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Clarkston Wolfpack runners and friends Phil Custodio, Leanne Cooper, Lisa Foster, Jennifer Krausman, Katie Krausman, Sally Gabrogge, Tony Mazzola (dressed for the occasion in wig and sequined shirt), Maddie Sandmeyer, and Dave Deering finished a 50K Celebration Run, March 7 at Indian Springs Metropark. Photo provided

50K run in the park, for the fun of it

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Saturday was a day of celebration for Clarkston Wolfpack members and supporters. It was also a day of running and walking during the group's first 50K Celebration run at Indian Springs.

Nine runners completed the 50-kilometer, 31-mile trek, roughly three circuits through the park's walk/run trail system – Leanne

Cooper, Phil Custodio, Dave Deering, Lisa Foster, Sally Gabrogge, Jennifer Krausman, Katie Krausman, Tony Mazzola, and Maddie Sandmeyer.

"Dave is amazing – he just came out and did it," said Jennifer Krausman.

Mike McIntyre, founding member of the Wolfpack with 32 years with the group, and dozens more also took part, completing one or two circuits.

"Shout out to all of the runners who came out to support and encourage us along the journey. There are too many names to list but seeing all of you along the path made it all seem doable – your spirit and support were with us every step of the way," said Krausman, who was celebrating her 50th birthday.

The event was about much more than
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Independence Township Times

In this week's edition

Planners support zoning changes

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

City planners supported rezoning the 59 South Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

Clarkston Planning Commission voted, March 2, to recommend rezoning the Sutherland Building from Residential Multiple to Village Commercial.

The recommendation was to be on the Clarkston City Council agenda, March 9.

Owner Dave Carter was in talks with a Detroit area restaurant for the building. Rezoning the property was necessary to the deal, but the deal fell through.

Independence Township Planning Commission approved a rezoning change for senior housing facilities on Dixie Highway and Sashabaw Road.

"Many of these parcels are located on Dixie Highway and Sashabaw Road, in the area elderly housing and state licensed residential facilities would be compatible," said Planning Commissioner Ron Richie, also on the Township Board.

The property is currently zoned Office District. Elderly housing and state licensed residential facilities would require Special Land Use zoning, Richie said.

The Township Board approved first reading of the rezoning proposal at its March 3 meeting.

New zoning would also permit construction of other medically related facilities nearby.

Hospitals are currently zoned under special land use, and the Planning Commission suggesting adding convalescent and nursing homes to the zoning.

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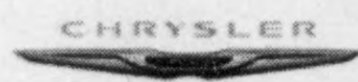
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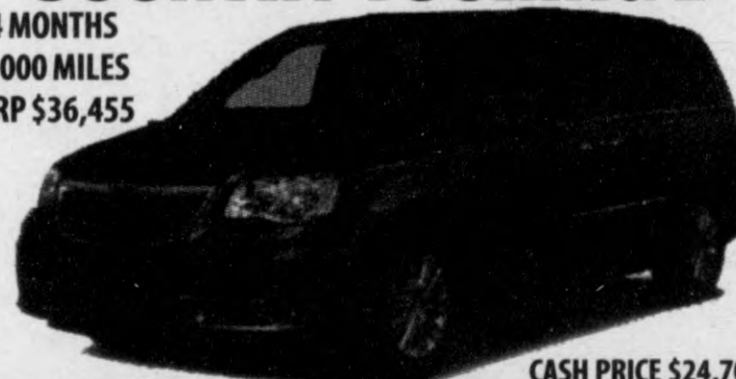
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The Wolfpack group poses for a picture before starting the 50K. Photo provided

Months of training pays off during 50K run

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that, though, she said.

"It's for anyone turning 50, preparing to turn 50, already over 50 – it was for everybody," she said. "The celebration party was truly that, a celebration of friends and lots of love."

"A celebration of life, friends, all of us as strong people who set our sights high and say 'let's do this,'" Mazzola said. "Every year we try to challenge ourselves to do something we haven't done before."

The Clarkston Wolfpack, a running group established more than 30 years ago, decided on the event last October.

Runners gathered at Indian Springs and Depot Park every Saturday since early January to train, despite the snow and ice.

"The run itself was much more enjoyable than the training was," Mazzola said.

Weather during the actual run, March 7, was sunny, clear, and topped out in the 40s. But one memorable training run included

snow, turning into sleet, then full rain.

"My clothes clung to my skin – that one was miserable," the runner said. "Then there was one in an actual snow storm."

The event was informal with no official time keeping, and everyone had their own personal reasons for taking part. Whatever the reasons, everyone was there for each other, Krausman said.

"We were all out there together, a pack mentality," she said. "Through the snow and ice, we came out for each other."

"It's a lot of fun, being with each other, sharing stories, inspiring each other," Mazzola said. "That's what makes it rewarding, learning about each other."

The group has special thanks to Buckshots in Independence Township for hosting a celebration party after the run, as well as everyone who brought snacks and water for the runners, including Amy Brown, who brought "50th celebration" cookies, which only lasted through two loops, and

Kathy Noble for her peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

"They were the best ever," Krausman said. "Thanks to the wagon walkers that got the supplies in and out of the park. Thanks to Paul at Running Gear for giving us our official race numbers. Thanks to Leanne Cooper for making the medals and memory plaques. They will be a treasured reminder of the day."

For Noble, who ran more than 10 miles of the event, the best part was watching the 31-mile group emerge from the Metropark's wooded trail for the third and last time on their way to the finish line.

"We heard you coming out, you were so happy and relieved to be out of the woods," she said. "It was a thrill for us."

The group meets every Saturday at 8 a.m. at Depot Park. Everyone is welcome.

"We invite everyone to come out, any pace, any weight, any clothes, just be there," Krausman said.

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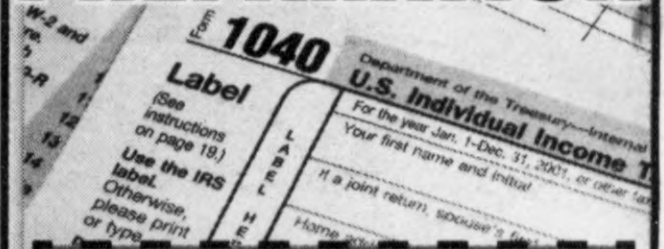
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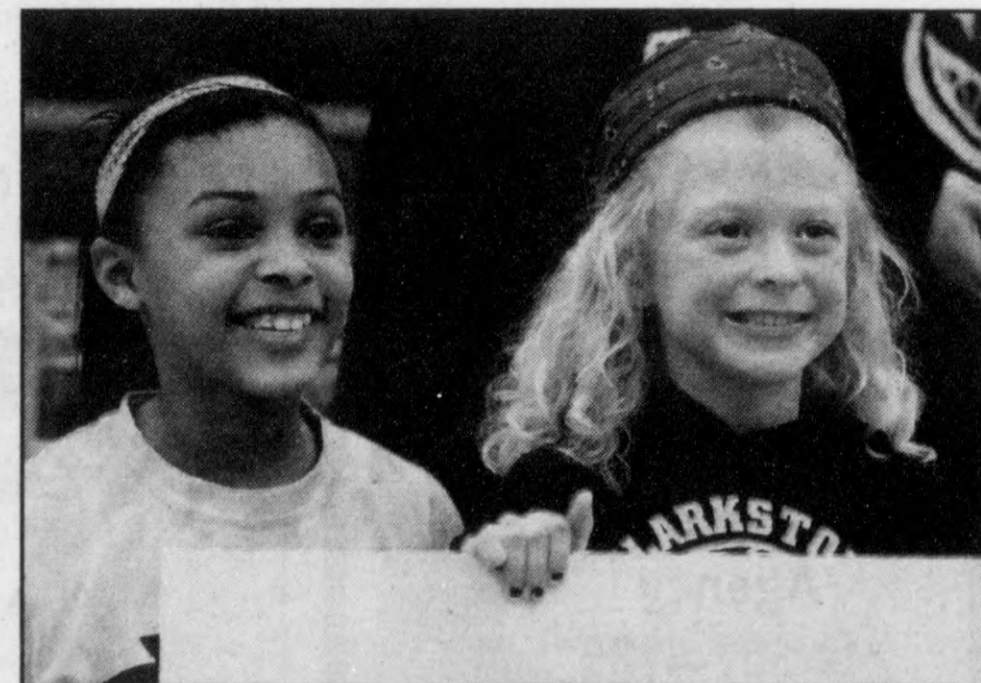
The Jungle goes wild in the second half as the Wolves pull into the lead against Rochester Adams to close the third quarter.



Clarkston fans jump to their feet as the varsity boys basketball team goes for their 20th consecutive win.

Excitement in the Jungle

The place to be was Clarkston High School last Thursday night as the Wolves' Boys Varsity Basketball team defeated Rochester Adams, 66-57. The win put the boys 20-0 for the season - the last time the Wolves' and long-time head coach Dan Fife had been undefeated in the regular season was in 1991. The Wolves play in the MHSAA District semi-finals on Wednesday and finals are on Friday. Both games start at 7 p.m. and are at Clarkston High School.



Journey Harris and Jersey Loyer are just two of the young fans who are at every home game cheering for their favorite basketball team.



HONORED FOR ACHIEVEMENT: Clarkston Junior High School students were honored with academic achievement awards in visual and performing arts by the Clarkston Foundation for Public Education, Feb. 26. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

Grant for tennis court

Tennis players will have a reconditioned court to play on this spring at Clintonwood Park.

The \$206,000 project will be funded mostly by a grant from the United States Tennis Association.

Independence Township officials have seen an increased use of the tennis courts.

"We have been working closely with the schools and their tennis professionals on programs that can support the whole community," said Ken Elwert, director of Parks, Recreation and Seniors for the township.

Elwert said his budget recommendation for the courts included funding including the use of 20,000 United States Tennis Association grant funds.

The grant is for \$200,000. The Township Board approved the grant and bid for the work from T&M Asphalt of Milford.

Lake residents reimbursed for police service

Deer Lake property owners were reimbursed by Independence Township for police services they did not use.

The reimbursement will be \$134.64, for 4.25 unused hours at the contract rate of \$31.68 per hour.

Residents in the Deer Lake Property Owners Association (DLPOA), who live on the lake, cited safety studies that the 72-acre Deer Lake public lake can only safely handle four boats at a time.

The reimbursement was approved by the Township Board, Feb. 17.

The Deer Lake Property Owners Association contracted through the Township with Oakland County's Marine Division for boat patrol services on Deer Lake in 2014. The contract included 80 hours of patrol services, but they received 75.75 hours.

DLPOA represents 73 riparian, residents with homes directly on the lake, who paid for police coverage.

Disagreements have arisen over time that

DLPOA have send time and money, such as keeping the lake clean the lake and paying for police coverage.

A subdivision of 27 homes, Deer Lake Knolls homeowners jointly own five acres along Deer Lake and has been keeping boats in the water since 1966 by installing seasonal docks.

In one dispute, DLPOA homeowners disputed a subdivisions accesss to homeoeners ina subdivision who don't live on the lake themselves, so this creates a situation known as "keyholing," which Independence Township addressed with an ordinance in 2007.

The Keyhole Ordinance requires a special land use for each new dock. Knolls residents put in a new dock in 2013, so the township cited them under the ordinance.

DLPOA have often cited a study that the small lake can only safely accompany four boats at a time, but the lake also has a public access site, accessible to everyone.

-Andrea Beaudoin

Briefly

Nominations sought

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is requesting nominations for its Annual Youth Recognition Ceremony.

Anyone in the Clarkston Community School District, who has witness a school aged youth making a positive difference in the lives of others, through volunteer efforts or simple acts of kindness, is encouraged to submit a nomination.

Every nominated youth will be honored on Wednesday, April 22, at 7 p.m. at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Nomination forms must be submitted by March 22.

Call the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Office at 248-623-4313.

Easter egg hunt

Clarkston United Methodist Church hossts an Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 28, at 6600 Waldon Road.

Dress appropriately for the weather. There are Easter crafts for kids, as well as pictures with the Bunny, snacks and more in Fellowship Hall from 3-4:30 pm. All are welcome and admission is free.

For more information contact Annette Siminski at asiminski@clarkstonumc.org or 248-625-1611.

Angels' Place benefit

Fundraiser Benefit for the 8th Annual Angels Place Race, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., March 19, at Mexican Grill and Cantina, 3930 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills.

A portion of the customer's total bill will go towards the Angels' Place Race, May 16, at St. Daniel Church, Clarkston. The event, which supports people with developmental disabilities in our community, will include a 1 Mile Family Fun Walk, 5K Bruce Clifton Run and Walk and 10K Run.

Check www.angelsplacrace.org.

Landscape workshop

Wild Ones North Oakland Chapter presents Edible and Ecological Landscapes hosts a presentation with Mark Angelini and Trevor Newman, founders of Roots to Fruits, 7:30-9 p.m., April 1, at St. Daniel's Church, Cushing Center Hall, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

For more information, check www.northoakland.wildones.org.

Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Springtime, finally

Do I dare say it? Is spring here?

Alright so the temperature only hit above 40 degrees on Sunday but it's a heat wave in Michigan.

And what a beautiful heat wave indeed - the day started great with sunshine, the smell of spring was in the air, birds were chirping in the morning.

Winter was cold. Wind chills left the bones cold and students home from school because it was too cold and school was cancelled for the day. So as my relatives in California may laugh at 40 degrees or even 25 degrees being a heat wave - I rejoice.

The sun and warmth revitalizes the soul and the spirit. I feel ready to go outside walking again and I did. On Sunday afternoon I walked for about 30 minutes while taking in a dose of vitamin D, courtesy of Mr. Sun.

I want to walk more and outside. Let's be honest I haven't visited the gym. Up until a month ago I thought I had lost my tennis shoes only used for working out. I found them in a beach bag in one of the closets in the apartment. It seems while I was moving I slipped them in there. See, if I was more of a gym bug I would have found them sooner.

The first goal is months away but a group of us already signed up for Color Run in Ypsilanti. It will be our fourth year and we are ready. It is the same group which has signed up every year and this year we grabbed a few others. It's fun - exercising while trying to get as much color on you as possible. Each year the event tries a different theme and this year they will have glitter.

The sunshine makes me optimistic even though I have lived in Michigan long enough to be ready for anything (ask my cousin - I carried a sweatshirt around with me in Las Vegas, Nevada - a sweatshirt in the desert.) So I am ready for an ice storm - I don't want one especially with the spring sports season to begin. But in Michigan you have to be ready for one last laugh from Mother Nature.

Update on 2015 Reading Challenge: Well, I have read a total of four books. I have moved on from the last book I was reading. I made it 100 pages and will try again. I don't know if it was time or just couldn't get into it. I chose to move on to the challenge: author with same initials.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Congratulations for musical success

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the cast and crew of CHS's 2015 Musical Bye Bye Birdie on four exceptional performances! In as much as we "Clarkstonites" revel in our sports related successes and state championships, I think the CHS Drama Club has rightly earned a spotlight for the week!

First, Mr. Jeff Tice. Bye Bye Birdie marks his 19th fabulous musical encounter at CHS. His endless patience, commitment, and dedication to these productions is commendable.

His faith in the cast and crew is unshakable. He is amazing! Ms. Amy Seaman and Mrs. Susette Hart - from the first day of auditions they are there with endless support to Jeff, the cast, and the crew. They give so much of themselves. They are an inspiration.

Vocal Director Michael Peterson, Orchestra Director Mr. Michael Lewis, and Choreography Director Kristen Rasegan, they undeniably train and challenge these young adults to the very highest of standards. The cast and crew of Bye Bye Birdie: they should be so proud! Their talents run so deep. CHS is proud to say that our musical productions are run by students, 100 percent students! Over 120 students!!!

The cast, crew, set and costume creators, lighting, sound booth, and the very phenom-

enal orchestra are all exclusively our very own CHS students! The commitment they give of themselves to reach the level of professionalism that is evident in every single performance is just plain awesome!

The cast and crew are there, starting in mid November, every day after school for 3-4 hours, and on non-school days and some weekends, they can be found on set, on stage, in the lighting and sound booth, in the set construction room, and in the band rooms for 2, 3, 4, or 6 hours.

This amounts to an average of 70-80 rehearsal days and between about 225-250 hours of rehearsal time. Impressive.

Finally, the leads of the musical, Luke Hodgson and Sarah Fluegel ("Albert and Rosie"). Congratulations to them on a huge success! Acting, singing, and dancing in their performances, they thoroughly humored and entertained the audience. They were endearing.

Also to Micah Blanks and Alyssa Harbaugh ("Conrad Birdie and Kim McAfee"), Hannah Cartier ("Conrad's mom"), Ryleigh Kuhn and Andrew Biggs ("Kim's parents").

CHS Drama Club, CONGRATULATIONS! Can't wait till next year!!!

*A proud parent
Clarkston*



SMILE OF THE WEEK: Angelina Torres grooves to the music during the Clarkston Varsity Dance team's last performance for the year last Thursday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Seven swans found dead in area lake" The reason why seven swans turned up dead in the marshes of Woodhull Lakes was a mystery to residents and local officials. Independence Township was awaiting autopsy reports but it wouldn't be available up to three weeks.

