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Sup't contract talks continue

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's contract is set to come up for the third time with Clarkston Board of Education.

Contract provisions at issue at the last meeting, Feb. 9, included a provision for moving expenses – "the superintendent shall be paid \$5,000 upon relocation within the boundaries of the district."

The superintendent, who when hired four years ago lived in Saginaw, has already moved to the Clarkston area, board members said.

Board Vice President Susan Boatman called for the provision to be deleted.

"Shouldn't there be a time limit on moving expenses," Boatman asked.

"This would generally be in a contract as an incentive, but that's happened," said board Secretary Craig Hamilton.

Board President Steve Hyer said the superintendent has a right to claim moving expenses.

"He chose not to take them during the hard years (the district faced)," Hyer said.

Trustee Cheryl McGinnis also opposed pulling the provision out of the contract.

Asked when he moved to Clarkston, Rock said he had no comment.

Also at issue was \$2,800 in travel expenses for eight professional meetings around the country.

"I think eight seems excessive," Boatman said.

Hyer said the superintendent won't go to all of them.

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SWEET HOLIDAY: Bailey Lake Elementary second grader Cara Parker eyes the delicious frosting leftover from what she put on her sugar cookie during her classroom's Valentine's Day party. For more photos from parties, please see page 18. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Chief Ronk to step down

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After 40 years of service, Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk is leaving the community to serve as fire chief in northern Michigan.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said Ronk requested no big hurrah be made over his departure.

Kittle said Ronk's choice to replace him as chief is Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Petterson.

"I fully endorse Mitch to be appointed Independence fire chief because of his many years of union, command, management and administrative experience as well as his ability to think out of the box to continue to provide the high level of fire and safety

support this community has asked for under some of the most trying economic times in recent memory," said Ronk.

Petterson, 39, has already served the department for more than 20 years.

"Deputy Chief Petterson has served under Chief Ronk for his entire 22+ year career," said Kittle. "According to Chief Ronk, Mitch embodies the spirit the Independence Fire Department has for the residents of our great

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Ronk

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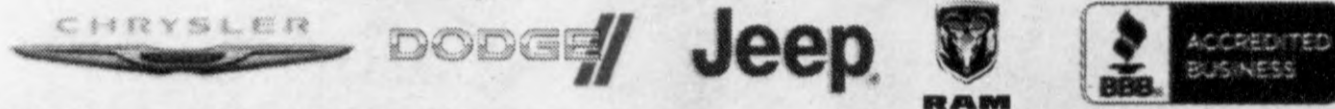
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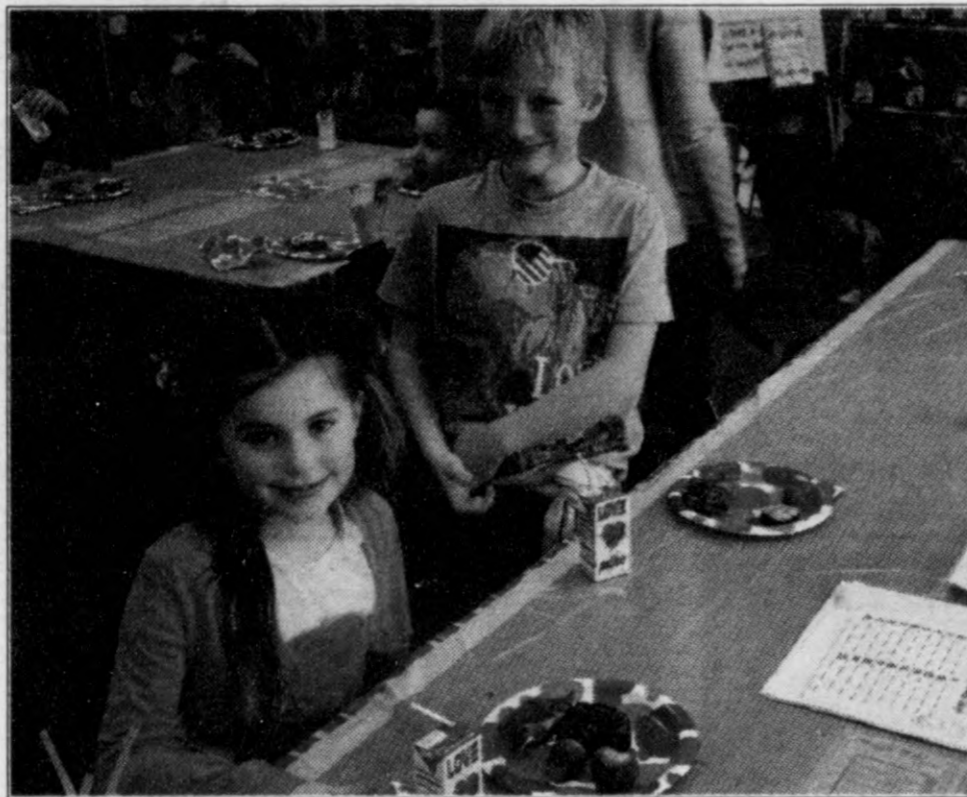
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Students enjoy making decorations during the parties at school. Ethan Sharp holds a Valentine's balloon as Ellie Delude waits for her turn to run around with it next.



Riley McMurray enjoys sweet treats like brownies and chocolate covered strawberries during festivities at school, while her classmate Thomas Vargas shows his happiness with a smile.

Heart work

Smiles and sweet treats were part on the fun at Pine Knob Elementary during the Valentine's celebration at the school Friday afternoon.

Students in each classroom enjoyed goodies and games, made possible thanks to the hard work of school staff and parent volunteers.

Photos by
Andrea Beaudoin



Olivia Davis, Cameron Stark, Alexandria Moore and Gavin Pate vote on which Valentine's containers they think is best.

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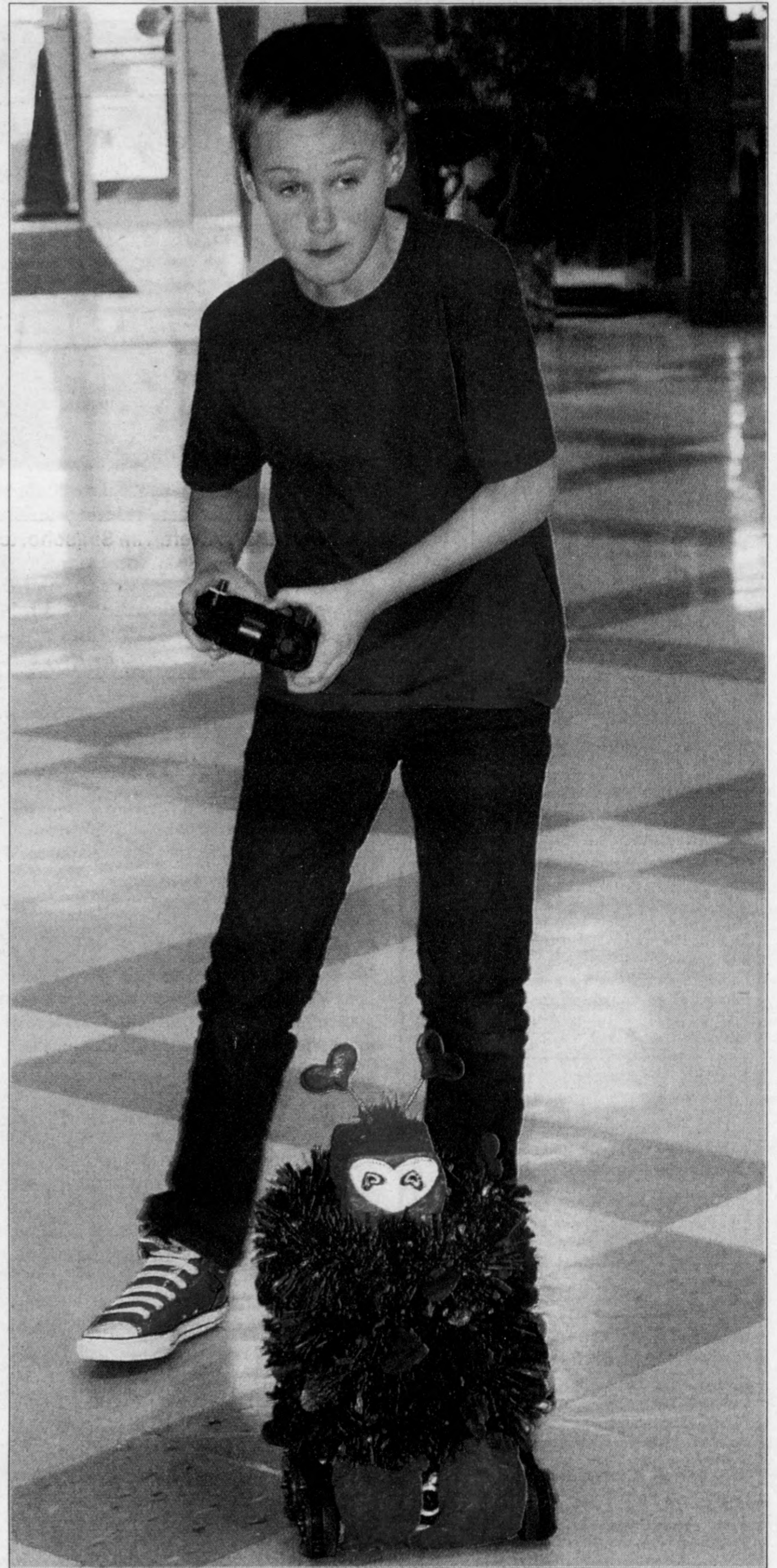
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VALENTINE CREATIONS: Fifth grader Devin Grail drives his Valentine robot back to his classroom. Grail and 20 other fifth graders created Valentine boxes using engineering concepts they learned from Clarkston High School's Women in Engineering Club. Photo by Wendi Reardon

More talks on Feb. 23

Continued from page 1

"It gives flexibility to Dr. Rock," Hyer said. "There's no way he could afford to go to all of these."

Conferences listed in the contract include the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development National Conference and National Legislative Conference, Learning Forward National Conference, two annual Project Zero conferences, an additional advocacy event in Washington D.C., a National Student Championship event, and the Future of Learning Conference.

"My understanding is Dr. Rock is looking at conferences where he feels he has the opportunity to provide leadership," McGinnis said.

Hyer also said the superintendent travels to several events to support students "on his own dime" in the past four years.

"The superintendent does not abuse his travel budget," the president said.

Hamilton opposed the travel provision, and said Rock should go to free professional development courses instead.

Board Treasurer Joan Patterson said the superintendent should attend some conference with the school board.

"That way, he'll be hearing what we're hearing," Patterson said.

Boatman also recommended changing a provision for superintendent evaluation from "annually" to "at least annually."

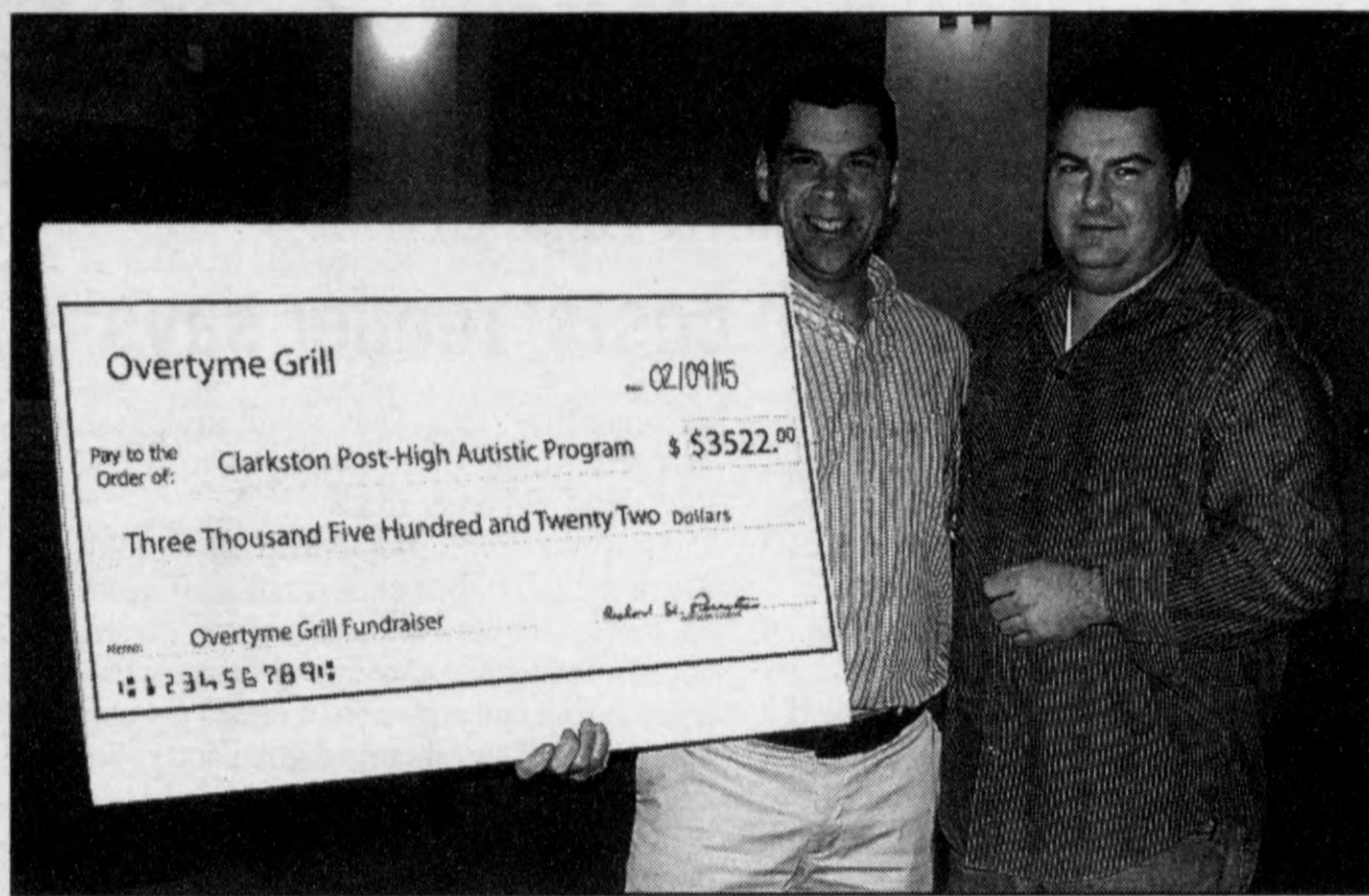
McGinnis said it should say "in compliance with the law."

Hyer said he was OK with the change to "at least annually."

"'At least annually' matches policy," he said.

The proposed contract includes a two-percent raise, with an annual salary of \$140,000, \$600 per month for vehicle expenses and mileage, insurance and other benefits.

The school board will meet in closed session before its Feb. 23 meeting, but that's for negotiating Collective Bargaining units' contracts only, Hyer said.



