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\$20 million embezzlement

Credit union CFO implicates himself in 12-year scheme

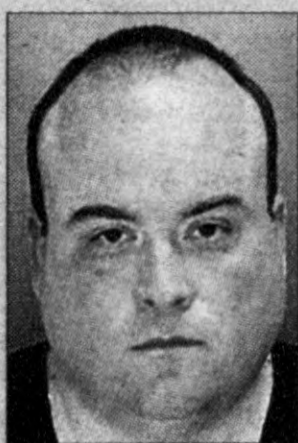
BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

CEO Donna Bullard, CEO of Clarkston
Brandon Credit Union, said staff is "dev-

astated" by an
embezzlement
investigation of
bank CFO
Michael An-
thony LaJoyce

For addition
comment,
Bullard referred
to public state-
ments she re-
leased over the
weekend and
was preparing
for this week.



LaJoyce

"While this investigation is proceed-
ing, we want to assure our members that it
is business as usual at the credit union,"
Bullard's public statement said. "Members
should remember that all accounts are in-
sured by the NCUA (National Credit Union
Administration), a federal share insurance
agency for up to \$250,000."

On Jan. 6, LaJoyce, 36, walked into the
Oakland County Sheriff's Office Head-
quarters in Pontiac and made a statement
to detectives saying he committed an em-

Please see CFO on page 11



TAKING THE STAGE: Maddy Gurn, Maddy Vaughn and Abby Mundy chat just before Abby takes the stage. Abby won the Clarkston Idol competition with her rendition of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep." Please see page 26 for story. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Retro party downtown

Clarkston Retail Group's Strolling Retro Party always includes hors d'oeuvres, snacks, beverages and special deals up and down Main Street, but the annual events charitable beneficiary changes every year.

This year's recipient will be Stiggy's Dogs of Howell, a non-profit group training and providing service dogs to veterans coming back with brain trauma and other disabilities.

"It's a very worthwhile organization to

give money to," said Peggy Roth, business owner who is helping organize the event.

The fifth annual party in downtown Clarkston takes place on the third Saturday in January from 5-8 p.m. - this year it's Jan. 16.

Downtown businesses including Frank and Me, Clarkston Make Up, KH Home, Kinetic Systems Bicycles, Essence on Main,

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Ice roads

Snow, ice and wind chills down to -7 degrees on Monday made this past week a challenge for commuters, with traffic backed up on all roads through the town-ship.

"It was very slow. I took the long way to work," said local resident Laurie Pieniozek.

Wednesday's weather was expected
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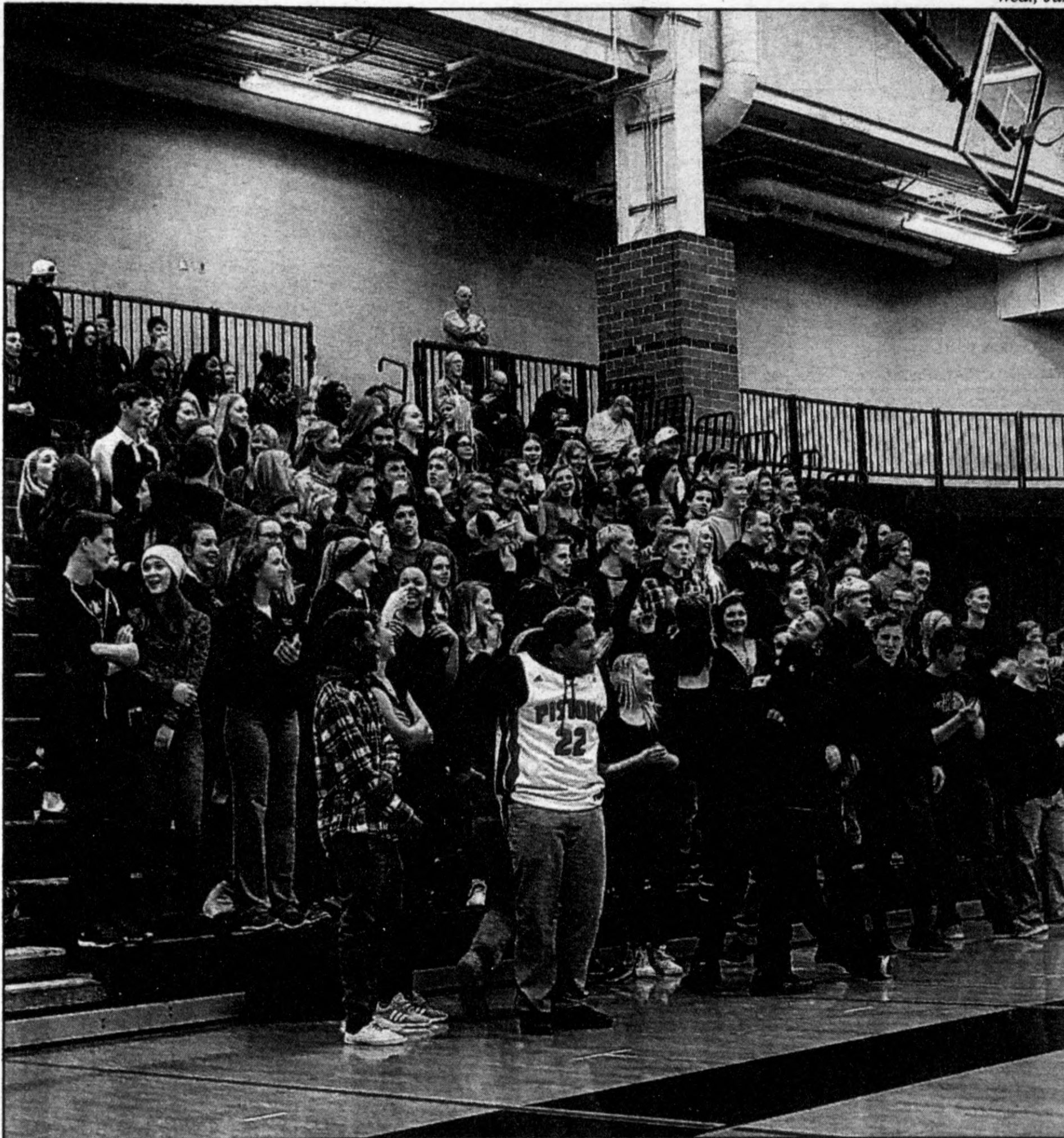
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Snacks and sales during strolling party

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Morgan and Milzow Realtors, Village Fashion Boutique, Rudy's Market and Catering, Washington Management, Union General, and Real Estate One will serve hors d'oeuvres, snacks, beverages and deals.

During the event, visitors are encouraged to wear their vintage finest as they stroll the streets and visit downtown retailers.


"People start asking about it months in advance," Roth said. "It's a nice way to kick off the new year."



Downtown Clarkston business owners are ready to open their shops and studios to the Strolling Retro Party this weekend. Photo provided



