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News binds community together

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The power of print is strong, and nowhere stronger than in community news.

"You guys are the glue that really binds this community together," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle. "You're the ones out there day in and day out trying to

let people know what's going on, how they can get engaged."

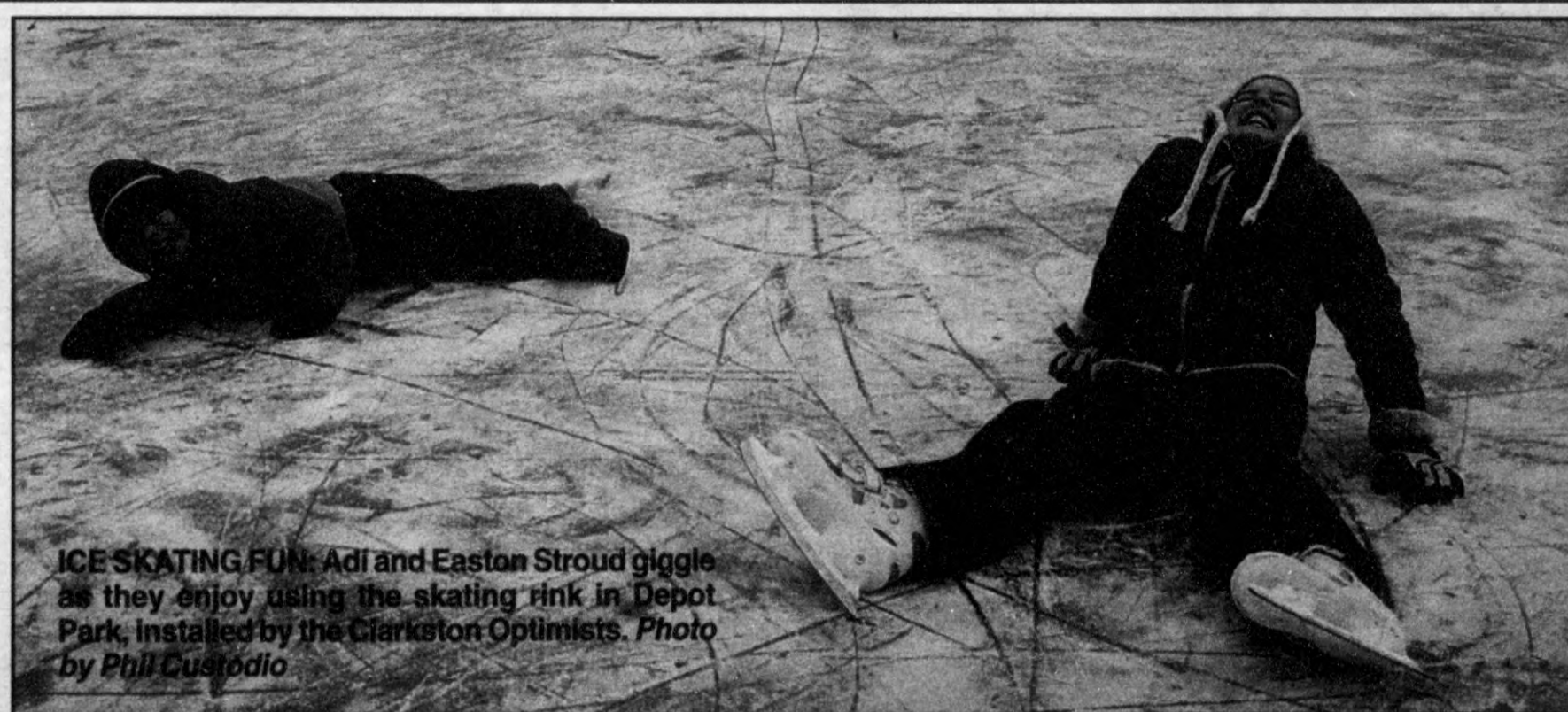
"A community newspaper helps us remember history and also to focus on this community and all of the great things happening here," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

Larger media companies don't have much

opportunity to celebrate good things happening in Clarkston, and that's where the community newspaper comes into play, said Steve Hyer, Clarkston School Board president.

"Having local folks covering local activities and disseminating that information

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ICE SKATING FUN: Adi and Easton Stroud giggle as they enjoy using the skating rink in Depot Park, installed by the Clarkston Optimists. Photo by Phil Custodio

Judge rules for Sutherland House to be restaurant

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Owners of 59 S. Main Street, known as the Sutherland House, have prevailed in their lawsuit against the city.

The Hon. James M. Alexander, Oakland County Circuit Court judge, ordered the city to approve Larry Barnett and CBC Joint Venture's request to rezone the property for

use as a restaurant.

On the agenda for Monday's City Council meeting was a resolution to adjourn to closed session after the Jan. 9 meeting to discuss written attorney-client privileged communication and specific pending litigation, received on Jan. 4 and 6, and to consult with the city attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with the

CBC Joint Venture vs. City of the Village of Clarkston lawsuit.

The city has 21 days to file an appeal, said Rich Little, interim city manager.

The judge noted in his summary disposition order, dated Jan. 4, the property is zoned RM, multiple-family residential, and operates as an apartment home. Over the

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**Independence
Township Times**
in this week's edition

Suspect sought

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The search for a suspect in the armed robbery of a local jeweler went national this week, with U.S. marshals taking the case.

Jimmie Walker Jr., 51, of Detroit is the suspect sought in the armed robbery of Clarkston Jewelry Outlet, Dec. 17. Walker is one of two suspects in the case.



Walker

According to Oakland County Sheriff's Office, two robbers entered the jewelry store at 4:03 p.m., Dec. 17, and pointed guns at owner Dan Chiappelli and his 20-year-old son. The robbers,

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Parking survey

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Who's parking where and when downtown? The city wants to know.

"We hope to find out the parking profile of business owners and employees," said Rich Little, interim city manager. "There are a lot of different business needs. Profiles will provide real data about what's really happening."

The city is taking a parking survey with questions including number of employees, when they come and go, and where and for how long they park, and how many parking

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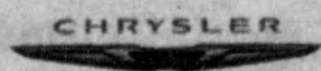
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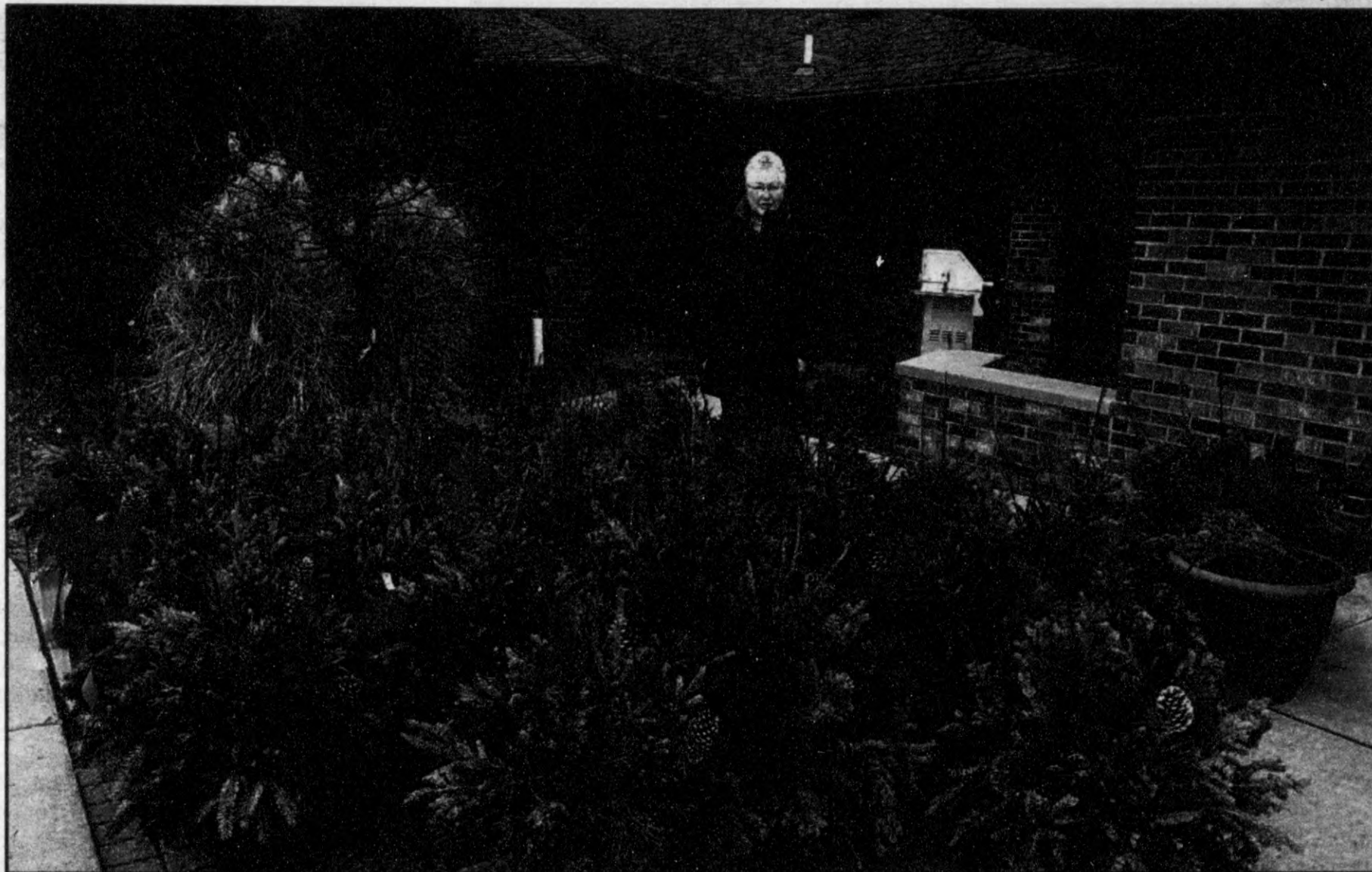
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GREENS SALE SUCCESS: Clarkston Community Women's Club has been selling poinsettias and greens for Christmas for more than 30 years, and enjoyed their largest sale this past holiday season. "A big thank you to the community for helping us with this fundraiser," said Chairperson Belinda Seal-Sweet, chairperson, along with Co-Chairperson Gail Ferguson. "Profits from this sale will help support donations to the (Clarkston Independence District) library, which we are the founders of, and scholarship to a young woman from Clarkston High School." *Photo provided*

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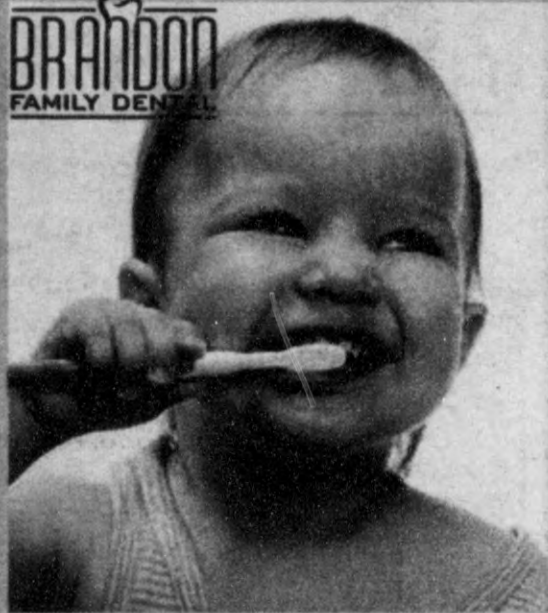
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Court rules city can't block restaurant

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years, it has also been zoned for and used as a doctor's office, house and apartment, bar and restaurant, and a fruit and vegetable market.

The judge noted:

- February 2015, the owners, who are the plaintiffs in the case, filed an application for re-zoning for a village commercial zoning to operate as a bar and restaurant. In March 2015, Clarkston Planning Commission recommended approval of the rezoning;

- March 2015, review by planning consultant Richard Carlisle, "inclined to recommend that commercial zoning is appropriate," but "would be more comfortable knowing the request has been more narrowly refined";

- March 2015, city council sent plaintiff's request back to the planning commission for discussion of conditional rezoning to a restaurant and bar, rather than generally commercial use;

- June 2015, plaintiff filed an amended application for rezoning the property to VC, limited to use as a bar and restaurant;

- June 2015, Carlisle again recommended approval for commercial use of the property, saying it was compatible and consistent with the zoning ordinance, and also said the new use "must be conducive to the historic nature of the property";

- Aug. 10, 2015, City Council voted to deny the rezoning request; and

- October 2015, plaintiff filed complaint on claims the city violated equal protection and due process rights, amounted to a taking under the United States and Michigan Constitutions, and constituted a deprivation

of rights under U.S. law.

The suit sought to order the city to re-zone the Sutherland building at 59 S. Main Street from multiple residential to commercial for development into a restaurant, citing undue influence by and favoritism towards the Catallo family in Clarkston.

In the suit, the building owner claimed the city had no legitimate reason to deny the rezoning request, particularly when faced with nearly identical requests from others.

The city granted similar rezoning requests made by Curt Catallo, the son of City Council member Sharron Catallo, including operating a bar and restaurant and an industrial kitchen directly across the street from the plaintiff's property, the judge noted.

The city disputes the claim Sharron Catallo improperly influenced the planning commission and city council to deny plaintiff's requested rezoning.

Attorneys representing the city, provided by the Michigan Municipal League, said the denial was appropriate because:

- Request was not consistent with the Clarkston Master Plan, which includes preserving the historic character of the city;

- The property and five homes to the south are all historic structures within the Historic District and were constructed as private residences over 100 years ago. Rezoning would jeopardize the historic nature of the structure of the restaurant were to fail;

- Current multifamily designation contributes to the spirit of the downtown area, by adding pedestrian activity adding to the vitality of the downtown village core;

- Current zoning provides a good

transition between historic homes to the south and commercial properties to the north;

- Zoning has been for multifamily since 1986 at plaintiff's request. Residential property owners abutting property have relied on this zoning designation for 30 years. A sudden change would disturb the character of the area and the expectations of residents; and

- Rezoning it because of commercial property next to or across the street would create a domino effect and jeopardize the historic nature of the area.

The plaintiff's claims included:

- Nearby property is zoned and used for commercial purposes, so imposition of residential restrictions on similarly situated property is unreasonable and invalid;

- Several similar properties are zoned commercial without regard to proximity to residential zones;

- Neighboring property at 55 S. Main, 54 S. Main and 14 N. Main are all zoned commercial and directly adjacent to residential zoned properties;

- All commercial properties on Main Street from Waldon to 14 N. Main Street are adjacent to residential properties with no buffer;

- The city does not usually impose buffer or transition restrictions on similarly situated property, so the decision to do so with the plaintiff's property is unreasonable and invalid;

- Refusal to reclassify property is not consistent with general land use patterns in the area;

- Property has been zoned and used for commercial purposes in the past 50 years, including a bar and restaurant; and

- Plan includes preserving the historic character of the building with minimal exterior changes.

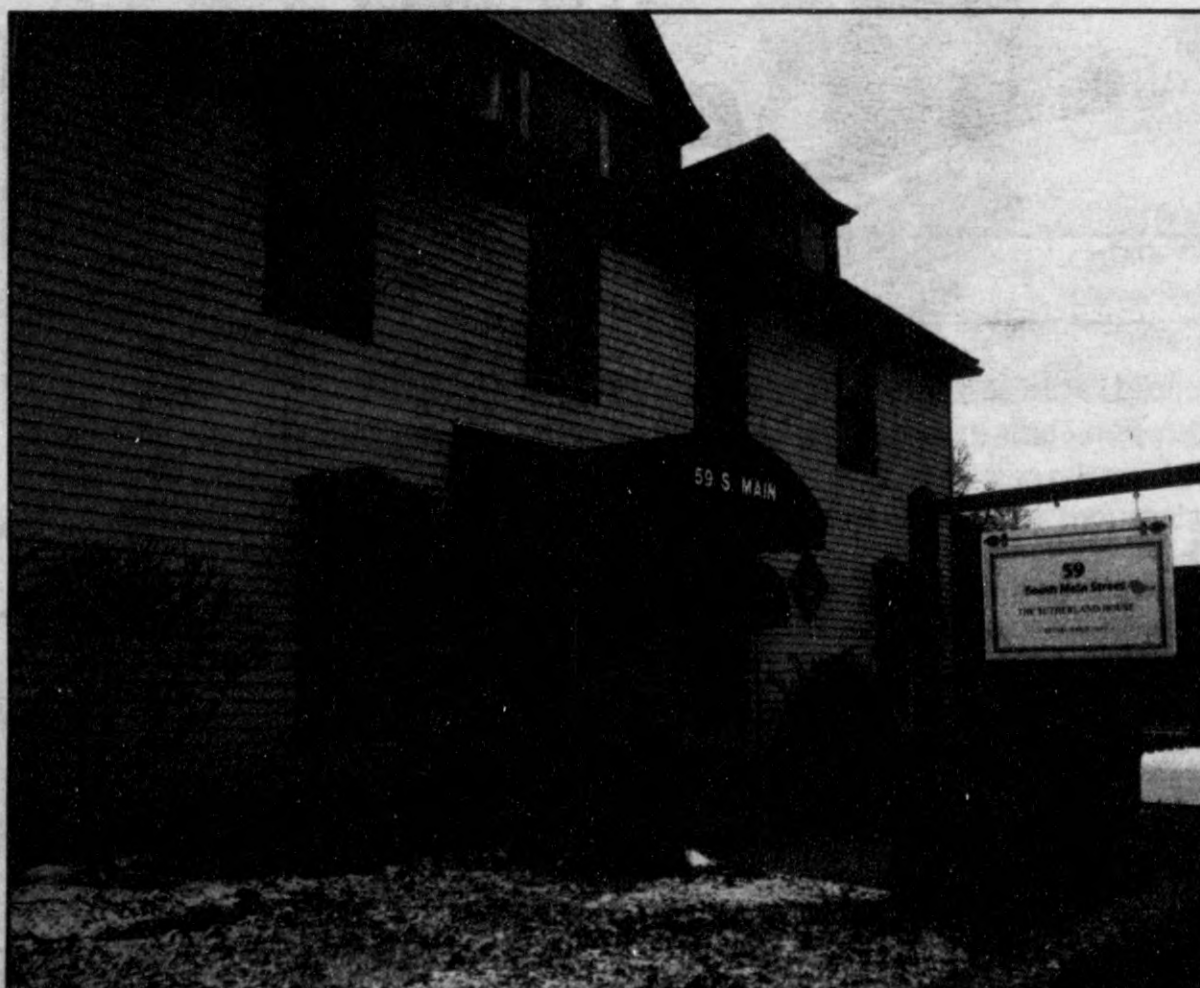
The court noted U.S. and Michigan Constitutions provide equal protection of the laws, and found the plaintiff's proposed use of the property is suitable for and consistent with the city's stated objectives in the subject area, and defendant's denial of the rezoning request was arbitrary.

The order is for the city to approve the plaintiff's rezoning request and may not prevent the plaintiff from opening a restaurant and bar on the property as proposed.

The opinion does not require the city to approve any request for a liquor license, which was not an issue presented to the court.

The takings and deprivation claims were dismissed.

The plaintiff failed to establish any taking has occurred, and it not been "deprived as all economically beneficial or productive use of the land, because he operated the property as a fully occupied apartment house and realizes some income," the court ruled.



Oakland County Circuit Court ruled against the City of the Village of Clarkston in the Sutherland building lawsuit. Photo by Phil Custodio

School focus

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Superintendent Rod Rock plans to focus primarily on social, emotional and physical wellbeing of students in 2017.

The community wellbeing initiative aims to help parents and principals become more aware of these important aspects of students' wellbeing, Rock said.

The district will complete a book study and screen a documentary in February, "Resilience," to help get a better understanding of the importance of social, emotional and physical wellbeing and learn how to support it as a community. He also hopes to have the author of "The Resilience Factor" visit from the University of Pennsylvania.

The district wants to create more opportunities for students through the career technical education initiative, Rock said.

"We're looking at expanding career technical education programming for middle school, junior high students," Rock said, "where they can have access and information to different kinds of careers, such as construction and trades, and how we can get them information on that and have pathways for them to get into those careers."

