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Township Times*

**BAT DAY:** Sawyer Maday, Tallon Pierson, Christopher Espinoza-Sanchez, Alex Osbourne, and classmates at Clarkston Elementary greet Mango the Jamaican leaf nosed bat at the Adopt-an-Animal event, Feb. 6. Batman shirts were encouraged during the presentations. More pictures on page 34  
*Photo by Phil Custodio*



## Suspects charged in purse thefts

Ashley Sandstrom of Lapeer, 29, and Velretta Leak of Pontiac, 42, were charged in purse thefts at two Independence Township businesses.

They were arrested on Feb. 2 by Lapeer Sheriff's deputies after receiving a call from a carpet store about two women acting suspiciously. The caller said they recognized the two women from local news coverage.



Sandstrom

Lapeer detectives called Independence Township deputies, who picked them up. The suspects were interviewed and placed in Oakland County Jail.

Each suspect was charged with two counts of Larceny in a Building, a felony under Michigan Law punishable by up to four years in prison per count.



Leak

These two subjects are accused of stealing purses from employees at a business in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway and downtown Main Street in Clarkston, Jan. 19.

One of the women distracted the clerk and the other would take the purse.

Both Sandstrom and Leak were arraigned in the 52-2 District Court in front of Judge Kelley Kostin. Leak received a \$50,000 cash/surety bond and Sandstrom received a \$25,000 cash/surety bond. Their next court date will be in front of Judge Kostin on Feb. 19 at 8:35 a.m.

## Partnership in works to fix potholes

### Township would provide \$250,000 for materials

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

A plan between Independence Township and the county to fix local potholes could cost \$250,000.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said he spoke with the Road Commission for Oakland County about fixing roads

in the township.

"RCOC would provide labor and equipment and Independence Township would provide material," Kittle explained. "I get phone calls and phone calls and phone calls when residents hit potholes."

Trustee Andrea Schroeder cautioned the board, using advice she got when she was married – she was advised to never learn anything new because then her husband would always ask her to do it.

"This is my concern in relation to the road commission," Schroeder said. "In the future,

they will think we don't have to do this for Independence Township because they will pay out of the general fund."

Schroeder said she is also concerned the \$250,000 in money spent on materials would be taken from township services or programs.

Trustee David Lohmeier agreed.

"We may be potentially just giving them money for what they would do anyway," Lohmeier said.

He added voter approval should be sought through a

*Please see Plan on page 26*

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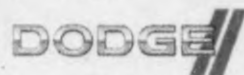
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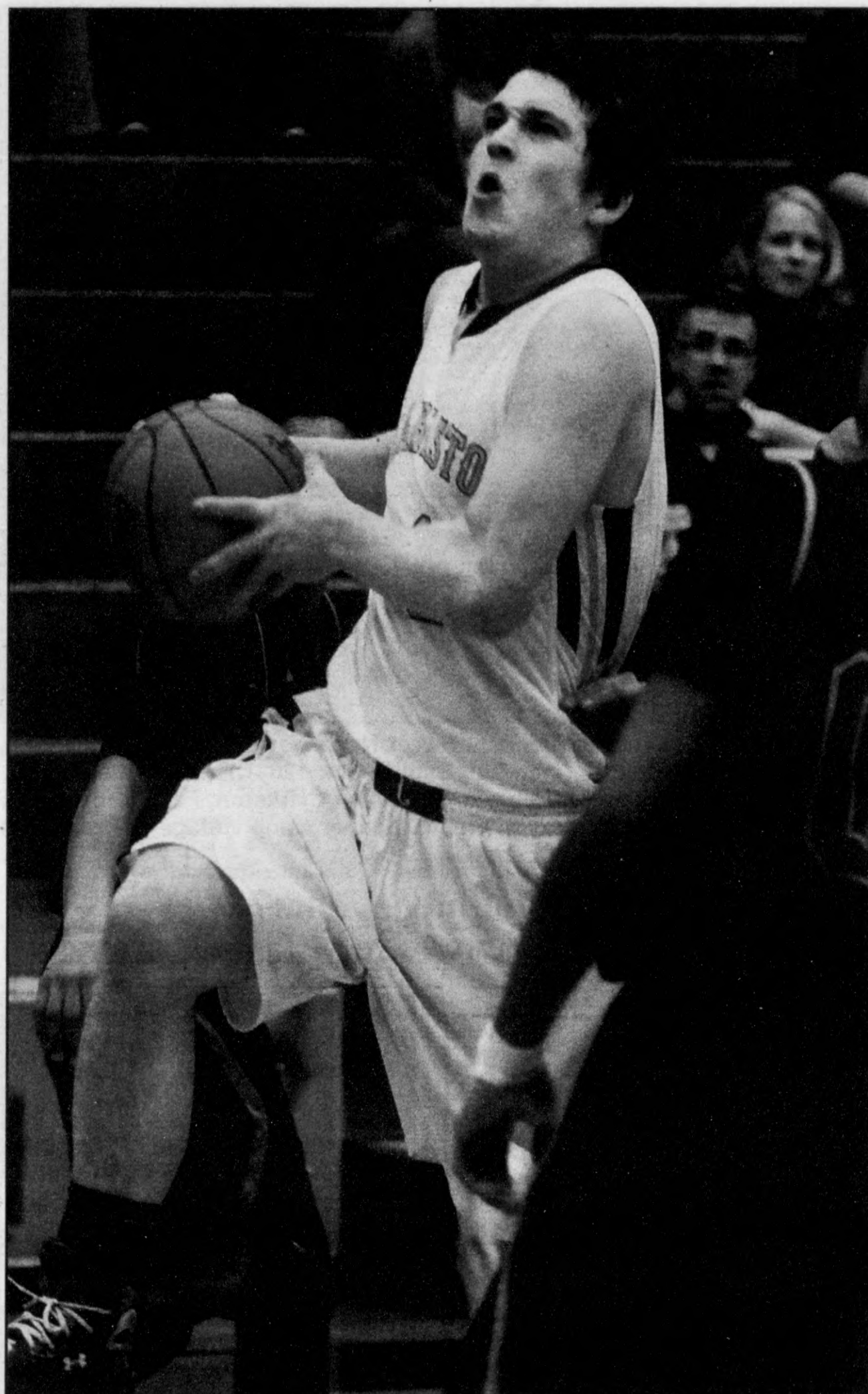
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**DRIVE TO THE BASKET:** Andrew Myers runs in to score against Bloomfield Hills last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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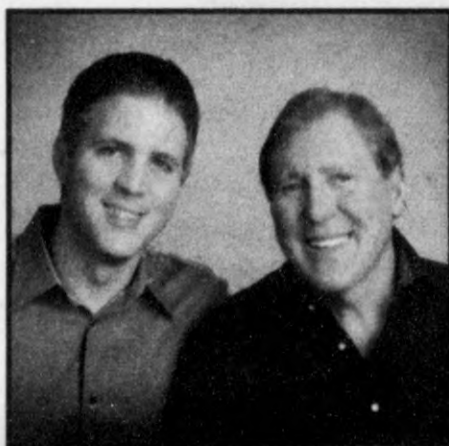
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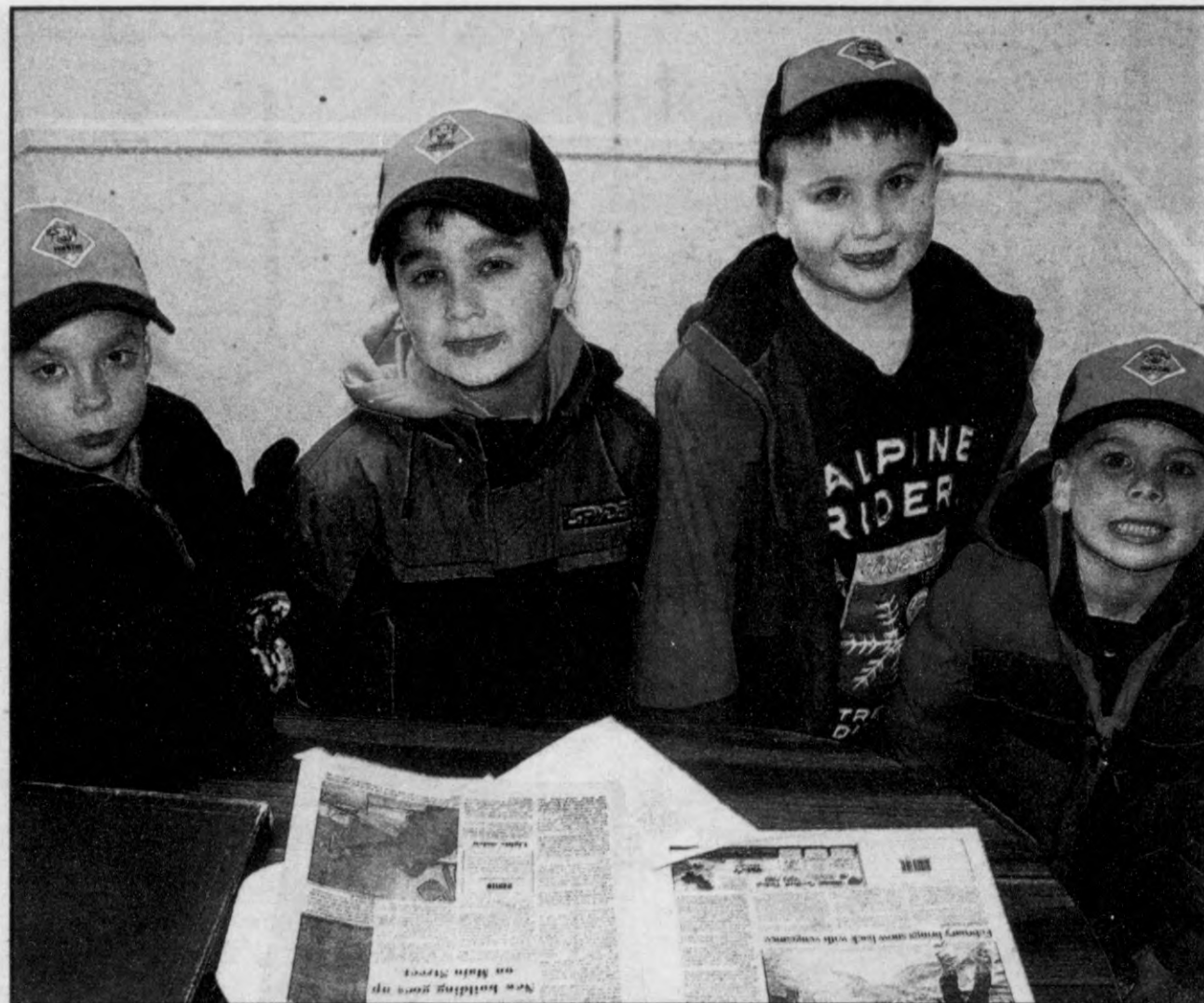
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**SCOUTING HISTORY:** From left, Jake Sweet, Noah Stevenson, Liam Sutherland, and James Truesdell of Tiger Cub Scout Pack 126, Clarkston Elementary, stopped by *The Clarkston News* in downtown Clarkston, Feb. 4, for a tour. They checked out the history of the newspaper using vintage editions from the archives. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

## Community events?

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## No plans yet for Dixie, M-15 lot

No plans yet exist for development of vacant property at the intersection of M-15 and Dixie Highway.

Independence Township sought and secured special funding through Oakland County to clear the land and deal with contamination left from former gas stations.

Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said multiple developers over the years have attempted to purchase and develop the property.

"But they have been scared away because of the economy and environmental concerns due to soil contamination," said Kittle.

A developer must also comply with other requirements set by the township.

"Anyone that develops the property must comply with curb cuts and make sure the property is safe," said Township Trustee and Planning Commission member Ron Ritchie.

"We are not dictating what needs to be on the property, but there are also concerns with safety," Ritchie added.

Connecting an entrance to the rear of the property towards the Rite Aid plaza is also a consideration.

Last summer one developer explored leveling the old building, getting rid of contaminated soil and build a new building to house a Tim Horton's and a T-Mobile cellular phone store. Those plans fell through.

Challenges at the location presented serious stumbling blocks including excessive financial costs for development.

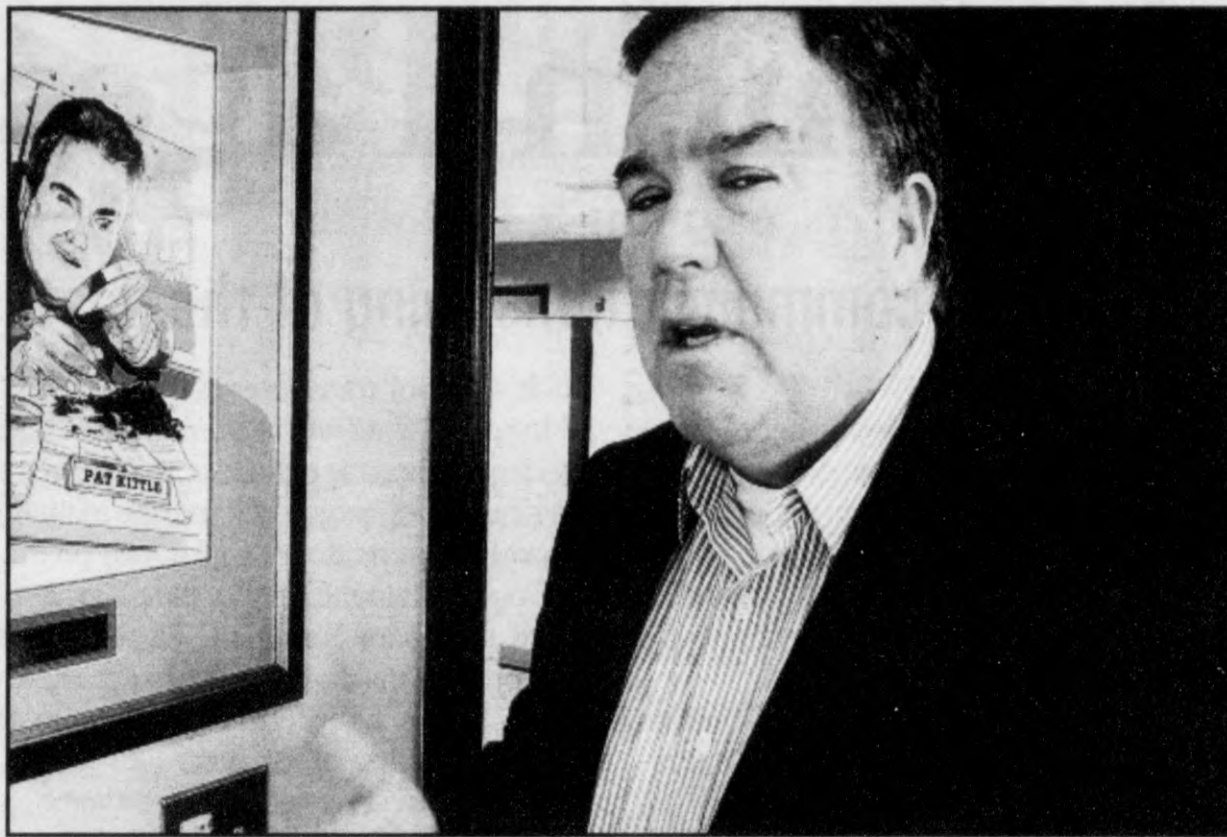
The township secured special funding from the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, a special financing program created to assist communities in redeveloping and restoring difficult properties to make them environmentally and economically viable.

Oakland County Board of Commissioners approved the funding last summer.

Cost to remove the building and contaminated soil is estimated about \$151,000. Kittle said Oakland County will cover those costs, and then be reimbursed over 19 years by the net increase in property values.

Presently the property is valued at \$209,400, but once redevelopment is done the value will increase to about \$525,000. The township will receive tax on the \$209,400 and the county will receive tax on the \$315,000 difference of the \$525,000.

-Andrea Beaudoin



**HONORED BY PEERS:** Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle shows artwork he was given by peers in 2004 when he worked at Chrysler overseeing marketing and training of dealerships in Michigan. The work was created to represent what coworkers thought was Kittle's immense attention to detail. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Awards celebrate Clarkston

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For 30 years, community and business leaders who make a difference are acknowledged with an annual breakfast.

Friends and community members nominate those that give to their community.

"Our purpose is to honor people and organizations that have made special contributions to the health and well-being of our community," said Clarkston Community Church Pastor Greg Henneman.

Community members are encouraged to submit nominations.

"We really want to encourage community members to submit nominations so that we can celebrate the wonderful people and businesses in the community," he said.

Awards are presented to those who give their time, energy and talent to improve the community.

Categories are Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, and Adult Youth Volunteer.

Businesses and organizations are also recognized for their efforts.

Business Person of the Year, Community Beautification/Preservation, Community Enhancement and Community Collaboration.

To nominate or for more information, visit [www.clarkstoncommunityawards.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunityawards.com) and fill out information online.

Recognizing those who volunteer their time and energy is important.

"Our purpose is to honor people and organizations that have made special contributions to the health and well-being of our community," Henneman said.

The 2015 event marks the 30th celebration in Clarkston thanks to a group that brainstormed and created the idea to celebrate

"Michigan Week" in the Clarkston community.

Michigan Week, launched in 1954, was created to encourage Michigan communities to celebrate the best in our Great Lakes state. In 1985, 31 years after Michigan Week was created, Clarkston leaders gathered to create something to participate in the state-wide initiative.

The group created the Community Awards, an event to celebrate the best in Clarkston. Today those awards remain an important celebration for the community.

"We live in a time when our tendency is to take for granted the health and stability of our communities. We assume things have always been this way, and always will be this way. So we think we can just focus on ourselves and our own lives, and all will be well," said Henneman.

