

New sheriff's LT in town

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Lt. Larry Perry takes over as the top local cop starting this weekend.

The 25-year veteran of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office officially takes the reins of the Independence Township substation from retiring Lt. Dirk Feneley on Jan. 21.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," Perry said. "This is one of the premier substations in the sheriff's office. It's highly regarded, with a lot of community support. There always had been. There's a great group of officers out here, and a great relationship with the

station commender from 2007-2010, as well as school liaison officer in Oxford, patrol officer, and sergeant. He has served on the sheriff's Court Services Unit, which provides security for the Oakland County Court Building, Special Response Team (SRT), which responds to critical situations involving barricaded gunmen, high-risk warrant arrests, drug raids, and civil disturbances, and drill instructor at their boot

camp program. "A lot of neat things in my career - I've been very blessed in the sheriff's office in a lot of different areas. I've met a lot of good people."

He plans to meet with officials

New city manager selected

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

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Clarkston's newest city manager is set to be sworn in on Monday, Jan. 23.

Jonathan Smith accepted the position last Friday, after interviewing with the City Council at a Jan. 12 special meeting.

"I just love the small town feel of Clarkston, close to the big city with small town living and big town amenities - it's really exciting," Smith said. "Protecting the history of Clarkston is so important to me."

It was a bumpy road to the hiring, with council members, public officials, and residents speaking out against the process as lacking in transparency.

Council member David Marsh said the council should have been given more candidates to consider. A single candidate for city manager, Andrew Muniz, was presented for interview and possible hiring at the regular council meeting on Monday, Jan. 9.

"At this point, the way it's been presented, it looks shady," said Marsh at the Jan. 9 meeting.

"As city council, we really have been given only one choice," he said. "If getting bids, we need more than one bid. If getting candidates, we need more than one candidate."



Smith

The hiring subcommittee, Mayor Steve Percival, Council member Eric Haven, interim City Manager Rich Little, and former Mayor Joe Luginski, decided

unanimously to present its top selection to the council at the Monday meeting, Percival said.

"We're good with however you want to proceed. It's up to the council - nothing says we can't do it that way, and nothing says we can't do it this way," he said

Council member Sharron Catallo asked to see the top five resumes, of the 24 received by the city.

"Its only fair that we see the other candidates - just so we know what kind of balance there was," Catallo said.

Smith has served as treasurer for Clarkston Community Historical Society for 20 years, and retired this past April from Chrysler after 30 years, where he served in senior management in areas including

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Fond memories of Coach Pops

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Former students and players of Roy "Pops" Warner can still hear his whistle and shared their fondest memories when they found out he passed away last Thursday, Jan. 12, at the age of 72.

Warner had been fighting cancer for five years when he fell ill with pneumonia.

"He always made you laugh," he said. "He was always upbeat and laughing. You could always sit down, have a conversation with him and walk away feeling good."

Richardson added Warner made an impact on him as a player, a student and a coach.

"I always enjoyed him," he said. "He was one of those guys as a player you could relate to. He was fun and he was fun to work with. As a coach, he was a very Please see Pops on page 11

township."

The 1984 Lake Orion High School graduate previously served as Oxford Township sub-

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"He didn't recover from it," shared his daughter,

Wendy Hoeft.