THANKS FOR HELP: At left, Tim Sinischo, teacher at Clarkston Post-High Autistic Program, accepts a donation from Bill Wallace of Overtime Grill at the Feb. 9 school board meeting. The school board recognized Overtime Grill owner Richard Puertas and staff for donating and raising \$2,822, American Legion Chief Pontiac Post 377 for their \$300 donation, and David F. Sufczynski for his \$400 donation to the program. Photo by Phil Custodio

Discussion starts on 2015 eval

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

School board discussion continues over Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's goals, and evaluation tool and timeline for this year.

The proposed list of goals includes two percent improvement on third-graders' reading scores, as measured by the AIMSweb online assessment program, 20 percent improvement in reading for Andersonville Elementary third graders, and two percent improvement in fifth grade math scores.

Board Treasurer Joan Patterson called for higher goals for the superintendent.

"I want to allocate resources where they need to be allocated so our district can be the talk of the county," Patterson said. "I'm not here to say 'this is good enough.' I want to see our kids achieve mastery — we have a lot to do."

"I'd like to see some statewide test indicator used to see how we're doing compared to other districts," said board Secretary Craig Hamilton. "I look at Lake Orion, academically kicking our butt pretty much in every category — I'd like to see us doing better than them."

For the superintendent's next evaluation, board President Steve Hyer recommended a two-part process, with half in the summer and the other at the end of the year.

"Objective data-based" sections of the evaluation, including test scores, surveys, and student attendance, would be in July or August. "Personal qualities" sections, including the superintendent's relationships with the school board, community, and staff, leadership, and business and finance, would be in December.

Hamilton opposed splitting the evaluation.

"Let's just do everything in June," he said.

Patterson said expectations should be higher for the next evaluation.

"My concern is this is a cookie cutter type of thing," she said.

Hamilton said the board should revise the evaluation categories, which are currently 85-100 percent, "highly effective"; 68-84 percent, "effective"; 50-67 percent, "minimally effective"; and less than 50 percent, "ineffective."

Hamilton asked how 50 percent could be considered even "minimally effective."

"I can't imagine anywhere 50 percent is considered 'effective' — maybe with a shotgun, with two shells, one is good," he said.

Speaking during public comment, teacher Kathy Noble said she was appalled at the shotgun reference, and the board should not drag out discussions of topics discussed at the Jan. 29 board meeting.

"You gave up your right when you chose not to attend the last meeting," Noble said, referring to the absences of Hamilton, Patterson, and board Vice President Susan Boatman at the meeting to re-evaluate the superintendent.

The superintendent's goals, 2015 evaluation, and contract were originally placed as "action items" on the agenda. Patterson made a motion to make the "discussion items" instead.

"I don't see an issue with giving board members more chances to discuss it, think it over, then vote on it," Hamilton said.

The items were discussed previously and a vote was appropriate, Hyer said.

The board voted 6-1 to revise the agenda, with Hyer voting against.

The board next meets on Monday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.

Briefly

Donations for troops

Clarkston High School Optimist Club students are collecting donations for troops overseas this week.

Desert Angel packaging day is this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the high school cafeteria, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

Items needed include personal notes to soldiers, kleenex, hand sanitizer, books, stationery, gum, hard candy, greeting cards, coffee and tea, travel size toiletries, playing cards, reading glasses, new white socks, beef jerky, and granola bars.

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Scrapbook crop

The Oakland County Fair Semi Annual Camp Scrap Lock In is coming up March 12-15 at Springfield Oaks County Park. Scrapbook with your friends for a day or the whole weekend and learn new techniques.

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Saturday from 9 a.m. to midnight is \$60. The cost includes three meals and snacks.

The semi annual event is a fundraiser for the Oakland County Fair. For more information call 248-634-8830 or visit www.oakfair.org.

Relay open house

Relay For Life of Clarkston Open House is from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Feb. 21, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

Relay For Life celebrates 30 years this year. learn more about the Relay for Life of Clarkston—how to become a participant or team, how to fundraise, and becoming a sponsor or day-of volunteer.

For more information, contact Megan Simms at 248-663-3508 or Megan.Simms@cancer.org

Show next weekend

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Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Call 248-623-4024 or check www.centerstageicketing.com/sites/clarkstonhigh.

Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Heavy hobby

The pile of all of my scrapbooking materials sit in the same place they were in October - a month after the big move.

The pile has spread out a few times for organization purposes and trying to find one piece of scrapbook paper. But at the end of the day, the pile goes right back to where and how it was.

Sometimes I end up just staring at it - I don't have time to start a scrapbook page or even to organize it the way I want in the space I have available.

I have a lot of (let's just call it stuff - it's easier) because I am a traditional scrapbooker. I haven't gone digital because I already use my laptop a lot. Plus, there is just something stress



relieving about ripping paper, cropping a photo down with a paper cutter, or drawing/writing on scrapbook paper.

Since I am a traditional scrapbooker my albums are thick - and are boxed and also in a pile. (Because I have yet to find a wide enough shelf for them.)

I began taking them out of the boxes last week to look at them. It really started out as preparing for an upcoming scrapbooking crop and seeing what I had already done. (Sadly it has been a year since I sat down and scrapbooked.)

As I thumbed through the pages of pictures I began questioning - why do I do this? Why do I scrapbook? A lot of people haven't seen my scrapbooks especially as they sit in a box. In the last year, one friend looked through a few albums as she helped me move my heavy hobby up two flights of stairs. But the poor albums sit and wait.

Then, on Sunday I was surrounded by photo albums of a family. Each album was personalized with a person's name and in it were the photos and memories they wanted to remember.

Looking through their albums it was just enough to remind me why I scrapbook and why it's important to me - to remember and to share. It is a heavy hobby but a hobby worth having.

As for update on 2015 Reading Challenge: I have begun the fourth book. I am still at the beginning of it so I am unsure if I will finish it (because it's only been 50 pages and it hasn't grabbed me yet). I also don't know what category I would put it under for the challenge.

I have found a book by an author with the same initials. They aren't in the same order but it works for me. Just trying to find it.

Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Hospital not worth costs, reader says

Dear Editor,

This is in regards to the new McLaren hospital. I am left to wonder why Supervisor Pat Kittle won't take multiple "no's" for an answer.

I, for one, am a long time resident of Clarkston and I do not want a hospital in my community! Why do the residents not get a vote on such a huge community changing plan? For those of you who haven't been around a hospital, I would like you to think about a few things.

While this plan may bring in a long term tax base, we would be selling our soul to big business!

One of the great things about Clarkston is

its small town feel. That would disappear. McLaren would most likely pay to widen Sashabaw and other roads.

However, traffic would increase tenfold! There are three shift changes of staff every 24 hours. That entails housekeepers, nurses, doctors, cafeteria workers, maintenance, pharmacy and on and on. Not to mention patients and visitors. Then, there are ambulances, police cars, and fire trucks.

If you want to see our future, take a trip down to Royal Oak and watch the traffic around Beaumont. I, for one, say enough is enough! No means no!

P. Becker
Independence Township



SMILES OF THE WEEK: Clarkston High School senior Erika Davenport high fives her teammates seniors Kayla Russell and Ashley Skaggs before their game against North Farmington last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Dixie Hwy. service station proposal rejected by board" Despite public sentiment, the proposal to build a service station and convenience store at the northwest corner Davisburg Road and Dixie Highway was rejected by Springfield Township officials, 4-2.

"Pine Knob Music Theater naming rights up for grabs" Officials at Palace Sports and Entertainment hoped the kickoff to Pine Knob Music Theater's summer season would include a change in the venue name. Dan Hauser, executive vice president of Palace Sports and Entertainment, said he hoped to have a contract would be established by March with a business for naming rights to the theater.

"Wolves rebound with win over Pontiac Central" Due to recent injuries Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Dan Fife was forced to put his players in positions they weren't used to and it paid off as the Wolves defeated Pontiac Central, 60-48.

25 years ago - 1990

"Millage passes by 685" The 5.6321 millage request for Clarkston schools was approved with 4,063 yes votes to 3,378 no votes as 7,441 to the township's 17,000 registered voters turned out to vote.

"Care center threatened by bomb" Several senior citizens centers were targeted with bomb threats throughout the week. Grovecrest Care Center on Sashabaw Road in Independence reported two incidents. The Oakland County Sheriff's Department searched the facility - no bombs were found each time.

"Worldwide travel for area girl is full of adventure" Kristin Whisner, a 21-year-old Independence Township resident, was ready for a year full of adventure. She was embarking on a 10-month word tour with the entertainment organization "Up With People."

50 years ago - 1965

"Young scientist honored" Outstanding scientist scholar Roger Smith was among 57 high school students who toured Detroit Edison facilities as part of Science Youth Day.

"Skippers surprised by Clarkston Wolves, 83-72" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team beat Waterford Township, 83-72. It was the third time in the season the Wolves scored 80 points or more.

"Local news" Mardi Gras was the theme for the Wednesday Night Dance Club where 80 costumed couples enjoyed dinner and dancing

Michigan taxes, roads, railways and Prop. 1

I've pretty much accepted Governor Snyder to lead our state. Since he was elected to lead Michigan in 2010, and having survived his Nerd nick name it's time to re-read some of his actions.

He's become an atypical politician.

He knows his constituents are anxious for better, safer roads and bridges.

And like almost all politicians, he calls all the media to announce his new tax proposals.

In yelling tones, he shouts "WE NEED TO RAISE TAXES!"

There is no alternative but to raise taxes.

But there is an alternative!
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In 2010, under Gov. Granholm's leadership, and continuing with Snyder, they have been planning commuter-size passenger rails from Detroit, to Ann Arbor and Howell.

The state has been leasing land for years in Owosso's railroad yards, costing more than a \$1 million a year.

The Michigan Department of Transportation has already paid Great Lakes Central Railroad, which owns the 23 double-decker rail cars, \$7.5 million to refurbish them.

That's we taxpayers' money, folks.

There has been roughly \$11.4 mil-

lion spent as of Dec. 31 -- mostly paid from Michigan's \$1.9 billion comprehensive Transportation Fund, which is raised from fuel taxes vehicle registration fees and used to pay for road repairs, transit and rail.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

Snyder's pitch now for new taxes is, "It will go for public safety, which will be a major issue in the campaign."
* * *

I've read a lot about the proposed wording for the May ballot initiative

to hike Michigan's sales tax.

Our state has hired some consultants to provide help selling us on the tax increase, etc. proposal.

One such firm, Martin Waymire, said "I believe that once the people understand (tax) is needed to restore and improve the safety of Michigan roads, they will vote yes."

Since the ballot language hasn't been finalized at this point, maybe its writers and Snyder will consider a "I" question ballot, and read some of the anti tax reporting.

I'm hoping voters drop their hands long enough to hit the "NO" button. And the idiots in Lansing will give us one simple ballot choice at a time.

Some history and some teaching from readers

Writing a weekly column is good therapy. It helps keep the old ego sufficiently inflated while at the same time is humbling. As a published columnist, I see my job as writing to engage.

I want (and, remember it is all about me) readers to be emotionally engaged. I want them happy, sad or mad -- and I want them so emotionally charged after reading they will take pen to paper (or finger to keyboard) and share what they think. And, as one of the laziest, sit-on-your-duff guys in town, when readers write, I don't have to.

Last week I brought back an old column on parenting and the phrase "shut up." This past Saturday I noticed a message in my e-mail screaming at me. The subject was, "Shut Up!" Usually, this means one thing -- I have whizzed somebody off. Gingerly, I opened the e-mail.

* * *

Papa Don, Oh shut up!

I have a shut up story to tell, too. For whatever reason, I hated the "shut up" phrase and when I was raising my children it was a HUGE no-no to say. But, every now and then it would come out of the mouths of babes so I developed a long standing punishment for use of the shut up words.

We have two flights of stairs in our home, and depending on the child's age he/she would have to do stair time. Five times up and down both flights for the little kid, 10 times up and down for the bigger kid, and for the child who got mouthy about it there were even more trips up and down the stairs. Most times, when the offending child slipped the words out, they would immediately hang their heads and go to the staircase on

their own!

It was a great punishment being nonviolent and all - and the kids actually took it quite graciously most of the time - and it worked very very well. (Plus, manipulative mom managed to get the kids to exercise this way.) Our grown children don't use the shut up words, their kids don't say shut up, and we affectionately talk about the old stair case days.

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I thanked the reader/writer but didn't ask permission to use, so I left it unnamed, but ran it because I think other parents may like this idea as much as me! I also received the following e-mail.

* * *

Dear Mr. Rush, I don't know if you live in the Clarkston area or if your column is picked up by many area papers, but I spent an interesting hour in the Sashabaw Middle School library here in Clarkston, last week while I was on a break from my guest teacher position that day. I had a chance to read your columns in several issues and found them entertaining and interesting. But the column on Freedom of the Press had a comment in it that really jolted my sensitivities and I would like to expand on that.

Your comment on the "frackin smackin" Czech Republic's higher ranking (than the U.S) in the World Press Freedom Index was, I feel, an insult to the Czech people! Perhaps this was your attempt at humor, but it made me wonder if you were really aware of recent history of the Czech people since World War Two.

I am a native born American but am very proud of my Czech heritage. I grew up in a Czech American area west of Chicago, a child of first and second generation immigrants from Bohemia (Czech) areas. When I retired from teaching 30 years in East Detroit schools, I became very immersed in my heritage -- have had research done to the 1600's on my roots, am a founding member of two

Czech American organizations in the Chicago area, and have visited the Czech Republic six times. I was there both during the Communist era, 1983, 1986 and then in 1994, 2005, 2006 and 2012.

I saw and spoke with relatives and friends on how restrictive conditions were during that Communist era. I know how strongly the people; felt about Vaclav Havel languishing in prison for his beliefs. It was certainly no surprise to see him elected as President when the Communist leadership was over.

To say the Czechs value the freedom of expression is an understatement!

Their memories of those 40 years are not lost upon them. Both in 1918 when their country was created after World War One (by combining of the Czechs and Slovaks with support from the U.S.). After years under Austrian Hungarian control it was something to be treasured -- only to see the country to be controlled by Hitler during World War Two. Within a few years after 1945, they were then controlled by Russian led Communists for the next 40 years! One can see how the Czechs value the freedoms of speech and press!

Again, I am sure you didn't mean to malign the Czech people, but your attempt at humor(?) didn't resonate with me. *Sincerely, Evelyn.*

Evelyn, thank you for reading and working with kids. As a matter of fact, I spent much time in that exact same library. It was Sashabaw Junior High when I was there too many years ago. I have some very close friends of Czech descent in my life, some from Poland, Croatia and the Ukraine. My attempt was not to malign the Czechs, only Americans. We created the concept of press freedoms, and to fall so low is sad.

Thank you both for reading and feeling enough to write. Other opinions can be e-mailed to Don@ShermanPublications.org.



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Warrant arrest

A deputy stopped a car for broken headlight and illegally tinted front windows, 10:12 p.m., Feb. 3, at S. Main Street and Depot Road. The driver, a 31-year-old Southfield man, was cited for driving with a suspended license. He had warrants out of Bloomfield Township for failure to appear on a suspended license charge, and Southfield, two counts of failure to appear on traffic offenses. Bloomfield police picked him up on the warrant.

