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HEY SANTA: This Santa statue gets a kiss when the real Santa and his live reindeer visited The Gateway in Clarkston on Saturday for a free Winter Wonderland event which asked visitors to donate to the Toys for Tots program. *Photo by Andrea M. Beaudoin*

Dognapper tracked to Independence Township

A husky stolen from a parking lot of a Kroger store in Bloomfield Township has been found in the 2500 block of Mann Road in Independence Township, 10:43 p.m., Dec. 15.

Joseph Stephen Benson, 29, was arraigned in 48th District Court on a misdemeanor count of larceny over \$200 but less than \$1,000.

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies assisted Bloomfield Township



Benson

officers in the arrest. The dog, Kodi, was taken about 7 p.m., Dec. 14.

His owner, Chris Barnett, said he left Kodi tied to a pole for about 20 minutes. Witnesses led police to Benson after the case hit social media.

Benson, a Georgia resident, was living with his mother at the mobile home park. He is currently on probation out of Ohio on a forgery charge, and has several convictions for drugs and property crimes out of Georgia.

His bond was set at \$25,000 cash or surety pending a Jan. 7 pretrial hearing before Judge Marc Barron. If convicted, he faces up to a year in jail and a maximum fine of \$2,000.

Dozens of leaks

Brownfield contamination throughout area

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Robinson family's water supply at their Maple Drive home in Independence Township has been contaminated with gasoline for the past year.

And, they're not alone.

According to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Clarkston area has dozens of "open," unaddressed contamination cases at local gas stations and businesses.

"Whoever owned the tank is responsible for the pollution," MDEQ spokesman Brad Wurfel said. "Many of those sites are in enforcement now."

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the number of leaks in Clarkston is disturbing. He is also working on a solution for the 25 Maple Road single family homes, and one apartment complex, whose residents were told by management not to drink the water, instead buying it themselves.

Kittle said installing a water main to Maple Drive will cost over \$200,000, plus another \$1,700 in tap in fees for each of the 25 homes, and more for the apartment

complex.

"We are trying to reach to homeowners to see if, rather than on the state, they would they be interested in creating a Special Assessment District. This means the township would pay to get water to Maple Road residents, and over 15 and 20 years, homeowners would reimburse us," he said.

Spillages, called plumes, travel over time, seeping deeper and moving to different areas, Wurfel said.

"Sometimes places changed hands and the plume comes with property. We are dealing with similar situations everywhere," he added.

State and county agencies dig test wells to determine size, intensity and spread of spills, as well as sample soil and water.

The Oakland County Health Department has the responsibility of monitoring gas stations, he said.

"Leaking underground storage tanks add complexity to underground drinking water issues," Wurfel said. "In areas where no one is using water, it is not a great problem. But, we have many sites where people are using drinking water, which is worse."

Michigan ranks in the top five states for leaking underground

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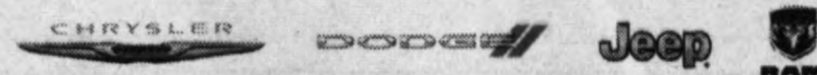
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RIDE IN AN OPEN CARRIAGE: The Soliman family takes a carriage ride, sponsored by Bowman Chevrolet, during Winter Wonderland at the Gateway last weekend. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

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SCOUTS HONORED: Troop 13363 Girl Scouts Jennifer Herrmann, Emily Herrmann, Lauren Dombrowski, Bailey Schroeder, Hannah Music, Nadia Smith, Elizabeth Scheil, Olivia Thomas, Amy Music, and Julie Walker were honored by Clarkston City Council with You Make a Difference 2015 City of the Village of Clarkston citizen awards, Dec. 14, for their work with Little Free Libraries in Depot Park and on Main Street. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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State lists 16 open leak cases in Clarkston

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tanks, with over 8,500 known leaks at 6,700 sites including gas stations, community government buildings, schools, and businesses, according to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

Half of the sites are "orphaned," with no responsible party but the state. Cleanup costs for known leaks are an estimated \$1 billion.

According to state law, gas stations self report suspected leaks. They are also required to keep records, which are used to determine leaks by comparing gas purchased to what is sold. State and federal laws also require systems to prevent and detect leaks.

The Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance Fund (MUSTFA), an environmental protection regulatory fee created in 1988, collected \$625 million before 1995, as well as \$215 million in bonds issued in 1993.

Since then, about 21,800 sites in Michigan had confirmed petroleum leaks, and 13,000 sites were cleaned up. From 2003 to 2014, 2,700 sites were cleaned.

On average, it costs \$400,000 to remediate a contaminated property.

"It's expensive to meet clean-up standards," Wurfel said.

Many of the confirmed leaks in the Clarkston area are at current or former gas stations, but some are located at government and county owned properties such as fire departments and schools. Many of these sites continue to operate underground tanks past their lifespan or are not monitored.

The state's website lists Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, LUST, throughout the state.

Reports are closed when property owner clean the site, or a restricted land use is placed on the property.

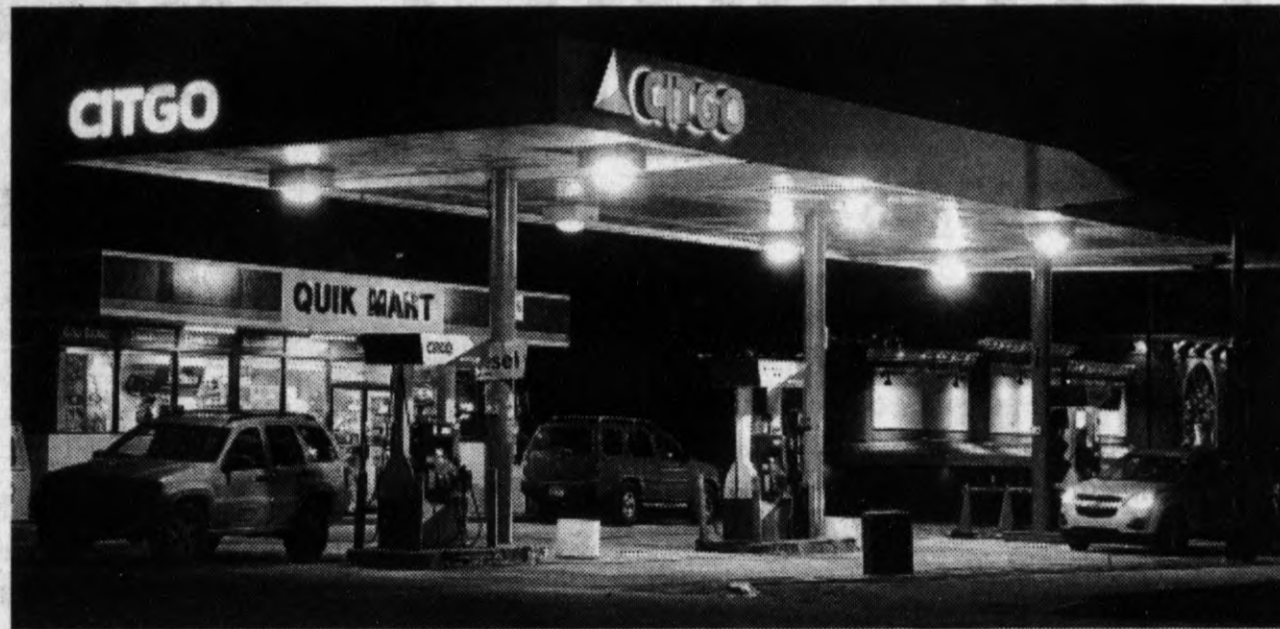
In north Oakland County, the Clarkston area has 16 open and 10 closed cases; Ortonville, nine open, two closed; Waterford, 10 open, 11 closed; Groveland one open; Oxford, seven open, 10 closed; Holly, 10 open, 10 closed; and Lake Orion, 10 open, seven closed.

DEQ said the contamination at the Robinsons was caused by leaky underground tanks at a gas station on Dixie Highway, now a Citgo.

Every 20 days the state delivers eight cases of bottled water. Although the state says it's OK to shower, Robinson said they use water they gather from friends. Clarkston Attorney Jon Gaskell contacted Robinson and recommended an environmental attorney.

Citgo Petroleum Corporation said Citgo stations are locally owned and independently operated and are responsible to all federal, state, and local authorities to operate and maintain the facility in compliance with all regulatory mandates.

"We know that incidents at the local stations reflect on Citgo, and we depend upon the governing agencies to police and enforce compliance with their regulations," according to a corporate statement. "We take situations like this one very seriously and expect that the responsible parties and all governing agencies involved will work together to resolve this situation."



The Citgo station on Dixie Highway near Maple Road.

Open cases of leaking tanks

BP, formerly Clarkston Shell, 7251 N. Main Road, discovered April 1990 and January 1992; substance, used oil and an unlisted substance. Six tanks, capacity up to 8,000 gallons, storing gas, diesel, and used oil, were removed. Current owner is Auto City Services, Fenton.

Sunoco, 7650 Ortonville Road, discovered January 2015; substance, used oil. Three 10,000 gallon tanks and a 6,000-gallon gas tank, installed in 1973 and 1983, are still in use. One 500 gallon used-oil tank listed as temporarily out of use. Current owner is GEB Clarkston Inc.

Speedway, 6594 Dixie Highway, discovered August 1997. Three 12,000 gallon gasoline tanks removed. Current owner, Speedway LLC, Ohio.

Clarkston Marathon, 8500 Dixie Highway, discovered February and March 1994. Four tanks, up to 6,000 gallon capacity storing gas, diesel, kerosene were removed. Current owner, Auto City Service Inc, Fenton.

BP, 6756 Dixie, formerly Clarkston Marathon, discovered, 1991, 1992, and 2005. Substance released, gasoline and used oil. Nine tanks, up to 12,000 gallons storing gas and used oil, were removed. Two reports are closed, and one remains open. Current owner, Clarkston Dix Properties LLC.

Former Village Muffler and Brake, 148 N. Main, discovered, December 1991. Four tanks, up to 8,000 gallon capacity carrying gas and petroleum, were removed. Current owner, G.L. Investments, Pontiac.

Clarkston Citgo, 6550 Dixie Highway, discovered, April 2002 and February 2003. Four

8,000-gallon gasoline tanks were removed. Current owner, Mt. Clark.

Citgo, 5465 Sashabaw Road, discovered, April 1991. Three tanks, two 10,000-gallon and one 12,000-gallon storing gas, were removed. Current owner, Dandy Oil, Detroit.

Texaco, 7320 Ortonville Road, site demolished, discovered May 1998. Current owner, Texaco Environmental Services.

Businesses other than gas stations with leaky tanks include:

Clarkston Junior High School, discovered August 2007; substance listed as unknown, but tanks carried gasoline, diesel, and used oil. Four tanks, two with 12,000 gallons capacities, two with 500, were removed.

Allied Construction, 4941 White Lake Road, discovered August 2005; substance released, diesel and gasoline. Two 550-gallon tanks removed.

Biancas, 7880 Andersonville Road, discovered September 1997; substance released, gasoline. One 4,000-gallon tank removed.

Precision Pipe and Supply Company, 4950 White Lake Road, discovered January 1991. Five tanks, up to 10,000 gallons, carrying gas, diesel, and used oil, were removed.

Sashabaw Marketplace, LLC, 5748 Clarkston Road, discovered December 2004; substance, mixed. Five tanks, up to 8,000 gallons, removed. Current owner, Clarkston Square LLC, Birmingham.

For more information, check www.deq.state.mi.us.



The Speedway station on Dixie. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

Briefly

Hoops for Troops

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for the Clarkston Girls Basketball third annual Hoops for Troops, set for Feb. 18, 2016.