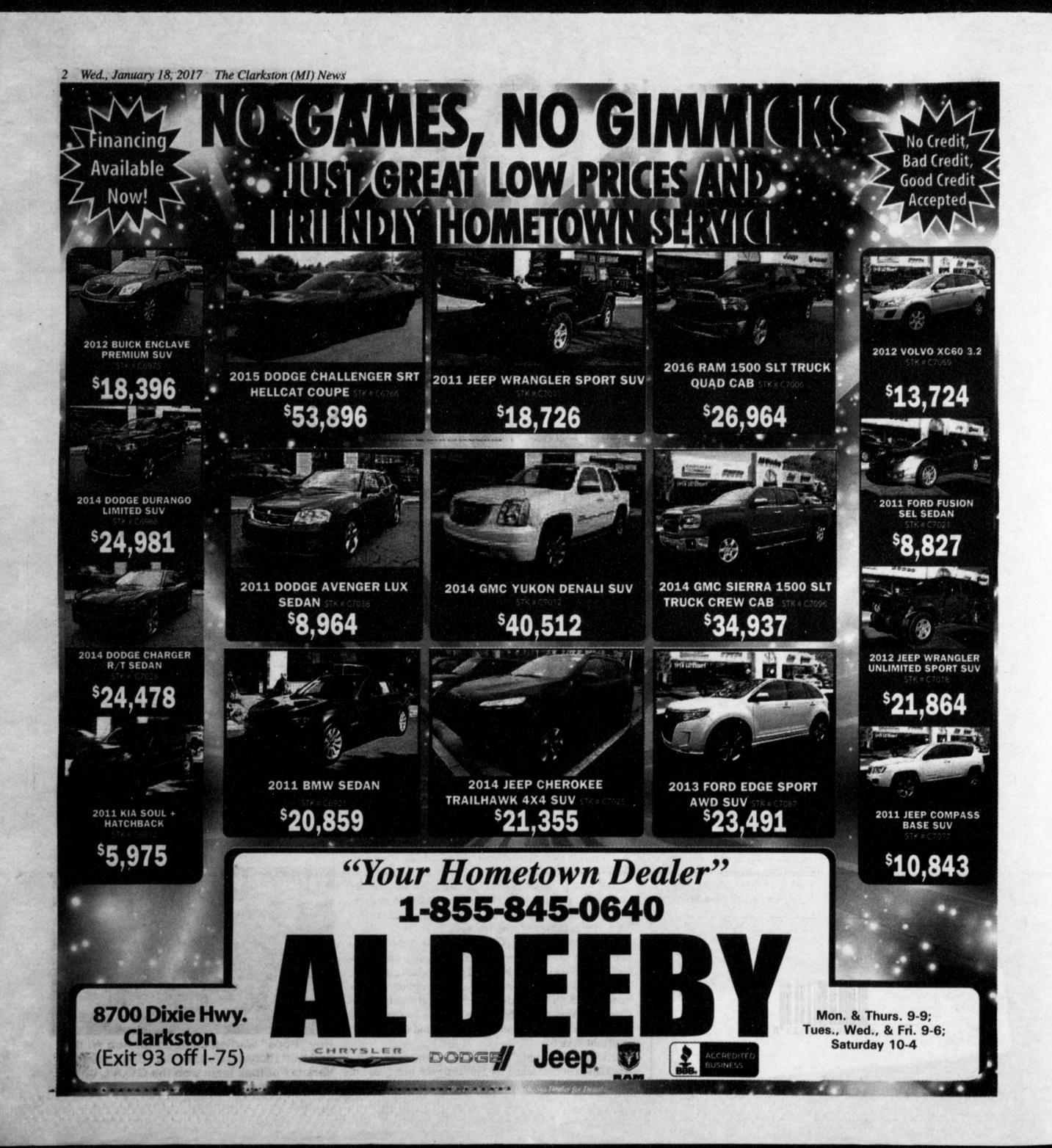
"He was a wonderful man," she said. "He was a really nice man, a giving man. Whatever anybody needed. He loved all his kids. He took on the kids who needed extra love. He was one of those teachers."

Warner taught for Clarkston Community Schools from September 1969 to June 2004 as a physical education teacher and was also a baseball and football coach.

"He was a very good friend and I am going to miss him," said Kurt Richardson, current head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Football team. He was on the varsity team when Warner began at Clarkston and later was an assistant coach.

Richardson came back to his hometown after graduation and coached for him and with him later on. He also taught physical education with him.

Roy "Pops" Warner, center, with Rob White and Kurt Richardson after the 1977 Clarkston Varsity Football team won the G.O.A.L Championship. Photo provided.



City to appeal lawsuit loss

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

In a split vote, City Council decided to appeal a ruling against the city in the 59 S. Main Street lawsuit.

The council made the vote in open session after a closed session to discuss the case, Jan. 9.

Voting "yes" were council members David Marsh, Sharron Catallo, Jason Kneisc, and Eric Haven. Mayor Steve Percival and council members Sue Wylie and Rick Detkowski voted against appealing the case.

"It's not that I necessarily agree with the judge's decision," said Detkowski in an email. "But any amount potentially spent on losing an appeal definitely worries me."

If the appellate court upholds the ruling, it could set a precedent other cities probably wouldn't like, said Detkowski, who joined the council after last November's election.

"Sometimes you just have to take your lumps and move on," he said.

Wylie said she voted against appealing the summary disposition because she doesn't want the city to incur any more unnecessary legal expenses.

"While most of city's legal fees, at this time, are covered by the city's insurance, all are not," she said in an email. "In addition, I'm concerned that the city may be ordered to pay damages to the plaintiff."

Catallo said her vote was based on the

city's legal counsel.

"It was the right thing to do under the circumstances," she said.

The city budgeted \$30,000 for legal fees for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. As of Jan. 31, 2017, the city has spent \$12,540, with a balance of \$17,460, according to budget documents.