Outstanding businesses and community members are the backbone of the community, and provide strength to Clarkston.

"If history has shown us anything, we know that a healthy, stable society is a gift. And actually, it's something we all have to work for to keep it," Henneman said.

Clarkston Awards honor those who strengthen the community, and inspire others to continue their generous spirit to make Clarkston and even healthier place to live, he added.

"As we become more aware, more compassionate, and more intentional, we can make sure that Clarkston is a strong, vibrant community, for many years to come," he said.

Clarkston Community Awards breakfast, provided by Brioni Cafe and Deli, is Tuesday, May 19, from 7:30 a.m.-9 a.m. at Clarkston Community Church.

## Briefly

### Coffee shop plan OK'd

Ron Ritchie, Independence Township Planning Commission, said the site plan for a coffee shop just north of Bow Point on Sashabaw Road has been approved.

According to the site plan, the shop is a Starbucks.

### Condo plan rejected

A plan to build up to 69 condos at Deer Hill and Dixie Highway did not meet requirements of Independence Township.

According to Ron Ritchie of the Independence Township Planning Commission, the site plans required changes in buffering and storm water issues. There are also concerns with a 36-inch Buckeye pipeline located in the proposed development area. Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said plans for the condos must be reconfigured to meet both township and residents' concerns.

### Pistons help with house

The Detroit Pistons are helping My Habitat Clarkston at their March 21 game against the Chicago Bulls The Palace.

A portion of sales of tickets, discounted to \$15-\$30, will be donated to the project.

The home, located in Springfield Township is a from the ground up build with a budget of \$130,000. The home is being built for Shannon Chapman and her three children. To donate to the Habitat, build visit [www.habitatoakland.org](http://www.habitatoakland.org) and highlight the My Habitat Clarkston link.

### Coffee chat

Clarkston School Board member Joan Patterson hosts a coffee chat, 3-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15, at Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

She'll report what she learned at the NSBA Washington DC Advocacy Conference. Call 248-396-3148 for information.

### Sorority celebrates

Clarkston residents Louise Bisogni, Joan Weger, Jackie Hasenfrantz, Judy Wood, Linda Cremer, Joan Weglarski and Teresa Tersigni joined their sisters in Sigma Beta Sorority to celebrate "Founder's Day" and the 92nd birthday, Jan. 25.

The national philanthropic organization, which was founded by Sophia Maier Johnston, raises money for various national and local charities.

For additional information please contact Louise Bisogni at 248-625-0917 or log on to [www.sigmabeta.org](http://www.sigmabeta.org).



## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Running with new crowd

While conducting research for some upcoming stories about the scourge of heroin and other drugs even in Clarkston, I've spoken recently with local counselor and therapist Jim Evans.

We talked about how drug abuse starts small and progresses through a series of stages, from occasional use to life-consuming addiction.

The process he described rings true, and applies to more than that.

For me, it's the food thing, not legal or illegal drugs (fortunately).

This month starts my third year on the chow wagon, after losing a whole bunch of weight with dieting and exercise. Now I'm like a recovering alcoholic who can't keep booze in the house and hope to stay on the wagon, except it's cookies instead of beer.

I've gotten into other things instead of eating, which also follow the stages of addiction to a certain extent.

Like running.

I started jogging casually, just a little bit. Then, as I got into it more, I met others who were into it more than me. They started encouraging greater participation. Then I started running with a more serious crowd, calling themselves the "Wolf Pack" and stuff.

"You gotta get some running shoes, man," I was told.

"Hey, we're meeting in the park later for some sweet running. You gotta be there," another said.

"Hey, there's some Flying Rhinos in our territory. Let's get em!"

Actually, no one talks like that in the running community around here, but it was pretty close (except the Flying Rhinos thing – runners and bikers coexist quite peacefully).

And running in the park is pretty sweet. A group trains at Indian Springs Metro Park early Saturdays sometimes, and I joined them a couple weeks ago.

I was up ahead of the group a bit when I noticed three deer, all does, to my left. They wanted to get to my right without getting too close, so I ended up running with them for awhile. The next lap I ran into another group of five (or the previous group with two extra).

I ended up interval running/walking 16 miles that morning, even though I didn't plan to.

Peer pressure, y'know.



# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Open school communications thing of the past

Dear Editor,

The school board's recent decision to go back and reopen the superintendent's negative evaluation made by the previous board when no such reevaluation policy exists is an unprecedented violation of school board policies ("Supt't rating's up after redo," Feb. 4).

Requests for simple, very specific information that would take a competent superintendent less than a day to complete always take the Rock administration 10 day extensions to complete.

School board members have run into the same problems getting information that they requested and were promised by the Rock administration.

It isn't any surprise why he has such a low approval rating among a majority of previous board members.

What is surprising is how board members Hyer, Egan, McGinnis, Horst, and Superintendent Rock foolishly believe that they can go back in time and change an evaluation that was required by state law to be completed by Dec. 31, 2014.

The absurdity of those board members is multiplied ten-fold when they voted to reopen the superintendent's evaluation because the superintendent disliked the results — results that the superintendent was aware of long before the new board was sworn in.

Yet he never requested a reevaluation from the previous board. The notion that this board would even consider a subversion of the past makes it very transparent to us that the November election has given us a board whose agenda will be nothing more than a rubber stamp for Superintendent

Rock's lack of transparency.

In record time we've seen the new board has a political agenda, so much so that they're willing to go back in time to change an evaluation made by a previous board.

Good luck to the public, the press, and to board members Boatman, Patterson, and Hamilton. The days of free speech, free press, and a board that answers to the people is a thing of the past.

The public can now expect four board members who will re-install the draconian "shut up, don't ask questions, and don't micromanage" bullying of past boards, all while they hypocritically sing unquestionable praise of a "transparency" that never is, and never will be in the future of Clarkston schools.

The school board and the superintendent should stop wasting our time and money trying to change a past evaluation, and focus on doing better in the future.

They should start by apologizing to the public for insulting our intelligence, accept the evaluation for what it is, learn from it, move forward and stop trying to change the past.

This decision has shown the public that the new board is as "barely adequate, and as minimally effective" as the superintendent is. We can't say as though we're surprised.

Michael and Lori Powell  
Independence Township

*A goal discussed by the school board is "Board and Admin Communication – Board Better Informed." We'll be watching with great interest to see what comes of that. – ed.*

## Reader welcomes new McLaren plan

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to read, after repeated denials, that McLaren will proceed with a phased project at the Clarkston Medical Group campus ("New plan: smaller McLaren hospital," Jan. 28).

The battle for healthcare services in Clarkston has been long and arduous. Many passionate and dedicated Clarkston citizens spent years evaluating the larger scale hospital plan – before involvement by the courts and legislature that ultimately denied a transfer of hospital beds from Pontiac to Clarkston.

Now, we can expect a plan calibrated for our needs that will provide for balanced growth in the future. Township officials will be deeply involved in the development of these plans and I hope they

will continue to be informed by the physicians who serve our community.

Dr. James O'Neill was the Clarkston physician voice for this project in the beginning. Though he has retired, many fine doctors continue his tradition of excellence in patient care at Clarkston Medical Group.

I can think of no other physician voices I would trust as much to hear about the new hospital plan than those of Clarkston Drs. Timothy O'Neill, Dean Moscovic, and Renny Abraham, who continue to tirelessly care for patients at Clarkston Medical Group every day.

I think we are all looking forward to enhanced services for the community.

Sue Nederlander  
Springfield Township

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 2000

**"Bad gas burns motorists"** Filling their tanks wasn't a gas for several motorists. About 20 drivers were affected from a snafu at the Speedway station off Dixie Highway as they received bad gas and stalled out.

**"A perfect match"** Deeann Cummings remembers her dad, Jim Davis, always being there to help her when her "junkie" car broke down. So when her dad needed a new kidney Deeann helped him out and planned to donate a new kidney to him on Valentine's Day.

**"TV commercial filmed at CHS"** Though they didn't have speaking parts, some Clarkston High School students enjoyed celebrity status thanks to a commercial filmed at the high school. It was directed by 1985 CHS graduate Dawnaree Demrose for the Southeastern Michigan Regional Career Preparation System Leadership Team.

### 25 years ago - 1990

**"Mixed-use development OK'd on Maybee Road"** A project combining single family homes, condominiums and a stable on 60 acres on the north side of Maybee Road and west of Baldwin Road was given conceptual and planned unit development approval from the Independence Planning commission.

**"Card collection recalls years of love"** Romance was in the air and Valentine's Day was one of Daisy Dowling's favorite days of the year. Daisy, taken by the fine craftsmanship involved in unique valentine cards, started a collection of the "I love you" messages in the 1960s.

**"Junior High match proved to be a challenge"** Both teams were challenged when Clarkston Junior High School wrestled Sashabaw Junior High School. Clarkston emerged the victor with a 36-27 win.

### 50 years ago - 1965

**"Local store owner shot down during hold up"** Maurice Boucard, store owner of Boucard's Country Shopped on Dixie Highway, was shot and killed while he was working alone and held at gunpoint. Fifty dollars was taken from the cash register.

**"Clarkston defeats West Bloomfield, 66-56"** Clarkston and West Bloomfield battled for the fourth place in the league and it was the Wolves who came out victorious in the second half. Dan Fife led with 20 points.

**"Local news"** Gary Cole celebrated his tenth birthday over the weekend with cake and ice cream.



# Presidential quote doesn't compare to JFK

I'm going to start this jottings with a couple quotes.

"Ask not what your country can do for you; Ask what you can do for your country." - John F. Kennedy

Compare that to an Obama quote: "America is, is no longer, uh, what it, uh could be, uh, what it was once was, uh, and I say to myself, uh, I don't want that future, uh, for my children," - Barack Obama

That quote may be the hardest thing I've ever typed.

• In my youth I could look at a person wearing earrings and know they were female. Today, not so.

• I don't know what Governor Snyder meant in his state of the state message that Michigan was "structurally unemployed" and "We need relentless posi-

tive action." Maybe one of the millions on public dole will enlighten me.

• One last political jab, this one from President Obama in his address to the nation at 9:00 p.m., when more than half of the citizens were, like me, asleep. The morning following I asked someone what he said. They quoted me CBS's opening their newscast with the story of a deflated NFL football. Proof again that news casters know what the public wants to

hear.

• The biggest lie I tell myself is... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remem-

ber it."

• Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

• When did it change from "we the people" to "screw the people."

• Are you like me in blaming your kids for your lost mind?

• Lord give me patience. And give it to me NOW!

• Are you still riding the accelerator through life, or do you have your brakes on?

• Why are we paying to have new constitutions drawn for Iraq, etc, when we can just give them a copy of ours?

\* \* \*

Check this from fellow columnist Dick Milliman. He's been a close follower of our Lansing politics for over 40 years.

His recent Almanack column left me thinking the impossible. Is Dick right that there really are some cost cutting going on in our capitol?

The House budget for 2014 is about 11 percent less than their 2010 budget of \$2.3 billion.

The Senate cuts leave a budget of \$864 million for 2015, down almost 7 percent from 2012.

And, during the 2013-14 session, Congress passed 297 new laws, which is almost 100 fewer than the 386 adopted during the 2009-10 sessions.

Then Dick asks readers: Could these examples of internal thrift result from tight-fisted Republican control of both the House and Senate, in keeping with the GOP's reputation about spending public funds?

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

## Life in the fast lane

*A blast from the past is usually fun. I think you like this column, from February 18, 2014.*

\* \* \*

For the past month or so Young Master Sean, our three, but soon to be four-year-old son, has made it his life's mission to go to Disney World. He wants to head south to the land Walt made in a big way. And, why he chose Disney World over Disneyland, I'll never know. In fact, I don't know how he came up with the idea in the first place.

I have never been to a Disney anything that I can recollect. Thanks to Grandma Rush I did get to see Oopsie the Clown in downtown Detroit in the late 1960s. And, I would be remiss if I didn't mention going to see "Skipper" the dolphin (no not "Flipper"), the Harlem Globe-trotters and Mr. Whoodini (who, if my memory serves me correct, was magician from the local *Bozo The Clown Show*). While I like lots of Disney movies, Disney attractions seem to be a big, big way to suck big, big bucks from folks who like talking mice, ducks, dogs and a thing called Goofy.

Upon further introspection Sean's favorite cartoon is *Buzz Lightyear of Star Command*. Buzz and friends are aired on the cable network Toon Disney. I couldn't say for sure, but I'd bet a hefty sum that Sean has been bombarded with pro-Disneyland propaganda. That's irrelevant to this story.

Back on point, Sean has been bustin' his butt and my chops trying to get to Disneyworld.

Every night before bedtime, "Poppy, I want to go to Disney World."

"Well, that sounds like fun, Sean. Save your pen-

nies and when you get older we can go. Good night," was my usual response.

This banter went on for several nights with a new Sean twist on why we should go each night, but ending each night with yours truly telling Sean he'll have to wait until he gets older. On the last night of his pleading he changed gears one more time. His last ditch effort in making it to the Promised Land, was:

"Poppy, I want to go to Disneyworld while I'm still cute," then he flashed a big Cheshire cat smile.

Shut up and go to sleep kid.

\* \* \*

While in the living room watching adult TV (anything that is not Buzz Lightyear or cartoonish) when six-year-old Shamus announced he had some great news.

"I just finished my first no-picture book," he said proudly.

Yes, our boy has joined the club of folks who read books that have no pictures. We knew the book he was talking about. It's about kids in karate. The 136-page book with 11 chapters is titled, "Fight For Honor," written by Carin Greenburg Becker.

Just before the self-congratulation began on raising a fine young man, a glance to the LED clock on the VCR stopped the happytime. In bluish-green luminescence the clock showed 9:44. It was a smackin' frackin' quarter to 10 in the night and Shamus was supposed to be in bed -- a place he went to at 8 p.m.

"What the -- it's almost 10 o'clock. You've got school

tomorrow, bub. Get your butt back in bed," I said.

I think what came across to Shamus' sensitive ears was, "Shut up and go to sleep kid." Feelings hurt, he turned and with a walk that shouted "dejection" headed to his and Sean's bedroom.

We got up from our rears, turned our attention from President Martin Sheen (who was saving the world from certain nuclear annihilation), went to his room and gave Shamus the credit he deserved, ending with "now, get to sleep!"

\* \* \*

I surprised myself by using the words "shut" and "up" together just now. We never use "shut up" at home. And, the boys know it.

Not too long ago the boys were playing together by themselves in a room with no adult supervision (I was in the hallway, outside the doorway). As I was heading (unannounced, as is a parent's prerogative) into the room Sean said with a hushed voice, "Shut up Shamus."

As he completed his sentence he looked up and saw me standing in the doorway. He bowed his head, deep in sorrow, because he knew he had been busted (not for what he had done).

"Tell Shamus you're sorry and go stand in the corner. We don't say 'shut up' in this house," was all I had to say. He did what he was told without a fuss and all was right in the world for another five minutes.

Such is life with the meanest dad in town.

Comments to Papa Don can be e-mailed to Don@ShermanPublications.org.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

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Functional Medicine  
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## Suspect charged in armed robbery

Meleek McCall of Independence Township, 21, faces charges of armed robbery in connection with robberies of a BP gas station and 7-11 convenience store in Independence Township, and another BP in White Lake last October.

He was arrested on Dec. 17 after investigation linked him to Nicholas Price and Steven Lester, who are also charged with armed robbery.

Preliminary review for McCall, who remains in Oakland County Jail, is scheduled for Feb. 24. The charge is punishable by up to life in prison.

"We got an anonymous tip," said Detective Michele Miller, Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation. "We got a search warrant where he lived and retrieved the guns."

## Text to 911

Oakland County Sheriff's Office now offers 911 services through texting.

It was implemented on Feb. 1 for those hearing and speech impaired, or anyone in a situation that does not allow them to safely dial 911.

"We are encouraging residents to call when they can and text when they can't," said Sheriff Michael Bouchard. "With the rapidly changing technology on the market, we want to ensure Oakland County has the capabilities to offer the most current service to keep our communities safe, especially in cases where it may be prohibitive to dial 911."

The Sheriff's Office deployed the technology throughout Oakland County to all residents, business owners, and visitors to the county. Local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's) will be provided with caller information to coordinate police, medical, and fire services.

Texting does not currently have the ability to accurately identify a person's location through texting, so texters will have to provide that.

At this time, Verizon Wireless, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint customers can text to 911. Additionally, only cellular phones with data plans that allow for texting can use the service. Once Next Generation 911 (NG 911) is fully implemented in 2-3 years, Text to 911 will be available throughout Oakland County.

Traditional 911 services will continually be updated and integrated with the digital capabilities of smart phones, including SMS messaging and texting, Bouchard said.

Text to 911 should only be used for emergencies.

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## No lights

A 24-year-old Pontiac man was stopped on Dixie Highway at Ortonville Road because of no headlights, 11:13 p.m., Jan. 22. He told the deputy he had a marijuana pipe on him, but wouldn't give permission to search the vehicle. He was arrested for driving with a suspended license. A K9 dog indicated on a suit case where plastic baggies were sitting, but no narcotics were found.

## FOC arrest

A 29-year-old Independence Township man was jailed on a Friend of the Court warrant after getting into a fight with a 22-year-old Independence Township man, 11:30 p.m., Jan. 27, in the 4000 block of Clintonville Road.

## Abandoned Jeep

Responding to a report of a vehicle off the road, a deputy found a Jeep 50 yards off the road, a deputy found a Jeep 50 yards off Ortonville Road in the grass near Deer Ridge Drive, 7:48 a.m., Jan. 25. It was unoccupied, heavily damaged, and missing its license. It was tracked to a 33-year-old Independence Township man, who said he crashed the car and took the license plate off. He was cited for driving with a suspended license.

