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**Spring forward**

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## Raises for school admin

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

The school board was split on personnel changes at the Feb. 23 meeting.

At issue was a salary increase for John Lucido, executive director of human resources, from \$97,400 to \$104,847.84, as well as Lori Banaszak, technology integration specialist, from \$41,317.50 to \$51,371.

"I'm a little concerned about these positions put on here as an action item," said board Vice President Susan Boatman. "This is premature – we're looking at the big picture now, on how to compensate nonunion employees."

Part of that discussion is whether nonunion employees should receive union-like step pay increases, she said.

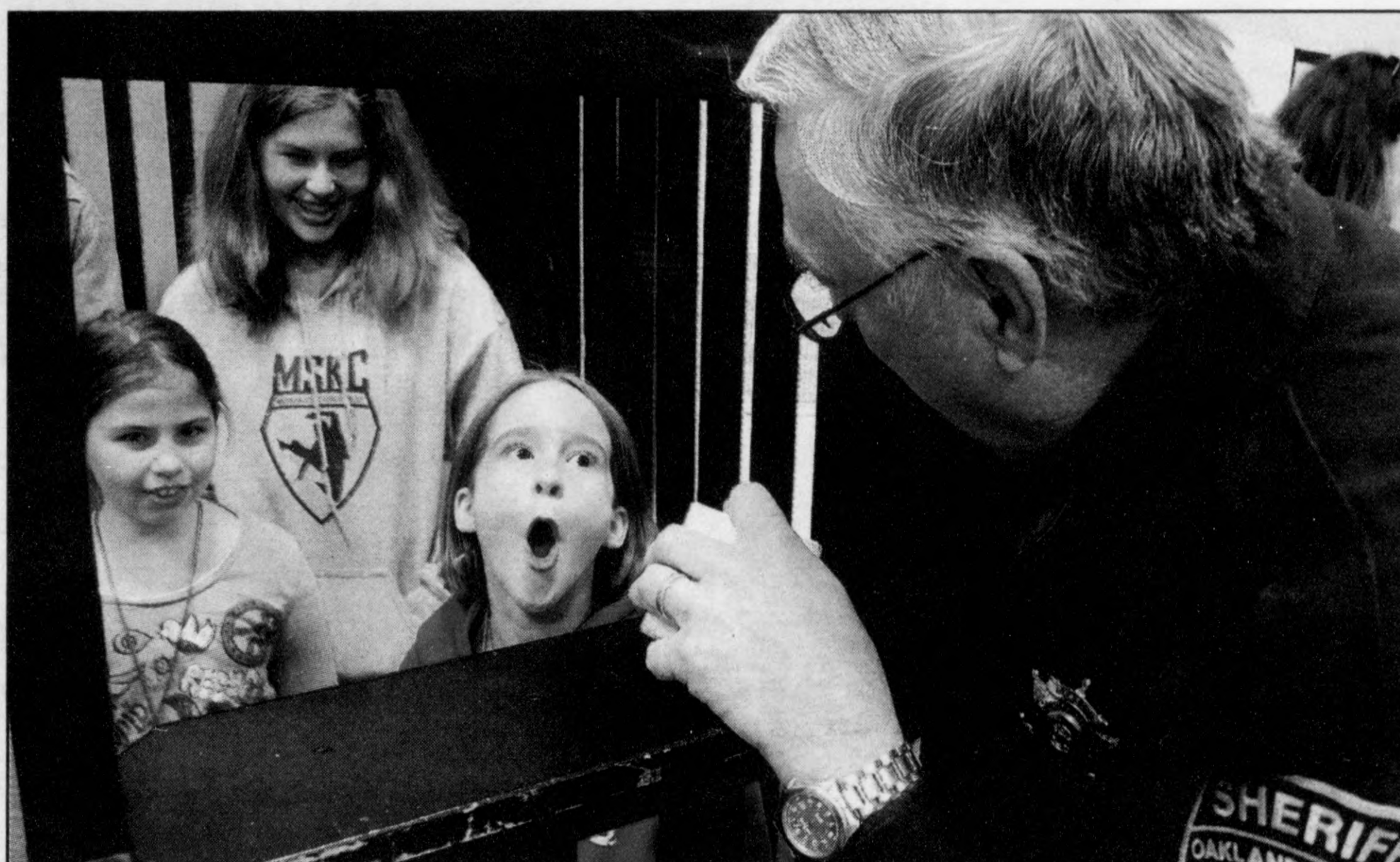
"This is not personal – I think John is doing a great job," Boatman said. "But I don't see where we have to pay a certain amount to someone new to district – this is a big raise."

The changes are "position alignments" as directed by the superintendent, said Shawn Ryan, deputy superintendent.

"I don't consider this a raise per se," Ryan said. "It puts it on the same scale as comparable administrative positions."

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said the raise for Lucido, who was hired last school year, is appropriate.

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**LOCKED UP:** Ashley and Riley Smith watch Avery Sutter respond to Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Charlie Soldwish telling her the only way out of jail is to sing and dance. They were enjoying the Springfield Plains Elementary school fair, Feb. 28. Please see page 17 for more pictures. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Residents rue loss of downtown trees

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Trees cleared from a corner lot in downtown Clarkston left many wondering what is happening on the property.

"It's very sad to see this natural area with a lot of trees just disappear," said resident David Yackell in an email to Clarkston Mayor Joe Luginski regarding "the decimation of the land" at the corner.

Judy Palmgren was also shocked by the change.

"My heart just dropped when I drove by and saw all those beautiful old trees were gone," she said. "Who knows what is going on, but all those trees and that corner lot is part of the legacy of downtown. Whatever happens, they will change the dynamics of Clarkston."

The area in the southeast corner of Main

Street and Waldon Road has been cleared of trees and is an eyesore, Yackell said.

Luginski told Yackell the property is not owned by the city, and the owners were clearing the land and not providing much information.

Ed Adler, a local investor who owns the land, said he decided to clean up the property after he received a request by the city

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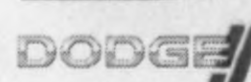
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The students, with their families, teachers, and school administrators, proudly hold up their award certificates. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Awards, advice for student award winners

BY ANDREAM M. BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Be creative and don't fear being different was the message for students and their supporters at an awards ceremony on Feb. 26.

The Clarkston Foundation for Public Education recognized 32 students from Clarkston High School, Clarkston Junior High school and Sashabaw Middle School. Student received awards recognizing their accomplishments in visual and performing arts.

Students had breakfast before hearing words of wisdom from school leaders and receiving a certificate recognizing their achievements.

Clarkston Community Schools Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan opened the ceremony after breakfast and introduced Foundation President Carl Matisse, who asked students to thank parents for providing a home which allows them to excel at school.

When Clarkston Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock spoke, he said it's important for students to know the importance of conversation and asked attendees to discuss with their table, "what is beautiful."

At one table, the idea of beauty was diverse and thoughts of what it means flowed with ease.

"It's beautiful when kids are unsure of what they want to be. They are an open canvas - that is beautiful," said one attendee.

"At a cottage up north I walked down to

the beach and I thought how beautiful it was. I would say nature is beautiful," said another.

"Eagles are dangerous and big. I love how their wings collide through the sky. I would say birds and all animals are beautiful," award winner Elanor Wyckoff explained.

"Coffee, is beautiful," said one with a chuckle.

"Any experience can be beautiful," continued Rock.

Beauty is different for everyone. As time passes, the thought of beauty changes.

"One hundred years ago, beauty was much different than it is today," he said.

At times, beauty comes to us in unusual ways, Rock added. There can be beauty in failure.

"Taking big risks means you will fail, but sometimes those failures lead to great success if you try and try again," he said, adding even professional basketball players miss 75 percent of their shots.

You can also find beauty in unusual places.

"How often do you see something like an imperfect photograph that is blurry or has some other flaw and see it is beautiful in a different way," Rock asked.

Other leaders had some different advice.

Ryan encouraged students to be open minded and learn to use their natural gifts in life.

"Ask for help when you need it," he said.

Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul said art allows us to express ourselves.

"Students and adults, use your talents for the creativity, and share it with the world around you," he said.

Kaul encouraged students to use their passion to learn from others with the same passion.

"Go above and beyond expectations, and don't let mistakes get you down," he said.

School officials asked award winning students for some advice to pass onto others.

Be enthusiastic about what you do and don't give up, was among the advice. Other advice included work and practice hard, keep moving forward and persevere through problems.

Students also had some words of advice. Rachel Kociba said "be a leader and don't look down on others."

Melissa Navarre added, "use constructive criticism to your advantage."

"Don't be afraid to try something new, and keep an open mind," said Grace Nolan.

"Don't give up," smiled Jake Phelps.

Clarkston Foundation is supported by and consists of community members, families and teachers. Each year the non-profit group enriches the lives of students by sponsoring numerous activities from awards to camp scholarships.

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# Scrapbook camp at fairgrounds

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Camp Scrap Lock-in spring event begins next week and still has spots open, March 12-15.

"It's continuous around the clock scrapbooking event at the fairgrounds," said Terri Burnett, Vice President of the Oakland County Fair Association.

She added even though it is called a scrapbooking event it is also a place for women to sew, knit, crochet or work on their craft creations.

"We've had a lot of people do artsy, crafty things off of Pinterest," Burnett explained. It is just a great time where you are socializing with other women. You leave all the home worries and work worries behind and relax and work on your project."

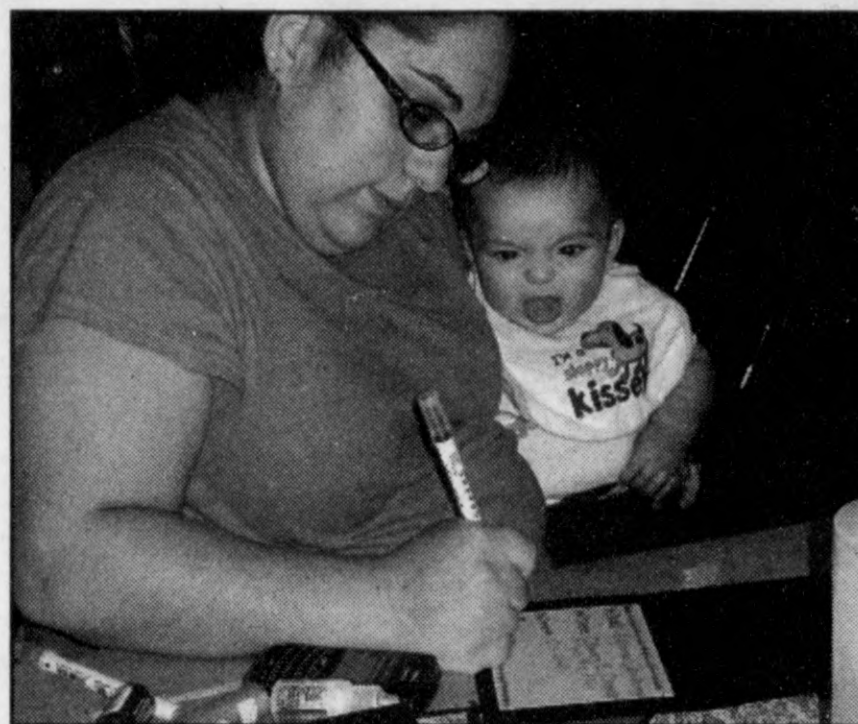
They will also have scrapbook stores and vendors at the event in case anything is forgotten at home.

Vendors include Creative Memories, Simply Stitched, Picture Perfect, Moonbeam Massage from Clarkston, Discovery Toys, Thirty-One, Pampered Chef. Candy Spiegel will also be there. She is a scrapbook supplier and teaches mosaic scrapbooking.

The Camp Scrap Lock-In will also have raffles since it is one of the main fundraisers for the Oakland County Fair.

Some of the raffle items an adhesive basket which is filled with all kinds of adhesive, Cricut cutting machines, magnetic easel, knife sets, vacation to Florida and more.

"We are doing the drawing on Saturday," Burnett said. "For the public, who has not registered for the event, can come Friday after 6 p.m. through Saturday at 6 p.m. to



Katie Ruffner, with son Jackson, uses time at Camp Scrap Lock-In to create cards. File photo

shop the onsite scrapbook vendors or to participate in the silent auction."

Burnett explained money raised helps pay for the premiums they offer Oakland County youth when they showcase their achievements which can be anything from rabbits to a technology program someone wrote out.

For more information about Camp Scrap Lock-In and the different options for days to scrapbook, please visit [www.oakfair.org](http://www.oakfair.org), call 248-634-8830 or email [info@oakfair.org](mailto:info@oakfair.org).

# Tech staffing changes

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"When he was hired, we looked at his goals for the year 2014-2015, then we would make adjustments accordingly," Rock said. "That's what we're doing at this time."

The increase is needed to make Clarkston competitive, said board President Steve Hyer.

"We've had four human resources directors in the last four or five years in this district - I don't want to make it five in another year," Hyer said. "It's important to make it competitive at least within this district, let alone other districts."

Hyer and trustees Elizabeth Egan, Kelli Horst, and Cheryl McGinnis voted in favor of the changes. Boatman, Patterson, and board Secretary Craig Hamilton voted against.

"I don't think this is financially responsible right now," Hamilton said. "I don't like how this was brought up. We need to have a process - not just for a select few."

Patterson said she was concerned with the impact of the decision on other non-union employees.

"They all deserve raises, but we only have so much money," she said.

Banaszak's promotion to full time technology integration specialist was a Staffing Priority One item in the establishment of a Department of Instructional Technology, as recommended by Convergent Technology Partners in its Technology Analysis Report, Feb. 9.

The personnel-changes action item also made the administrator of technology position permanent. The \$80,000 position, held by Angela Harrison, was previously interim.

All the changes are budgeted, Ryan said.

"We have the capacity in the overall budget - I guarantee we won't go over budget to accomplish this," he said.

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## City survey not up to par

Hundreds of surveys were sent to city residents, but only a few dozen were returned.

Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt said about 450 surveys were sent to homes in the City of the Village of Clarkston, and about 55 were sent back. No demographic information, like what part of town they live in, was collected.

The survey was sent in December with the winter tax bill.

Eberhardt said the survey feedback will be used to help guide a five-year long-range plan for the city. She added that 14 percent of the surveys sent out were sent back, a higher number than usual for surveys.

