthy habits part of your daily routine.



## Rehabilitation



**Q.** What are some tips before shoveling?

**A.** Winter is upon us and snow shoveling is inevitable. Snow shoveling is a cardiovascular and weight lifting exercise. Stretch before shoveling, use good body mechanics to avoid stress on your back and overexertion. Keep your back straight, tighten your stomach and lift with your legs. When moving the snow, avoid twisting your back by facing the direction in which you are putting (not throwing) the snow. Move smaller amounts of snow and take breaks. Wear boots with good tread to avoid slipping. You can get Stretching exercises from NovaCare Physical Therapy, give us a call **248-625-5998**

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## Orthodontics



**Dr. Charles F. Munk**  
**Dr. Charles W. Munk**



**Q.** What is an orthodontist?

**A.** An orthodontist is a specialist in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of dental and facial irregularities. All orthodontists are dentists, but only about 6% of dentists go on to become orthodontists. It takes many years to become an orthodontist, and the educational requirements are demanding. After dental school, at least two or three academic years of advanced specialty education in an ADA-accredited orthodontic program are required to be an orthodontist. The program includes advanced education in biomedical, behavioral and basic sciences. The orthodontist learns the complex skills required to manage tooth movement (orthodontics) and guide facial development (dentofacial orthopedics). Only dentists who have successfully completed these advanced specialty education programs may call themselves orthodontics.

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## Mortgage



**Jason Nolan**  
Senior Loan Officer



**Q:** I heard the President announcing a new initiative to make mortgage loans more affordable and help people buy homes. What are the details?

**A:** You heard correctly. On January 8th, President Obama announced that he was working with HUD to reduce the annual mortgage insurance premium on FHA loans. Many people utilize FHA insured loans to purchase homes because they only require a 3.5% down payment and offer low, fixed rates. This reduction is substantial, nearly 40% lower than current premiums. This will reduce the monthly payment on these loans, as well as, bolster a borrower's purchasing power. The new rates go into effect on January 26th. Prospective buyers are encouraged to contact their local mortgage expert (I know a guy) to discuss how these enhancements will affect them.

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## Counseling



**Victoria Fleming LLMSW**



**Q:** Why do people seek counseling?

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## Lessons learned on the ice for league success

The ice is heating up as a crop of returners and new players on the Clarkston Hockey team plan to turn the season around.

"It will be exciting to watch for the development of the team," said Bryan Krygier, head coach. "Hopefully the team is going to develop and get the things we aren't doing right on the ice now and will start doing it right on the ice later."

The Wolves went into holiday break with three wins and seven losses on their record.

"When you have a loss from hockey you are supposed to learn from it," Krygier said. "From those losses we should be learning the things to do and the things not to do - that's what we need to take from the losses."

"I am expecting we have a team that can go to the bottom end or they can come out on top," he added.

The Wolves have eight returners from last season's team seniors Austin Fullmer,

Drake Gentile, Shayn Lindquist, Dane Pipia, Joe Popp, Jack Selke, Justin Selke, and Dylan Smith.

"With a solid loss they had against Grand Blanc they would come back fired up and ready to get the other guys going," said Krygier about last year's season ender in the MHSAA Pre-Regional game.

"We had a pretty good season last year and won some big games. Hopefully they bring some fire to the team to get that going and get some wins," he added.

Gentile is showing the underclassmen how to score as he leads the way for the Wolves with six goals and seven assists and Lindquist has four assists so far.

Selke has a .865 save percentage with 301 saves for the Wolves.

"Justin is keeping us in the games," Krygier added.

The team has 14 new players freshman Nick Terry, Ethan Wilczynski; sophomores

Gavyn Eisert, Nick Grohs, Brennan Vargas; juniors Kort Highduchek, Craig Moster, Riley Peickert, Trevor Propson, Jagar Smith, Justin Stasevich; seniors Brendan Barrow, Danny Grohs and Matt Johnson.

"They can become talented players, but they have to work for it," Krygier said. "The other team is not going to give you a goal. You need to work to get the goals. If you don't work hard, it's not going to happen."

Danny, Jagar and Stasevich have impacted the team with contributing a total of 14 goals. Danny has scored six goals and three assists; Stasevich, five goals and one assist and Jagar, three goals and one assist.

The OAA Red continues to look strong with Berkley Unified, Farmington, Farmington Hills United, Lake Orion, Rochester United and Stoney Creek battling for the title with Clarkston.

"Rochester and Farmington are strong," Krygier said. "Stoney Creek is going to

work hard. They have a big goaltender. North Farmington and Lake Orion both strong. It's going to be a very difficult path. The path is definitely upward against us as far as looking at the teams on paper. It could go either way this year. I am hoping and trying to be positive as a 500 team."

He added the only difference in the league this season is the Wolves will play every team twice and there isn't an OAA tournament this year.

"It is always a goal of mine to win our league," Krygier said. "In order to do that we have to do things right. There is a very good chance if we fold we are going to end up at the bottom of the pack."

The Wolves take on league opponents Stoney Creek this Thursday at Detroit Skating Club at 7:45 p.m.

They head to Onyx Ice Arena to take on Rochester United, Jan. 24 at 5:30 p.m.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

## Clarkston kids work together to lead Lakers to wins

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- their teammates.

"The friendships we made during the season are, to a normal person, it's a team, but for us, it's a brotherhood," Clay said. "It's a great camaraderie between the players."

"We had great seniors and great leadership on the team," Cartier added.

Twin brothers Clay and Devin have played together since birth and began playing football with Cartier around fifth grade in Clarkston Chiefs.

All three added it helps with the chemistry.

"We know each other," said Devin. "We work together better because we know what each other is going to do."

The trio ended the season with their own

achievements.

Cartier was named All-Catholic and All-State Wide Receiver. He had 13 touchdowns during the season. He rushed 723 yards on 71 carries with his longest rush for 97 yards - for the school record. He had 26 receptions for 461 yards. His longest reception was for 70 yards.

As a linebacker, he had 60 tackles throughout the season with 33 solo tackles and three sacks.

Devin was named to *The Detroit News'* All-State first team and All-League for wide receiver.

He had 43 receptions for 848 yards with his longest reception at 63 yards. His yards per game averaged to be 77.1.

He was 13<sup>th</sup> in the state for receiving yards and top five in the junior class. He

was in the top 10 in the state for the junior class and top 25 in all classes for receiving touchdowns.

Clay was named to All-State and All-Catholic first team for quarterback position. He completed 148 of 242 yards for 2,800 yards - to make the school record. His longest pass was 70 yards.

He also broke the school record with 36 touchdowns. He had two rushing touchdowns. He was first in the state for the Class of 2016 and second in the state for all classes for passing yards and passing touchdowns.

He finished in the top 100 nationally for passing yards and in the top 40 in passing touchdowns nationally for the junior class.

Clay was also named 2014 Impact Player for the season for the Catholic League

Intersectional Conference by The D Zone.

"I think it's great," Devin said about their achievements. "We are all juniors and we are going to come back next year."

"We did pretty well," Clay said. "Catholic league championships, winning the league for the second year in a row. It is pretty important for us. I am looking forward to next year it is really going to be great."

As they wait for the football season to begin, they are currently playing basketball for the Lakers.

"Basketball really helps with my speed," said Clay. "It makes me quicker on my feet."

"It help with aestheticism and hand/eye coordination," Devin added.

Their goal for the winter season is to win the Catholic League again and make it far into playoff season.





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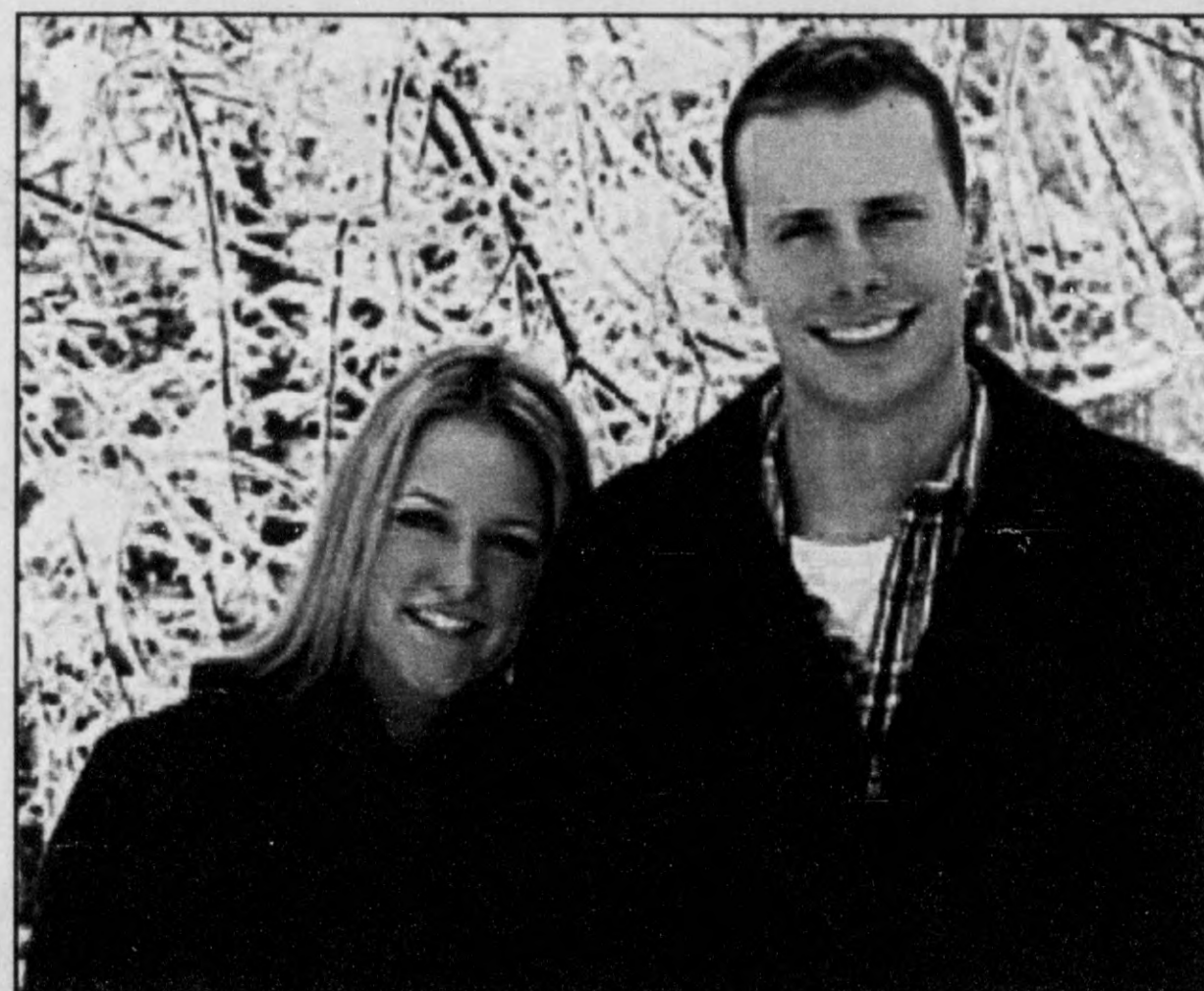
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Matthew and Raschelle

## Alexander – Holmes

Gary and Terri Alexander are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Ian Alexander, to Raschelle Jean Holmes, daughter of Rick and Bobbie Holmes of Wayland, Michigan.

