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Rotary Shoes for hundreds

BY JOETTE KUNSE

Special to the Clarkston News

Three hundred and sixty-two students were the recipients of 724 pairs of new shoes and boots this past Saturday.

"The Rotary Club of Clarkston Michigan has given shoes to families in need for 38 years," said Shoe Chairman Joel DeLong.

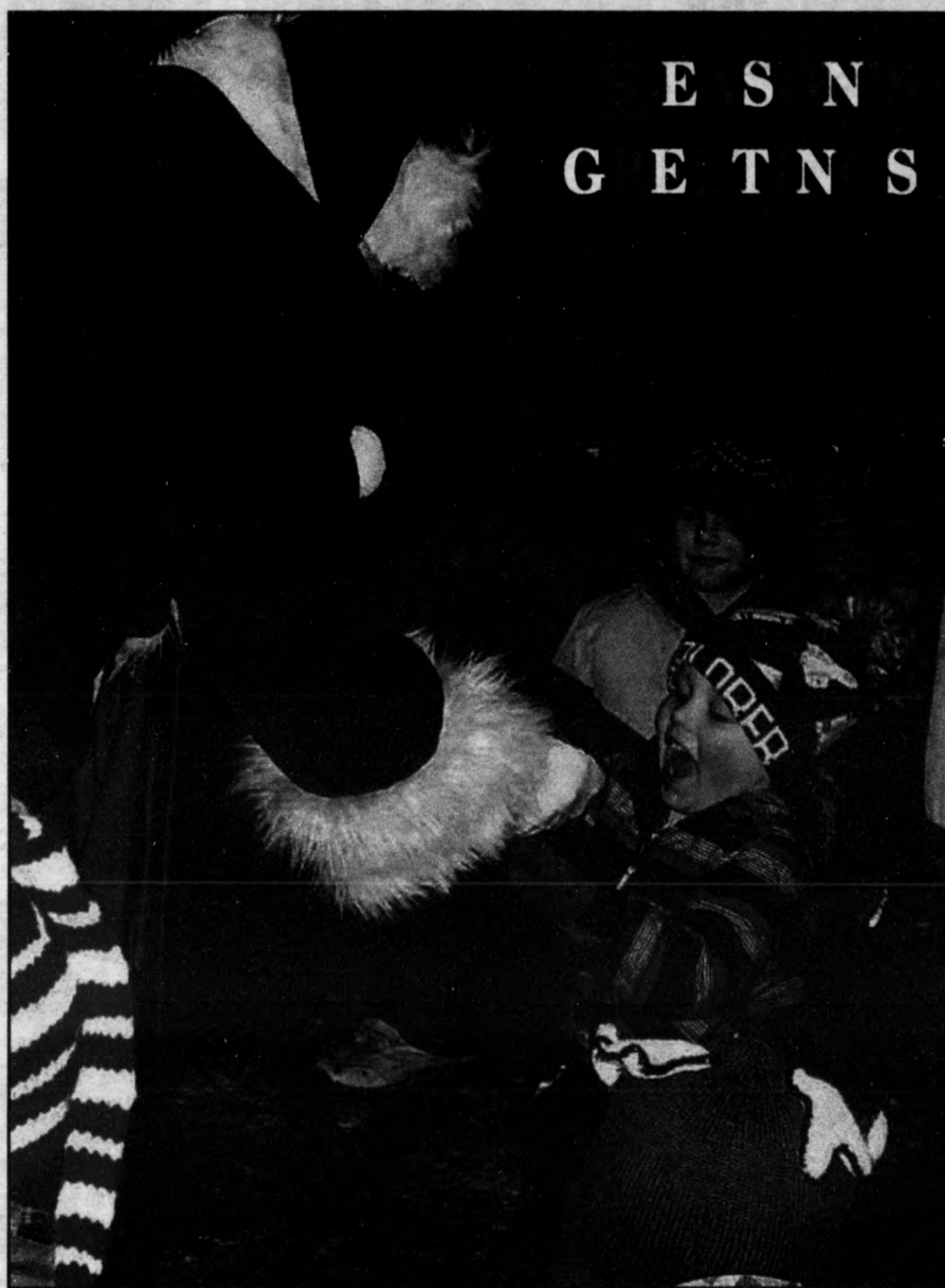
Along with his wife, Mindy, the DeLongs gathered 190 volunteers for the Friday night setup and Saturday shoe giveaway at the Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road.

The children, who all live in Clarkston Community Schools district, received the shoes plus two hats, two gloves, and a

Please see Clubs on page 18



Shoes fill tables at Shoes for Kids.



Jack Charlton is happy to see Santa at the tree lighting festivities in Depot Park, after the Holiday Lights Parade, Saturday. Please see page 37 for more pictures from the event. Photo by Phil Custodio

*Independence
Township Times
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Cagers up

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are off and running with two wins into the new season.

"We are just trying to work on our offense and something we haven't done before with a big inside presence," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball after the boys defeated Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep last Friday, 59-45.

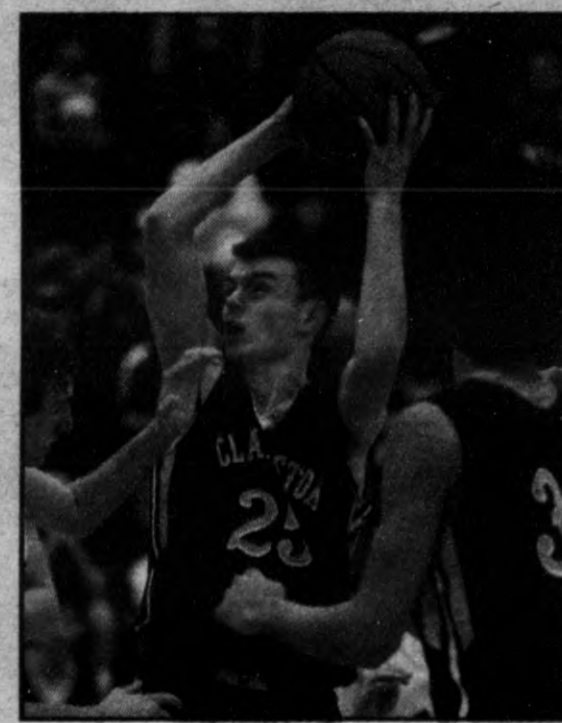
He admitted it was not a pretty win.

"We won pretty ugly," he reflected. "We can take that and work on what we need to work on."

The Wolves opened the game with a basket from junior Foster Loyer 12 seconds into the game.

The Eaglets scored five points before

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Nick Wells shoots past Orion in the season opener. Photo by Larry Wright

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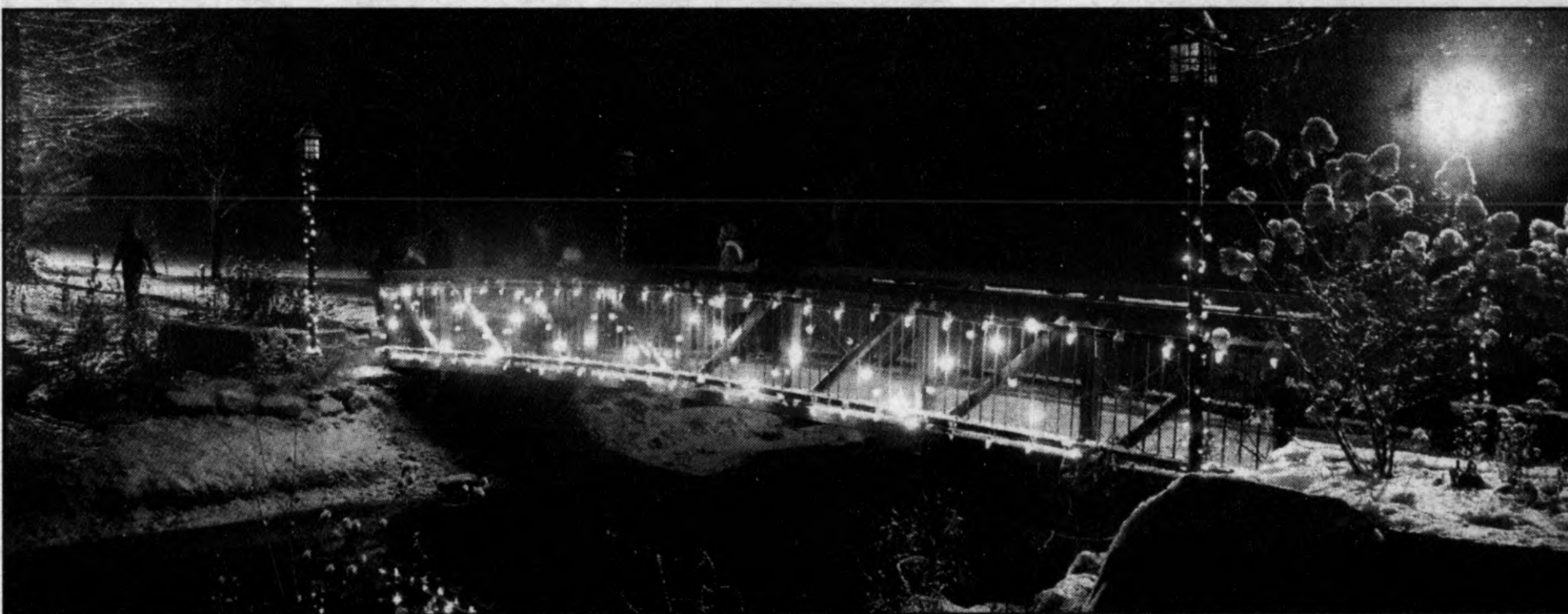
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WEEKEND WINTER: Snow blanketed the area over the weekend, making a pleasant but cold winter scene for the holiday tree lighting festivities on Saturday evening, below, but closing Clarkston Community Schools on Monday, Dec. 12. Above, 2-year-old Charlie and his Golden Retriever, Scout, enjoy the snow outside the Munoz house in Clarkston, Sunday afternoon. *Photo provided*



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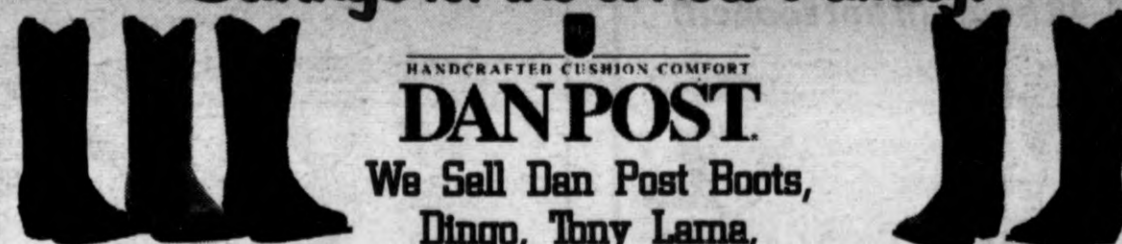
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Bordine's Nursery covered a trailer in lights and decorations for the downtown Christmas parade. Photo by Phil Custodio



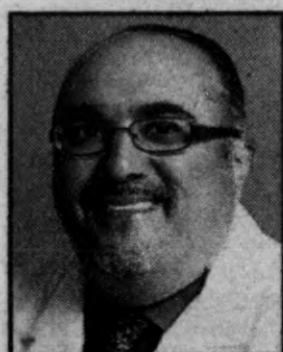
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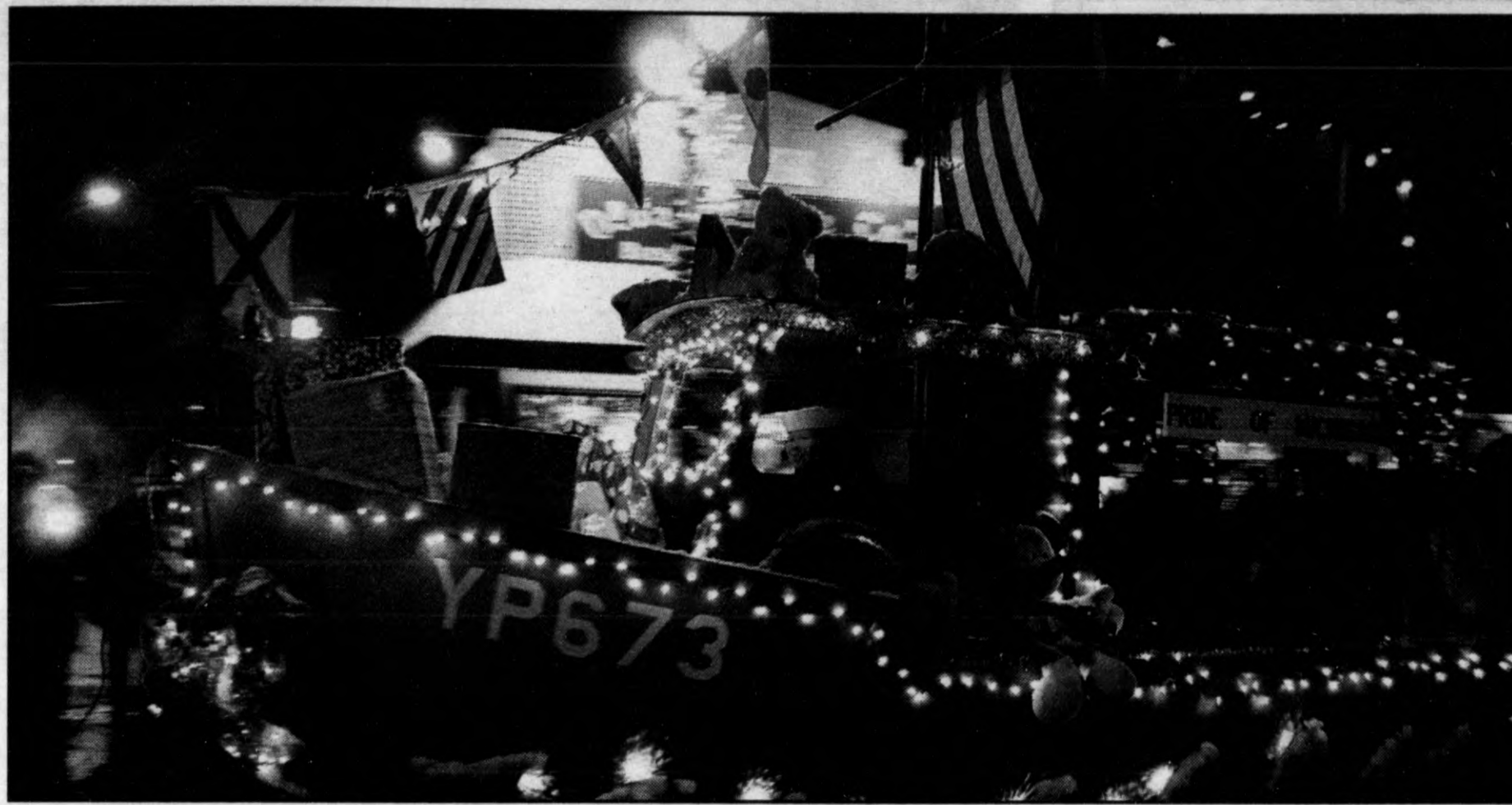


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GREAT LAKES PRIDE: The U.S. Naval Sea Cadets float made their own Pride of Michigan ship for the Holiday Lights parade. Photo by Phil Custodio

Larry 'Whitey' Hauxwell kept press running for 56 years

BY C.J. CARNACCHIO

Special to the Clarkston News

For nearly six decades, Lawrence "Whitey" Hauxwell operated the press for *The Clarkston News* and the other Sherman Publications in Oxford.

On Monday, Dec. 5, 2016, Hauxwell passed away at his Oxford home. He was 77.

As an Oxford High student, Hauxwell began working part-time for the Oxford Leader on April 16, 1956.

With the exception of a brief period when he got the itch to move to California, Hauxwell spent his life working here and we're awful glad he did.

He started as a printer's devil (an apprentice) and soon became the one and only pressman, making himself indispensable to two generations of the Sherman family.

"There's not enough that I can say about him," said James A. Sherman, Sr., Sherman Publications publisher from 1955-93. "We succeeded greatly due to his work ethic and attention to detail."

Nobody knew the press like Hauxwell. He was as much a part of it as it was of him. Whatever needed to be fixed, adjusted or tinkered with, he had the magic touch to keep this relic of the 1960s and 70s humming along.

One had to marvel at Hauxwell's speed, energy and precision as he whirled around the five-unit Goss Community press, ensuring everything ran smoothly and the finished

product was something to be proud of.

Hauxwell truly had printer's ink running through his veins – and that's probably because he was usually covered in the stuff, from head to toe. Sometimes you wondered if any ink had actually made it onto the pages.