Questions asked residents to rate the importance of various city services and improvements. A majority of residents indicated upgrading the city website was not a high priority.

"Not a lot of people use it," Eberhardt said. "That does not mean we should not upgrade it." She added city ordinances should be more searchable.

Residents indicated they considered replacing sidewalks a moderate priority.

Half of residents thought leaf pick-up was important, the other half thought it was not important. Residents indicated snow removal was one of the highest priorities.

"We did not ask if they would be willing to pay for snow removal," Eberhardt told city council.

Most residents said newsletters was the preferred method of communication, followed by email blasts. Respondents said they mostly use Facebook or no social media site at all.

Residents included replacing sidewalks and resurfacing Miller and Holcomb. Improvements to Depot Park were considered a moderate priority while tree planting and removal was not.

Eberhardt said residents considered most of their involvement in government was during elections. "Meetings, the web site and public access are being ignored," Eberhardt said.

Major Joe Luginski said the outcome of the survey is different than what was expected. "We need to make sure we get a diverse group of participants," he added.

Resident Don Frayer expressed concern respondents may not live in the Miller and Holcomb roads area, so they would not be concerned by resurfacing the road.

Eberhardt admitted questions should have also been asked in a different manner. Luginski said perhaps when voting occurs, email addresses can be collected to help communicate with more residents.

-Andrea Beaudoin



The lot at the corner of Main and Waldon has been cleared of trees. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Lot considered for development

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last summer.

"I received a letter from the city letting me know they were getting complaints about the lot," Adler said. "I contracted with a company last year to do the work. They are just getting to it. Most of the trees on the lot were

no good and dead."

The lot is not for sale, he said, but he is contemplating ideas to develop the property in the future.

"You never know what the future could bring, and plans for the lot may change," he said.

## Developers considering downtown projects

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The tree clearing at Main and Waldon isn't the only change in store for downtown.

Properties at 55 Church Street and 15 S. Main are also for sale.

The City of Clarkston must find a new DPW facility after their current location at 55 Church Street is sold. When placed for sale, the city rejected purchasing the building. Discussions for a new DPW building are underway and include a possible addition to city hall.

The 15 S. Main building, home to Clarkston State Bank since 1999, is also for sale. In January, the bank announced it will consolidate branches and vacate the downtown location.

According to the Oakland County Clerks Office, no property ownership changes have occurred on either of those properties recently.

Grant Smith, Clarkston State Bank CEO, said a due diligence process must be respected, and releasing any information about the sale of the building is inappropriate at this time.

Ed Adler said another investor is out bidding his investment firm, Washington Management, offer of purchase both the DPW and bank buildings downtown.

Adler said he lost both bids and was informed the buildings were sold.

He added it broke his heart a few weeks ago when he lost the bid for the bank building. He heard who purchased both buildings,

but those are just rumors.

"Someone is always out bidding me on properties downtown," Adler insisted.

Adler also wanted the now vacant building across from the tree project at Main and Waldon, but restaurateur Curt Catallo won the bid in summer 2013.

Catallo and Ann Stevenson continue investing in the area. Besides two successful restaurants, Clarkston Union and Union Woodshop, the pair also created Union Adworks, an ad agency, located at the old township hall building on Main Street.

Their restaurants are thriving not only in Clarkston but also in Fenton and Berkley.

Catallo purchased the 148 N. Main property at Clarkston Road last year. The location, which has housed automotive related businesses since 1929, will be revamped and transformed into a coffee shop and deli, Catallo said previously.

A historic downtown building owned by an investment company in Waterford is also looking to re-zone from residential to commercial.

Dave Carter, an investor in the "Sutherland" property, said he was approached by an up-scale Italian restaurant to possibly buy the building, but the deal fell through after the group requested more money. He added the numerous parking spots at the location makes it valuable in an area like downtown Clarkston where parking is valuable. Re-zoning will also make it more attractive to investors and his company will sell if the price is right.

## Briefly

### Evaluation process OK'd

Clarkston School Board voted 6-1, Feb. 23, to approve next year's evaluation process for the superintendent.

The evaluation will be split in two, with "objective data-based sections" in July or August as a group with a facilitator. The rest will be completed in December as a group with a facilitator.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's contract will also be reviewed for renewal in December.

Board Secretary Craig Hamilton voted against the proposal.

"I still don't like it in two parts — it will drag it out more," Hamilton said.

### Split vote on trip

Clarkston Board of Education voted 4-3, Feb. 23, to approve a request by board President Steve Hyer to attend a PTA Advocacy Conference with district administrators and parent leaders.

The March 11-12 trip is budgeted at \$400-\$500. Hyer and trustees Elizabeth Egan, Kelli Horst, and Cheryl McGinnis voted in favor of the proposal. Board Vice President Susan Boatman, Treasurer Joan Patterson, and Clerk Craig Hamilton voted against.

"Mr. Hyer just attended an advocacy event in Washington D.C. — this seems excessive," Boatman said.

McGinnis said she appreciates Hyer taking the time to work on behalf of the district.

"We get into these meetings with people literally writing legislation because of Mr. Hyer's contacts," she said.

### Thanks to Lions

City of Clarkston officials presented a certificate of thanks to Clarkston Lion's Club representative Dan Wong during a Feb. 23 city council meeting.

The club donated \$2,908 for security cameras to be installed near a new bridge in the south end of Depot Park.

### Hot rods at Cobo

When the Cobo Center opens its doors for the 2015 Autorama, Clarkston hot-rodders will be there. Gregory Blevins of Clarkston will bring his 1933 Ford Delivery in blue with flames; Southern Motors of Clarkston will bring a 1957 Chevy 210 Handyman Wagon in cream and white and a 1941 Willys Pro Street in black and green; and J. Bruce Weeks will bring his 1966 Chevy Corvair Corsa in maroon.

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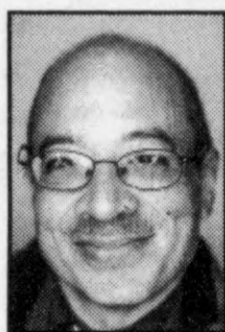
A column by Phil Custodio

### Spring forward

It's almost spring, which means it's time to start planning the fifth annual Veterans Celebration at Independence Fest at Clintonwood Park. I'm on the planning committee for the annual Fourth of July event.

The celebration is a chance to recognize veterans for their service, and see some of the memorabilia they brought back from overseas.

All veterans are invited to participate in the memorabilia museum. Last year's displays ranged from World War II to the War on Terror in Afghanistan. Call Barbara Rollin 248-625-8231 for more info.



Spring also means losing an hour this weekend, due to Daylight Savings Time. There doesn't seem to have been much time since we gained that hour last fall.

But it's a sacrifice I'm more than willing to make, because it means the cold and ice will soon go away for awhile.

I'm looking forward to safety paths reopening on M-15 north of the highway, for running. They have been snowed over for months. Also the paths along Clarkston Road leading to Clintonwood Park, as well as Sashabaw Road.

Paths dug into the snow by a few walkers don't cut it, and many spots have been kept pristine.

Still, the snow's been a lot less than last year. I've kept up a four-mile circuit from downtown around the high school with just a bit of snowshoeing.

I'm looking forward to running with the Wolf Pack and Cubbies group Saturday mornings without worrying about frostbite. It means an extra trip to Clarkston on the weekend, but I can't stay away. They are some great people.

Jennifer Krausman, whose husband Ken Krausman passed away last September, gave me some of Ken's running gear this week — she wanted it to be used by someone who appreciates Clarkston running.

This is an unbelievably generous gesture and a huge honor. Ken ran marathons, and was also a leader of the club, always encouraging fellow runners and making sure everyone felt welcome.

He's a major reason I'm in shape enough to make use of it. Now the least I can do to say thank you is help carry on Ken's legacy of fellowship on the roads and running trails.

# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## 'No'to another restaurant, reader says

Dear Editor,

Any rezoning of a multi-family dwelling to another Italian restaurant in the downtown core seems ill-advised and contrary to public policy ("Rezoning would bring new business downtown," Feb. 26).

The area's housing diversity and availability will be significantly diminished, all for another restaurant which may, at best, generate a few low-paying service jobs.

It would be nice if all affected cashed in through the building sale and rezoning, but renters will be squeezed as more units are eliminated, and the town moves further from

its roots.

Why not require investors to kick in for the costs of their development, with requirements for contributions for new mixed housing stock and infrastructure creation and maintenance costs emanating from public burdens for their largesse?

Development is good, if it reflects careful planning and concern for community benefit, and goes beyond whether a mere handful of investors will get richer from an ill-conceived project.

Michael Fetzer  
Independence Township

## Reader supports Keystone pipeline veto

Dear Editor,

Kudos to President Obama for his veto of the Keystone pipeline.

The propaganda this was a job creator was belied by the rejection of a Democratic amendment that all the pipe should be made in America, creating thousands of steel manufacturing jobs, suggests a hidden

agenda.

Was it a coincidence some proponent senators received large campaign donations? I concede many jobs would be created, in perpetuity, cleaning up the oil spills.

Dale Bond  
Independence Township



**SMILES OF THE WEEK:** Girl Scout Troop 70887, from left, Julie Baumgras, Mackenzie Knight, Paige Baumgras, Eva Bousho, Charley Bousho and Stacey Bousho at the Overnight Cookie Rally at the Palace. The Girl Scouts made the Samoan signs for the rally. They participated in an all night cookie rally at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Feb. 6 and 7. Troop 70887 cookie booths include Krogers, 5990 Sashabaw Road on March 13 and 21, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Family Video, 5480 Sashabaw Road on March 14, 4-9 p.m. Photo submitted

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 2000

**"Cops raid massage parlor"** Police raided a local massage facility after an anonymous tip alerted them of illegal sex operations might be going on there. They arrested two Korean women following the search of PK's Salon, billed as a massage and sauna business.

**"Gardner wins state beautification award"** Independence Township resident Laone Trese was honored for her flora and fauna knowledge at the 1999 Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. Awards ceremony in Traverse City. It was the highest honor awarded to an individual in the state.

**"We smoked the brauts"** Kenwyn Chock didn't just build a foundation, she built champions as the Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive team exceeded expectations in their first year winning the OAA Division 3 League meet. They won the meet by beating Avondale in the 400-meter relay event.

### 25 years ago - 1990

**"Winter 'white-out': 100-car pile up"** Driving was next to impossible throughout Oakland County on Feb. 24 when the area was hit by one of the worst storms so far that winter. The worst area to navigate was I-75 south of Dixie Highway in Springfield Township where the scene was an accident involving more than 100 vehicles.

**"Independence Township department heads get raises"** Five Independence Township department heads received raises and benefit increases after board members voted unanimously to approve the three benefit changes and approved each salary increase individually.

**"Village residents raise questions about cityhood"** Zoning and boundaries were some of the concerns of a standing room only crowd at the public hearing on cityhood for the Village of Clarkston. More than 40 people showed up to the meeting and not all the audience members agreed with the cityhood.

### 50 years ago - 1965

**"Two sustain injuries in accident on M-15"** Two were sent to the hospital due to injuries from a two car accident which occurred when one car failed to stop at the intersection of M-15 and Paramus.

**"Boy Scouts honored at Blue and Gold banquet"** Around 130 people attended the Blue and Gold Banquet of the Andersonville Cub Pack 133.

**"Local news"** Chris Seffens returned to school after being home ill with the hard measles for several weeks.



# Things have changed since 1875

There's never enough time for many of us to find the records and stuff that we promised ourselves we'd never forget.

However, in doing some current looking I found stuff I think you'll enjoy. I found an 1878 (yes the 1878) copy of the July, 12, 1878 Oxford Weekly Journal.

Now don't turn the page yet, this isn't a sales pitch. This is a full-size newspaper with news clips from all over the world, Westphalia, MI to Nantucket, London, Cincinnati, etc.

This was the fourth edition of that paper. The masthead read: "A literary journal for the farmers, merchants and

family."

In 1878, Cincinnati, "The movement against the use of agriculture machinery is reaching such proportions in Ohio and Indiana as to seriously alarm farmers."

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

their grain.

"Many farmers are yielding and discarding their machines."

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## Worth remembering

It takes more than one to get all the good out of a laugh,

Never think of reasoning with a mule whether it has four or two legs.

To keep your secret is wisdom, but to expect others to keep it is folly.

More from the 1878 Oxford Journal: Charles Tunstead is renting space in his building at Washington and Burdick. He's selling wines, whiskies, brandy, tobaccos, canned goods, pickles and corned beef.

The lunatic asylum in Pontiac will

open this month. Oxford is expected to fill their allotted space.

A finely furnished bathroom will soon be in running operation next to a barber-shop in Oxford.

Incidental history of Oxford weekly newspapering: 1879 Oxford had four weekly newspapers, then came The Oxford Beacon, The Intruder and finally The Oxford Leader. E. Henry Congdon started it in 1889, and we Shermans came on the scene May 15, 1955

Now I'll concentrate on finding a deed for our property in the UP, finding the key to our safe deposit box, and, oh, yeah, finding something to write about next week.

## Don't go to Royal Oak, Part Two.

Softly, in the background I hear Elton John singing, "Can you feel the love tonight . . ."

Zoinks! Who woulda' thunk a little ol' column, by little ol' me about that city to the south (Royal Oak) last week could have caused such a ruckus! But, it did. There were tons of responses, some by e-mail, lots via Facebook and Twitter. Seems like the hipsters don't like any one complaining (whining) about their favorite cool city.

I was called an idiot, hick, buffoon and told to lick somebody's undercarriage. Somebody had so much time on their hands they created a new email address to yell at me. As this is a family paper I can't say what the address is, but it was the opposite of "makeloveskinnyDon@gmail.com." Then, the person called me Don Sherman.

I was even told my kids are fat.

Yep, I was called stupid and a bunch of other things, too. All because I dared to opine that after having a good time at local businesses, the city left me not feeling welcome. (Read last week's column about not enough change for parking meter and tickets.) I wanted to respond to those folks in a couple of ways.

1. I wish this cool crowd would spend as much energy into helping the needy, rooting out corruption and bad government as they put into yelling at me for having an opinion, contrary to theirs.

2. And, I bet they'd be the ones yelling, "It's the law and it's the tax. If you don't like it, don't drink it, there's no need to throw it into the harbor!" during the Boston Tea Party. Taxation without representation.