Matthew is a 2007 graduate from Clarkston High School and a 2013 graduate from Central Michigan University.

He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and is currently in flight school at Fort Rucker, Ala., where he will graduate in February. Matthew will be stationed at Fort Bliss in

El Paso, Texas, flying Blackhawk helicopters.

Raschelle graduated from Hopkins High School in 2009. She graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2013 from Central Michigan University with an Education Major in secondary math. Raschelle is currently substitute teaching. She hopes to find a permanent math teaching position in Texas once married.

The couple will be married in July 2015 near Grand Rapids.

## Students achieve success

Clarkston students qualifying as finalists in the 58th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition include **Amanda Casetti**, 11th grade; **Sarah Chandler**, 12th grade; **Robert Dalka**, 12th grade; **Taylor Davis**, ninth grade; **Andrew Dimmer**, ninth grade; **Tyler Dunn**, 12th grade; **Sadie Knill**, 11th grade; **Adam Kociba**, 10th grade; **Andrew Luchenbach**, 12th grade; **Diana Marsala**, 11th grade; **Nathan Nye**, ninth grade; **Justin Osborn**, ninth grade; **Zachary Peterson**, 11th grade; **Jillian Ritchey**, 11th grade; **Jason Setting**, 12th grade; **Mark Stout**, 11th grade; **Jacob Topham**, 12th grade; **Matthew Vassilakos**, eighth grade; and **Max Wiedemann**, ninth grade.

The Part I Exam was given at 143 high schools throughout Michigan last October. The finalists competed in the Part II Exam in December. Albion College will host a grading session on Jan. 17 to score the students' work.

The students with the top 100 scores on the two parts will be invited to an Awards

Banquet on March 21 at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. The top 50 will be presented with scholarships ranging from the bronze awards of \$250 to \$2,500 for the first place gold medalist.

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Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisc., has named **Miranda Marshall** of Clarkston to its Dean's List for academic excellence during the fall 2014 semester.

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**Emily Allen** of Clarkston graduated from Arizona State University at the Spring 2014 commencement ceremony.

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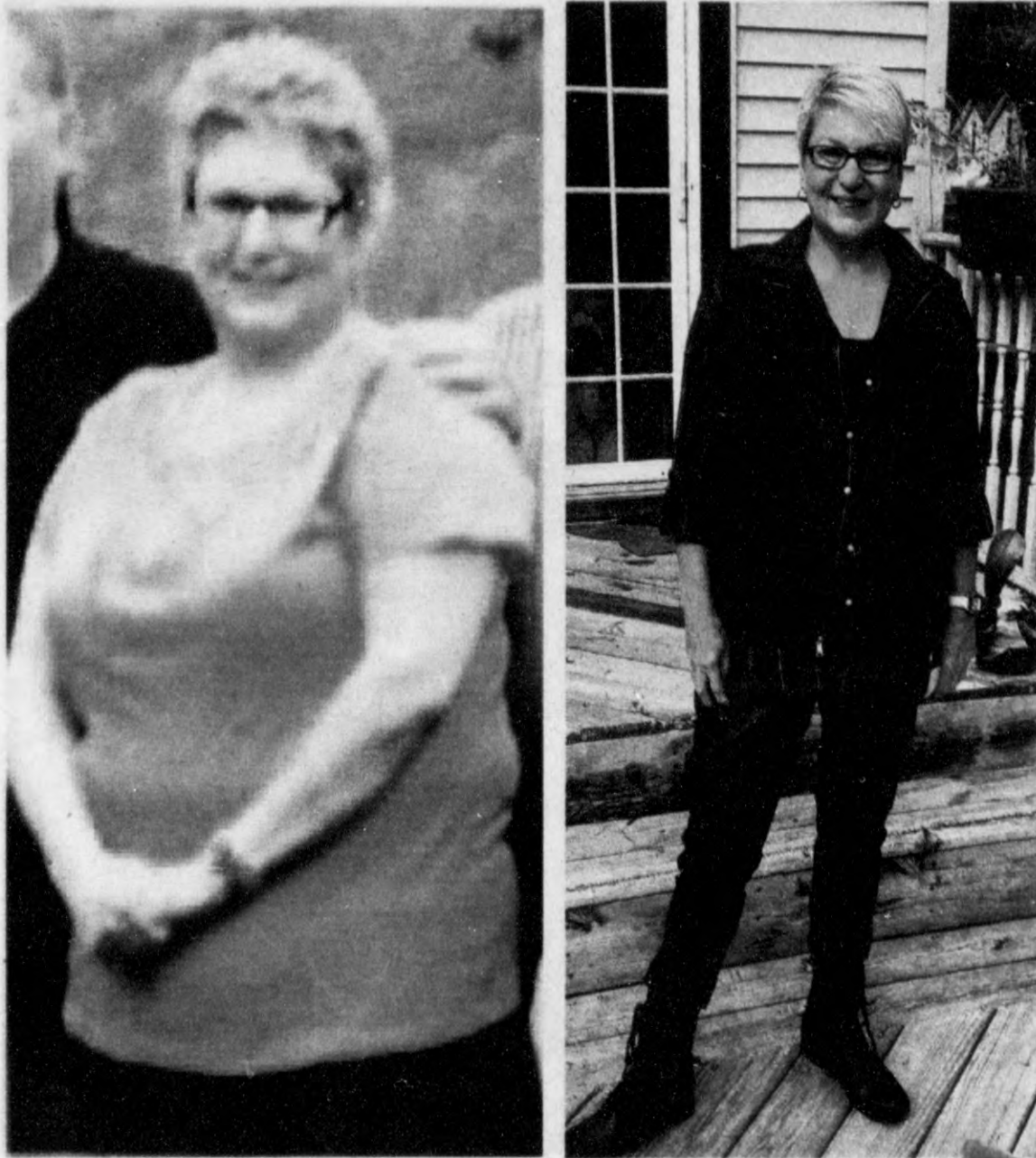
Dean's List status has been awarded to **Cooper Parks** of Clarkston in the Fall 2014 semester.

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Clarkston students **Jon-Erik Avery** and **Khailey Lynn Walsh** were conferred bachelor's degrees at Mars Hill University, Dec. 12.



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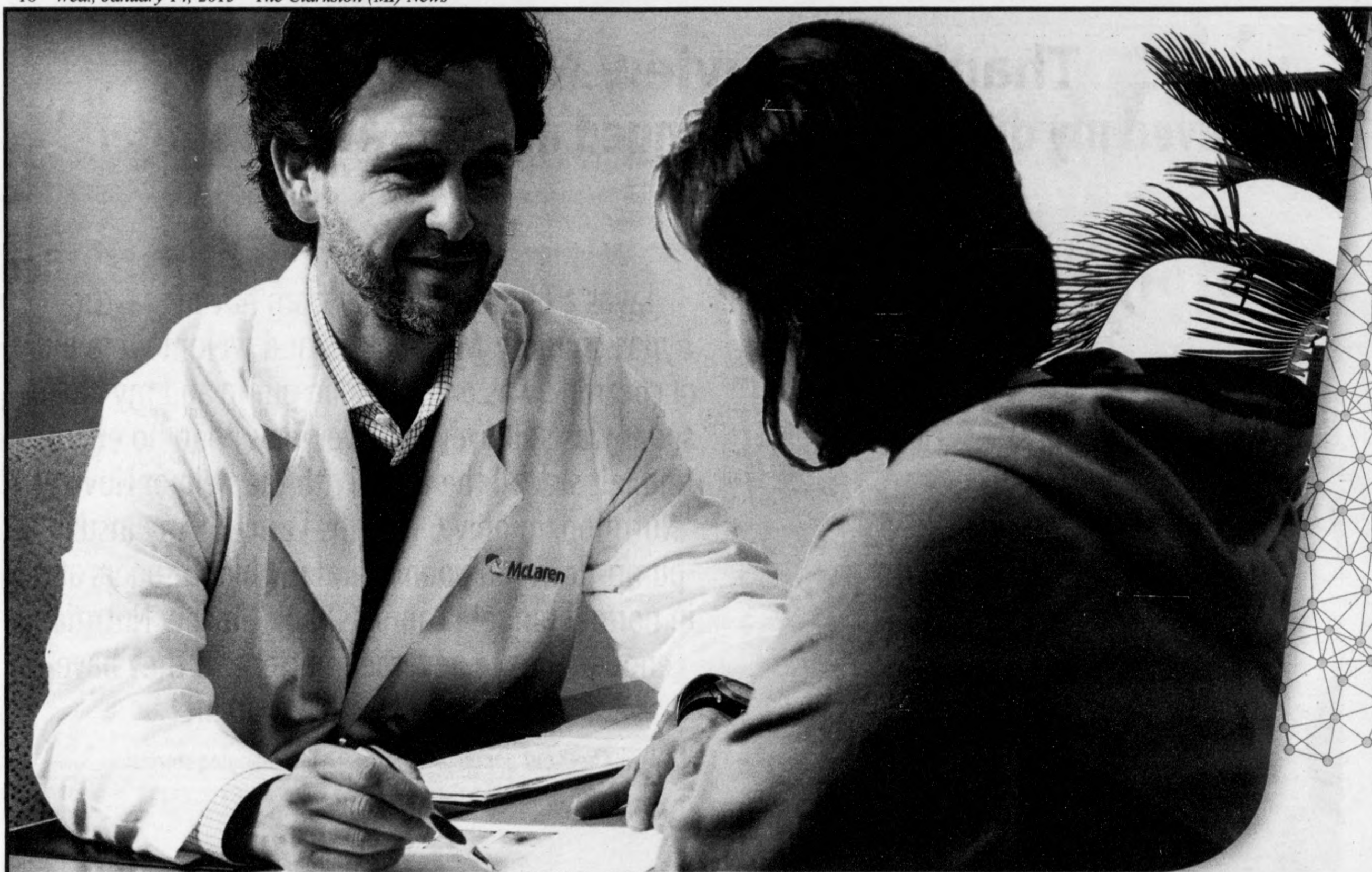
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# Independence Township Times

## In My Opinion ...

By Pat Kittle,  
Independence Township Supervisor

The Michigan Senate recently voted NO on amending the language stated within the State of Michigan Certificate of Need which would have allowed McLaren to build a state-of-the-art, Level II Trauma Center and a 200 bed in-patient facility in Independence Township.

In a nutshell, words can't even begin to tell you how disappointed I am by this decision.



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

And, while the local competitive hospitals keep banging their drums on how the transfer of 200 underutilized beds from Pontiac to Independence will hurt their business, the following organizations responsible for the health, safety and welfare of our community all signed letters of support and issued resolutions stating *a local hospital would benefit North Oakland County residents and would save lives.*

These associations include the Oakland County Association of Township Supervisors, Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees, City of the Village of Clarkston Council, Oakland County Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Association, Waterford Police and Fire Chiefs, Independence Township Fire Chiefs, Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, Clarkston School Board and of course our own County Executive, L. Brooks Patterson.