They're looking to expand educational opportunities to help high school students get more college credit as well, through early or middle college with University of Michigan - Flint and the Dual Enrollment Educational Partnership program, which includes liberal arts and health studies.

"We know students have different needs and they have different motivators and they have different ways to show us what they know," Rock said, "so, the board wants to discuss definitions of success for students and how we measure those and the research behind them."

Connecting with Clarkston alumni is another area Rock wants to work on in 2017. About 90 Clarkston alumni from the last four or five years attended a lunch at the end of 2016 to give the district feedback on their preparedness for college, careers, and how the district can do a better job.

This information will encourage them to give information to current students and eventually be able to help Clarkston students with internships and mentorships even beyond college.

Some initial bond projects will also be started in 2017, Rock said. Safe and secure entrances are slotted for Andersonville and Bailey Lake elementary schools, and Springfield Plains Elementary is getting a new playground. Technology infrastructure is being updated to support wireless connections and increasing bandwidth.

"I look forward to a great year and continuing the positive things happening here, both in our community and as a school system," Rock said.



Parking is now allowed on only one side of Church Street in Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

Survey to help customers, residents

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parking for employees and customers. Not just say, 'There's a problem.' We want to make it better for everybody, owners, employees, and residents."

The survey was to the topic of discussion at a Clarkston Retailers meeting this month, Little said.

Ideas under discussion include permit parking and remote parking for employees with some sort of shuttle service. The city

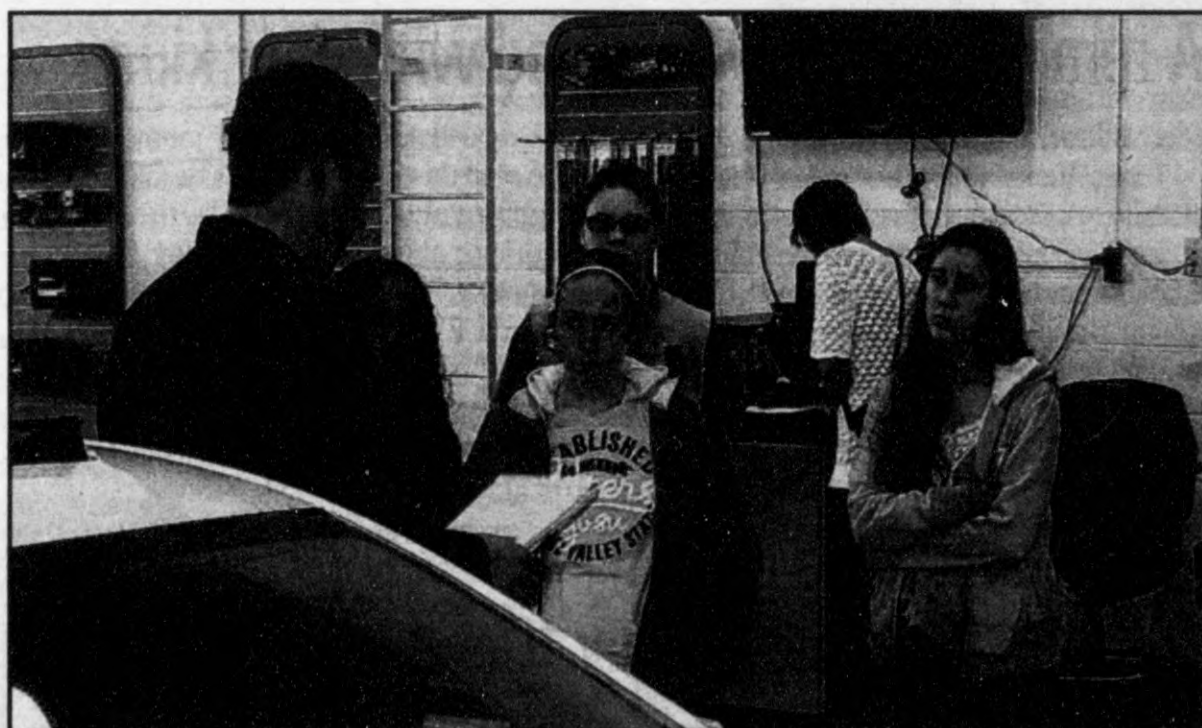
has already limited parking to one side of Church Street to help residents and motorists driving through there.

"There's not enough money to build a big parking structure or anything like that," Little said.

"No parking" signs were installed last week on Church Street, he said.

"That's a temporary solution," he added.

Results of the survey are expected by the end of the month, he said.



Students learn about car care from the experts at the Bowman's workshops. File photo

Expanded car clinic at Bowman's

Registration is open for Bowman Chevrolet Education Night on Wednesday, Jan. 18 from 6:30 p.m. at the dealership, 6750 Dixie Highway.

The Car Care 101 free, educational class goes over the basics of car care - checking fluids, changing a tire, getting under the hood - very hands on and taught by three master technicians.

As a part of Bowman Education Night, they will be hosting New Owner Technology

classes and Car Seat Safety classes with free car seat checks on the same night. For more information on these, please contact Jen Thrift or Cody Simpson at info@bowmanchevy.com or 248-575-5000.

Pizza will be provided for all three classes.

Parent are encouraged to attend with their child, but if they plan to drop off they will need to sign a waiver and pick up their child no later than 7:30 p.m. Register through info@BowmanChevy.com

Briefly

SMART contract

Independence Township Board approved a contract for the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), at its Jan. 3 regular meeting.

The contract provides \$30,168 to SMART for transportation of persons who are handicapped or are 65+ years and live in Independence Township, the City of the Village of Clarkston, and Springfield Township.

Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the money is used for vehicle maintenance, gas and a sizeable part of the labor involved for the drivers. He added the contract doesn't have any budget impact.

Director job search

Independence Township is seeking a new Director of Assessing. The job was posted Dec. 22, 2016, and township Supervisor Pat Kittle said they're planning to begin the process of filling the position soon.

A St. John's, Mich., resident spoke during public comment, Jan. 3, with hopes to be hired for the position.

The township Assessor's Office job, which is posted on indtwp.com, has an annual salary range of \$80,000-\$95,000.

Duties include assessment, administration, supervision, and inspection, appraisal, and assessment of real and personal property.

Short meeting

Clocking in at just nine minutes, the Independence Township Board may have set a record for shortest meeting, Jan. 3.

"Happy New Year everyone, we're off to a great start," said Trustee Andrea Schroeder at the end of the meeting:

City manager search

Clarkston City Council was scheduled to interview and possibly hire a candidate for city manager at Monday's meeting. The News went to the printer on Monday for the Township Times, so results were unavailable in time for publication.

The seach committee, Eric Haven, Rich Little, former Mayor Joe Luginski, and Mayor Steve Percival, reviewed 24 candidates and interviewed five either by telephone or in person.

Little, interim city manager, declined to name the finalists on Friday, saying they had not yet been notified.

Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

Onward 2017

People have talked, posted and tweeted about what an awful year 2016 was. With the loss of so many great legends such as David Bowie, Prince, Muhammed Ali, Alan Rickman, Gene Wilder, Carrie Fisher, and the list goes on. There was also the presidential election, regardless of who you voted for, I think most agree they were relieved when the race finished. Tragedies happened all over the world, in Nice, Orlando, Tultepec, Aleppo, to name a few.

Truthfully, I've often been on the bandwagon of 2016 being #WorstYearEver.

Though in my reality, 2016 wasn't all bad. I learned to ski, graduated with two bachelor's degrees, visited friends in two states, saw my favorite band in concert, moved close to a city I've always wanted to live in, picked up some waitressing skills and even got a job in my field.

I'm unsure of what 2017 will bring. I haven't made any resolutions, just some vacation plans and hopes to move in with my old roommate after she graduates college. Will it be better than 2016? Hard to say, graduating college is a tough one to beat, but I've got some ideas.

In a way, it could be the best resolution, just looking for ways to make every year as good as the last, or even better, regardless of what happens. The notion of we can't always control what happens to us, but we can control how we feel about it. Outside of myself, I do hope some things change in 2017.

It'd be great to see more kindness in the world, especially between strangers. The world doesn't need any more negativity.

Arguing on social media never accomplishes anything, mostly because of ad hominem arguments. Time might be better spent taking a crash course on compromising and listening to opposing views.

I hope people read books this year. And not just any books, ones taking you out of your comfort zone. If you're pressed for time, articles (from reputable news sources) are also helpful to put yourself in someone else's shoes. You don't have to agree with what you're reading, but at least now you're more informed. Some tips I hope can make 2017 better for everyone. Have a wonderful new year, Clarkston!



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Thank you for help with holiday service

Dear Editor,

Wint Funeral Home would like to thank the many people who helped with our Annual Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Service.

The heartwarming service took place on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016. Special thanks to Clarkston Community Church for their beautiful church and many gracious members who assisted behind the scenes,

our grief counselor Jon Richey for speaking and our soloist Matthew Duncan and his accompanist Rick Haines.

Also a heartfelt thank you to Kim Feigley who shared her personal story of loss. Information for upcoming grief and bereavement events can be found at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Wint Funeral Home
Clarkston

Holiday surprise from Clarkston Post Office

Dear Editor,

I was in the Clarkston Post Office a few days before Christmas and had to mail out dozens of pictures for the holiday.

I purchased a bunch of stamps at the counter and went to the counter near the door and started applying the stamps to the mailers.

After a bit of time the woman running the additional register came over and started helping me place stamps on envelopes.

Near the end I determined I did not have

enough \$1 stamps and bought 10 more. We finished up, I thanked her and I left.

A few days after Christmas, I got a plain envelope addressed to me. I opened it and found nine \$1 stamps along with a note from the Post Office employee saying she found these stamps after I left.

Wow, what a surprise! Thank you to the Post Office and specifically one of their employees.

Mark Kelly
Independence Township

A reminder to stay involved with your kids

Dear Editor,

I was lucky to be his mom ("Keeping classmate's memory alive," Jan. 4).

He was just a loving person, big heart, taking in animals and if anyone needed a place to stay, he would say "hey, that's OK, you come stay with me, my mom will make us dinner."

He taught me to skate board, play video games and of course how to make a teepee out of branches and a belt. He really love spending time with his mom.

I hope that if there are any moms out there who read this, I just want to say, take the time to get involved in your kid's life, listen to them talk about Minecraft, play Magic the Gathering, hang out with them and never think that you'll have time.

Mike and I spent our time together like everyday was our last day together. He was one of my best friends, and that day I lost my friend and my son.

Sandy West
Posted on ClarkstonNews.com

Michael Biven was truly friend to everyone

Dear Editor,

I was lucky enough to have seen his heart in action ("Keeping classmate's memory alive," Jan. 4).

There is no BS here. He was a friend to anyone who wanted one. If you knew

Michael, your life was enriched by him, plain and simple. Everyone should strive for an attitude like his. Your and everyone else's world will be better for it.

Dave Moosekian
Posted on ClarkstonNews.com

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"THAW out this cold winter with the help of Lighthouse Clarkston" Lighthouse Clarkston was coming off a successful holiday season was running the THAW program, which ran until May 31, helped pay utility bills.

"Students carry hopes and wishes into year 2002" Several students from Clarkston High School and Clarkston Middle School talked about their New Year's hopes including getting better grades and being a better person. "To work harder in school," said Jessica Parke from the middle school.

"Netters come from behind to defeat Adams" The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team rallied from behind to defeat Rochester Adams, 11-15, 15-7, and 15-10. Megan Gaines had 19 aces for the Lady Wolves.

25 years ago - 1992

"Setting lofty goals" Independence Township resident and Olympic walker Gary Morgan talked to students at the Oakland Technical Center- Northwest campus about setting goals and achieving them.

"Village weighs M-15 option" Various concerns were brought up during a Clarkston Village Council meeting as Mark VanPortfleet, a design engineer for Michigan Department of Transportation, and Margaret Barondess, M-DOT's chief archaeologist, discussed putting a traffic light at the intersection of M-15 and Clarkston Road.

"Girls fast off the slopes with 4-0 start" It was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Ski team but they proved everyone wrong opening the season 4-0 with wins over Rochester Adams, Cranbrook Kingswood, Rochester and Detroit Country Day.

50 years ago - 1967

"Night-time blaze routs family" A fire at 35 Buffalo Street in Clarkston, could have been disastrous if it had not been discovered. It was brought under control on an early Sunday morning. The cause was believed to be started in an electrical outlet.

"Record number enter pageant" Jeanne Shoots, Clarkston's Junior Miss, would be one of 37 young women participating in the Ninth Annual Michigan Junior Miss Pageant.

"Round the town" The Copeman family spent New Years weekend in Houghton Lake with family and also hunted while they were there.

Miscellanea brought by Mr. Cellanea

These Jottings first appeared on Jan. 13, 2010

When you read a headline like that you know you're in for some "profound" statements, some outstanding prose and some stuff from the manure spreader owner.

You can expect to read a 2010 Jottings that's completely unrehearsed, unrepeatable, unnecessary and certainly not serious.

Keep that in mind as you try to follow my selection of potential sponsors for various television appearances. I've told you a few times I watch a lot of television. Not necessarily good television, just tube fillers.

First, because he travels overseas so often I think Rosetta Stone, the language teacher, could pick up President Obama's scripted readings from the right-and-left (not politically left and right, of course) teleprompters. I know our presidents are not supposed to accept advertising, but they aren't supposed to rewrite the Constitution either.

Then I would suggest the TV show, *CSI*,

get Protect My ID.Com as a sponsor, Tums could pick up the Detroit Lions, Slim Fast would be a good fit for Oprah and Preparation H for those in the political debating audience.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

for all the nearly naked performers (?). Actually, there are so many stripper related programs Victoria's Secret, Jockey and Warner could get involved.

The Romanie Eye Center or Visine could be worked into programs that provide sporting events officials.

The Consumer Debt Advocate company should look into introducing Secretary of Treasury Timothy Geithner.

Of course Dr. Scholl's foot products are a natural for *Dancing With the Stars*.

I'm recommending Fruit of the Loom as a sponsor

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I must have been out of the room when the tube told me I was going to get a cut in my Social Security benefits last month, but there was, a shortage.

I gotta' find a way to get on his "stimulus" money calendar. He must know that if he'd give money directly to the people they would spend it now, and help the economy, as opposed to what the banks did.

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One of the do-gooder programs has promoted using gift boxes made of debris left from forest fires. That's an extreme environmental stretch for believability. Show me the debris left from a forest fire and I'll show you some ashes.

Imagine the fun those fast talking, product pushing imaginers could have if they proved the ashes came from the burning of Rome.

Quickies

• Electrolux is advertising a stove that

"boils" water in 90 seconds. There is no mention if this is a spoon or washtub full.

• Three days after the terrorist threat at Detroit Metro Airport, Mr. Obama took to a microphone and said, "I will do everything I can to protect America!" Then he got back into his golf cart and reviewed his grip.

• If Rosetta Stone is such a great teacher of languages why don't our schools buy them?

• Some quotes from my 1905 Sparamotor Co. handbook. Sparamotor made insect spray.

"Ability and necessity dwell near each other."

"You can drive a pen, but a pencil must be lead."

"Intelligence is the mother of good luck."

"Nothing is denied to well directed labor. Nothing is obtained without it."

"A pie in the hand is worth two in the pantry."

"Always put off 'til tomorrow what does not concern you."

'Word' of the year (you'll have to read to find out)

In the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen, I started a new *Don't Rush Me* tradition of setting the course for the year, early on in January.

As a former ink-stained wretch (our Community Goss Offset printing presses haven't run in four or five years, so I no longer get inky from helping) and forever the lowly and humble scribe, my way of navigating the upcoming 12 months is with a word. Lucky you, I shall endeavor to continue said tradition this year. (I know, you're quivering with anticipation, to which I sayeth to you, "Keep your shorts on! Relax, I will get to The Word.")

First, a little background. Last year, Hooterville resident Pam Belding offered me a birthday present. Aside from being an author, speaker, life coach, wife and mom, she also reads Oracle cards. Oracle cards "are an ancient, time-honored way to connect with angels."

I reckon she figured I needed some divine guidance. From that session I got my Word for 2016. For the record, it wasn't my first choice in words. I wanted my word to be "canoodle" because everybody, especially me, needs more kissing and cuddling amorously in their life.

And, while canoodling is cool, it wasn't the word the angels passed on to Pam to pass on to me. My word last year was *valor*. It proved to be an excellent "Word of The Year." With courage and valor, I plugged along 2016, mostly with my head held high as to see the adversity coming my way.

Enter 2017.

I wanted to have this column done for the first week in January, but had not had the opportunity to hook up with

Pam to get her input. So, for my 2017 word I did the next best thing. I went to the old, well-used (before spell check and the internet came along), but dusty, Webster's 3rd New International Dictionary, copywritten in 1961, closed my eyes and fanned through the pages until the spirit moved me to stop. Then, with eyes still closed, I moved my finger around on the two smooth pages of black and white before me. Circling, zigzagging until my finger stopped... my word was there, under my left pointy digit, I slowly opened my eyes and read: *Naked Bulb*.

What?! Naked Bulb! What a gyp! (And, I know that is a term sure will upset somebody, somewhere.) Yup, there on Page 1,500 was my guiding light word of 2017. Naked Bulb: "A plant bulb consisting of scales as distinguished from a tunicate bulb (whatever that is)." So, I got that going for me. Hurriedly, I called Pam and we scheduled a time for the angels to help me out.

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I went to Pam's pad, said "Howdy" to her hubs, Blake, and sat down in their dining room to await The Word. She sat down, fiddled with getting her decks of cards in order, unfolded a cloth between us and then went to work. When all was said and done she looked at me and said, "Well, your word for 2017 isn't as sexy as *valor*, but they are your words."

Yeah, you read that correctly -- words, with an 's' as in plural.

*Responsible,
Support,
Self Determination.*

She was right, not as sexy, however they do having meaning, she said. I am responsible for supporting myself (hopes and aspirations) for my own self determination. This year will be the end, and beginning and "new" way of moving forward sans regret.

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On Monday morning, not really satisfied, I went to the online Urban Dictionary and typed in "Naked Bulb." Nothing. No matches. I typed in "bulb" and got, "A good idea. Derived from classic cartoons when the characters have a lightbulb appear above their head when they have an idea." For example:

Guy #1: "I'm bored."

Guy #2: "Let's go paintballing!"

Guy #1: "Good bulbs, man!"

I then typed in "naked" and got, "Anything meaning bare, mostly, but not limited to: Unclothed; Seeing something with your naked eye; There being no obstruction between your pupils and the event/object; Naked flame, a flame that has no shielding; To be naked of all pride/possessions, to not be proud of yourself or your actions/ to have no possessions."

Interesting... maybe it is then a good idea to go into this year *naked*, new. Maybe I am figuratively to see myself as a *naked bulb*, one I need to tend and care for if I am to fully blossom? Is that some sort of wang chung, hoodoo or a solid path to follow?

This morning, before typing this column I opened my electronic mail and in my "in-box" was this from blogger Seth Godin, titled *More and Less*.

More creating... Less consuming
More leading... Less following
More contributing... Less taking
More patience... Less intolerance
More connecting... Less isolating
More writing... Less watching
More optimism... Less false realism

I think I do not need to shake my Magic 8-Ball because all signs are pointing in the same direction -- move that-away, forward. Your thoughts? Send them to DontRushDon@gmail.com

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NUTRITION



Cindy Crandell R.N.
Functional Medicine
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Q. I want to ask you about avocados? How bad are they?

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Walt Renn

Q. Should I insure my fiancé engagement ring?

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**Jason Nolan
Senior Loan Officer**



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A. You heard correctly. For conventional loans, that amount was increased to \$424,100. For FHA loans, that amount was raised to \$275,655. This is the first time the limits have been increased in a decade, which is a good indicator of the overall health of the real estate market. For the consumer, it means more people will be able access to affordable mortgage financing, as conventional and FHA loan options offer some of the most attractive terms.

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Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Suspended license

A 32-year-old Independence Township man came into the Independence Substation to turn himself in, 3:30 p.m., Jan. 2. He had a misdemeanor charges for driving with a suspended license and improper plate, both out of 52-4 District Court in Troy, and a misdemeanor charge OCA out of 48th District Court in Bloomfield Township. He was jailed on the warrants.

