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Rock requests, board OK's evaluation redo

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's evaluation is getting a second look after a vote of the Clarkston Board of Education, Jan. 12.

"For me, I see no other way of potentially righting an arbitrary or capricious evaluation of the superintendent other than the way Dr. Rock suggests," said Trustee Cheryl McGinnis, who voted to reopen the

evaluation along with board President Steve Hyer and trustees Elizabeth Egan and Kelli Horst.

evaluation, The conducted Dec. 8, rated the superintendent as "minimally effective." Board members Susan Boatman, Joan Patterson,



Rock

request.

"I feel the process is kind of being hijacked," Boatman said. "We agreed as a board over three meetings what tool to use, how to use the data – we agreed how it would be computed. All seven board members agreed to that. It's not arbitrary or capricious."

Hyer, who was elected president at the

and Craig Hamilton voted against the meeting, proposed revisiting the objectivedata-based portions of the evaluation. The proposal was based on a letter requesting the reconsideration from Dr. Rock, sent to the board on Jan. 5.

> Sections of the evaluation to be reconsidered are teachers/administrator evaluation; progress toward the school improvement plan; student attendance;

Please see Teachers on page 5

FIERCE SPIRIT: **Clarkston Varsity** Competitive Cheerleaders show their spirit during the third round at the OAA Red meet, Jan. 14. Photo by Wendi Reardon

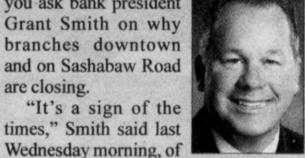
Changing, growing with the times Clarkston State Bank to consolidate branches

By Don Rush

It may sound counter intuitive, but the decision to close two branches of the Clarkston State Bank is not because the company is feeling any financial pinch.

Quite the opposite, if you ask bank president Grant Smith on why branches downtown and on Sashabaw Road are closing. "It's a sign of the

the decision the board



Smith

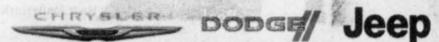
of directors made. "The fact is we have a strong business model. we're very profitable - we're recognizing trends. Closing the downtown branch is Please see Bank on page 3

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History on stage

Clarkston Junior High School students are bringing history alive as the drama club presents "Rosie the Riveter" on Feb. 6 and 7, at 7 p.m.

The cast is currently rehearsing the play which takes place during World War II.

O'Connell, played by Mary Shutty, and her idea to convert Eddie's Auto Parts Factory in Illnois from making auto parts to making plane parts and secure a government contract.

But her idea needs workers - so she enlists the help of Katharine Hartley, played by Janet Sidaway. Both find women to work in the factory while men are fighting in the

During the play, the admission.

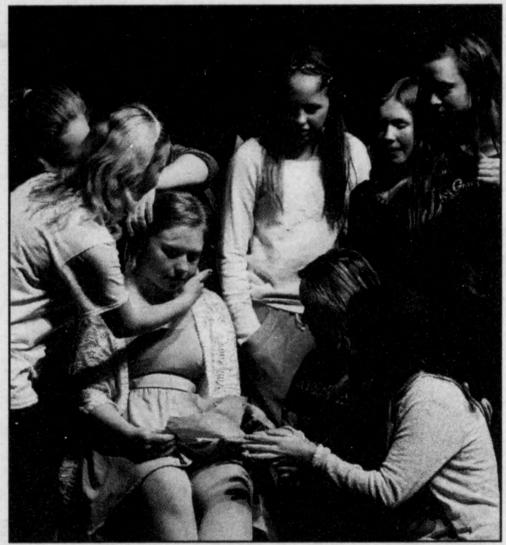
characters deal celebration and loss in their personal lives due to the war.

"It's educational and entertaining," said Sidaway

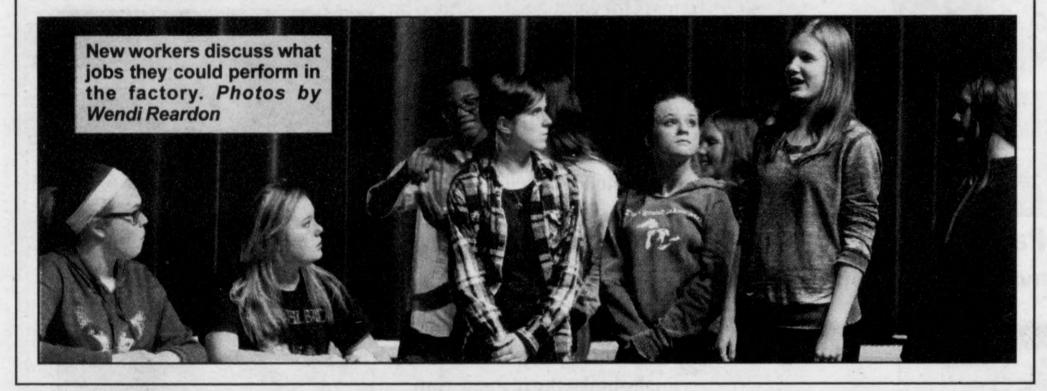
"A lot of people can connect with the characters," Shutty added. "There's Rosie - who I think a lot people can It starts with Rosie relate to as keeping their feelings inside. They can relate to how Rosie finally lets it all out and she survives. She walks through it and she's okay."

> Check out a future edition of The Clarkston News as the cast discusses more about the play and their characters.

> The play will be at the Clarkston Junior High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 general \sim WAR



The girls in the factory help Rosie prepare for a meeting with her friend.



Bank shifting to high-tech services

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an emotional issue. It's a classic building but it is underutilized."

Smith said the downtown branch does not have a drive-through window and the parking situation is a real problem. "Given the significant increase in electronic banking we have continued to see the walk-in traffic decline. This branch has served us and the community very well through the years but our business model is changing and this historical building is underutilized. Selling this building will provide a great opportunity for a new business in downtown Clarkston."

The branch in the Independence Square shopping plaza will also be closed for under utilization. Smith said the closings will help the bank position itself for the present and future. "We are expanding our mobile bank-

ing and online banking services to better service our customers. We've seen the shift here on how people use their bank and our business model allows us the agility to adapt."

The shift he referred to is the move away from physically walking into a building to complete transactions, towards the growing use of technology - computers, smartphones and tablets. "We have all the electronic tools to complement our suite of products," Smith said.

Smith said the last day for each branch is Friday, April 17. At that time, customers can do their banking at the M-15 branch (5800 S. Main Street). This branch, and the other in Waterford (6600 Highland Road), has drivethrough and lobby services, a drive-up ATM and convenient bank-exclusive parking. The downtown property is in high demand, and

Smith expects it to be sold quickly.

"The bank also owns a parcel of property on Sashabaw Road in the McLaren Health Care Complex which we will retain for now," he said.

Clarkston State Bank opened in downtown in January 1999; by June of that year they opened up in the Farmer Jack grocery store at the corner of Sashabaw and Waldon roads, a branch they purchased from The State Bank. When Farmer Jack closed in June, 2007 they moved to a store front location in the same strip center.

Employees and bank customers were made aware of the upcoming changes at the end of last week.

"We will continue our support of the community and look forward to continued growth and profitability," Grant said.





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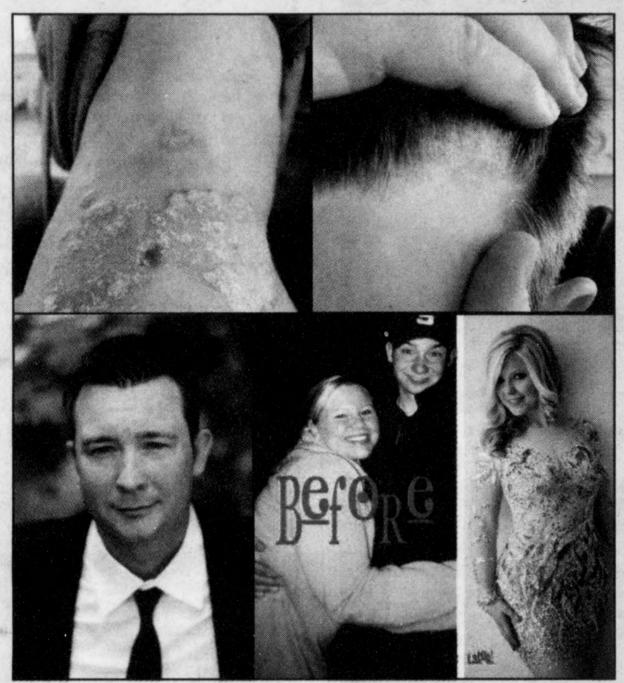
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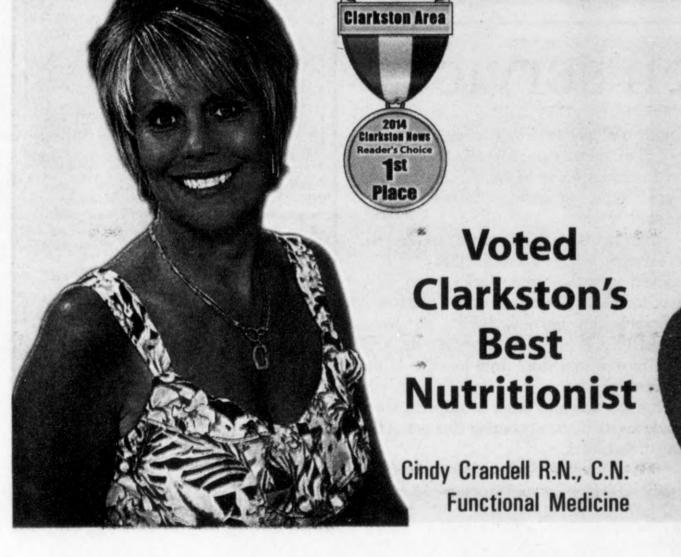
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Phil & Sarah's Story

Phil: I've dealt with psoriasis for years and never had any success in treating it. I took cortisone shots, went to specialty clinics for psoriasis, and even used topical treatments, but nothing helped. In fact it got worse. I started seeing Terri at Nuview Nutrition and she put me on a very simple to follow program which included proper nutrition and supplements (no medicine!!!). Six months later I am happy to say that my psoriasis is clear and never to return! As an added benefit, I also lost some weight!