## Medication theft

An Independence Township woman awoke on Jan. 1 to find prescription medication missing from her purse after attending a New Year's Eve party at a friend's house in Clarkston. She put her purse on a bed with other partygoers' things. She had been drinking and could not recall exactly where the party was. She reported the theft on Jan. 29 at the request of her doctor.

## Tax scam

An Independence Township man got a phone call from a man with a foreign accent claiming to be with the IRS auditing division, 10:16 a.m., Jan. 29. He was told to call an area code 804 number and give his Social Security number and other information. He did not provide any information.

## Snowmobiles break through

Two snowmobilers went through the ice on Lake Oakland near the bridge at Sashabaw Road between Clinton and Fowler roads, 2:57 p.m., Jan. 30. The 25-year-old Independence Township man and 36-year-old Independence Township man tried to turn their snowmobiles when they noticed they were approaching open water, but broke through the ice. They ended up in water about waist deep. They called for a tow truck, which pulled the sleds from the lake.

## Car fire

A 33-year-old Davison man was northbound on I-75 when he felt a problem with the transmission of his 1998 Volkswagen Beetle, 11:27 p.m., Jan. 30. He exited onto Sashabaw Road. When he came to a stop, he noticed smoke and flames coming from the engine compartment, exited, and called 911. Independence Township firefighters put it out.

## Warrant arrest

A deputy checking businesses in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 2:06 a.m., Feb. 1, noticed a car in front of a gas station and a person standing in the doorway of the closed business. The subject, a 17-year-old Sterling Heights boy, said his father owns the station and he was there working on ideas for remodeling. The deputy spoke to the owner, who confirmed he was his son but he wasn't supposed to be there that late at night. In the car were a 16-year-old Independence Township boy and a 23-year-old Independence Township man. A 33-year-old Independence Township man was found inside the store asleep on a cot in a back room. The 33-year-old was found to have a felony warrant out of Sixth Circuit Court for child support, habitual second with no bond, and a retail fraud warrant out of 52-2 District Court. He was jailed on the warrants.

## Family trouble

Deputies responded to the 5000 block of S. Marshbank, 9:46 p.m., Feb. 2, on a call of family trouble with children present. They were refused entry. However, one of the residents, a 27-year-old man, had two warrants for Friend of the Court and felony probation violation out of Sixth District Court. Deputies were given permission to kick the door in. A deputy kicked the door and the man said he would open it, and he was taken into custody.

## Identity theft

An Independence Township resident bought an item on Ebay and expected delivery on Jan. 22. The website showed it was delivered, but he didn't get it. A few days later he received a letter from his credit card company advising him of unusual activity on his card, which they cancelled. On Jan. 31, he received an email from his bank - someone tried to access his investment accounts three times but was unable to. He also suspects mail theft a couple other times. He reported the incidents on Feb. 2.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

## Who is the next AOW?

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## Victory over 2 undefeateds

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers grabbed an early start under the bright lights and cheers from the Jungle at Clarkston High School in their 71-36 win over Bloomfield Hills on Friday.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team went on a 10-2 run in the first four minutes with baskets from seniors Merrick Canada, Jonah Newblatt and Andrew Myers.

They finished the first quarter with 23 points as they held the Black Hawks to 11 points.

"They were awesome," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach. "We were making a lot of shots early and your confidence just gets higher with it."

During the next seven minutes the Wolves doubled their score with contributions from Myers, Newblatt, senior Dayton Wallis and freshman Foster Loyer.

In the last minute junior Ryan Holmes scored one point from the line and Loyer hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer, ending the half 50-21.

"We made it look easy," Fife said. "Bloomfield has three returners from last year and one kid was hurt."

The Black Hawks were also without their head coach, who resigned on Thursday.

"They had just as many good looks as we did," Fife added. "They played hard and I said, 'guys I know this is a difficult situation what you just went through and what athletics does is turn negatives into positives.' It was tough for them to come into

our gym undefeated. This atmosphere is tough and they have a lot of young players."

Newblatt led the team with 19 points. Loyer scored 17 points and shot three field goals, each marking the end of the first three quarters. Myers added 16 points to the board.

The boys also handed North Farmington their first loss of the season on Wednesday with a 48-37 win.

The Wolves played without junior guard Tabin Thorgmorton in both games. He was injured during practice earlier in the week.

"He is walking today," Fife updated on Friday. "He is doing much better. He is still tender, but we are going to try to get him some therapy. It's his hamstring - that's a good thing. I think he is two weeks out. It depends on how hard he works at it."

He added the boys have reacted well on the court and in their two weeks.

"They have been playing good. Our kids are experienced," Fife explained. "We are going to play hard and make better decisions with the ball. I can't ask any more from them. It's fun to coach them even though I am more nervous before games than I have ever been."

The Wolves (14-0, 4-0 OAA Red) head to Rochester Adams on Thursday and are back home on Tuesday against Southfield.

"We need to get Tabin well," Fife said going into the week. "We will be alright. They are working hard every day in practice. They have good attitudes. It's good to be involved with these kind of kids. From now on games are going to be tough."

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



Jonah Newblatt takes his shot as North Farmington moves in to stop him from scoring. Photo by Larry Wright

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Foster Loyer takes control of the ball during the Wolves' overtime win over Oak Park. Photo by Larry Wright

## First in the league

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Freshman point guard Foster Loyer has made his presence felt with the Clarkston Boys Varsity team while the Wolves are currently 14-0 for the season.

"Our season has been going great," Loyer said. "My teammates have put me in a great position to do well and adjust to the ball movement. The ball movement goes well for easy buckets. It is pretty awesome for us."

It was his games against Oak Park, Jan. 20, and Southfield, Jan. 23, in which he really gave the boys a boost over their league foes.

Loyer scored 14 points in the overtime win over Oak Park and led the boys in their next game against Southfield with 27 points in the 55-39 win.

"He had to take care of the ball in two game situations," said Dan Fife, head coach. "We didn't have Andrew Myers 100 percent. He had a very good week for us."

"Oak Park was an outstanding game just back and forth," Loyer added. "I enjoyed helping my team to win. Southfield we didn't come out with the energy we usually have and I was able to give us a jumpstart with some jump shots to get us going. From there we rolled."

He began practicing with the Wolves during open gym in sixth grade. He began on the junior varsity court but after a few days he moved up to the varsity court.

"It was great to get to know the guys and start to develop a chemistry with them," Loyer said. "I played with some guys who have graduated who helped me a lot. It was good to get to know them."

He added getting to know the players has helped with the team chemistry especially on the court.

"We know what we are going to do - back cut, where they are going to rotate for a shot, stuff like that," he said. "It makes your life easier. You know where your buddy is going to be at. You know

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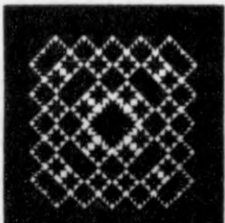
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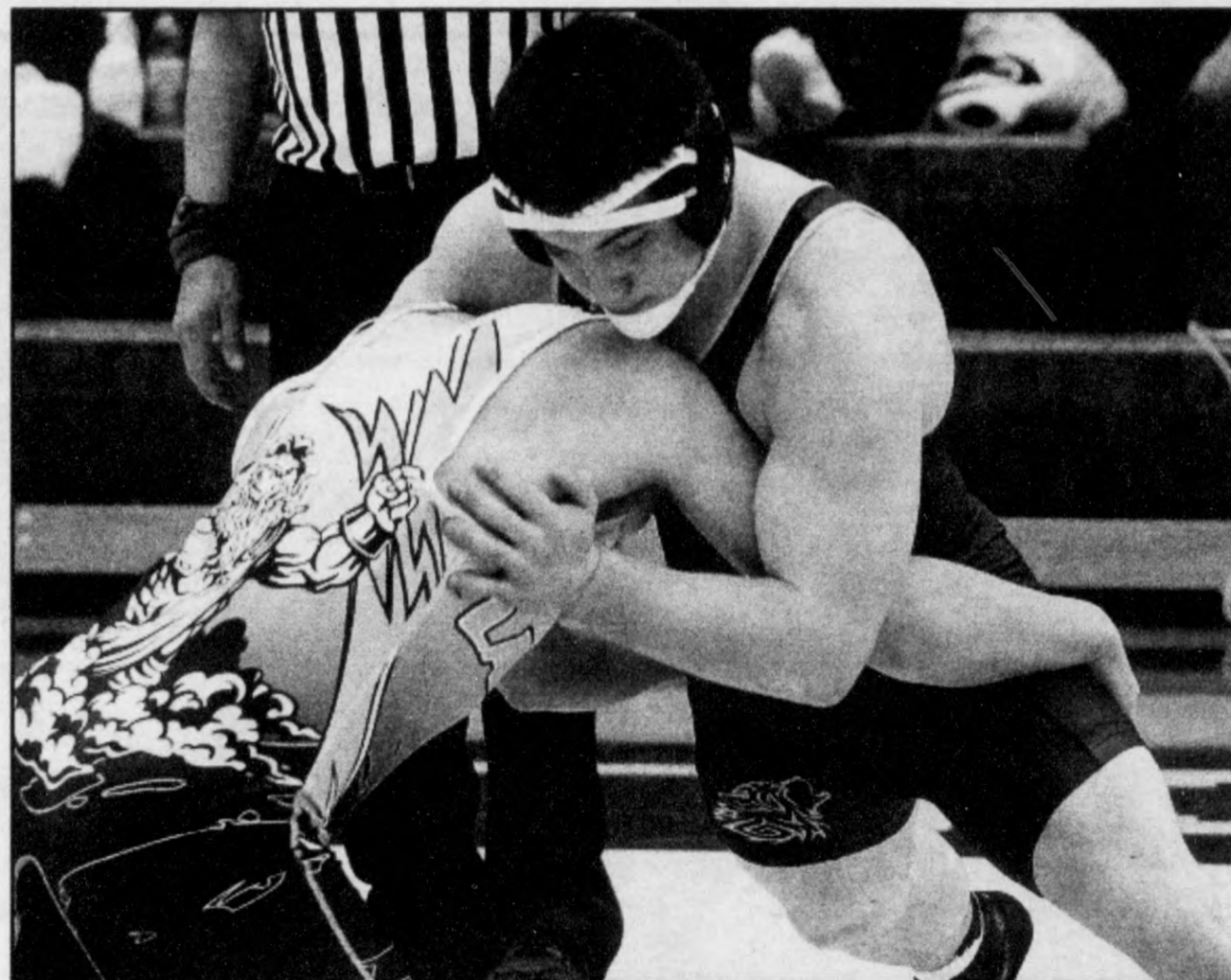
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Josh Cohoon battles an opponent in preparation for the OAA Red tournament. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## District tournament time

Nate Vandermeer, Kas Waitkus and Josh Cohoon led grapplers during the OAA Red tournament on Friday night as they topped their weight classes with their first place finishes.

Vandermeer (152) won in a 13-0 major decision over Oxford's Ethan Kerin for the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team. Cohoon also defeated Wildcat Byron Schlickemeyer in the 189-pound weight class with a 7-3 score.

Waitkus' win for first was against Sam Addy from Rochester Adams in the 160-pound weight class, 10-4.

Seven more grapplers finished in the top four spots in their weight class.

Jake Calvano (140) and Kyle Masters (171) finished in second place with losses. Calvano lost to Oxford with a pin and Masters lost to Stoney Creek with a technical fall, 19-4.

Harley Susalla (125) defeated Rochester's Kyle Birchmeier for third place with a 4-0 victory. Percy Fowler also finished in third in the 215-pound weight class.

Jacob Rygielski (130), Sean Lucas (135) and Gavin Pelle (145) took fourth place.

The Wolves finished the tournament in third place with 144 points. Rochester Adams finished in second, 158 points and Oxford finished in first place with 241 points.

The boys will take the momentum into this week as they begin the post-season. They host the MHSAA Wrestling Team Districts on Wednesday. Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott compete in the semifinals at 6 p.m. Clarkston received a bye and moves on to the final round following semifinals.

They head to the individual district tournament on Saturday at Birmingham Groves where the Wolves will compete against Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Bloomfield Hills, Hartland, Milford, North Farmington, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott, West Bloomfield and White Lake Lakeland.

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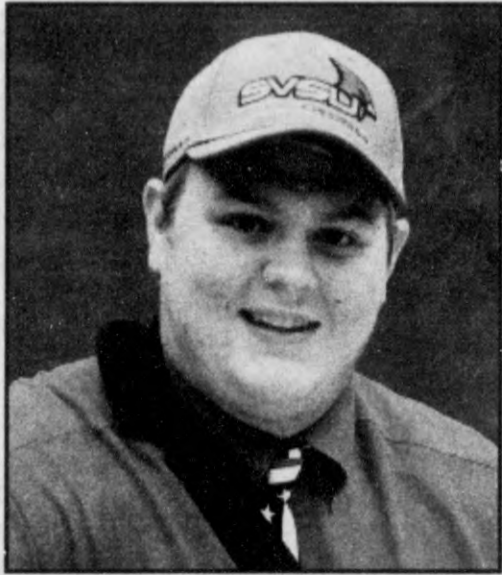
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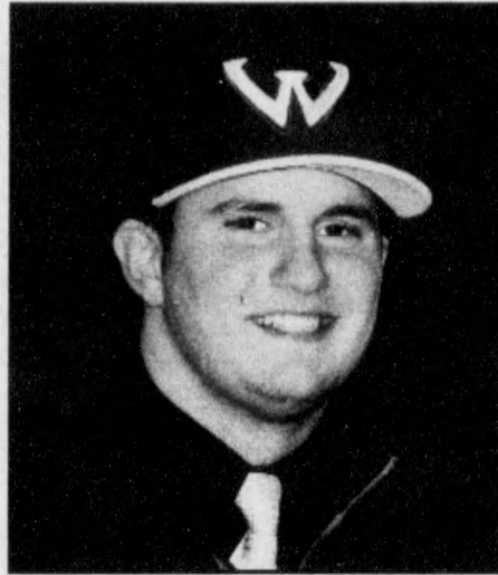




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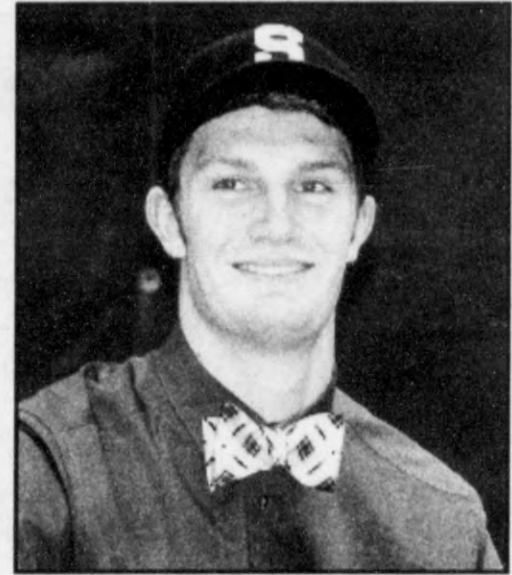
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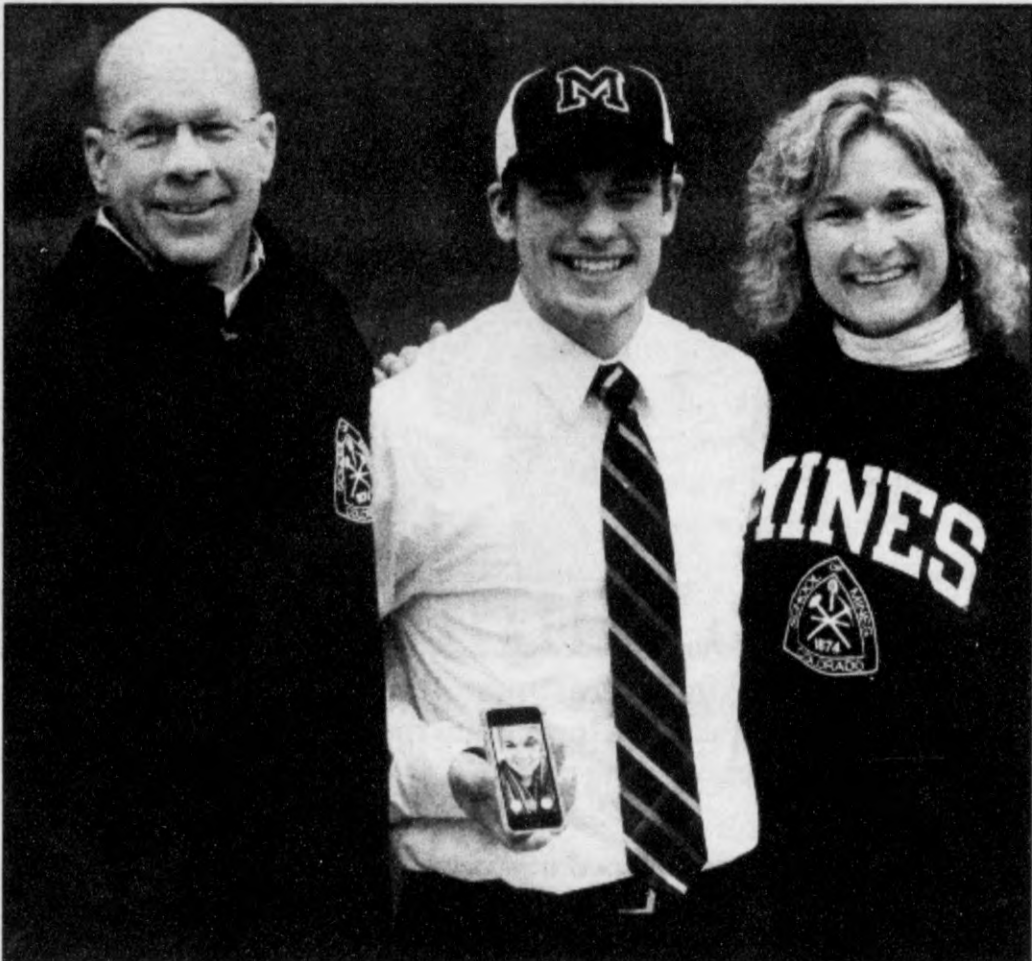
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Joe Popp with his parents Bill and Laura with sister, Emily on the phone. Photos by Wendi Reardon

## Congrats Clarkston athletes!

The south end of the Clarkston High School gymnasium bleachers were packed as 17 athletes signed their letters of intent for colleges next fall, Feb. 4.