Sponsorships are available include Free Throw, Jump Shot, Three Pointer and Buzzer Beater. The Buzzer Beater includes name on the back of the event T-shirt; name on event program; name event flyer; mentioned at halftime; and recognition in a Letter to the Editor to *The Clarkston News*.

Donations are due by Jan. 13, 2016. For more information, please contact Megan Goldberg at HoopsForTheTroops@gmail.com or call 248-496-5226.

The event is held in honor for 2006 Clarkston High School graduate Jenna Beno who passed away October 2012 from injuries she sustained while serving in Iraq.

All funds raised during Hoops for Troops is donated to Michigan Bikers Helping Veterans.

Mom-to-Mom sale

Montessori School of Clarkston hosts the Mom-to-Mom Sale, Saturday, Jan. 16, 8:30 a.m. Early Bird, \$2 per person; 9 a.m.-noon, \$1 per person, strollers after 10 a.m.

Buy or sell gently used children's items at the school, 10439 Ortonville Road at Oak Hill Road.

Call Angela Butler at 586-770-4299 to rent a table.

CPR class

Springfield Townships hosts a CPR - Infant, Child and Adult workshop for students 10 and up, 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 11, at the township center.

Cost is \$40 for residents, \$45, for non-residents. For more information, call 248-846-6558.

Blog award

Christopher Cook of Clarkston is a winner of a 2015 BlogStar Award by SUCCESS magazine for his personal blog, CHRISCOOKis.com. His new podcast, The Win Today Lifecast, begins airing in early 2016 on iTunes.

Cook is a writer, communicator, and consultant who helps motivated but overwhelmed men and women get unstuck and on-purpose in life after experiencing crisis, loss, and disappointment, so that they have a clear path and tools to get where they want to be.

Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

Too much corruption

Santa, I have found this land is no longer my land or your land.

Instead, this land is owned by gas and oil companies, making huge money while polluting communities.

I believe it is worse than we know. People, possibly you, are unknowingly drinking contaminated water caused by environmental polluters as our "leaders" make laws that reimburse responsible parties with up to \$2 million per claim to clean their mess.

For Christmas I wish federal and state governments would quit mismanaging taxpayers' money. A lot of systems are created to collect fines and fees while nothing is fixed and communities are left to fix messes.

An example is Environmental Protection Agency efforts costing \$700,000 to lower pig farts in Thailand. How about state "leaders" and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's mismanagement of Flint's water, blamed for lead poisoning.

It's either bad mismanagement or pure corruption.

EPA staff and departments should be cut and billions of dollars collected, \$19 billion alone from the BP Gulf Spill, be given to communities and schools before it just disappears or is used on stupid research while communities face an environmental crisis's they don't even know about.

I propose communities use funds to clean up the huge amount of pollution MDEQ knows is here, the state collected \$50 million a year in gas tax, but stopped working on claims intended pay outs until 2004 to claims before 1995.

I propose fruit and nut trees be planted everywhere and schools get gardens to teach farming and cut food costs with healthy food. The EPA should be able to handle major accidents only.

Anyone part of corruption lies and mismanagement at both the MDEQ and EPA be fired, pensions and health care removed.

I also think communities band together and create a local gas tax. Despite what big government agencies claim, that favor, gas stations exempt from some taxes including the Michigan Road Tax Fund.

It's one big collection fest here in America especially if you are a government agency or you own property and pollute. Santa, please wake America up.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Cost concerns

Dear Editor,

If Independence Township already has a \$678,000 deficit in the 2016 budget, I can't see how we could possibly consider adding more positions to the payroll to cover administration and enforcement of a tree ordinance.

Belinda Billings
Independence Township

Open swim wanted

Dear Editor,

Starting January 2016, the open swim hours at the swimming pool at Clarkston High School are being reduced 80 percent! There will be no open swimming on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays any longer. Monday open swimming was eliminated last summer. The only open swimming hours will be on Saturdays. For those of us who utilize the pool regularly, this is a significant loss.

Not only have we lost swimming opportunities, but I feel sorry for the fitness instructors and pool lifeguards who will be out of a job.

Barry Snyder
Independence Township

Prayer for Holy Land

Dear Editor,

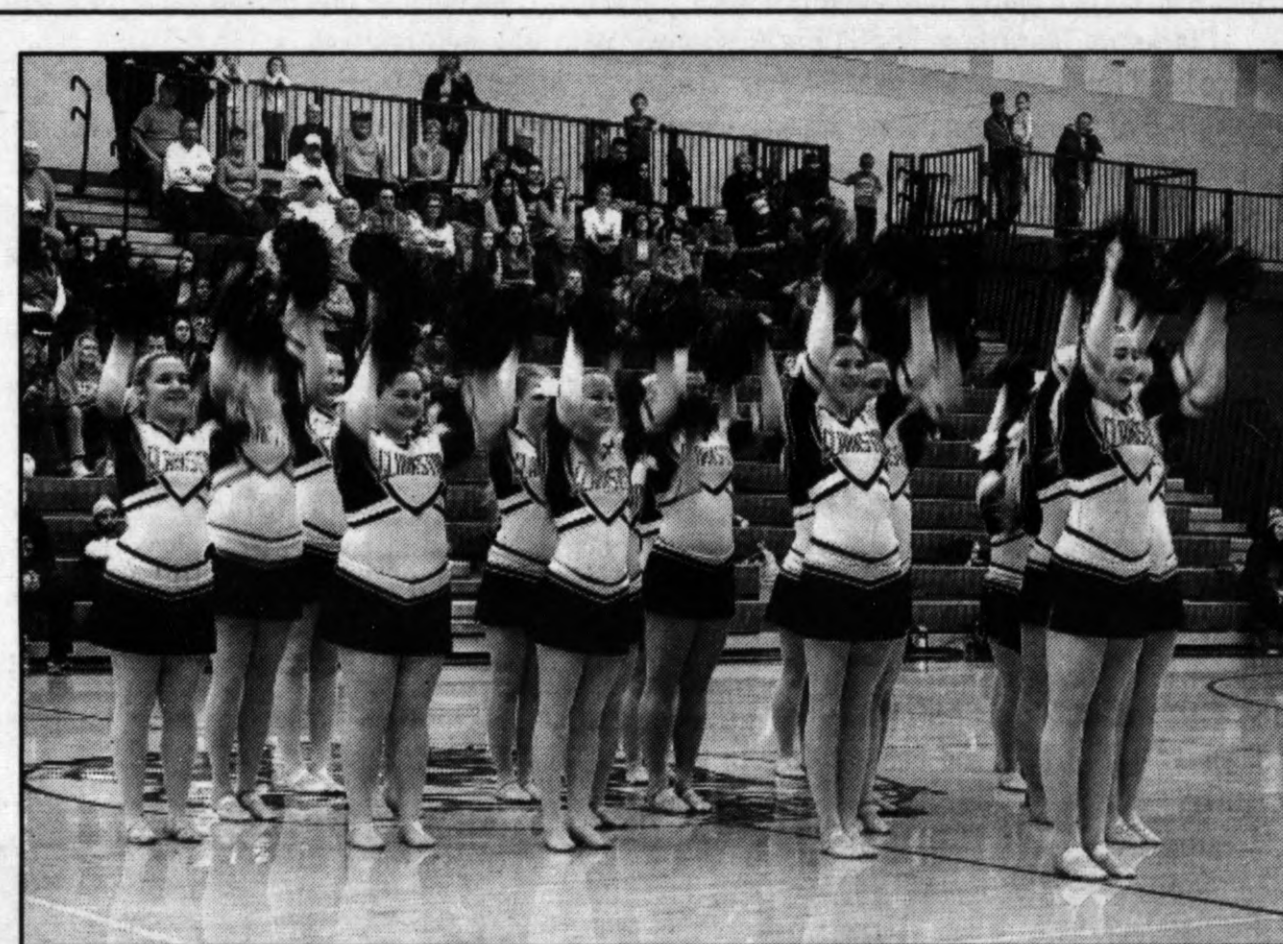
I will pray this Christmas for Christians in Bethlehem, which is six miles south of Jerusalem, and would love for others to join me.

The town is surrounded by a 25-foot-high wall with watch towers. Entry and exit are only possible at the whim of heavily armed soldiers, some 18 years old. If they choose, they can bar residents from leaving, even to go to work, school, or to a hospital. Essentially, Bethlehem today is an open air prison, under military occupation. Some Bethlehem citizens have been barred from visiting family members in Jerusalem for years. Israeli settlements have been built all around the town, taking land away from Bethlehemites.

I pray for Pastor Mitri Raheb and all the members to Christmas Lutheran Church, all the other Christians and Muslims in Bethlehem, and for the Jews who live in the Holy Land, that they might know a just peace and security.

God bless us all.

Pastor Bon Walters
Independence Township



SMILES OF THE WEEK: Clarkston cheerleaders form up for their show during halftime at last Friday's basketball game against Lake Orion. Photo by Phil Custodio

Write a Letter to the Editor

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Will snow days be made up in June?" With the unexpected early winter vacation by four days for Clarkston Community School district students, many were wondering if snow days would be made up in June. Public Relations Coordinator Anita Banach said it was too early to tell especially with many winter months still ahead.

"Last-minute creative gift ideas" With only five shopping days left until Christmas, local retailers helped with tips on how to find the perfect gift especially for those hard-to-buy-for friends and relatives.

"Icers down Birmingham United" The Clarkston Varsity Ice Hockey team stayed on top of the OAA I Division with a 4-1 victory over Birmingham United. Jon Bemis scored a shorthanded empty net goal to seal the win.

25 years ago - 1990

"MEAP scores rank with 1989" Students in the Clarkston area tallied scores consistent with those achieved in the 1989 Michigan Education Assessment Program tests.

"Judge reflects on decision heard 'round the world'" Despite being thrust into the international spotlight, 52nd District Judge Gerard McNally wasn't affected by the exposure of the Dr. Jack Kevorkian "suicide machine" case. He dismissed the murder charges against the physician.

"Best in the country" The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team had already clinched their first Oakland County Championship in the 2-day event before Jeff Deroseau, Jerry Anderson, Damon Michelesen and Joel Davis headed into the finals.