For years, Hauxwell came and went as he pleased. He wasn't tethered to a time clock. He didn't need to be. He was the epitome of dependable. He always got the job done and did things the right way – his way.

Sherman said Hauxwell was a "wonder" as a worker.

"He came to work running. He never stopped except to look around and see what else he could do," he said. "You couldn't ask for a better employee. He was always there."

Hauxwell kept printing the *Clarkston News*, *Oxford Leader*, *Lake Orion Review*, *Ad-Vertiser* and *Penny Stretcher*, until his health prevented him from doing so. The last edition under his supervision rolled off the press on Aug. 29, 2012.

Even though he no longer printed papers on the big press, Hauxwell continued on at Sherman Publications by doing some smaller print jobs. In April, he celebrated 60 years with the company.

Although the paper itself was black-and-white (with a smattering of red) during his long career, Hauxwell himself was a most colorful character.

He could be a bit cantankerous and somewhat gruff at times, but always in a lovable way like the curmudgeon with a heart of gold that Hollywood's so fond of portraying.

He was not at all shy about expressing his opinions and you always knew exactly where

you stood with him because he told you.

In an April 2006 tribute to Hauxwell on his 50th anniversary with the company, Sherman summed up the essence of the pressman's character by describing him as "honest and faithful; fun-loving and true; good-hearted and outspoken; generous and forgiving; and devoted to his job and his paycheck writers."

It's no secret Hauxwell loved a cold beer and could often be found enjoying some suds while perched atop a bar stool at Oxford American Legion Post 108. A generous guy, he always insisted on buying rounds and actually got mad if you reached for your wallet.

During his life, Hauxwell enjoyed a number of hobbies, ranging from the typical manly pursuits, such as fishing and hunting, to more unique ones, such as collecting snakes and smoking meats.

He was a member of the Orion/Oxford Eagles and a good friend of Post 108.

Hauxwell was preceded in death by his younger brother William "Billy" Hauxwell and his parents, Paul and Alona. He is survived by his wife, Brenda. Although married for only six months, they were together for 21 years. Hauxwell is also survived by his daughter Sheri (Randy) Greenwood; grandchildren Kristi (Justin), Kody and Kolton (Sarah); great-grandchildren Hunter, Lilli and Drake; and siblings Max Hauxwell, Jackie (Richard) Book and Gayle (Bruce) Thomas.

Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home in Lake Orion handled the arrangements. Reflections may be shared online by visiting www.sparksgriffin.com.

Briefly

Holidays at the News

It's the holiday season, and the staff of *The Clarkston News* are taking some time off for festivities with family and friends. Our Christmas party is Thursday, Dec. 15, in Oxford, so expect a "gone partying" sign up around lunch time.

For Christmas, the office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 26, and for New Year's, Monday, Jan. 2. Please submit classifieds and ads on Friday by noon for the next week's edition, instead of Monday.

Block grant funds

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provides Independence Township with funds to help support the community.

This year funds granted to Youth Assistance and Municipal Project Minor Home Repair exceeded budget amounts, so the township board unanimously approved a budget amendment for those allocated funds at last week's meeting. The new budgeted amounts are \$25,760 and \$13,460 respectively.

The amendment increases the funds to the programs for 2016. It should be noted 2014 and 2015 CDBG program funds are available to reimburse the 2016 overages.

Also approved was a contract with Springfield Township for them to provide Independence Township Senior Community Center with \$10,340 from their CDBG funds so their residents can access the senior center facilities. This contract expires June 30, 2018.

Park jobs fair

Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors hosts their third annual Seasonal/Part-Time Job Fair on Friday, Dec. 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Independence Township offices, 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

More than 150 positions are available for students, including day camp counselors, lifeguards, swim lesson instructors, site supervisors, spray park attendants, park maintenance, referees, and umpires.

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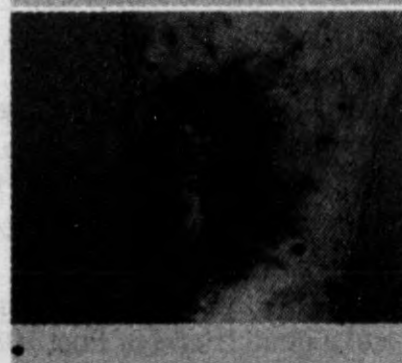
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Nick and Becky Thomas of Clarkston hope to deliver good cheer for the holidays. Photo by Phil Custodio

Delivering holiday help

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

This holiday season, Nick and Becky Thomas of Clarkston Food Express want to help their neighbors.

Through Dec. 23, their restaurant meal delivery service will donate a portion of every order to employees of the Lakes Grille, which burned down last week. Several local business are offering donations and job openings to help out.

"It's great to see businesses get involved," Becky said.

"We've worked with Lakes Grille since we started. The building has been a big part of this community," said Nick. "It's a great restaurant in a great community. We want to do what we can to help."

They're also helping with a blanket-collection drive by Nick's mother, Annette Thomas, for My Brother's Keeper emergency shelter in Flint.

"If anyone has blankets to donate, our drivers will pick them up at home," Nick said.

For more information, email Clarkstonfoodexpress@gmail.com or check them out on Facebook.

The second annual Warm Heart Giveaway will be on Dec. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at My Brother's Keeper. Donations will be given away to those in need, and include new blankets, hats and gloves, boots and shoes, winter coats, sweatshirts, pants, undergarments, pajamas, bathrobes, shower shoes, twin sheet sets and pillows, blankets, toiletries, mesh laundry bags, backpacks and totes, gift cards and cash donations for men, women, boys and girls.

Annette has a collection box at Keller Williams Realty at 8031 Ortonville Road. For more information on the donation drive, email her at annette.thomas007@gmail.com or call 248-821-8911.

Brady Lodge work almost done

Restoration of Brady Lodge, located in Bay Court Park off Andersonville Road, is nearing completion as the Independence Township Board voted last week to accept a quote to complete electricity throughout the building.

"It's mostly completed now," said township Trustee Ron Ritchie. "With the lighting, it'll make it so we can start having events there now."

Though the building has belonged to the township for a number of years, Ritchie said they've only used it for storage in the past.

"It's a cool building and about four years ago we had to make a decision, we either had to tear it down or put money in it to fix it back up," he said, citing a leaking roof,

broken windows, and vandalism.

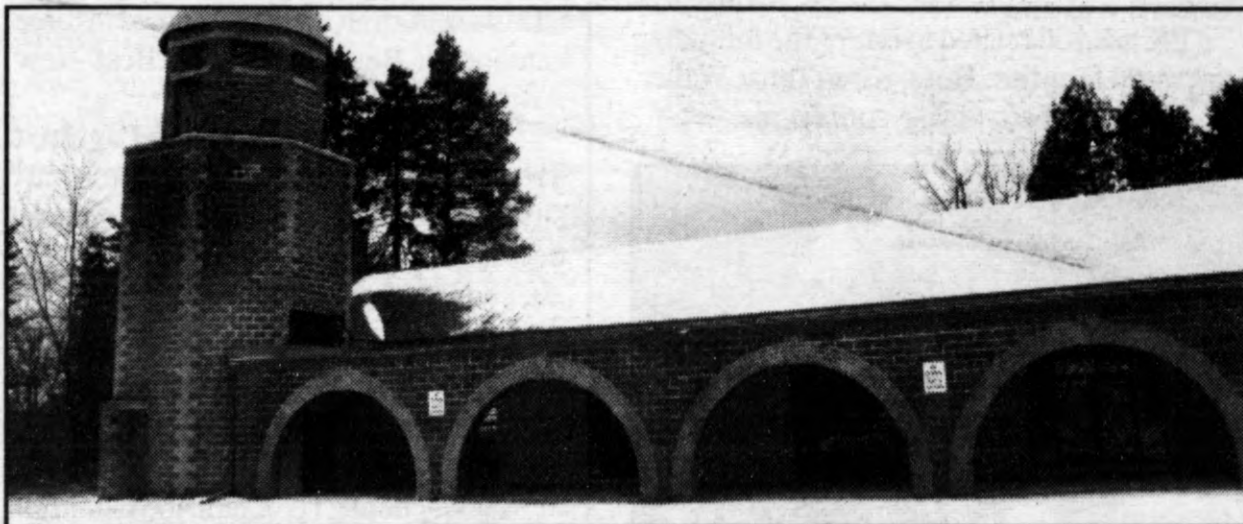
"Basically for the last couple years we've been working to restore it and make it a usable venue people can rent and have activities at or we can have public events at," he said.

The Brady Lodge was originally built in the 20s as a Boy Scout retreat.

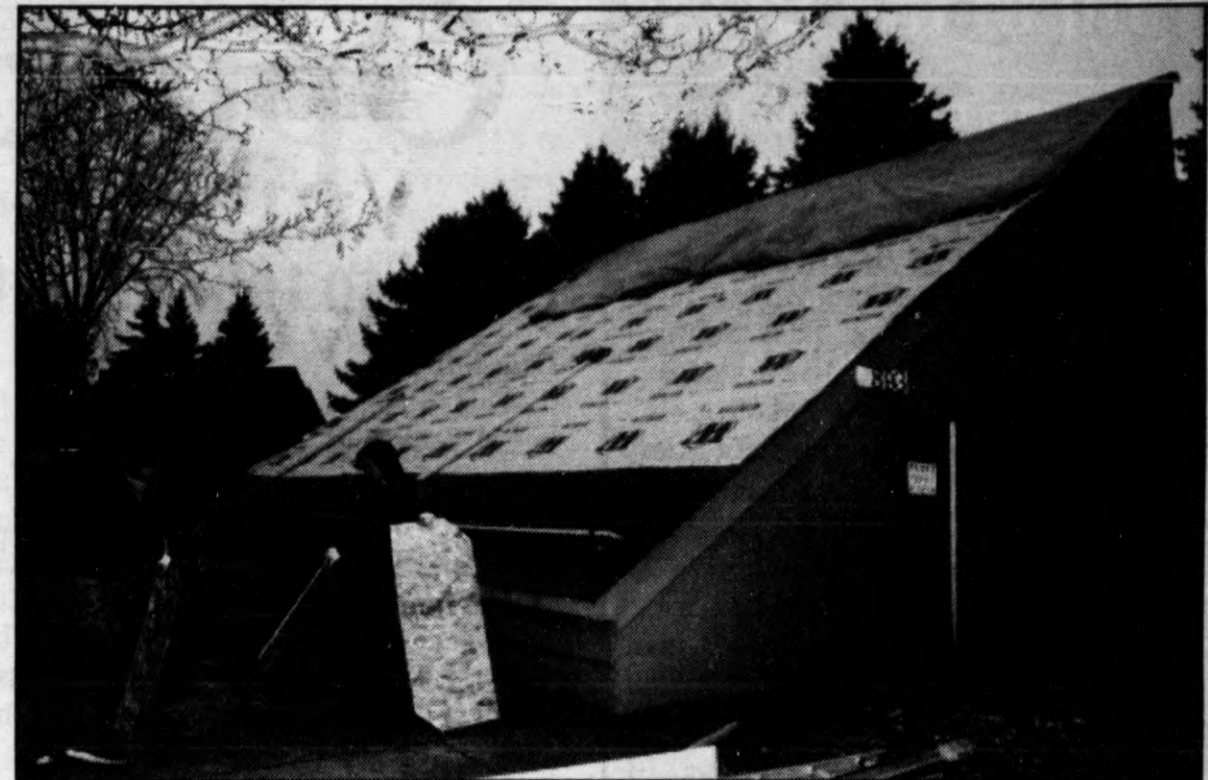
"It's a historic building with attractive features," Ritchie said.

They hope future outdoor markets and events at the lodge will benefit from having the option to move inside during inclement weather. The building hasn't been used for purposeful activities since the '70s, he said, and it should be usable this spring to rent out or schedule events and activities.

— Jessica Steeley



Brady Lodge in Bay Court Park. Photo by Jessica Steeley



Workers with Hunt Construction repair the pump house roof. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Roof repair on old pump house

Hunt Construction Company was awarded the bid to repair and re-shingle the roof of the Northcrest Condominium pump house during last week's Independence Township meeting.

The pump house was abandoned and essentially empty, however it was

determined the township owns and controls the site. The cost of the repair is not to exceed \$5,000, as opposed to the estimated tens of thousands of dollars it would cost to demolish the building, according to the township.

— Jessica Steeley

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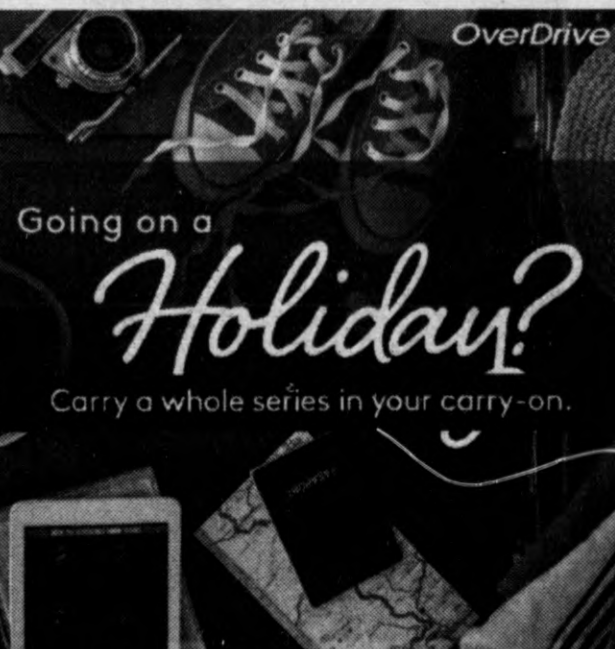
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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

A cold world

Snow and ice arrived later than before this winter season. I was wearing shorts just a couple weeks ago!

That lulled me into a sense of complacency, and I found myself lacking in proper gear last Thursday for my afternoon run, when it got down into the 20s. Oh yeah, I thought, I'm supposed to bring my winter hat and gloves when it gets this cold.

The experience reminded me of the cryotherapy machine at Clarkston Chiropractic, which they were demonstrating at their open house a few weeks back.

The cryotherapy is better, even though it's a couple hundred degree colder. Much drier and of shorter duration.

Drivers were also caught off guard by the cold, getting themselves into a horrifyingly huge pile up on I-75 Saturday afternoon during white-out conditions. I spun out and totalled my car on an icy I-69 in 2012, so I know some of what they went through.

I missed this one, though, on my way into town for the Holiday Lights Parade. I got caught in the traffic jam down Dixie Highway, but I still made the parade in time.

Excellent work on those lighted floats and Depot Park decorations. Folks were in high spirits even though it was cold and kind of wet.

The tree in the park is beautiful. I consider it a "Christmas tree," even though officially it probably isn't, since it's a government-sanctioned event.

Whatever it is, it looks very nice.

The parade wasn't long, which was fine because it was a cold one. I wasn't sorry to see Santa ride by on his float.

The hot chocolate they were handing out in Depot Park after the parade was much appreciated. That was about the best hot chocolate I've ever had.

Christmas will warm things up for awhile next week, but I didn't step foot outside my house all day Sunday, during the school-canceling snowfall. They showed the Disney flick "Frozen," Sunday night.

That helped a little bit.

"The cold doesn't bother me anyway," I plaintively sang along with Elsa, while bundled up in two blankets on my easy chair with two full grown cats on my lap.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

A call to talk to settlers' descendants

Dear Editor,

This is a call to all descendants who live in Clarkston, Independence Township, and Springfield Township, who can trace their family's residence in this area back at least 100 years, whether directly or indirectly!

The Clarkston News is writing an article about a "descendant" family in each of their monthly issues which go to all residents of this area (second edition of every month).

Perhaps, you saw the first one about the Bailey family in November. Stories about the Haight/Hawley, Maybee, Robertson, Slater/Fielding/Radoye/Hadden, and two different

Miller families will appear in future articles.