"We don't usually have this kind of crowd," said Clarkston Athletic Dan Fife to the crowd of over 100 family at friends. "This is awesome."

After embarking on their back-to-back state championship in MHSAA Division 1 Football eight players are keeping their skills in Michigan: Merrick Canada, Hillsdale College; Cole Chewins, Michigan State University; Austin Egler, Jack McKillop, Adam Match, and Alex Snyder, Saginaw Valley State University; Bryce Witherspoon, Ferris State University; and DJ Zezula, Wayne

State University for football and baseball.

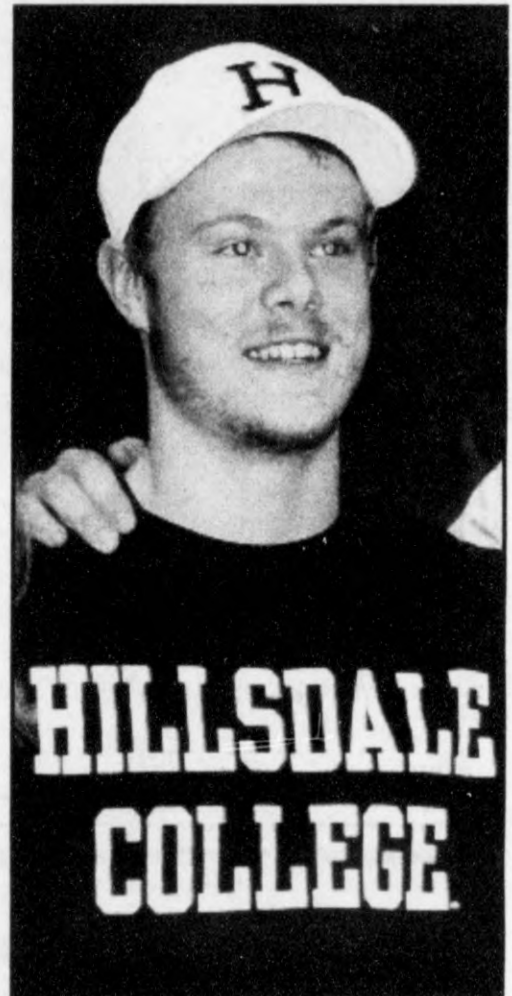
Joe Popp will also be playing baseball as he heads to Colorado School of Mines.

Six soccer players are continuing athletic careers: Joe Definis, Ohio Wesleyan University; Grant Gotaas, Northwood University; Morgan Halligan, Aquinas College; Andrew Reid, Alma College; Ben Snider, Colgate College; Jimmy Todd, Oakland University; and Cary Wilson, Tiffin University.

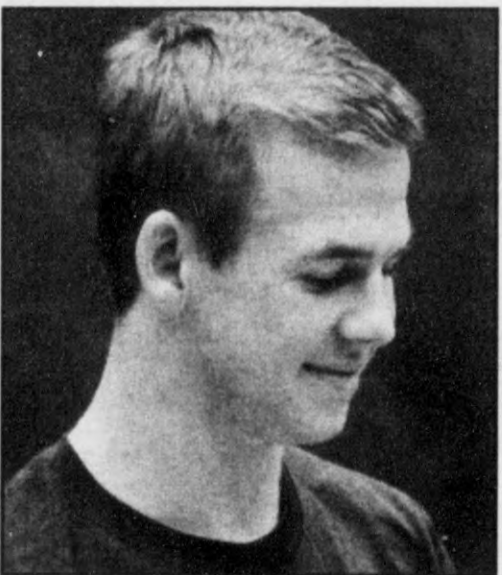
Mitch Rogowski will play golf for Aquinas College.

Watch Halligan, Rogowski, Popp and Zezula this spring as they make a run for state playoffs. The spring season begins March 9.

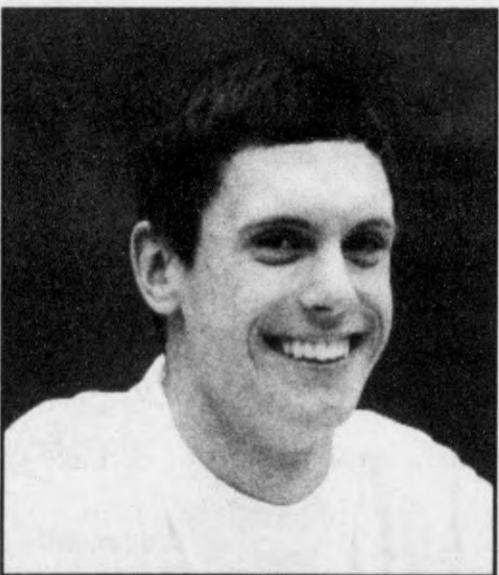
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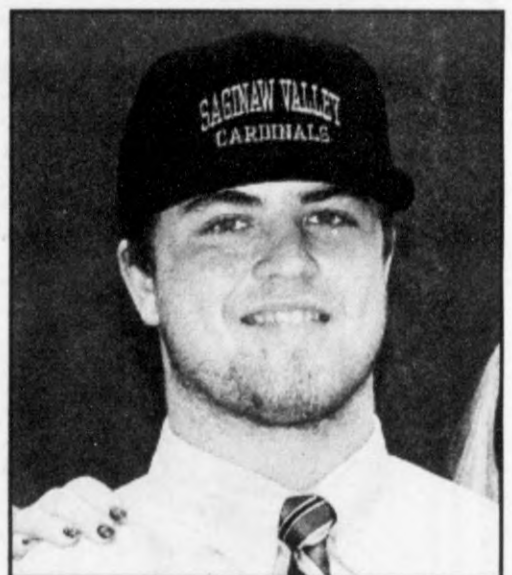
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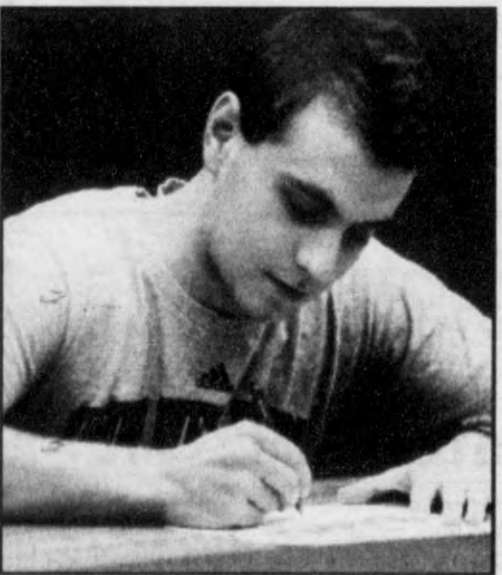
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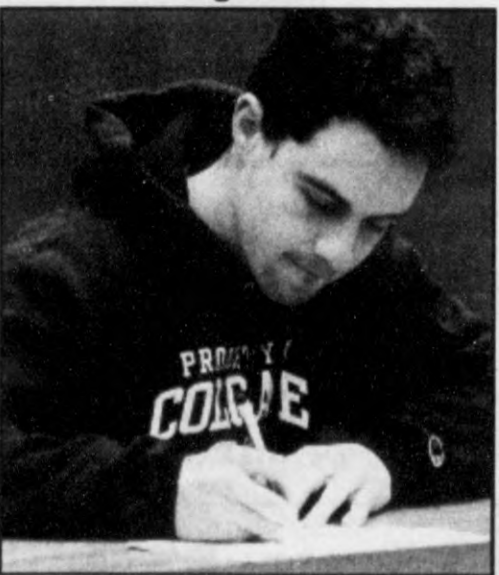
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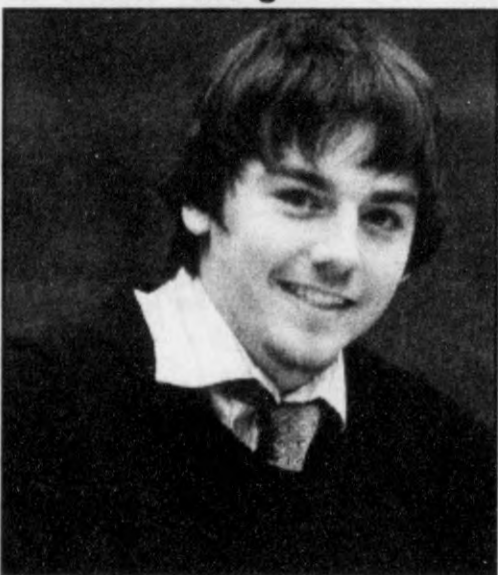
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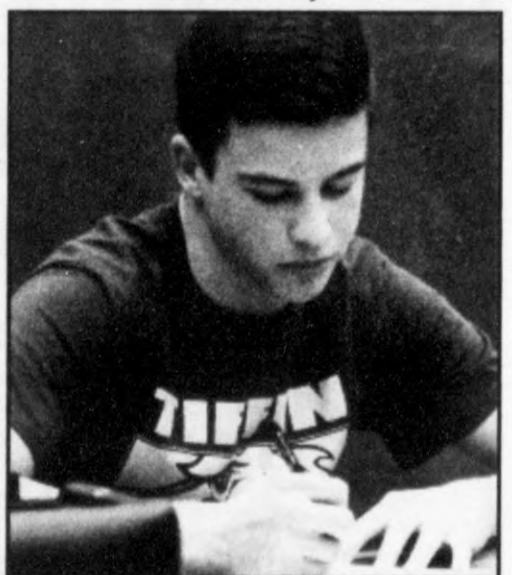
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Gotaas



Wilson



## First-place finishes at Oxford meet

The Clarkston Boys Swim & Dive team defeated Oxford, 123-63, on Jan. 29.

They finished first place in 10 events including three relays.

Isaac Keer, Benny Benson, Matthew Culver and Drew Vassilakos finished in first for the 400-yard freestyle relay. Keer, Christain Keer, Patrick McGinty and Dalton Pokley topped the teams in the 200-yard freestyle. Culver, Pokley, Christian also finished first in the 200-yard medley with teammate James Nelson.

Three swimmers finished in first place in more than one event for the Wolves.

Nelson topped swimmers in the 200-yard IM at 2:04.89 and the 100-yard breaststroke, 1:01.31. Pokley finished the 50-yard freestyle at 22.32 and the 100-yard at 53.35. Culver finished the 500-yard freestyle at 5:00.71 and the 100-yard backstroke at 59.76.

Isaac finished first in the 100-yard freestyle at 51.27. He also finished in second in the 200-yard freestyle, 1:51.96, and the 50-yard freestyle, 23.02.

The Wolves also beat Lake Orion, 120-66. They head to West Bloomfield this Saturday.

# Hoops for Troops, Friday

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers are looking ahead to a tough week against OAA Red league opponents but it is also an exciting week.

The Clarkston Girls Basketball program is hosting the second annual Hoops for Troops on Friday night during their game against North Farmington at 7 p.m.

"It is definitely a good cause and we are playing in honor of Jenna Beno, a former player," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball.

"It is great to get the alumni back into the gym and the Beno family," he added. "Our girls throughout our program raised a lot of money for Operation Second Chance. North Farmington is excited to come back again and doing Hoops for Troops. We are just playing for a good cause."

Beno is a 2006 Clarkston graduate who passed away October 2012 from injuries sustained while serving in Iraq.

Operation Second Chance is one of the organizations which helped Beno, explained Megan Goldberg, organizer and Lady Wolves JV Assistant Coach.

The night includes raffles including two tickets to see Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band on March 27 at the Palace of Auburn Hills and more.

It is also Horizon Hoops Youth Night and all the kids who participated in the winter basketball league are invited to the game.

The Lady Wolves head into the week with one more win in the league after they beat Farmington Hills Harrison last Thursday, 63-47.

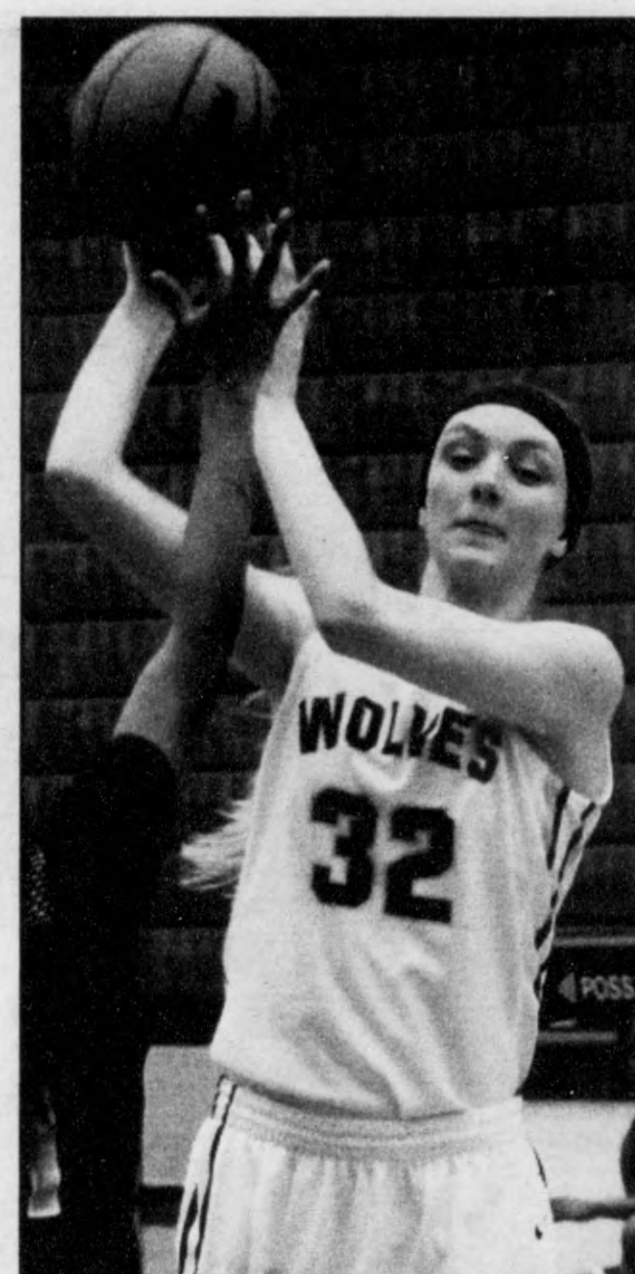
"We played a good second, third and fourth quarter of the game," Wasilk said. "Offensively we shot the ball really well from the outside and finished at the basket. It was a good team win. We had a lot of kids play. It was a big win for us."

Senior Erika Davenport led the team with 24 points, 14 rebounds and two assists. Senior Ashley Skaggs scored 19 points, scoring five 3-pointers in the game. Freshman Kayla Luchenbach added 13 points and had four rebounds. Senior Kayla Russell had three assists.

"She has continued to do a nice job running the point guard position for us," Wasilk added. "Jessica Altene and Taylor Mullins did a good job defensively for us giving us good energy."

The Lady Wolves (10-4, OAA Red 3-2) opened the week against Southfield-Lathrup.

"We are looking forward to playing both games," Wasilk said. "We are looking to get better and improve every day."



Freshman Kayla Luchenbach throws a long pass to keep the ball away from her opponent. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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

### Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, March 21, 10:30am-12:00pm



Learn how to trace your family roots, discover the best resources for finding information about your family, and tips for break down "brick walls" for individuals who are having difficulty finding those lost ancestors. Please bring a list of relatives names and locations of where they lived. Sponsored by the Genealogy Society of Clarkston & Independence Township, Sashabaw Plains Daughter of the American Revolution, Clarkston Historical Society, and the Clarkston Independence District Library. Registration Required.

### Writer's Group: 1st Wednesday Each Month 7pm

Nothing is scarier than a blank piece of paper, so join our local writer's group and write! We meet to improve our writing skills by sharing and discussing our work and thoughtful critiques.

### Tips on Photography: Tuesday, March 10, 7pm

Presented by Mari Latozas an, award winning professional photographer with 28 years of experience. Mari shares her tips and tricks for capturing the perfect photo. Registration Required.

### Drummunity: Monday March 9, 7pm

Join us for Drummunity, a high energy, fun and empowering activity for any group. Lori Fithian, drum circle facilitator and workshop leader, will bring her collection of hand drums and percussion toys to the library and transform our community into a Drummunity. All ages welcome. Registration Required.



