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## Sashabaw project delayed over funding

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The construction project for Sashabaw and Waldon roads and I-75 is on hold for at least a month.

Scheduled to begin in May, the project is about \$300,000 short. Since it was first planned, the cost to complete the project has gone up about \$1 million.

"Increases are due to changes in construction safety standards, new highway construc-

tion requirements and a heavier than anticipated workload for contractors," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

Bids opened for the project on March 23, and Kittle said township officials were shocked at the increase in project costs.

"Needless to say, we have been scrambling to fully identify the issues that drove the cost increase and looking for alternative funding sources," said Kittle.

The now \$5 million dollar project was origi-

nally projected to cost \$4 million when planned two years ago.

Funds for the project includes \$1.5 from McLaren Health Care, \$1.6 million in tri-party funding \$672,000 in state funding and the remainder of funding from monies generated from tax increment financing.

Due to the increase in project costs, the township secured additional funding, by way of in-kind services from Road Commission

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## Stranger danger

13-year-old approached  
by stranger on Pine  
Knob Trail -- page 9

## Horrors of heroin

Problem even  
in Clarkston

Part One in a series about heroin and its  
impact on the community.

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
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Heroin use is on the rise, even right  
here in Clarkston.

"It's more of a problem in Clarkston than Clarkston knows," said Dr. Michael Brooks, psychiatrist at Brighton Center for Recovery, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility.

"We are seeing quite a bit of heroin use in the area," said Detective Genefer Harvey, Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation. "There are plenty of drugs to get here, and prostitution occurs right here, too. Prostitution is Clarkston may not be like in Pontiac or Detroit where girls stand on the street corner, but it is happening here."

Harvey said heroin is not common at the high school, but it's that age group where problems begin, often with stealing prescription medication from family.

"We have not had a lot of problems with it in the high school. It seems to happen more so with ages 18-years-old and up," Harvey said. "Eventually they can't get enough of a high with prescription drugs so they go to heroin."

Addiction to the powerful drug hijacks the brain, and how they will obtain the drug rules their existence. They will do

Please see Heroin on page 29



**SPRING HAS SPRUNG:** Maddy Scarsella makes a run to first base during the Clarkston Varsity Softball's first game against Brandon last Wednesday. Find out about the Lady Wolves' double header win on page 10. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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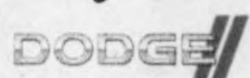




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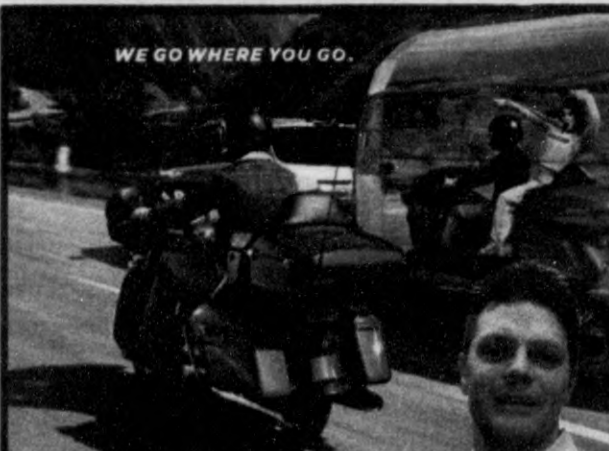
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**FOOD FOR LIGHTHOUSE:** Pine Knob Elementary Student Council members Bella Lawson, Ava Pawlek, Rhiann Marshall, Madison Drapinski and Gavin Pate help load peanut butter and jelly containers in a van for Lighthouse North. The student council organized a school-wide peanut butter and jelly drive during March. The school collected almost 500 jars. The staff also contributed by having a canned food drive. *Photo submitted*

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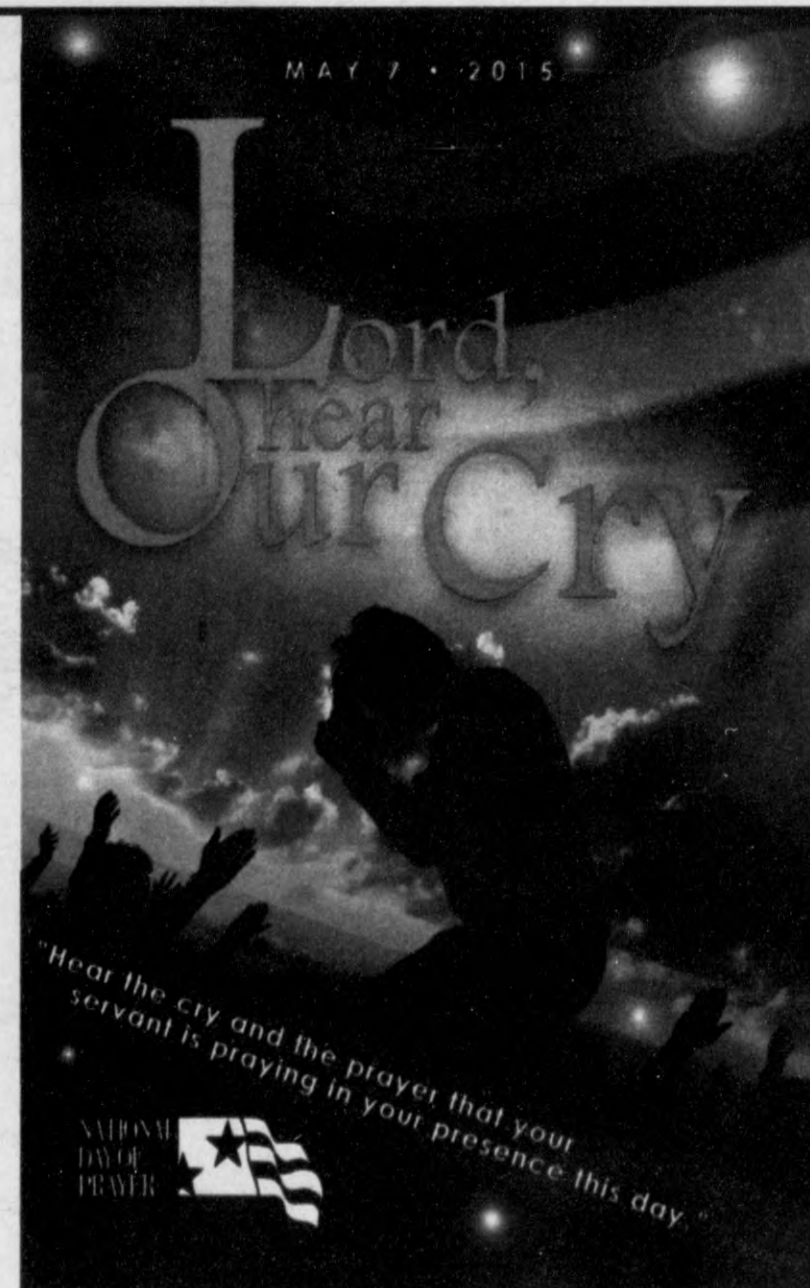
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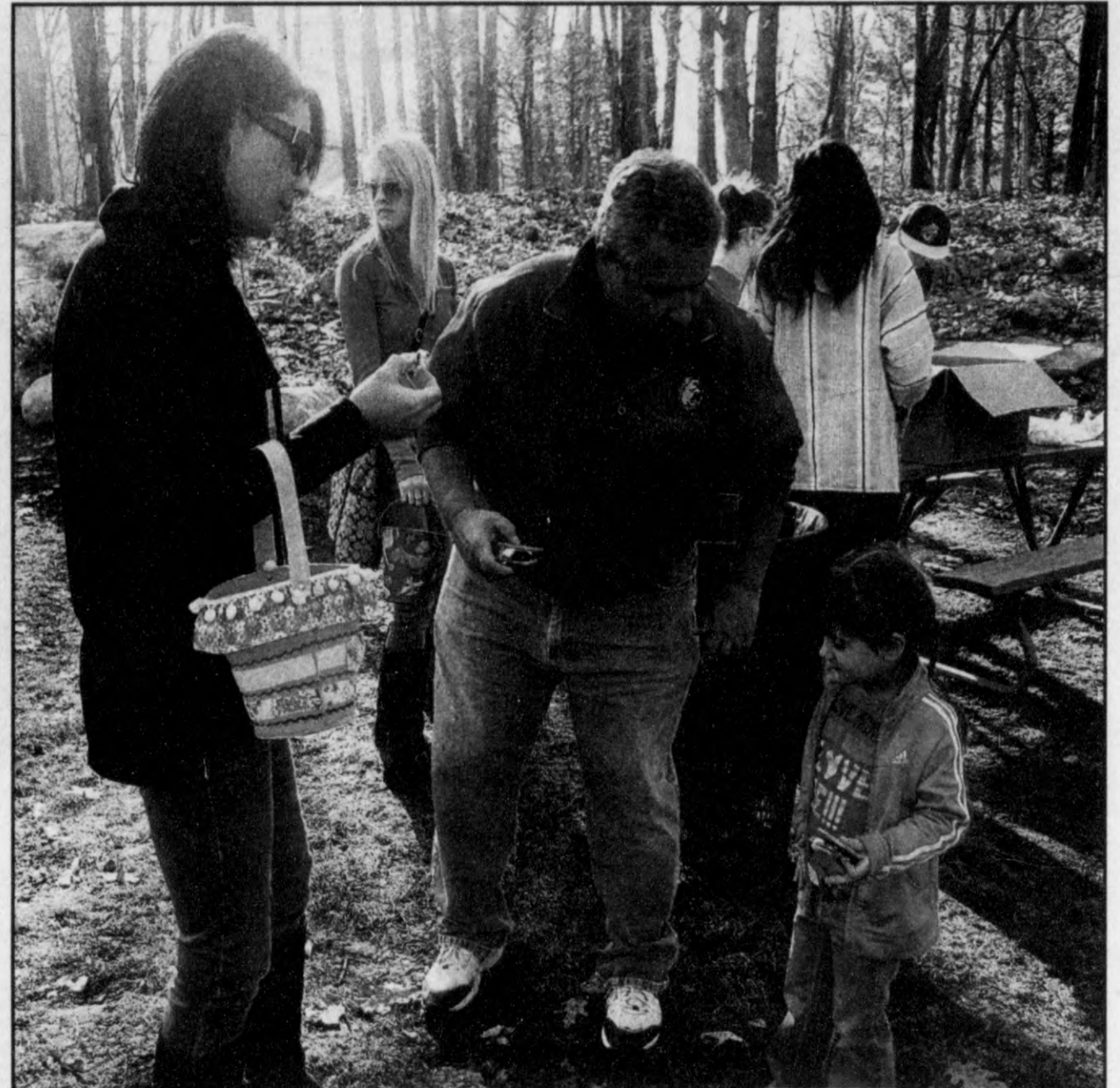
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**S'MORE PLEASE:** Karrie, Brent, and Izzy Wheeler make some s'mores at Winterfest at Independence Oaks, hosted by Oakland Technical Center iTeam students, April 1. The team organized the event to raise awareness of the park. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

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Jim Brueck, owner of Native Lakescapes, watches the phragmites burn in The Preserve at All Saints.

## Fire versus phragmites

Flames climbed the stems of phragmites bordering Maceday Lake at All Saints Cemetery, off Nelsey Road, and began opening the view to the blue lake, March 24.

"One of the big issues here is that phragmites hinder views of scenic areas like we have of Maceday and Lotus lakes from our property," said Russ Burns, director at All Saints and The Preserve.

"They also are harmful to the environment. We want to make sure native plants thrive and our lakefront property is aesthetically pleasing for those families and individuals who want to have a view of these beautiful lakes when they visit."

All Saints Cemetery and The Preserves conducted a controlled burn of the phragmites, which is the best way to get rid of phragmites in wet conditions. The fire also destroys any seeds the plant may produce.

Before the controlled burn, All Saints worked with the Maceday Lake Homeowners Association to make sure residents were comfortable with the process.

All Saints hired Native Landscapes of Clarkston and Plantwise of Ann Arbor to conduct and oversee the burn to make sure it was done to environmental standards and state regulations.

All Saints is a traditional burial cemetery, and The Preserve at All Saints, the only all natural or green burial cemetery in Southeastern Michigan.



David Mindell, owner of Plantwise, sprays the phragmites.



Phragmites by Maceday Lake catch fire. Photos by Wendi Reardon

## Briefly

### Dance for a cause

Helping Heart Helping Hands hosts their Eighth Annual Dinner Dance Coral Ball fundraiser at Deer Lake Banquet Club, April 17, 6 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

The event includes appetizers, dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, music, dancing and more.

Helping Hearts Helping Hands is a family based non-profit organization, founded in 2007.

"The organization does mission work, spreading the word of God, in Honduras. The purpose of our mission work is to change the lives of poverty stricken children and families," said founder Erica Cale, Clarkston native. "We provide immediate assistance by delivering food, fresh water, clothing, shoes, vitamins and other needed items to different villages in Honduras."

The organization also delivers personal care items, provide instruction on self-care, dental care, health, and nutrition.

They help families establish businesses to provide a source of income and help them to be self-sufficient.

To purchase your tickets, or for more information about the event visit their website at [www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org/](http://www.helpingheartshelpinghands.org/) or call 248-980-5090.

### Spring wine tasting

Celebrate Spring with Michigan Wines, 6:30-8:30 p.m., May 14, Fountains Golf and Banquet Center, 6060 Maybee Road.

Clarkston Rotary Club hosts its annual spring wine party celebrating wines from Michigan. The evening at Fountains Golf and Banquet Center will feature award winning Michigan wineries. Guests will taste wines from 45 North, Bel Lago, Black Star Farms, Brengman Bros, Brys Estate, Chateau Chantel and Hawthorne. Visitors can check out the auction tables while sampling appetizers presented by Fountains.

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## Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

### Patterns of addiction

Ignoring a problem does not make it go away. Recently changed laws regarding prescription drugs has made obtaining opiate prescription drugs harder, so people are ever more frequently turning to heroin, a cheaper alternative.

This epidemic is different than any other drug epidemic in history because you have people, now considered addicts, that would have never become drug addicts before.

These people would not have taken a street drug, but found it acceptable to take prescription medication.

Young people will tell you the drugs are a huge problem in every school-EVERY SCHOOL.

Like doctors and experts say, the face of addiction is much different today.

It could be as simple as your neighbor or husband that had surgery and got hooked on pills. When they no longer felt the effects, or getting pills got harder, they turned to heroin.

There seems to be a pattern in history. Many of societies addictions throughout history have been caused first by doctors.

Prior to the 1990s, narcotic medication was reserved for serious conditions and terminal illness. Thanks intense lobbying by some pain doctors, pain pills were provided easily.

The War on Drugs is focused on one drug after another. The real drug war is with individual people. It's a part of a man's quest to find happiness.

Someone said to me, "Everyone just wants to feel good? Why does that have to be so hard?"

People find comfort in their addiction. They eat, shop, have another drink, take another pill or worse.

There are answers to happiness, but they are different for everyone.

Some how society has to quit fighting individual drugs and deal with the addiction problem society has.

Schools should identify kids early on in school who may be predisposed to addiction.

At some point we have to get to the root of problem, first by changing how society treats addiction and by accepting that it is a disease.

If you have a problem, do not be afraid to get help, before it gets worse. Even if you do not have insurance there are programs out there that will cover the cost.



## Yoga pants perspective appreciated

Dear Editor,

Mr. Rush, I appreciate your column on yoga pants! I have a young 14-year-old (soon to be 15) girl who is now a freshman at Clarkston High School.

The argument for years in our house has been, "no yoga pants to be worn in public" (a rule created by my husband). Now that she's older, the discussion is, "You must wear a tunic/long sleeve shirt over your rear end" to hide from wandering eyes.

Also, another statement I make to my daughter and her friends very often is, "Leave them something to wonder about," and "be mysterious."

I ask them, "Why do you want to give it all away in the first ten minutes you meet? Make them work for it?" In all of these statements, it's always referencing the damn yoga pants and their clothes.

I remember going to a football game this past fall and it was cold out...very cold. A young girl (probably 16-18 years old) in front of us was walking with her boyfriend. They were about 25 feet in front of my husband and I. My husband was in such shock at what he saw, he looked away and waited about 15 seconds, I asked him what was wrong. He said, "I can see right through that girl's pants."

Of course, out of curiosity, I looked and he was right! Her pants were so tight (or thin) you could see her flesh beyond the pants. Needless to say, my husband was embar-

rassed for himself and that young girl.

I'm pretty frank with my daughter about many things about being a girl (name calling, behavior with boys, make-up, etc.) and this is one of them. How you dress describes yourself to others, and what you want people to think of you.

My daughter and her friends were at the mall a couple weeks ago and came home grossed out. They had older boys/men following them at the mall.

The first thing I said was, "What did you expect them to do when you dress like that?"

Don't get me wrong, they weren't dressed trashy or revealing, but they ALL had their LULU Lemon yoga pants on, and my daughter was the ONLY one wearing a shirt to cover her rear end. The rest were wearing shorter shirts and blouses. It's difficult enough to manage/monitor/police these damn cell phones and text messages in and out of school. Now we have to monitor/manage their clothing. But I think that has been a fight every mother has had since the beginning of time!

I would have loved to help you write this column. Keep up the great work! I think it's great a man/father wrote it, too. Maybe some of these mothers thought about it a little more (the creepy older man thing, and it scared them a little to make their daughters wear longer shirts).

Best Regards,  
Julie

## Deerhill Highlands disappoints reader

Dear Editor,

Think for a moment about the most pleasing neighborhoods you've ever experienced; those where you would have liked to have lived; those that stay in your memory as places that have simply made you feel good. Regardless of what size the homes were or the space between them, chances are your visions include winding streets that follow the natural ridges and valleys of the land, mature trees, play areas, and community gathering spaces.

This is exactly what the 26-acre vacant property at Dixie and Deerhill Drive lends itself to be. As a promising point of departure, the existing land possesses the natural features that set the stage for just such a picturesque hamlet, including rolling hills and extensive woodlands. In many ways, it exemplifies, and is consistent with, what we have come to regard as the definitive and well-established character of Independence Township itself.

Unfortunately, the Troy based developer of this parcel has a much different vision. Sadly, it is one that mimics the wall-to-wall density and mass-graded cookie-cutter sub-

divisions that would blend in fine with the tightly packed and amenity-free starter developments normally found to our south, but not with Clarkston.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees has chosen to enter into a Consent Judgment with this developer, issued through the courts, bypassing their carefully conceived zoning ordinance, to get this intruding development built. The preliminary site plan has been approved by the Planning Commission, and the final approval by both that body, and the Board of Trustees, is pending and imminent. Significant changes must be made and they need to know that we expect more from them as they represent us and the future of our community.

Our neighborhoods are the settings for our lives - the places where our families are nurtured and raised - they should be designed to dignify our daily routine. They should be planned to be the kinds of places that are essential to lives well lived, and not simply to satisfy the bottom line of an absentee developer

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 2000

**"National City robbed"** The second local bank robbery in two months happened at National City, at the corner of Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, in the late morning and police didn't suspect it was the same person.

**"Former Wolf races at Palace"** Nicole Nicholas, a 1993 graduate of Clarkston High School, loved every bit of racing snowmobiles and competed in indoor and outdoor races across the country and Canada. Her recent tour, Super Snowcross Tour, included a stop at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

**"No parking"** Patrons of downtown Clarkston restaurants often use parking lots of local businesses after hours but it wouldn't be possible anymore at one business. Prudential Chamberlain-Stiehl Real Estate, at 32 S. Main Street, was taking extra steps to stop people from using their lot.