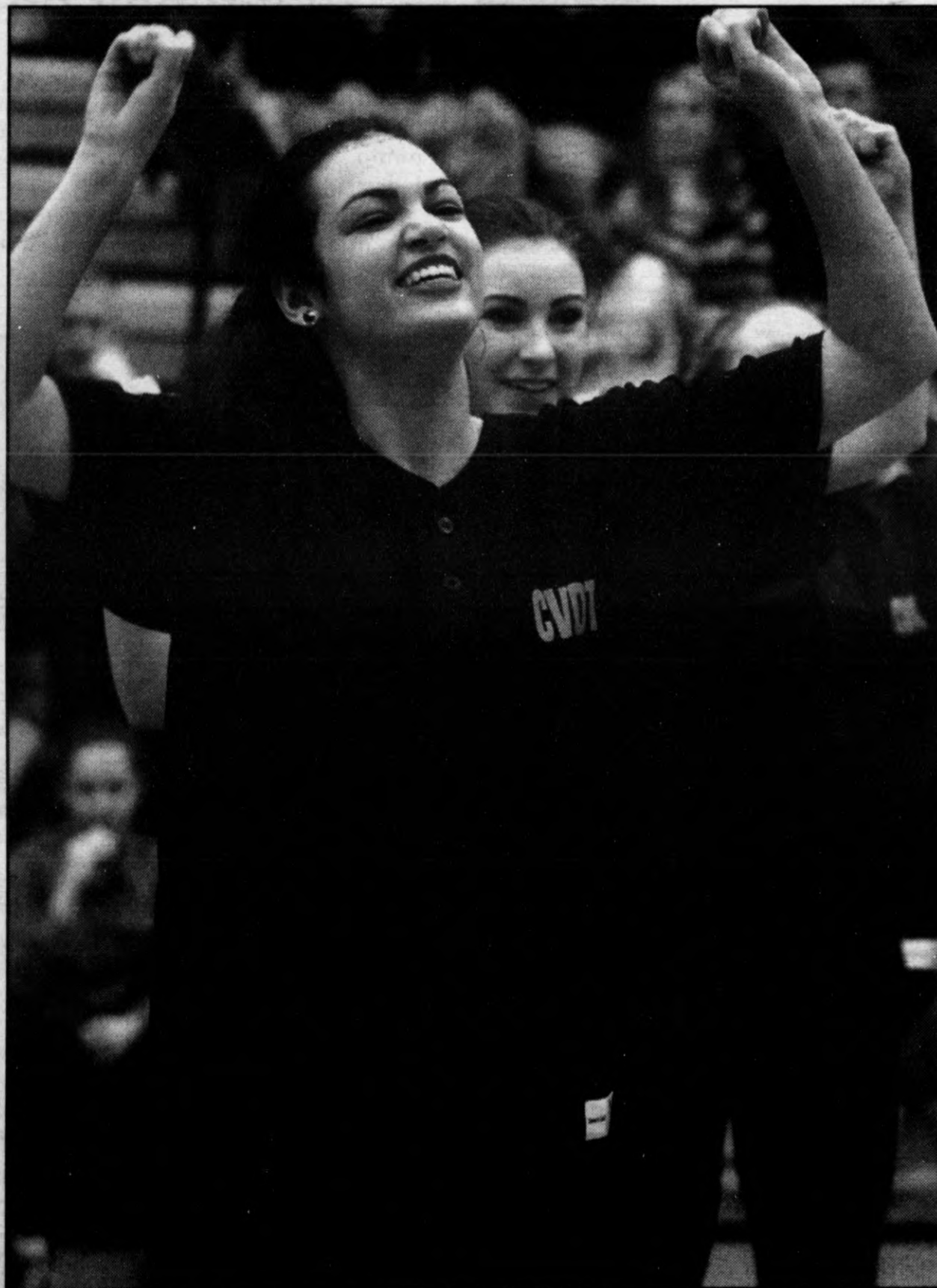
We know that there are more of you out there, so, please let us know so that we can recognize your family's contribution to the heritage of this area. You may contact me at: tkstone@aol.com.

Please help us honor the character of our community with a story about your family.

Thank you.

Tom Stone
Clarkston

PS, are you related to one of the following ancestral families: Hoyt, King, Terry, Walter, or Walters? If so, please contact me.



TIME TO DANCE: The Clarkston Varsity Dance team performs at last Friday's Varsity Basketball home opener. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Council issues go-ahead for water system" The Clarkston City Council approved the implementation of the city-wide improvements for Phase II for Clarkston's water system. The first part of the phase was completed earlier during the year which included businesses and residences on M-15.

"Clarkston teacher nominated for Grammy Award" Danielle Blanchard, a teacher at Clarkston Middle School, accomplished a lot in her life and was able to add Grammy-nominated to the list. Her CD "Jazz Portrait" was nominated in three categories: Best Jazz Vocal, Best New Artist and Best Liner Notes.

"Grapplers take dual meet against Troy and Edsel Ford" The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling defeated Oakland Activities Association Division I rival Troy, 47-20; and Dearborn Edsel Ford, 47-27, in a dual meet to improve to a 7-2 record for the season.

25 years ago - 1991

"New school" The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education secured one item for the April bond issue after a stalemate of nearly three hours. The board voted 6-1 to ask voters for 70,000-square foot elementary school.

"Second grader called a hero for spotting house fire" Seven-year-old Jordan Conley kept his wits about him during the weekend when he noticed flames on the roof of his neighbor's next door home on Hummingbird Lane in Independence Township.

"Threes a crowd" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball drilled 13 three-pointers to pass their test in their league opener by outscoring Lake Orion, 90-50. The Dragons led 7-1 before the Wolves tied the score before ending the first half in the lead 16-13. Clarkston kept the lead before ending with the win.

50 years ago - 1966

"Clarkston canine is National Champion" Julet EB-Gar, owned by Curtis and Judy Killiane, was the English Springer Spaniel National Champion. After a three day performance, Julet captured the unanimous decision of the judges.

"Bus parking lot under construction" Construction begin for the bus parking lot for Clarkston Community Schools. The lot was expected to be completed in February and would hold 50 vehicles.

"Rotarians at work" Paul DeLongchamp and Lou Lessard assisted in the shoe fitting program through the Rotary Club. They filled 80 requests for shoes.

Bring on the glow and snow, it's Christmas

These Jottings are from Dec. 6, 2006. Enjoy!

It's Christmas time. Joy to the world. Hip, hip Hooray! Let there be light. Not just any light. Christmas lights. Everywhere.

This is my time of year. I like the shopping (spending). I like the giving. I like the partying. I like it to be snowing, and I try to smile through the entire season.

This is a joyous season, and when you're smiling in the crowded markets sometimes it reflects on the seemingly disgruntled shoppers.

I start the season early, like the first of November asking family members for their Christmas lists. They're still getting over Halloween, so

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

I don't really expect any list.

I do not like buying (giving) something that may not be wanted. Part of that feeling comes from Depression-rearing cheapness, and part from my Dad's criticism of this holiday gift giving: "Why spend money you don't want to spend on gifts someone doesn't want to receive?"

Mother's influence proved stronger, then and now, so I think a lot about both practical and impractical gifts that might amuse, shock or befuddle the receiver.

Whatever I come up with, even if it's cash, I never feel it is adequate. No matter how much I spend, or how many gifts I buy, on Christmas when the family starts tearing and tossing, I shrink from a feeling of not having done enough.

It used to be the same way at work. Never did I feel the Christmas checks were enough.

I find myself repeating a former boss's remark when thanked, "I wish it could have been more."

And, while employees are always grateful and expressive, I wish I could have done more. That is my low of the season.

My highs, not in any order, are the tree, outside lights, decorated walls . . . and the parties, which really means friends and family.

It's such a great time to be with friends. Smiles and happiness abounds. You have the feeling there is real sincerity in their wishing you well, in health, good luck and freedom from worry.

Having good friends is another of God's great gifts. Just as I urge Christmas lists from the family, they expect the same from me. Of course, I don't need anything. Hazel never needed anything and I don't need anything. That's the way it is with parents and grandparents.

However, there must be a list.

If you think about it long enough, a list can be made. Birdseed can always be used. So can the latest fishing lure. How about a banjo playing CD, jigsaw puzzle, ring of bologna, pickled herring, deodorant, ruby red grapefruit or a jar of jalapeno jelly.

But don't get me a how-to book, socks (cause mine have to be special), shovel or shorts. Or, candy, cucumbers or car polish. Or, funnel, flashlight or fastener.

And, I don't want another animal that might compete with Shayna for my attention. I haven't got any more attention time left. I would like to receive any and all anti-shedding lotion.

Right now I'm having a hard time getting her as hyped up as I am for Christmas. She just seems to go along like it's any other time of year.

Gotta go. There's lists to be filled.

Family photos on Christmas got young Master Rush in trouble

It's December already and it looks like this year we will have a white Christmas. My back already aches after shoveling a few times this past Sunday. But, as it is the holiday season, my column writing tradition is simply this: writing columns for Christmas and that means writing nice stuff. Nothing mean or snotty (which is never easy for yours truly, aka The Snarky One.)

* * *

Cameras have always fascinated me. And, now that I can carry one in my pocket and make a phone call on it and search the internet I am as happy as a clam in the muck. I used to collect cameras, and at one time I had cameras all over the house. Some worked, some didn't and they were different in shape and size. Some have polished wood and brass mechanisms. Some folded up into a big leather box, others had metal casings or plastic parts. But, they were all fascinating. Until some teenaged jerkwads broke into my house eight years ago and stole 'em -- that is a different story.

I like the way old cameras look, I like the way they sound -- well, they way the used to sound before everything went electronic. On the old cameras the sound of the shutter shutting, internal mirrors flapping, springs and gears doing their thing came together in chorus with a single harmonious "click." And, depending on the sound of the click, you could tell if your old mechanical camera was set correctly. If it sounded right, chances were the picture would turn out okay.

The new-fangled computer gizmos take good pictures. They're handy, you can make phone calls with them; they fit in your pocket and they look nifty (when's the last time you read that word?), but I still like the heaviness of an old, metal 35 mm resting in my left

palm. I love putting the camera to my left eye, seeing the frame filled with the moment I'm trying to capture, focusing and taking the shot.

When this love affair with the camera began, I cannot recall, but I do remember writing Santa the Winter of 1968, asking for one. I remember Santa coming through in the clutches with a shiny new plastic Mickey Mouse Head Camera.

Man, that was a magical Christmas.

That was the year I actually saw Santa's sleigh being pulled by Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. It was Christmas Eve. Sometime around midnight the Rush Clan's 1965 tan Buick Skylark pulled up in front of the red-brick and white sided home on the corner of Berwyn and Orangelawn. Myself and sister Barb were asleep in the back seat. Baby Patricia was just as asleep in Mom's arms. (Yes kids, as strange as it may seem there was a time when the roads were so safe, nobody used seatbelts, car seats or any other device to prevent injury.)

When Dad picked me up to take me inside I can remember opening my eyes. It was cold and crisp. There was snow on the ground and it was a clear, clear night. I looked up to the stars in the darkness and right there, way above our Redford Township home, I saw a tiny red light streaking through the heavens. Rudolph. It had to be! I was five, so Santa it was.

I told Dad I saw Santa (which was a good thing, because earlier in the night Grandpa McDonald said if Rudolph landed on his roof he'd shoot him for Christmas dinner). Dad looked up, saw the airplane pass overhead, said we had to hurry up and get inside and to sleep so St. Nick wouldn't pass us by. I don't know if I stayed awake a moment longer. I do remember getting up before the sun, rousting Barb out of the bunk bed below mine and running to the front room to see if indeed Santa had passed us by.

Up to the Christmas tree we ran, and there in the early morning darkness we stood in amazement. Pre-

sents! Beautiful presents, all packaged in red and green paper. Maybe we were giggling too loud, or excitedly singing praises to the big guy in red. Whatever the case of our merriment, Dad staggered out of his and Mom's bedroom and out into the hallway.

"Go back to bed, it's too early to open presents," he mumbled and staggered back from whence he came.

Whether Barb, 4 and I heeded Dad's words, I can't say. I do know, when it was finally time to open presents we went at it with gusto. Fervent believers in the power of Santa (Christmas . . . Christ the son of God . . . Jesus who?) ripping through colored paper and cellophane tape for the promised treasures within.

I can honestly say, I do not remember any other present Santa left for me that year, save for the plastic Mickey Mouse Head camera. I still have the camera (for some reason the thieves left it). And, some of the pictures I took that Christmas. I remember Dad stopping the Buick at a store to get flash cubes and 120 film for my camera, before making our way down to Grandma Rush's Detroit home.

Like I said, I still have some of the pictures. There's the one of Uncle Gene drinking a beer by the fireplace. There's the one of Aunt Pat drinking a beer in the dining room. There's the one of Grandma sitting daintily, a cold yellow brew in a clear glass tilted to her lips. I also remember being lectured by Pops Rush for the enthusiasm I displayed with my new camera, nor my eye for "candid" photos. Maybe he never heard freedom of the press also pertained to photographers. Or, more likely, he didn't care.

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It's fun looking back at those old Christmas photos and remembering. Maybe that's why I like cameras -- for the pictures they take and the memories they can save.

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Don't Rush Me



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Q. Do I still get benefits from Decaf Green Tea?

A. Despite the marketing hype, the jury's still out on any health benefits gained from drinking green tea -- whether caffeinated or not. One of the tea's compounds, ECGC, has received the most attention from the beverage industry and nutrition research as a powerful antioxidant. Several studies are in progress to better understand the potential benefits. For now, only preliminary findings have linked green tea to delaying or preventing the growth of certain cancers, slowing weight gain, and lowering blood pressure.



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Q. The stock market has been up since the election -- is this a good time to invest?

A. Yes, this could be a good time to invest in the stock market. It could also be a bad time. Buying low, selling high is a winning strategy, but often we have mental or emotional roadblocks that have us getting out of the market when it is down and jumping in when it is high, i.e., buying high and selling low. Consider a regular investment strategy with a diversified portfolio for long term results. A financial advisor can help develop the plan and the portfolio.

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HEALTH



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Q. Is the "gluten free" diet just a fad?

A. "I wish it was, but I don't see it going away soon." Gluten is a protein found in wheat and grain products. Society, including myself, have figured out that our bodies are not digesting the protein properly. Furthermore, we have also realized that removing gluten from our diets is reducing inflammation, intestinal diseases, and relieving brain fog issues. Some researchers believe that the cause of gluten allergies is GMO's allowed in the USA in recent years. A GMO is a genetically modified organism.



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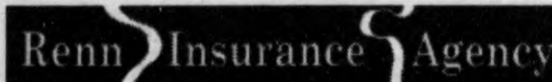
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Q. What is a deductible and how do I choose the right deductible for my home insurance?

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1. Support Groups: whether you are the one with the diagnosis or the caregiver, support groups are a beneficial resource for questions and concerns. Finding a group with similar experiences also provides encouragement, support and healing.
2. Education: taking time to educate yourself about the diagnosis is one of the most important steps you can take. Be informed. Studying and asking questions is the best way to help yourself or loved one. Patients and caregivers should know about the type of dementia diagnosed, behaviors to expect, and how the disease will affect them physically, emotionally and mentally. Caregivers should also know the best way to handle personal care, as well as how to relate to their loved one as they decline and how to make the most out of the relationship they have at each stage.

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FREEWAY PILEUP:Clarkston-area traffic on I-75 as well as Dixie Highway and other roadways was heavily congested for hours due to the complete shutdown of I-75 near N. Holly Road for a multiple vehicle accident, Saturday afternoon and evening. The Michigan State Police requested the assistance of Oakland County sheriff's deputies to help in the incident, which involved two semi-trailers and approximately 25 vehicles, starting about 2:29 p.m., Dec. 10. *Photos provided*

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

No muffler

A deputy on patrol stopped a pickup truck with an extremely loud exhaust, 3:07 p.m., Nov. 21, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. The driver, a 26-year-old Burton man, was cited for driving with a suspended license, equipment violation for no muffler, and given a warning for no proof of insurance.

No permit for trash

A garbage truck was stopped for emptying a dumpster without a permit in a parking lot at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, 11:58 a.m., Dec. 6. The truck was also overweight by 3,900 pounds. The waste hauler company was cited for no-permit misdemeanor, no company information on the truck sides, and misload.

Plate violation

A deputy on patrol stopped a truck with an improper license plate, 10:15 a.m., Dec. 8,

on Dixie Highway at Deerhill Drive. The truck was improperly registered as a pickup. The truck owner was cited with registration plate violation, no medical certificate, no fire extinguisher, no triangles, and no proof of insurance.

Fire started in fryer

The fire that burned down the Lakes Grille on Dixie Highway started in the deep fryer, according to police reports. The restaurant manager told deputies she turned on the deep fryer at 10 a.m., Dec. 5. It smokes for a few minutes when it gets turned on, but after a few minutes it continued to smoke and she shut it down. It still smoked and then caught on fire and she called 911. A deputy was dispatched, and he went into the kitchen and saw the fryer was on fire, and the kitchen was filled with smoke. The deputy tried to extinguish the fire with his patrol car fire extinguisher. When the extinguisher ran out, the fire increased, and he had to exit the

kitchen and evacuate the building. Firefighters from Independence Township Fire Department and several neighboring fire departments responded to put out the fire, which destroyed the building.

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Team tested, experienced

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Clarkston scored off of their next attempt with a basket came from junior CJ Robinson on a 3-pointer to tie the score.