Sarah: I'm a busy business owner and blogger at SarahRobbins.com.Like most, I live a very busy life and let my health be placed in last priority. As a result, I tipped the scales at over 200 pounds. I've worked out with personal

trainers for years and have been on every diet in the books! I have lost weight over the past 10 years, but it was not uncommon for me to plateau. My personal trainer recommended seeing Cindy at Nuview Nutrition to find the "missing piece of the puzzle to break the plateau" which included nutrition, supplements, and a personalized program for me! I finally broke the plateau; I am getting closer and closer to my goal weight, and I feel better than ever!



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Possible May vote for school millage renewal

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Board of Education is considering a Headlee/Non-Homestead election on May 5.

The vote to renew the district's 10-year operational millage, which expires this year, would be attached to a statewide election already scheduled. Statewide, voters will decide on a proposal to increase the sales tax from 6 percent to 7 percent and spend an extra \$1.2 billion a year on roads.

The district would be charged \$500-\$1,000 in fees to place the millage vote on the ballot. Funding the election on its own would cost the district about \$20,000, said Mary Beth Rogers, executive director for business services.

During discussion on Jan. 12, school board members favored a proposal renewing the existing millage for 10 years, but not increasing it.

Asking for renewal makes sense, especially in an election asking for a sales tax increase, said Trustee Kelli Horst.

"Adding the word 'increase' makes me nervous," Horst said.

"Communication is key," said Trustee Elizabeth Egan. "It's simply about renewal – it's very important the public understand it won't increase household property taxes."

Under Proposal A, districts can levy up to 18 mills on vacant land, rental property, second homes, and commercial businesses. Clarkston Community Schools' non-homestead millage is at 19.2491 mills, which provides a cushion. The district can only actually levy 18 mills under Proposal A, Rogers said.

"The state assumes you get 18 mills – it needs to be renewed to maintain full funding," she said. "It is imperative for general fund operating dollars that we never fall below the 18 mills allowed under Proposal A."

A rollback in the 18 mills nonhomestead tax is triggered when taxable value of property grows at a faster rate than inflation.

Due to the economy, the millage hasn't rolled back in several years, said board President Steve Hyer.

Rogers will draft a ballot resolution for the millage renewal and bring it to a future board meeting for approval.

The school board next regular meeting is Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at the school administration building.



BOARD MEMBERS SWEAR IN: From left, Kelli Horst, Steve Hyer and Elizabeth Egan were sworn in to the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, Jan. 12. Each were elected to six-year terms on the school board during November's election. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Teachers speak out for Rock

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student/parent/teacher feedback; and student growth and achievement.

Parts of the evaluation not included in the request are: relationship with the board; community relations; staff relationships; business and finance; educational leadership; and personal qualities.

Hamilton said the evaluation should be considered complete.

"To change something that finished, with an organization that no longer exist – I'm appalled this is even coming up," he said.

Patterson said she was confused about the request to readdress the evaluation.

"We had a process in place – several meetings to talk about the evaluation, with time to ask questions," she said. "My idea is this is a done deal. We agreed on tool, we agreed on the process."

Horst, who was elected to the board last November and was attending her first meeting as trustee, supported the request as a professional courtesy to the superintendent.

"The bottom line is our sole employee, the leader of the school district, asked the board to look at whether or not certain sections were judged objectively," she said. "He clearly feels they were not." Several teachers spoke during public comment in favor of revisiting the evaluation.

Cheryl Patterson, teacher at Clarkston High School, said Dr. Rock is the best superintendent she's worked with in 33 years with the district.

"I feel like I need to start by apologizing to Dr. Rock," Patterson said. "I'm saddened by the level, pardon my language, the level of ignorance I'm hearing from several board members."

Scoring the superintendent as 'minimally effective' is unimaginable, she said.

"I am extremely upset with some of the categories – 'relationship with the board?'
This is not only laughable, this is absurd.
You all don't even like each other," she said.
"And you're asking this man to deal with you all?"

Teacher Beth Rogers said Rock has improved student achievement.

"He is the best thing happen to this district in a long time," Rogers said. "Think back, why did you hire him – this is ridiculous."

The board will meet on Thursday, Jan. 29, 6 p.m., to discuss the evaluation. The board may meet in closed session if requested to do so by the superintendent, Hyer said.

Briefly

Charity week begins next week

Clarkston High School students are prepping for their annual Charity Week next week held by the LEAD program, Jan. 26-31.

Events include the fourth annual Clarkston "C" Factor Talent Show on Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$2. The audience votes for the act. The act with the largest number of donations by the end of the night is the winner.

The second annual Jimmy V. Dodgeball Tournament is Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. in the high school's gymnasium. Admission is \$1.

Coffee chat

Clarkston School Board member Joan Patterson is hosting a coffee chat with the public, 3-4 p.m., Sundays, Jan. 25 and Feb. 15, at Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

The trustee hopes to discuss technology, No Child Left Behind reauthorization, child nutrition, and other local and national education topics with parents, seniors, businesspeople, and other residents.

Patterson will be the board legislative representative at the National Advocacy Institute Conference in Washington D.C., Jan. 31-Feb. 4.

Call 248-396-3148 for more information.

New DPW building

City Manager Carol Eberhardt updated the city council on discussions the Facility Committee had regarding a new DPW facility.

The city must vacate its current facility at 55 Church Street, by a date not yet determined, after the property is sold.

The committee met on Jan. 7 to discuss the possibility of a new facility at Deer Lake Beach on White Lake Road, and decided to move forward with the idea, Eberhardt said.

The committee created a time line for the project, and sent building specifications for a steel structure to architect James Renaud.

Eberhardt said more information would be presented by the end of January. The next council meeting is Jan. 26, 7 p.m.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Winter runs warm, cold

My face is covered in ice in my column photo here.

This is an obvious sign of how this winter has been warmer so far this year.

See, last year at this time there was several feet of snow accumulated on the sidewalks of the Clarkston area, keeping me from my jogs through town for almost three months.

This year, so far, snow fall has been much more reasonable. And people have been good about keep-

ing sidewalks shoveled, safety path plows have been hard at work, and/or snowmobilers have been out packing down at least a tread's worth of path through the few inches of snow we have had.



Therefore, my running has stayed on schedule. It's still gotten cold, though. Hence the ice on my face.

Things have been much warmer at school board meetings lately.

The superintendent's evaluation has divided the school board more than ever, and teachers and parents have been attending board meetings over the past year, making their views heard regarding the treatment of the school chief by the trustees.

I can't sit too far back in the crowd. If I do, I find it hard to hear what board members are saying due to applause when someone says something in favor of the superintendent, as well as gasps and sometimes jeers from the audience when they don't.

I get it, emotion boils over from a sincere desire to support a superintendent whose leadership has been inspirational and well appreciated.

But it's not necessary. For one thing, it's not a good example for students who may be in the audience or watching on the Independence TV website.

School board members are the community's elected representatives and are entitled to a certain level of respect, even if they don't show it themselves. Especially if they don't – that would be the best example.

And the superintendent seems to know what he's doing. Managing the release of evaluation information in the face of a FOIA request, sending his letter requesting reconsideration of his evaluation after the new school board gets sworn in – well played, sir!

So everyone should just chill. Like me in my picture here.

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Thanks for support of holiday means

Dear Editor,

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day are traditionally a time for family gatherings and home cooked meals surrounded by those we love. Some of our senior neighbors may not be able to get out to be with their families.

We are very fortunate in Clarkston to have some wonderful restaurants that make sure that a holiday meal is provided for our homebound seniors. For Thanksgiving this year, the Deer Lake Athletic Club generously gave a wonderful Thanksgiving meal of turkey with all of the trimmings, complete with pumpkin pie!

On Christmas Day, the meal was provided Deanna McMahon and her staff at Autumn Ridge of Clarkson who shared their Christmas Day feast. Special thanks to volunteer Jack Harrington for delivering all of the Thanksgiving and Christmas Meals on Wheels.

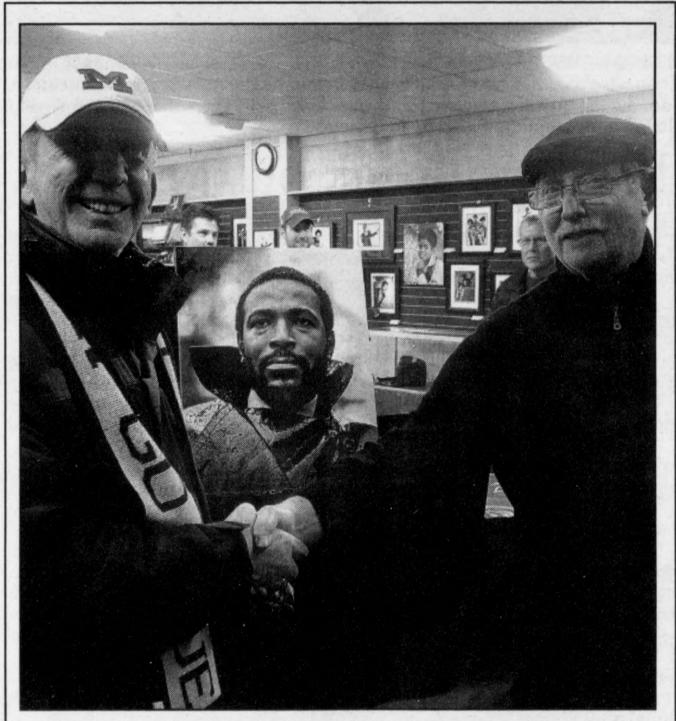
The Union Woodshop provided their famous pulled-pork with all of the side packaged and ready for delivery on New Year's Day. Thanks to Bruce Trollman for assisting me in delivering all of those meals.

Our community is so blessed to have those businesses listed provide these services.

On behalf of the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center we thank all of them for their support and making the holiday season extra special for our homebound seniors.

Sincerely,

Mary Przybycien Independence Township



SMILES OF THE WEEK: Gary Zirwes of Independence Township talks with during Motown artist Jim Hendin's exhibit at Picasso's Grapevine during the Retro Cocktail Party, Jan. 17. Hendin displayed many of the prints he photographed as a freelance artist in Detroit beginning in 1961 of The Jackson Five, Michael Jackson, Marvin Gaye, Stevie Wonder and other artists. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Gas station would create 'unsafe...traffic patterns" Another attempt to rezone two small parcels of land for a small service station in Springfield Township at the northwest corner of Dixie Highway and Davisburg Road met confrontation during the township board meeting.