For 2015-2016, legal fees were \$29,735; and \$25,761 went to legal fees in 2014-2015.

For insurance and bonds, which pays for the city legal representation in this case through the Michigan Municipal League, \$3,444 was budgeted for 2016-2017, and \$3,656 has been spent as of Jan. 31, 2017.

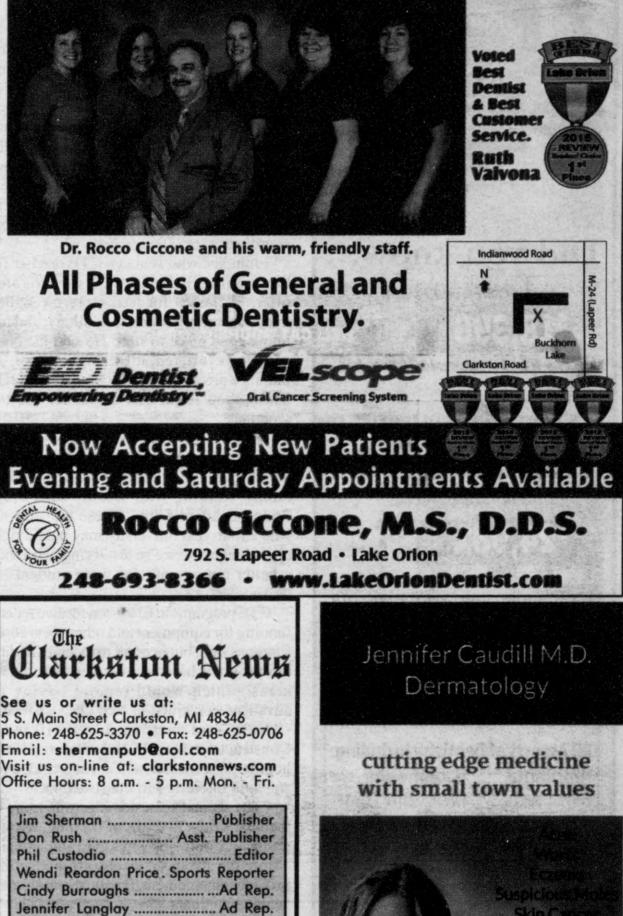
Insurance for 2014-2015 was \$3,344; and in 2015-2016, \$3,398.

"The budget numbers do not lie," said Mayor Steve Percival in an email. "Also, we do not pay deductibles for (attorney James) Tamm."

Oakland County Circuit Court Judge James M. Alexander issued a summary disposition order on Jan. 4, ordering the city to approve Larry Barnett and CBC Joint Venture's request to rezone 59 S. Main Street, known as the Sutherland House, for use as a restaurant. 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 said rezoning would jeopardize the historic nature of the area.

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ZBA appointments challenged

along with Scott Meyland and Margaret DeCosta. The terms for Arkwright, William Basinger, and Doug Roeser expire this year.

A motion to reappoint members to the city Board members are Zoning Board of Appeals met with resistance

at the Jan. 9 City Council meeting. ZBA member Steve Arkwright noted Mayor Steve Percival's list of reappointments to the zoning board did not include Council member Sharron Catallo, which he considered a removal from the ZBA.

"Not to renew Mrs. Catallo's term is simply a vendetta - she is the most valuable asset we have on the ZBA and council," Arkwright said. "Her contributions to the permitted to serve until replaced, city attorney Thomas Ryan told the council.

Percival's list of appointments to the ZBA Arkwright, included Basinger, DeCosta, and Meyland, with himself as the

Arkwright newest member. Percival said he sent an email to Catallo about it, but she didn't respond.

ZBA are invaluable."

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

City ordinances require written charges of malfeasance and a public hearing before removal, he said.

"What charges are there against Mrs. Catallo," he asked.

Arkwright, a former mayor of Clarkston, said Derek Werner was treated similarly when he was not reappointed to the Planning Commission, due to a lack of training.

"The treatment of Mr. Werner was shameful. Mr. Werner has done nothing but serve this community diligently and faithfully," Arkwright said. "Is this a nice city? I don't think so - my opinion is this train is dramatically off track.'

Catallo's term on the ZBA expired in 2016,

"I'm fine with it," Catallo said.

Percival said his job as mayor includes making appointments, which the council votes for or against.

"They're not set in stone," he said. The mayor made a motion to reappoint DeCosta and Meyland. The council voted 6-1 to approve the appointments.