Eaglet CJ Wilson brought St. Mary's back into the lead off his own three point shot.

The Wolves went on a 12-2 run starting with four points from senior Dylan Alderson and five from Loyer with three from free throw shots.

Alderson closed the quarter with his field goal, 17-10.

The Eaglets opened the second quarter with two points and Alderson responded with a crowd pleasing dunk as the Wolves carried the momentum into half time with a 28-20 lead.

"We talked about inside touches with other kids," said Fife. "Foster can post. Dylan is a good post kid. Inside touches are good. We know we are going to struggle on the outside so we have to go on the inside and get to the free throw line or get some points."

During the second half Loyer scored off his field goal attempts except one.

"Sometimes it's just the way it comes down and happens," Fife said. "We are working on a new offense and just getting things straightened out. The key is our players kept their composure and hung in there. That's a good ball team they played - hard and physical. That's a good ball game tonight."

The Wolves were also without the newest

player to their team, 6-foot-9 sophomore Taylor Currie, who said he would be back to play this week.

Loyer led with 27 points, going 9-for-9 on the free throw line and had two 3-pointers. Alderson had 20 points and scored one field goal. Robinson scored ten points with six from field goals.

Fife added with their experience Loyer, Alderson and Robinson led the team not only with points but leadership.

"They are comfortable and they started all last year," he said. "They should be the leaders and the boys the kids look to. They should be the guys who speak up on the behalf of me and speak up on the behalf of our team."

Fife added it was a good test for the Wolves going into not only Romulus but the rest of the season.

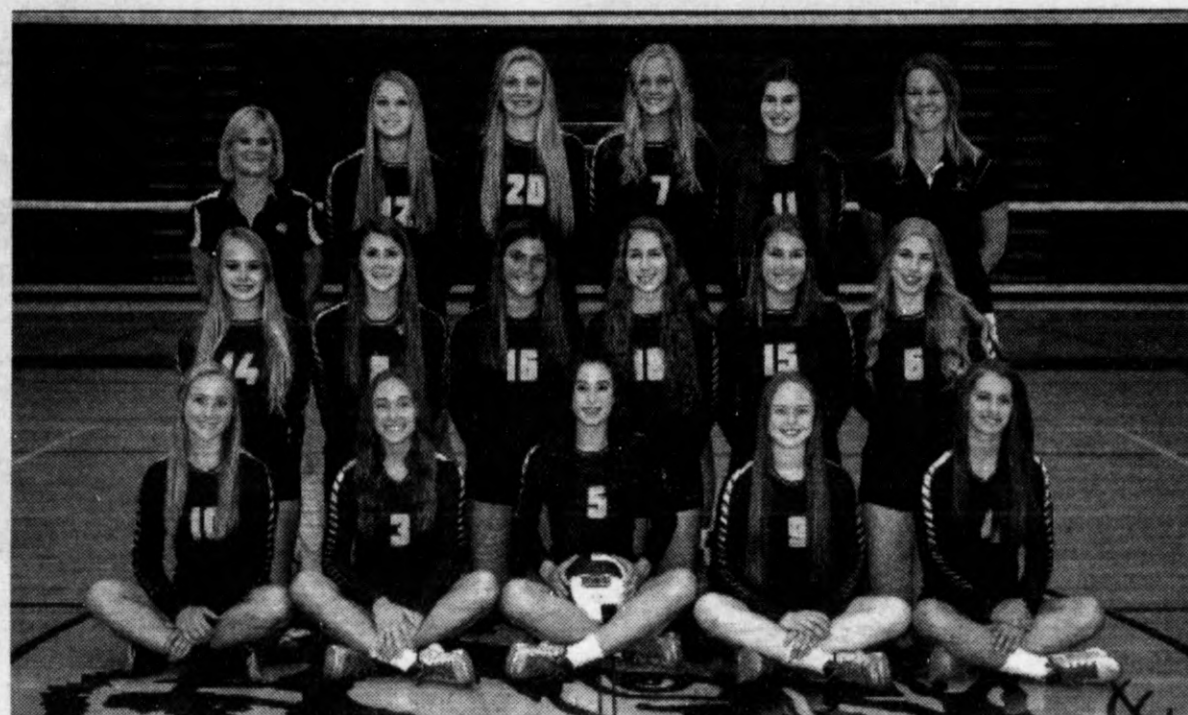
"It was a good test because they are physical, strong kids," he said. "They guard tough. They are strong, quick. As the season wears on it will help."

The Wolves defeated Lake Orion in their season opener, 68-38. Loyer led the team with 34 points. Robinson scored 26 points and Alderson had 11 points.

The Wolves head to Romulus this Friday, where JV plays at 5 p.m. and varsity plays at 8 p.m.

They head to Rochester Adams on Tuesday, Dec. 20. JV starts at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

Queens of the court

The Lady Wolves dominated the courts and finished with a 50-6 overall record, the second best for Clarkston Varsity Volleyball in school history.

They also won four out of six of their tournaments including Beast of the East, which they went undefeated in seven games.

"It was a huge day for them, even to go 7-0 against a very tough field," said Kelly Pinner, head coach. "It's a big, tough tournament and you need to be on all day and they definitely were."

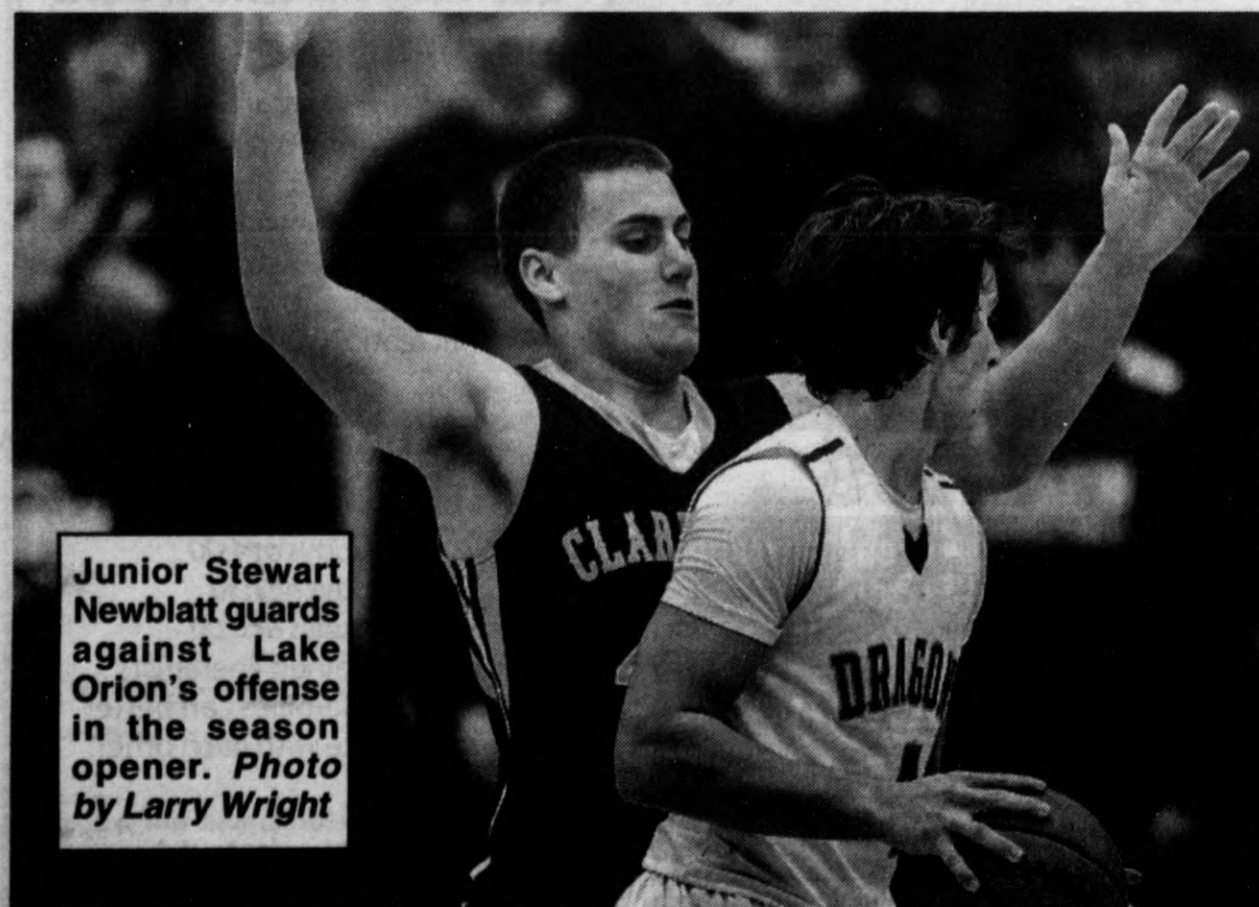
The Lady Wolves also defeated their crosstown rival Lake Orion for the MHSAA Volleyball District crown.

"Winning a district over Lake Orion was huge because we had lost to them in league and lost to them last year in the first round of districts," said Pinner. "We have a lot of things to hang our hat on this year. They can look back with fond

memories of what they were able to accomplish and connection they made with their teammates."

The Lady Wolves were juniors Jennifer Chupinsky, Kayla Daly-Seiler, Corrin Gualtieri, Olivia Johnson, Shaelyn Koleber, Kayla Luchenbach, Grace Kraft, Abbey Malinowski, Kristen Marani; seniors Sarah Austin, Abby Horning, Sydney Jensen, Madi Jidas, Kayla Miller and Kelly Nickelson.

"The thing they did the best was even if they weren't starters they found a way to lead," Pinner said about the six seniors. "That's really hard because as a varsity athlete you want to be out on that court. They are at this level because they are good and they have been playing. Hopefully the girls next year as seniors will take a step further that you don't have to be a starter to be part of this team and understand you are all important."



Junior Stewart Newblatt guards against Lake Orion's offense in the season opener. Photo by Larry Wright



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Winning streak continues

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Cagers continued their winning streak in their home opener against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes last Thursday, 59-29.

Tiffany Senerius opened the game with the first basket for the Lady Lakers, ranked eighth in Oakland County, against the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team, who is ranked fourth in the county.

Junior Maddie Beck blocked the Lakers in their territory and grabbed possession of the ball. Clarkston attempted to tie the score with a basket but missed.

It was senior Kristen Page on her attempt to bring the Wolves into the lead off her three-point shot with 5:34 left in the first quarter.

Our Lady of the Lakes took the lead back with a 3-point shot from Senerius, 40 seconds later.

The back and forth battle for the lead continued as Beck scored five points and Senerius scored a basket.

"Lakes played very hard," said Christine Rogers, Lady Wolves head coach. "They were ready to defend against our bigs. But by the end of the first quarter we had it figured out."

With three minutes to go in the quarter junior Kayla Luchenbach tied the score and was sent to the line for one extra point on a free throw. Her successful attempt brought Clarkston into the lead by one point.

The Wolves finished the quarter with seven more points with two from junior Molly Nicholson, two from Luchenbach and a 3-pointer from Page at the buzzer, 18-11.

The Lakers opened the second quarter scoring one out of their two free throw attempts at the line.

Clarkston came back with a 9-point run starting with Nicholson's two shots on her

trip to the free throw line. Luchenbach scored four points in the run and Beck scored a 3-pointer before Our Lady of the Lakes was sent to the line for two free throw shots, with one successful point.

The Wolves finished the first half with a 33-10 lead with the six remaining points from Luchenbach.

During the second half, Clarkston was able to give their starters a break and pull in players from the bench.

"We got people in the game who hadn't seen a lot of time and give them the opportunity to play some basketball," Rogers said adding it helps the team become deeper being able to put in different players early in the season.

"It's going to challenge the starters to keep earning their spots every day," she said. "If we get into foul trouble or have people with injuries we have players ready to step in."

Luchenbach led with 22 points with 11 rebounds and Nicholson had 14 points, ten rebounds and was 6-for-6 at the line.

"My two bigs combined for 36 of our points," Rogers added.

Beck scored three 3-pointers towards her 15 points for the night. Page had two 3-pointers for her six point total.

The Lady Wolves open the week hosting Birmingham Seaholm on Wednesday and are home again as they host crosstown rivals Lake Orion on Friday.

Rogers said guarding Senerius prepares the girls for Maddie Novak, one of Orion's strong forwards.

"It helped us to prepare for a small, quick team," she added. "They are going to run. Oxford, Our Lady of the Lakes and Orion have one good player who is going to be quick and go to the boards. If she gets off she is going to have a good game - defense is key."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Freshman Rielea Fetty blocks Laker Tiffany Senerius during the Lady Wolves' win last Thursday. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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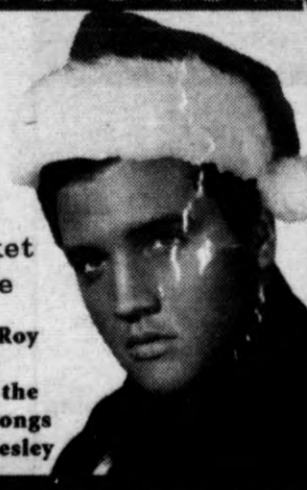
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SYNOPSIS

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
DECEMBER 6, 2016**

A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:01 PM at Independence Township Hall.
B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
C. ROLL CALL: Present: Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Loughrin, Ritchie
Absent: Kittle, Schroeder
There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Stacey Bassi, Director of Assessing; Dave Belcher, Building Department Director; Lt. Mark Brown, Fire Department, Lt. Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Doreen Groth, GIS Manager, David McKee, DPW Director; Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Supervisor; Derek Smith, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst
Approval to Appoint Trustee Ritchie as Acting Chair.
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.
E. CLOSED SESSION: None.
F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta, Trustee Aliaga, and Trustee Ritchie
G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None
J. CARRYOVER/POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2016.
2. Approval of the Payroll of November 17, 2016; Payroll of December 2, 2016 and the Check Run of November 29, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$1,667,359.48.
3. Approval of Budget Amendment Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - Removed from Consent Agenda

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
3. Approval of Budget Amendment Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
1. Authorization to Solicit Proposal - Enterprise Content Management (ECM)
2. Adoption of Resolution Establishing Guidelines for Granting of Hardship Exemptions from Property Taxes Pursuant to MCL 211.7u
3. Acceptance of Proposal and Approval of Budget Amendment - Repair/Re-Shingle Northcrest Condominium Pump House
4. Acceptance of Quote from City Electric Supply - Electrical Materials for Brady Lodge Restoration
5. Waiver of the Bid Process - 2017 Spring & Fall Soccer Jerseys
6. Approval of the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Contract - Springfield Township
7. Approval of the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Contract - Clarkston Area Youth Assistance
8. Approval of the 2017/2018 Law Enforcement Services Agreement and Budget Amendment - Oakland County Sheriff's Office
9. Acceptance of 2018 Budget Review and Approval Process Schedule
10. Adoption of Resolution Setting Township Board of Trustee 2017 Regular and Budget Meeting Schedule

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Minutes: Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) - Regular Meeting - April 21, 2016
2. Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) - Final - October 18, 2016
3. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report - October 2016
4. Communication: Letter of Appreciation - Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA)
O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Clerk Pallotta
P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, December 14, 2016

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION ORDER OF ADJOURNMENT

In the matter of Mary Jane Kerr Revocable Trust, U/A/D February 22, 2002.

1. Date of hearing: Judge: Kathleen A. Ryan
On petition filed, THE COURT FINDS that:
2. Notice of hearing was given to or waived by all interested parties.

IT IS ORDERED that:
The hearing on the First and Second annual Accounts of Successor Trustee set for December 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. is hereby adjourned to January 11, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. for the reason that publication need to be done. This is the first adjournment.

Judge Kathleen A. Ryan
December 1, 2016

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

G. NEW BUSINESS:
1. Election of Officers
2. Case #17-001, Gene Mortensen, Petitioner, **Requesting:** A 15 foot side yard variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2 in order to construct a new accessory structure, 5395 Stickney Rd., Parcel #08-11-351-010, R-1R Rural Residential.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Regular Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2016
2. Special Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2016

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

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Building Department at (248) 625-8111 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt shall be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

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TUESDAY JANUARY 04, 2017 7 P.M.

This is a 16 foot rear lot set back variance for an addition and a two story two car garage attached the house at 65 N Holcomb.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-625-1559 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

City Clerk, Sandy Miller



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Wolfpack cagers update

The Clarkston Boys JV Basketball team opened their season with a 49-40 win over Lake Orion. Sophomore Jake Jensen led the team with 23 points. Junior Bryant Williams and sophomore Denton Smith added eight points each in the game.