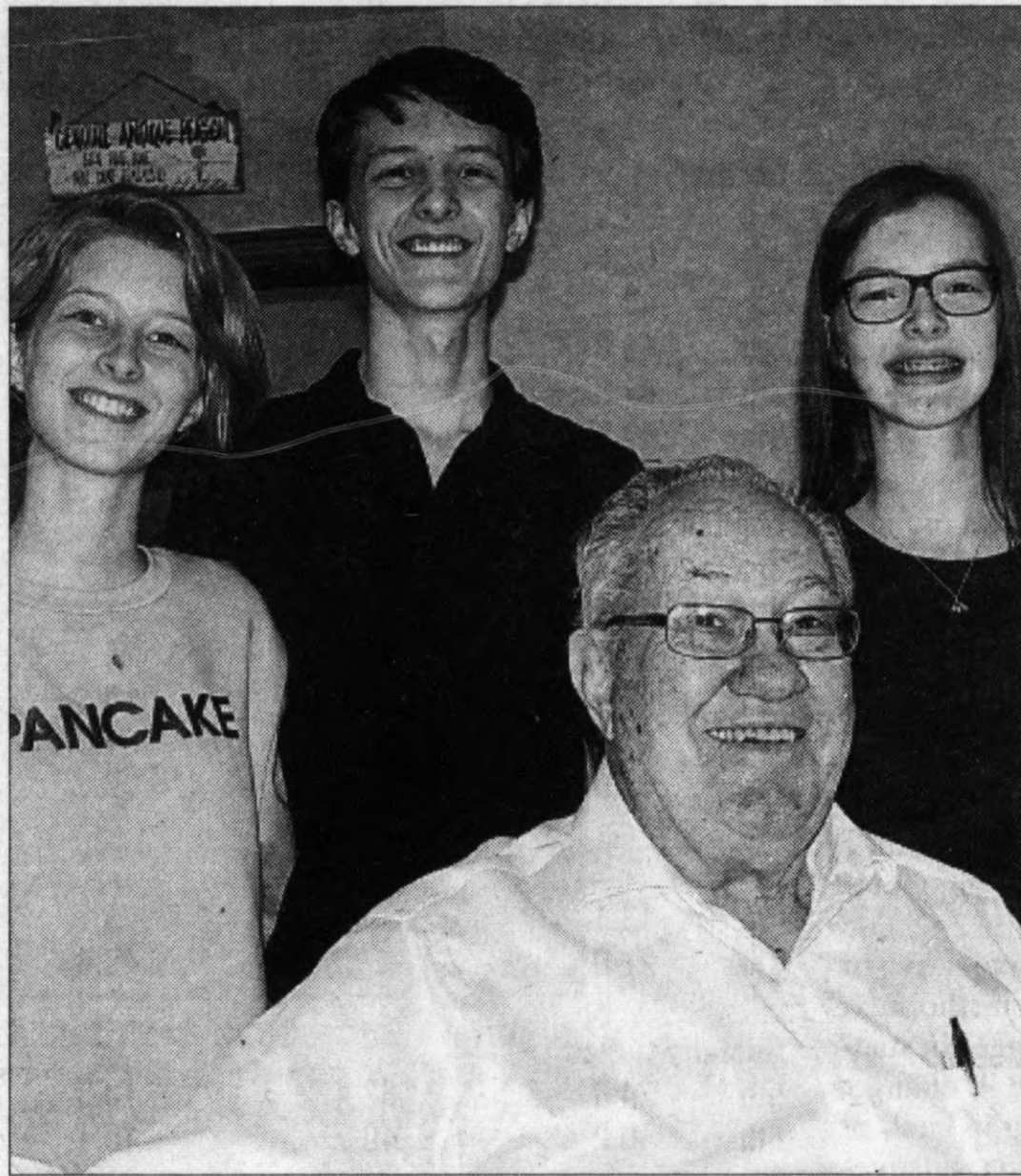
50 years ago - 1965

"\$3,000 netted in Old Mill break-in" Burglars stole \$3,000 in cash and checks from a safe in the Old Mill Tavern, 5838 Dixie Highway. The thieves gained entry to the building by breaking the front door window.

"Display winner" The 1965 Clarkston Outdoor Christmas Decoration winner was Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brendle and son for their doll size village depicting "The Night Before Christmas."

"Hitchhikers and drivers warned" College students and others who try to "travel by thumb" on Michigan freeways and limited access were reminded by State Police hitchhiking on high speed roads was prohibited by law.

Merry Christmas From The Grandkids



... And the Jotter

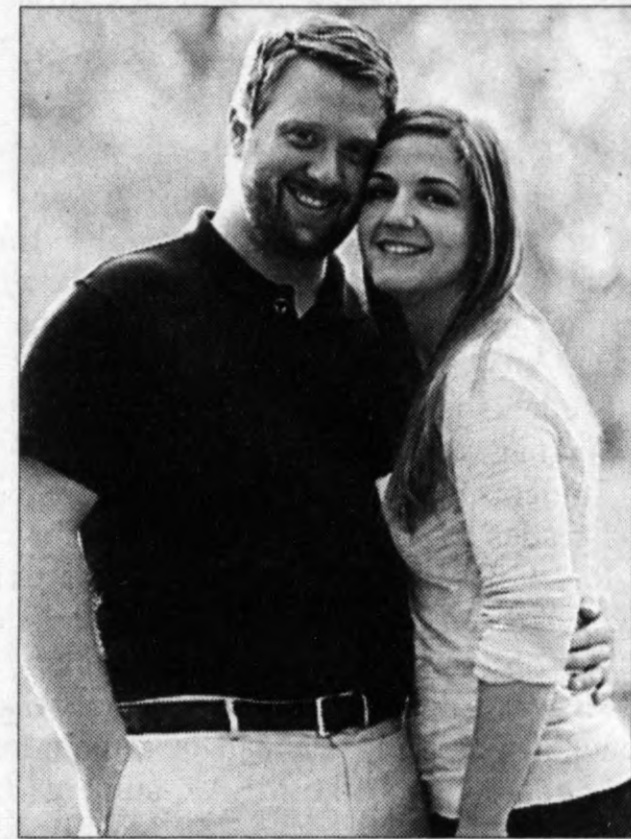
When we first started this *Jim's Jottings* holiday tradition, the two grandchildren Dan and Karen Offer (inset picture) were small enough to fit on my knees. It was 1988. Dan was 3-years-old and Karen was four-months-old. In that first picture, Karen had no hair, I had more and I still wore a suit and tie to work every day. Now they are grown and living out west and I only wear a tie if the occasion arises. They are the children of our daughter Luan and her husband, Bob Offer. The Offer children both live in Colorado. Dan is now engaged to Alex.

Back then, the three grandchildren standing around me, were only being dreamed of and anxiously waited for. Now, too, they are growing and becoming fine young people. The Speed siblings standing with me, from the left are Savannah, 19, Trevor and Haley (both 15) and Savannah, 18. Their proud parents are our daughter Susan and her husband, Tim Speed.

In 1988, I wrote, "From time to time their names appear in *Jottings* and I thought you might like to see who we're writing about."

While situations, and stations have changed in the 27 years since 1988, some things do not change. We still find more joy in giving than in receiving and me and the grandkids still wish you a Merry Christmas!

-- Jim Sherman, Sr.



Kick 'em when they're down this Christmas

Gosh . . . I don't know . . . for at least a decade, I have set aside December columns for writing about Christmas. Christmas past, Christmas with the kids, Christmas as a kid; Christmas memories, music and musings. I've laid wood on fruitcake and pontificated on all sorts of Christmasy crap.

I've let my own naive, happy, sappy self get lost in the season's magic . . . and in all these years I never thought (until just now) that all those sparkly musings may actually make some feel sad.

Just because I "believe" in the wonderfulness and lived a *Leave It To Beaver* life as ever there was one in American suburbia, doesn't mean you do or did. For some folks the holiday season brings anxiety, sadness and pain. And, if I think about it, maybe some of my Christmas columns written while Plum Fairies danced across my mind, actually have hurt some of you. Maybe, my view of the holidays through my rose-colored glasses can be like a kick in the gut to some of you who are already down for Christ-

mas.

To you I write, today.

Your memories are yours alone. Maybe you can make some new ones this year; write a new chapter starting with this holiday season. Maybe if you open just a wee bit and let some of the overflowing love bombs that, unfortunately, seem only to be flung this time of year hit you, you can find a true smile versus the ones you paint on for everybody else to see.

Every chapter of every book ever written starts with just one word. Maybe your new chapter can start with the word, "Smile."

And grow it from that small, five-lettered word. Baby steps, baby!

Holiday depression is not a singular affliction. You are not alone in your feelings of loneliness or sadness. Here are some tips from the Mayo Clinic's web page on holiday stress and depression.

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Acknowledge your feelings. If someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season.

Reach out. If you feel lonely or iso-

lated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.

Be realistic. The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones. For example, if your adult children can't come to your house, find new ways to celebrate together, such as sharing pictures, e-mails or videos.

Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all of your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too.

Learn to say no. Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every project or activity. If it's not possible to say no when your boss asks you to work overtime, try to remove something else from your agenda to make up for

the lost time.

Don't abandon healthy habits. Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Over-indulgence only adds to your stress and guilt.

Take a breather. Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm.

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To you who are sad, alone and just not "feeling it," this holiday season, I wish you peace. I offer you love. Figuratively or literally, I give you my hand to hold. If you need, I will tenderly, gently and with compassion wipe away your tears. Your pain is yours alone, I know. Know though, you are not alone . . .

. . . Oh, and if you want, I just saw some cool things on-line you can ingest to make your poop sparkle and glitter . . . and if glittery, sparkly poop doesn't make you smile, let me know I will come up with some other sort of bathroom humor that might do the trick.

I will be thinking of you this holiday, I promise.

Send thoughts and comments Mr. Donny Sunshine via e-mail, Don@ShermanPublications.org

**Don't
Rush Me**



**A column by
Don Rush**

M-STEP results present new baseline, officials say

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

District officials received results from the 2014-15 MSTEP state-required test, implemented on students in various grades. This is the first year the test, which replaced MEAP testing, was implemented.

Students in grades 3-8 and also grade 11 were tested in language arts and math.

Students in grades 4, 7, and 11 were tested in science, and grades 5, 8, and 11 in social studies.

M-STEP set higher academic standards in English Language Arts and mathematics, said Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

"It was a lengthy online test that was tough on students," Rock said. "Instead of bubble sheets and multiple-choice tests like MEAP, students take these tests on computers, which requires an entire skill set unto itself."

MSTEP was implemented this past year.

"These results represent a new baseline, cannot be compared to previous years, and will not be used for accountability purposes," he said. "There is no basis for comparison between districts as this test is new to all of us."

Rock, along with CCS Board of Education members, agree each child cannot be evaluated by MSTEP testing alone, so administrators will collect their own information and rely on other tests.

Rock's goals include advancing proficiency levels for math and language arts while also implementing "a whole

child" initiative, which places more focus on cultivating deeper thinking and addresses a child's well-being.

"We are working hard to advance students' achievements, and maintain our focus on cultivating learners and critical thinkers," he said.

Rock has introduced programs like Leader in Me to cultivate thinking and build leaders, which continue to be implemented in several schools across the district.

Administrators like literacy specialist Phyliss Ness are working hard to implement new teachings to build language arts skills in elementary students.

Students are asked to think and discuss book characters differently than previous programs. Lessons include thinking and discussing how a character feels, what they find important or why they act out of character in times of trouble.

Teachers are collecting more data on students, which requires more one-on-one time to address any trouble a student may have with a lesson.

CCS Board of Education faces challenges, and debated Rock's evaluation for goals relating to a child's well-being, and how goals addressing well-being factor into test scores.

"Given new federal legislation and the perspective of our state superintendent, Mr. Brian Whiston, the next few years will undoubtedly mean further changes in standardized testing," Rock said. "Many things will change, and we will continue to focus on cultivating in each of our students academic knowledge, innovation, engagement, creativity, collaboration, and a love of learning."

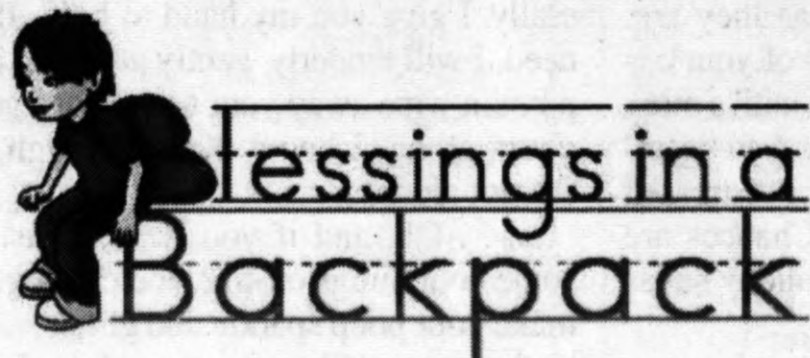
Grade	% Advanced or Proficient	% Partially Proficient	% Not Proficient
Mathematics			
3rd	62.5	23.5	14.0
4th	52.3	30.5	17.2
5th	42.3	33.0	24.7
6th	48.8	33.0	18.3
7th	47.9	30.9	21.3
8th	41.0	29.8	29.2
English Language Arts			
3rd	62.5	23.5	14.0
4th	52.3	30.5	17.2
5th	42.3	33.0	24.7
6th	48.8	33.0	18.3
7th	47.9	30.9	21.3
8th	41.0	29.8	29.2
Science			
4th	13.1	38.8	48.1
7th	27.0	27.2	45.8
Social Studies			
5th	24.3	62.4	13.3
8th	40.2	40.7	19.1

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A 28-year-old Pontiac woman was stopped for driving a vehicle with expired registration tax, 4:04 p.m., Dec. 11, at Lingor Drive and Dixie Highway. She was cited for driving with an expired driver's license, expired plate, and no insurance.