Council member David Marsh voted "no." "Not necessarily the people," Marsh said. "There's a lot of discussion I'd like to understand before I vote to appoint people." The next ZBA meeting is scheduled for Feb. 7.

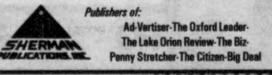
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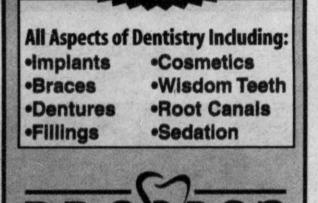


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Construction tech classes on the way

BY JESSICA STEELEY Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools is

expanding its Career Technical Education (CTE) program by adding a Construction Technology pathway at Clarkston Junior High School (CJHS).

"Dr. Rock saw that as a district we had sort of lost sight of the students in the skilled trades area. We've been focusing on college prep, which is a good thing, but we were missing the mark with a good number of students," said Kevin Emmons, subject area coordinator for CTE teachers.

Emmons, who is also a CTE teacher for the engineering pathway, investigated offering classes focused more on skilled trades and construction technology, and fell into a good place to start. He said the class used to be offered at the high school, so there's a preexisting curriculum, and CJHS has a shop room and a teacher for the program.

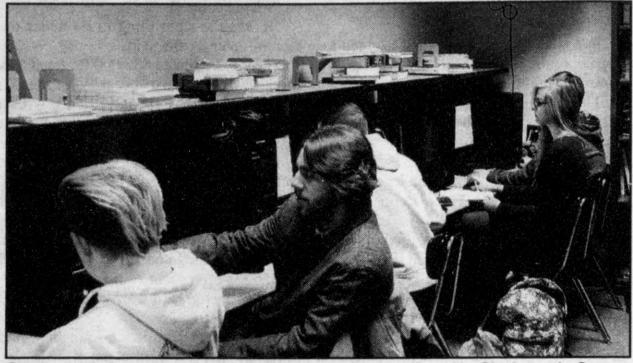
"It'll just be an introduction to students who are interested in construction, actually building a house or building walls or building ramps, working with wood," said CJHS Principal Adam Kern. "These are students who a four-year university may not be right up their alley, so we're just trying to provide a better opportunity for these students to be successful."

CTE programs in Clarkston receive federal funding for equipment and other class costs, Emmons said, but in order to receive funding the program has to cover certain content areas, which would require having an advanced construction tech class as well.

Kern said they've never offered a Construction Tech II class before. He is hoping these classes will act as a bridge for students interested in construction.

"The second semester is getting more of the nitty gritty, in terms of framing, wiring, going out onto job sites," Emmons said. "More the advanced level stuff, budgeting, project management, green technologies, heavy equipment."

The new construction class will start



Computer Information Systems is just one class offered in Clarkston's Career Technical Education program. Photo by Jessica Steeley

being offered fall of 2017 and the know before they leave high school." construction tech II class fall, 2018.

There are also plans to allow tenth graders to enroll in the class and go over to the junior high during their last hour, Emmons said. If students want to continue construction education after that, there's a program at Oakland Technical Center for juniors and seniors.

Besides that program, Kern said he wants to help students connect to construction programs post-secondary education, such as at Oakland Community College or a heavy machinery operators union in Howell.

There's a large need for skilled workers, Kern said. Schools aren't focused enough on the fact students will become heavy machine operators or plumbers or welders, etc., which is why they're introducing the construction tech program.

"We are also currently working on trying to form some partnerships with the skilled trade unions and their apprenticeship programs," Emmons said. "It's very important that we meet all kids needs and we give them a path, whether it is going to college and knowing a career or whether it's going to a skilled trade. We want them to

Aside from the new construction tech program, the other five CTE pathways offered at the high school are Business, Finance and Marketing, Computer Information Systems, Engineering and Design Technology, Family and Consumer Science, and Media.

Students can be exposed to a CTE class as early as sixth grade, Emmons said, with programs such as STEAM, Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math, and coding. Because of the demand from students for more of these types of classes, a coding II class is going to be introduced to the middle school next year as well.

The high school and junior high also offer sampling courses, which allow students to try units from the different pathways and figure out if they might want to pursue a specific one.

"Our number one goal is opportunity. Give kids a chance to try stuff on for size," Emmons said. "Take a semester of it and see if you like it, and if you don't well it's better that you did it now than you did it after high school, in college or in the job placement where it's harder to start over."



Bumps on road to city manager hire

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production planning, strategic operations, and capacity studies.

He currently also has an automotive consultant job, and an antique business run by him and his wife, Toni Smith. He earned his undergraduate degree with the University of Michigan and Masters from Central Michigan University. His philosophy is to treat people with respect.