And while the pundits and lobbyists keep on their soap boxes, stating (without providing one relevant shred of proof to document this position) the new Independence Hospital would ac-

tually raise health care costs, the Federal Trade Commission, Mackinac Center for Public Policy, Michigan Department of Community Health, and the Anti-Trust Division of the United States Department of Justice have all gone on record over the years stating they have found little evidence that CON restrictions result in a reduction in costs and hard evidence to suggest just the opposite.

And, even a local television station (based on an anonymous tip) banged their drum with an "expose" inferring McLaren was making questionable campaign contributions to the State Republican Fund to influence Senate votes for the hospital approval. As it turned out, these contributions were absolutely legal. What is interesting is that a request to run a similar follow-up expose identifying the Senators who voted No on the hospital and have accepted campaign contributions from competing hospitals and their medical staff, seemed to fall on deaf ears with ZERO action being taken.

It is my humble opinion that competition is what has allowed America to become the greatest country in the world. Competition is what forces businesses to reinvent themselves offering consumers better goods and services at lower prices. And, while I admit I am not an economist by any stretch of the imagination, I do not see how limiting competition in the medical profession is a good thing for consumers and/or contains health care costs in any way shape or form.

At the end of the day, it looks like we need to do a better job communicating with the folks in Lansing. The hospital is too important for both our community and our aging population. I know I'm not ready to give up.

Will keep you informed.

## Notes from the Treasurer's Office

By Paul Brown,  
Independence Township Treasurer

Here are some items I think you will find of interest.

### Exemption of Personal Property Taxes

Do you own a small business in Independence Township? Do you have less than \$80,000 in true cash value of personal property? Don't forget to file Form 5076 to claim your exemption. It must be filed every year by February 10 to claim the exemption.

### Real Property Taxes

The deadline to pay the Winter 2014 Tax is fast approaching. Typically due on February 14, we get a few extra days this year because of Presidents' Day. Winter taxes paid by February 17, 2015 will be considered timely. Also, please remember that any taxes unpaid as of March 1 can no longer be paid at the Township but must be paid to the Oakland County Treasurer.

### Dog Licenses

2015 dog licenses are now due. Please remember, we must see your pet's rabies certificate in order to issue a new license.

### eBilling for Water and Sewer

We're signing up 8-10 customers a day

for this convenient program. Sign up to have your quarterly bill emailed to you and to have the payment automatically deducted from your checking account. There is no charge for this service and you will help the Water & Sewer Department keep mailing costs down. Sign-up forms are available at [www.indetwp.com](http://www.indetwp.com) under "what's new."



Paul Brown,  
Township Treasurer

### Customer Service

I've learned a lot in my first 2 years in office and at the top of my list is that nothing is more important than Customer Service. The hard part about providing that service is the realization that I have the answers to residents questions only about half the time.

Realizing this a while back, I put up a sign on my side of the counter which reads, "I'll Find Out."

I put it there to remind myself, "I don't know" is not good enough. I look at every inquiry I get as an opportunity to put another piece of knowledge in my toolbox. If you have questions about things going on in the Township, send me an email and if I don't have the answer, *I'll Find Out*. You can contact me at [pbrown@indetwp.com](mailto:pbrown@indetwp.com).

I hope everyone has a great 2015.

## What about the potholes today?

By Pat Kittle,  
Independence Township Supervisor

Sure wish the State Legislature could have come up with a road improvement plan about a year ago!

Michigan's May 5 ballot proposal to generate an estimated \$1.2 billion in revenue earmarked for road repairs, if passed, will not get us the money we

need in time to repair the pothole damage from the winter months ahead.

And, if you were unhappy last year with the Road Commission of Oakland County's (RCOC) efforts to repair potholes, you will be less happy this year with the 2015 RCOC budget being \$7M less than 2014. Combine this budget

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# McLaren Still Committed to \$1.5M Pledge

By Patrick Kittle

Independence Township Supervisor

Even with the recent Michigan Senate decision to not amend the State of Michigan Certificate of Need (CON) language that would have allowed McLaren Healthcare to construct a state of the art Level II Trauma Center and transfer 200 under-utilized beds to Independence, McLaren is committed to honor its \$1.5 million pledge to help cover the costs associated with the I-75 / Sashabaw interchange expansion.

The following summary, from Carlisle and Associates, the Townships Planning Consultant, summarizes key factors to continue with the project. This rationale was presented to the Township Board at the December 23 meeting.

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While the news regarding the approval of McLaren Hospital's CON is not what we hoped for, Carlisle Wortman is advising the Township to stay the course with

## UPDATE I-75 / Sashabaw Road Project

the Sashabaw Road Project.

This opinion is based on a number of relevant facts:

1. The Corridor Improvement Authority was formed for the express purpose of completing vital infrastructure projects needed to promote and sustain economic development of the entire corridor.

While McLaren is a key component to the economic success of the corridor, there are currently 122 existing businesses in the corridor along with 190 acres (excluding McLaren) of vacant developable land. The road project will be of benefit to not

only the corridor, but the Township as a whole.

2. The improvement to the interchange and Sashabaw/Waldon intersection has been needed for many years. The addition of the new ramp to southbound Sashabaw will provide much-needed relief to the congestion which now occurs due to DTE Theater.

3. The Township already has a significant investment in the project, approximately \$500,000. We have secured all necessary approvals to date and obtained necessary easements for construction.

4. Of great significance, the Township has assembled a funding package

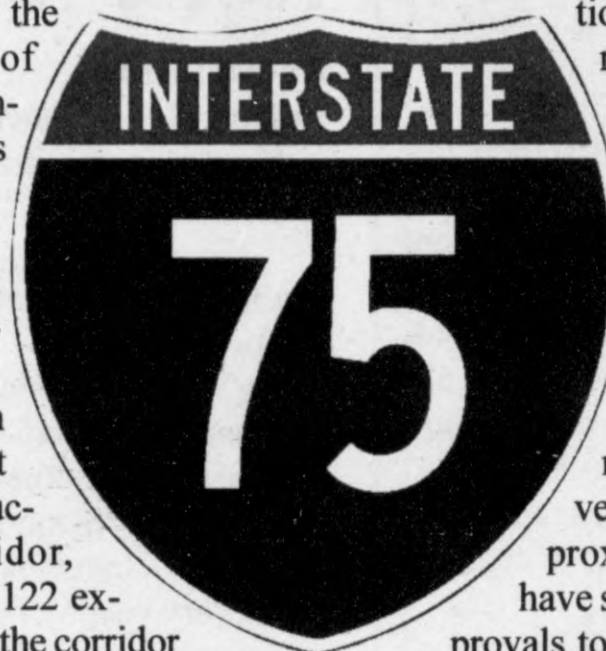
from a variety of sources which may not be available in the future. Funding was established through the cooperation of RCOC, State of Michigan, McLaren and the CIA. McLaren has reiterated their financial support for the project. The funding is secure and sufficient to build the project.

5. McLaren also has a significant investment in the corridor which includes property both within the medical campus on the east side and on the west side of Sashabaw from Bow Pointe Dr. south to the TCF Bank. The planned road improvements will be a direct benefit to McLaren in terms of developing and marketing all of their property.

In summary, there is no reason to abandon the project. It is needed, funded and on schedule to be completed.

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Ground breaking is scheduled to commence in the spring of 2015. More to come.



# What's the road improvement proposal all about?

By Patrick Kittle

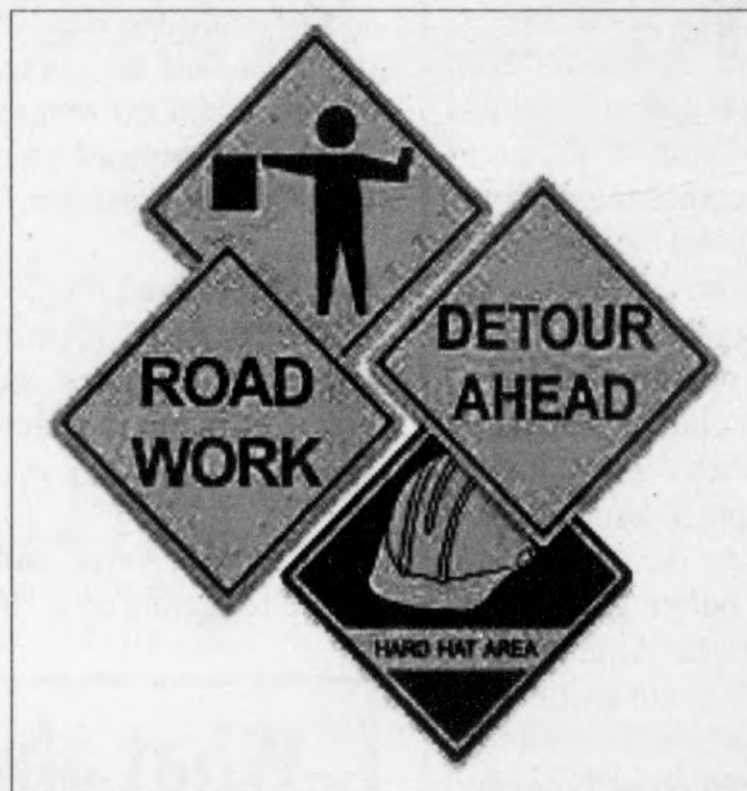
Independence Township Supervisor

We've been getting tons of questions about the new Road Improvement ballot proposal that will be voted on May 5, 2015. The Michigan Township Association recently published this short blurb explaining the highlights ...

"Gov. Rick Snyder and House and Senate leaders reached a deal Thursday (December 18, 2014) that would increase road funding by \$1.3 billion. Their bipartisan proposal was meant to address five issues:

- funding for roads and bridges;
- protection for schools, communities, public transit and rail;
- transportation taxes go to roads;
- competitive prices at the pump; and
- tax relief for lower-income residents.

Lawmakers worked into Friday's early morning hours to pass legislation that put the leaders' proposal into action. The plan hinges upon a ballot proposal — under **HJR UU**, sponsored by Rep. Joe Haveman (R-Holland) — that would raise Michigan's sales and use tax from 6 to 7 percent, raising an estimated \$1.2 billion. The other piece of the plan is **HB 4539**, sponsored by Rep. Wayne Schmidt (R- Traverse City), which would eliminate the sales tax on gasoline, and **HB 5477**, sponsored by Rep. Rob VerHeulen (R-Walker), which replaces the 19-cent-per-gallon gas tax with a tax on the wholesale price.



An additional \$95 million in revenue would come from changes in registration fees—\$45 million from vehicle registration fees and \$50 million from fees for heavy trucks. Local governments are expected to receive a \$94 million increase in constitutional revenue sharing and schools would receive a \$300 million increase. The deal also includes reforms such as warranties on road work (**HB 5460**, sponsored by Rep. Dan Lauwers (R-Brockway Twp.)) and competitive bidding for road projects in which townships contribute at least half of the cost (**HB 4251**, sponsored by Rep. Kevin Cotter (R-Chippewa Twp.)). All bills are tie-barred to approval of the May 2015 ballot proposal

by voters."