But, I won't instead . . . I'll let you all see your own commentary! This week those who love to hate, passing on warm wishes and welcomes. Next week some opposing view points.

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David Walker: Whiney little baby got a ticket....let's slam the whole city. You should be fired!

\* \* \*

Garrett Kolodziej: Personally, I find that this is just a guy complaining about paying for parking and high end retail. I love Lake Orion and always call it home, but the shops in and around LO don't cater to the younger crowd. I go to Royal Oak because I love the nightlife and the different stores.

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Eric Davidson: What a buffoon.

\* \* \*

If you can't afford a parking meter perhaps you should stay in the part of the county where rebel flag license plates are prevalent. Yes it sucks but damn you could park 4 blocks away and walk (judging from your William Shatner sized head you could use the exercise) or accept the fact that it takes revenue to police all your God's country bourgeois kids playing hipster but can't afford Birmingham. Some of us remember when Noir Leather saved this town that rolled up the sidewalks at 6 p.m. I am happy to live here and am glad I won't have you and your fat kids blocking the sidewalks.

\* \* \*

. . . You will not be missed.

Judy Dietrich (A happy and grateful Royal Oak citizen)

\* \* \*

I like how there is a picture of Don Sherman on his column page. That way you know what you are getting when you read his stuff. If there were a ratio of stupid sounding to stupid looking this guy would be 1:1. That's tough in this world. Kudos to you, Don! To sum up the article:

1. Don didn't know about parking meters and didn't come prepared.

2. Don can't figure out how to get quarters when based on his description he was a block from a gas station and 100' from a convenience store.

3. Don is so smart he buys tickets to lectures by Reality TV Show hosts about ghosts.

4. Don thinks that some places have change machines on

the streets.

5. Don calls Clarkston "God's Country" because there are no parking meters? High bar you set there, fella.

6. Don has no idea why a city would want parking meters other than to get rich.

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Shame on you. Your article is ridiculous. Just because you are too cheap to pay for parking (by the way if you had selected a different lot you would have seen the card type meters) doesn't mean that Royal Oak is a money grubbing town.

Royal Oak is consistently on lists of best city in America. Why? Because the city officials are doing everything they can to make sure we have everything we could want. Does your town have 50 parks? How about Art Theaters, restaurants, unique shops?

I doubt it or you wouldn't have come to Royal Oak where you could see live acts like your Ghost Hunters, or popular music bands.

Your argument about Royal Oak is invalid and insulting to the hard working people who live here.

Paula Hartson, Resident of Royal Oak, MI

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I find your northern suburb narrow mind to be offensive and sad. I have not much to gain from your visiting of our city so this information is because it seems I'm a more mature person than you . . . We'd love to have you back-there are several parking decks that don't cause you to rely on the meters. I wish you were more open and pleasant because I'd even invite you to sit on my front porch with me this summer and watch all of the fab people of Royal Oak walk by, but I prefer more pleasant humans in my life. That's why I live in Royal Oak. Wendi H.

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Oh, there is more . . . some I can't print because it's not suitable; also there is only so much space I can spend sharing the love coming out of Royal Oak.



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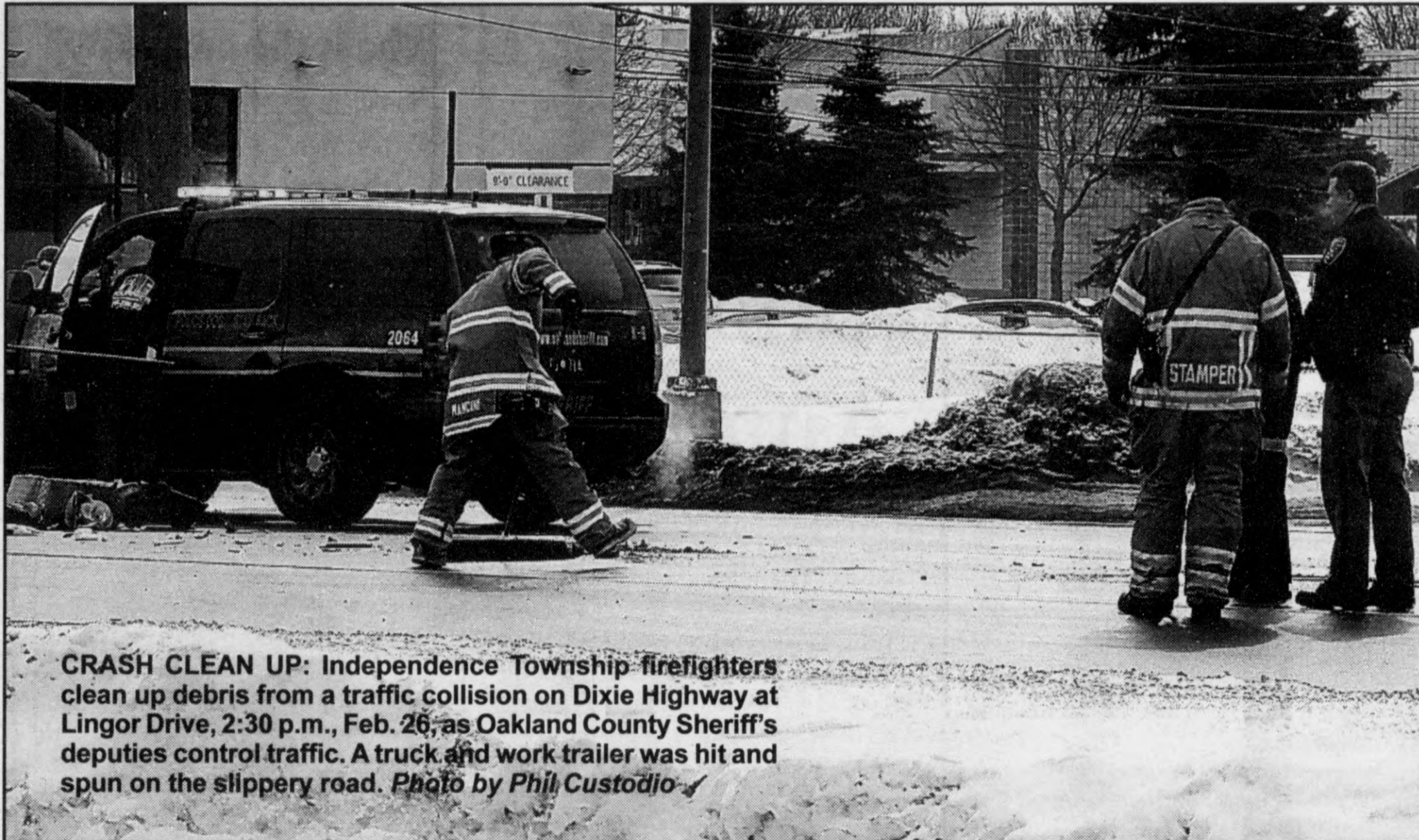
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**CRASH CLEAN UP:** Independence Township firefighters clean up debris from a traffic collision on Dixie Highway at Lingor Drive, 2:30 p.m., Feb. 26, as Oakland County Sheriff's deputies control traffic. A truck and work trailer was hit and spun on the slippery road. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Phone scam

An Independence Township resident received two calls from a man with a strong foreign accent identifying himself as "Steve Martin" with the U.S. Treasury Department, regarding enforcement action, 3:34 p.m., Feb. 16. The resident did not return the calls. Deputies' research showed a current scam regarding "Steve Martin" using a phone number out of Florida.

## FOC arrest

A deputy in a driveway for traffic enforcement at Parview Drive and Balmoral Terrace stopped a vehicle for running a stop sign, 3:24 p.m., Feb. 17. The driver, a 24-year-old Grand Blanc man, had a Friend of the Court warrant. He was arrested on the warrant and cited for running the stop sign.

## House fire

A 73-year-old resident thawing out a frozen pipe in his cellar in the 5000 block of Maybee Road with a heat gun used for paint removal accidentally burned some wood and flooring, which caught on fire, 3:51 p.m., Feb. 20. He tried to extinguish it with a fire extinguisher while his wife called 911. Independence Township firefighters responded and made sure the fire was out. The fire caused damage to the living room and basement.

## Identity theft

A resident in the 5000 block of Garnet Circle called his provider when his and his wife's cell phones were disconnected. Someone in Maryland had upgraded his cell phone account, purchased three new i-Phones, and disconnected the old phones, Feb. 20.

# Public Safety

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## Theft from employer

A 21-year-old Independence Township woman was cited for larceny under \$250 in connection with a theft at a gas station in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road. The gas station manager called police to report a theft by an employee who quit. Video surveillance showed the ex-employee take \$230 out of her register at 9:26 a.m., Feb. 22. She agreed to an interview at the Independence Township sheriff's substation, where she was shown the video. She said she took the money because the manager "pissed her off."

## Stalking arrest

A 56-year-old Pontiac man was cited for intimidation and stalking after an incident in Independence Township, 1:40 a.m., Feb. 23. His ex-girlfriend, a 23-year-old Pontiac woman, said she was heading out to eat with her friend, a 23-year-old Independence Township man, when they noticed the 56-year-old in his SUV, watching them. He followed them through Pontiac and Auburn Hills to Independence Township on I-75, and the couple called police. Deputies located the SUV and stopped it on Maybee Road near Sheringham Boulevard. He said he was chasing the couple because he wanted to know who the woman was "messing around" with.

## Tax scam

An Independence Township woman tried to file her taxes and was told someone already filed under her Social Security number, Feb. 23. Someone also tried to open a credit card under her husband's name.

## Suspicious situation

Residents are encouraged to keep an eye out around Pine Knob and Cedargrove roads after suspicious circumstances, Feb. 24. A resident said his daughter noticed a white van with someone in it parked on Cedargrove when her school bus dropped her off that afternoon. The vehicle drove away, turning south on Pine Knob Lane. The girl's sister, who was dropped off 11 minutes later, also noticed a white van on Cedargrove, which drove by her as the bus pulled away. The driver is described as a white man with a brown beard wearing glasses, smoking and smelling of alcohol.

## No papers to repossess

A deputy noticed a truck without a license plate and stopped it at Sashabaw and Flemings Lake roads, 8:37 p.m., Feb. 25. The driver, a 56-year-old Fenton man, said he had sold the vehicle to a friend who stopped making payments, so he was "repossessing" it. He had no paperwork on the sale, registration, nor insurance. He was cited and the vehicle, impounded.

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## Keeping up the streak

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Freshman Foster Loyer saw an opportunity and passed the basketball inside to senior Tabin Throgmorton during the Wolves' 18th consecutive win last Friday night against North Farmington, 58-49.

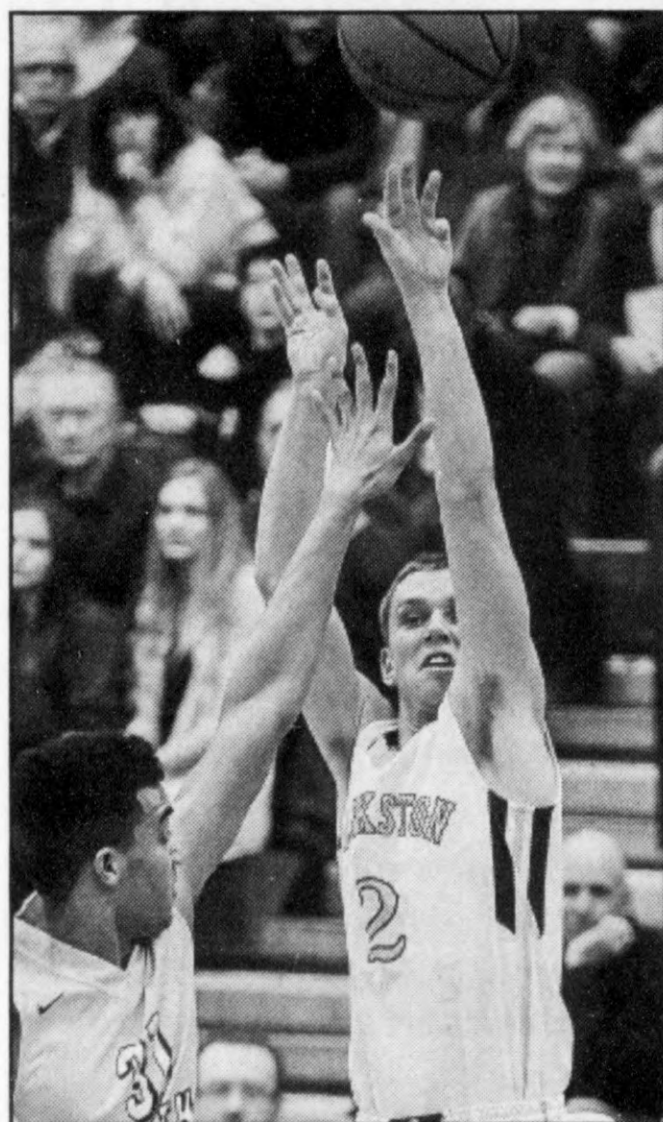
He saw senior Jonah Newblatt open and threw the ball to him, which Newblatt turned into a scoring opportunity with 1:47 remaining in the first half.

Less than 20 seconds later Throgmorton reached to grab possession of a loose ball and connected it again with Newblatt, standing on the arc. He threw it - finishing the first half with a 3-pointer and putting the boys further into the lead.

The Wolves continued to hold the lead throughout the second half of the game as fans in the packed Clarkston gym cheered for their favorite team.

"We talked about playing hard mentally and playing hard physically," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "We have done a good job so far."

Good job is an understatement as it was



Josh Bonzheim shoots in the first half against North Farmington. Photo by Larry Wright

the 18th consecutive win this season for the Wolves, according to Fife it is the first season the varsity team has had this long of a streak.

"I always want to win," Fife added. "It's in my nature. I always talk to our coaches it's win or else in Clarkston. We have great support from our fans. Sometimes I think they just expect it - we have to win. It's my job to do - win and be successful."

The streak is not on the coaches' or players' minds as they head into the last week of the regular season.

"We are just trying to keep everything in perspective," Fife said. "Tonight we at least clenched a share of the league title and that's one of our goals. Then, we have tournaments. We just have to stay focused."

