

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team celebrates their wins in the OAA Red tournamant at Stoney Creek High School on Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Grapplers conquer OAA Red tournament

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Hands hoisted the glass trophy into the air as the Wolves celebrated their victory as the OAA Red tournament champion.

"It's a good thing for the program," said Freddie DeRamus, head coach. "It gets us in the conversation. I think people forgot about us. Last year we were banged up and a young team. We are still young but we managed to keep everyone healthy and keep the attitudes positive. It is a good thing for Clarkston,

the kids and the parents. We put a lot into it."

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team scored 218.5 points at the Stoney Creek High School meet on Friday, with seven individual champions out of the nine finalists.

"It's big," said DeRamus. "A lot of these kids are kids you didn't think about last year. They are stepping up and wrestling for each other. That's what's important they are wrestling for each other and wrestling for their town."

Finishing in first place were Houston Hemingsen, Alec Bills, Nate Vandermeer, Kyle Masters, Nathan Hayes, Nathan Troutvine and Mackenzie Hanselman.

Hemingsen defeated Dylan Howcroft from Rochester Adams in the 125-pound weight class. Both had four points at the end of the third period. Hemingsen took the win after scoring two points 29 seconds into the overtime period.

State help sought for water safety

Part three in a series on local water quality

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN Clarkston News Staff Writer

For now, let's forget about Flint's water woes. Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle is

thinking the problem is much more local.

The supervisor met with Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to discuss water quality issues stemming from leaking underground storage tanks (see "Water quality is



national news, is our water safe?," on page 19.)

"This problem is very troublesome. It Please see Well on page 5

Wall fall wrecks cars

Three vehicles were damaged when a wall under construction in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway collapsed on them, 1:36 p.m., Feb. 3.

Construction workers had recently finished laying a concrete block wall and had left the site for lunch at 1:30 p.m.

When they returned, a large section of the wall was on the ground. A high gust of wind apparently blew over the concrete block wall onto vehicles parked in an adjacent parking lot, according to Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

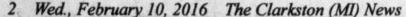
No one was reported injured in the collapse, and Independence Township firefighters searched under the bricks to make sure.

The falling bricks caused front end damage to the vehicles.

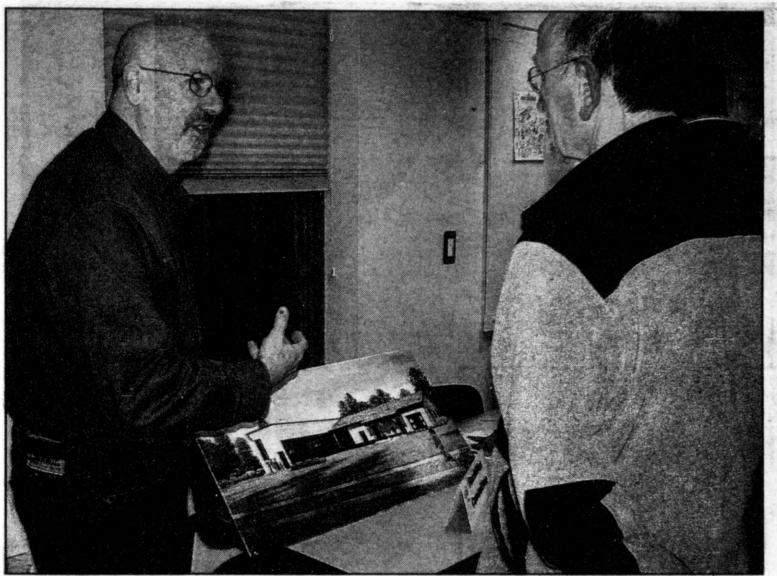
Bills won his match against Rochester Adams' Jake Anderson in the 140-pound Please see Wrestling on page 10

Investigation continues by Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration.









James Brueck, chair of the Clarkston Facilities Committee, shows a full-color rendering of the proposed expansion to City Hall.



City Council member David Marsh, at right, chats with residents at the open house. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



Treasurer Sandra Barlass.

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Mayor Joe Luginski, at right, and Council member Al Avery talk to resident Don Frayer, at left.

Website debut at open house

About 40 people, many city employees and members of Clarkston City Council, boards, and committees, filled Independence Township Fire Station One's training room for an open house on city services, Feb. 2.

The city Communications Committee organized the event, which was set up in convention style with departments offering information at tables around the room.

The event included Sandra Barlass, treasurer, discussing features of the city's new website, www.villageofclarkston. org. It features information on city government, services, and events, forms for permits and services, many of which can be filled out online, and a discussion forum.

Its Notify Me feature allows people to sign up to automatically receive alerts, event reminders, meeting agendas and minutes, and other information, Barlass said.

- Phil Custodio



From left, Clarkston Planning Commission members Derek Warner and Robert Bondy talk to resident Steve Wylie.

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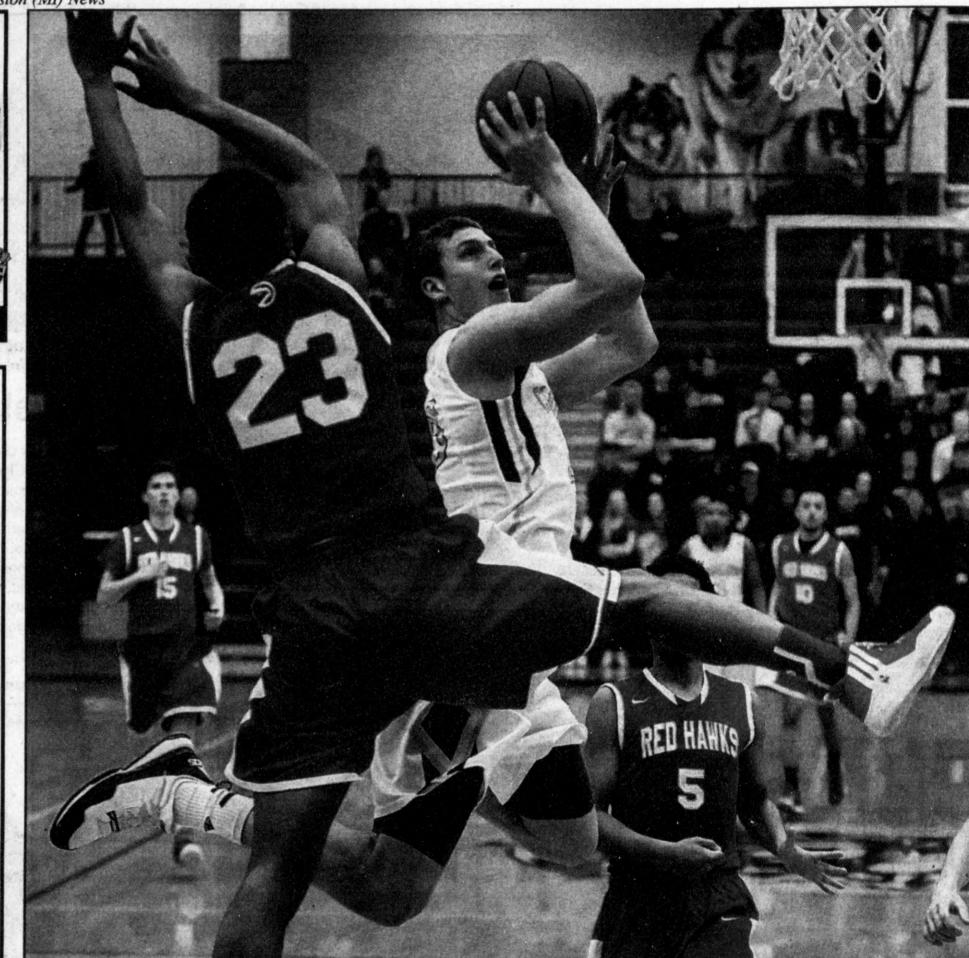
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JUMP SHOT: Junior Dylan Alderson jumps for the basket in the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball win over Troy Athens, 70-40. The Wolves defeated Avondale, 77-45, with Foster Loyer leading the way with 38 points. The boys (12-1, 5-0 OAA Red) travel to North Farmington this Friday and are home on Tuesday against Rochester Adams. For more, check out next week's edition on stands Feb. 17. Photo by Larry Wright

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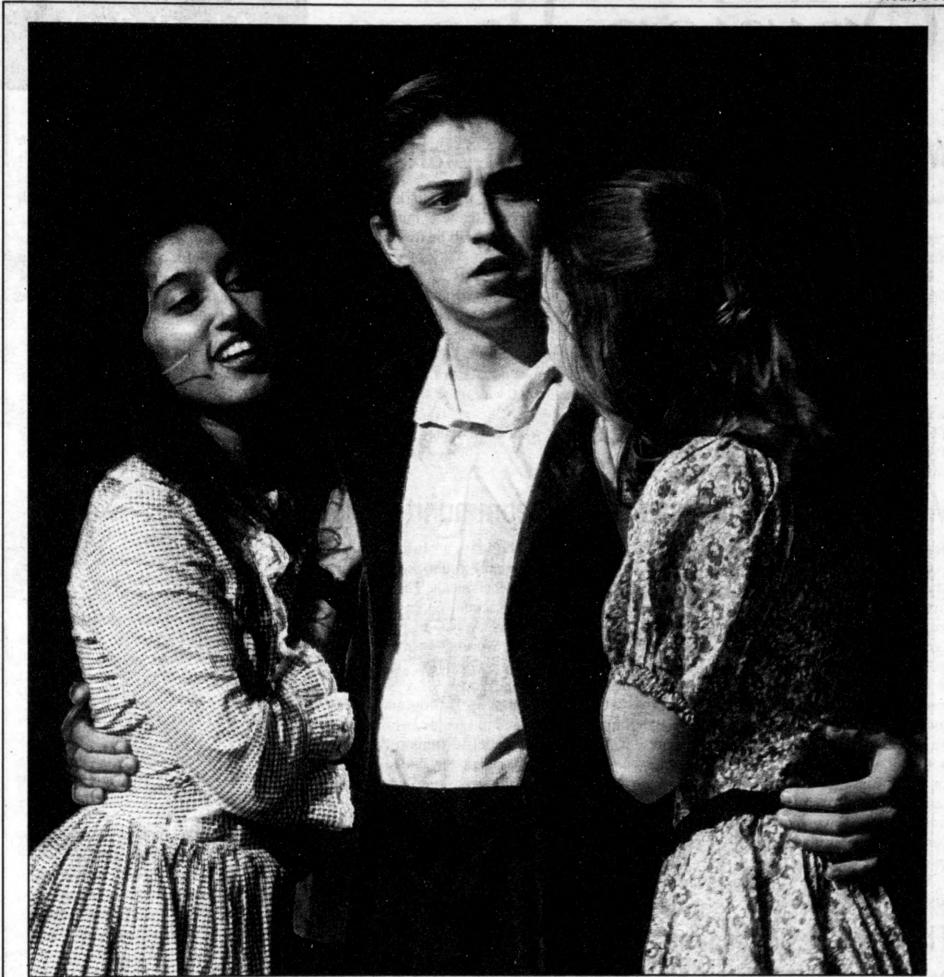
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Kristen Abraham, Luke Hodgson, and Kiera Quigley check to see what the commotion is about as the Clarkston High School Drama Club rehearses for their production of "Carousel." Performances are Feb. 25, 26, 27 at 7 p.m. with a matinee performance on Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. They are available at www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/clarkstonhigh and through the box office,



Dognapper sentenced

Joseph Benson of Independence Township received the maximum for dognapping a family's

husky last December. Judge Marc Barron, 48th District Court, sentenced Benson, 29, to a year in Oakland County Jail after he pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor larceny charge.



He took the dog, Kodi, from a parking lot Benson

in Bloomfield Township on Dec. 14. Following tips from witnesses, police found Kodi at Benson's home in the 2500 block of Mann Road in Independence Township, Dec. 15. Benson told the court he was sorry for the theft.

Grants for community

Clarkston Area Optimist Club has \$50,000 in grants for local community groups, and they're accepting applications.

"Things focused on children and youth," said Optimist Joette Kunse. "If someone has a project that helps kids in the community, fill out an application and we'll look at it."

This is the sixth year the club has provided the grants, which are funded by an anonymous donor. They received 32 applications last year and funded 16 of them. Application deadline is Feb. 29. A committee will meet in March to determine grant recepients, and the grants will be awarded probably in April.

For application or more information, check www.clarkstonoptimists.org or email info@clarkstonoptimists.org.

Genealogy group

The new Clarkston and Independence Township Genealogical Society is

248-623-4024. See the story in next week's edition of The Clarkston News. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Well users should test water, supervisor says

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worries me," Kittle said. "We put all of the LUST (Leaking Underground Storage Tanks) sites on a map and calculated how plumes of pollution can spread over time. It's a bad situation."

The township has about 1,100 private wells near underground leaking tanks, he said. "Everyone on a private well should have their water tested," Kittle said.

Tests are about \$100 each, and are done by the MDEQ. Independence Township has the second highest rate of arsenic in Oakland County, next to Brandon Township. Arsenic, which occurs naturally, has been filtered from the water system beginning in 2006. For the last year, the Robinson family has been receiving water from MDEQ at their Maple Drive home in Independence Township because their well is contaminated with gasoline.

Michigan ranks in the top five states for leaking underground 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. Gas stations also self report how much gas they sold versus how much gas was purchased. They also report their own leaks.

Kittle said self-reporting is unacceptable, so he has the Independence Township Fire Department doing the job. forming. The group will meet monthly from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Clarkston Independence District Library.

Each month, there will be a monthly genealogy topic shared or time for sharing ideas on genealogy.

Carol George is the interim chairperson of the group. Dues are \$10 a year. All genealogists, from newcomers to the field to long time researchers, are invited to join.

Find information on the Clarkston & Independence Township Genealogical Society Facebook page or by emailing jkhorses@comcast.net.

Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

Unanswered questions

I'm not used to people not answering my questions.

I found out my mom has a brain tumor on Saturday. I just want the best for my

mom. I ask questions for a living. I also research a lot, and so I researched into having brain surgery. I found out Henry Ford is one of the best in the nation.



All I wanted is to ask the doctors at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in

Pontiac questions. It seemed to me no one cared to answer questions. It felt to me as if I was just supposed to go along with their first opinion.

Me asking questions was not popular with anyone on the staff. I got kicked out, and the doctor was offended

This is my mom's life so forgive me if I am angry, upset and want my questions answered. I was offended by the doctors and the staff at St. Joe's who brushed me off and obviously do not understand what a family member is going through. I suggest training the staff.

Meanwhile, I'm still trying to contribute to the world, I have made a difference here locally with my reporting. I also went to a water quality meeting in Royal Oak where I stood up and spoke.

Locally, and I believe in every community, the pollution caused by leaking underground tanks at gas stations is an enormous problem.

There are also problems with all the chemicals dumped by the large corporations. It is time for corporate responsibility so America can be more sustainable.

A new funding plan for water infrastructure is proposed. The proposal involves private sector funding. The definition of a "Flint" does not escape me. A flint is defined as a piece of rock used with steel to produce an igniting spark. This fiasco in Flint is ridiculous and unnecessary. Utility lines, including water, can be marked in days by a utility locating company. Michigan has 83 companies and numerous DPW's, who could team up and section off the city to replace pipelines.

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

What is in a name for the City of Clarkston

Dear Editor,

"What's in a name? that which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet" Romeo and Juliet, - William Shakespeare

It appears to be all but official that the City of the Village of Clarkston no longer exists and is now the City of Clarkston. No vote, no amending the Charter, no permission from the governor, but it is a fait accompli, a done deal.