"Clarkston man helps youth overcome problems" Mark White, a 1992 Clarkston High School graduate and Prescott College graduate, came back to Clarkston with a vision. After working with troubled youth in Alaska he was hopeful of a holistic approach to problem-solving to help area adolescents face tough life issues.

"East meets West" The Clarkston Wrestling team hosted the visiting Japanese Junior National Team for two days in which the Wolves showed them around the school and the area before both teams took to the mats for a competition.

25 years ago - 1990

"State grants cityhood to Clarkston"
The Village of Clarkston was approved by the Michigan Boundary Committee to move forward in their plans for cityhood. Although the village was approved - they still had a long way to go to become a city.

"Area firefighters ski to first-place finish" Independence Township residents Bruce Rosengren and Joe Cerre helped the Pontiac firefighters ski team take first place in the first Midwest Firefighter ski race. Rosengren took first place in the slalom and giant slalom races, winning a gold medal in his division. Cerre received a bronze in both events.

"Andersonville Road site named industrial district" Spring construction was planned for a 147-acre industrial development district in the works on Andersonville and White Lake roads in Springfield Township. The township board voted 4-3 to designate the site following an hour long discussion.

50 years ago - 1965

"Localites in Barber Shop group"
Rawley Hallman, Walter Arsenault, Jerry
Leroux and Homer Richard from Clarkston
men were getting ready for their performance with the Pontiac Revelaires' Holiday of Harmony show.

"Donkey basketball played to overflowing crowd" Laughter filled the Clarkston Junior High School gym as a crowd of over 750 people attended the Clarkston Area Jaycees' donkey basketball game.

Depression thinking, clowns and computers

This will be another Jim's Jottings probably not worth remembering. In fact I can't think of any memorable ones I've written since starting them in 1955.

1 was born in 1926, soon after the beginning of THE GREAT depression. I remember my father telling me several times before he died in 1984, at age 93, "I'd never try to live through another one!"

My dad had a steady job during those years, so I can't even imagine what filled his mind.

However, I almost daily refer to those days as the reason why I'm so cheap. I have a 2,700 square foot., two-story home, live alone, and it has no space to save something new.

A depression memory is great if you like saving things. I've got a few hun-

dred baby food jars filled Jim's with screws, washers, **Jottings** tacks and nails.

I've got an equal number of pint, quart and two quart jars. Some are still filled with mother's cooking. Waste not, want not! Eh?

About 10 years ago my brother-in-law, Ronald Smith started buying me "clowns" at garage sales. Grandson

Trevor counted them recently. I have 15, beautiful porcelains, and 34 clothed

clowns. My stair steps runneth over. But I'm keeping all my clowns.

Speaking of clowns, a bunch of clowns were rushing through the forest. You could tell which one was Ronald McDonald ... He had the sesame seed

I have a computer, but the only thing it does for me is serve as a typewriter.

I asked a computer literate person in our office to show me how to log into my memory bank. I got nothing.

I asked someone to google it for me. They found nothing. Maybe Google is a noun and should be capitalized.

A long-long time weekly newspaper friend, Dick Milliman, suggested I forget Google and go back to a New

World Encyclopedia. He writes more and deeper stuff than I do, in his Almanack column, and it works for him.

At the end of 2014 someone on the tube reported the greatest lies of the year. I haven't heard any great truths of the

I did hear president Obama's comment at the beginning of a pre-vacation speech: "Today I'm going to be honest with you." Huh?

I've watched so many commercials about a woman's wants and needs. I've concluded I have OAB, Over Active Bladder. I'm pleading aloud out my front door for help. I'm too shy to ask one of my doctors.

The sorry state of press freedoms here and abroad

So, I ran across a "ranking" on-line this weekend. Nothing so funny as David Letterman's Top 10, nor was it interesting in any shallow, "I want to be entertained" kind of way.

Nope. This list had to do with a concept near and dear to my heart: freedom of the press, Don't

or should I say, lack there of.

Reporters Without Borders re- Rush Me leased their World Press Freedom Index 2014 recently and it kinda' bummed me out.

I sorta' thought I would see the good ol' US of A, right up on top of the 180country list as we invented the concept of the press' freedom.

Much to my dismay, as I started scrolling down the list I was shocked A column by to find the frackin' smackin' Czech Don Rush Republic more highly ranked than the US.

What the . . .?

The Czech's ranked 13th.

Finland, Netherlands and Norway were ranked, 1, 2 and 3. Ireland, No. 16. The worst places to live if you want news, Turkmenistan, North Korea and Eritrea. (Before I continue, Turkmenistan, formerly known as Turkmenia, is one of the Turkic states in Central Asia. Turkmenistan is bordered by Kazakhstan to the northwest, Uzbekistan to the northeast and east, Afghanistan. And, Eritrea, officially the State of Eritrea, is a country in the Horn of Africa. It is bordered by Sudan in the west, Ethiopia in the south, and Djibouti in the southeast. You and I can both chalk this column up to the old learning something new every day category because I didn't know what a Turkmenistan or a Eritrea was either.)

Do you know where the US ranked? It ranked one spot above Haiti. Have you ever read up on the state of Haiti these days? It's a hell hole. Haiti was 47. The US, fell 13 spots to Number 46. Son of a ...

How can that be you may ask? Well, I reckon in ain't too hard. Think about this, even locally, whenever one of our editorial types put in a Freedom of Information request to the local schools or government types,

To tarnish my name, we get the bums rush. The run

Even local governments do not like giving information to local reporters. And, that only makes reporter types more suspicious.

"What are you trying to hide?"

I have had, and do currently have great relationships with some local government types. In talking with them, I have expressed myself in this manor.

"There should never be a time I have to FOIA you or your office. Help me."

(For those not in the know, FOIA means, Freedom of Information Act. When somebody in the government does not give information freely asked, that somebody can FOIA said government for the information. Civil servants then will spend taxpayer money to ask their attorneys if they can withhold the information. Depending on the attorney's opinion, they can then decline your offer, give it to you or give it to you for a fee.)

What are they trying to hide? What secrets are so gol-darned damaging regular folks shouldn't know?

The Reporters Without Borders group report said there were a number of reasons press freedoms are eroding: conflict and war, privatization of violence and sacrificing information to "national security and surveillance."

I see no reason listed above why a local government fice or by e-mail, Don@ShermanPublications.org.

official would try and deny the press information.

It only gets worse the higher up you go.

The report went on to say, "Countries that pride themselves on being democracies and respecting the rule of law have not set an example, far from it. Freedom of information is too often sacrificed to an overly broad and abusive interpretation of national security needs, marking a disturbing retreat from democratic practices. Investigative journalism often suffers as a result."

And, further, "US journalists were stunned by the Department of Justice's seizure of Associated Press phone records without warning in order to identify the source of a CIA leak . . . the revival of the legislative process is little consolation for James Risen of The New York Times, who is subject to a court order to testify against a former CIA employee accused of leaking classified information. And

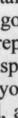
less still for Barrett Brown, a young freelance journalist facing 105 years in prison in connection with the posting of information that hackers obtained from Stratfor, a private intelligence company with close ties to the federal government."

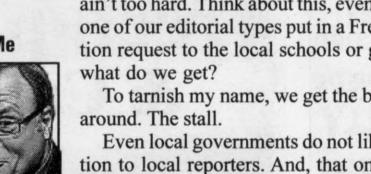
So, I guess from the lowest levels of government to the very top, press freedoms are at the least an annoyance and at the most seen as a threat. What do you think?

Before I go, I'll leave you with this:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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Questions concerning open enrollment should be directed to 248-674-2400.



County Commissioner Tom Middleton checks out the bridge site. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Bridge work cleared

Responding to concerns about the new bridge in Depot Park, Oakland County Commissioner Tom Middleton visited the site and said the contractor obtained an erosion permit from Oakland County.

In addition, the city's storm water specialist from its engineering firm Hubbel, Roth & Clark inspected the job site to ensure the city was in compliance.

Tammie Heazlit of Independence Township had filed a complaint with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality over soilerosion barriers installed on the river bank at the site. City officials said its staff met with the supervisor from the Oakland County Soil Erosion Program and was found to be in full compliance with legal requirements.

The new bridge, now in place in Depot Park, was made possible through an \$80,000 donation from residents Bart and Diane Clark.

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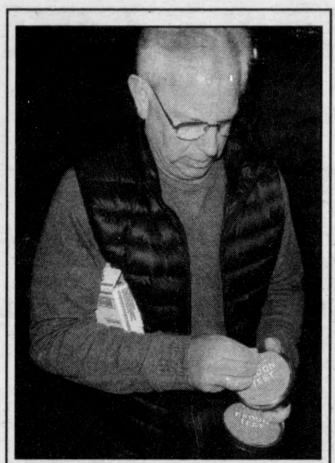
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Steve Cross checks a Main Street basement for Radon. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Radon warning

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Steve Cross from Cross Inspection said certain areas of Michigan, including Clarkston, have high radon levels.

When Cross performs a home inspection, one of the services prospective homeowners can include is radon testing.

To conduct the test, Cross uses two charcoal filled canisters placed on the lower level of the structure. No doors or windows can be opened in the building for the prior 48-hours. He sends samples to New York to be tested.

"I usually have the test back in two days," he said.

If radon is found in your home, the EPA recommends having a contractor qualified to handle radon fix the problem. Do-ityourself kits are also available at local hardware stores.

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Andrea Beaudoin

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Shoplifting

Store employees in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road called police to report a suspected shoplifter, Jan. 7. The 55-year-old Independence Township woman tried to return several items without a receipt, then collected about \$35 in groceries and left the store without paying. When a deputy was taking the report, she returned to the store and said she forgot to pay. She had two gift cards, which the store accepted in lieu of pursuing shoplifting charges. She was arrested on a misdemeanor warrant for driving with an expired license out of 52-3 District Court.

Skiers injured

A 13-year-old Independence Township boy injured his arm after attempting a 360degree turn in the air and landing on his back with his right arm behind him, 5:33 p.m., Jan. 9, at Pine Knob Ski Resort. He was taken to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital. At 3:16 p.m., Jan. 10, a 25-yearold California man injured his left leg from a fall he took coming down a ski hill. He was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. A 9year-old Rochester Hills girl was taken to Royal Oak Beaumont after she fell, injuring her right leg, 7:03 p.m., Jan. 11. She thought she saw something on the ground while skiing.

Identity theft

An Independence Township resident received phone calls and emails about insurance and financing for an SUV, Jan. 9. She hadn't requested the information. She was told someone used her name, home address, cell phone number, and email address online to request a quote for insurance and financing.