Check fraud

An Independence Township woman whose purse was stolen from a parking lot off Hubbard Road, Jan. 16, received a returned check in the mail on Jan. 29 — someone had cashed a check for \$1,000 in Southfield. She had a fraud alert on her account but the bank teller had overridden it. She was reimbursed the \$1,000.

Felony warrant

A records' check showed one of the drivers involved in a traffic crash at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, 5:14 p.m., Feb. 6, had a felony warrant for dangerous drugs out of Wayne County. The driver, a 29-year-old White Lake Township man, was arrested on the warrant.

Drunk driver

A 29-year-old Pontiac man was arrested for drunk driving after being stopped for making an illegal left turn into gas station on Sashabaw at Waldon Road, 7:57 p.m., Feb. 9

Purse taken

An Independence Township woman forgot her purse in a chair next to her at a restaurant on Dixie Highway near Maybee Road, 5:10 p.m., Feb. 8. When she went back for it, it was gone.

Medication theft

A White Lake man dropped off a prescription for pain medication at a pharmacy in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway, Feb. 9. When he went to pick it up on Feb. 11, he found it had been picked up by an unknown woman. The pharmacist on duty said it was picked up on Feb. 8 by a brown haired woman.

Truck too heavy

A deputy stopped a truck due to lack of reflective tape on I-75 at Sashabaw Road, 10:04 a.m., Feb. 12. It was plated for 24,000 pounds but weighed 35,600 pounds. The truck company was cited for registration plate violation, reflective tape violation, no annual inspection, and equipment violation for no license plate light on the trailer

Suspended license

A pickup truck was stopped for expired registration sticker, 4:20 p.m., Feb. 12, at Waldon and Sashabaw roads. The driver, a 34-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license, improper plates, and no proof of insurance. The truck was impounded and plate was confiscated

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Petterson to take over as fire chief

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 community.”

Petterson has served in numerous positions from firefighter to paramedic, to acting fire chief.

Ronk said appointing Petterson is in the best interest of the community and he is confident Petterson will serve the position with professionalism and passion.

Ronk's recommendation should carry a lot of weight after those 40 years of service, which began when he was just a teen.

A lifelong resident of Clarkston, after graduating from Clarkston High School, Ronk began studying fire science at Macomb Community College when he took his first job with the department.

Learning to serve the community was something Ronk learned as a boy from his grandmother and his father. In Independence Township, the Ronk family is well-known for their service to the community.

His grandmother Elizabeth began her nearly 40 years of service to residents back in 1933 when the township ran its own post office. She served as postmistress.

In 1947, his father, Frank “Tink” Ronk began his decades long service to the community when he first joined the fire department. By 1972, he had the honor of serving as the very first full-time fire chief in community history. Tink also held a position as township supervisor from 1984-92.

In a 2003 interview with *The Clarkston News*, Ronk discussed his family legacy of service to the community which included growing up watching his father work on the department.

“I grew up with it,” Ronk said. “I don't think there was any pressure to join the department. It was just something I was involved in. Back then, it was more of a family atmosphere, as opposed to today, where it's more of a business. It was part of my life. I enjoyed what the fire department did for the community, helping people in time of need. It really gave me a sense of gratification.”

Ronk took the reins as chief of the department in 2000 after former chief Gar Wilson retired.

Ronk's recommendation was expected to be approved at a Feb. 17th board of trustees meeting.

Petterson is a 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School High School.

Springfield Township is also in need of a new fire chief. A search for a chief is underway again after a chief hired in July 2014 did not work out.

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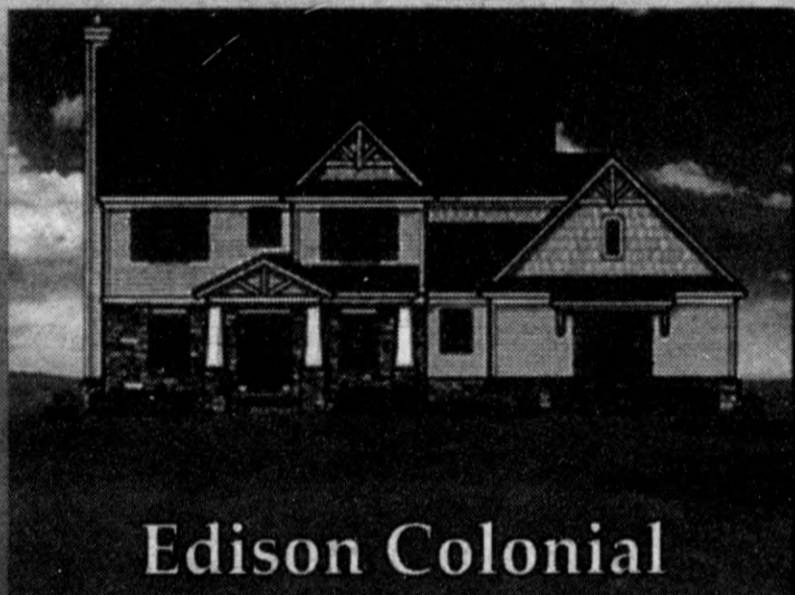
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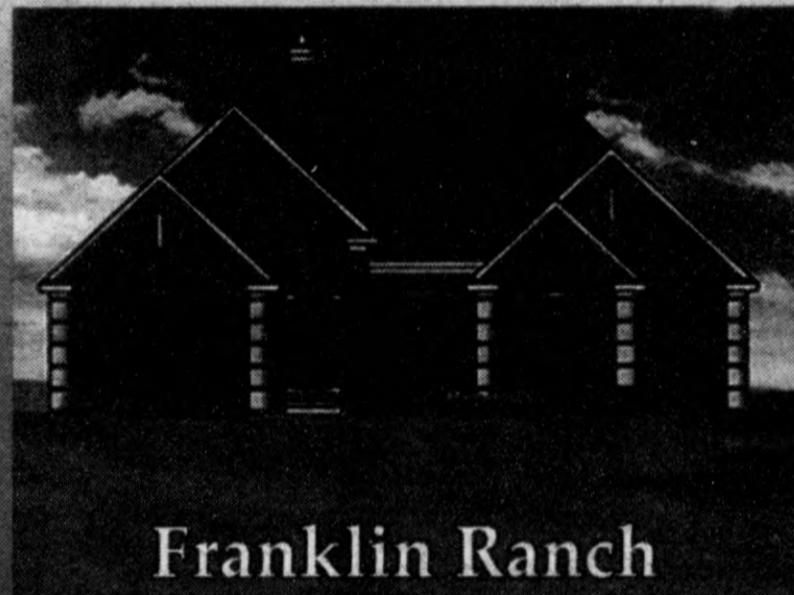
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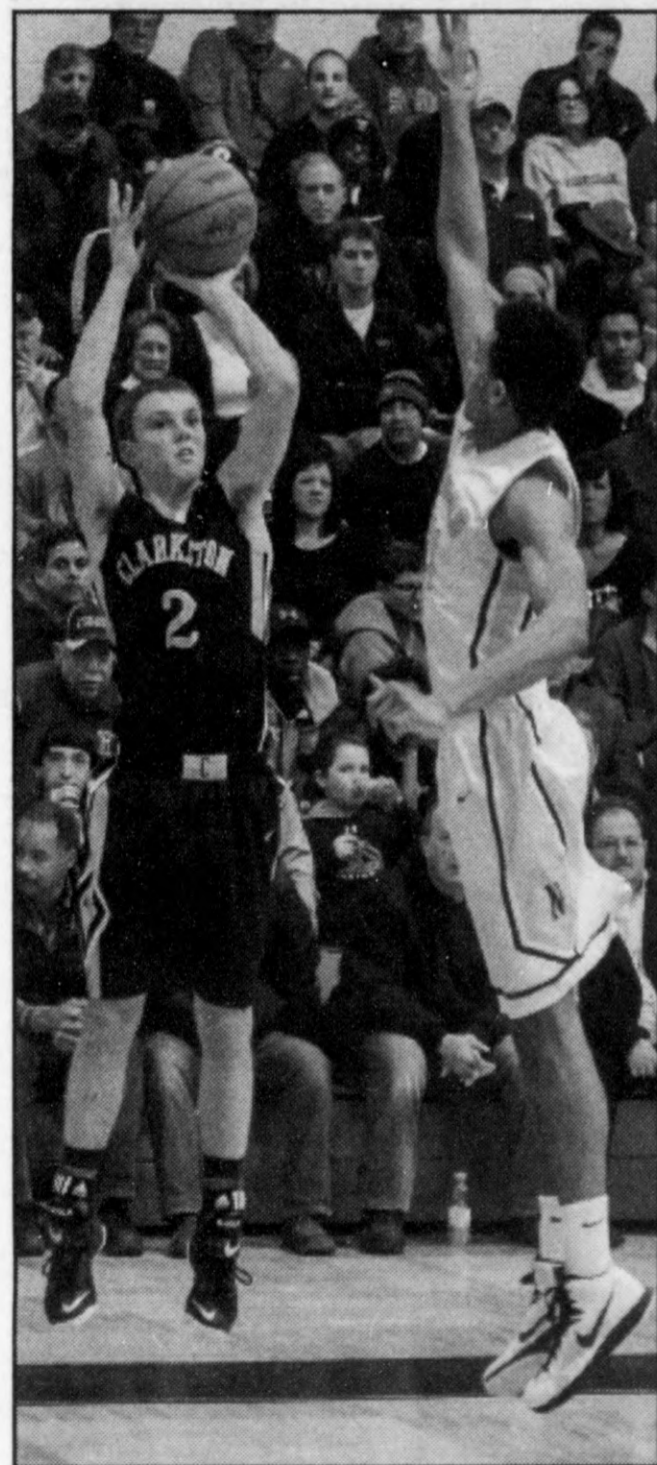
Streak continues with defeat over Highlanders

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers remain undefeated after their road game win at Rochester Adams last Thursday, 46-37 - but it didn't come easy.

"I am happy to win the game," Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife as the players practiced the next afternoon. "We dodged a bullet. We got off to a good start and that was about it. We hung in there and played ugly enough to win."

The Wolves started off with a seven point lead for the game and by the time the first quarter ended they had scored eight more points for a 15-3 score.



Josh Bonzheim takes his shot against North Farmington in the Wolves' win on Feb. 4. File photo by Larry Wright

Highlanders closed the gap to six points before the second quarter ended at 23-17. Two minutes into the final quarter the gap went down to four points, 35-31.

Clarkston took control and scored six consecutive points to put Adams further away in the score.

"You can't be good all the time," said Fife. "You need those wins. You need to grind and we had to grind. All the baskets came hard. As the game went on it became difficult."

He added the baskets became harder because Adams did some thing defensively the Wolves didn't handle well.

"We were fortunate to win. We made big stops and big baskets when we needed to," he said.

Freshman Foster Loyer led the team with 17 points and five rebounds. Senior Merrick Canada added 12 points to the board.

"They are a pretty good shooting team," Fife said about Adams. "They just didn't shoot as well as they normally will. I think they will shoot a lot better in the next game they were playing us. They are good shooting club."

The boys will play Adams one more time in their last home game of the regular on March 5.

Fife said the win will help the boys.

"Close games always help because every possession is important," he added. "I think we learned a lot. All the times you get beat you are different. You are different as a coach, you have to go back and reexamine everything. This made us reexamine."

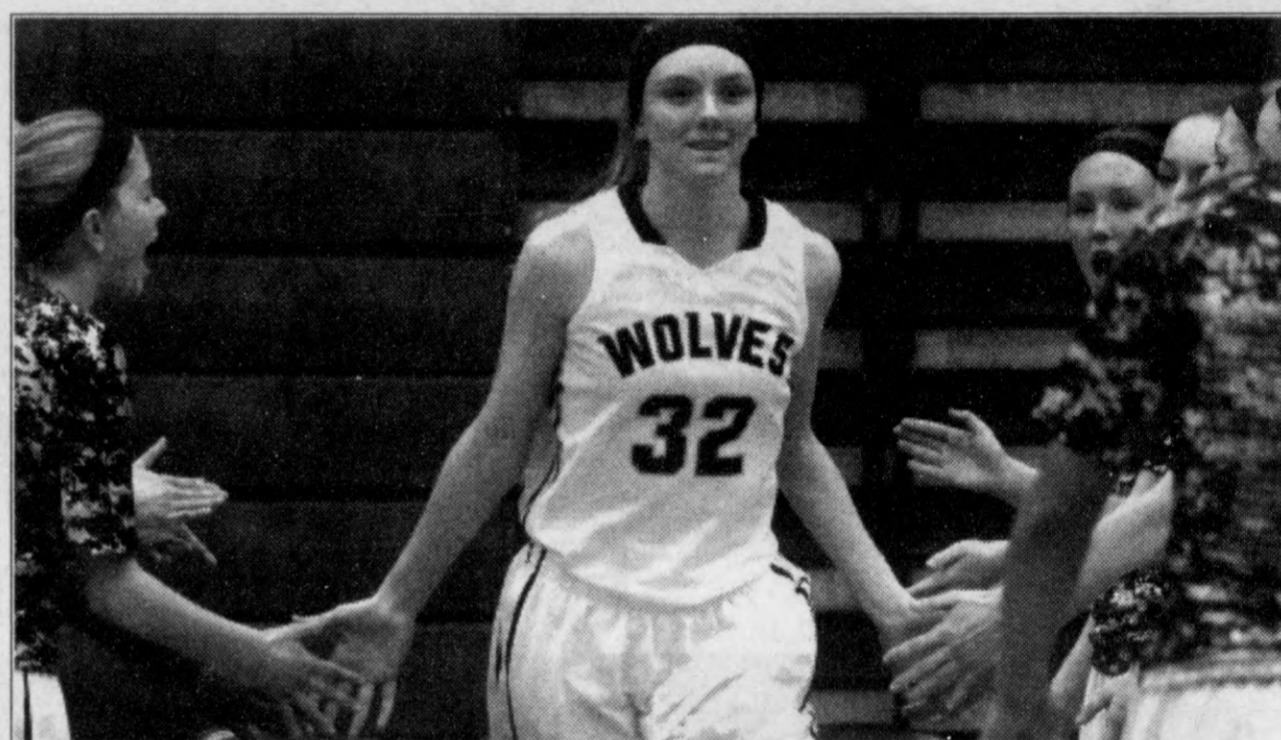
The Wolves (15-0, 5-0 OAA Red) hosted Southfield on Tuesday and to Southfield-Lathrup on Friday, 5:30 p.m.

"Everyone knows us by now," said Fife. "The second time around you aren't pulling rabbits out of hats. They know who you are and what to expect. They are the underdogs and we are the bullseye."

Then, they have three more OAA Red league games to go until the MHSAA district playoffs begin on March 9.

"The rest of the games are going to be very competitive," said Fife. "Everyone in our division plays hard. Bloomfield is young but the rest play hard. They will all be tough."

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Kayla Luchenbach lowfives her teammates as she heads onto the court during last Friday's game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Growth on the court

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Freshman Kayla Luchenbach has learned a lot of things as a starting forward with the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team to help her improve on her skills.

She explained she has learned to be strong and not worry about the age difference.

"Just play as a team, work hard and not to be afraid to go up for contact," she said, adding she learned it from teammate senior Erika Davenport.