It is on the Village Hall, on the city vehicles, on the stationary, on Facebook (City of Clarkston-from the city office) and on the city web site which, while named www.villageofclarkston.org, sends messages

and reminders out as City of Clarkston. Pick the "Citizen Service Request" button on the city web site and you will be transported to the Form Center with "City of Clarkston" proudly on it.

The sign at the north and south end of Main Street doesn't even bother with "City of" but simply says "Welcome to Clarkston" which is really a mailing address or a school district and does not start or stop at the beginning of what was once the Village of Clarkston.

But then, what's in a name? **Cory** Johnston Clarkston

treats during the holidays when are center is

closed. A special thank you to the following

business who provided meals, Thanksgiving

Day, Deer Lake Racquet Club; Christmas

Day, Autumn Ridge Assisted Living; New

Year's Day, The Woodshop; and United

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important to us and the seniors who receive

it. Without the wonderful support from our

community we would not be able to provide

the extra special service we provide. Thank

you to all of our volunteers and everyone

Barbara Rollin, senior division supervisor

Independence Township Parks,

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listed above for your support.

Our Meals on Wheels program is very

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"He's dogs' best friend" Clarkston resident Steven MacGillis made a split second decision which saved the lives of two dogs after he saw them fall through the ice on Lake Oakland in Independence Township.

"Springfield welcomes wrecking ball" The Springfield Township Board of Trustees heard the fate of seven Dixie Highway buildings. They would be demolished because owners did now follow township orders to make them safe.

"Work of CHS grad performed in Raleigh" Jimmy Territo, a 1997 Clarkston High School graduate, was getting some attention for his musical abilities on the east coast as they Raleigh Symphony Orchestra in North Carolina performed a musical composition written by Territo.

25 years ago - 1991

"Voters give a loud no to construction" Three school bonding proposals were overwhelmingly defeated by Clarkston voters by an almost two-toone vote. About 7,400 of the area's 18,000 registered voters turned out to defeat all three proposals.

"Board calls for alternative plan" Larger class sizes, portable classrooms, alternate school days and double day sessions were some of the options Clarkston school board members were considereing after the failure of three bonds.

"Wolves back to normal after slowdown scare" Dugan Fife and Derek Wiley combined for 49 points to pace the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team to a 72-51 victory over Waterford Mott. Fife led with 32 points including four 3pointers.

50 years ago - 1966

"Name smile contest winners" Three elementary students captured 741 votes

Meals on Wheels a success with community help

holiday treats.

Sincerely,

Dear Editor,

Clarkston in Oakland County and five other counties in Southeast Michigan are fortunate to provide Meals on Wheels programs through grants from the Area Agency on Aging 1-B for individuals 60 and over who meet eligibility requirements.

A hot meal is delivered at lunch time to homebound seniors. This program is a life saver for those individuals who receive it. We have volunteers at our center deliver around 30 meals a day our clients. To apply for this program you can call the Older Person's Commission at 248-608-0264. Independence Township through the Senior Community Center supports this program seven days a week.

We had several local organizations and business who provided meals and special

Thank you for school carnival community support

Dear Editor,

On Friday, Jan. 29, Independence Elementary held its 2nd Annual Winter Carnival and the night was a roaring success. The goal of the carnival was to raise money to fund an all-purpose running/walking track around the school grounds and we were able to exceed all expectations. Of course, any large event like this cannot be pulled off without the help of a lot of people, including all of the parents, teachers and staff members at Independence who kindly donated time, money and auction items to help with this goal. We would like to take a minute to pay special recognition to our community businesses who were generous beyond compare: Pepsi, Bellezza Salon, The Gateway, The Woodshop & Clarkston Union, Scott Dobson Fishing Expedition, Picasso's Grapevine, Fort Clarkston, Goldfish Swim

School, The Fountains, Stars & Stripes, Carah K Photography, Detroit Pistons, Detroit Red Wings, Detroit Zoo, Twisted Root Yoga & Fitness, 2GG Apparel, Avanti Spa & Salon, Clarkston CrossFit, Clarkston Auto Wash, Oak Electric, Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Diana Casetti Photography and Video, Via Bologna, Gregg's Gourmet, Jet's Pizza, MJR Cinema, Runnin' Gear, Neiman's, Little Caesar's, The Print Shop, Sunoco, Rainforest Café, Disney World, Clarkston Community Education, Ava Anderson, Simply Scratch, Lisa's Confection Connection and Cherry Hill Lanes North.

Besides these issues, the education system is also a wreck. It is time we invest in our schools and our children. It is time we invest in the education system because of all the problems.

We are truly in debt to your kindness and look forward to working with all of you in the future. Sincerely,

Brad Shires, president **Independence Elementary PTO**

of Clarkston News readers in the Dental Health Contest. Peggy Dougherty took first place; Robin Courrubias finished in second place; and Kathy Adams took third place.

"Clarkston School Board approves annexation" The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a request by the Brandon School District to amalgamate the two districts.

"Clarkston blasts Waterford" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team played their finest game of the year when they defeated Waterford, 69-65. Dan Fife led with 32 points.

News in weather, weight fill the airwaves

This is from the Jim's Jottings archives. First publilshed on Feb. 9, 2011.

The same day the news media was filled with snowfall warnings, our government issued warnings on "changes we should make right now!"

I guarantee the snow warnings were heeded quicker and with more action than the "changes."

We were promised a foot of snow in one breath, and a promise of a shorter life if we didn't restrict our diet to a half a teaspoon of salt. (NOW!)

Our gov'ment reissues guidelines for eating every five years. We gotta practically give up salt, cut out fats, eat more fruits and vegetables and (get this) "enjoy food, but make changes."

You start by assembling foods, starches and veggies around the outer edge of your plate, then, if you have room in the middle, put your unsalted meat.

Uncle Sam, or is it Aunt Millie, says Americans of all ages are too fat.

I say we have to have fat to get the most out life. Happiness needs fatty, salt seasoned foods. Now, you don't have to

> gorge yourself. But, gol darn a person can't be happy and enjoying themselves on bland foods.

These government representatives gotta understand there has to be a balance, and the message should come from spokespersons who have flesh. Don't put these messengers out who can't cast a decent shadow, have no cheeks and weigh 67 pounds.

I'm not suggesting the heavily obese be given the microphone, but let them represent achievable, likeable goals.

When I hug someone I want to know I'm not just reaching around to my own shoulders.

About five years ago, my doctor suggested, and did not persist, that I try replacing the salt shaker with the pepper shaker. In many cases I have done that, and my doctor hasn't broached the subject again.

But, then, I'm not overweight. I'm at a healthy weight, and no one who hugs me can touch their hands at my back.

- - - 0 - - -I started walking to one-room schools

in 1932. Our firstborn started walking a mile to school in 1959.

Neither my mother, nor his mother gave snowy weather a second thought.

Schooling was important. Today, well there's a lot of talking about schoolin' but the weather reporters seem almost antieducation.

The airways were filled with storm warnings starting five days in advance. They couldn't say blizzard, measurements, windchill, gusting winds and icy conditions often enough.

It's like they were earning commissions from the hardwares, supermarkets, drug and clothing stores.

Reports came in of people clogging aisles buying shovels, salt (for melting not eating), aspirin, pain relievers for shovelers, beer (I don't what that was for) and groceries for the rest of the winter.

We were also kept aware of the cooler than normal temperatures in the south. I especially like those low numbers.

- - - 0 - - -· Ah well, as Will Rogers often said,

everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it.

 Will Rogers also said our Constitution protects aliens, drunks and U.S. Senators.

• When pizza became popular in the U.S. in the 1930s, sales of oregano shot up 5,200 percent. (With all that sauce and cheese who can taste oregano?)

 When you're looking at someone you love, your pupils dilate. When you look at someone you hate, they do the same thing.

How to woo the gals on Valentine's Day

Ah, February. Groundhogs, ice, snow and hearts of red, Valentine's Day. To all, tell the ones you love that you love them. And, if you really want to spice up your

Valentine's conversations, here are some topics to discuss.

Romantic Interludes Out-of-Doors

It is the middle of February, but you and your loved one can still snuggle up next to the crackling fireplace, on that bearskin rug and dream of hot summer nights. And, if the conversation starts to wane, throw this into the mix.

"Honey, I love you . . . do you ever wonder about crickets chirping?"

Birthday Calendars Are Sexy

could start chirping about age.

While birthday suits are sexy by nature's design, laughter and good times are also found amorous. About a million years ago, Oxford electrician Bill Hyder sent me a link to a website that calculates stuff based on your birthday. Make your loved-one smile by going to the site before leading him or her to the bear-rug and instead of poetry, recite fun stuff about them.

For example, when I typed in my birthdate I found out this information:

"Don's date of conception was on or about 4 May 1962, which was a Friday. You were born on a Friday under the astrological sign Aquarius. Your Life path number is 9."

Anyone? Anyone know what is a life path number is? I also learned the Julian calendar date of my birth is 2438054.5. My birthday falls into the Chinese year beginning 1963 and ending 1964. I was born in the Chinese year of the Wascally Wabbit. My Native American Zodiac sign is Otter; my plant is Fern. I was born in the Egyptian month of Parmuthy, the fourth month of the season of Poret (Emergence - Fertile soil).

you can bring up Mother Nature.

Insect sex

From an old MSNBC.com story I printed and saved, "Male-killing bacteria widespread in insects."

"A germ that kills males triggers a vicious cycle of increasing female promiscuity and male sexual exhaustion in a species of butterfly, scientists report. Male-killing bacteria known as Wolbachia are extremely widespread in insects, found in more than one-fifth of species. The germs can turn males to females and cause infected females to reproduce without males.

"Scientists had assumed these bacteria would profoundly alter the natural mating patterns of their hosts, but only had scant evidence of what these changes would entail in the wild. The researchers expected the fewer male butterflies there were, the less sex females likely would have. Surprisingly, female promiscuity actually rose.



Jim's

Jottings

a column by

Jim Sherman

Rush Me

A column by **Don Rush**

If Honey says yes, you're in! Impress Honey with this information. Crickets are sensitive to changes in air temperature, and chirp at faster rates as the temperature rises.

It is possible to use the chirps of the male snowy tree cricket, common throughout the United States, to gauge temperature.

The formula for this is to count the number of chirps in 15 seconds and add 39 to calculate the temperature (degrees Fahrenheit.) If there are 30 chirps in 15 seconds, the temperature should be about 69 degrees F. This formula is said to be accurate within one degree. A variation is to count the chirps in 13 seconds, and add 40.

After your stirring conversation about crickets, you

There's lots more stuff there, too!

My Fortune Cookie reads: "Love always and deeply." When I went to the site I found I was 1,673,770,622 seconds old. Guys, don't share that information with your best gals, it'll take the wind of the your romantic sails. The website address is: www.paulsadowski.com/

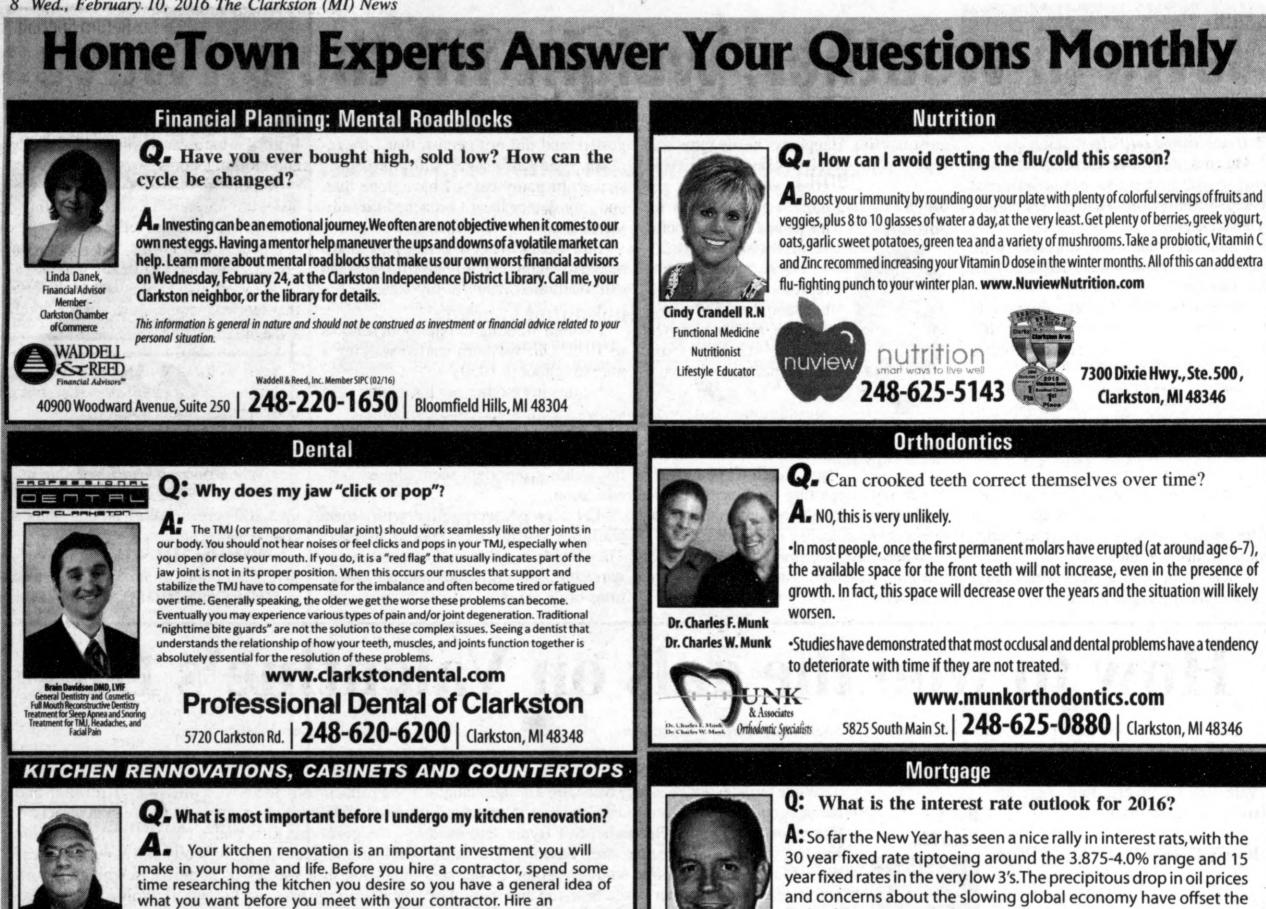
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And to wrap of a stimulating evening of conversation

"Greater numbers of female partners leads to fatigue in males. They start producing smaller sperm packages . . . Unfortunately, the female butterflies instinctively know that the packages are smaller and that their chances of having been sufficiently impregnated after mating are lower than usual. This just makes them more rampant."

One way or another men, our time on this planet is limited. So, now armed with all this info you can have a wonderful romantic time, anytime.

Hmm? Still can't figure out why I'm single?



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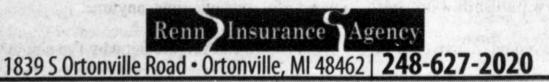
and concerns about the slowing global economy have offset the Federal Reserve's stated intention to begin to "normalize" interest rates in 2016. Most economists anticipated up to 4 rate hikes from the Fed this year, but with ongoing volatility that might be dialed back.Bottom line? Rates are at multi month lows currently, and even with the possible Fed moves, it's hard to imagine a substantial increase in mortgage rates this year.

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Walt Renn

O _ Should I package my home and auto insurance with the same insurance company?

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Assault

A 48-year-old Waterford woman was arrested for assault and battery, 1:22 a.m., Jan. 30, in the 100 block of Sasafras. The victim, a 50-year-old Columbiaville man, said the suspect hit him from behind, clawed and bit him. She said she was upset with him. He refused medical attention.