Warrant arrest

A S. River Road homeowner called police to report her son wasn't answering his phone and had an outstanding warrant, 3:26 p.m., Jan. 10. The son, a 27-year-old resident, was wanted on a felony probation violation for aggravated assault. Three deputies went to the house and took him into custody on the warrant.

Home break-in

When a resident in the 6000 block of Stonewood Place Drive returned home, 5 p.m., Jan. 11, he found his first floor bedroom window had been forced open and three rings were missing. Footprints led from the front door to the back of the house, where a window had been forced open. More footprints led to a nearby parking lot.

Chargers taken

Someone took two phone charging cables and paperwork from a car parked in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, Jan. 12. There was no sign of forced entry.

Swerving for cigarette

A deputy on patrol had to swerve to avoid a pickup truck crossing the double yellow line into westbound lanes on Clarkston Road at N. Eston Road, 7:27 p.m., Jan. 13. The deputy turned around and stopped the truck. The driver, a 52-year-old Auburn Hills woman, said she dropped her cigarette, causing her to swerve into oncoming traffic. She was cited for driving with a restricted license, no proof of insurance, and crossing double yellow

Minor in possession

A 26-year-old Ortonville man called 911 when he found the 20-year-old resident of the Joy Street home he was visiting was feeling ill after drinking alcohol, 11:10 p.m., Jan 15. The resident was taken to McLaren in Pontiac for treatment. She was cited for minor in possession of alcohol.

Purses swiped

Side windows were broken out of three vehicles parked in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road, Jan. 15. Purses were taken from all the vehicles. Someone also broke the passenger side window of a car parked in the 6000 block of Flemings Lake Road, Jan. 15. Nothing appeared to be taken from this vehicle.

Disorderly conduct

A 54-year-old resident in the 4000 block of Rockcroft Boulevard man was arrested, Jan. 13, for disorderly conduct in connection with an incident, Dec. 6. He allegedly harassed a neighbor woman at a Dixie Highway convenience store, shoved a store employee, then got into a confrontation with the woman's husband.

Phone fraud

An Independence Township man received a text message saying two wireless phone numbers were added to his account. He called the phone company to tell them he didn't order the new numbers. He received a phone call, Jan. 11, from a man who said he was with the phone company fraud department. Asked for his birthday, the resident gave the month and year of his birth but not the day. He ended up hanging up on the caller, then found out the company fraud department is not open on Sundays.

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Coming up this week:

Clarkston Memories

Saturday at 8:00 Sunday at 7:00 Take a stroll in the past as we look at the way things used to be in Clarkston.

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Wednesdays at 11:00 Fridays at 5:00 Saturdays at 4:30 A look at the most recent film releases out in theaters.

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Taking care of business

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers' defense keeps getting stronger and they showed it on the courts last week as they held Carman-Ainsworth to a mere nine points and Rochester to 25.

"These are ordinary kids doing extraordinary things," smiled Dan Fife, head coach of Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "I read that comment to them the other day because that's who we are."

The week began at Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday where the Wolves ended the first half leading, 39-6. During the second half defense held the Cavaliers to three points as Clarkston won, 63-9.

"It was a strange game," Fife admitted.
"We got up on them early and it just looked like we took everything out of them right from the get-go. They didn't score until the last two minutes of the game. They have such a rich history of basketball. You never think it is really over. You think they are still going to fight to get back into it. Our kids just kept up the intensity level."

Freshman Foster Loyer led with 11 points. The Wolves defeated Rochester at home on Thursday, 77-25.

The Falcons opened the game with a 3pointer but within a minute the Wolves took control of the scoreboard with a basket from senior Josh Bonzheim and a field goal from Loyer.

There was no looking back as the boys scored 22 more points in the first quarter and Wolves' defense held Rochester to eight

points.

The Falcons opened the next quarter with a pair of 3-pointers, only to be met with another field goal from Loyer and four points from junior Tabin Throgmorton.

By the time the buzzer signaled half-time Rochester had scored 19 points for the game while Clarkston held the lead with 52 points.

"We took care of business defensively," Fife said. "They are starting to find what we do and what makes us successful on defense. Now every game we play is going to be very competitive."

He added Rochester had three injuries on their bench.

"Injuries make a big difference in high school ball," he said. "One injury makes a difference. It was still a good win for our boys."

Loyer led the team with 15 points while Throgmorton and senior Andrew Myers scored 11 points each and senior Jonah Newblatt added ten points.

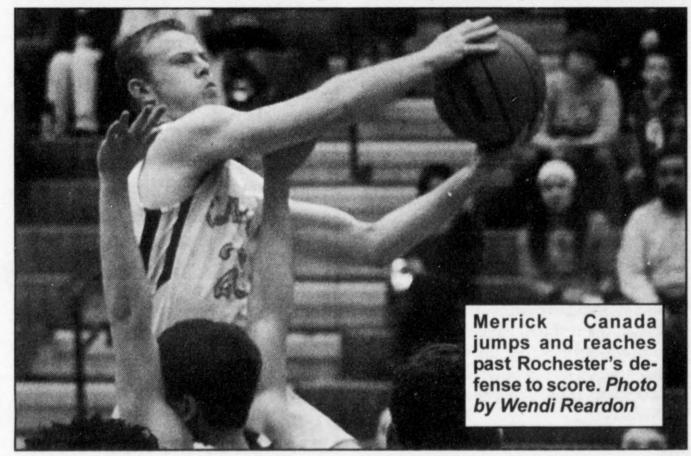
Both games gave Fife the opportunity to put more boys in to play.

"They got good minutes in," he said.
"They were able to do things with the heat
on and the lights on. It is much different
when there are people in the stands."

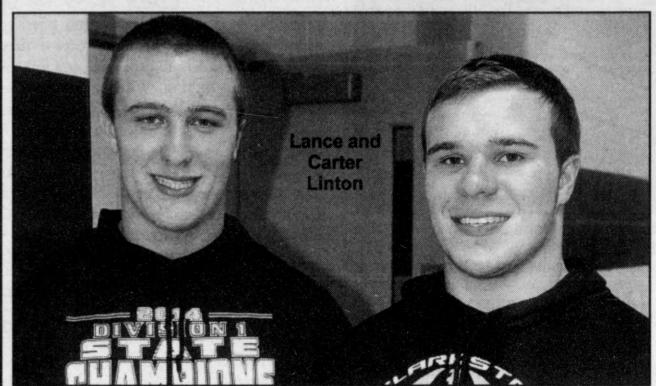
The Wolves (9-0) also beat Detroit Pershing on Saturday, 78-54. Throgmorton led the team with 21 points. Loyer scored 18 points.

They opened the week against Oak Park and head to Southfield on Friday.

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



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Brother wolves

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Winning two back-to-back MHSAA Division 1 Football State Championships is a huge accomplishment, but for the Linton family it was even more special.

Brothers Lance and Carter Linton accomplished the title wins together.

"It means a lot," said Lance, senior offensive lineman for Clarkston Varsity Football. "We worked hard together. It paid off."

"Growing up together, living together and playing football together," smiled Carter, a junior linebacker and fullback. "It's our favorite sport so it was really cool to show our hard work and win two state championships."

As the Wolves beat Saline for the championship, 33-25, Lance contributed with one tackle and one assist as Carter had two tackle assists.

"They are awesome," said Rich Porritt, offensive coordinator. "I knew them since they were in seventh and eighth grade. They are good guys definitely."

The Lintons added family chemistry works on and off the field.

"We count on each other," Lance said.
"You can count on all the teammates as well."

Lance began playing football in fourth grade and Carter started the same year while he was in third grade.

"It was our dad who led us into it," Carter added. "As soon as we started playing we were hooked on it. We love playing."

The first two years they played on the same team and weren't together again until Carter joined the varsity team his sophomore year.

Lance plans to continue playing football in college next fall and is currently looking at Siena Heights University.

"I like the team aspect and I love the sport," he smiled.

Carter will be a senior next fall and hopes to have another great season with his teammates.

For aspiring Wolves looking to have the same success the brothers shared their advice.

"Stick with your heart," said Linton.

Carter added, "hard work pays off. Hard work and dedication is the key to success."



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Wolves leaving their mark in the OAA White league

Swim remained undefeated in the OAA White in their fifth competition, Jan. 15. This time it was against Farmington-Harrison with a 122-61 win as the Wolves won 11 out of 12 events.

Dalton Pokley won the 50-yard freestyle, 22.56; the 100yard butterfly, 55.22; and the 200-yard freestyle relay, 1:33.54; with a team of Isaac Keer, Christian Keer and Benny Benson.

Benson also joined Drew Vassilakos, Matthew Culver and Jack Bacon to win the 400-yard freestyle relay, 3:34.76.

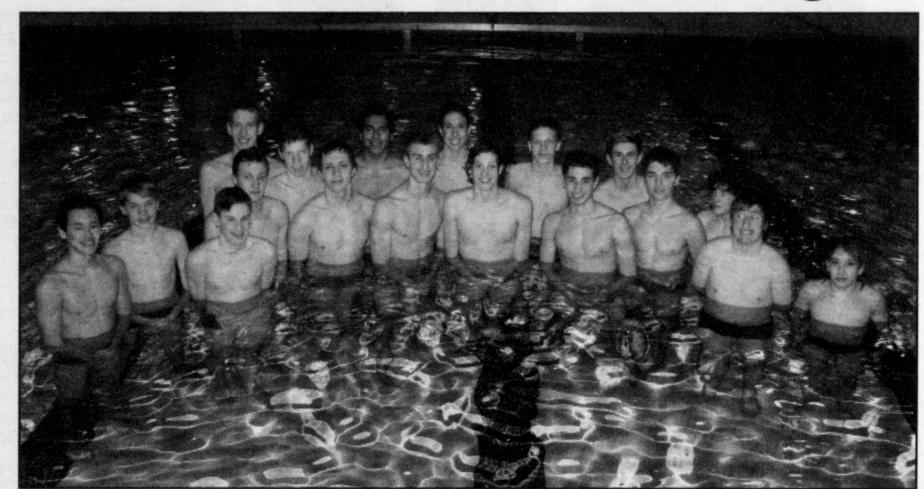
Benson went on to win the 200-yard freestyle, 1:53.73.