"Playing with Erika is awesome," Luchenbach smiled. "She's a great player. She's a great role model to look up to and I think I have improved a lot."

"Kayla has been continually improving this season," added Tim Wasilk, head coach. "She plays big minutes for our team. She is gaining confidence in herself each week and it shows on the floor. She is a very smart player, understands the game, and has a great passion for the game."

Luchenbach is shooting 51 percent from the floor and is averaging 7.5 points per game and 5.5 rebounds per game. She

had her season high against Avondale on Jan. 20 with 18 points and seven rebounds and had a double-double against Grosse Pointe South with 13 points and 10 rebounds on Dec. 13.

Luchenbach began playing basketball in second grade and began playing with travel teams in fifth grade.

"My dad and my mom played basketball so they wanted me to get started," she said. "I loved it ever since. I love the competitiveness of the game. It's fun."

During the spring season she is on the track and field team where she runs in the 1,600-meter and 200-meter dash and is a high jumper in the field events.

"It helps with basketball because basketball is a lot of running," she added. "It works on my quickness and my endurance."

Her goals for the rest of the season are to get better, showing what she can do and work hard with her team.

Luchenbach advises aspiring athletes to not stop what you are doing.

"Just keep working hard - you will get there eventually," she said.

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Grapplers show their skills in district success

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves celebrated their third consecutive MHSAA Team District Championship title win as they raised the trophy last Wednesday after beating Waterford Kettering, 44-21.

"We are real proud of it," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Head Coach Derek Moscovic after the meet.

Throughout the season the team has faced adversities with illnesses and athletes choosing not to wrestle.

"These kids stepped up and they kept believing in themselves. It showed tonight," Moscovic added. "Kettering is a good team, and they are beat up but we are, too. Our kids stepped into the line up with the attitude be prepared to wrestle and this is our turf and our district - and we are proud of our district."

The Wolves began with night with Jake Calvano in the 140-pound weight class where he won the match by injury default.

Kettering scored a pin in the next match to tie the score at 6-6. The Wolves took control on the mat in the next five matches

beginning with Nate Vandermeer (152) with a 17-2 win.

Kyle Masters was next in the 160-pound weight class, scoring two points in the third period and to win 2-1.

Kas Waitkus (171) and Jonah Koponen (189) gave the Wolves a boost by both winning their matches with pins. Waitkus won his match with a fall with 45 seconds remaining in the first period. Koponen pinned his opponent 36 seconds into the second period of his match.

"Jonah, who just started wrestling again this year, we put him in at 189 and he went out there and got a pin," Moscovic said. "At the beginning of the year that wouldn't have happened. It shows the growth of the team."

Josh Cohoon won with a void in the 215-pound weight class, putting the score at 32-6.

Ketter won the heavy weight match with a 8-1 victory, to add three points to their score.

Tyler McDougal was next for the Wolves for the 103-pound weight class and it was his first match since having his cast taken

off from a broken arm. He led by two points in the third period until he pinned his opponent with 12 seconds left in the match.

"He stepped out on the mat and said I am going to do this for my team and won," Moscovic said.

He added the win over Kettering showed improvement over the season especially since they lost to the Captains earlier in the season.

"We have a lot of young guys in the line up and a lot of young guys stepped up," he said. "As individuals they grew and as a team. They said 'hey, we are a ragtag army, but we are going to show you what we have. We aren't going to give up on each other.'"

The Wolves finished the night with two more wins from Jacob Rygielski (130) with a 15-2 victory and Sean Lucas (135) with a 2-1 victory.

The boys (20-9) move on the the MHSAA Team Regionals on Wednesday at Walled Lake Central. Clarkston takes on Hartland and 5:30 p.m. and the winner moves on to

the finals against the Birmingham Seaholm/Walled Lake Central winner.

"It is going to be a fight," said Moscovic. "We are going to have Hartland and Walled Lake Central - those are two of the top teams in the state. Both of them are tough. We are going to walk in there like we have done every year - we will fight the fight. We will go in there and wrestle as hard as we can. Hopefully we can pull out an upset."

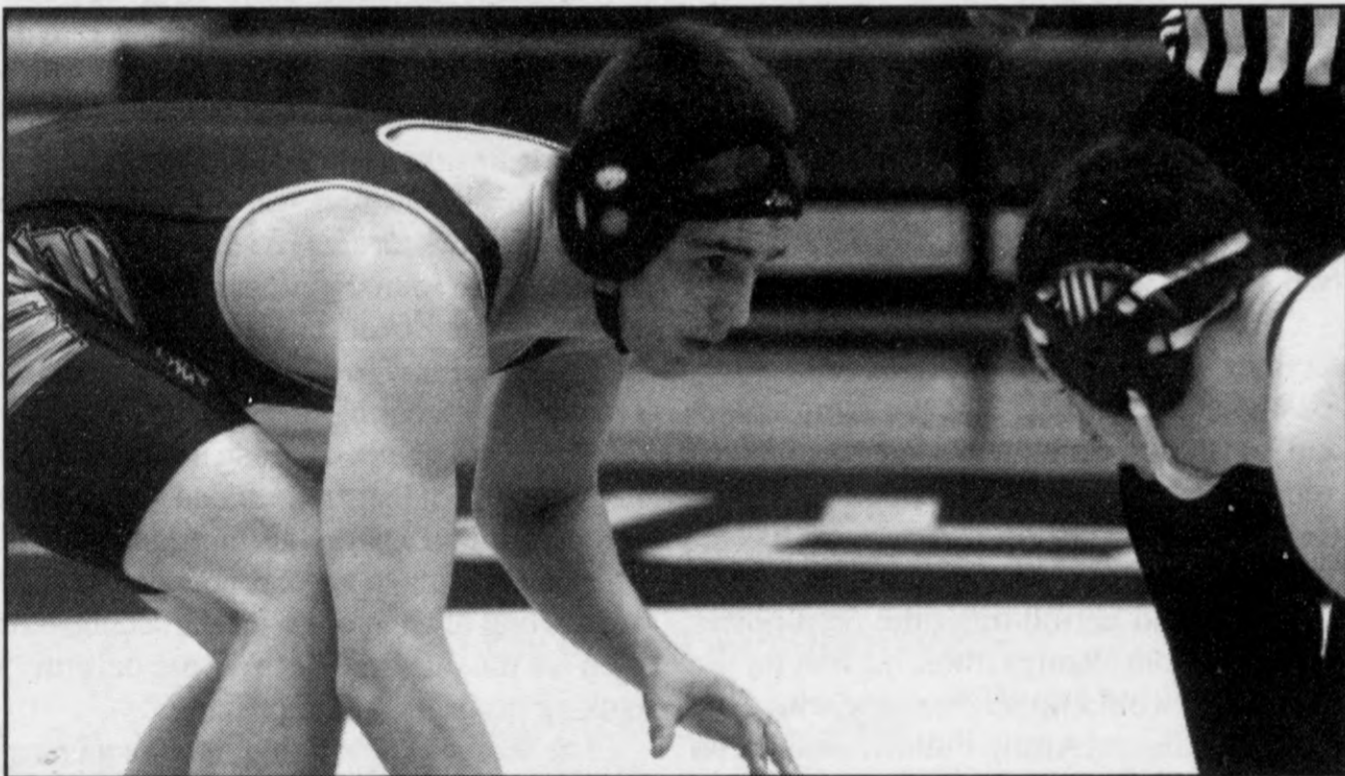
Four wrestlers placed at the MHSAA Individual District meet on Saturday.

Kas Waitkus took third place with a 6-4 decision in the 160-pound weight class over his teammate, Kyle Masters, who finished fourth to also move onto regionals.

Nate Vandermeer (145) took fourth place with a loss to Logan Vish from Hartland, 9-1.

Josh Cohoon (189) also finished in fourth place with a 5-2 loss to Walled Lake Central's Prince Onwenu.

The MHSAA Individual Regionals is on Saturday at Howell. The starting weight class is 189 pounds.



Left: Kas Waitkus opens his match against Waterford Kettering. Right: The Wolves celebrate their victory. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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Drake Gentile puts pressure on Waterford United's goalie in the first period. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Hat tricks boost Wolves to wins

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

The ice rink proved to be the only spot heating up in the area this week as the Clarkston Hockey team posted two wins.

They opened the week with a 6-1 win over Waterford United after dominating the last two periods with five goals.

"We played a good game," said Bryan Krygier, head coach.

Waterford scored first in the game at 9:07 and less than seven minutes later the Wolves tied the score with a quick shot from Drake Gentile into the net.

Clarkston struck again at the beginning of the second period this time on a power play goal from Danny Grohs, his first for the night as he would finish the game with a hat trick. Gentile and Austin Fullmer assisted on the goal.

With 11 seconds remaining in the second period, Gentile scored again with a high shot into the back of the net with an assist from Fullmer during a power play.

The Wolves netted three more goals in the last period with two from Grohs and the final one from Matt Johnson.

"We have been working hard on our power plays and our special teams," Krygier added about the success during the third period. "Also, we were in the box for a couple of penalty kills. Our special teams on both sides of the power play did their job pretty good. We kept them out of the zone and guarded the zone pretty good on our penalty kill. On our power play we moved the puck and that creates openings."

Junior Trevor Propson had nine saves for his first night in the net.

"He kept the shots down low," Krygier added. "He did what he was supposed to do and stopped the puck. We scored on three power plays which special teams were a factor. Danny had a hat trick and Drake had two goals - so the guys who are supposed to be scoring are scoring. The goaltending was good enough to maintain our lead."

He also said defense has been more energized since Joe Popp came back in January after healing from an injury.

"It's always helped having his energy and his strength out there," he added. "He brings leadership and energy to the defensemen. They are starting to make proper plays. They are starting to get more wins the second half then we did our first half. We are definitely making progress and improving."

The Wolves knew going into the game at Berkley on Saturday they needed a win or to tie the game to boost them from the second to last spot in the OAA Red.

"We need to win one game to jump to fourth," Krygier said before the game.

They won it - beating the Bears, 5-3, with Gentile leading the Wolves with three goals for his third hat trick of the season. Danny Grohs and Riley Peickert had one goal each.

Propson had a winning game with 37 saves in the net while the Wolves made 19 shots on goal.

The Wolves (10-11, 3-6 OAA Red) host Farmington on Wednesday and will play Lake Orion on Saturday.

"It is important to get these games," Krygier said.

Both games begin at 8 p.m. at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.

Wolfpack Update

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team is returning to Boyne Highlands next Monday for the MHSAA Ski State Finals.

The boys finished the slalom and giant slalom races with 84.5 points to take second place at the regional meet last Wednesday at Mount Holly. Oxford/Holly finished in first place with 71 points.

Derek VanItallie led the team as he won both races with a time of 52.36 in the slalom and 42.19 in the giant slalom.

Jacob McIntosh took fifth in the slalom at 54.60 and Reis Weidemann finished in sixth at 56.08.

For the giant slalom, McIntosh finished in sixth place at 44.30.

The girls varsity team finished in fourth place with 145 points, just three points short of third place to qualify for state finals. Lake Orion, 79; Bloomfield Hills, 94; and Grand Blanc, 142, finished in the top three spots.

Madeleine Declerq led the girls as she finished in third place in the slalom and giant slalom races and will be heading to the finals.

She finished at 59.52 in the slalom and 45.93 in the giant slalom.

The Clarkston Boys Swim & Dive team continued their winning streak as they defeated West Bloomfield in a close meet

last Thursday, 94-92.

It came down to the last event - where Matthew Culver, Isaac Keer, Dalton Pokley and Drew Vassilakos finished in first for the 400-yard freestyle relay at the time of 3:24. 64.

The Wolves also took first place in the 50-yard freestyle with Pokley finishing at 22.26. James Nelson took first in the 200-yard IM, 2:10.26, and 100-yard breaststroke, 1:03.24; and Culver, 100-yard backstroke, 58.42.

The Lady Wolves finished in fourth place at the Delta Plex in Grand Rapids on Saturday.

The Clarkston Competitive Cheer team competed with some of the top teams in the state and scored a total of 768.10 points out of 18 teams.

They finished in sixth place at the OAA Red meet on Feb. 7 with a total of 752 points. They scored 229.2 in the first round, 454 in the second round and 298 in the final round.

The girls head to Lake Orion on Saturday for the MHSAA District meet where they will go against Davison, Fair Haven Anchor Bay, Carman Ainsworth, Grand Blanc, Grand Ledge, Lake Orion, Lapeer, Midland, Oxford, Port Huron, Romeo and Saginaw Heritage.

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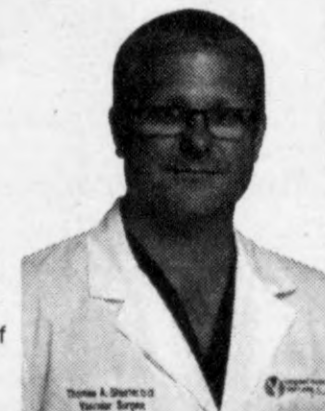
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Raiders sunk by Clarkston

BY WENDI REARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers came out in full force last Friday night for the second annual Hoops for Troops as the defeated North Farmington, 52-43.

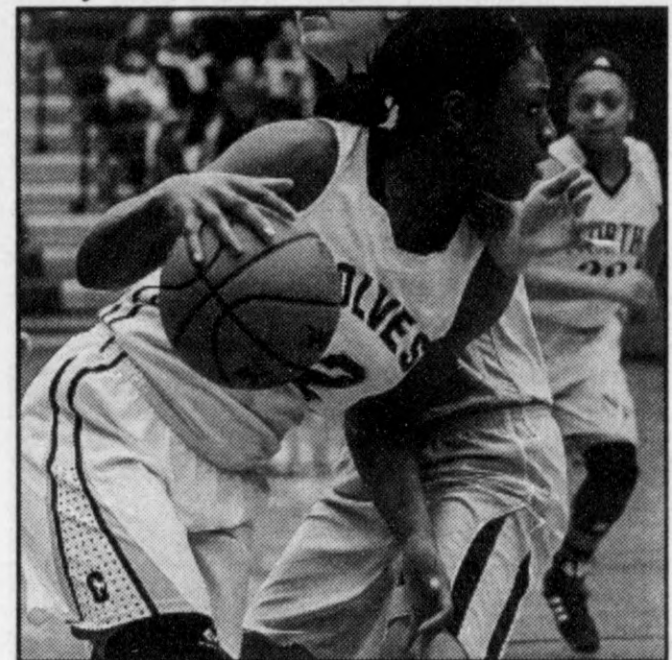
"It was a great win for Hoops for Troops night in honor of Jenna Beno, a former player. It was great to see," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball.

The Wolves opened the game with a 12-2 run, led by seniors Erika Davenport and Jessica Altene.

North Farmington scored a basket and hit a 3-pointer to close the gap to six points. In the last 90 seconds of the half sophomore Meghan Deardorff also scored on a field goal and Davenport ended the quarter with a basket, 18-7.

The girls continued to hold on to the lead as the half ended, 29-20.