Teen rescue

Deputies talked down a 17-year-old Independence Township boy from the I-75 overpass over Waldon Road, 6:45 p.m., Feb. 1. Drivers called police to report the boy looking over the bridge toward I-75 traffic. The first deputy on scene saw him leaning over the concrete barrier wall. They talked about the teen's personal problems, and he agreed to go with the deputy to Common Ground for evaluation and treatment.

Theft from car

Someone took a jacket, sunglasses, and hat from an unlocked car parked in the 7000 block of Bridge Valley, Feb. 4.

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

No trash permit

A deputy noticed a truck pick up a dumpster filled with garbage in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway, 9:40 a.m., Feb. 2. Knowing the company didn't have an Independence Township waste haulers permit, he stopped the truck and cited the company with the permit violation, no annual inspection, equipment violation for broken lights, and engine oil leak.

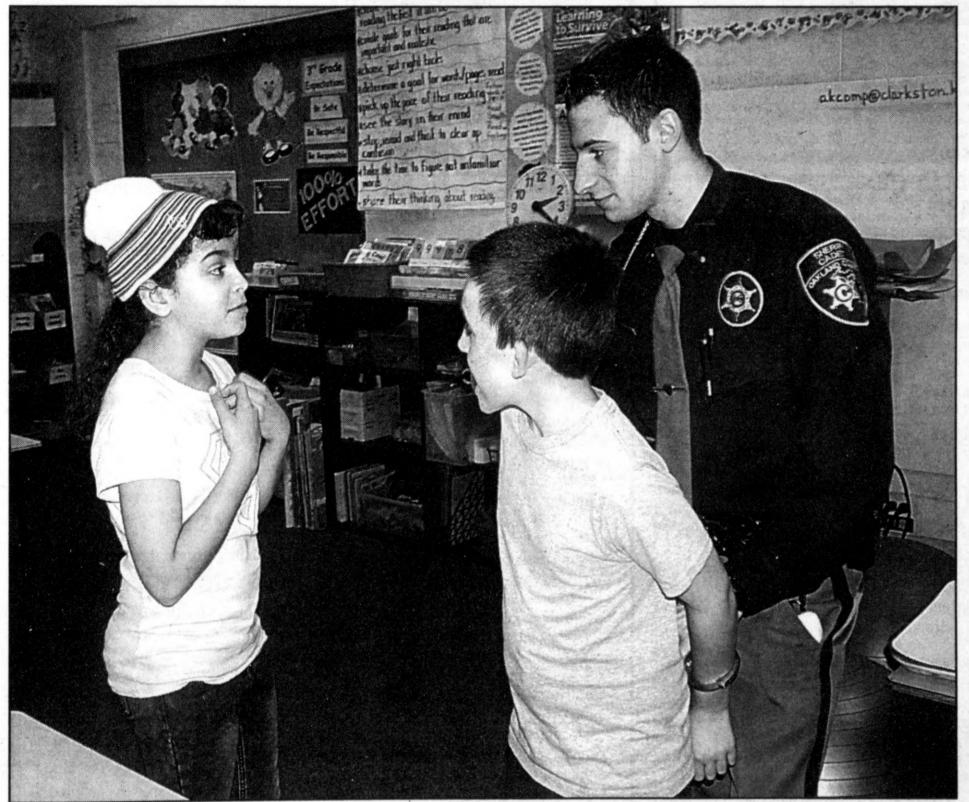
Warrant arrest

A deputy on patrol stopped to check on cars parked at a closed gas station in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 12:03 a.m., Feb. 4. One of the drivers was the store owner's son. Another man there, a 28-year-old Pontiac resident, was found with several warrants, two out of 52-3 District Court for driving with a suspended license and failure to answer a summons, two child support warrants, one out of Lenawee County, and one out of Oakland County. He was jailed on the warrants.

Unwanted knocking

Deputies were sent to search for a man repeatedly knocking on a door in the 5000 block of Upland even though he wasn't welcome, 6:06 a.m., Feb. 4. The man, a 24year-old Pontiac resident, was found walking along the side of the apartment building. He was jailed on a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County.

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Mia Smith pleads with Oakland County Sheriff's Cadet Lt. Vis Kajy to not "arrest" the young man in cuffs at the Andersonville Elementary School festival last Friday. The cadets were there to help with the event and provide some entertainment to the kids. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*



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Sporting News

Who is the next AOW?

Nominate your favorite athlete by contacting Wendi at 248-625-3370 or at clarkstonnews@gmail.com

Wrestling captures top spots

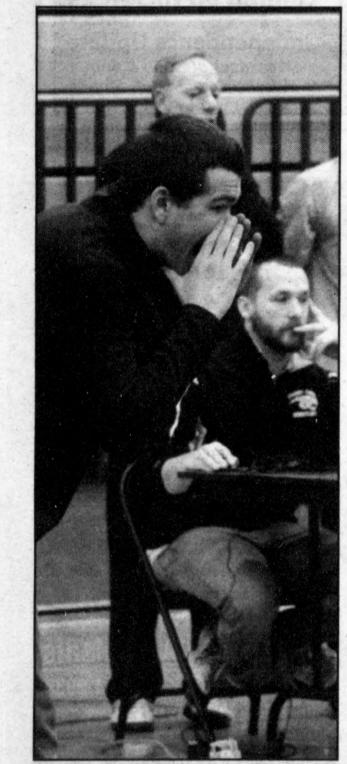
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match with a 13-11 win. He also defeated Brandon Drazgowski from Stoney Creek and Vinny Vackaro from Oxford with falls.

Vandermeer (160) won the championship with a 8-0 win over Rochester Adams Sam Addy.

Masters (171) defeated Rochester Adams' Anthony Tuppins with a 19-4 major decision. He also defeated Dallas Winkelman from Oxford, 4-0.

Hayes (189) won with a 14-4 major decision in the second period against Rochester's Demarco Howard. He also defeated Ethan Kerin from Oxford, 7-4, and Hunter Lee from



Rochester Adams with a fall.

Troutvine (285) defeated Oxford's Wyatt Harden, 8-2. He also defeated James Stirnemann from Stoney Creek with a fall. Hanselman (103) won his match against Oxford's Liam Hillary, 12-7. He also defeated Varun Mangal from Rochester Adams, 5-4.

Harley Susalla (130) lost to Oxford's Sergio Borg for second place, 6-3. He defeated Stoney Creek's Chris McGinnis with a fall.

Jake Calvano (152) lost to Rochester's Ryan Morgan for second place. Calvano defeated Oxford's Trent Myre earlier in the day, 3-2, and also Rochester Adams' Les Bleil with a fall.

Cole Wiegers (112) finished in third place with a 5-0 win over Rochester Adams Anvj Mangal. Wiegers also defeated Aiden Kilcline from Farmington and Conner Davis from Stoney Creek, both with falls.

Sean Lucas (145) defeated Louis Eble from Rochester Adams for his third place finish, 6-1. He defeated Eble earlier in the night in the quarterfinals with a fall at 3:45.

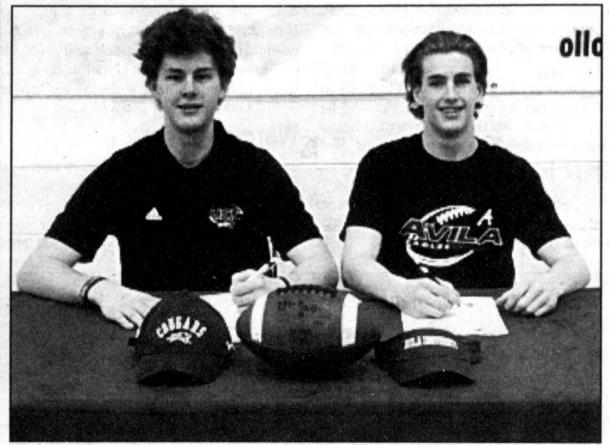
For fourth place, Jake Billette (135) lost to Caleb Tabert from Oxford. Billette defeated Brendon Gibbons from Adams in a 8-0 win and Logan Krauthofer from Farmington with a pin.

Percy Fowler (215) lost to Rochester's Brandon Jones, 3-0. Fowler defeated Stoney Creek's Luke Lowery with a fall. He defeated Ben Petersmark from Rochester Adams with a fall.

Oxford finished the tournament in second place with 188 points but tied with Clarkston for the league title as the Wildcats were unbeaten in league dual meets.

"We knew what to expect," DeRamus added about the Wildcats. "We see tham a lot. We follow each other. Maybe one or two surprises but that's about it."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clay and Devin Senerius sign their Letters of Intent to play football. Photo provided

Gridiron brothers

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Twin brothers Clay and Devin Senerius have experienced a lot together including signing their Letters of Intent on Feb. 2.

The Clarkston duo, who are seniors at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, signed to continue playing football on the collegiate level.

Clay heads to University of St. Francis in Indiana and Devin heads to Avila University in Missouri.

"I really liked the coaches," said Clay.

ful in school by preparing you for college," he said.

Avila University approached Devin and after visiting the campus he felt at home. He added he liked the coaches, the area and the opportunity to play early.

He plans to study sports management or business and will add his athleticism and playmaking ability to the Avila program.

Devin added Our Lady of the Lakes taught him athletically to do his best and push himself.

Assistant Coach Ty Foltz cheers for Houston Hemingsen during his close match for first place. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Rochester finished in third place at the meet with 131 points; Rochester Adams, fourth, 105.5; Stoney Creek, fifth, 77; and Farmington, sixth, 55.

The Wolves head to Waterford Kettering this Thursday for the MHSAA Wrestling Team District. They compete against Pontiac at 5 p.m. The winner moves on to battle the Waterford Mott/Kettering winner for the championship.

They competed in the MHSAA Individual District on Saturday at Troy.

DeRamus added the wrestlers finish at the league tournament will help for seeding in Saturday's meet.During the meet, they will also see league foes again. "The quarterback coach, who was recruiting, did a really good job. I like what they have to offer academically because they have a five year MBA program I really like. The campus is really pretty."

Clay added he discovered St. Francis then went to their camp before he started talking to them about the possibilities of going there.

He plans to study business while he is there and hopes to add his athletic ability to the team and play position as quarterback for them.

Clay added Our Lady of the Lakes has prepared him for college and the future. "They taught me how to be success"Academically to challenge yourself and how to overcome obstacles," he said. Clay and Devin began playing football in elementary school with the Clarkston Chiefs program and kept playing.

Clay explained not only was playing football fun but he also enjoys building friendships with his teammates.

"During the season they become your brothers and your family," he smiled. For Devin, he made an impact. "You are not just a number," he said.

"You aren't just someone who goes to the school."

Clay and Devin both impacted Our Please see Award on page 11

Award honorees

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Lady of the Lakes and hold the records in their respected position.

For his senior year in the quarterback position, Clay completed 3,110 passing yards and had 34 touchdown passes. Devin finished his final year as wide receiver with 68 catches for 1,378 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns.

They played in the 2015 MHSAA Division 8 Football State Championship game with the Lakers. They also helped the Lakers win the Catholic League Championship for three consecutive years in 2013, 2014, 2015; district championship in 2012 and 2015; and regional championship in 2015.

Clay and Devin were also part of the 2016 class which never lost a home game, going 26-0.

Their hard work on the field was noticed as each were honored for their endeavors. Clay was honored with Player of the Year 2015 Division 7/8 by the Associated Press, First Team All-State 2015 by the AP; First Team All-State by The Detroit News; and All-Catholic Honors 2015.

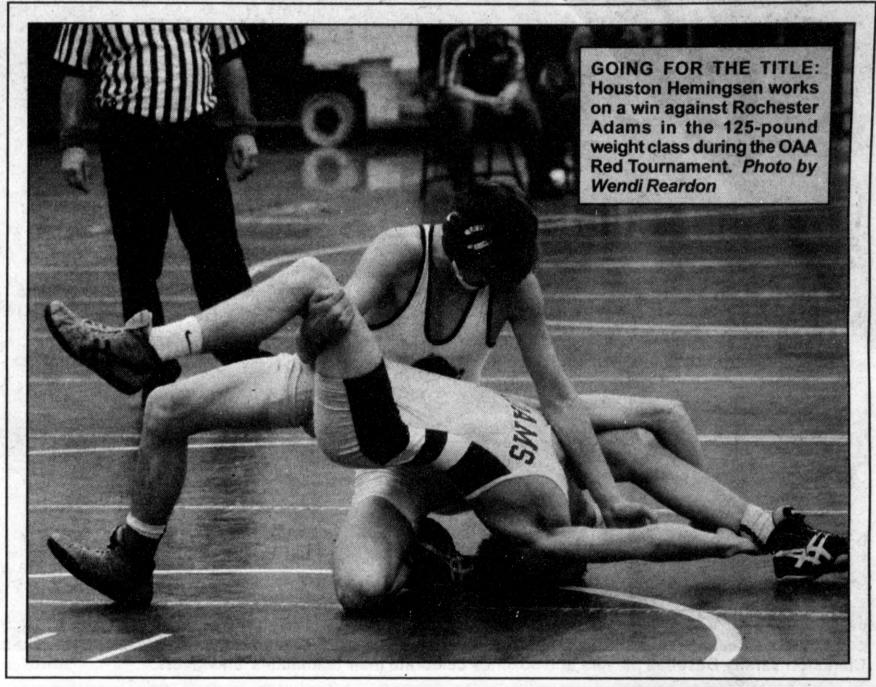
Devin was honored with First Team All-State 2015 by the AP; All-Metro First Team 2015 by Detroit Free Press; First Team All-State in 2015 and 2014 by The Detroit News; All-Catholic 2015 and All-League 2014.

Both thank their parents, Mike and Greta, for their support over the years and into the future.

"My mom - she's really been a rock through the process," Devin said.

"Shout out to my sisters, Macy and Tiffany," Clay said, adding they wore sweatshirts and anything saying "Senerius" and attended every game.