Also winning their events were Vassilakos in the 200-yard IM, 2:13.12; Isaac Keer, 100-yard freestyle, 51.76; Culver, 500yard freestyle, 5:02.30, Brady Wilson, 100-yard backstroke, 1:00.84; and James Nelson, 100-yard breaststroke, 1:02.11.

Freshman Ryan Hadtke won the diving event, score of 152.35.

Meet results also include: Dec. 9, Clarkston beat Avondale, 133-52; Dec. 11, Clarkston beat North Farmington, 117-68; Dec. 18, Clarkston beat Stoney Creek, 108-77; and Jan. 8, Clarkston beat Rochester, 116-70. Their meet against Lake Orion was on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Upcoming meets include: hosting Oxford on Jan. 29 at 6 p.m.; Feb. 7, Oakland County Meet at Waterford Mott; head to West Bloomfield on Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.; OAA Prelims at home, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m.; OAA Diving at home, Feb. 26, 6 p.m. OAA; and OAA Finals at home, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. Then, the Wolves prepare for the MHSAA State Finals set for March 13-14.



Clarkston Swim and Dive: seniors Christian Keer, Patrick McGinty, and Dalton Pokley; juniors Stephen Allen, Jack Bacon, lan Benson, Alejandro Cordoba, Matthew Culver, Isaac Keer, James Nelson, and Andrew Vassilakos; sophomores Alan Benson, Conner Malone, Luke Oldford, Gino Pacifico, Andrew Ross, and freshmen Brady Wilson, Cody Taylor, and Ryan Hardtke. Photo by Phil Custodio

Icers hold Stoney Creek back during overtime period for win

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Jagar Smith passed the puck to senior Drake Gentile during the Wolves' overtime period against Stoney Creek last Thursday night.

Gentile caught the pass and hit it into the Cougar's net to end the game with a 3-2 win.

"It was a good win for us," said Bryan Krygier, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Hockey. "It was a win we definitely needed. It gave us a little bit of energy and enthusiasm. The guys worked hard for that win last night.

The win put the Wolves up to 6-8 for their overall record and 2-4 in the OAA Red.

"It put us right in the middle of the pack," Krygier added. "It moved us within reach of

Lake Orion, Stoney Creek and Farmington United. It allowed us to play catch up and start going in the right direction."

Gentile opened the game putting Clarkston in the lead with his goal in the first period.

The Cougars tied it in the second period and Smith brought the Wolves back into the lead into the third period with less than three minutes remaining in the game.

The lead was short as Stoney Creek tied the game again with a minute to go.

Senior Justin Selke made 24 saves on the net.

"We played well defensively and Justin played well in the net for us," Krygier added. "We have just been working on those little things in practice. It will make a difference over time."

second time.

The Wolves also defeated Farmington United on Jan. 10, 6-2. They took the lead in the first period when they scored five goals with four of them in a span of three minutes.

Senior Danny Grohs led the team with two goals and one assist. Gentile scored one goal and had three assists and Smith scored one goal and had two assists.

"Drake, Jagar, Danny keep scoring goals for us and that's what they are supposed to be doing for us and they need to continue to do that," Krygier said.

Selke had 32 saves in the net while the

Wolves made 28 shots on Farmington. The boys head to Onyx Ice Arena this Saturday to play Rochester United for the

The Wolves lost to Rochester the first time they faced them on Jan. 3, 5-0.

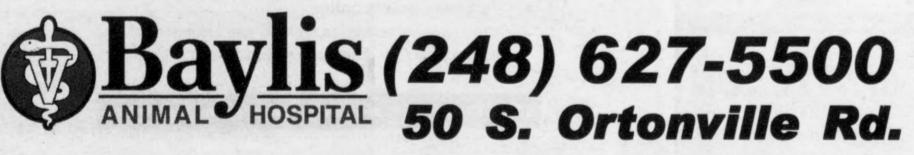
"They have a potent team," said Krygier. "They have a lot of players who can score and open the game on you. So we have to play a more methodical, more disciplined, and more sound game against them. It would help big time if we scored the first goal in the game and put them back on their heels."

He added the last two wins will help the Wolves with confidence and they have a week to prepare after having a few days off for rest and to get healthy.

The Wolves' next home game is Jan. 28 when they host Farmington United at 5:30 p.m. Then, they play three games in the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase, which is Feb. 1-8.



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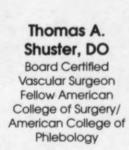


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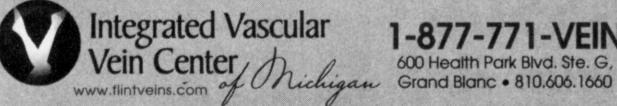
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Wolfpack Update

The Lady Wolves split last week. They opened with a 47-43 win over Oxford on Jan. 13. Senior Erika Davenport led the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team with 25 points.

The girls lost to Southfield-Lathrup in the first OAA-Red matchup in the season on Friday, 57-47.

Davenport led the team with 22 points.

The girls opened the week on Tuesday against Avondale in a OAA crossover game.

The Lady Wolves (6-3) head to North Farmington on Thursday and host Rochester Adams on Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Tess Horowitz had the second highest game at the Oakland County Girls Bowling Tournament on Sunday with a 257.

Four Lady Wolves finished in the top 50 for high series, Horowitz, 609; Sam Lavely, 577; Vicki Wolfgang, 529; Chelsea Turk,

The Lady Wolves qualified with 3,410 and defeated Royal Oak to move on to the quarterfinals, 352-312.

They lost to Livonia Clarenville in the next round in a tiebreaking roll-off 73-65 after both teams tied 330-330.

The boys finished in the round of 16 with a loss to Brother Rice, 398-390 during the Oakland County Boys Bowling tournament

on Saturday. They qualified with 3,407.

Kris Adair had the seventh highest game during the tournament with a 259.

He also led the Wolves with a 660 in high series. Nick Treece, 605, and Jacob Kersten, 603, also finished in the top 50 in individual high series.

The boys team won the Baker's Dozen, Jan. 10. During the competition teams bowl 13 baker games and the top 16 move on to match play.

The boys qualified for 13th place.

"We were up and down in the baker games," said coach Lenny Kersten.

During match play the boys beat Utica Eisenhower, Armada and Macomb Dakota two out of three games.

Then, they moved on to the championship round against Utica Stevenson and won two games straight to win.

The Wolves have won the Baker's Dozen two out of the last three year.

"We won it back this year," Kersten said. "They bowled awesome. As a team we averaged 208 in the Baker's games. They played phenomenal. It is incredible to do that. They did a great job."

The girls qualified for sixth and lost in the first round of match play.

The teams played Farmington on Tuesday and they head to Troy next Tuesday.

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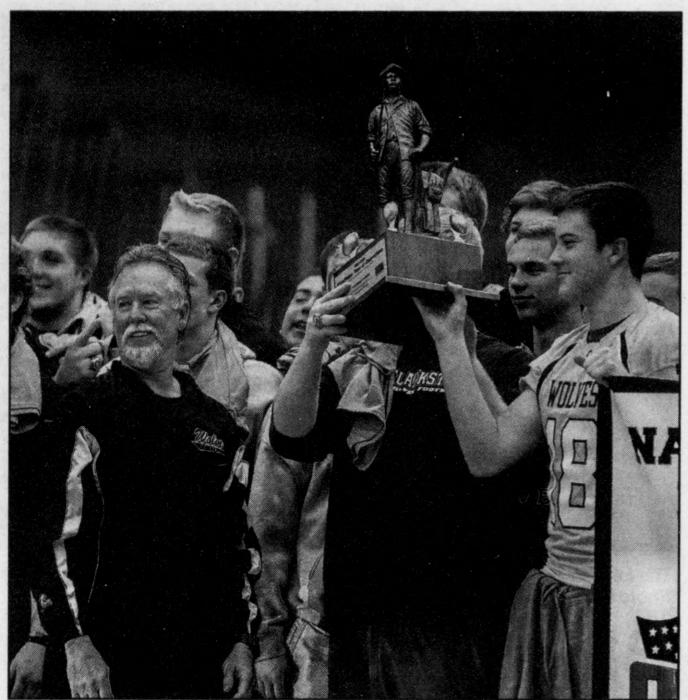
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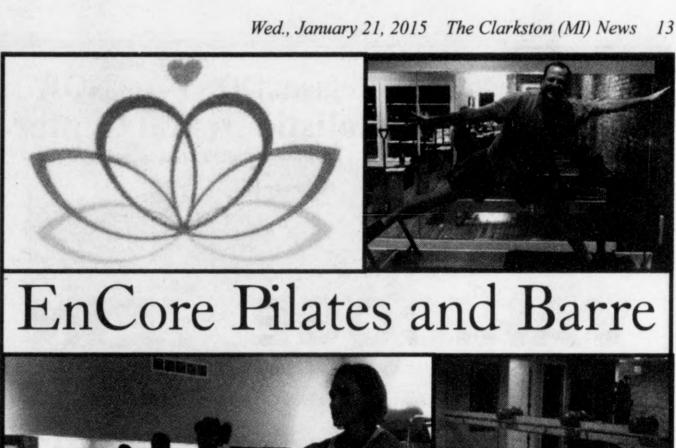
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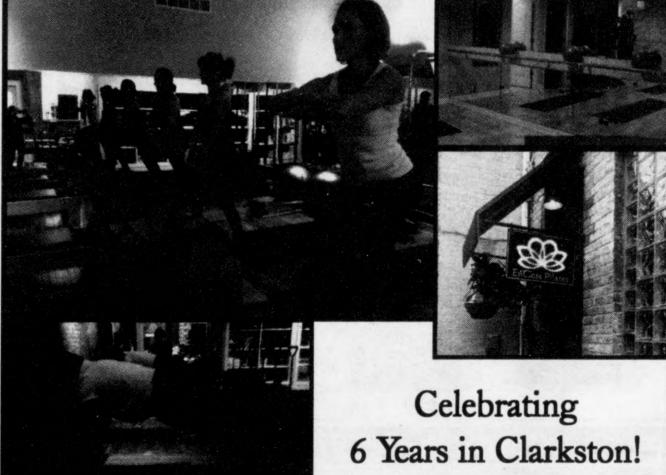
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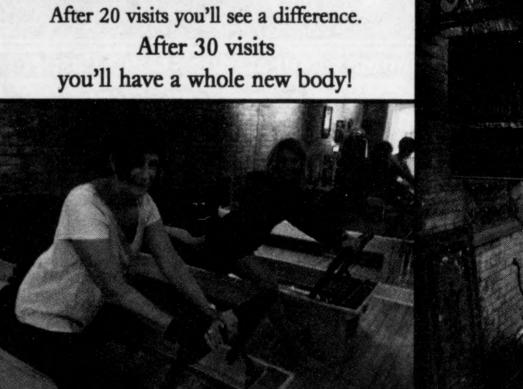
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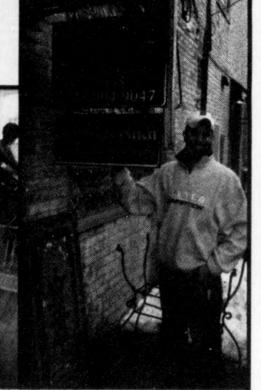
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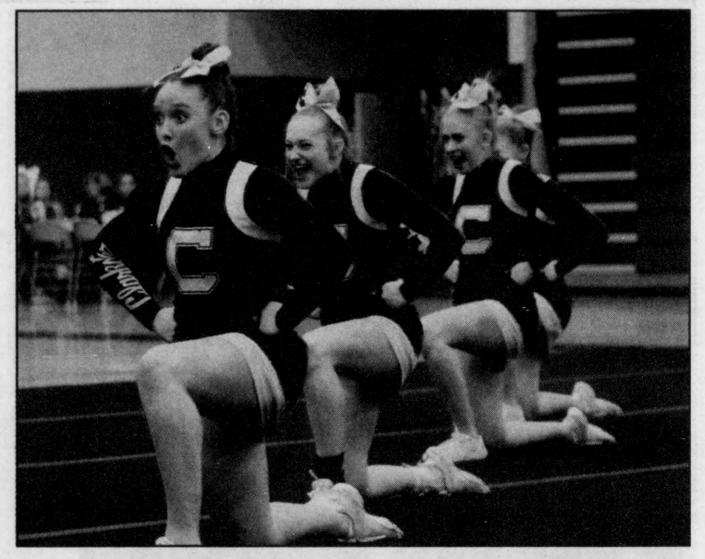
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The Lady Wolves cheer during the second round at the OAA Red No. 2 meet. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Blue and