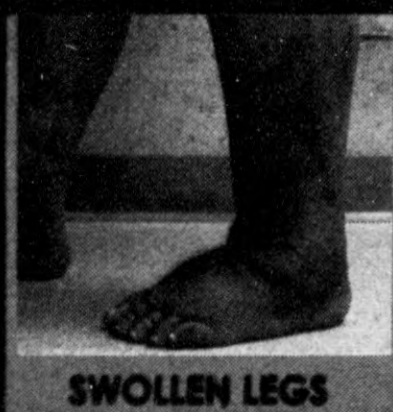
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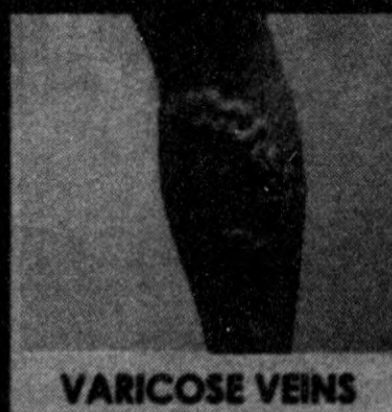
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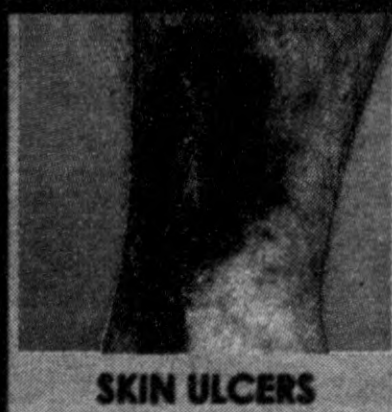
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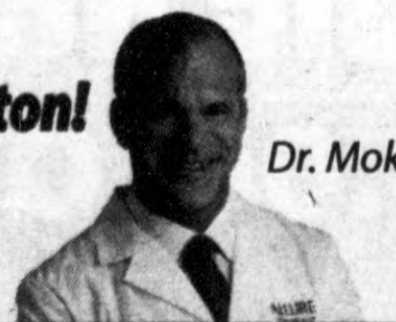
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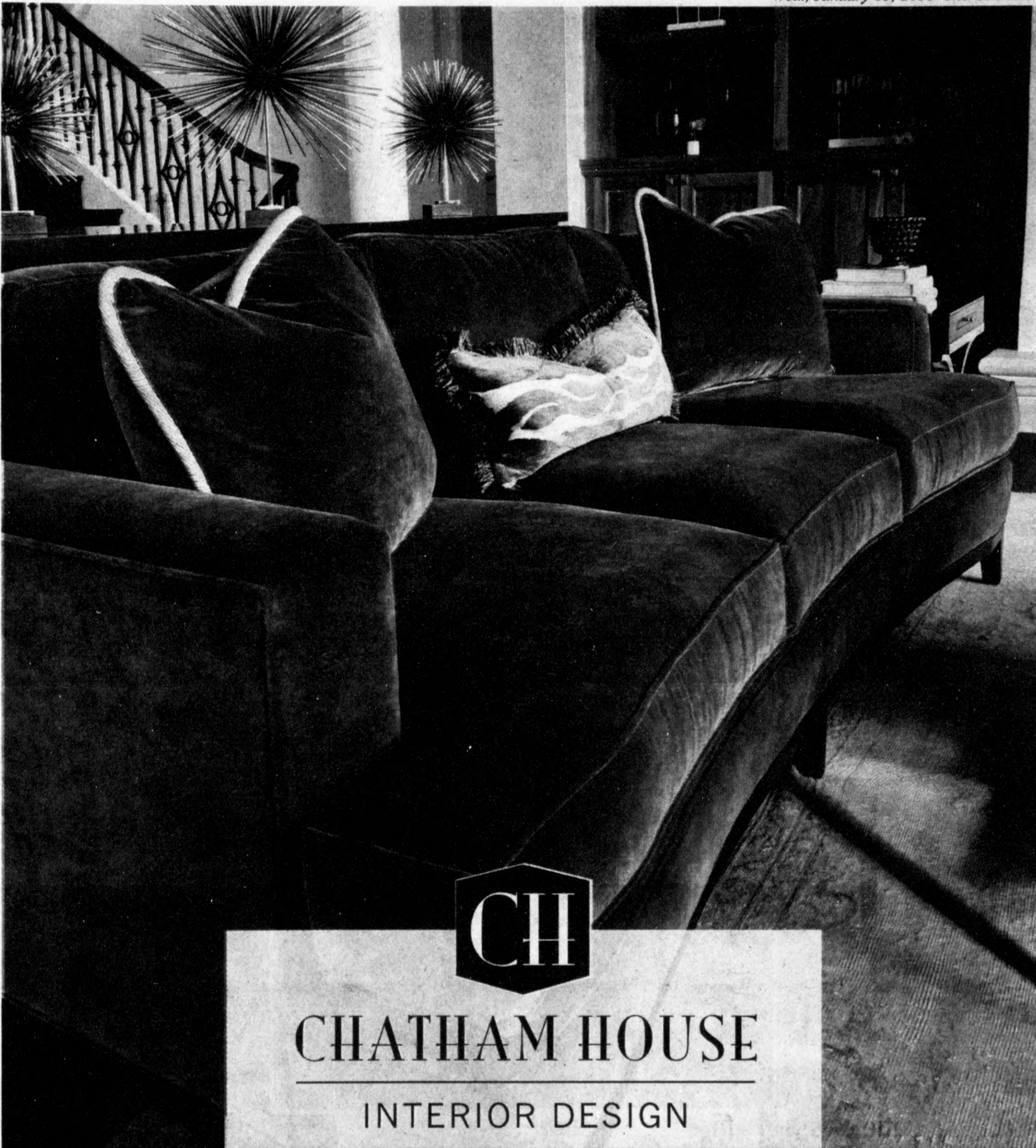
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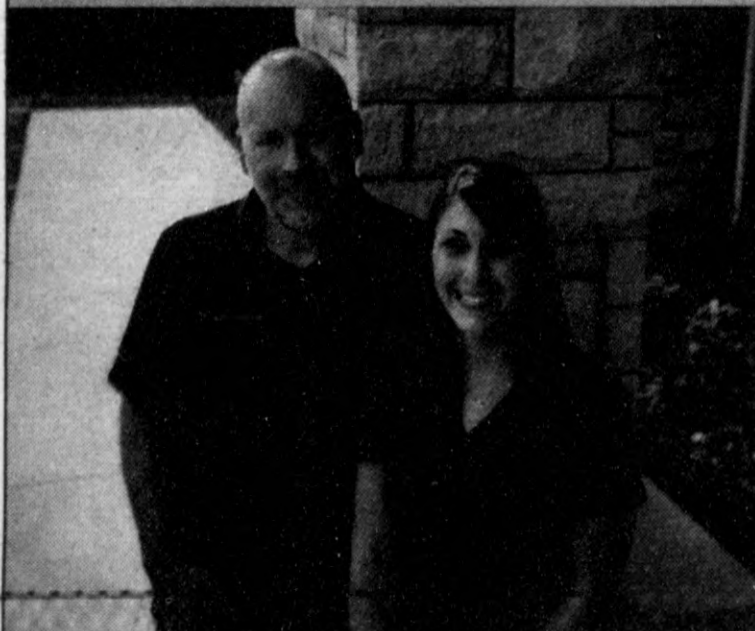
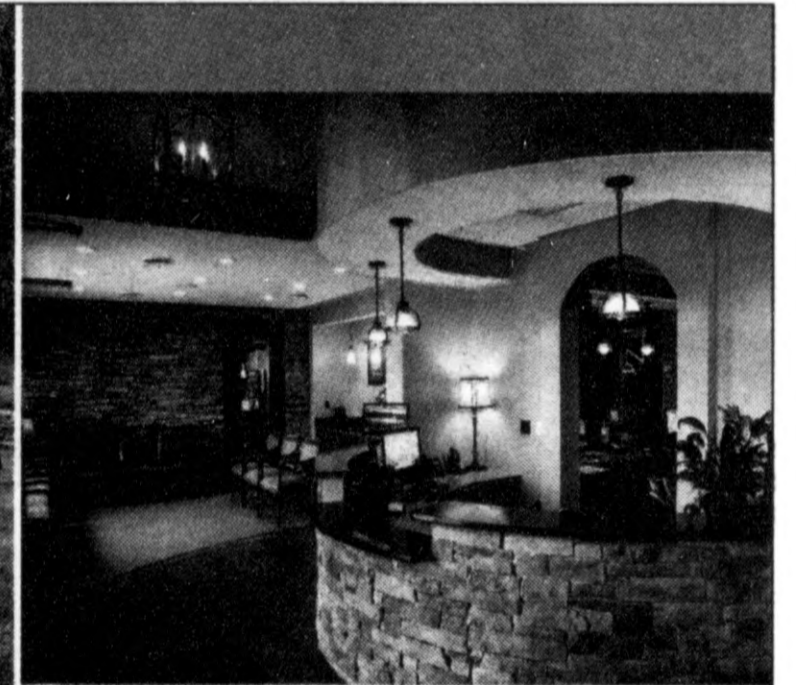
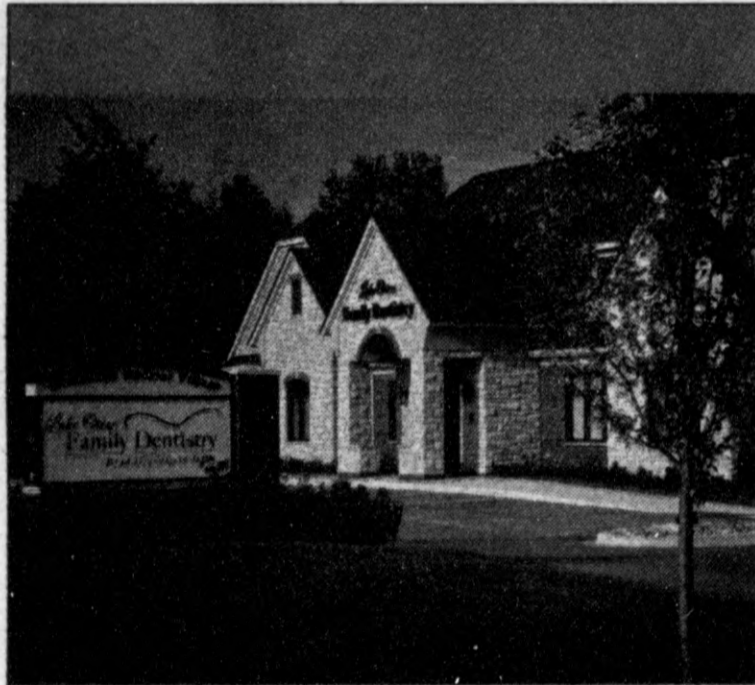
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HIGH ENERGY: Clarkston High School Dance Team performs during half time at the Jan. 5 home game versus Carman Ainsworth. *Photo by Phil Custodio*