The boys won their home opener against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep, 61-22. Jensen led with 20 points. Sophomore Desmond Mills-Bradley added eight points. The score allowed a lot of boys to play off the bench with ten Wolves scoring for the night.

The Clarkston Boys Freshman Basketball team also found success at Lake Orion with a 46-36 win over the Dragons. Cole Donchez and Datrius McKinney led the team with 14 points each. Jaiden Wasilk added seven points. Nic Miller provided a defensive spark off the bench and scored four points.

They carried the momentum into Friday night with a 51-27 win over St. Mary's Prep. Donchez led with 17 points and Wasilk scored 12 points. Miller scored five points and Nate Sesti and Trenton Church added four points each.

The boys head to Romulus on Friday. Freshman start at 4 p.m., JV follows.

Wolves from the Eighth Grade Gold Basketball team defeated Oakview Middle

School, 58-5. They scored 24 points in first quarter and 15 in the second to end first half, 39-2. Kidus Johnson led the team with 12 points. Jack Warner had 10 points while Logan Forbes and Hunter Hambriek led defense.

They went on to defeat Oxford last Wednesday, 48-21. They scored 17 points in the first quarter and kept Oxford to five. Defense kept the Wildcats from scoring during the third quarter as the Wolves sunk 12 points.

The Eighth Grade Blue team defeated Scripps Middle School, 53-21. Connor McKouen, Isayah Harris and Justin Buchmann each had nine points each. Luke Scherler had eight points.

They led 30-11 going into second half.

They remained undefeated as they won their game against Waldon Middle School last Wednesday, 41-21.

The Blue and Gold teams compete against each other this Wednesday at Clarkston Junior High School.

The seventh grade gold team defeated Oakview, 68-18, and Oxford, 52-10, last week.

They host Pontiac Middle School on Wednesday and play the blue team on Monday.

- Wendi Reardon Price

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3 tips to reduce holiday stress

The presidential election is behind us and the holiday season is fast approaching. Never in American history has the presidential election process created so much stress and anxiety for its people.

No matter if your candidate won or lost, the Health & Wellness question of the day is... how do you move forward and control anxiety and stress as the holidays approach.

Chemical additives in our food and water supply, not proved safe by the FDA, deserves attention to reduce the epidemic rise in stress and anxiety symptoms.

Fluoride in municipal drinking water, which may cause calcification of the pineal gland, is one of the risk factors causing stress and anxiety which may lead to negative behavioral effects.

Additionally, certain drugs and non-stick cookware may contribute to pineal gland calcification.

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 production of neurotransmitters, and at the size of a piece of rice, this gland is the place where our thoughts are formed.

The pineal calcification process begins at birth. If not addressed, pineal calcification is a risk factor causing insomnia, hormone imbalances, Alzheimer's disease, depression, digestive and immune deficiencies in addition to stress.

Now that you have a brief intro to one of the physiological risk factors causing stress, three tips can help you overcome anxiety leading to stress free living.

1). Complete a simple health check. Have your doctor test for fluoride and cortisol levels. While you initiate the testing, maximize the Health & Wellness dietary nutrition intervention:

Dietary Nutritional Intervention:

- * encourage yeast free, gluten free, and GMO free diet
- * drink at least 40 ounces cold purified or distilled water...no tap
- * increase raw organic radishes and

broccoli with sea salt three times a week - the isothionates help eliminate yeast from the gut and G.I. tract to optimize immunity.

* take one tablespoonful raw apple cider vinegar (Braggs brand glass bottle) once a day with small amount cold juice. The malic acid helps de-calcify the pineal gland.

* cardio exercise four times a week, 40 minutes each session. Try to incorporate meditation yoga exercise weekly. Bring a friend and make exercise part of your daily routine.

2). Present yourself in all stressful situations at home or work with a calm positive energy. Easier said than done. I have six children, and there are many situations requiring a conscious effort to express a calm disposition. In doing so, your stress hormone release will be minimized.

Identify your purpose or priorities in life. Be humble and realistic. Set boundaries. When my kids were young, seems my wife and I were pulled in all different directions during the holidays.

Things had to be perfect. As the holidays approach, set realistic goals for you and your family.

Live within your means. Do not try to control situations. Simply enjoy the holiday season. Your positive energy will become contagious. Laughter provides the most effective bio-chemical medicine. Display thanks to people you know or don't know. Research involving increased gratitude toward others improves positive emotions, healthy relationships as well as decreased stress and anxiety.

3). Nutritional supplementation is critical to help optimize a stress-free lifestyle. Prescription drugs are not the answer. They offer a short term solution to underlying causes of stress and anxiety.

Nutritional supplements help optimize Health & Wellness only if you take what your body needs.

Frank is a local board certified pharmacist with over 29 years consultative experience specializing in ADHD stimulant and psychiatric medications. He is the Director of Pharmacy at an adult psychiatric hospital, author of The American Epidemic: Solutions for Overmedicating Our Youth, and founder of the Coalition Against Overmedicating Our Youth (CAOOY). Visit www.CAOOY.org and email FrankGranett@CAOOY.org to learn which supplements can help reduce stress.

Pharmacist Corner



By Frank J. Granett R.ph.

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SANTA IN THE PARK: Santa distributes treats to children at the Depot Park gazebo after the Holiday Lights Parade. Photo by Phil Custodio

Clubs work together for kids

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scarf from the Rotary. The Clarkston Optimist Club provided socks for students and area dentists provided toothpaste and toothbrushes. Mark Kelly of MPK Photo also provided a free family portrait and/or picture with Santa Claus in the Help Portrait project.

The Rotary Club with the help from volunteers sold copies of the *Clarkston News' Goodfellows* newspaper the past two weekends for donations to help pay for the project.

The Rotary purchases the shoes at the best price from a variety of sources. Over the last 21 years, DeLong said the Rotary has served 8,000 students with approximately \$250,000 going to the project. This year, it cost approximately \$45.50 to outfit a child

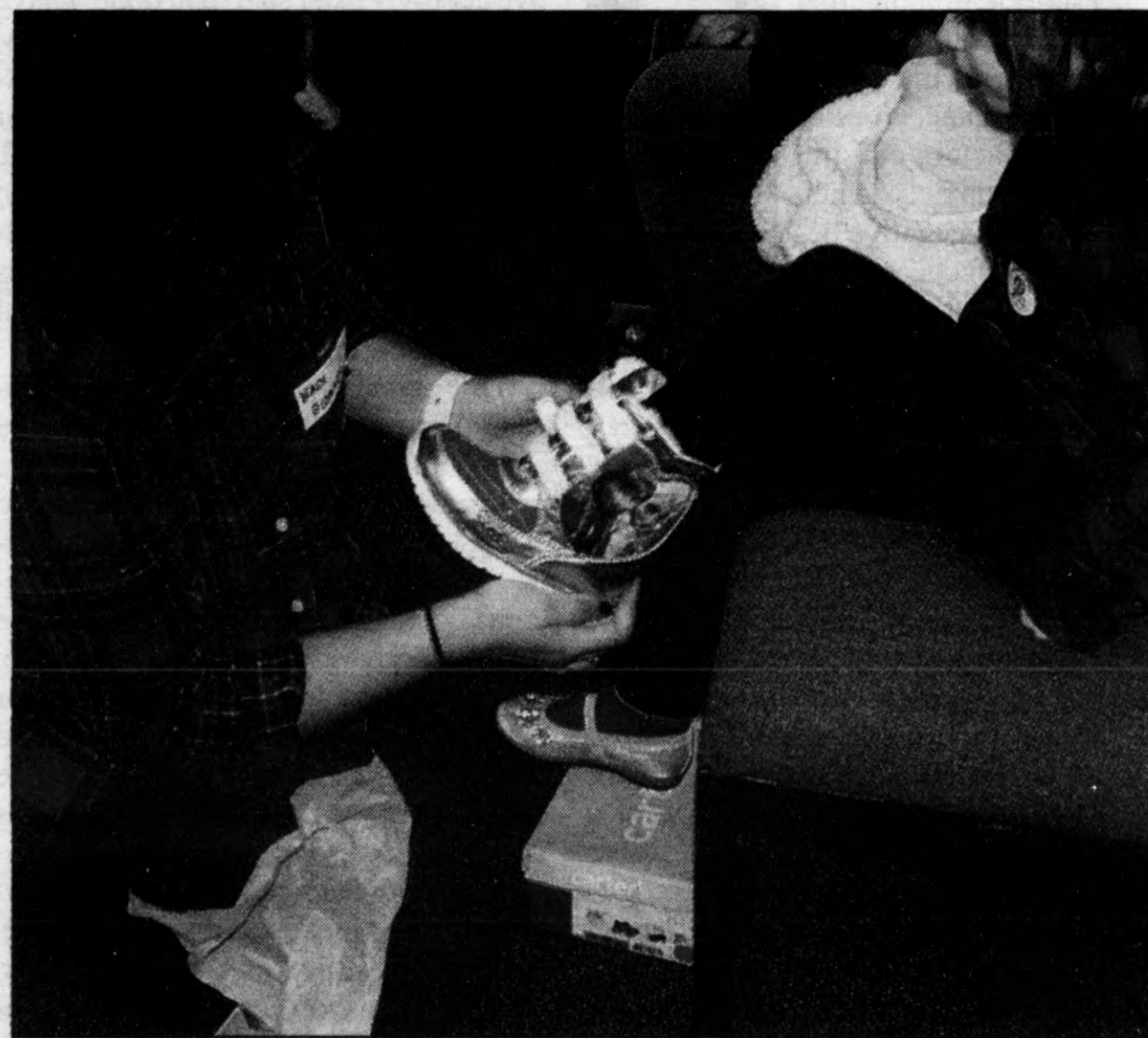
with a pair of boots and shoes.

The need for shoes and boots was up this year over 2015 by about 70 students. In 2010, over 600 students were eligible for a pair of shoes and boots.

"This is one project all service clubs join together to help the kids of Clarkston," DeLong said.

The Clarkston Lions Club provided eyesight checks, and the Optimists provided the socks and volunteers for the project. High school students from the National Honor Society and the High School Leadership Class came out and volunteered to help with the shoe giveaway.

DeLong was especially proud of a Rotary exchange student from Chili who worked all day with the kids.



A volunteer helps a child with a pair of shoes at Shoes for Kids. Photo provided

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Holiday Wishes & Thank Yous

**Pat Kittle,
Supervisor**

Just wanted to write a short note to thank everyone in the community for everything you do to support Independence Township.



**Township
Supervisor
Pat Kittle**

For all the community groups and volunteers who help with their time, efforts and hard earned funds to support our parades, events, senior functions, veteran events, parks, school functions, recreational activities and sporting events, the difference you make is truly amazing. To the selfless residents who help with different committees that make local government remain truly local.

A special call-out goes to the individual members of our community who are part of the Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Parks & Rec and DPW Advisory Boards, Senior Advisory Committee, Election

one who lives in the Township, have a very Merry Christmas and a very healthy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you to Trustee Lohmeier

Wanted to take a couple minutes and thank Trustee David Lohmeier for his many years of dedicated public service to our community.

Having spent the past eight years helping shape Independence as a member of the Township Board of Trustees, David has been instrumental in creating and holding the Township to a very strict financial model that has earned Independence a AA+ bond rating with Standard and Poors. As a member of the Planning Commission, David was a key player in creating the current Master Plan and shaping the Sashabaw Corridor that has become the downtown district within Independence.

Words heard describing David over the years include ... financially conservative, for the people, progressive thinker, transparent and a positive can-do attitude. On behalf of the entire Board, and the people of Independence Township, we wish David the best as he moves into another chapter in his career.



David Lohmeier

What keeps me up at night

Did anyone get to page 76 of the approved 2017 Township Budget? There is a number on this page that should have struck you like a ton of bricks. On page 76 of the 2017 Sewer Budget detail, under the column "2016 Amended Budget," in the line item "Net of Revenue/Appropriations Fund 590" is where the red number is found ... **an \$899,515 operating deficit.** Thought this number required some explanation before my phone blew up.

Called a Special Meeting with the Township Finance Director, Budget Analyst and DPW Director and verified this number as presented through the 3rd Quarter of 2016 is correct. What this budget projection through 9 months of 2016 does not show is the year end impact on capitalization of Sewer Department purchases made throughout 2016, a reduction in over-estimated 2016 Great Lake Water Authority Sewer Treatment expenses and a transfer of 2016 SAW expenses to 2017 for work not completed. When these additional elements are factored into the budget, the year-end Sewer Enterprise account Net of Revenue/Appropriations Fund 590 on page 76 will be very close to break even, or maybe even show a little surplus.

Whew...

Deducting your property taxes on your 2016 tax return

**By Paul A. Brown, CPA
Treasurer**

One of our busiest times of the year in the Treasurer's Office is the last week in December. Folks want to get their taxes paid before the end of the year so they can deduct them on their personal tax returns. Many want us to provide a paid receipt showing the taxes were received by the Township in December.

For the IRS, the import date is not when the Township receives the payment, but rather the date you make the payment. For example, if you write your check and mail it to us on December 28, 2016, you can deduct this payment on your 2016 tax return if you itemize your deductions, even if the Township does not post your payment until the first week in January.

I felt the need to share this information with taxpayers this year because of where the holidays fall. The last week in December the Township will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The Township will be closed on Monday, December 26 and Friday, December 30.

If you cannot make it here while we are open, you can leave your tax payment (checks only, no cash) in our drop box at the front entrance anytime through December 31, 2016. Although the payments won't be posted until January 3, 2017, they are deductible on your 2016 return.

If you need a receipt showing your taxes are paid, you can print one from our website that your CPA can use. If you need help accessing the information online, please give us a call at 248-625-5115 and we'll walk you through it.



**Paul Brown,
Township
Treasurer**



Committee, Video Center Administrative Board, Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority, all Lake Boards, and all Homeowner Association Boards. This Township could not run without you.

To the faith based and charitable organizations in Independence, you are the glue that binds this community together by providing a "true north" for countless thousands and helping those who need it most. And finally, a special thanks goes out to all the Township employees from every discipline within local government whose primary goal is pretty simple, to provide a quality level of services to our residents 100% of the time.

From all of us who work for the Township to every-

Dog Licenses

We had many residents show up in the past couple of weeks to purchase 2017 dog licenses.

Unfortunately, as of this printing, we have yet to receive our allotment of tags. Please call us before coming in to see if we have the new tags. Below are guidelines for the licensing of dogs in Michigan.

The State of Michigan requires ALL dogs over 4 months to be current with rabies vaccine and to have a Michigan dog license. Failure to comply may result in a misdemeanor ticket. You may purchase a one or three year dog license.

A license must be purchased within 30 days of:

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Licenses expire on December 31st of each year.

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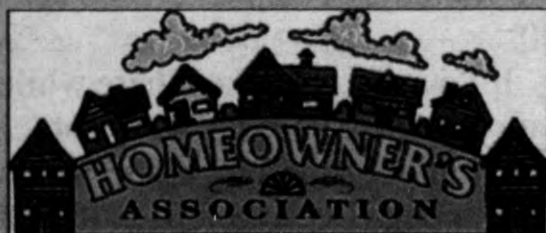
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- Senior Citizen* \$ 6.75
- Male/Female \$15.00
- Senior Citizen* \$13.50
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Attention HOA Officers

**Pat Kittle
Supervisor**

There are times when the Township is looking for input on a subject and / or the Sheriff or Fire Department needs to communicate important messages to large numbers of residents in a short period of time. For this reason, we are asking if a representative from your Home Owners Association would take a



couple of minutes to provide the Township with the contact information for your HOA officers. If your HOA has not yet responded, please visit the Township website at www.IndTwp.com, select the Department drop down, select Supervisor and then select the *Homeowner Association Board of Directors Update Form*. Complete the short on-line form, enter the security code as provided and hit **SUBMIT** at the bottom of the page. Your help in providing accurate contact information will be greatly appreciated.

Holiday Lights Contest

Join the holiday celebration by sending us photos of your holiday spirit!

This December spend time stringing lights and spreading Christmas cheer. Send in photos to enter the Holiday Lights Contest. Only one category to enter. One entry per family please. Once your "Holiday Cheer" is on display, send your photo to

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There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

This contest is **FREE!**

Deadline to enter is December 31st by midnight.

Winners will be announced the first week in January.



Holiday Fire Safety: The Life You Save May be Your Own



Lt. Don Herbert, Independence Fire Christmas Trees and Holiday Lights

The winter Holiday season should be a joyous time of year. However, certain types of fires and injuries associated with holiday decorating are much more common during this season.