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Clarkston fans cheered and clapped enthusiastically as the Lady Wolves took their places on the mat at Lake Orion High School for the OAA Red No. 2 meet, Jan. 14.

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team finished in fifth place and maintained their top ten place in the state for highest average score in Division 1 with 746.4467.

"It is so exciting," said Beth Ann Markey, head coach."This is definitely new territory for Clarkston Cheer, and I'm thrilled about it. The night was super special, too, because we got to honor our ten seniors."

The Lady Wolves took first place at the Novi Invitational out of the six teams competing in Division 1, Jan. 10.

"Novi was a fun day because we had our JV and our middle school teams with us competing," Markey said. "It is so fun to pack the stands with Clarkston fans and have a lot of noise for our school. Each team did an amazing job, performing our best yet."

The girls scored a total of 755.48 points to win over Waterford Mott, Plymouth, Novi, Lakeland and Grosse Pointe South.

"It was also cool to win in a place we'll hopefully be there again," Markey said, adding Novi is the location of the MHSAA Regional competition.

"The team this year has been like no other I have coached." Markey added. "Their drive to improve and put their best out on the mat is so amazing. They are intense and competitive one moment, but then will have fun and joke with each other the next. Most of these kids I've coached

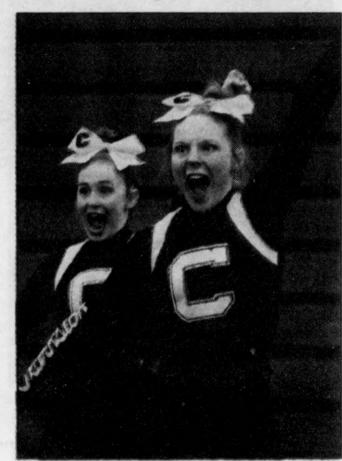
for three years so it has been such a proud experience to watch them improve, perform at such a high level, and earn respect amongst other competitive cheer teams."

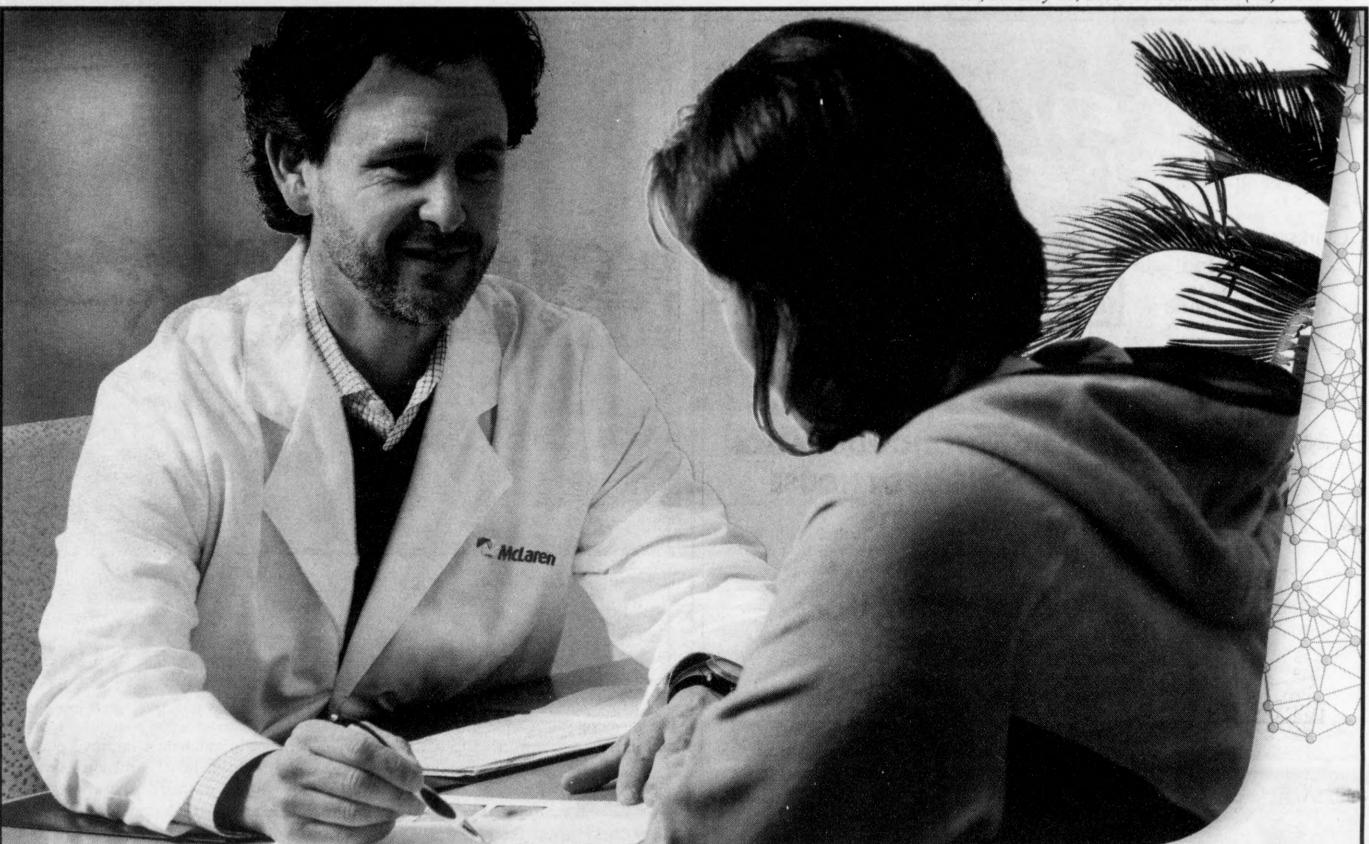
She added they worked hard through holiday break and each week they evaluate scores and consider judges' feedback to adjust their material to make it the best it can be.

"These 20 juniors and seniors are definitely up for the challenge," Markey said.

The Lady Wolves head to the Rochester Rumble at Rochester High School this Saturday.

~Wendi Reardon





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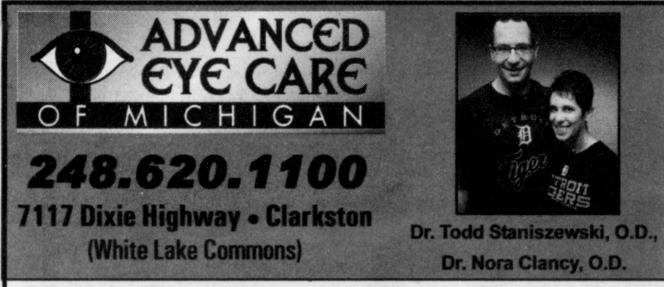
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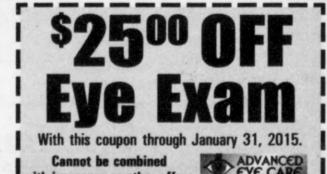
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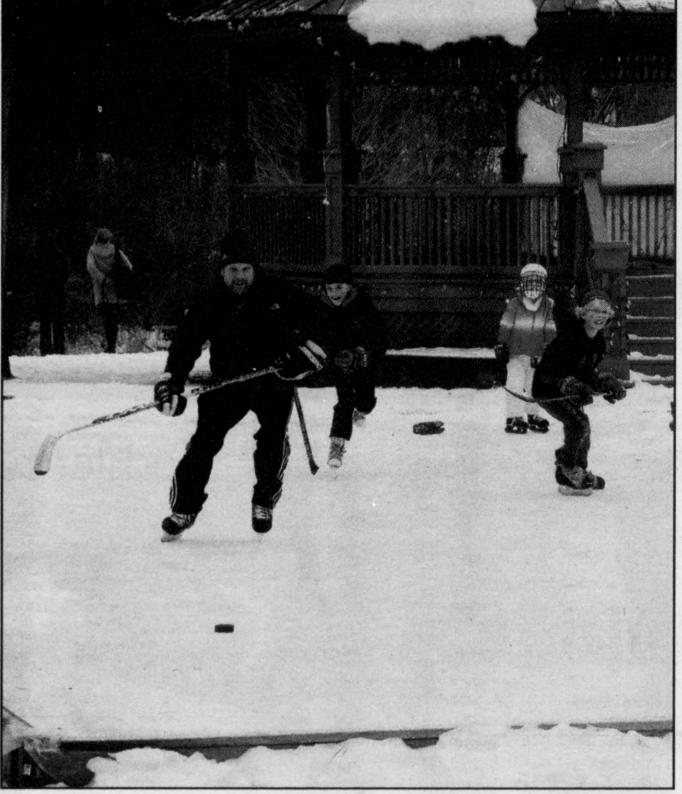
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Joe and Hunter Carene and Owen Arnold enjoy fun times on the rink as the girls take a break and watch the action. Families can have fun on two ice rinks in the community. A new rink in Bay Court Park recently opened and another rink is also open in Depot Park in downtown Clarkston. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

New place for ice skating

Skaters now have more options when it comes to hitting the ice and having some fun.