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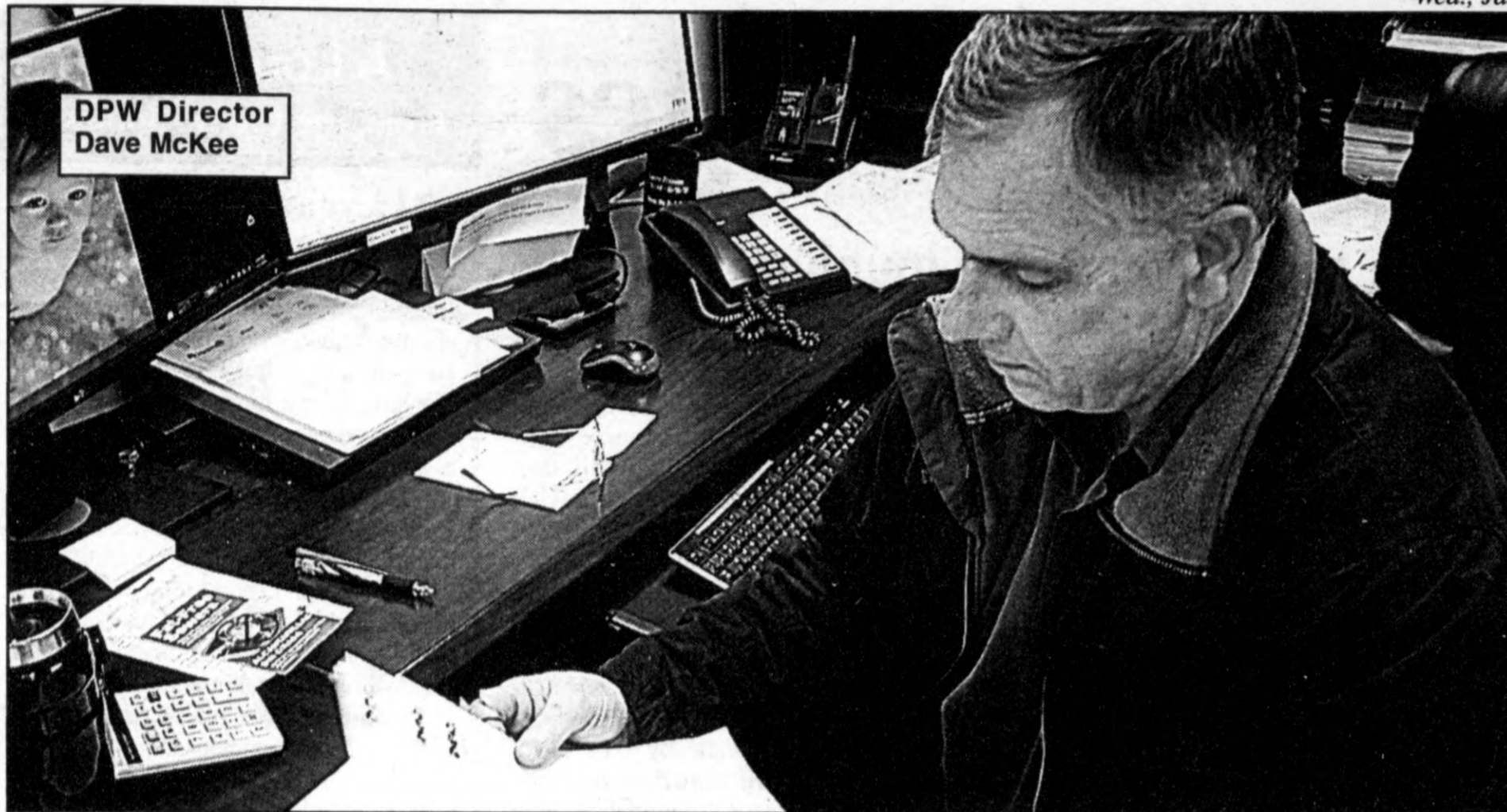
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Township wells pass petroleum test

Independence Township DPW Director Dave McKee said township water has been tested and given the all clear for signs of petroleum. McKee said all of the township's 14 municipal wells serving residents were tested.

"We tested the wells last week and none of the levels are at reporting level," McKee said.

Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said he

ordered the water to be tested after discovering a homeowner's well on Maple Street was tainted with petroleum contaminants.

"The way water look or smells can be tricky," he added. "Water can look and smell fine, but have issues. It can also look bad and be fine."

The township's water is tested every year, and samples must be sent to the state to check for toxins and substances, McKee said.

The director said he does not believe contamination is a problem in Independence Township because wells are deep, 125 to 200 feet.

The biggest problem with water in the area is arsenic, McKee said.

"Arsenic is a naturally occurring substance and the water is treated for it," he added.

-Andrea Beaudoin

Chance of more snow, ice this weekend

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to be partly sunny, with a high near 17, west wind of 10-14 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Wednesday night brings a chance of snow showers, cloudy, with a low around 13. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Chris Reynolds said he's retired, so snow isn't too much of a concern.

"No matter how bad it is I always take my time," Reynolds said. "When I worked if it was bad out I left early. I just turn on my hazards to get out of the idiots' way."

"It was OK. I was surprised the roads were not better but the salt does not work when its really cold," said Jess Bussel.

Thursday's forecast calls for cloudy weather with a high near 27; Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a low around 23.

Friday brings a chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 35; Friday

night, chance of snow showers, cloudy, with a low around 26.

On Saturday, a chance of snow showers, cloudy, with a high near 33; Saturday night, chance of snow showers, cloudy, with a low around 20.

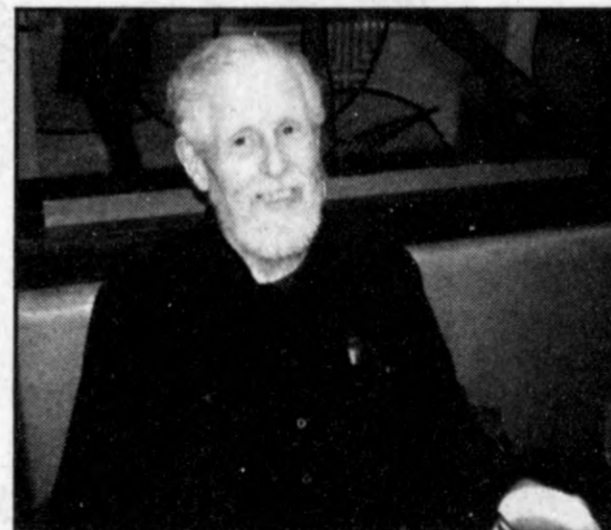
Sunday, chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 26.