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TEEN TECH WEEK[™] MARCH 6 - 12, 2016

Celebrate Teen Tech Week at the library! Each day the library will feature a fun tech related activity, which will lead up to our BIG FINALE program on Friday, March 11th. **Registration Required**

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 6-8PM **Alex Thomas & Friends**

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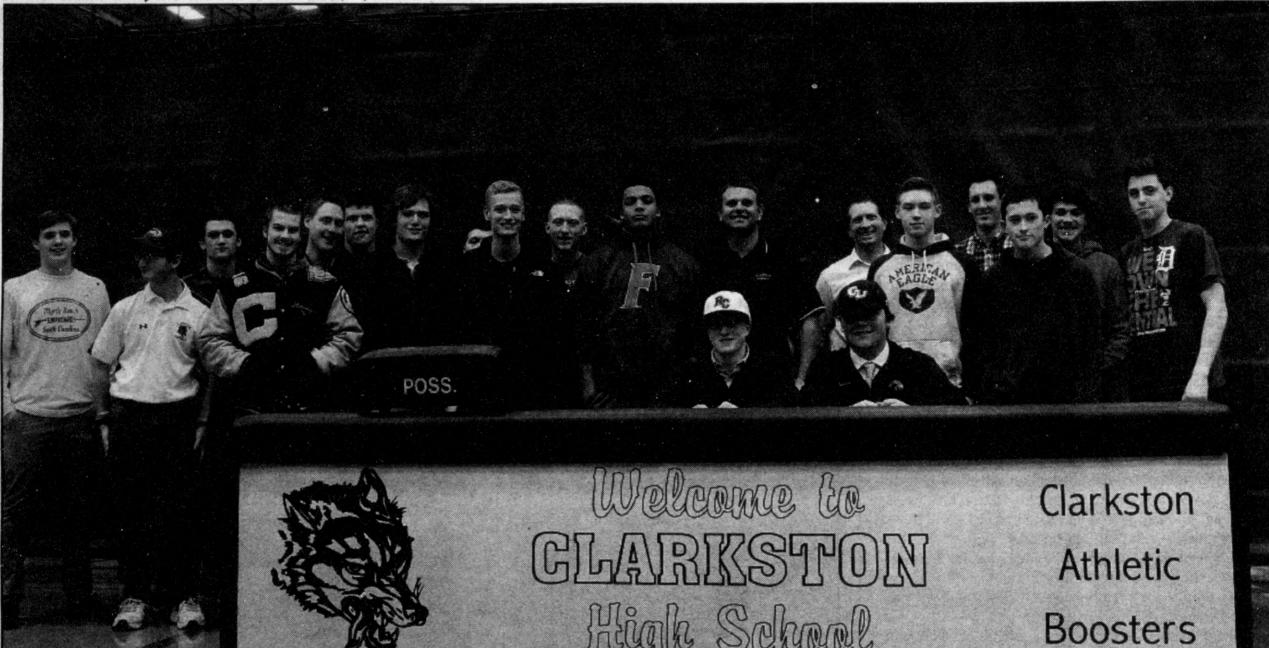
THURSDAY, MARCH 10 6:30-8PM TUESDAY, MARCH 8 6-7PM BRUSHBOTS MAKER MAGIC PROJECT

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Pixilation Workshop

Create a stop-motion, group animated project where everybody works together to create a live animated video starring the participants! Pixilation is a live action, experimental form of stop-motion animation where the people are the puppets! This program includes a free DVD of all the animation for each participant too! Limited space, registration required.

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Clarkston Varsity Baseball players and coaches celebrate their teammates' endeavors.

CANTERBURY VILLAGE EVENTS Sunday March 6th Sunday February 14th Bride 2 Bride & Arts & Crafts Show Mom 2 Mom Sale Both Events: ALLUTEMS 5 6 2 11:00am - 4:00pm HANDMADE Tables \$25.00 • Admission \$2.00 par person Contact Tiffany at 248-391-1900 or banquetinfo@kingscourtcastle.com



Camden Hadley signs his letter.

Hit into the future

The spring season is right around the corner and baseball players are ready to start, including Camden Hadley and Nicholas Schaldenbrand, who signed their letters of intent on Feb. 4.

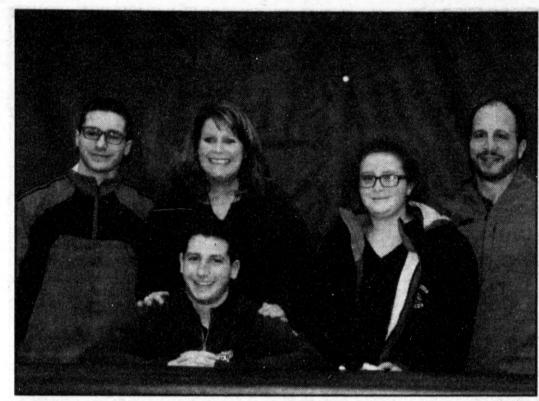
Hadley plans on going to Rochester College and Schaldenbrand will go to Cornerstone University.

> Photos by Wendi Reardon





Nicholas Schaldenbrand celebrates the day with his varsity coaches.



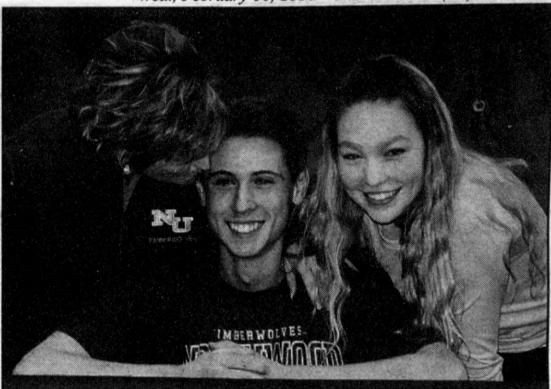
The Sajan family celebrates Conner's signing.

College bound

Friends and family cheered from the bleachers as Conner Sajan and Jared Suddon signed their letters of intent to play soccer at the next level, Feb. 4.

Sajan will take his skills to Aquinas College and Suddon will take his to Northwood University.

> Photos by Wendi Reardon



Jared Suddon can't escape a kiss from family.

Thursday, February 11

9:30 a.m.

Scripture Study

Thursday, February 11

7:00 p.m.

Lenten Lamentations

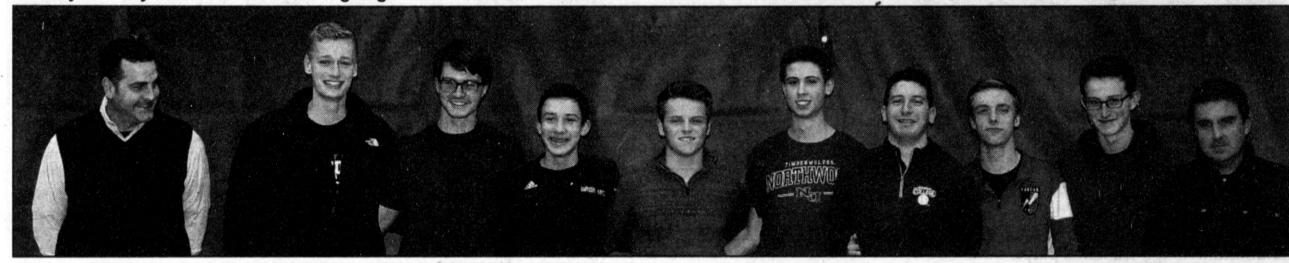
Friday, February 12

7:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 14

First Sunday of Lont



Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer players join in the celebration.

Through Word and Sacrament, Committed to joyfully serve our neighbors as Disciples of Christ.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 7:30, 9 & 11 a.m. Saturday 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. Thursday 11 a.m.



Sunday, February 14

All Masses Valentine's Day Blessing of Married Couples

Monday, February 15

7:00p.m.

Rosary Cenacle

Wednesday, February 17

10:00 a.m.

Study of Sunday Scriptures

Wednesday, February 17

6:30 p.m.

HS Youth Group

Wednesday, February 17

7:00p.m.

Scripture Study

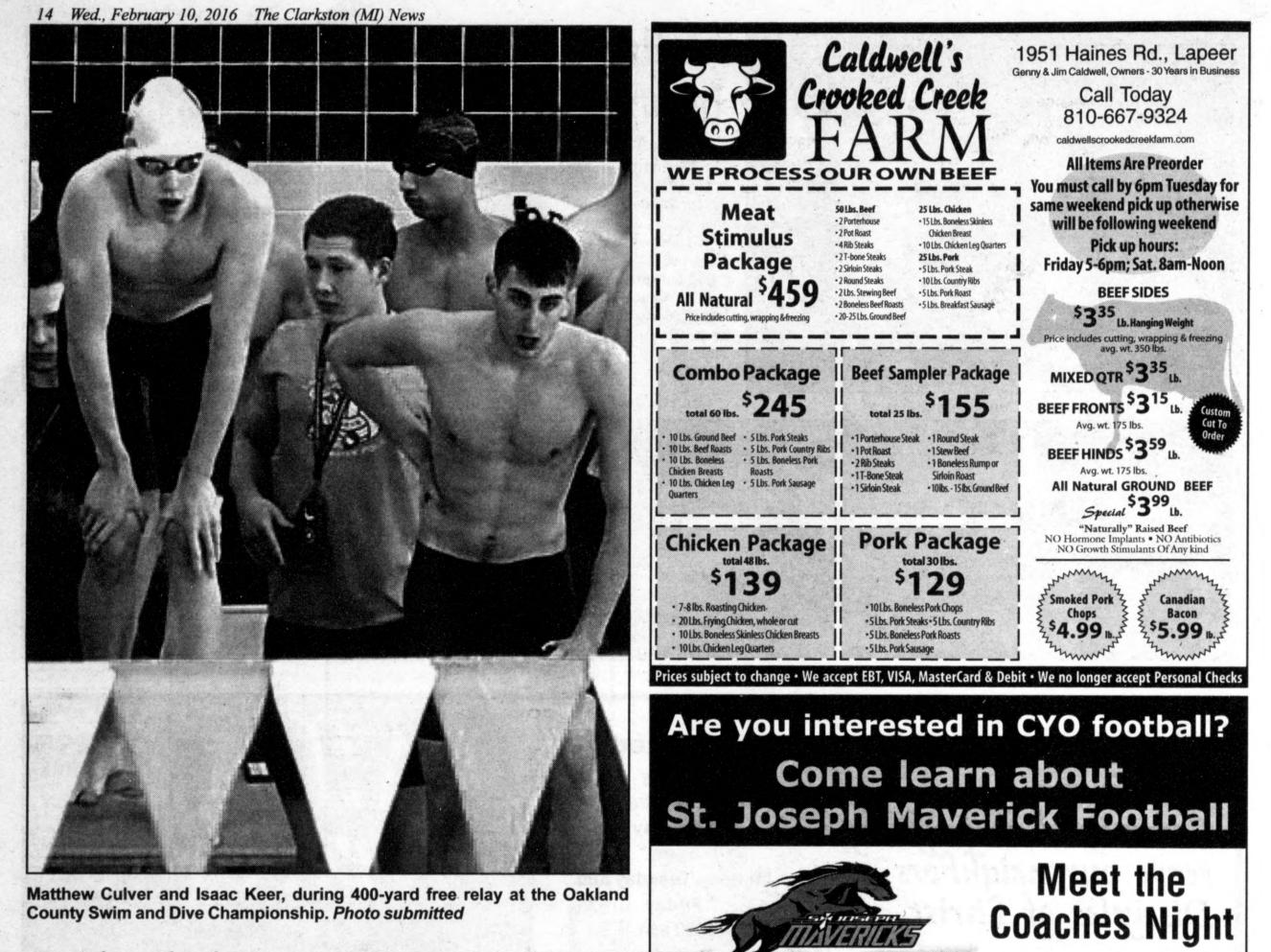
In the event of a Funeral Mass, weekday Masses will be cancelled.

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St. Daniel Catholic Church

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Rev. Ronald J. Babich, Pastor



Splash into county meet

Clarkston finished in 13th place out of 31 in 12th place, 1:32.29.

Monday February 22, 2016

teams participating in the Oakland County Swim and Dive Championship with 58 points.

Swimmers Jack Bacon, Andrew Culver, Matthew Culver, Josh Eaton, Ryan Hardtke, Aaron Hoeksema, Isaac Keer, Luke Oldford and Brady Wilson qualified for the meet.

Oldford, Eaton, Wilson and Bacon finished in 14th place in their medley relay, 1:45.37.

Matthew Culver finished in fourth place in the 500-yard freestyle, 4:47.21; and eighth place in the 200-yard freestyle, 1:46.40. Andrew Culver finished in 11th place in the 500-yard freestyle, 4:59.63.

The 200-yard freestyle relay with Keer, Eaton, Bacon and Matthew Culver finished The same four also finished in 12th place in the 400-yard freestyle relay, 3:23.55.

"We are swimming well," said Kenwyn Chock, head coach about the season, adding they had a few swimmers who couldn't be at the county meet because of ACT tests.

The Wolves host their final dual meet of the season against Rochester Adams this Thursday at 6 p.m.

They compete in the league finals at Birmingham Seaholm, Feb. 24-26.

"I can't wait until the league meet because I know we will make a good showing there," said Chock, adding it has been a weird year. "I haven't had a whole team at any of the meets. It was one illness after another."

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Cheryl Slopoke paints Addison Stover's face with a heartfelt design. Slopoke said she paints faces based on the personality she feels. "I go with the flow," she said.



Lena Cheritt shows off the stickers she used to create artwork. Cheritt also showed off her painted face.

Face-painting fun

Andersonville Elementary celebrated their winter festival with games, food, and other fun activities, including getting their faces painted by local artists.

Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



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The top three in the North Sashabaw Elementary National Geographic GeoBee are fourth grader Kate Meyer in first, fifth grader Gauge Falk, at right, in second, and fifth grader Dillon Hunter, at left, in third. *Photo provided*

Meyer advances to state Geo Bee

Fourth grader Kate Meyer was the first place winner in North Sashabaw Elementary's 2016 National Geographic GeoBee.

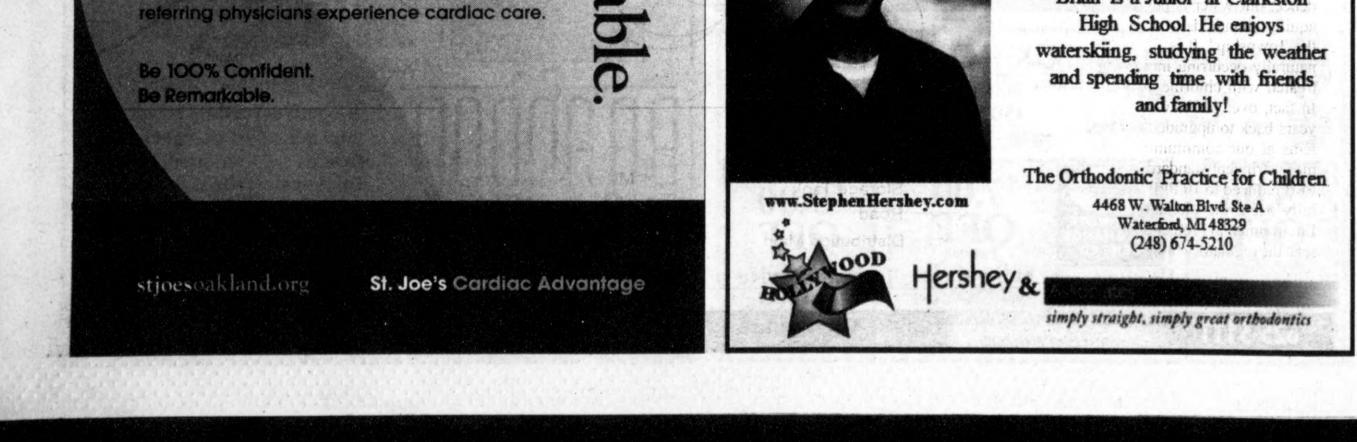
Fifth graders Gauge Falk and Dillon Hunter came in second and third. All students took a written qualifying test, with top students moving on to a qualifying bee that included questions about U.S. and world geography. The top 10 students competed in the final school GeoBee on Jan. 26.

As the school winner, Meyer will complete an online qualification test to earn one of 100 spots in the state GeoBee for Michigan.

Check www.nationalgeographic.com/ geobee for more information.

Hollywood Smile of the Month

Brian Blust Brian is a Junior at Clarkston



Township Imes Water quality is national news, is our water safe?