Speeder had no license

A deputy on patrol on I-75 at Dixie Highway saw a Dodge Challenger with an expired dealership paper tag being followed by a car in the far left lane, both at a high rate of speed, 12:05 p.m., Jan. 4. The deputy caught up to the vehicles south of M-15, where he paced them at more than 90 mph. Both cars slowed to about 65 mph near Clintonville Road, and the deputy stopped them. The driver of the car, a 24-year-old Flint man, said he didn't have a driver's license. He said it was his grandmother's rental car from Flint. The driver of the other vehicle was his girlfriend, a 22-year-old Burton woman, following him to the dealership. The 24-year-old was cited for driving with a suspended license. The 22-year-old was cited for driving with a suspended license,

no registration for her vehicle, and no proof of insurance. They were given warnings for speeding. The vehicles were both impounded, and they were given rides to Great Lakes Crossing Mall.

Award for sheriff's office

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office was recently named one of the top 20 law enforcement agencies in the nation for military veterans and reservists by the *Military Times*. The selection focuses on department culture and policies catering to veterans and reservists.

The Best for Vets: Law Enforcement 2017 scored OCSO well in the rankings because of their hiring preference for veterans and a high percentage of veterans hired in relation to the total number of hires. In addition, Oakland County supports their staff when they are called and deployed by filling any wage difference and supporting their family.

"We are proud to have been named one of the twenty best law enforcement agencies for military veterans and reservists in the nation," said Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. "We do our best to support the men and women who serve and work to protect our freedoms on a daily basis, and we invite any veterans or reservists to apply for a job today at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office."

Second suspect awaits trial

Continued from page 1

both wearing ski masks and dark clothing, taking jewelry and money.

During the robbery, Chiappelli struggled with the robber in the back room, and the suspect called for the other to shoot the store owner. The other suspect walked into the back room, shot at Chiappelli, then struck him in the head with his gun. The owner was treated and released for his injuries.

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, who was not armed, pursued the robbers in his truck.

He found them in a car at the entrance to Lakeview Cemetery, and blocked them in. The suspects fired several pistol shots and the store owner rammed their vehicle with his truck. The suspects fled on foot in opposite directions.

Roy-Lee Jeffrey Genright, 48, of Detroit was found and taken into custody by deputies near the water tower northwest of the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road. He was armed with a loaded Ruger 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

The second suspect fled across Middle

Lake, which was frozen. 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.

Genright was arrested the night of the robbery, and was charged in 51-2 District Court with multiple counts of armed robbery and assault. The suspect is on parole for two counts of armed robbery and habitual offender, fourth offense, paroled on Feb. 18, 2015. He is held in the Oakland County Jail in lieu of \$1 million cash surety bond and a Jan. 31 probable cause hearing before in 52-2 District Court.

Though not in custody, Walker has been charged with 12 felonies in the robbery.

He is described as five-foot, 10 inches tall and 170 pounds. He is on parole, released in November 2015, after serving part of a 5-40 year sentence for armed robbery out of Detroit.

A \$1,000 reward is offered for tips leading to his arrest. Call 800-SPEAKUP.



Patients can go online to make waits easier at McLaren Clarkston. Photo provided

On-line scheduling at McLaren

The emergency department at McLaren Clarkston on Sashabaw Road recently introduced online self-scheduling and check-ins to reduce wait times.

The new, two-click InQuicker scheduling lets patients with non-life threatening or debilitating conditions view estimated wait times and stay at home until their treatment time arrives.

"When providing care, it's always our goal to treat the whole patient, going beyond their illness or ailment by also addressing their anxieties and helping them feel more relaxed," said Harrison Tong, DO, director of emergency medicine at McLaren Oakland and McLaren Clarkston. "If it is a serious medical emergency, please do not wait to come in, but if there are non-emergent patients more comfortable waiting at home, this can lead to a more positive overall experience."

InQuicker is not an appointment or reservation service. It estimates treatments times based on available resources—InQuicker users do not skip the ER wait time nor pass patients in the waiting room. And should a projected treatment time be delayed, a text and/or email notification is sent to the user.

All InQuicker requests are reviewed by McLaren Clarkston healthcare providers. Designed to filter for specific symptom keywords that might indicate a potential life-threatening conditions. Those patients are immediately prompted to call 911 or head to their nearest ER.

To schedule treatment at the ER, or to learn more about the services offered at McLaren Clarkston, visit www.mclaren.org/clarkston.



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Cagers outshoot in third

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Nick Wells opened the second half with two points against Walled Lake Western which sparked a 17-2 run.

"I wish they would have let me that - coach, don't worry we have the second half. We have the third quarter in our hand," Dan Fife, long-time Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball head coach, joked after the game.

The spark put the Wolves team into the lead after battling back and forth during the first half. They would finish the third quarter with a 21-point lead.

Fife admitted he didn't say anything different to them during half time.

"Just move the ball. Take care of the ball," he shared. "All the things coaches would say."

What probably did spark the Wolves was the 3-point shot from junior Foster Loyer right before the buzzer sounded which gave

the boys a 2-point lead going into half time, 30-28. His shot followed Warriors' Delano Smith breaking the 27-point tie with one shot on the free throw line.

As the Wolves raked up points in the third quarter they also blocked the Warriors from making their shots or getting close to the basket as Walled Lake Western only scored 15 points during the entire second half.

"That's a good ball club," Fife said about Walled Lake Western. "We tried to change the tempo a little bit because they were in control of it. We wanted to get them a little faster. I don't know if that hurt them or not. I think we just shot and moved the ball better."

He added sophomore Taylor Currie had a good second half against the Warriors.

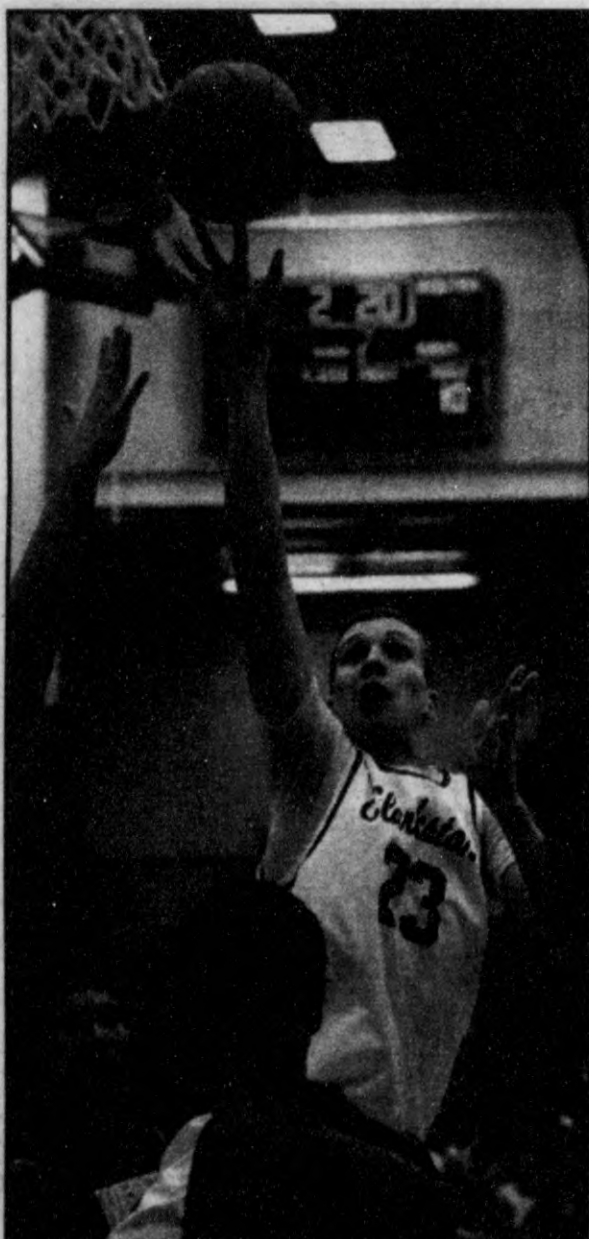
"He is learning you have to post but have to post strongly," he said. "It's a learning thing. He's a good kid and doesn't mind getting in there. The fact that he's tall and he's long, he changes shots. He gives us a presence when he drives in there. You have to run into that guy."

Loyer led the team with 27 points, scoring four 3-pointers and going 7-for-7 on the free throw line. Wells added ten points. Currie, senior Dylan Alderson and junior CJ Robinson added eight points each.

The Wolves are 7-0 overall after giving Walled Lake Western their first loss and also defeating Flint Carman-Ainsworth on Jan. 3, 60-47. Loyer led with 38 points. Alderson had 17 points and Currie had 11 points and 13 rebounds.

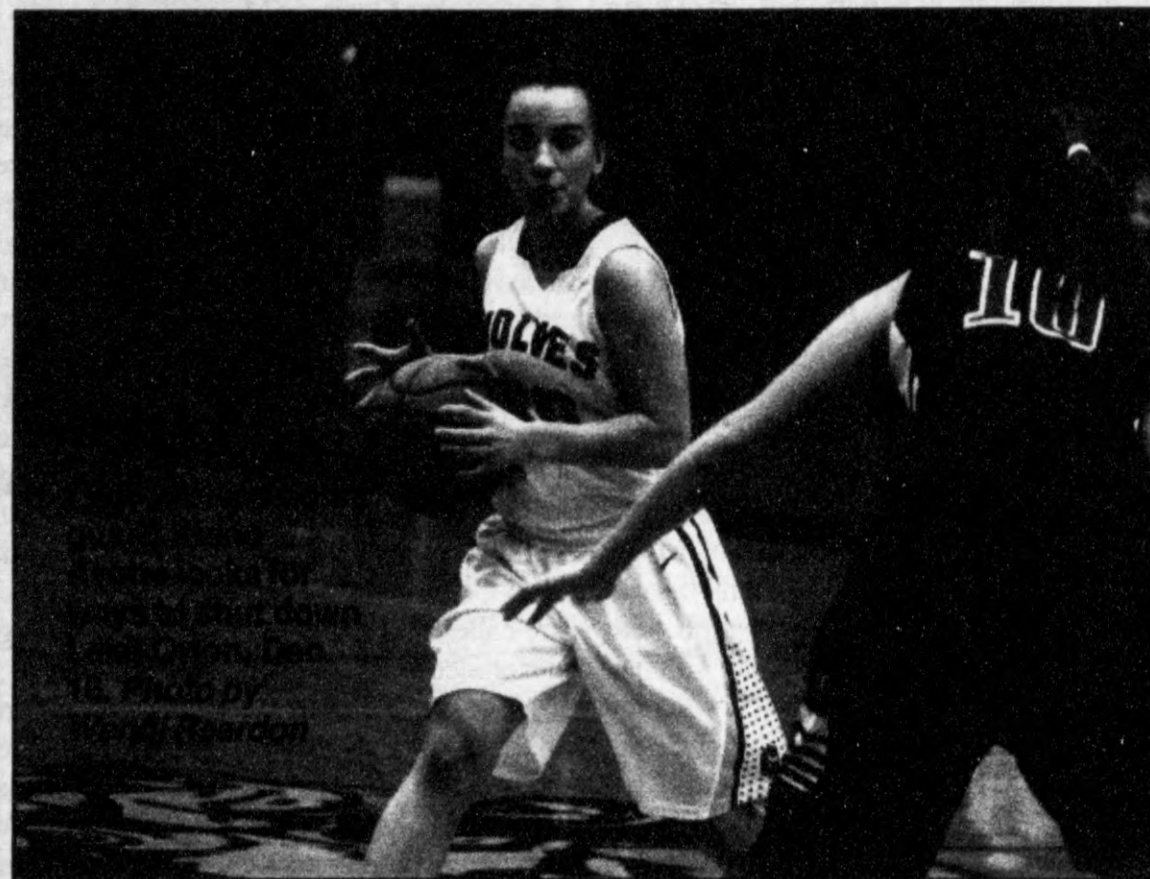
"We still have work to do," Fife admitted as they get ready for OAA Red league play. "People maybe don't notice it, but I do. We play a lot of games where it gets down to the big games a lot of little things hurt you. They kill you a lot and that's what has happened a lot over my career. Just trying to get them to understand it doesn't matter. The fifth game or the 20th game you have to come out with the same idea to play with the same mindset. They have been with me for so long and heard the same things, I know this with my own boys, by the time they are seniors they know all of it. It is hard to convince them how hard games can get the higher you go up."

The Wolves host Hazel Park on Thursday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Taylor Currie shoots against Walled Lake Western in the second quarter. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Ayotte leads on defense

Junior Kiana Ayotte made her presence known as the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team hosted Lake Orion on Dec. 16.

During the 67-43 win over the Dragons, the 5-foot-1 point guard posted seven points and three assists and was on fire on defense stopping Lake Orion every opportunity she could.

"I am so impressed with Kiana," said Christine Rogers, head coach. "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. You can tell them to be patient. She's starting to setting in and she knows what she is doing."

Ayotte made her 2-point attempt just

inside of the arc and missed at the beginning of the game to tie the score against the Dragons.

Minutes later she attempted again this time with a 3-point shot on the top of the arc, which made it to its mark and put the score against the Dragons at 11-5.

At the top of the third quarter, she stole the ball from Lake Orion and ran down the court before lining up with the basket. The ball went off of the backboard and in to put the score 34-17.

"She is confident with what she is doing and that's what a point guard does," said Rogers.

Join the Lady Wolves as they host North Farmington on Jan. 19. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



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Dancers' sight on Palace Classic, Jan. 21

The Lady Wolves are getting ready for their next competition in the winter season set for next Saturday.

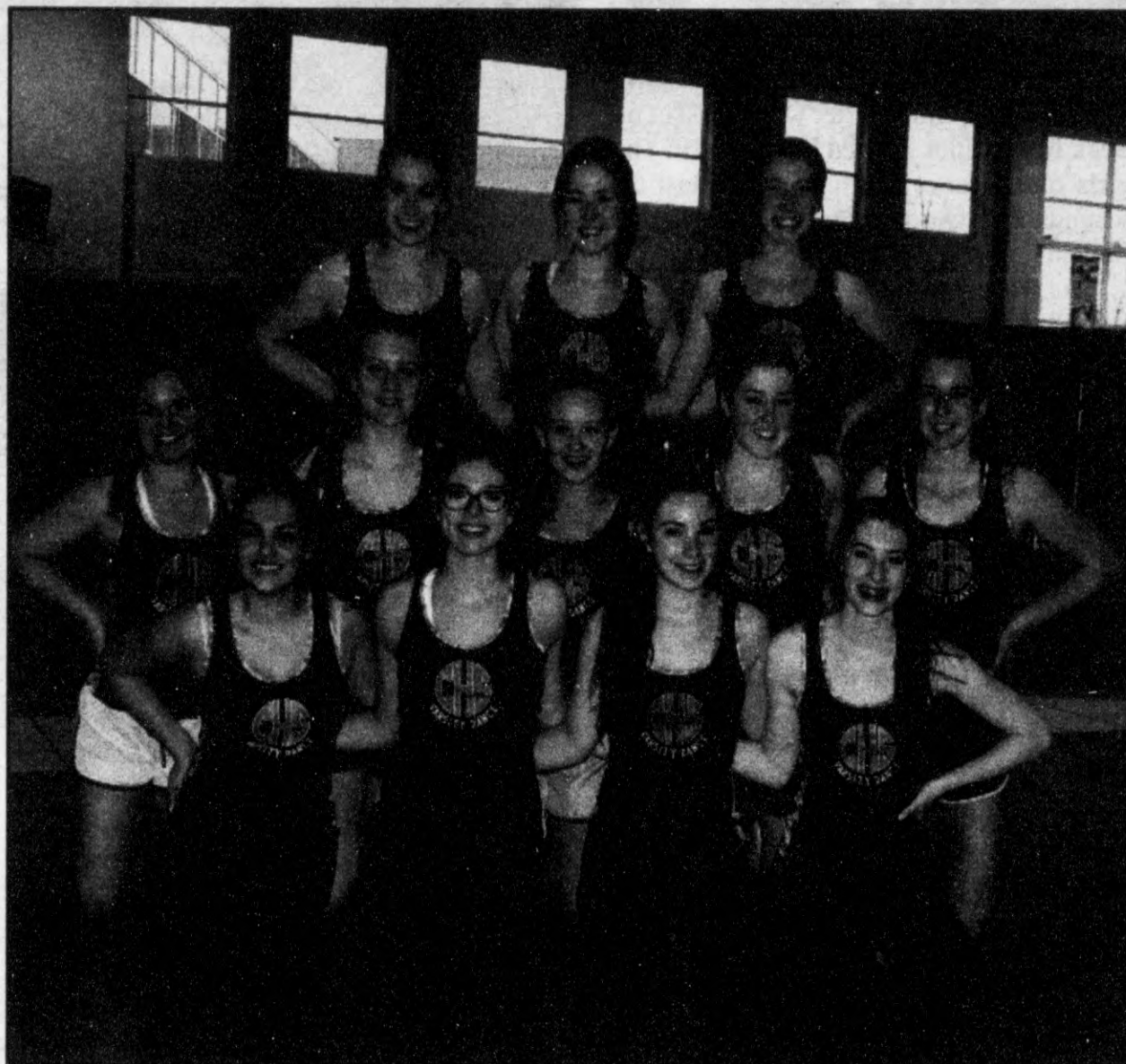
The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pon Dance team will be at the Palace of Auburn Hills for the Annual Palace Classic Pom/Dance Competition.

They also compete in the Spirit Shine Celebration 30th Annual State-wide Competition at Brandon High School, Feb. 4.

The Lady Wolves perform during half-time at the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball home games. Come watch them this Thursday when the boys host Hazel Park. They also perform when the boys host North Farmington, Jan. 17; Wayne Memorial, Jan. 24; West Bloomfield, Jan. 31; Southfield, Feb. 17; Bloomfield Hills, Feb. 24; and Rochester Adams, March 2.

The Lady Wolves are Rylee Aranosian, Claire Brown, Kristen Cumming, Dana Demrose, Julia English, Megan Hibbard, Katie Koczak, Stephanie Laing, Megan Lockwood, Brianna McNally, Meagan Ruggirello, Morgan Stanczuk, and Mykala Wendt.

Coaches are Brooke Bachusz and Kelsey Chewins.



Clarkston Varsity Pom Pon/Dance team. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Grapplers topping tourneys to open season

The Wolves took over the mats as they opened the winter season.

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team posted wins in their first tournament of the season at the John Glenn Rocket Duals at Westland John Glenn going 4-1 during the day, Dec. 10. They defeated Clinton, 48-64; John Glenn, 72-3; Livonia Franklin, 53-201 and Roosevelt, 43-25.

They went on to finish in second place during the 57th annual Oakland County Wrestling Championships at Lake Orion High School, Dec. 16-17.

The Wolves scored 238 points during the

meet and had nine finish in the top eight places.

The Wolves had three wrestlers finish in first place with Mac Hanselman (112), Cole Wiegiers (119), Jacob Rygielski (140) finishing as county champions.

They had seven grapplers finish in the top six during the Tournament of Champions at Goodrich High School, Dec. 30. As a team they finished in seventh place with 98 points, competing against 18 teams.