"Crime down in Independence" Crime statistics for 1999 showed Independence Township as one of the safest places to live in Oakland County. The report showed 14,958 incidents reported. Incidences dropped in assaults, larceny, violation of drug laws and OUILs (Operating Under the Influence of Liquor.)

"Cheerleaders prepare for state championship" They did it again - the Clarkston Varsity Cheer team qualified for the state championship for the second consecutive year after a third-place finish at the regional meet.

25 years ago - 1990

"Raging fire" A raging fire destroyed a home on Balmoral Terrace in Independence Township. The blaze was particularly difficult to bring under control because it had burned for several hours before it was noticed. The cause was an electrical problem in the family room ceiling.

"Family life has been full for area mother of 12" Independence Township resident Amanda Brewer spent 40 years in the township raising her 12 children, 11 daughters and one son, in a two-bedroom home on Flemings Lake Road.

"Friendship endures cheerleading and motherhood" Chelli Mazer and Jeannie Becker, two Clarkston High School graduates, shared all types of experiences growing up. But they never imagined they would experience motherhood on the same day when each gave birth to a baby on Nov. 18, 1989.

50 years ago - 1965

"Township Board to hear pros and cons on feud" Independence Township officials planned to discuss the controversial issue of joining or opposing the Genesee Valley Utilities Authority. The GVUA was formed to see new water sources from 11 townships.

"Miss and Mrs. Michigan Wing C.A.P chosen at Military Ball" Kathleen Hawkins representing Clarkston Squadron was selected at Mrs. Michigan Wing CAP at the Michigan Wing Civil Air Military Ball.

"Local news" David Galligan celebrated his birthday with his parents with a family dinner in their home on Cherrylawn.

News from hither and yon

I've been told that I have cataracts for years. For the same number of years, doctors have given me no reason to be concerned.

Only recently did an eye-man tell me to get serious about it. He recommended I see Dr. Biggs in Clarkston.

Turns out he reads our *Clarkston News* and *Jim's Jottings*. Our conversation stayed on the light side.

At one point Dr. Biggs said, "I never mention patient names to my wife, but I may have trouble not mentioning you."

Dr Biggs kept it light while telling me he was going to carve a space in my eyeball big enough for my new lens. He smiled a lot, but neither he nor I laughed.

This is being written two days after

our encounter. My anxiety has returned to the point that if I could remember the name of even one of the doctors who told me not to be concerned about cataract removal, I'd submit his name to ISIS for consideration.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

If you are serious about wanting to be remembered, donate to the next charity that calls you on the phone begging for money. If your experience is like mine they'll call you 14 times a month.

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Headline: "U.S. withholds details of

Iran nuclear talks." This from what Barrack says is the most transparent administration in the history of mankind.

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At least one of the mattress companies should review their advertising agencies' tv message. It shows a man and woman, in bed, exposed from the tops of their shoulders up.

Between them is a large bag of potato chips, and they are feeding each other one chip at a time. What married couple would eat potato chips in bed? What does the rest of their house look like?

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Long time friend, Irene Schaible can draw out the word "wonderful" and

make it sound warming, welcoming and extra extra soothing as she spews the word through her lips. Don't hear her saying it very often now, because she and her husband her husband, Tom, live in California.

Charities can be like the IRS, all our governments and school organizations. They always need more money than our federal mint can print.

Goodness, gracious what's happening in our state? Police say, a 55-year old southwest Michigan woman shot herself in the head while adjusting a hand in her bra holster on Jan. 1. The St. Joseph County safety director says the deceased shooter was "having trouble adjusting her bra holster, couldn't get it to fit the way she wanted it to."

Don't go to Royal Oak, the final chapter?

Two weeks ago I did what most columnists do: I opined. I dared to swim against the current. And, in doing so I stirred up some muck and muddied the proverbial pure flowing waters leading to the mecca of civilization, of course the zealots all know that to be Royal Oak, Michigan. I wrote (about a million times in one column), *Don't Go To Royal Oak*.

To quote John "Hannibal" Smith (take your A-Team pick of George Peppard or Liam Neeson), "I love it when a plan comes together." A columnist doesn't have to be a journalist; a columnist only has one objective, to get the reader emotionally involved. I think I succeeded. Aside from our print and on-line readers, my column was shared in the Twittersphere and on Facebook, where the organic reach was just under 10,000.

Last week I shared some of the bombastic rebuttals for my column. This week, other readers who actually (gulp) didn't call me fat, or stupid. So, without further eloquence . . .

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Years ago my friends and I used to go to Royal Oak and would have an enjoyable time. Through the years RO has gotten to big for their own britches. No where to park near where you're going, and like you wrote, old dilapidated parking meters. RO has not gotten any of my money since the late 90's. -- Rebecca T

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Royal Oak took over hosting "Arts Beats and Eats" festival from Pontiac a few years ago. I took my family there to enjoy it. The City -- to ensure its piracy was most effective and efficient -- had prohibited parking on streets (unless, as a resident, you had a special permit displayed prominently on your car to keep the "road pirates" [police] at bay) for about a half-mile radius in all directions. If you didn't want to walk a half mile, you were forced to park in the city municipal

lot where you were required to pay \$20 -- which of course went to the city coffers!! Police had cordoned off the lots and were funneling willing festival-goers into parking lots and taking their \$20. Police!

Worse, the streets in front of all businesses were empty. We went into Mr. B's on Main Street, and there was only one other family in the entire restaurant -- and this was a Friday night at about 8 p.m. Thanks, Royal Joke, for killing commerce and voluntary free trade. We left and vowed never to return. Steve A.

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A few years ago, I met a friend for dinner at Mr. B's. I parked in the lot behind. When I returned to my car, I had a ticket for parking in a handicap spot. I mailed my \$100 check with an explanation. The sign was not visible because of an overgrown tree; the lines were so faded you could not see them. When I returned a couple weeks later, the tree was trimmed and the lines were freshly painted. My check was not returned but cashed. So I know how you feel. Jo

* * *

Read your column today about the city I've called Royal Joke for exactly the reasons you list. We've made a point of not visiting any business or event there for years because of Royal Joke police reputation for shaking down visitors and residents alike. I've heard numerous stories from residents and non residents about how Royal Joke views every person in as their own personal ATM. Stealing is so much easier than having to work for a living isn't it?

We use to attend the Arts, Eats and Beats festival every year when it was in Pontiac and never had a problem. Haven't been back since it was moved to Royal Joke. We don't attend the Dream Cruise in Royal Joke for the same reasons. Mike P.

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Don, I'm a classic car enthusiast and Woodward Cruiser. I can't begin to tell you how many stories I've heard about tickets and harassment others, like me, are subjected to in Royal Oak. I don't buy gas or food in that city anymore. On average, the typical spectator at the Dream Cruise spends \$75 on gas, food, souvenirs and the like. 1.5 million annual

visitors times \$75 each is more than \$112 million. Most of that being spent right there at its epicenter-Royal Oak. I would think they would appreciate that revenue, but the way we're treated, it is difficult to believe that to be the case.

Another point is the inadequate parking available at Arts, Beats, and Eats. That used to be a favorite festival of mine, but I won't go to Royal Oak to enjoy it and spend my money there. Too many similar ticket-writing-happy police stories abound. It is just a plain old rude town to visit. I'll spend my money elsewhere. Patrick F.

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Same exact thing happened to my husband and myself years ago meeting our friends who lived there, and we haven't been back since -- that was at least 10 years ago. It left a very bad taste in our mouths. Tara N.

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\$75,000.00 in parking tickets are handed out during the Arts, Eats and Beats event each year. Nah that's not about making money is it. Royal Oak city government sucks. Don, what these people are missing, is that you are not bashing Royal Oak, it's their city government you have a problem with. David P.

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It does seem like Royal Oak intentionally tries to get people when it comes to parking. They do have the newer meters, but they also have a lot of old ones, too. I only carry credit cards most of the time and their parking garages happen to be cash only, as well. The time limits on the parking meters are also outrageous considering they know most people are going to dinner, out to the bar, etc. They know people are going to exceed the time limits. Megan S.

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And, finally the only bit of humanity I received:

Don, I live in RO and love it here. We are within walking distance of town. If you will give the town another chance, you can park in my driveway! Or, I'll pay for your parking meter. Tammy R.

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Don Rush

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Check for gas leak

Consumers Energy and Independence Township Fire Department responded to reports of a strong gas odor in and around Sashabaw Middle School, Feb. 26. Inspection of the building and outside areas showed no gas leaks. Consumers workers continued to monitor and measure in surrounding neighborhoods.

Ski injuries

At 8:48 p.m., Feb. 27, a 13-year-old Macomb Township boy fell while snowboarding and hit his head, causing memory loss. He said he was wearing a helmet. His mother said she would take him to the hospital in Macomb.

A 9-year-old Ohio girl was skiing too fast at Pine Knob Ski Resort and ran into a sign, injuring her left shoulder and hand, 2:52 p.m., Feb. 28. Her parents said they would take her to the hospital in their vehicle.

An 8-year-old Independence Township boy collided with another snowboarder, 7:59 p.m., March 1, injuring his left leg. He was treated at McLaren in Clarkston.

Expired license

A 32-year-old Independence Township woman was stopped due to her car not having a license plate light, 8:43 p.m., Feb. 28, at Paramus and Princess Lane. She was cited for driving with an expired license and equipment violation, and given a warning for no proof of insurance.

Pothole damage

Drivers reported a large pothole causing several flat tires at Maybee and Waterford roads, 7:10 p.m., March 4. The pothole, about three foot wide and more than a foot deep, damaged the right front tires and rims of five vehicles. A deputy stayed on the scene until road commission workers arrived and filled in the hole.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Illegal left

A deputy stopped a car for making an illegal left turn into a gas station despite three "no left turn" signs on Sashabaw Road at Waldon, 12:39 p.m., March 2. The driver, an 18-year-old Burton man, was cited for driving with suspended license and given a warning for the prohibited turn. He was also advised and released on a warrant for suspended-license driving in Grand Blanc Township. His passenger, a 19-year-old Independence Township woman, was advised and released on a warrant for possession of marijuana out of 45th District Court.

Coat taken

A 48-year-old Independence Township man left his coat on the back of his chair at a Maybee Road bar to dance, mingle, and hang out with friends. When he was leaving at 2 a.m., March 1, he found it was gone, along with the glasses, wallet, and cell phone which were in it.

Tax fraud

An Independence Township couple's tax return was rejected, March 2. Someone already filed using one or both of their Social Security numbers. They said they were victims of bank fraud in the past.

Identity theft

An Independence Township man was contacted by the Michigan Unemployment Office and discovered someone drew unemployment benefits using his name and Social Security number, March 3. Because

of the fraudulent claim, he was told the state would withhold his income tax return.

Rejected by IRS

An Independence Township man was notified by his accountant his tax return was rejected by the IRS because it was already filed by someone else, March 3. Someone took his Social Security number to file a tax return in his name.

Thefts from unlocked cars

Coins were reported taken from an unlocked car in the 2000 block of Mann Road, March 3.

CDs and loose change were taken from a vehicle parked unlocked on Hunters Creek Boulevard, March 4.

No trucks allowed

A deputy on patrol stopped a commercial truck on Nelsey Road at Andersonville Road, which was posted "no trucks allowed," 9:43 a.m., March 4. The truck's owners were cited for permit violation, and no inspection paperwork on the truck and trailer. The driver said GPS told him to take the route he did, which put him on the no-trucks road.

Trailer taken

A trailer was taken from a business in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, 8:04 a.m., March 5. Several storage trailers full of scrap equipment were also emptied out.

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Youth theater play

The Mt. Zion School of Performing Arts presents "The Wild, Wild, Wildest West," opening this weekend.

"It's so much fun to take your kids back to the old west," said director Diana Stafford. "With three graduating high school seniors in our cast, we have great energy, innovation, and excitement in place to entertain our audiences. Come and enjoy this marvelous tale of the wild, wild, wildest west."

The youth theatre production featuring students in their School of Performing Arts, will be at the Mt. Zion Theatre, 4900 Maybee Road, Thursday-Friday, March 13-14 and 20-21, at 7 p.m., and Saturdays, March 14 and 21st at 1 p.m.

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Undefeated into post season

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves earned their 20th consecutive win for this winter season last Thursday, 66-57, but visitors Rochester Adams didn't make it easy for them.

The Highlanders built a 7-point lead by the time the third quarter reached the four-minute mark after scoring on a 3-pointer.

"I don't care who you are - people who are used to winning are going to fight," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "They are not just going to quit. Our kids showed a lot because we were down seven."

The Wolves began to close the gap with three points from the free throw line with one from senior Andrew Myers and two from senior Merrick Canada.

With less than a minute remaining in the third quarter, Myers connected the ball to junior Tabin Throgmorton, both finishing outside the arc for three points each. The boost put the boys into the lead to finish the quarter, 47-45.

"I just caught it in groove," said Throgmorton. "Luckily I had some teammates to help get me open with Myers driving and Foster Loyer driving. I just happened to hit them."

The Highlanders tied the game at the top of the fourth quarter with a basket from Brandon Barrows and into the lead by one point with a 3-pointer from Joey Ziniti after freshman Foster Loyer scored.

Throgmorton created a 4-point lead with a field goal and two shots from the free throw line at 5:53 and the Wolves remained in the lead for the remainder of the game.

"Tonight was for our seniors and for our coach because we knew he only had one other 20-0 season," Throgmorton said. "This wasn't just for us players but more so for Clarkston. I knew I had to perform. As a team we came together and came back from that deficit. We showed we could overcome."

"Honestly this game was really good for us because they exposed us," said Fife. "Defensively they got a lot of hooks. It's hard to be a critical of a team 20-0 but I thought there are things we can get better at and start listening better."

Myers and Throgmorton both scored 22 points each to lead the team. Throgmorton scored five 3-pointers for the night. Loyer had 15 points for the game.

"Tabin had some big shots no doubt about it," Fife added, "and Andrew kept us in. We

hung together as a team. It was good for us."

Throgmorton added it felt amazing being back since he was out for a month.

"It was a long four weeks waiting, seeing everyone practice and me sitting on the sideline, waiting for this MRI and not knowing what was going on with my knee," he said. "Finally to come back and perform like I did tonight was amazing."

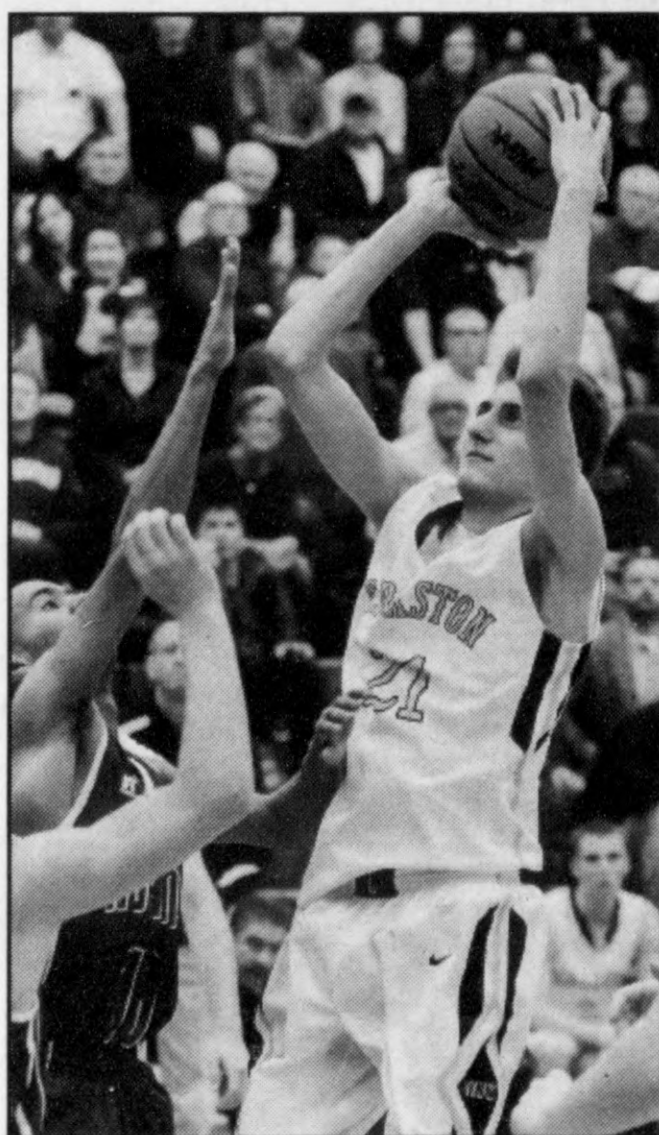
The last time Fife coached an undefeated in the regular season was in 1991.

"These guys can score," he added, explaining the difference between the two teams. "They go a little deeper."

The Wolves also beat Bloomfield Hills before they closed the regular season, 75-39. Loyer led with 16 points as Jonah Newblatt added 14 points and Myers scored 12 points.

They start the MHSAA District playoffs on Wednesday after a bye in the first round. They will play at home at 7 p.m. The finals are Friday, 7 p.m.

"It is another game," said Throgmorton. "We need to be prepared. We need a good week of practice leading up to Wednesday. Practice hard and keep doing our thing."