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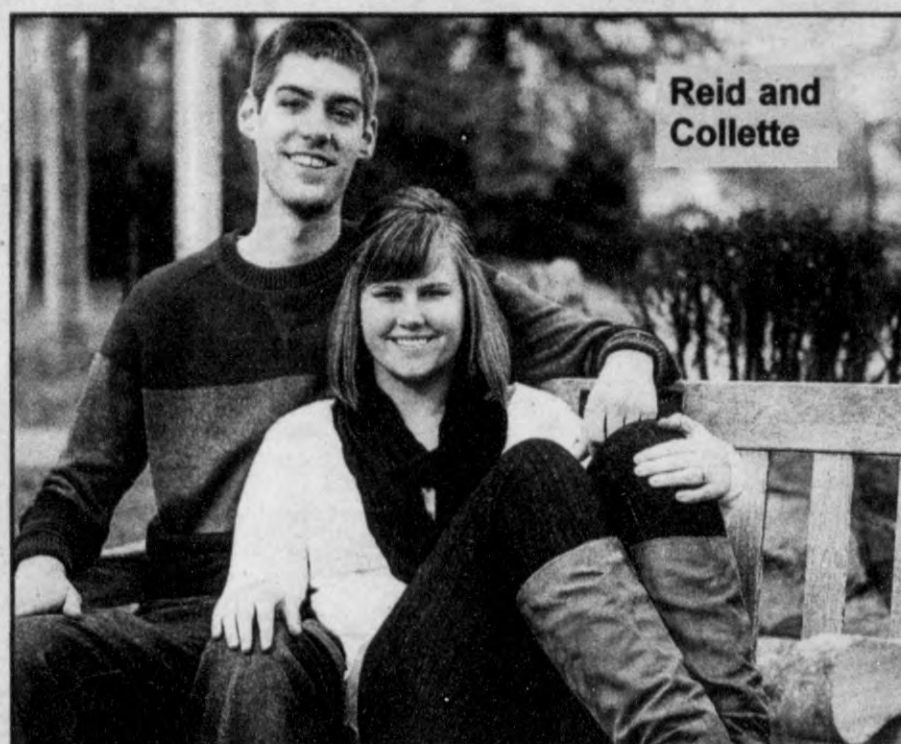
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Reid and Collette

## Noble - Schreur

Kathy Noble and Gary Noble of Clarkston, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Collette Noble, to Reid Schreur, son of Rhonda and Robert Schreur of Zeeland, Mich.

Collette and Reid met at their alma mater, Grand Valley State University.

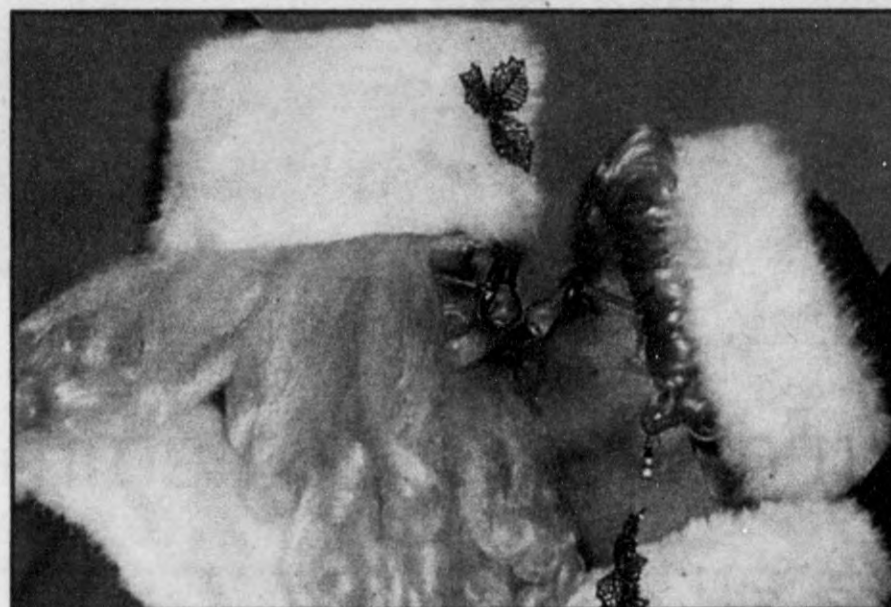
Collette completed a

Bachelor's degree with honors in nursing and works as a registered nurse in Grand Rapids.

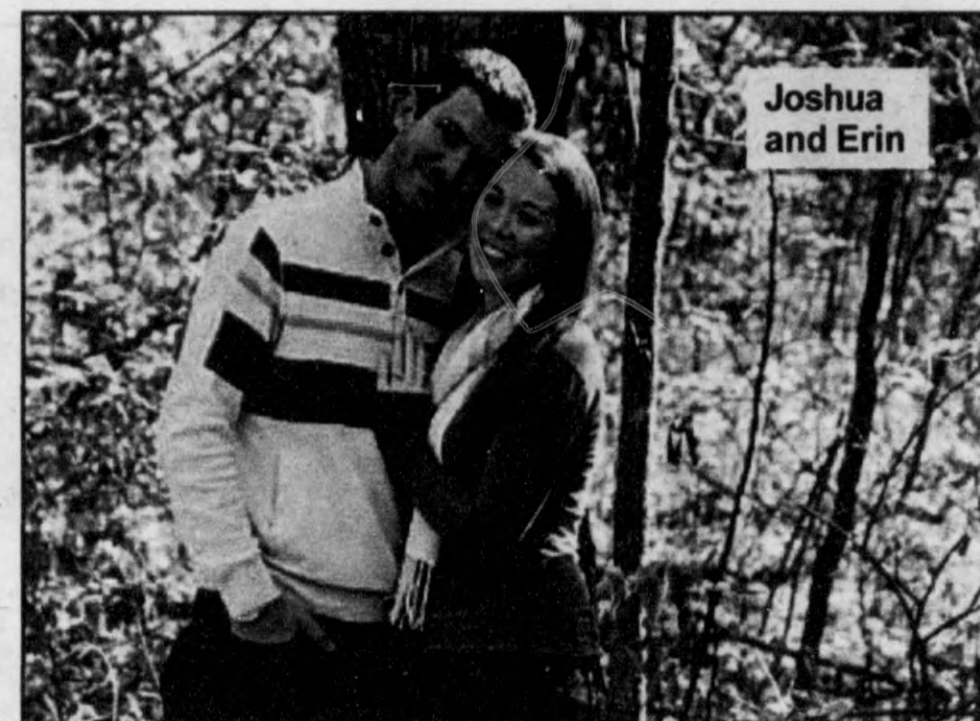
Reid has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and works as an engineer in Holland, Mich.

An October wedding in Allegan, Mich., is planned.

They will reside in Hudsonville, Mich.



For Valentine's Day, Steve and Deb Percival share a picture of a kiss just before visiting with boys and girls at Waterford Parks and Recreation's Supper with Santa. Photo provided



Joshua and Erin

## Hoffman - Brekken

David Hoffman and Margaret Tippet of Clarkston are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin T. Hoffman, to Joshua N. Brekken, son of Bridgett Bergen and the late Gerald Brekken.

The couple met while attending Hamline University School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. Both achieved a Juris Doctorate Degree and are working in the Twin Cities area. A fall 2015 wedding is planned.

## McKee- Hansford

Norm and Sheree McKee of Clarkston, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tiffany Lynn McKee to David Leigh Hansford, son of Brinsley Hansford and Dawn Walsh originally from Bridport, England.

Tiff and Dave live in Brooklyn and work in Manhattan, NY. Tiff is a 2000 graduate of Lake Orion High School, Syracuse University '04 and Virginia Commonwealth '06. She works and travels as a Freelance Advertising Art Director. Dave is a Software Architect for Microsoft. He proudly earned his U.S. citizenship last year.



Tiffany and David

The couple was happily engaged on the ski slopes of Mont Tremblant, Canada, last year. A May 2015 wedding will take place in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

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# Independence Township Times

## Graded on results . . . not enthusiasm

### Pat Kittle, Supervisor

It's that time of year again when you have to look back and evaluate how you've done over the past 12 months and begin to finalize your plan for the next 12. Creating goals and objectives is what allows me to stay focused on the important tasks. Without a solid, measurable set of goals, it's too easy to get "distracted" with the hundreds of little fire drills that seem to creep up every day. For 2014, I have given myself a B- for an overall grade for the year. I do try to limit my grading to deliverables only. Enthusiasm or good looks do not come into play in my self-evaluation. Opportunities for improvement are listed below.



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

### Communications: B

One of the most important parts of my job. Not real happy with my performance and not having a new website until the end of 2014. Should be up and running by end of Q1 - 2015. Also want to get involved with more Homeowner Association Meetings in 2015. Keeping the Township informed about road construction will be a priority in 2015.

### Fiscal: B

Prudently managing your money is obviously another really big element of the job. Revenues for the General and Fire Funds exceeded expenditures. There was a one-time prior year accounting adjustment needed in the Police Fund that pushed expenditures over revenues and resulted in a reduction to Fund Balance from last year's level by \$118,000. The DPW Sewer financial situation that forced the Township to raise Sewer Rates is improving. The Sewer fund deficit did shrink as anticipated in 2014. For 2015, the County just informed the Township sewage disposal rates will go up by 11% due to an increase in flow amounts. The Water department had three extraordinary activities that caused the fund balance to deteriorate in 2014: \$292,000 repayment to the Village of Clarkston, \$316,000 to restore and paint a water tower and \$231,000 for an emergency back-up water connection with Orion Township. Will be keeping a close watch on the DPW accounts. Also really want to get more contracts re-bid in 2015.

### Operations: B+

Overall am pleased with results in 2014. Put a ZERO TOLERANCE ethics policy in place very similar to GM. Will continue to drill down and refine employee operations manuals and add additional tiers of employee job

### 2014 SUPERVISOR'S SCORE CARD

#### Communications

- A Clarkston News
- A Employee Meetings
- B Independence TV
- D Web Site Redesign
- B Town Hall Meetings

B • Web Site Launch Late

#### Fiscal

- A Financial Controls
- B Re-Bid Contracts
- B Benchmark Townships
- A BS&A 3 Year Budget
- B Fix Declining DPW Funds

B • Need to Rebid More Contracts

#### Operations

- B Job Descriptions
- A Employee Policy Book
- B Evaluation Process
- A Ethics Policy
- A DPW Citizens Board

B+ • Need Policy Book Refinements

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### 2014 GRADE

**B-**

#### Economic Growth

- F Hospital
- C Sashabaw / Waldon
- C Dixie Development
- C I-75 Bridge
- A 425 Agreement

C • Failed on Hospital  
• Road Projects in Process

#### Community

- A EOC Plan
- C Safety Path Expansion
- C Parks Capital Projects
- B Senior Center
- B Public Safety

• IAFF Contract / Joint Training  
B • Safety Path Plan In Process  
• Tennis Court Not Completed

#### Infrastructure

- C Generator Backup
- B Brady Lodge
- A CAMS / Video Analysis
- B Water / Cell Tower
- C Federal Funds Application

• Paved & Gravel Roads  
C+ • App Submitted / No \$\$\$ Available  
• Generator Not Hooked Up Yet

descriptions.

### Economic Growth: C

Getting diversification in our tax base is a key campaign promise made when running for office. I failed miserably in getting the State Legislature to approve the new hospital. On the flip side, there are several road projects in the works that should really start taking shape in 2015.

### Community: B

Getting our Emergency Operations Plan coordinated with the Police, Fire, Clarkston Schools and local faith based organizations exceeded our expectations. The Safety Path (ITC Corridor Recreation Pathway) and Parks projects (new tennis, mini-tennis and pickle ball courts) are still in the planning phase and will be completed in 2015.

### Infrastructure: C+

Generator became fully operational in late January 2015. We now have the ability to open Townhall as a warming center if we lose power locally or as an Emergency Op-

erations Center for a neighboring Township to use in case of a natural disaster in let's say Springfield or Orion. With the Federal Funds Applications, our township has submitted requests to improve our dirt and several paved roads. The issue is lack of available funds to make the improvements. Seeking road funding dollars is kind of like the state lottery. You have to buy a ticket to even have a shot at the money . . . no matter how unlikely the odds are. Not holding my breath but will continue to ask for help.

### Overall Grade: B-

If I was still a first term freshman in college, I would be really pleased with a B minus. But anything short of an A once you get into the big leagues, like a Township Supervisor, is not enough. Deliverables on planned projects will begin to really firm up in 2015. Keep you posted.



# McLaren eyes lower-cost, short-stay hospital

## 2 opponents of full-service plan on board

January 25, 2015 Condensed from Crain's Business Detroit. Credit to Jay Greene



McLaren's "hospital of the future" may not be the \$300 million medical-surgical hospital it once proposed at its 80-acre McLaren Health Care Village in Independence Township. It may be, instead, a much smaller, less costly, \$30 million to \$50 million, 30-bed short-stay hospital with high-tech diagnostics and a 24-hour emergency department.

At least two leading opponents of McLaren's \$300 million hospital — St. Joseph Mercy Health System CEO Rob Casalou and Economic Alliance for Michigan President Bret Jackson — now are on board for McLaren's developing plan for a high-tech outpatient health care facility.

Unlike acute-care medical-surgical beds, which require a certificate of need, short-stay beds don't require CON approval, said Casalou, who is chairman-elect of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association. Jackson said he has no objections to McLaren or any other hospital that wants to build a short-stay

hospital or add a unit to an existing outpatient center. "As long as they conform to (CON) law, we have no objections," said Jackson.

Over the next six months a health needs assessment for outpatient services in the Independence Township area will be conducted, said Greg Lane, McLaren's chief administrative officer. The consultant report will help guide McLaren's future investment in the outpatient center complex, Lane said.

On top of building a 30-bed short-stay unit for patients who need less than 24 hours of care on an outpatient basis, Lane said, McLaren would also like to expand its outpatient cancer care center and build a second medical office building at its Clarkston Health Care Village site.

The McLaren Health Care Village already offers several services, including a 24-hour emergency department with board-certified emergency medicine physicians, the Clarkston Medical Group with primary and specialty physicians, a

three-operating room ambulatory surgery center and an outpatient cancer center.

Besides a short-stay unit and expanded cancer center operations, future use could also include senior housing, assisted living, continuing care, restaurants, banking, retail, restaurants, specialty grocery, and joint ventures with medical device manufacturers and pharmaceutical companies, Lane said.

The inpatient hospital of the future, Casalou said, may well be large intensive care units for a range of chronic health conditions, advanced surgery suites for complex operations and massive emergency departments for traumatic injuries. Short-stay hospitals, designed for lower-acuity patients, could become more plentiful, Casalou continued. The primary difference between a full-service and short-stay hospital could be services — open heart surgery, organ transplants, neo-natal and other intensive care services — that support inpatient stays longer than 24 hours, Casalou and Lane agreed.

"We have more people in full-service hospitals that are considered outpatients but are in inpatient facilities" because hospitals don't have any places to put them", Casalou said.

"If you have someone who needs overnight care, why put them in the most complicated, most stressful environment? That is ... a full-service hospital", he said. "It doesn't aid efficiency and comfort."

Many times in cases of burglaries, or thefts from vehicles a lot of property is recovered but is unable to be returned because police lack identifiable useful information. Police have to search pawn shop receipts looking for similar items that may have been pawned in the area. For investigators it's like looking for a needle in a haystack. Items with serial numbers or pictures of the items will go a long way in accurately and quickly identifying your property.

Law enforcement agencies across the United States have access to tools that aid them in locating stolen property. One in particular, *LeadsOnline*, helps track and recover stolen property, everything from jewelry, sporting equipment, electronics, computers, tools, cameras, designer clothing, col-

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## Delinquent taxes

Paul Brown, Treasurer

Typically, we collect 95% of taxes on or before the due date.

For a multitude of reasons, some folks either can't pay or choose not to pay on time because of other needs they may have for cash. Other folks might just forget. So what exactly happens when taxes aren't paid? The answer depends upon which tax is due.



Paul Brown, Township Treasurer

When summer taxes are not paid by the due date, we add 1% to the balance for each partial or full month late. The critical time is with the winter tax bill.

If this is not paid by February 14th, additional penalties are applied. The next key date is March 1st. On this date, all summer and winter taxes that remain unpaid must be turned over to the County Treasurer. At that point, the County then pays the Township for all remaining unpaid taxes.

Oakland County then adds additional fees and begins their collection process. Should you ever find yourself in this situation, I encourage you to contact The Oakland County Treasurer's office as soon as possible to set up a payment plan.

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By Sgt. Iafrate, Independence Sub-Station: Oakland County Sheriff Department

In 2014 there were approximately 136 reports of items stolen from homes or vehicles in the Independence and Clarkston areas. Additionally there were approximately 37 reports of structure fires in the same time frame. Nobody expects to be the victim of property crime, or a home fire, but if it does happen, there are some steps that you can take to help law enforcement be more successful in the retrieval of your stolen property. These same steps can also aid you in making sure that your insurance provider has the appropriate information to replace your belongings.



# What's new in the Clerk's office?

## May 5, 2015 Election

**Proposal to Amend The State Constitution:** With a 26-12 vote, the Senate narrowly received the two-thirds vote required to place a constitutional amendment before voters requesting an increase in Michigan's sales tax from 6% to 7%. Independence Township's State Senator Jim Marleau; 12<sup>th</sup> District voted no and former Representative Gail Haines; 43<sup>rd</sup> District voted yes on this measure.

The last constitutional amendment increasing the Michigan's sales tax occurred in 1994 when voters approved an increase from 4% to 6% after the legislature repealed the local property tax as a source of operating revenue for public schools. The amendment passed with 69.2% of statewide voters voting yes; 55.17% of Oakland County's voters supported the amendment. The recent action taken by the Senate in December approved two resolutions in addition to the approval of an 11-bill package amounting to an overall net revenue increase of \$1.34 billion once fully implemented. Allocations of the increase are earmarked as follows: \$1.2 billion for road projects; \$130 million for the *Comprehensive Transportation Fund* (mass transit); \$300 million for the *School Aid Fund*; and \$95 million for revenue sharing to local governments.