Warrant arrest

A deputy met with a DNR officer on Dixie Highway at Grange Hall Road for a warrant pickup, 6:15 p.m., Dec. 13. The suspect, a 33-year-old Pontiac man, was wanted on a child neglect warrant and failure to appear on a domestic violence warrant. He was jailed on the warrants.

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Found with marijuana

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with an expired license plate, 3:14 p.m., Dec. 13, at Maybee Road and Timber Ridge Trail. The vehicle and driver, a 32-year-old Lake Orion woman, smelled of marijuana. She denied having any, but several small buds of marijuana and two burnt marijuana blunt remnants were found in the vehicle. She was also found with a felony extradition warrant out of Sixth Circuit Court. She was cited with expired plate, expired insurance, defective equipment for a broken brake light, and driving with a suspended license. She was jailed on the warrant.

Truck violations

A deputy stopped a truck on I-75 near M-15 for improper reflective tape, 11:58 a.m., Dec. 16. The owner was cited with registration violation, reflective tape violation, and no annual inspections for the truck and trailer. The trailer, and the dump truck on it, was impounded.

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Winter brought blues for superintendent

The year 2015 started with controversy over Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Rod Rock, as School Board members disagreed about his evaluation. The controversy continued into spring in the schools and Clarkston City Council.

January 7

Last stand for World War II Marine: World War II Marine Clarence Johns had one last battle to fight and it was to stay in his home he had had for more than 50 years especially with the payments so high he couldn't pay them anymore.

Winter weather whips into town: After a relatively warm winter so far, the new year brought frigid temperatures and snow to the Clarkston area along with slick roads.

Township pledges fix for potholes: Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle was seeking bids from local asphalt companies for 1,000 to 2,000 feet of milling and filling potholes on roads in the township.

January 14

Low score for school chief in December evaluation: The Clarkston Board of Education rated Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock as "barely adequate" during its evaluation in December. Board members said would call to revisit the evaluation at a later school board meeting.

Truck bomb investigation: A pickup truck was destroyed in an explosion in the 8200 Tindall Road in Springfield Township.

Mayor still committed to city, despite ru-

mors: Joe Luginiski, who was re-elected mayor of Clarkston missed 11 of 25 meetings since March 2014. He said being mayor and a council member mean more than showing up twice a month for council meetings.

January 21

Rock requests, board OKs evaluation redo: Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's evaluation was getting a second look after a vote of the Clarkston Board of Education, 4-3.

Changing, growing with the times: It may have sounded counter intuitive, but the decision to close two branches of Clarkston State Bank was because it was a sign of the times especially with patrons wanting drive-through windows and available parking.

History on stage: Clarkston Junior High School students were bringing history alive as the drama club prepared to present "Rosie the Riveter."

January 28

Sup't evaluation Thursday: The school superintendent re-evaluation meeting was set for Thursday, but Clarkston Board of Education members Craig Hamilton, Joan Patterson and Susan Boatman said they would not be participating.

New plan: smaller McLaren hospital: It was time to move on to plan B for McLaren, officials said. McLaren's \$300 million plan for a hospital was on hold but instead the health care group was planning to build a small medi-

cal campus with a 30-bed "short-stay" hospital with an emergency room.

Ritter remembers decades of service: Sandy Ritter retired as trustee for Oakland Community College after 37 years of service.

February 4

February brings snow back with vengeance: The Clarkston area was slammed with the third biggest snowfall on record when they received 14 inches of snow Sunday, Feb. 1 to early morning on Monday, Feb. 2, closing Clarkston Community Schools on Monday and Tuesday.

Sup't rating's up after re-do: Dr. Rod Rock, superintendent of Clarkston schools, had an up-graded rating after a meeting of an abbreviated Board of Education. His new score was 79.2 out of 100, into the point range for "Effective."

Drama club brings musical to stage: The Clarkston High School Drama Club was preparing to bring the classic musical "Bye Bye Birdie" to the stage for their winter performance.

February 11

Partnership in works to fix potholes: A plan between Independence Township and the county to fix local potholes could cost \$250,000. Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the Road Commission of Oakland County would provide labor and equipment and the township would provide material.

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Clarkston's Sporting News

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Wrestlers place at county meet

Eleven out of 14 Clarkston wrestlers placed at the Oakland County Tournament, Dec. 19 at Lake Orion.

"It's a very tough tournament and our wrestlers really got after it this weekend," said coach Freddie DeRamus. "We ended up with four wrestlers in the finals."

One included sophomore Houston Hemingsen, who entered the tournament as the eighth seed. He finished in second.

"We're proud of all our wrestlers but Houston is a young guy who has started off very strong with only three losses, and to wrestlers that are ranked in the state," DeRamus said. "It is still early in the season and we hope to continue on with what we started and accomplish our goals as a team."

Novi Detroit Catholic Central finished in first, with 330 points. In second was Clarkston with 264.5 points, followed by Oxford, 255; Walled Lake Central, 190; and Rochester Adams, 175.

Clarkston wrestlers placing at the tournament include: first place, Nate Vandermeer and Nate Troutvine; second place, Houston Hemingsen, Kyle Masters; fourth place, Nate Hayes; fifth place,

MacKenzie Hanselman, Jake Rygielski; sixth place, Harley Susalla; seventh place, Cole Wieggers, Jake Calvano; and eighth place, Alec Bills.

Results by weight class include:

160, second, Sam Addy (Rochester Adams) dec. Kyle Masters (Clarkston), 9-4; 171, first, Nate Vandermeer (Clarkston) tech fall Shermond Dabney (Orchard Lake St. Mary's), 16-0;

189, fourth, Byron Schlickemeyer (Oxford) dec. Nate Hayes (Clarkston) 7-5;

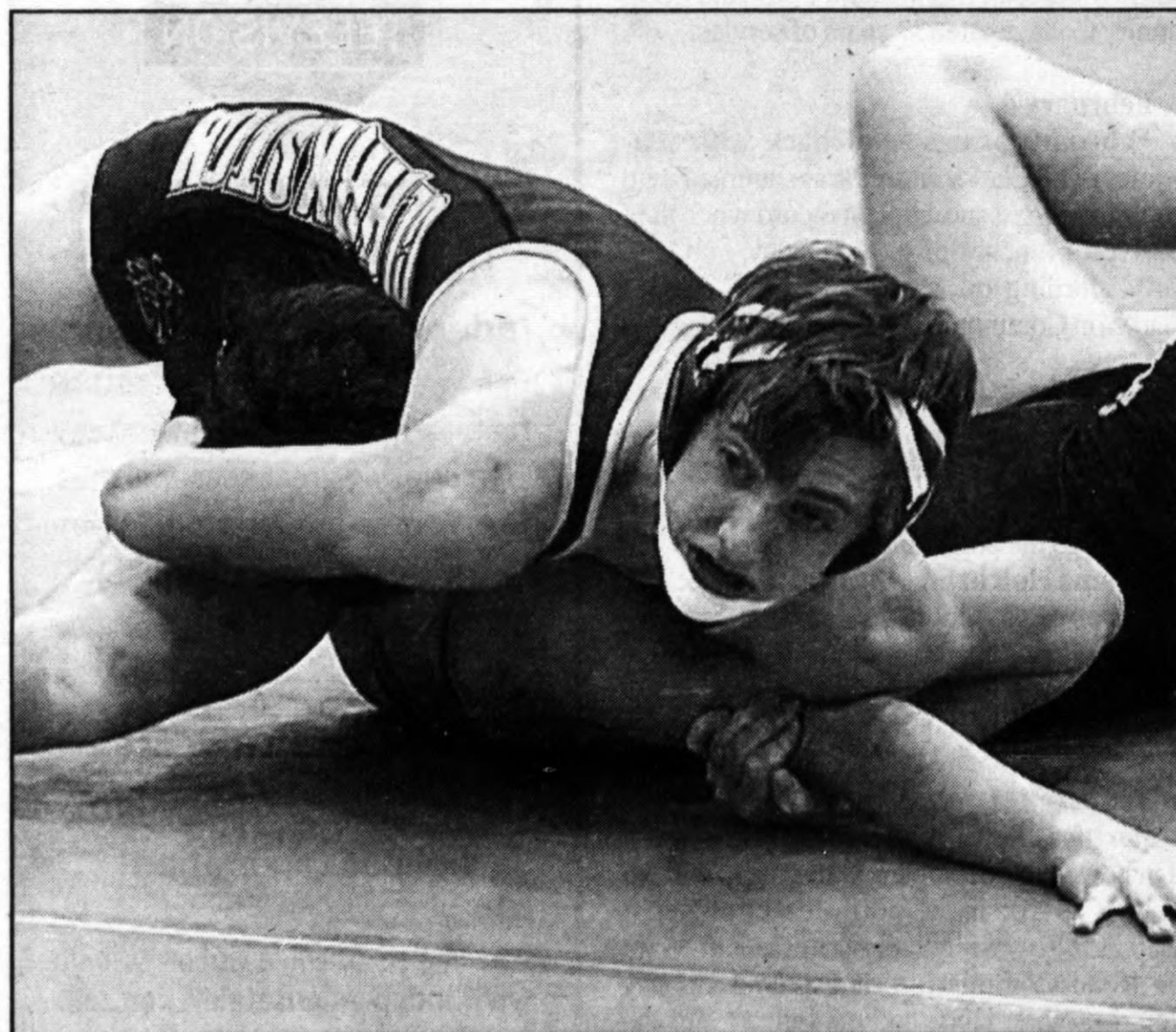
285, first, Nate Troutvine (Clarkston) pinned Brendan Thompson (Lake Orion) 4:18;

112, seventh, Cole Wieggers (Clarkston) dec. Eliel Mahone-Kearney (Ferndale), 7-1; 125, second, Kevon Davenport (Catholic Central) maj. dec. Houston Hemingsen (Clarkston), 15-5;