Annually, between December 1 and January 15, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 230 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees. Home Christmas tree fires cause an average of four civilian deaths, 21 civilian injuries, and \$17.3 million in direct property damage. House fires started by Christmas trees are twice as likely to cause death compared to other common causes of home structure fires. Electrical failures or malfunctions were involved in one-third (31%) of the home Christmas tree structure fires. The risk of fire is higher with natural trees than artificial ones. Researchers found that dry natural trees burned easily, but trees that had been kept watered are unlikely to catch fire unintentionally.

Holiday lights and other decorative lighting with line voltage were involved in an average of 160 home structure fires during this same time period. These fires caused an average of nine civilian deaths, 13 civilian injuries, and \$9.0 million in direct property damage. Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in two-thirds (69%) of the fires involving holiday or decorative lights.

Independence Fire Department, and the National Fire Protection Association, recommends you keep your natural Christmas trees moist. This is best accomplished by making a ½ inch fresh cut on the trunk of the tree just prior to placing it in the stand. The stand should be filled with water immediately, and kept full for the entire time it is in the stand. All electrical lighting (low-voltage included) should be inspected prior to decorating, and replaced (not repaired) as deficiencies are found.

Candles

U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 11,640 home structure fires started by candles per year. These fires cause an annual average of 126 civilian deaths, 953 civilian fire injuries, and \$438 million in direct property damage. Candles caused 3% of the reported home fires, 5% of home fire deaths, 7% of home fire injuries, and 6% of direct property damage during this period.

On average, 32 home candle fires are reported per day. Thirty-five percent (35%) of home candle fires started in bedrooms. These fires caused 42% of the associated deaths and 45% of the associated injuries. More than half (56%) of the home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material was too close to the candle. Falling asleep was a factor in 11% percent of the home candle fires and 43% of the associated deaths. The top three days for candle home fires are Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve.

Independence Fire Department, and the National Fire Protection Association, recommends you keep candles at least twelve (12) inches away from anything that can burn. Candles should be blown out whenever you leave the room. Never allow children to play with candles, and keep candles from being placed in areas where they can easily be knocked over.

Consider the Safe Alternative -- Flameless Candles

A safe alternative to traditional wax candles are battery-powered LED candles. They come in a wide variety of shapes, colors, and scents and have a simulated flame in the shape of LED lights. Besides the safety factor of having no flame, they only cost marginally more than a traditional wax candle, and many have timers that will automatically shut off after a defined period of time.

Don't let the Grinch steal your Christmas

By Lt. Dirk Feneley
OCSD Station Commander

With the holidays fast approaching, the Sheriff's Office would like to offer a few reminders to help prevent theft:

Remember that thieves look for the easiest opportunity to get what they want. They are looking for the path of least resistance. When you're out shopping for those special gifts for your friends, loved ones, or your favorite Sheriff Deputy, there may be others looking to see what you have bought and waiting for the opportunity to take what you have. Upon placing items in your car, make sure you lock your car doors. *Always* lock your doors and *never* leave your items in plain sight. Thieves' are known to smash windows to get what they want.

Another popular theft is delivered packages being stolen from your porch, front or back door. If possible, have someone home if you are expecting a package. If that's not possible, arrange to have your items delivered to a trusting neighbor, loved one, or your work location if allowed.

Ladies, please keep an eye on your purse when shopping. It is best to keep your purse over your shoulder or around your body. Always be aware of your surroundings so people take notice. Remember there is safety in numbers...shop with a friend or two.

Of course we are not trying to frighten anyone. We are trying to prevent someone from taking advantage of you. If you follow these practices, you may prevent yourself from becoming a victim of the Grinch himself. And should you have the unfortunate experience of becoming a victim, do not hesitate to report the crime to the police agency *where the crime was committed*.

On behalf of the Independence Township Substation, we would like to thank you for your support, and we wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season!



Sometimes 'mistakes' are our best source of improvement ideas

By Paul A. Brown,
Treasurer

Over the past four years, we've made changes to summer and winter tax statements with every printing. For the most part, the changes have been intended to improve the communication of information. Many of the changes occur because of comments or questions from taxpayers.

For example, we receive calls regularly asking when different millage rates were voted on and when they end. The 2016 winter tax statements now included detailed information on each millage as part of the information on the back. Other changes have included designing the winter statements to put a notification on the bill, if any summer taxes are still owed.

Sometimes, we learn how to make improvements by learning from our mistakes. The 2016 winter tax bill is a good example. After mailing out statements, we received a call from a taxpayer questioning their tax bill because the detailed tax amounts did not equal the total at the bottom. We quickly learned that a new millage approved by Lake Orion Schools and added to the taxes of residents in the northeast corner of the Township was not showing up in the detail section. It turns out that our tax bill was designed to show 10 lines of millage amounts. We added an eleventh in the computer, but it didn't print in the detail section, even though the total tax was correct.

It was an easy fix to modify the report, but as we were reviewing the tax bills we reprinted to show the missing millage, we realized another mistake staring right back at us. The millage we approved for the Fire Department in August became one line item vs. the two lines we are used to seeing. The tax bills were printed showing two lines for the Fire Millage. The total tax levied is correct, but we should have combined them and shown them on one line. We discussed making a correction and reprinting all the tax bills, but given that it would not have changed to total taxes due, we decided that spending \$7,000 to print and mail new statements just to show one line would not be a good use of tax dollars.

As I pointed out, a good time to make improvements is when you make mistakes. With the mistakes above, we figured out that we can design a report that we can run prior to printing tax statements which will allow us to balance those totals against the millage authorization forms used to input the tax rates. We are confident that this report will tell us immediately if something is not entered correctly and it will sure beat adding up every line on every tax bill. This report is now a part of our process.

If you have any question about your tax bills, we would really appreciate receiving a call from you. You might just provide us with the next great idea to improve our tax statements. You can reach me at 248-625-5115.

When the stars align just right, miracles can happen

By Kate Konczal,
Building Department

Merriam-Webster defines Predestination as "the belief that everything that will happen has already been decided by fate and cannot be changed."

There have been very few times in my life where I have been rendered speechless. Totally, utterly and shockingly speechless. Thursday, November 10 was one of those times and I believe predestination had something to do with it.

I had just written an article for *The Township Times* about an elderly man and woman driving in a vehicle I pulled up to. Their car had World War II Veteran stickers adhered to the rear hatch. In the article, I described this day dream I was pulled into and concluded with why it is important to always remember our Veterans. The piece was of a personal nature and I never once imagined how a few words would turn my life into an emotional whirlwind.

On Wednesday, the November 9 edition of *The Clarkston News* (which contained my article) began to land in homes.

On Thursday, November 10, while sitting at my desk in the Building Department, I went to answer a phone call like I do 50 times a day.

"Good Afternoon, Building Department"

"Hello" said the voice on the other end. "Is there a Kate Konczal in your department?"

"This is Kate."

"Kate, my name is Steve Kennedy and you put a picture of my car in the newspaper."

I was instantly speechless and fumbled for words as though I was giving my first speech in high school. The volume of my voice increased, my heart started beating a little faster and I had what some would diagnose as "perma-grin." As my conversation progressed, I learned the inspiration of my article did in fact reside in Independence Township and, as you can imagine, was quite surprised when he saw a picture of his vehicle in the newspaper.

We chatted for a few more minutes, I thanked him for the call and the conversation came to an end. After hanging up, I jumped out of my seat anxious to share my experience with anyone who would listen.

The next day, Friday, November 11, was Veteran's Day. Dressed in a United States Marine Corps baseball jersey, I headed to work (excited it was Friday), still energized from the previous day's events. I wasn't at my desk 20 minutes when a gentleman appeared at the counter wearing a World War II Veteran's cap. He politely said "I am looking for Kate?" Absolutely dumbfounded I replied, "You found her, are you Mr. Kennedy?"

Sure enough, he was standing right in front of me. I quickly left my chair to run around the counter and in mid-step asked if I could please give him a hug. He opened his arms and I dove right in, not for a moment considering

if I was making a spectacle of myself because I honestly, did not care.

We stood at the counter for some time chatting. He had his beautiful wife, Barbara, with him (I hugged her, too) and they were out and about enjoying some of the acknowledgements of Veteran's Day by local businesses. They stopped in to not only meet me in person but to graciously thank me for "my kind heart" and the beautiful article that has deeply touched their entire family.

While standing at the counter, I learned he was in fact stationed in the Pacific Theater with stops on Saipan, Guam, Okinawa and Nagasaki. After the war he pursued his education in Economics, became a husband and together with his wife, Barbara, raised a large family that included not only their children, but multiple foster children and the selfless adoption of a special needs child. His career in business was vast and retired as a Senior Executive with Crowley's Department Store in 1989.

The visit ended with more hugs and a promise to stay in contact along with a feeling inside myself of total euphoria. When I got home that evening I sat with my husband at our kitchen table and cried

like a baby. There were so many things I wanted to say but could only come up with, "I think this man has changed my life forever." My husband simply smiled and held my hand.

On Monday afternoon when I got back in the office after lunch, there was something waiting for me on my computer keyboard. Mr. Kennedy had stopped while I was out and left me his World War II Veteran hat with his Division pin fastened to it. This priceless gift that has been given to me is from a man who can be described in one word. Magnificent.

This man was introduced to me because of a few stickers on the back of a car. He had no name, I had no idea where on Earth he lived and figured there had to be little chance he would actually see my article, right? Wrong.

Somehow everything seamlessly fell into place. Lunch breaks were taken at the right time, *The Township Times* printed in the right week, the correct eyes read the article and two people with more than 53 years separating them unknowingly became a part of each other's lives.

The opportunity to share a few words in a newspaper has resulted in the greatest gift I could have ever hoped for. Not only was I able to acknowledge a large group of people who often feel forgotten, but I met and befriended a man whose life story has enriched my own life in a profound way. I have been reminded why it is so important to say thank you, how a simple smile can positively alter someone's day, good things are ALWAYS possible and no matter how young or old you feel, there are people in this world just waiting to become your friend. Whether they know it yet or not.



Grads find Old School inspiration

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Two homegrown Clarkstonites recently created a Clarkston "Old School" T-shirt design paying homage to the old Clarkston High School, which has since become the Clarkston Junior High School.

John Bates, one of the creators, said designing tees has been a growing hobby for a few years and he keeps all the designs Michigan based. "Old School" has become the most popular design.

"I've been an artist my whole life. I started T-shirts a few years ago - new branch of art," Bates said. "There's a lot you can do with not only the Detroit aspect but the Michigan mitten - there's endless possibilities."

Jeff Loveless, who collaborates with Bates on the tees, said they were hanging out when they came up with the "Old School" design a little over a month ago and people wanted it.

"A lot of people have those old memories now are coming back. It's been a long enough time they look back with fond memories on the school," Loveless said, "If you know the school it's got such a weird design - it has the flying buttresses and stuff that you just don't see anymore."

Samantha Hardenburgh, a former classmate of Bates and Loveless, bought a tee for herself, even though she's since relocated to Grand Rapids.

"For me, it mixes a funny design with nostalgia. The class of 1998 was the last class to graduate from the 'old high school' and so it holds a special place in our hearts," Hardenburgh said.

Bates said he got the idea of making tees from an co-worker.

"He said a lot of people don't want art on their walls anymore. They want to wear art and it just sparked the idea of 'Hey, maybe T-shirts' and it kind of took off. It wasn't until this design that it actually took off," Bates said. "I think what sparked this idea

was the talk of keeping it local. We wanted something not only Michigan we want to start from the roots of where we're comfortable and what makes us happy."

Loveless said they make T-shirts they want to wear and figure if they want to wear the designs other people probably do, too.

"One of my friends bought it and he said 'the shirt just makes me smile.' I thought it was perfect. It's what we want - a shirt that makes you smile," he said.

Currently the shirts are selling on Etsy under BaterDesigns and Loveless said they're going to be sold at The Gateway on North Main Street.

"Whenever you buy a T-shirt, any T-shirt on the site, \$3 is going to be going towards philanthropic organizations. this month it's the boosters. We have Habitat for Humanity Clarkston lined up to do a month. Every month we're going to be doing a different organization," Loveless said, adding they are trying to get the whole community to give back.

Hardenburgh said she gave them a way to connect with their first fundraising group, the Class of 1998.

"I knew the Class of '98 was going to start fundraising for our 20-year reunion very soon, so I commented on Jeff's Facebook post connecting him (and John) with the '98 Reunion Committee," she said. "They were so positive and enthusiastic about the idea of supporting future reunions, and agreed immediately."

Despite the shirts being localized, Loveless and Bates have had several orders from out-of-state, such as California and Florida. They said many people find out about the shirts through Facebook and message them asking about how to get the tee.

"It's sparking a future idea - trying to see where everybody's ended up as far as Clarkston," Bates said. "We want to see how far we can get old school to go and where everybody is."



Jeff Loveless, at left, and John Bates use their high school, now Clarkston Junior High, as inspiration for "Old School" T-shirt design. Photo by Jessica Steeley

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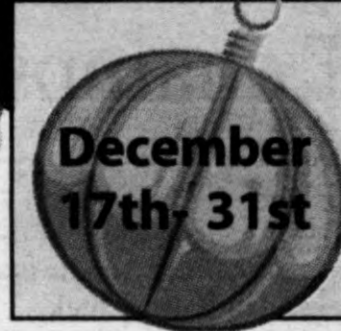


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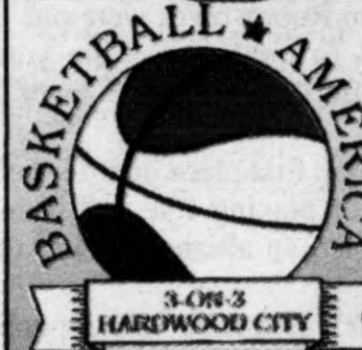


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Clarkston Jr RUSH6, middle is Bloomfield Hills No Limits, right side is Clarkston Robowolves. Photos provided

FIRST champs

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston First Tech Challenge FIRST robotics teams are heading to the state playoffs this weekend in Battle Creek.

The Clarkston Robowolves were one of the first teams to qualify for the state competition while they were at a meet in Marysville.

They finished in first place out of a field of 36 teams after playing five qualifying matches. Then, led an alliance to win the competition.

"It's awesome," said Dale Schnepf, one of the mentors for the Robowolves. "It's a great opportunity. The kids are excited. The mentors are excited. We played in Marysville a couple weeks ago and took first place that's how we qualified for states."

The object of this year's game is to shoot whiffle balls into the hoppers, which are baskets. They also lift larger balls into the hoppers while four robots, two red robots and two blue robots, are out in the field.

The teams also get points for pushing buttons on the beacons, which are pads on the outer edge of the field. Pushing the button lights up the pad randomly to blue or red light.

Schnepf explained the first 30 seconds of the game is when the teams score a lot of their points.

Recently all five of the Clarkston First Tech Challenge FIRST robotics teams, from sixth through eighth grade, competed at FTC competition in Howell with 31 other teams, Dec. 3.

"It is really cool to have so many Clarkston teams there," said Kyle Hughes, coach and mentor for Team RUSH 27, the high school's robotics team.

"Having five teams is pretty high for a school system," Schnepf added. "I don't know any other school system who has that many."

Each team played five qualifying matches. Teams Jr RUSH6, No. 7693; rookie team Clarkston Grease Wolves, No. 11637; Clarkston Robowolves, No. 10016, finished in fifth, sixth and seventh place.



Clarkston Robowolves, from left in back, mentors Judy Haas, mentor, Chris Kurman Haas, Mike Kaufman, Ben Haas, mentor Matt McCleese; in front, Dale Schnepf, mentor Collica, Robby Spencer, Annie Hubl, Audrey DeKoninck, Leyna Weir, Valen Kurmaniak, Kar mentor, Meghan Finnerty; in front, Kyle Kaufman, Jenna McCleese and Tori Saylor.



Jr RUSH6 team, in front row, Levi Moore, Braedon Groff, Nico Cifani; back row, Patrick Z coach, Gabe Puzio, Nolan Gergar, Jacob Draksler, Jacob Zelinski, Evan Bennett and Ma co-coach at Howell. Not pictured, Connor Spitznas and Ethan Haiss.

The success for Jr RUSH 6 qualified them for state playoffs.

Jr RUSH6 and Robowolves were selected by the second ranked team No Limits, No. 8593, to form an alliance for the playoffs.

"The playoffs were intense with each team winning one match," Schepp shared. "Fortunately they prevailed and won the final match making them the Howell Qualifying Winning Alliance."

The Clarkson Crew, No. 7688, was selected by the fourth ranked team for the semi-finals. The alliance was eliminated during the playoffs.

Over 50 in FTC move on to the state competition and win awards.

David Gerst, a mentor, explained this year there are 60 wild card spots for the world

competition. "Our ratio is pretty year," he added.