Although most voters are already aware of the proposed sales tax increase, key components of the proposal also include but are not limited to the following:

- Exclusion of motor fuel from the general sales tax base by converting all gas taxes into a separate wholesale tax. Currently, gasoline is subject to both the sales tax and the motor fuel excise tax;

- Increase of motor fuels taxes by eliminating the existing 19¢ per gallon gasoline and 15¢ per gallon diesel taxes and replace it with a separate 14.9% wholesale tax. Although gas taxes could top 41¢ per gallon by October 2015, there would be no additional sales tax and all of the resulting revenue would be directed to transportation only;

- Elimination of some annual vehicle registration fee discounts, increase fees for heavy trucks and create new surcharges for electric and hybrid vehicles whose owners pay few fuel taxes. Michigan's vehicle registration fees vary based on the manufacturer's price of the vehicle

- Strengthening of warranty requirements for construction projects and require more competitive bidding; and

- Full restoration of Michigan's *Earned Income Tax Credit\** (EITC) to 20% of the federal level which was scaled back to 6% in 2011. The federal EITC is refundable tax credit for low to moderate income working individuals, particularly those with children. The amount of the EITC benefit depends on a recipient's income and number of children. This component would also roll back household income qualifiers for the homestead property tax credit for seniors and disabled filers.

For a full analysis of the bill see: [www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2013-SFA-HJR00-N.pdf](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2013-SFA-HJR00-N.pdf)

### Proposed Ballot Language

House Concurrent Resolution Number 39 recommends potential ballot language for the Board of State Canvassers to consider.

*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? [YES] or [NO]

### Proposal to Renew 10-year Operational Millage - Clarkston Community Schools:

Also subject to voter approval in May, is Clarkston Community Schools' request for a renewal, not an increase, of its 10-year non-homestead millage of 19.2491 mills which is scheduled to expire this year.

## Questions? Contact Your Elected State Officials

**Jim Marleau, State Senator, 12<sup>th</sup> District**  
**Lansing Office:**

1010 Farnum Building

P.O. Box 30036

Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

**Phone:** (248) 724-2442

**Fax:** (517) 373-2694

[jimmarleau@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:jimmarleau@senate.michigan.gov)

**Jim Tedder, State Representative; 43<sup>rd</sup> District**  
**Lansing Office:**

Anderson House Office Bldg.

124 N. Capital, Lansing, Michigan 48933

**Phone:** (517) 373-0615 **Toll Free:** (888) 737-4043

[JimTedder@house.mi.gov](mailto:JimTedder@house.mi.gov)

**Mailing Address:**

N0892 House Office Building

P.O. Box 30014-7514

Lansing, Michigan 48909

### Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2015 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.2491 mills (\$19.2491 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in 1 Clarkston Community Schools, Oakland County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2016 to 2025, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2016 is approximately \$7,295,310 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2015 tax levy)?

### Election Inspectors - How Tech Savvy Are You?

The Clerk's office is especially in need of "tech savvy" election inspectors to assist in operating the Electronic Poll Book (EPB) laptop on Election Day. Although the EPB has proven to be a great asset at the precincts in processing voters quickly, we currently have "just enough" Election Inspectors to operate the EPB at each precinct. Our goal is to make certain that each precinct has at least one additional Election Inspector fully trained as a back-up in operating the EPB. The EPB software program is simple to navigate and the ONLY qualification needed is that you MUST have no fear of operating a laptop computer.

If you are interested in working as an

Election Inspector at the upcoming May 5<sup>th</sup> election, applications are available on the Township's website and at the Clerk's office. Contact us at (248) 625-5114 if you are interested OR if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Attention Current Election Inspectors:** All current election inspectors will be notified about their availability to work at the May 5 election and will be offered the opportunity to attend optional EPB training. Election inspectors who attended election training in 2014 have already met the state's biennial election training requirement.

### Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) changes, Effective July 1, 2015

As the Township's FOIA coordinator, the Clerk's office will continue to encourage accountability through transparency and is committed to administer the Freedom of Information Act by taking affirmative steps in making information public and more easily attainable. At this time, instead of waiting for specific requests from the public, the Township is advancing toward using modern technology to assist in providing information to better and more quickly inform its citizens.


The legislation signed by the Governor in January approving major changes to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act will impact how municipalities will respond to FOIA requests beginning in July and we are committed to executing its principles as public servants. The following summarizes several key provisions of PA 563 that the Township will incorporate into its current policy:

- FOIA procedures, guidelines, and a written summary will be posted on the Township's website in addition to providing free copies upon request;

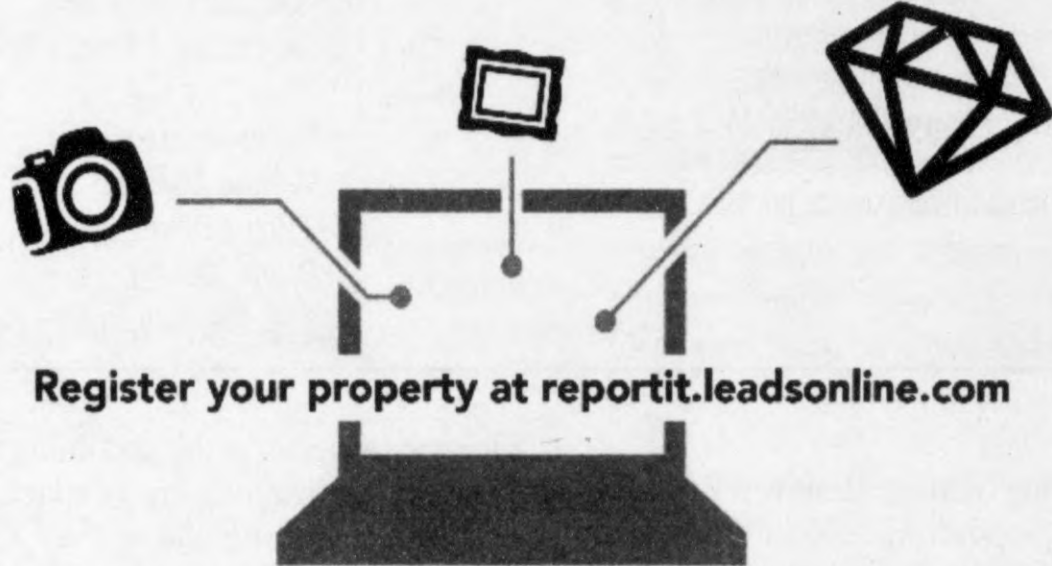
- FOIA responses will include a free copy of procedures, guidelines, and a written summary; the inclusion of the website link on

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lectibles, and other items with invaluable personal worth. *LeadsOnline* is the nation's largest online investigation system for law enforcement, providing rapid electronic access to transactions from thousands of reporting businesses including scrap metal processors, secondhand stores, Internet drop-off stores, and pawn shops across the country, as well as critical information from eBay listings for criminal investigations. This system also has a service called *Report It*, designed to help citizens be prepared in the event of a theft or loss.

*Report It* is a proactive tool that allows you to easily catalog information about your valuables. This includes serial numbers, owner applied numbers, photos of property and scans of receipts. It's completely internet based, so you never have to worry about losing the data you have saved. *Report It* is free and available to residents in the

jurisdictions *LeadsOnline* serves. Citizens can store an unlimited number of serial numbers, item descriptions, pictures, and scans of receipts so items may be more easily identified in the event of theft. Items can be almost anything, collectibles, jewelry, electronics, machinery, lawn equipment, bicycles, and even designer clothes and handbags.

Information entered is password protected and only accessible by the account holder. Law enforcement officers will not be able to access the account in event of a theft or loss but the account holder can print out the pictures and serial numbers for law enforcement to aid in the retrieval of them.

Those citizens wanting to participate in the *Report It* program can register for the free service at [www.reportit.leadsonline.com](http://www.reportit.leadsonline.com) and begin building their personal property inventory list.

## Clerk's Office, continued

the response will also satisfy this requirement;

- FOIA fee forms will list all estimated or charged fees under FOIA and include an explanation of the six fee components including several categories of labor costs associated with producing a public record in paper or electronic form; costs of non-paper physical media used to produce public records such as DVD's or flash drives; copying costs; and postage costs;

- FOIA requestors may require that public records be provided on a non-paper physical media, by e-mail, or otherwise electronically provided, if the Township has the technological capability necessary to provide records on the media form specified by the requestor;

- FOIA prohibits the Township from charging more than 10¢ per sheet for paper copies of public records; this charge excludes labor costs in making copies;

- FOIA permits charges for contracted labor for separating and deleting exempt information from nonexempt information if the Township does not employ a person capable of such activity;

- FOIA charges for contracted labor cannot exceed six times the state's minimum hourly wage;

- FOIA allows the Township to add up to 50 % to the applicable labor charge to cover or partially cover the cost of employee fringe benefits;

- FOIA allows the Township to in-

form a requestor that requested information is available on the public body's website, in lieu of providing the public records, so long as the records were available on the website at the time of the request;

- FOIA requires Township employees receiving verbal requests for information that is available on the public body's website, to inform the requestor of the pertinent website address;

- FOIA requires the Township, in certain circumstances, to reduce its charges for labor costs in responding to request if the Township has not responded in a timely manner;

- FOIA allows a Township, under certain circumstances, to require a 100% deposit before processing a request from individuals who have not paid the public body for public records acquired pursuant to previous FOIA requests;

- FOIA increases mandatory punitive damages to be awarded to a plaintiff from \$500 to \$1,000, and mandates a new \$1,000 civil fine which a court must award if it finds the Township has arbitrarily and capriciously violated the act; and

- FOIA requires a court to impose an additional civil fine of \$2,500 to \$7,500 if it finds the Township willfully and intentionally failed to comply with the act or otherwise acted in bad faith.



## Play ball!

It's that time of year already to get your kids registered for the 2015 Youth Baseball and Softball season. We have leagues for kids ages 3-18. We are currently taking registration for Township Residents and the Clarkston School District. Registration for all others begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Stop by the Township Office to register, or fax your registration to 248-620-7454. For more information call 248-625-8223.



## Plans for Valentine's Day?



"I'm old and married. No plans, but we will go out to dinner."

— Leanna Cole



"I'm single. My daughters are my Valentines – love spending time with them."

— Don Herbert



"I'm working in the bakery prepared for Valentine's and Fat Tuesday. I also get special orders for cakes, so I will be working on that."

— J.J. Walton



"Spend time with my wife and kids. We are going to dinner."

— Mitch Petterson

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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## Coaches bring love of lacrosse to teams

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Leanne Stickle and Nicole Cummings are ready for the snow to melt and for spring to begin as they take the helm for Clarkston Girls Lacrosse Program.

Stickle steps into the position of head coach for the varsity team and Cummings will coach the junior varsity team.

Both understand the program has seen a lot of changes over the years and are ready to start rebuilding the program to be as strong as the boys' program.

"It is something we want to get to," Stickle said. "It's an example for some of the parents and players of what we are trying to get to. To see a team that has succeeded and was where we are at right now it gives them hope and makes the program real attractive."

She added they are working with Brian Kaminskas, the boys varsity coach, and they plan to join the boys teams on fundraising.

"We want to make it a family program," Stickle said.

They will start the girls program with passion as both of love for the game.

"I am really passionate about this sport, how it's played, and watching it, too," Cummings said.

"Nicole and I share the same vision as we build the program," Stickle added. "Not just focus on the varsity and JV but look at the youth. We want the parents and the kids in the area to think of lacrosse as competitive and fun. It takes dedication. My passion will definitely show on and off of the field with the girls."

Their love for the game started young as both grew up playing lacrosse. Stickle grew up in New York and began playing when she was in fifth grade.

"My dad played lacrosse," she explained, adding he now coaches the Clarkston Boys



Nicole Cummings and Leanne Stickle are the new coaches for Clarkston Girls Lacrosse. Photo by Wendi Reardon

JV team. "He was the one who encouraged me to play and my two brothers play. I love the game."

She played throughout high school. Then, she was recruited to play at Edinboro University in Pennsylvania where she played for two years and went to the NCAA championship.

"I didn't think I would play for college," Stickle said. "Then, I was recruited."

She stopped playing when she transferred to the University of Michigan.

"I missed it and wanted to come back and coach," Stickle added. "When this position opened I jumped on it. I haven't played since my junior year in college. I am from the east coast and it's a lot bigger out there. It's

exciting people are showing interest and it will be exciting to build the program."

It was through her dad she knew Kaminskas who informed her about the vacant position.

Cummings began playing when she was a child. Her sister played and she picked it up.

"I never thought I would be playing for college either until I got recruited to this side of the state," she smiled. "I don't know what else I would be doing. I got really excited the coach called me to recruit me for the team. I did a little bit of coaching for elementary girls back home that is a lot different."

She was recruited to play for Oakland

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## Events

**Business over Breakfast**, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 7:45-9 a.m., Feb. 12, Express Weight Loss and Wellness Clinic, 6647 Dixie Highway. Raffles, gifts. 248-625-3300.

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**Office hours**, state Rep. Jim Tedder, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 13, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway. 517-373-0615.

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**Blood drive**, American Red Cross, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Feb. 15, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

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**Wild Game Dinner**, American Legion Post 63, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 21, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$20. Elk, white tail deer, pheasant, turkey, walleye, trout, salmon. Gun, kayak, Booze Basket raffles. 248-625-9912.

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**Pins for Paws and Strikes for Strays** Bowling Fundraiser for Almost Home Animal Rescue League, 1-4:30 p.m., Feb. 28, AirWay Lanes in Waterford. \$25, bowling, shoes, pizza, pop, prizes, raffles. 248-200-2695.

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

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**Fitness 4 You** classes, \$5 walk-in, New Hope Bible Church, 8673 Sashabaw Road. Call Patty, 248-520-3297.

## 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

# Around Town

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



**HOLIDAY SWEETS:** J.J. Walton and Jeff Jackson of Neiman's Family Market on Dixie Highway baked lots of sweet treats for Valentine's Day this weekend, as well as Mardi Gras on Feb. 17. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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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**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.

## 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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**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

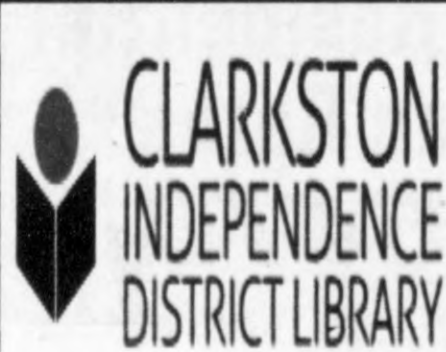
**Health and Wellness Friday**, 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 20, Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Hwy, Suite 240. Free. Dr. Jacqueline Vaughn will share the benefits of chiropractic, massage and nutrition to obtain a balanced body. 248-770-5388.

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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?

**Discover Free Library Databases:**  
Thursday, February 19 at 2:00pm

Discover our paid subscription databases available free to you at the library: financial, automotive, health, workforce, skills, learn a language and more. Registration Required.

**All Things Disney: Monday, February 23 6:00-8:00pm**

This month we celebrate Disney Royalty! Wear your favorite Disney royal attire, whether it's Belle's beautiful yellow dress, the Beast's handsome tuxedo, Elsa's magnificent blue gown or Olaf's carrot nose! There will be music, games, crafts and more. Registration Required.

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

Mon-Thurs: 10 am-9 pm, Fri & Sat: 10 am-6 pm, Sun 1 pm-6 pm



**Salsa Dance**  
Monday, February 26  
at 7:00-8:00pm  
Join us in learning how to salsa dance and a brief history of its origins, hosted by local resident Jose Alliaga. Registration Required.







Angela Sedano pops her hip.



Lady Wolves varsity dancers move and groove.



Selena Perez and Caylee Price get low during the performance.

### Dropping hip hop

The Clarkston Varsity Dance team performed their hip hop moves during the Wolves' basketball game last Friday.

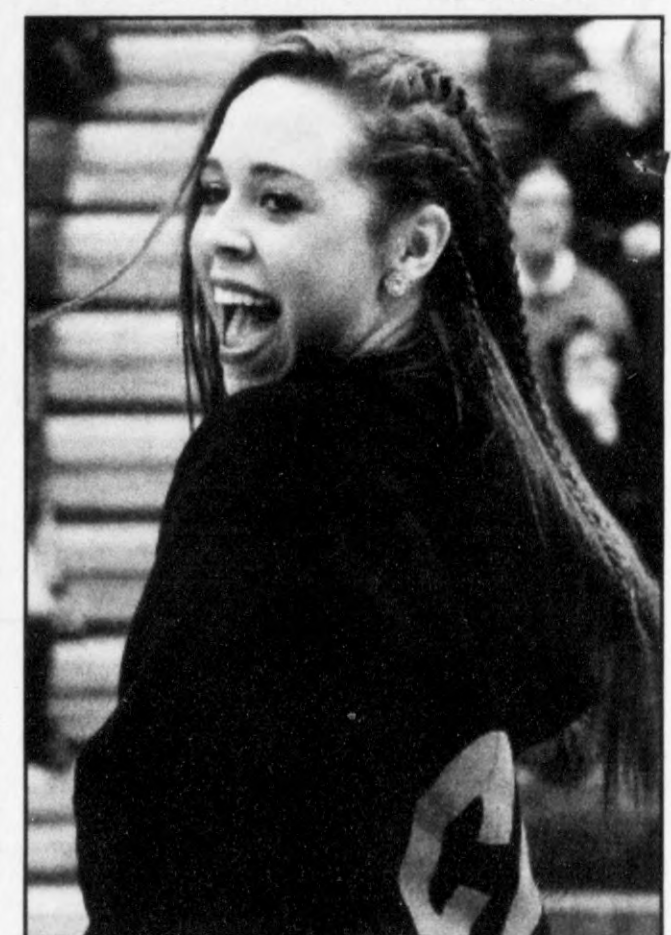
See the Lady Wolves next half time show on Tuesday.