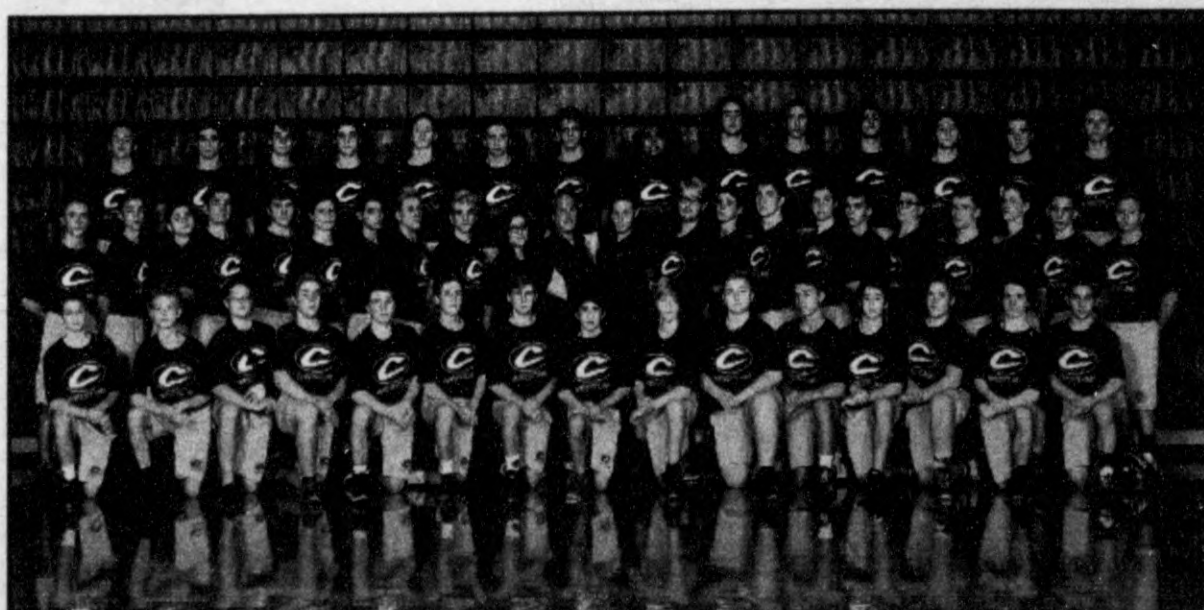
They returned from their holiday break to start the new year with two wins last Wednesday. They topped Oakland Athletics

Association Red league foe Rochester Adams, 54-12. They also defeated Goodrich with eight wrestlers winning their match, 36-24.

They head to Oxford this week for an OAA Red League meet match.

The boys head to the Macomb/Oakland County Dual on Jan. 28 and have a OAA Red League meet at Rochester Adams, Feb. 3 before they head to MHSAA Wrestling Districts with the team meet on Feb. 8 and individual meet on Feb. 11.

Grapplers on the team include Spencer Arnold, Jacob Billette, Jacob Brandel, Noah Burt, Jacob Calvano, Joshua Crull, Frank Davis, Conor Donahue, Drew Dorman, Owen Farmiloe, Joseph Fons, Percy Fowler, Nicolas Franco, Jacob Golab, Avery Grail, Trystan Grote, Mackenzie Hanselman, Houston Hemingsen, Carter Hoogewerf, Cody Jewett, Jacob Jones, Christian Kraft, Nicholas Lacroix, Orion Ludwa, Angelo Marino, Owen Masters, Alexander Minuth, Douglas Olson, Tyler Pabst, Devin Parkison, Presley Pearce, Andrew Petterson, Ethan Polick, Kyle Rumbold, Garret Rygielski, Jacob Rygielski, Tomas Schilling, Dylan Scotten, Kyle Spengler, Adam Sprague, David Stover, Nevin Strayer, Logan Tuck, Connor Ulrich, Hunter Valenzuela, Anthony Welch, Coleton Wiegiers and Ian Wilson.



The Clarkston Wrestling team. Photo by Visual Sports Network



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Lessons learned against Warriors

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers are gearing up to post wins against Stoney Creek and Rochester Adams after their first loss in the season and league play last week.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team lost to Southfield Arts & Technology in their OAA Red match up on Thursday, 64-48.

"It's going to give them the challenge of challenging each other and themselves because they know we could play better than we did," said Christine Rogers, head coach. "We know as a team when we play together we played good team defense in the second half - that's how we stop teams. It was a reminder for them they can't do this on their own."

The Lady Wolves opened the game against the Warriors with the first four points from the duo of juniors Kayla Luchenbach and Maddie Beck. Luchenbach won possession of the ball from the toss, passing the ball to Beck who scored. Seconds later when Clarkston took possession of the ball back, Beck passed the ball to Luchenbach giving her the opportunity to score.

Southfield gained ground quickly to tie the score off a free throw from Alexis Johnson and 3-point shot from Deja Church and followed it up with another basket from

Church to take the lead.

The Lady Wolves took the lead back with 2:20 left in the first quarter with a basket by Beck from senior Kristen Page, 11-10. The girls didn't score again until the last 20 seconds with two free throws and a basket from junior Molly Nicholson.

The Warriors scored 24 points in the second half capitalizing on five of their 3-point shots, ending the first half 42-23.

"We executed our game plan except for the second quarter," Rogers said. "We had some turnovers and didn't play the best defense. We let them get a lead on us which we chipped away during the second half. It's tough to overcome a deficit of 20 points that early in the game."

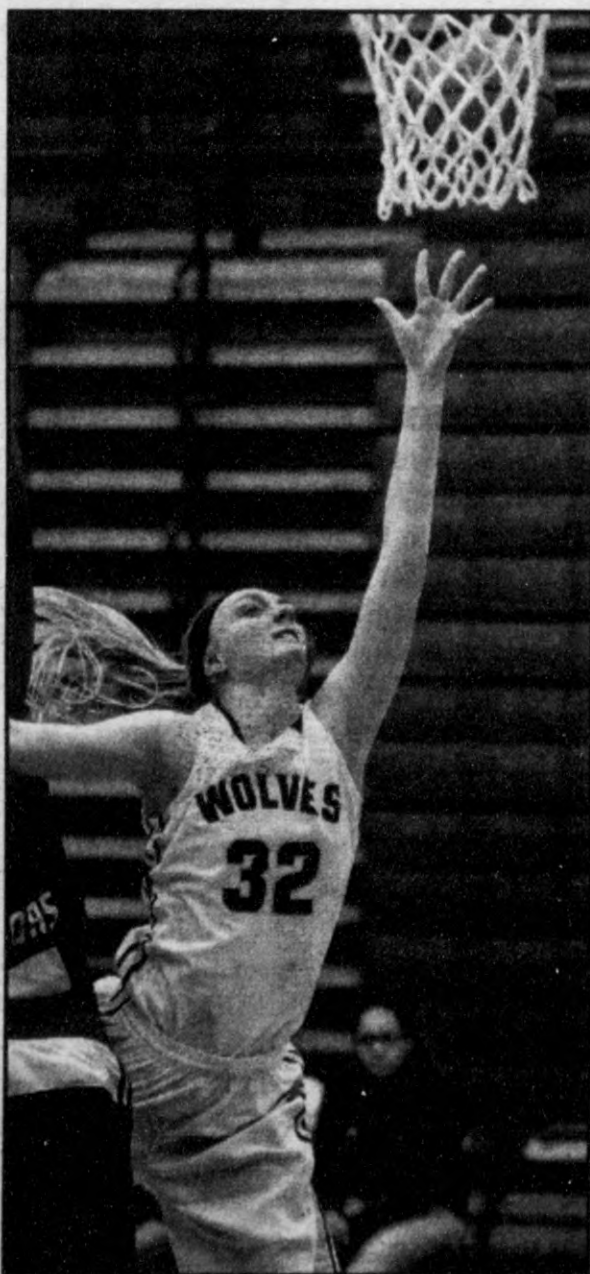
Luchenbach led with 19 points and Beck scored 17 points. Nicholson added ten points during the game.

"We have a lot of talent and a lot of potential," said Rogers. "But we have to show up every day and get better because we get them again. We want it to be a different game when we see them. We play them down there which is always a challenging environment. It will make us tougher."

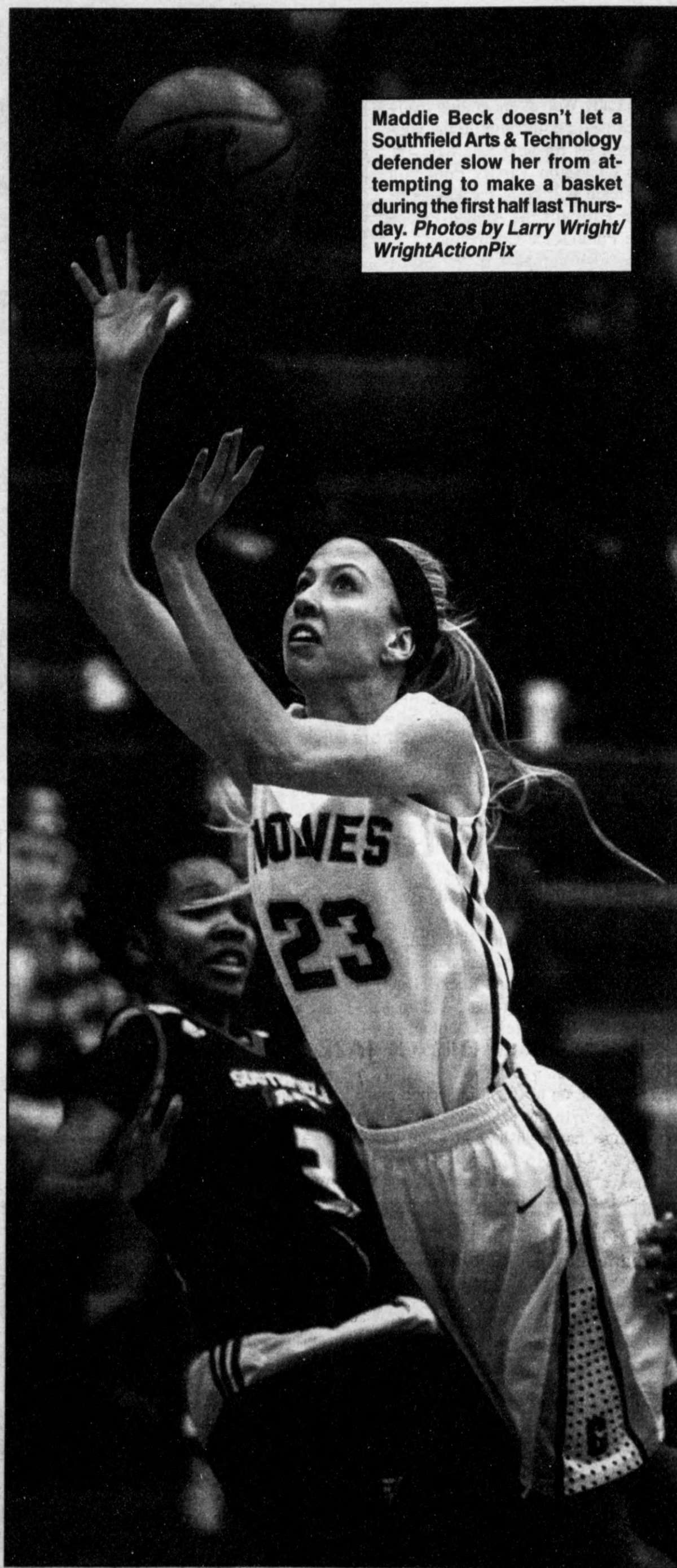
The Lady Wolves opened the week at Stoney Creek. They head to Rochester Adams on Friday. JV starts at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



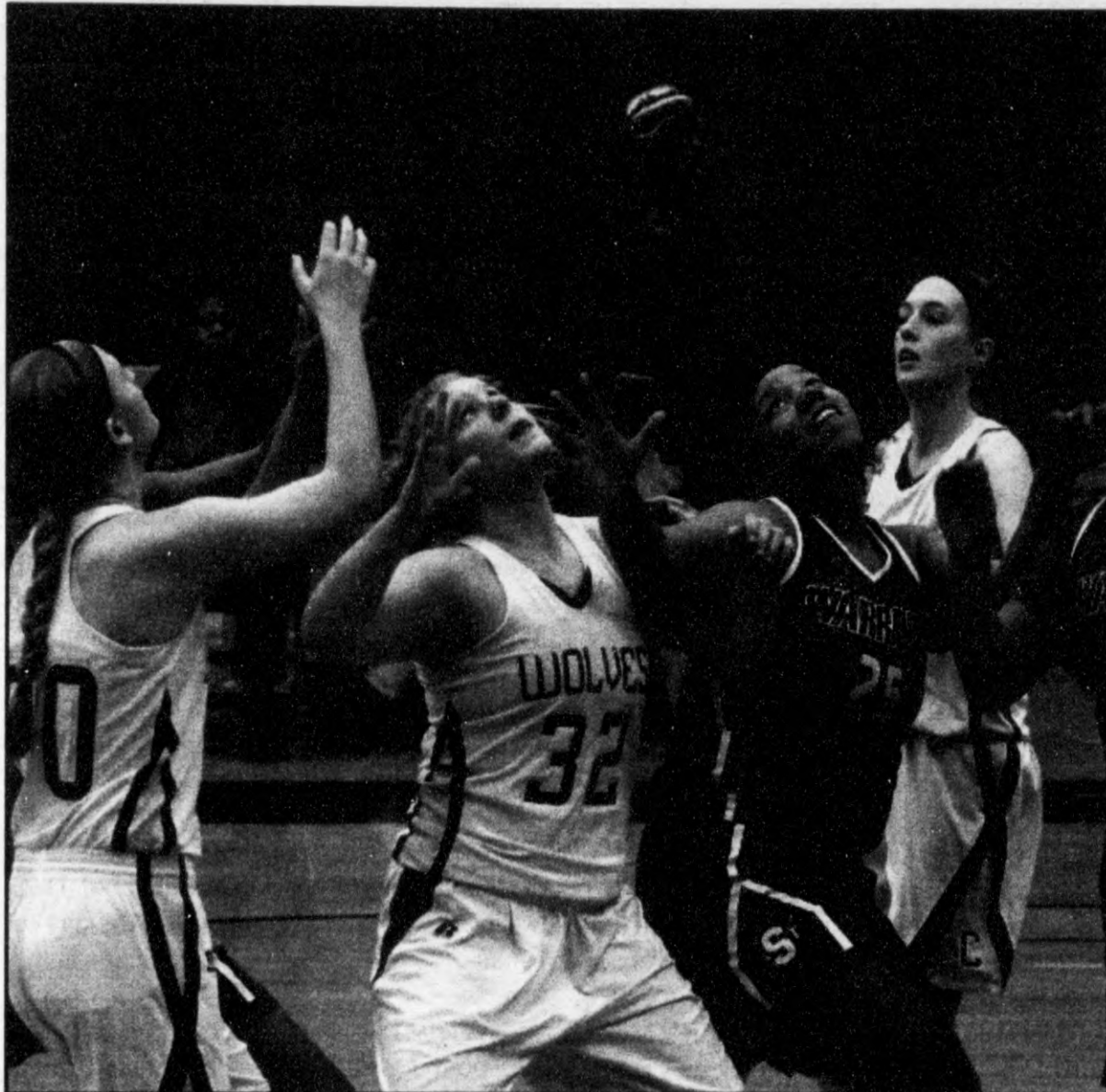
Kristen Page jumps up to score against the Lady Warriors during the first half of last Thursday's game.



Kayla Luchenbach



Maddie Beck doesn't let a Southfield Arts & Technology defender slow her from attempting to make a basket during the first half last Thursday. Photos by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix



Freshman Lexi Linton anticipates the rebound in the second half against Southfield Arts & Technology. She caught the rebound in the Clarkston Girls JV Basketball's 50-24 win. Sophomore Olivia McKinney led with 11 points and junior Chance McDougal scored nine points. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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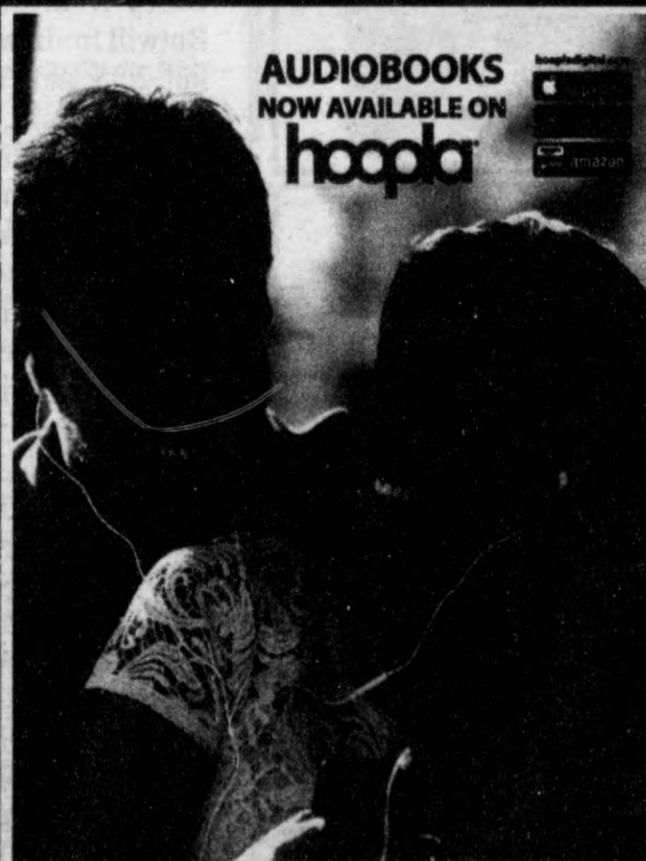
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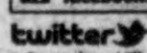
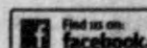
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Wolves topping new year

Grapplers had six Wolves finish in the top eight places during the Detroit Catholic Central Invitational on Saturday.

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team finished in 13th place with 76 points after the day finished.

Conor Donahue led the team as he finished in second place in the 130-pound weight class and scored 24 points for the team. He went 3-1 for the day with wins over Kale Kazyak from Detroit Catholic Central White with a fall, 1:40; AJ Facundo from Davison, 2-1; and Garrett Tyrrell from Oxford with a fall, 5:31.

Jacob Rygielski placed in sixth place in the 135-pound weight class as he went 2-2, posting wins over Lapeer's Elijah Chaffin, 7-0; and Anchor Bay's Matt Dufty, 12-1.

Percy Fowler finished in fifth place in the 285-pound weight class while scoring 13 points for the team. He went 4-1 for the day posting wins over Romeo's Brandon Kehran twice the first with a fall and second in with a 4-2 decision. He also beat Grandville's Maris Kurti, 2-1; and Westland John Glenn's Brandon Careathers, 2-1.

Jake Billette (145), Jake Calvano (152) and Alex Minuth (160) finished in eighth place during the meet, each going 2-2 for the day.

Billette had wins over Bay City Western's Jared Gosselin, 6-1; and Detroit Catholic Central's Robert Walston, 2-1.

Calvano posted his wins over Detroit Catholic Central's Dillon DeJong with a fall, 2:56; and Anchor Bay's Luke Brazil, 7-5.

Minuth defeated Westland John Glenn's Genaro Acerrano, 6-2; and Detroit Catholic Central's Seth Swihart, 7-4.

Cole Wiegiers (119) scored eight points for the team with three wins over Connor Casey from Macomb Dakota, 5-3; Brent Butwill from Detroit Catholic Central with a fall, 2:35; and Christian Robbins from Romeo with a fall, 2:35.

Mac Hanselman (112) scored three points for the team with a 15-1 major decision over Jacob Bisdorf from Detroit Catholic Central White.

The Wolves posted a 54-12 win over OAA Red foes Rochester Adams last Wednesday.

Wrestlers with takedowns included Nick LaCroix in the 130-pound weight class over Charles Zhou, 5:25; Donahue (135) over Jack Dunn, 2:51; Billette over Cade Rusniak, 5:22; Houston Hemingsen (152) over Louis Eble, 2:37; and Calvano (160) over Matthew Boileau, 57 seconds.

Grapplers winning with decisions included Ian Wilson (171) over Jonathan Buchanan, 8-4; Jacob Jones (189) over Jake Golding, 3-2; and Rygielski over Brendon Gibbons, 6-2.

Ethan Polick posted a technical fall over Joseph Eble as he scored 17 points and kept Eble to two points in the 125-pound weight class.

Cole Wiegiers (119) won with a major deci-

sion over Anvj Mangal, 15-5; and Fowler also had a win in the 285-pound weight class.

The Wolves defeated Goodrich with eight wrestlers posting wins, 36-24.

Noah Burt posted a win over Hunter Termarach in the 215-pound weight class with a fall at 3:24. Adam Sprague (103) also had a fall over Collin Shope at 1:23.

Billette won his match over Jimmy McMillan with a 17-2 technical fall. Calvano won with a 8-0 major decision in his match against Sam Fisher.

Winning with decisions were Polick over Tristin Katulski, 6-3; Donahue over Dominic Edwards, 9-3; and Wilson over Kevin Patterson, 3-0.

Kyle Spengler received a bye in the 112-pound weight class.