The game against OAA Red foe North Farmington was a good preparation for the Wolves for the playoffs especially against the Raiders' defense.

"They played the zone and the trap," said Fife. "We have been against that for a long time. Our kids play that every day in practice. North Farmington is one of the best to come. They are talented. I was really worried about tonight coming into this game."

Foster led the Wolves during the night with 20 points.

"He is worth a fortune," Fife added. "He makes me a better coach. My first year we got the devil beat out of us by Flint Central in the regionals. We couldn't get the ball out. You can have height, but you need a guard that is going to take care of you. You have to have the guard play to win. He is so mature for his age. I know he is giving everything he's got."

Newblatt finished the night with 12 points and senior Merrick Canada added ten points.

"Jonah is a good shooter," said Fife. "He always has been. We keep him more inside than outside. He made some good decisions."

The boys began the week with a game at Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday.

"We need to stay ready," Fife said going into the week. "Eat right. Sleep right."

The boys host their last game of the regular season this Thursday against Rochester Adams. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The Wolves start their playoff play next Wednesday in the MHSAA Boys Basketball Class A Districts. They have a bye the first round and will face off against Rochester/Oxford winner. 7 p.m. at home.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Aiming for All-State

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Dalton Pokley was born to swim.

"Since I was young I would always go into the water," he smiled. "I would be the first one in and the last one out. My parents new I liked swimming."

He started lessons when he was 10-years-old with the Clarkston Seawolves and after sophomore year switched to Kingfish Aquatics Club in Waterford.

His passion for the sport shows as Pokley and his teammates on the Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive team celebrated winning the OAA White meet last Friday.

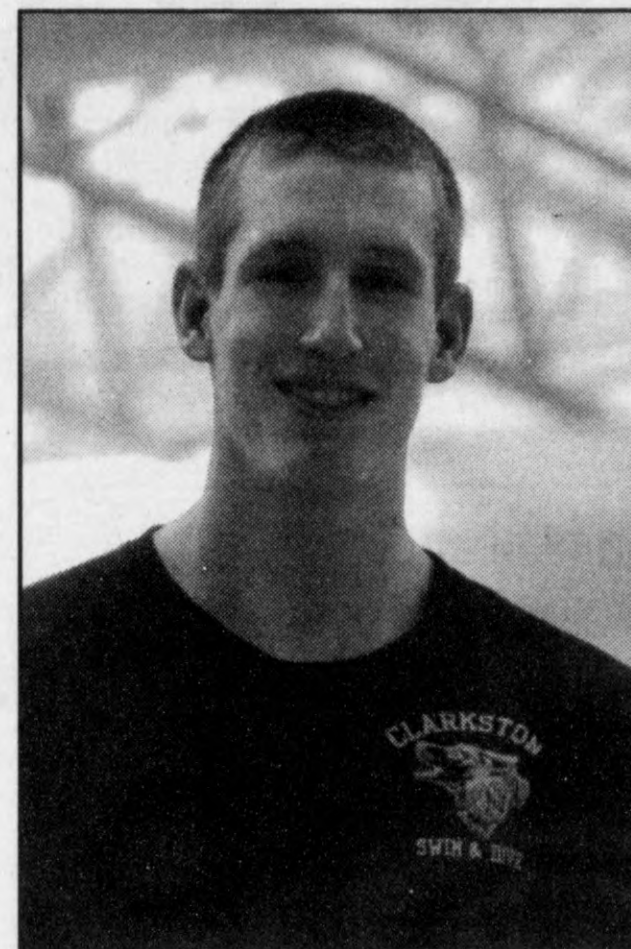
During the meet Pokley claimed the league championship in the 100-yard butterfly event while setting a new record in the league with a time of 50.89. He finished second in the 50-yard freestyle at 22.04.

Pokley, James Nelson, Christian Keer and Isaac Kerr claimed the league championship in the 200-yard freestyle relay while setting a new pool record at 1:28.94.

A few of Pokley's highlights from the senior season include being with his team and defeating West Bloomfield in a close dual meet, Feb. 12.

"They are the biggest rival in the league and it was really close meet," he said. "It came down to the last relay. The relay definitely won it for us. Also, all the team bonding that has been going on. We've become really close as a team."

Pokley will make his third appearance in the MHSAA Division 1 Swim State Finals, set for March 13-14 at Eastern Michigan University. He normally swims in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly but he plans to swim in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly events.



Pokley

"I want to finish All-State in both of them and finish top three in the fly - those are my goals," he shared.

He is still debating if he will swim on the college level after graduation in June.

"I have options open," he said, adding two of the colleges are in Michigan - Oakland University and Saginaw Valley State University.

He plans on studying accounting.

"I always liked math and numbers," he explained. "I thought it would be a good profession."

When he isn't swimming he is hanging out with friends. During the summer he enjoys jumping on his trampoline and doing tricks.

His advice for aspiring swimmers is to swim year round.

"It really helps," he said. "Just keep working hard and you will improve every year."

  
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# Lady Wolves battle to the final second

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Erika Davenport made a long throw towards the basket as the seconds counted down to the end of the game.

It had worked earlier in the MHSAA District playoff game on Monday night when, with only a second left of the first half, she had thrown the ball long and scored three points, closing the gap to 26-24, with Clarkston behind two points.

Her second long throw of the game missed the basket to end the game with the Lady Highlanders moving on to the next round of the playoffs after winning 47-44.

Davenport led with 21 points - with a three pointer at the end of the first half which was a momentum booster for the Lady Wolves.

"It was big," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Tim Wasilk. "It was a big momentum swing because we didn't get our play executed so we just chucked up a three from 20-25 feet and cut it down from five to two."

The Lady Wolves opened the second half with possession where the ball went from senior Kayla Russell to senior Taylor Mullins, who passed it off to senior Ashley Skaggs for a three point shot to pull Clarkston into the lead 27-26.

They continued to hold onto the lead with three points from Davenport. Rochester Adams responded a 8-point run. By the time the third quarter closed Adams led by one point, 36-35.

Clarkston claimed the lead back as Davenport opened the last quarter with four points and Russell shot a 3-pointer with 5:14 left in the game, putting the score 42-38.

"It was a well-played game," Wasilk added about the balance in scoring. "It seemed like kids on both teams contributed. It seemed like it could have gone either way. They made more shots and bigger plays in and had more possession in the fourth quarter. It's just how it rolls. The first two times we played them we made those shots. We made those plays. Today they did."

He added Adams did a lot of similar things the Wolves had seen from them earlier in the season.

"They clamped down on Erika a bit more in the first half. It was nothing we weren't prepared for. We were a little bit slow in the first quarter with our offense," he explained as the Lady Wolves only score three baskets in that time from Davenport and Luchenbach.

Luchenbach added ten points to the game and Skaggs had six points with two 3-pointers.

The Lady Wolves finished the season with a 12-9 record with a loss to Farmington Harrison in the last game of the regular season last Thursday, 52-40.

"Our kids really grew throughout the season especially offensively," Wasilk said about the season. "Jessica Altene and Mullins did a great job as far as hustling and leadership for us. Luchenbach really grew as

far as a freshman. Skaggs and Meghan Deardorff grew as shooters for us, and it really helped out our offense.

"Kids who didn't play a whole lot worked hard during practice," he added. "It was good to see. We played an extremely tough schedule so it's not a bad 12-9."

The Lady Wolves bid goodbye to six players who graduate in June - Altene, Davenport, Mullins, Russell, Skaggs and Bre Bitzer.

Wasilk added the seniors were able to play a tough schedule, get knocked down and keep playing while leading the rest of the team.

"The schedule we played was the toughest in ten years," he said. "It seemed every team we played had a Division 1 player on it. Our team was really good with chemistry."



Jessica Altene drives the ball pass Harrison last Thursday. Photo by Larry Wright

## VanItallie with big finish

The Wolves finished the MHSAA Division 1 Ski State finals in third place with 114 points.

Derek VanItallie finished his senior season as state champion in the giant slalom and slalom races.

He finished the slalom race at 56.62. Jacob McIntosh finished 11th place for Clarkston at 59.63. Reis Weidemann finished in 22nd place, 1:01.29, and Jimmy Haven, 27th place, 1:02.63 to help the Wolves score 61 points.

VanItallie finished the giant slalom at 1:05.30 for first place. McIntosh finished in ninth at 1:08.90; Haven, 21st place, 1:16.69; and Bobby Dixon, 22nd place, 1:17.64.

Marquette won the state championship and Traverse City Central finished in second place.

The boys finished the SEMSL Championship in fourth place with 109 points on Feb. 17. They finished the giant slalom in fifth place with McIntosh at 33.23, Weidemann at 34.04, Haven at 34.54 and Justin Osborne at 34.78.

## State bound

The Clarkston Girl and Boys Bowling teams are sending two from each team to the Individual Bowling State Finals after having Wolves qualify during MHSAA Regionals on Saturday.

Jacob Kersten finished as regional champion, totalling 1,352 with a high game of 259 out of six games. Nick Treece finished in ninth place with a total of 1,162 after six games with a 236 high game.

For the girls team, Chelsea Turk finished in fifth place with a total of 1,132 and a high game of 245. Vicki Wolfgang finished in seventh place with a total of 1,110 and high game of 222.

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# Rulers of OAA White

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Water splashed up from the Clarkston High School pool as the boys swim and dive team jumped in for celebration last Friday.

The Wolves successfully won the OAA White League meet to top their undefeated season in the league.

"It was a team win," said Kenwyn Chock, head coach. "We were behind and we had to step it up."

During the final day of the 3-day meet they took 18 spots to make All-League by finishing in the top eight in the swim events, including three relay teams. They also had more swimmers qualify for states.

"It was unbelievable," Chock smiled.

Three relay teams qualified for states. First for the night was Matthew Culver, James Nelson, Benny Benson and Christian Keer finished first in the 200-yard medley relay at a time of 1:39.80, which set a new pool record by .71.

Dalton Pokley, James Nelson, Christian Keer and Isaac Keer finished the 200-yard freestyle relay in 1:28.94, which also set a new pool record by .73.

Pokley, Benson, Isaac Keer and Drew Vassilakos finished the 400-yard freestyle relay at 3:17.07.

Pokley finished first place in the 100-yard butterfly and set a new OAA White time at 50.89. He also finished in second place in the 50-yard freestyle at 22.04.

Nelson qualified for states in the 200-yard IM and the 100-yard breaststroke in which he finished first in both events. He finished at 1:59.83 in the 200-yard IM and 1:01.21 in the breaststroke.

Culver also qualified for the state finals with his second place finished in the 500-yard freestyle, 4:48.99, and the 100-yard backstroke, 55.42.

More swimmers placing in more than one events included Benson, Isaac Keer, Christian Keer, Vassilakos, Luke Oldford and Mat Sanker.

Benson finished second place in the 200-

yard freestyle, 1:50.12; and third place in the 100-yard butterfly, 55.29.

Isaac Keer finished third place in the 200-yard freestyle, 1:50.30; and sixth place in the 100-yard freestyle, 50.79. Christian Keer finished in seventh place in the 100-yard freestyle, 51.10, and third place in the 100-yard breaststroke.

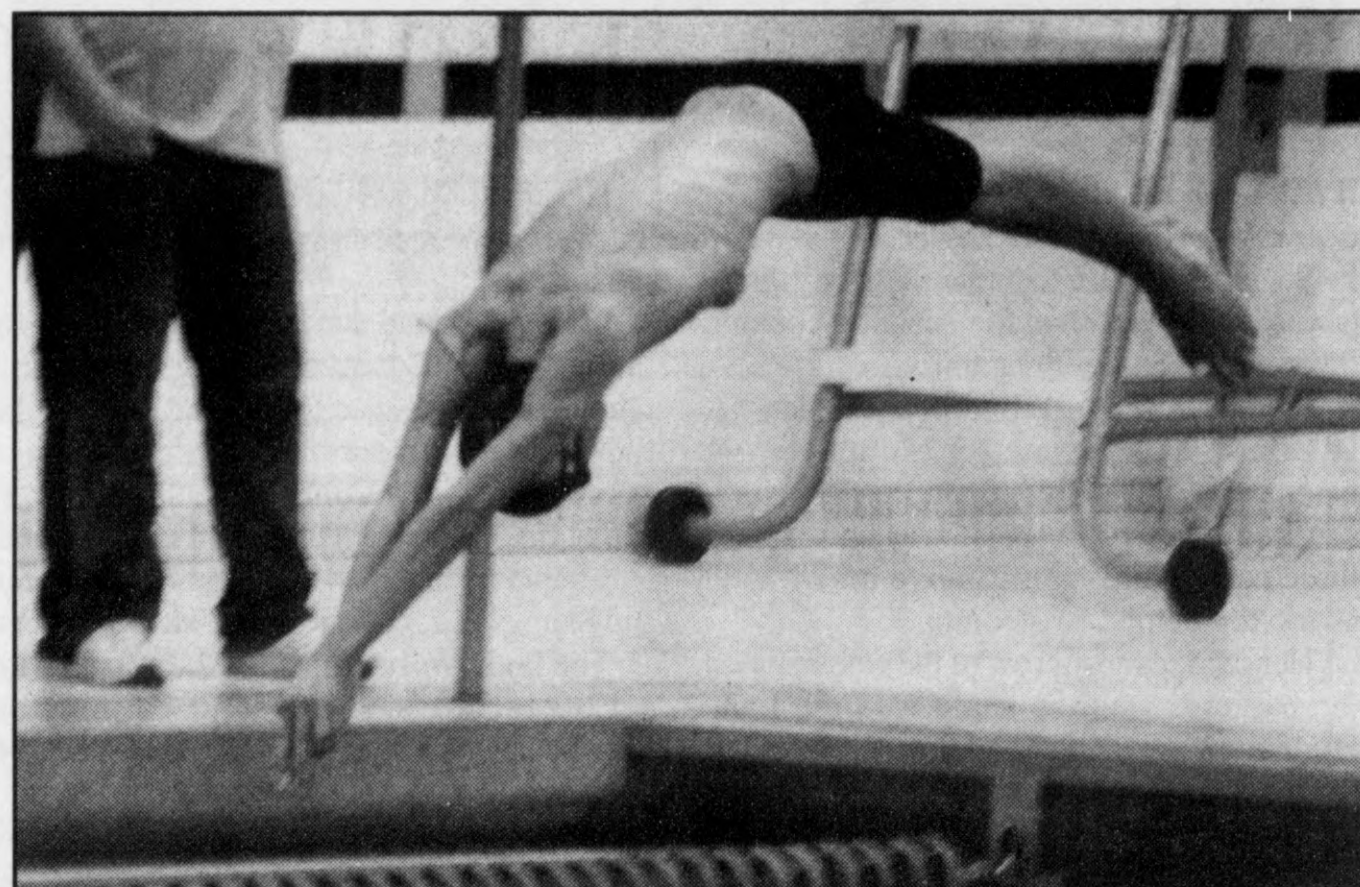
Vassilakos finished in third place in the 200-yard IM, 2:06.21, and seventh in the 500-yard freestyle.