Selena Perez dances a hip hop move.



The Jungle rallies behind the Wolves during the second half of the game. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Taylor McKay shines.



## Coaches have big plans for season

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University and is currently a sophomore studying elementary education.

"Playing lacrosse which is something I enjoy very much," Cummings said. "I want to show the younger girls how to play since it is still such a new sport."

Both would like to take the success they had through high school and college and bring it to Clarkston.

"I want to share that experience and share things my coaches have taught me to make our team successful," Cummings said.

"When I was in high school we had a really strong program," Stickle said. "I know what it takes from a player's point of view. I know how the coaches who coached me acted as a coach and just knowing what it takes to be a successful team. Knowing the values I have and knowing what worked for me in high school and college as well and bringing it over here."

Both know this spring will be a rebuilding year and have aimed their sights to have enough players for a JV and varsity team.

The next step is building competitiveness.

"We are building leadership on and off of the field," Stickle explained. "We are

setting sights high and making it competitive. Coming out with a winning season is one of our goals as well. We want other teams to compete with us because we are good. We are getting our name out there and turning around the program."

Within the next five years they would like to have varsity, JV and freshman teams and also have community education for the off season.

For players interest in playing lacrosse both say to try it.

"It is a very unique sport," said Cummings. "That's what drew me into it. I played volleyball, basketball, soccer, softball. Lacrosse was a new challenge for me. It definitely was not easy when you start but once you get it comes natural to you."

"It is a very fast paced game," Stickle added. "It takes a lot of hard work and it is really fun. It is a team sport, too. You are constantly subbing in and out. Everyone works together. They call it the fastest game on two feet."

Tryouts are March 9 but off season conditioning is held Monday and Friday nights at the high school and Wednesday nights at Oakland Yard for stick work.

Stickle and Cummings welcome anyone who is interested to stop by.

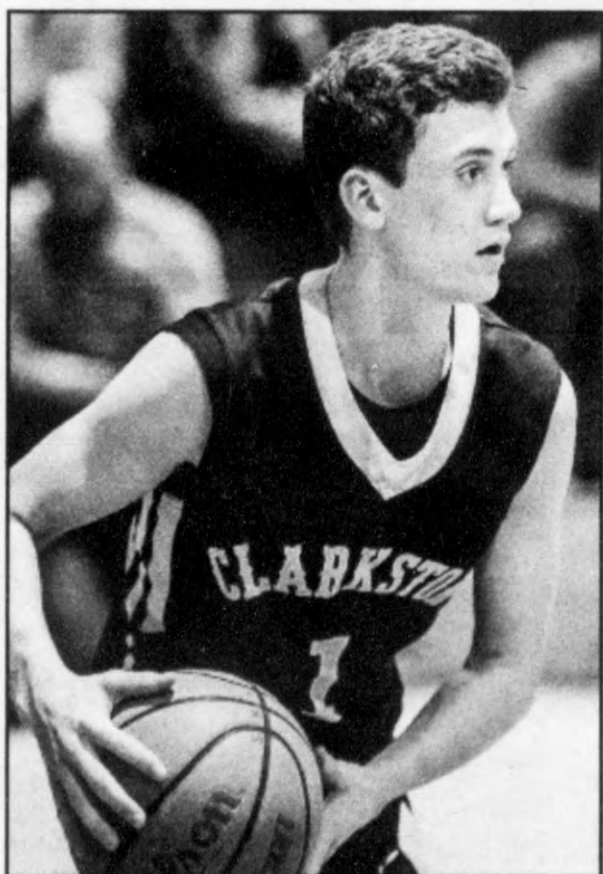
## Basketball runs in the family

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he is there if you need help."

He added he enjoys everything about basketball - the atmosphere, competing with other guys and getting to know other players.

"Basketball helps you meet a lot of people and helps with your future," he



Loyer prepares to take a shot.

said. "It is a great overall feeling."

Loyer explained with a smile he has been playing basketball since he could walk especially since his father, John, coached NBA teams including the Detroit Pistons.

"My dad has always coached basketball," Foster said. "We have always been a basketball sports family. I have played since I could remember. It helps being around the game a lot. You learn a lot of stuff - a lot of little stuff and put them all together to be successful."

He added his dad also helps. They will watch the game film together, and his dad will break down the game.

"He will break down what I did well and what stuff I did wrong," Foster said. "It helps on defense. It helps put it together to become a better overall player."

Being with the Clarkston Basketball program has added to his skills in the sport.

"Clarkston has been a basketball powerhouse for a while," Foster said. "We have great offense. Coach Fife is an outstanding coach as well as Coach (Eric) Chambers. We all just move the ball real well. Just Clarkston community is a great community to play for."

Foster also plays baseball if he is not playing basketball.

# Obituaries

Death notices &

## Gary L. Locklar, 62

Gary L. Locklar of Clarkston passed away Feb. 6, 2015, at age 62.

He was the husband of Judy; father of Casey (Todd) Richardson and Tara (Matt) Spencer; grandpa of Jaime (Eric) Laughbaum, Jennifer (Ryan) Logan, Andrew Spencer, Alycia Lopez and Emily Spencer; also survived by 3 1/2 great grandchildren; brother of Kayla (Michael) Millmine and Nyla Hale and many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by his brother Randall and parents Harold and Bonnie.

Gary retired from General Motor Truck and Bus, Flint, after 34 years of service. He enjoyed fishing and hunting. Funeral service was Feb. 10 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Second Chances Charity. Guestbook, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Margaret Ricketts, 92

Margaret M. Ricketts (Wyatt) of Feb. 4, 2015, at age 92.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Elmer E. Wyatt and second husband Chester L. Ricketts and brother Roland J. Banner Jr. She was the loving mother of Robert (Christine) Wyatt and Doug Ricketts; grandmother of Jillian and John Wyatt; great grandmother of Karson and Eli.

Memorial Service, 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 13, 2015, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, where friends may visit Friday, 10 a.m., until time of the service. Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Charles J. Smalley, 90

Charles J. Smalley of Clarkston passed away Feb. 4, 2015, at 90 years of age.

He was the loving husband of the late Betty for 63 years; dear father of Sandra (Mario) DiPonio, Cindy (Glen) Riley and Susan (the late Jack) Howey; grandfather of David (Annette) DiPonio, Gina (Dale) Lawrence, Christopher (Erin) Smith, and Matthew Jenkins; great grandfather of Cooper and Caitlin; preceded in death by siblings William Smalley, Jennibelle Spence and Helen Hutson; also survived by several nieces and nephews.



Chuck was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, where he stormed the Beaches of Normandy on D-Day and was wounded in action in the Battle of Bulge. He received numerous awards, including the Purple Heart, Five Battle Star, Bronze Star and many more.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 1980 after 30 years of service, his last route the Pontiac Mall and Oakland County Complex. He was the last Police Marshal for the Village of Clarkston from 1980 to 1993, and member of the American Legion Post 63 Clarkston and a 32nd Degree Mason.

Funeral Service was Feb. 7 at **Coats Funeral Home-Waterford**. Burial, Ottawa Park, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, Independence Twp.

To send a condolence visit [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries).

**Obituaries  
posted daily at  
Clarkstonnews.com**

## Angels' Place Race fundraiser at Mr. B's

Organizers are busy planning the 8th Angels' Place Race on May 15, and they are asking the public to help during an upcoming fundraiser, 5-9 p.m., Feb. 26 at Mr. B's, 6861 S. Dixie Highway.

Race organizer Paul Maxwell said a portion of the customer's total bill will go towards the upcoming Race which will kick off at St. Daniel Church.

Every year over 300 people participate in a 1 Mile Family Fun Walk, 5K Bruce Clifton

Run and Walk and 10K Run.

A non-profit organization, Angel's Place operates 20 homes primarily in Oakland County for people with developmental disabilities.

Money raised from the event will help support homes and services offered at Angel's Place homes and to also raise awareness in the community.

For more information, visit [www.angelsplacerace.org](http://www.angelsplacerace.org). -A. Beaudoin



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# Religion

Events

Preaching

## Churches and prostitutes

Tony Campolo, a well-known Christian speaker and a sociologist, tells a true story about how he was at a conference in Honolulu, Hawaii. Since it was a six-hour time difference, he was wide awake at 3:00 in the morning.

And he was hungry. So he decides to take a walk. He finds a shabby café. He sits down and he's eating. He can't help but overhear a conversation between two women. He realizes they are prostitutes. One's name was Agnes.

Agnes was saying tomorrow was her birthday, and the other person was saying, "Anything like a party going to happen?" She says, "I've never had a birthday party in my life."

Not too long after that they left, so Tony turns to the owner of the diner, a guy named Harry, and says, "Do you know those women?"

Harry says, "Sure. They're in here every night at the same time. I know them pretty well. I know all the people who come in late at night."

Tony says, "Let's throw her a party. When she comes in tomorrow night, let's have a party for her." Harry says, "If you want."

Tony says, "I'll go out and buy the decorations, and I'll buy the cake. I'll buy all that stuff. Do you know any of her friends?"

He says, "Sure, I know all of her friends." He says, "Well, you invite them."

The next night at 2:30 they began to decorate the diner, and they decorated the cake. All of her friends started coming in around 3:15.

Of course, as Tony looked around, he suddenly realized all of her friends were prostitutes.

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg  
Henneman

Here he is, a Christian speaker, in the middle of a diner filled with prostitutes.

At 3:30 a.m. Agnes walks in, and everybody screams, "Happy Birthday!" Tony describes that she was utterly stunned.

She couldn't stand up. She sat down and just started crying.

She looked at the cake, but she was crying too much to blow the candles out. Harry blew out the candles and handed her a knife.

As she looked at it, she said, "No, wait a minute. Do we really have to eat it right now? Look, I'll be right back. I live right down the block, and I want to keep the cake. Would it be okay if we just kept the cake? Could I just take it home and keep it? I don't want to eat it right now. Is that okay?"

Tony and Harry said, "Well, sure."

She said, "Wait a minute. I'll be right back."

She jumps up and runs out. So there is Tony standing in a restaurant full of prostitutes, and they don't know what to do next.

After an awkward pause Tony says, "What do you say we pray for Agnes?" So they held hands and prayed for Agnes. He prayed for her salvation. He prayed her life would be changed and God would be good to her.

When he finished, Harry leaned over and said, "You never told me you were a preacher. What kind of church do you belong to?"

Tony answered, "I belong to the kind of church that throws birthday parties for prostitutes at 3:30 a.m."

Harry thought a second and with some shock in his face, he said, "No, you don't. There is no church like that. If there was, I'd join it. I'd join a church like that."

What kind of church are we? Read through the Gospels and ask yourself, "What kind of church should we be?"

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church

## In our local churches...

**Wednesday Evening Feast**, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Call 248-625-3288 or check www.calvaryinfo.org

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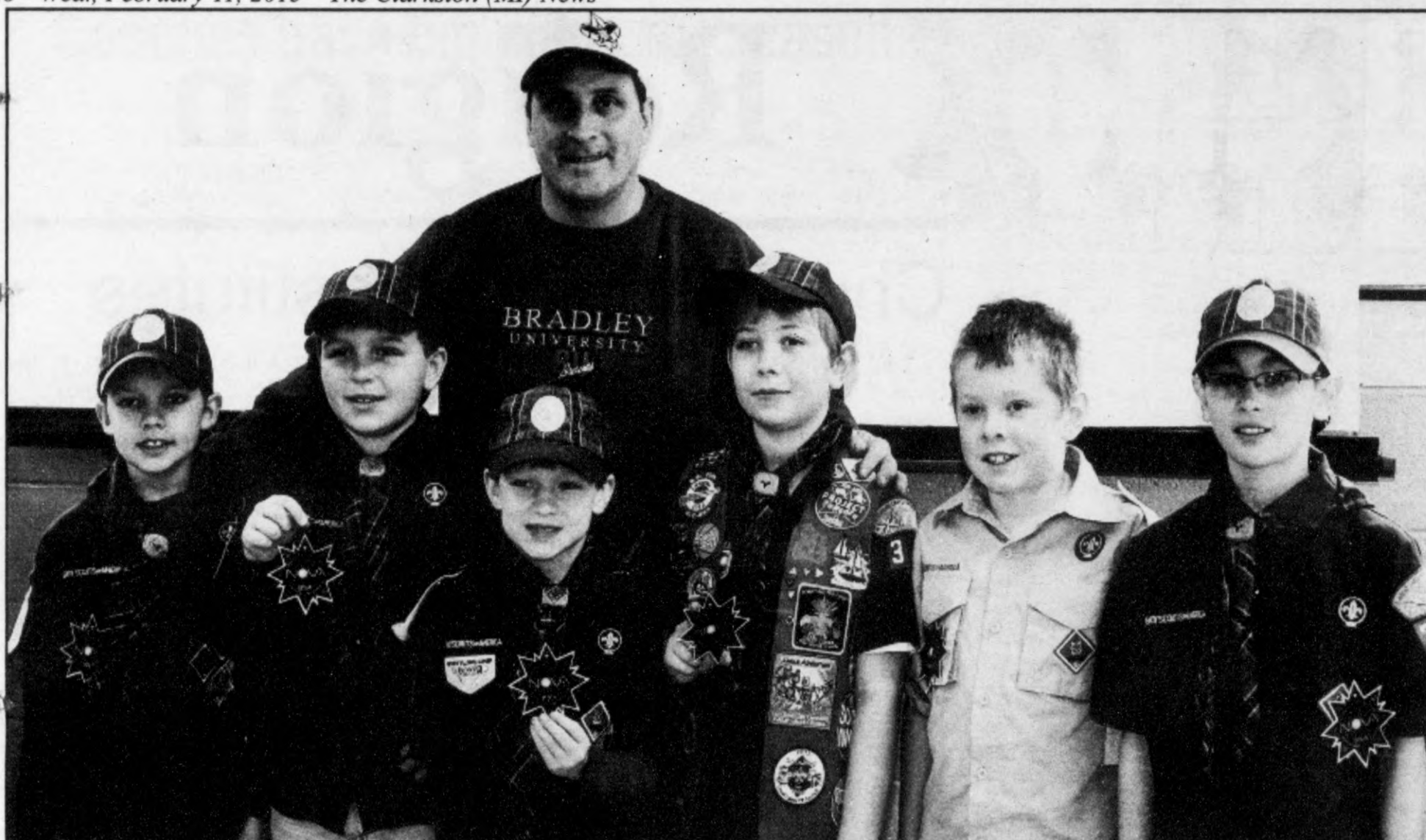
**DivorceCare** 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon

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**First Friday Family Fun**, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. Call 248- 625-4644 for more information.





Cub Scout Pack 341, Alex Roell, Ryan Suender, Cameron Fleming, Owen Birch, Kurtis Niemi, and Hayden Lamrouex, with NOVA counselor Eric Suender, are the first scouts in the Pontiac-Manito District to achieve the new STEM NOVA Award. Photo provided

## Clarkston Webelos earn STEM award

Pack 341 Cub Scouts Alex Roell, Ryan Suender, Cameron Fleming, Owen Birch, Kurtis Niemi, and Hayden Lamrouex are the first in the Pontiac-Manito District to achieve the new STEM NOVA Award.

The Webelo Scouts, chartered by Bailey Lake Elementary, completed the first module achieving their STEM NOVA patch. The award ceremony took place on Jan. 16 at the Pinewood Derby.

The scouts spent the last two months

reading and watching videos about simple machines. They were visited by Clarkston High Schools robotics team, Team RUSH, at their November pack meeting.

They focused their research on levers and designed playground fixtures, games, sports or inventions, defining the effort, load and fulcrum within their individual designs.

"The Webelos will be working on their next module, Science Everywhere, in February," said NOVA counselor Eric

Suender. "It will be taking place at Pine Knob Ski Resort, where the scouts will learn more about Pine Knob's patented snowmaking technique and the creation of the new SkyTrac put in during the fall of 2014."

The Webelos are working toward achieving the Dr. Charles H. Townes Supernova award for Webelos Scouts this summer. For more information about the Nova Awards program, visit [www.scouting.org/stem.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/stem.aspx).