"The first half we came out and played really well," said Wasilk. "We moved the ball



Erika Davenport. Photo by Larry Wright

to the right spots and moved the ball to the middle."

During the second half the Lady Wolves struggled against North Farmington's press. The Lady Raiders were in reach of Clarkston by three points with five minutes left in the third quarter.

Deardorff hit a three pointer to widen the gap back up and the Wolves finished the quarter ahead by eight points, 40-32.

"It was a big three," said Wasilk. "I never felt we weren't in control of the game, but they did make a nice run at us. We just tried to keep our composure and we've been talking to the girls about playing through adversity. We had some good stops. I was proud of the girls tonight."

Davenport led with 17 points and Luchenbach had nine points.

Senior Ashley Skaggs and Deardorff scored two 3-pointers during the game.

The Lady Wolves lost to Southfield-Lathrup on Feb. 10, 55-46, and Ann Arbor Huron on Saturday, 60-29. Davenport led the team in both games. She scored 20 points against Lathrup and 16 on Huron.

"I thought the last game against Lathrup we struggled a bit in the third quarter," Wasilk added.

The girls (12-5, 4-3 OAA Red) have three league games remaining before they begin district playoffs on March 2. They head to Rochester Adams on Thursday and host Stoney Creek on Tuesday.

"I am pretty happy with where we are in the league and the schedule we play," said Wasilk. "We just have to keep getting better. We are just getting ready for March and get people in the right spots and on both sides of the floor."

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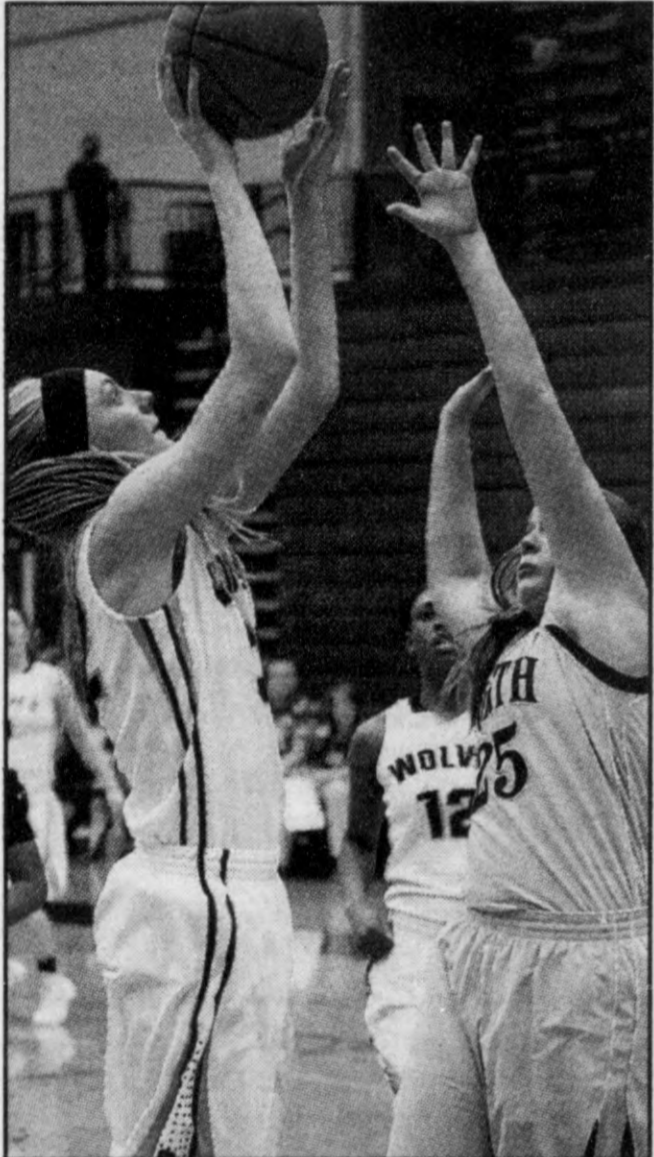




From left, Bill, Jacob and Kristi Beno and Megan Goldberg. Photo by WR



Jacob Beno hugs his surprised mom, Kristi. Photo Wendi Reardon



Kayla Luchenbach aims high in Hoops for Troops. Photo by Larry Wright

A night of surprises

Megan Goldberg, organizer for Hoops for Troops, had a surprise up her sleeve.

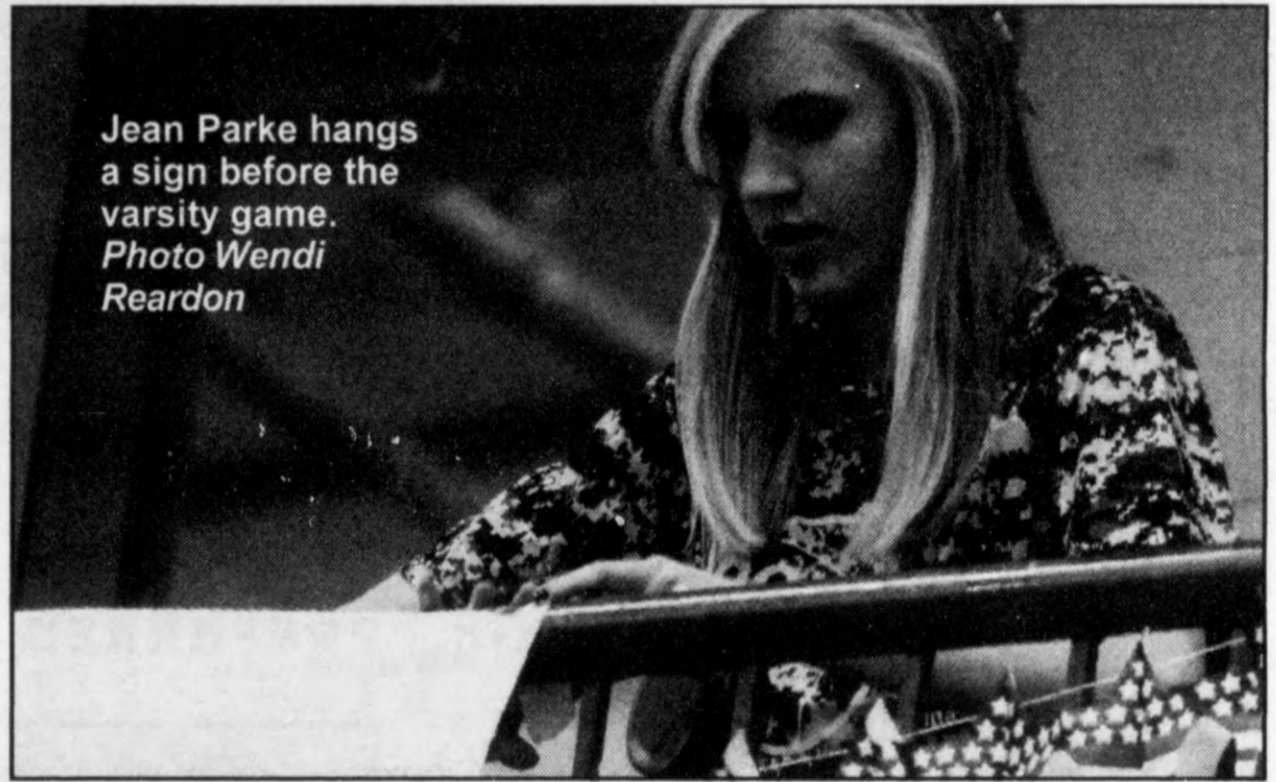
With Bill and Kristi Beno standing at her side she introduced the family and announced their son was stationed at Fort Campbell on the Kentucky, Tennessee border.

"But he isn't," she smiled to the Clarkston Girls Basketball fans right before Jacob Beno stepped out of the doors at the northeast corner of Clarkston High School's gym.

Hoops for Troops is held for Jenna Beno, who passed away in October 2012 from injuries sustained in Iraq. Beno was a 2006 graduate of Clarkston and was member of the Lady Wolves' varsity basketball team.

This year's event raised \$6,685.75 through donations and raffles for Operation Second Chance, an organization who helped Jenna. It is a non-profit organization which changes lives by helping heroes move on with dignity and love. They provide emergency financial assistance for a wide range of needs.

"The event would not have been possible without all Megan's hard work," said Tim Wasilk, Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach. "I really appreciate all the time and effort she has put in to help make this event so successful." ~WAR



Jean Parke hangs a sign before the varsity game. Photo Wendi Reardon



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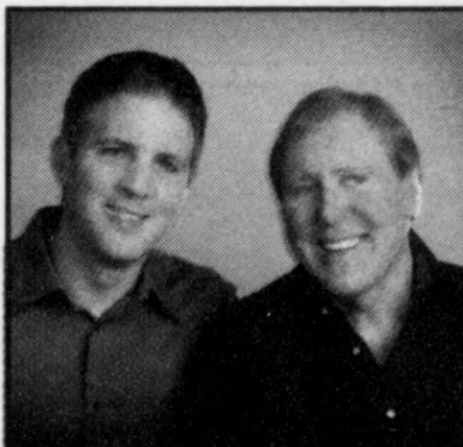
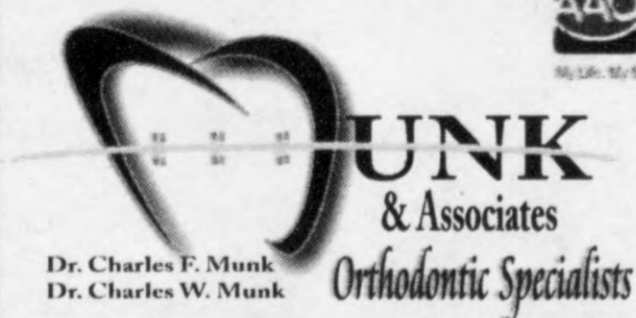
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Theresa and Christian

Rigato – Skuras

Mark and Victoria Rigato of Holly would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Rigato, to Christian Skuras, the son of Steve and Joann Skuras of Shelby Twp. They are looking forward to a fall wedding.

The engaged couple first met in elemen-

tary school at the age of nine. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Walsh College and the bride-to-be is finishing her finance degree at Walsh College.

Christian works for Auburn Pharmaceuticals in Troy and Theresa works for Team Financial Group.

Students achieve success

Amanda Swiss of Clarkston has been named to the Champlain College Dean's List for Fall 2014. Swiss is majoring in Communication.

Clarkston students named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2014 term at Lawrence Technological University include **Gregory Vandervoord**, majoring in Transportation Design; and **Kenneth Fitzgerald**, majoring in Architectural Engineering.

Matthew Rodgers of Clarkston has achieved a place on the University of Evansville Dean's List for academic achievements during the fall semester 2014. Rodgers is majoring in Management.

Davenport University has announced that **Autumn Coffman** of Clarkston has been named to the President's List for the fall 2014 semester.

Caleb J. Mathers of Clarkston has been named to the University of Southern Indiana fall 2014 Dean's List.

Noah Andrew Hansen Predoehl of Clarkston was named to the fall semester Dean's List by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Engineering. Predoehl is a

freshman with a mechanical engineering major.

Jacob Elwell of Clarkston graduated from the Retail Marketing program at the Michigan Career and Technical Institute, Jan. 31.

Tyler A. Smith of Clarkston was named to the Miami University fall 2014 president's list.

Steven Thomas Santarossa of Clarkston was named to the Fall Semester 2014 Dean's List at Michigan State University.

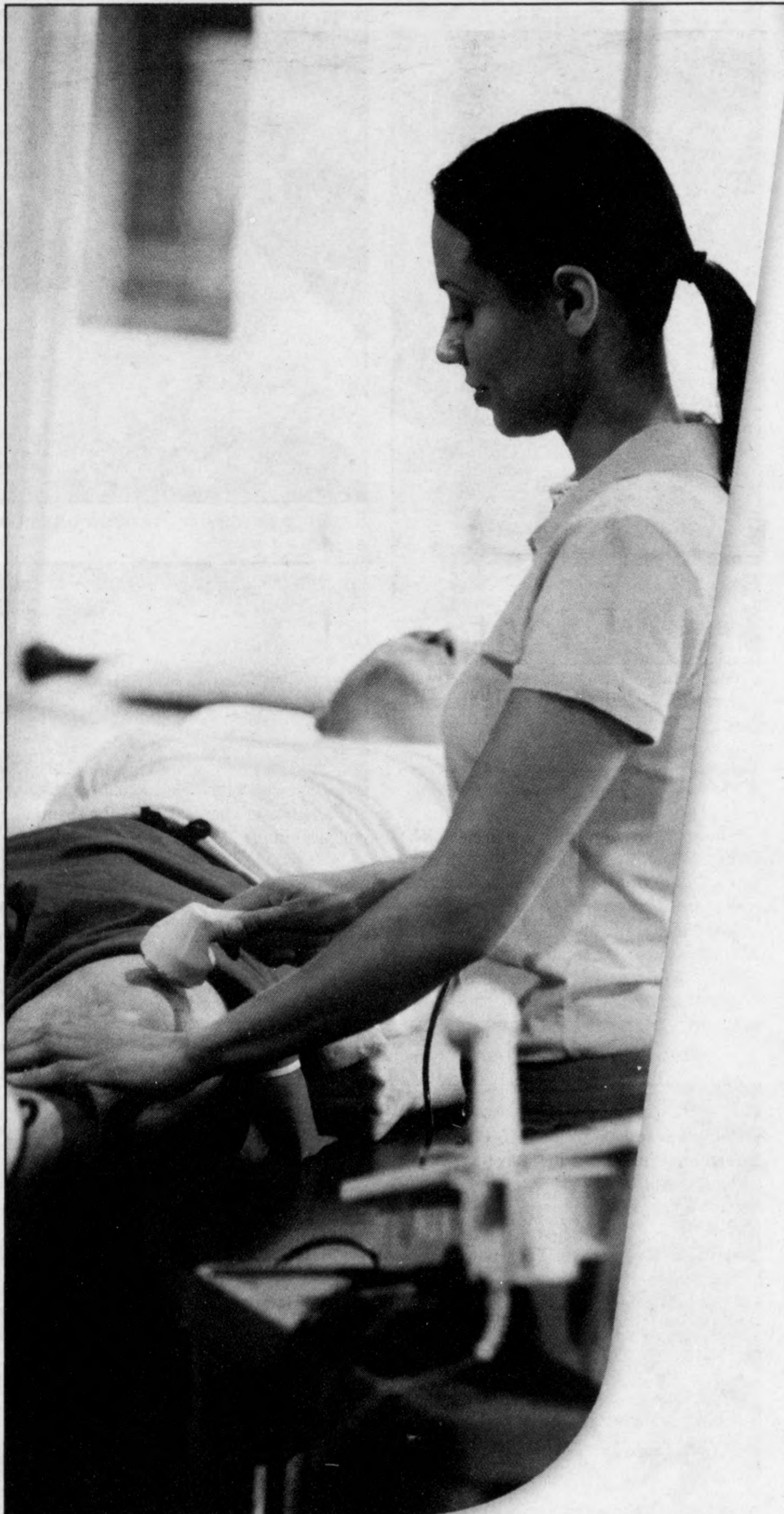
He is majoring in Human Biology at Lyman Briggs College.