Laurie Pieniozek



Jess Bussel



Chris Reynolds

Briefly

Blood drive

Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, hosts an American Red Cross blood drive, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Jan. 15.

The Red Cross has an urgent need for blood and platelet donations to prevent a shortage this winter.

"A decline in the blood supply after the winter holidays is not uncommon, but it can be replenished when generous volunteers roll up their sleeves to help save lives," said Todd Kulman, external communications manager for the Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Blood Services Region. "We encourage our generous donors who are eligible, as well as new donors, to make an appointment to give blood or platelets and help ensure blood products continue to be available for patients. Every two seconds a patient in the U.S. needs blood."

Check the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or calling 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Pistons fund raiser

The Detroit Pistons will donate a portion of ticket sales to Habitat for Humanity Oakland County from their game against the Chicago Bulls, Monday, Jan. 18.

The non-profit group has built two homes in the Clarkston School district over the last year.

For elementary students, fliers were sent home in the Friday folders before the holiday break. For secondary students, fliers can be picked up in the main office. The fliers are needed in order to get the special ticket pricing.

Hoops for Troops

Join the Clarkston Girls Basketball teams on Feb. 18 for their third annual Hoops for Troops.

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.

Contact Megan Goldberg at HoopsForTheTroops@gmail.com or call 248-496-5226 for more information.

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Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

Where do funds go?

In August I began a mental journey which was deeply environmentally focused. It was a process in which I felt funding by those charged with protecting our environment could be much better spent. I have written much in recent columns on how I believe our schools and local governments would handle these funds much better.

I tend to study issues very deeply. While we hear a lot about the water crisis in Flint nowadays, I go well beyond the surface of such issues.

I hear contaminated water, I think of many different causes. For instance, the recent story about gas contaminating a local well. I discovered there are dozens of leaks, in communities everywhere. It's a serious issue that involves more than gas stations. Sadly I found the dumping of chemical and hazardous waste practices has polluted many once pristine environments and water systems.

The funding which has gone into correcting such issues-tremendous. Actually fixing the issues has been neglected. Underground tanks and hazardous waste at facilities do not always have up to date inventories. Also a recycling system is not in place in every community, and many tanks are dated.

The whereabouts of old landfill and contaminated sites are elusive.

The issue goes so very much deeper to include so called "Superfund" sites. These sites have been given tremendous funding, but go unmentioned for years. We have several of these Superfund sites in the Clarkston area. I have called the Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for comment. Some questions are yet unanswered.

Questions are numerous. Issues surrounding clean water and the environment in general are important in every community. The very people that made billions are the same who left wastelands across America. I believe communities must lead this effort and demand funding from the state and federal government to clean up these huge messes.

Communities need grant writers immediately to identify and apply for funding from both the EPA and MDEQ. Funds MUST be released to communities to fix infrastructure, water systems and pollution. One such funding under the EPA is available for non-profits or communities for workforce developments, to train the community and create environmental jobs.

It is a huge mess for which the funding has been huge also. So where did it go?



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Ideas for more citizen involvement

Dear Editor,

So excited to read about the new goals for the Clarkston City Council for 2016 ("City sets goals for the new year," Ja. 6). Applause.

I was especially excited about the comment that they wanted to increase citizen involvement and utilize the knowledge of locals.

I have some suggestions I believe will help make this goal a success.

First, it's important to treat the residents with respect, even if you don't like their perspective or it shines a light on some short-coming.

Next, it's important not to name call residents, or try to create a public mockery out of them when they offer valid information or advise.

Third, when a resident of the village or the township brings valid and well documented complaints, it is vital to set aside time and actually hear them out, and see what they have to say and why. Trying to demean them publically at a meeting if they don't possess a particular title or position because you don't like the information they are providing is not conducive to the goal of inclusion.

Actually recognize the concerns of the citizens and take them under advisement. And recognize the validity of their concerns.

Actually include and value citizen input.

In addition to the training requirement for council members, I recommend getting the DPW staff trained and certified as industrial storm water operators and advanced sediment and erosion control. This will save money in the long run as rather than paying the county to be the Part 91 agency, the DPW staff will be qualified to do informed inspections and work in house, which is actually the intent of the federally mandated stormwater program. It will also be beneficial for the staff to be able to obtain a new skill set.

And relative to the walkway to the south Depot Park bridge, well, learn from your mistakes. It does not meet ADA guidelines, and the base is constructed of a highly erodable and eroding material that appears to be non compactable.

The composition is concrete scraps, pH of 9.5. The smaller (and LARGER) particulate will interact with the runoff and create high pH runoff which has potential to negatively impact the stream. The small particulate are vulnerable to transport which is already happening. You will need to be vigilant in maintaining the protections and repairs to the base so you don't have an eventual collapse.

Tammie Heazlit
Independence Township



IMPACT INFO: Local libraries keep environmental impact information on file for the public to review. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"New Year's party raided" New Year's Eve is a time of celebration but for one Independence Township family the celebration ended with police officers ticketing several minors for possession of alcohol and the homeowners being arrested on a handful of charges including assaulting a police officer.

"Lighthouse move to Community Education" Lighthouse Clarkston moved to the Community Education building off Church and Waldon for a temporary home until they could find a permanent location. Their previous location at Sashabaw Presbyterian Church was too small.

"Comcast Cable has come to town" Comcast Cable Communications officially took over provision of cable services in Clarkston, Independence and Springfield townships.

25 years ago - 1991

"Main Street ribbons show support" It took Marla McKee about 48 hours to assemble volunteers and ribbons to decorate trees to remind Clarkston residents of soldiers stationed in the Persian Gulf.

"Wolves win first two battles on slopes" Brian Zoss and Bryson Menke were a strong one-two punch as the Clarkston Boys Ski team began its Pine Knob Division with two wins over Detroit Country Day and Lahser.

"Springfield farm is home to 64 horses" Calvin and June Nelson have been boarding horses since 1968 at their farm on Crosby Lake Road in Springfield Township. Over the years they had learned all the tricks - how to vaccinate, feed the animals, and gather in any when it's time to foil.

50 years ago - 1966

"Children of school age increasing" For the fifth year in a row the number of school age children in Oakland County jumped while the number of preschool children declined.

"Area boy page in state house" CAP Cadet William Smith of Clarkston Composite Squadron began his duties as a page in the Michigan House of Representatives. He served as a page for four days a week while the Legislature was in session and while attending classes at Clarkston High School on Mondays.

"Local news" Mrs. Norton Redwood was soloist at the wedding of her nephew, Ronald Wirsing and Mary Christina Rine. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Redwood attended the reception at Kingsley Inn.

Jotter Jim has advice for you: GO HOME!

Sometimes sound advice is timeless advice. In other words, good advice. I recently found (actually refound) an old, yellowed piece of paper. On the paper was hand-typed a reprint of an opinion piece from long ago. I want to say it was hand-typed in the 1960s, but I ain't sure.

The typist dated the editorial as Dec. '16 . . . that's it. That's all I got! It was headlined, GO HOME! and I think was in *Minutes Magazine* put out by the *Quincy (Illinois) Herald Whig* newspaper. I had 30-plus year Sherman Publications veteran Don Rush check into the *Herald Whig*.

He informed me the daily paper is still alive and thriving and they gave me the thumbs up on reprinting their piece. Here it is.

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GO HOME

This advice to teenagers appeared in the Employment Counselor publication of the National Association of Personnel Consultants.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teenager: What can we do? Where can we go? The answer is: GO HOME!

Wash the storm windows, paint the woodwork, rake the leaves, mow the lawn, shovel the walk, wash the car, learn to cook, scrub some floors, repaint the sink, build a boat, get a job, sell

papers, carry papers. Help the minister or priest or rabbi, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army; visit the sick; assist the poor,

study your lessons. And when you are through --- and not too tired --- read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city or village does not owe you recreation facilities. The work does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war, in poverty, or sick, or lonely again.

This you owe to your parents, teachers, pastors, elders, and your country.

In plain, simple words: GROW UP! Quit being a cry-baby. Get out of your dream world and develop a backbone, not a wish bone, and start acting like a man or a lady.

You're supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibilities your parents have carried for years. They have

nursed, protected, helped, appealed, begged, excused, tolerated and denied themselves needed comforts so that you could have every benefit. You have no right to expect them to bow to every whim and fancy. . .