The State of Michigan proposed language that will appear on the ballot for the May 5, 2015 General Election reads as follows:

**A Proposal To Amend The State Constitution To Eliminate Sales And Use Taxes On Gasoline And Diesel Fuel, Allow An Increase In The Sales Tax Rate, Dedicate Revenue For School Aid, And Revise Eligible School Aid Uses.**

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate all sales or use taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel used in motor vehicles operated on public roads or highways beginning on October 1, 2015;
- Allow an increase in the sales tax rate from 6 percent to 7 percent;
- Activate other laws dedicating additional revenue for transportation purposes, including repair of roads, streets, and bridges;
- Require state funds for school aid to be used exclusively for financial assistance for public school districts, community colleges, and career and technical education and related scholarships; and
- Dedicate a portion of use tax revenue for school aid purposes.

Should this proposal be adopted?

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I hate taxes as much as the next guy. But I also hate spending hundreds of dollars everytime I blow out a tire and bust up a rim driving over a pothole ... which seems to be happening with some regularity now a days. See you at the polls in May.



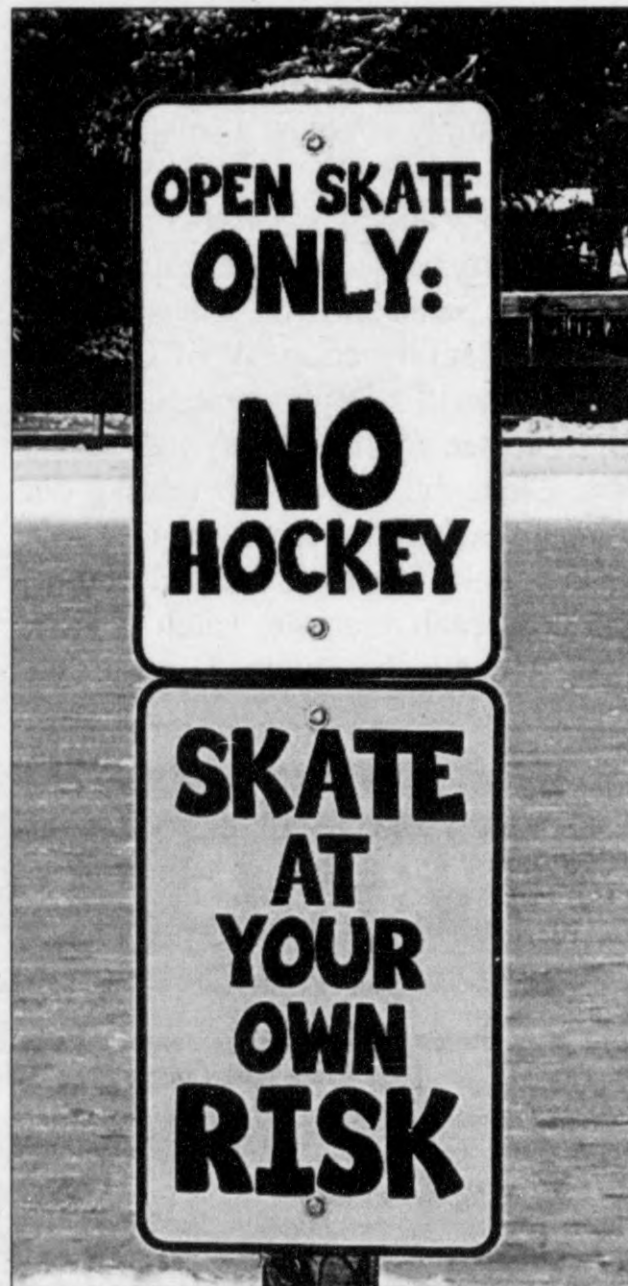
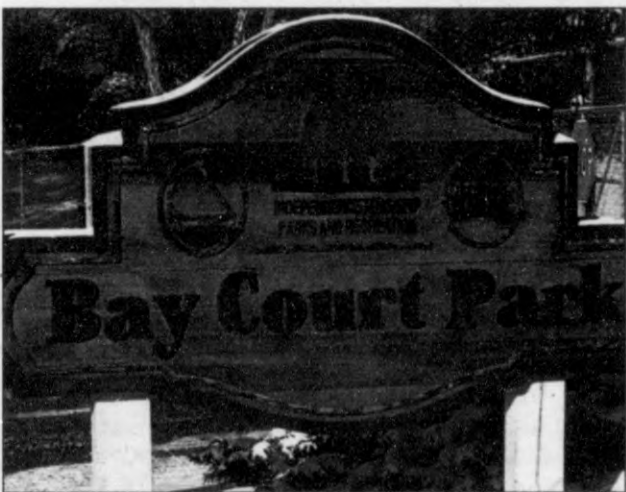
# Smooth Skating at Bay Court Park

By Ken Elwert, Director  
Parks, Recreation & Seniors

Join us at the park for community skating with your neighbors!

The new 50 x 80 lighted ice rink is open at Bay Court Park. Assuming the weather cooperates, the rink is available 7 days a week from 8 am to 5 pm and on Friday and Saturday night from 5pm to 9 pm. The rink is for family skating only, no hockey allowed, and for your convenience, heated restrooms are available. Entrance to the park and rink is free, but you must bring your own skates.

Bay Court Park is located at 6970 Andersonville Rd. For questions call our main office at 248-625-8223.



## Pothole proposal, continued from Page 1

reduction with a big increase in the price of rock salt and you have a scenario that is not promising for the timely repair of our roads.

So maybe it's time we start taking care of ourselves!

**The Plan:** The Township's 2014 General Fund budget is coming in at better than expected, by around \$300,000. A proposal is being put together to allocate \$250,000 of this amount for pothole repair. And I'm not talking about dumping more cold-patch.

Cold patch is a short term effort to fix a pothole when the asphalt plants are shut down. I'm proposing a longer term fix that might last 3 to 5 years.

The picture above is what we are trying to address. Potholes like this will be milled 2 ½ to 3 inches deep, repair the base coat and have hot asphalt installed and pressed into place with a steam roller.

This milling and filling process should provide a repair that will last several years as compared to what cold-patch can offer.

A Request for Quote (RFQ) is being put together and will be submitted to several road repair specialty companies. Hopefully, if the proposal is approved by our Board, this work will be done in the spring.

Will keep you posted.



# Parks, Recreation & Seniors say 'thank you' and 'Happy New Year' Annual Holiday Lights Night was a seasonal success!

On Saturday, December 13th, thousands of people gathered in downtown Clarkston for the spirited Holiday Lights Parade, organized by Clarkston High School's Team RUSH.

Following the parade, families, friends and neighbors trailed down Depot Road to the park where lights were ablaze for the annual Holiday Lights Night presented by Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors.

Despite lack of snow and temperatures in the mid 40's, no one had any issues getting into the Holiday Spirit! The fog gave a very special glow to Depot

Park and warming barrels made it possible to ignore the consistent light mist! Everyone was welcomed to the park by Christmas carols and had a chance to interact with live reindeer.

While we excitedly waited the arrival of Jolly Ol' St. Nick, Starbucks provided free coffee and Kona Ice provided and served over 925 cups of steaming cocoa! Volunteers with Clarkston Area Optimist Club worked hard cooking up hot dogs and brats, while The Learning Experience passed out cookies and Boy Scout Pack #133 provided lots of goodies for a bake sale. Of course, what event could possi-

bly go on without an appearance by "Elsa" and "Anna" and their rendition of "Let It Go?" Certainly not ours, so major thank you to Clarkston High School Students Christie Faw and Lynox Weber for lending their artistic flair to the evening.

Finally, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived, delivered safely courtesy of Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Santa was happy to see so many faces and he and Mrs. Claus did a great job leading our Annual Tree Lighting ceremony. Last year, Rattalee Lake Tree Farm donated our tree, and now each year we watch it grow along with our community. Did you take

your annual Christmas picture in front of the tree? Consider sharing it on our Facebook page!

What an incredible evening to be part of the Clarkston community! The lights, sounds, and smells all whirled together to make a fantastic family night out and we hope you had a chance to join us. Many kids had the chance to leave their Letters to Santa and we know Santa responded before he left for his Christmas Eve adventures. At Parks, Recreation & Seniors, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season and wish you a happy, healthy New Year!



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Registration begins Thursday, January 8th at 8am for Township Residents and those in the Clarkston School District and will continue until leagues are full.

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Simply download the registration packet from our website and mail or fax it in, along with all appropriate fees and birth certificate\*, to our offices. If you do not receive an email receipt in 48 hours, please call to verify that we have received your registration.

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### SOCCER FUN DAY & WRAP UP CLINIC

All registered Spring 2015 players are invited to join Michigan Impact for 2 FREE one hour clinics. Soccer Fun Day is scheduled for Friday, April 17 and the Soccer Wrap Up Clinic is scheduled for Friday, May 15. Time dependent upon league. Further details to be announced.



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**WELCOME CHLOE:** Jeffrey Hazlett and Allison (Prudhomme) Hazlett of New York announce the birth of their daughter, Chloe Christine. Born on Dec. 11, 2014, in New York City, Chloe weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches in length at birth. Proud grandparents are Joanne and Michael Prudhomme of Clarkston and Anne and Alan Hazlett of Frankfort, Indiana. Great-grandparents are Virginia McPike of Clarksville, Mich., and Beverly Prudhomme of Waterford. Great-great grandparents are Billye and Russ Hazlett of Frankfort, Indiana. *Photo provided*

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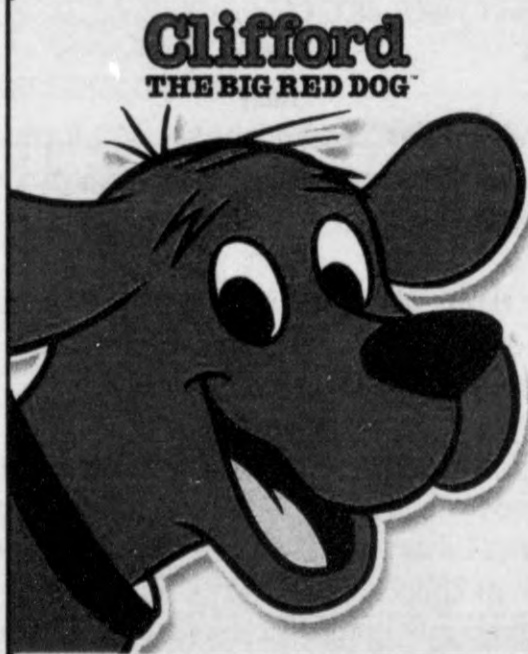


DR. CHARLES MOK

## Hey Clarkston! What's up at your library?

### Join us at our Open House

Sunday, February 8, 1-5pm



Want to see what's new at the library this year? Join us for refreshments and learn about upcoming programs, digital magazines, online language programs, interactive storytimes and much more.

Don't miss storytime with our special guest Clifford the Big Red Dog at 1:30 and 3:30. For more information please contact Christina Bowers at bowersc@indelib.org

### All Things Disney: Monday, January 26, 6pm

Theme nights are back! This time it's "All Things Disney". Join us for crafts, snacks, and games based on your favorite Disney movies. *Registration Required.*

### Gluten Free World beyond Wheat: Tuesday, January 27, 7pm

Need to pursue a gluten-free lifestyle? Cultured Cook, Lisa Howard will share tips and tricks on how to use gluten-free grains to make pilafs, muffins, cereal, and granola.