By Pat Kittle, **Township Supervisor**

My phone has been blowing up the past couple weeks about water quality in



Independence Township. This article will hopefully help clear up any concerns about the of the quality Township's public water system and encourage those on private wells to get them tested. Providing clean

Township Supervisor **Pat Kittle**

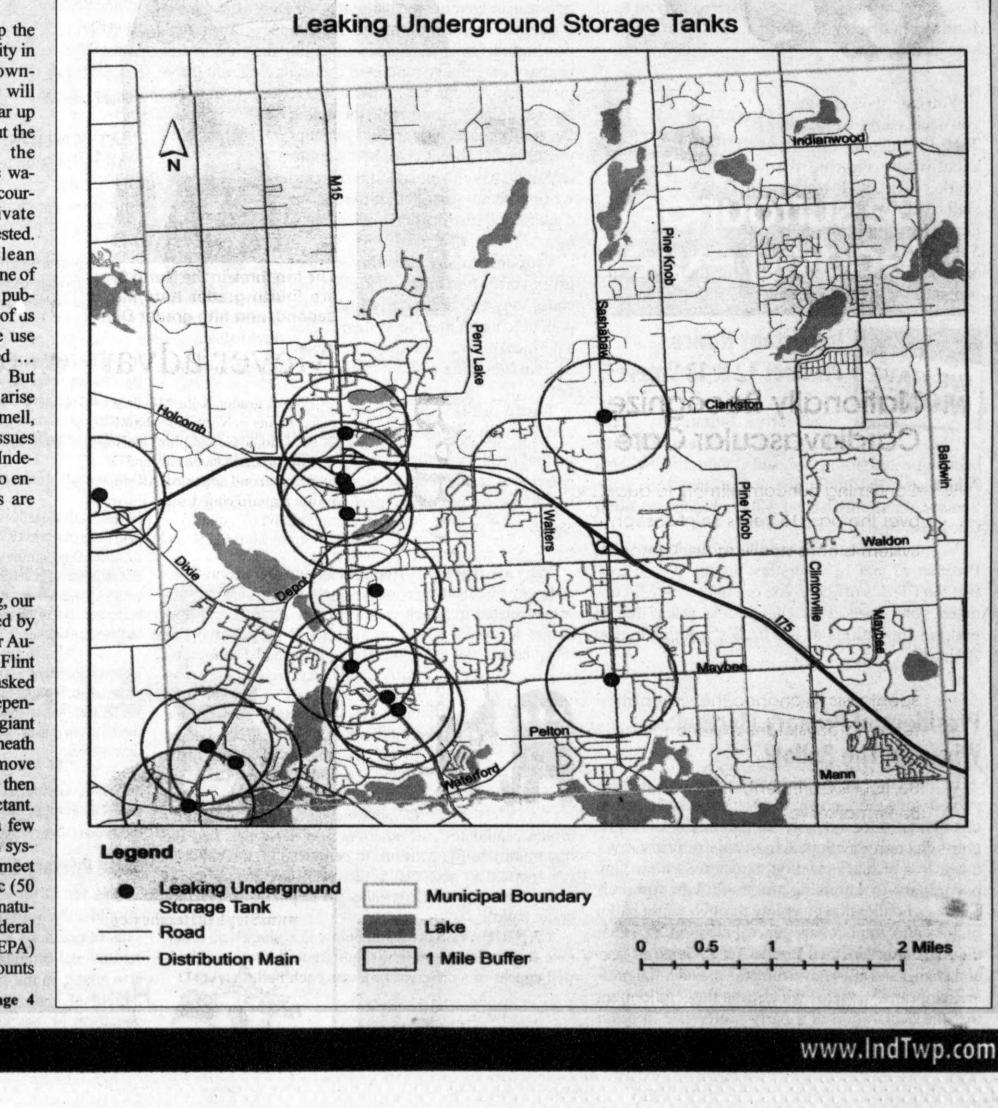
drinking water is one of the most important public services. Most of us take the water we use

to drink, bath and cook for granted ... simply assuming the water is safe. But the fact is water quality issues can arise seemingly from nowhere causing smell, odor, taste or worse yet, health issues that require immediate attention. Independence tests its water regularly to ensure quality and safety standards are maintained.

Township Community Water System:

625-5111

To clear up any misunderstanding, our community's water is NOT supplied by Detroit (now the Great Lakes Water Authority). Nor is it supplied by the Flint Water Authority ... as I have been asked numerous times recently. In Independence, our water is pumped from giant aquifers hundreds of feet deep beneath the Township. It is filtered to remove naturally occurring impurities and then treated with chlorine as a disinfectant. In fact, over \$20M was invested a few years back to upgrade the filtration systems at our community wells to meet more stringent standards for arsenic (50 PPB reduced to 10 PPB) and other naturally occurring elements. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets the regulatory limits for the amounts



Please see WATER on Page 4

Election News From The Township Clerk's Office



Election Day: Tuesday, March 8 Polls Open At 7 a.m. Polls Close At 8 p.m.

The Clerk's office is open on Saturday, March 5 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. for the issuance of absent voter ballots for voters who are registered to vote as of Don't forget to bring your

Monday, February 8. Don't forget to bring your photo identification!

You can find everything you need to know about the 2016 Presidential Primary Election by visiting the Clerk's office at Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive; by calling, 248-625-



5114 or 5113; e-mailing, Elections@indtwp.com; or by visiting the *Elections Page* on the Township's website, www.IndTwp.com



Important Notice Precinct 12 & 13 Voters

Effective January 1, 2016, PRECINCTS 12 and 13 have

been relocated from Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road to the Senior Community Center, Clintonwood Park 6000 Clarkston Road

Voter identification cards were mailed to ALL Precinct 12 and 13 voters last month. Please contact the Clerk's office if you did not receive an updated voter card. This change was made due to parking limitations at the CCS's Administration Building.

Presidential Primary Election:

to be eligible to vote in the presidential primary was eliminated.

However, in 2012, the legislature revived the condition for the 2012 presidential primary and required voters to indicate in writing which party s ballot they wished to vote specifying that information regarding the voter schoice of ballot is not exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. Clerks and the Secretary of State were required to destroy information indicating whether the voter selected the Republican or Democratic ballot immediately after the expiration of the 22-month federal election records retention period. Other provisions governing the presidential primary essentially remained the same, including the method of selecting candidates, the requirement to ro-

tate candidates names on the ballot, the addition of a field in the ballot application and absent voter ballot application by which voters could select in writing which party ballot to receive, canvass and certification of the results, etc.

Proponents say that this system gives voters maximum flexibility because they can cross party lines. Opponents counter that this system dilutes

ilutes Barb Pallotta

a political party s ability to nominate difference from non-members.

Lastly, in 2015, the legislature enacted Public Acts 1 and 2 which changed the date of Michigan s presidential primary to the second Tuesday in March; laws governing candidate selection, preparation of separate ballots for each political part, and so on, remained the same.

Why are there only Republican and Democrat Candidates? Michigan election law includes detailed requirements related to which candidates are eligible and how names would be placed on Michigan's Presidential Primary ballot. By law, both Republican and Democratic



Party candidates are listed, but on separate ballots. The law required the Secretary of State to issue a list of individuals "generally advocated by the national news media to be potential presidential candidates." In addition, Michigan's Republican and Democratic parties had the ability

Republican Jeb Bush Ben Carson Chris Christie Ted Cruz Carly Fiorina Lindsey Graham Mike Huckabee John R. Kasich George Pataki Rand Paul Marco Rubio Rick Santorum Donald J. Trump

Democrat

Hillary Clinton Roque Rocky DeLaFuente Formerly: Roque DeLaFuente Martin J. O'Malley Bernie Sanders

ATTENTION: Precinct 12 voters will have a third ballot style to choose from. Waterford School District has a BONDING PROPOSAL which will appear on a separate ballot, and on both the Republican and Democratic ballots as follows:

Shall Waterford School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and partially remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, equipping and re-equipping school facilities; acquiring, installing, and equipping instructional technology for school facilities; purchasing school buses; constructing, equipping, developing and improving athletic facilities, playgrounds and play fields; and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the first series of proposed bonds in 2016, under current law, is .4999 mill (\$0.4999 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- net increase in debt millage. The maximum number of years each series of bonds will be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is approximately twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.0936 mills (\$3.0936 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$96,170,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$-0-. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.



Who's On The Ballot?

In the early twentieth century there was a movement to give more power to citizens in the selection of candidates for the party s nomination. The primary election developed from this reform movement. In a primary election, registered voters may participate in choosing the candidate for their party s nomination by voting through secret ballot in the same manner as a general election. In 1995, the legislature enacted Public Act 87 making several changes in laws governing the presidential preference primary one of which was the requirement that the declaration of a party preference in order

to add candidates and others not on those lists had the opportunity to file petitions to be placed on the ballot. It is important to note that voters also have the option of voting "uncommitted" on either the Republican or Democratic ballot!

CANDIDATES are listed below in alphabetical order. Due to candidate rotation requirements, the candidates will appear in a different order on each ballot style. (Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.) **YES or NO**

State Primary Election August 2, 2016

The terms for all three Township full-time elected officials; the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer, and four Trustee positions will expire in November 2016. An informational candidate packet, which includes petitions, is available in the Township Clerk's office for qualified individuals interested in running for these very important local offices. The deadline for the submission of petitions is: 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Notice of Property Assessment change

It's coming to the time of year where property owners will start receiving their assessment change notice. You will know it is your annual notice because it will state "This is not a tax bill" across the top.

This document will show you the new assessed and taxable value for your prop-



erty for 2016. It will also indicate what the increase/decrease in taxes will be. When you are reviewing this document, there are two areas to pay atten-

Stacey Bassi, **Director of** Assessing

tion to. The first is the assessed value, which is about 50% of market value, the second is the taxable value. The tax-

able value is the number in which the tax rate is applied to in order to calculate your taxes. This value will only go up the rate of inflation, which was .3% this year, or a third of a percentage. The only time this will be different is if there was any new construction on the property that wasn't previously assessed or if you purchased your home in 2015.

Once you review this document, if you have any question please call the Assessing Office and we will review it with you. If you disagree with the value, call and make an appointment for the March Board of Review. The dates for these hearings will be March 9, 10 and 11 and the times will be listed on the notice. The Board of Review consists of three (3) residents of Independence Township and are independent of the Assessing Department. A few things to bring to help you establish what you believe is the value of your home is a current appraisal or arms-length sales from your neighborhood, showing what they are selling for. There is a book of sales located at the counter, in the Assessing Department, for your use and review or on the Township website, www.IndTwp.com. For 2016, residential values increased six (6) percent overall. The location of your home will determine the actual percentage of increase. Some areas increased more than six (6) percent, while others saw less than six (6) percent change. Just remember your taxes will not increase as much, unless you recently purchased.

Independence Television launches new look

A major equipment upgrade will provide a brand new look for Independence Television. The recently completed upgrade will offer several new features and improvements to both the television channels and the station's web site.

The programming, including coverage of government meetings and school events, will remain essentially the same. The most obvious change for viewers will happen between the programs. A new presentation system will show viewers the program schedule and community information, including local weather and news headlines. The content will be tailored for each channel to reflect an emphasis on community activities, local government and education.

In addition to the changes on Independence Television's three channels, you will now be able to watch any of their programs on-line from the station's website, including past programs. Check website out the new at IndependenceTelevision.com.

Watch archived government meetings, last fall's Clarkston Wolves football games or past episodes of "Painting with Picasso's Grapevine" any time with just the click of your mouse.

New features and functionality will be rolled out over the next few months as

the station finishes the transition. The new equipment was installed in early January. After that, nearly 600 program files had to be transferred over to the new video server. Then the station staff had to learn the new system and program the three channels.

"It's been a lengthy process, but we will be able to provide a much improved service to the people in our community," said Joe Barnhart, Program Manager for the station. "We're particularly excited about the video-on-demand features that will allow viewers to watch our programs any time and from anywhere, even outside of Independence Township."

As the only television station directly serving our community, Independence Television provides coverage of a wide range of local activities. With the help of local volunteers and students from Clarkston High School, our professional staff is out in the community every week capturing the special events and everyday activities that make Independence Township special.

Independence Television programs can be seen on Comcast channels 10, 20 and 22, as well as on AT&T Uverse channel 99.

Look for notices, weekly in The Clarkston News.

Important facts about arsenic

By Dave McKee,

Township DPW Director

Arsenic is a naturally occurring element in the environment. Historically, arsenic compounds have

been used in the manufacture of pesticides, metal products, pigments and dyes, and medicine. The current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Maximum Con-

present in the soil and rocks of Oakland County. Arsenic in groundwater is usually a result of arsenic minerals dissolving naturally over time. Independence Township ranks second as having the highest concentrations of arsenic in the county. Brandon Township has the highest.

Where Does Arsenic **Occur In Oakland County?**

Low concentrations of arsenic can be

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Winter tax payments due

By Paul Brown, **Township Treasurer**

The deadline to pay the Winter 2015 Taxes is fast approaching. Typically due on February 14, we get

a couple extra days this year because of President's Day. Winter taxes paid by close of business on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 will be considered timely.



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Also, please remember that any 2015 taxes Paul Brown, unpaid as of March 1 Township can no longer be paid Treasurer at the Township but must be paid to the Oakland County Treasurer. We will be sending out reminders on February 18 to all residents with unpaid balances.

For residents preparing for their personal income tax returns, if you need to verify when your taxes were paid, the information is available on the Township's website showing amounts and date paid. If you need assistance finding this information, we're happy to assist.

Go Green with eBilling and Auto-pay for your Utility Bills

Water and Sewer Bills are due February 23. Every quarter, you tell yourself that you're going to sign up for Auto-Pay but you forget. Here is your reminder. Sign up by February 19 and we can make it affective for your current bill.

Once you are enrolled, we will email you your quarterly bill and on the due date, we will withdrawal the balance due from your checking or savings account, then post it to your utility account. The processes is better than FREE because every dollar we save helps us to minimize the operating costs that are part of your utility costs. The enrollment form is available at our website www.indtwp.com/departments/treasurer, under "printable forms". You can also request the form by emailing ebilling@indtwp.com. Forms are also available at the Treasurer's office. Our goal is to sign up 50% of our customers in the next 12 months. Please help us hit our goal. If you have questions call us at 248-625-5115 or email Treasurer@IndTwp.com for information.

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tent Level (MCL) for arsenic in drinking water is 10 ppb (down from 50 DPW Director, **Dave McKee** ppb). This new standard was announced January

2001 with full compliance required for all public water systems by January 2006. The Independence Township public water supply exceeds the new MCL standard for arsenic with Township averages from 0 ppb to 6 ppb.

What Is The Source **Of Arsenic In Groundwater?**

Arsenic is the twentieth most common element in the Earth's crust, and is

found in wells all across Oakland County. Out of 1,988 wells recently sampled, 663 or 33% had traces of arsenic that exceeded the new MCL of 10 ppb. These wells are distributed throughout the county with concentrations varying from location to location. Arsenic is present in all of the major aquifers of Oakland County.

Is Arsenic In Drinking Water A Concern?

The health effects of arsenic depend on the amount consumed. This amount Please see Arsenic on Page 4

of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The testing schedules for community wells are jointly set by both the EPA and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) for public water supplies such as ours.

WATER,

The Independence Township public water supply has consistently passed all mandatory testing for regulated contaminants since this administration came into office, as required by the EPA and MDEQ. Arsenic levels are below the mandated Minimum Concentration Level averaging between 0 and 6 ppb. PH testing is also done regularly with Independence community water supplies averaging 7.4, meaning no additives are needed to negate any acidity in the water. Although Independence has been in full compliance with Federal and State law, we have recently expanded our testing to include contaminants up and beyond what is required by the EPA and MDEQ to help provide further assurances of safety and instill confidence with the 6,300 folks using our public water system.

As you may have read in a number of local newspaper articles that have come >>> out over the past several weeks, it appears a local service station near Maple Drive was leaking fuel, creating an underground gas plume dating back to 2003. According to the news reports, after a resident complained to the County Health Department of the bad taste and smell of their water, it was confirmed this private well on Maple Dr. showed traces of the gasoline additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE). Further testing identified varying lower trace amounts of MTBE in 25% of the other wells in the same neighborhood. Once we learned about this, the Township quickly set out to make sure none of these gasoline based con-

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testing, completed in December 2015, showed the Independence community water system with zero traces of these new petroleum based contaminants. Because underground gas plumes move over time, this higher standard of testing is now the norm in Independence with evaluations occurring quarterly.