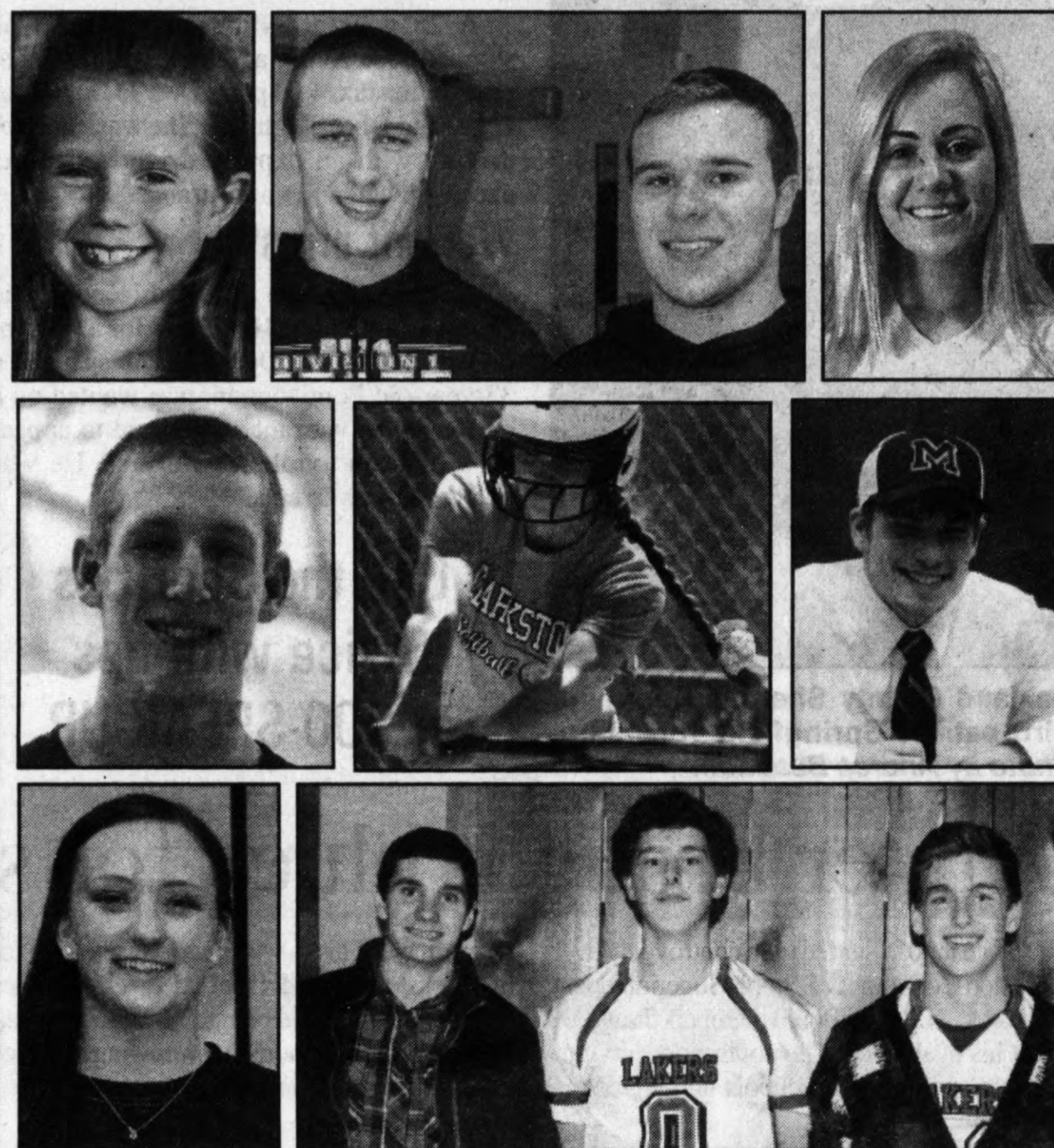
140, fifth, Jacob Rygielski (Clarkston) pinned Blair Boerke (Birmingham Seaholm), 2:50;

145, eighth, Kevin Price (Stoney Creek) forfeit Alec Bills (Clarkston); and

152, seventh, Jake Calvano (Clarkston) maj. dec. Louis Eble (Rochester Adams) 16-5.



Houston Hemingsen, sophomore, 125-pound weight class, placed second at Oakland County this past weekend. Photo provided



ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Congrats to Athletes of the Week, Jan. - June

January: Kicker Maegan French; gridiron heroes Chris Cartier, Clay Senerius and Devin Senerius; gridiron heroes Lance and Carter Linton; Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team

February: Hitter Madeline Maday; Cager Foster Loyer; Cager Kayla Luchenbach; Grappler Kas Waitkus

March: Swimmer Dalton Pokley, Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive; Joe Popp; Runner Bo Anderson

April: Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball

team; Cager Andrew Myers; Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team; cheerleader Cameron Brosky; tennis player Isabella Spindler

May: Hitter Mikayla Blaska; Liberty Legends Cheer team; Hitter Kevin Miller; Hitter Candace Kitchen

June: Hitter DJ Zezula; Runners Malory Ferguson, Emily Ferguson, Elizabeth Dalrymple and Megan Ford; Hitters Matt Bur, Jacob DePillo, John Kuczmanski and Joey Vysocil; Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team

Basketball wins

Clarkston Varsity Girls Basketball continued their winning streak heading into this week, with victories over North Farmington, 39-36, Dec. 16; and West Bloomfield, 55-28, Dec. 14.

"Big win at West Bloomfield," said coach Christine Rogers.

Kayla Luchenbach scored 20 points, nine boards, and five blocks. Kayla Russell took 13 points, with eight assists. Alyssa Bey scored eight.

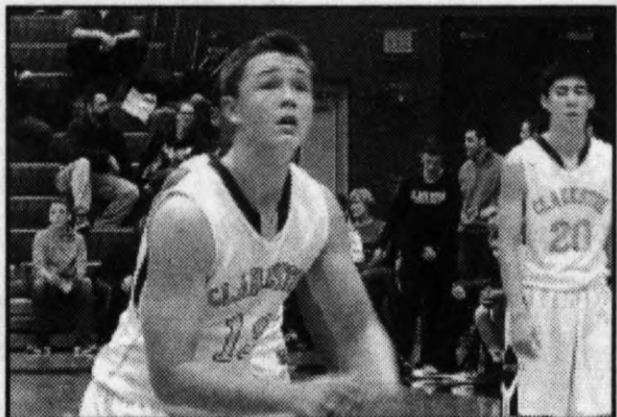
"Luchenbach stepped up big and had her best game yet, Russell continues to lead on both ends of the floor. Bey established herself as a threat and took advantage of the many opportunities West Bloomfield presented when they had to focus on the Kaylas," Rogers said. "The team played excellent defense, but got a little sloppy offensively."

They took on Walled Lake Western on Dec. 22 before taking a break until the new year.

Boys Varsity basketball went into Christmas break with a home victory over Lake Orion, Dec. 18, 59-32. They are 2-1, with a loss, Dec. 15, against Macomb Dakota, 35-46.

Boys JV Basketball is 2-1, with a loss against Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Dec. 8, 32-39; win at home against Macomb Dakota, Dec. 15, 64-45; and win against Lake Orion, Dec. 18, 52-45. Boys Freshman Basketball is undefeated, beating Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Dec. 8, 37-34; Macomb Dakota, Dec. 15, 41-36; and Lake Orion, Dec. 18, 40-39.

Clarkston hosts Carman Ainsworth of Flint on Jan. 5.



Mitch Heaton takes a free throw, Dec. 18.

Wolves win state titles in 2015

The year 2015 was a good year for the Clarkston Wolves, with winter and spring athletes racking up state honors.

January 21

Taking care of business: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team's defense kept getting stronger and they showed it on the court as they held Carman-Ainsworth to a mere nine points and Rochester to 25 points.

February 18

Grapplers show their skills in district success: The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team celebrated their third consecutive MHSAA Team District Championship after beating Waterford Kettering, 44-21.

February 25

Swimmers edge West Bloomfield out of victory: The Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive team closed their dual meet season with a 8-0 record and 6-0 in the OAA White with their last win against West Bloomfield, 94-92.

One cheer closer to finals: The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team finished in second place at the district meet, qualifying them for the MHSAA Regional tournament.

March 4

VanItallie with big finish: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team finished in third place at the state finals and Derek VanItallie finished his senior season as state champion in the giant slalom and slalom races.

March 11

Undefeated into post season: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team earned their 20th consecutive season win for the winter season with a 66-57 win over Rochester Adams.

Season finished at regionals: The Clarkston Varsity Competition Cheer team finished their season at the MHSAA Regionals with a sixth place finish.

March 18

Cagers sink Highlanders for title: Two nights made a difference for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team as their intensity fueled them for their third showdown against Rochester Adams. This time it was in the MHSAA District Final where the Wolves won the game 63-46.

March 25



Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball made the state quarterfinals last spring.

Wolves join Elite Eight: Foster Loyer and Tabin Throgmorton focused in on the basketball net before they took turns practicing 3-point shots at Clarkston High School. The boys were preparing for the MHSAA Boys Basketball Quarterfinals after Wolves made it back to the elite eight for the first time since 2009.

April 22

Wins over the Cats: The conditions were perfect for the Wolves as they opened their track season at Oxford with wins. The Clarkston Boys Track & Field team defeated the Wildcats, 67-61, and the Lady Wolves won their meet, 88-40.

Pink Class shutout win: The Clarkston Varsity Softball team went 5-0 during their Pink Classic with wins over Howell, Fenton, Linden, Lowell and Macomb Dakota.

April 29

Wolves hungry for repeat: Every team eyes making it to the state finals but Clarkston Varsity Golf was one of the few to get a taste of it last spring and were ready to make another appearance.

May 13

Lady Wolves top league: The Clarkston Girls Track and Field team claimed the OAA Red Championship with 165 points during the meet as the boys team finished in fifth place.

May 20

Looking good for regionals: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team made a bang in their last week before MHSAA Regaions as they defeated Plymouth during the Wolves' annual Game for a Cure, 11-6.

Heading to regionals with a win: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team finished their regular season with a 18-16 win over Notre Dame Prep during Game for a Cure.

May 27

Seventh trip to states: The season was over for many but not for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team as they qualified for the seventh consecutive trip to the MHSAA State Championship.

Onto regionals: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team was one step closer to the finals as they finished second place in the district meet, qualifying them for regionals.

June 3

State finalist: Brendon Graham qualified for the MHSAA Golf State Finals after hitting a 75 at the regional meet.

Everest takes regional title: The Clarkston Everest Collegiate Boys Golf team made history by winning the MHSAA Regional title for the first time.

June 10

They can and they did: It was a busy week for the Clarkston Varsity Softball team as they successfully claimed two championships - the district title and the regional title.

Track teams shine at county: Clarkston High School was the stage for 49 teams for the Oakland County 7th and 8th Grade Track Meet. The girls from the Clarkston Junior High School third place as the boys team finished in fifth place.

June 24

Everest tops in the state: The Clarkston Everest Collegiate Boys Golf team finished in fifth place at the MHSAA Division 4 Boys Golf State Finals with a score of 691 points.

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Community service awards

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Citizens recognized for their service included: **Angela Ninotti** family, Sashabaw Plains DAR, for their

work planting two city gardens; **Clarkston Cultural Arts Council**, Main Street city garden; **Clarkston Farm and Garden Club**, beautification of Clarkston; **Theresa Cardinale**, planting two city gardens; Michigan Pure Comfort members **Karen Kaminsky**,

Nancy McLernon, **Mike and Kathy Sabol**, and **Stacy Zorski**; **Rudi Schwarze** for work on her grandfather's memorial garden;

Clarkston Rotary Club, especially for its downtown holiday decorations and parades; **Clarkston Area Optimists Club**, especially for the ice rink in Depot Park; **Don Frayer** and **Sharron Catallo** for sponsoring Depot Park bridge lights and work in the city Tree Committee; **Eric Haven**, bridge light and Friends of Depot Park; **Trish Henning**, native plants for bridge;

Communications Committee members **Sue Wylie**, **Mike Cascone**, and **Karen Eckert**; Planning Commission members **Frank Schoebel**, **Derek Werner**, **Robert Bondy**, and **Elizabeth Rogers**; and Historic District Commission members **Robert Sowles**, **Rhiannon Cherwak**, **Cara Catallo**, **Dave Bihl**, and **Kevin Harrison**.