### What's My House Worth?

Tuesday, February 10, 7pm

Real estate agents, appraisers, and internet sites can all have different opinions on what your home is worth. **Agent Jon Devine** will explain what it all means to you when it's time to buy or sell your home.



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## Events

**Blood drives**, American Red Cross, Jan. 27, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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

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

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# Around Town

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



**CLARKSTON IDOLS: Winners of the Clarkston Idol 2015 contest include Sara Mansour, grades K-3; Abigail Mundy, grades 5-6; Serena Chiappelli, grades 9-12; Kate Leithauser, grades 7-8; and Beat-boxer Jaden Bunton. They competed at Clarkston Junior High School on Jan. 9. Photo provided**

**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.

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**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.

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

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**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.

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**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.

## Wednesday

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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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

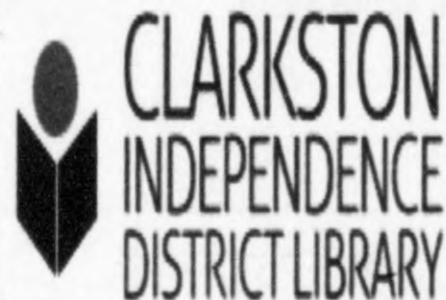
**Woodcarving Class**, Fridays, Jan. 9-30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$40; \$10 material fee. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**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.



## Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?

**Little Giggles: Mondays at 10:30 am**

Bring your independent walker (ages 13-23 mos.) for simple stories, finger plays, songs, and activities.

**Preschool Storytime: Tuesdays at 10:30 am**

Preschoolers (ages 3-5) join us for stories, songs, puppets, and crafts

**Look: New Library Hours Starting January 2015!**

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**Little Giggles: Wednesdays at 10:30 am**

Bring your 2 year old for flannel board rhymes, songs, stories, and crafts.

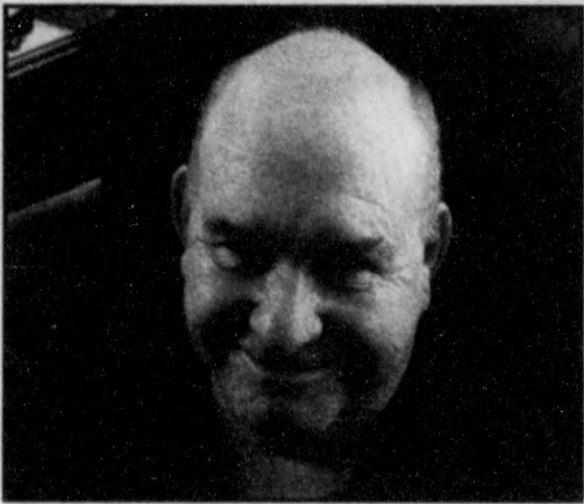
**Baby & Me: Thursdays at 10:30 am**

Have fun with your little ones (ages 0-12 mos.) and start them off right with nursery rhymes, songs, tickles, bounces, and more. This program is designed for infants who are not yet walking.



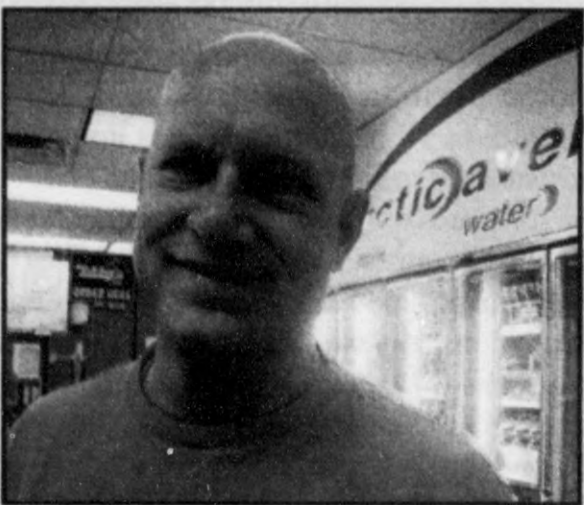


What are  
you looking  
forward to  
this year?



"Putting my best foot forward, and  
advancing at work."

— Bill Goldsmith



"I am looking forward to my daughter  
starting kindergarten."

— Marc Flora



"I am looking forward to change  
and opening my mind up to new  
possibilities."

— Brett Gazetti

"Peace."

— Nimir Sofyan

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

Dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

## Memories to endure for Penny Shanks

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

As she brings her 18 years with the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce to a close, one of Penny Shanks' enduring memories has to do with team building.

"It was a team-building road rally," recalled Shanks, executive director of the chamber. "We ended up at Mr. B's. When I got up, they had toilet papered my car, which on the one hand was annoying. On the other, they had worked as a team. That was very cool."

Shanks is leaving Clarkston and the chamber for Ann Arbor, but she's taking this and many other memories with her.

"Directing traffic at the Holiday Lights Parade, when we were in charge of it, and it was so cold and I had my contacts in and with the wind, it would kind of freeze the contacts in my eyes — I remember that one," said Shanks, calling from Florida where she was participating in Disney running races.

Clarkston's Community Awards program stands out, recognizing members of the community for work they do behind the scenes. She will always remember when they honored downtown business owner Dick Morgan as business person of the year, not long before he passed away.

"We went down and did an oral history with him prior to this. It was truly inspirational. Everything was totally right in that moment," she recalled.

The chamber has had 19 presidents since she joined it in 1997, and countless ribbon cuttings, business get-togethers, and community events.

"I loved all the ribbon cuttings, and when L. Brooks Patterson would come around — he's been so supportive," she said. "I'm thrilled to have Pat Kittle as supervisor of Independence Township. He has made such amazing things happen already."



Executive Director Penny Shanks will take many memories of Clarkston as she retires as executive director. File photo

The annual outdoor Taste of Clarkston has grown into the envy of communities everywhere, she said.

"Seeing everybody in town, it's like a community block party," she said. "You realize it's worth it. It's totally worth it."

They set it up to boost incentive to restaurants to bring more food, with profit sharing based on tickets used at their booths and no up-front payment, she said.

"There were ways to make more money like cover charges and wrist bands, but I believe in family friendly, don't nickel and dime it to death," she said. "The whole structure is so unique and so successful, we've been asked by many other communities how to do it. It's been very

rewarding."

Another memory is the first year of the business expo at the new Clarkston High School, with chairman Marc Cooper.

"Marc had to go in for open heart surgery. He had just come back from the hospital, and he insisted in coming to the expo in a wheelchair. I thought he looked a little grey and he shouldn't be there," Shanks said. "That's the kind of heart, no pun intended, the chamber presidents have had, the board of directors have had, for our chamber and our Clarkston community. It's very rewarding to see that."

Steve Hyer, Kurt Miller, Jim Patterson, Dawn Horner, Donna Bullard and the other  
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County Executive L. Brooks Patterson distributed Oakland County Casual Day donations to Erica Cale of Clarkston, founder of Helping Hearts Helping Hands, and other recipients, Dec. 17. Photo provided

## Casual county workers come through for Cale

Erica Cale of Clarkston, founder of Helping Hearts Helping Hands, received a donation from Oakland County Casual Day funds last month during the holidays.

Cale, who returned last week from mission work in Honduras, shared \$29,000 donated by county employees on casual days throughout the year.

This year's recipients also include The American Diabetes Association, Bingham Farms; The Baldwin Center, Pontiac; The Child Abuse and Neglect Council (CARE House), Pontiac; The D-MAN Foundation, Rochester Hills; The Donate Life Coalition of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Give-A-Christmas Year Around, Royal Oak; Grace Centers of Hope, Pontiac;

HAVEN, Bingham Farms; Kids Kicking Cancer, Detroit; McLaren Children's Clinic, Pontiac; Oxford/Orion FISH, Orion Township; The Rainbow Connection, Rochester; Rebuilding Together Oakland County, Farmington Hills; Walk the Line to Spinal Cord Injury Recovery, Southfield; and a disabled Vietnam veteran who asked for help.

## Goodbye get-together planned, Jan. 16

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chamber presidents over the year all made the organization successful, Shanks said.

"They're all great in different ways – they make a huge difference," she said.

Shanks is retiring on Jan. 16, the day she joined the chamber 18 years ago. The opportunity to join the chamber in 1997 came at the right time for her and her husband, Kurt.

"In our family plan, it was like when the kids start middle school, you're supposed to go back to work," she said. "I actually did not apply for the job. They called me out of the blue because I was a very active volunteer in the schools and PTA."

The interview was "very strange," she recalled.

"I went into the interview and it was the craziest thing. They were selling me on the chamber. I wasn't selling myself to them," she said.

The chamber was small at the time, and she was its only employee.

"The first job they gave me was to find out how many members we had because we didn't have a database," she said. "So I thought, I can handle that."

The chamber offices were up in the courthouse, she remembers.

"Most walk-in traffic was folks who were there to pay their traffic tickets," she said.

She used her time management skills to convince the board of directors to focus on the future, which took a few years.

"Eventually, the board of directors started to look forward, down the road," she said. "That empowered me and the board of directors to ask what can the chamber do, how can we make a difference. That's when it really started getting fun."

That's when the chamber started working on the lights parade, Taste of Clarkston, and other signature events.

"You could see great things happening," she said. "It turned into something that I love passionately. I love the chamber. I love the Clarkston community."

Filled with peers in the business community, the chamber is very personable, something she will miss.

"We know each other well, we're on a first name basis. We hug everybody," she said. "I really want to thank *The Clarkston News* for what you do because a hometown newspaper is essential to keeping a

hometown identity. It really needs to be there. It knits together through discussion and debate, and includes the good news and bad news the community needs."

It's difficult to step away, but Kurt needs a commuting break, she said.

"My husband works in Ann Arbor. He's been commuting for eight years," she said. "He's had three accidents. The last one, he ended up in surgery – how long to you play Russian Roulette on US-23?"

But she won't leave Clarkston behind entirely, she said.

"I definitely will be a regular visitor – I'll probably volunteer at Taste. I don't think I can stay away from that one," she said. "I love Clarkston, the businesses here, restaurants here, people here that I will always stay in touch with and come back and support."

A get-together is planned for Friday, Jan. 16, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Fountain's Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. Cash bar and light appetizers will be served. RSVP ASAP to [marie@clarkston.org](mailto:marie@clarkston.org) or 248-625-8055. Bring photos, bring stories, and memories to share.

"I ask for no roast – please don't make me cry in public," Shanks said.



Carly Secoy, intern at Nuvview Nutrition, helped collect food donations for Lighthouse North. Photo provided

## Food drive success

Nuvview Nutrition's food drive for Lighthouse North of Clarkston was successful, with over 15 bags of groceries donated by clients for families in need.

"We are so thankful for the immediate response to our call to help local families this Christmas," said Valerie Young of Nuvview Nutrition. "It is with immeasurable gratitude that we say 'thank you' to all of our clients!"

## Victory for Everest

The Mountaineers beat Allen Park Cabrini on Wednesday, 56-47. Luke Allen led Clarkston Everest Collegiate in the victory with 16 points and Jimmy Thibodeau scored ten points.

They lost to Genesee Christian on Friday night, 65-61. Allen and Thibodeau both led the team, both with 16 points.

The Lady Mountaineers defeated Marine City Cardinal Mooney last week, 28-21. Ashley Lowney led the team with nine points.