The Wolves had seven grapplers finish in the top six places during the Tournament of Champions at Goodrich High School, Dec. 30. They scored 98 points during the day to finish in seventh place out of 18 teams at the meet.

Rygielski finished in second place in the 135-pound weight class. He posted three wins before going into the first place match. He defeated Bradley Janes from Southgate Anderson, 5-3; Jacob Smith, with a fall; and Keenan Gunnells from Columbia Central, 5-4.

Fowler finished in third place in the 285-pound weight class, finishing with four wins and one loss. He posted wins over Alex Yocom from Clio, 5-4; Adam Webb from St. John's, with a fall; Marcus Moss from Kearsley, 3-2; and Luke Yankee from Addison, 3-1.

Billette (145) and Wilson (171) finished in fourth place.

Billette went 3-2 for the day. He won matches against Seth Phebus from Western, with a fall; Josh Thommen from Whitehall, with a fall; and Kenny Smith from Gaylord, 4-3.

Wilson went 2-2 during the day with wins over Clay Hendershott from Brandon, with a fall; and Landon Racowski from Western, 6-4.

Burt (215), Calvano (160) and Mac Hanselman (112) finished in sixth place for the Wolves. Burt posted a win over Hunter Termarsch from Goodrich with a fall.

Calvano went 2-3 during the day with wins over Johnathan Stid from Dansville, 4-3; and Brady Schulz from Gaylord, with a fall.

Hanselman finished in sixth place after a loss to Tommy Lear from Grand Ledge, 6-3. Hanselman posted two wins during the day with a 5-1 win over Southgate Anderson's Alec Balogh, and 15-4 major decision over Birch Run's Kyle Parberg.

The boys head to Oxford this week and the Hammer and Anvil tournament in Ohio on Saturday.

~Wendi Reardon Price



Honor Guard by Chief Pontiac, American Legion Post 377 walks into position for the National Anthem for last year's Hoops for Troops. *File photo*

Hoops for Troops raising money for veterans court

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

For the past three years the annual Hoops for Troops has raised over \$22,000 to help veterans in honor of Clarkston graduate Jenna Beno - and for the fourth year they hope to help more.

"It means a lot but it is spread out to so many veterans who need so much help," said Megan Goldberg, event organizer. "For us to contribute in any small way is worth everything."

For the fourth annual event the Clarkston Girls Basketball program is hosting Stoney Creek on Tuesday, Feb. 7 and all proceeds raised go to the Friends the North Oakland County Veterans Treatment Court (NOCVTC).

The NOCVTC includes veterans and community members and volunteers helping veterans assimilate back into civilian life by removing obstacles preventing them from focusing on a healthy lifestyle.

"They gave their lives for us," said Chloe Traynor, a Clarkston High School senior and assistant to Goldberg. "People who fought for our country are homeless. I like the charity we are helping this year. It really hits home and is touching. They help and work to bring vets back to this reality. They help them get used to being back home and help them with their struggles."

"They could be walking down the street

and you don't realize they need help," Goldberg said.

Goldberg added they were introduced to NOCVTC when Christine Rogers, head coach for the varsity team, was at a luncheon and heard Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle speak about the organization. Kittle is the president of the NOCVTC.

"We were looking for a charity to help out this season," Goldberg said. "It keeps it more localized and helps our veterans here at home, in our own backyards."

Traynor and Goldberg added that's what makes Hoops for Troops special is helping the veterans who helped protect the country.

This year's event will honor all veterans and military members. They will also have raffles to help raise funds.

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

"I would say yes it has helped with the grieving process," said Goldberg, one of her friends. "It has also helped knowing Jenna would have wanted the same thing. She would have been here this year in honor of all the veterans - that's what she would have wanted. It's not about her but everybody."

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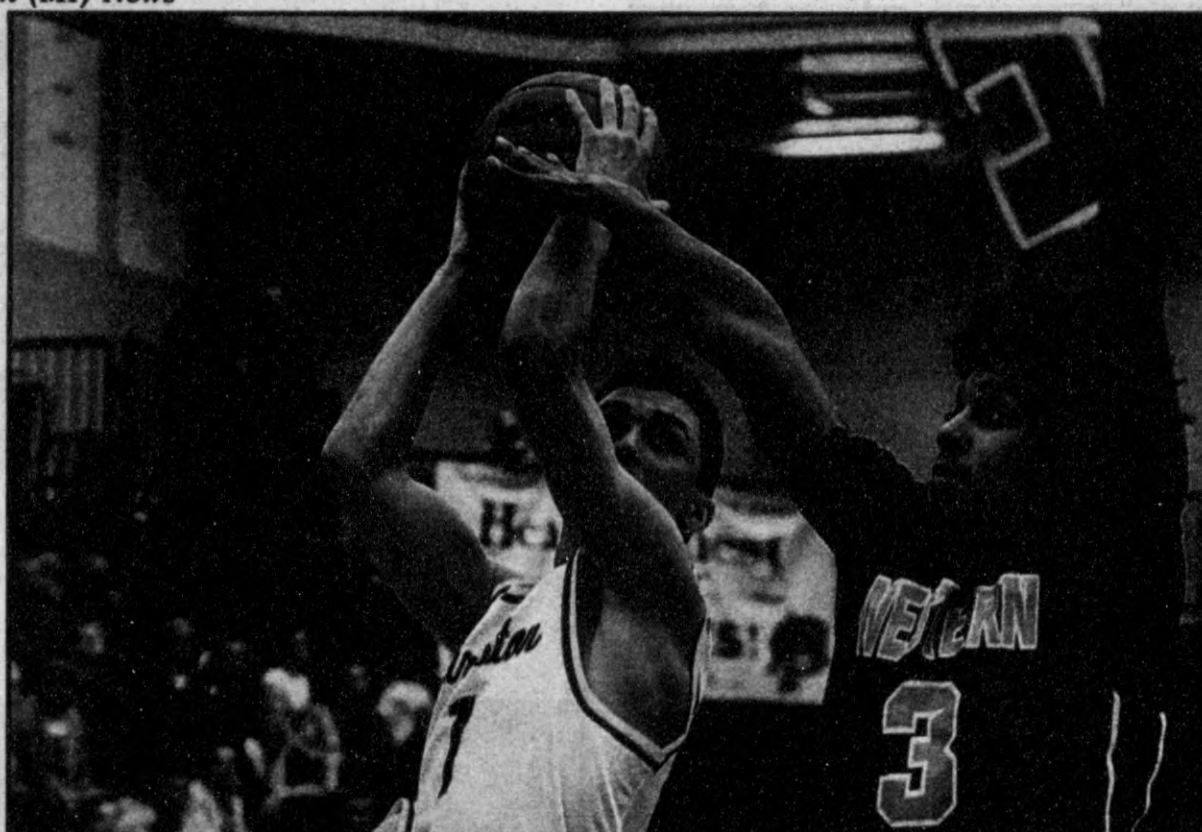


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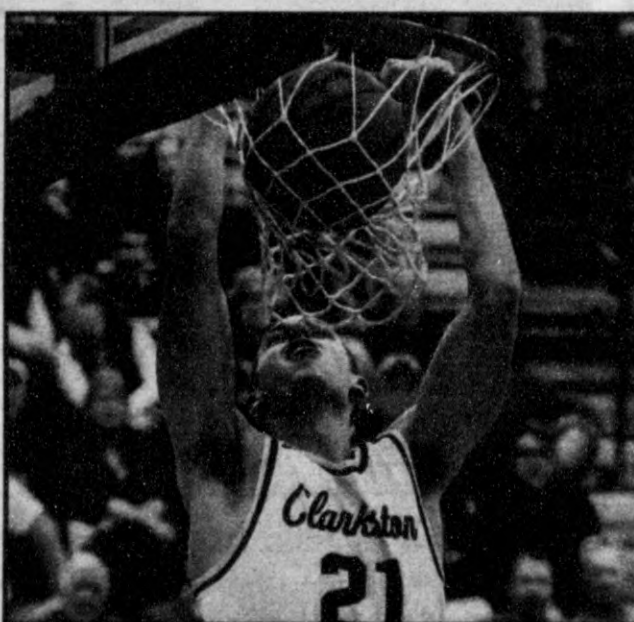
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Foster Loyer tries to shoot past Walled Lake Western guard Kam Ford.



Dylan Alderson dunks during the second half, sparking cheers from the Jungle.

Second half surge

Cagers won their seventh consecutive win but not without a fight last Friday against Walled Lake Western.

Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball closed the first half with a 30-28 lead off a Foster Loyer's 3-point shot.

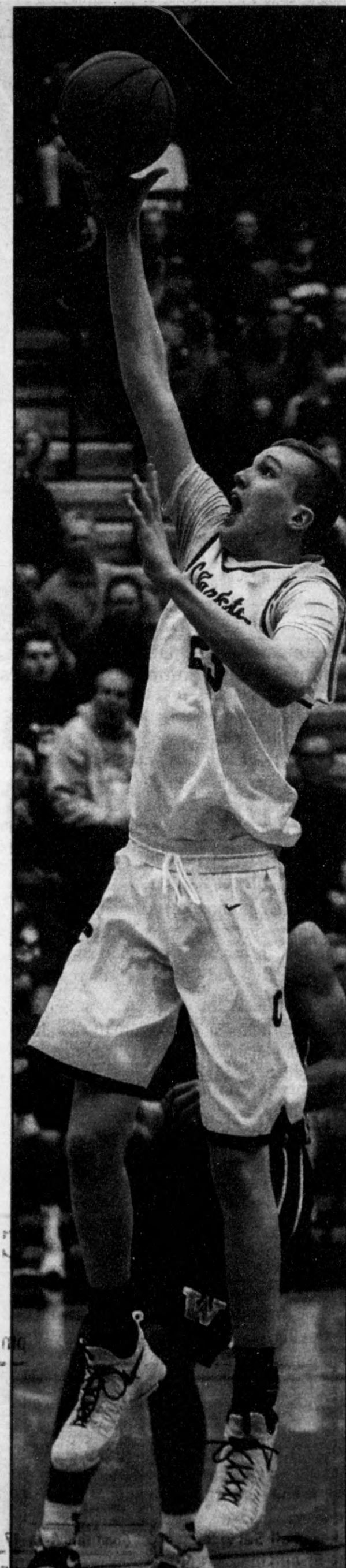
When the Wolves returned from half time they went on a 17-2 run to build a lead on the Warriors and closed the third quarter, 56-35.

The boys are back home on Thursday as they host Hazel Park.

Photos by Larry Wright



The Wolves get ready to take possession after the Warriors' free throw.



Taylor Currie reaches to score.

Students achieve success

Zachary Angel of Clarkston, son of Andrea and Anthony, has joined the postulancy program of the Capuchin Franciscan friars. He is a recent graduate of Loyola University, majoring in Philosophy.

"While I was attending Loyola, I realized how important it is to serve others," Zachary said. "I admire St. Francis' radical ideas of spirituality and soon realized that the Capuchins' lifestyle of serving others, their strong community life, and vow of poverty is the vocation I want to pursue. I want to be in tune with those who have been forgotten."

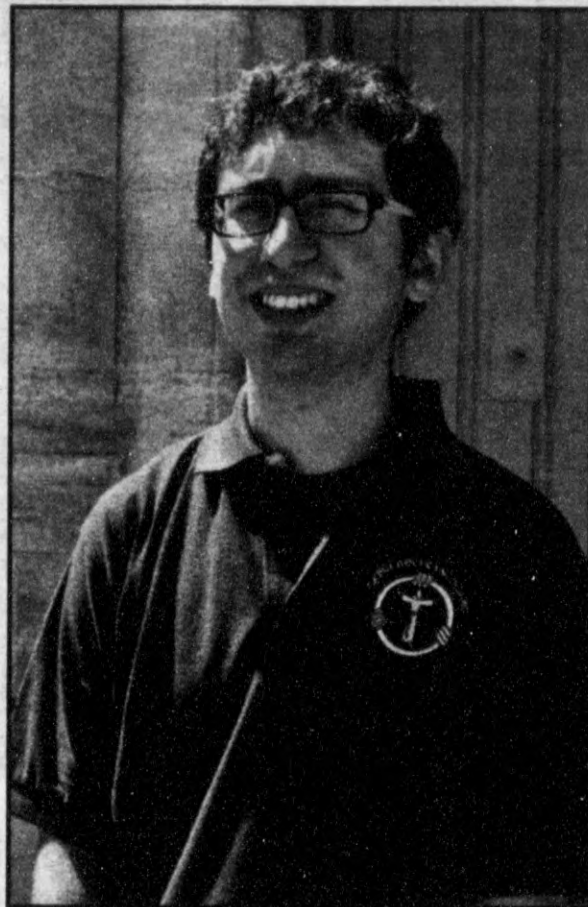
Zachary is providing ministry to Milwaukee's Benedict Center, a non-profit community justice agency working with victims, offenders and the community. He is also providing pastoral home-visits for central city parish, St. Martin de Porres.

In addition to providing ministry work, the Capuchin postulancy program includes formation studies. After one year of postulancy, the candidates continue their studies and vocational discernment process through training as a novice, which is also one year in duration. The novitiate year is when they receive the Capuchin habit. The year focuses on classes, personal and communal prayer, silence, and spiritual direction. Novitiate ends with the first profession of temporary vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

"It is a carefully structured program that is aimed to deepen the individual's faith and to assist in the exploration of vocational choices," Capuchin Postulancy Director and friar, Brother Joe Monachino, said.

The Capuchin friars live as a community of brothers, modeling themselves after St. Francis of Assisi, assisting the poor and marginalized. The friars serve in a variety of ministries including social service ministry, schools, chaplaincy, evangelization, and parishes in Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, and Panama. There are currently 174 friars serving in the province.

Taylor Smith of Clarkston qualified for the Fall 2016 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point



Zachary Angel

average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

Thomas Sheffield, a Junior History major of Clarkston, was among approximately 490 Bob Jones University students named to the Fall 2016 President's List.

The President's List recognizes students who earn a 3.75 or higher grade point average for the semester.

Mitchell Petrimoulx of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Bucknell University during the fall semester of the 2016-17 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive Dean's List recognition.

Dylan J. Rosen of Clarkston made the SUNY Canton President's List during the Fall 2016 semester.

Rosen is a SUNY Canton Finance major and a 2012 graduate of Lake Orion High School. To receive President's List honors, full-time students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Campaign for wellbeing

It is my hope every member of our community had a blessed, restful holiday season filled with extensive time spent with loved ones.

Each New Year, many of us as individuals set resolutions. Likely among these are exercise, healthy eating, and more time spent on the activities we most enjoy.

Recently, I heard an interview with a medical researcher who specializes in Alzheimer's disease.

Since my grandmother suffered through Alzheimer's, I am particularly interested in this topic, including my own risk.

The researcher, Dr. Rudolph Tanzi, shared five adult lifestyles, activity, and intervention factors are key to a healthy brain (<http://www.nextavenue.org/keepbrainhealthyowerriskalzheimers>):

1. What's good for your heart is good for your brain. Exercise is vital;
2. A shortage of sleep is akin to smoking. Seven to eight hours a night are vital;
3. Eat a healthy diet, including less red meat and more fiber, olive oil, and nuts;
4. Move mentally and socially, meaning learning in ways that truly challenge your mind and engage in positive, caring relationships; and
5. Manage stress and anxiety. (Set your DVR to record the entire PBS program, *Alzheimer's: Every Minute Counts*, on Jan. 25 at 10 p.m.).

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

As I continually study the research on child development, talent and intelligence, wellbeing, and achievement, I am struck by the similarities found in the Alzheimer's research.

Not just in middle age or older adulthood, but throughout the entirety of life, every single one of us, from birth through the end of life, needs these things, every day.

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In my role as superintendent, there are many items that require my attention, including the budget, the bond, safety, and achievement.

Mostly, I am concerned about the emotional, social, and physical wellbeing of each of our children. In the new year, my driving question, and one I am asking you to consider with me, is, "How do our school system and community ensure wellbeing for every child?"

Relatedly, we will soon embark upon the Clarkston WellBeing Campaign. Please watch for details.

On another note, congratulations to the Clarkston High School Symphonic Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Mr. Michael Lewis, along with CHS vocal students, Alyssa Harbaugh and Wesley Hutchison, who will perform at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids on January 21.

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Happy New Year!!!

Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

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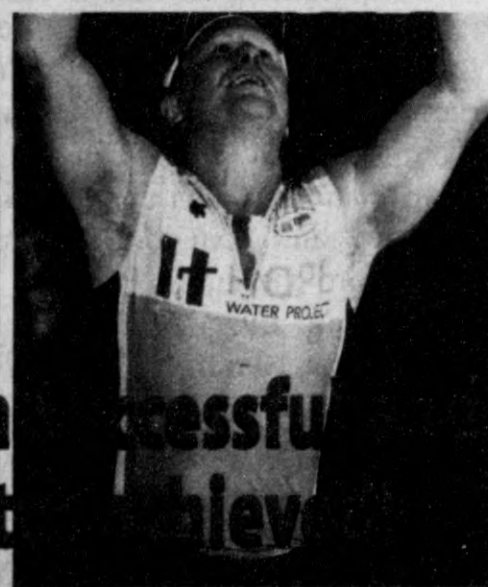
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Independence Township Times

Supervisor says, 'It's all about the deliverables'

By Pat Kittle, Supervisor

Happy New Year!! When it comes to my performance, I've said before that I wish I was evaluated on effort and attitude. I might even give myself a couple of bonus points for good looks. But seriously, when it comes to managing *your* tax dollars, the only thing that matters is delivering the goods. With the start of the New Year, I thought it's an appropriate time to share my 2016 objectives and how we delivered the goods.



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

COMMUNICATION

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Second is **FISCAL** responsibility. Managing a \$28,000,000 Township budget is no small task. It is amazing how many moving pieces there are to manage within a local unit of government. This is why fiscal transparency is mission critical when it comes to how we spend your hard earned tax dollars. For 2016, a big driver in expense containment was the ratification of both the AFSCME and IAFF contracts for our municipal and fire employees. We also again deliv-

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3 Yr Budget	A	4
Accelerate OPEB	C	2
Internal Controls	B	3
Fire Milage Renew	A	4
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ered a balanced 3-year budget, reduced the percentage of underfunded OPEB liabilities that you have been hearing about in the news lately for so many communities, implemented more internal controls to protect your tax dollars, and placed a reduced Fire Millage renewal proposal on the August ballot. Our 2017 approved budget is available on our Township website.

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Re-Bid Services	B	3
	B +	3.60

we have the right professional in the right job is critical to delivering the goods. For 2016, we again had all Operations Directors create a set of goals and objectives to provide job focus and a basis for performance measurement, conducted a compensation study and adjusted salaries to retain top performing management staff, hired a new Parks Director and Building Assistant to fill two open positions, and re-bid our Legal (HR, Prosecutorial and Municipal) Services and Engineering Services.

The fourth focus area is **ECONOMIC GROWTH**. Or as I like to say, "show me the money." And while this is the area that scored lowest of all six in 2016 (not due to effort), it is also the area that we believe will explode in 2017. In the Sashabaw Corridor, plans are being put together to widen North Sashabaw from Flemings Lake to Clarkston roads, a new 70,000+ square foot rehabilitation center is being constructed at Sashabaw and Clark-

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Sashabaw CIA	C	2
North Dixie	C	2
Hospital	F	0
Eagle Ridge	C	2
Big Lake Traffic Light	D	1
	D	1.40

ston Roads, and numerous shops and businesses are in various stages of planning and approval along Sashabaw Road. On North Dixie, another medical facility on the Parks of Stonewood site will be heading to the Planning Commission, and we are told that a spring ground breaking can be expected for the Encore at Deerhill Project. And let's not forget the senior development at the Trilium site on Maybee and Dixie, which is anticipated to begin in 2017. Eagle Ridge, right off Maybee Rd east of Mt Zion, is set to break ground on 4 models in the spring, with 54 new homes coming right on their heels. The Big Lake / Deer Hill traffic light project has been frustrating and is currently on hold while we look into various other options to help with the traffic issues in that location. The area in which ZERO headway has been made is with our State Legislators still not approving the Certificate of Need to build a new hospital. This lack of action by our State elected officials is costing this community and our Northern Oakland County neighbors plenty in terms of risk to our residents seeking quality emergency medical care and lost tax revenue from the slow commercial growth along the Sashabaw Corridor.