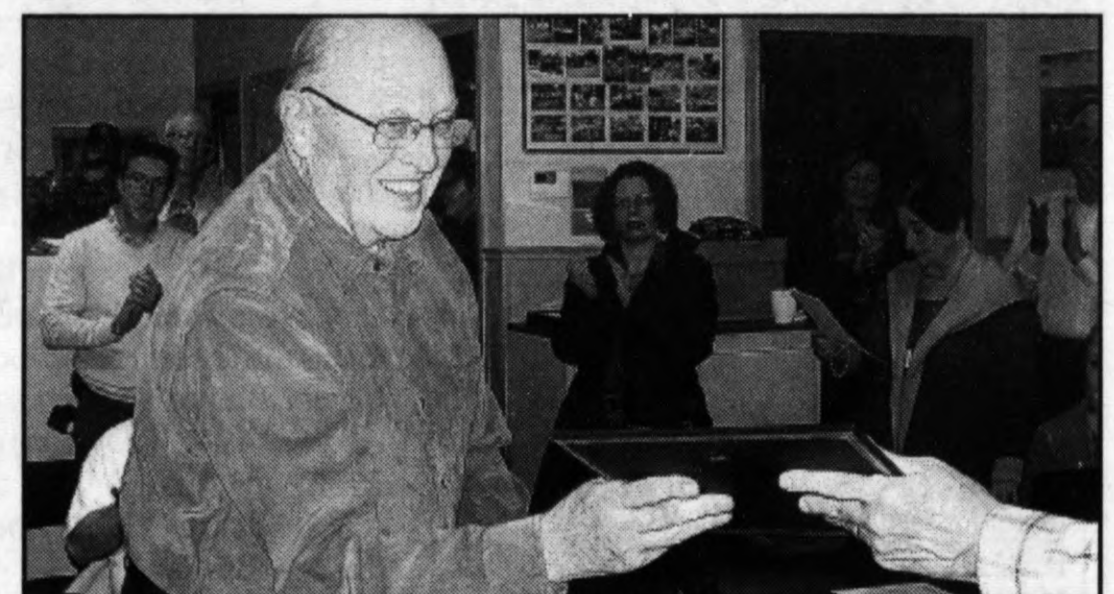
— Phil Custodio



Clarkston Area Optimists Club members Ken Ermer and Tom Middleton accept the award on behalf of the club.



Kathy Sabol accepts a citizens award for Michigan Pure Comfort.



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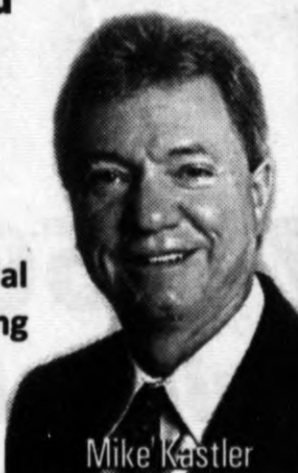
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Teachers learning latest in Reading Recovery

Walton Charter Academy teachers Pamela Haines and Stephanie Jacobson, both of Clarkston, are training to become certified in Reading Recovery, a research-based initiative to identify and assist first-grade children who are struggling to read.

Haines and Jacobson began Reading Recovery training in August. They attend weekly classes at Oakland University.

"It's a really supportive environment where teachers can learn from each other," said Haines, who has taught at Walton since 2007. "The program teaches theory and practical knowledge related to literacy learning for the lowest-performing students and can be used with other students as well."

Oakland University's Reading Recovery Center was recently awarded a grant from the Reading Recovery Council of North America that is being used to train 18 Michigan teachers in Reading Recovery.

The total award is worth more than \$53,000, with each teacher receiving \$1,000 for tuition costs and \$1,800 in books and materials for use with Reading Recovery students.

Along with their shared interest in Reading Recovery, Haines and Jacobson are both graduates of OU.

"I wanted to become part of Reading Recovery because it's a research-based interven-

tion that uses specific strategies to teach students not only how to read, but read with meaning," said Jacobson, who works at the school as an academic specialist. "My students not only gain skills to make them better readers, but also develop a love of reading."

Haines added, "This is a great opportunity to give Walton students the support they need to become successful readers. Reading is the basis for all learning, so it's critical to reach students early and give them a foundation for lifelong success."

Haines spends half her workday teaching Reading Recovery and the other half teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). Those two areas often intersect as ESL students are faced with unique challenges when learning to read. Reading Recovery helps supplement the instruction they receive in the classroom.

"Although some ESL students may be able to communicate socially in English, expressing academic language can prove to be a challenge," Haines said. "Students with limited vocabularies need more opportunities with the English language. Reading Recovery is another tool to support their learning."

For more on OU's Reading Recovery Center, visit oakland.edu/readingrecovery.



HONORED FOR SERVICE: Clarkston City Council presented Tom Hunter with a thank you award, Dec. 14, for his work on the City Council and volunteer commissions. Photo by Phil Custodio



Pamela Haines works with her student, Kason.



Stephanie Jacobson, with her student, Ruby.

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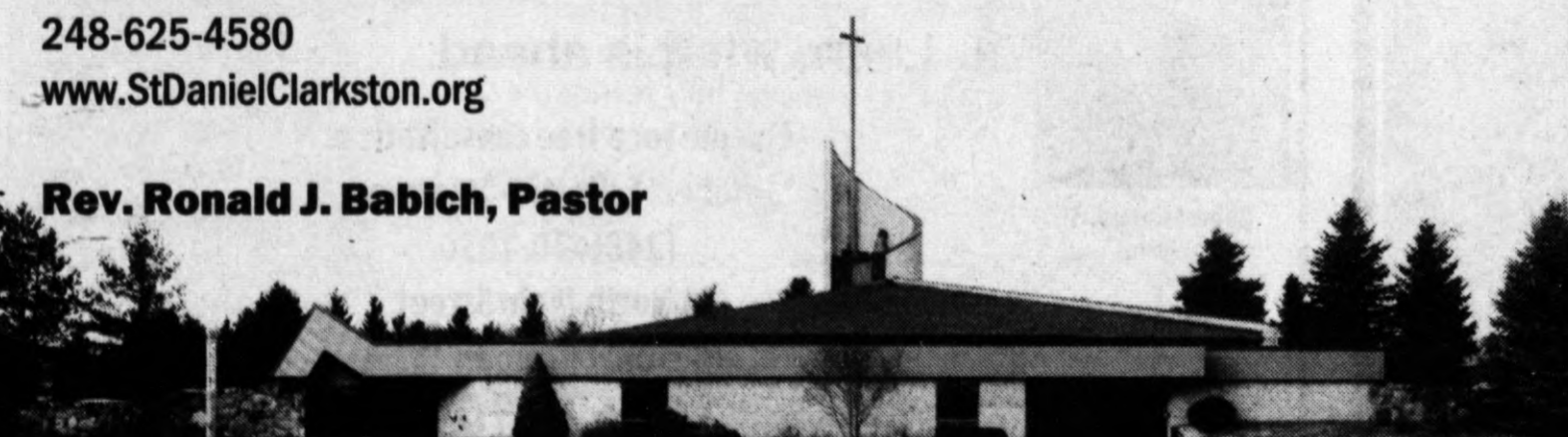
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Volunteers with Neighbor for Neighbor organized the annual Christmas Shoppe for the community. Photos provided

Neighbors stock up on gifts at Shoppe

Neighbor for Neighbor's food pantry recipients came, shopped, and took home free gifts on Dec. 17 from "The Christmas Shoppe," a store created in the rental hall adjoining the Neighbor for Neighbor offices in downtown Davisburg. The room was

stocked with new clothing, games, toys, bags stuffed with personal care items, books, bikes, household items, and, for those that couldn't decide, gift cards for gas, groceries, and more.

Neighbor for Neighbor, an all-volunteer non-profit charitable organization that has provided food, clothing and financial assistance to low-income families from Springfield, Holly, Groveland, Brandon, Rose, Independence, and parts of White Lake Townships since 1983, was able to help hundreds of local families have a happier holiday this year.

All of the gifts distributed by Neighbor for Neighbor were donated by area residents, businesses and organizations—some of these brand new items were donated specifically for Christmas, and some came in throughout the year and were reserved for the holidays.

Neighbor for Neighbor's Christmas Shoppe would not have been possible without the toy drives held by area schools,

scout troops, subdivisions and libraries; additional lovely gifts, like warm mittens and personal care items, came from local churches and civic organizations.

The prize for most incredible donation, however, goes to the Clarkston-based Tree of Dreams, an organization that holds a holiday ball each year wherein they require attendees to bring unwrapped toys and gift cards to local stores. They then donate this treasure trove of toys to Neighbor for Neighbor to help spread Christmas joy.

"It literally requires a truck to deliver all the gifts they collect for Neighbor for Neighbor," said Carolyn McKenzie, Neighbor for Neighbor executive director and volunteer. "For many of our recipient families the toys and gifts they receive from Neighbor for Neighbor are the only holiday gifts their families will have. We are so grateful to all our patrons that make it possible."

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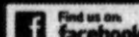
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Chad, Roselyn, Isabella and Amanda Chappell are frequent visitors of nature related events or places like the Gateway.



Dalton Werner enjoys some candy after meeting Santa.

Winter wonders

Shoppers donated a huge pile of toys to Toys for Tots during Winter Wonderland at the Gateway, Dec. 20.

The free event drew huge crowds with food, activities, and a visit from Santa and his reindeer.

Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



Pati Flemis opens a door to a snowy house set up in the parking lot.

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The future groom, an Environmental Compliance manager and graduate of Albion College, is the son of Mark and Anna Friedeck of Fenton, Missouri.

The couple resides in New Jersey.



STORYTIME: Jan Finney reads a holiday story to her second grade class at Springfield Plains Elementary School before the start of their holiday party, Dec. 17. Photo by Phil Custodio

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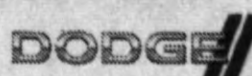
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Kyle Kabat, Cole Fenton, Andrew Caldwell, Trevor Theuer and Lukas Nicholson play a reindeer game.



Collin Fields and Wesley Benedict decorate a tasty treat.

Holiday fun

Springfield Plains Elementary students joined friends and parents for holiday classroom parties, last Thursday.

Each room did their own thing, but everyone had fun with crafts, games, and good food.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Ryan Gifford and classmates gift wrap Jovie Love.



Sophia Vamvakitis, with Natalie Schatz and Taegan Davis, celebrates a holiday "bingo."



Mrs. Hall's third grade class opens gifts during their holiday party.

Closed session in March rocks council

Continued from page 9

Suspects charged in purse thefts: Ashley Sandstrom of Lapeer and Valretta Leak of Pontiac were charged in the purse thefts at two Independence Township businesses.

No plans yet for Dixie, M-15 lot: No plans were in existence for development at the intersection of M-15 and Dixie Highway.

February 18

Sup't contract talks continue: Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's contract was set to come up for the third time with Clarkston Board of Education. Contract provisions at issue during a previous meeting included moving expenses - when he was hired he lived in Saginaw and had recently moved to the Clarkston area.

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

Valentine creations: Devin Grail drove his Valentine robot back to his classroom at Bailey Lake Elementary. Grail and 20 other fifth graders created Valentine boxes using engineering concepts.

February 25

Sashabaw reconstruction this summer: Spring would bring warm weather to Clarkston, but it would also bring a major construction project to Sashabaw Road after the Independence Township Board of Trustees voted to approve the \$4 million reconstruction and widening project.

\$1.48M for school tech: Students and teachers are getting \$1.48 million in new technology, some of it within the next few weeks as they prepared for a new state test, M-STEP (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress.)

Rezoning would bring new businesses downtown: The Clarkston Planning Commission would continue considering rezoning 59 S. Main Street from multi-residential to commercial.

March 4

Raises for school administration: The Clarkston Board of Education was split on personnel changes with the issue on salary increases for the executive director of human resources and technology integration specialist.

Residents rue loss of downtown trees: Trees cleared from the corner lot at Main Street and Waldon Road in downtown Clarkston left many wondering what was happening on the property.

City survey not up to par: Four hundred and 50 surveys were sent to city residents, but only about 55 were returned. The survey included rating importance of various city services and improvements.



Spring meant a renewed fight against phragmites, with fire used to get rid of the invasive species. *File photo*

March 11

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

Planners support zoning changes: The Clarkston Planning Commission voted to recommend rezoning the Sutherland Building from Residential Multiple to Village Commercial.

Lake residents reimbursed for police services: Deer Lake property owners were reimbursed by Independence Township for \$134.64 for police services they did not use.

