

Fights back against armed robbers

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

Dan Chiappelli was open for business Monday morning despite being shot in the back Saturday during an armed robbery of his Dixie Highway shop, Clarkston Jewelry Outlet.

"It just grazed me," said Chiappelli, 51, who still had fragments from the gunshot in his back, and was also pistol whipped during the robbery, Dec. 17. "I've got to make a living. My daughter needs a Christmas. I don't have millions in the bank. All my money's in the cases here. I've got to work."

After being shot, Chiappelli, who served in the U.S. Army Military Police, chased the two robbers in his pickup truck.

He drove northbound on Dixie Highway, and east on White Lake Road where he saw the suspects in a vehicle stopped at the entrance to Lakeview Cemetery, and attempted to block the vehicle in.

One of the suspects got out of the car and fired 2-3 rounds at

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Chiappelli, missing him. The former MP then rammed the suspects' car with his pickup, stopping the suspects from leaving.

"I rammed them as hard as I could," he said. "I didn't want them to get away and rob someone else, or murder someone."

Oakland County Sheriffs deputies caught one of the suspects, a 48-yearold Detroit man with an extensive criminal history and currently on parole. He was armed with a loaded Ruger 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

Oakland County Sheriff's Office would not release the suspect's identity, Tuesday, because it was an open case. On the OCSO website Oakgov.com's listings of jail inmates is a 48-year-old Detroit man booked on Dec. 17 into Oakland County Jail for attempted murder and armed robbery of a business, 52-2 District Court in Clarkston, but he had not yet been arraigned by press time, Tuesday.

A call to Undersheriff Michael McCabe to confirm the suspect's

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Dan Chiappelli, a former MP in the U.S. Army, chased down two armed men after they robbed his store.





Rush for president

Here's hoping you

and yours have a

Don Rush, assistant publisher for *The Clarkston News*, was elected the new president of Community Papers of Michigan (CPM), a statewide trade association.

"Don Rush is an excellent choice to lead our association," said CPM Executive Director Jack Guza. "Don has

been a Board Member of CPM for the past four years, and is a true believer in the power of print, in particular, c o m m u n i t y newspapers."

CPM recently conducted their election of Board Officers, electing Rush to serve as president to lead the association for a



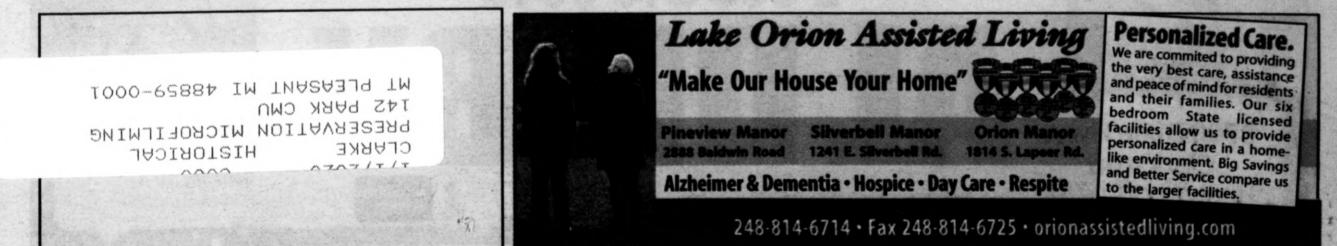
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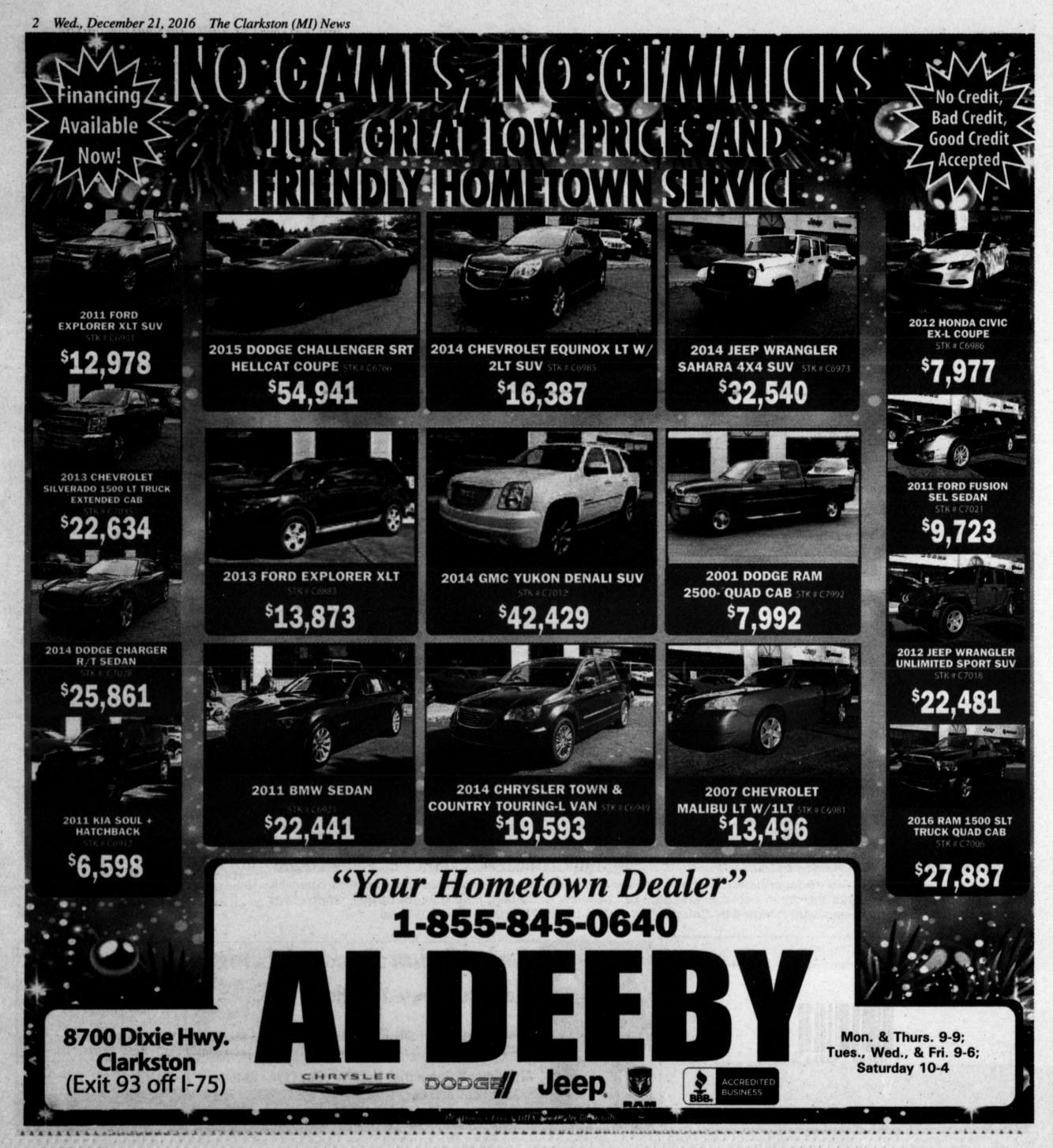
three-year term. The election took place during CPM's final board meeting of 2016, conducted at the Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center located on the Michigan State University Campus, East Lansing.

Rush, a 1981 Clarkston High School graduate, is assistant publisher of Sherman Publications, Inc. (S.P.I.) based in Oxford and oversees day-to-day operations at S.P.I.'s office in Clarkston. Sherman Publications publishes four community newspapers, *The Clarkston*

Sheriff's Detectives from the Independence Township Substation and Detectives from the Sheriff's Special Investigation Unit investigate the crash scene at the gate to Lakeview Cemetery, 6:45 p.m., Saturday, where two jewelry store robbery suspects were rammed by Chiappelli's pickup truck. *Photos by Phil Custodio*

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Toy delivery thanks to hockey team

The Wolves made a special delivery as game on Saturday, Dec. 3. they visited Lighthouse Emergency Services off Sashabaw Road in Independence Township, Dec. 14.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team collected toys during their Truck and Teddy Bear Drive during their Oxford/Avondale

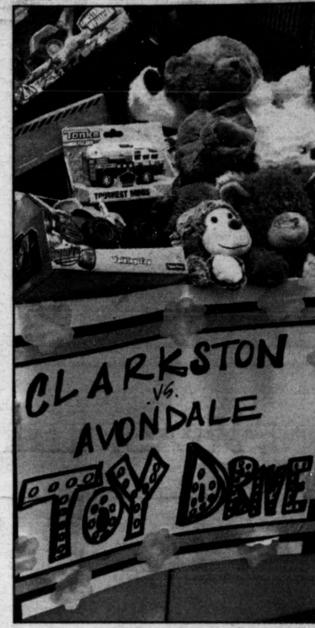
They donated some of the toys to Lighthouse to support their holiday market and while they were there, also received a tour of the facility. They learned about all the great services Lighthouse does for the community not only with the toys the

Wolves donated, but throughout the year with donated food and other items.

The boys have one more delivery as they take the remaining toys to the pediatric patients at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland in Pontiac this week. Thank you to those who donated and thank you Wolves!



The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team delivers toys to Lighthouse, off Sashabaw Road. Photos provided



The boxes fill up with toys during the Wolves' hockey game against Oxford/ Avondale.









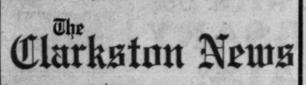
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MAIN STREET LIGHTS: Amanda Chappell, Chad Chappell, Roselyn Chappell, and Ahdi, Carrie, and Tatum Dasuqi are bundled up to enjoy the Holiday Lights Parade on Main Street, Dec. 10. Photo by Phil Custodio

Community Christmas Carols

Clarkston Cultural Arts Council (CCAC) organized the first Community Sing, Dec. 14.

While fire pits were lit up, the arctic blast sent the shivering singers inside and the carolers filled the Honcho coffee house corner with their voices, singing various Christmas songs.

CCAC has scheduled two more Community Sing events, on Jan. 11 at The Gateway and Feb. 8 at The Clarkston Conservatory of Music.



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Wed., December 21, 2016 The Clarkston (MI) News 5 Planners table kennel rezoning request

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Planning Commission voted, Dec. 8, to table Special Land Use approval for a dog kennel operation on Pine Knob Road, Millstones Golden LLC, a golden retriever breeding business.

Several letters were sent to the commission to be included in the meeting packet, both in favor and against the breeding operation, along with several comments made during the public hearing.

Many of the positive remarks came from past customers of Millstones Golden, who have either purchased a puppy from the breeder or co-own one. Most of the negative were from citizens concerned with the business dropping the property value of the surrounding area and the impact of a commercial business in a residential zone.

Planning commission member Brian Galley said the commercial business aspect wasn't necessarily an issue because of the residents' close proximity to Pine Knob Ski and Snowboard Resort, one of the largest commercial businesses in the township.

Also a concern, in late spring of this year, some of the puppies at Millstones Golden were infected with parvovirus.

According to Oakland County Animal Control, eight puppies came down with parvo. Seven were brought into the Wilson Vet Clinic on May 6, 7 and 8 to be treated and they were all released on May 21 in good health.

The eighth puppy was treated by Dawn Wung, owner of Millstones Golden.

This outbreak was the source of some negative letters sent to the planning commission, as two past customers bought Millstones Golden puppies which were diagnosed with parvo a few days later. According to the letters, their puppies were brought home from Millstones Golden on May 1, 2016.