Oldford and Sanker both placed in the 100-yard backstroke and the 50-yard freestyle. Oldford finished in fifth place in the backstroke at 58.75, and Sanker finished in 13th place, 1:04.10. Oldford finished the freestyle at 23.89 for 11th place and Sanke finished at 24.37 for 13th place.

Jack Bacon finished the 500-yard freestyle in 13th place at 5:26.49.

For the 1-meter diving event Brendan Carter finished in eighth place, 243.45; Stephen Allen, tenth place, 218.15; and Ryan Hardtke, 13th place, 215.25.

"Everyone is leaving here feeling good because everyone did their best," Chock added. "We had swimmers who didn't swim tonight but swam in the prelims. I had one swimmer who dropped ten seconds - just to drop it like that. That's what we had all during the meet."



Jack Benson dives into the pool for the 500-yard freestyle event.



Dalton Pokley competes in the 100-yard butterfly.

**Wolves celebrate winning the league title. Photos by Wendi Reardon**



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# Red tape, leadership issues for Rep. Bishop

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

In his first few weeks in Congress, the Clarkston area's newest U.S. representative is still getting his feet wet.

But with 12 years in the state legislature, Mike Bishop, R-District 8, has things in hand.

"Things are a lot bigger, but it's also a lot of the same things," said Bishop during a visit to downtown Clarkston, Feb. 18. "I'm fortunate to have learned a lot about the state and my constituents in state government."

He also traveled to Lansing, Livingston, and other Oakland County communities, meeting with constituents about issues including veterans' benefits.

"There always seems to be red tape, so much regulation. We make contacts with the right people and kick them in the tail if needed to make the system work the way people need it to."

District 8, which includes Clarkston, Independence Township, and Springfield Township, includes much of the same area he represented as a state senator.

International issues are now part of his job — his predecessor, Mike Rogers, served as chairman of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

"There are a tremendous amount of issues to address — ISIS, Russia, the Ukraine," Bishop said. "On all of them, I see a lack of leadership and clear messaging in foreign policy."

Terrorism of the Islamic State has been an abomination, he said.

"The U.S. needs a policy, leadership working to do what needs to be done, not to demonize all Muslims, but to address an extreme faction within that religion," he said.

The representative attended Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's address to Congress this week.

"It was an honor to hear Prime Minister Netanyahu speak before Congress. America's long-standing relationship with Israel is based on shared values and an unwavering allegiance to democracy — a bond that cannot be taken for granted," Bishop said in a press release.



U.S. Rep. Mike Bishop recently stopped by the Clarkston News office on Main Street. Photo by Phil Custodio

"In discussing negotiations with Iran, I agree with the prime minister that no deal is better than a bad deal."

Domestically, health care remains a major issue, he said, Feb. 18.

"The end result of Obamacare is no one can afford health care anymore," he said. "Premiums are too high. Deductibles are too high."

The congressman saw its effects while working in the private sector with International BanCard Financial Services.

"They are supposed to be at 89 employees by now, but currently have 54 employees — they're ready to expand but paralyzed from hiring," Bishop said.

"It was supposed to address costs, but it

never did," he said. "It doesn't account for spiraling costs. It's a tragedy, creating a far bigger problem, and will likely cause destruction of small business in the state."

The U.S. Supreme Court could rule against the law in spring, he said.

"If that happens, we all need to be prepared to offer a solution," he said. "I want to see patients in charge of their own health care. We don't need government control. It's not sustainable."

Bishop also visited Clarkston schools, including the Oakland Technical Center Northwest campus in Clarkston, during his visit.

"The tech center is a great idea, offering options for students going into vocational careers," he said.

His goal is to reduce regulations on how local schools use federal money.

"My hope is to get money to the classroom instead of getting hung up," he said. "I have three kids in public schools in Rochester — I've heard nothing but bad things about federal programs, too many strings, too much manipulation."

Federal regulations in the Common Core curriculum is an example, he said.

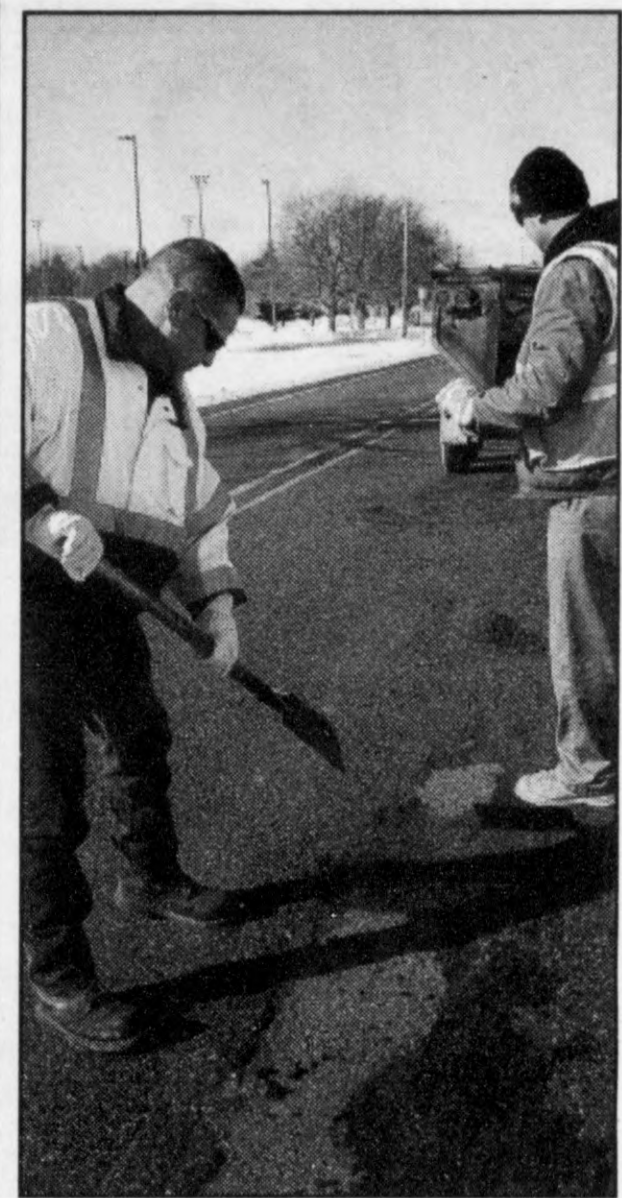
"It's a top down approach that robs educators of the ability to teach — it does a disservice to students," he said.

So far, Bishop has served on the steering committee, Judiciary Committee, and Education and Workforce Committee, where he is working on the Student Success Act, H.R. 5, a bill to "reduce the federal footprint and restore local control, while empowering parents and education leaders to hold schools accountable for effectively teaching students."

Bishop is maintaining his Michigan residency during his tenure in the U.S. House, spending about 9-10 nights a month in Washington.

"I'm back every weekend without fail," he said. "I have no intention to move to Washington. This is my home."

For more information, call the representative at his district office at 810-227-8600, and Washington office, 202-225-4872.



Workers patch a pothole. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Pothole patching

Crews from the Road Commission for Oakland County were in Independence Township last week repairing potholes along main thoroughfares including Waldon Road and Clarkston roads.

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

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle has proposed spending \$300,000-\$400,000 out of the surplus to buy material and work with the RCOC to fix an additional amount of potholes.

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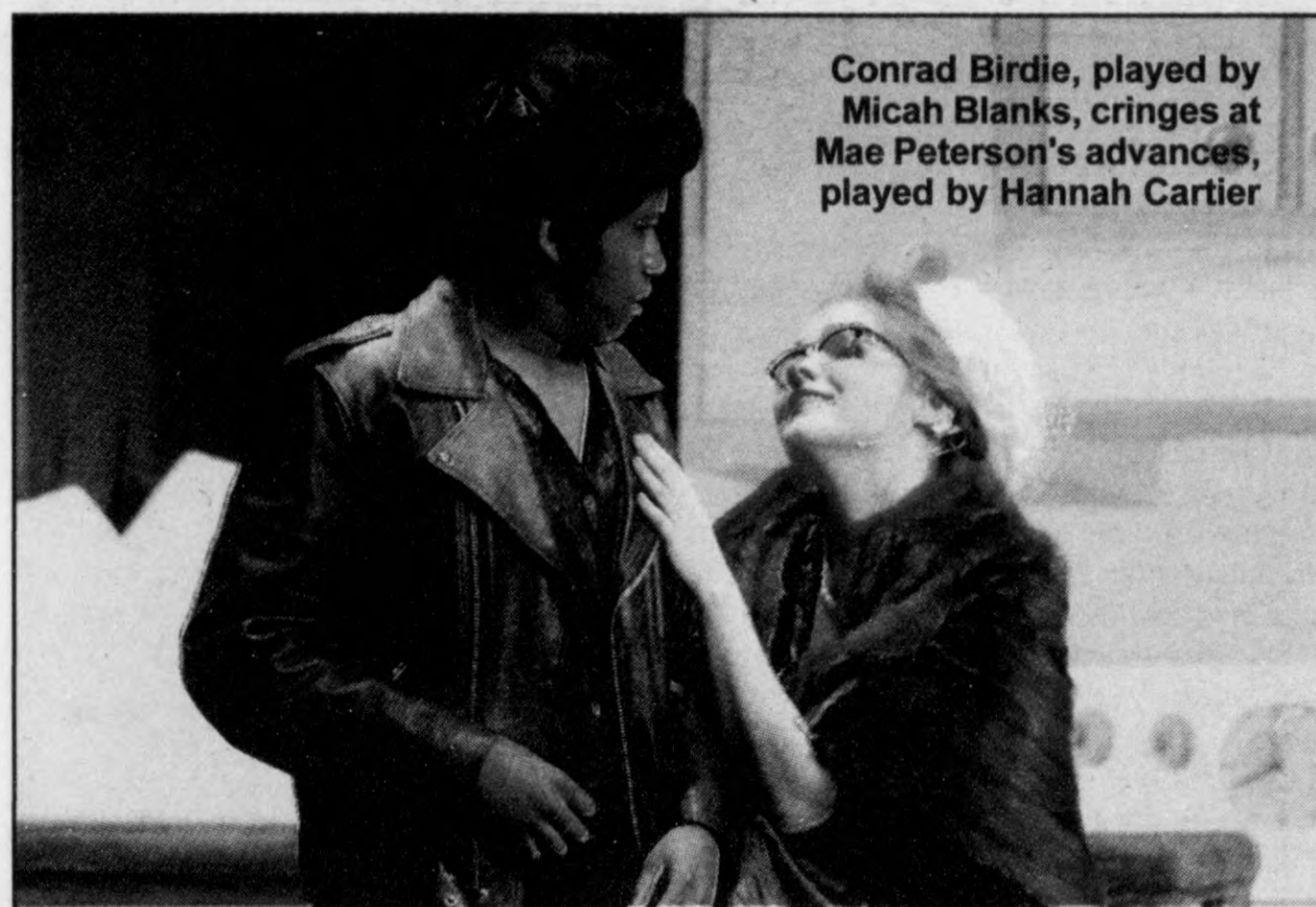
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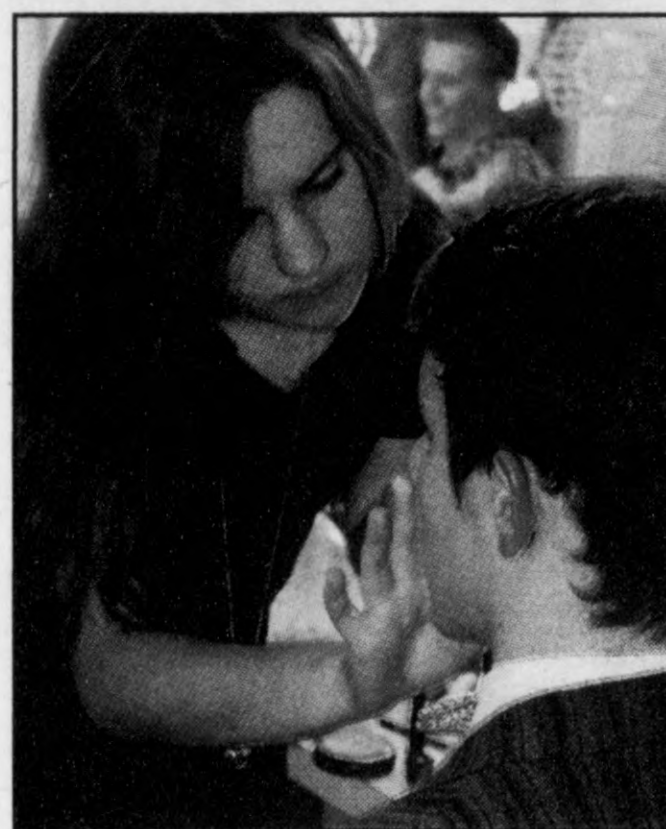
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Conrad Birdie, played by Micah Blanks, cringes at Mae Peterson's advances, played by Hannah Cartier



Jessi Rothwell helps Matthew Hart with his makeup before Friday's performance.

## Seats filled for musical

Last week Clarkston High School was taken over with excitement from Conrad Birdie fans for the drama club's performance of "Bye Bye Birdie."

Audiences were captivated by the story behind Birdie and the final kiss he was going to bestow on Kim MacAffee before he left for the army.