Tabin Throgmorton shoots past Highlanders' defense. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston High School Boys Swim and Dive team celebrate the end of the regular season as OAA White champions. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Rulers of the water

The Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive team finished their regular season with a stellar ending - winning the Oakland Activities Association White League Meet, Feb. 27.

During the night they had three relay teams qualify for the state finals and had had three swimmers qualify for the finals in their events.

"It was a team win," said Kenwyn Chock, head coach.

The entire season was great for the Wolves as they went undefeated, 8-0. They were undefeated in the league with six wins over North Farmington, 117-68; Stoney Creek, 108-77; Rochester, 116-70; Farmington Hills Harrison, 122-61; Oxford, 123-63; and West Bloomfield, 94-92.

The big win for the boys was against West Bloomfield when it came to the down to the final event - the 400-yard freestyle relay event where the team of Matthew Culver, Dalton Pokley, Isaac Keer and Drew Vassilakos finished in first place. They scored just enough.

"It was a big win," said Chock. "It was awesome. It was two undefeated teams going against each other. We were really closely matched. It didn't matter how we

put our line up. I knew their strengths and they knew our strengths."

They also defeated Avondale, 133-52, and Lake Orion, 107-79, in non-league meets.

The team is led by senior captains Christian Keer, Patrick McGinty and Dalton Pokley. The team includes juniors Stephen Allen, Jack Bacon, Ian Benson, Alejandro Cordoba, Matthew Culver, Isaac Keer, James Nelson, Andrew Vassilakos; sophomores Benny Benson, Brandon Carter, Bobby Hallett, Conner Malone, Luke Oldford, Gino Pacifico, Andrew Ross, Matthew Sanker, Michael Sanker; freshman Ryan Hardtke, Cody Taylor and Brady Wilson.

Allen, Ian Benson, Carter and Hardtke dive for the Wolves.

The boys compete in the MHSAA Division 1 Swim and Dive Championship this Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. The prelims are held on Friday and finals are held on Saturday.

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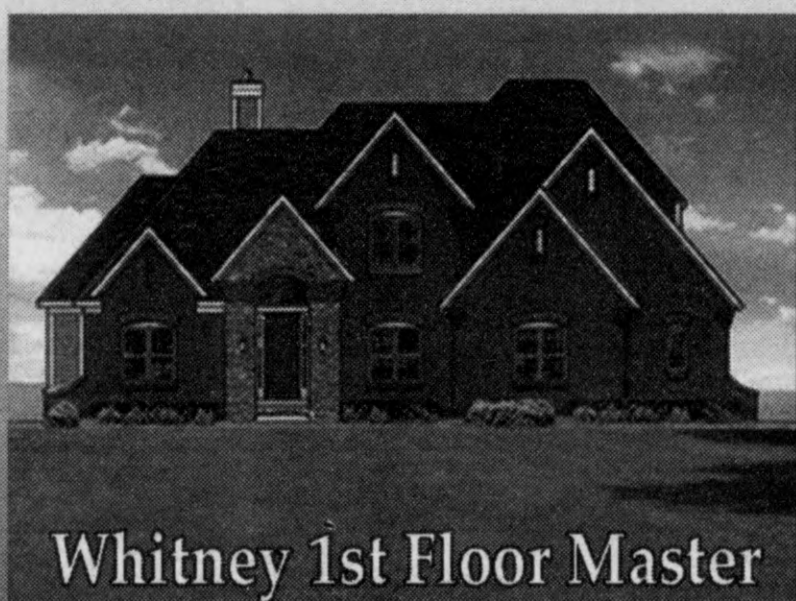


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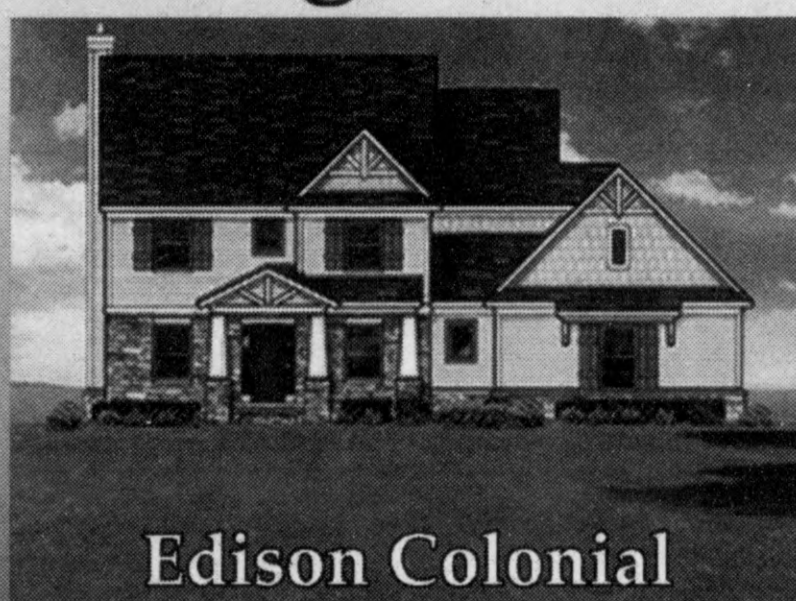
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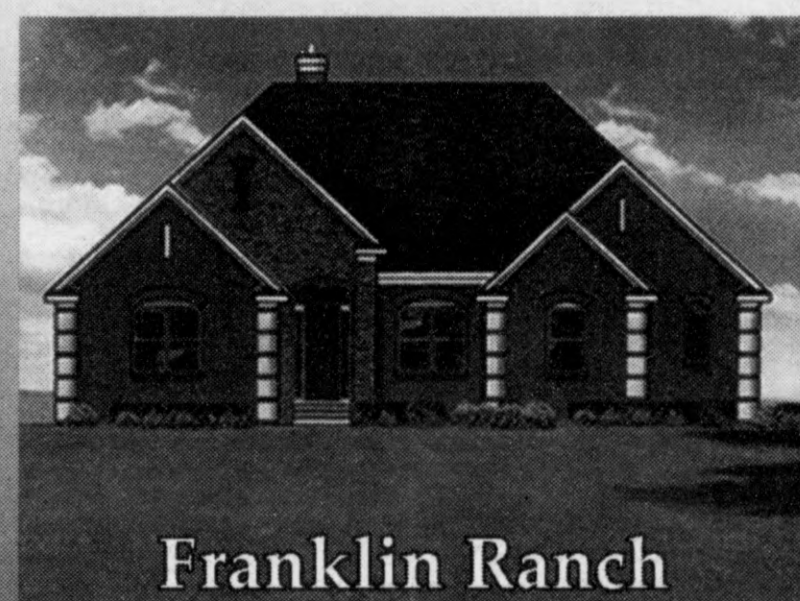
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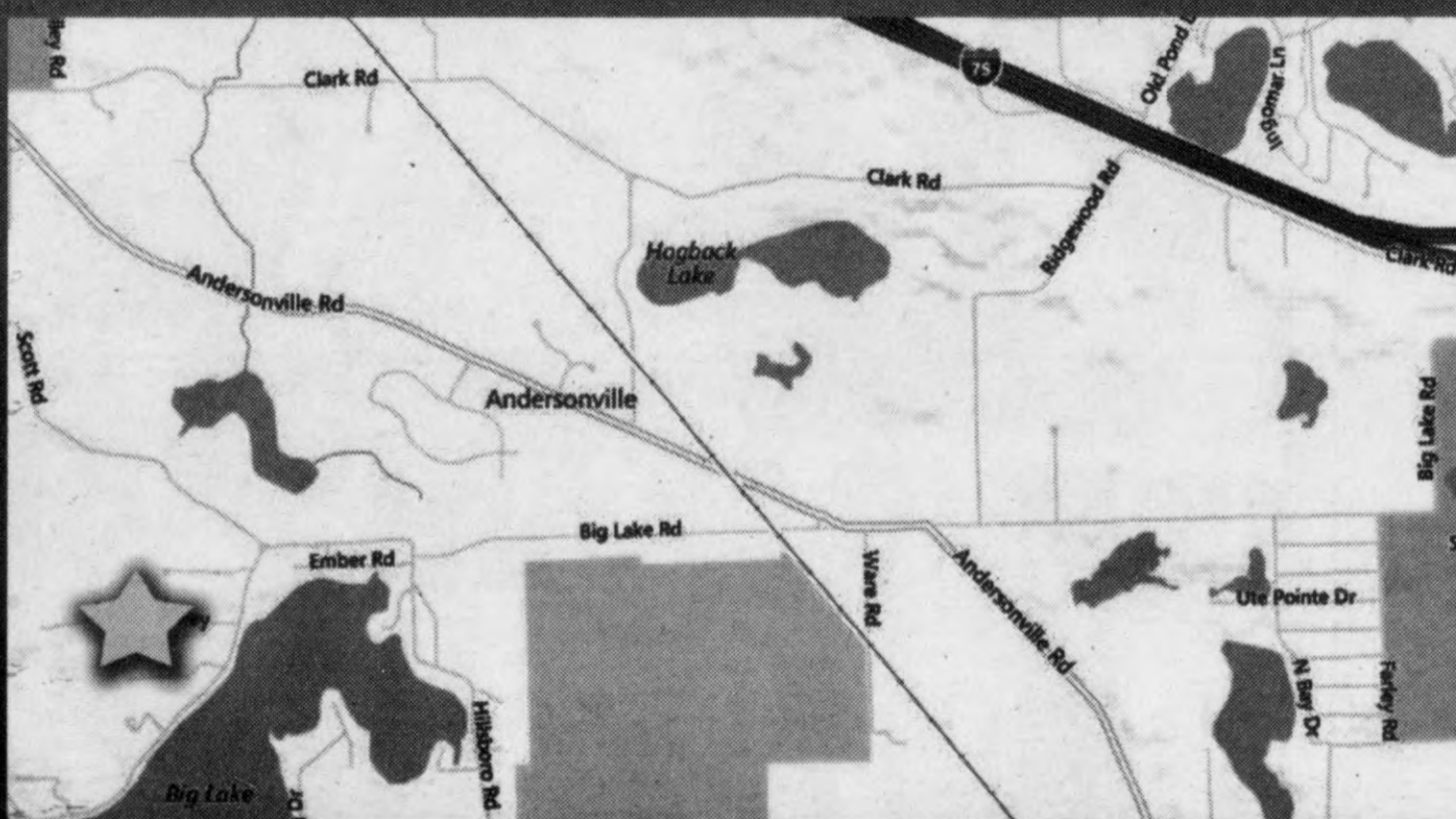


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Lessons learned on the ice this season

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers ended the season in the MHSAA Pre-Regionals with a loss to crosstown rivals Lake Orion on March 3, 4-1.

"Overall we played well," reflected Bryan Krygier, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Hockey. "We played hard. We took it to them for the most of the game. They were focused and played a physical game and took it to Lake Orion."

Lake Orion scored two points in one power play with two shots from Ryan Szydlowski.

"We made two mistakes and gave indirect passes and indirect turnovers to their top player," Krygier said. "He capitalized on it."

The Dragons scored in the second period with a goal from Marc Kerchner.

Junior forward Riley Peickert put the Wolves on the board in the third quarter on a five on three goal to put the score 3-1.

"We tried to make an extra run at it and put an extra guy on the ice," Krygier said. "They made a goal out of it. For all purposes if we hadn't made those mistakes it would have been a 1-1 game. It would have been a different game if we hadn't made the

mistakes on the power play."

The boys made 23 shots on the net.

The Wolves finished the season with a 11-15 record after starting slow.

"It was a learning experience for the 14 new players we had who had never played varsity hockey before," Krygier said. "I don't think they knew and were ready for the varsity competition of the varsity level of the teams we see throughout the state."

"Once they got into the season and once started practicing they started to improve, they started to learn how they should be playing and what they should be focusing on. It took us some time and we did improve throughout the year even though we did have lapses here and there. Overall they improved and they became better players and they will be better off for it next year."

It was the last game for 11 seniors Brendan Barrow, Austin Fullmer, Drake Gentile, Danny Grohs, Shayn Lindquist, Matt Johnson, Dane Pipia, Joe Popp, Jack Selke, Justin Selke and Dylan Smith.

Popp played all for years for the Wolves and was one of the captains.

"He improved every year and

instrumentally brought energy to the team," Krygier said. "He is an excellent academic student. You couldn't ask for a better person on and off of the ice to be part of the Clarkston Hockey program. He is a class act when it comes to hockey."

Gentile also led the team as a captain and with scoring.

"He led by example on the ice," Krygier said.

He added with defense Fullmer led and was with the program for three years.

"He was steady out there. We were able to put him out there every other shift in order to keep teams at bay and deflect shots off our goaltender," he said. "I think he contributed leadership on that expect. It was a big help."

Krygier added a lot of the seniors were new to the team and had a learning curve to catch up to.

"They did a good job and came around during the second half of the season," he said. "They knew what was expected. I was pleased. It's mixed emotions—I want to win every game and put our best foot forward but this team ended up 11-15 and back at 500 for part of the season which was nice because we were working hard. I think they came around and showed very good effort for us."

The Wolves have 11 returners coming back for next season with freshmen Nick Terry, Ethan Wilczynski; sophomores Gavyn Eisert, Nick Grohs, Brennan Vargas; juniors Kort Highducheck, Craig Moster, Riley Peickert, Trevor Propson, Jagar Smith and Justin Stasevich.

Krygier will not be back next year as he is moving on a new venture. See the story in an upcoming edition of *The Clarkston News*.



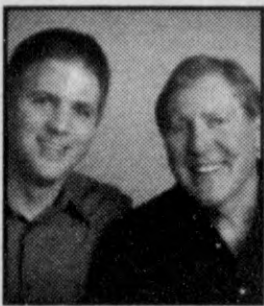
Junior Riley Peickert closes in on Lake Orion's net in the Wolves game against their crosstown rivals, Feb. 21. Photo by Larry Wright



The Jungle packs the seats at Detroit Skating Club to cheer on the Wolves in their Pre-Regional game, March 2. The team thanks all the fans for their support this season. Photo by Laura Popp

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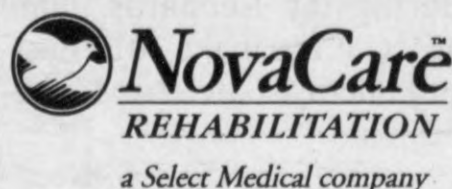
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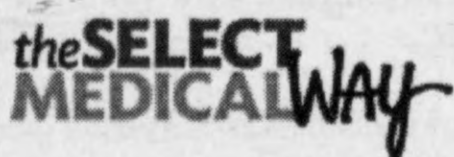
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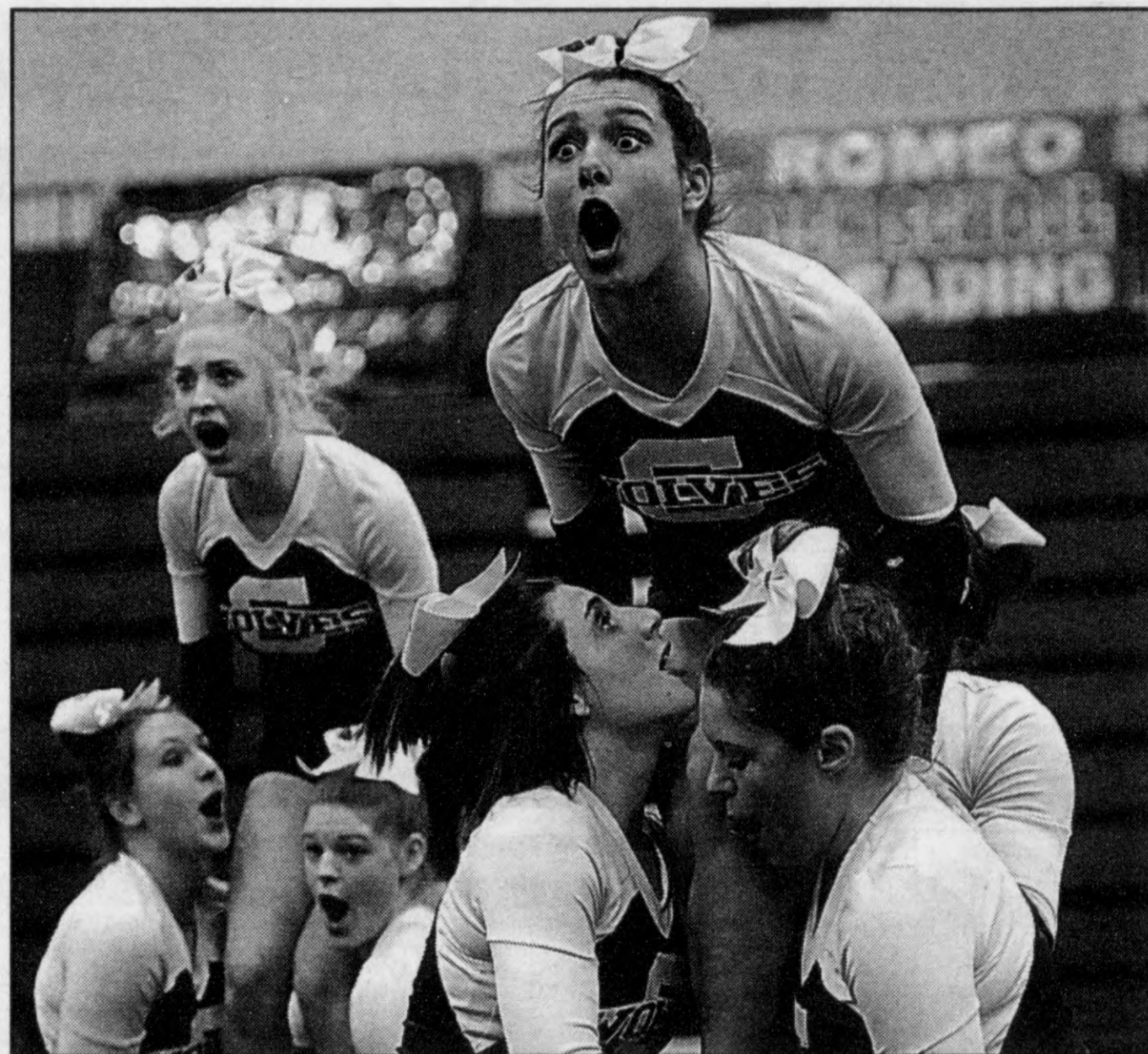
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The Lady Wolves compete in the MHSAA District meet at Lake Orion High School, Feb. 21. Photo by Dan Shriner

Season finished at regionals

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team finished their season at the MHSAA Cheer Regionals with a sixth finish.