Wung said the virus was brought into her house about a week before the puppies left and by the time they realized they had an

Krysta-Marie Wung, with new born puppies at Millstones Golden. Photo by Jessica Steeley

outbreak, the puppies had been sent home with their new families.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) website, canine parvovirus is a highly contagious virus that can affect all dogs, but most at risk is unvaccinated dogs and puppies younger than four months.

Wung said she vaccinated her puppies twice for parvo. The AVMA website states even vaccinated puppies can occasionally be infected by parvovirus and despite proper vaccination, a small percentage of dogs may not develop protective immunity and are still susceptible to infection.

Though news of the outbreak caused some to be concerned over Millstones Golden breeding practices, the main issue involving the planning commission has to do with the land use and zoning.

Besides lack of information, the commission was also concerned with the area being much smaller than usually required for kennels.

The requirement is 10 acres and they only have three, though Millstones Golden did lease seven acres from the First Congregational Church of Clarkston, which owns some of the surrounding property.

However, Wung said their zoning isn't appropriate to add to her three acres.

Galley said if the safety, size and scope of the operation can be guaranteed, licensed and certified in some manner, he would lean in support of granting the Special Land Use Permit.

Ultimately the planning commission decided more specific information was needed to make a final recommendation and postponed the issue until a later date.



Planning appointments

Clarkston City Council voted, Dec. 12, to appoint Rob Bondy, Eric Haven, Frank Schoebel, and Joe Luginski to Clarkston Planning Commission.

Bondy, Haven, and Schoebel's appointments were unanimous. Council member Haven recused himself from the vote for himself.

The vote for Luginski was 4-3, with Haven, Mayor Steve Percival, and council members Rick Detkowski and Sue Wylie voting "Yes," and council members Sharron Catallo, Jason Kneisc, and David Marsh voting "no."

Commission members Derek Werner and Elizabeth Rogers were not reappointed due to lack of training.

Mike Sabol, former council and commission member, said Werner and Rogers tried to get the required training but were unable to.

"I believe they made the due effort," Sabol said.

A proposal to expand the commission to seven members was postponed to a later meeting.

City DDA proposed

Clarkston Mayor Steve Percival wants City Council to consider creating a Downtown Development Authority for the city.

"There are some opportunities on the horizon that may bring in addition tax revenue if you have a DDA in place," Percival said at the Dec. 12 meeting.

The DDA could work together with Main Street Oakland County, a countybased economic development program in which the city is an affliate member, he said. A DDA would allow the city to capture growth in tax revenue for use in public improvements in the area. The council tabled the proposal.

Superintendent earns 'Effective' score in evaluation

BY JESSICA STEELEY

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Clarkston Community School District Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock received an "Effective" score on his yearly evaluation.

State law requires the superintendent to be evaluated on student growth and achievement, student/parent/teacher feedback, evaluations and progress towards the school improvement plan every year.

The evaluation reflects the 2015 to 2016 school year because student data isn't available until the summer or early fall following that school year.

Other requirements under the state law progress the district is making," Hyer said.

are evaluated from the calendar year, such as personal qualities, staff and community relations, education leadership, business and finance.

Board of Education President Steve Hyer said the evaluation was a collaborative process and the board is pleased with

Dr. Rock's performance and where's he's going with the district and community.

Rock

"The board is very happy with the

"There's certainly more work to be done in terms of reaching all kids and making sure all students grow and achieve and find their passion and do what they want to do to be successful."

The board tries to give the superintendent feedback and input throughout the year, Hyer said, so there's no surprises during the evaluation.

"A good evaluation process and a strong board superintendent team really relies on open, direct honest and ongoing communication," Hyer said. "Certainly we want to send the message that we want Dr. Rock to stay around, we appreciate what he's doing."

Rep. Tedder selected

State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston was elected to serve as majority associate speaker pro tempore for the 2017-2018 legislative session of the Michigan House of Representatives.

"It's an honor to be selected by my colleagues to serve as a member of the House leadership team next session." Tedder said.

Tedder serves as vice chair of the Committee on Workforce and Talent Development, and is a member of the Committees on Education, Health Policy, and Communications and Technology.

Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

Country Christmas

Christmas is finally here. In a few short days families all over Clarkston—and the world—will be opening presents under the tree on Christmas morning and marveling at all the cookies Santa ate.

I'll be having an unusual Christmas this year. Almost every year since I can remember I've spent Christmas Eve sleeping in the twin size bed in my childhood bedroom, waking up Christmas

morning to find presents under the tree. This was the tradition even during my college years.

But my parents and I will be spending Christmas in Nashville this year, at the Opryland Resort.

Unfortunately this means there will be no real family Christmas tree to decorate and no dinner with extended family. People might or might not see these things as a hassle, but I'm a stickler for tradition.

Due to my extreme stubbornness on this fact, I'm surprised I agreed to a Christmas vacation in the first place. It probably has to do with moving out and living on my own.

While I don't pay for every expense I have, it is my first time paying rent and providing most of my own living necessities, and a lot has changed since last Christmas, and every one before that.

Perhaps this is why throwing tradition out the window hasn't bothered me as much as it used to. I figure I only have a handful of Christmases left before I get married, have children and start making traditions of my own, so maybe I should take some time between now and then to spend Christmas in an unorthodox way.

Though there might not be snow, a real staple of Christmas for us Michiganders, the Opryland offers

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Chiefs coach appreciated for leadership

Dear Editor,

Coach King, we will always be thankful for you ("Athletes of the Week: Champions of the field," Nov. 23)!

You taught our boys to be men both on and off the field, to battle like beasts, but always conduct themselves with honor. The boys (and parents) learned the importance of Lombardi time.

You expected 110 percent, every moment they were on the field, five days a week. After every practice and game you reminded them about good sportsmanship, told them to always have a firm handshake and look people in the eye.

You gently lectured them to not be boastful about their wins, and to "be that guy" that never brags about himself, but everybody else talks positively about.

You shared lessons with our boys that will guide them through the rest of their lives, both on and off the field.

You built a culture not only for the players, but for your coaching staff, who were all equally amazing, that hearkens back to an earlier era of football, which is a rare thing in today's society.

The Chiefs organization, our amazing coaches, incredible directors and awesome teammates have left an indelible mark on our sons lion hearts and as parents we will forever be grateful!

> Kim Visintine Posted to ClarkstonNews.com

Reader calls for look into walker traffic, too

Dear Editor,

It has become a nightmare as a resident of downtown ("City_unparks parking issue," Dec. 7).

The streets in the adjoining neighborhoods have become a one-lane affair, especially Church Street as mentioned.

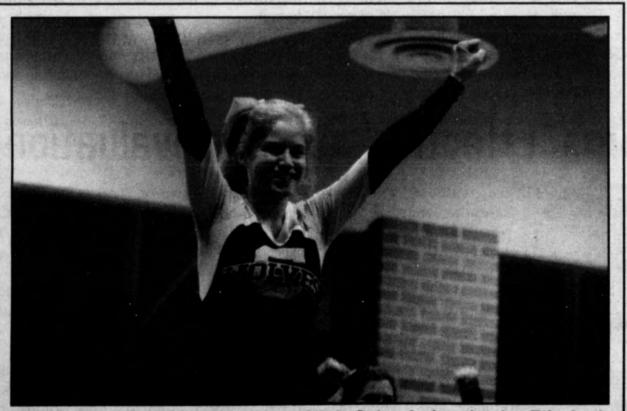
Not only that, but pedestrian traffic needs to be addressed as well, around Church Street and Main, too. Foot traffic as well as vehicle traffic at that intersection with the "so called crosswalk" is a joke.

It is nearly impossible to turn, go straight or do anything for that matter. If you're coming out of Church Street, you have to cut off the sidewalk traffic to see around the cars parked downtown, which in turn makes people upset, walking up and down the sidewalk. You can't just throw up a sign saying "hey, this is a crosswalk" when no one downtown observes it or the speed limit. You have to run for your life when crossing there.

The other issue is who decided to gate off the parking lots by Depot Park? This was an extremely selfish move knowing downtown is beyond its maximum capacity for parking.

The council needs to work out something quick, knowing another restaurant is opening very soon. I would recommend we start parking at the council's houses.

> David Yackell Posted to ClarkstonNews.com



A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Clarkston Schools deny request for more project money" Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to deny a request from Independence Township for additional funds for drainage improvements in a subdivision because funds to the district would possibly cut in 2002.

"Locals 'go all out' for Christmas" Clarkston residents Darwin and Nancy Baldwin love decorating for the season and the decorations seemed to get bigger and bigger as the collection grew each year. "We just do this to say Merry Christmas to everyone," said Nancy.

"Icers continue winning ways in OAA I action" The Clarkston Hockey team garnered two wins in the Oakland Activities Association I to go 5-0 in the league and continue their 9-0 winning streak.

25 years ago - 1991

"Due care and caution" Laughter filled the air as Adam Cobb, first to visit Santa Claus, grabbed his Christmas package and ran away, while he and other children were treated to a Christmas party.

"Gingerbread combines ages, programs in Clarkston area" The Oakland Technical Center-Northwest culinary arts students transformed marzipan, royal icing and slabs of gingerbread into tiny, intricate houses on their own time and ended up winners in a statewide gingerbread house competition.

"Clarkston comeback a tournament classic" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team was trailing Troy, 22-6. After a brief timeout the Wolves came back fighting sinking four straight 3-pointers with three from Dane Fife and one from Derek Wiley igniting a 27-9 run. The Wolves won the game 64-53 in the Clarkston-Oakland Basketball Classic championship game.

50 years ago - 1966



wonders of it's own, such as ice sculptures, millions of twinkling Christmas lights and carriage rides.

Despite spending Christmas a few hundred miles south, it won't quite be warm enough to feel as though I'm having Christmas in July, but 50 degree temperatures could still feel like a big upgrade given the negative degree windshields we've been having.

I'm looking forward to seeing how this new Christmas vacation experience turns out. Whether you're spending the holiday here with family or taking a trip, I hope all of you have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

SMILE OF THE WEEK: Clarkston High School cheerleader Elizabeth VanHeulen is in good spirits, preparing for the OAA Red Competition last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon "Burglaries net more damage than money" Upon investigation Clarkston Community Schools officials found more damage was done at Bailey Lake and Pine Knob elementaries than money taken during burglaries.

"Howe's Lanes celebrate 20th anniversary" Les and Barb Howe opened Howe's Lanes on Dec. 18, 1946 and 20 years later celebrated with a gala anniversary party.

"Round the town" Mr. and Mrs. Stanley White, off Main Street, celebrated their 25th weeding anniversary and were surprised with a party of 125 of their friends.

This and that, therefore now and then

These Jottings are from December 12,2012

Ah, 'tis the season for giving and forgiving. 'Tis the giving season, and the gimme season.

Never in my extended life-Jim's time have I been exposed to Jottings

so many so-called charitable organizations. I heard the number of new organizations were started on the East coast since Sandy blew in.

It's huge, but Scrooge that I can be, I'm sure some of the donations will get to help the needy, and a lot won't.

Someone pulled a list of a column by charities off the internet for **Jim Sherman** me. It was meant to point out

the high salaries some of the top officers get, and how, in many cases, few of the donations reach the intended.

Veteran's organizations like the VFW,

American Legion, Disabled Vets, Order of Purple Hearts, pay zero salaries.