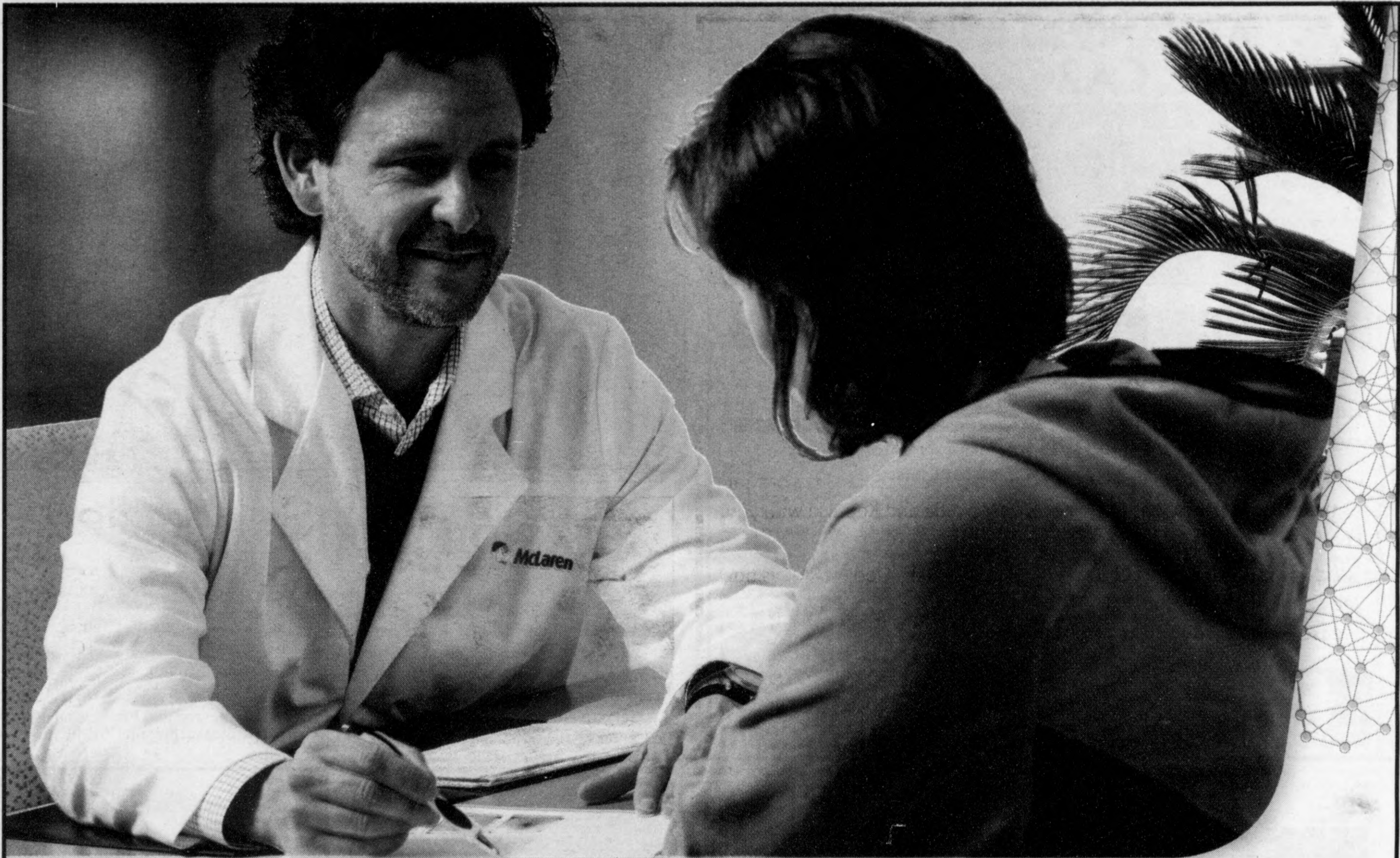
But before the seats filled actors, stage crew and sound and light technicians were getting ready for the show. With help of costumes, make up, fixing their hair they were ready to bring their characters to life before the curtains were raised.

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Jack Witzke combs his hair into a stylish do for "Bye Bye Birdie."





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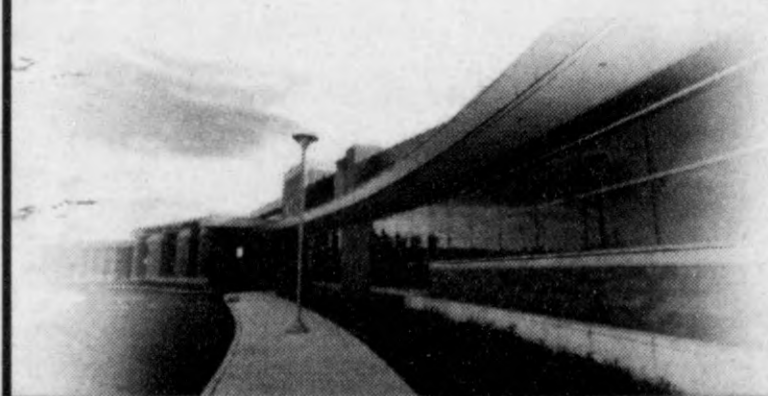
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A reception following the wedding was at The Center on the Square, overlooking scenic Roanoke.

nic Roanoke.

Keith and Emily met during their first week at Michigan State University's College of Law and now split their time between Richmond, Virginia, and Houston, Texas.

Keith is part of the MBA Development Program at Chevron and Emily is an associate at McQuire Woods LLP.

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Samantha and Jessica Diffenderfer check out cupcakes with Olivia Bender before they play a cake-walk game at the school fair.



Jen Dufour asks her boys Collin and Devon what basket they should place a raffle ticket in. Each class in the school created a basket filled with items to be raffled at the fair.



Mia Owens and Mckenzie Syron enjoy a smile after grabbing some cotton candy. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

## Fun fair time at Springfield Plains

Parents took their students to the Springfield Plains Elementary school fair on Saturday to have fun and support the fundraising effort to raise money for new playground equipment at the school.

A variety of activities, from getting "locked up" in jail to games and events as well as silent and live actions, were included in the day filled with fun for both parents and students.

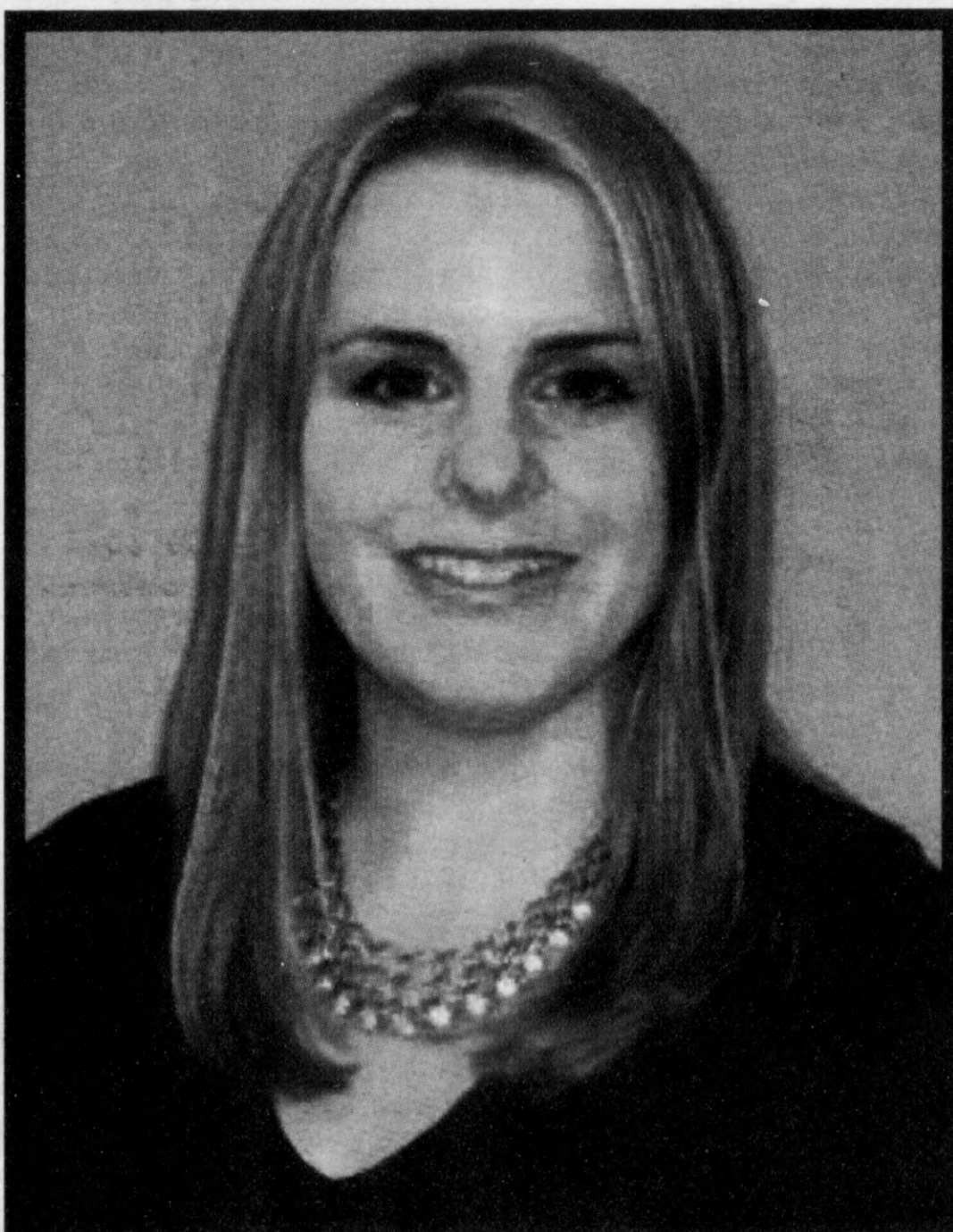
Local businesses chipped in their services and goods to help the fundraising committee raise money for the new play

area.

"We have over \$5,000 worth of items for our live auction and we also have 46 different live auction's today," said Melisa Taylor, co-chair of the committee. "All the money we raise goes to our playground."

Each class at the school also collected donations and created a basket of goodies to raffle at the fair.

Before the school fair about \$14,000 had been raised for the playground. The group estimates it must raise between \$125,000 and \$160,000 for the new play equipment.



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## Events

**Battle of the Books**, sponsored by Friends of the Clarkston Independence District Library, p.m., March 6, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Road. Teams of students will answer questions about selected books at the battle, indelib.org.

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**Basic self-defense workshop**, 12-1:30 p.m., March 8, Mueva Fitness, 6465 Dixie Highway. Hands-on workshop with Shelby Smith, master instructor in Nihon Ryu Goshin Jitsu. \$10/members, students, seniors 55+; \$12 general, www.mindbodyonline.com.

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**Blood drive**, American Red Cross, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., March 9, McLaren Cancer Institute Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive; 1-6:45 p.m., March 25, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road; 7:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., March 27, Clarkston High School, 6093 Fleming Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

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**Chocolate Celebration**, 7 p.m., March 11, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Prizes for top three entries. All welcome to sample and vote. Info at indelib.org.

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**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.

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**St. Patrick's Day Party**, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, 6 p.m., March 14, St. Daniel Parish Social Hall, 7010 Valley Park Drive. \$15/each, \$25/two. 248-625-4052.

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**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.

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**Food drive**, Blessings in a Backpack for local students in need. Girl Scout Troop 13410 collects donations of canned vegetables and cash, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., March 14, Neiman's Market, 7121 Dixie Highway; Boy Scout Troop 189 vegetable drive, all day, March 17, Kroger, 6625 Dixie Highway.

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**Free Sleep Assessment Quiz and Facility Tour**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 3-7 p.m., March 25, McLaren Oakland Sleep Center, 5701 Bow Pointe Drive, Suite 355. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6840.

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# Around Town

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



**CHEERS!** Wolfie joins the Jungle to cheer on the Clarkston Wolves last Friday. Postseason playoffs start for boys basketball next week. Photo by Wendi Reardon

**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

**Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group**, 10 a.m., March 9, Senior Adult Center Carriage House. Free. Sponsored by OLHSAa community action agency. Guardianship rights, substance abuse, incarceration, other issues. 248-209-2622.

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

## 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 wel-

come. 248-625-5231.

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

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**Grief Share**, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays starting March 24, The Gathering Place, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

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

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

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence Dis-

trict Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Community service group for all ages. 248-421-7699.

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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. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

## 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.

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**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

**Independence Township Conservatives Club**, 6:30 p.m., March 12, King's Court Castle, Canterbury Village, 2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion. Panel led by state Rep. Jim Tedder on Proposal 1, Michigan Sales Tax Increase for Transportation Amendment

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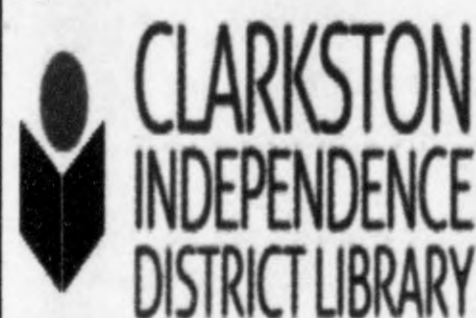
**MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers**, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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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.



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

**Buying a Computer: What to Consider**, Friday, March 20, 11 a.m. Are you looking for a new computer, but not sure what fits your needs? We will cover the various styles to help you choose the one that will work for you. Registration Required.

**Tell Us About Your Travels**, Wednesday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. We are a group of people who love to travel and enjoy sharing our experiences with other. Join us this month as we journey to Norway. The travel group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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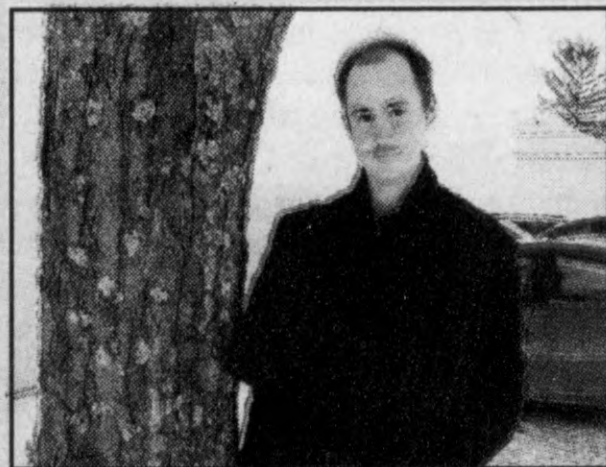


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Volunteers spent a chilly Saturday morning, Feb. 21, packing donations for troops serving overseas.