The fifth focal area is **LOCAL COMMUNITY**.

LOCAL COMMUNITY

Increase Road SADs	B	3
Park Upgrades	B	3
Safety Path Expansion	C	2
Brady Lodge	A	4
Art in the Street	D	1
	C +	2.60

Making our community a place where folks want to live, work and play is what this fifth topic is all about.

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2016 Presidential Recount -- Behind The Scenes

By Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC, Township Clerk

Upon receiving notice that the likelihood of a state-wide presidential recount would become a reality, the Election's Division of the Oakland County Clerk's Office immediately rallied local Clerk's on November 28, by assigning them the task of recruiting their most experienced election inspectors to participate in the recount.

Due to the required specialized training, election inspectors were expected to work all days necessary to complete the recount process. At that time, it appeared a minimum of 6 successive days (including the weekend) from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. was needed to meet the December 13 deadline in which states are required to make final decisions in any controversies over the appointment of their electors before the meeting of the Electoral College on December 19. Oakland County Elections proactively scheduled training on Monday, December 5 at 1 p.m. with the plan that the actual recount would begin on Wednesday, December 7. That unexpectedly changed due to a 1 a.m. federal court ruling on Monday, December 5 to begin the recount at noon on that same day! Clerks were notified early Monday morning to report to the Oakland Schools Conference Center at 10 a.m. for training and then be prepared to start the recount at noon as ordered by the judge.

The election inspector training was held as scheduled at 1 p.m. and the majority of those election inspectors made themselves available to begin counting after their training. Although the recount was halted by a court order on the evening of Wednesday, December 7, it was expected that ALL Oakland County precincts and absent voter counting board precincts would have been completed by early afternoon on Thursday, December 8 had they been able to continue.

The net gain of votes seemed to be consistent across all Oakland County municipalities and most gains were related to a valid candidate losing a vote to an invalid write-in. Oakland County communities whose precincts were determined to be "uncountable" had reasonable explanations such as ballots left locked in the M-100 ballot container instead of being transferred and sealed into a ballot transfer container. This is GREAT NEWS because there was not even a single appearance of fraud or hacking as claimed by Candidate Stein. As indicated in the official results and challenged by Candidate Stein, there were numerous ballots where voters by-passed voting for president. The *Recount Unofficial Results* are available on the Oakland County Elections Division webpage at:

www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections.



Township Clerk
Barb Pallotta

Oakland County Recount Facts

- Cost to candidate requesting recount: \$125 per precinct
- Recount Dates: December 5 thru December 6 from 8:30 a.m. until 7 - 9 p.m.
- 75 teams with 2 counters on each team
- Counters were paid \$25 for training
- Counters were paid \$150 per day
- Counters/County Staff/Section Chairs/State Employees were provided lunch and dinner
- Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk served as a Section Chair
- Joe Rozell, Oakland County Elections Director and the Elections Division Staff seamlessly administered the recount process
- Joe Rozell, Oakland County Elections Director with the assistance of other counties created a training video for the purpose of establishing a standard recount process state-wide
- Approximately 15 Oakland County Local Clerks served as Section Chairs
- State of Michigan staff on hand for guidance and support
- Challengers from Republican, Democratic and Green parties
- Observers from Republican, Democratic and Green parties
- Attorneys representing Republican, Democratic and Green parties
- Oakland Schools Conference Center provided a conference room at "no charge"
- Oakland County Sheriff's Office provided deputy assistance after hours to secure ballots
- Multiple news media outlets attended

What did the 2016 Presidential Recount mean to Independence Township?

The Clerk's Office received an overwhelming response from its Election Inspectors. However, due to the large response received county-wide it came down to a first-come first-served basis. A BIG thank you to all who responded and were willing to accept the challenge knowing that it was an enormous commitment of time and energy. The fact that ALL Township precincts and absent voter counting board precincts were recountable is a HUGE testament to the dedication and hard work of our election inspectors, the Clerk's Office staff, and Township staff who served as auditors on election night in making sure every vote was counted!

The following election inspectors proudly represented Independence Township during the recount:

Floyd Dobson, Sherry Edwards, Mickey Ginn, Carol Grubba, Bill Kunse, Mark Loucks and Kathy Paul.

Also representing the Township was the Clerk's Office Administrative Department Aide, **Suzette Page** whose contribution in administering the Township's elections has been invaluable.



In Summary: All 13 of 13 Independence Township precincts were recounted and 6 of 13 Absent Voter Counting Board precincts were recounted. This amounted to a total precinct recount of 19 of 26 precincts counted or 73%.

Overall Votes Gained:

Trump received a net gain of 5 votes: Pct. 2; AV. Pct. 4; Pct. 5; Pct. 7; Pct. 9
Clinton received a net gain of 6 votes: AV Pct. 2; Pct. 2; Pct. 4; Pct. 6; Pct. 10; Pct. 11
Johnson received a net gain of 3 votes: Pct. 2; Pct. 4; Pct. 10
Castle received a net gain of 0 votes
Stein received a net gain of 1 vote: Pct. 2
Soltysik received a net gain of 0 votes

Last, but not least!

We are not makers of history. We are made by history ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

MLK's words are so true. Had this recount been completed, it would have been the biggest recount in Michigan history. But even with that being said, it is without question this once-in-a-lifetime experience brought together a diverse group of people separated only by what they believed to be true about the election process and each other. In the end, there was an understanding among all the participants who had the opportunity to personally witness the high standards Oakland County set for conducting the recount.

Because of that, we can expect and have full confidence in our election results because those same standards are expected for administering our elections. I know of no other county that could accomplish what Oakland County Elections was able to achieve under such short notice. Kudos to Lisa Brown, Joe Rozell and his AMAZING staff, fellow clerks and State of Michigan staff! As the Independence Township Clerk and someone who appreciates the art of organization, I am feel privileged to have had the opportunity to share this historic moment on behalf of my Township with all of you. This experience has made me a better Clerk! Happy New Year!



Thank you!

By Pat Kittle, Township Supervisor

What do you say to a guy who:

- Spent 40 years of his life serving others as both an Independence Township Police Officer (3 years) and an Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy for the past 37 years.

- Grew up in this great community and seemed to know everyone that has lived or currently lives in our 36 square-mile patch of paradise.

- Rose every morning at 4 while on duty to get a jump on the day's events and willing to work around the clock to arrest the bad guys.

- Has seen people at their all-time worst or all-time best depending on the circumstances and always treated everyone with the same level of respect and dignity.

- Spent countless hours coaching a new supervisor about the nuances of the community, how to handle difficult situations and finding ways to better work with people, and

- Has without fail, been proud to put his life on the line every day for the past 40 years protecting us, the residents of Independence Township.

I know what I'd say to this guy. It would go something like: "Thank you Lt. Dirk Feneley. Your dedication and commitment to this community has always been and will continue to be appreciated by all. Enjoy retirement with your beautiful wife, you've certainly earned it."

Personal Property: What Every Business Owner Must Know!

By Stacey Bassi,
Director of Assessing

Over the last few years, there have been some changes to the way personal property is taxed in Michigan. If you miss these dates you will pay more taxes than you should.

Small Commercial Businesses:

One misconception is that personal property tax for small commercial businesses was done away with — this is untrue. There was a change for small commercial business owners who have less than \$80,000 worth of personal property for their business. These small business owners are now exempt if they file a form 5076, Affidavit to Claim Small Business Tax Exemption, with the local Assessing Office by **February 10** of each year. If this form is not received, the Assessing Office by law must estimate the amount of personal property for the business, and a tax bill will be issued for the tax year.

For commercial businesses with over \$80,000 of true cash value in assets, a personal property statement must be received by the Assessing Office by **February 20** of each year. You might wonder what determines the true cash value of personal property and how is it calculated? When personal property is purchased, it is valued by the cost new, plus sales tax and any installation costs that might occur. This value is then depreciated using multipliers that are set by the State of Michigan. This calculation then gives the true cash value of the personal property and your property tax bill will be based on 50% of that number.

Industrial Personal Property:

For industrial personal property, the law has also changed. Starting in 2016, personal property that was placed into service 10 years ago or longer will

no longer be assessed locally.

This equipment will continue to become exempt as it reaches 10 years in service. *If the property was purchased and put into service after December 31, 2012, it is now exempt.* An Eligible Manufacturing Personal Property Affidavit and Statement for Personal Property and Essential Services Assessment form must be received by the Assessing Office no later than **February 20** of each year.

Another misconception is industrial personal property will not be taxed. *This is also untrue.* The owners of the industrial personal property will receive an invoice from the State of Michigan to cover the loss in revenue to local government for essential services such as fire and police.

The Important Facts To Remember

When Operating A Business Regarding Personal Property Are:

- Taxes on Personal Property did not go away.
- For small businesses, Form 5076, Affidavit to Claim Small Business Tax Exemption, is required to be **received** by the local Assessing Office by February 10
- For commercial businesses, an Eligible Manufacturing Personal Property Affidavit and Statement for Personal Property and Essential Services Assessment must be **received** by the Assessing Office no later than February 20. These dates do not include post marks.
- If the forms are not properly filled out, they can be denied by the local Assessing Office.

Cutting It Close To The Deadline?

Consider hand delivering these important forms to the Assessing Office and receive a stamped copy for your records to show the documents were submitted timely.

These forms are available on the Township's web site at **IndTwp.com**, as well as the State website at **Michigan.GOV**.



Stacey Bassi,
Director of
Assessing

2016 Tax Due Dates Fast Approaching

By Paul Brown, Treasurer

The deadline to pay the 2016 Winter Taxes is fast approaching. The last day to pay without penalty is Tuesday, February 14.

Also, please remember that any 2016 taxes unpaid as of March 1 can no longer be paid at the Township, but must be paid to the Oakland County Treasurer. We will be sending out reminders on February 16 to all residents with unpaid balances for 2016 Summer or Winter Taxes.

For residents preparing for their personal income tax returns, if you need to verify when your taxes were paid, the information is available on the Townships website showing amounts and date paid. If you need help finding this information, we're happy to assist. You can call us at 248-625-5115 or email **Treasurer@IndTwp.com** to request the information.

And, in other news

Dog Licenses: 2016 dog licenses expired on December 31, 2016. We now



Paul Brown,
Township
Treasurer

have the 2017 licenses available. Please remember, we must see your pet's rabies certificate in order to issue a new license. We accept cash or check as payment. No credit cards accepted.

eBilling for Water and Sewer: We're signing up 8-10 customers a day for this convenient program. Sign up to have your quarterly bill emailed to you and to have the payment automatically deducted from your checking account. There is no charge for this service and you will help the Water & Sewer Department keep mailing costs down. Email us at **eBilling@IndTwp.com** to request an enrollment form.

I hope everyone has a great 2017.

Parks, Rec & Seniors Department is gearing up for spring and summer activities

It's that time of year again. While the snow is still flying, our department is busy preparing for the summer! Think about summer days spent on the field playing your favorite sports and be sure to consider all the ways your family can get involved.

Open registration for **Youth Baseball & Softball** ages 3-18 is now on! All leagues fill fast, do not delay! Register online or over the phone! Forms are also available at www.itprs.org, click on forms and flyers.

Girls Pitching & Catching Instructional Clinic, Mondays, March 27 through April 14. For Girls ages 8-14, call 248-625-8223 for more information or to register.

Open registrations for **Spring and Fall Youth Soccer** is now on. Now you can register online or over the phone by calling us at 248-625-8223.

Our **Therapeutic Recreation** program offers noncompetitive activities for those with cognitive disabilities, with our without physical impairments.

Buddy Baseball, ages 7-14, registration begins March 21.

Travel Softball, ages 14 and up, registration begins Feb. 29.

Registration for **Spring Adult Softball Leagues** begins in February. See www.itprs.com for more information.

50+ Softball begins in mid-May. Men should contact Lisa McCoy 248-625-8223. Women should contact Mary Melega 248-625-8231.

Sponsor a youth baseball/softball team

Place your business logo on front of the shirt and you choose your colors.

\$200 Little Slugger Sponsorship provides shirt and hat to this 6 session instructional league, ages 3-4.

\$275 Minor League Sponsorship provides shirt and hat for ages 5-9.

\$375 Major League sponsorship provides shirt, hat, pants and socks for ages 9-18.

Sponsor a field banner

Design your 3 foot by 5 banner and submit the artwork. We'll have it printed and hung on the ball fields where they will be displayed from April through October. Consider the thousands of people who will see your banner all summer! \$500 or if you also sponsor a team, only \$350.



Supervisor says, 'It's all about the deliverables', continued

Providing funding to encourage residents to improve local neighborhood roads, upgrading our parks with new baseball diamonds, tennis courts and more, and renovating the 1929 Brady Lodge for flower shows, farmers markets and other community events are just a few of things we have been working on. And while we developed some great plans for expanding our safety paths in 2016, 2017 is the year when these plans will materialize. We've also had several meetings with the dedicated folks from Community Arts and the Historical Society, but to date no set plans have been created on placing local art and historical kiosks along our existing walkways.

The final area for measurement is **INFRASTRUCTURE**. Making sure everything is in

more planned for our existing community well heads, sewer lift stations and other public buildings. Regular testing of our community ground water wells for contaminants above the MDEQ minimum mandates are now the norm. The DPW also video-taped and cleaned over

OVERALL SCORE	GRADE	TOTALS
Communications	B	3.00
Fiscal Responsibility	B	3.40
Operations	B+	3.60
Economic Growth	D	1.40
Local Community	C+	2.60
Infrastructure	C+	2.60
	C+	2.77

50 miles of sewer line from a State grant to allow us to better manage our infrastructure. And the new water main on Maple Drive was installed this fall. The one topic where very little has been done to take idea to deliverable is bringing the Pine Knob well head back into operational service. The hospital getting approved will be the big driver (and contributor) to this link in our water system.

In conclusion, coming from the auto industry, I have seen many an executive live and die by the numbers. To stay focused, my goals are clearly positioned at my desk

for me to see and review every day. I also like to keep the Township Directors focused on these same goals because they are often the ones responsible for taking a plan from concept to reality.

As you can see on the attached summary, when everything shook out, I scored myself a 2.77 (C+) for my overall 2016 deliverables. The way I figure it, simply doing the job you were hired for will get you a C as everyone expects you to operate a balanced budget and keep the water and sewers in working order. To get an overall A, you practically have to walk on water and only one guy in history that I know who could do that. So being graded on deliverables, a C+ is above average "not too bad but needs improvement" as my grade school teacher, Sister Mary Ann Catherine, used to say. But keep an eye on 2017. There will be lots going on in our great community.

I will keep you posted.

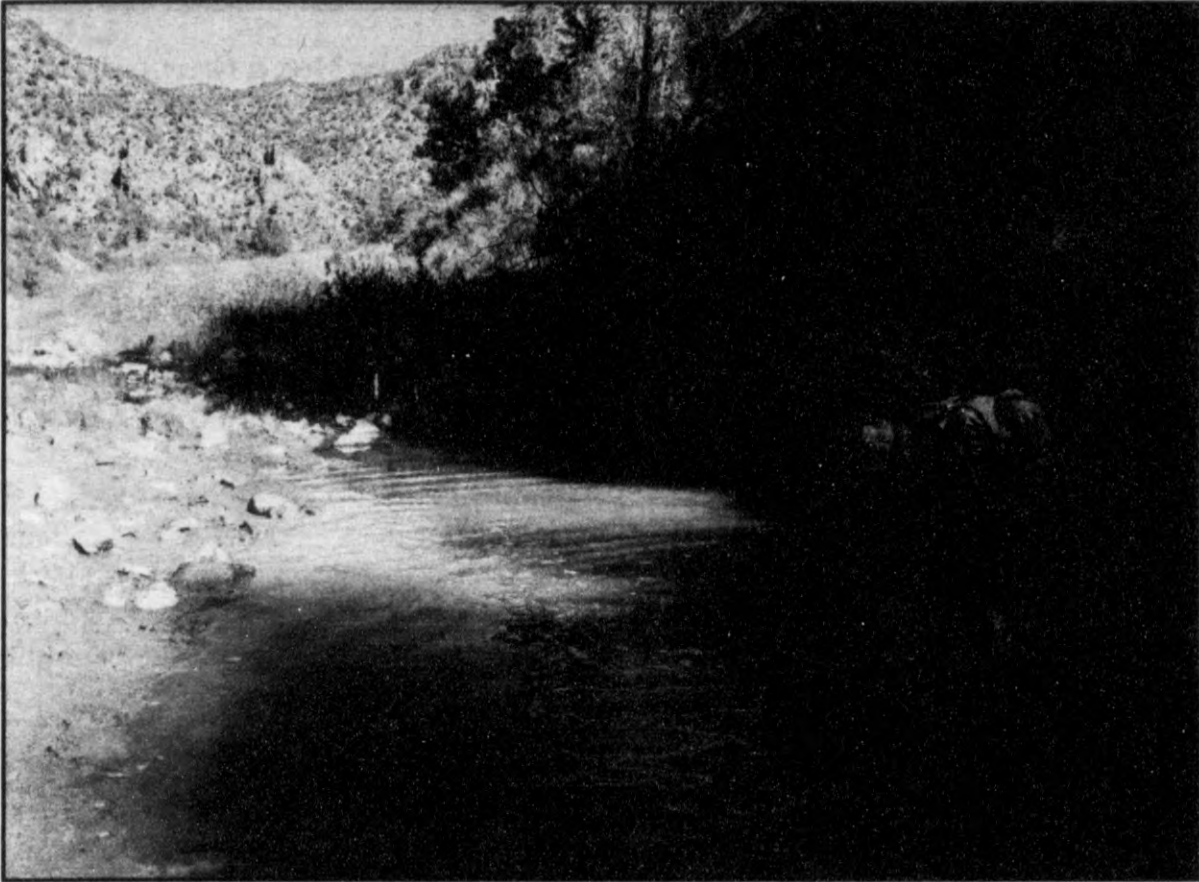
GRADING SCALE

A	4.00
B+	3.50
B	3.00
C+	2.50
C	2.00
D+	1.50
D	1.00
F	< 1

INFRASTRUCTURE

Security Upgrades	A	4
DPW Storage Facility	C	2
SCADA Upgrade	C	2
Pine Knob Well Head	D	1
Community Well Testing	A	4
	C+	2.60

working order is a given in public service, and 2016 was a banner year for just that. Important security upgrades have been installed at Township Hall with



Clarkston grad Paul Goodrich explores New Mexico's Gilla River while hiking the Continental Divide Trail.



Goodrich's travels along the divide included the San Juans.

Continental explorer

Paul Goodrich, Clarkston High School 2009 graduate, recently completed a thru hike of the Continental Divide Trail. The trail passes through five states and is 3,100 miles long.

Goodrich started his hike on June 26, 2015, in Waterton, Canada, north of Glacier National Park and he reached the southern terminal monument on the New Mexico/Mexico border on Nov. 15, 2015. Paul is the son of Rick and Kathy Goodrich of Independence Township.

"Only about 20 to 30 people annually are successful, completing it," Kathy said. "We mailed boxes of food Paul had packaged up to 24 different cities, as they only carry about five to seven days of food at a time due to weight."



The Wind River Range, along the trail. Photos provided

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.

"What most people don't know is that the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, covers treatment for varicose veins," he adds.

"We're seeing more and more people for this condition. Why wouldn't you have it treated when its an easy procedure with little to no out-of-pocket costs?"

Forty million people suffer from varicose veins, which can result in substantial pain and complications if not treated. Symptoms may include:

- bulging veins
- restless legs
- aching, throbbing, cramping

"Early detection with free vein screening is essential," says Dr. Mok. "Wait too long and you could experience unwanted skin changes including swelling and skin ulcers."



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VARICOSE VEINS



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Charles Mok D.O.

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Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, Jan. 17, 1-6:45 p.m., American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road; Jan. 18, 12-5:45 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston 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, Intuitive Exercise, team up with a friend and practice divine messages to flow through, Monday, Jan. 16, 7-9 p.m., \$25, Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Register, 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

Community Sing, second Wednesday, 7

Around Town

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



SHIVER: Shiver by the River is from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, in Depot Park, with activities including ice skating, music, children's crafts in the warming tent, outdoor games and prizes, s'mores, chill, hot cocoa, snowshoe demonstrations, and "make your own dogsled" relay race that has families working in teams for the grand prize. Call 248-722-4702 for more information. *File photo*

p.m., 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.