March 18

Closed session unlawful, says councilman: During the March 9 Clarkston City Council meeting, city attorney Tom Ryan cited attorney client privilege when calling for a closed session regarding talks on 148 N. Main Street. Councilman Richard Bisio said attorney-client privilege did not apply in the case.

Public notice act up for vote: A vote was expected on a state bill to revamp public notice requirements. State Representative Jim Tedder said he was considering both sides when determining how he would vote on HB 4183.

Schools look for new way to make the

grade: The ABCs of elementary students' report cards might be a thing of the past as Clarkston Schools looked to revamp its assessment system.

March 25

Board considers five open-enrollment options: In an effort to increase revenue, Clarkston Community Schools was considering open enrollment. Options included Reggio Kindergarten; Tech Kindergarten; Tech 6/7; Alternative Junior High School at Renaissance High School; and Stars and Stripes.

Kids sharpen business skills with free fair: Clarkston kids in the Oakland Technical Center Northwest's iTeam class were getting hands on business experience as they planned an Easter festival for April 1.

Property plan irks neighbors: A subdivision plan in a 26-acre wooded spot just south of I-75, on the east side of Dixie Highway at Deerhill Drive, had residents worried.

April 1

Plans for 5-star inn downtown: A \$3 million to \$5 million five-star inn was being planned right in the heart of downtown Clarkston by investor Robert Roth of Washington Management. Plans included a conservatory made of all glass, a 16-room inn with two cottages and numerous gardens.

Please see Potholes on page 24

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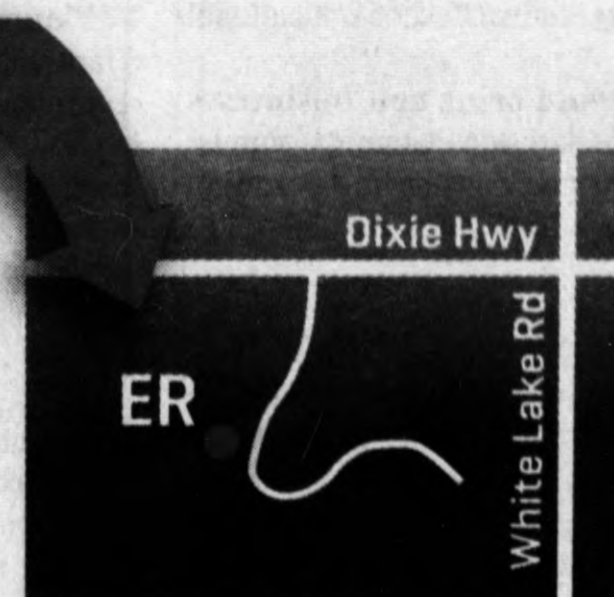
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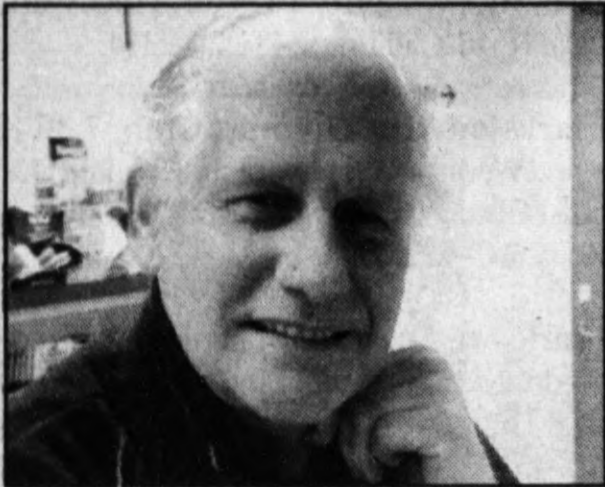
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By Andrea Beaudoin

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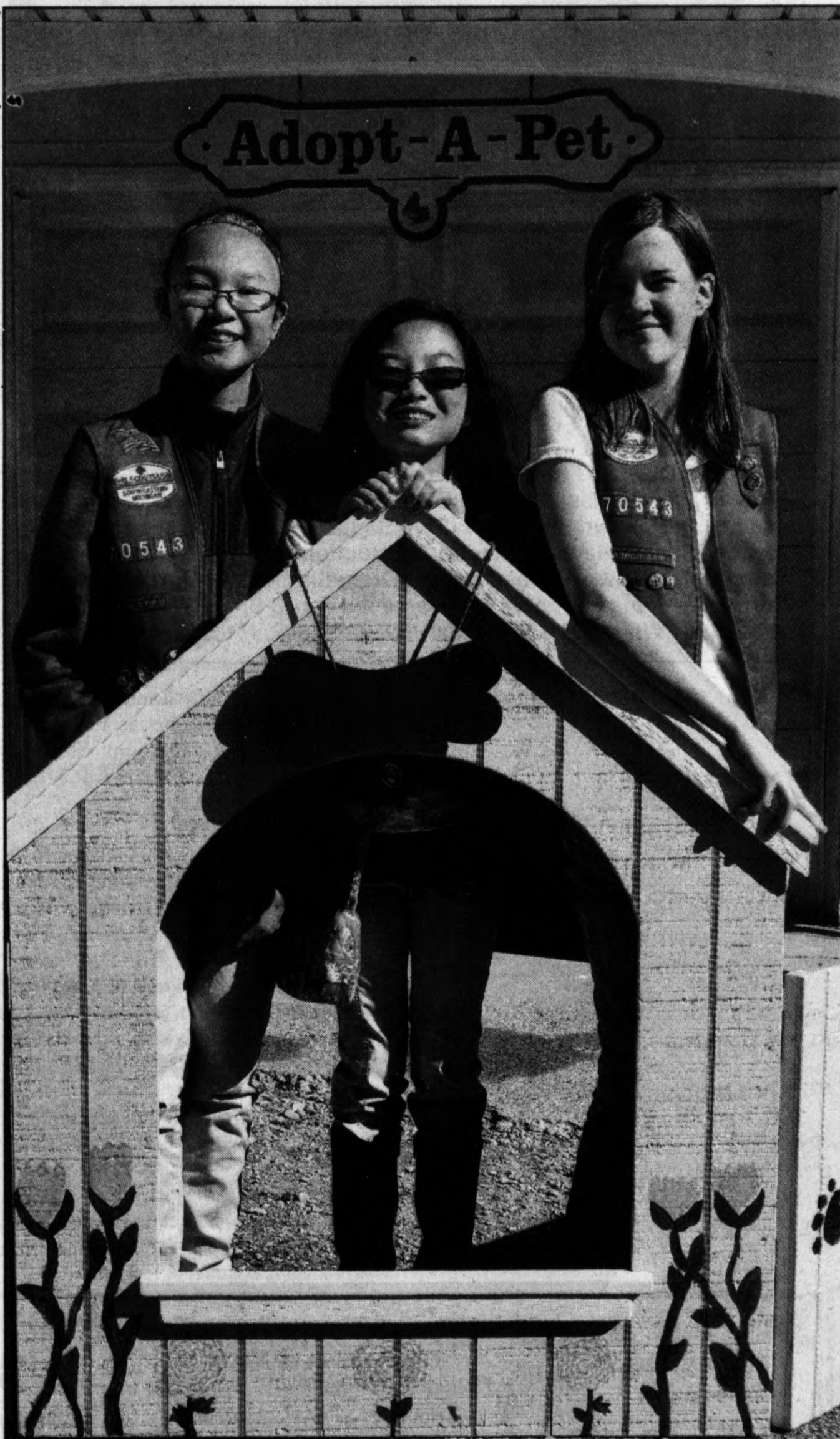
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From left, Jocelynn Detvo, Cara Borgerson, and Emily Bock made a dog kissing booth to help Adopt-A-Pet for their Girl Scout Junior Bronze Award. Photos submitted



The scouts use their woodworking skills on the project.

Scout awards

Jocelynn Detvo, Cara Borgerson and Emily Bock of Clarkston Girl Scout Troop 70543 earned their Junior Bronze Award by designing, constructing, and painting a dog kissing booth.

The scouts wanted to focus on animals in need and researched what they could do to help.

Their booth will be used to draw attention to the needs of homeless pets and be a reminder for animal lovers to remember their fuzzy friends with support and donations.

Animal rescues and shelters are in constant need of food, bedding, cleaning supplies and donations that allow these facilities to provide medical care, shelter and other services. Nearly two-thirds of their budget goes towards veterinary care, they learned.

Their booth was accepted by Angela Renwick of Adopt-A-Pet of Fenton to be used to raise awareness and generate donations at their upcoming pet adoption days, fall fund raising event, and at their annual summer picnic.

Events

Blood drives, American Red Cross, Dec. 29, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road; Jan. 7, 12:45-6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road; Jan. 10, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; Jan. 11, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive; Jan. 15, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Christmas Bird Count Tally Rally, Oakland Audubon Society, 4-7 p.m., Dec. 19, Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Pre-register, 248-858-0916.

Financial Planning Basics -, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 6, Clarkston Library Community Room, 6495 Clarkston Road. Hosted by Clarkston resident Mike Kastler of the Kastler Consulting Group. 888-566-1841.

Kindermusik Open House, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jan. 7, Clarkston Conservatory of Music, 49 S Main Street, 248-625-3640.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3.

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

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

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

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

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

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m., \$3 drop in fee; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4 drop in fee. First Con-

Around Town

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



COMEDY AT DEPOT: From left, Doreen Bishop (Jessica Booth), Inspector O'Reilly (David Stokes), Daphne Bishop (Susan Wallace), Clarissa Rook (Linda Mishler), Pawn the Butler (Sara Sanger) rehearse a scene from the Clarkston Village Players' January production of "The Farndale Avenue Housing Estate Townswomen's Guild Dramatic Society Murder Mystery." Performance dates for the comedy farce are Jan. 8-9, 15-17, 21-23 at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. Call 248-425-5842. Photo provided

gregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. Dec. 29: film of Leon Leyson, Oskar Schindler's youngest Holocaust survivor. Free. 810-694-9351.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., Feb. 9, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Topic: "When Will I Feel Better?" Free. 248-625-5231.

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

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

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

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

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

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

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston,

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Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Eric, 248-224-2214.

Wednesday

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Genealogical Research, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Dec. 16, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$10 per hour donation. Appointment at 248-625-8231.

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Young At Heart Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speaker. Please see Around Town on page 24

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A great example of following the spirit is the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37.) The religious figures in the story, the priest and the Levite, could not be bothered to help the injured man.

The Samaritan, a religious outcast considered inferior by the religious elite, was the good neighbor who helped the injured man. "Go and do likewise!" Follow the spirit!

"Go and do likewise!" This is my goal everyday: to find some way to be helpful to others. This is my purpose for living today. And everyone, no matter what religion or doctrine or faith or creed that they profess, who lives by the universal Golden Rule of giving unto others is doing the work. In this work I am inspired, amazingly enough, by my mother-in-law.

Sharon had a rough start to life, growing up in a series of foster homes, she was unable to complete high school before getting married and having children in her teens. In her 40's my mother-in-law went back to school to get her GED. She then went to the university and began working toward a degree in Sociology. She never completed her degree because she got busy doing the work.

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I am humbled when I think of her and the millions of others like her who make the work their goal in life; most of these people receive no honors, rewards nor recognition for the great works they have accomplished. For the most part, you and I are busy earning a living, supporting our families and dealing with the busyness of life. We can do our part by keeping our eyes and ears open and finding ways to support the good neighbors in our community who are doing the work.

My present to my mother-in-law this year has been to go through the stack of VHS tapes, recordings of news broadcasts and interviews from her days at the Bridge School, and transfer them to digital media. This has been a labor of love, a tearful journey through the past. And, it has served to reinforce my desire to be about the work.

In Clarkston, The Lighthouse is a nonprofit agency that is busy doing the work. And there are many other individuals and organizations who are establishing transitional housing projects, literacy projects, helping our neighbors to live better lives.