### 25 years ago - 1990

**"School board reinstates \$1.6 million in budget"** The deep cuts which slashed Clarkston school programs and staff the year before would be reinstated in the budget for 1990-91. School board members unanimously voted to approve \$.16 million worth of reinstatements.

**"Wetlands to be untouched in new site condo plan"** The Independence Township Planning Commission unanimously approved the final site plans for nine site condominiums for 11.78 acres on the south side of Andersonville Road, east of Nelsey Road. The parcel includes five acres of wetlands which were to remain untouched.

**"CHS track jumps to a good start"** Five Wolves were triple winners as the Clarkston Boys Track team beat Rochester Adams, 82-46. Dan Griffiths, Jason Kinzler, Dane Davis, Lance Lewis and Brett Kinzler won three events in the meet. The girls tied with Adams, 64-64.

### 50 years ago - 1965

**"Township annual budget approved"** A total budget of \$173,247 was approved for the Independence Township at the annual township meeting. It exceeded the previous year's budget by \$13,000, which included raises for three township officials.

**"Basketball banquet"** During the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball banquet Gary Pearson received the Dom Mauti Award; Ron Lippert was selected by his teammates for most improved player; and Dan Fife was selected most valuable player.



# Jottings on 'roos, reporters and peaches

This Jottings first appeared April 16, 2014.

- It lightens my day just seeing a bunch of kangaroos bouncing across a desert in some commercial. To the geniuses behind the 'roo marketing: Trouble is, I don't remember what they are advertising. Sorry about that. (No, I am not)

- Print media news writers' questions often become space fillers. But, they can be referred to at some point in the future. Television news questions and answers become lost in space, unreferable. Which is just one more good reason for newspapers.

- I believe there are great reasons no politician has been dubbed "Abe" since Lincoln. Wait a minute. Or, was that they have never been dubbed, called or referred to as, "Honest?"

- One last mention or thought in regards to tv reporter questions: So many of them are hypothetical, answerable

only with hypothetical guesses leading to no conclusions. While short on answers, they do fill the allotted air space, which is good for the marketing geniuses behind the kangaroo commercials.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

- Some days you're the dog, some days you're the hydrant. I won't tell you what I'm feeling like today after being roasted on Saturday.

- There was this blind man who picked up a hammer and saw.

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## WWII war story.

I was assigned to a 26-foot landing craft aboard a ship hauling a couple dozen other 26-foot landing craft in the Pacific Theater during the war. The ship, which isn't really important, but helps fill

the allotted space on this page, was the USS Woodford.

Rations were never enough for we, 19-year-old and still growing boys. My farm rearing didn't include many peaches, but while serving, peaches were good eating.

One day while on an island dock, there stood a gallon can of peach halves, soaking in their juices, unattended.

The captain pulled our craft up to the dock, and the gallon can just "fell" into our craft, stopping in the bilges.

Relaying this story to my WWI veteran father many years later, I learned this type of thievery ran in the family. While he was confined in the Shiawassee County Medical Center in Corunna, he was a not-too-contented patient. He told me, "You have to learn how to improvise in a place like this."

He was on a sugar diet, but didn't know why.

He did know he didn't get enough to eat. That's when he told me how he improvised. At the 7:30 p.m. coffee time, Dad arranged to have some graham crackers delivered with his hot water and Sanka.

He'd stash them in a shirt pocket for a later snack. Too, the packet of Sanka never made Dad's cup of coffee strong enough for his taste.

He arranged through a nurse's aide (either 'Do Little' or 'Useless' as he called them) to have a jar of Sunrise coffee brought in to strengthen his brew.

On his person or wheelchair, besides the Sunrise, were salt, pepper and sealed tiny cups of cream. I also saw he had saved up saltine cracks and his U.S. Army teaspoon. Some how, after WWI that spoon had just "fallen" into his possession and, by golly, he'd had it ever since.

We improvised that day with the peaches, we had a beach party.

## A nation of hoity toitys?

We are becoming a "soft" nation. An ocean of "wimps" and "hoity toitys" (whoever they are) will soon be upon us. No longer will we be a nation of beer and burgers -- everybody will want Chablis and crumpets (whatever they are).

Woe is us.

I have come to this conclusion after thorough research. The information and raw data I found, I gathered by employing investigative practices only the finest muckrakers use. In other words, I found some tidbits of info, jumped to a conclusion and blew the whole thing out of proportion. But, hey -- that's okay, I am a trained professional. It's my job as a blowhard to make mountains out of mole hills.

Why am I predicting that our nation will be overrun by latte-drinking, pinky finger pointing snobs, you may be asking yourselves? Because of the Doggie Dooley and other "things" that make life easier for dog owners with yards.

What is a Doggie Dooley? It is a... well, it's a, um... it's a thing you dig into the ground a foot or so down that you scoop dog doo into. It is a dog waste eliminator that uses an enzyme and water to -- and I quote, "reduce waste to a liquid," that is "harmless" and that is soon "absorbed" into the soil.

The Doggie Dooley (which costs under a hundred bucks) is only the tip of the iceberg in gadgetry folks can use to clean their yard of Fido feces. There are pooper scoopers that automatically bag for you. There are spring-

loaded metal scoops with jaws that clamp around Pomeranian piles. You can even add some other enzyme into your Doggie Dooley that makes it smell good... or at least makes it smell not bad.

All this stuff is making the job easy. It's not 'sposed to be easy. Poop scooping is a smelly, tedious job that no adult in his or her right mind wants to do... that's what kids are for, aren't they?

In return for giving them life, pampering them as infants, feeding them, clothing them, sheltering and protecting them, they get to de-mine the backyard so nobody (mom or dad) steps into a pile of doo, slips and loses a limb (or worse, gets some on them). It's a yucky, smelly, thankless job and that's why kids were made to do it.

It shouldn't be easy or nice. Children should be pooper scoopers because it makes them better adults. They may not know it yet, but it is for their own good. Well, that's the way it used to be. When you got old enough to handle a spade shovel, it was your job to scoop poop before Dad cut the lawn. If Dad stepped in something, it was best to be out of town until he got his shoes cleaned.

Taking care of Fido's business was a lesson in character building. It also sent the message you had better get good grades in school, get a good job, find a good wife and hurry up and have your own kids so they could pick up your dog's messes. There was a beauty in the simplicity of it all.

Not now.

Now, things are easy. Things have changed. Parents are buying stuff to make the job easier, doing the job themselves and some are even hiring regular people (not the neighbor kid) to come to their homes and clean up their yards of

dog doo-doo.

What is the world coming to when perfectly sane adults are not letting the children do the dirty work?

What does it say to the children when adults actually hire other adults who make a living being known as the "Poop Scoopin' King," or "The Waste Terminator," or "We're Number One in The Number Two Business?"

(Not that there is anything wrong with being a Master Scooper. I am sure it is a lucrative endeavor. Call me kooky, I just believe it would be tough to pick up chicks after a hard, summer's day of excrement removal. I could be wrong.)

This pampering of our children is going to make a generation of kids who won't be able to handle anything hard or smelly. They'll swill down tea from fine china versus a cup of Joe from a mug that says, "It Sucks To Be You." They'll watch croquet championships on TV instead of the Wide World of Wrestling. They'll end up saying things like, "Cheerio, my good man" or "Smashing," instead of "Way to go, dude," or "Cool." They'll wear knickers and stockings instead of jeans and white socks.

Ahh, the humanity!

The horror of it all -- why, they'll become British!

We must stop the madness. Have your kids pick up poop, today, tomorrow and forever. We thought we won the Revolution in 1783, but maybe it's all been a ruse from across the Atlantic Ocean. Maybe the Brits are lulling us into a 232-year false sense of security before striking back for the monarchy.

(Bet you didn't see that hypothesis coming!)

Comments for the near hysterical Rush can be e-mailed to: [Don@ShermanPublications.org](mailto:Don@ShermanPublications.org)

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**Q:** I keep hearing rates are going up. Is this a good time to get in the market?

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Cindy Crandell R.N.  
Functional Medicine  
Nutritionist  
Lifestyle Educator

**Q:** Someone in my family was diagnosed with cancer: What dietary recommendations would you offer him or her?

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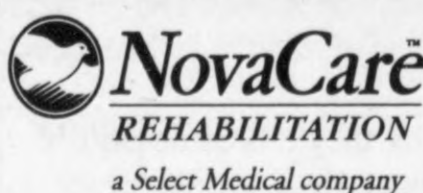


**Q:** Did you know that you can still save your good driving record, even if you receive a traffic citation?

**A:** The Secretary of State now offers a Basic Driver Improvement Course program. It permits eligible drivers to take a driver improvement course, either on-line or in a classroom. The Secretary of State will not make the points or information from the ticket available to insurance companies for drivers who successfully complete the BDIC through an approved sponsor. The BDIC serves as a refresher of basic traffic safety principles. This refresher course can improve safety for all Michigan drivers. The Secretary of State will notify eligible drivers. Eligible drivers have 60 days to arrange for and successfully complete BDIC. The course completion deadline is listed on the notice of eligibility. The approved sponsor will notify the Secretary of State of course results.

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## Rehabilitation



**Q:** What are some tips for gardening with arthritis?

**A:** Yeah! It's spring and spring to open up our garden beds. The joy gardening brings can also bring pain and limitations from arthritis. Here are some tips to help you participate in gardening this season. Use hand tools that have large handles or wrap foam pipe insulation around the handles. Use a cart with wheels or a wagon to carry tools, plants, soil etc. Break the project into steps and take frequent breaks. Don't stay in one position for a long period of time, stretch your muscles. Ask a family member or neighbor to turn over the soil.

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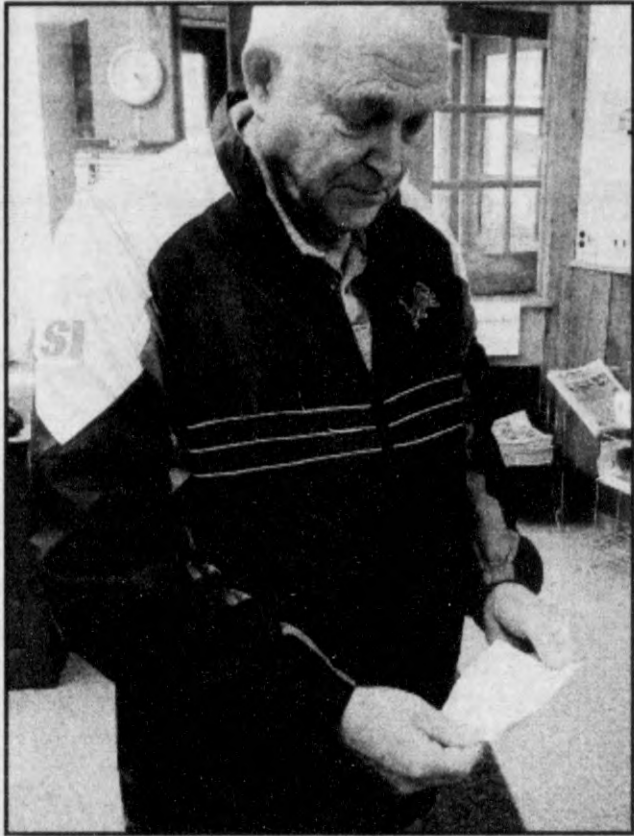
**Q:** What makes a good print ad?

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James Sloan reads over his receipt for magazine subscriptions. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Resident warns of scams

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

There are a lot of ways people get scammed nowadays and Clarkston resident James Sloan found out one way when he was scammed by door-to-door magazine salespeople out selling, they said, for a good cause.

Sloan wants others to be aware of what happened to him, so they don't fall victim to the same scam.

Last September, a young couple in his neighborhood approached his home selling magazine subscriptions. The couple said revenues from sales would help fund better schools for African American children.

"The young lady looked to be about seven months pregnant," he said. "You could not have asked for nicer people. They even helped me do a little garden work."

Sloan paid \$42 for a magazine subscription scheduled to arrive at his grandson's home within three months, at the latest.

The subscription never came, but Sloan's check was cashed. An online search reveals no information about the company on the sales receipt.

Sloan told his bank he believed he was scammed, and the bank said they would look into it.

According to authorities, some scams are more common than others, and people should always be wary of suspicious activity or people when providing valuable personal information.

Providing personal information, like banking account information Sloan's case, can mean serious trouble.

Police said thieves take routing information off the bottom of check and create their own checks to write.

Please see Scam on page 39

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Blaze in garage

A resident in the 5000 block of Warbler Drive said he had a cigarette in the garage at about 8:30 a.m., March 24, and extinguished it in an ashtray on a workbench. He was awakened at about 10 a.m. by the dog barking. He heard a loud pop from the garage, found smoke, evacuated with his son and called 911. Independence Township firefighters extinguished the blaze, which damaged the garage.

## Lights out

An Oakland County Sheriff Department deputy pulled over a 19-year-old Independence resident going northbound on Dixie Highway on March 29 at 10:09 p.m. for a burnt out brake light and burnt out driver's side tail light on his Chevrolet Avalanche. The driver was unable to produce his driver's license or proof of insurance. He had a suspended driver's license and was issued a citation for driving while license suspended, defective lighting and no proof of insurance.

## Hit and run

A 46-year-old Independence woman found a note under the windshield wiper of her Chevrolet Tahoe on the morning of March 28. The writer, a 21-year-old White Lake resident, left the note to let her know her vehicle was hit the night before while she was parked in downtown Clarkston in front of the Union Woodshop. He left the time as well as the license plate and description of the Dodge Durango which hit her. When contacted by deputies the witness said a white vehicle collided with the parked Tahoe. He yelled for him to stop. The owner of the Durango stopped, checked his vehicle for damage then got back into his vehicle without leaving information behind. When contacted by police he said he didn't notice any damage to the other vehicle. Deputies observed the Tahoe had scratches on the front bumper and a crack, which appeared to be from a trailer hitch. The Durango had scratch marks on trailer hitch and one large rub mark on bumper. The owner of the Durango was issued a ticket for failure to stop and ID at an accident.

## Yard driver

A resident in the 5000 block of Maybee road found someone had driven over his front lawn during the night between 9 p.m. on March 31 and 4 a.m. on April 1. The resident believed it occurred at 2 a.m. because he heard loud noises outside, but he didn't check because thought it was normal traffic noise. He said it wasn't the first time it happened and was fearful for his family if vehicles continued to crash into his yard.

## Expired license

While a deputy was traveling on Maybee Road and approaching Dixie Highway on March 29 at 12:25 a.m., he observed a gray Chevrolet in front of him making an abrupt turn into a subdivision. The deputy pulled over the vehicle after the driver stopped at a gas station. The 21-year-old Independence Township resident had an expired operator's license and had four juvenile passengers in the vehicle. The driver was given a citation for expired ops and impeding traffic. He was given a ride home by his mother and his father took possession of the vehicle.

## Syringe on ground

A 68-year-old Independence Township male found a used syringe by his vehicle on the pavement in the 5000 block of Glenwood Court on March 26 at 8 a.m. A deputy assisted the resident by taking the syringe to McLaren Clarkston Medical where it was disposed in the sharp hazmat box.

## Converter missing

When a 42-year-old Independence Township male started his vehicle at the park and ride off Sashabaw Road and I-75 on March 26 at 3:15 p.m. the sound was very loud. He looked underneath his vehicle and found the source of the problem - his catalytic converter had been cut off.

## Truck damage

A security guard noticed damage to the driver's side door handle of a Dodge Ram truck in the 5000 block of Briarwood Court, on April 1 at 2:48 a.m. There was damage to the key lock consistent with someone trying to punch out the lock with a screw driver. The owner of the vehicle checked the truck and said nothing was taken and it was fresh damage.

## Suspicious vehicle

An Independence Township resident reported a suspicious vehicle occupied by a 35-year-old white male in front of his residence in the 7000 block of Old Forest Drive on April 1, 1:48 p.m. He approached the vehicle at the end of his driveway and the car made a u-turn over the grass and fled. The resident pulled his vehicle in front of the Honda and asked the driver why he was around his house. The driver slurred his words as he responded he just wanted to go home. The resident was concerned because his son gets off the bus at 2:45 p.m. His son said based on description it was the same person he saw his elementary the same day. The deputies called the Troy resident the vehicle is registered to, but didn't receive an answer. The case is still open.

## Stranger danger

A Sashabaw Middle School seventh grader had to think quickly, March 31 around 4:30 p.m.

The 13-year-old girl was approached by a man driving a small silver Chrysler sedan by Pine Knob Trail and Pine Knob Lane. The driver rolled down his car window and told the girl to get into the car.

She refused and continued walking. Then, the vehicle turned around and began to follow her. She reacted by running.

"She did a good job of running and hiding behind a car," said Sergeant Rich Cummins from the Oakland County Sheriff Office Independence Township substation.

The vehicle stayed in the area for a while before leaving. Once the vehicle was gone, the 13-year-old went to her friend's house where she called her mom.

Cummins added, she did the right thing.

"Students should go to their parent or someplace safe if someone comes up to them and tries to get them into the car," he said.

She had never seen the vehicle or the man before so she couldn't identify him but he is described as a black man in his 20s with short black hair.

The sheriff's office has been sending more patrol to the area and Cummins advises the community, if they see the vehicle or the young man to call dispatch and deputies will come out to the area.

Clarkston Community Schools communicated what happened to parents throughout the district.

"In these situations we send out e-blasts to parents," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "We also utilize our phone system."

Both Cummins and Rock urged parents and guardians, and their children to have a plan in case something like this occurs.

"It's up to the parent to tell their children how they want to proceed," said Cummins.

Rock added a resource is the National Crime Prevention Council especially when teaching children how to recognize dangerous situations and strangers.

If you see the vehicle, call deputies at 248-620-4970.

~Wendy Reardon



# Clarkston's Sporting News

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## Hitters slide into first wins

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Rachel Vieira connected her bat with the incoming throw from Brandon's pitcher. The hit sent the ball over the center of the softball field at over the fence at Clarkston High School, April 1.

Vieira brought in three runs on the hit and with two runs off hits from Mariah Hood and Mikayla Blaska the Lady Wolves grabbed a 5-0 lead in the second inning.

"It was really cool to see it happen and it really breaks the game wide open," said Don Peters, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Softball.

Clarkston finished the game with a 15-3 win and defeated the Blackhawks in the next game in the double header, 12-2.

"The girls did well and made some great plays," Peters added. "We had a spectacular catch by Maddie Scarsella. Rachel had a very special day - she had 10 RBIs. We had lots of fun."

For the day, Vieira hit 6-for-8 at the plate and also had a grand slam with her 3-run homer and also had two doubles.

"She works really hard at her swing and she is very focused," said Peters. "She is very focused. She stays within herself. Sometimes hitters try to hit the ball too hard and she has a nice smooth swing. Those were big clutch hits and you hope they put the ball in place and score a run and we ended up scoring seven runs on those two hits."

Maddy Scarsella hit 3-for-7 with two doubles and four RBIs; Blaska had two doubles and three RBIs; Hood had four RBIs and hit a homerun in the second game; and Abby Skvarce had four RBIs.

For the first game Candace Kitchen for four of the five innings and had five strikeouts. Paige Blevins finished the game, pitching for one inning.

Kitchen had five strikeouts during the second game as she pitched for the 5-inning game.

Peters added he saw improvement in defense during the wins.

"It was our second time outside and getting used to a gym floor to a dirt floor they made some really good plays," he explained. "Blaska had a good defensive play. We moved Scarsella from third to the outfield and on the second pitch she makes a diving catch on the ball. I am pleased especially with how little we have been out there."

The Lady Wolves opened the season against Davison on March 30, where they won the double header, 10-6 and 13-4.