In Heaven's name, GROW UP AND GO HOME!

(This From Other Editors: Phillip B Gilliam, Juvenile Court judge, Denver, Colorado.)

The above is not only good advice for H.S. Youngsters, but for college groups, and also young married couples, until they become independent - - depended upon themselves for their own support going. Good advice for all... concerned... Do something... keep active... keep interested... to keep going, alive, happy!

Just think, winter is half over!

Usually this time of the year I have hand-shoveled, oh, about a million feet of snow off my driveway and the sidewalk in front of and past my crappy old house. I mean, come on, it is mid January in Michigan -- the Winter Wonderland State, we have snow.

Not so much this winter season.

This past Sunday whilst shoveling for only the second time this season, I began to ponder. If you don't know, shoveling snow is a grand time to root around in the dark recesses of your brain to ask questions, draw conclusions and make self discoveries. I think it has to do with the repetitive action required for proper snow shoveling. Once you get in the groove of pushing, throwing and clearing snow, physically your body goes into autodrive allowing your brain to wander where it will.

As my mind wandered, these things I thought . . .

Shovel, push, throw.

Hot damn! Winter is half over, which means the days are getting longer, my seed catalogues have arrived and soon, I will be out in the yard putzing around my garden complaining about slugs, earwigs, pill bugs and other garden destroying varmints.

What kinda person are you?

Are you a "Yay! it's half over" type or are you the, "I hate winter, we have two and half more months of this crap left" type? I kinda divide winter into five months: November, December, January, February and March. When we get to mid January like we are now, I think to myself, "it's all down hill from here on the road to Warm Weatherville."

I reckon this makes me a "Yay! It's over" type.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

This self-delusional tactic helps me to forget some of our worst snow storms come in February and March.

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Shovel, push, throw.

If we really haven't had a winter yet, are we entitled to a January thaw?

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Shovel, push, throw.

How many days 'til spring? Let's see . . . let's call this January 15, so there are 16 days left in this month. Leap Year this year, so there are 29 days in February. Thirty plus 16, minus one equals 45 days. The first full day of spring is on March 21, so 20 days added to 45 days means we are 65 days away from spring. (I told you, shoveling snow allows my mind to do miraculous things like how to add days in the month.)

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Shovel, push, throw.

Sidewalks. I like to shovel the sidewalk not only in front of my house, but also my neighbors to the east and west, too. The school district picks up and drops off kids at my driveway, so I think it's my civic duty to make sure their shoes (do school kids wear boots these days?) are as dry as possible when they get on the bus.

Do the kids care if their feet are dry during school? Do they care if the sidewalks are cleared? Do their parents care? I remember when I was a wee lad growing up in the mean ghettos of Clarkston (aka Independence Township), we wore boots in the winter to walk to the bus stop. And, while our feet remained dry our pants -- usually from the knees down -- were snow and ice caked because there were no sidewalks for anyone to clear for us. Every morning after the previous night's snow, we blazed a new trail through the snow, across our neighbor's yards to get to the bus stop. And, if I remember correctly, wet pants didn't affect my schooling. I didn't care.

So, why am I shoveling the snow at 9 in the evening these days?

* * *

Shovel, push, throw.

What is the Spring Equinox? Note to self: Look it up on-line Monday morning.

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Shovel, push, throw.

Okay, it's 9:30, I'm tired and cold. Time to go inside and go to bed.

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True to myself, just now I googled Spring Equinox. Now that I know, I will share with you what I found from www.TimeandDate.com

1. The March equinox marks the moment when the Sun crosses the celestial equator -- the imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator -- from south to north. This happens on March 19, 20 or 21 every year.

2. Equinoxes and solstices are opposite on either side of the equator, and the March equinox is also known as the "spring (vernal) equinox" in the Northern Hemisphere and as the "autumnal (fall) equinox" in the Southern Hemisphere.

3. There are two equinoxes every year -- in March and September -- when the Sun shines directly on the equator and the length of night and day are nearly equal.

4. The Earth's axis is always tilted at an angle of about 23.5° in relation to the ecliptic, the imaginary plane created by the Earth's path around the Sun. On any other day of the year, either the Southern Hemisphere or the Northern Hemisphere tilts a little towards the Sun. But on the two equinoxes, the tilt of the Earth's axis is perpendicular to the Sun's rays.

Who says you can't learn anything ready what I write?

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Nutrition



Cindy Crandell R.N.
Functional Medicine
Nutritionist
Lifestyle Educator

Q. Should I do a Detox or a Juice Cleanse?

A. Cleansing or detox should be done correctly and with professional guidance. Many juice cleanses are protein deficient and extremely low calorie, which can cause blood sugar swings, gut dysfunction, and deprivation. A good detox will support all of the above and will include foods that are rich in nutrients to support detox pathways. We would prefer to do a healthy detox once people are already living a healthy lifestyle and learning life-long skills for daily practice to improve overall health, performance and body composition. www.NuviewNutrition.com



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Mortgage



Jason Nolan
Senior Loan Officer



Q: I've read so many horror stories about bad mortgage experiences. How do I know the lender I'm working with is trustworthy?

A: Technology has made the mortgage process less personal, making it harder to really get a "feel" for the loan officer and company you are working with. However, technology can be quite helpful in researching a prospective lender. Start with <http://www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org/>. This site will allow you to confirm that the individual and company you are working with are appropriately licensed. Next check out the company rating with the Better Business Bureau. Here in Southeast Michigan you would search <http://www.bbb.org/detroit/>. Lastly, utilize review sites like Yelp.com and Google Reviews. Do they have a majority of good reviews? Do they have recent reviews? Taken together, the information from these resources can help you establish if you are working with a credible and trustworthy lender. Good luck!

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Linda Danek
Financial Advisor
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Q. Is it a good idea to wait to invest when the stock market is volatile?

A. While it depends on your situation, waiting is not always good as market upturns can happen quickly and you may miss a significant profit opportunity. Dollar cost averaging can take some of the guesswork out of market fluctuations. Call me, your neighbor in Clarkston, with questions. We can meet here in town or at your home to discuss your strategy.

Dollar cost averaging does not ensure profits or protect against loss in declining markets. Because dollar cost averaging involves continuous investment in securities regardless of fluctuating price levels, you should carefully consider your ability to continue to purchase during periods of price declines. This information is meant to be general in nature and should not be construed as investment or financial advice related to your personal situation.

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INSURANCE



Walt Renn

Q. What is coinsurance and how does it affect my health insurance?

A. Coinsurance on a health insurance policy is actually a relatively straight-forward concept. If coinsurance is listed in the coverage of your health insurance policy the coinsurance percentage listed is the percent of the benefit expense which the insurance company is responsible for. The common coinsurance percentages seen on a health insurance policy are 60%, 70%, 80% or 90%. You as the insured under the policy would be responsible for the balance. If you have a deductible in the policy, you would have to satisfy the deductible before the coinsurance begins. For instance, if you have a 90% coinsurance and \$100 health bill. You as the insured, owe \$10 and the insurance company would pay \$90. On most policies it's that simple

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Former CFO charged with 14 counts

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over 12 years at the Clarkston/Brandon Credit Union in Independence Township. He was the chief financial officer at the credit union since 2003.

"At this time, we are unable to comment any further while the investigation is ongoing," Bullard said. "Members will be updated in the future when more information is available."

Clarkston-Brandon Community Credit Union reportedly has nine members with balances exceeding that amount, and \$1.7 million in uninsured balances.

Detectives confirmed details of his statements with credit union officials, and after more investigation the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office authorized a 14-count warrant against LaJoice.

Charges authorized by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and sworn to in 52-3 District Court include one count of Embezzlement - Financial Institution / Felony - 20 years; and 13 counts of Embezzlement - \$100,000 or more / Felony - 20 years and/or a fine up to \$50,000 or three times the amount embezzled, whichever is greater.

He was arraigned by District Court Judge Joseph G. Fabrizio from 52-2 District Court in Independence Township.