Nuvieu 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. 17, 24, 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nuvieu Nutrition, 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. \$140. 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

Healthy Living Top 15 with board certified naturopathic doctor, how to live a healthier life, mind, body, and spirit, Jan. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$45, Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Register, 248-505-8010.

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.

Coffee and Conversation, quarterly, starting with Thursday, Jan. 26, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bartsch Hall addition to the Senior Center in Clintonwood Park. All invited.

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.

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

Grief Support Group with Coats Funeral Homes, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community. Please see Around Town on page 36

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LITTLE EXPLORERS

Friday, Jan. 13 10:30-11:30 am

Does your 0-5 year old love the creative parts of storytime? If you want to get messy and have some great sensory experiences, this program is for you!

HEY CLARKSTON! WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY?

TABLETOP GAME DAY

Sunday, Jan. 15 1-5 pm

Drop in for some tabletop gaming. Choose from our wide selection of games, learn a new game, or bring a game from home! All ages welcome.



The library will be closed

Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day





A prayer by Gene, played by Ben Hetes, at right, and Sean Harbert as Eliot for the Lions to win the Super Bowl comes true, but the results are more than they bargained for.



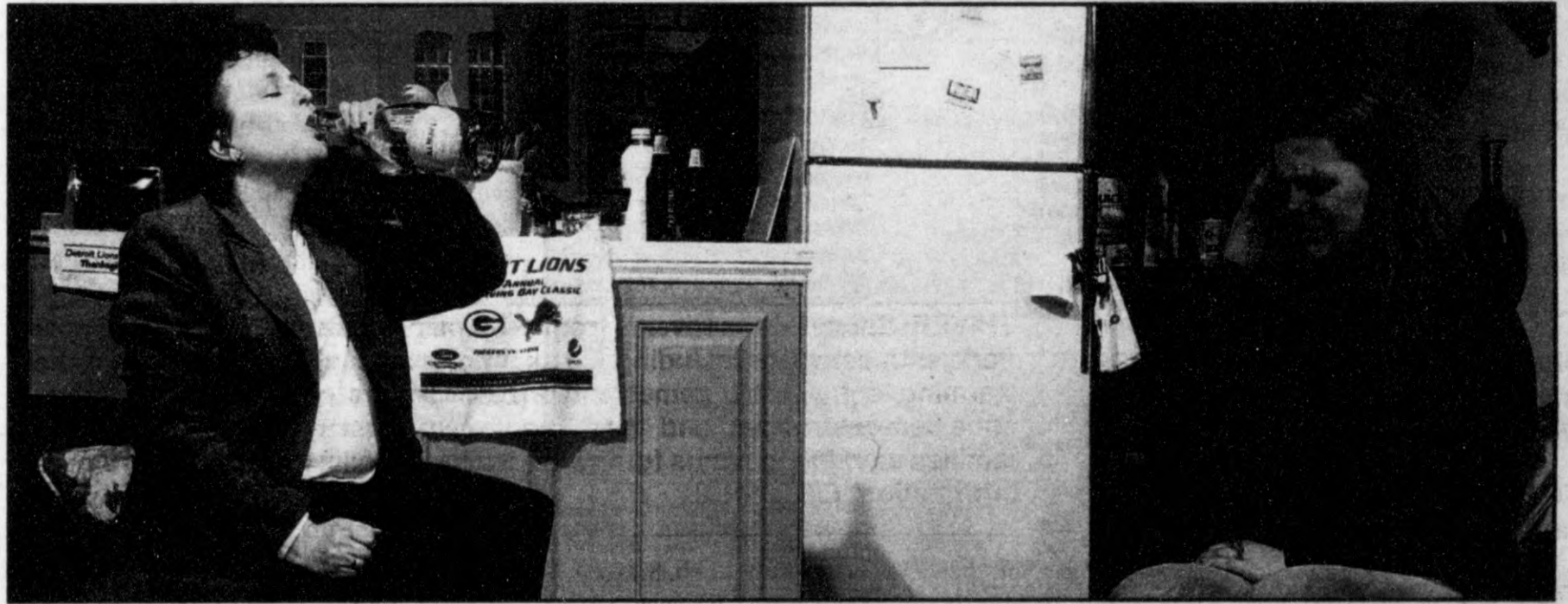
Bailey Fitzpatrick as Marisa, in middle, struggles to understand what has happened, with the help of Gloria Koehler as the subject of an experimental medical treatment gone awry, and Eliot.

Identity bewilderment in Village Players show

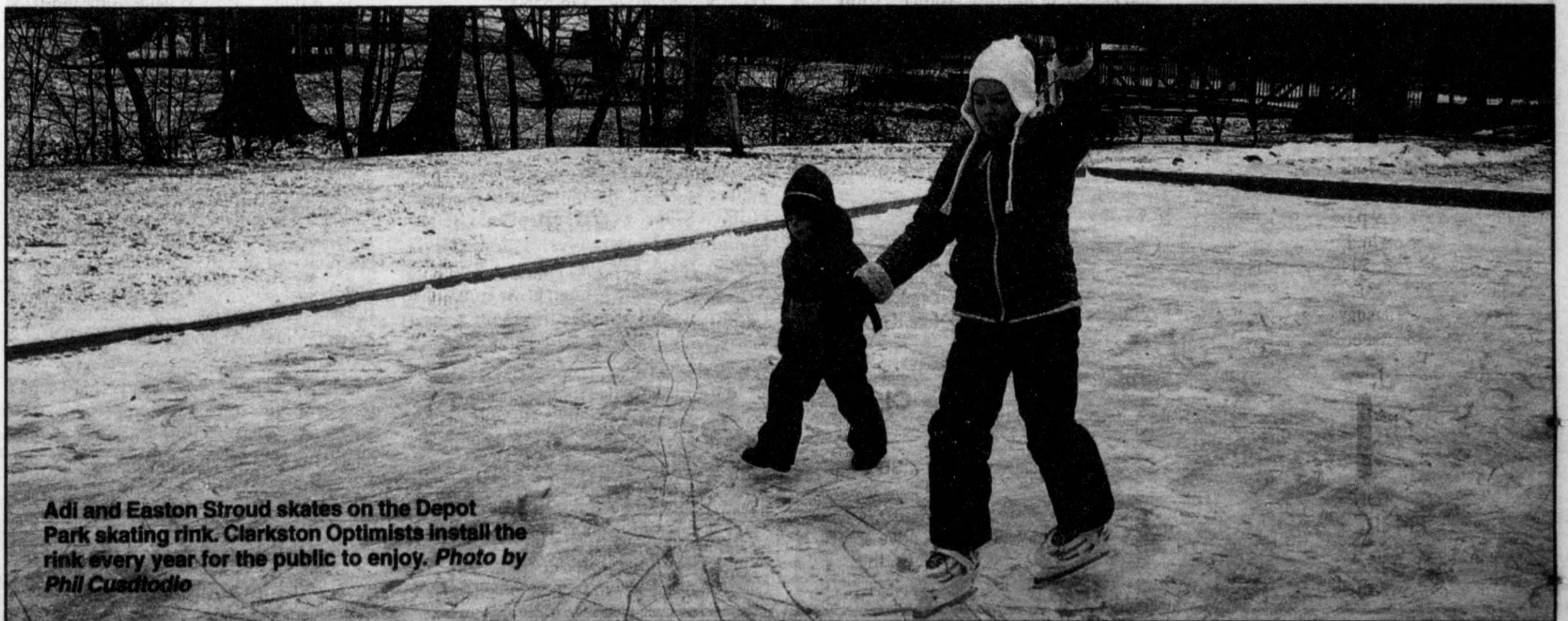
When Detroit football fan Gene, played by Ben Hetes, breaks his leg proposing to Bailey Fitzpatrick's Marisa, the oyster shell used to mend his leg not only begins to slowly turn him into a female, but complicates his life with his roommate Eliot, played by Sean Harbert, bride-to-be, and her mother Kay, played by Beth Egan DeGuise, in Clarkston Village Players' farcical romp "Consider the Oyster."

Directed by Joe Mishler with producer Karen McClellan, performance dates are Jan. 13-14, 20-22, and 26-28.

For tickets, call 248-425-5842.



Marisa's relationship with Gene drives Beth Egan DeGuise's Kay to drink. Photos by Phil Custodio



Adi and Easton Stroud skates on the Depot Park skating rink. Clarkston Optimists install the rink every year for the public to enjoy. Photo by Phil Custodio

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- Kids Life (5-5th)
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Robert J. Aldrich, 67

Robert J. Aldrich of Orion, formerly of
Clarkston, passed away Jan. 2, 2017, at age
67.

He was the father of
Leslie and Kyle Aldrich;
grandpa of Hendrix and
Marley; husband and
life partner of Peni
Aldrich; brother of
Mike (Anyce) Aldrich,
Greg (Denise) Aldrich,
Tim (Joanne) Aldrich,
Todd (Lori) Aldrich, and
Barb (Joe) Marinack.



Bob was born a salesman. He enjoyed
golfing, hunting, attending sporting events
and being a spectator at his children's
performances.

Memorial service was Jan 7 at **Lewis E.
Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.
Memorials may be made to the family. Online
Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Paul E. Ball, 94

Paul E. Ball of Pontiac passed away Jan.
5, 2017, at age 94.

He was preceded in death by his wife
Helen, daughters Paulette Knight and Nita
Tibbals and granddaughter Lynn LeMarbe.
He was father of Jerry (Kathy) Ball and Judy
(Ralph) Beals; grandpa "Honey" of Dan,
Mikey, Christina, Rhonda, Ryan, Deanna,
Debbie, Troy, Brian and Brett; also survived
by 23 great grandchildren and five great great
grandchildren.

Paul was a proud Navy World War II
veteran and retired from General Motors. He
enjoyed bonfires, riding his bike, cross
country skiing and gardening.

Funeral service, Wednesday, Jan. 11,
2017, at 10 a.m. at **Lewis E. Wint & Son
Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private interment
All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made
to The Sanctuary at White Lake. Online
Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Marilyn McNeil, 81

Marilyn A. McNeil of Clarkston, formerly
of Warren, passed away Jan. 5, 2017, at age
81.

She was the wife of Malcolm for 60 years;
mother of Joanne (Ralph) Gentile, Kathleen
(John) Slayton and Carolyn (Bruce)
Manning; grandma of Brandon, Olivia,
Drake, Jack, Joseph, Joshua, Rebecca,
Sophia, Bruce and Emma; great grandma to
Lennox; sister of Phyllis (late Lloyd)
Kirkpatrick, John (Nancy) Bleil and Jane
(Steve) Reinhardt.

Marilyn retired as a clerk in the records
office at Macomb Community College. She
and Malcolm enjoyed country dancing and
spending time at the cottage in Presque Isle.
She loved being a spectator at her
grandchildren's activities.

Memorial service was Jan. 10 at **Lewis E.
Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online
Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Larry S. Nicol, 66

Larry S. Nicol of Clarkston passed away
Dec. 29, 2016, at age 66.

He was the son of
Dorothy (late John)
Nicol; loving husband
of Tracy for 41 years;
loving dad of Leslie
(John Swisher) Wayne,
Melissa (Antonio)
Edwards; dear brother of
Linda (Butch) Chapman,
Claudia (Gary) Sanders,
Johnna (the late Patrick)
Cadwallader, Deanna



(Gill) Warden, Rodney (Kim) Nicol; beloved
Papa of McKenzie, Cynthia, Kennadie,
Nolan, Antonio Jr., Addison, Leopold and
Dominic; honorary Papa to Amelia; uncle,
great uncle and cousin to so many more.

Larry began his career as a paper boy and
achieved Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts
of America. He was a veteran of the Vietnam
War and retired from General Motors after
30 years of service.

Memorial service Friday, Jan. 13, at 11:30
a.m. at Waypoint Church, Clarkston, with
visitation 11 a.m. until time of service.
Interment with military honors on Friday, Jan.
13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m., Great Lakes National
Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements entrusted to
Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home,
Clarkston. Memorials may be made to
American Disabled Veterans. Online
Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Claire Parkinson, 71

Claire S. Parkinson of Clarkston and New
Smyrna Beach, Fla., formerly of Sterling
Heights and Waterford,
passed away Jan. 1,
2016, at age 71.

She was the wife of
Don for 53 years;
mother of Todd
Parkinson and Holly
(Tim) Negrilla; grandma
of Kyle and Robbie;
sister of Judith (late
Thomas) Ciccoritti;
sister in law of Bonnie (late Doug)
Parkinson; aunt of Karen (Brian) Kadets and
Dean (Shawna) Ciccoritti; preceded in death
by her parents John and Dorothea Britton.

Claire was a nurse at St. Joseph Mercy
Hospital and served on the Mercy Hospice
Team. She sang in the choir at St. Luke's
Episcopal Church, Sterling Heights and was
a member of the American Business Women's
Association.

Memorial Service Saturday, Jan. 14, at 4
p.m. with visitation beginning at 3 p.m. at
Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home,
Clarkston. Memorials may be made to St.
Joseph Mercy Hospice. Online
Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily
at Clarkstonnews.com

Thomas R. Coffey, 71

Thomas R. Coffey of White Lake passed away suddenly Jan. 2, 2017, at age 71.

He was the husband of Donna (LaForge) for 50 years; father of Tom (Patty) Coffey, Suzanne (Kevin) Ottenbacher, Robert Francis and Michael (Melanie) Coffey; grandpa of Kaitlyn and Dylan; brother of Karen (late Lou) Conti, Darlene (Bud) Maguffey, Rob (Kathy) Coffey, Don (Nancy) Coffey, Tim (Cynthia) Coffey, Lynette Coffey and Debbie (Dennis) Kroll; also survived by many other family members.

Visitation was Jan. 4-5 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 6 at St. Perpetua Catholic Church, Waterford. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul. Online Guestbook wintfuneralhome.com

Ryan A. Martus, 31

Ryan A. Martus of Clarkston passed away Dec. 31, 2016, due to a motorcycle accident, at age 31.

He was the son of Carol and Fred; father of Michelle Sloan; brother of Christina



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Martus; grandson of Shirley Getty; uncle of Lilly, Gavin and Kora Chappell; boyfriend of Sarah Ifrate; preceded in death by his grandparents: Harold Getty, Mary & Bill Martus. Ryan loved biking and outdoor adventures.

Visitation was Jan. 5 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was Jan. 6 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Gift of Life or All About Animals Rescue.

Online Guestbook wintfuneralhome.com.

Crystal Jewell, 82

Crystal Pauline Jewell of Clarkston, age 82, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 4, 2017.

Crystal is survived by her faithful husband of 61 years, Albert Murray Jewell; her four children, Glenida (Thor) Olafsson, Gregory (Claire) Jewell, Jeffrey (Denise) Jewell and Genise (Eric) Horsley; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.



She was an incredibly kind, generous, tender woman who was a prayer warrior her whole life.

She will be dearly missed.

Funeral services was Jan. 9 at **Sparks-Griffin Funeral Home**, Lake Orion. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to www.samaritanspurse.org.

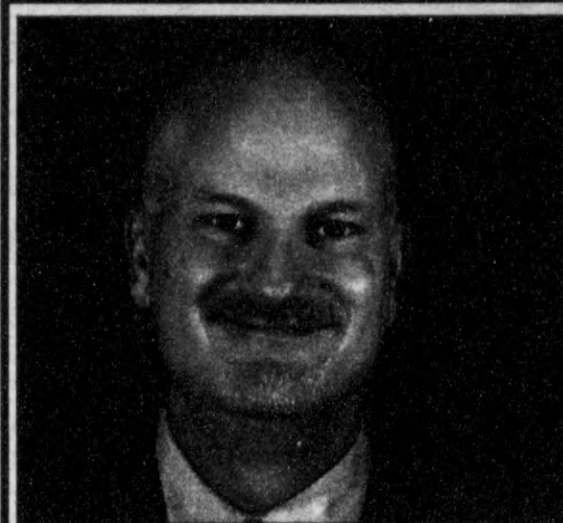
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In our local churches

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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.



Tom Brand

Business achievement

Tom Brand of Clarkston and Al Leonard of Lake Orion recently joined Farm Bureau Insurance as new agents serving this area out of the Farm Bureau Insurance office at 7608 Dixie Highway, suite 200.

The agents recently completed an extensive career development program for new agents, which prepared them for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance.

Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, Brand had a career in insurance sales and service and is a 1982 Clarkston High School graduate.

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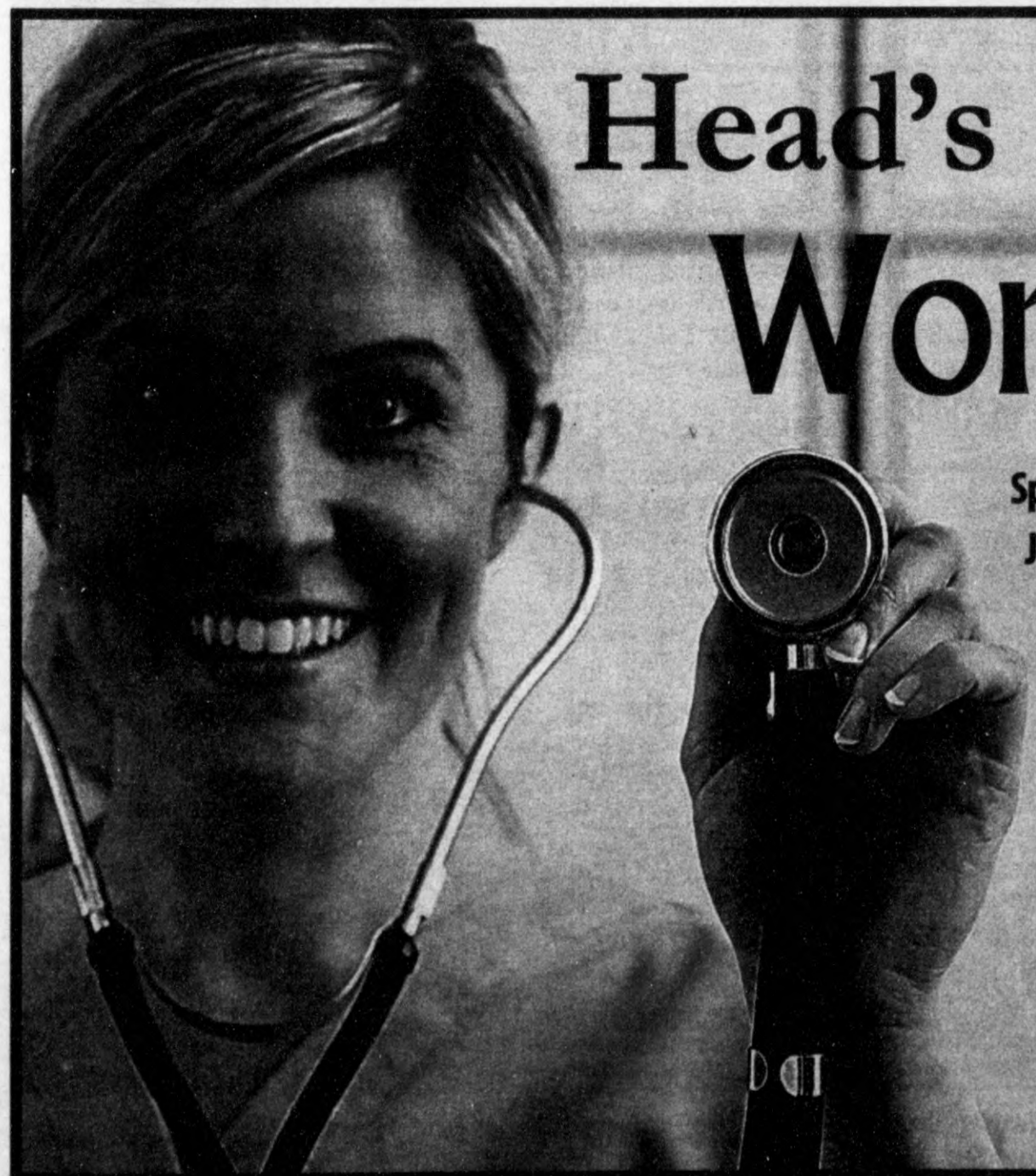
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Preserving history for kids

Third 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

Six generations of Sally Hadden's family has lived in the Clarkston area.