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· I've always looked forward to the annual Army vs. Navy football game. There's a mixture of patriotism, respect and pride brought out by the spectacle. The game itself is such a contrast from other collegiate football games. There are no celebrations after a score. No jumping, butt banging, no ball spiking, no dancing and mocking in the endzone after a score. They are like Barry Sanders used to be with the Detroit Lions ... score, then hand the ball to the referee on your way off the field. Too, I saw no pigtails or flying long hair on the Army and Navy players.

 Having been diagnosed with arthritis a few weeks ago, I'm especially aware of comments thereof. Like barometer readings and weather fronts. I was told recently freezing fronts have the same pain-giving effect as rainy fronts. So now I can expand my complaining.

 Heard a new cause to support this week. PETR. People for the Equal Treatment of Rodents.

 Also heard another stupid poll. 98% of the people are in favor of rich people paying higher taxes.

DUH! My poll shows 100% are in favor of other people paying all the taxes.

 In Sweden the hatch on a Swedish church tower apparently was left open by mistake about 30 years ago. When workmen got around to cleaning out the mess, they faced about two tons of pigeon dropping piled up in the tower. The droppings were about 12 inch deep.

 The Brooklyn Lantern is being sold on the tube. It's a bulbous shape with a wire handle. My dad carried one like it at night on his rail road car checking job. Only his had a wick and flame. The new ones are battery operated, but said to be made with a "genuine" antique globe. If something is antique hasn't it got to be genuine?

 Going back to the Navy for a second. One of my aboard ship jobs was being posted outside our Captain's quarters at night. During that watch a sailor would come up to me and militarily announce, "The Chronometer is wound." I had to make that announcement to the Captain. I never knew (until recently) what a chronometer was. Had I known then, I'd have told the main man, "Hey, the clock's wound!"

· I'm so far behind in gadgets. Last week my son got lost taking me to a meeting in Lansing. He held a small box up to his mouth and said, "Washington Street." The machine was nicer than I would have been. It said turn left, etc. I'd have said something like, "Turn left, you #@%& idiot!"

· Important thing in life, pet your dog, or mine.

- - - 0 -Be satisfied. Be grateful.

Looking for a miracle this Christmas?

Across these great, fruited plains of America (including the frozen tundra of our Mitten State) folks are thinking about miracles -- it is that time of year. Folks either believe in one miraculous birth or they don't; they either believe in miracles or are hoping for one to intervene in their lives.

What is a miracle? One definition I liked for this column is, "a highly improbable or extraordinary

event, development, or accomplishment that brings very welcome Don't consequences."

Good, miracle-type stuff has happenned during the Christmas season. A novelty song from my youth about Snoopy and the flying ace Red Baron and Christmas and the first World War has stuck with me all these long years.

Here are some of the lyrics:

The news had come out in the A column by First World War, the bloody Red Don Rush Baron was flying once more

Fast forward in my aging process, and somewhere along the line I read something about British and German enemies singing to the other during that first World War. I just "googled" "allied and German troops sing on Christmas eve" and in less than one second I had over 2.5 million responses. Ever judicious in my selection of "news" sources, I reckoned I could trust an article from *Time* magazine. So, I clicked on the link and was taken to a story by Naina Bajekal, dated Dec. 24, 2014.

Wrote she in the lead, "On a crisp, clear morning 100 years ago, thousands of British, Belgian and French soldiers put down their rifles, stepped out of their trenches and spent Christmas mingling with their German enemies along the Western front. In the hundred years since, the event has been seen as a kind of miracle, a rare moment of peace just a few months into a war that would eventually claim over 15 million lives . . . To this day, historians continue to disagree over the specifics: no one knows where it began or how it spread, or if, by some curious festive magic, it broke out simultaneously across the trenches. Nevertheless, some two-thirds of troops — about 100,000 people - are believed to have participated in the legendary truce. . . ."

I do believe if you want a miracle or are in need of one, you need look no further than to the person next to you, even if it is the person in the mirror looking back at you. Each and every one of us is a miracle -- there is a spark of light attached to us the moment we become. Now, I am no scientist but I know enough to say it is a miracle than any of us are born.

From the moment mom's egg is fertilized a gazillion things on the cellular level have to happen in just the correct way and order for baby to come screaming into the world. Each of us is a miracle of life.

We are each miracles, too, because we have the ability to love. Loving -- parent to child, child to parent, sibling to sibling, romantically, or to just "love thy neighbor", I believe is sharing of our own individual miracle.

For most, this time of year is wondrous, for others it is a sad time, a time wounds from the loss of love, of a spouse, parent, friend, or dear God, a child are ripped open and pain-filled. Sometimes I think this: Those who we have loved and lost shared their miracle with us; our lives are richer and better because, on their own, they chose to love us for no other reason than we existed in their lives. The miracle they give us is that they thought we were worthy of happiness, life and love.



Rush Me

The Allied command ignored all of its men, And called on Snoopy to do it again.

Was the night before Christmas, 40 below, When Snoopy went up in search of his foe

He spied the Red Baron, fiercely they fought, With ice on his wings Snoopy knew he was caught.

The Baron had Snoopy dead in his sights, He reached for the trigger to pull it up tight. Why he didn't shoot, well, we'll never know

Or was it the bells from the village below. This song, cute and all that, intrigued my young mind -- how can enemies be nice to one another?

* * *

So, there you go. Christmas seasons can produce some mind-blowing, jaw-dropping, totally cool events to happen. Is that the types of miracles folks these days are looking for? I don't know. I suppose it would be nice if, by some divine intervention, The hand of God would come down and caress each and every one of us into a peaceful and loving way (even those who do not believe in any god, let alone one that has a "hand" to "touch" us).

Or, maybe the miracles we seek are all ready inside us; given to us because we were born; shared with us by anyone who ever loved us.

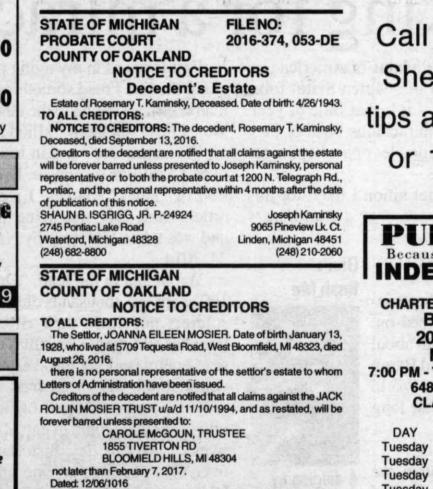
This Christmas give your love, share the miracle of you and open the gifts which were freely given to you in love. Merry Christmas and peace be with you.

Comments to Don'tRushDon@gmail.com





Dan Chiappelli's pickup truck shows front end damage after ramming the suspects' vehicle. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



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identity was not returned by press time.

According to sheriff's office reports, two suspects entered the jewelry store at 4:03 p.m., Dec. 17, and pointed guns at Chiappelli and his 20-year-old son, who Chiappelli asked not to identify. The two robbers, both wearing ski masks and dark clothing, demanded all of the jewelry and the money in the safe.

They told the victims to lie on the floor and both complied. Later during the robbery, Chiappelli struggled with the robber in the back room, and the suspect called for the other to shoot the store owner.

"I'm a fighter," Chiappelli said.

The other suspect walked into the back room, fired a single shot at Chiappelli, then began striking the victim in the head with his gun.

The suspects ordered the younger victim to open the larger safe, which he did, telling the robbers to take what they wanted.

The suspects took an unknown amount of cash and jewelry and a handgun from the safe, and fled the store, one through the front door and the other through the back.

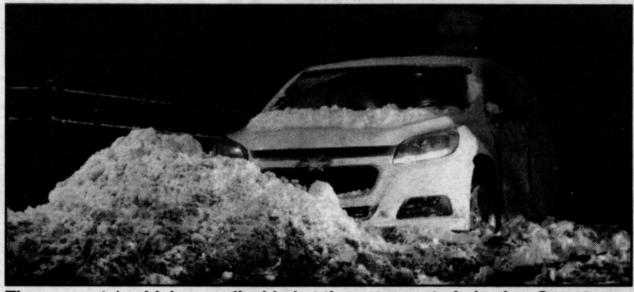
Chiappelli was not armed when he pursued the robbers in his truck.

"They weren't expecting that," said Chiappelli's son about why the armed robbers chose to flee after the vehicular confrontation. "My dad is a hero. It was real John Wayne stuff. We were blessed."

The suspect taken into custody was found by deputies near the water tower northwest of the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

The second suspect fled into the cemetery in the opposite direction, and a perimeter was set up by responding deputies. The second suspect fled across Middle Lake, which is now frozen.





The suspects' vehicle was disabled at the entrance to Lakeview Cemetery.

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An OCSO K-9 picked up the track on the other side of the lake. The track led to a home in the 6000 block of Middle Lake Road, where the suspect entered an attached garage through a window he broke out. He was able to steal a 2014 Jeep Cherokee, which had the keys in it. The homeowners were not home at the time. An area search was conducted for the Jeep but it was not located.

The sheriff's department would not provide a description of the suspect at large, but said they are still actively looking for him.

Posting on Facebook, David Boersma of Clarkston said he was coming home from the movies when he encountered the robbers at the cemetery entrance.

"Thank you to the man in the F150 that drove his truck into the gates and put himself between the shooter and my family. We called 911 as we were pulling a U-turn to get out as fast as we could. God was watching over us," Boersma said. "So happy that it was not worse and so thankful that Danny

rammed them with his pickup keeping me and my family out of the line of fire. Such a scary situation for everyone. I hope they catch the other one and wishing all a speedy recovery."

Chiapelli was treated and released from McLaren Oakland for the wound to his back from gunshot fragments, and cuts and bruises suffered from the pistol whipping.

The OCSO Forensic Science Lab was called to process the scene. The 48-year-old Detroit man on parole with an extensive criminal history was subsequently lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending the issuance of criminal charges.

Two handguns and the victim's hand gun were recovered as was all of the jewelry and money taken in the robbery. There is video of the incident but it could not be immediately released as the Sheriff's Computer Crimes Unit was in the process of downloading it. The incident remains under investigation.

Anyone with information on the second suspect is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-

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Chiappelli was in the U.S. Army from 1984-1987, serving with the 25th MP Company, 25th Infantry Division.

"I didn't see any combat, except for combat on base as an MP," he said.

Postings on the Clarkston News' Facebook page about the robbery received more than 30,000 views each, 700 "likes" and other reactions, 200 shares, and dozens of comments.

"The outcome could have been so much worse, thank God the family is safe. Hopeful that law enforcement are able to arrest the other criminal and justice is served so the victims of this horrible crime can rest peacefully," posted Sandy Sakalian-Mulvihill.

Posted Sonya Feliciano, "That man was determined to not be a victim - damn thieving cowards!"

"Danny is the biggest, toughest bad ass in the world. He is a former military police, he is trained to protect and he was not going to let it end that way," posted Lori Sokoll.

"Thanks for all the good wishes and positive statements," Chiappelli said. "We're still open for business, and I'm looking forward to serving my community."





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pected to have been discarded by one of the robbers as he fled the scene.