Maple Drive Wells:

While working to ensure the Township's community water system and aquifers are OK, the Township has also been focusing on helping find a solution for the private wells on Maple Dr. The MTBE discovered in the wells on Maple Drive is a gasoline additive that was used to enrich the fuel with oxygen to raise the octane level of gasoline. It appears that the gasoline leaks in question had this additive in the fuel which was banned in 2007 as a carcinogen. Even though the leak occurred over 12 years ago, 7 of the 26 private wells along Maple Dr. are just now testing positive for MTBE. The balance of the homes will be tested soon. One Maple resident has been advised by the MDEQ to not drink their well water due to the concentration of MTBE being above 40 ppb. The MDEQ is taking action and providing fresh bottled water to this resident. The MDEQ is also developing plans to provide a safe alternate source of water through special funding set up to help well owners who have been impacted by groundwater contamination through no fault of their own.

With varying traces of MTBE found in the tainted Maple Drive wells, the Township is of the opinion the best long term solution is a new water main providing clean water to each Maple Dr. residence. The Township met with the MDEQ on Friday January 29 and has additional meetings scheduled in February and March to come up with a workable plan. Discussion topics also included possibly creating a Special Assessment District allowing the cost of a new water main to be spread over 20 years for the residents, potential litigation against the source of the pollution seeking remediation costs or a hybrid solution blending different funding sources.

Bottom line: We have to do something quickly to rectify the problem and are working hard to get there.

7,200 Other Private Wells:

That's about how many private wells exist in our Township. Unlike our public water supply, private well systems do not fall under the same regulations set by the EPA. It is the homeowner's responsibility to schedule a private well for inspection to make sure their drinking water is safe. It's vital for owners of these private wells to understand why such testing is important.

The MDEQ currently lists 12 "active" Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) sites in Independence Township dating back to the late 90's. That is, sites where a gasoline or some other chemical leak has occurred, where the suspect underground tanks may have been replaced / removed, but remediation has not been fully completed. One of these still active LUST sites is believed to be the source of the Maple Drive problems.

The map on Page 1 shows the 12 LUST sites affecting Independence as identified by the MDEQ. With 6,300 residents being on the Township community water supply, that leaves close to 7,200 residential and business properties that are on private well systems. With the MTBE issue taking 12 years to manifest itself on Maple Drive, we want to make sure the other gas plumes from the other LUST sites aren't negatively impacting ground water in your neighborhood. It is estimated that over 1,100 residents who live in the circled areas on the map have private wells. SPECIAL NOTE: The point to point distance from the alleged source of the Maple Drive well contamination to the far end of Maple Drive is almost 1/2 mile. This was the only criteria used in determining the size of the rings around the LUST sites. The Township currently has no actual data to show if and how far these at this time. If we find evidence any gas plume has moved outside the highlighted ring, effected residents will be notified immediately.

Get Your Private Well Tested!!!

While we are currently unaware of other instances of contaminated wells near any of these other LUST sites in the Township, considering how the gas plume moved on Maple Drive, the Township strongly suggests you get your private well water tested on a regular basis. Although the Township isn't responsible for testing private wells or ensuring that they are producing safe drinking water, we understand that the available methods for getting the tests performed is not readily known. So the Township would like to help make it a little easier. If you have a private well and your home or business falls within or is near one of the active LUST sites, you can call the Township DPW at 248-625-8222 and schedule a time for one of our personnel to come out to help you take the water sample and send it in for testing. Appointments will be made in the order of the call received. According to the MDEQ, it should take a couple of weeks to get your results. The State of Michigan DEQ charges \$120 for this test... \$100 for the Volatile Organic Compounds (MTBE) and \$20 for Arsenic. The Township is not making a dime on any of this. Payment will be required before your completed sample will be shipped.

Just like you get your furnace checked before the winter months to make sure it is running safely and at top efficiency, please make sure you get your private well checked on an annual basis.

IN CLOSING... Any time you bring up a sensitive topic such as water quality, you run the risk of being either the guy "who cried wolf" or the guy "who should have acted sooner". This office would rather be proactive in matters like water quality that effect the health, safety and welfare of our residents. Please call the DPW for an appointment and get your well tested today.

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taminants had leached into any of our public wells serving the 6,300 water customers in the community. The expanded other plumes have moved over time. It is not known if this Maple Drive plume extends any farther than the homes affected

Arsenic, continued

is determined by the concentration of arsenic in the water and the quantity of water consumed. Individuals who drink 1 Liter (approximately four 8ounce glasses) of water per day containing arsenic at a concentration of

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10 ppb over a lifetime will, according to the National Research Council (2001), develop bladder cancer in 12 out of 10,000 women and 23 out of 10,000 men

Bottom Line To You?

ice in Clarkston

The Oakland County Health Department and the Charter Township of Independence strongly recommends ALL private well owners regularly test for arsenic. Since arsenic has no taste or smell in drinking water, the only way to determine whether it is in your well water is to have a water sample tested. Test kits are available for Township residents at the DPW located at 6050 Fleming's

Lake Rd Clarkston, Mi. DPW staff will assist residents with properly taking the sample and filling out the necessary paperwork required for sampling. Cost of the arsenic test is \$20.

Students provide hope for future

Observing Clarkston's students on stage, in class, online, on playing fields engaged in their joys and passions, represent some of the happiest moments of my life as the superintendent of schools. In our young people, I see clearly transcendent hope for a wonderful future.

Recently, I became aware of a brilliant Clarkston Junior Words from High School student named the Sup't

Noah Castillo, and saw some of his welding projects. Several people had told me of his talent. I had to meet him.

I was fortunate to visit Noah's workshop at his home. Under the incredible treehouse Noah built, some

year ago with his father, Dr. Rod Rock hangs a tarp and sits a metal shed. This is where Noah finds his joy and exhibits his brilliance. He's a blacksmith, a welder, a

sandblaster, a mechanic, and a toolmaker.

He's a craftsman and an artist. He's amazing~ you have to see his creations.

And, oh yeah, he's 14 years old.

It's easy as parents to focus on the work our children do in school and to monitor the completion of that work in comparison to how much work other students do and how

well all students do on the work every student does.

In Clarkston Community Schools, the completion of work is never the ultimate goal of class assignments, unit tests, classroom discussions, field trips, or class projects. Individual learning is the goal. As a school system, we feel it is vitally important to "focus on the learning that occurs in doing the work." We want to know how each of our students is growing over time as a mathematician, an artist, a writer, a reader, and a scientist.

Noah started welding only about a year ago. Now, he is creating the most astounding and unique works of art. Noah will be the first to tell you he has much more to learn. And, "he is driven by the power to want to learn."

plead for him to go out into his shed and weld. In fact, they have to pry him out of there at the end of the day. He's found his joy and passion, which will likely afford him a very nice living.

It is my true and deepest hope that, as a school system and as a community, we see the brilliance in Noah, along with each child who creates works of art with their hands, plays beautiful music, explores nature with exuberance, writes stories that transfix, and

solves math problems quickly. Born and honed in the pursuit of passions are the essential character traits of "optimism, inspiration, curiosity, goal commitment, need for achievement, selfefficacy, selfdiscipline, selfcontrol, conscientiousness, and grit." Herein, students turn their powerful interests into works of art.

Whether engaged in a school assignment, studying for a test, or the pursuit of a passion, ask your child of the purpose behind the work: what do they think they will learn and get better at as a result of their work?

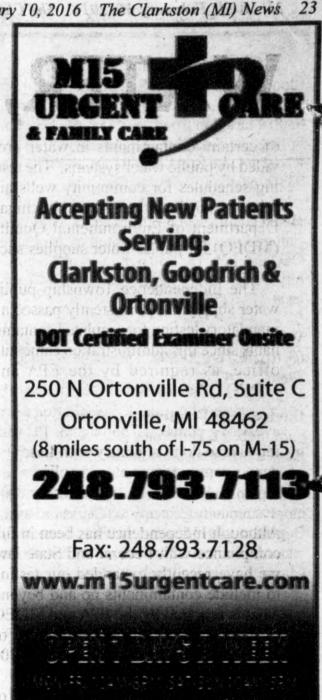
Then, monitor the learning, not the work. Name and notice the brilliance and character traits displayed clearly in each child's joy

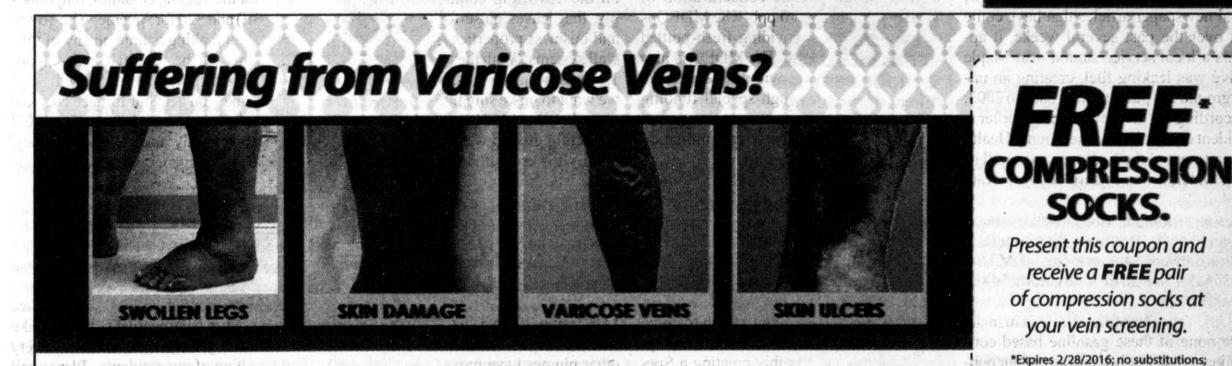
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Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

The school district is surveying the community during its comprehensive facilities, safety, and technology assessment.

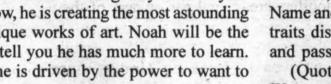
The survey is online at https:// www.surveymonkey.com/r/ClarkstonCS16, or on paper at the CCS Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.



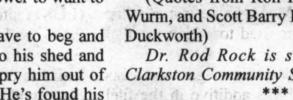




Noah's parents do not have to beg and



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Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Feb. 14, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road; 1-6:45 p.m., Feb. 25, Springfield Township Fire Department, 10280 Rattalee Lake Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Heart Health seminar, heart attack identification and prevention, presented by McLaren Oakland, Feb. 18, 1:30 p.m., Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$1. Register at 248-625-8231.

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Wild Game Dinner, American Legion Post 63, 6 p.m., Feb. 20, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$20. 248-625-9912.

Daytona 500 Fundraiser for O.A.T.S., 12-5 p.m., Feb. 21, Bullfrogs, 2225 S. Ortonville Road. Raffles, auctions, prizes. 248-620-1775.

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.

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

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

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 Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village

Acalendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



SCHOOL FEST: Nash and Amy Day enjoy their evening at Andersonville Elementary during the school festival, Feb. 5. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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. ners, 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, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Wednesday

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Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarktoncoffeeclub.com.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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

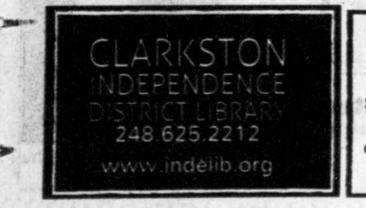
Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. DinClarkston 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-

children, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 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.



Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?

Word of Art Teen Poetry Night

Friday, February 12 7-9 pm Step away from the typical "Roses are red, Violets are blue" and create your own amazing poems through Blackout Poetry, Magnetic Poetry and more! Valentine's Party Saturday, February 13 3:00 pm Celebrate Valentine's Day with us! We will craft, play and snack our "hearts" out! Tell Us About Your Travels Wednesday, February 17 7:00 pm Enjoy photos, stories, and more about everyday life in Russia.

Business achievements

Dr. Kurt Cooper, B.S., D.C., A.R.T., has joined Clarkston Chiropractic Sports & Wellness

Dr. Cooper was born and raised in Waterford and studied at Oakland University, before transferring to Logan College of Chiropractic in St. Louis, MO.

At Logan, he earned a bachelor's degree in life science as well as his doctorate. He treated

Cooper

professional, Olympic, collegiate, and high school athletes at a medicine clinic in Charlotte, NC, before returning home.

Dr. Cooper is fully certified in Active Release Technique, which is a highly specialized method of treating muscles, tendons, ligaments, and fascia. He also holds certification in laser therapy for the highly regarded class 4 cold lasers, effective in both acute and chronic conditions. He holds licenses in both Michigan and North Carolina and is a member of the Michigan Association of Chiropractors.

He was a two-sport athlete in both hockey and football. He won a high school state football title in 2002 at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes while receiving all league/Catholic High School League honors at linebacker. He also played Jr. B hockey in Flint while in college, traveling throughout the Midwest and Northeastern United States.

Clarkston resident **Timothy Herbert** and his company Herbert Financial Group are partnering with with Northern Michigan University for the 2016-2017 Timothy Herbert Scholarship Fund.

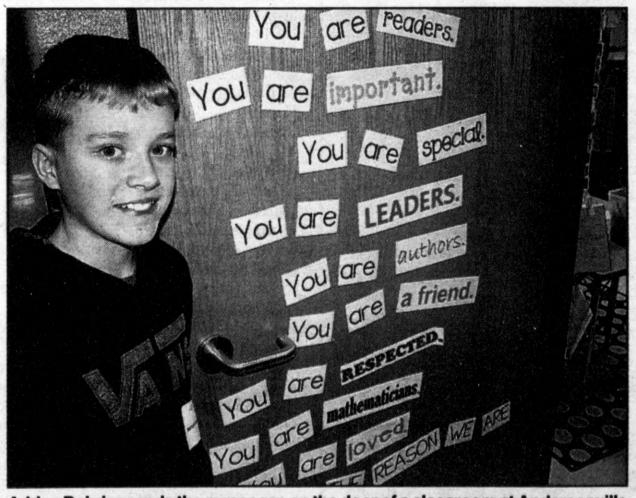
This scholarship will award \$2,500 to qualifying students enrolled in the College of Business at Northern Michigan University. The hope of this scholarship is to help students pursuing a business degree to complete their education at a Michigan university while helping to grow the local economy. "I started out as a local kid trying to pay my way through college, and now I am at a place in my life where I have the chance to give back to the state that provided me with so many wonderful opportunities," Herbert said. "If I can help even one student make their dreams a reality, then everything was worth it." Visit www.hfgllc.com, click on the Giving Back tab and then select the Timothy Herbert Scholarship link. Student must submit essays describing how they plan to use their degree to improve the Michigan economy.

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

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Cassandra King and Ella Hayes hold a recycling bin from their classroom. "We recycle because we don't want to ruin our environment," said King. "Be bold, be happy and be you. We recycle because we love Earth and we love animals," smiled Ella Hayes.



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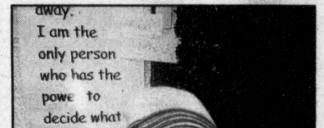
Hey Clarkston!



Tanner Rapal shows his shirt. "I got this shirt last year, and I really do love to read," he said.

Messages for all to see

Andersonville Elementary students had fun at the school carnival last Friday, but also took the opportunity to show off some of their education philosophy, posted on their walls and shirts.



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Adrian Dohring reads the messages on the door of a classroom at Andersonville Elementary. "I like the messages on the door and I love the teachers. Teachers here really care about students," he said. *Photos by Andrea Beaudoin*



"I am all of those things I read on the wall," said Mia Smith.