## Petterson makes Elite list

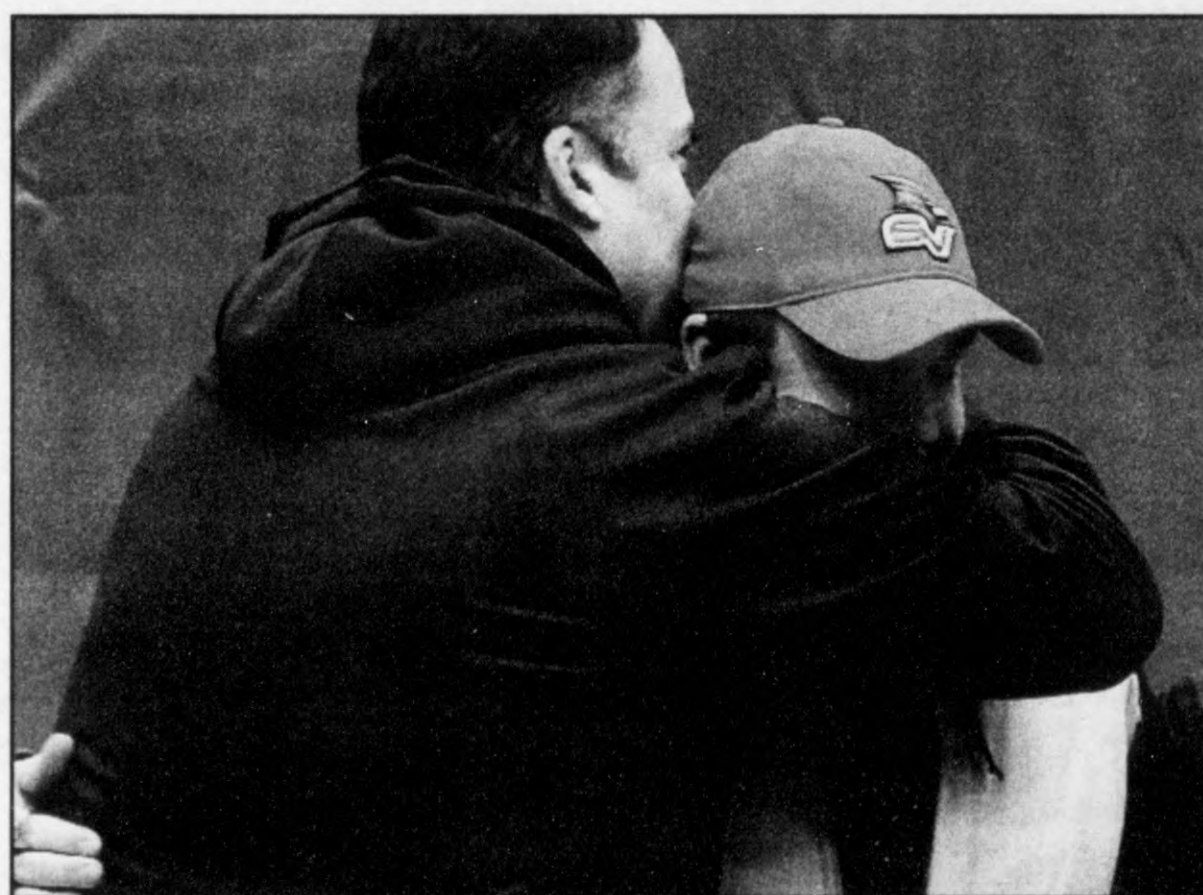
Mitch Petterson, deputy chief for Independence Township Fire Department, was chosen as one of Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's 40 Elite under 40.

Petterson was notified in mid January he was chosen as one of the elite 40. Applications to choose those special 40 are narrowed down from over 500 applications and nominations were submitted and reviewed by a panel of judges.

After the 40 elite are chosen, a group is narrowed down to three candidates who are then voted on by the public.

"There are so many talented young people who are a vital part of Oakland County," County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "Their innovation, talent, leadership and ideas will help shape this county for years to come. I'm thrilled with the class that was chosen."

Petterson started with the Independence Fire Department in 1993 as an on-call fire fighter and took a full time position in 1999.



JOB WELL DONE: Kirk Matich congratulates his son Adam with a hug during photos at the college signing last Wednesday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Plan for road work

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dedicated millage to fix roads, he said.

Kittle said the money would not be taken from any program or service, but instead out of the township's \$300,000-\$400,000 surplus.

Trustee Ron Ritchie asked if the township would be able to pick spots that get repaired, and Kittle said RCOC indicated officials could identify problem areas.

Kittle said many stretches of road have been cold patched numerous times, so they just keep falling apart.

"Areas in the township have gotten to the point I am deathly afraid of what those potholes will look like in the spring," he said.

The \$250,000 would fix pot holes up to four feet wide and four inch deep on about seven miles on the township's main roads.

"It won't cover everything, but will help many areas on main roads like Maybee, Clarkston Waldon and Sashabaw," he said.

Kittle previously said he would contact local asphalt companies to seek the cost of similar work, but working with the RCOC would be a much better deal.

"I have been asked why don't we wait and see if the May 5 Ballot proposal passes, but that is still a big 'if' and if it does happen, it will be another eight or nine months after it passes until we see funding from that revenue," he said.

In May, voters will decide if the state sales tax will increase from 6 to 7 percent. If passed, the proposal would provide over \$1.3 billion in funding for roads, as well as tax cuts for low-income residents, \$300 million in more funding for schools and millions in dollars more funding to local governments.

Under the proposal, the tax per gallon on regular and diesel gas will drop to a standard 9.5-cents-a-gallon and top out by 2018 at 15.5-cents-a-gallon.

Lohmeier said if voters approve the proposal in May, he would reconsider the township paying for the project up front.

The trustee also said he recently learned at a conference one of the biggest things to protect roads is to keep weight limits on trucks down – something the township already addressed by hiring a weigh master and citing truckers for violations like being overweight.

The board agreed to explore how much money in road work Independence Township is already scheduled to receive this year, and also put the item on a future agenda so the public can have input.



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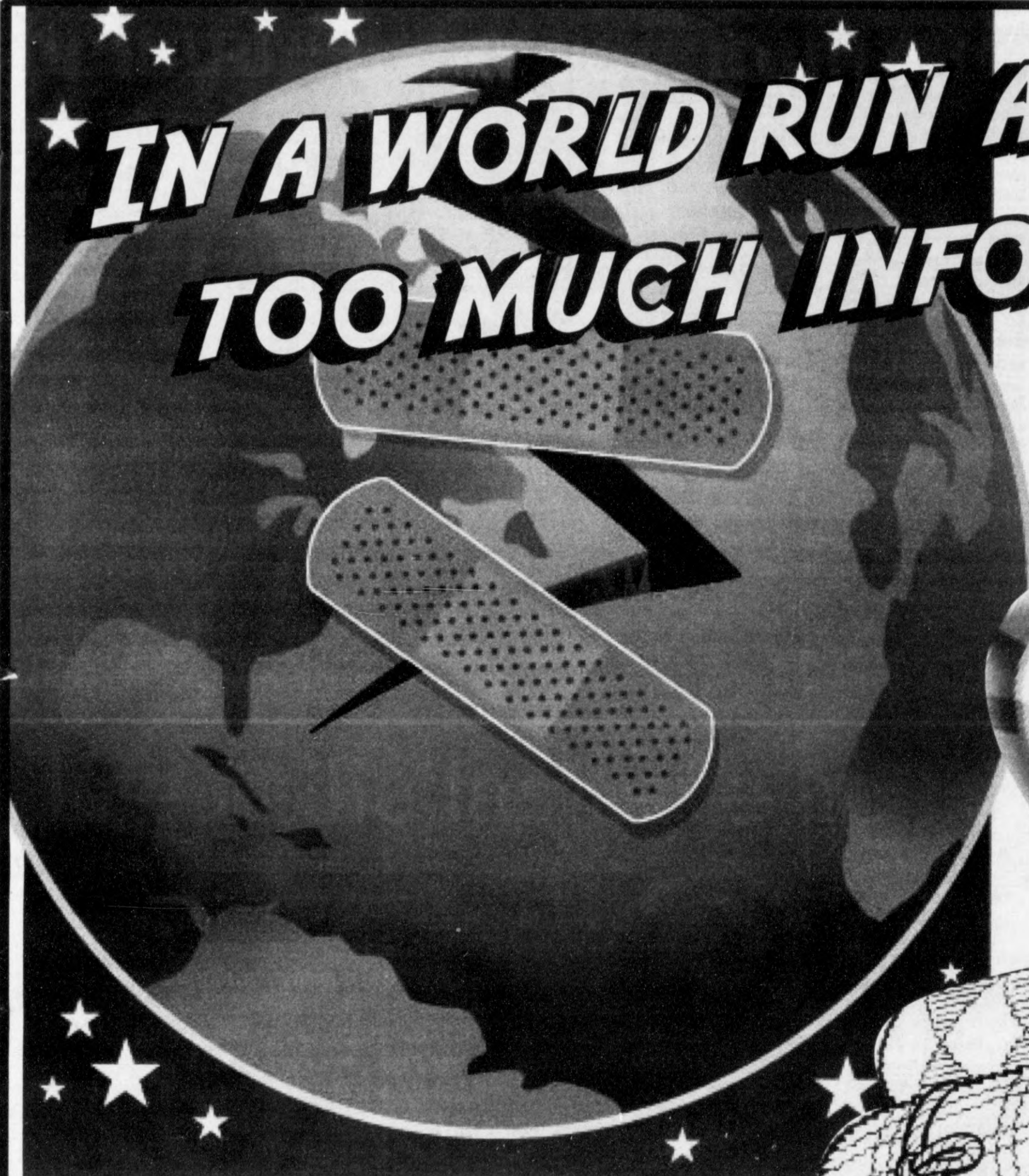
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Cammie Ese, Kenneth Ese, Kevin Ese, William Moore, Jr., Iris Ese, Tommie Lauren King, Edward May and Robin Badon, whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence 2015 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear 2015 year assessment appeals of value, classification and hardship exemption requests on March 4<sup>th</sup> with appointment times between 12:00pm and 5:00pm, on March 5<sup>th</sup> with appointment times between 1:00pm and 8:30pm, and on March 6<sup>th</sup> with appointment times between 9:00am and 1pm. \*\*\*\*The latest you can call to set up an appointment is Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> by 4pm.\*\*\*\*

If you wish to appear in person to appeal your assessed value, it is required that you have an appointment with the March Board of Review. The Assessed Value represents 50% of market value. **Appeals are for the 2015 tax year only.** An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

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The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2015 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Sincerely,  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE FEBRUARY 3, 2015

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier Ritchie, Schroeder  
Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Lt. Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff; Linda L. Richardson, DPW Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman & Associates, Inc.

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended (by adding Regular Business Item M-9)
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Aliaga, Trustee Lohmeier
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- 1. Report: Supervisor's Report (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- 2. Report: Planning Commission Update (Ronald Ritchie, Trustee)
- 3. Presentation: Brady Lodge Status Update (Ken Elwert, Parks Recreation & Seniors Director)
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015
- 2. Approval of the Payroll of January 30, 2015 and Check Run of January 28, 2015 for a Total Amount of \$801,499.35

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

### M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Acceptance of the 2014 Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) Annual Report
- 2. Adoption of Resolutions for the Additional Purchase of Easements - Waldon/Sashabaw Intersection
- 3. Acceptance of United States Tennis Association (USTA) Grant, Award Bid and Approval of Budget Amendment - Tennis Court Restoration at Clintonwood Park
- 4. Approval of Purchase over \$10,000 and Approval of Budget Amendment - Emergency Repair-Parview Lift Station
- 5. Acceptance of Proposal and Approval of Budget Amendment - Refurbishment of 1989 Pierce Dash Tankers 1 and 2
- 6. Acceptance of Quote and Approval of Budget Amendment - Fire Protective Clothing
- 7. Approval of Delegation of Authority Agreement - Inspections of Consumer Fireworks Retail Locations
- 8. Adoption of Special Event Policy and Application
- 9. Scheduling of Special Meeting

### N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

- 1. Communications: Fiscal 2014 Budget Amendment #12 - Police Fund
- 2. Communications: MLCC Transfer of Ownership of 2014 Class C & SDM License
- 3. Report: Building Department Monthly Report; December 2014
- 4. Minutes: Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) Minutes; August 28, 2014 and October 23, 2014
- 5. Minutes: Parks, Recreation & Seniors Advisory Committee; November 20, 2014

- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Lohmeier
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

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\* Current plans: one full-day class each at Blanche Sims, Webber and Stadium Drive Elementary Schools, plus additional half-day morning class at Webber.

#### Developmental Kindergarten

- Option for children who turn five-years-old between July 1 and December 1
- Ideal for young learners who may need another year of growth
- Contingent on parental interest and available classroom space; limited locations\*
- Bus transportation not provided

### 2015 DK/KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHTS

#### NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS

Pine Tree	Mar. 2, 2015	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	248-693-5470
Paint Creek	Mar. 2, 2015	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	248-814-1724
Blanche Sims	Mar. 3, 2015	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	248-693-5460
Webber	Mar. 3, 2015	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	248-391-0400

#### FOCUS SCHOOLS

Orion Oaks - Multi-Age	Mar. 10, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	248-393-0010
Carpenter - Year-Round	Mar. 11, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	248-391-3500
Stadium Drive - Fine Arts	Mar. 12, 2015	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	248-693-5475

### RESIDENT STUDENT REGISTRATION


Wednesday, March 25, 2015 (11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m., 2:00 - 6:30 p.m.)

Community Education Resource Center, Room 109, 455 East Scripps Road, Lake Orion, MI 48360

For more information, visit: [www.lakeorion.k12.mi.us](http://www.lakeorion.k12.mi.us) or contact the schools at the telephone numbers listed above.








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Ariana Garcia, Bella Brykailo, and Isabelle Shaw check out a visiting bat.

## Beauty of bats

Clarkston Elementary School celebrated its fourth annual Adopt-an-Animal program by adopting the bat.

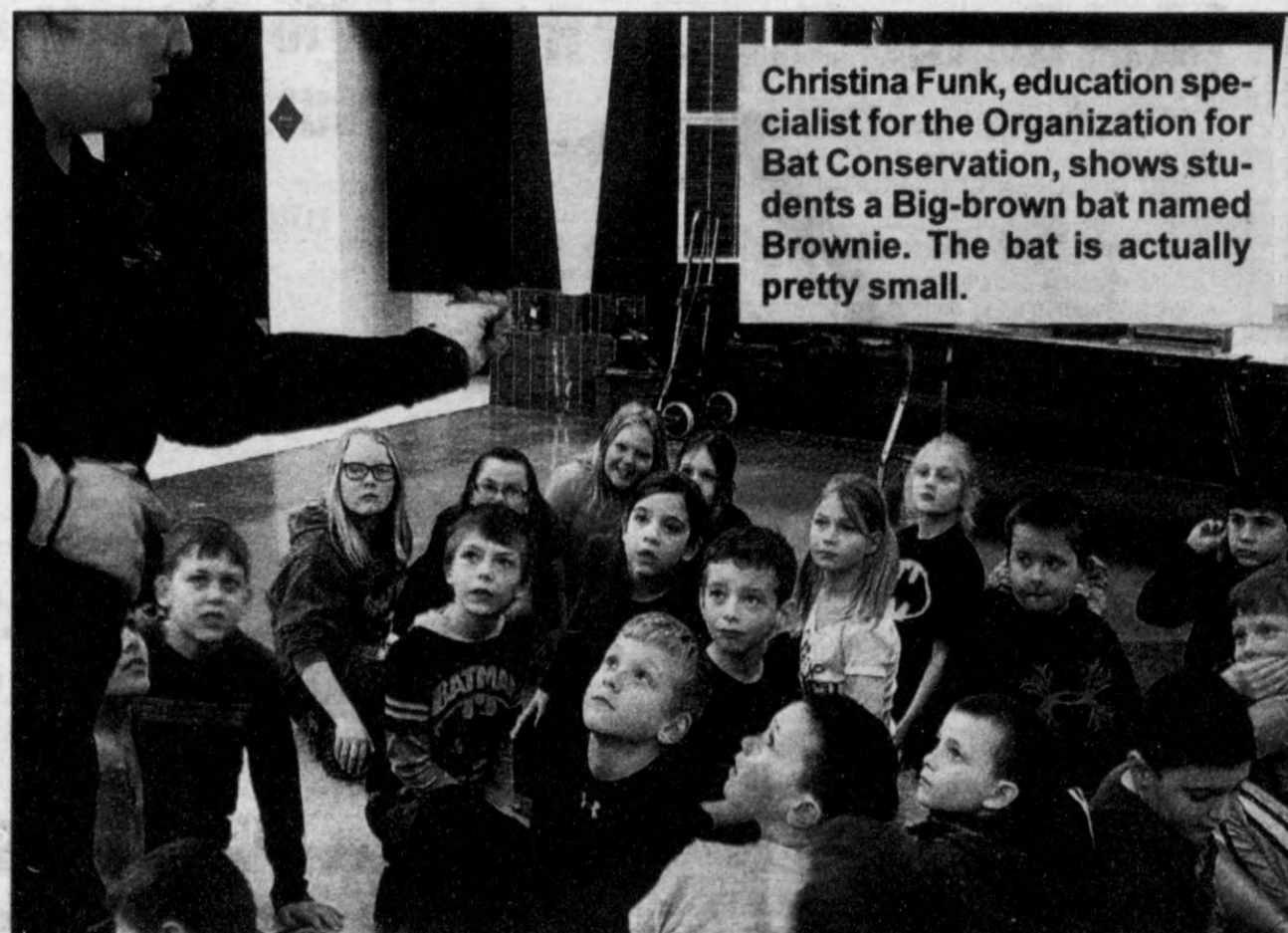
Students learned about the furry, flying mammal all week and collected donations for the Organization for Bat Conservation at Cranbrook.

Christina Funk, education specialist for the bat organization based at Cranbrook Institute of Science, stopped by last Friday with several bats for students to see. She explained bats' role in the health of local and global ecosystems, as well as unique features of bats around the world, such as echolocation, flight, and feeding habits.

Students also showed their support by dressing in black, dressing "batty," or wearing their favorite Batman shirt.



A fruit bat prepares to meet students.  
Photos by Phil Custodio



Christina Funk, education specialist for the Organization for Bat Conservation, shows students a Big-brown bat named Brownie. The bat is actually pretty small.





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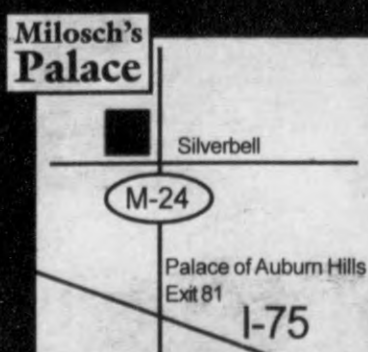
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