Your assignment is to seek them out and support their efforts. I hope you accept your part in the work. Merry Christmas!

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Matthew E. Long is senior minister for Peace Unity Community

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Death notices & Obituaries

Russell D. Bibb, 58

Russell D. Bibb of Fenton, formerly of Ortonville, passed away Dec. 18, 2015, due to a tragic highway accident, at age 58.

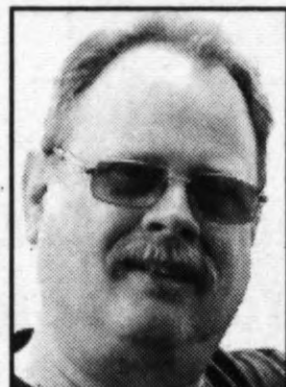
He was the husband of Diane; father of Miranda Bibb and Ryann (Jeff) Caraway; grandpa of Beckett and Caitlyn; brother of Susan (Jerry) Allen, Barbara Young, Raymond Bibb and James (Bonnie) Bibb; special uncle of Rachel, Shane, Greg, Stephen (Marina) and many others; dear cousin of David Coffey; like a father to Nickole and Becky.

Russ loved craft beer.

Celebration Wake Saturday, Dec. 26, at Fenton Moose Lodge from Beer Thirty, 12:30-3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used for Miranda's college education (<http://e.gofund.me/g2fqnx5h>).

Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Joseph Dallaire, 96

Joseph H. Dallaire of Clarkston, formerly of Dearborn Heights, passed away Dec. 15, 2015, at age 96.

He was preceded in death by his wife Anita, daughter JoAnne Bellotti and brother Frank. He was the father of Rodney (Dale), Kenneth (Sandra), Nancy (David) Osborne, Thomas (Marsha) and Jay (Renee); survived by 16 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Joe had a great love for boats and airplanes. He was Commodore of Ford Yacht Club, member of Dearborn Power Squadron for 50 years and a member of American Legion Post 63. He was an early pioneer of model aviation airplanes.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Cemetery service with Military Honors was Dec. 22 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Betty Jane Gunn, 65

Betty Jane Gunn (Phifer) of Ortonville, formerly of Atlanta, Ind., passed away Dec. 14, 2015, after a short courageous battle with cancer, at age 65.

She was the wife of Lance for 47 years, her childhood sweetheart since age 14; mother of Steven (Laura) and Michelle; Gram of Paige, Marcus, Anthony, Breonna, Brandon and Bryson; sister of Terry (Linda) Phifer, Patty Jones, Rick (Phyllis) Phifer, Peggy (Rick) Strong, Tim (Shelley) Phifer and Tammy (Donnie) Leonard.

Visitation was Dec. 19 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Celebration of Life Service was Dec. 19. Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or National Kidney Foundation. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Isobel Coin, 94

Isobel Coin, "Pattie," of Pontiac, passed away on Dec. 19, 2015, at age 94.

She was preceded in death by husband Jack Coin Jr. She was mother of Dianne, Dana, Denise, and Debra Coin; grandmother of Deric, Darci, Alyson, and Julia Marie Coin; great grandmother of Savannah and Carter Claggett; also preceded in death by siblings George "Si" Scott, John "Jake" Scott and Irma "Susie" Scott.

Young Pattie was bright and skipped a grade in school. Later she worked as a bookkeeper for the UAW-CIO Local 594, and as a secretary for the Michigan State Highway Department. Fishing, Mother Nature, taking pictures and visiting the Castle brought her joy; her beauty, generosity, and adventurous spirit drew many friends. We will miss her very much.

Friends may visit Monday, Dec. 28, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service, Tuesday, Dec. 29, 10 a.m., at the funeral home. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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Morgan L. Poole, 91

Morgan Lynn Poole of Clarkston passed away Dec. 16, 2015, at age 91.

He was the loving husband of Ina Faye for 62 years; preceded in death by his children Morgan Wendell Poole and a baby boy; brother of Russell (Betty) Poole.

Morgan served in the United States Army during World War II in the South Pacific and was in the war of Occupation in Japan.

Funeral Service was Dec. 19 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Around Town

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Potholes in spring

Continued from page 19 and walkways.

Admin asks state to take M-STEP back: As administration and teachers make final preparations for M-STEP testing after spring break, Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock asked the school board to back a resolution protesting the new state test.

Pothole problems for drivers, taxpayers: It was the beginning of the spring season but also pothole season and drivers were paying the price. Craig Bryson from the Road Commission for Oakland County said drivers could spend an average of \$500 a year on car repairs from pothole damage.

April 8
Sashabaw project delayed over funding: The construction project for Sashabaw and Waldon roads and I-75 was put on hold for at least a month because it was \$300,000 short in funding.

Fire versus phragmites: Flames climbed the stems of phragmites bordering Maceday Lake at All Saints Cemetery. Russ Burns, director at All Saints and The Preserve explained the plant blocks views of scenic areas and is harmful to the environment.

Stranger danger: A seventh grader from Sashabaw Middle School had to think quickly when she was approached by a man driving a small silver Chrysler sedan by Pine Knob Trail and Pine Knob Lane.

April 15
Patterson resigns from school board: After 11 years on the Clarkston Board of Education, board Treasurer Joan Patterson resigned stating it was time to move on to the next chapter of her life.

Sashabaw project back on schedule: Sashabaw Road construction was ready to move forward in mid-May as originally planned after a \$1 million shortfall was filled.

Open enrollment moves forward: Three limited school of choice programs could earn Clarkston schools up to \$228,073 as discussion continued on open enrollment proposals Reggio Kindergarten, Stars and Stripes Program and Alternative Program for grades 7-8.

Students organize local TED talks: After a year of works, Clarkston's own TEDx youth project (Technology, Entertainment, Design) was ready to roll.

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Resignations came in April

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Fight continues for kids: Joan Patterson's time on the Clarkston Board of Education was at an end but she wasn't done trying to make a difference in education and planned to spearhead an initiative to continue the discussion in an open forum.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 09, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Eric Haven, followed by the Pledge of allegiance. The oath of office was taken by Avery, Haven, Kneisc, Marsh. Roll Call: Present - Sabol, Avery, Haven, Marsh, Catallo, Kneisc. Absent Luginiski

Motion by Sabol Supported by Catallo the appointment of the Mayor pro tem, Eric Haven, for one year and amend the agenda to move Holiday lights to the first item under new business. Motion Carried.

Thank you to all our Veterans. Thank You also goes to The Marine Corps, their Birthday is November 10.

Motion by Avery, Supported by Sabol to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Public hearing opened at 7:12 pm, for the public to comment and or ask questions about the program. Lauren Kios of Clarkston Community Schools Youth Assistance spoke about Youth Programs available in the area. Public Hearing closed at 7:15.

Resolved by Sabol, Supported by Marsh to approve the charge deferral of the banner in November in the amount of \$200.00 for Team Rush Holiday Lights Night Parade Banner. Resolution is Adopted.

Resolved by Sabol, Supported by Marsh to approve the waiver of the charge of \$25.00 Administrative fee plus \$25.00 per hour per DPW person fee for Night Parade park use and warming barrels on December 12, 2015 for Independence Township. Resolution is Adopted.

Resolved by Catallo, Supported by Avery to allocate 2016 CDBG funds of \$6,000 to Youth Assistance this year. CDBG funds could be used for the Clarkston Community Schools Youth assistance program. Resolution is Adopted.

Moved by Sabol, Supported by Marsh to add termination verbiage to the lease between the Clarkston Community School District and the City of Clarkston. Motion Carried.

Moved by Sabol, Supported by Haven to examine financing schedules/packages for Option 1, without renovations to the office, & 2, without renovations which is \$308,000 also for \$200,000. Motion Carried

Resolved by Catallo, Supported by Avery to amend the General Fund 101 for FY 16 Budget to account for the cost of moving the fiber connection and Oak net cabinet from 3 E Church to City Hall in the amount of \$7,227. Resolution is Adopted.

Resolved by Catallo, Supported by Avery to amend the Capital Projects Fund 401 for FY 16 Budget to reduce the Revenue In from the General Fund by \$1,000. & reduce department Highway, Street & Bridges, tree planting by \$1,000. Resolution is Adopted.

Sabol asked the council for general thought of Council members of Dual Frontage in regards to Boat, Trailer, Camper storage. Tom Ryan commented on the issue of non conformance vs conformance. To leave the ordinance as is would probably be best.

Motion by Sabol, Supported by Avery, on behalf of the City and the Historic District Commission the authority to pursue legal action against the property owners of Waldon and Main Street. Motion Carried.

Motion by Avery, Supported by Sabol to go into closed session at 8:48 pm.

Resolution is Adopted.
Motion by Sabol, Supported by Avery to meet past 9 pm. Motion Carried.

Resolution by Sabol, Supported by Avery to come out of Closed Session at 9:43 pm.

Resolution is Adopted.

Moved by Sabol, Supported by Marsh to adjourn the meeting at 9:44. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Miller City Clerk

Pollution problems at 148 N. Main: With continued pollution mitigated problems at 148 N. Main Street, developer Curt Catallo was read to wash his hands of the affair.

Suess night: Bailey Lake Elementary students jumped room to room for the school's annual Suess night celebration.

April 29

Councilman resigns over social media dispute: Councilman Richard Bisio resigned from Clarkston City Council after claiming his ethics were questioned and he was "condemned" by fellow council members for releasing information on social media for what he claimed was an illegal closed meeting.

Gymnastics, alternative ed open-enrollment OK'd: Clarkston school district expanded the open-enrollment program after approval by the Board of Education as they voted 5-1 for the Stars and Stripes Magnet Program.

Voters to decide on tax increase: Local government leaders hoped Proposal 1 passes but the community support to raise taxes for road funding was harder to find.

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive,
Clarkston, MI 48346

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

- Election of Officers
- Case #16-001, Colin Botha, Petitioner, **Requesting:** A variance from Section 5.06(A)(4) of the Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a new accessory structure in front of the primary residence, 6550 Balmoral Terrace, Parcel #08-32-426-020, R-1A Single Family Residential.
- Case #16-002, Petitioner, Michael Frudzinski, **Requesting:** A 3.8 foot variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 in order to construct an addition on the existing home, 9311 Whipple Shores Dr., Parcel #08-10-203-010, R-1A Single Family Residential.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2015

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

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
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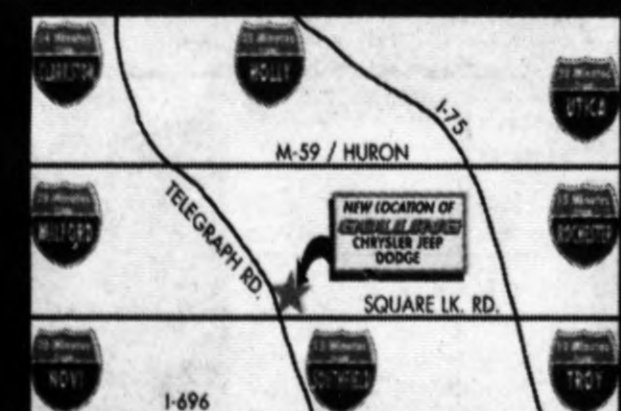
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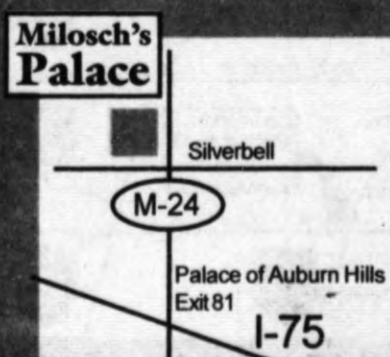
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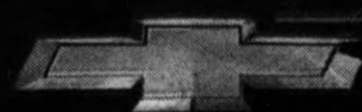
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