Schnepf and Gerst added this had more females participate with percentage across all five teams, a goal to have more females involved in robotics teams and engineering.

"It's a direct effect of Girl Scout Scouts," said Gerst. "They get engineering with the Holiday Light. It allows younger kids to get engineering badges. Even though robots we are more about building into adults."

Schnepf added a special thank RUSH 27 for providing a works hardware, laptops and mentoring for the Clarkston FTC teams.

Memories endure of family, friends, farming

Second in a series on the families who helped build Clarkston and the descendants who still live here, carrying on their legacy.

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

George Miller, a 19th century settler of Independence Township, has several descendants still living in the area.

George White is a sixth generation descendent of the settler, and Charlotte Maybee is a fifth generation descendent.

"His mother and my mother were Millers," Maybee said. "George is my cousin. We had good times."

Growing up, White would visit her and other relatives with his parents.

"Life was different back then. Nothing was open on Sunday. That was a day for church and visiting relatives. We were continuously visiting family," he said. "That connectiveness has been lost because of the changing ways we do things."

Their ancestor George Miller, 1801-1881, settled in the township in the early 1830s. At the time of his death in 1882, he owned 300 acres of farm land, and was known as a successful farmer and stock raiser.

"I had a sense we went back quite a ways, but it didn't impact me until later – when I started researching it five or six years ago, it was really interesting," White said. "For the early settlers, the area was primarily agricultural. In 1860, it was all farms. By the 1970s, there were only a couple farmers left, Bob Beardslee and my uncle (also named George Miller)."

Both White and Maybee helped out at their family farms when they were little.

"I've had an affinity for farms since I was 5-6 – I'd spent weekends and summers at my uncle and grandmother's farm," White said. "My grandmother would go into town for groceries and pick me up. I'd help on the farm, feed the calves, drive the tractor."

His uncle farmed until the mid 1970s and passed away in 1986. The Miller family farmhouse is still on Pine Knob Road north of Bailey Lake Elementary, though the farm area is now subdivided into neighborhoods.

"One barn is still in good shape," he said.

He remembers stories from his uncle about the hard work on a farm.

"It's amazing to look back at the farm of the '30s and '40s," he said. "No combines, they'd have threshing machines go from farm to farm – neighbors were working together."

His uncle George had a pair of mules for farming.

"It was extremely physical and demanding," White said. "They had no electricity on the farm until 1935. For their dairy operations, they'd cool milk with running water. I don't know how they did it. Everything they did was without electricity. We don't know how to function without flipping a switch. That was the way they lived."



George White has fond memories of helping out on the Miller family farm. Photo by Phil Custodio

Maybee would help out on her family farm during hay time, when they would work to store baled hay in the barn.

"Seasonal things like that," she said. "We had a baler, and dad bought an elevator. I would flip bales onto the elevator. We'd get through the hay season without too much difficulty."

Threshing time was always fun, she remembers.

"We have work crew of farmer friends over, which always meant big dinners – it was so exciting," she said. "The best part was there was room at the table for me, to sit with the men. That was living."

Maybee Road is named after her family, but that wasn't a big deal growing up, Charlotte said.

"We weren't into family names and popularity and that kind of thing," she said.

Families didn't lobby for naming rights, she said.

"When Detroit Edison was wiring the area with electricity, they needed street names, so they named a lot of the streets after the pioneer families," she said. "We were busy just eking out an existence."

Charlotte is the great great granddaughter of John Maybee, who settled in Independence Township from New Jersey in the 1840s.

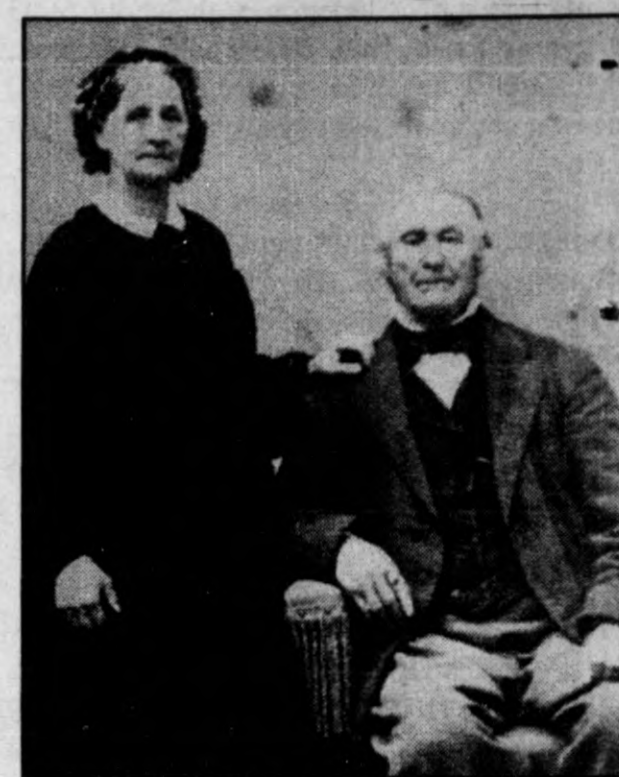
"I visited New Jersey 20 years ago – I was curious about where we came from," she said. "It was the worst farming country I have ever seen."

She remembers coming to downtown Clarkston on weekends.

"Clarkston was where we went Saturday nights for groceries and news of what was going on," Charlotte said. "It was small. Everybody knew everybody."

White remembers heading downtown on Fridays.

"We'd get dressed up and come into



George and Mary Miller helped settle Independence Township in the 1830s, and their descendants still live here.



The Bailey Lake Elementary School student body, probably 1929-1930, including George White's uncle George Miller and mother Martha.

town," he said. "They'd show movies on the wall up on the second floor. It was interesting, the way kids functioned."

For fun, they would play card games and sing songs, he said.

"No video games. It was a different way of interacting and communicating," he said. "When I was growing up, I remember getting together with neighbors to play cards. That's unheard of today. Just a different way of socializing."

Family research allows the current generation to look back and see where their family came from, to see the big picture, said White, who is putting together a compilation of genealogical materials for his children and

grandchildren.

"It's important for people to understand where we came from, all the interactions of the families," he said. "We're such a social melting pot."

It's enjoyable and important to have that understanding, he said.

"For people to see the consequences of early settlers, how they evolved over time and how families stayed here and made Independence Township their home," he said.

The Clarkston News and Tom Stone, longtime resident and genealogist, are highlighting every month local families who have lived in the area for at least 100 years.

Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, Dec. 16, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Clarkston High School, 6093 Fleming Road; Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Sunday

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway behind Pete's Coney. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

Monday

Meditation Class and Intuitive Exercise, Reiki practitioners welcome, Monday, Dec. 19, 7-9 p.m., \$25, Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. 248-505-8010.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grocery Store Class, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., smart shopping for wallet and diet, at Kroger store, Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. Group tours, \$20. Private classes by appointment, \$80/person. 248-625-5143.

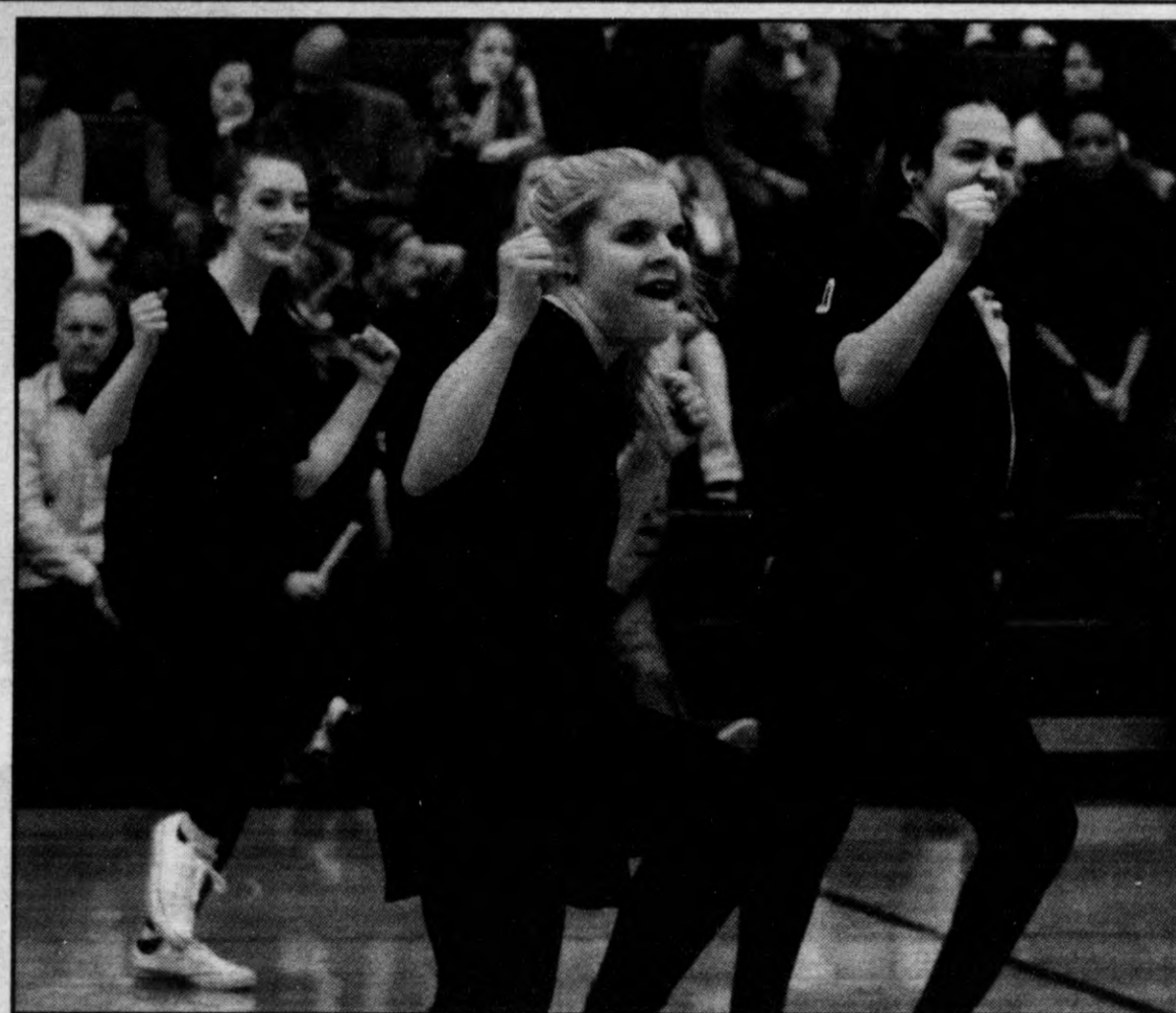
Indoor Pickleball, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9-11:30 a.m., all skills, \$3 drop in; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., experienced and competitive, \$4 drop in, First Congregations Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Call Mary, 248-625-8231.

Tuesday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost

Around Town

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



WINTER DANCE: Kristen Cumming and the Clarkston Varsity Dance team perform during the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team's home opener last Friday. The Lady Wolves next competition is at the Palace of Auburn Hills, January 21. They will perform at the high school again next Thursday when the Wolves host Ann Arbor Skyline, 7 p.m. *Photo by Wendi Reardon Price*

a loved one, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m. Topic: "Emptiness After the Holidays." Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Free. 248-625-5231.

Caregiver Support Group, Tuesdays, Nov. 22 and Dec. 20, 7 p.m. senior center in Clintonwood Park. Guided by Dr. Thomas K. Stone, retired professor and former licensed counselor. 248-625-8231.

Community Sing, second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dec. 14, Honcho's, 3 E. Church; Jan. 11, The Gateway; Feb. 8, Conservatory. Led by experienced musicians. No fee, just join in and sing.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence

District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-909-3920.

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

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

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

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

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

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Walt, 248-922-9090.

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

Mindful-Based Eating, four class series to help establish healthier, more balanced and positive relationship to eating and health, Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nuview Nutrition, 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. \$140. RSVP by Jan. 3, 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

Community Sing, second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Dec. 14, Honcho's, 3 E. Church; Jan. 11, The Gateway; Feb. 8, Conservatory. Led by experienced musicians. No fee, just join in and sing.

Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, north of I-75, www.clarkstonoptimist.org

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

Thursday

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

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

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HEY CLARKSTON! WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?

SANTA & HIS REINDEER

Monday, December 19 6-8 pm
Santa is coming to the library! Help us get ready for him by making some Christmas-y crafts and snacks! Then hang out to see if you can catch the bearded man arriving upon his sleigh!



Morning Coloring Club

Tuesday, Nov. 15 10:30 am
Feeling a little stressed? Color your way to calm at the library. Ages 18 and over, all materials will be provided. Registration required.

ONE-ON-ONE TECHNOLOGY HELP

Need help learning technology? We can help you learn how to use a computer, smart phone, tablet, e-reader and more. Sign up for a one on one 45 minute session today!

Religion

Events Preaching

Importance of Gospel at Christmas

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we are reminded of the wonderful truths of the gospel.

The Apostle Paul wrote, "*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost*" (1 Timothy 1:15). Christmas is about Christ's miraculous birth to provide salvation for the world (John 3:16).

The Bible makes it clear there are three important ingredients of the Gospel. I use the word ingredients because just as it takes several ingredients to bake something, so it takes all these ingredients for a person to be a Christian.

Knowledge – In order for a person to have saving faith they must have knowledge of the gospel. They must understand they are a sinner standing in hostility to God because of their sin.

They must understand the punishment for sin is an eternity spent separated from God in the Lake of Fire. They must understand, in love, God sent his Son to this earth to live the sinless life that they could not live and die the sacrificial death that they deserved to die.

He died in the place of sinners. Three days later he rose from the dead before ascending to the right hand of his Father where he intercedes for believers. In order to become a Christian one must know the facts about the gospel. But knowing facts is not enough to save a person.

Assent – One must assent to or agree they are true. It is one thing to know the facts about a historical Jesus, but it is a completely different thing to believe they are true. In order to agree with the gospel

one must agree the truths of the gospel apply to them.

If one knows the facts about the gospel and agrees they are true, all that does is qualify them to be a demon: James 2:9 says "*The demons believe—and shudder.*"

In some sense the faith of demons is better than the dead faith to which the book of James refers. At least the demons have enough sense to fear God for who He is.

At least they exercise some sort of response. But too many people sit comfortably in their mere profession of faith with no fear of the holiness of God.

Unreserved Trust – The third ingredient of saving faith is unreserved trust. Unreserved trust is an act of the will where a person turns from their sin and decides to trust in Christ alone for salvation.

It is no longer a mere head knowledge of the gospel, it is a willful clinging to Christ as ones only hope for salvation.

In a way, saving faith is like a prescription a doctor might recommend. You can know facts about the prescription, and you can even believe the prescription will restore your health, but unless you actually take the medicine, it won't benefit you.

Likewise, knowledge of and agreement with the gospel will only benefit you if you turn from your sin and put your trust in Christ.

Perhaps you have agreed with the facts of the gospel, but you've never come to the place where you have turned from your sin and made a willful choice to cling to Christ for your salvation.

If this is you, please understand you will not be saved from sin until you call on the Lord to save you from your sin. Will you do that today?

The Rev. Joey McNally is senior pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church.

Spiritual Matters



Joey McNally

In our local churches...

Bible study of the story of Jacob, Mondays, 10 a.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner, classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Call 248-625-3288 or check www.calvaryinfo.org

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. Call 248-625-4644 for information.

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(248) 625-2325
Reverend Heather Barta
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5972 Paramus, Clarkston
(248) 625-3380
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Pastor: Russell Reemtsma
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& Adult Bible Fellowship
10:30 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
Wed: 6:15-8:00 pm
AWANA (Pre-school-Gr.6)
Semper Fi (Teens, Gr. 7-12)

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston
(248) 625-1323
Pastor: Greg Henneman
Sunday Worship:
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Nursery Care at both services
Children's Ministries: September thru
April Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Student Ministries:
September thru April
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday,
3:00-8:00 p.m.
www.clarkstoncommunity.com

CALVARY LUTHERAN (ELCA) CHURCH

Clarkston Campus
6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston
248-625-3288
Pastor Jonathan A. Heierman
Sunday Worship:
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9:30 & 11:00 am
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12:30 pm
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(248) 627-3072
www.cs-lc.org
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Adult Sunday School 9:00 am
Children's Church 10:00 am
Adult Sunday School and Children's Church

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston
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Rev. Charlie Hall
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
Dream Keepers Youth Group
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Bible Study
March - May and Sept. - Nov.
www.fcclarkston.com

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6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston
(248) 625-1611
Website: www.clarkstonumc.org
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am
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Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman
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11:00 am Sunday School for all ages
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Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & Adult Bible Study
Nursery available for all services.