"We got behind 4-0 before you could say potato chip," Peters said. "The girls kept their composure and kept chipping away to win 10-6. They kept their focus and determination and came back to win the game. You could tell it was the first time outside for both teams. There is a difference between a gym floor and a dirt floor and being outside."

During the 10-6 win, Scarsella hit a triple and had two RBIs and Hannah Chadwell hit a double. Hood had three RBIs and Favazza had two RBIs.

In the second game, Alex Favazza hit a triple and had two RBIs and Skvarce hit a double and had three RBIs. Vieira had three RBIs, Blaska two RBIs while Victoria Sharkey and Hood had one RBI each. Kitchen pitched for three innings with two strikeouts and Blevins had one strikeout during her two innings.

The Lady Wolves (4-0) have spring break this week and return on April 16 as they host a double header against Lake Fenton.

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Victoria Sharkey catches the ball of first base during the Lady Wolves 15-3 win over Brandon. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Andrew Myers prepares to score against University of Detroit - Jesuit in the MHSAA Class A Boys Basketball Quarterfinals. Photo by Larry Wright.

## Myers leads Wolfpack

Clarkston High School senior Andrew Myers went out with a bang in the MHSAA Class A Boys Basketball Quarterfinals, March 24.

He led the team with 28 points, including a 3-point shot which tied the score with eight seconds remaining in the game.

"He was the difference in the game," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Varsity Basketball team, after the game. "It was a good play."

Fife added Myers played his heart out in the game.

"You've got to love that kid and his competitive spirit," he said. "He kept us in the whole game and got buckets. He made plays when we needed them and tied it up. It was a great effort - physically and mentally. Myers came through for us. He has been here all year. He's a good example of what a Clarkston kid is about."

Myers opened the game with two 3-pointers and helped the boys close University of Detroit - Jesuit's lead in the

fourth quarter when he scored eight points at the beginning of the stanza.

Fans can watch Myers on the court in his freshman year of college when he plays basketball for Madonna University. He signed the letter last fall after making the choice during the summer.

He admitted Noel Emenhiser, head coach, and former Clarkston teammate, Nick Owens helped with the decision.

Myers joined the Wolves Varsity Basketball team as a freshman and said he learned a lot on and off the court.

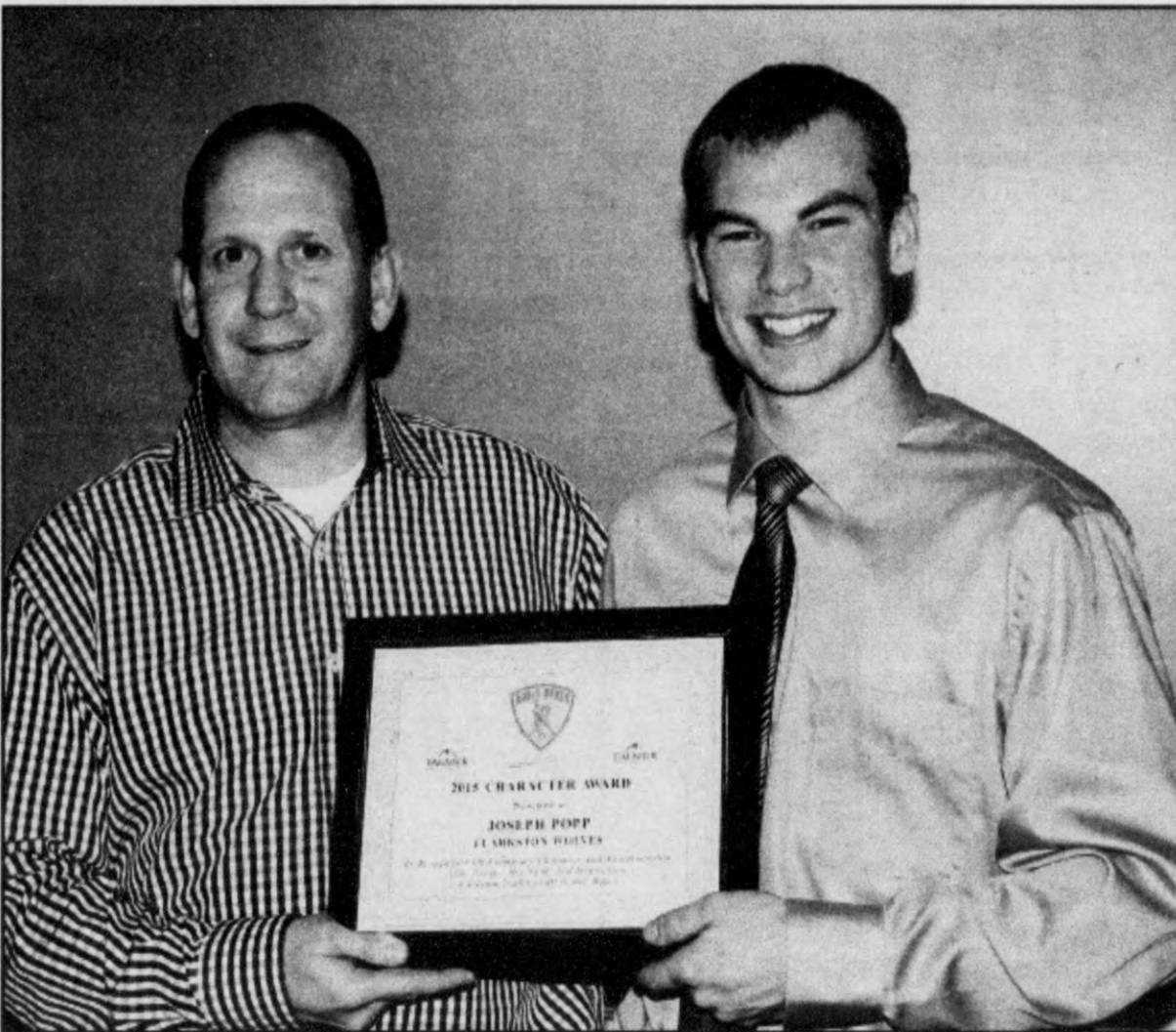
"Outside of basketball Coach Fife and Coach (Eric) Chambers have taught me if things aren't going my way or I'm struggling to keep working and pushing through because good things will come out of it," he explained in October after signing his letter of intent.

This season he helped the program claim their ninth consecutive league, second consecutive district and regional titles.

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# Death notices & Obituaries

## James Hampton, 93

James E. Hampton of Bloomfield Hills passed away on March 30, 2015, at age 93.

He was beloved husband of Elizabeth Ann (Kalahar) for 64 years. He was the proud father of Robert and his wife Lori, Michael, Patricia Hampton Scott, David and his wife Suzanne, John and his wife Julia, William and his wife Patricia; grandfather of Scott (Heidi) Hampton, Daniel Hampton, Rebecca (Thomas) Harrison, Katherine Hampton, James Hampton, Ryan Scott, Alexa Hampton, Anna Hampton, Audrey Hampton, Derek Soldenski, Heather Stochi and Holly Tracy.

James was born in Steubenville, Ohio on October 23, 1921. He graduated from Detroit's Cooley High School in 1939.

He served in the European Theater during World War II where he was awarded a battlefield commission and a Bronze Star with an Oakleaf Cluster earning the rank of First Lieutenant before being honorably discharged after the war and post war occupation.

He earned a Civil Engineering degree from the University of Detroit. He was employed by the Detroit District Office of the Corps of Engineers in which he was responsible for the construction of several Airfield Paving Projects during the Korean War. Subsequent to this work, he was a co-founder of Michigan Testing Engineers and other engineering consulting firms in the Detroit Area. He was a registered Professional Engineer in Michigan and many other states, specializing in Pavement Design and Construction Supervision.

An avid golfer, he was a member of Oakland Hills Country Club for over 30 years and served as club President in 1986.

Memorial Service was, Friday, April 3, 2015 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral**, Clarkston Military Honors was on Friday, April at the Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



## LaMae Hastings, 89

LaMae I. Hastings, of Clarkston, passed on April 2, 2015 at age 89.

Preceded in death by her husband Carleton F. and granddaughter Lana Kemler. Loving mother of Carole (Jim) Bell, Judy (John) Kemler and Robyn (Gerald) Worden. Step mother of Sharon (Edward) Mazze. Grandmother of Carri (Steven) Carril, Lisa Kemler, Mark (Jean) Leineke, Amie Bell, Mathew Leineke, Candy (Kevin) Lybecker and Thomas Mazze; great grandmother of 5.

Funeral Service was Monday, April 6, 2015 at the First Congregational Church 5449 Clarkston Road. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral**. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



## John Willhite, 59

John C. Willhite of Clarkston, suddenly March 30, 2015 at 59 years of age.

He was loving husband of Debbie for 40 years; dear father of Kristen (Dustin) Willhite-Rose and Joshua Willhite. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter Airyanna and siblings Lowell "Sonny", Michael, and Cynthia.

John retired from GM in 2006 after 28 years of service. He was a member of Local 5960, as well as alternate committee man.

John was a big car enthusiast, he loved to race cars, paint cars, and build cars. Most important John had a big heart; a good man who was kind and caring.

Memorial Service was Friday, April 3, 2015 at **Coats Funeral Home - Waterford**. To send a condolence message visit [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries).



## Jason Shambarger, 30

Jason J. Shambarger, formerly of Clarkston, passed away suddenly at his home in Colorado on March 8, 2015, at age 30.

He was survived by his wife and best friend Karissa and his beloved dogs, Buster and Susie Q; his parents Diane (Jerry) Inman and O.J. (Rhonda) Shambarger; siblings Justin and Jamie Shambarger, Joshua and Destiney Inman; grandparents Leroy Sargent, Ellen Shambarger, Jerry and Dee Inman, Trish Inman, Art and Donna Brown; great grandmother Ruby Inman; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by brother, Adam Shambarger; grandma Peggy Sargent; grandpa Otis K. Shambarger; and special aunt Debbie Bilbey.

Jason was a 2003 Clarkston High School graduate.

Memorial service and a celebration of life is Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m. at the Oakland Technical Center Northwest Campus - Vocational School, 8211 Big Lake Road, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, the family asks to donate to your favorite charity.



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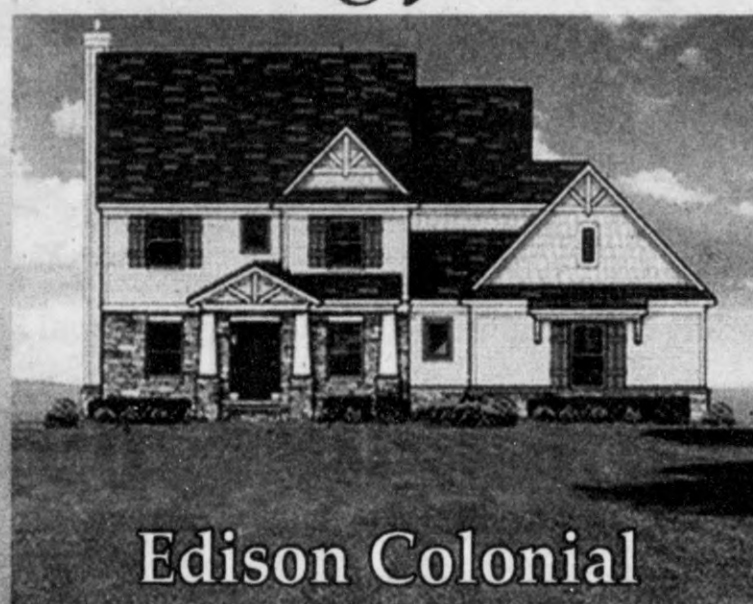
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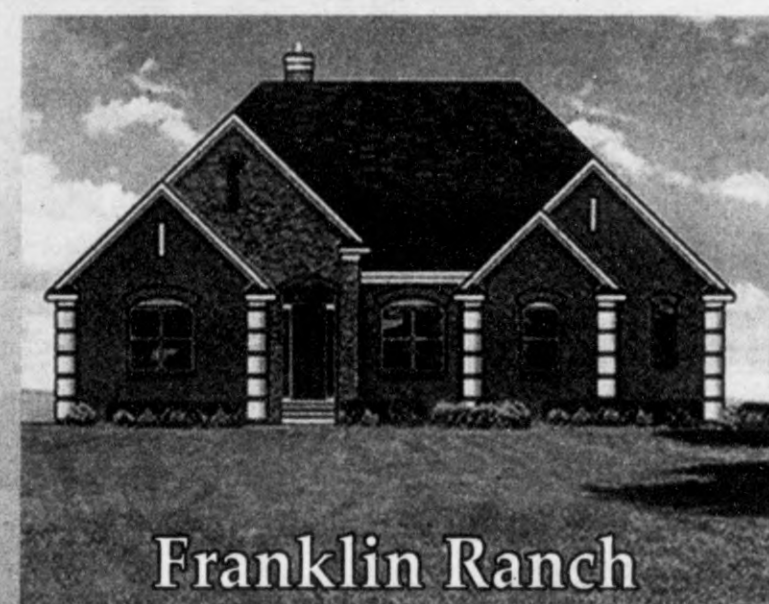
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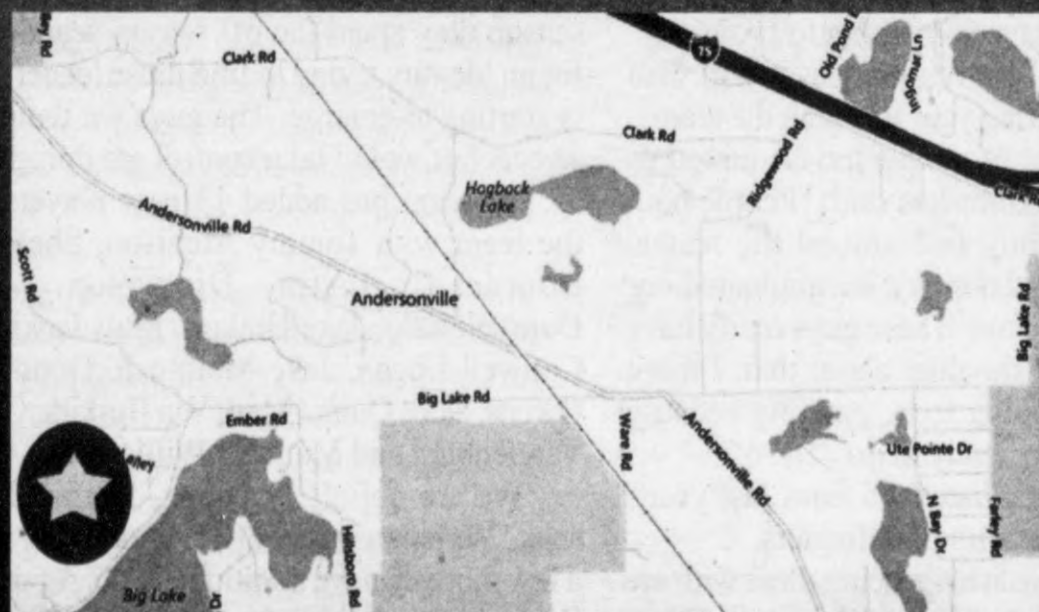
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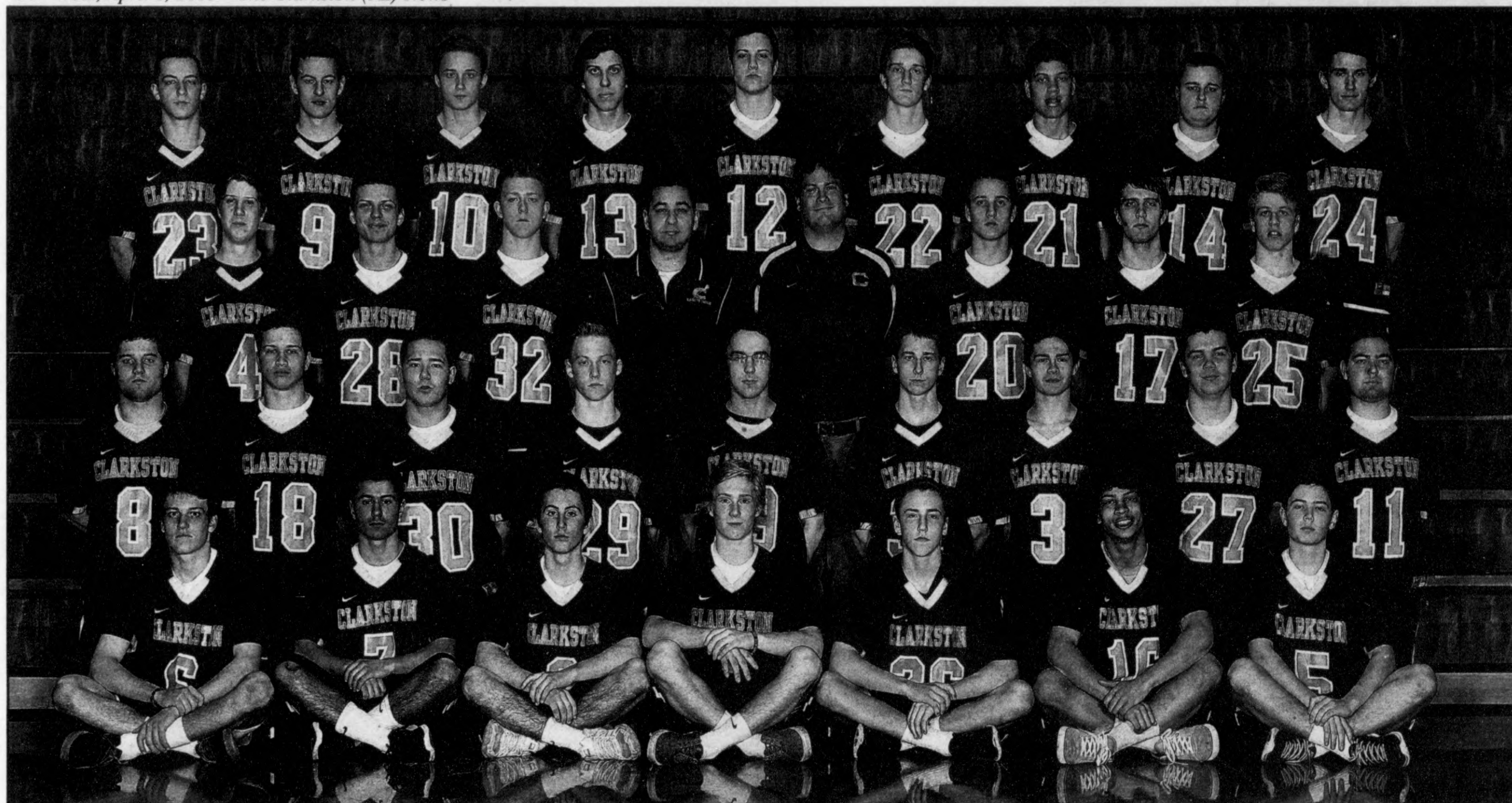
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- #8 DJ Rogers
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- #16 Donovan Owens
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- #20 Nick Bowman
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- #23 Brent Farrugia
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- #25 Liam Stickle
- #26 Jake Hodges
- #27 Mark Van Buskirk
- #28 Jason Setting
- #29 Conwell Logan
- #30 David Taylor
- #31 Dobs Quinn
- #32 Keaton Mitchell

2015 Clarkston Varsity Boys Lacrosse team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

## Wolves tradition continues with new team

With a new season beginning for the Wolves with a lot of new faces, Brian Kaminskas expects the strong tradition in Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse to continue.

"Our systems aren't changing," explained Kaminskas, head coach. "The way we approach things isn't going to change. Last year you saw our attack standout more than anything. I think this year you are going to see our midfielders standout more. We have a new goalies in the cage and they are both doing well. These guys are hungry. They feel like they have something to prove."