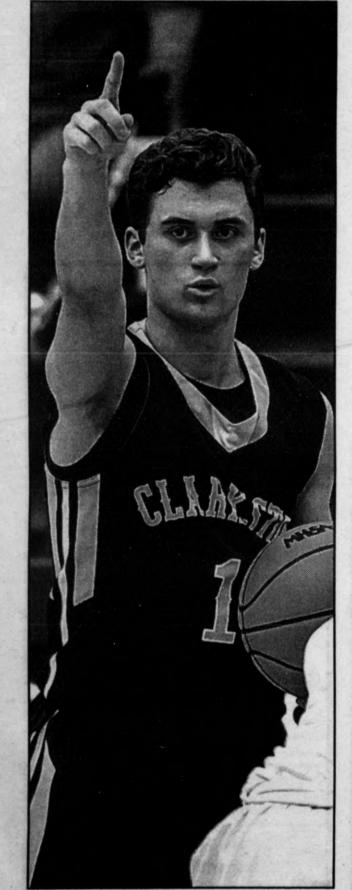
Clarkston's ews Eagles stopped in mid-flight

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are back home this Thursday night after continuing their winning streak against the Romulus Eagles with a 57-51 win.

"We prevailed," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. "We got up, we got down.



We got up and we got caught up to."

The boys finished the first half with a 1point lead on the Eagles, 24-23 with junior Foster Loyer leading with 11 points and senior Dylan Alderson with nine points.

The battle continued on the court until the game concluded and the Wolves walked away with the win.

"Anytime you can win on the road, it's a good win," said Fife. "Romulus has a good program and a good team. They didn't play our best, but we didn't play our best either. It was a good game for both teams early in the season – both competitive and the kids played hard for both teams. It was a great environment - it was freshman, JV and varsity games for both boys and girls.

"It was a great experience for both teams," Fife added. "Their coach is a good guy, and their boys play tough but it is still in the spirit of the rules."

He noticed both teams were ragged and were making mistakes the Wolves and Eagles wouldn't be making later in the season.

"We still have a lot of things we need to work on," Fife added.

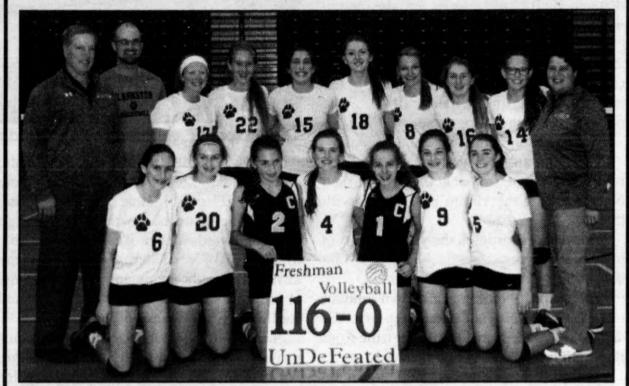
Loyer led the team with 28 points and Alderson had 20 during the game.

It was a big night for Loyer as he broke 1,000 points in his career during the game. He entered the game with 997 points. Alderson entered the game with 1,045 career points.

Clarkston fans were able to see 6-foot-9 sophomore forward Taylor Currie in action as he was out for an injury during the Wolves' first two games. He scored four points and had eight rebounds.

"Taylor got to play," Fife said. "He's been out for awhile so it was good to get him in the scheme of things. For us to be good it's one through 14 all of the time. But we need to keep getting better and keep growing."

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Freshman Volleyball team completes their season with a 116-0 record, Oct. 25. Photo by Renee Weaver-Wright

Undefeated champs

Clarkston Freshman Volleyball conquered a huge feat as they went undefeated during their fall season with 116 wins.

"It's amazing," said Daneen Kincaid, head coach. "I have never heard of a volleyball team doing this. Other sports where you only have eight or 10 competitions it is still quite an achievement, but to step out on the court 116 times and never lose a game is unheard of."

The girls finished the season with the Year End Classic, Oct. 22, and winning their fifth tournament. Then, hosted their final quad with Rochester Adams, Walled Lake Northern and Berkley on Oct. 25. "You don't want to go 110 games and then lose one," Kincaid said about how the girls were feeling going into the quad. "The second game against Adams our

girls nerves got to them. We ended up winning it 25-21. It shows how volleyball is such an emotional game. After they played Adams we had some good service runs in our competitions. The girls just wanted to finish the job they came to do."

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She added the girls were a treasure to work with during the season.

"They played as a team," Kincaid said. I told them at the beginning of the season we are only as strong as our weakest player and they worked hard to make sure everybody's bar was raised up high and everyone was encouraged."

The 2016 Clarkston Volleyball team is Abigail Barta, Jessica Buscher, Han=nah

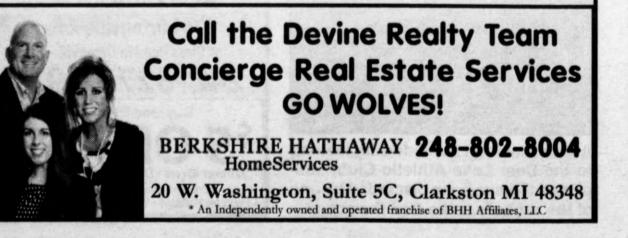
Foster Loyer signals to his teammates during game play. Photo by Larry Wright

The JV and freshman teams also continued their winning streak with their games in Romulus. The JV team defeated the Eagles, 50-43, and freshman won their game, 44-32.

The Wolves opened the week against Rochester Adams and host Ann Arbor Skyline on Thursday night.

"There's not much time to prepare," said Fife. "It's good because sometimes we practice for a long time. With more games we play better. They would rather play games then practicing all the time." JV plays at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Cady, Morgan Dolan, Cali Ehrenberger, Courtney Farrugia, Jordan Klokeid, Natalie Luba, Jordan Newblatt, Nicole Nickelson, Lauren Schoenherr, Madeleine Smith, Abby Tolmei and Sarah White.



Wolves put a run on Orion

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers downed their cross town rivals Lake Orion to take their fifth win of the season, 67-43.

"Our girls definitely came ready," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Christine Rogers. "You can tell by the way Kayla Luchenbach and Molly Nicholson played. Molly had ten rebounds in the first half - it just shows she wanted to dominate."

Lake Orion opened the night with scoring the first basket a minute into the game only to have the score tied by Luchenbach.

The Dragons took the lead back from a field goal from Sophia Canine. Luchenbach closed in with two shots on the free throw line, starting a 9-point run for the Lady Wolves with a basket from Nicholson and five points from junior Kiana Ayotte, with a basket and a field goal.

Clarkston continued to hold Lake Orion from scoring for the remainder of the first quarter with the Lady Dragons' lone point in the last two minutes from a free throw, closing the quarter, 19-6.

The momentum carried into the next quarter as the Wolves outscored their visitors 13-10 to continue to hold control of the game.

Coming back from the half time, Lake Orion got the scoring going off their basket. Before they could score again Ayotte stole the ball from the Dragons' possession and headed down the court. She threw the ball and it hit the backboard before going through the net. The shot was the first in the 20point run for the Lady Wolves with seven points from Luchenbach, five from junior Maddie Beck and Nicholson and three from senior Kristen Page before the quarter closed, 52-20.

"Then, my bench came in and usually when the bench comes in there's a let up but I didn't see that today," said Rogers. "My bench kept pushing. They held the line and they were still looking to be aggressive, offensive and attack - that's Clarkston

Basketball."

She added the team has been lucky the last few games and they have been able to put players from the bench in the game.

"It is game time and they are used to it," she said. "Credit to Coach Chelsea Kouri, she started to run them through. I told her 'you run the subs, you get people in.' Ali Buscher has really been working hard at practice. Mary McKillop, everytime she goes in she gets half of the assists we have for the night. She is playing very well."

Luchenbach led the team for the night with 21 points, eight rebounds and three blocks. Beck had 19 points, with four 3pointers.

"It was a quiet 19," Rogers added. "The way she really helped us tonight is she was ready to shut down Lake Orion's best player Maddie Novak. She played great defense."

Nicholson scored 13 points and had 14 rebounds. Ayotte scored seven points for the night and had three assists and made her presence felt on the court especially on defense.

"I am so impressed with Kiana," Rogers added. "She has improved so much in the last 2 ¹/₂ -3 weeks. She is a floor general out there. She inspires. She's got defense. She's got the confidence and she's got the patience. You can't teach patience. She's starting to settle in and she knows what she's doing. She is confident with what she is doing and that's what a point guard does."

The Lady Wolves defeated Birmingham Seaholm on December 13, 65-32. Luchenbach led the team with 18 points and eight rebounds. Beck and Nicholson scored 15 points each.

The girls head to Royal Oak this Thursday and then the Round Ball Classic against River Rouge and Cass Tech next week.

"The competition we have seen so far has really helped us get ready," Rogers said. "The competition we are going to see in Detroit is really going to test us and show us what we are made of. I am excited. They will be athletic, strong and well-coached."



Freshman Taylor Heaton puts pressure on Lake Orion during the second half of last Friday's game. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

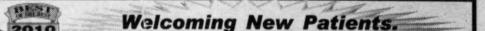


Senior Kristen Page keeps the ball out of Lake Orion's reach as she tries to score on the Lady Dragons.

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Grapplers snag top spots during county meet

The Wolves finished in second place during the 57th annual Oakland County Wrestling Championships at Lake Orion High School, Dec. 16-17.

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team scored 238 points during the meet and had nine finish in the top eight places.

Oxford finished in first place with 268.5 points while Holly finished in third; Waterford Kettering, fourth; and Walled Lake Central, fifth.

The Wolves had three wrestlers finished in first place with Mac Hanselman in the 112pound weight class, Cole Wiegers (119), Jacob Rygielski (140) finishing as county champions.

Hanselman finished with a 5-0 record with wins over Varun Mangal from Rochester Adams, 9-2; Jarett Greenstein from Walled Lake Northern, 6-4; Jack Olson from Brandon, 8-7; Santiago Moreno from Avondale, fall 51 seconds; and Deontre Maddox from Troy with a fall, 1:19.

Wieger had wins over Brandon Troy from Rochester, 7-0; Jared Callahan from Holly, fall, 4:42; Dalton Myers from Oxford, fall, 4:43; Miguel Garcia from Avondale, fall, 1:36; and Tim Gale from Notre Dame Prep, 9-4.

Rygielski scored on two falls his first day in the tournament over Stoney Creek's Anthony Athnasios and Rochester Adams' Brendon Gibbons. He opened the second day with a 10-4 decision over Benjamin Kable from Rochester; 10-2 decision over John Hawkins from West Bloomfield; and a 3-1 win over Ryan Miller from Oxford.

Houston Hemingsen finished in second place in the 152-pound weight class going 5-1 during the tournament. He won with falls over Brandon's Hunter Harrington and Royal Oak's Earle Weaver. During the second day he had a 7-2 win over Kevin Price from Stoney Creek, a 16-1 win over Farmington Harrison's Vincent Rawls; and lost to Oxford's Trent Myer, 11-4.

Percy Fowler and Conor Donahue finished in third place.

Fowler (285) opened the first day with two wins by falls over Royal Oak and Avondale. During the second day he defeated Rochester in a 3-1 decision. He lost to Farmington in a 5-2 decision before winning his next two matches against Holly and Berkley.

Donahue went 5-1 in the 135-pound weight class with a technical fall over Ferndale's Matthew Ballard, 16-0 on the first day. He lost to Oxford's Sergio Borg on the second day, 3-1; then won his next three matches over Walled Lake Northern, Groves and Farmington.

Jake Billette finished in fourth place and went 5-2 during the tournament in the 145pound weight class with both his losses to Caleb Tabert from Oxford, with the second loss in the third place match. He had falls over Cade Rusniak from Rochester Adams and Nicholas Major from Ferndale on the first day. He had two falls the next day over Alex Vecchioni from Troy and Dan Stallard from Holly. He defeated Mario Pallazola from West Bloomfield in a 9-3 decision.