An ice rink in Bay Court Park off Andersonville is open to ice skaters, and so is a rink in Depot Park.

The rink in Bay Court Park opened on Jan.6. Independence Township Treasurer Pat Kittle said he visited the park bright and early the day it opened.

"It was a beautiful crisp day," he said. "It's open and operational."

The 50-by-80-foot rink is 4,000 square feet and located in front of the Lakeview Room in the park.

Visitors can also take advantage of a warming shelter near the rink, open to help visitors thaw out after the cold fun.

"A place you can thaw your kiddies out after they been out in the cold," said Kittle.

There are also restrooms on site, mats for skaters to safely walk on and park benches near the rink.

Open skating at the Bay Court Park rink is during regular park hours on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5 p.m.- 9 p.m.

No hockey is allowed on the ice.

"You are skating at your own risk," Kittle reminded the public.

The Clarkston Optimist Club also reinstalled its ice rink in Depot Park in December.

Optimist President Tom Middleton said there is no competition between rinks, and he believes there are more than enough people in the area who would like to skate at both. Like Bay Court Park, the rink in Depot Park is skate at your own risk.

Bay Court Park is located at 6790 Andersonville Road. Depot Park is located in downtown Clarkston at 375 Depot Street by Clarkston City Hall.

Attendance to both ice rinks is free.

-Andrea Beaudoin

Marleau swears in

Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert P. Young, Jr. administered the oath of office to state Sen. Jim Marleau, sworn in to represent the 12th District.

Marleau was re-elected in November to a second term. He was appointed to Appropriations, Health Policy, Regulatory Reform, and Transportation committees.

"I am honored to serve the residents of the 12th District," said Marleau, R-Lake Orion. "I will continue to work to create jobs, fix our roads and serve the residents of Oakland County."



State Sen. Jim Marleau takes the oath of office. Photos provided



State Rep. Jim Tedder, R- Clarkston, is sworn in by Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Young Jr. He was joined by, from left, sons Briggs and JT, daughter Athena, and wife Nancy.

Tedder ready to work in committees

Newly sworn-in State Rep. Jim Tedder was named to four committees for the 2015-2016 Legislative Session.

He will serve as vice chair of the House committee on Workforce and Talent Development, as well as serve on the House committees on Education, Communications and Technology, and Health Policy.

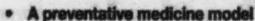
"I am honored that the speaker has appointed me to these great committees and all of them have great potential to continue Michigan on its positive path to a brighter future," said Tedder, R-Clarkston. "As vice chair of the Workforce and Talent development committee I look forward to taking on a leadership role in helping Michigan citizens continue to get back to work."

House committees review all legislation affecting their areas and make recommendations as to whether to the full House should take up the bills. Committee chairs decide when bills are heard, run committee meetings and organize informational hearings for lawmakers and the public.

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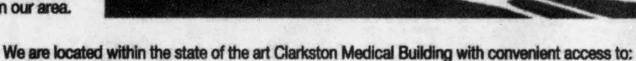
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RETRO BIRTHDAY: Karson Sandomierski goes for the suckers, birthday boy Jordon Haass grabs some chocolate kisses, and Gavin Handley goes for the bubble gum during the Retro Cocktail Party at Max Broock and Real Estate One. No need to have a big birthday bash when you can just come downtown for a party! Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Student success

Clarkston students who made the Dean's Recognition List for the 2014 fall semester at the University of Dayton include Quinn Dabrowski and Michael Settle.

Clarkston students named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Grove City College include **Chloe Smiley**, a senior Entrepreneurship major, with High Distinction, 2011 graduate of Clarkston High School and daughter of Jim and Jean Smiley of Clarkston; and **Alaina Marr**, junior PreK-4 Elementary Education major, with High Distinction, 2012 homeschooled graduate, and daughter of Paul and Denise Marr of Clarkston.

Clarkston students Jacob Conroy, Palmer D'Orazio, Anna Foos, Grace Hulderman, Katherine Huttenlocher, Hannah Jacobs, Zachary Nickels, Ashley Urban, and Matt Wright were named to the Hope College Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2014-15 academic year.

Nick Owens, 2014 Clarkston High School graduate, made Dean's List honors for the fall semester at Madonna University. Owens is on a basketball scholarship at Madonna and red shirting his freshman year.



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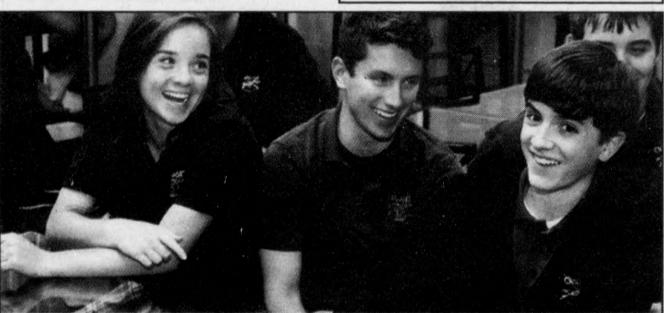
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Favorite winter activity?



"Skating because I have always skated with my brother. I learned how to skate from my dad and my brother."

- Kiley Gallagher



"Snowboarding. It's fun and easier to me than skiing, and I'm used to skiing."

- Cassidy Carene



"Skating. I think it's really fun, and I love to play hockey."

- Carigan Carene



"Skating on ponds, lakes and rink because I love to play hockey and I play for the Lakeland Hawks." - Owen Arnold



"Skating. I love hockey."

- Hunter Carene

By Andrea Beaudoin

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Make voices heard at poetry slam

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Organizing the poetry slam Voices for Change, organizers Olivia Maday and Madeline Maday have faced some hard choices.

The sisters, both students at Clarkston High School, received about 60 poetry submissions from classmates, which they and committee members had to narrow down to 31.

"It was such a hard decision. They are so good, so personal," said Madeline, a senior at the high school. "Positive or negative, they highlight things in society."

"They're very moving," said Olivia, 10th

They selected poems from a variety of ages, grades, and topics including self confidence, divorce, and racial inequality for the event, this Friday, Jan. 23, 7 p.m., at Clarkston High School performing arts center. It also has an international purpose, Olivia said.

"My sister and I decided to make this a charity event in which all the proceeds will go toward the Afghan Women's Writing Project," she said. "This event is unique in the sense that students from all three of the secondary schools in the district will be participating and expressing their opinions and creativity through slam poetry."

Slam poetry is created to be spoken aloud, with word emphasis, breaks and pauses.

"There's a certain rhythm to it, how the words flow," Olivia said.

"It's about delivery rather than what's on paper," Madeline said. "It carries a strong message. Inspiration comes when you least expect it – at 4 a.m., written on the back of a receipt. It's very cool, very personal."

This is the first year for the project, which



Madeline, at left, and Olivia Maday are organizing the Voices of Change poetry slam at the high school this Friday. Photo by Phil Custodio

was developed as a creative and service project for Madeline's International Baccalaureate program, but it's become something more, she said.

"We're lucky to have the opportunity to share our voice and story," she said. "We want to give back to help those who don't get that opportunity."

"I really like the message it conveys," Olivia said. "We wanted to do something for a charity helping women in a third world county," Olivia said.

They've been working on it since summer, with assistance from Ryan Eisele, language arts teacher who organizes a poetry slam at the high school every year.

"He showed us the ropes," Madeline said. Olivia made a video explaining the idea to students in grades 6-12 with assistance from Independence Television at CHS, using an iMac computer.

"Olivia is very talented with technology," said Madeline, who prepared a lesson plan for younger grades, highlighting similarities and differences of written and slam poetry.

Their goal is to have lots of participation from the community at the event.

"A big audience to show kids their voices are heard and accepted," Olivia said. "It's very cool, to see them use their voices to express themselves."

"It's a positive way to get the community together," Madeline said. "If even one audience member says a poem spoke to me, if it impacts at least one, that would be huge for us."

Madeline hopes the poetry slam continues as an annual event after she graduates, a hope her sister shares.

"I really want to continue it," Olivia said. "If people are interested in it, I'd like it to continue for years to come."



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Voices of Change poetry slam for Afghan Women's Writing Project, 7 p.m., Jan. 23, Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

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

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.

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.

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

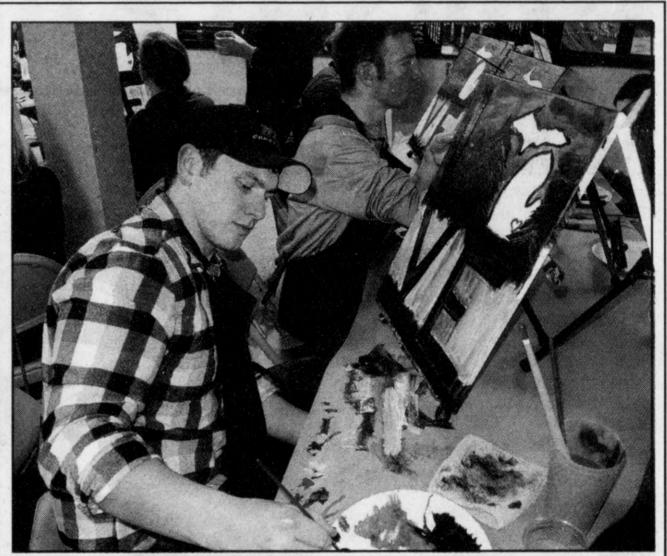
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Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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

Around Jown

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



MICHIGAN ART: It was a fun weekend experience for visitors at Picasso's Grapevine during the Retro Cocktail Party. Matt Zurbrick joined his friends to paint a picture expressing Michigan Love. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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

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

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310.

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

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

LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road. 248-420-3126.

Wednesday

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248623-4313.

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

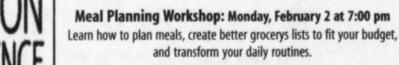
Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., madefrom-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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

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

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Please see Around Town on page 30

Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?