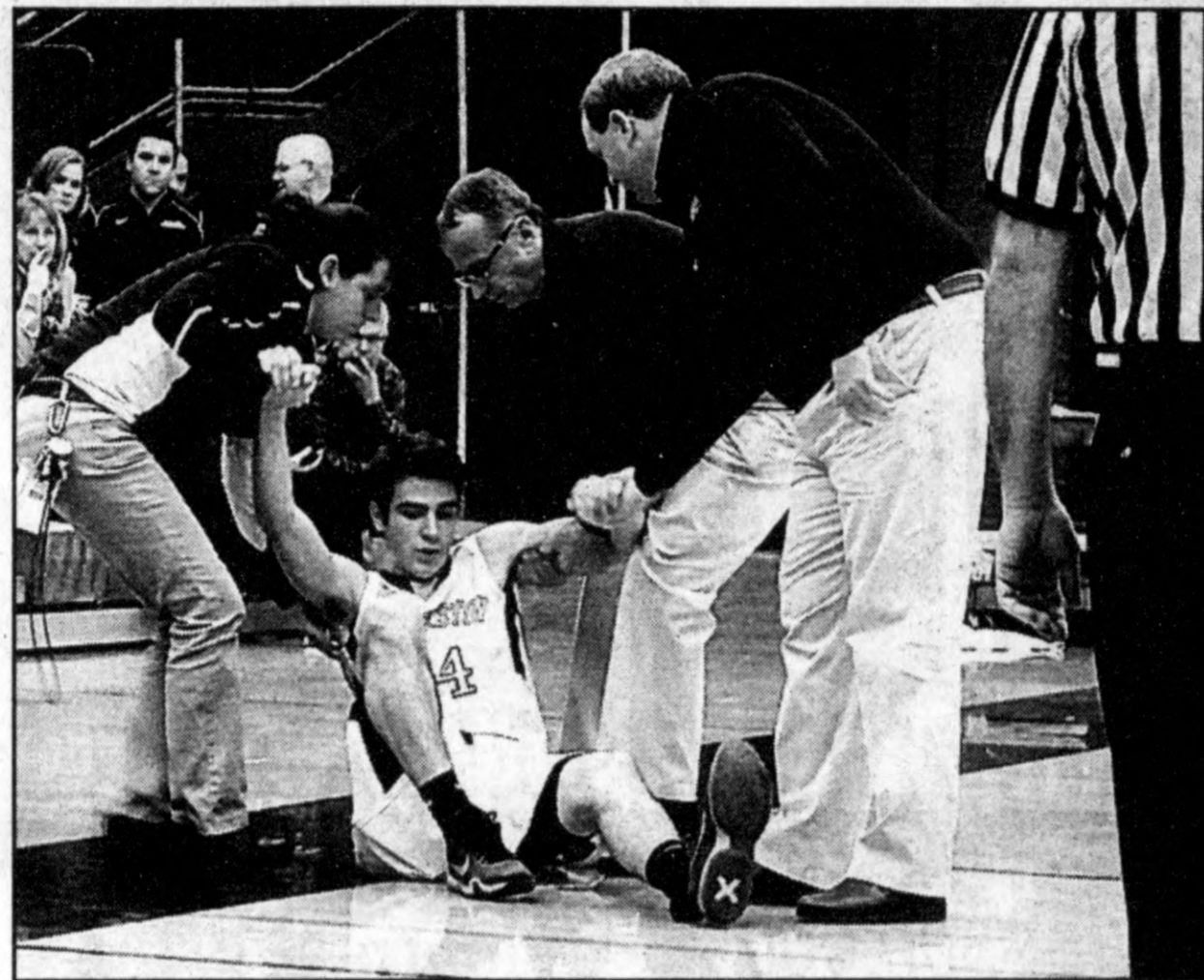
LaJoice's total bond for all charges was set at \$1,000,000 cash or surety. If bond is posted, he will have to wear a GPS tether.

A pre-exam conference is scheduled for Jan. 20 in 52-2 District Court. Preliminary exam is scheduled for Jan. 26.

The investigation is ongoing and the Sheriff's Office is working with federal regulators in the NCUA and the FBI.

Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union opened in 1957, and serves more than 8,000 members and their families in Oakland, Macomb, Genesee, Lapeer and Livingston counties. It has two full service offices, one at 8055 Ortonville Road in Clarkston and the branch office at 4 South Street in Ortonville.

Call the Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP



COURT CARE: Head coach Dan Fife and coaching staff assist Clarkston High School varsity basketball player Ryan Holmes after a fall on the court, Jan. 5. Photo by Phil Custodio

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Suspect's review delayed

Murder suspect Joseph Mauti of Independence Township, 32, is awaiting a review of state-ordered psychological testing to determine competency and criminal responsibility after a delay. Mauti is charged with the first-degree premeditated murder of his wife, Lindsey, as well as animal cruelty in the death of the family dog last May. The hearing had been set for Jan. 8, but was rescheduled for Feb. 26 in 52-2 District Court.

Warrant arrest


Deputies picked up a 24-year-old Detroit man in Detroit on a Friend of the Court

warrant out of Oakland County, 10:50 a.m., Jan. 1. He was taken to Oakland County jail on the warrant.

SUV was stolen

When a local resident tried to register a 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer at the Independence Township Secretary of State office on Sashabaw Road, 5:18 p.m., Jan. 4, she learned it had been stolen in Hazel Park. She bought the vehicle in Flint. The vehicle was impounded, and a detective from the Oakland County Sheriff's Auto Theft Unit was advised. The Flint Police Department was contacted and is attempting to locate video of the transaction as it took place at a local mall in Flint.