Ethan Polick finished in sixth place and going 4-3 in the tournament. He opened the first day with wins over Bloomfield Hills and Rochester. He posted wins the next date over Novi and Farmington with falls.

Adam Sprague finished in eighth place in the 103-pound weight class. He went 3-3 during the tournament with two wins over Bloomfield Hills, 13-0, and Rochester, with a fall. He had a 7-2 win over Farmington during the second day.

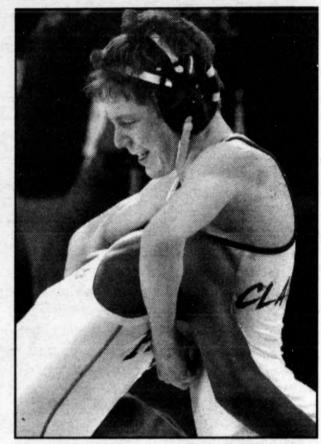
Anthony Welch, Ian Wilson and Noah Burt went 3-2 during the county tournament.

Welch lost to Lake Orion in his first round, 14-2, in the 130-pound weight class. He went on to defeate Rochester and Notre Dame Prep. During the second day he defeated Stoney Creek, 5-0; and lost to South Lyon, 7-2.

Wilson went 1-1 the first day in the 171pound weight class with a win over Rochester and loss to South Lyon. He went 2-1 the next day with wins over Rochester Adams and Bloomfield HIIIs and a loss to Lake Orion.

Burt went 1-1 during the first day starting with a win over Bloomfield Hills with a fall and a loss to Walled Lake Central. He opened the second day with a win over Waterford Mott and finished the day with a win over Rochester. He lost to Brandon.

Nevin Strayer went 2-2 in the tournament in the 189-pound weight class with wins over



Mac Hanselman during the MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Championship last year. *File photo by Wendi Reardon Price*

Notre Dame Prep and Rochester and losses over Oxford and South Lyon East.

Alex Minuth went 2-2 during the tournament in the 160-pound weight class. He had two wins the first day over Troy Athens and Notre Dame Prep and a loss to Oxford. He opened the second day with a 9-4 loss to Avondale. *~Wendi Reardon Price*





Senior Conner Malone swims his laps in the 200-yard freestyle relay.



Back in the water

The Clarkston Boys Swim & Dive team opened the season with their first meet last Thursday.

They hosted Birmingham Seaholm and lost 109-74. Highlights included diver Aaron Hoeksema took a first place, scoring a personal best or 211.40; and sophomore Calliway Grainer and senior Luke Oldford finished in first and second places in the 100-yard backstrokes.

Senior Gino Pacifico pops above water before going back under in the 200yard IM in the Wolves' meet against Birmingham Seaholm last Thursday. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



The Lady Wolves practice their cheers for family before going into their first OAA Red meet. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

C-Town spirit

The Lady Wolves finished in sixth place during their OAA Red Competition last Friday at Troy Athens High School.

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team scored a total of 674.10 points after three rounds. They scored 219.60 in round one; 190.10, round two; and 264.40, round three.

The girls head to the Athens Invite at Troy Athens on January 7 and host the second OAA Red meet on January 11.

See more about the Lady Wolves in a preview to their winter season in an upcoming edition of The Clarkston News.







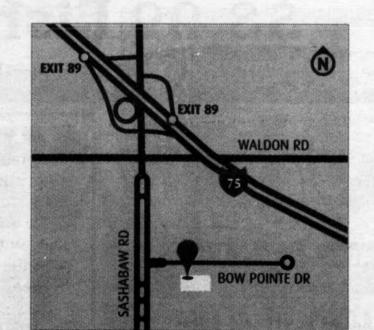
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Poverty's effect on Clarkston

During the last couple of months for my Language Arts class, I have worked on a project to answer the question "What attributes lead to poverty in Clarkston?"

This question came to mind after reading "To Kill a

Mockingbird" by Harper Lee. In this classic, Lee illustrated the characteristics in different people based on how they treat others, how they acted about their situation, and what they did to overcome their issues.



Megan Ford

These characteristics caused me to consider the idea there's more to poverty than what meets the eye. In order to look further into this issue, I turned to Lighthouse of Oakland County, which is a non-profit organization providing emergency food and housing to low income families in Clarkston.

By contacting the Lighthouse in Clarkston, I was able to investigate this topic and realize how our town of Clarkston can help.

To answer my question, I first looked at the leading causes of poverty, which are low paying jobs, and Social Security not paying enough for the disabled.

Many times people are working, but it is not enough to thrive in Oakland County. Considering one adult needs to have an annual income of at least \$21,209 before taxes to live in Oakland County, and if you are disabled social security only pays about \$12,992 annually.

These numbers really impacted me as it goes to show how hard someone has to work in order to provide basic needs in order to survive. I also was very saddened as it can be really hard if you I also discovered education can create a big difference as to whether or not you have more or less money.

As we know, a better education typically leads to a higher paying job and without a proper education it can lead to lower paying jobs, which once again places people in a bad position financially.

One of the best ways to help this issue is directly through Clarkston schools, as their many projects such as "Blessings in a Backpack" which you can volunteer at, or "Sarah's Secret Closet."

This year as well, science teachers at Clarkston High School picked families to help over the holiday season, which students could donate to. There's many opportunities like these at all of the Clarkston schools and can really make an impact in somebody's life, and change their future.

Poverty is a very unfortunate thing and I feel it is necessary to do all we can as a community to help. With the Clarkston area's about seven percent poverty rate, there are many different opportunities for us to help others: from canned food drives, to monetary donations. It is very simple to help out and many people's actions can lead to a big movement. Personally, I have enjoyed helping out whenever I can.

When I was younger, I was a Girl Scout and we volunteered at Lighthouse's food pantry.

More recently, this summer during Impact weekend I helped landscape for Habitat for Humanity; which is another great organization that helps to provide cheaper homes for lower income families.

One action can make a huge difference and is a great way to make Clarkston an outstanding place for all.

Megan Ford is a 10th grade student at Clarkston High School,



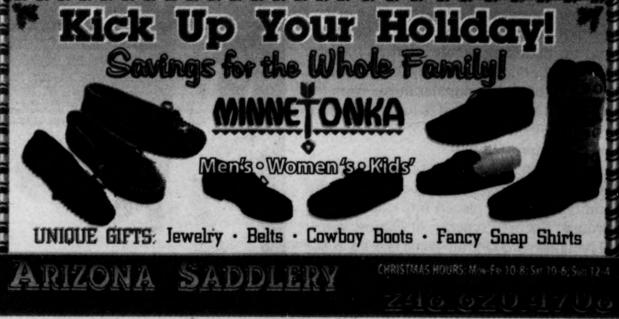
CONTEST WINNER: Karen Walker of Clarkston, third from left, is the winner of the \$5,000 grand prize in Oakland County's Small Business Saturday contest, and is receiving her prize from Terri Harwood, North American Bancard chief operating officer, and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, during a Dec. 14 press conference. North American Bancard was the sponsor of the grand prize. Walker, who is originally from Louisiana, said she will use the money for a trip to the Bayou State to visit family for the holidays. *Photo provided*

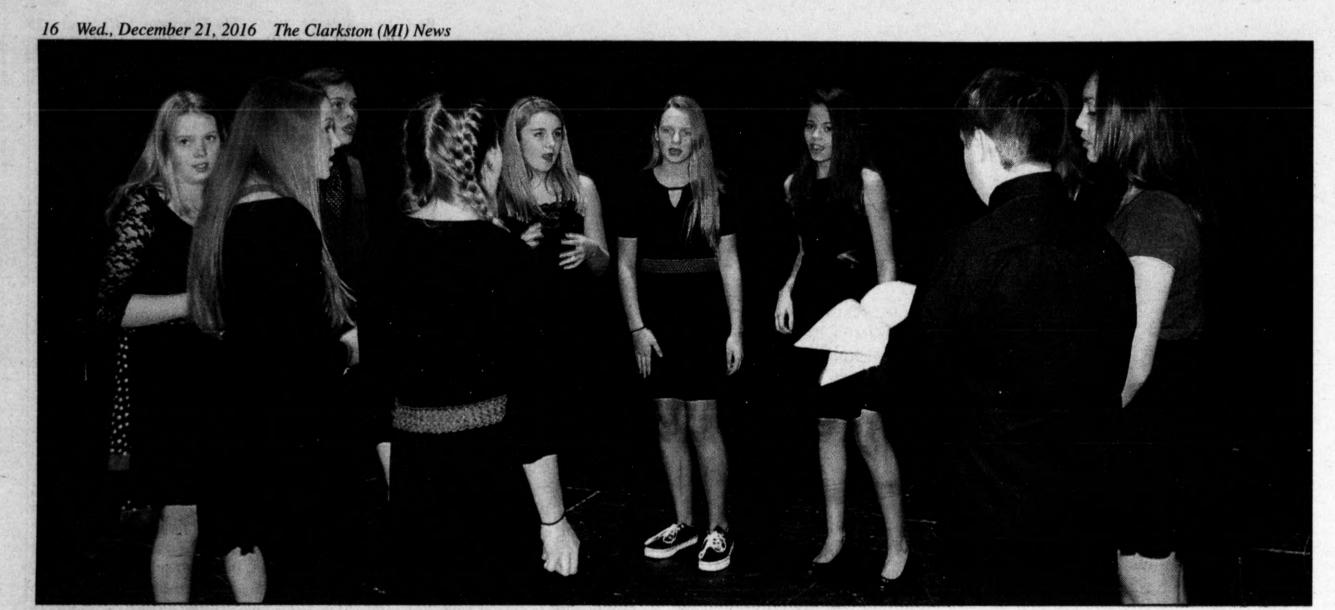


are disabled to find a job that you can do in order to make up the extra money needed.

It just does not seem right to me that somebody without the same opportunities as most people may be put into this unfavorable situation where they cannot provide for themselves.

In order to help this issue, there are places such as Salvation Army where you can donate used items to be sold at a cheaper price. This is a great way of helping as it can help someone when money is tight. working on a RED, Relevant, Experimental, and Demonstrative, project based on the book "To Kill a Mockingbird" in her Language Arts class. Over the past couple of weeks, she has been researching this question and finding information to answer it. "For this project we need to publicly share our project with people outside of our classroom. For this part of the project I wanted to see if I could publish an article in the Clarkston News, sharing my findings and addressing this topic," she said.





Clarkston A Cappella singers rehearse a number. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Music fun, worthwhile for A Cappella singers

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Detroit Voice, a subset of Clarkston A Cappella, was selected to be on the new 2017 Best of High School A Cappella compilation.

This is the third time Detroit Voice has been featured on the compilation, Clarkston A Cappella Program Director Brian Haverkate said, with the last two times being 2012-2013 and 2014-2015.

Haverkate added the compilation is available on iTunes in January, with Detroit Voice's rendition of "All Night Long" by Lionel Ritchie as the opening track.

The compilation songs included on the CD are reviewed and chosen by such people as the music director for *Pitch Perfect* and the supervisor of Varsity Vocals, a student a cappella competition.

around the theme of just doing either Detroit artists, Motown artists, or artists from the state of Michigan, so we don't do anything outside of that," Haverkate said. "It's given us a way to focus our musical energy into our performance. We'll do stuff by like Eminem, Kid Rock, but then we'll also do stuff by the Temptations, and Aretha Franklin, Stevie Wonder."