## Wrestling results

Grapplers lost their first OAA Red match on Wednesday against Rochester Adams, 51-22.

Scoring for the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team were Mitchell Nelson (119) with a pin on Jacob Barnett at 1:54. Nate Vandermeer (152) also won with a pin at 2:57.

Jake Calvano (140) defeated Adam Beck, 11-2 and Josh Cahoon (189) won by void.

The Wolves head to Rochester Adams this week for a quad against Stoney Creek and Oxford. They head to the Hammer and Anvil tournament on Saturday in Ohio.



# Religion

Events Preaching

## Consider new path in this new year

Happy New Year! Think about that for a second. What does that mean? It means that an old year is over and a new year has arrived.

All of last year is gone. That was the old year. You can't go back and change anything about this past year or any other year of your life. You can't change what's already happened.

Any mistakes you made in 2014 are history. What I'm trying to say is that it's a NEW Year! It's a NEW beginning. You can look ahead and change the future.

Unfortunately, people can have a hard time leaving the old behind and moving to the new. Why is that?

Let me give you a quick example. When computers and smart phones first hit the market they were considered the NEW wave of the future.

Obviously, they were right. Computers and smart phones have taken over most of the world.

Many of us, however, refused to make the switch from the old phones to the new phones. We were set in our old ways. I was one of those people that rebelled against switching to a new smartphone.

I'm still way behind most people and extremely behind my own children in my technological skills. What happened? I simply did not want to change what had become the norm.

I was comfortable with the way things were. I had spent years doing things a certain way and did not want to train my mind to do things differently.

Part of me did not think I could and another part just did not want to change. Well, I finally made the switch and found out all the benefits of using a smart phone.

Now, looking back, I regret not taking the time to make the change years ago. The benefits far outweighed the difficulties of doing things the same old way.

If you have grown comfortable and used to doing things the same old way, choose to do something NEW. Have you considered

choosing to change your life in 2015?

If you want different results in life, do something NEW and different. God offers us a NEW and different life and here is where you can start.

Romans 12:2 says, "Be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." You can transform your life by transforming your mind (Your way of thinking).

The benefits of a NEW life will only be experienced if we renew our minds with the Word of God. The mind must be renewed to think like God thinks. The Bible says, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

Few believers take the time to renew their minds with the Word of God for themselves. The Bible tells you how to think about others. The Bible tells you how to think about yourself. The Bible tells you how to think about your enemies, your wife and your children. The Word tells you what to think on and what not to think on in order to enjoy this NEW life.

As you enter into 2015, I challenge you to take advantage of the NEW. Pick up your Bible and line up your thinking with the Word of God! You might say that's brain washing! I could not agree with you more!

The Bible says that we're to receive with meekness (humility) the en-grafted word which is able to save your souls. The Bible also says that were sanctified and cleansed with the washing of water by the word. Let the old go (the old way of thinking) and take hold of a NEW way of thinking!

Consider that all of this time, all you needed was to change your thinking in order to change your life. Find a church that teaches you who you are in Christ and how to walk this life out with a renewed, NEW mind.

The benefits of peace, fulfillment and an abundant life await YOU! Jesus said ... "I come that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly". Take the plunge! The only question you will have is "Why did not I change my thinking years ago?"

*Pastor Jeff Stonerock is the Senior Pastor of Victory World Outreach Church.*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jeff Stonerock

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David and Sherry Regiani in their new Clarkston office.

## Regiani dentistry moves home to Clarkston

A long-time Ortonville area dentist is now in Clarkston.

After more than 35 years of mercury-safe/mercury-free holistic dentistry in the Village of Ortonville, Dr. David Regiani has moved to a new facility, 10435 Ortonville Road just south of Oak Hill Road in Independence Township.

"We love Ortonville and all our patients, but we simply outgrew the building," said Sherry Regiani, who manages the new Regiani Holistic Dental Center. "Over the years we expanded and so has the advanced technology in dentistry. Moving forward with all phases of dentistry for adults and children including same-day Cerec 3D custom crowns to TMJ/TMD bite imbalance treatment to non-surgical periodontal disease treatment has really grown our business—now we have a larger area to better serve our patients."

Since the 1,200 square foot Ortonville office was constructed in 1979, the facility was expanded to about 2,400 square foot with two

renovations, added Regiani. In addition, Dr. Mardi Edelheit, with more than 18 years of experience in dentistry, also recently joined the practice.

"Now we have more than 3,600 square feet with a spacious layout for the comfort of the patients—there's plenty of room to relax," she said. "Our roots are still in Ortonville and with the community. We're just south of town a few miles in a rural setting."

Dr. David Regiani is a 1978 graduate of the University of Detroit School of Dentistry, where he also earned his bachelor's degree and did advanced studies in immunology. In 1984, he became one of 13 founding members of the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology.

The Regiani's are Clarkston residents with three children who graduated from CHS.

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# Death notices & Obituaries

## Lois A. Centilli, 90

Lois A. Centilli (Micek) of Clarkston and Waterford passed away Jan. 9, 2015, at age 90.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 61 years, Sidney. She was the mother of Dr. Barbara (Earl "Skip") Laboissonniere, Kathleen (Dr. Doug) Cook, Kristine (James) Jacques, Diane Centilli and Sharon Centilli; also survived by 17 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; sister of Judd Micek, Edward Micek, Shirley (Micek) Edholm, Joseph Micek, Barbara (Micek) Frost, Merle (Micek) Andrusko and Judy (Micek) Ouellette.

Lois was a Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Pontiac General Hospital for many years. She and her husband were founding members of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish where Lois was an active member of the Ladies' Rosary Altar Society/Guild.

In addition, she served as a Girl Scout Leader and Director of the Clarkston Girl Scout Summer Camps. She also was active in the Knights of Columbus auxiliary, the Columbiettes. For the last three years of her life, Lois produced thousands of handmade rosaries for Catholic international missions, the U. S. Military and Veteran's Administration Hospitals.

Rosary Service was Jan. 12 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 13 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal, All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Emma E. Grubbs, 87

Emma E. Grubbs (Kyker) passed away at age 87 on Jan. 5, 2015.

She was preceded in death by husband, Sherrill, and siblings Leona Ewing, Cecil, Norman, and William Kyker. She was the mother of Donna (Chris) Rodgers and Ronald (Clare) Grubbs; grandma of Samuel (Stephanie) Gallegly, Benjamin (Erica) Rodgers, Zachary (Emily) Rodgers, Amy (Jonathan) Payne, and Emily Grubbs; great grandma of Chloe, Oriana, Lennon, and Junie Rodgers, Kara, Brianna, and Sophia Gallegly, and Malachi Payne; sister of Mary Kyker and Hoyle Kyker; sister-in-law of Virginia Broyles and Mary Lou Grubbs.

She was born to Alva and Ada Mae Kyker in Washington County, Tennessee. Emma was an elementary teacher for 19 years, teaching mostly fourth and fifth grades at Wisner elementary in Pontiac.

She was a charter member of Grace Brethren Church in Lakeland, Florida. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, puzzles, playing pinocle, and spending time with her family.

Visitation was Jan. 9 at Dillow -Taylor Funeral Home, Jonesborough, Tennessee.

Funeral services was Jan. 10 at Grace Brethren Church in Telford, Tennessee. Interment, Limestone Brethren Church Cemetery.

Local arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gideon's or Grace Brethren Church, 3337 Highway 11 E, Telford, TN 37690.

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**SYNOPSIS**  
**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPEN-**  
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**JANUARY 6, 2015**

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Ritchie, Schroeder  
Absent: Aliaga, Lohmeier  
There was a quorum present.  
Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Mitch Pettersen, Deputy Fire Chief; Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.; Gregg Schultz, Schultz and Young, P.C.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- CLOSED SESSION: Approval to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion pertaining to union negotiations as permitted by MCL 15.268(c)  
The Meeting recessed at 7:02 PM  
The Meeting reconvened at 7:15 PM
- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Supervisor Kittle
- PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None
- CARRYOVER/ POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- CONSENT AGENDA:
  - Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2014
  - Approval of the Payroll of January 2, 2015 and Check Run of December 31, 2014 for a Total Amount of \$1,289,028.69
  - Approval of Amendments to Previously Adopted Motions #2014-12-251b-1 & #2014-12-251b-2 - Parks, Recreation & Seniors Advisory Committee Appointments
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- REGULAR BUSINESS:
  - Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) & Appointment of Township Representative-Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (OCCISMA)
  - Acceptance of Proposal and Approval of Budget Amendment for Professional Design/Engineering Services - ITC Corridor Safety Path Project
  - Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Accept Donation - Friends of the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center
  - Appointment of Construction Manager; Approval to Waive Bidding Process and Approval of Budget Amendment - Senior Adult Activity Center Addition Project
  - Reclassification of AFSCME Employee: Building Department
  - Approval of AFSCME Geographic Information Systems/Information Technology Specialist Position - DPW
  - Approval of Lease Agreement - Deer Lake Beach
  - Appointment and Reappointment of Members to Boards and Committees
- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS: None
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Schroeder
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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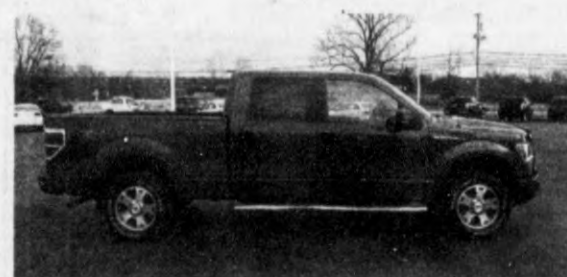
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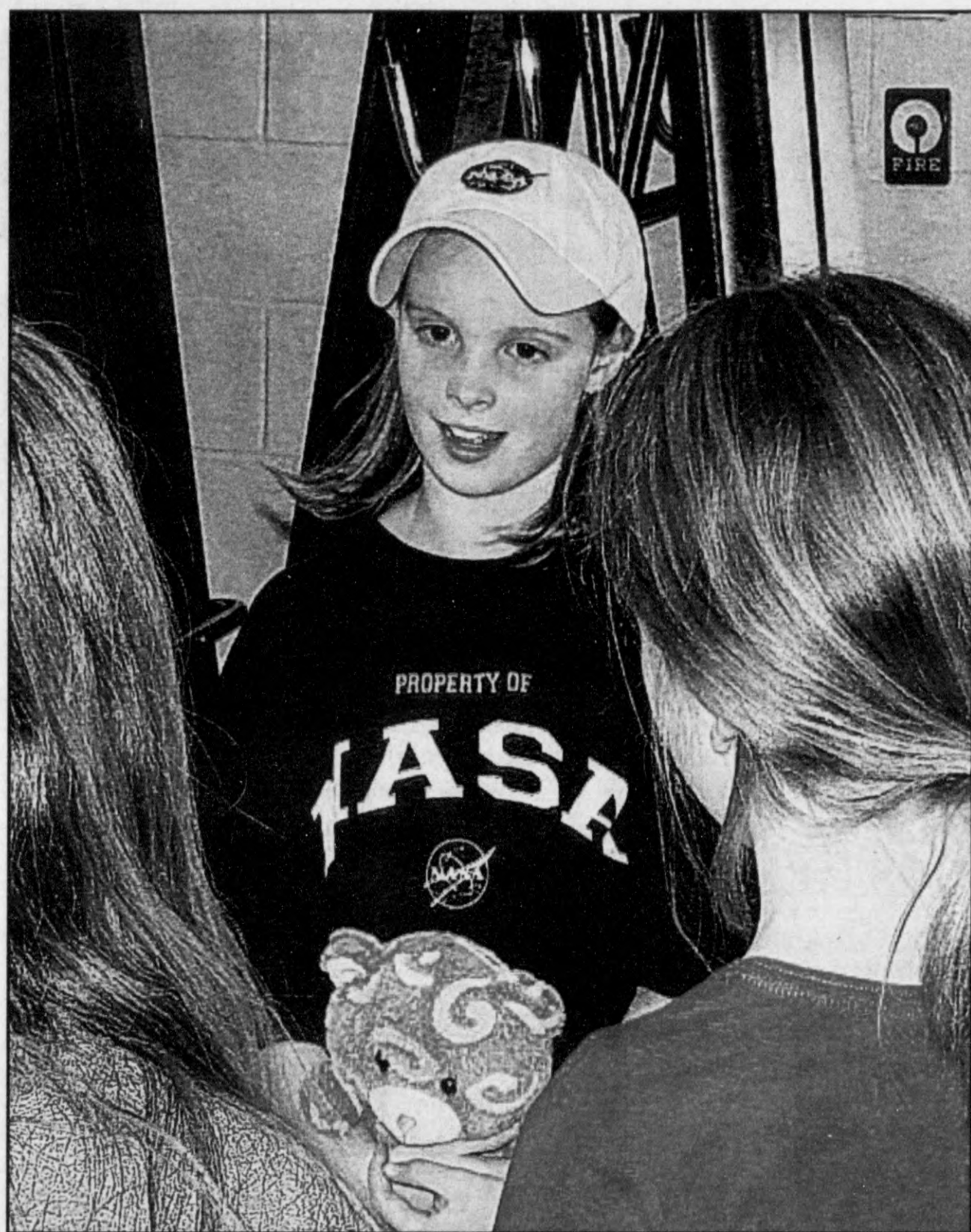