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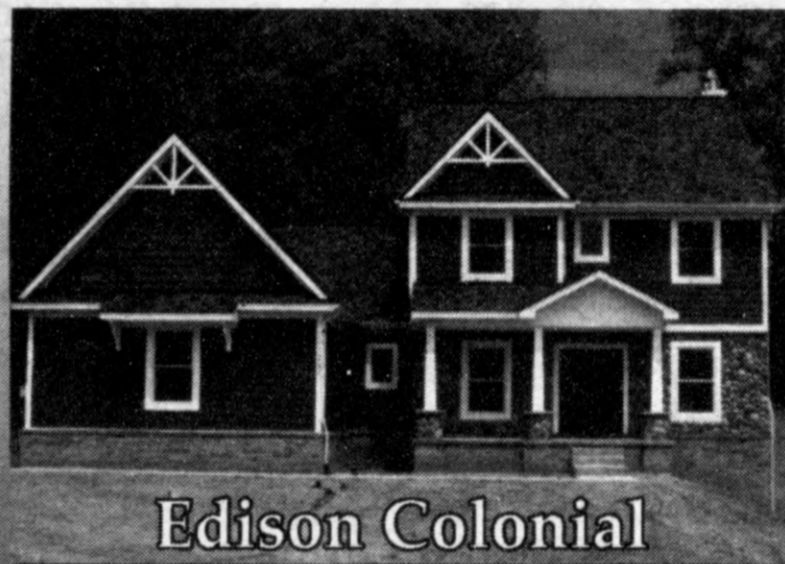
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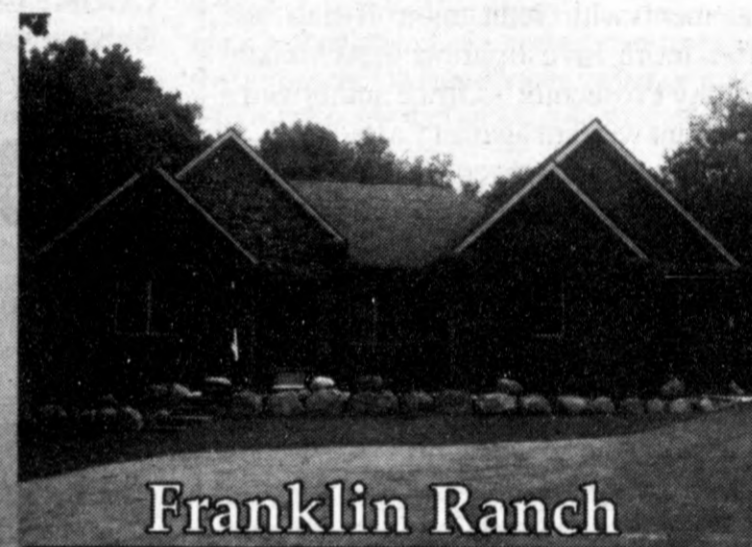
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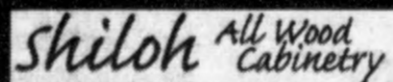
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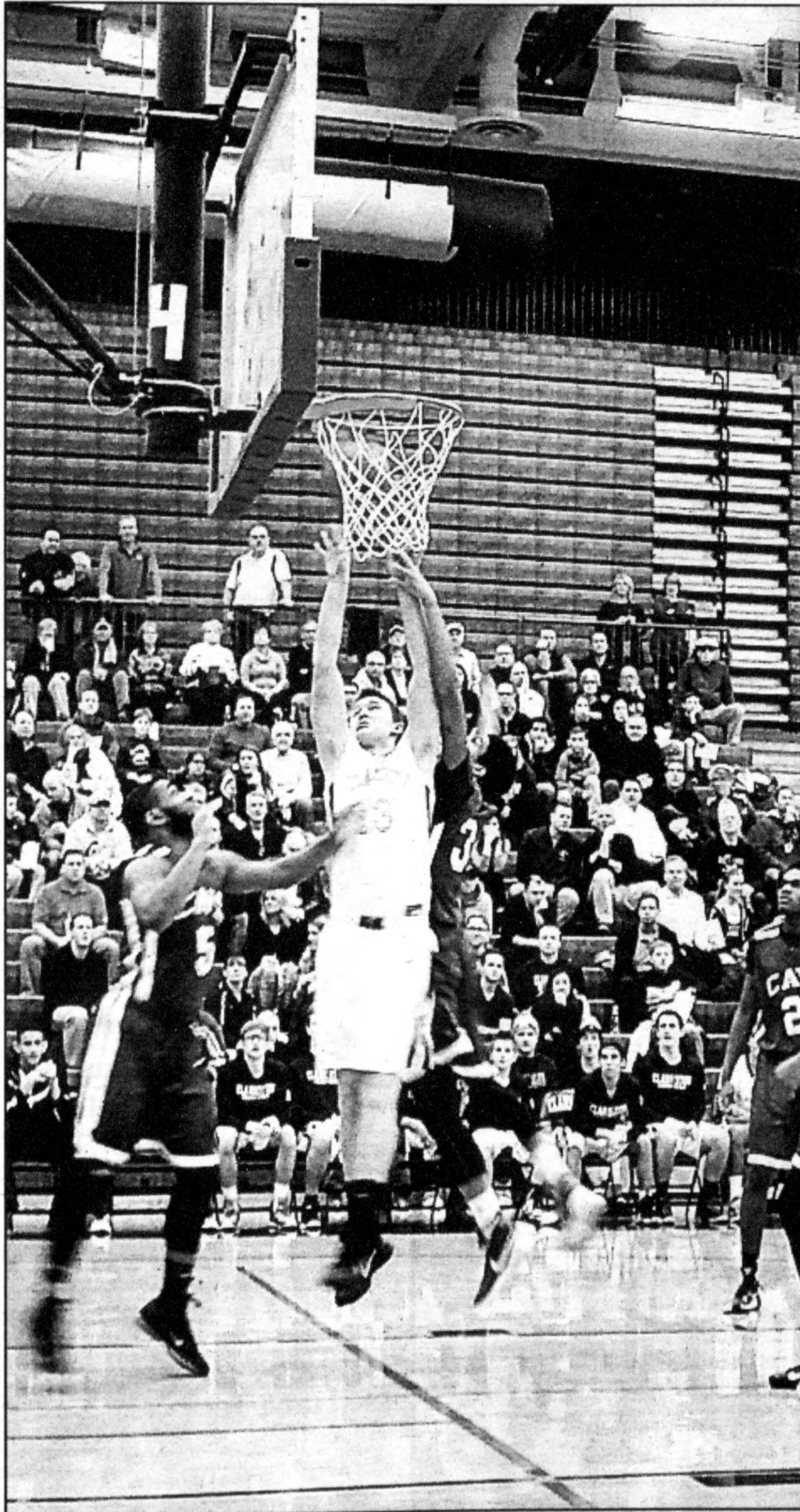


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Who is the next AOW?

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Mitch Heaton goes for the basket as Carman Ainsworth defends.



C.J. Robinson looks for an opening in the CA defense.

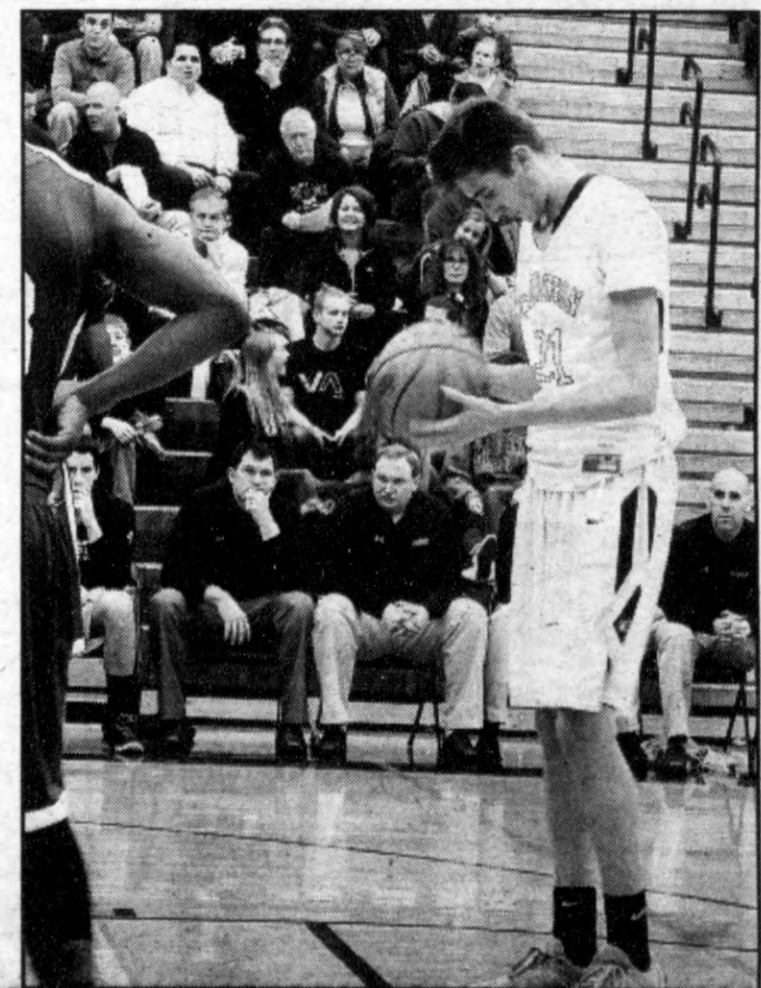
Victory for Coach Fife's 800th game

Boys Varsity Basketball team was on a winning streak over the weekend, with a victory at home over Carman Ainsworth of Flint, 64-47, Jan. 5; and Romulus in the second annual New Year's Basketball Classic at Detroit's Renaissance High School, 74-52, Jan. 9.

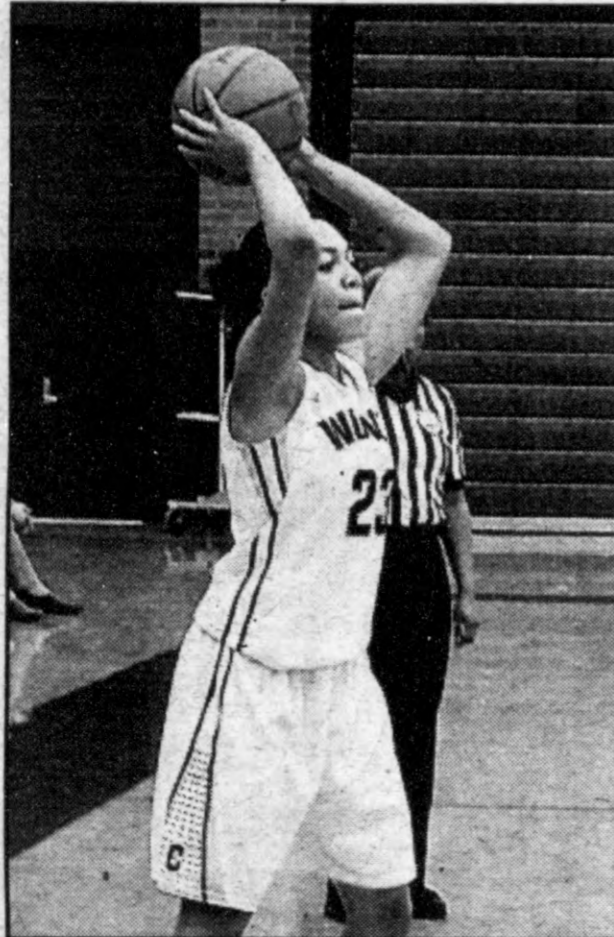
The Detroit game was Dan Fife's 800th game as head coach, with a record of 634 wins and 166 losses.