Clarkston Optimist Club members, veterans, and students met at Clarkston High School to pack dozens of Buddy Boxes, small packages filled with candy, letters, personal care products, and other items, for the Desert Angel nonprofit group.

The packages mean a lot to troops overseas, said Michelle Carson, paraeducator and advisor for the school Optimists.

"These are like gold," Carson said. "I thought this would be a good project for the kids in the high school. They will be sent to Afghanistan, wherever they're at."

High school senior Rachael Bittick organized the event.

"This has been a good opportunity and a lot of fun," said Bittick, who has several relatives who are veterans.

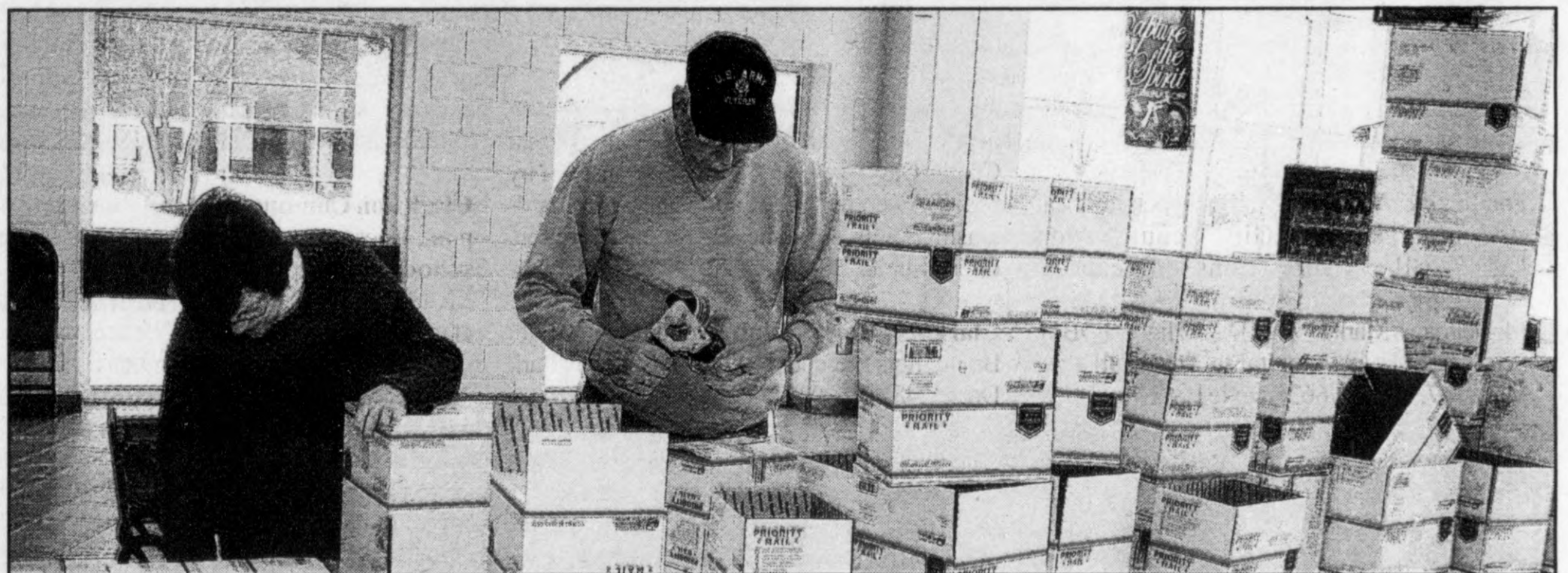
Mid-winter break and two snow days left only a day for fundraising that week, but students and the community still filled several tables with donations.

"We have a lot of community help," said Bittick, also an International Baccalaureate student.

Neiman's Family Market in Clarkston and Walgreens in Waterford also provided donations.



Rachael Bittick organizes the project. Photos by Phil Custodio



Clarkston Optimist Diane Midgley and veteran Dick Garnett pack boxes for troops overseas.



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Recently I was reminded of my younger days when I was working on a construction crew. There was one guy who was bigger and stronger than the rest of us. He worked out at the gym and had muscles on top of his muscles. He would boast about how much he could bench press and dead lift, etc., etc., etc.

One day as Mr. Strongman was boasting the Foreman decided to challenge him to a show of strength. The Foreman bet him that he could carry a load in the wheelbarrow over to the shed that Mr. Strongman could not wheel back. He offered a week's pay if Mr. Strongman could accomplish the feat.

Mr. Strongman thought this was a great deal since the Foreman made twice as much as any of us and there was no way he could be beaten in a show of strength, so he took the bet. The Foreman grabbed the wheelbarrow, rolled it over to Mr. Strongman and said "Get in!"

There are some loads we cannot carry by ourselves. There are times when life is too heavy for us to be able to carry on by ourselves. We need our spiritual support network to carry us when we cannot carry ourselves. Illness, injury, financial challenges, conflict, decision making, relationships, etc., life in general requires we receive spiritual support to be the happy, healthy and whole individuals we are created to be; we require spiritual support to be fruitful and multiply our good.

It has been said we are spiritual beings having a human experience. We are made in the image and after the likeness of God (Genesis 1:26) and God is Spirit (John 4:24), therefore we are inherently spiritual. And, we are human beings attempting to realize our spiritual nature. This is what spiritual support does for us; we realize our spiritual nature when we make it real, when we live

from a conscious awareness of Spirit in our daily existence.

It is good to go to church, attend 12 step meetings, join the Rotary or Lions or Kiwanis or other beneficial organization. And, we have to invest our time and talents in establishing a spiritual support network within these groups and with individuals we can relate with. For it is in working with and serving others that we can realize our spiritual nature. It is in the small groups, classes, and direct interaction we make the connections with others that can carry us through times of trial.

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20.) This is the spiritual principle of Synergy. As Aristotle said, "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." When we come together for a common purpose we can accomplish more than working separately.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42.) This is our spiritual guidance system: utilizing spiritual materials, gathering with others for fellowship and meals, plus direct connection with Spirit through prayer and meditation. When all these are in alignment we can be assured of making right choices.

The young man went to his grandfather often for words of wisdom and advice. One day he asked him how he got to be so wise and always knew the right choices to make. "Experience", said grandfather. "How do you get experience?" asked grandson. "By making a lot of bad choices!" said grandfather.

Every day we make choices, some work out well and some do not. With the help of our spiritual support network, we will always be able to pick ourselves up and move forward in confident assurance that "all things work together for good." (Romans 8:28.)

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Matthew E. Long is senior minister for Peace Unity Community

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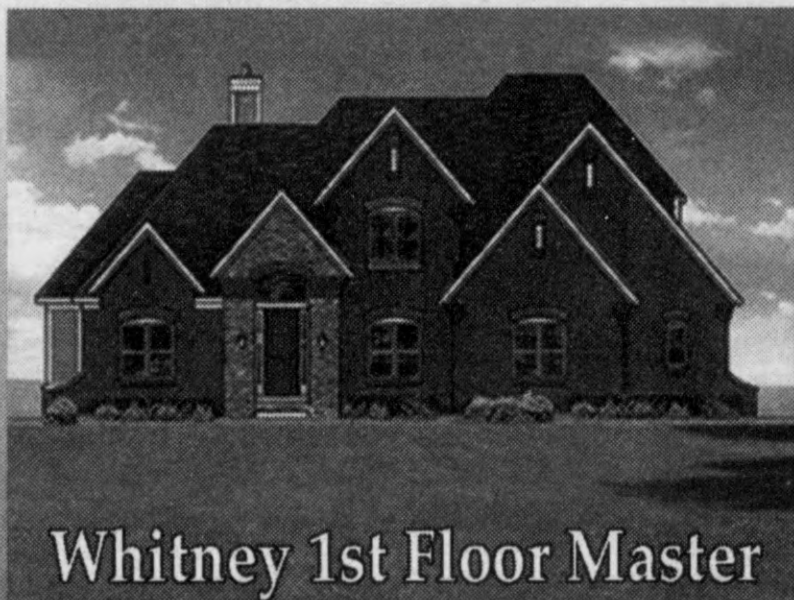


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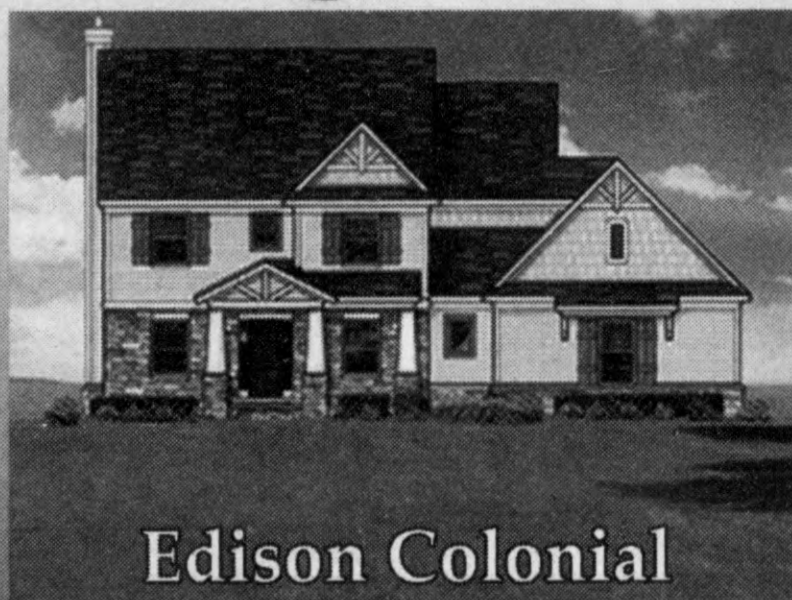
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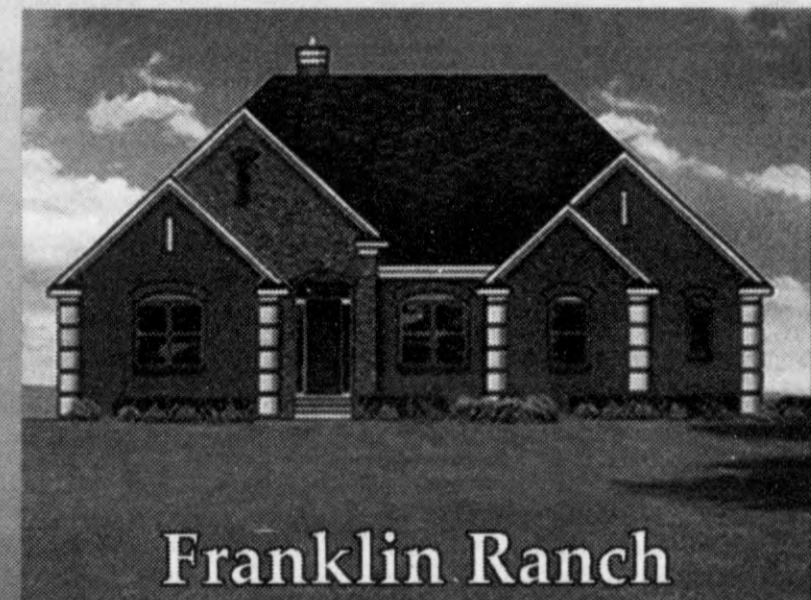
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# Obituaries

## Troy O. Culver, 51

Troy O. Culver of Ortonville, formerly of Lapeer, passed away suddenly Feb. 27, 2015, at age 51.

He was the husband of Debbie; father of Nathanael, Naomi (Arturo) Mendez, Timothy, Benjamin, Samuel, Daniel and Hannah; grandpa of Madison; son of Linda; brother of Kathy (Robert) Clay, Lee (Jack) Barr, Roben (Mike) Giasson, Tabatha (Alan) Angle and Jaime (Chuck) Osborn; son in law of Ernest and Phyllis Thompson; preceded in death by his infant sons Joshua and Jeremiah and his father Robert L. Culver.

Troy was employed at WABCO, Rochester.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Tuesday, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Scott S. Gamble, 54

Scott Seeley Gamble of Clarkston passed away Feb. 23, 2015, at age 54.

He was the loving husband of Linda for 27 years; beloved father of Dexter and Dustin; proud grandpa of Damon; son of Robert "Bud" and Sandy Gamble; brother of Kelly Robert, Marty (Michelle) Gamble and Jill (Mike) Barr; son in law of Marjorie Teague; also survived by many nieces, nephews extended family and friends.

Scott was a 1978 graduate of Clarkston High School. He was an avid deer hunter, carpenter and outdoorsman enjoying many good times up North. Scott was devoted to his family and especially friends from grade school thru graduation. He cherished their support during his illness.

A Memorial Service was Feb. 28 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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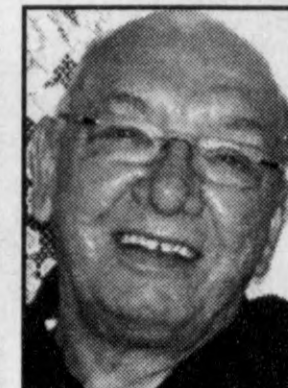
## Thomas Dybalski, 64

Thomas Dybalski of Sterling Heights, formerly of Warren, passed away Feb. 26, 2015, at age 64.

He was the husband of Sue for 30 years; father of Thomas J. "T.J." Dybalski. He will be missed by his beloved miniature schnauzer, Jaeda.

Visitation was March 1-2 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was March 3 at the funeral home. Private interment Acacia Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Salvation Army.

Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Student success

**Allison Reis** of Clarkston was named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the fall 2014 semester.

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Clarkston students **Kate Feick**, **Spencer Ford**, **Michael Mahaffy**, and **Vincent Williams** made the Honors List at Walsh College for the 2014 fall semester.

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Robert Morris University proudly congratulates **Brianna K Frakes** of Clarkston for being named to the Fall 2014 Dean's List. Frakes is majoring in Undeclared Business.

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Clarkston students graduating from Walsh College, Dec. 13, include **Spencer Ford**, Bachelor of Accountancy degree; **Paige Pettit**, Bachelor of Accountancy; and **Sarah Rubin**, Bachelor of Accountancy.