The girls scored a total of 773.22 points with 229.3 in the first round, 224.92 in the second round and 319 in the third round.

The Lady Wolves are seniors Katie Brewer, Gabby Carusello, Rachel

Christensen, Katie Clements, Kayleigh Goodrich, Katie Hubregsen, Kaitlyn Milano, Tyler Pearce, Rachel Rooks, Shelby Weiler; juniors Brianna Callahan, Bailey Carter, Rebecca Milano, Alex Ottman, Alyse Richards, Lauren Scott, Elizabeth Sheill, Julia Smail, Halley Sosnowski and Sydney Steger.

University notes

Clarkston High School graduate **Matt** and **Nick Vandermeer** are heading to the NCAA Division II National Championships for Lake Erie College this week.

They both competed in the Super Region II Championships on Feb. 28 to qualify.

All-American Matt, who is All-American, finished in second place in the 165-pound weight class for his second appearance. He defeated Wally Figaro of Shorter University in overtime, 4-3, to advance to the region finals.

Nick entered the Region 2 Regional unseeded. He lost his first match but battled back and won four. He finished in fourth place after losing the third place match. He won by a major decision 11-2 against Trevontay Rhodes of Anderson College. It is his first appearance at the NCAA Championships.

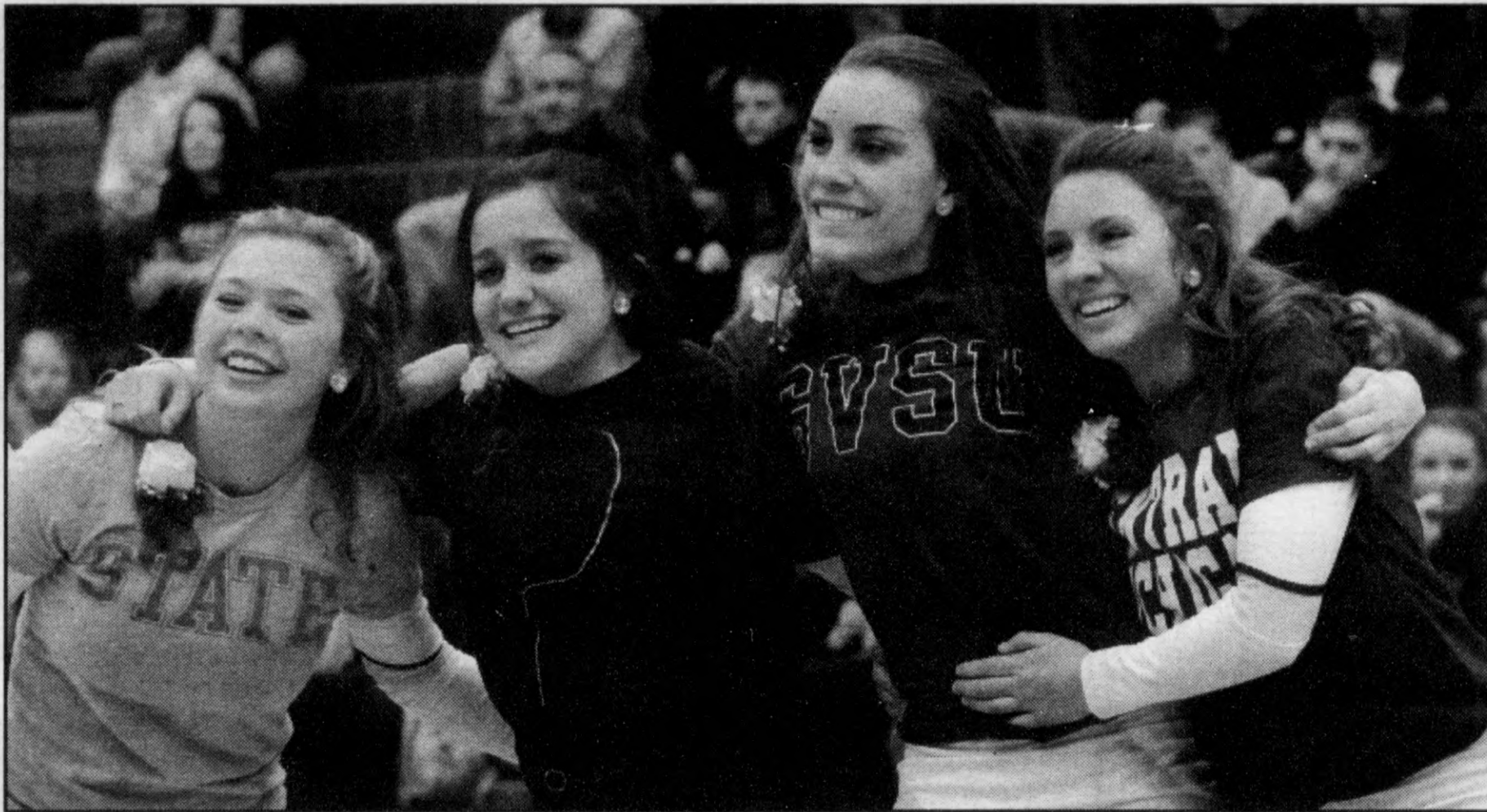
Both were state champions in their respective weight classes for Clarkston.

Clarkston High School graduate **Adam Frank** scored for Wentworth Institute of Technology hockey team on Feb. 28 during the Leopards game against Curry College in the 2015 Eastern College Athletic Conference Northeast Tournament.

Frank's goal was the third consecutive shot scored for Wentworth in the third period, making the game 6-4. He made his goal at 14:21 off a pass from Brian Farkas. Frank is a junior at Wentworth.

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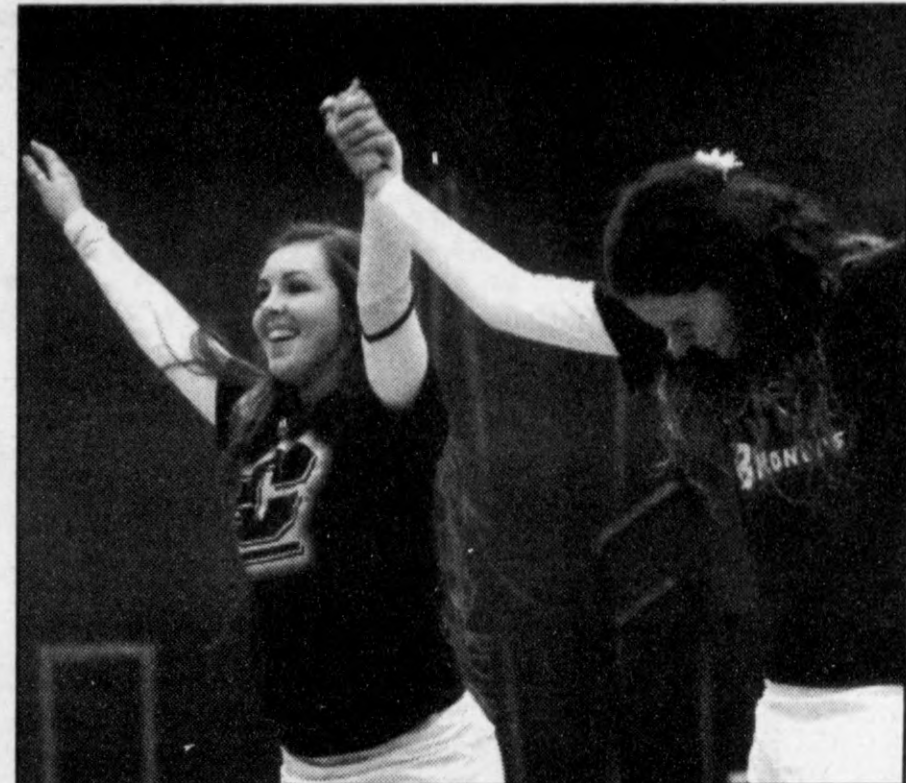
From left Megan Frick, Angela Sedano, Elise Cameron and Lauren Baenziger share one more hug and smile with Clarkston fans. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Final dance for Lady Wolves

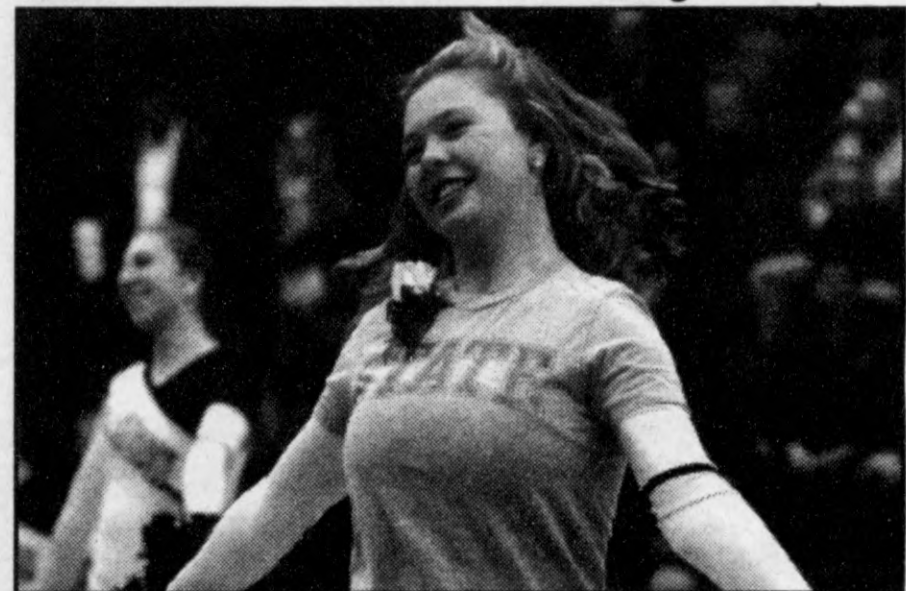
It was bitter sweet as Clarkston Varsity Dance team bid farewell to six of their seniors during last Friday's half time show. Lauren Baenziger, Elise Cameron, Megan Frick, Angee Kerr, Angela Sedano and Mikaela Smith picked up their pom

poms one more time and smiled in front of the Clarkston fans to share one more dance.

They also let fans know the colleges they are heading to in the fall by donning their college's spiritwear.



Mikaela Smith and Angee Kerr take their final bow at the end of their dance. Below: Megan Frick



Genisys Credit Union Advises Consumers to Avoid These Mistakes When Purchasing a Home

With home prices and mortgage interest rates reaching historic lows, you've probably listened to friends', families, and coworkers' advice, many of whom are encouraging you to take advantage of this time and buy a home. However, you may still wonder if buying a home is the right thing to do. Having reservations is normal, but the more you know about buying a home, the less daunting the entire process will be. Genisys Credit Union, which provides services to anyone who lives or works in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan, would like to help you avoid the top five mistakes when taking the necessary steps to becoming a home owner.

1. Not researching the mortgage lender. It is necessary to research the lender you will be working with to ensure that this company is reputable and offers the programs that help first time homebuyers.

2. Not getting pre-approved for a mortgage. Applying for a mortgage pre-approval will help you set a budget when looking for a home. This might also help clear up any credit or income concerns that will save an abundant

amount of time shopping for the perfect home.

3. Allowing enough time to close on a house. The entire process of buying a home and obtaining a mortgage can take some time. Specifically, closing on a house can take upwards of a month. You will want to make sure a l l o w e n o u g h time to, get p r e - approved, shop for a home, and t h e n complete the final mortgage closing process.

4. Not getting the home inspected before closing. It is important to have an inspection done prior to closing on a house to ensure that you are aware of any repairs that may need to be done prior to or in the

future. Those issues may affect your decision to purchase that home.

5. Forgetting to save for your closing and other pre-paid costs. Aside from the down payment, there are often other costs that need to be considered w h e n buying a h o u s e . These can include but are not limited to closing cost, realtor fees, application fees, home owners insurance, escrow start up,

and inspection fee. It is important to factor in these costs when saving for a house and setting a budget.

To alleviate the confusion that first time home buyers may face, Genisys Credit Union is providing free educational classes

covering all of the important topics associated with applying for and receiving a mortgage.

The Genisys Credit Union Mortgage Manager, Steve Heinemann, will be speaking on topics such as: down payment requirements, the different programs available to home buyers, the difference between an adjustable rate (ARM) and a fixed rate mortgage, and the advantages of buying a home over renting. He will also be able to answer any questions attendees may have regarding the mortgage process and will provide an opportunity for attendees to receive a free mortgage pre-approval.

The first seminar of 2015 will be taking place at the Genisys Credit Union Auburn Hills office located at 2100 Executive Hills Blvd. Auburn Hills, MI 48326 on Wednesday, March 18th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend the First Time Home Buyers seminar. Interested parties simply need to register by calling 248-322-9800 ext 3265. As a thank you for attending the Genisys Credit Union First Time Home Buyers Seminar, attendees will receive a coupon for \$250 off an appraisal when they apply for a Genisys mortgage.



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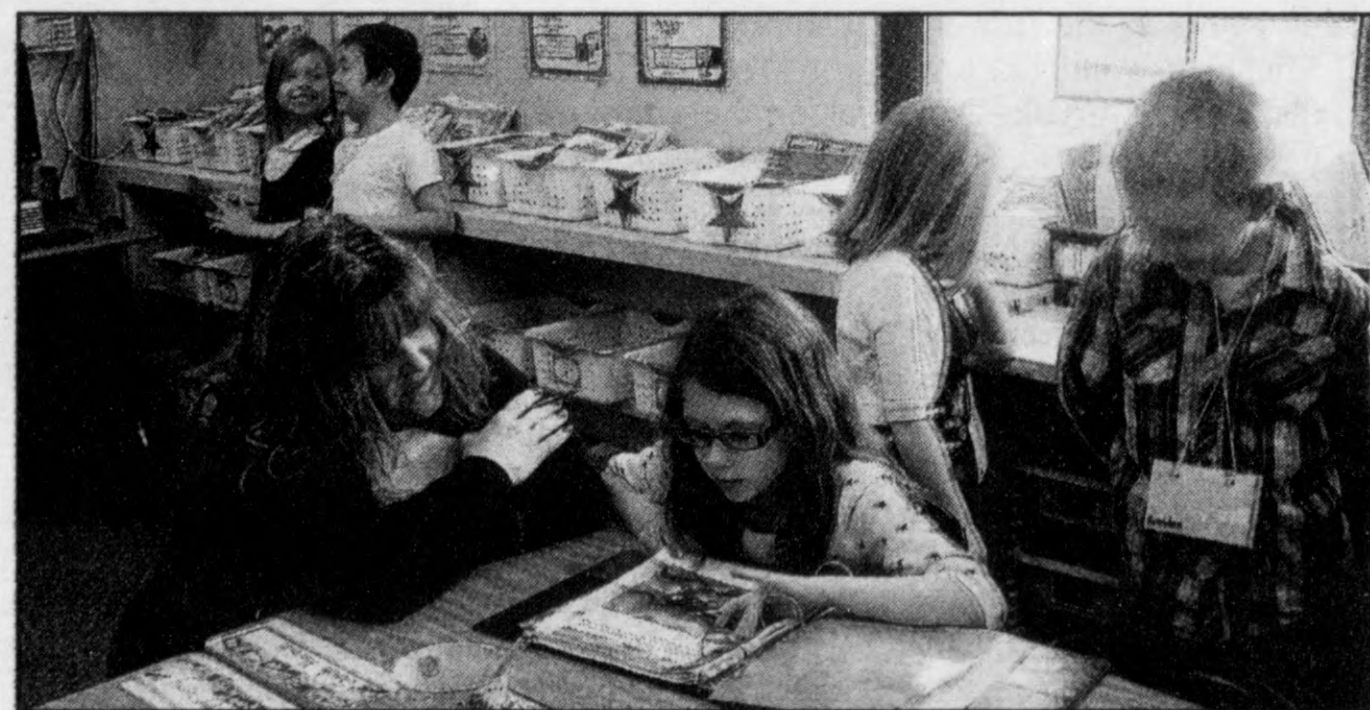
Sierra Flynn-Krebiehl, Gavin Leake, and Ava Aucoin check out some pasted notes about the school *Leader in Me* program.