Ben Neideck, a 10th grader in Detroit Voice, has been with Clarkston A Cappella since seventh grade and said Detroit Voice has helped challenge him musically and taught him to sight read music better. Neideck's dad, who was in a band in the sixties and seventies, helped ignite his love for music.

"I've been into music since I was 2 years old, so I've always been listening to music, singing with my dad," Neideck said. "I got my singing from him and he would always play songs for me."

Outside of Detroit Voice, Neideck also takes piano lessons and is in this year's high school musical, "Les Miserables." He plans to get voice lessons and eventually study music in college.

Eleventh grader Reilly Kerrigan has wanted to be a part of Detroit Voice ever since she first heard the group. She auditioned for Synergy to prepare. Now, as a member of Detroit Voice, she says she loves working with a judgment-free group of people who share the same interests and goals.

Kerrigan also plans to continue music in college through musical theater and a cappella.

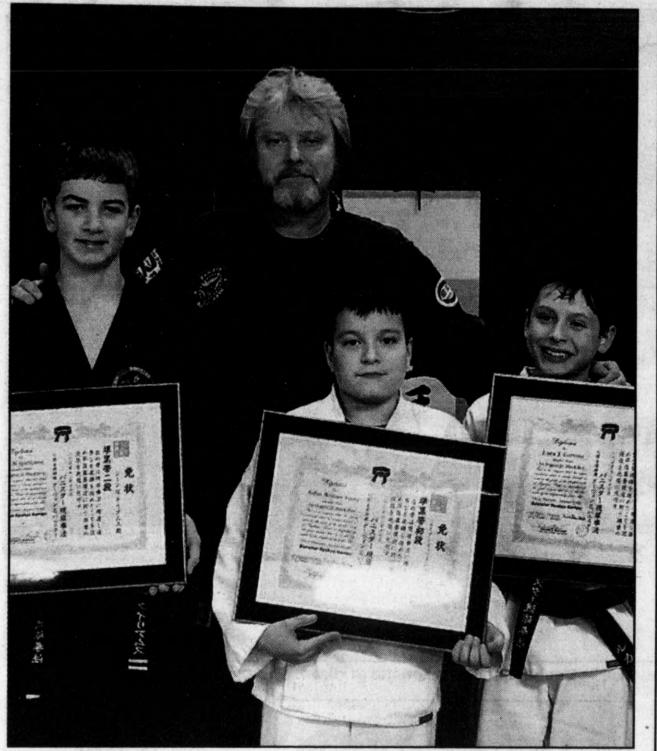
"The thing I love most about the group is the amazing people who are involved. We are all a family who I can trust with anything," Kerrigan said. "We always laugh and smile about stuff we do and have fun making our music worthwhile."



"Every group that's interested submits all their songs and they go through and they listen to hundreds, thousands of songs and end up choosing whatever they like the best," Haverkate said. "They do tend to pick a variety of styles, popular music from the seventies on. Their goal is to kind of reach as many people and kind of hook them in and get interested in it."

Clarkston A Cappella is open to Clarkston students grades six through 12, who audition and are placed into one of three groups: Encore, Synergy, or Detroit Voice. Haverkate said Detroit Voice is seen as the most experienced group and is open only to ninth through 12th graders. "Detroit Voice, we kind of created it

"Detroit Voice, we kind of created it Director Brian Haverkate leads a rehearsal. Photo provided



The Dojo Sensei Darwin Bannister with Sean Quilliams of Clarkston, at left, who earned his Second Degree Black Belt, and Aiden Payne of Clarkston and Luca Cottone of Waterford, at right, both earning their First Degree Black Belts. Photo provided

Hard work pays off for Black Belts

Aiden Payne of Clarkston and Luca belts at the conclusion. Cottone of Waterford both earned their First Degree Black Belts, and Sean Quilliams of Clarkston earned his Second Degree Black Belt, Dec. 16, at The Dojo in Independence Township.

The students attended fight night for both adults and youth, and received their black

For Payne and Cottone, this was the culmination of over three years of hard work and determination. For Quilliams, it is the culmination of over five years of resilience and dedication. Sensei Darwin Bannister is extremely proud of all of his black belts but especially his youth who stick with it.

Varicose Vein treatment covered by insurance?

"Americans who are suffering from unsightly, swollen, painful varicose veins might want to take closer look at their insurance". says Dr. Charles Mok D.O., at Allure Vein Center.

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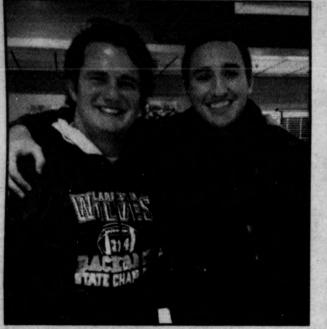
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DJ Zezula and Jay Wright smile for a photo op.

Reunion for champs

Gridiron heroes were used to tough opponents and didn't let the winter weather keep them from the Clarkston Football 2013 & 2014 State Champ Reunion last Saturday.

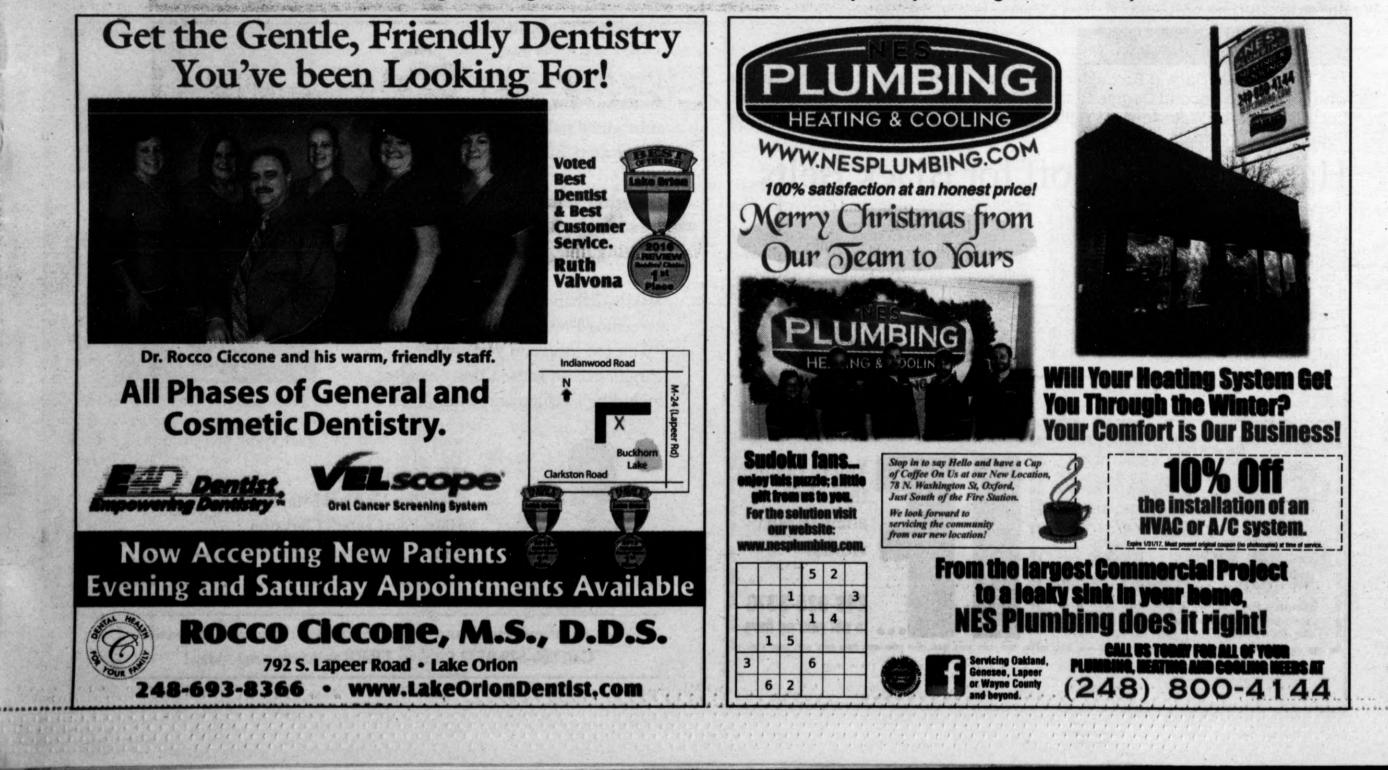
The players and families reflected on their memorable seasons while also discussing what they are up to now.

The captains' moms from the 2013 and 2014 championship seasons put the reunion together which was held at Overtyme Grill in Waterford.

The reunion was open to all players, fans, families and coaches.



The graduates gather to share memories of their championships on the gridiron. Photos provided



Rush to push community news statewide

'Rush has received numerous

state and national awards for

and photographs."

his column, features, editorials,

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Review and The Citizen in Ortonville; as well shoppers, The as two Penny Stretcher and The Ad-Vertiser, and a 50,000plus circulation coupon magazine, The Big Deal. The publishing group serves communities, advertisers and readers within

northeastern **Oakland** County and beyond.

"Don is known within the state and the country as a true advocate and cheerleader for our industry," Guza said. "He gained notoriety during a recent national

community paper conference for his former podcast 'Don't Rush Me, The Sh-o-o-ow!', which featured Don providing colorful commentary regarding the value, reach and importance of highly local community publications for readers, advertisers and communities. The podcast was considered a first in our industry."

Rush grew up in Clarkston, resides in Goodrich and has two teenaged sons, Shamus and Sean.

Rush pens a weekly column, 'Don't Rush Me,' which has won awards both in the state and nationally; he has also received awards for feature and editorial writing and photography. He has worked in all aspects of the community paper industry, including spending time as editor for all their newspapers, circulation, dark room work, page design and ad composition, managing a sales department, and working on a fiveunit Community Goss press as a "printer's devil."

"Mr. James Sherman, Sr. hired me right Member of CPM and is the owner and CEO after I graduated from Central Michigan of J-Ad Graphics, based in Hastings. J-Ad University, as a reporter. Soon I was Graphics publishes eight weekly community promoted to editor of The Leader, then to newspapers; two paid weekly newspapers; a new children's publication with circulation assistant publisher. Mr. Sherman said of my new title, 'You are now a publisher. That throughout western Michigan K-5th grade. means getting a quality product out the door, on time and at a profit. How you figure that out is your problem.' So, I got that going for me." Rush continued, "It will be an honor to weekly circulation of over 2.1 million.

work for the industry. Contrary to popular belief, the print industry is a viable business model. Print publications work at getting local news and advertising to readers. I think my job as president of CPM will be to help publishers get that news out to their communities and help grow their publications. I also want to take some time

and get to meet the movers and shakers of our member publications over the next three years."

Outgoing CPM President, Jon Jacobs, will serve as Past President of the association for

a three-year term. Jon was recognized at the meeting with a special plaque thanking him for his many contributions to the association during his tenure. Jon is the Publisher of The Lowell Ledger and Lowell Buyers Guide in Lowell. Rush said, "Jon was born into community papers, it's in his blood. He is a strong community leader in Lowell and an innovator in the industry. He is never afraid try something new; he is a true asset to our industry."

Marty Bennett, of Otsego, was elected vice president of CPM for a three-year term and is a long-serving Board Member of the association. Marty is a third-generation owner of The Community Shoppers Guide in Otsego, a weekly shopping guide that serves readers and advertisers in portions of Allegan, Barry, Kalamazoo and Van Buren Counties.