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**Courtney M. Hundzinski** of Clarkston, whose major is Microbiology, has been named to the Dean's List at Clemson University for the fall 2014 semester.

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**Paige Olsen** and **Dana Olsen** of Clarkston were named to the University of Indianapolis Honor Roll for Semester I of the 2014-2015 academic year.

They are graduates of Clarkston High School and daughters of Deanna Olsen.

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**Maxwell Shanbrom**, a member of the class of 2017 from Clarkston, has been named to the fall 2014 Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland.



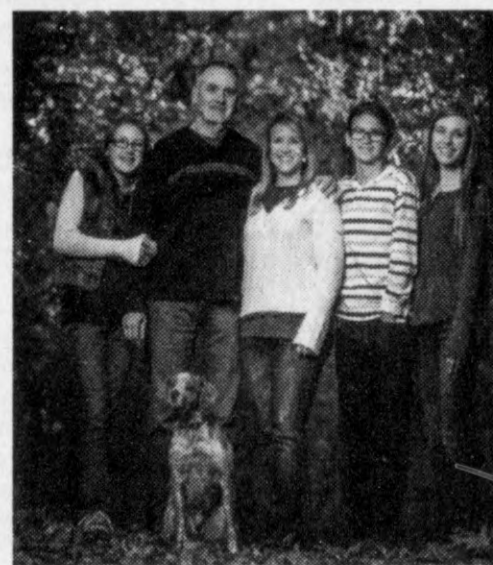
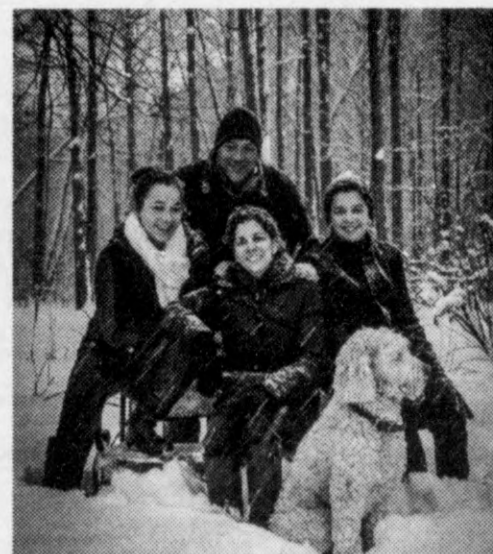
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organizational photography for Banbury and OATS.

Kelly, who launched ClarkstonPhoto.com, a website for images of all things Clarkston, attends local events, often photographing attendees and donating the proceeds to charity. He loves his community all most as much as he loves photography and delights in giving back, like providing senior portraits to needy families and donating his artistic talents to Helping Hearts Helping Hands.

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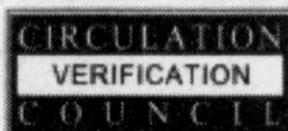


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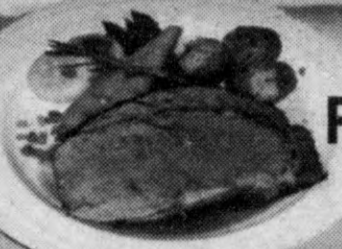
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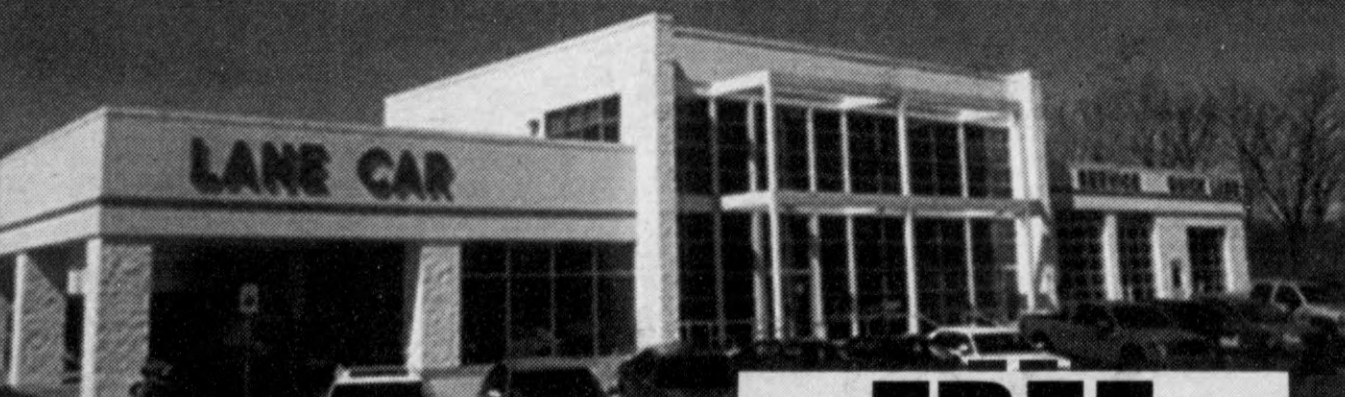
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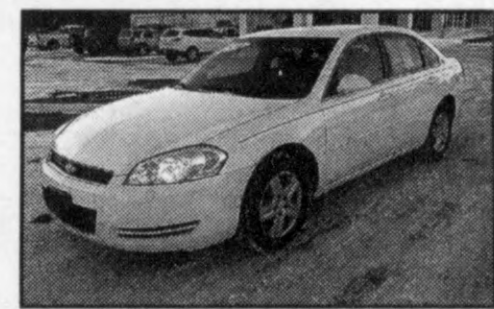


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# Another mistep with state standardized tests

As soon as the MEAP era officially ended with the last test in October 2013, the question of "what's next?" became an ongoing headache for Michigan educators.

For a while, the Smarter Balanced Assessment seemed like a likely successor, until, after the start of this school year, the state decided on M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress). Michigan's new assessment system was developed for one year only by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE), which claims that it is "designed to measure student growth effectively for today's students."

M-STEP seems like quite an endeavor. English language arts and math will be assessed in grades 3-8, science in grades 4 and 7, and social studies in grades 5 and 8. For 11th graders, it doesn't stop at that; it boasts Michigan Merit Examination - a combination of the ACT Plus Writing, WorkKeys, and M-STEP summative in ELA, math, science, and social studies.

Of course, MDE did its own math - the average amount of time each of our children will have to spend agonizing over

his or her performance during testing, ranges from 7 hours for 8-year-old 3rd graders to 11.20 hours for 11th graders.

## A Parent's Perspective



Arina Bokas

The exact schedule in Clarkston looks a jigsaw puzzle: each testing piece has to come in the precise timing, especially for the high school students, since many of them have AP and IB exams coinciding with M-STEP.

What about the implementation? The marathon testing, which has to be completed online, will start on April 13th and end on June 7th - nearly two months of continuous coordination of the equipment and space.

The high school students will test the weeks of April 13th and 20th, while AP exams are scheduled for the weeks of May 4th and 11th.

The "mega lab" at Sashabaw Middle School with 120 computers will be used to test Clarkston's 1,150 6th and 7th graders. Some elementary schools are

raising money for additional Chromebook carts that contain 32 computers and wireless access points, to be used in any location.

This will supplement limited computer labs and laptop supply, already purchased by the district. What's going to happen when 28 districts in Oakland County begin online testing through one Oakland Schools' network, all at the same time, is also in the area of unknown.

So how effectively is M-STEP going to measure our kids' educational growth? In the last two months of this school year, no one will likely use the computer labs for anything other than testing.

Hours of learning time and opportunities for that educational growth are going to be lost. Our administration is considering potential impacts on curriculum and other changes that would occur with the implementation of this assessment. It will effectively disrupt our schools.

The final "measurements" will effectively reflect the hurried planning of our state government and the rushed

changes, causing an 8-year-old's anxiety over a lack of computer skills and a speed in navigating. They will reflect a teen's stress and fatigue.

Based on this, our school district, teachers, and administrators will get measured and funding will be disbursed. There will be a new test again next year, and this chorus will be repeated all over again.

Whether it is MEAP, M-STEP, or some other fancy abbreviation that is yet to come, what seems rather clear is that standardized tests tell us nothing about our kids, their learning, thinking, or growth, as they tell us nothing about their teachers' effectiveness. They take a lot of work for no gain.

Arina Bokas is the Clarkston PTA Council president

## Expo for body and mind

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Body Mind Green Expo is set for March 12, 5:30 - 8 p.m. and the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce invites the community to come out for the event which is free and open to the public.

"It's a good opportunity for the community to come and meet some of the businesses in our area," said Janelle Best, executive director. "It is really to create awareness of what is available for your health in this area."

It is the third year for the expo and the first year it is held at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

"The event has continued to show growth over the last two years so we are going to continue to provide the event," Best added.

The night begins with a keynote presentation in the high school's performing arts center from Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent, and Deanna Hart, from McLaren.

Then, you can visit the exhibitors, which will have demonstrations and presentations in the cafeteria.

"We are really excited we are going to have the 15-minute rotating demonstrations," Best added. "They are going to be educational and interactive."

The expo includes Mueva Fitness with a Zumba demonstration; Anytime Fitness; Neiman's Family Market promoting organic

choices they offer; Pure Relaxation with free chair massages; Rustic Maka with all natural deodorants; BioTurf with organic lawn care chemicals; Tyler Milner from Farm Bureau Insurance and more.

"He will have an educational presentation on why it is important to have life insurance because it offers peace of mind," said Best.

Dr. Frank Granett R.ph, author of *Overmedicating Our Youth* is signing books.

"It is a really good mix of exhibitors," Best said. "It is also bringing the businesses to the community. A lot of times you are likely to go to a business you have met or you know."

There are also activities for the kids to do at the Clarkston Independence District Library booth.

The expo will also have raffles with great prizes including a 12-month gym membership to Anytime Fitness, located at the corner of White Lake Road and Dixie Highway.

"It is an opportunity to win fun things and things to participate in," Best smiled.

The chamber partnered with Clarkston Community Schools and is supported by a very hard-working committee. The presenting sponsor for the event is McLaren.

There is still time to register, Best added.

To register or for more information, please contact the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce at 248-625-8055 or info@clarkston.org.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 26, 2015

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

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

Approval of agenda moved by Haven Supported by Marsh to approve the Agenda. All Aye Motion Carried. Motion by Sabol Supported by Marsh to approve the Consent Agenda. All Aye Motion Carried.

Resolved by Bisio Supported by Catallo to approve the CDBG agreement for Minor Home Repair for the homes income qualified for 2015. Resolution is Adopted.

Resolved by Bisio Supported by Sabol to amend the General Fund FY 15 Revenue Account number 671 by +\$2,275 and account number 699 by +\$250, as well as expenditure Department number 466 (Highway, Streets & Bridges) by +\$2,525. Resolution is Adopted.

There was discussion in regards to the combination of Art in the Village and Taste of Clarkston events on September 19 and 20 with Taste on September 20, 2015. The Council decided to postpone any decision until more information is made available for the Council from the Sheriff, Fire Department and Independence Township.

Motion by Haven, Supported by Sabol to amend the sidewalk charge to remove snow from any sidewalk will be \$125.00 to the homeowner. Motion Carried.

Moved by Sabol, Supported by Bisio to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. All Aye Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Miller  
City Clerk





Shelby Geisler



Elise Cameron

## Dance of cartoon couples

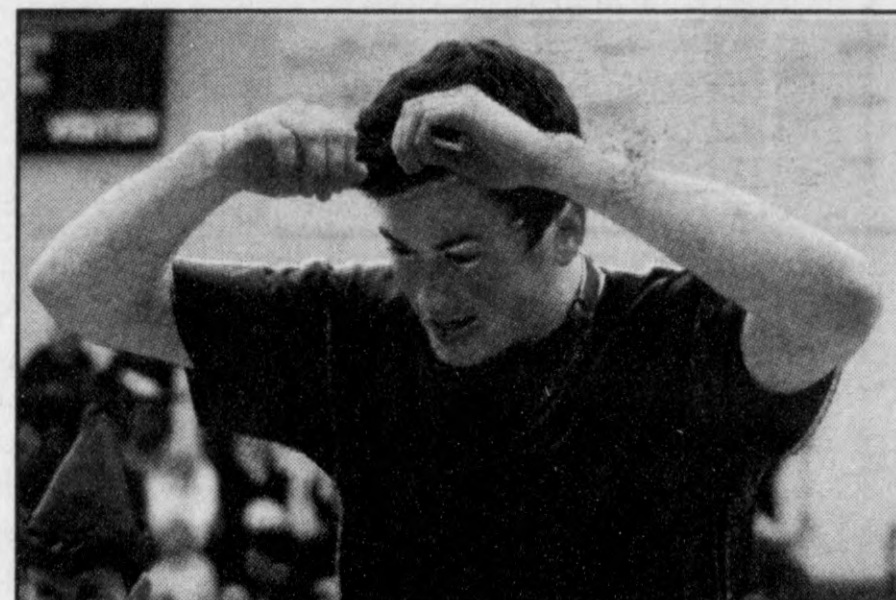
Fans were treated to a Clarkston Varsity Dance team tradition last Friday night - the boy/girl dance.

This year's dance featured students stepping into famous duos from classic Disney cartoons with Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and Daisy Duck as well as Disney movies with Cinderella and Prince Charming; Belle and the Beast; Ariel and Eric, and many others.

Don't miss the dance team this Thursday as they perform at their last basketball game of the season. The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team plays at 7 p.m. and the Lady Wolves dance at half time.



Mikaela Smith dances as Jess from *Toy Story*.



Jacob Dasuqi shows off his dancing moves as Donald Duck.



From left, Angee Kerr, Shane Holler, Caylee Price and DJ Zezula high kick to a mix of Disney songs.

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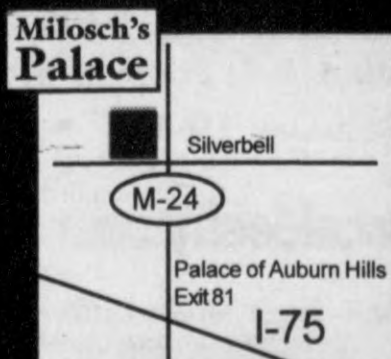
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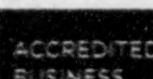
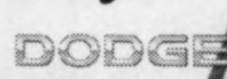
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