Emily George documents some learning with a camera.



Ashley Adams explains a wall chart to a visitor.



Sarah Kurzman, Austin Jidas, Alexandria Lemos, Brihanna Carpenter, and Braydon Locke review the year-long learning program.



Holly Kuecken, Elexus Preuss, Malachi Switzer, and Hannah Horton keep track of what they learn. Photos by Phil Custodio

A day to share at North Sashabaw

Students, teachers and administrators at North Sashabaw Elementary were all business as they presented what they learned about *The Leader in Me*, Feb. 26.

"It's a tradition in *The Leader in Me* to have a leadership day, a day to dress up and perform," said Principal Tara Ouellette.

They prepared formal presentations, charts, and exhibits in their classrooms and hallways for parents, district administrators and other visitors during the all-day event.

The school is in its second year, using the year-long school model based on *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.

"I was researching best practices, and a principal in another district informed me of the *Leader in Me* program," Ouellette said. "Students are also very motivated and inspired by it – I wouldn't do it any other way. It's a new way to cultivate leaders and learn how to make a positive contribution to the world."

The program provides a framework for future leaders, she said.

"I've watched our students as they become confident and capable of taking on any task in their lives, to ultimately believe in themselves and do anything they put their minds to," she said.

– Phil Custodio



Lilly Walbridge presents information about the school and program.

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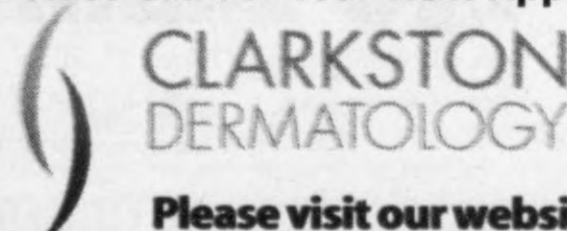
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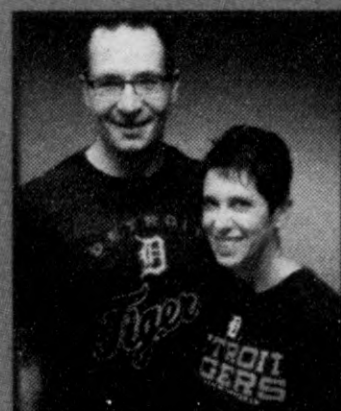
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Rep. Jim Tedder participates in the 4th Annual Legislative Polar Plunge for Special Olympics. Photo provided

Icy plunge for Special Olympics

Temperatures dipped back down into the teens just in time for the 4th Annual Legislative Polar Plunge, March 5, when state Rep. Jim Tedder and more than a dozen other legislators jumped into a swimming pool of frigid water on the Capitol lawn to support the Special Olympics.

The pool they jumped into was transported to the Capitol by Special Olympics Michigan ahead of the event.

"The water was freezing but it was worth it to be able to support an organization that

acts as a champion for respect and dignity to those with disabilities," said Rep. Tedder, R-Clarkston. "Special Olympics in Michigan brings year-round sports and athletic competition to over 20,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities and I am honored to play a small part in supporting them by taking the plunge."

All donations received from the Legislative Polar Plunge go directly to Special Olympics Michigan to help support their activities.

Mountain climb for Clarkston dog rescue group

Paul Barr is dedicating a mountain climbing trek of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, in June to the Canine Companions Rescue Center of Clarkston.

His fundraising goal is \$19,341, or \$1 per each foot of his climb. Donations will be used by the non-profit dog rescue group to buy a metro Detroit area building to house and care for rescued animals, primarily dogs and puppies, gathered from Michigan and Ohio animal control facilities, kill-shelters and other sources.

Volunteers foster most rescued animals in their homes, but the group rents kennel space when it has more dogs than foster homes.

"By purchasing our own building, it would save the kennel rental costs, and allow

our own volunteers and staff to care for our animals until they find their forever homes," said Barbara Hoffner, volunteer. "We are a no-kill organization, so the animals we take in stay with us until homes are found for them."

Barr's Go Fund Me page is at www.gofundme.com/kilimanjaroforcrc.

We are asking folks that use social media to post this to their Facebook and Twitter accounts and to share this information with family and friends to assist Paul Barr in reaching his very ambitious goal.

CCRC hosts adoption events every Sunday from 12-4 p.m. at Petco on Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills. You can see more information about CCRC at www.crcdogs.com.

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New way of doing business

By Paul Brown, Treasurer

One of the big advantages being the CFO at a Medical Supply Company before I started public office, was having the good fortune to see firsthand the benefits of a well thought out office automation plan.

Our efforts over the past year to map our processes, benchmark other communities and create an ideal automation process are beginning to bear fruit in a three-tiered approach to handling the thousands of Utility and Tax bills received and receipted in the Treasurer's Office.

The first big change made was becoming an electronic vendor for online bill payments. This means when you pay your Water and Sewer bill using the online bill payment service offered by your bank, the Township receives the payment electronically and securely from your bank.

The second big enhancement is what we call "eBilling Auto Pay". This new process allows the Township to send Water and Sewer bills to you via email and automatically withdraw the payments on the due dates.

While still in its infancy, we collected around \$400 the first month, \$3,600 the second month and over \$7,000 last month. It is hoped this method will become the most popular, as it not just saves a ton of time processing payments, it also cuts expenses by not having to mail 10,000

utility bills every quarter.

The third component of the automation process was to setup a LockBox with the Township's Bank. This was completed in late January and went into use with the February collections.

You may have noticed a new return mailing address on your Water and Sewer bills that were mailed out for February. The new address is for our LockBox. When the bank receives the payments, the payment coupons and checks are all optically scanned, creating a data file that we download daily. This daily download allows us to post these payments electronically vs. by hand.

On our busiest day this month, the LockBox collected over \$100,000 in payments and the Treasury staff was able to post all these payments in less than 5 minutes. The hours saved everyday will really add up to big opportunities over the year, not to mention saving on Band-Aids from all the paper cuts caused by opening hundreds of envelopes.

We're still evaluating these new processes and fine tuning them every day. Once we get things really dialed in, we'll share our plans for utilizing the time savings we're recognizing from the automation.

And, we think we are just scratching the surface!

If you have questions about the automation process or would like help setting yourself up to participate, please give us a call at 248-625-5115. We're here for you.



Paul Brown,
Township
Treasurer

Getting the word out: New 911 texting feature

By Lt. Dirk Feneley,
Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.

The Oakland County Sheriff's office now offers citizens another tool to get them the help they need. In 2014 there were approximately 21,683 attempts to text 911 across the United States with 272 of them in Michigan, according to Telecommunication Systems.

The Text-to-911 program, recently activated, is expected to help citizens in Oakland County in emergency situations where they are unable to call 911. Since the start of the program in January, the Sheriff's Office has received and handled over 50 Text-to-911 text messages.

The Text-to-911 works like any text messaging conversation. Once the text is generated and sent to 911, a Dispatch specialist responds using a web based browser. A simple text of "HELP" or "SOS" is all that's needed to generate a response. Any other additional information is also helpful, such as an address or location where the help is needed. With the help of the wireless providers, dispatchers are able to use GPS for an approximate location. This assists them with connecting you to the proper 911

center where the text is coming from. Dispatch will attempt to obtain important information via text if possible. If the request for help is not in one of the areas patrolled by the Sheriff's Office, it will be transferred from the county dispatch center to the appropriate law enforcement agency to get help on the way.

Verizon Wireless, AT&T, T-Mobile and Sprint customers with plans that allow for texting can currently use the County's Text-to-911 service. The four carriers voluntarily enabled Text-to-911 capabilities last May. The Text-to-911 service offers the ability for people to use a mobile phone or device to send a Short Message Service text message, to reach 911 emergency call takers. Only text messages are able to be received by dispatchers, pictures and videos are currently not an option.

While the Text-to-911 is a valuable option, especially for the deaf and speech impaired, the preferred method is to still call 911 if possible. The dispatchers are able to obtain greater amounts of information in a shorter time, resulting in faster response times from police, fire and EMS personnel.



Doing more with less, fire department thinking creatively

By Mitch Petterson,
Independence Interim Fire Chief

Beginning late this March, the Fire Department will put into action a project to refurbish the two tanker trucks which bring water to fires that occur in areas of the Township without fire hydrants. The two trucks to be refurbished were purchased and placed into service in 1999 and have a 15 year life expectancy in our system. The cost to replace these vital pieces of our fleet of fire apparatus would be approximately \$550,000 per truck -- while the cost of refurbishment will be just under \$200,000 per truck. A pretty significant cost savings considering that by refurbishing these units we

expect to get an additional 10 years of service out of each of them -- all for significantly less than replacement cost for one truck. In other words -- we will be getting 10 additional years of service out of these trucks for under \$400,000 instead of purchasing two new trucks for a total of over 1 million dollars.

The trucks going out for the refurbishment process, Tanker 1 and Tanker 2, look like fire engines -- just a bit larger. The difference in size comes from the additional water carried -- while each of our fire engines carries 900 gallons, each tanker carries 2500. The major components of the

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Sashabaw Road work begins in May

Communications:

We are going to try and shotgun our communications regarding lane / road closers for the construction program in an attempt to reach as many residents as possible utilizing a multitude of media to achieve our goal. We would rather error on the side of driving you nuts with too much information vs. pro-

viding too little information and having you get stuck in a traffic jam during what will be a very tough 2015 commuting season.

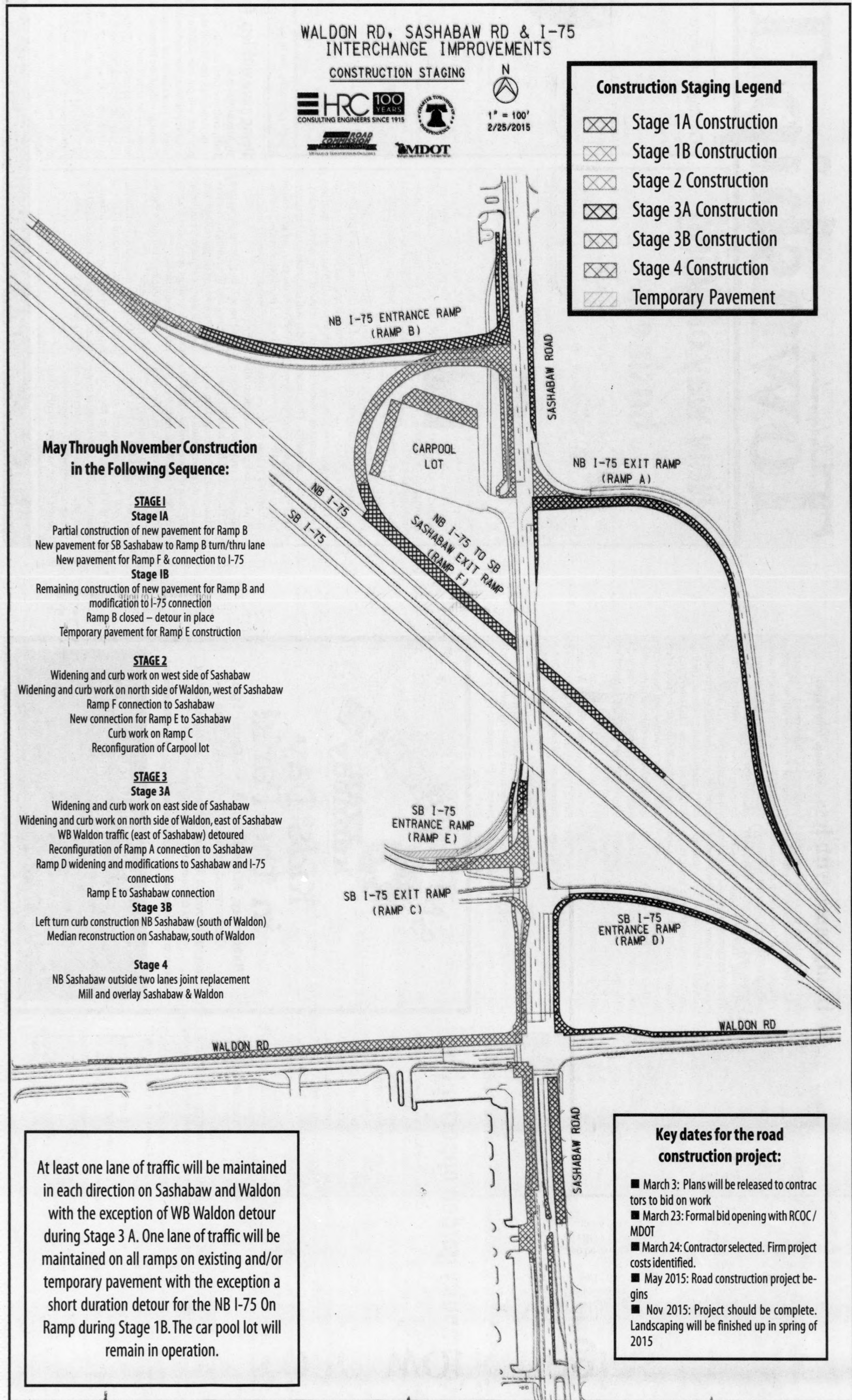
For example:
 ■ Postcards: The Township will be sending out postcards to every township resident 7-10 days before a major lane change or road closing for the construction project.

■ Website: The new Township website will also contain updates on road / lane closures, as well as maps and video excerpts showcasing updates from the road program managers.

■ CCS eBlast: We will also be using the Clarkston Community School eBlast system to notify residents about lane / road closers

and alternative routes as well.

■ Road Side Signage: The Township will also be working closely with MDOT and RCOC to ensure adequate digital signage is used to post changes to road accessibility before lanes are closed or shifted. -- By Pat Kittle, Supervisor





Community garden opportunities

By Kelly Hyer,
Recreation Supervisor

There is a lot of buzz out there about knowing where your food comes from. What if you could say this summer, "all my produce comes right from my garden!" and at the same time, have someone guide you through the whole experience? If this peaks your interest, register now for a plot at the Clarkston Community Garden. Located one mile from Pine Knob, it not only makes gardening easier, but you will have a small village of neighbors growing alongside of you.

There are a total of 100 plots at the Community Garden and all of them will sell out. The 10'x10' plot you will receive is yours through December 31, 2015 and you will have first priority to renew your garden plot at the end of the season. Whatever is grown in this space, will belong to you! Make meals for your family, give away fresh veggies to your neighbors and give any extra to the local food banks the Community Garden donates to. The Garden is surrounded by an 8ft tall deer fence and all plots are very close to a water spigot (and some plots are even watered by an irrigation system). Another perk is that a Garden Manager is available to

answer questions and is able to provide guidance if requested.

Registration Information for the 2015 Share Garden Program

Gardeners will be required to donate (10) hours of their time to the Community Garden in order to remain in good standing. The Community Garden kick off meeting will be Monday, March 30 at 6-8pm. Mandatory new gardener orientation will be held at the Garden pick a day-April 20 or May 18, 6-8pm. Don't miss out on getting your plot, register now! Forms can be downloaded online at www.itpr.org. Completed registration forms can be brought in, mailed in or dropped off to our afterhours drop box. Cost \$25 res/plot and \$35 non/plot and can be made payable by cash, check or charge.

Volunteer opportunities also exist at the Clarkston Community Garden

Come to our kick off meeting (info above) to learn more about some of the options or LIKE us on facebook! Volunteers are needed for: planting, harvesting, weeding, garden projects, fundraisers

For more information, call the Parks, Recreation & Seniors' office at (248) 625-8223.

Doing more with less, continued from Page 1

trucks, the big block diesel engines and the Allison transmissions, are still in great shape -- thanks to our in-house maintenance group consisting of Engineer Bobby Pursley, Engineer Jack Bailey, and Captain Tom McDonald. These three guys have taken on and done a great job with our fleet maintenance and without their hard work refurbishment would likely not be a viable option. A year and a half ago we went through the same process with a fire engine and have been very pleased with the results.


The refurbishment process is actually quite complex. Each individual component of the trucks will be carefully inspected and any deficiencies will be repaired. Mechanically, the fire pump will be broken down, inspected, and repaired and all of the black iron piping that moves water around and into the fire pump will be replaced with stainless steel piping that will inhibit corrosion issues.

The tank and body are removed as part of the process, allowing for closer inspection and repair of the water tank and the replacement of the cradle that holds the tank

in place. The frame rails and suspension systems of the trucks will be inspected, repaired if needed, and painted to protect them from the harsh road elements. In addition, the air conditioning system will be changed over to a modern R-134 system and each truck will have improved scene lighting capabilities with the addition of 12V exterior lighting systems. The trucks will also get all-new LED emergency and scene lighting and the cab and body of each truck will be repainted and receive new graphics. All of the diamond plate surfaces will be replaced with new plating and all compartment doors will be replaced with improved roll-up units.

The work on these trucks will be done by the original manufacturer in Wisconsin, Pierce Fire Apparatus, and the process for each truck will take approximately 100 days. Once the first truck is completed and back in service, the second truck will then be sent out for project completion.