Having the Wolves hungry it will also make it an exciting year to watch the team.

"I think a lot of people have counted us out already," Kaminskas said. "People both in the community and around the league have said we had our day, we graduated our guys and we are out. These guys really have a chip on their shoulder about that. I think the season is going to be exciting because they were really ready to go."

The team graduated 11 from last year's roster including a lot of defenders.

"The guys we are replacing them with are going to be strong," Kaminskas said. "They will be able to hold their own."

The Wolves have 18 returning to this season's team including Nick Bowman, Austin Egler, Brent Farrugia, Scott Fisher, John McLennen, Ross Mansurr, Keaton

Mitchell, Shane Noble, Cole, Phillips, Ian Phillips, Mitch Prock, DJ Rogers, Jason Setting, Liam Stickle, David Taylor, Jim Trombley, Chris Toro and Andrew Williamson.

"We are going to be really strong in the midfield," Kaminskas added. "We are filling a couple of spots at attack - every knows that who knows our system. I think the fill in will be easier than people think. We are returning a lot of talent."

Returners grown - quite a bit. After last season they spent the off season searching for an identity trying to find those leaders. It is starting to emerge. The guys we thought as coaches would take control are doing so.

The team has added 13 new players to the team with Tommy Atchison, Sheldon Bourdeau, Justin Dickerson, Ian Dobrzelewski, Jake Hodges, Matt Jackson, Conwell Logan, Jake McIntosh, Donovan Owens, Dobs Quinn, Mark Van Buskirk, Cole Vandenburg and Matthew Williamson.

"We are definitely young," Kaminskas said. "We have a roster of 31. We are carrying a few more than we traditionally do. Again in We had more depth going into our first week of games in 2015 than we did last year."

He added they brought up a lot of sophomores onto the team and it will add a different twist on how they play.

"The guys have to learn the system and

while they are doing so they are forcing the returners to play a different style."

The team comes back from break to take on Troy as the Wolves defend their OAA championship title.

"We want to bring it home again and carry on the tradition," Kaminskas said. "The league looks stronger. Troy is by far the strongest of our opponents."

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

## 2015 SCHEDULE

- April 13, 7 p.m. vs. Troy
- April 16, 7 p.m. vs. St. Mary's Prep
- April 18, 2 p.m. vs. Northville
- April 21, TBA at Lake Orion
- April 23, 7 p.m. Utica Eisenhower
- April 25, 7 p.m. at Lake Orion
- April 28, TBA at Bloomfield Hills
- May 2, TBA vs. St. Michael's
- May 3, TBA at UCC - Toronto
- May 5, TBA at Troy Athens
- May 7, 7 p.m. vs. Detroit Country Day
- May 9, TBA vs. Solon
- May 11, 7 p.m. vs. Birmingham Consolidated
- May 12, TBA at Rochester Adams
- May 16, TBA - Lacrosse for a Cure
- May 14-30, TBA MHSAA Regional
- June 3, TBD MHSAA Semi-final
- June 6, TBD MHSAA Final





2015 Clarkston Varsity Girls Lacrosse team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

## Lady Lacrossers give program a boost

The Lady Wolves made a statement in their season opener with their win over Swartz Creek.

"This program has been seen as the underdog program," said Leeanne Stickle, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse. "The first time we step on the field for our first game will be who we are and show we are really turning around the program. There is a lot of coming together as a team, on and off of the field. They are really developing as a team and as individual."

"We are ready to step it up and prove everyone wrong," added senior captain Sarah Deo. "Our team bond is really strong. I think it is going to help with our success. We have been putting in a lot of time and effort."

The Lady Wolves lost seven seniors from last year's team but they have ten players returning including Deo, Maddie DeClercq, Megan Frick, Jillian Kurolevch, Kori Lowes, Sabrina Parks, Lyndsey Pike, Brittany Schooley, Jenna Sommerville and Rebecca Stiles.

"We have a really talented group," added Parks. "We have a lot of potential."

"We have improved a lot from last year

and everybody is ready to win," Sommerville said. "We have a really strong mindset going into the season."

New players include Melanie Alnaraie, Gillian Anderson, Claire Austin, Emily Bragg, Isabel D'Autremont, Alyssa Davis, Grace Forbush, Marisa Jacobs, Kelly Manssur, Sarah Ryan and Hannah Seaman.

"The skill level this year shows we have improved from last season," said Schooley. "I feel like we are going to have a winning season. We have really good coaches this year and we have already done so much with practices. We are going to be very successful."

"Our coaches are ready to win," Sommerville said about Stickle and assistant coach Nicole Cummings, who are in their first year coaching for Clarkston.

Parks added the closeness of the teammates also helps the players.

"We definitely pick each other up," she said.

Schooley agreed and added, "the group of girls we have this year everyone gets hyped up. Everyone encourages each other even if someone drops a pass we encourage each other."

The goals for the team are to have a

winning season and playing as a team.

"For Nicole and I it is being role models for the upcoming girls as well," Stickle said. "We are building this program from the bottom this season and setting the example."

The girls come back from spring break and head into four games. Consolidated, April 20. ~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

### 2015 SCHEDULE

April 14, 5:30 p.m. at Rochester Adams  
 April 15, 5:30 p.m. at Troy  
 April 17, 7 p.m. at Waterford Kettering  
 April 20, 7 p.m. vs. Birmingham Consolidated  
 April 22, 5:30 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills  
 April 25, 9 a.m. at Saline  
 April 27, 5:30 p.m. vs. Lake Orion  
 May 1, 7 p.m. vs. Stoney Creek  
 May 2, 9 a.m. at Ladywood  
 May 4, 5:30 p.m. at Troy Athens.  
 May 6, 7 p.m. vs. Waterford United  
 May 11, 7 p.m. at Farmington  
 May 16, 3 p.m. Game for a Cure  
 May 19, 5:30 p.m. vs. Troy  
 May 14-30, TBD MHSAA Regionals  
 June 3, TBA MHSAA Semi-final  
 June 6, TBA MHSAA Final

### VARSITY ROSTER

- #1 Hannah Seaman
- #3 Rebecca Stiles
- #4 Sabrina Parks
- #5 Marisa Jacobs
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- #16 Jenna Sommerville
- #19 Isabel D'Autremont
- #21 Lyndsey Pike
- #24 Emily Bragg
- #25 Claire Austin
- #30 Alyssa Davis
- #40 Grace Forbush





2015 Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

## Varsity Roster

Olivia Baylis  
Isabella Bender  
Riley Budzinski  
Mackenzie Gibson  
Katie Hubregsen  
Caitlin McCaghy  
Ruhi Reagan  
Meghan Piana  
Nicole Sarkisian  
Claire Schleusener  
Isabella Spindler  
Samantha Weber  
Alexandra Whall

# Ready for competition on the courts

For four consecutive years the Lady Wolves have visited the MHSAA Division 1 Girls Tennis State Finals and this year they have their sights on it again as the underdogs.

"Compared to other seasons we are the underdogs," said junior Isabella Spindler, who will compete on the Singles No. 1 court. "We're not expected to go as far as we have in the previous years."

She added because the team is viewed as an underdog there is less pressure.

"It should be fun," she smiled.

"We are looking forward to a good season," said Becky Freeman, head coach.

Spindler returns with Olivia Baylis, Isabella Bender, Riley Budzinski, Katie Hubregsen, Caitlin McCaghy and Alexandra Whall.

New players include Mackenzie Gibson, Ruhi Reagan, Meghan Piana, Nicole Sarkisian, Claire Schleusener and Samantha Weber.

"It will be exciting to watch this season because we have a lot of new people on the team," said McCaghy. "It will be different

than it has before."

Whall added fans can expect a lot of enjoyment and matches will be closer than expected.

"We are going to keep growing," said Hubregsen. "We might not start out as well as we have in the past, but we are going to grow and we are going to get better each time."

Goals for the season include qualifying at the regional meet for the state finals.

"Definitely make it to states," Whall said.

"Besides make it to states I want to have a good season and be able to support my team. No matter if we win, lose or make it to states we want to just be able to say we had fun."

"You can expect us to train our best, to work hard, to be determined and have a good overall season," said Spindler. "This year we are going to focus a lot on team work and just the team spirit of having fun. Whatever happens, happens. We are just going to enjoy it while we can."

The Lady Wolves return from break to host their home opener against Troy but all

the players look forward to all of their competitions.

"Every person has something new to bring - new competitor, new style," said Spindler.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

## 2015 SCHEDULE

April 14, 4 p.m. at Rochester Adams  
April 15, 4 p.m. at Stoney Creek  
April 16, 4 p.m. vs. Troy  
April 18, TBA Ann Arbor Pioneer Invite  
April 21, 4 p.m. at North Farmington  
April 23, 4 p.m. at Seaholm  
April 25, TBA at Huron  
April 28, 4 p.m. vs. Birmingham Groves  
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## Rumors surround corner lot

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rumors are flying about the corner of Main Street and Waldon after the lot was recently cleared of most trees and scrub brush.

Land owners Ed Adler and Deanna Olsen said last summer they received a letter from the City of the Village of Clarkston demanding the lot be cleaned up so that is exactly what happened.

The property, currently zoned residential, is jointly owned by Olsen and Adler. Both insist no plans are in place for the lot.

Cara Catallo from the Historic District Commission was appalled the trees were removed and insisted an ordinance should be adopted in the city to prevent large areas of trees being cleared in the future without permission from the HDC. She spoke out about it at a March council meeting.

City officials said all the proper permits, from the Department of Natural Resources and another for soil erosion, were pulled for the tree clearing work.

Many of the trees on the lot were dead and infested with bugs. Some of the wood was "junk" and could not even be sold for firewood.

Robert Roth, business partner of property owner Adler at the Clarkston investment firm Washington Management, said property owners like Adler, Olsen and the Sutherland Building owners have a right to develop or clear property they pay taxes on.

"If people want a park there, someone should make them an offer, buy the lot, and build a park themselves," Olsen suggested.

Over the years, various projects were proposed for the lot including an assisted living center, condo's and an office building and the projects were denied by the city.

Olsen said one of the projects, an the office building was Greek Revival style, would have fit in beautifully downtown project.

Olsen and Adler purchased the lot from Independence Township. Fire Station No. 1 was proposed for the site, but instead it was built on Citation Drive in the township, farther south off of M-15.

Roth said one man offered to buy the lot and build a house. Olsen and Roth added, in their opinion, the lot is not appropriate for residential.

Under its current zoning, the state of Michigan considers the parcel as five residential lots.

"I would like to see mixed use development there. The bottom floor being a business, the top floor, residential. People want to live in town," Roth said. "Right now there is not anything happening there. No plans. There are ideas. There are lots of ideas, but there is nothing planned yet."

The real story here, is what do people think should be there, Roth asked.

When it comes properties like Olsen and Adler's lot or the Sutherland Building, the people speaking out don't own it, and they are not paying the taxes, Roth said, adding they pay over \$6,000 in taxes a year on the property.

"Think about that - over 10 years paying \$6,000 a year adds up to \$60,000, and nothing was there but trees. At some point an investor has to do something to make money," he said.

Some communities have trees ordinances, which oversee tree removal.

Catallo said the clearing of the trees should have gone through the HDC to maintain the appearance of downtown, and the city should think about adopting rules to handle projects like that going forward.

For now, any commercial plans would have a ways to go. For any plans other than residential, the property would have to be rezoned, an expensive and sometimes lengthy process, Roth said.

"It costs a lot money to rezone. You have to create plans and drawings. Then there will always be opposition to the project," he added.

Olsen said the master plan includes a recommendation the parcel be zoned something other than residential.

"There is so much going on in the city, it's exciting, but nothing exciting is going on with the property," insisted Olsen.

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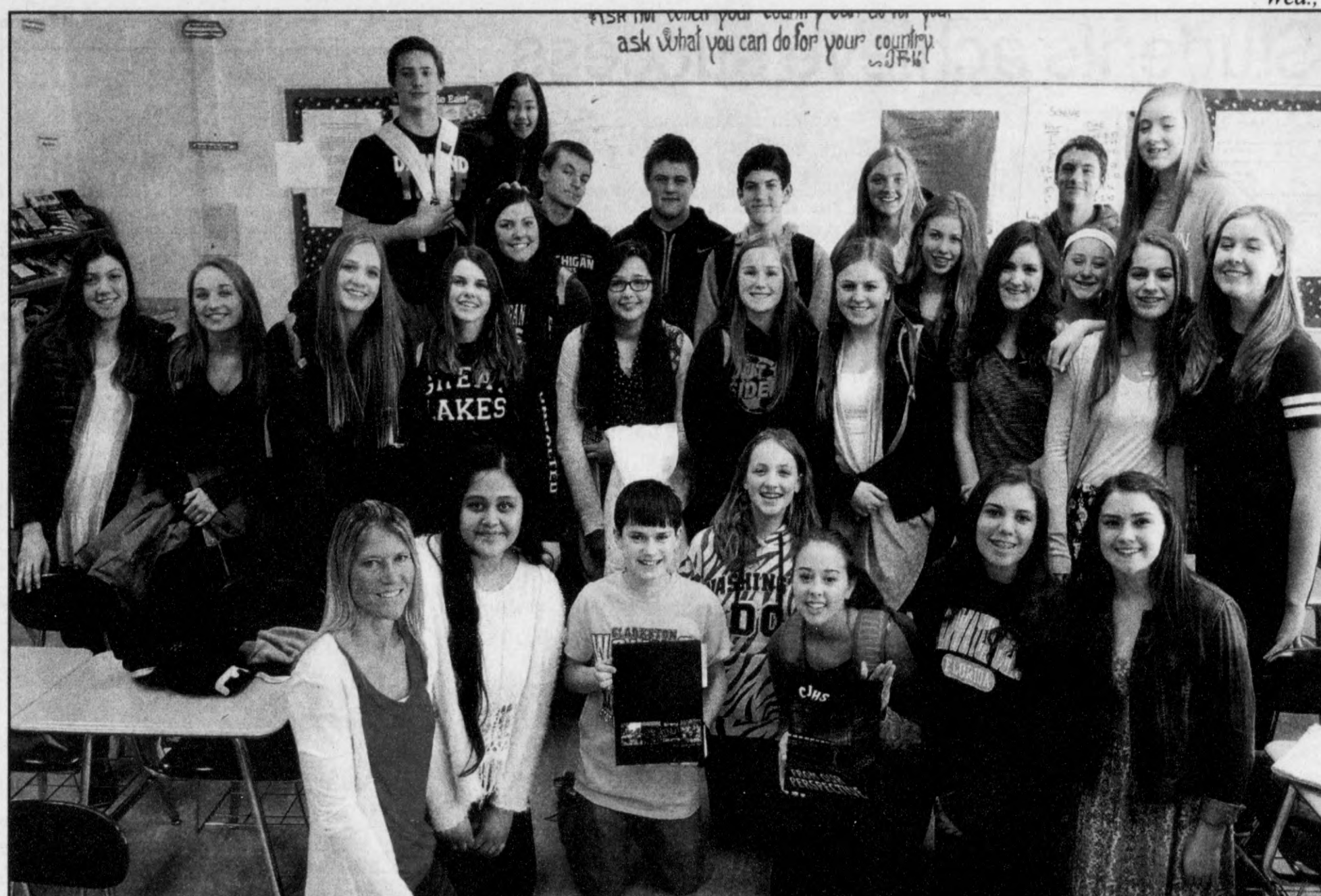
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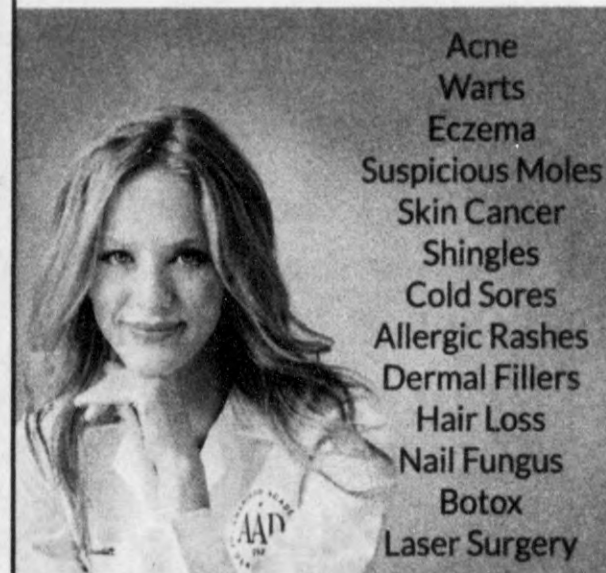




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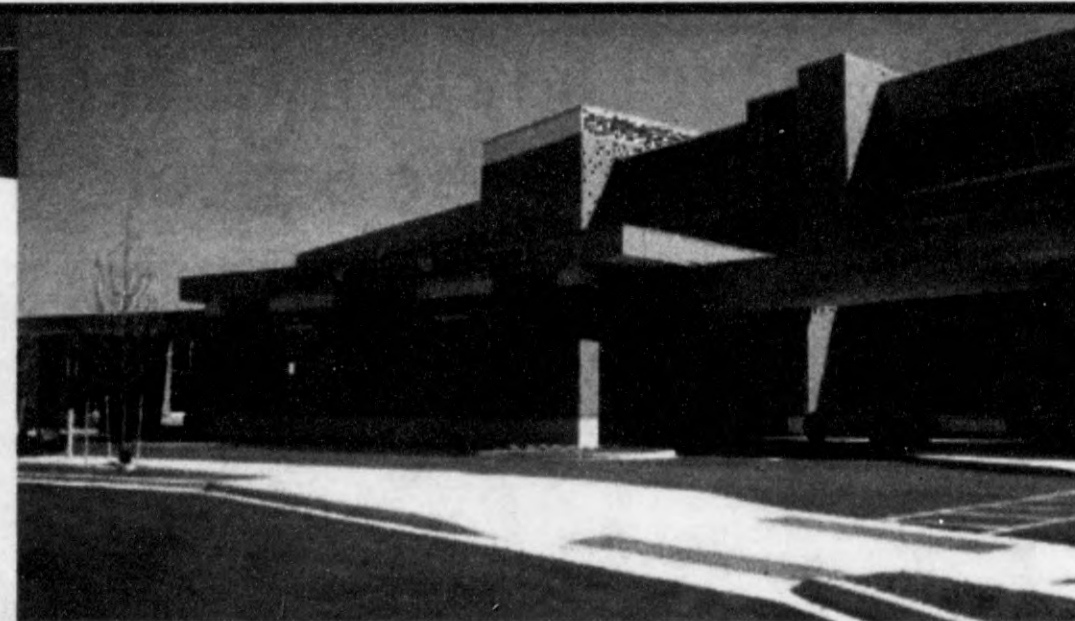
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Huisman is in the school of engineering/Bio Medical. She also received a \$1,000 Scholarship for her story in the Cooley Writing Contest.