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OF CLARKSTON 5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-3380 Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E.of M-15) Pastor: Russell Reemtsma in: 9:30 am Sunday Schoo & Adult Bible Fellow 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meetin Wed: 6:15-8:00 pm AWANA (Pre-scho Gr.6) Semper Fi (Teens, Gr. 7-12)

CLARKSTON **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Oakland Christian School Pastor: Greg Henneman Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Nursery Care at both services Children's Ministries: Septemb April Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. ber thru April day, 12:30–2:00 p.m.Tuesday, Inesday and Thursday, 3:00–8:00 p.m. nunity.com **CALVARY EVANGELICAL**

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Rev. Charlie Hall Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group Sunday's 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm March - May and Sept. - Nov. ww.fcclarkston.com

CLARKSTON UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH 6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 48-625-1611 ebsite: **clarkstonumc.org** nday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am irsery available for all services

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschoo Pastor: J. Todd Va un: 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & Nursery available for all services.

Obituaries & . Obituaries

Deborah Bachman, 63

Deborah Molter Bachman, "Debbie," of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Feb. 3, 2016, at age 63.

She was the loving wife of Dan, mother of Brooke and Lindsey Anderson;

stepmother of Kelsey and Kyle Bachman; grandmother of Brantley Luckadoo; daughter of Gloria and the late Richard Molter; sister of Rick Molter: Karen (Dan) Frushour, Darlene (Bob) Kratt and Danny (Yvette) Molter; special niece of Marie (the late Roger) Biron.

Debbie was a Dental Hygienist for over 30 years. She truly knew how to put a smile on everyone's face. She brought so much beauty and joy to the world through many things especially with her love of gardening, cooking and unconditional generosity.

Funeral Service was Feb. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Daniel L. Bernal, 47

Daniel Lee Bernal of Ortonville passed away suddenly on Feb. 5, 2016, at age 47.

He was the father of Samantha, Alexandra and Ryan Bernal; Papa of Lucas, Izabella and Kayden; son of the late Pamela Bernal; brother of Deana Bernal, Shannon Bernal, Angela Bernal and Toni

Jerry Hawthorne, 73

Jerry W. Hawthorne of Waterford passed away Feb. 6, 2016, at age 73.

He was the husband of Sandy; father of

(Taunya) Charlie Hawthorne, Shelley Spencer, Linneya (Russ) Knight, Mark (Mary) Hawthorne, Tammy (Jim) Lohman, Matt (Stella) Hawthorne; "grandpa Jerry" of Cheyenne, Hunter, Luke, Jori, Shana, Joshua, Jaida,



Kurt, Heather, Kyle; great grandpa of Everleigh and Psalm; brother of Gail Elenich and Judy Nichols.

Jerry retired from General Motors after 30 years of service. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, motorcycles, classic cars, was an avid pool player and was a naturally talented musician.

Funeral Service was Feb. 9 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private inurnment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice or Wycliffe Bible Translations.

0 n 1 n guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Joshua L. Inman, 34

Joshua Lee Inman, formerly of Clarkston and Lake Orion, born on Feb. 7, 1981, passed away

suddenly at his home in Columbus, Ga., on Nov. 19, 2015, at the age of 34.

He was survived by his wife Elizabeth. "Buffy," and son Josiah; his parents Jerry (Diane) Inman and Renee (Ken) McLaughlin; inlaws John and Marsha Crump;





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Quick; fiancé of Danielle Clarke; also

survived by Melissa Hill-Trent and Charlie & Sue Wolfe.

Dan worked for Alpine Roofing Complete, Inc. Ortonville.

Celebration Life ot Service Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit from 11:30 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Michigan Humane Society or Gofundme, https://www.gofundme.com/ 5encp9bg. Guest book at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

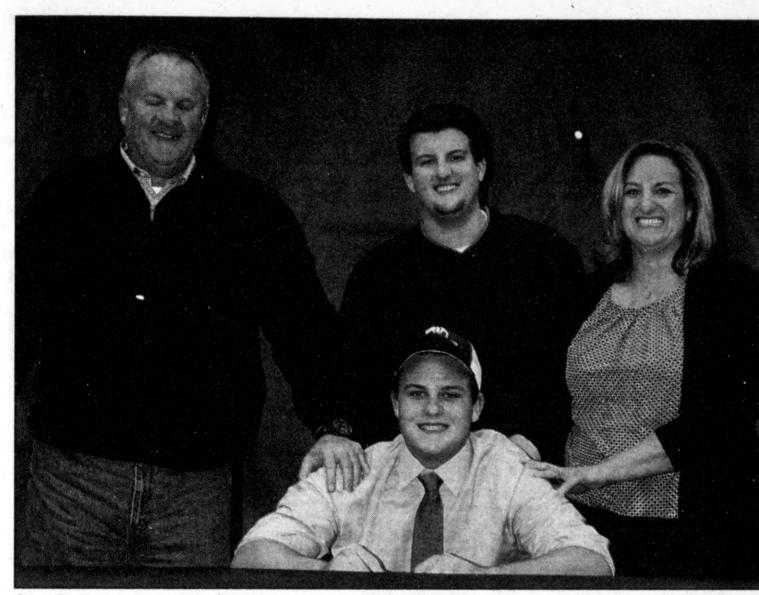
siblings Destiney Inman

and Justin Shambarger; grandparents Jerry and Dee Inman, Trish Inman, Leroy Sargent, Darrel and Carol Ashby; great grandmother Ruby Inman; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Joshua was preceded in death by his brother Jason Shambarger, and grandmother Peggy Sargent.

Joshua was a 2000 graduate of Lake Orion High School, served in the U.S. Air Force, and was employed with Aflac in security. Memorial Services were held at Rosehill Church of Christ in Columbus, Ga., and Joshua was laid to rest at Park Hill Cemetery.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com



Sam Bullen enjoys the special occasion with his family.

Six grid iron heroes sign for college

Clarkston High School seniors Sam Bullen, Marwin Chambers, Nolan Eriksen, Mitchell Heaton, Alex Kessman and Hayden Schoenherr smiled for friends and family ready with cell phones to take pictures of the six on their special day,

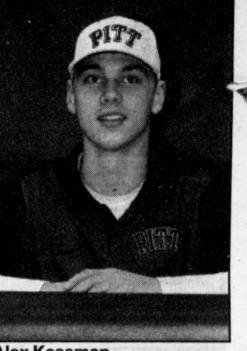
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The six signed their letters of intent in the high school gymnasium, marking 22 gridiron heroes from the Clarkston Football Program to continue playing in college in the last three years.

Bullen and Schoenherr head to Notre Dame in South Euclid, Ohio; Chambers, Concordia University; Eriksen, Air Force Academy; Heaton, Northern Michigan University; and Kessman, University of Pittsburgh.

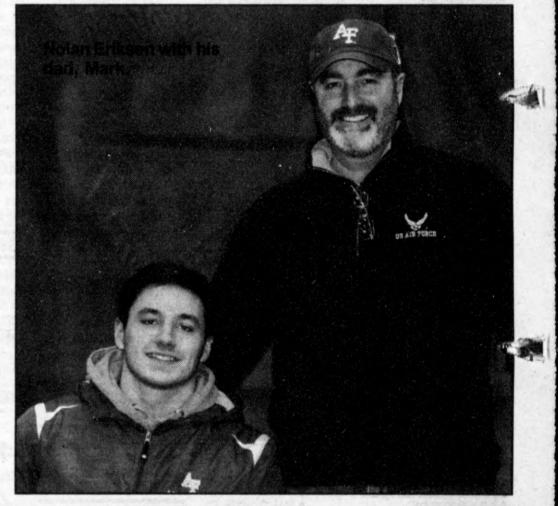
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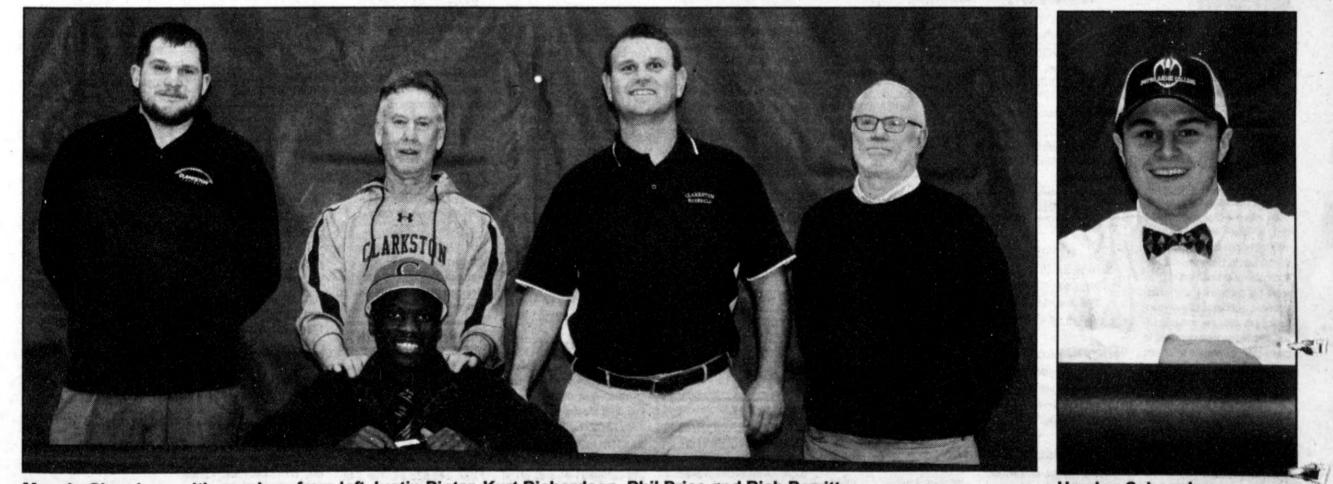


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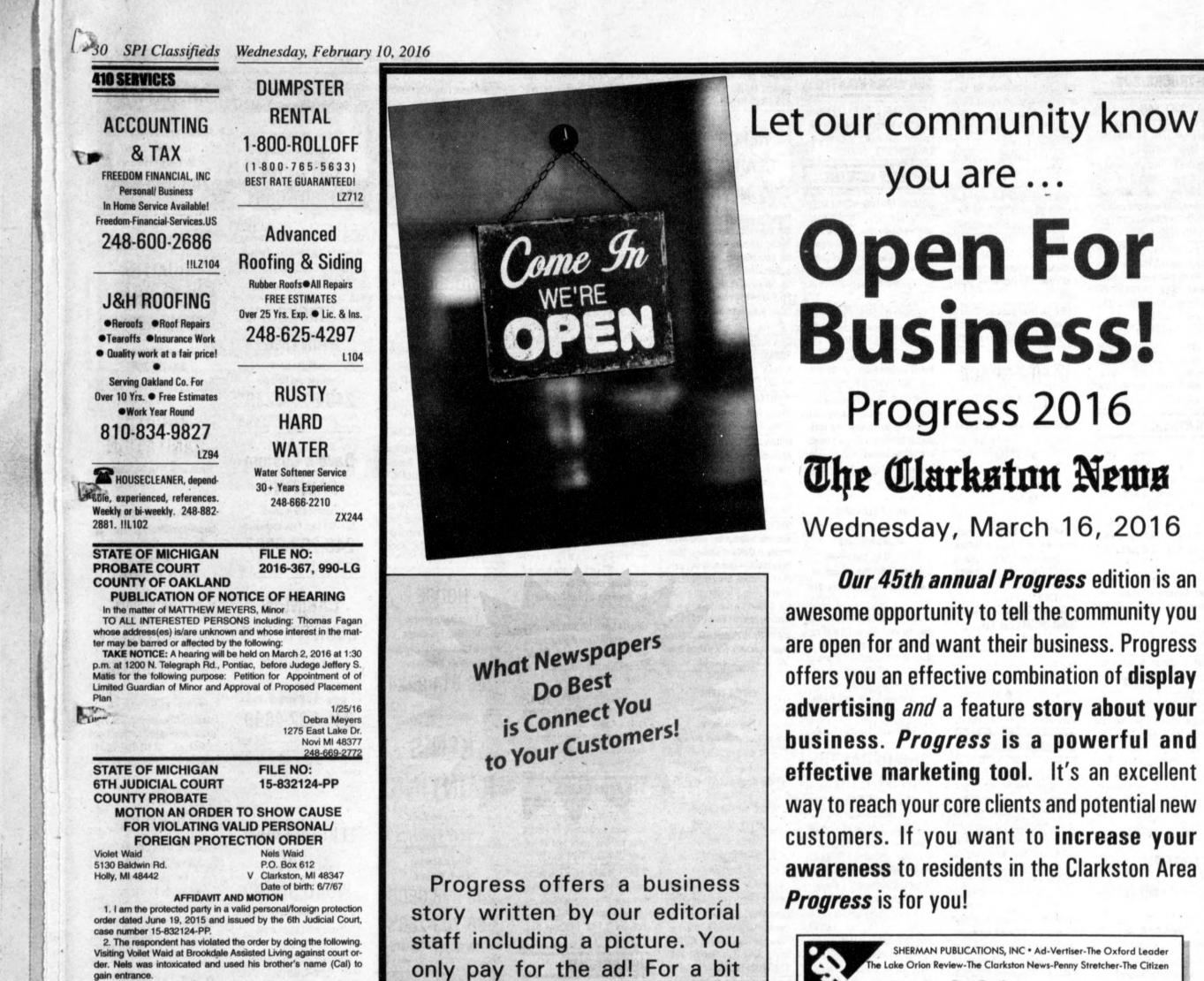
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3. I request the court to order the respondent to appear at a

specified time to answer a contempt charge or to issue a bench warrant for the arrest of the respondent.

 This affidavit is made on my personal knowledge and, if swom as a witness, I can testify competently to the facts in this affidavit.
D. Waid

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 2/5/16, Oakland County, Michigan

My Commission expires 5/2/2022. Laura Roman-Christman ORDER

IT IS ORDERED:

The respondent is ordered to appear before this court on 2/23/ 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the court address above at courtroom number SC to show cause why the respondent should not be held in contempt for violating a valid personal/foreign protection order. Failure to appear for this contempt hearing may result in a bench warthem it being issued for the respondent's arrest.

The petitioner shall serve this motion and order on the respon dent at least 7 days before the hearing date."

A bench warrant shall be issued for the respondent's arrest to answer a contempt charge for violating a valid personal/foreign protection order.