The entire project for both trucks is expected to be completed by December 1, 2015.

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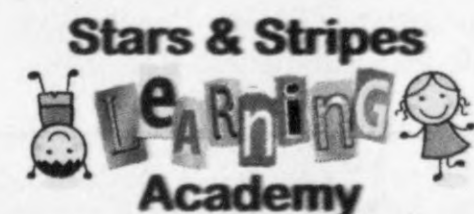
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Chocolate Celebration, 7 p.m., March 11, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Prizes for top three entries. All welcome to sample and vote. Info at indelib.org.

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.

Oakland County Fair Semi Annual Camp Scrap Lock In, March 12-15, fundraiser for Oakland County Fair, Springfield Oaks County Park. www.oakfair.org.

Opening reception for "In the Conservatory," a photography exhibit of the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle in Detroit from 2005-2014 by Amy Lockard, 7-9 p.m., March 13, White House Art Collective, 5840 Dixie Highway. 248-330-9588.

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.

Games after dinner, 5-7 p.m., March 20, Community Presbyterian Church, Waterford. All-you-can-eat chili, corn bread, salad, bake sale. In advance, \$7/adults, \$2/children; at door, \$8/adults. 931-334-0513 or 248-673-7805.

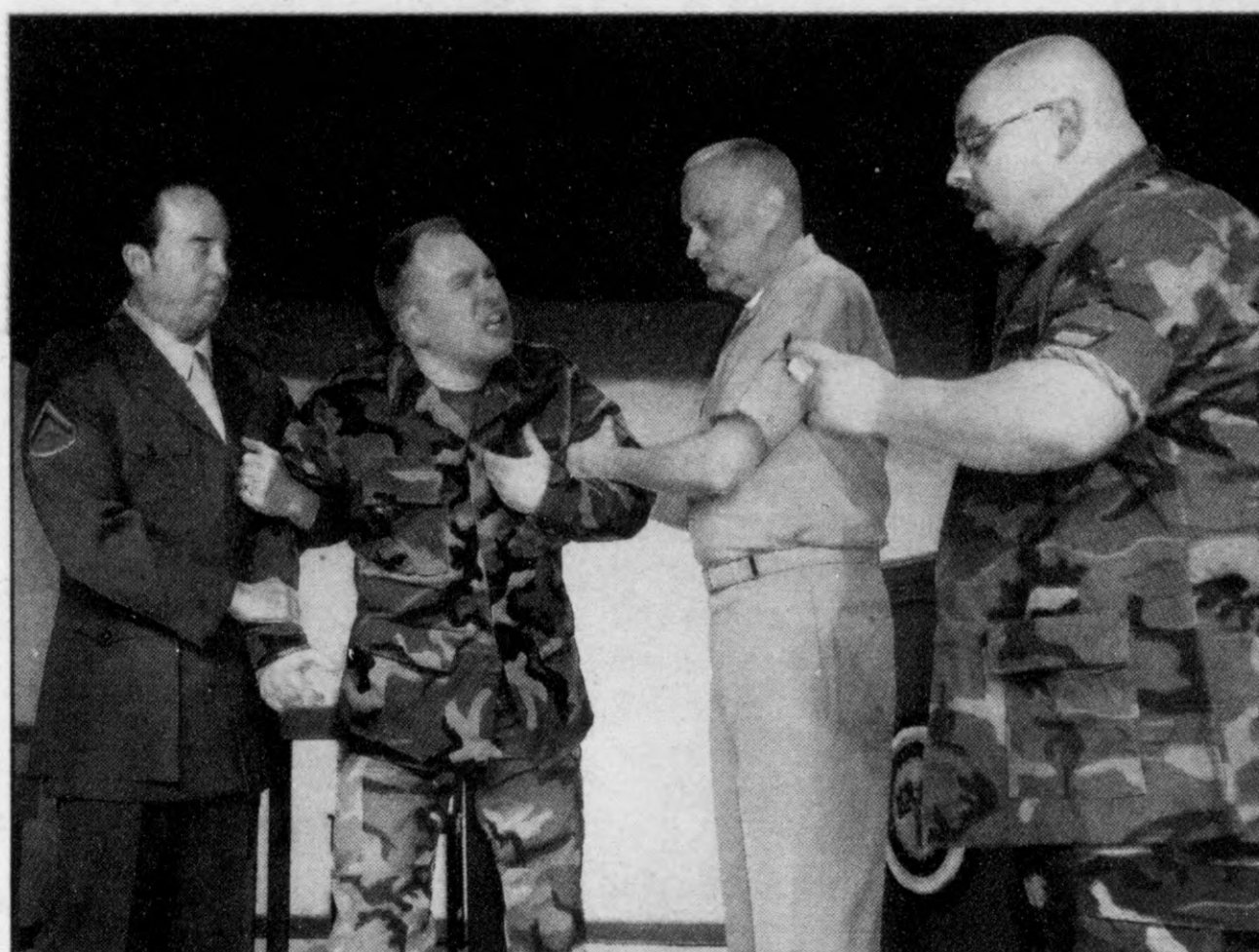
Downton Abbey Afternoon Tea, 2-4 p.m., March 25, Senior Adult Center Carriage House. \$10. Tea, sandwiches, baked goodies, lively discussion, trivia. 248-625-8231.

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.

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.

Around Town

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



From left, Chris Sowers (MP), Dale Dobson (Jessup), James Pike (Aide), Scott Talas (Ross) rehearse a dramatic scene. Photo provided

'A Few Good Men' at CVP

Clarkston Village Players brings Alan Sorkin's Broadway and Hollywood hit "A Few Good Men" to the Depot Theatre.

This sizzling courtroom drama centers around the trial of two Marines for complicity in the death of a fellow Marine at

Guantanamo Bay. Joe Mishler, veteran of the military and the stage, directs a talented cast to bring this gripping tale to life.

Performances are March 13-14, 20-22, and 26-28. For tickets, call 248-425-5842 or visit clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

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.

Edible and Ecological Landscapes with Mark Angelini and Trevor Newman, founders of Roots to Fruits, 7:30-9 p.m., April 1, St. Daniel's Church, Cushing Center Hall, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free, www.northoakland.wildones.org.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,

Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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

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

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway.

Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

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

Tuesday

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

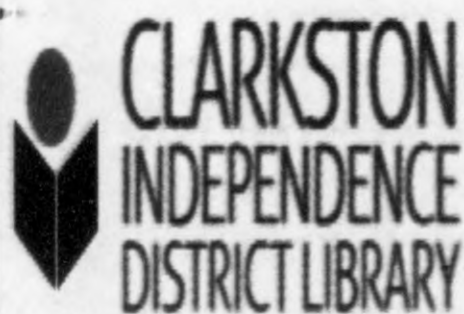
50+ Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Wednesday

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

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

Genealogical consulting with Dr. Thomas K. Stone, Wednesdays, March 25, April 22, and May 20, 10 a.m., Independence Township Please see Around Town on page 38



Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?

Learn about Common Core: Monday, March 23 7:00 pm
Common Core State Standards are all the buzz in education. Join us and learn how to "decode" the language of Common Core along with strategies our children need to succeed in school.

Little Explorers: Friday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.
Come with your little explorer and join us for free-play and hands-on sensory stations. We'll have lots of fun as we explore, create, and meet new friends! Sensory stations may get messy, so dress accordingly. Ages 0-5 with caregiver.

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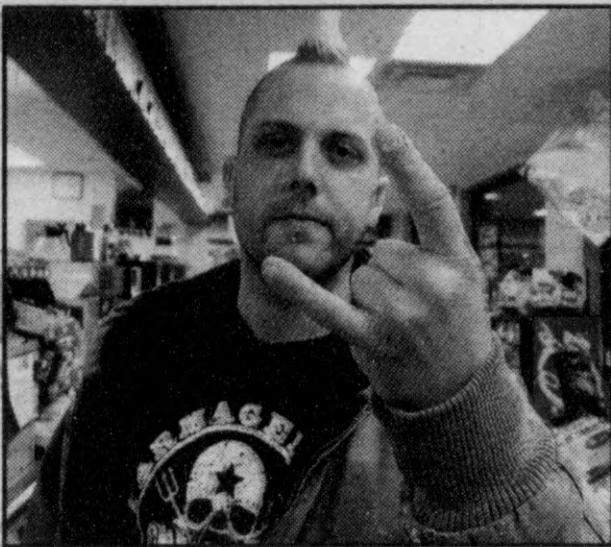
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DIA Presents
Diego and Frida:
Tuesday, March 24
7:00 pm

A presenter from the Detroit Institute of Arts will be here to discuss their new exhibit *Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo in Detroit*. Registration Required.



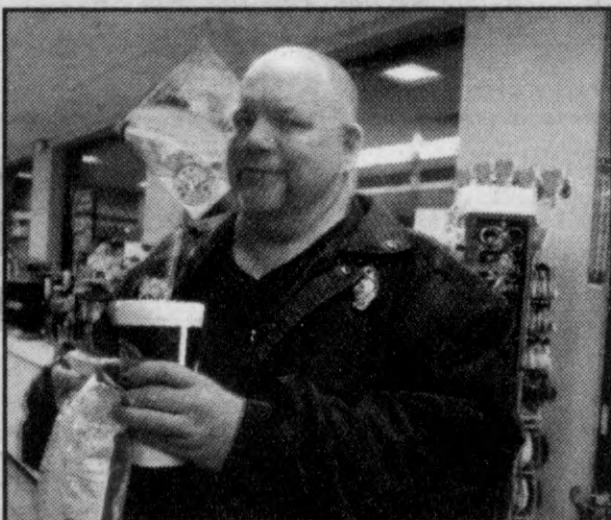
Words of enlightenment?



"Take a deep breath and have a drink."
- Joel Blackman



"I'm a blank disc. Have a pizza."
- Billy G.



"You out me on the spot. Live life to the fullest."
-Mike Mishler



"Baby steps and just put one foot in front of the other."
- Ashley Woods
By Andrea Beaudoin

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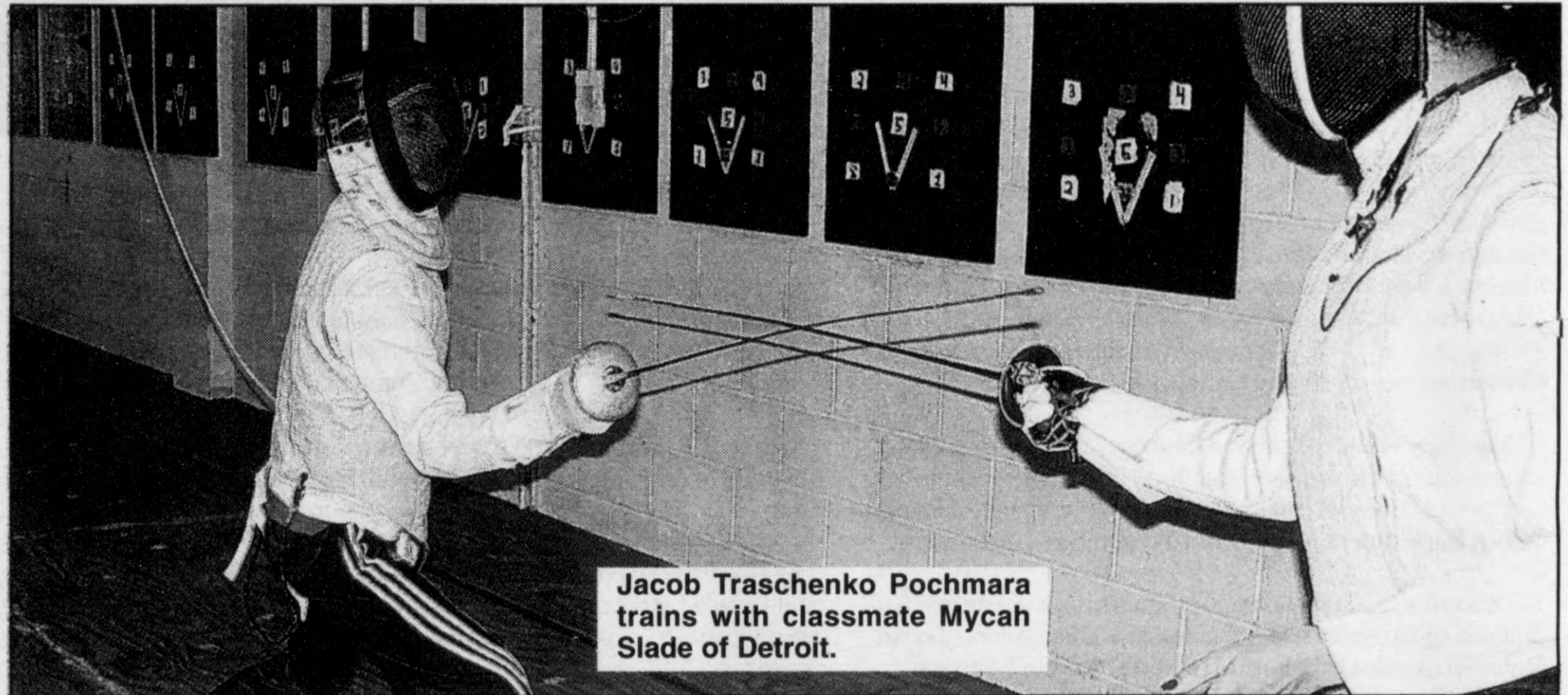
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Jacob Traschenko Pochmara
trains with classmate Mycah
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Fencer finds success

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Jacob Traschenko Pochmara of Clarkston, a visit to the Michigan Renaissance Fair was an inspiration.

"I saw the knights and I thought, 'I want to do that,'" said Pochmara, 14.

The Clarkston Junior High School student stuck with it, and has been studying fencing for the past eight years. He placed in the top 10 in national competition last month.

"I've been training for it for three years - this is the first year I got results," he said. "I had a lot of confidence going in, a lot of mental preparation."

He competed in the Capitol Clash SYC (Super Youth Circuit), Feb. 6-8 at the Gaylord National Hotel and Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland. He earned an eighth place finish out of 58 competitors in Cadet Men's Foil.

He also fenced at the 2014 Michigan Renaissance Festival's tournament, placing first in Y14 and third in senior mixed foil.

"I like it, it's unique - there aren't many activities for you where you can use swords," said Pochmara, whose parents are Ellen Traschenko and Steven Pochmara, and brother, Nicholas. "There's rich history to it. It's one of few sports that has been in every modern day Olympics."

He went to two fencing clubs before finding Renaissance Fencing Club of Troy. He competed at a tournament there, and has been a student there for the last five years.

"They are more competitive, with more interesting training," he said.

Jacob works with Coach Anatolie Senic on footwork, wall target, drills with a partner, and attack and parry during two hour practices, four times a week.

"I've learned to slow down my attack, self



Pochmara, with foil, face mask, and other gear. Photos by Phil Custodio

control, take it slow," he said. He's preparing for Summer Nationals competition with private lessons with coaches, working on competitive fencing, specializing on the foil.

"It's the most intricate, more elegant," he said. "You plan how to evade the blade."

His goals include fencing in college at the varsity level, eventually earning a spot on the U.S. Olympic team, while studying to become a neurologist.

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Students achieve academic success

Spring Arbor University named to the Fall 2014 Academic Honors List include Clarkston students **Haley Foos**, daughter of Mike and Carol Foos of Clarkston, sophomore; and **Aviana Paese**, daughter of David and Lori Thomas of Clarkston, freshman majoring in Health and Exercise Science.

Analicia Honkanen of Davisburg earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Art and Design, Magna Cum Laude from Northern Michigan University, December 2014.

Lana Attar of Clarkston was named to the fall 2014 dean's list at The University of Findlay.

Clarkston students named to the Northern Michigan University Dean's List for the Fall 2014 with a 4.0 GPA include **Erica Haglund**, **Elizabeth Ridge**, and **McKenzie Shepherd**. the Dean's List also includes Clarkston students **Daniel Arpoika**, **Cassandra Carpenter**, **Samantha Clemence**, **Axel Gruenberg**, **Hannah Hawkins**, **Dylan Holtslag**, **Jacob Knotts**, **Elliana Locher**, **Margretta Lundquist**, **Allison Roberts**, **Lucas Runyan**, **Connor Ryan**, **Thomas Sheill**, and **Taylor Tomei**, and Davisburg students **William Gencay**, **Analicia Honkanen**, and **Courtney Konopitski**.

Matthew Bur of Clarkston has been accepted to Ashland University for the fall semester of 2015 and will receive the Director's Scholarship for \$7,000 annually to attend Ashland.

Bur is a senior at Notre Dame Preparatory High School.