"The foundation of my family has been laid here and is still here. We are the evidence of that," Hadden said. "I have lived in Clarkston most of my life as did my father, grandmother and great-grandparents."

Her great-great-grandmother Mary Slater was born on Sept. 2, 1854, and died on Sept. 19, 1902, after moving to Independence Township.

Her great grandparents Grace M. Slater Fielding and William James Fielding lived on Holcomb Street in Clarkston

Grandparents Gilbert U. Radoye and Madeline L. Fielding, who was born on April 7, 1898, were married in Clarkston.

"Grandfather Fielding worked on Henry Ford's farm on Holcomb," Hadden said.

Her father Stanwood M. Radoye was born on Dec. 15, 1927, and died on April 4, 1966.

"My father, Stan Radoye, was actually a business associate of Chuck Robertson's father Gray, and my great-grandfather William Fielding worked for the Ford family on the farm," said Hadden, who was born in 1950. "Mary and Tink Ronk were my parents' best friends."

Hadden's son Travis C. Hadden was born in 1985, and is the sixth generation descendent residing in Clarkston.

"These are things I've known my whole life," Sally said. "People want to know where you come from. It's important to me. I've always felt there's a need to preserve history to pass on to future generations."

For Sally's family, many of the names and dates are preserved in a family Bible.

"It's very fragile and old, and

dates back to the Slaters of Oakland County, 1854," she said. "There's a lot of history I'm not aware of. I wish I was. What I know, I want to share with my son and have him continue to share with future generations."

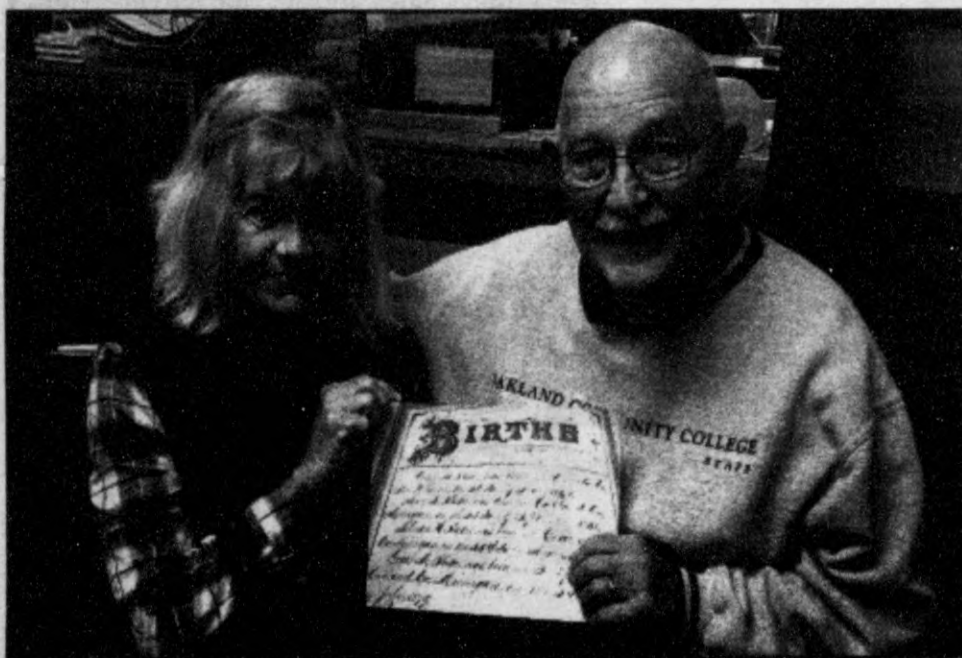
Photos of her growing up in town overlooking Middle Lake, and visiting her relatives, including her great grandparents, are preserved as well, she said.

"It was the best childhood you could ever imagine. You didn't lock your doors. You walked to school, and went downtown to get an ice cream," Sally said. "You'd walk to your neighbors. Everyone embraced everyone else, when they needed help or assistance or just a good time. Everyone knew everyone's name. I have wonderful memories."

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.



Sally Hadden's great grandparents Grace and William Fielding lived on Holcomb Road.



Sally Hadden, with Clarkston genealogist Tom Stone, knows much family history thanks to an old family Bible.



Three generations, young Sally and Bob Hadden, grandmother Madeline Fielding, and great grandparents Grace Slater Fielding and William Fielding.



Sally Hadden's father Stanwood Radoye, with the Slater and Fielding family in about the 1940s. Photos provided



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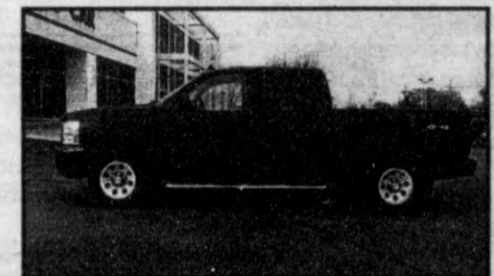
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Community news focus

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is vital to the health of our community," Hyer said. "You can never have too much information about what's going on in your local community."

"Sometimes it's the not-so-good news, but that comes with reality," Kittle said.

The monthly *Independence Times* pages, appearing in this week's edition, is a valuable source of community information, he added.

"No one can say 'I didn't know,'" he said.

"When things are going well, people don't show up and pay attention and watch," Hyer said. "We've seen that kind of village cycle, a township cycle, a school cycle, people showing up and really getting involved and then things, in their eyes, go back to normal and people drift away and they're trusting the people they've elected are doing their job. I think that's where a community newspaper is important and valuable."

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
JANUARY 3, 2017**

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00PM at Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder
Absent: Brown, Aliaga
There was a quorum present.
- Also Present: Derek Smith, PR&S Director
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.
- CLOSED SESSION: None.
- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor
- PUBLIC COMMENT: Jacob Thurston, Assessor for the City of St. Johns, Michigan
- PUBLIC HEARING: None
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- CONSENT AGENDA:
 - Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2016.
 - Approval of the Payroll of December 29, 2016 and the Check Run of December 28, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$768,223.73.
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - Approval of 2017 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program Third-Party Contract - SMART (Derek Smith, PR&S Director / Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Supervisor)
- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS: None
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

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PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO:
2016-373, 327-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Ronald James Areand. Date of birth: 01/13/1946
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald James Areand, died 09/26/2016.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gwendolyn Lucio, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Genevieve Margaret Brauns. Date of birth: 10/11/1949
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Genevieve Margaret Brauns, died 12/01/2016

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

- CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- ROLL CALL
- REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.
- PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - Case #17-001, Thomas Alter, Petitioner, **Requesting:** A 41.1 square foot variance from Section 12.04(B), Table 12.04 B-1 in order to install two (2) wall signs on a new Genisys Credit Union, 6330 Sashabaw Rd., Parcel #08-27-201-018, OS-2 Office Service Two (Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District).
 - Case #17-002, Jeff Kuhn, Petitioner, **Requesting:** Two (2) variances, 1) A 10 foot lot width variance and, 2) A 1,500 square foot lot area variance, both from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 for the purposes of splitting the parcel into two (2) lots, 5290 S. Main St., Parcel #08-29-206-001, R-1A Single Family Residential.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - Regular Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2017
- DISCUSSION
- ADJOURNMENT

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

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
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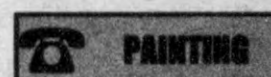
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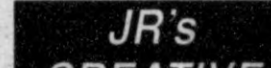
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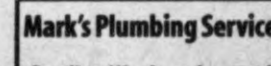
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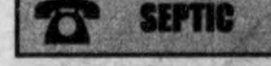
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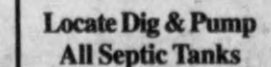
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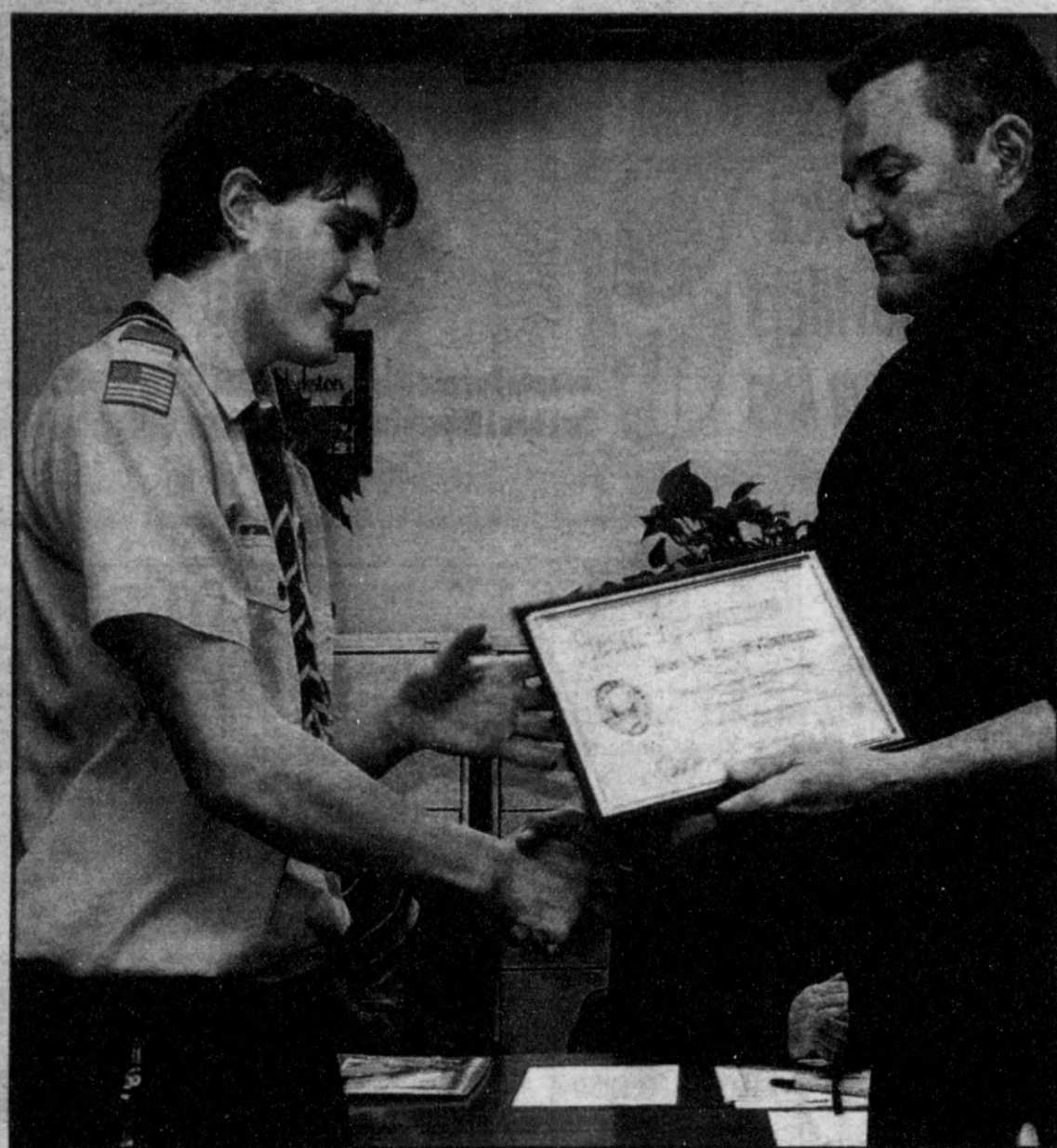
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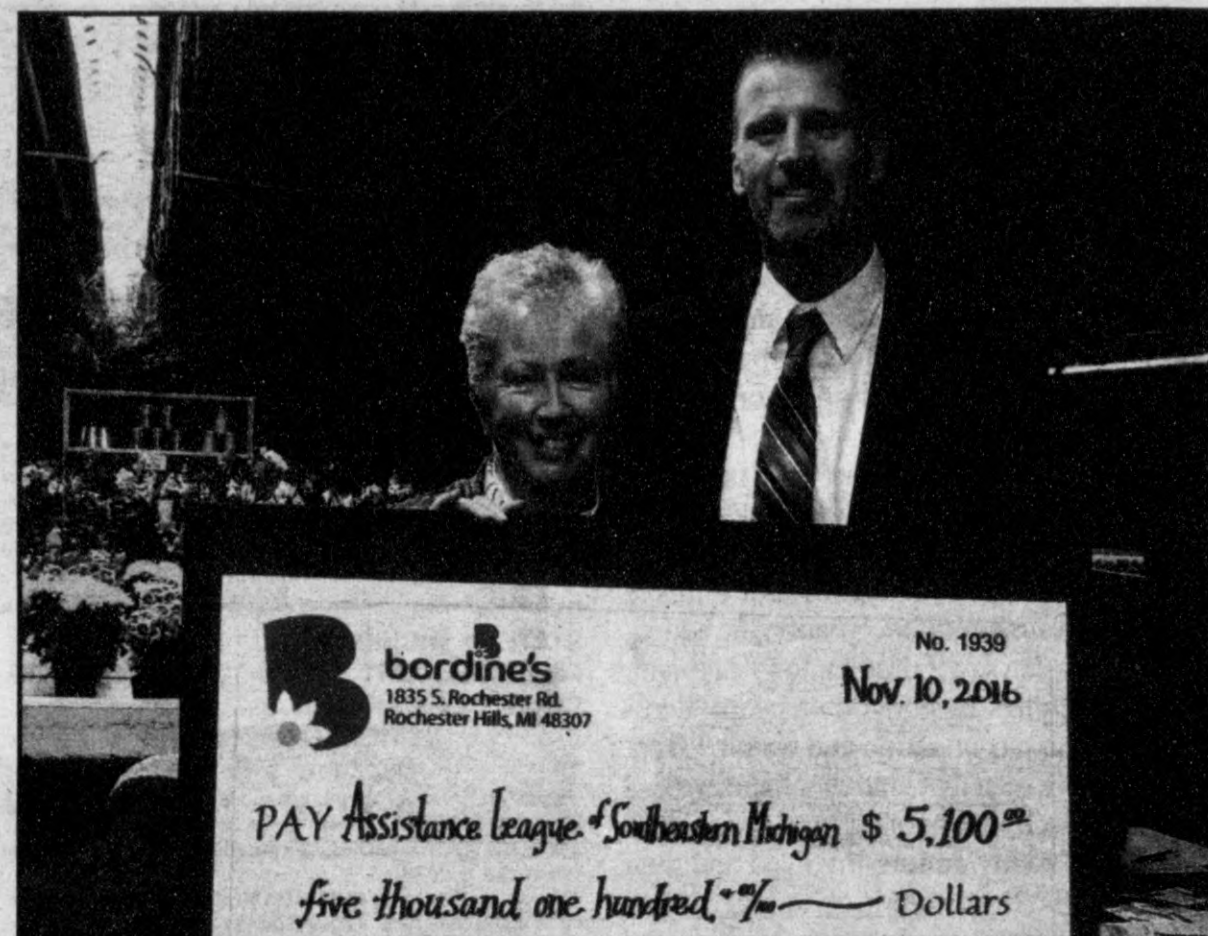
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EAGLE GARDEN: Clarkston Eagle Scout Max Wyckoff was awarded for his Eagle project, building a rain garden at the south Depot Park pedestrian bridge. Mayor Steve Percival presented the Eagle Scout with his award at the Dec. 12 City Council meeting. Work on the garden will continue in the spring at the bridge, which was donated and dedicated to Bart, Diane, and Jeff Clark. *Photos by Phil Custodio*



Bordine's President Calvin Bordine presents a check for \$5,100 to Marjorie DiLiddo, president of Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan. *Photo provided*

Bordine's donates \$5,100 to Assistance League

Bordine's President Calvin Bordine presented Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan with a \$5,100 donation at the Bordine's Holiday Extravaganza.

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The Holiday Extravaganza last November at Bordine's in Rochester featured food samples from local restaurants, creative holiday displays, music, games and raffles.

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For more information, call 248-656-0414 or check www.semich.AssistanceLeague.org.

Around Town

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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.

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

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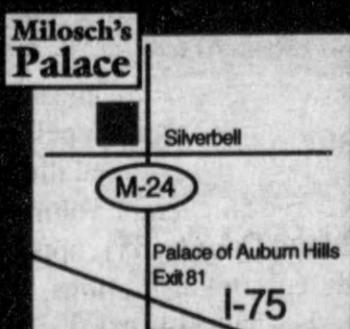
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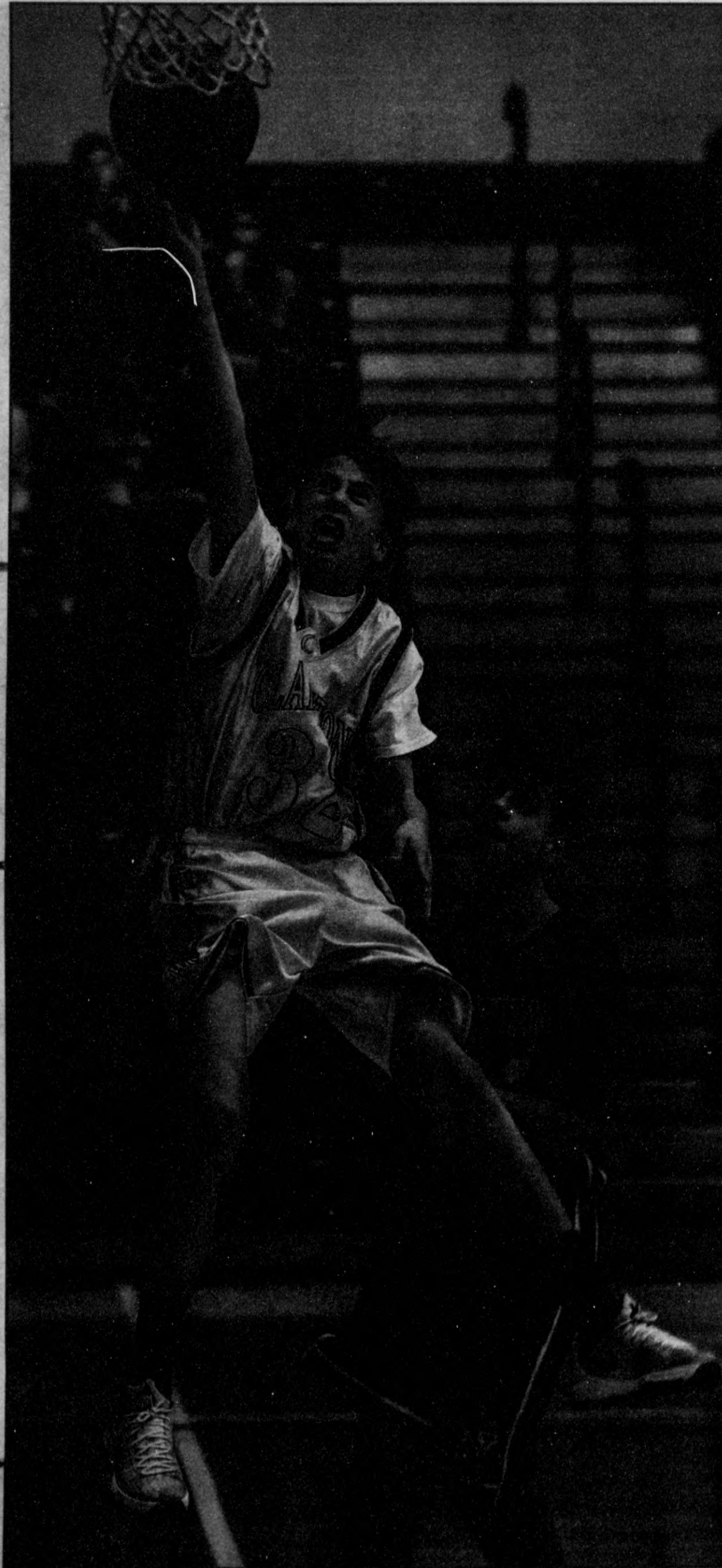
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