Fred Jacobs was re-elected as secretarytreasurer of Community Papers of Michigan. Fred is the longest-serving Board

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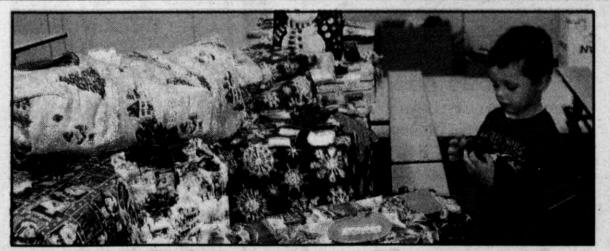
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CHRISTMAS ELVES: Students at Clarkston Elementary packed up presents for families in need, Dec. 19. Photo by Jessica Steeley

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BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Getting off a boat at Martha's Vineyard, Steve Zirwes sees the line, "A mission from God."

The sighting happens en route to John Belushi's grave, located at a cemetery on the other side of the island. Zirwes and a friend immediately head over to rent a car, having only about an hour until the next boat leaves. Upon arrival at the graveyard, Zirwes hops out and begins a grave rubbing of Belushi's headstone.

"Alright, let's do this," he says. However, he doesn't get far before hearing a voice from across the way. He looks to see a man running toward him, yelling.

"Hey, what are you doing? I just called the cops!"

"Oh, man," Zirwes says to himself, furiously rubbing, trying to finish the headstone. But with no time to wait around and talk to the police, he leaves with only a partial rubbing. Just as the friends pull away from the graveyard, they see a police car pull up in the rearview mirror.

Back at the car rental, Zirwes tells the kid working the counter about grave rubbings.

"If you go there and get me some headstone rubbings inyour downtime, I'll make you one of these paintings," Zirwes says to the kid, referring to his art style.

They shake hands, he gives the kid his address and books it back to the boat, on his way to Boston to visit the graves of Samuel Adams and Paul Revere.

"A couple weeks later he sent me a couple headstone rubbings. His name's Robert, still lives on Martha's Vineyard and he's got one of my paintings hanging up," Zirwes said over coffee several years later.

Zirwes is a full-time construction worker, part-time artist, who grew up in Clarkston and graduated in 1998. He has a couple odd stories like that from his headstone rubbing endeavours.

Gravestone rubbing is Zirwes' predominant style of art.

the deceased person.

Many times he does paintings, but some of the rubbings are just in frames, waiting for their artwork.

Zirwes originally discovered his art style when he went to visit a friend in Seattle. The two went to visit Jimi Hendrix's grave, which is where he first saw a headstone rubbing. They offered him an extra piece of paper and he jumped on the chance.

"I was like 'yes, this is awesome, this is amazing.' I did the headstone rubbing and I framed it and hung it on the wall," Zirwes said. "Then, just chilling on the couch one day looking at it, I was thinking about doing a painting and I was like 'man, I should make something with that,' and then I came up with the idea of combining them."

Besides just the artwork, Zirwes also constructs the frames and even found a bull skull for his Sitting Bull piece. His artwork has been featured in restaurants and galleries in Detroit, Ypsilanti and Cleveland. He also does art shows and street fairs, at which he's sold some of his pieces.

"You find that one fan, they have all this memorabilia, but I create something they don't have you don't see on the shelves or anything like that," Zirwes said.

Every vacation he takes, Zirwes figures out who is buried around the area and does a gravestone rubbing.

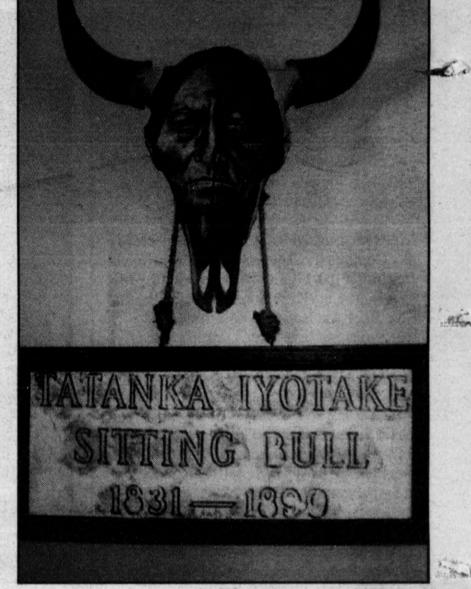
"It's just fun. It's fun painting them. I don't know what I like more, getting the headstones, cause it's kind of like a treasure hunt," Zirwes said. "You gotta find these little towns. Then, you gotta find the cemetery. Then, you gotta find the plot and then you're like 'Yay, I found it."

He's done grave rubbings for a range of famous and historical figures, from Marilyn Monroe to Detroit gangsters to Malcolm X.

Zirwes said Muhammed Ali and Jimi Hendrix are among his favorite rubbings.

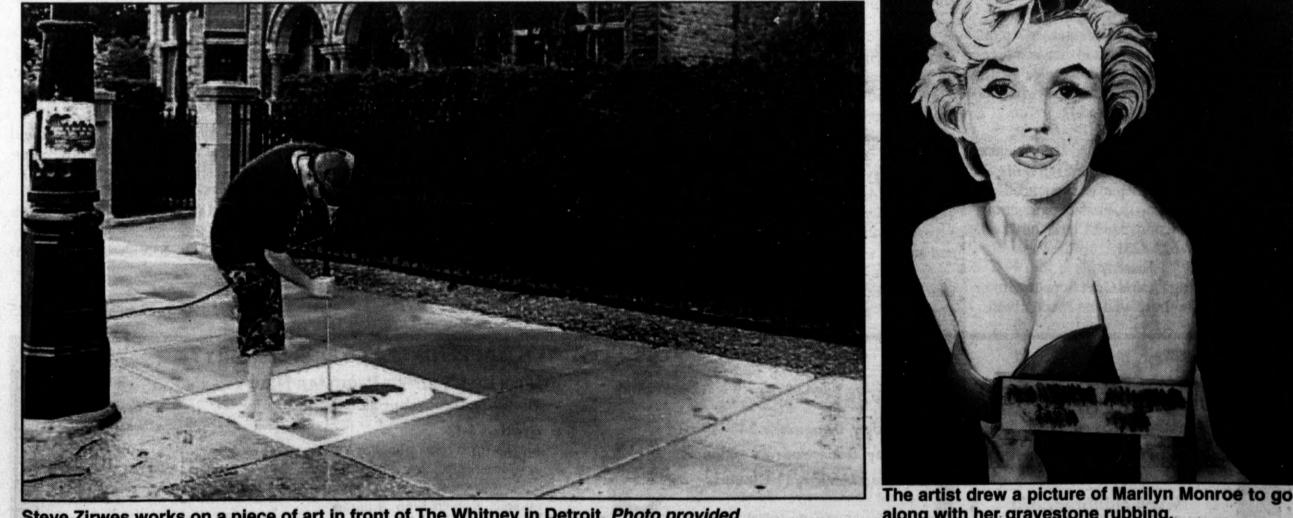
"Another one of my passions is history, too. I like learning about these people," Zirwes said.

"While I'm painting I'll watch a documentary. When I'm



Steve Zirwes' made Sitting Bull artwork with a gravestone rubbing and bull's skull.





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Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, Jan. 5, 12-5:45 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; 2-7:45 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 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. Around Jown

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



MUSIC OF THE SEASON: Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston High School orchestras perform their winter concert at the high school performing arts center, Dec. 15. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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

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, 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., 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., Big Boy restaurant, 6644 Dixie Highway. 248-802-8603.

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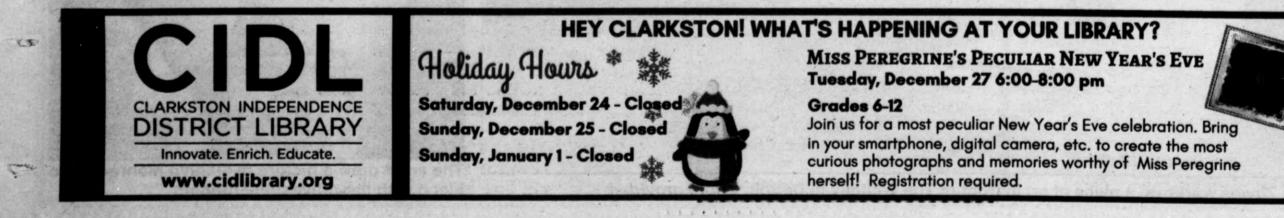
Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost p.m., Dec. 14, Honcho's, 3 E. Church; Jan. 11, The Gateway; Feb. 8, Conservatory. Led by experienced musicians. No fee, just join in and sing.

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

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. 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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Obituaries &.

Joyce A. Doetsch, 78

Joyce A. Doetsch of Clarkston, formerly of Roseville, passed away Dec. 11, 2016, at age 78.

She was the wife of Bob for 59 years; mother of Robert Doetsch, Mark (Denise) Doetsch and Krista (Kevin) Rozanski; Granny of Jake, Ava, Alexis, Darian; sister of Denise (Jerry) Griesbeck and the late Charles (Josephine) Kubert.

Joyce enjoyed spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. She appreciated lake living and was a dedicated Catholic.

Scripture service was Dec. 14 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorial Mass was Dec. 15 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Memorials may be made to National Shrine Cross in the Woods. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Jahnke, 92

Margaret Ann Jahnke of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Dec. 15, 2016, at age 92.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth A. and son Kenny. She was the loving mother of Karen (David) Tinkis, Kathy Porter, Keith (Wendy) Jahnke and Kaye Webb; cherished grandma of David (Missy) Tinkis, Stacey (Walter) Loos, Jennifer (Mark) Violette,

Marisa (Phil) Ratliff, Robert Porter, Adam (Marla) Jahnke, Ryan (Elyse) Jahnke, Kass Jahnke, Kullen Jahnke and Amanda (Brad)



away Dec. 14, 2016, at age 49.

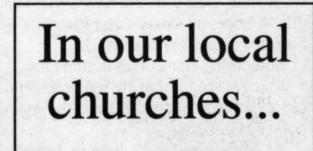
She was the wife of Kevin for 30 years;

mother of Jake (Trish) and Kaitlyn Williams; grandmother of Dean; daughter of Kent Shebelut and the late Judy Heagarty; sister of Rick (Kristin) Heagarty, Cory (Kristen) Heagarty, Kari (Nathan Lange) Pawley, Kent (Deanna) Shebelut; daughter in

law of Faye and Darrel Williams; step daughter of Fred Heagarty; sister in law of Keri (Robert) Ewald, Bill (Bernie) Kruger, Wade (Amy) Williams, Courtney Todorovski, Alexis (Scott) Miles, Michael and Samantha Williams; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Kristin was the first Vice President of Flagstar Bank, Troy Corporate Office. She graduated from Clarkston High School in 1985 and enjoyed deer hunting, crafting, softball and candle making.

Memorial Service was Dec. 17 at Christ Lutheran Church, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online Guestbookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.



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., din-



Keith Overby has been honored for service and volunteer work throughout the area. Photo by Phil Custodio

Volunteer vet honored for service

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A stroke meant the end of Keith Overby's career as an Oakland County Sheriff's deputy, but the beginning of volunteer opportunities throughout the community.

"That stroke retired me, but I didn't give up," said Overby of Springfield Township, 64, who had a stroke while on duty at the Independence Township Substation near Thanksgiving in 2014.