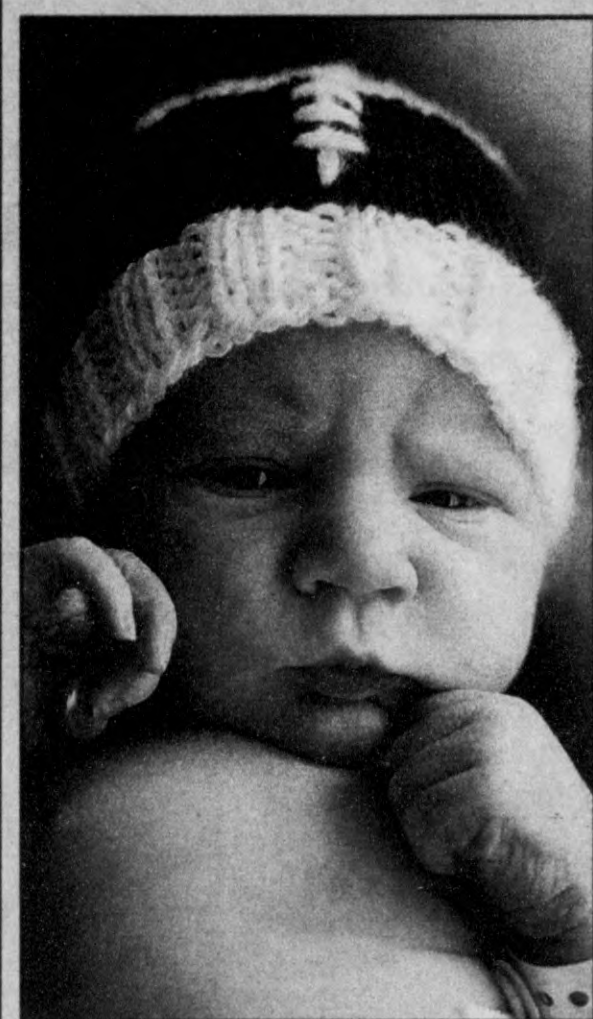
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Hoxsie, a graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory School, is currently a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in Civil Engineering and Spanish.

During 2014, she worked at the Livonia office of OHM Advisors, where she performed collection and analysis of data for projects including speed studies, parking studies and RSAs.

She is a member of Chi Epsilon Engineering Honor Society, Society of Women Engineers and ASCE. She was honored on Feb. 28 during the 50th anniversary of ACEC/Michigan's annual Engineering & Surveying Excellence Awards held at The Henry Ford, Dearborn, Mich.



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# Independence Township Times

## Supervisor's Report

By Pat Kittle

Here is a little bit of news from around our Township.

### Township Launches New Website

Finally ... the new website is up and running. And while it's still work-in-process, the Team is confident navigation, ease of finding information and overall usefulness are vastly improved. Like any new technology, there are still bugs to fix.



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

The big benefit of our new system is that it allows us to make changes / improvements on-the-fly without the cost or time lag associated with the old system. Check it out at [www.IndTwp.com](http://www.IndTwp.com) and let us know what you think by emailing me at [supervisor@indtwp.com](mailto:supervisor@indtwp.com).

### I-75 – Sashabaw Road Project

Bids for the road project came higher than the original estimates - \$5.0M VS. \$4.2M – primarily due to scope changes, stricter construction standards and contractor availability. Meeting with RCOC and MDOT to sort out the funding shortfall and strategy moving forward. Have scheduled Special Meetings with our Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) Board and Board of Trustees to discuss costs and options available.

Right now it looks like the project will be delayed at least a month until this is sorted out. Our new website will have the latest and greatest road project info available.

### Roads and Potholes

And speaking of roads ... spring is here and so are the potholes. The Road Commission of Oakland County provided their perspective of the Road Tax

Ballot proposal at the April 7 Township Board meeting. If you missed the meeting, visit our new website and check out what the people who are responsible for taking care of our roads had to say. From the Township home page, click the Departments tab, select Independence Television, click Watch Programs On-Demand and scroll through until you find the Board of Trustees Meeting for April 7.

To save some time, go directly to the Road Commissions presentation and click on the RCOC presentation under the Index Section.

### Deerhill Development

Getting lots of calls from concerned residents about the proposed development on the 26 acre lot bordered by Dixie Highway, I-75 and Deerhill Road.

The proposal for this parcel will be going to the Planning Commission on April 23 for review. The latest version of the plan will be added to the new Township website under Planning Commission Board Packet before the April 23 meeting. No approvals have been given to date.

### Fire Chief Recruitment

March 26 was the deadline for resume submission for the new Independence Fire Chief. Eight very qualified candidates have submitted resumes to date meeting selection criteria of: college degree, ALS certification, administrative / union experience and more.

Next steps include phone interviews, assessments by a professional personnel service and face-to-face meetings with the Independence Trustees, Department Heads, Fire Command Staff and full-time Elected Officials. A recommendation should be coming to the Board in late May.

## Late tax collections tripled

By Paul Brown

The last 2 weeks of February is historically very busy in the Treasurer's office. This year, the activation of an automated lockbox for payments freed up time for our General Accountant, Kim Moosekian, and boy did she come up with a great idea.

Historically, the Township has never sent out late notices for taxes. If the summer taxes are not paid by the time we mail the winter taxes, we do include a reminder on the winter bill but nothing else is sent. Kim made the decision to reprint all 400 of the unpaid summer tax bills with a notice to each resident that they only had 2 weeks before the unpaid taxes would be turned over to Oakland County for collection.

Within a few days of mailing, we had a steady stream of residents coming in to pay those summer taxes. Most had simply put them aside and forgotten about them. Many had forgotten about the winter taxes as well and

were able to pay those prior to the County taking them over.

For the 2 week period after sending out the notices, we collected more than 3 times the amount of taxes as compared to the same period last year. This was good for the Township and great for the residents.



Paul Brown, Township Treasurer

Kim's idea to try something new will now become a permanent part of the Treasurer's processes each year. I can't wait to see what great idea my team comes up with next.

Brooks Patterson gave me some advice 2 years ago. He said, "Hire the best people you can and stay out of their way."

Kim Moosekian is clearly proof that the advice works great. Great job Kim.

## Parks, Recreation & Seniors to offer Saturday Hours

By Lisa Christensen, Parks, Recreation & Seniors

Starting April 25 thru June 13 (with the exception of Memorial Day weekend), the main office of the Department of Parks, Recreation & Seniors, located in the Township offices will be open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays. Hours during the week will remain 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Registration will begin for most of our programs starting Saturday, April 25 at 9 a.m., including our popular Day Camp program. We realize many of our customers work weekdays; therefore sometimes it can be challenging to take care of household errands during the week. This is our way of reaching out to our residents to make it one-step easier to rent a pavilion, purchase a beach pass or to sign up for summer activities!

The summer Recreation Guide will be in mailboxes later this month and contains more information than just for Parks, Recreation & Seniors, such as all the summer happenings at the Clarkston District Library, information from the DPW, Building, Planning & Zoning and Independence Television.

It also includes community information such as dates of the Clarkston Farmer's Market and the Concerts in the Park Series organized by the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce.

This Guide is also downloadable online at [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org).

For more information on the Independence Township Department of Parks, Recreation & Seniors, go to [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org), call 248-625-8223 or like them on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)



# April showers bring a special May Election

## What's on the Special Election Ballot?

### All voters In Independence Township will vote on:

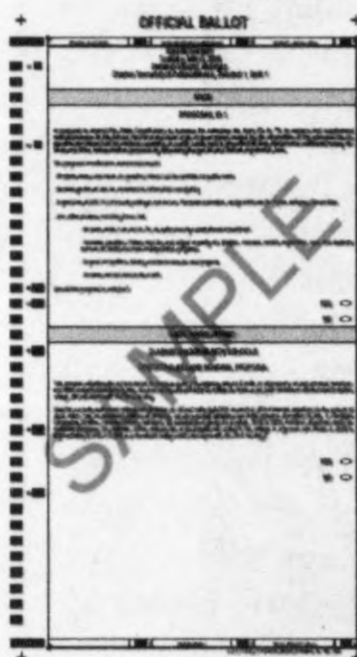
**PROPOSAL 15-1:** A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
  - Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
  - Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
  - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
  - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted?

YES ☐ NO ☐



## MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

### Dates to remember:

- Monday, April 6, 2015** – Voter Registration Deadline
- Tuesday, April 28, 2015** – Public Accuracy Test – Township Hall Meeting Room; 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, May 2, 2015** – Clerk's office open for issuance of absent voter ballots; 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5, 2015** – Election Day; Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

### Summary provided by the League of Women Voters:

#### The major revenues would be:

- **Sales Tax Rate Increase:** The current rate of 6 percent, in place since 1994 (when it was increased from 4 percent) is embedded in the state Constitution. In May, voters will decide whether to ratify a constitutional amendment increasing the rate to 7 percent.
  - **Removing Fuel from Sales Tax:** Currently, gasoline is subject to both the sales tax and a motor fuel excise tax. The tax package, pending voter approval, would convert all gas taxes into a separate wholesale tax, and thus involves the exclusion of motor fuel from the general sales tax base.
  - **Increasing Motor Fuels Taxes:** In addition to removing fuel from the sales tax base (see above), the tax package would also scrap the existing 19 cent / gallon excise (15 cents for diesel) and replace it with a 14.9 percent wholesale tax.
  - **Vehicle Registration Fees:** Michigan's vehicle registration fees vary based on the manufacturer's price of the vehicle, ranging from \$33 to \$148. Currently, the registration fees "depreciate" by 10 percent per year for the first three years in a partial reflection of a vehicle's declining value; the tax package under consideration would phase out that depreciation. Registration fees would also be increased on heavy trucks.
- (Source: Tax Foundation, 1/16/2015)
- The major expenditures would be:
- Roads repair and maintenance: 60% of new funds

■ School Aid Fund, Earned Income Tax Credit, Revenue Sharing, Public Transportation and other: 40% of new funds

### Clarkston Community School voters in Independence Township will vote on:

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

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

YES ☐ NO ☐

## Things to do to make sure your vote is counted:

1. **Check your voter registration status now!** It's as easy as calling the Clerk's office at (248) 625-5113; Ext. 233
2. **Update your signature before requesting an absent voter ballot:** This happens a lot; we receive applications requesting an absent voter ballot and are required to confirm the signature on the application matches the signature on file. If you change your signature or if your signature changes for any reason and we are unable to update it prior to Election Day, you will lose your vote.



3. **Remember to take valid photo identification with you when you go to vote at your precinct!** This is not only required, it saves time in processing your ballot. The purpose? The Election Inspector will look at your photo and look at you, just to confirm that the person standing in front of them is similar to the likeness on the photo. Keep that Michigan Driver's license or identification card handy, because the Election Inspector looking up your voting record can quickly swipe your ID.
4. **When voting your ballot fill in the oval.** Rather than using an "x", a check mark or other symbol, the optical scan tabulator will positively recognize your vote if you completely fill in the oval next to your selection similar to a scantron-style test.
5. **Don't even try to erase or correct a mistake on your ballot.** This goes for both at the precinct and if you are voting an absent voter ballot. You can receive as many ballots as you need to make sure that your vote is counted the way you want it to count. Erasures no matter how small may cause an overvote and you will lose your vote.
6. **If you have general questions about elections** call the Clerk's office OR visit our new and improved website at [www.indtwp.com](http://www.indtwp.com). The Election's page has multiple links to the State of Michigan and Oakland County's websites for access to the most recent election information available.

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## More Election News,

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### Why do we vote on Tuesday?

*Great question!*

Americans have been voting on Tuesdays since 1845; that is 170 years ago. Why you ask? Congress decided that voting on a Tuesday made more sense. Remember there were only horse and buggies in 1845 and because America was an agrarian society at that time, the farmers needed three days to travel to their county seat to vote. The first day was to get to the county seat; the second day was to vote and the third day was to return home. Congress also had to be concerned about interfering with the three days of worship. So that left Tuesday and Wednesday, but Wednesday was market day which left Tuesday! Congress extended the Tuesday date for national house elections in 1875 and for federal Senate elections in 1914.

November was picked because spring and early summer elections were thought to interfere with the planting season. Late summer and early fall elections overlapped the harvest. That left the late fall month of November, after the harvest was complete, but before the arrival of harsh winter weather.

Fast forward to 2012 when two US Congressmen introduced legislation to change Election Day from the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November to the first full weekend to make it more convenient for voters and with the purpose of ultimately increasing voter turnout.

The Weekend Voting Act would allow for national polls to be open from 10 a.m. Eastern Time on Saturday until 6 p.m. Eastern Time on Sunday. Election officials would have the flexibility to close polls during overnight hours. Voter turnout in the United States has traditionally lagged behind similar democracies with only 47% of eligible voters voting in the 2008 November election in comparison to 92% of eligible voters voting in Italy where voting takes place on the weekends.

The Weekend Voting Act [HR 164 (113<sup>th</sup>)] was introduced on April 18, 2013 in a previous session of Congress, but never enacted.



## St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Trauma Services and Independence Fire Department

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### CHILD SAFETY SEAT INSPECTION APRIL 21, 9-12 P.M.

The free child seat inspection will provide education for parents and caregivers. Inspections will take 30 to 45 minutes by a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician who will check to see that the child and child car seat are properly secured to help prevent injury.

**Appointment only. Please call Sarah Gothard, BSN, RN, Injury Prevention Coordinator.**

**Phone: 248-758-7065**

**Email: [sarah.gothard@stjoeshealth.org](mailto:sarah.gothard@stjoeshealth.org)**

#### Facts related to Child Safety Seat

- Road injuries are the leading cause of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the US. Correctly used, child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent
- 73 percent of car seats are not used or installed correctly

#### Quick Tips:

- Make sure the label on your car seat is appropriate for your child's age, weight, and height
- Check the expiration date on the label of the Car Seat
- Right Place: Your kids are VIPs, keep all kids in the back seat of the car until age 13
- Rear facing car seats until about the age of two years old
- Inch Test: Give your car seat a good shake at the base. A properly installed seat will not move more than an inch

For more Safe Kids information please go to [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org)



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## Improving local parks

By Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director

Things are happening this spring at Clintonwood Park (6000 Clarkston Rd). Your Township Board has approved moving ahead with Capital Improvement Plan projects at Clintonwood Park. Three projects will be occurring this spring:

- Demolition of the old cottage on Clarkston Rd next to the park entrance

- 2,400 square foot addition to the Senior Adult Activity Center (funded mostly through a \$300,000 donation from the Friends of the Senior Adult Activity Center!)

- Replacement of our 40 year-old tennis courts, which includes 4 new small sized courts through a \$20,000 United States Tennis Association Grant

What does this mean for Park users right now? Parking will be a bit more challenging at times, especially in the paved lot. Approximately half of the paved lot will not be available during the spring.

Leave a little early and expect you might not get your normal parking spot. Please pardon our dust this spring as we work to improve your local parks for the future. Construction is planned to be completed by July 4, pending weather.

### May is Deck Safety Month

By David Belcher, Building Official

With summer nearing the horizon we are all looking forward to spending our warm and sunny evenings enjoying family and friends out on our decks.

As you all know, the past few winter seasons have been especially harsh and may have done significant damage and may have possibly compromised the safety of a place you will spend much of your spare time.

The North American Deck and Railing Association (NADRA) have created a detailed explanation and checklist which can assist you with the review of your deck and the decision on whether maintenance will be necessary or not.

Here at the Building Department, we encourage everyone to visit [www.nadra.org](http://www.nadra.org) to view the Deck Evaluation Checklist, Deck Safety Tips, photos and more. Please feel free to contact us directly at (248) 625-8111 with additional questions and/or concerns.

## NOHAZ Collection Schedule

Independence Township has become a member of Oakland County's NOHAZ program. This allows Township residents to participate in 5 collection dates throughout the area.

Therefore, there *will not be* a Spring Clean Up/ Hazardous Waste Collection/ Electronics recycle day in June at the DPW.

Residents cost is only a \$10 fee per

event. This must be paid in exact cash or a check written to: Oakland County NOHAZ. Dates and locations are at the following:



- May 16, 8AM-2PM, Oxford Middle School, 1420 Lakeville Rd., Oxford
- June 6, 8AM-2PM, Oakland University, Foundation Hall Lot, Rochester
- August 22, 8AM-2PM, North Sashabaw Elementary, 5290 Maybee Rd., Clarkston
- Sept. 19, 8AM-2PM, Orion Twp. Wildwood, 2700 Joslyn Ct., Lake Orion Amphitheater
- Oct. 24, 8AM-2PM, Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Rd., Waterford

**Check our website for items that are acceptable or on: NOHAZ.com**

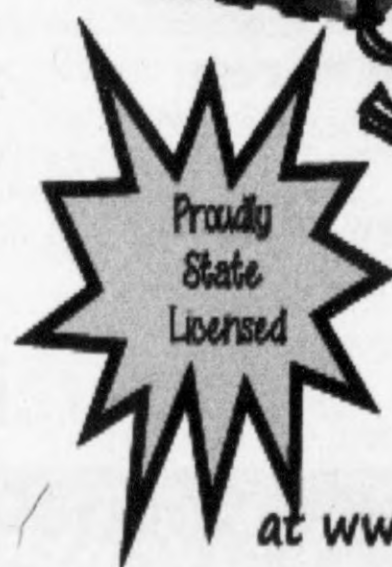
**You may also contact them at (248) 858-5656**

## SUMMER DAY CAMPS

### AT CLINTONWOOD PARK!



## SUMMER 2015



Registration begins on April 25 from 9am-1pm for Independence Township Residents and those in the

Clarkston School District. Download a Parent Handbook at [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org) for complete registration and date information.

Camp Programs for K-9th graders in the 2015/2016 school year



## Thoughts on time-limited parking in Clarkston?



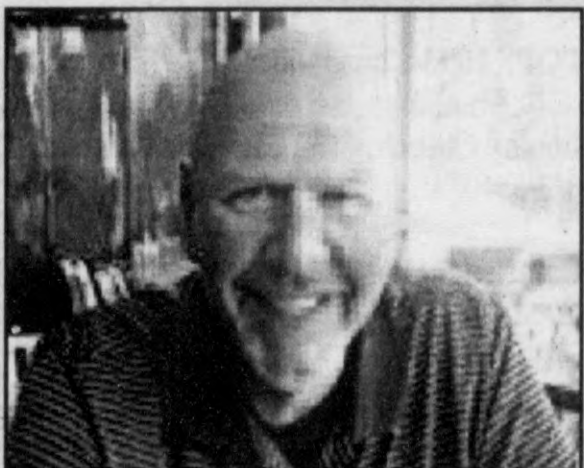
"All I know is you have to abide by the signs, and respect other business's parking lots. I just don't think it's fair that one restaurant in town takes up all the parking spots in town for their customers. I'm sick of one business getting all the parking spots."

-Dylan Mose



"It's a sign of progress in the city, and that the city is getting busier. The city must do what it has to do. I park here everyday and have never gotten a parking ticket. I park where I am allowed to park. Sometimes I have to walk further, but it is no big deal."

-Andy Sutherland



"Parking on Main Street? Why encourage that? It only slows the average vehicular speed to the on ramp to I-75. That's how MDOT sees it (sarcastically said)."

- Mark McCloy

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

Dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

## SPRING SPRANG

Now it's time to clean the garage and sell the unwanted items

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and place a Garage Sale ad



Exchange student Yui Oda talks to students at Springfield Plains Elementary about life in Japan. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Lots to learn with Japanese exchange students

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It's better here than in New York City, according to several members of a group of 16 students from Japan during a week-long visit to Clarkston.

The students spent a week in the area after touring the Big Apple, seeing the Statue of Liberty, attending a musical, and speaking to students in New York schools.

Their visit in Michigan was filled with learning as much as they could about American culture and communicating with kids throughout the district during trips to different schools around the community.

"We went to New York. It is so big – I prefer Clarkston. It is so open," said Yusuke Orikasa.

A fellow classmate of Yusuke agreed.

"I went to the Empire State Building. There are many, many people in New York. People here are kinder than in New York," Yui Oda smiled.

Many of the exchange students expressed sentiments Clarkston was open, spacious and very beautiful.

Teaching and learning filled students' days. Each day, the students gave three-hour presentations about Japanese culture to different schools throughout the district.