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Maggie Robinson as Sally Ride answers questions from classmates. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Museum caps history lessons

The Pine Knob Elementary fifth graders' Explorer Wax Museum, Jan. 9, was a culmination of social studies and writing classes so far this year, said fifth grade social studies teacher Heidi Wright, who organized the event with writing teacher Kelly Mertz.

"We began this project in social studies class by learning about early explorers who explored North America," Wright said. "Students studied where these early explorers explored, what they accomplished, and what motivated them to take a dangerous voyage into the unknown."

They extended their learning in writing class by choosing an explorer they were interested in learning more about and researching to find out where they explored, what they were famous for, what motivated them to explore, what they discovered, etc.

"Students chose their own explorers and these explorers could come from any historical time period or part of the world," Wright said.

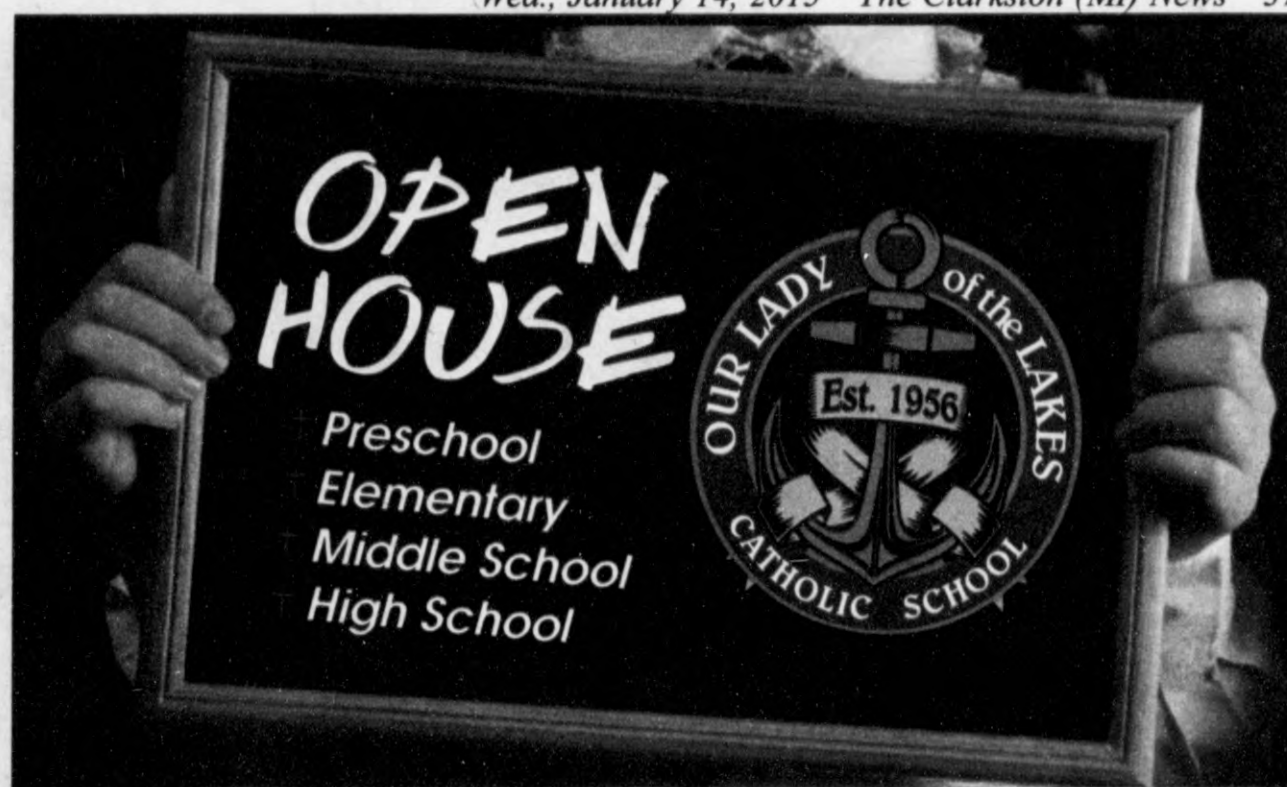
In writing class, the students used their research to write a feature article and create

and give a presentation about their explorer to their classmates. Finally, in social studies class, they used their research from their writing project to plan their costume, props, and oral responses to questions about their explorer to create the Explorer Wax Museum.

The goals of this project were for students to understand where explorers explored and what motivated them to do so, to apply and extend their social studies learning to an explorer of their choosing, to apply research and informational writing skills, to create a multi-dimensional project, with written component, oral presentation, and Wax Museum, and examine and understand the world, in the time period of, and from the perspective of their chosen explorer.

"At the Wax Museum, all the learning came together as students stepped inside an explorer and talked from his/her perspective," the teacher said. "This step-inside routine allows students to develop a deep understanding of the motivations and accomplishments of these explorers."

— Phil Custodio



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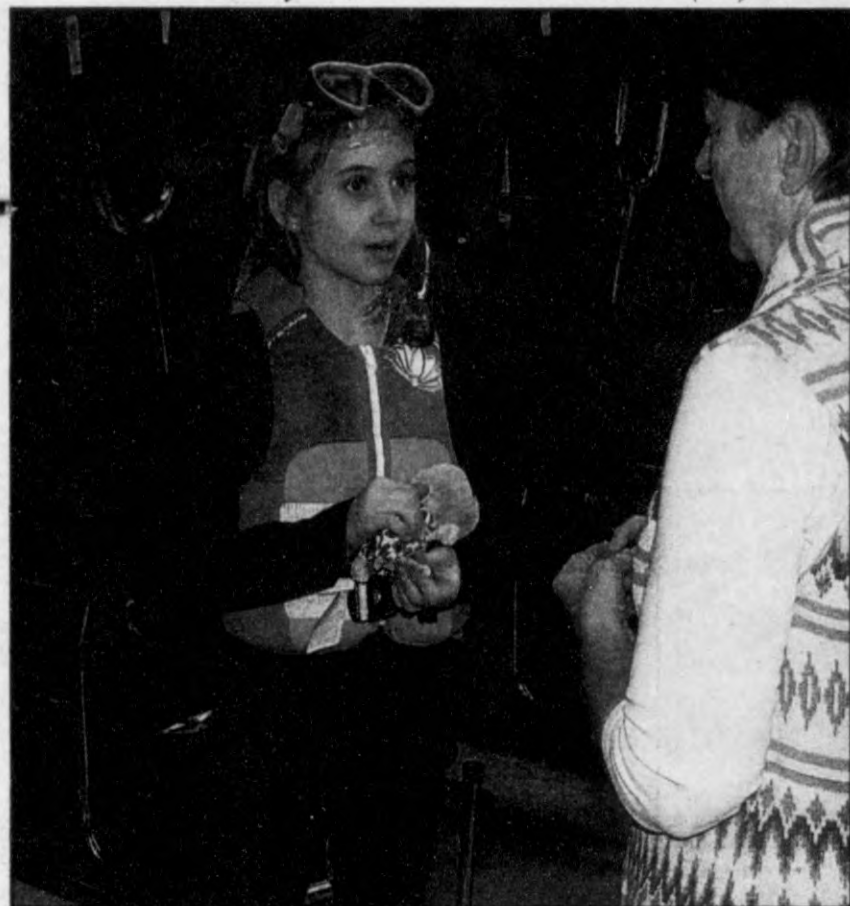
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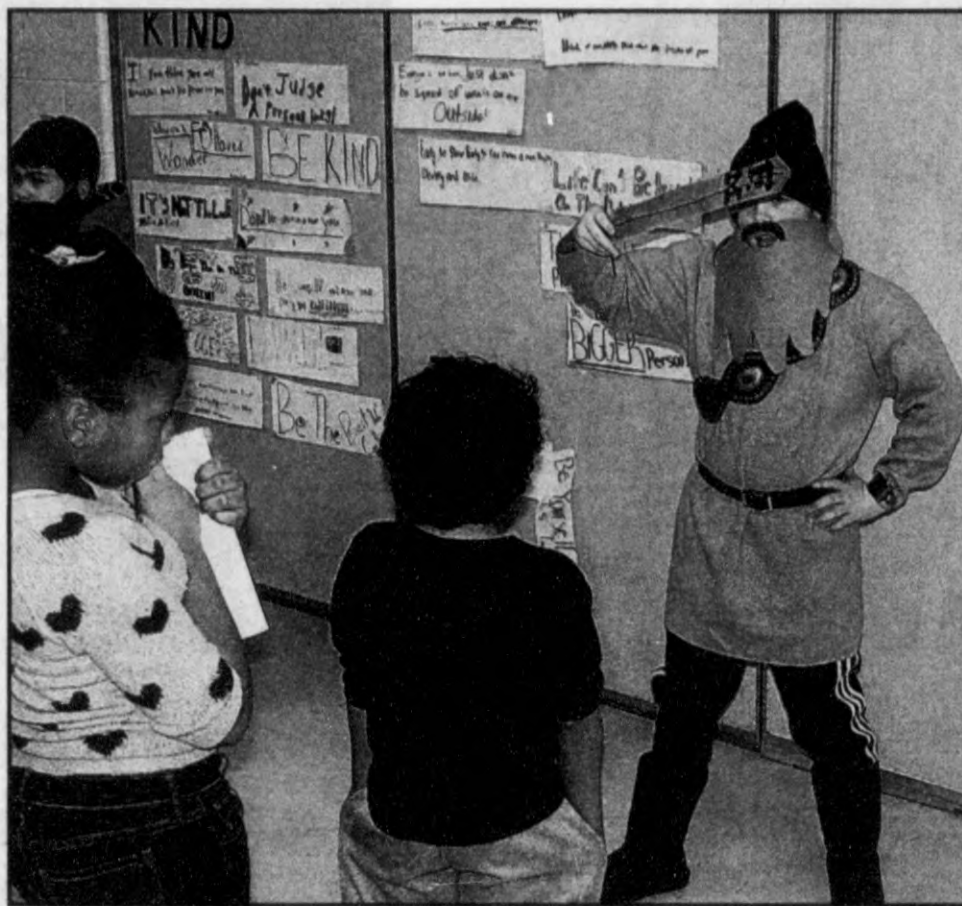
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Kacie Sieradski portrays an undersea explorer at the wax museum event.