Annie Toohey, a junior Speech major at Hillsdale College, was named to the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester.

She is the daughter of Patrick and Dianne Toohey of Clarkston, and is a 2012 graduate of Everest Collegiate High School.

Phoebe E Morris of Clarkston was named to the Miami University fall 2014 dean's list.

Kersten Engle of Clarkston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Engle, earned dean's list honors for the fall 2014 semester at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland.



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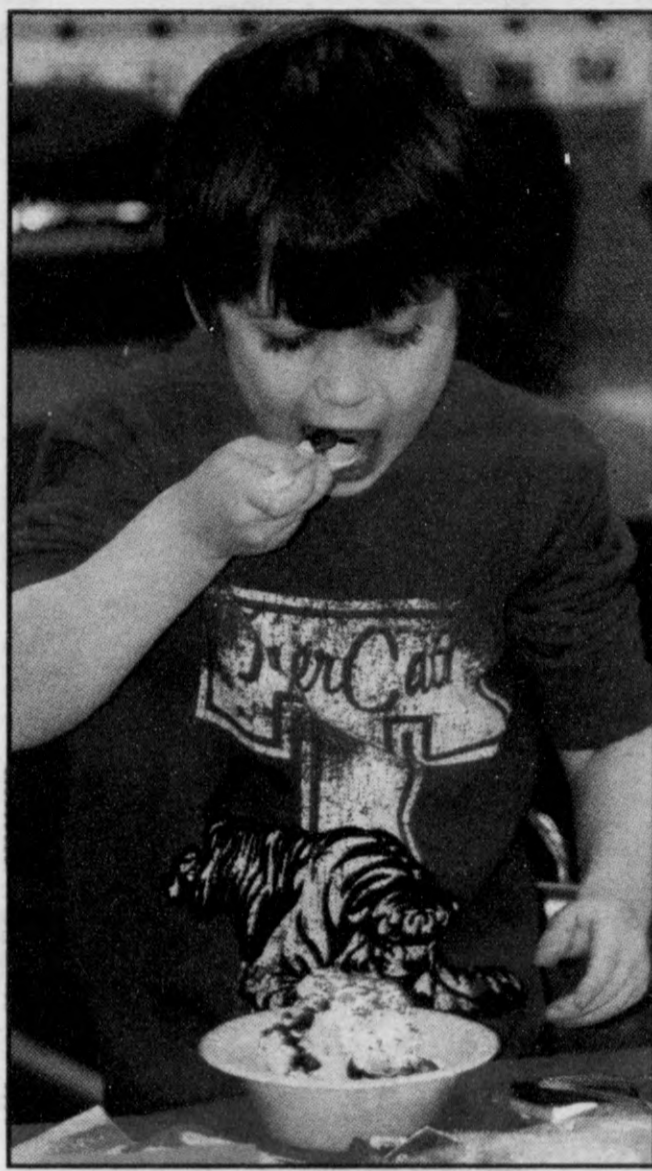

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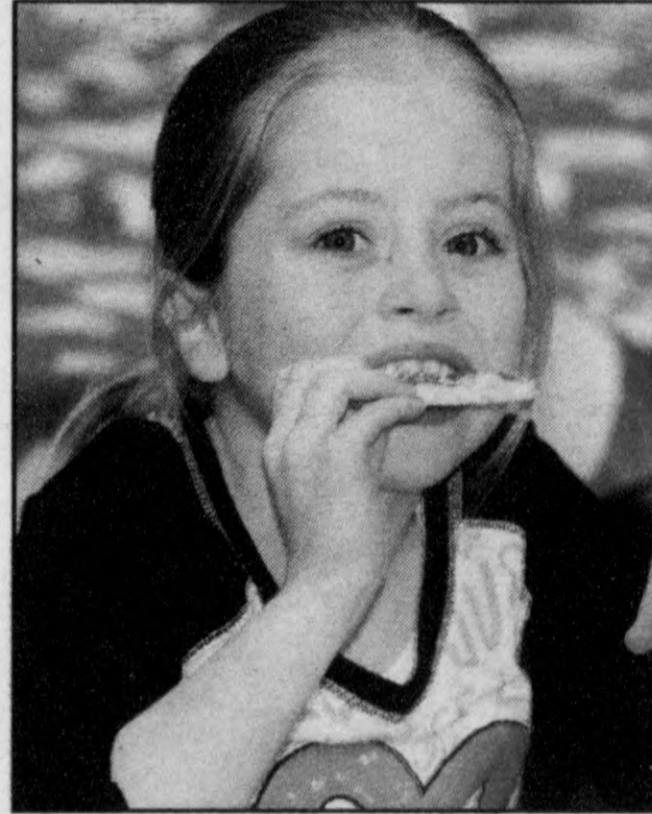
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First grader Jack Wilson enjoys a spoonful of ice cream from his sundae.



First grader Jaylie Johnson opens a card.



Second grader Emily Walker takes a bite of the cookie she decorated.

Holiday sweetness

Bailey Lake Elementary students ended last Friday creating holiday crafts, playing games and opening cards during their Valentine's Day parties.

But the favorite thing to do for all the students was sampling treats during classroom parties. While some classrooms decorated cookies others had ice cream, cupcakes or brownies.

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Megan Patnaude's first grade class digs into their boxes for valentines.

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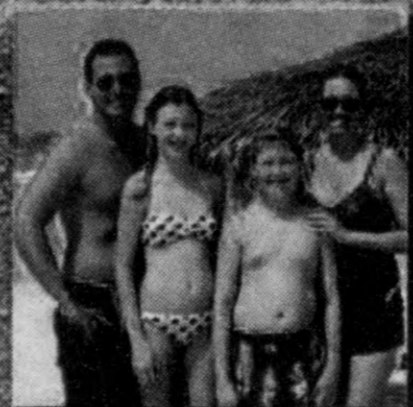
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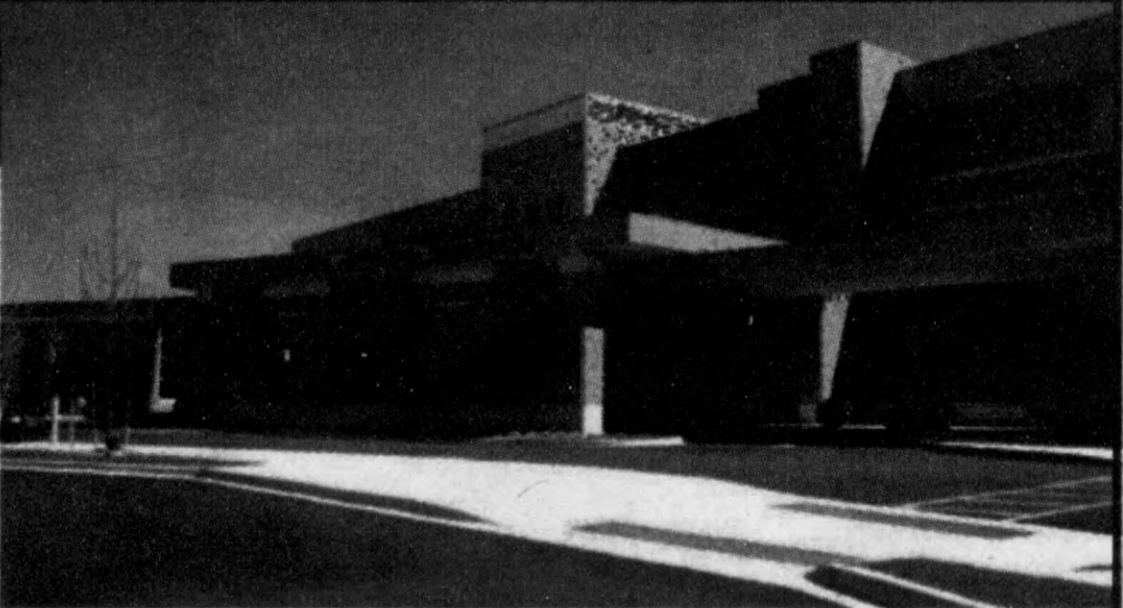
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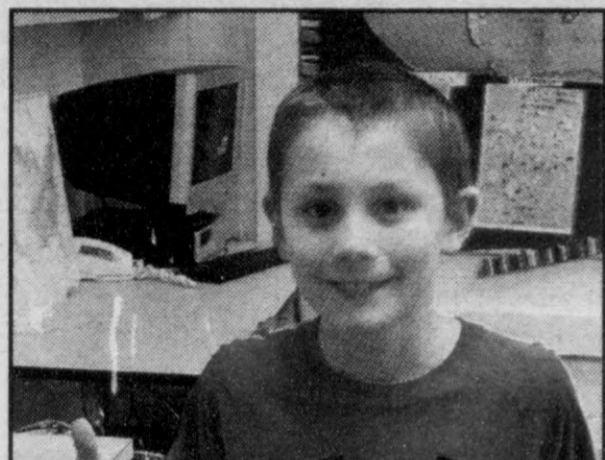
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From left are science awardees, 11th graders Michaela Lee and Abigail Nofar; and 12th graders Camron Razdar, Aliso Haas, and Andrew Luchenbach. Not pictured, 10th graders Natalia Emerson and Christian Pyscher. Photos by Phil Custodio



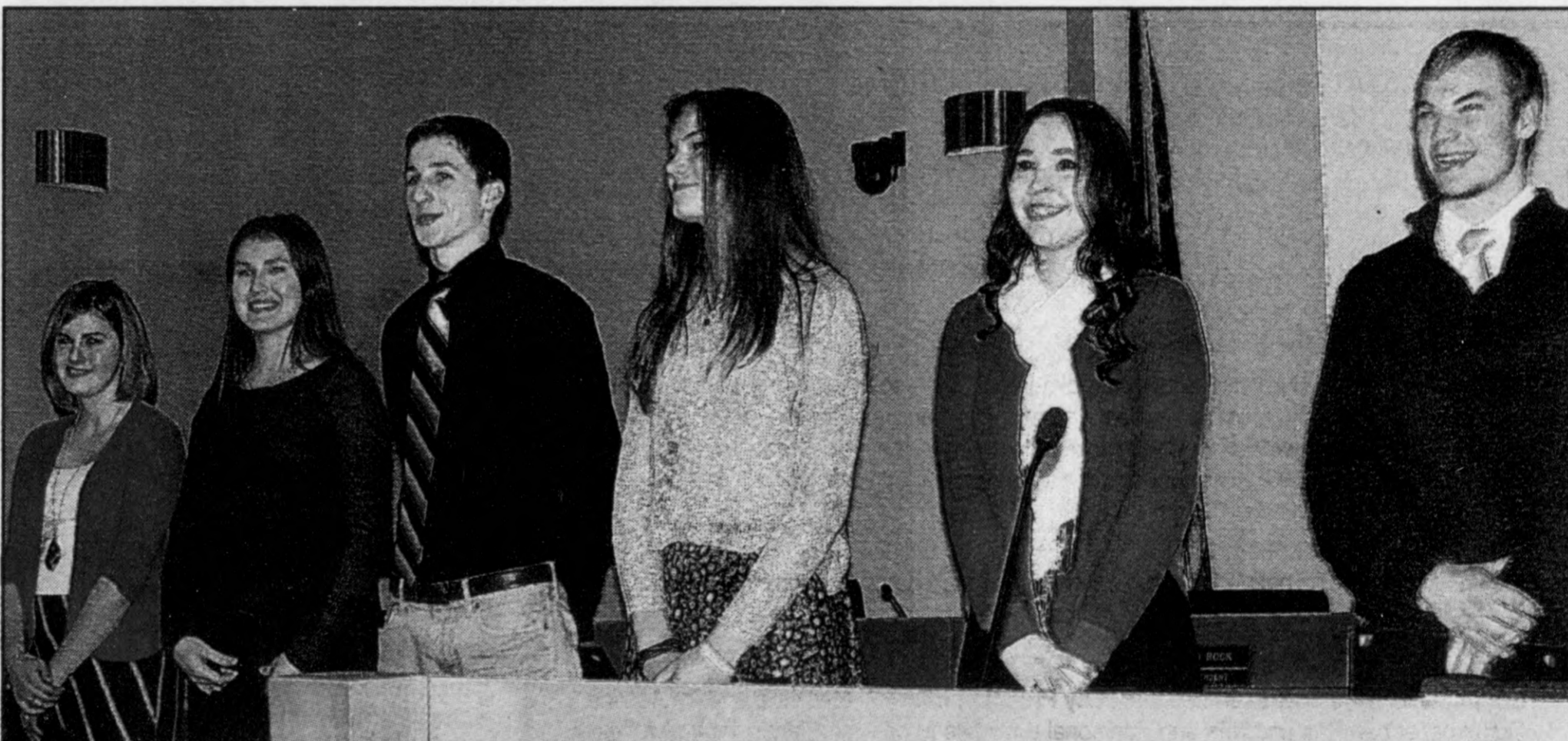
From left are math honorees, seventh grader Nathan Sesti, sixth grader Conner McKouen, sixth grader Brian Hickey, and seventh grader Jennifer Starnes.

Honored in math and science

The Clarkston Foundation for Public Education invited 30 students to breakfast, Feb. 12, for Student Recognition Awards Mathematics and Science.

The students, who were selected by teachers, demonstrate

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From left are awardees in mathematics, 10th grader Sarah Snyder and Stephanie Sowers; 11th graders Michael Baker and Emma Curd; and 12th grade MacKenzie Sowers and Joseph Popp. Not pictured, Cole Chewins.



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Relay For Life of Clarkston Open House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Feb. 21, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Info on how to participate, fundraise, sponsor, volunteer. 248-663-3508.

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.

Movie screening, "Catherine Zimmerman's Urban & Suburban Meadows: Bringing Meadows to Big & Small Spaces," North Oakland Chapter of Wild Ones, 7:30-9 p.m., March 4, St. Daniel Church - Cushing Center Hall, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. www.northoakland.wildones.org.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., March 9, McLaren Cancer Institute Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Body Mind Green Community Expo, 5:30-8 p.m., March 12, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Healthy food and living exhibits, demonstrations, speakers. Free. 248-625-8055.

Downton Abbey Afternoon Tea, 2-4 p.m., March 25, Senior Adult Center Carriage House. \$10. Tea, sandwiches, baked goodies, lively discussion, trivia. 248-625-8231.

Mom2Mom Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., March 28, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Early bird shopping from 8am-9am. Regular admission \$1, early bird admission \$2. Strollers after 10 am. Sellers, contact Debbie at mom2mom@clarkstoncommunity.com.

Monday

Journey Toward Healing Grief Support Series for Adults, 6:30-8 p.m., Feb. 23, Clarkston United Methodist Church. Gina Shuster, LMSW, bereavement coordinator for Grace

Around Town

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



COMMUNITY GATHERING: Local members of the community enjoy a potluck lunch at Real Estate One in downtown Clarkston. The office hosts lunches for the public regularly to raise money for local charities and causes. Call 248-625-0200. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Hospice, facilitates the six-week series.