Springfield Plains Elementary students were intrigued when interacting with exchange students and learning origami, a Japanese paper art form during the group's trip to the school.

Faye Valtadoros teaches Japanese to students in Clarkston High School, Clarkston Junior High School and Sashabaw Middle School. She explained every other year, 8-14 students go to Japan for two weeks in the summer to visit the sister school.

Eriko Yamada, the Japanese exchange students' teacher, said the entire trip to the United States has been a great experience.

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## Events

**Home Repair and Equity Scams**, 1:15 p.m., April 16, Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Info on repair work, contractors, reverse mortgage, foreclosure scams. Free. 248-625-8231.

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**Dinner Dance** for Helping Hearts Helping Hands, 6 p.m.-1:30 a.m., April 17, Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road. Dinner, silent and live auctions, cash bar, music, dancing. \$80, for Erica Cale's mission for children in Honduras. 248-980-5090.

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**Child safety seat inspections**, Independence Fire Department and St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Trauma Services, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., April 21, Station 1, 6500 Citation Drive. Free. Call for appointment, 248-758-7065.

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**Cataract Removal and New Implant Options**, 6 p.m., April 30, Location: McLaren Cancer Institute, Conference Room, first floor, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Dr. Biggs and Dr. French, ophthalmologists, discuss cataracts and treatments. RSVP with Kim at 517-896-8785.

## Sunday

**Coffee Chat** with Clarkston School Board Treasurer Joan Patterson, 3-4 p.m., April 19, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-396-3148.

## Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Tuesday

**Wint's Healing Hearts** Grief Support Group,

# Around Town

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



**WILD FOR ANIMALS:** Jan Finney's kindergarten class at Springfield Plains Elementary had fun creating a zebra while studying animals. Principal Nancy Mahoney said other kindergarten classes also learned about the animal kingdom. The project was hands-on, and many kids shared how much they loved creating animals like the zebra and baboon to decorate halls of the school. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

7 p.m., April 14. Topic: Mourning and Meaning Making. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Free. 248-625-5231.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Wednesday

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

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**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second

Wednesday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

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

## Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**TOPS 1093 Clarkston**, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

## Friday

**Candlelight Yoga Friday**, 7-8:30 p.m., April 3, Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Hwy, Suite 240. 248-770-5388.



**CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT LIBRARY**

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

**Hitting a Home Run with School Aged:**

Monday, April 13 6:30pm

Presented by Oakland Family Services this program will share activities and materials to support the interest and development of school aged children. Registration Required.

**Native Plants for the Urban Landscape:**

Tuesday, April 14 7:00pm

Ruth Vrbensky will share with you the wonders of native plants and a selection of some of the best to use in a home, community, and school yard gardens. Registration Required.

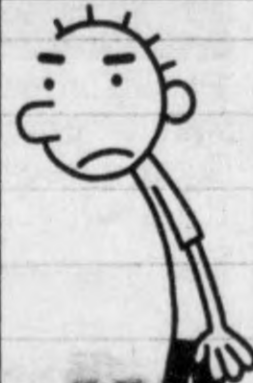
## LIBRARY HOURS

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

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**Diary of a Wimpy Kid Party:**  
Wednesday,  
April 18, 2:00pm

Join us as we celebrate all things Wimpy Kid. We will play games, make crafts and share our love for Greg and his friends. Registration Required.







Lorraine Theuer of Clarkston, at left, and Susan Bradley, visiting from California, enjoy a spot of tea.

## Tea time

More than 40 Clarkston area ladies gathered to share their love of the PBS drama "Downton Abbey" with an early-20th-century-style English tea, March 25, at the Clintonwood Park Carriage House.

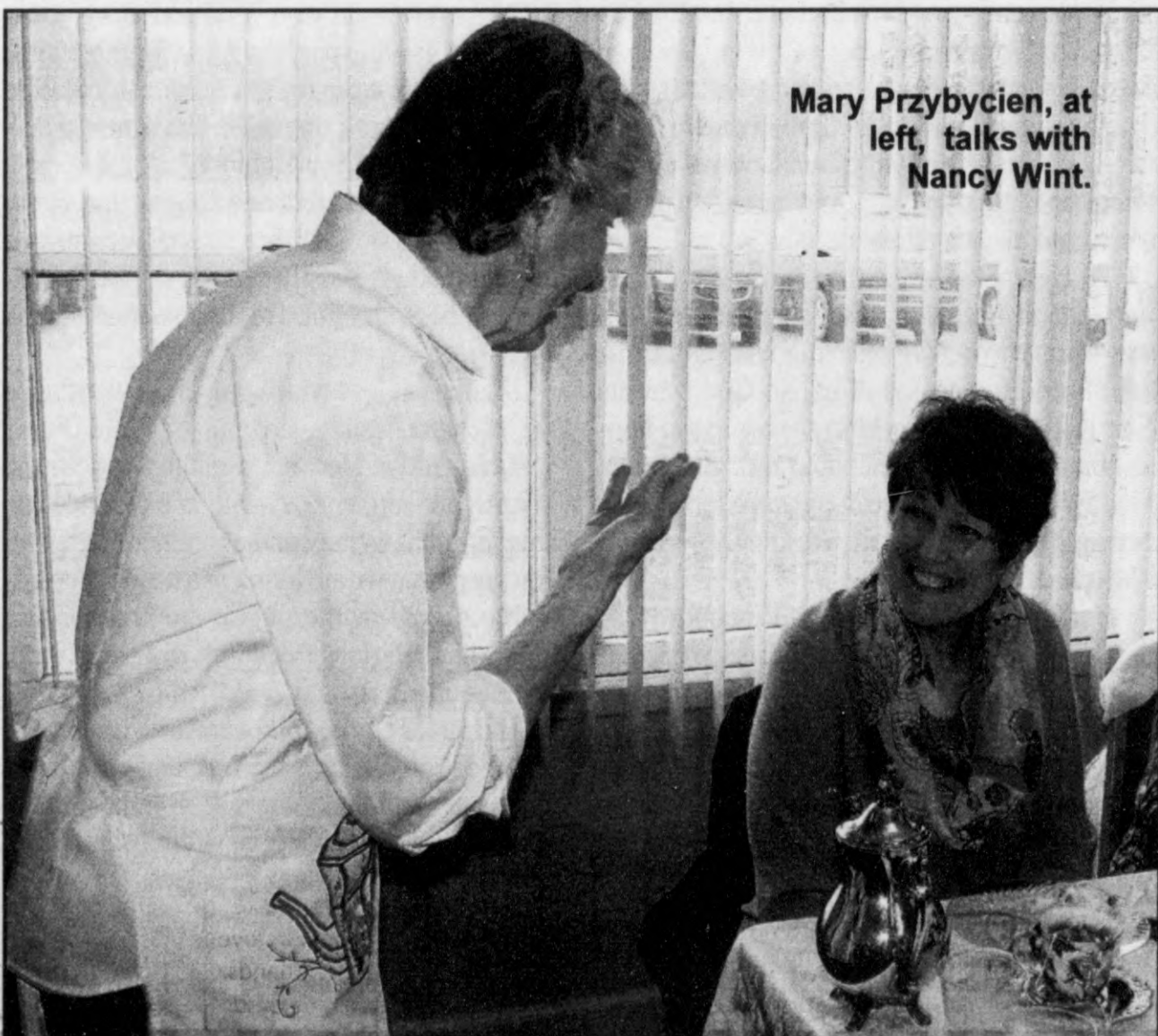
They brought their finest silver, crystal, and tea cups, and decorated the room with period-correct artwork to create an aristocratic dinner party atmosphere.

The Downton Abbey-themed tea, hosted by the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, will hopefully be an annual event, said Mary L. Melega, senior center programmer.

Photos by Phil Custodio



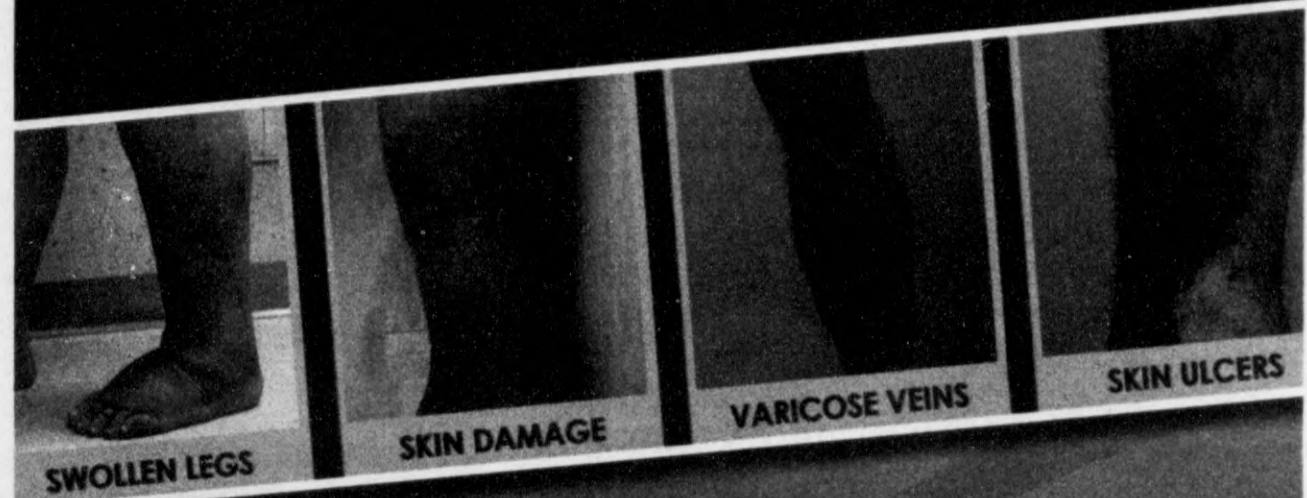
Ruth Emerick of Clarkston brought her vintage tea cup from Queen Elizabeth's coronation.



Mary Przybycien, at left, talks with Nancy Wint.

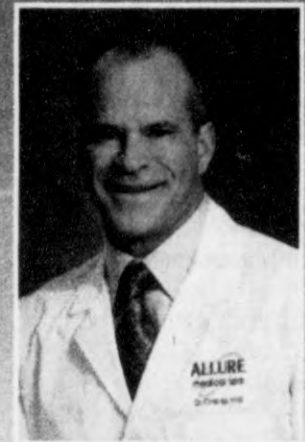
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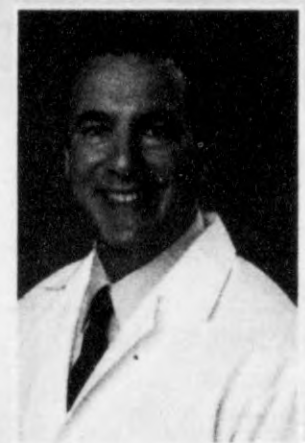


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## My Easter season prayer

This past weekend, many people around the world celebrated Easter in one way or another. For some, it's a time for Easter egg hunts, candy-filled baskets, and decorated eggs. For others, it is a time of reflection on the events that surrounded the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet for others, it holds no significance at all - it's just another weekend. How about you? What does Easter mean to you?

Those of us who are Christians, believe that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died on a cross, and was buried in a tomb. After three days, he came out of the tomb alive. Over a period of several days, he then appeared to hundreds of people before ascending to Heaven.

He remains there, awaiting the day he will return to gather up all those who choose to believe He is the Son of God, and choose to follow His teachings. Scripture teaches that true believers will spend forever in the presence of God, and in a perpetual state of peace and joy that are not possible to experience in this world. I choose to believe Scripture.

The reason is that I see the Bible as the story of God's love for people, and how that love has initiated, nurtured, and will eventually consummate, the relationship between God and humanity. The scriptural account of the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus are a pivotal and foundational turning point in the story, and as such, deserve our close attention. In this part of the story, I find something incredible that I think is too important to miss.

If you read my words in this column regularly, you've probably noticed that I tend to focus my writing on love and relationships. There's a good reason for that. I believe those two concepts are the very foundation of everything the Bible stands for. And those two things are what Easter is all about.

You see, God knew that in order for us to understand his heart, and his priorities, He would have to get down on our level and let us see Him living as one of us. So God sent his Son Jesus into the world so we could see Him as human - both approachable and vulnerable. We saw Him experience hunger and loneliness, betrayal and even hatred. We finally saw him like one of us!

But the lesson was lost on the people of his day. They failed to recognize the incredible gift he offered to humanity. The qualities in Him that revealed his very Holiness and perfection, turned out to be the ones that made people turn against Him. God-qualities like turning the other cheek, loving his enemies, and praying for the ones who lied about Him and beat Him - those qualities made his fans angry. They weren't interested in hearing someone talk about overcoming your enemies with love and prayer. No! They were looking for a new king

who would ride into town, throw out the thugs in charge, and restore the nation of people to their former greatness. That's what he would do if he really cared about them!

But instead of responding to their demands for a new warrior king, Jesus graciously and willingly surrendered his life as a sacrifice, so that those calling for his death could one day be forgiven of all their sins. Think about that. The ones He came to reach with his message of love and forgiveness were the very ones who turned on Him for not being their genie in a bottle. Yet He still went ahead with the game plan to pay the price for their sins.

I've often wonder how the people of his day could be so selfish and so blind. Then I'm reminded of my own selfish tendencies, and how often I fail to see the very things God sets before me, and I realize I'm no better than the people who cried "Crucify him!"

I love the lyrics to the song "How Deep The Father's Love For Us":

*Behold the Man upon a cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice,  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished  
Why should I gain from His reward?*

*I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom  
(Check it out on YouTube or iTunes, performed by Selah or by Phillips, Craig and Dean. Either one is great!)*

When Jesus died a real death on the cross, he carried on his shoulders the sins of every person who would ever live, including yours and mine. His life paid the price for those sins. When He rose from the grave after three days, He was filled with a new life that is now available to all who believe in Him. That's the miracle of Easter! He is perfect and sinless, and we're imperfect and sinful. He came and lived among us, and made it possible for us to one day go there to be with Him. He died so that we can live!

I'd like to close with a prayer for all of us as we celebrate Easter:

Lord God in Heaven, we thank you for the gift of your son, whose death and resurrection have brought us new and abundant life. Lord, you know that we are living in a time of considerable debate in the public arena regarding things like religious freedoms, discrimination, and prejudice.

Help us as Christ-followers to be mindful of our need for your forgiveness, and your command for us to love others as you have loved us. We humbly ask for your strength and grace as we follow your example, praying for our enemies, extending a hand to those in need, and loving others in your name. Amen

Jon Grimshaw serves as Pastor at Lakeview Community Church

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jon  
Grimshaw



# Heroin problem concerns everyone, experts say

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anything and everything to get the drug - girls will even sell their bodies, she said.

"You see girls begin to prostitute just to get the drug. With many of the girls I have talked to, prostitution starts at the drug dealer's house when they don't have the money to buy the drug," Harvey said.

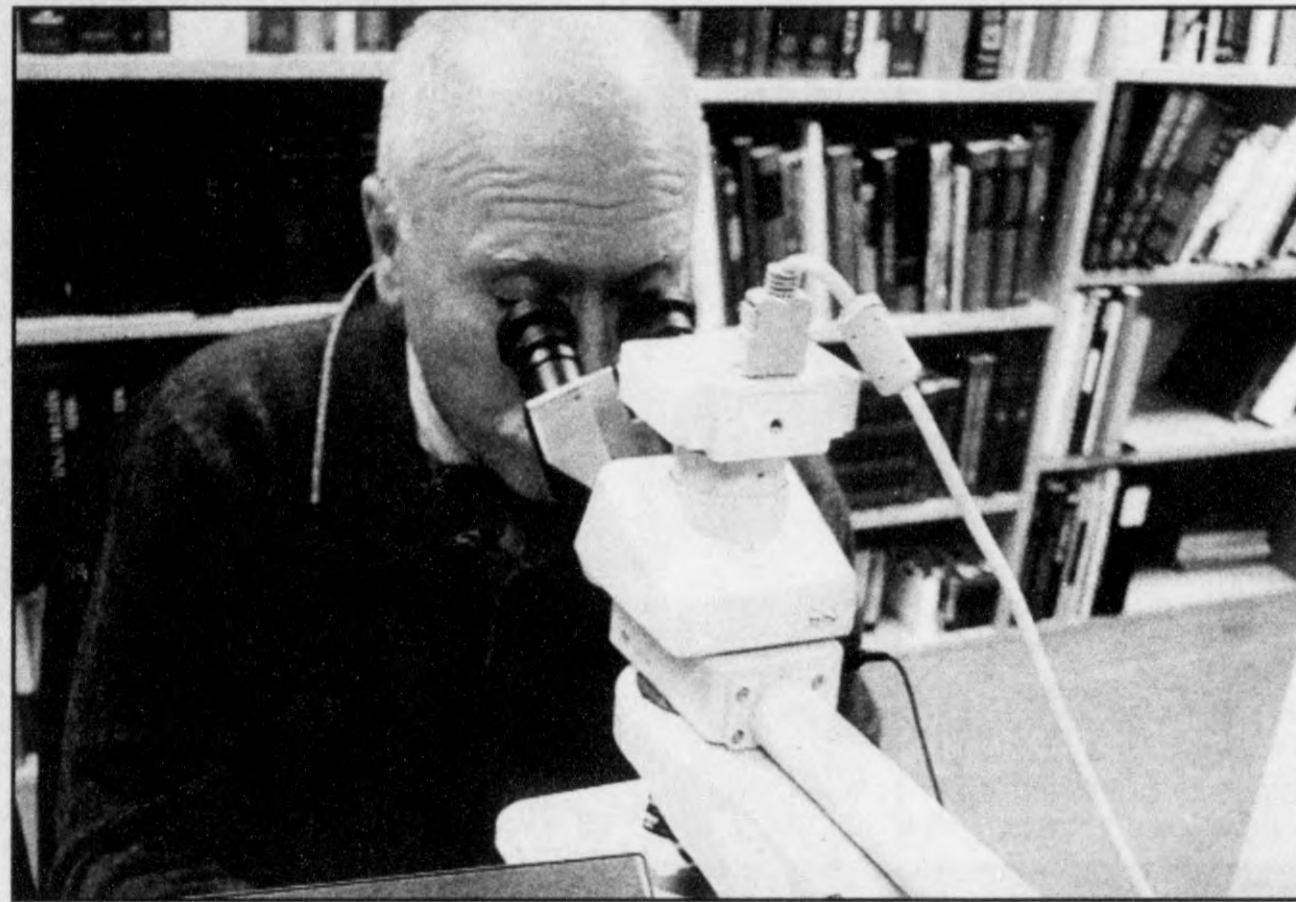
Many times they have a boyfriend who is also addicted so they get him drugs, too.

"I was talking to a young girl in Clarkston about a theft we believed she was involved in. I asked her how many times have you had sex for drugs, how many times have you been raped in a drug house, how many times have you had sex to get your boyfriend drugs," she said.

Girls will usually start crying when asked these questions before opening up to tell their stories. The problem may not be that noticeable in schools, but drugs are in the schools, the detective said.

"Schools are in denial," added Lieutenant Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff Independence substation commander.

"We had a father call us and ask for help because his child was doing drugs. We also have parents call for advice about their teen's friend using drugs and in need of help," said Tonya Cunningham from Clarkston Coalition for Youth.



**Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic, Oakland County chief medical examiner, researches a case. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin**

Addicts are getting younger - children ages 12-14 are using drugs, too, Harvey said.

"We usually run into them when they get high and act out or become suicidal. Then, the police get called," she said.

It's a difficult problem to counter, Cunningham said.