Grand Valley State University students on the dean's list for the Fall 2014 semester include Clarkston residents **David C. Arenz**, **Laura L. Ayoub**, **Haley A. Biondo**, **Shannon L.**

Brisse, **Adam J. Bruderick**, **Gavin W. Butler**, **Alexus J. Champion**, **Angela J. Connop**, **Rachel R. Dickerson**, **Macy A. Dobleske**, **Megan E. Doyle**, **Madeline R. Fioroni**, **Denise J. Garbe**, **Alec G. Gildner**, **Katheryn M. Gipe**, **Julia V. Gjebic**, **Shannon M. Goebel**, **Adam D. Goeringer**, **Francesca M. Golus**, **Morgan L. Grainer**, **Dylan J. Hancock**, **Danielle R. Hart**, **Sarah L. Hurd**, **Kelsie C. Ihm**, **Emily S. Karsten**, **Hailey E. Kilbarger**, **Lee J. Martin**, **Darby M. McIntosh**, **Nicholas D. Moore**, **Lindsay D. Myers**, **Amber R. Olson**, **Lloyd M. Orr**, **Stephanie M. Peterson**, **Hannah E. Phillips**, **Ashley E. Piper**, **Jessica N. Poland**, **Nathan P. Shamoun**, **Breana R. Shanburn**, **Zachary W. Skinner**, **Erika E. Snoeyink**, **Quinn N. Sylow**, **Mikayla M. Thibodeau**, **Samantha J. Tonks**, **Jaclyn M. Vanderheyden**, **Brianna M. Vaughn**, **Carley M. Vincke**, and **Anna F. Wozniak**

Danielle Goodloe of Clarkston was named to the Dean's list at University of Tennessee Knoxville for fall semester.

Aaron S. Barber, a 2013 graduate of Clarkston High School, was recognized as a James B. Angell Scholar for his three consecutive terms of all A's at the University of Michigan. He attends the school of engineering/Computer Science.

Allison Ullrich of Clarkston was named to the Olivet College 2014 fall semester Dean's List with a 4.0 grade point average

Claire Beverly Huttenlocher of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2014 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Huttenlocher is enrolled in the university's College of Arts and Sciences.



Donald and Beverly

Couple celebrates 65 years of marriage

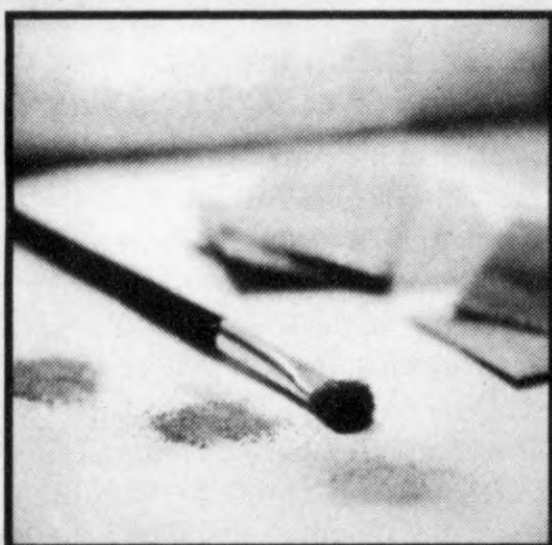
Donald and Beverly Short of Fenton, originally from Clarkston, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on March 13.

Donald and the former Beverly Ann Hoskins were married in Pontiac on March 13, 1950. They have four children, Danny (Caron) Short of Goodrich; Cindy Keshavarz of Deltona, Fla.; Donald (Leslie) Short of Ortonville; and Lesley (Robert) Hardenburg of Grand Blanc. They also have 12 grandchildren and 17 grandchildren.

Hey Clarkston! What's up at your library?

Where's It Hanging? Keys to Selling More Art

Thursday, March 26, 7:00pm



Are you tired of showing at art fairs and events? Bored stiff as the hours pass; smiling at so many gawkers; talking to the interested-but-not-committed; and then closing on fewer pieces than anticipated? If you are, then do something about it! SCORE Director Steve Feinman will present a fun interactive workshop that will give you proven tips to help your creative work find a warm and cherished home. Registration Required.

Whispering Pines Petting Zoo: Monday, March 30 7:00 pm

Whispering Pines Mobile Zoo is a mobile exhibit that travels all over Michigan. They have a variety of animals from around the world. From farm animals to exotic animals - it's a zoo on wheels that's fun for everyone!

APPY Hour: Wednesday, April 1 6:00 pm

Do you have a few favorite APPs on your smartphone or other device(s) that you love? Are you looking for an APP that can help make your life or job easier? Please join us for the APPy Hour program, where we review tips for helpful APPLICATIONS and enjoy APPetizers while we learn! Registration Required.



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Religion

Events Preaching

Lent is a time of fresh beginnings

Here is my favorite Lent joke:

A pastor is walking to his car late one evening on his way home from church when someone sneaks up behind him, pokes a knife against his back and says, "Give me all your money!"

As the pastor opens his jacket and reaches into his inner pocket to get his wallet, his pastor's clerical collar is exposed. Upon seeing it, the would-be robber says, "Oh, I'm sorry pastor; I don't want YOUR money."

Shaken but relieved, the pastor takes a candy bar from his pocket and offers it to the man who replies, "Oh no pastor, I can't take that - I gave up chocolate for Lent."

Do you think he might have missed the point of Lent? I believe this church season can be a time of real growth and heart transformation, if we are open to it and give our relationship with God some attention.

Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday will culminate at Easter, and covers a period of 40 days, a count which does not include Sundays, which are always celebrations of Jesus' resurrection.

Lent originated in the very early days of the Christian Church as a time of intense preparation for Baptism at Easter sunrise. For all of us today it can be a time of repentance (returning to God), and renewed spiritual devotion. Some people fast, or "give something up" for Lent, such as a favorite food or TV, as a way of focusing attention on God.

The idea is that as we crave the item given up, we are reminded of our primary dependence upon God's grace and love for us. Other spiritual disciplines often practiced during Lent include renewed devotion to Bible study and prayer, generous giving to those in need, and, my personal favorite,

making a commitment to commit at least one random act of kindness each day.

All of these things can draw us closer to God, but they don't make God love us any more than he already does. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

It is interesting that the word Lent comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word for "spring-time."

That seems to fit well, as Lent can certainly be an occasion for springtime-like renewal of faith. However just as winter never seems to give up to spring without a fight, so too our lives of faith can be a struggle. Our good intentions to grow soon collide with the realities of a too-busy world.

The sin and brokenness of our lives and world comes out even when we don't want it to. We are not alone, as we learn from Paul who wrote in the Bible, "For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do." (Romans 7:19)

The Good News is that everyday we have a fresh start - a new opportunity to receive and live in God's grace. God never gives up on us. And the really neat thing is that when we do spend some real time with God, we do grow to become more the way God intended us to be all along.

My favorite description of God's desire for the character of our lives is from Galatians 5:22-23 where Paul writes, "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

That's the way God made us and wills for our lives to look. Lent is for me a time to partner with God so that I allow him to grow my character in these ways - and I must admit I do have growing to do for my life to look that way every day.

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is senior pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

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

Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

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• Death notices & • Obituaries

Neil J. Ashley, 69

Neil J. Ashley of Cheboygan, formerly of Clarkston and Waterford, passed away March 6, 2015, at age 69.

He was the father of Rich (Amy) Ashley, Joe (Jennifer) Ashley and Angie (Matt) Felts; grandpa of Mandy, Clark, Elizabeth, Samuel, Charlotte and Jacob; brother of Martin (Judy); uncle of Patrick (Aniko) and Jeff; great uncle of Ellie and Mae; preceded in death by his parents Waldo and Charlotte.

Neil graduated from Waterford Township High School in 1963 and attended Northern University.

He formerly worked as a journeyman electrician for Pontiac Motors Plant 6 and later retired in 1996 as Assistant Chief/Fire Marshall after serving for 26 years at Independence Township Fire Department.

He was a proud member of N.R.A., an avid civil war/history buff and collector, especially of die-cast models, old cars, WWII planes and ships.

Funeral service, Wednesday, March 11, at 12:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Pine Lake Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Michigan State Firemen's Association Firefighter's Memorial. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Karen Sue Heuser, 80

Karen Sue Heuser, "Suzy," of Clarkston passed away March 5, 2015, at age 80.

She was the loving wife of Sig for 58 years; loving mother of Catherine Austin and Siegfried Kurt (June) Heuser; beloved grandmother of Elizabeth, Helen, Ann (Mike) Wahl and Louis Austin; proud great grandmother of Thomas.

Suzy enjoyed raising her family and spending time in her garden.

Visitation was March 8 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private Interment, White Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

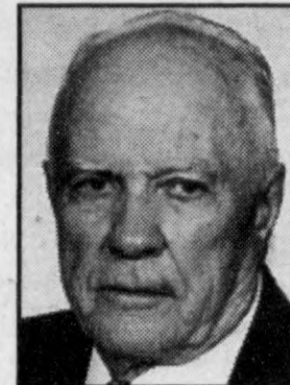


Burnell A. McAllister, 99

Burnell A. McAllister, "Mac," of Waterford passed away March 6, 2015, at age 99.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 74 years Mildred "Millie." He was the beloved father of Sharon McAllister, Jean Kanehl, Rick (Lynn) McAllister and Kim McAllister; grandfather of six and great grandfather of three; brother of Donna Brawner.

Funeral Service was March 10 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private interment White Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Philip M. Tossey, 61

Philip M. Tossey, "Phil," of Pontiac passed away unexpectedly March 2, 2015, at age 61.

He was the loving husband of Patricia; father of Aaron (Madelyn) Tossey, Danielle Bacon (Richard), Valerie Tossey, Lauren Tossey (Patrick) and Maureen Tossey (Nestor); grandfather of Timothy, Elizabeth, Daniel, Johnathan, Wyatt, Jesse, Kahvi, Katriana, Luna, Tristan and Maximus; brother of Janet (the late Richard) Rosegart, Judith (Michael) Dengate, Michael (Betty) Tossey, Steven (Ruth) Tossey and the late Barbara (late Patrick) Nealer; also survived by many extended family and friends.

Phil was employed with General Motors. Funeral Service was March 7 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



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Explore education issues at Expo

Heading into the Body, Mind, Green Community Expo, sponsored by the Clarkston Community Schools, the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, and McLaren Clarkston, my mind is focused on the whole child.

I am thinking about what it means to be a kid in Clarkston.

As I have contemplated this topic, I have had several conversations with educators and community members.

We have discussed the idea that student achievement is dependent upon much more than the knowledge a child holds in his/her brain. It is a matter of the *whole child*—safety, health, challenge, support, and engagement.

When any element is absent, the child—and indeed any person—is at risk. And since a child's life extends well beyond the school day, it is the shared responsibility of the school system, families, and the community to educate children.

This is what it means to be a kid in Clarkston.

Harvard University researcher and author, Ron Ritchhart wrote, "We learn a lot from making mistakes, pushing ourselves out of our comfort zone, and taking risks to try new things. Regularly encountering challenges, mistakes, and failure builds a growth mindset and develops intellectual resilience."

It is important that we as educators and parents help our students/children encounter "productive struggles" (Adam Scher) as part of their daily living and learning.

We want our students to engage in learning in a range or zone that is challenging for them. We want our children to play, think, read, and

converse in areas that stretch their thinking.

And, play is very important in the lives of our children. In play, and particularly unstructured (e.g., play where children and not adults set the rules) play, children develop essential social skills.

They figure out how to interact with others, learn boundaries, and discover their passions. Absent play, children struggle.

Ritchhart goes on to say, "When your child encounters difficulties, don't jump in to solve the problem and rescue him/her. Instead, ask questions that will help him/her to think through the problem, identify, and choose a course of action for moving forward."

A response as simple as, "What makes you say that?" can do the trick. In so doing, we help build confidence, courage, and neural networks in our children.

And, we know that the challenging of the mind does not stop at the end of childhood, it continues through life. So, learning new things is also essential for adults of all ages.

I look forward to sharing more on these ideas at the Body, Mind, Green Community Expo on March 12 at 6:00 at Clarkston High School and in our new Public Television series, *Be a Kid in Clarkston*, which is hosted by local therapist, Angela Avery.

Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

Ribbon cutting for book shop

Helen Clark of Clarkston will officially cut the ribbon on her 15-month-old business, Mums Book Shop, at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11. The book shop, which is located at 4620 Dixie Highway, Suite C in Waterford, represents Clark's lifelong dream of owning and running a book shop.

"I wanted to give the readers in our community a local source for new and used books," said Clark. "I couldn't have asked for a better reception from Clarkston and Waterford. Everyone has been quite supportive."

Clark intends to establish reading groups and host local author lectures to bring the joy of reading a "real, live book" to as many

Clarkston and Waterford residents as possible.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce presents the Body, Mind, Green Community Expo this Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Clarkston High School with free admission.

The event includes a keynote in the auditorium from Dr. Rod Rock, superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools, and Deanna Hart, Patient Navigator at McLaren.

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FILE NO:
2015-361, 301-DE
Estate of Mary Mole, Deceased. Date of birth: January 27, 1929
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Mole, died Decem-
ber 18, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate
will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, personal
representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate
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March 6, 2015
Munger & Associates, P.C.
Jon B. Munger P54736
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Clarkston, MI 48346
248.618.1200

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
MARCH 3, 2015

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

Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Se-
niors Director; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Lt. Dirk
Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Mitch
Petterson, Interim Fire Chief; Randal Ford, Hubbell, Roth
& Clark, Inc.; Todd Sneathen, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended (reversing
the order of Regular Business Items 4 & 5)

- CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled
- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee
Schroeder
- PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Report: Planning Commission Update (Ronald
Ritchie, Planning Commission Board of Trustee
Liaison)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meet-
ing Minutes of February 17, 2015
- Approval of the Payroll of February 27, 2015 and
Check Run of February 25, 2015 for a Total
Amount of \$1,001,611.20
- Approval of Budget Amendment (DPW) - Addi-
tion of Funds to FY 2015 Budget
- Ratification of 1st Reading - Versa Planned Re-
zoning Overlay Project

- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
None

- REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Amendment of the 2013-2015 Law Enforcement
Services Agreement with Oakland County
Sheriff's Office
- Approval of 2015-2018 Fire Dispatch Service
Agreement with Oakland County Sheriff's Office
- Acceptance of Estimate and Approval of Budget
Amendment for Purchase Greater than \$10,000.00
- Emergency Repair at Pelton Well House
- Acceptance of Proposal for Engineering Services
- SAW Grant Asset Management Plan
- Approval of Budget Amendment - SAW Grant
Asset Management Plan
- Award Bid - Publication of the 2015 Summer, Fall
and Winter Recreation Guides
- Authorize Disposal of Asset with Cost Basis
Greater than \$5,000.00 - Building Department

- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
REPORTS:

- Communication: State of Michigan; Department
of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs-Michigan Li-
quor Control Commission: Transfer Stock Inter-
est; Applicant: Clarkston BPA, Inc. - 6480
Sashabaw Rd., Clarkston, Michigan 48346
- Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department
Monthly Report; January 2015

- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at
8:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk
Published: Wednesday, March 11, 2015

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

FILE NO:
2015-361, 140-DE
Estate of Frances Rice, Deceased. Date of birth: August 12, 1922
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frances Rice, died Janu-
ary 24, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate
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PUBLIC HEARING

There will be a Public Hearing Thursday March 26,
2015 at 7 pm

The Council will hold a public hearing on CDBG Thurs-
day March 26, 2015

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of 2013.

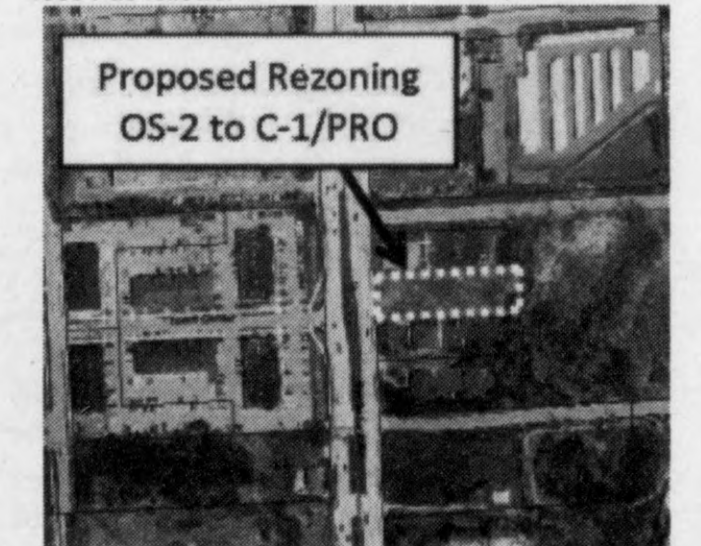
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Sandy Miller

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF INDEPENDENCE

At a Regular meeting of the Township Board held on
March 3, 2015, the Township Board of Trustees ratified
the January 20, 2015 motion authorizing a second read-
ing of a rezoning request with a Planned Rezoning Over-
lay from OS-2 (Office Service Two) to C-1 (Local Com-
mercial); Parcel #08-27-201-020 located on the east side
of Sashabaw Road, north of Bow Pointe for a drive-thru
restaurant. Received from petitioner Versa Development;
25900 West 11 Mile Road, Suite 250 - Southfield, MI
48034 as follows:



The motion to approve this rezoning was ratified and
moved by Trustee Lohmeier, Seconded by Trustee
Schroeder, the vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes:
7; Nays: 0. The motion carried.

The ordinance amendment is effective immediately
upon publication.