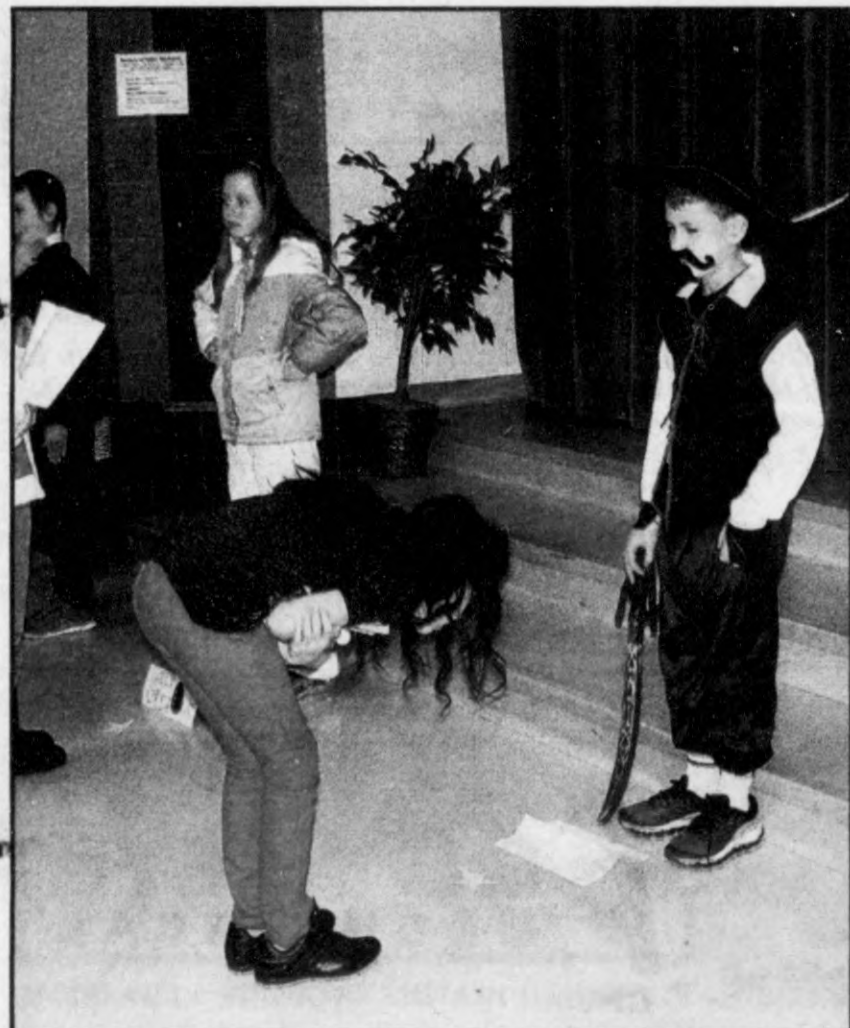
Jonathan Pfeiffer, at left, and Annabelle Yeloushan as Ferdinand Magellan present what they learned to fellow students. Photos by Phil Custodio



Corey Marlinga, at left, portrayed Marco Polo and Ben Mitchell, Henry Hudson



From left are fifth graders Alex Thomas, Joey McGowen, and Preston Thomas.

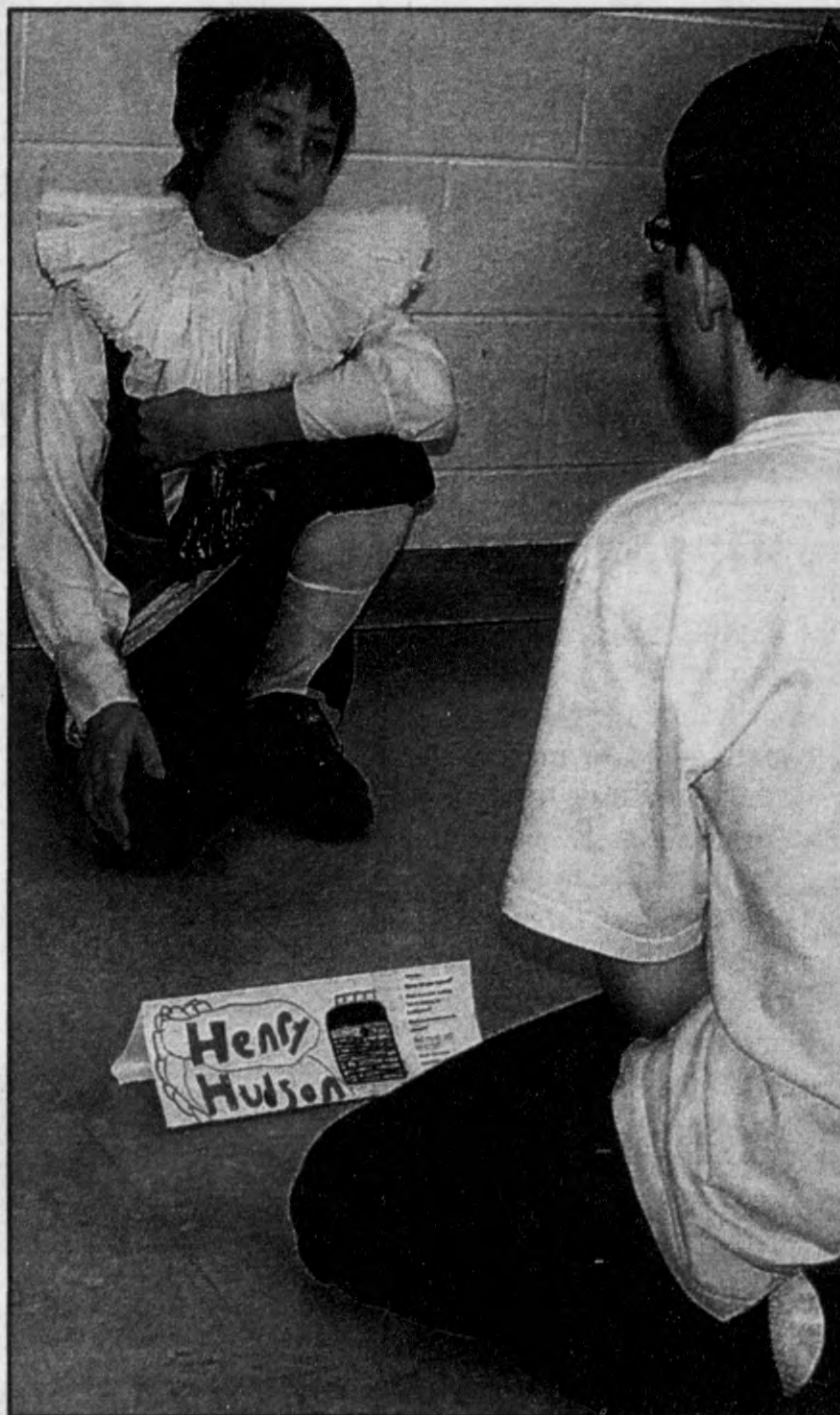


From left, Jacob Vickers, Savannah Chavers, and Jonathon Roschewski at the museum.

## History comes to life

Fifth grade students at Pine Knob Elementary School brought explorers, scientists, and other historical figures to life Explorer Wax Museum, Jan. 9.

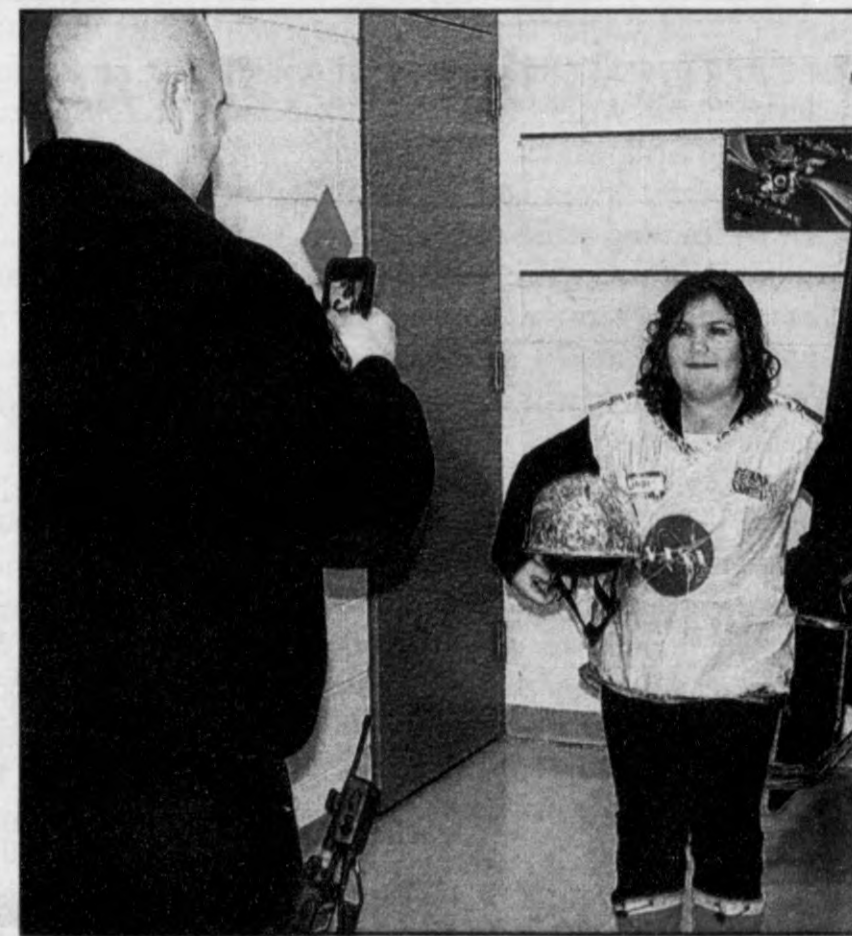
The social studies and writing project included research, prop construction, speech writing, and other presentation preparation.



Brendan Monk portrays Henry Hudson.



Students take notes during Gabriella Nitchenko's presentation.



Abigail Petterson as Sally Ride poses for a picture.





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