Adult Senior Book Swap: Friday, February 6 at 1:00 pm Oakland County Talking Books will present services they offer followed by a book swap. Bring a book to trade.

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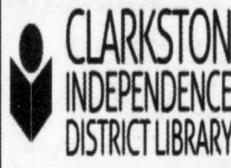
Little Explorers: Friday, January 30 10:30am

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No place for fear in spiritual life

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between neighbors, there must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart." Lao Tse

The year 2014 was the hottest on record. A dozen people are killed in Paris when terrorists raid a satirical magazine. Pope Francis declares man's role in climate change.



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Pastor **Matthew Long**

Nigerian rebel/terrorist group kills thousands. Republican takeover of both houses of Congress puts climate change deniers as committee chairs over NOAA, NASA and other scientific organizations. Police raids net hundreds of suspected terrorists in European countries.

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"Most men lead lives of quiet desperation and go to the grave with the song still in them." Henry David Thoreau.

Are we are too busy making a living to have a life? Do we spend our time and money chasing happiness while rarely catching it in fleeting moments?

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There is nothing that we do that will bring these to us except sharing them with others.

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Elizabeth Fulton, 91

Elizabeth I. Fulton Norton Alexander (Jackson), "Betty," of Waterford, born in Bad Axe, passed away Jan. 13, 2015, at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her first husband William Alexander, second husband Bruce Norton, third husband W.

Yost Fulton, and her son Bruce Alexander. She was the mother of Kay (Dave) Valley and Rick Alexander; grandma of Scott (Danielle) Alexander, Kyle (Sara) Alexander, Megan (fiancé Nate Tylenda) Valley, Stephanie and William



Alexander; great grandma of Lucas, Jacob, Carmela, Thomas and Mason; mother in law of Kathy Alexander.

Betty was active at C.A.I. and Waterford Senior Center as a tax volunteer and enjoyed playing bridge at both. She was a world traveler and member of P.E.O., Rochester.

Visitation was Jan. 16 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral service was Jan. 17 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment, Knollwood Cemetery, Mayfield Heights, Ohio. Memorials may be made to P.E.O., Rochester. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Councilman calls for new city social media policy

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston City Councilman Richard Bisio called for a new policy to handle "inappropriate" and "harassing" comments on social media.

At the Jan. 12 city council meeting, Bisio said a new Facebook page "City of Clarkston - from the City Office" could "turn into another forum for off-point arguments about city policy or government, which may discourage others from following the page."

City Manager Carol Eberhardt created it as an official page last December, without direction from council to to do so, to post "factual" information about city business. She was not in attendance during the discussion, Jan. 12, as she was on vacation.

City resident Cory Johnston created and administers a "Village of Clarkston" Facebook page, which he uses to post information on city related issues. Members on that page regularly express opinions, sometimes considered critical of city decisions or officials.

Johnston's page discloses it is not directly affiliated with the city, and is a public group open to discuss the village. The page allows anyone to create posts after

SENIOR CITIZEN *

joining, but the page was created for discussion. Comments on Johnston's page are often considered critical of the city.

In one recent post, local resident Tammie Heazlit said she was accused of bullying Eberhardt over a recent city issue on the Depot Park bridge, and asked fellow Facebookers if she was out of line for her public stance against how the city handled it.

Responses to Heazlit ranged from supporting her right to post her opinion to others critical of her comments.

"If you would put this much time and energy into your career/business/job you'd probably be somewhat successful. Get a life," Cory Miller wrote to Heazlit.

Others thanked Heazlit for her passion and concern, and reassured her efforts to post her opinion made her successful.

"In my view of the world, caring for the environment and standing up for what you believe in is a demonstration of success," said Mark McCloy.

Eberhardt said she monitors the Village Facebook page to stay aware of information posted to it.

"That page concerns me because I think the folks that have joined the group believe it's a city page, when, indeed that couldn't be farthest from the truth," posted Eberhardt on her page.

She said everyone has a right to post anything they want.

"However, I guess we all know that media in general, and social media in particular can't exactly be held up as accurate information," she said.

At the Jan. 12 meeting, several council members said they wanted to be cautious

not to give residents the idea they were trying to infringe on people's First Amendment rights.

In 2014, Eberhardt was accused of censoring critics after she kicked a resident off a "Positively Clarkston" page on Facebook, which she previously said she created on behalf of the city.

Eberhardt said she booted the member because of constant negative postings bothering others who belong to the page for positive discussions about the city.

Some accused Eberhardt silencing critics while others applauded the decision to kick negative posters off the page.

Michigan Municipal League, a nonprofit association of municipalities, created a social media policy for governments stating municipalities should establish rules of use before a social networking page is created. The first post on the "City of Clarkston - from the City Office" page was Dec. 30, 2014. No official guidelines are currently posted on the official page.

Social media policy for the city will be further discussed by the Communities Committee and the city manager.

Vehicles must not be parked on any City of the Village of Clarkston street from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. through April 1, for snow removal. Any vehicles parked during those hours will be towed.

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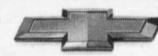
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NOVEMBER 24, 2014 Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present-Mayor Luginski, Marsh, Catallo, Sabol, Haven, Bisio. Absent Hunter.

Approval of agenda moved by Sabol Supported by Marsh to approve the Agenda with the change Of business order to place 11e then 11d after the Sheriff Report. All

Aye Motion Carried. Motion by Catallo Supported by Haven to approve the Consent Agenda 5 Aye 1 No Motion Carried.

Clinton River Water Shed Presentation by Anne Vaara. Clarkston is now designated as "A Watertown" by Clinton River Water Shed Council. This designation comes with professional services for the City to better process our storm water within the city. Suggested projects are on display at City Hall.

OPIS Presentation. A regional committee has been formed, comprised of municipalities, Oakland Schools, Oakland County Parks & Recreation to structure a regional plan to eradicate evasive plant species on public prop-

Resolution by Haven Supported by Catallo to approve a letter of commitment of \$1,200,00, from Department trees in order to participate in the grant for a possible \$2,400.00 additional funds to control invasive plant species in the city. Resolution is Adopted

Motion by Sabol Supported by Haven to extend the meeting past 9 p.m. All Aye Catallo No

Motion by Bisio Supported by Haven for the City Manager to enforce the current snow removal ordinance as written, taking under consideration hardships, and the individual household circumstance. 5 Aye 1 No Motion

Resolution by Bisio Supported by Haven to approve the second read of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for 55 S Main St from RM to VC. In 20 days this Ordinance amendment will be final. Resolution is Adopted. Motion by Haven Supported by Sabol to approve a waiver of the fee for the Team Rush Light Parade Banner. All

Aye Motion Carried. Moved by Marsh Supported by Sabol to waive the anti burn Ordinance for Holiday Light Night. They are requesting to use warming barrels. Park use ordinance number is 97. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Moved by Haven Supported by Catallo to approve the cancellation of December 22, 2014 Council Meeting. All Aye, Motion Carried

Moved by Haven Supported by Sabol to approve the Citizen Survey that will be mailed in the Tax Bill. All Aye Motion Carried.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Marsh to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. All Aye Motion Carried.

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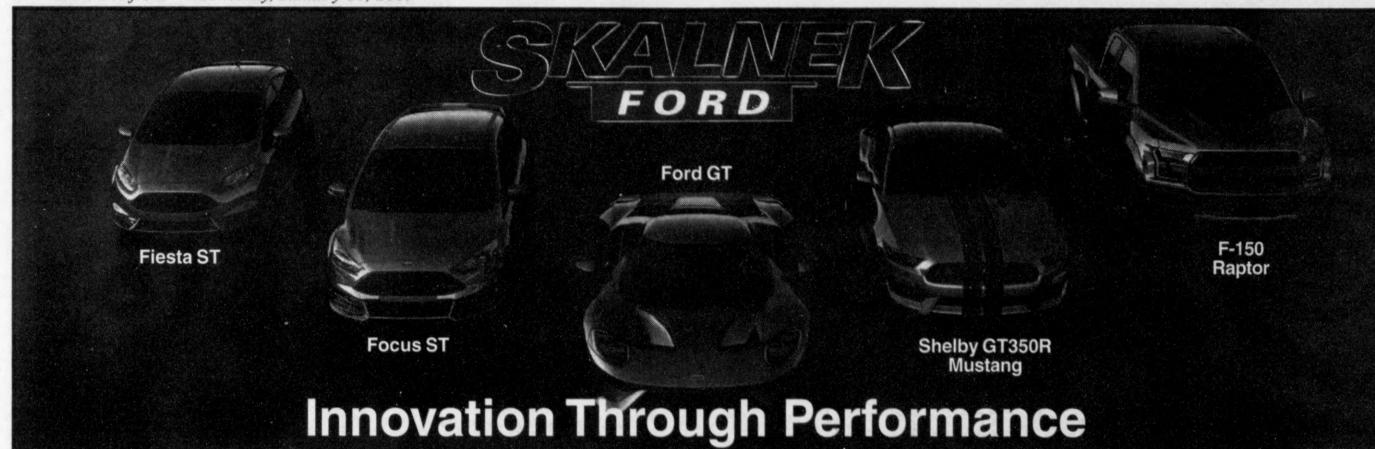


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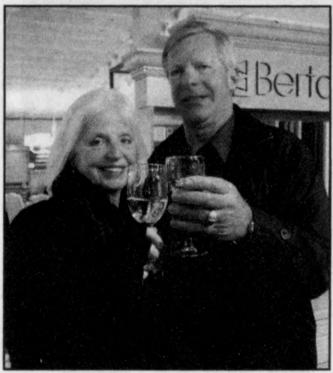
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Sue and Jim May visited KH Home for some wine and delicious food.

Rollicking merriment at Retro Stroll

It was party time in downtown Clarkston during the Strolling Retro Party on Saturday.

Businesses welcomes visitors with shopping snacks and cocktails. Visitors enjoyed the stroll from 5-8 p.m during a drizzly evening.

Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



Morgan & Mizlow staff and friends gather in their downtown office to enjoy scrumptious meatballs, made by Deer Lake Athletic Club.

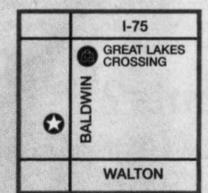


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DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

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Friday

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

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

Saturday

Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions

Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

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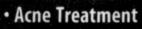
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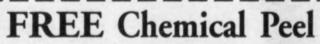
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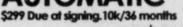
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