Line Dancing, Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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

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

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

FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., Ameri-

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

Tuesday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., March 10, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Topic: "Does Any Good Ever Come Out Of Loss?" Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

Genealogical consulting with Dr. Thomas K. Stone, Wednesdays, March 25, April 22, and May 20, 10 a.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center. \$1.

Thursday

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

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

How to Age Gracefully, Thursdays, March 19 and May 7, 1:30 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center. Led by Dr. Thomas Stone. \$1. 248-625-8231.

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<p>Look: New Library Hours Starting January 2015! Mon-Thurs: 10 am-9 pm, Fri & Sat: 10 am-6 pm, Sun 1 pm-6 pm</p>			<p>Evening Book Group: Thursday, March 3, 7:30 p.m. Our monthly book group meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month in our Youth Activities Room. Join us this month as we discuss <i>Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil</i> by John Berendt. Registration is not required. Copies of our monthly book selections are available at the circulation desk.</p>

Religion

Events Preaching

Hungry? Why wait?

I have been told before that one of the greatest perks to being a professional athlete is the meals after the game. If you want some proof, check out the menus provided for the Seahawks and the Orioles for their plane ride home.

To wake up one day and no longer have all the best tasting, healthy food options at your finger-tips has got to be one of the harshest realities of stepping out of the limelight.

So, it is not surprising when former athletes hang up their cleats and say goodbye to their delectable food, the dietary choices they make fall short of being championship level quality.

Professional athletes have been dependent for so long on other people to structure meal choices for them, that when they are left to do it on their own, they find their skill set is rather undeveloped.

When we switch over to the state of the church, the National Opinion Research Center, found the average percentage of churchgoers who attend on any given Sunday is 38 percent. Many spiritual leaders have pointed to attendance as the reason why people are starting spiritually.

I point to a whole different reason. If I were to spend a lot of time eating from the team buffet line after the big game (church/Sunday) it is entirely possible I would leave feeling full and very satisfied.

The question I have is how am I going to feel on Wednesday if I didn't eat anything since? To be a healthy individual, I need to

be able to eat meals regularly.

In life there is a natural progression that takes place. As we grow from babies into children we begin to learn how to feed ourselves.

Now that I am an adult, and thanks in large part to Food Network, I am making meals for myself I never could have imagined only a year ago. Cheerios and PB& J sandwiches are not regular meals on the menu.

I have learned how to feed myself, and feed myself well. Learning to feed ourselves full healthy meals is supposed to be the same model for the Christ follower (1 Peter 2 & 1 Corinthians 3:2)

As we learn how to spend time in God's Word, rightly dividing it, the sermon/ message the pastor preaches becomes more like the cherry on top of a wonderful desert. We have already been filled with Christ throughout the week.

The foundation, chief cornerstone of the church is Jesus, and we need to invest our time and energy to help our congregants fill themselves with Jesus Christ.

I guarantee you as people are taught how to feed themselves with the Word of God, (John 1), there will be nourishment for their souls, there will be growth, and there will be amazing fruit produce in lives, and others will then be taught to grow into Christ-like maturity.

Truth be told, we all are athletes. The apostle Paul says we are all runners in the race of life. We have prepared before us an amazing feast, let's dig in take as much as we'd like of the Bread of Life, the Living Water.

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

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Matthew Webster

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

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

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OFFICE HOURS: State Rep. Jim Tedder, R-Clarkston, at left, meets with constituents at Mr. B's Roadhouse on Dixie Highway, Feb. 13. The representative will host office hours in Clarkston monthly, as well as throughout the district. For more information, call 517-373-0615. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Around Town

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and fourth Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 nutri-

tion to obtain a balanced body. 248-770-5388.

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

Saturday

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

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

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; **McLaren Hospice**, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County**, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3911. **Service With Love**, RSVP of Oakland County. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.

Sports signups

Registration for Independence Township parks and rec baseball and softball, ages 3-18, is open through Feb. 26 for residents of the township and Clarkston Community Schools.

Open registration begins March 2.

Late registration for parks and rec soccer, ages 4-18, is available - \$10 late fee.

For more information, call Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors at 248-625-8223 or check www.itpr.org.

Wild game dinner

Clarkston Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post 63 hosts its annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the post home, 8047 Ortonville Road.

The planned menu is elk, white tail deer, pheasant, turkey, walleye, trout, salmon and other assorted wild game. Final selection is provided by local hunters.

There will be a Gun Raffle, Kayak Raffle, 50/50 Drawing, and Booze Basket Raffle. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is served from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and only 180 tickets will be sold. Tickets are available at Post 63 and by calling 248-625-9912 after 3 p.m.

SADD contest extended

The Clarkston High School SADD Club has extended the deadline for its drawing contest to Feb. 23.

As part of its Strive for a Safer Drive Grant Project, the club is asking students to draw a picture about distracted driving. The goal is to help new and experienced drivers make safe choices on the road. Drivers can make safe choices by not using their cell phones while driving.

Last year's project was a shoe collection and display.

Drawings should be sent to: Clarkston High School; care of SADD Club/Mrs. Carter. Include student's name, grade and school on the back of their drawing. Every child entering a drawing will receive a prize. Pictures that are selected for use in the project, have the chance of winning a \$25 gift card to "Pump It Up," a \$15 iTunes gift card, or a \$5 gift card to McDonalds, along with other prizes.

Children grades K-7 are eligible to participate in this contest.

If you have any questions about the contest or the S4SD Distracted Driving Grant Project, contact Mrs. Carter at 248-623-4025 or pacarter@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

Obituaries

Gilbert F. Buhl, 78

Gilbert F. Buhl of Clarkston passed away Feb. 14, 2015, at age 78.

He was preceded in death by his wife Catherine and siblings Retta Sample and Randy Buhl. He was the father of Donna (Thomas) King, Gilbert (Jennifer) Buhl, Jr., Rebecca (Mike) Hetchler; grandfather of Scott (Jennifer) Buhl, Allen (Misty) King, Melissa (Ken) Cummings and Molly (Aaron) Wanke, Gilbert Buhl, III, Adam, Tanner and Michael (Meredith) Hetchler, Angie (Matt) Howe and Myra Hudson; great grandfather of 23; brother of Fran (late Bob) Neff, Retha (Jess) Kilburn, Perry (Sharon) Buhl, Debbie Fultz and Teresa (Mike) Lovelace.



Gil served in the Navy and retired from General Motors.

Funeral Service is Thursday, 10 a.m., at **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, where friends may visit, Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Byron K. Love, 86

Byron K. Love, Ph.D., of Clarkston passed away Feb. 12, 2015, at age 86.

He was the husband of Margaret for 61 1/2 years; father of Ellis Love, Margo Love and Heather (Brett) King; grandpa of Cameron and Ryan King; brother of Elaine Love.



Dr. Byron Love retired from Pontiac Community Schools as Deputy Superintendent and was on the Board of Directors as Chairperson at New Passages.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Memorial Service is 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at the All Saints Episcopal Church, Pontiac.

Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Noreen M. Krcek, 85

Noreen M. Krcek of Dearborn passed away Feb. 8, 2015, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband George and grandsons George and Jeffrey. She was the mother of George "Jerry" (Brenda) Krcek, Nancy (Tony) Argeropoulos, Ken (Pat) Krcek; grandma of Kevin (Christine), Brandon (Sara), Andrea (Roger), Kirk, George (Casey), Argean (Jason), Stephen (Alisha) and Lauren; also survived by three great grandsons. Noreen was the third oldest of 10 Theisen children.



Celebration of Life Service was Feb. 12 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private entombment, St. Hedwig Cemetery. Donations may be made to Make A Wish Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Donna J. Smith, 76

Donna J. Smith (Wolff) of Lake Orion, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Feb. 8, 2015, at age 76.

She was the mother of Kellie Kroll, Carrie Smith, Stu (Monica) Smith and Nathan Smith; "Gammie" of Ro, Lindsey, Sevasti and Isiah; sister of Paula "Sunny" Szocinski; aunt of Jamie Gillette.



Donna was a dedicated educator and mentor.

Visitation was Feb. 12 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Elephant Sanctuary. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Susan Swendsen, 57

Susan J. Swendsen, "Sue," of Clarkston passed away Feb. 13, 2015, at age 57.

She was the loving wife of Bob; beloved mother of Dustyn and Chellsie Swendsen; daughter of John and Elizabeth LaRou; sister of Denise (Paul) Limbach; daughter in law of Bob and Dee Swendsen.



Memorial Service is 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Saturday, 2 p.m., until time of the service. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Special Olympics. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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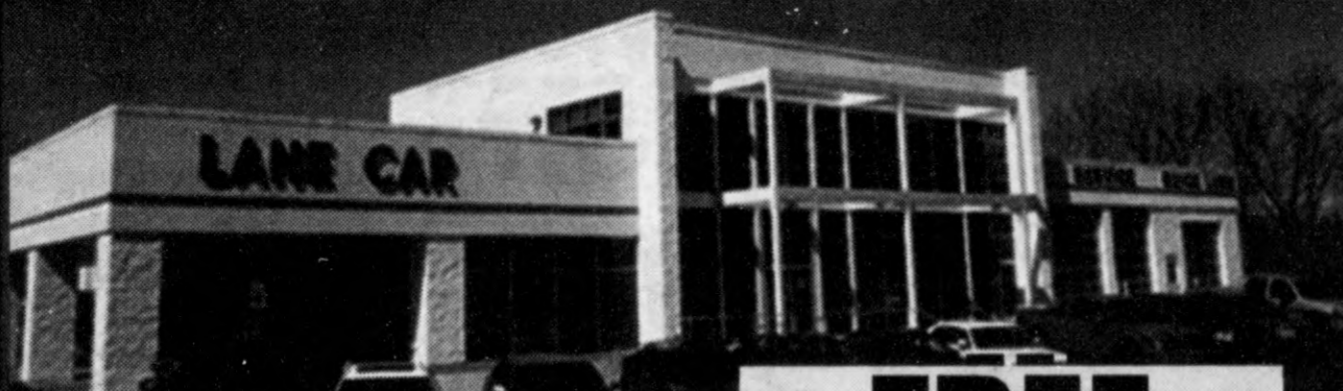
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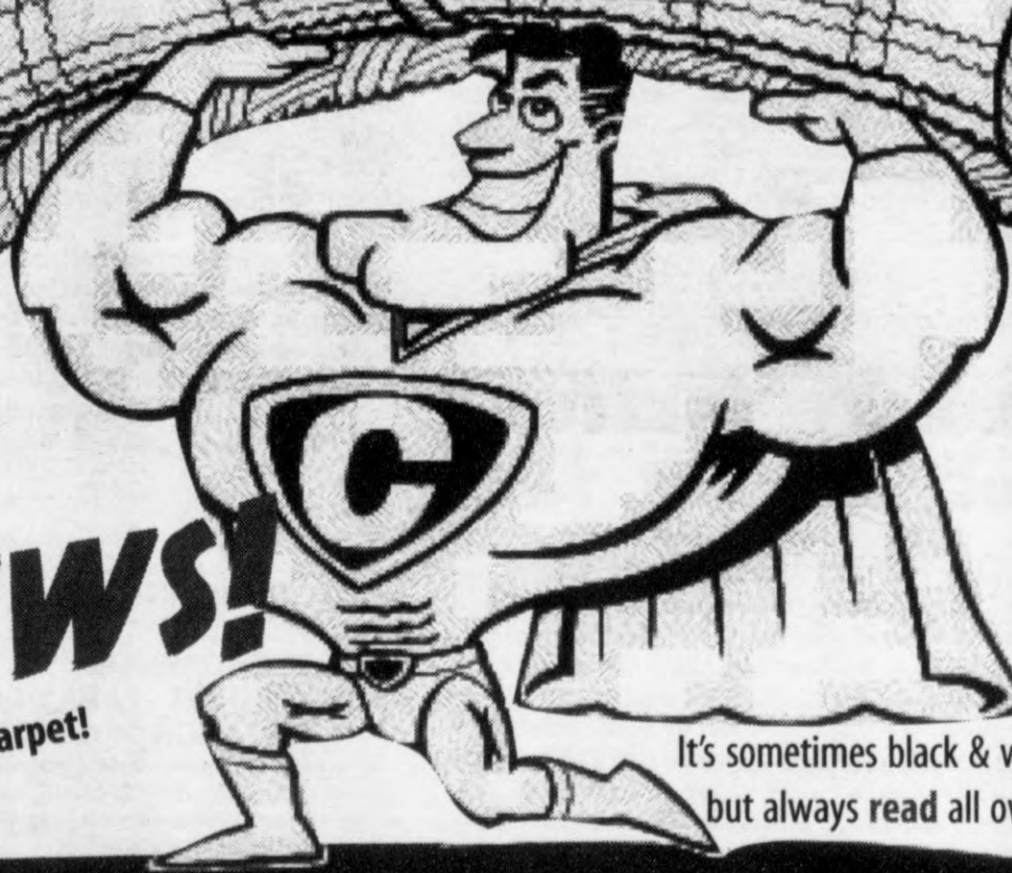
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 TO ALL CREDITORS:
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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Pamela Kerezsy, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
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**CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION
 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING**

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 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Freddie Barnett, Barbara Scott, Sylvia Barnett and Kenneth Barnett whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

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February 5, 2015
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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 4th with appointment times between 12:00pm and 5:00pm, on March 5th with appointment times between 1:00pm and 8:30pm, and on March 6th with appointment times between 9:00am and 1pm. ****The latest you can call to set up an appointment is Thursday, March 5th 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

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A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2658_7.pdf and at the Township Assessing Department at the address indicated above. This form should be mailed to the Independence Township Assessing Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr, Clarkston, MI 48346. It must be received prior to the close of the March Board of Review and documentation supporting your opinion of value should be attached.

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,
 Kristen Sieloff, MMAO (4)
 Independence Township Assessor
 Publish February 11, 18, 25

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 MINUTES
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 JANUARY 12, 2015**

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

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

Approval of agenda moved by Haven Supported by Bisio to approve the Agenda with the change to add e. Discussion of Committee and Commissions. All Aye Motion Carried.

Motion by Sabol Supported by Marsh to approve the Consent Agenda. All Aye Motion Carried.

November 2014 report

The Public Hearing was open at 7:31 pm. Sandy Miller explained we need to apply for the \$5,000.00 for CDBG money available for the City. We needed to have a public hearing then decide to apply for the 2015 CDBG Minor Home Repair application through Oakland County Community and Home Improvement Division then utilizing Independence Township to administer our CDBG program for the City. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:41.

Resolution by Bisio Supported by Catallo to approve 2015 Bank Depository Chase Bank, Clarkston State Bank, Oxford Bank, and Oakland County Treasurers Investment Fund Resolution is Adopted

Motion by Sabol Supported by Haven to amend the General fund, Expenditures Department, Removing 446 (Highway, Streets & Bridges) Resolution is Adopted

Resolution by Haven Supported by Marsh to approve the 2015 Street Administrator as Jason Miller. Resolution is Adopted.

Discussion of our newest Facebook Page Social Media Page. Bisio mention he would like to work on a policy and or standards to follow.

Discussion by Mayor Luginski of our update and recruiting new members of committees.