"Even if parents tell us their child or another student is involved in drugs at that point to us it's just rumor. Certain students may be using or selling drugs, but our police liaison and school officials cannot do much unless they catch them," she added. "It may be that it's not a problem on the Clarkston

High School premises, but students go home and do drugs."

"Somehow we have to break the stereotype and our cultural thoughts in regards to drug use," said Oakland County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Ljubisa Dragovic. "We need groups, the governments, schools, police and everyone to help people before they end up on my table. We have a social responsibility to work together on this problem. All of our community groups and resources need to be one one page to help fight this problem. We need to mobilizing all resources and get on one page. This treatment needs to include state and local forces."

Over 52 million Americans ages 12-years-old and older have used prescription drugs, including opiate painkillers. Teens and pre-teens ages 12- to 17-years old abuse prescription drugs more than any other drug, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

A change in prescription drug laws has made getting pills more expensive. Heroin is easier to get and it's cheaper than taking pills.

"The really sad part is parents and family members are unknowingly supplying teens with drugs from their medication supply," Cunningham said.

*Next, Drug Enforcement Agency officers, county coroner, and local doctors weigh in on the problem.*

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## This Week:

**Thursday, April 9**  
9:30 a.m.  
**Scripture Study**

**Friday, April 10**  
9:30 a.m.  
**Spiritual  
Journaling**

**Sunday, April 12**  
**Divine Mercy  
Sunday**

**Monday, April 13**  
7 p.m.  
**Scripture Study**

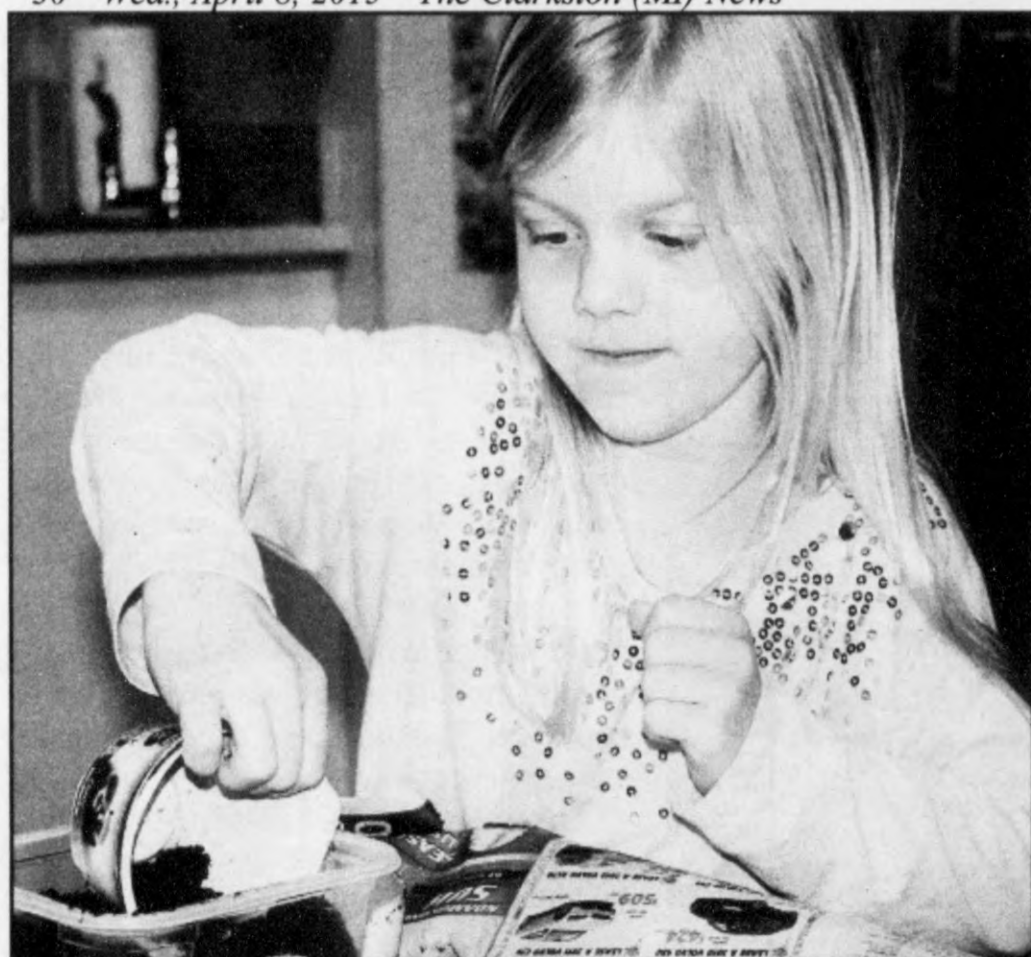
**Tuesday, April 14**  
1 p.m.  
**Christian Yoga**

**Wednesday, April 15**  
10 a.m.  
**Study of  
Sunday Scriptures**

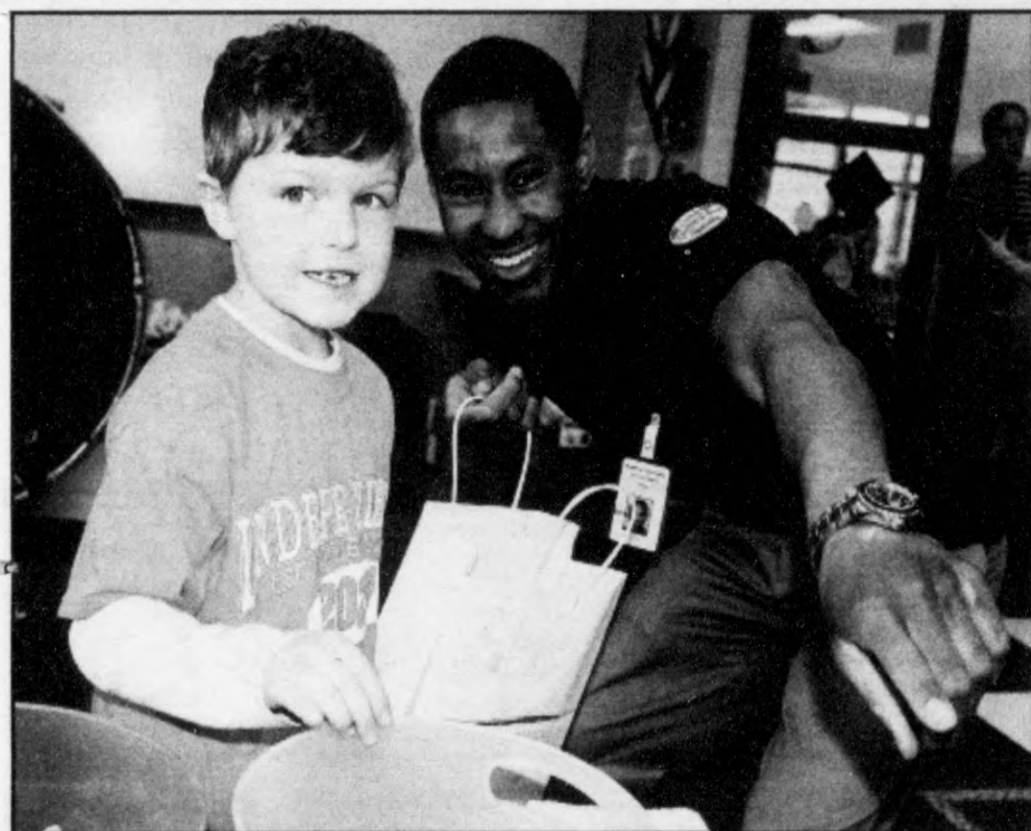
**Wednesday, April 15**  
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**Evening Prayer**

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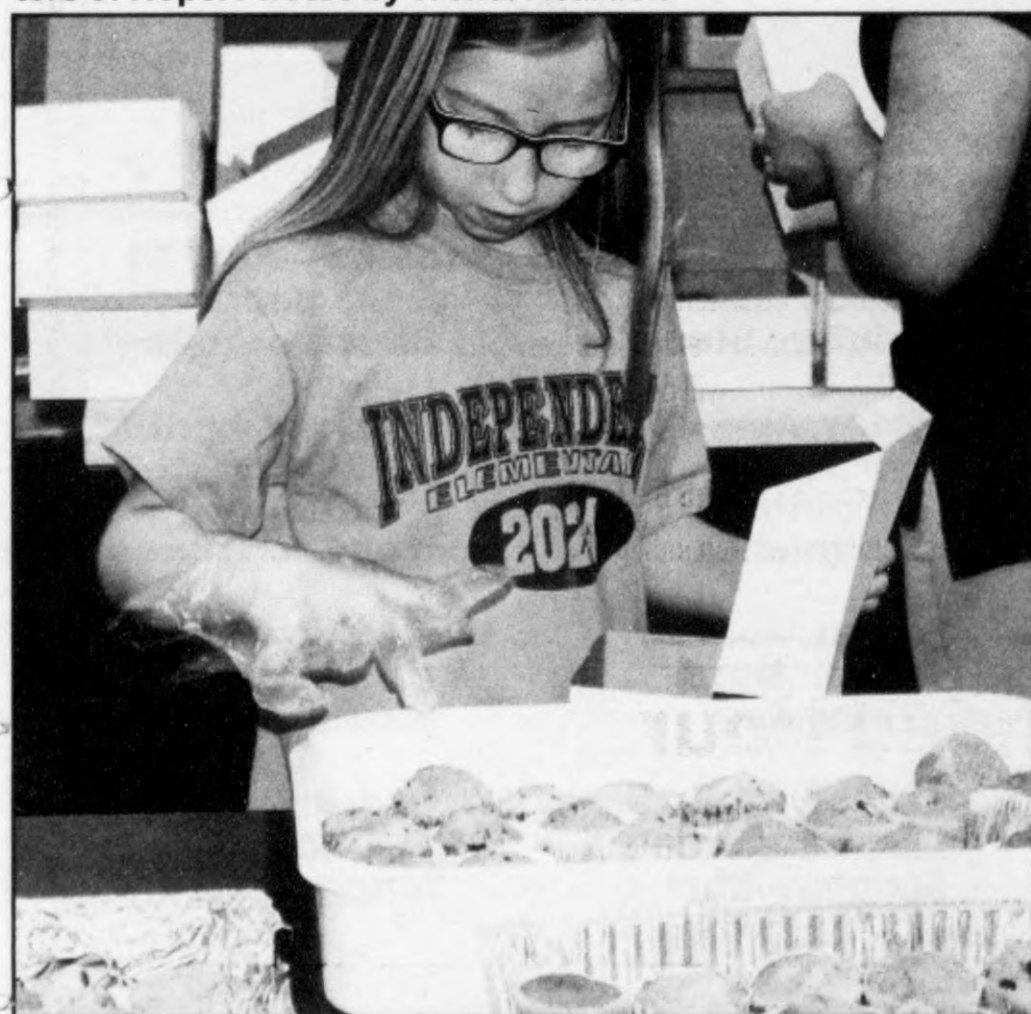




Ella Harrell creates a seed ball.



Charlie Popelier and Jaden Fowler fill bags for Grace Centers of Hope. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Annie Alexander picks out muffins for Meals on Wheels.



Second graders Dennis Wandrei and Devon Wancour assemble care packages for the U.S. Army.

## Kids serve community at S.O.C.K.S.

Students at Independence Elementary were celebrating spring in their own way during the 12th annual S.O.C.K.S. (Serving Our Community Kids Style.)

The tradition continued as students in Young Fives through fifth grade helped different organizations during their Academic Service Learning Project, March 26.

They had help from the Oakland University School of Nursing.

"Every Thursday we come to the school and we interact with the kids and we promote health and prevention of disease," said Jaden Fowler, who was helping Kindergartners.

"It is a wonderful community and an awesome school, very welcoming. It has really been really

fun. working with the kids is really great. I am glad we are here."

Independence Elementary impacted the community this year by:

**Young Fives** planted 42 field stones, created 84 nesting bags and planted 126 vegetable seedlings for the school's new learning garden. They made 127 bird and butterfly seed balls for the Independence Senior Center.

**Kindergarten** assembled 140 shelter bags with over 900 items for Grace Centers of Hope - Pontiac.

**First grade** created and donated 130 toys for area animals; designed and decorated 70 "Adopt Me" bandanas for the Michigan Humane Society; and donated \$350 raised through a pop can drive to

Paws with a Cause.

**Second grade** wrote letters of encouragement, made a good luck charm and donated, assembled and shipped over 69 care packages filled with over 900 items for the U.S. Army in Afghanistan.

**Third grade** assembled and donated over 195 boxes with over 780 muffins for Meals on Wheels in Clarkston and Waterford.

**Fourth grade** assembled and donated 47 fleece blankets for pediatric cancer patients of the Children's Miracle Network at Beaumont Children's Hospital.

**Fifth grade** played games, entertained and demonstrated technology while getting to know 75 senior citizens from Independence Township. ~WAR







## Food drive a success

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**Native Plants for the Urban Landscape** Tuesday, April 14, 7 PM  
Ruth Urbensky will share with you the wonders of native plants and a selection of some of the best to use in a home, community or school yard garden

**Legacy: What Will Yours Be?** Wednesday, April 22, 7:30 PM  
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## Special meeting set this week

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for Oakland County. Additional money will also come from tri-party funding.

Kittle said officials will meet with RCOC, Michigan Department of Transportation, McLaren and other involved parties to discuss funding options.

The project includes widening the intersection at Sashabaw and Waldon roads, adding dual left hand turn lanes on east bound Waldon, constructing a new ramp to south-bound Sashabaw Road from northbound I-75 and adding a dedicated left turn lane from north Sashabaw Road to northbound I-75.

A special meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 9, for recommendations to bring to the Board of Trustees during the April 15 meeting.

"We want to make sure a solid plan that is 100 percent funded is put together before we proceed," said Kittle. "We have no intention of writing a check when we don't have the money in the bank."

For more details on the project visit the Independence Township website at [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us)

## Blood drive

The American Red Cross hosts a blood drive at St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, from 2-7:45 p.m. on April 21.

Download a Blood Donor App at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients.

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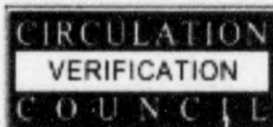


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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert G. Isgrigg, Jr., personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative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

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Estate of BARBARA A. LaBARGE, DECEASED. Date of birth: 3/23/1929

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BARBARA A. LaBARGE, DECEASED, died November 29, 2014.

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**MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call: Present—Mayor Luginski, Catallo, Sabol, Marsh, Bisio. Absent Hunter and Haven.

Motion by Catallo Supported by Marsh to approve the American Legion Poppy Days Drive Friday May 15, 2015 and Saturday May 16, 2015, subject to providing appropriate proof of insurance. All (100 percent) of the proceeds go to the Veterans. Motion Carried.

Lion Club was presented with a certification of Appreciation for their donation of a security camera by the Clark Bridge in the amount of \$2,908.00.

Art in the Park will be September 19, 2015 and September 20, 2015 Kelly Hyer reviewed three maps to assist with the understanding of traffic flow for setup, event and clean up.

There is approval of this event from the Sheriff Department and Fire Department.

Motion by Marsh Supported Sabol to approve the plan for this special event permit for one year. Motion Carried.

The Treasurer Sandra Barlass presented the residents survey results.

Motion by Sabol Supported by Bisio to extend the meeting past 9 pm. Motion Carried.

Resolution by Catallo Supported by Bisio to amend the General Fund FY 15 Total Revenue by (\$3,191) and total expenditures by (3,191). Resolution is Adopted.

Resolution by Bisio Supported by Catallo to amend the Major Road Fund FY 15 Total Revenue by \$3,587 and total expenditures by \$3,587. Resolution is Adopted.

Resolution by Bisio Supported by Sabol to amend the Local Road Fund FY 15 Total Revenue by \$1,327 and total expenditures by \$1,327. Resolution is Adopted.

Resolution by Sabol Supported by Catallo to amend the Capital Projects Fund FY 15 Total Revenue by \$21,236 and total expenditures by \$21,236. Resolution is Adopted. Bisio No

Motion by Sabol Supported by Bisio to approve the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive Friday March 27, 2015 and Saturday March 28, 2015, subject to providing appropriate proof of insurance. Motion Carried.

Motion by Sabol Supported by Bisio to approve Eric Haven to be Chairman of Friends of Depot Park Committee.

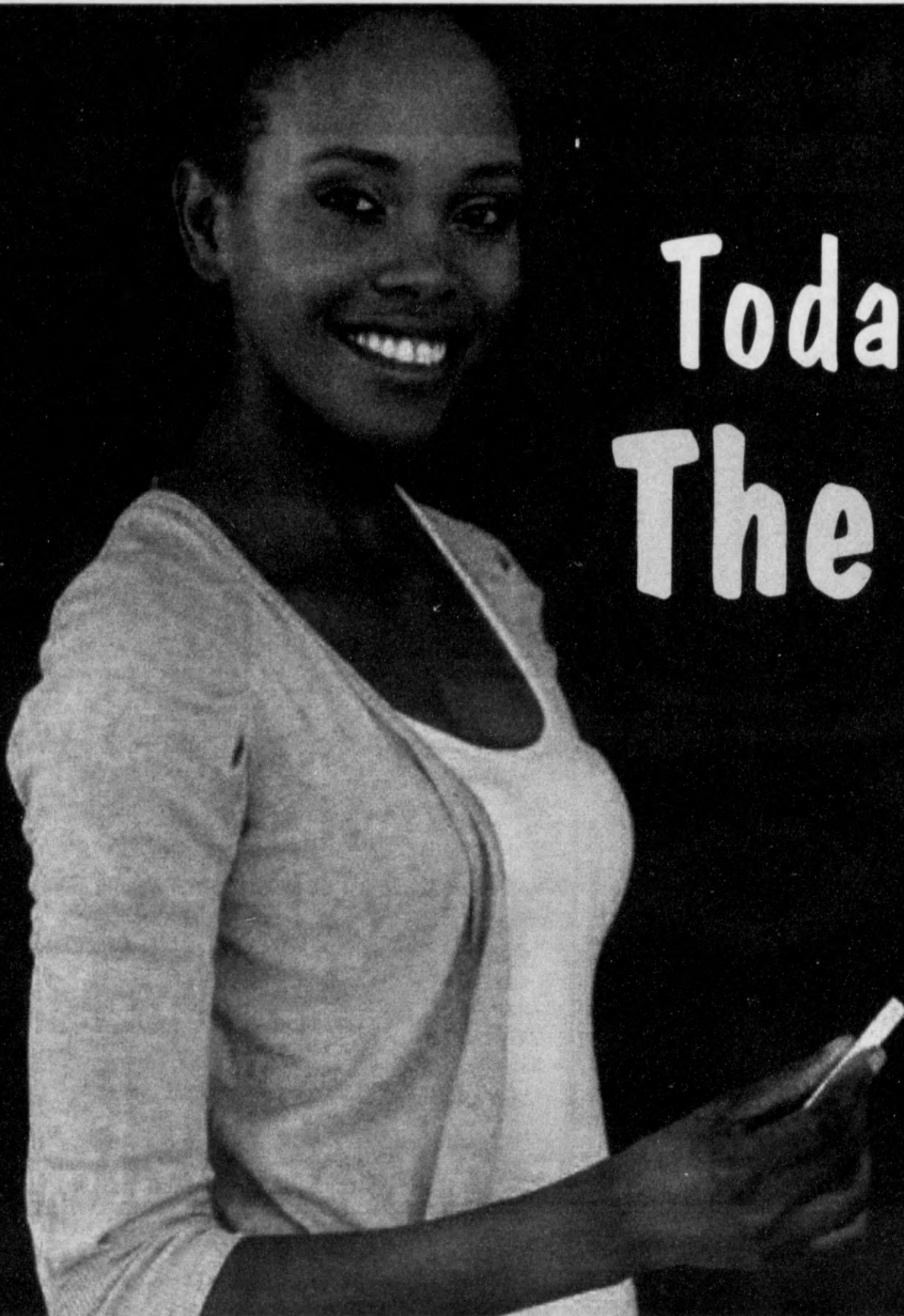
Motion by Sabol Supported by Catallo to designate the North & West outside rows of the municipal lot at Washington & Main to be permit only Monday thru Friday 9 to 5. Motion Carried.