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Call Church for times of following Meetings:
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Women's Bible Study
Mid Week Bible Study
Adult Sunday Morning Bible Studies
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(248) 858-2577

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8400 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston
Website - www.waypoint.org
(248) 623-1224
Sunday Worship:
9:45 am & 11:00 am
Mom Squad:
Tues. 9:30-11:30 am Childcare provided
Wednesday:
Family Life Group 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm

Death notices & Obituaries

Brian A. Black, 66

Brian A. Black of Fenton passed away Dec. 8, 2016, at age 66.

He was the loving father of Heather (Kermit) Black Rodriguez, Christine Black and Raymond (Alicia) Black; proud Papa of Cole, Rayne and Remington; beloved son of Cleo and the late Ray Black.



Brian retired from General Motors. He enjoyed playing music and was a proud member of the Flaming Pistons Car Club.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Georgiale Lovse, 83

Georgiale Lovse of Waterford passed away Dec. 5, 2016, at age 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred, and siblings, John and Sharron Anderson. She was the loving mother of Tammy, Ted (Spring) Lovse, Lisa Hays, Gregory (Michelle) Lovse and Susan (Christopher) Dinnan; devoted grandma of Erica, Aaron, Jason, Jared, Jake, Isabella, Genie, Christina, Olivia, Dalton, Addison, Keegan and Graeme; also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



Georgiale was a dedicated teacher of 41 years in the Bloomfield Hills School District with a Masters Degree from Michigan State University.

Visitation was Dec. 9 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Dec. 10 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries
posted daily at
Clarkstonnews.com

Katie Gebrowsky, 97

Katie M. Gebrowsky of Waterford passed away Dec. 6, 2016, at age 97.

She was preceded in death by her husband Constantine "Gus" and sons Frank and Daniel. She was the mother of Gerry (Midge) Gebrowsky and Debbie (Marshall) Peterson; grandmother of Steve (Dena) Gebrowsky and Amber (the late Andrew) Coalson; great grandmother of Mia and Elin.

Funeral service was Dec. 8 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Oakland Hills Cemetery. Memorials may be made to MI Humane Society. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Seavey, 90

Marjorie Newton (Beardslee) Seavey, 90, of Clarkston, beloved wife of Charles William Seavey entered the presence of her Lord Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2016, at Bridgewater Center for Nursing, in Binghamton, New York.

She was born June 5, 1926 in Buffalo, New York, the daughter of the late Clark Smith and Doris Mansfield (Newton) Beardslee and grew up in Kenmore, New York. She was a graduate of the Kenmore High School, Kenmore, New York, Class of 1944, and Denison University, Granville, Ohio, Class of 1948 where she received her degree in Music and won multiple awards for piano performance. She was married to Charles William Seavey on June 28, 1952.

As a born again Christian, Marjorie had three great loves: her Lord, her family and her music. Her strong faith in God was supported by her devotion to prayer through any of life's circumstances. Her love and dedication for her family led her to do all she could, to provide every opportunity for her children to be successful at whatever they desired to achieve. And her love for music led her to accept her first and only place of employment as a music teacher in the West Bloomfield School District, where for 36 years, she taught thousands of children, leading choirs, and producing multiple competitive vocal ensembles which achieved state recognition. She also shared her gifts in music as the choir director of six churches, and taught piano privately to numerous children during the later years of her musical career.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Charles Clark and Debbie Seavey of Leesburg, Florida; daughter and son-in-law, Wendy Suzanne and Tony Butters of Ada, Michigan; son and daughter-in-law Christopher Vaughn and Kim Seavey of Endicott, New York; eleven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four nieces. A memorial service will be announced and celebrated at a later date. Burial will be private at Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Michigan. For online condolences please visit www.cookcares.com/listings.



VET HONORED: State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston greets Pearl Harbor survivor Don Bloomfield, 95, of Midland, on the House floor, Dec. 7. Bloomfield, who was a 20-year-old soldier on Oahu when the bombing occurred, was given a special tribute and introduced on the House floor before receiving a standing ovation. "It's an honor to be able to meet with heroes like Mr. Bloomfield," said Rep. Tedder. "Not only is this a day to remember the lives lost in the attack on Pearl Harbor, it is a day to honor those who survived, and thank them for their courage in the line of duty."

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

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

50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

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

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

248-673-5540.

Friday

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

Saturday

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

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

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; **McLaren Hospice**, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County**, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3911. **Service With Love**, RSVP of Oakland County. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.

Chief Pontiac 19U baseball club back in the hunt

American Legion Baseball has a rich and long tradition. It's the largest and oldest nationwide amateur baseball program in America and Independence Township carries the tradition in the area with Chief Pontiac Post 377.

Since 1925, millions of players have played ALB with over 50 percent of Major League Baseball players having played Legion ball. Similarly nearly 80 percent of all college players played Legion baseball.

It's no surprise this year's World Series and the 2016 MLB Awards were dominated by former ALB players.

The 2016 World Series saw numerous former ALB players leave their mark on one

the most notable seven-game series in history, including players like Kris Bryant, Travis Wood, Jason Kipnis, and Rajai Davis.

Clarkston's American Legion team is Chief Pontiac Post 377, it also has a rich and lengthy tradition. Since the 1960s Chief Pontiac has participated in the ALB program. Post 377 has a winning tradition with dozens of league, district, zone, and two state championships.

Over the years, Chief Pontiac has helped place over 200 players into college baseball programs and a number of players into professional baseball including Waterford's Kirk Gibson and Clarkston's Steve Howe.

Chief Pontiac Baseball General Manager

Doug Brady said the level of play in American Legion baseball is outstanding

"It may be the best summer baseball program choice for high school and college freshman who want to play at the next level," he added.

Bob Eggert, an American Legion District 18 chairman, Michigan Zone 3 baseball chairman, member of the State Baseball Committee and chairman of Chief Pontiac Baseball Committee, said Chief Pontiac always has a great group of players representing their post and the community well.

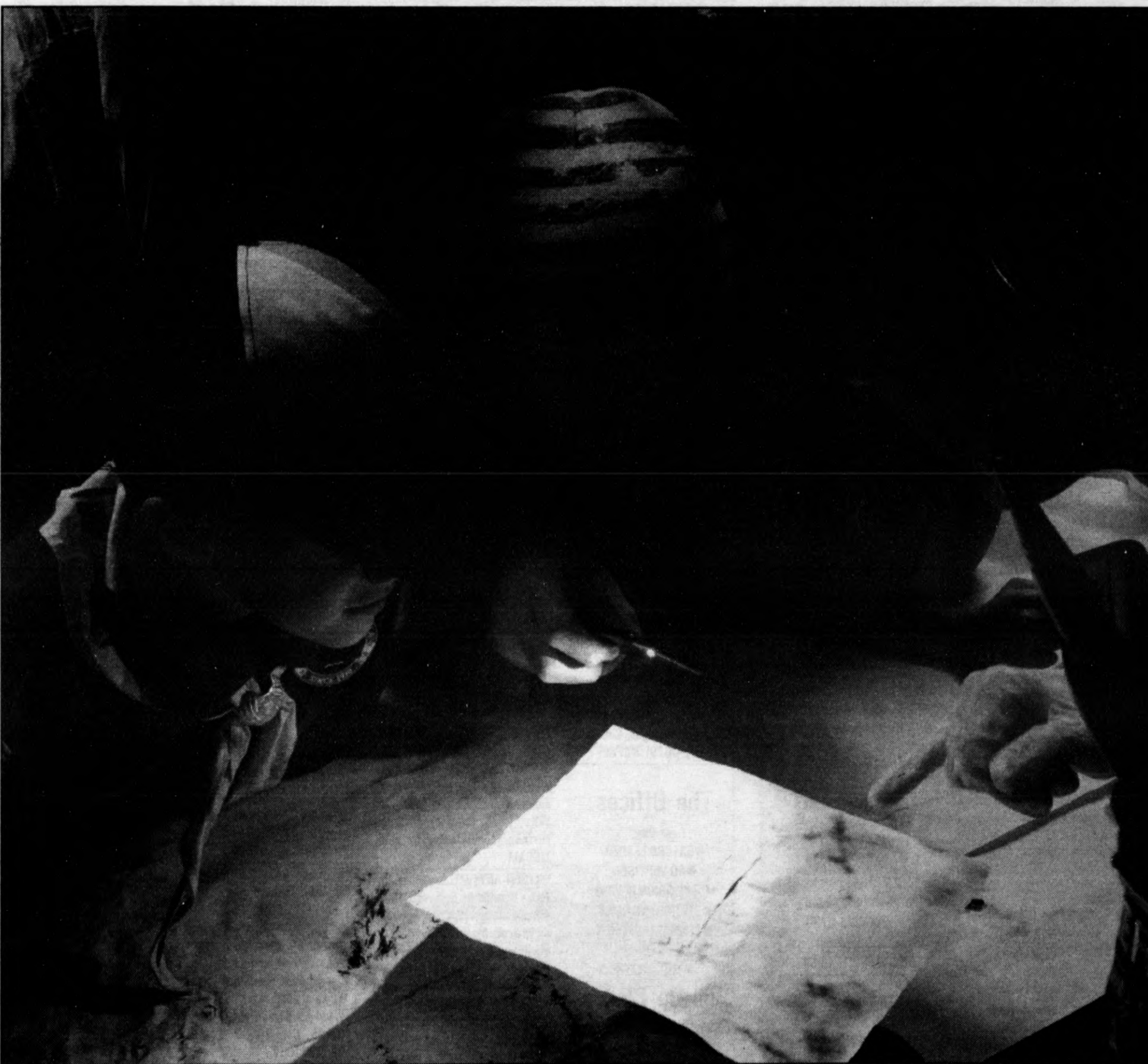
"They play a competitive schedule with their home games at Chief Pontiac, one the

best fields in the area," said Eggert. "It's one of the most respected legion programs in the state. This year's team is shaping up but I know they are still looking for a few players"

He added, "I love baseball and have so many fond memories of great games played at Chief Pontiac. In 2010 and 2013, we hosted the American Legion State Tournament. The tournaments are one of the most heavily scouted tournaments in the state."

Chief Pontiac is currently recruiting players for the 2017. To schedule a private tryout with Chief Pontiac, please contact Scott Cooper at 248-933-3368 or Scottcooper1@gmail.com.

— Scott Cooper



POLICE SCOUTS: Boy Scout Pack 341 from Bailey Lake Elementary visited the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township substation on Dec. 7. "They had a wonderful visit," said pack mom Shelly Maxwell Vanvelzen. "They were so welcoming and gladly helped the boys learn about forensics. I want to thank our local law enforcement for all their help in educating the local community!" Photo provided

Varsity bowling

Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling competed in the OAA Singles tournament. AJ Speer led our bowlers, shooting 193, 230, 258 for a 681 series to qualify third, Dec. 3.

Justin Evans shot 219, 279, 182 for a 680 series to qualify fourth. The top eight qualified for the match play rounds. Both Speer and Evans won their first round matches then lost in the final four to finish in a tie for third place.

Sean Furness finished ninth with a 651 series; Drew Sagowitz, tenth with a 645 series; with good games from Ryan Little, 227; Emerson Stuver, 204; and Jake Phelps, 196.

For the girls varsity bowling team, Raegan Barker game of 162. Hannah Allen also had a good day with games of 178 and 171. Kayla Yenshaw good game of 210. Hannah Turk had a game of 212 and qualified 8th. Went on to the qualifying round and lost to Emily Zalenko 178-200.

The Lady Wolves bowled two baker games and two single games against Berkley, 30-0. The two baker games were 129 and 169 for total 298 for their first baker game.

In the single games, Raegan Baker bowled games of 111 and 113 for a total of 224. Ashley Elinski, first time bowler, bowled 99 and 104, 203. Hannah Allen bowled her personal best 198 and 133, 331. Kayla Yenshaw bowled 187 and 170, 357. Hannah Turk bowled 212 and a high of 238 for a team high total of 438.

The boys meet against Berkley, was cancelled.

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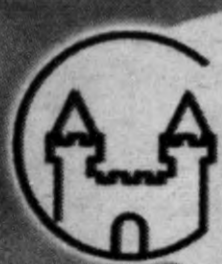
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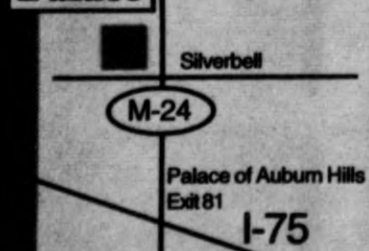
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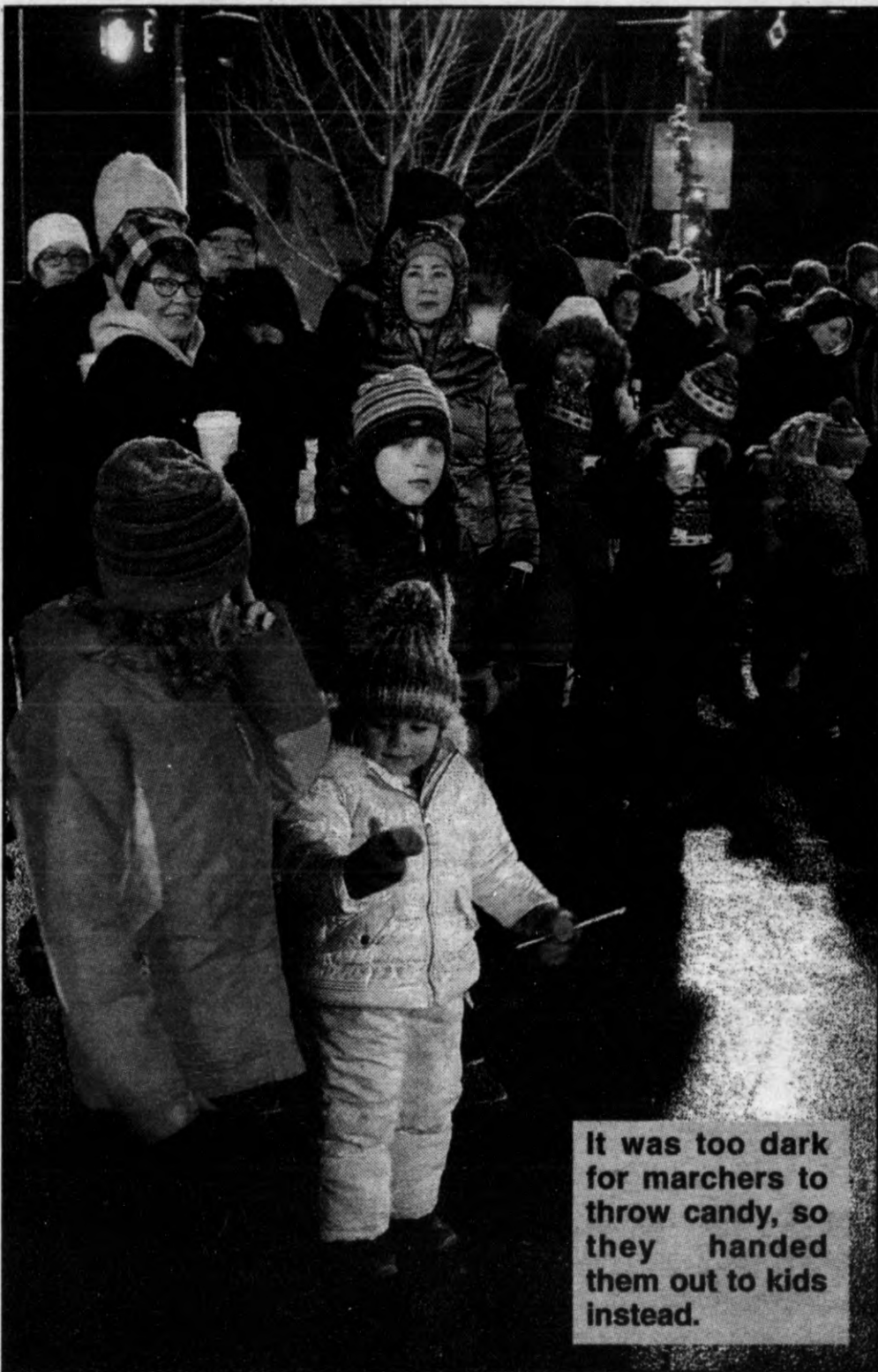
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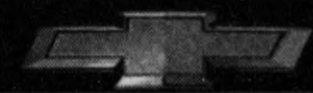
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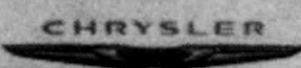
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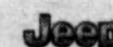
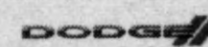
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