Moved by Sabol, Supported by Bisio to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. All Aye Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Sandy Miller
 City Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
 PROBATE COURT 2015-361, 194-DE
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION
 PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING**

In the matter of Sammie Wilder, Deceased.
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Clementine Wilder whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on March 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Kathleen A. Ryan for the following purpose: Petition for Appointment of Personal Representative and to determine heirs.

February 10, 2015
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Cost overruns on bridge

Bart and Diane Clark already donated \$80,000 for a new bridge in Depot Park, and now the Clarkston couple has offered another \$20,000 to cover cost overruns.

When landscaping, lighting and all other work is completed, the project could be \$40,000 more than originally thought.

Council members Richard Bisio and David Marsh asked at a Feb. 9 City Council meeting how the project could have been so underestimated, and said it is a legal requirement to have a budget in place before money is spent on a project.

City manager Carol Eberhardt said the city "estimated" the cost of the bridge based on what another bridge installed in the park cost over seven years ago.

After the bridge was installed, the city found steel and other materials cost more today.

Eberhardt also expressed "surprise" at the bill for engineering costs for the bridge, about \$18,000 more than expected.

New legal requirements in place since the first bridge was installed also increased the cost of the project.

The city will need to find funds for lighting and landscaping costs. For lighting, the city manager estimated \$8,000 to \$16,000.

Eberhardt said last year when the \$80,000 donation was accepted for the bridge and the work started, "in my opinion we were coming in under budget."

-Andrea Beaudoin

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 INDEPENDENCE TWP.
 SYNOPSIS**

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
 THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
 FEBRUARY 9, 2015

- A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:07 PM at the 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: Gregg Schultz, Schultz & Young, PC; Mitch Petterson, Deputy Fire Chief; Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- G. AGENDA ITEMS AS INDICATED IN MOTION #2015-02-036:

- 1. Approval to enter into closed session to consult with the Township's labor attorney regarding current contract negotiations as permitted by MCL 15.268(c).

The meeting RECESSED at 7:09 PM.
 The meeting RECONVENED at 8:04 PM.

- H. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- I. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
 Township Clerk
 Published: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 Because the People Want to Know
 INDEPENDENCE TWP.
 ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
 REGULAR MEETING
 AGENDA**

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- C. ROLL CALL:
- D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- G. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Case #15-001, Petitioner, Ray Rogers, Requesting: Six (6) total variances in order to construct a detached garage. 1) A 47 foot lot width variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06; 2) An 8,858 square foot lot area variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06; 3) A variance from Section 5.06(A)(4) for placement of an accessory structure in front of a principal structure; 4) A 31.3 foot front setback variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2; 5) An 8 foot side yard setback variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2; 6) A 4.5 foot variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2 for placement of the accessory structure in relation to the principal building, 8831 Lakeview Blvd., Parcel #08-12-376-004, R-1A Single Family Residential (POSTPONED JANUARY 7, 2015).
- 2. Case #15-002, Petitioner, Greg Kuhun, Requesting: A 30 foot variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2 in order to permit a pre-existing garage on the property, 7224 Rattalee Lake Rd., Parcel #08-06-476-007, R-1R Rural Residential.

- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2015
- I. DISCUSSION:
- J. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE: The above requests may be examined at the Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o Charter Township of Independence - Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, Michigan 48346 prior to the Meeting / Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
 NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Building Department at (248) 625-8111 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt shall be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
 PROBATE COURT 2015-361, 575-DE
 COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 Decedent's Estate**

Estate of JEANNE PIKE RUSSELL AKA JEANNE P. RUSSELL, DECEASED. Date of birth: 6/21/1923

TO ALL CREDITORS:
 NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JEANNE PIKE RUSSELL AKA JEANNE P. RUSSELL, died January 15, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dean L. Russell, III, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

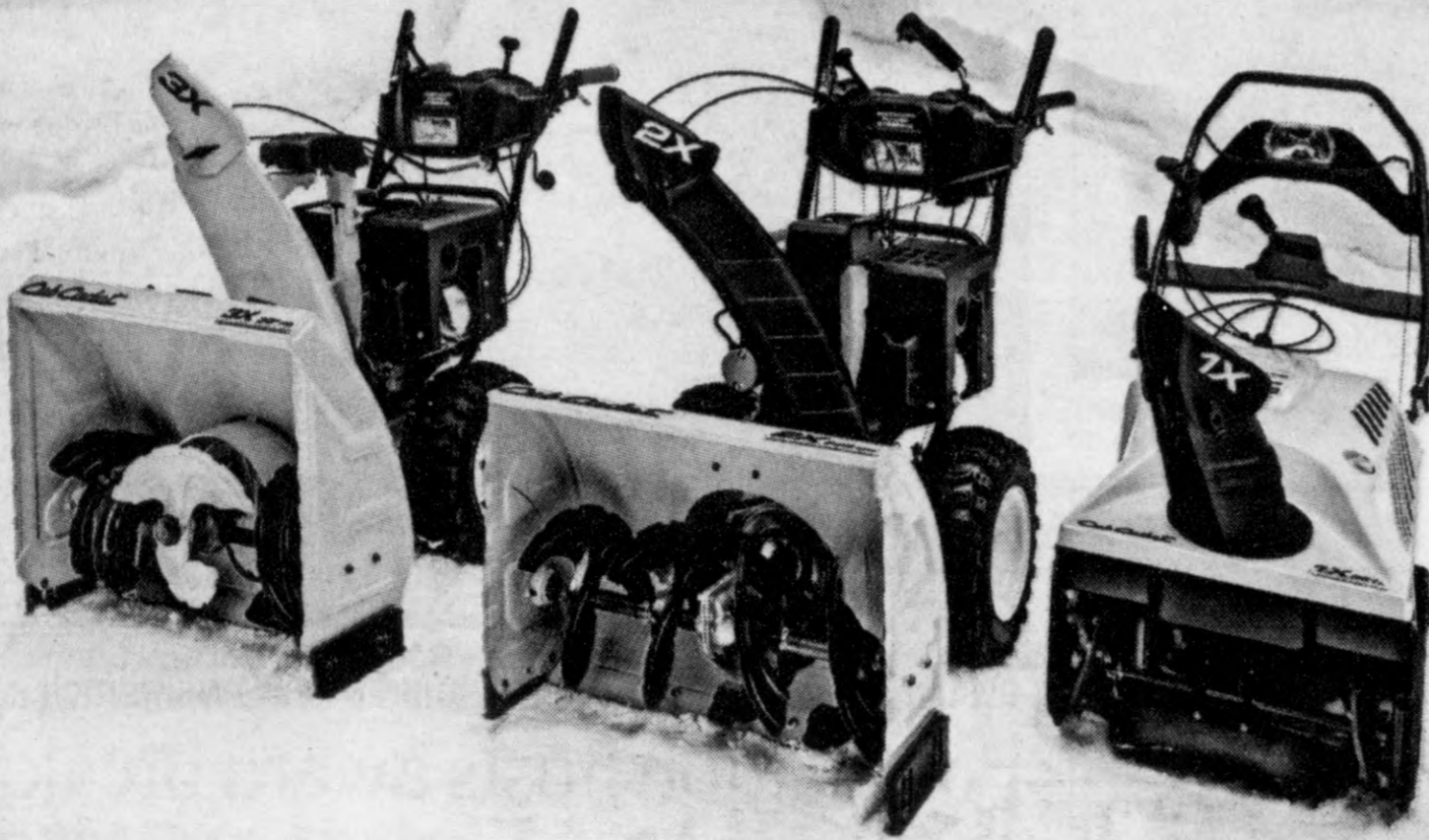
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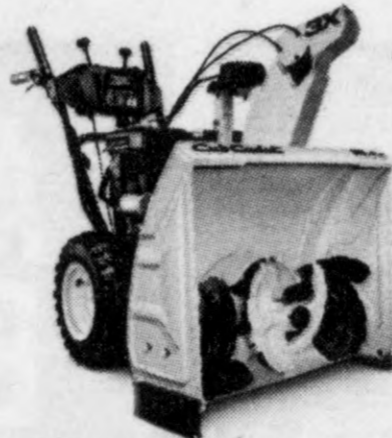
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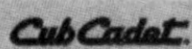


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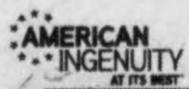
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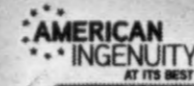


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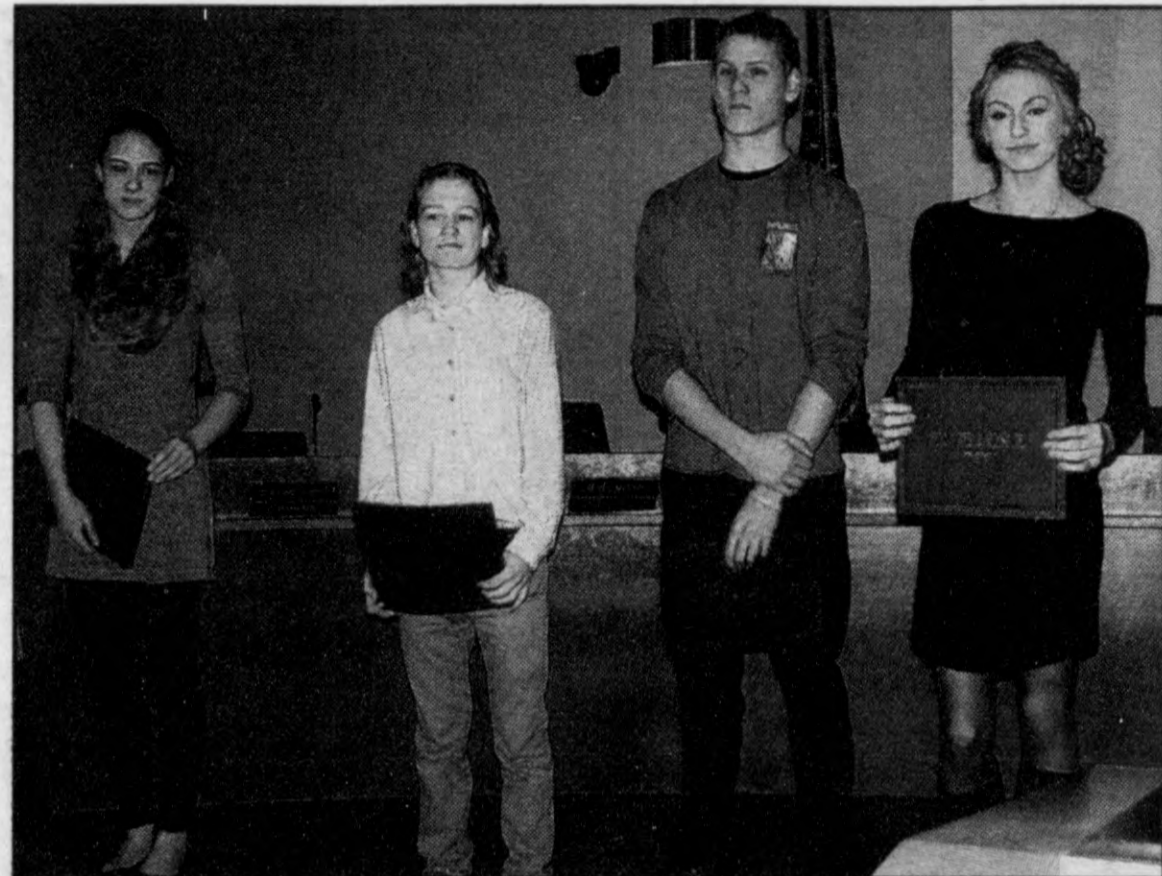
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From left, in science, sixth graders Nolan Gerish and Brooke Larkin; and seventh graders Allison Gonzalez and Chester Thomas. Photos by Phil Custodio



From left, in mathematics, ninth grader Taylor Davis, eighth grader David Moss, eighth grader Madison Szumanski, and ninth grader Sage Paris.



From left, science, eighth graders Rachel Kocika and Shane Senko; and ninth graders Parker Daly-Seiler and Madeleine Wiscombe.

Foundation hosts award breakfast

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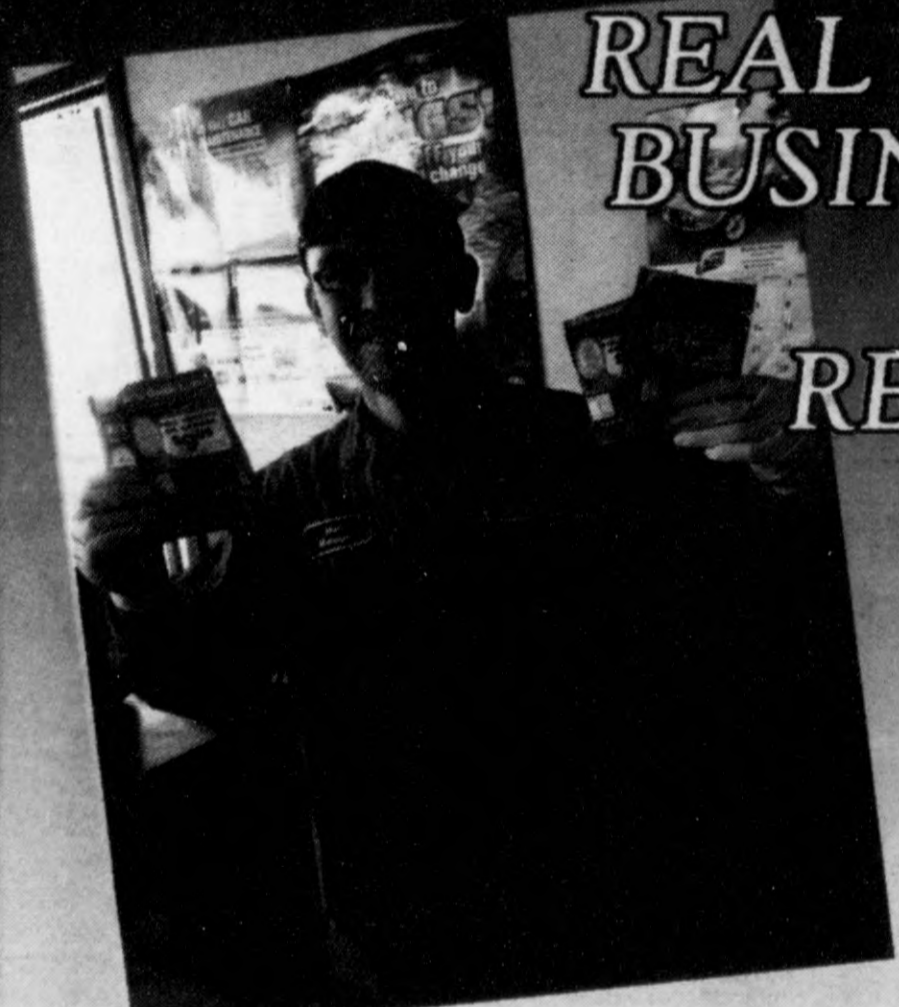
a love of learning, work ethic, and academic integrity, said Gary Kaul, Clarkston High School principal.

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Office. "They have a gift, and they work very hard at it. I believe they will use that gift to make the world a better place."

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