Motion by Bisio Supported by Catallo to change the Monday, March 23 meeting to Thursday, March 26, 2015 and Monday, June 8 to Monday June 15, 2015. Motion Carried.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Luginski to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Miller City Clerk





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## Community achievements

**Thomas Kimble** of Clarkston has been appointed to the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan (PVM) Foundation Board of Directors.

Kimble is the current president of AARP Michigan. He retired from General Motors in 2002 after serving as vice-chairman of the General Motors Foundation and director of GM's Global Philanthropic Administration. A native of Dallas, Texas, he joined the GM finance staff in 1972 after graduation from Bishop College. He also holds a MBA from UCLA.

Kimble resides in Clarkston with his wife.



**Kimble**

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**Janet Tait**, BSN, RN, CHTP/I, was elected to the board of directors of Healing Beyond Borders, Educating and Certifying the Healing Touch. Her Healing Touch Practice is in Clarkston on M-15 just south of I-75, [www.jtワイトwellness.com](http://www.jtワイトwellness.com).

Clarkston residents re-elected to the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission include Gerald A. Fisher as chairperson, J. David VanderVeen as vice chairperson; and Robert E. Kostin.

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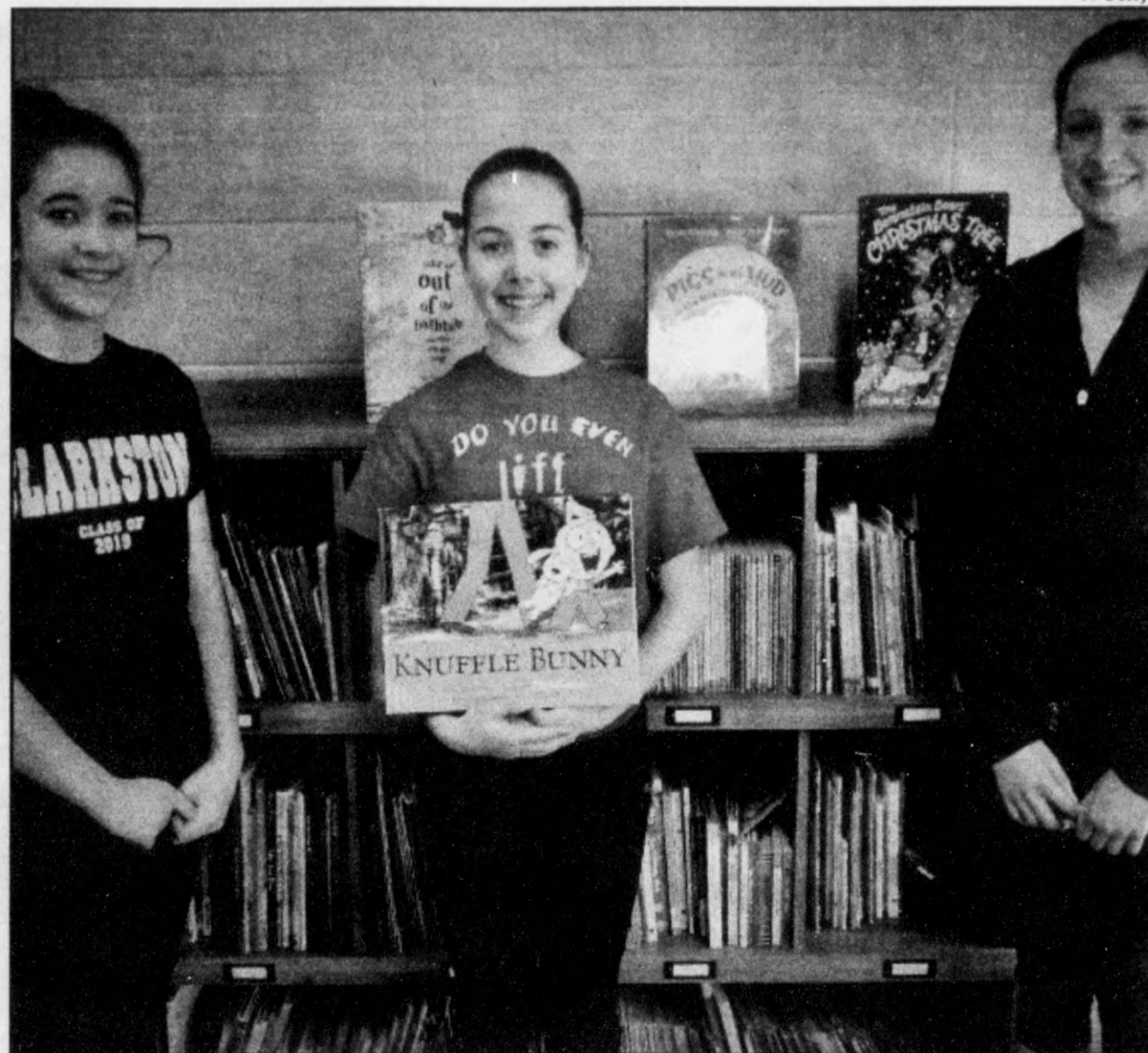
**Edward Bohner** of Clarkston was recently inducted into UPS's Circle of Honor for achieving 25 years of accident-free driving. UPS honored 57 drivers from Michigan with the honor.

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For the sixth year in a row, Randolph's Salon, owned by **Scott and Mary Randolph**, was named to the Salon Today 200 by Salon Today magazine. The magazine honored salons for their best business practices from applications submitted by readers.



**Scott and Mary Randolph receive their Salon Today 200 honors.**



**From left, Cadette Girl Scouts Rebekah Nofar, Lauren Ormsby and Lauren Gawlik created a library as their Silver Award project. Photo provided**

## Scouts bring new library to life

The Little Learning Library is now open at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church-White Lake Campus for the new after school tutoring program at their facility.

Three Clarkston Cadette Girl Scouts from Troop 13350 chose to establish the library as their Silver Award project and have spent over 160 hours to prepare it for the children participating in this program.

Along the way, they learned many new skills, from the initial planning to painting

the library classroom, assembling bookcases, collecting and organizing the books, stenciling and creating original artwork for the room.

The scouts thank Clarkston elementary schools for allowing them to hold book drives at their locations, and Clarkston areas churches for donating books for this project. Over 700 books were collected and the library was completed just in time for March Reading Month.

## Standup comedy special for DRAW

Greg Martin, founder of Disaster Relief at Work (DRAW), is making his return to standup comedy after nine years away from the comedy world, as he performs his new standup special, *Lapped By Life*, April 11 at 8 p.m. at the Ridgedale Players Theatre in Troy.

Martin has been speaking at high schools

and colleges around the country over the past decade, telling the story of the nonprofit, disaster relief agency he founded in 2012.

Admission is only available at the door, with the cost being \$4+the roll of one dice. All proceeds from the event go to DRAW.

For more information, please visit [www.drawbuckets.org](http://www.drawbuckets.org).

## Lady Wolves prepare for Pink Classic

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Then, they host the Mel and Josephine Pink Classic on April 18 beginning at 9 a.m. with all proceeds going towards breast cancer.

"The pink classic concept came from Josephine," Peters explained. "Plus, we want to honor former administrator, former teachers and current fans of Clarkston Athletics - Mel and Jo Vaara. We are

looking forward to it because the family has given a lot to Clarkston and continues. It's to say thank you. They are supportive of all the sports and all of the services."

There will be eight teams at the tournament including Macomb Dakota, Linden, Fenton and Detroit Cass Tech.

"There is going to be some good competition," Peters said.

## Scam alert

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"We've had many reports of people taking bills out of mailboxes and copying checks," warned Oakland County Detective Genefer Harvey. "They get the routing number and bank account information and create their own checks using the legitimate checking account. The bank cashes the check, and the owners of the account later find out their money is gone."

Oakland County Detective Michele Miller added any door to door salespeople must have a solicitor's license in both the city of Clarkston and Independence Township.

"Legitimate salespeople will get a permit, but non-legitimate salespeople won't even try to get one," she said.

Permits can be denied.

"To get a permit, they have to prove they are a legitimate entity. They have to give names of people and their identification and get a police clearance," Harvey said.

People selling something door to door, without a permit will be ticketed for soliciting with no permit.

They added if someone comes to your door selling something, ask to see their permit. If they don't have one, say "no thank you," close the door, and call the police.

Although no reports about fake magazine sales have been reported to local police, the big scam in the area is done over the phone.

Police have received numerous reports of scams involving the Internal Revenue Service. Thieves are using a phone application to make it look like the IRS is calling.

"Callers will do everything they can to get people to give up personal information saying they are with the IRS," Miller said.

"They threaten them with criminal charges or putting a warrant out for their arrest. Many people fall victim, so they give them credit cards or checking account numbers," she added.

The IRS will never ever call you and demand money.

"They send you a nice letter or make you come down to talk to them," Miller added.

Tax return scams are very common around tax time.

"Someone steals an identity and files a tax return in that person's name," Harvey said.

Bottom line, always protect valuable personal information like your social security number.

"There is no reason for anyone to need your entire Social Security number even at your doctor's office. Most insurance companies do not use your social security number anymore, and the last four digits should be sufficient," Harvey added.

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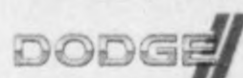
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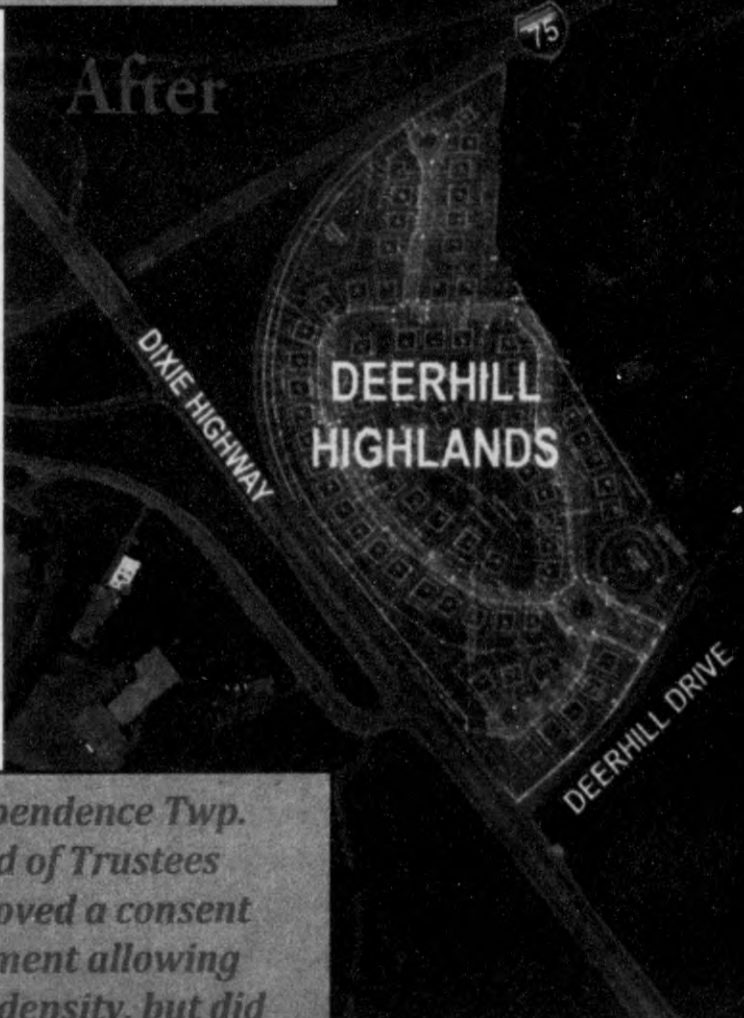
The *character of the development* will *not* be *in keeping* with that of adjacent land uses and neighborhoods

Existing woodlands and natural landscape to be preserved: *none*

No. of homes: 69

Additional vehicles impacting Deerhill Drive:  $2 \times 69 = 138$

After



The development's *surface drainage and sewerage* will be *routed into the existing Deer Lake Farms subdivision*, potentially affecting its extensive wetlands, creeks, and pristine *Deer Lake* itself

High density of homes leaves *inadequate room for utility routing and drainage swales*, negatively impacting required street trees and landscape buffers

Independence Twp. Board of Trustees approved a consent judgment allowing high density, but did not require open space or preservation of natural resources, (even though a part of ord. 9.06, upon which the design was based)

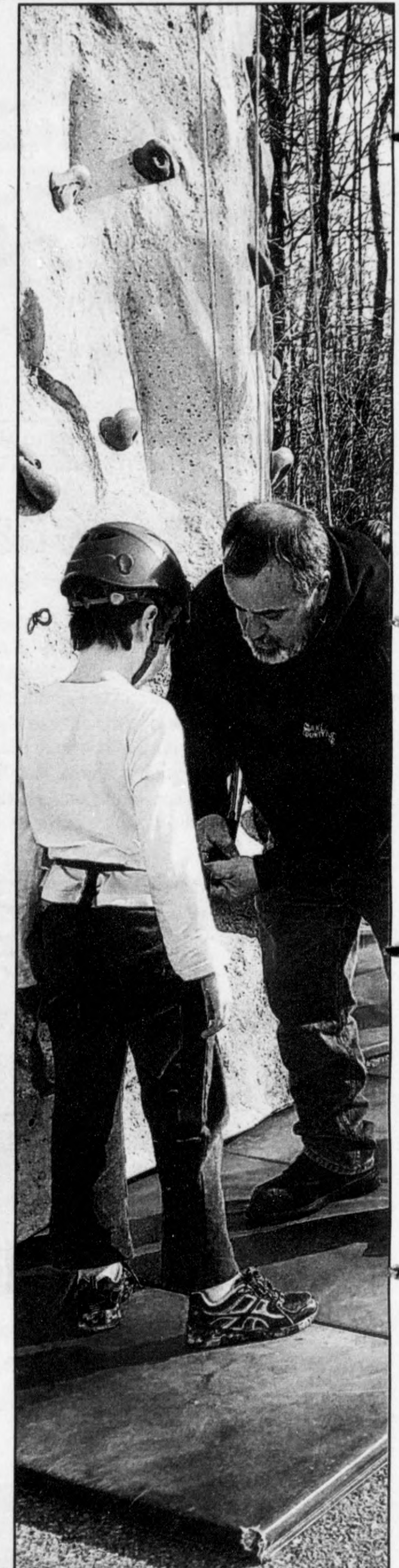
Help our voices be heard. Contact the Independence Twp. Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, and Building Department. Ask questions. This development had not yet received final approval, but time is running out. Help ensure that if this project goes ahead, that it does so with the best interests in mind of all who will live within and around it.

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**WALL CLIMBER:** Bryce Feverly finishes climbing the rock wall at Oakland Technical Center iTeam's Winterfest at Independence Oaks, April 1. The park was filled with families celebrating the return of spring with games, Easter egg hunt, and food. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin





Yusuke Orikasa teaches origami to Madison Foltz and Nick Wiegers. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Culture exchange

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"Clarkston has been so generous. Teachers and students are very friendly. Everyone is so happy to make conversation with us and happy to have us," she added.

Valtadoros and Yamada met one summer and discovered Yamada and students would be traveling to Michigan. Yamada stayed with Valtadoros during the trip to Clarkston.

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The Japanese and Clarkston students visit the mall. Photo provided

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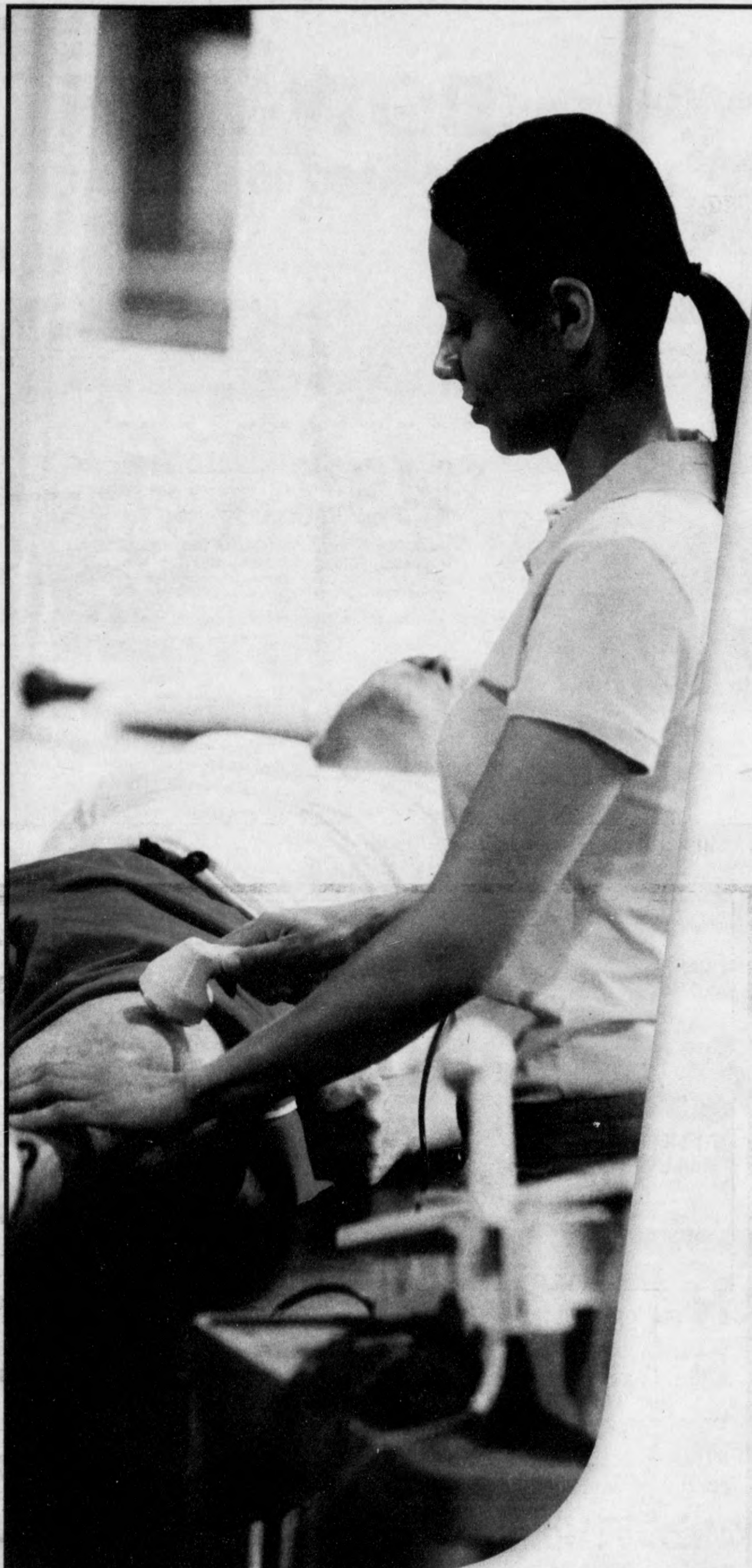
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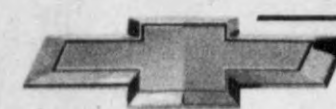
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