The University of Michigan honored him for one of his volunteer assignments, with their Buddy-to-Buddy Veterans Program. Overby is their November 2016 Volunteer of the Month for his work with vets.

"I'm humbled and honored after a long medical recovery," said Overby.

He has been a volunteer with the program for more than a year, assisting service members and veterans with finances, benefits, legal issues, education, and health, family, and emotional concerns.

"We help with eligibility and networking with other organizations," he said. "I don't make approvals, I just give directions."

He is also an ordained chaplain with the International Fellowship of Chaplains, since 2015; volunteer chaplain with Absolute Home Health and Hospice Care in Grand

in the Marine Corps and how my parents raised me, to go out, help people, and make a difference."

The volunteering helps him with his recovery, with the encouragement of his wife, Katy.

'My wife is the driving force for me. She doesn't want me to stay home and watch TV," he said. "I'm getting better."

Keith found out about Buddy-to-Buddy when he and his wife happened to walk through a veterans event in Grand Rapids where Cliff Tholen, a volunteer and former program regional coordinator, talked with and encouraged him to become a volunteer.

He remembered what it was like when he left the military and there were few programs or services focused on assisting veterans and thought Buddy-to-Buddy would be an excellent way to help fellow vets.

Keith served in the Marines from 1972-74 as a machine gunner and gunsmith. After his enlistment, he began his college studies and then embarked on a 39-year career as an Oakland County deputy sheriff.

He earned Associate's degrees in **Business and Criminal Investigation from** Oakland Community College and completed many specialized law enforcement and criminal investigation training and certificate



Wilhelm; great grandma of Alex, Jackson, Bradley, Olivia, Brooke, Maxwell and Asher.

Margaret was a talented seamstress, enjoyed playing Bingo and card games. Margaret and Ken volunteered many hours at the Auburn Hills Senior Center.

Visitation was Dec. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 19 at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church. Orion. Rite of Committal Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. Online Guestbook www.wint funeralhome.com.

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ner; 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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Blanc, instructing seniors on senior safety; and hospital chaplain at Hurley Medical Hospital in Flint.

"It's a great opportunity as hospital chaplain to network with veterans," he said. "It can be soothing to have another veteran there, reaching out and listening."

He serves on the Great Lakes National Cemetery Advisory Board, helping to plan Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies at the national cemetery; Ethics Committee at Hurley; and Region Six Veterans Community Action Team, run by the state of Michigan.

"Satisfaction comes from helping people - that's what I want to do," he said. "The passion to help comes from all the training programs during his career, earning numerous commendations and awards throughout the years.

Keith said, in addition to being able to help others as a volunteer veteran, he enjoys the camaraderie among fellow volunteer vets from every service branch that is shared on weekly support calls.

He and his wife have a daughter, three sons, and eight grandchildren.

"My wife is my rock and so are my kids." Keith said.

In the new year, he plans to cut back on some volunteering, to avoid burning out on it. "What I'm trying to do now, is not thin myself out. It's been a challenging recovery," he said.

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Christmas is messy and real

Religion Events Preaching

A pastor sees a beautiful Nativity set on the table of a family she is visiting. It is an absolutely exquisite porcelain manger scene.

Pointing to it she asks the 5 year old in the family, "Do you know what this is?"

The little boy replies, "Yes, it's breakable."

This fun little story makes me think.

Our kids pick up what we really focus on at

Christmas, or at any other time of the year for that matter.

I imagine that child's parents would have preferred he knew more about Jesus' birthday and what it means, rather than that the Nativity set was breakable.

With all of the busyness at Christmas we run the risk (even pastors) of missing the real point or of sharing something other than God's wonderful Christmas gift of hope, peace, joy and love that is born for us at Christmas.

Something else comes to mind too.

Manger scenes that are too pretty and can't be touched sort of miss the main point of Christmas.

At Christmas God's love in Jesus is born into a smelly barn. God's son is placed to sleep in a manger, which is a feed trough for animals.

times seems so filled with hate an prejudice and greed.

I wonder how manger scenes would sell if they came complete with all th sounds and smells, the sights and texture of the real thing?

I have also often wondered when Mary and Joseph might have ended u if they were looking for a place to sta in 2016 as refugees in the violence to Middle East?

Or what might happen if they we looking for a place right here in Southea Michigan? And what if they knocked of my door?

Mary and Joseph might have ende up at a homeless shelter. If they couldn find their way to a hospital somewher who knows, maybe the baby Jesus would have been placed in a cardboard box an wrapped in swaddling newspapers of some old clothing.

That is the kind of real and despera situation Mary and Joseph faced. An the kind of messy situation in which Jesus, the newborn King, came into a he entered our world.

This is what God chose - it was pa of the plan. For you see, when Go decided to "put skin on" and to be bor in a manger, it was so he could get close to us - real close in our real and ofte very difficult lives - no matter who w are, where we've been, what we've done, or how things are going for us toda

For once we have found God in a bar we can be sure that God is always with

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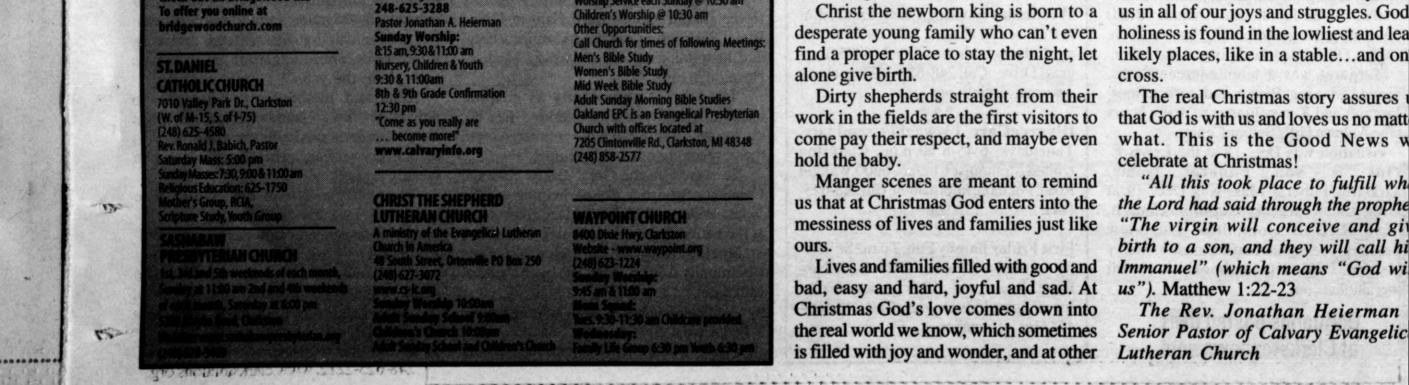
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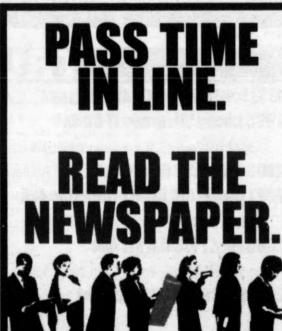
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Dr. Debra Bourdeau recently launched her new small business, Caring Transitions of North Oakland County, offering senior relocation, downsizing, and estate liquidation services.

"The stress of relocating and clearing an estate can tear families apart especially when you have a house full of memories and a deadline. I understand what it's like to like to try to go through that process professional assistance

without Bourdeau

and I know how disappointing it can be when you feel like you just have to have a garage sale when you could make made a decent profit with an estate sale. I'm hoping, with Caring Transitions, I can help families get through those transitions more smoothly," Bourdeau said.

Bourdeau studied at The Michigan College of Optometry and obtained a Fellcv/ship through Johns Hopkins Medical Institute. Prior to opening Caring Transitions, Bourdeau built and operated her own optometry practice. As part of her work for the last decade, she's worked extensively with seniors and special needs patients.

Bourdeau is a certified relocation and

Students achieve success

Miami University Red Hawk Ryan Larkin was named the National Collegiate Hockey Conference (NCHC) freshman of the week on Nov. 21. This is the second time this season he has nabbed an NCHC weekly award.

The Clarkston student is earning a Bachelor of Science majoring in Sports Leadership & Management.

Sherri Hight-Bono of Clarkston made the Dean's List in two consecutive terms at Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School.

She also received Certificates of Merit in Family Law, Negotiation Skills, and Advanced Research and Writing. She is a graduate of the University of Michigan and **Oxford High School.**

transition specialist, and opened Caring Transitions with the support of her husband Brady and son Brayden, as well as her parents Edward and Sharon Bourdeau. She and Brayden are also working on starting a cat rescue in their spare time.

Judith Rinkus recently joined the commercial lending team at Clarkston State Bank.

Rinkus is a commercial lending veteran with over 35 years of experience in the banking industry and a significant concentration in the lending discipline.

She began her banking career at Manufacturer's Bank, now Comerica Bank, back in the early 1980s. Over the years, her contributions have been significant including restructuring loan portfolios, managing and growing commercial loan portfolios, deposits and treasury management services as well as managing and leading powerful teams of commercial lenders. She has consistently exceeded company goals and has ranked amongst the top producers wherever she has been employed.

In addition to her vast knowledge and experience, Rinkus has a Bachelor's degree from the University Of Michigan Ross School Of Business. She has been associated with several professional affiliations including the Association for Corporate Growth, Detroit Chapter and the Walsh College Advisory Committee.

Kasmin Kern, Anna Laube, Nathaniel Smith, Jennifer Neumann, and Sarah West; duets Anna Laube and Andrea Luther, Samantha Springer and Jennifer Neumann, Jordan Bailey and Emma Spitzer, Devin Grail and Brandon Clements, Sophia Tadavich and Natalie Schultz, Riley Haener and Kendall Maguire, Emma Woodworth and Melody Lebert, Joseph McGowen and Jacob Vickers, Maceo Williams and Karl Wandrei, Trent Schmeling and Devin Bennett, Sarah Sholte and Faith Kroll, Aleeva Dziurda and Jocelynn Detvo, Jocelynn Detvo and Brenna Lockwood, Marc



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She is the daughter of Jerry Hight and Mary Goffar. She and her husband, Jeffrey Bono, have three children, Mary-Catherine, Jacob, and Joseph Bono.

Sashabaw Middle School performers earning First Division honors at the MSBOA **District IV Solo and Ensemble Festival** hosted by Novi Middle School, Dec. 3, include soloists Adam Schmitz, Natalie Otterbein, Jake Tabor, Brenna Lockwood, Sydney Tadavich, Ethyn Royse, Logan Harris, Paris Bird, Gwendolyn Kohl,

Delcamp and Dylan Walker, Sydney Tadavich and Leanna Kroll, Sydney Tadavich and Elise Wilhelm, Cara Borgerson and Emma Turner, Aleeya Dziurda and Cara Borgerson, Kiara Greer and Mya Wayne, Emma Renusch and Allison Miracle, Elizabeth Adams and Jordan Bailey, and Jillian Livingston and Melody Lebert; trios Jenna Buscher, Anna Laube, and Andrea Luther, and Aiden Forbes, Will Childs, and Turner Guillery; quartets Nathan Thomas, Drew Stewart, Ethan Fagan, and Andrew Herrmann, and Hana Chrenka, Sophia Walker, Libby Haar, and Abby Kurniawan; and sextet Johanna Chatman, Marc Delcamp, Gabe Gipe, Josh John, James La Zar, and Dylan Walker.

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