Published: March 11, 2015
Barbara A. Pallotta
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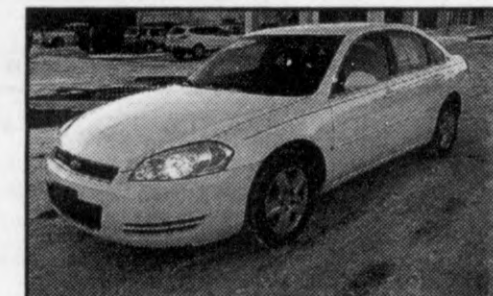


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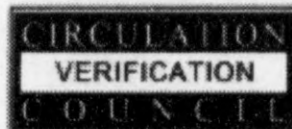
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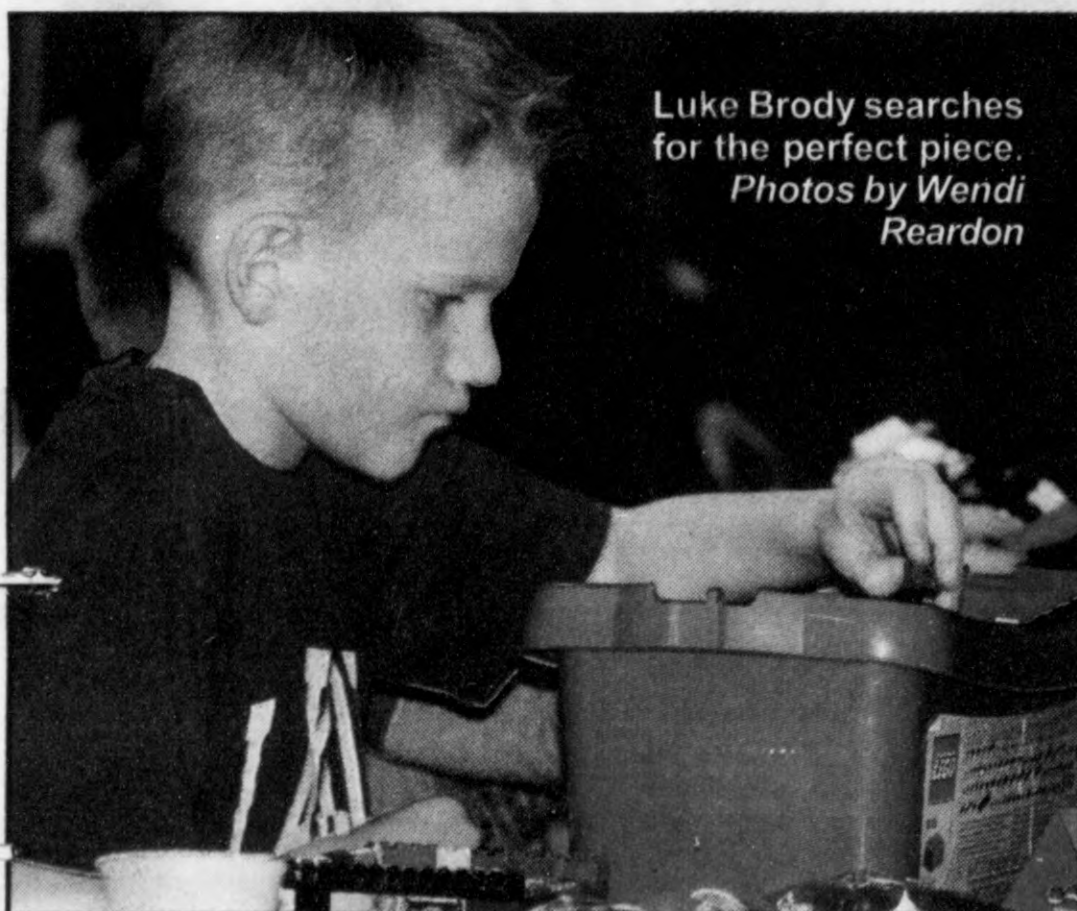
Jacob King adds a roof onto his creation.

Learning through building

The Clarkston Elementary cafeteria was filled with students and their tubs of Lego bricks when the school held its annual Lego Competition, Feb. 26.

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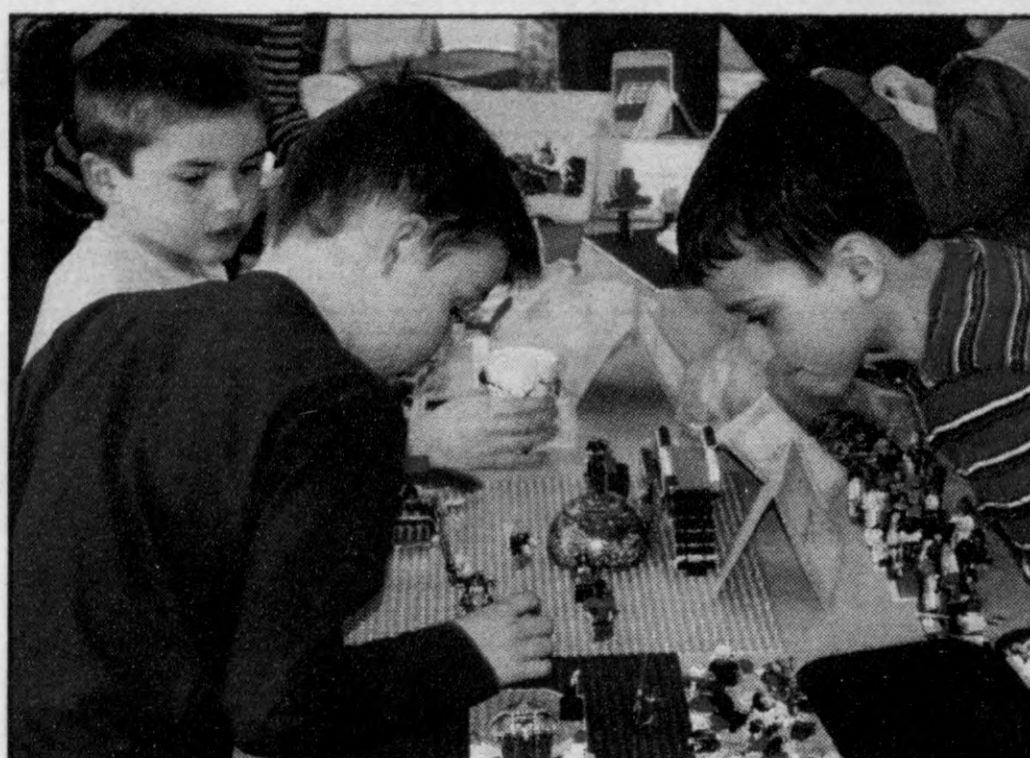
Each student also went home with a goodie bag.



Luke Brody searches for the perfect piece.
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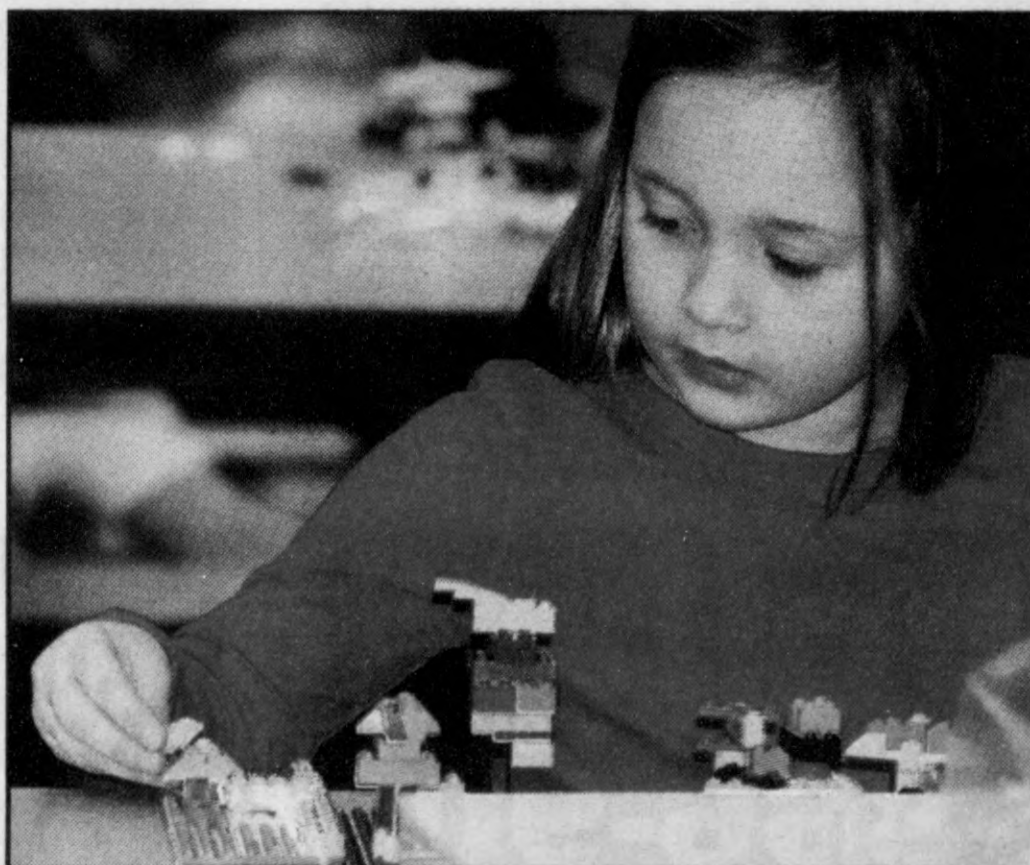
Cedric Schacher works on his large creation while Joel Carter checks it out.



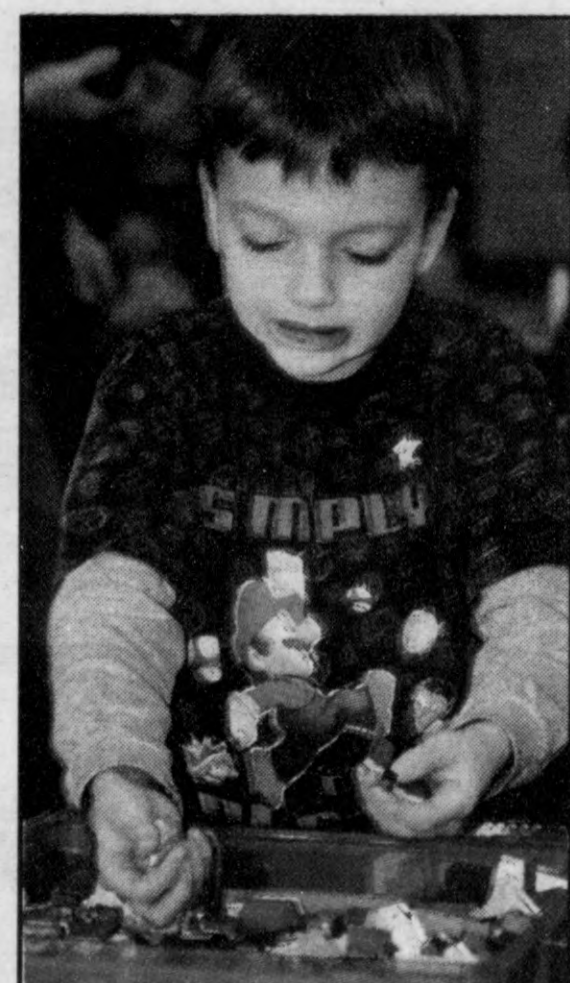
Sam West, Noah Rupp and Logan Dudek work on making Lego people.



Chelsea Loughrey begins her creation.



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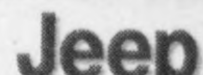
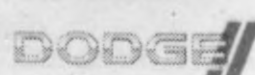
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Senior Adult Activity Center. \$1.

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

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

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

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

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

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Friday

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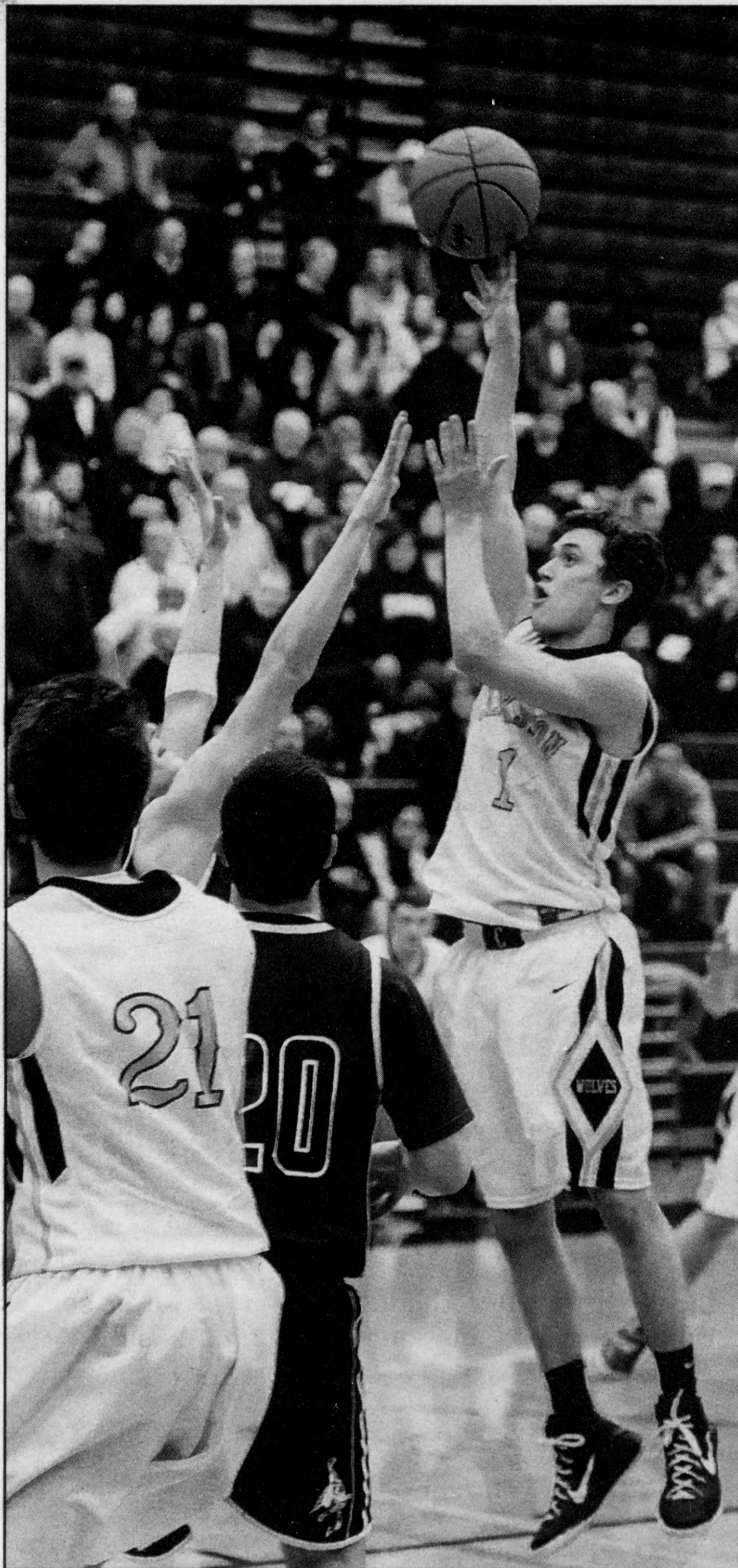
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Freshman Foster Loyer takes a shot in the second half of the Wolves' game against Rochester Adams. Photo by Larry Wright

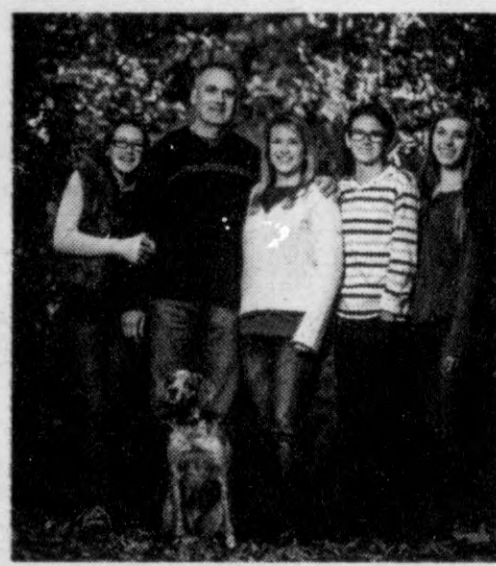
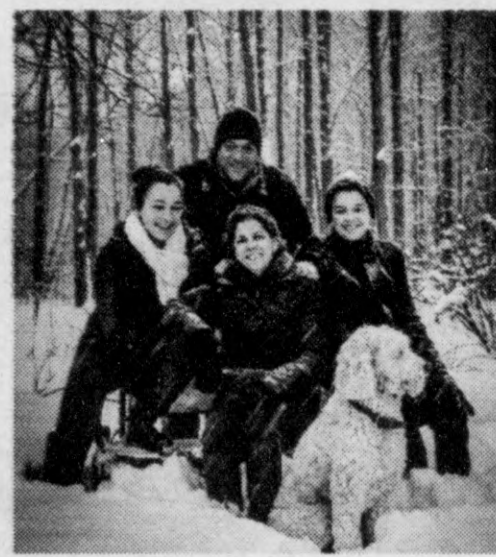
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organizational photography for Banbury and OATS.

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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