This week, the Wolves take on Skyline, Jan. 12, and North Farmington at home, Jan. 14.

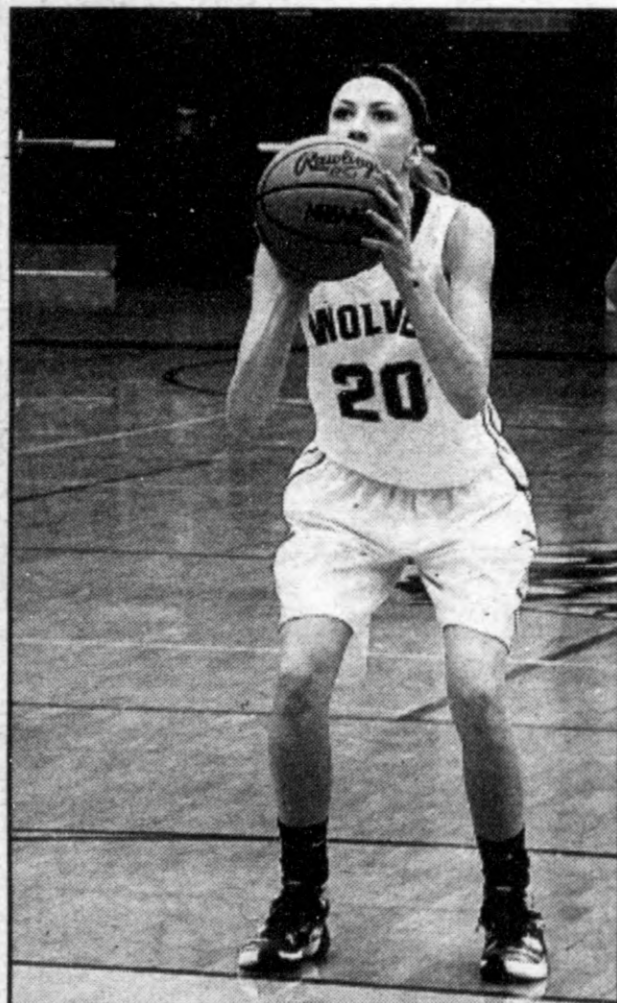
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Tabin Throgmorton takes a free throw.



Kayla Russell throws the ball back into play.




Maddie Beck makes a free throw.



The Wolves look to score some points. Photos by Phil Custodio

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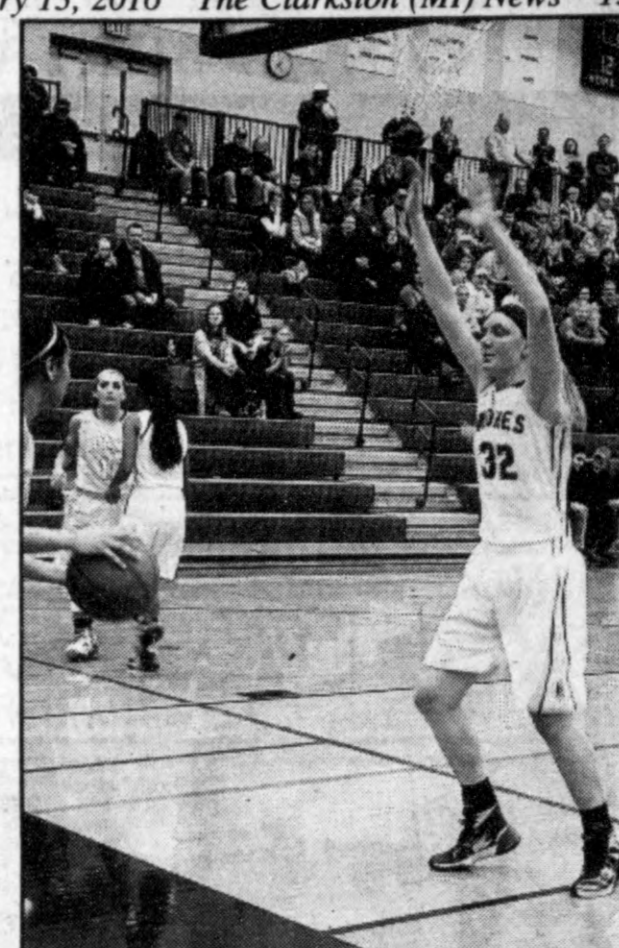
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Katherine Evelyn Davis, died 05/24/2015

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Raymond C. Davis, 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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Coach Christine Rogers gives a pep talk to the team during halftime.



Kayla Luchenbach goes on defense.

Making the plays

The Clarkston High School Girls Basketball went into this week undefeated with a win over Adams, 58-41, on Jan. 7 at home.

This week, the Lady Wolves take on Oxford High School on Jan. 12 and Harrison at home, Jan. 15.

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Thursday

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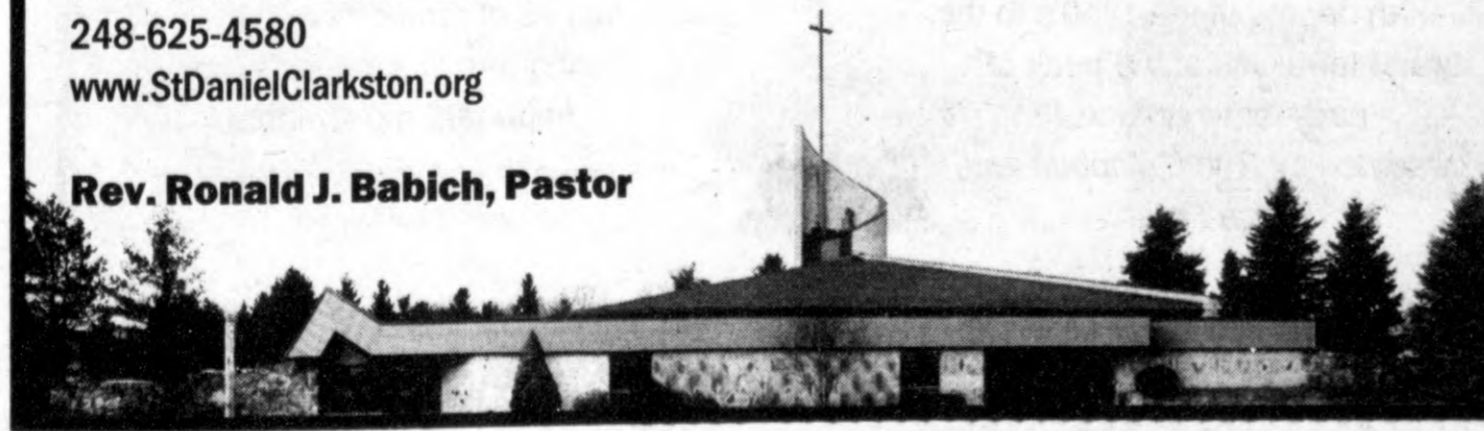
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All Are Welcome

This Week:

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9:30 a.m.

Scripture Study

Monday, January 18

7:00 p.m.

Rosary Cenacle

Tuesday, January 19

1:00 p.m.

Christian Yoga

Wednesday, January 20

10:00 a.m.

Study of Sunday Scriptures

Wednesday, January 20

6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer

Wednesday, January 20

6:30 p.m.

HS Youth Group

Wednesday, January 20

7:00 p.m.

Scripture Study