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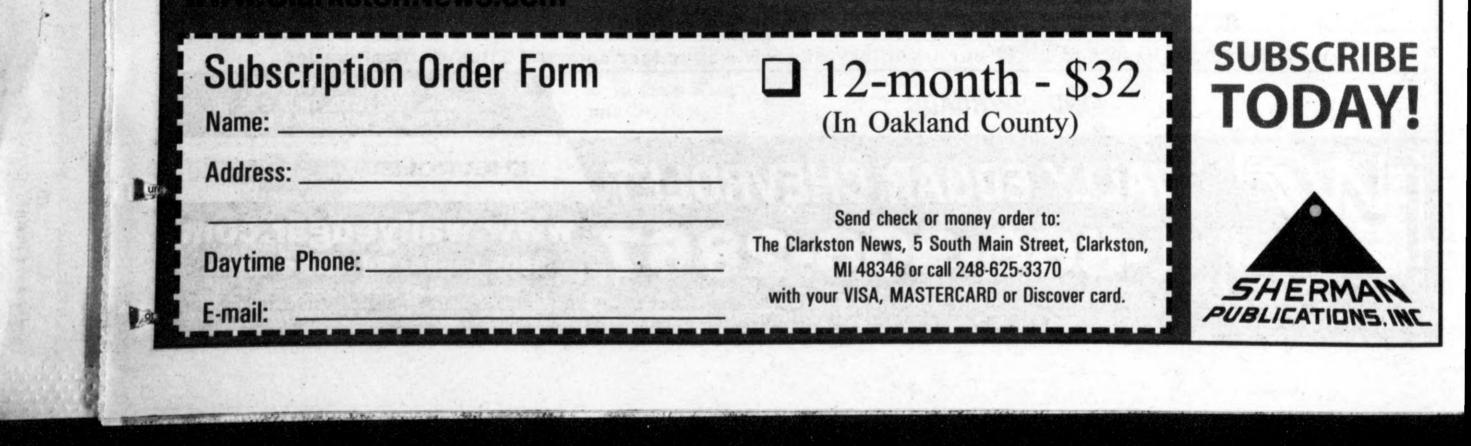
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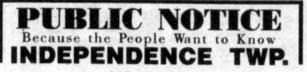
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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **JANUARY 26, 2016**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:02 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given B.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Lt. Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Lt. Bruce Harbin, Fire Department; Wendy Hillman, Finance Director; Chief Mitch Petterson, **Fire Department**

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by removing Regular Business items M-4 and M-6 and adding Supervisor's Updates under I-Presentations and Reports.
- CLOSED SESSION: None E.
- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Aliaga F.
- PUBLIC COMMENT: None G
- PUBLIC HEARING: None Η.
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- **REPORT:** Supervisor's Update Contaminated Wells on Maple Rd (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- 2. REPORT: Supervisor's Update - Deer Hill Encore Project (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: J None
- CONSENT AGENDA: Κ.
 - Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meet-1. ing Minutes of January 12, 2016.
 - Approval of Payroll of January 15, 2016 and the 2. Check Run of January 30, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$825,734.07
 - ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

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- Ratification of the International Association of 1. Fire Fighters (IAFF) Labor Agreement - January 1, 2015-December 31, 2017
- Ratification of the American Federation of State, 2. County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Labor Agreement - January 26, 2016-December 31, 2018
- Approval of 2016 Budget Amendment Insur-3. ance Reimbursement PR&S
- Request to Approve Agreement Regarding Re-4. tiree Health Care Funding - Charter Township of Independence and the Clarkston Independence District Library - Removed from Agenda
- Approval of Budget Amendment CIA Fund
- Request to Adopt Amendments to Board of Trust-6. ees - Special Rules of Procedure - Removed from Agenda
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS
 - Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly 1. Report - December, 2015
 - Report: Building Department Monthly Report -2. December, 2015
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Clerk Pallotta; Trustee Lohmeier
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC **Township Clerk**

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, C. Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: Aliaga
- There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Dave McKee, DPW Director; Mitch Peterson, Fire Chief; Steven A. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC

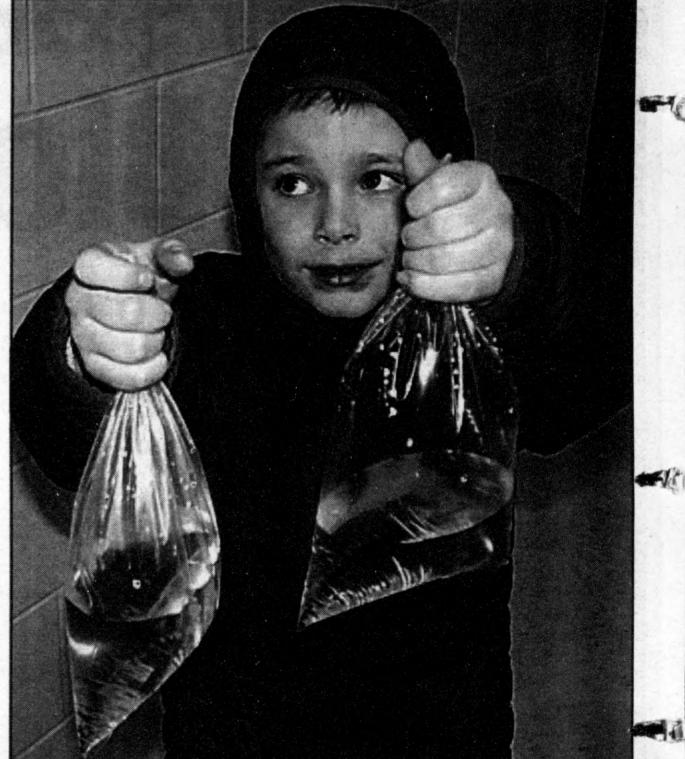
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by adding Report: Supervisor's Update Contaminated Wells Issue - Maple Road under I. Presentations and Reports.
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None
- **BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee** F. Schroeder PUBLIC COMMENT: Greg Byrnes; Lorrie English; G.
- Sue McLeod H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- **REPORT:** Supervisor's Update Contaminated Wells Issue - Maple Road (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- CONSENT AGENDA: K.
- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meet-1. ing Minutes of January 26, 2016.
- Approval of Payroll of January 29, 2016 and the Check Run of January 26, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$1,601,966.99
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- **REGULAR BUSINESS:** M.
- 1. Appointment of Non-Union Employee Members to the Non-Union Employee Benefit Advisory Committee
- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS
- posal: Perpetual Care Fund Analysis: Actuarial Study and Recommended Changes Needed for
- 2. Future Agenda Item: Final Site Plan Approval -
- 3. Future Agenda Item: Adoption of 2015 Amend-
- Communication: Resolution in Opposition of HB 5016 - City of Auburn Hills
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Lohmeier
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC **Township Clerk**

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SAVE THE FISH: Aidan Thierry holds a few goldfish he won after playing a game at Andersonville Elementary's carnival last week. "I want to keep the fish, but I also want to set them free," he said. Aidan's mom said those fish may go in their pond at home.



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 - 1. Future Agenda Item: Review of Project Pro-
 - Long Term Solvency
 - Encore at Deerhill Villas
 - ments to Master Plan

STATE OF MICHIGAN **6TH JUDICIAL COURT** COUNTY PROBATE

ORDER REGARDING ALTERNATE SERVICE

Estate of Mary Czechowski by Jon B. Munger, Pers. Rep. 4545 Clawson Tank Drive, Suite 100 V

Clarkston, MI 48346 (248) 618-1200 Susan M Williamson (P51383) 4545 Clawson Tank Drive, Suite 100 Clarkston, MI 48346

Ruth M. Robinson and her heirs and assigns (address unknown)

THE COURT FINDS:

Service of process upon the defendant, Ruth M. Robinson and her heirs and assigns cannot reasonably be made as provided in MCR 2/105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.

IT IS ORDERED:

Service of the summons and complaint and a copy of this order shall be made by the following method. Other: Publication for each method use, proof of service must be filed promptly with the court.

Jan. 13, 2016 Judge Daniel Patrick O'Brien MRS

Publish: 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/2016

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ELECTION **CITY OF CLARKSTON**

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Clarkston, County of Oakland: Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the City of Clarkston, County of Oakland on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

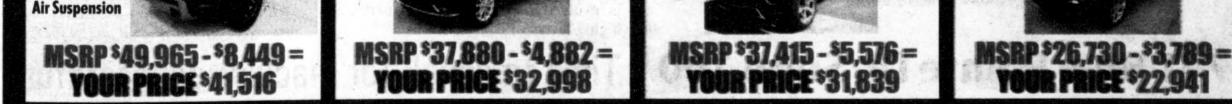
The polling place locations for said election are as follows: PRECINCT #1, 375 Depot Street Clarkston 48346.

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place location and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the city clerk's office. Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Clarkston City clerk's office. The Clerk, or their designee, will be available in the Clerk's Office on the Saturday preceding the election. October 31, 2015, until 2:00 p.m., the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot which will be mailed. For names of candidates, for any other information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-625-1559. Or WWW.villageofclarkston.org Sandy Miller, City of Clarkston, Clerk

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Your brain and your health

The brain is the most complex organ system of the human body. With an intricate communication system involving neuronal cells and multiple forms of chemical neurotransmitters, the brain efficiently transmits impulses guiding children as well as adults to achieve normal behavioral development.

However, today's toxic environment is impeding normal behavioral development, and has become a critical risk factor in the onset of ADHD-like symptoms.

Chemical additives in our food and water supply, not proved safe by the FDA, deserve attention to reduce the epidemic rise in childhood ADHD as well as autism.

Chemical additives in healthcare products, including fluoride, may cause negative behavioral effects due to calcification of the pineal gland.

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Located deep within the brain below the corpus callosum, which is the circuit connector for the right and left brain hemispheres, the pineal gland is responsible for the secretion of melatonin, the human body's biological time-clock hormone regulating normal sleep patterns.

More importantly, the pineal gland plays a critical role in the enzyme pathway for the production of brain neurotransmitters including serotonin and norepinephrine.

Additionally, the body's anti-oxidant defense system is optimized by healthy pineal tissue, which helps eliminate free-radical toxin accumulation in the body. Although the pineal gland is very small, approximately 7 millimeters, only the kidney receives more blood perfusion of any organ system in the body.

This biological fact is especially important since the pineal gland accumulates the largest concentration of fluoride calcification, in the form of calcium phosphate, than any soft tissue of the human body.

Also called the Third Eye and spiritual center of thought, this small body of tissue is involved in the mind's ability to develop higher levels of consciousness.

Children and adults experiencing ADHDlike symptoms should consume a whole foods, GMO-free diet devoid of pesticides, chemical food additives, and sugar, as well as fluoride, to reduce pineal-tissue calcification.

Children as young as 2 years of age can develop pineal calcification. Unfortunately, fluoride is a socially accepted neurotoxin contained in most water supplies as well as consumer products, including toothpaste.

Pineal-gland calcification due to excessive fluoride exposure is a clinical risk factor in the onset of Alzheimer's disease, bipolar disease, and insomnia, as well as ADHD.

Currently, there are over 20 human studies and over 100 animal studies linking fluoride to brain damage resulting in neuro-behavioral disorders. Studies also link pineal calcification to early-onset puberty in females due to disturbed or reduced melatonin secretion. Therefore the pineal gland has the distinct role in the "normal" timing of puberty onset.

Currently, the EPA authorizes maximum fluoride content in drinking water at 4 parts per million. Studies conclude that behavioral disturbances may occur due to fluoridated drinking water as low as 1.2 ppm.

Government agencies complicit in this public-health issue should re-evaluate the dangers fluoride poses in childhood behavioral development. Children and adults battling behavioral conditions should adopt an action plan to prevent the onset of pinealgland calcification. The Pineal Gland Decalcification Action Plan:

• Eliminate sugar;

 Eliminate processed and GMO foods from the diet;

 Use non-fluoridated or baking soda toothpaste brands;

Drink cold purified or distilled water;

 Take one teaspoon cold organic apple cider vinegar in water once a day... contains malic acid, which may be effective in decalcifying the pineal gland;

· Eat raw beets 4 times a week ... contains high concentrations of boron; and

Antioxidant supplementation.

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Time to check for macular degeneration

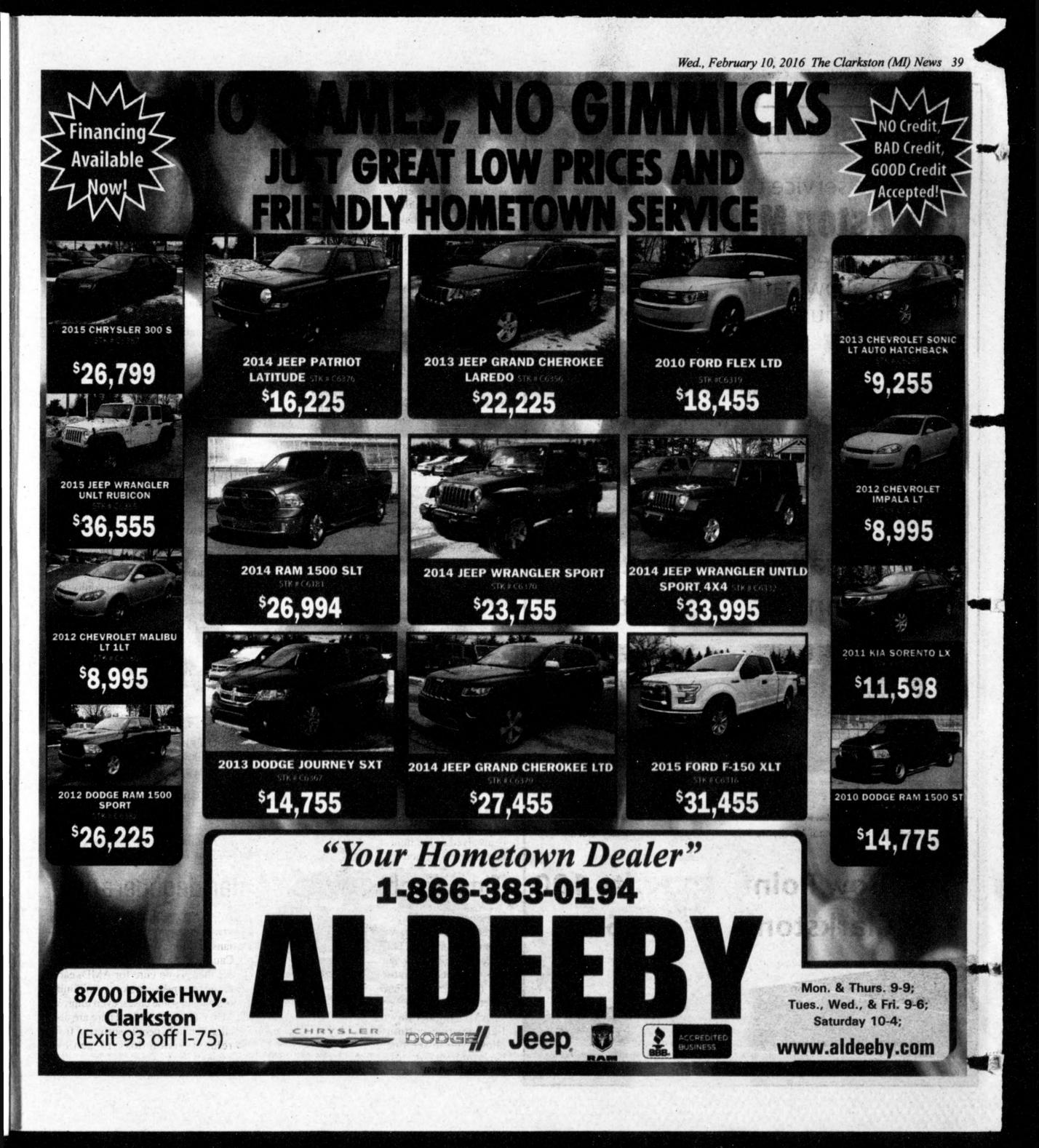
February is age-related macular degeneration (AMD) Awareness Month, and Jonathan Garretson, O.D., owner of Premier Eyecare at 5724 Clarkston Road, encourages people, especially those at higher risk for this disease, to familiarize themselves with potential symptoms.

AMD breaks down the macula, the lightsensitive portion of the retina that allows you to see fine detail. It blurs the "straight-ahead" vision required for activities such as reading or driving. Risk

factors for AMD include smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, and family history. Caucasians and females are more prone to AMD. Causes of AMD are still unknown.

"While there is no cure for AMD, early detection and treatment can slow or minimize vision loss and, in some cases, even improve vision," Dr. Garretson said. "There are also devices that can help people suffering from AMD-related vision loss to achieve improvement."

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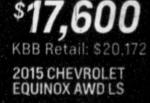
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