"Working with people is so important," Jon Smith said. "Transparency is key, to reassure people the financial aspects of the village will be in good hands."

He sees a need to protect the city's historical heritage as the area grows in population and development.

"Most people don't want to lose the historic charm of this town," he said. "We have to on the lookout for things like that all the time."

He and his wife live in Independence Township but are considering moving into the city.

"It's time. Our daughter (Bailey, who serves on the Clarkston Historic District Commission) has moved on and we don't need a house that size," he said.

Smith learned about the job opening from his wife, who is the director of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

"I researched it and it sounded like a good fit for the number of hours I had available," he said.

"I just want to be part of protecting the village," he said. "The money was not the motivation. I'm not saying anything negative about the salary – this is more about being involved in the city and doing what I can to help out."

"Jon is probably the top person I know, above board and honest," said city resident James Schultz at the meeting. "He knows what's coming down the line. I recommend him very highly."

City manager candidate Muniz is an instructor at Baker College, with experience in writing grants.

"I'm very proud of Clarkston," he said at the Jan. 9 meeting. "I've been interested in contributing to Clarkston for along time -Ilove the atmosphere." statement, which the mayor provided.

At the Jan. 12 special meeting, Percival asked council members if they wanted to meet with more candidates, but they declined.

Marsh asked if the city's offer of \$30,000 salary is too little to attract qualified people with the right experience.

"We don't really know who we're missing," he said.

"We're going to look at that come budget time, to see what we can do," Percival said. "Both of these candidates are OK with what's there now – they're not looking at this as a stepping stone. This is their home."

The committee decided Muniz and Smith were the top candidates and either would do a good job, the mayor said.

"There weren't really any flies in the ointment – no one had any shady intentions," he said.

Muniz Haven said the council has the final say.

"Americans love a choice – it's in our being," he said. "We erred in the direction of being a little more directive."

Luginski said both are capable.

"Not making a decision is sometimes the worse decision you could make," he said. "Four months of posting, 24 resumes, and you get what you get. We're not rushing, but I don't think a magic resume is out there waiting to show up."

Little scheduled his departure from the interim city manager position on Jan. 31, and Haven said he felt a sense of urgency.

"I did like both candidates, they're both dynamite," he said. "We all love the ideal. But for 30 grand a year, we have two dynamite candidates."

Both candidates were looking to give back to their community, Haven said.

"This isn't about money – both told us that," he said. "They're scaling down so they don't need as much. They want to leave a mark, a legacy."

"Let's get past how it happened in the th past," Percival said. "If I have to take it responsibility, I will. It was a coin toss to me to

staff," Luginski said. "With people here willing to help learn the process, I do believe it's possible."

Also at issue was the soon to be open position of treasurer, after Treasurer Caitlin Bentoski posted her two-week notice last week.

Smith said he was also interested in the treasurer's position, and would accept either if offered. The council discussed a team approach, with Muniz as city manager and Smith as treasurer or deputy city manager, but Percival took the treasurer position off the table to avoid further confusion.

As city manager, Smith said he will use his strategic planning experience at Chysler to look for trends and patterns for the city.

"Get in front of some of these patterns, proactively, and communicate that to the public – communication is key," he said.

The city's top issue is parking, he said.

"The growing restaurant business here is just great, but let's address how we handle parking, and work with people who own parking lots," he said.

If a long term goal is to address city parking, he would work out one-year goals, five-years goals, etc. until all goals were met, he said.

He also wants to maintain Clarkston's history.

"I've read horror stories of other towns without good control of their historic downtowns," he said.

Cara said she liked Smith's enthusiasm for the job.

"I get the sense Mr. Smith is incredibly above board, which serves the community," she said. "I'd hate to miss out on a great city manager – just because he happens to be a number person."

Mike Sabol, former city council member, said both candidates are good, but the process has not been transparent.

"The most important job in this city is city manager – you have to fill it the right way," Sabol said. "The meeting on Monday should have started with the mayor saying the candidate is a work colleague of mine. If it's not transparent, maybe you're moving too quickly."



Snow, ice days

Icy roads meant school closings for Clarkston kids, last Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 10-11, as well as Tuesday this week, Jan. 17.

"We closely watch the weather forecasts, often speaking directly with the National Weather Service. When these are negative, we talk with neighboring superintendents, transportation directors and operations supervisors about their circumstances," Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said in an email.

Collen Mayes, director of transportation, and her team also travel some area roads to evaluate conditions.

These assessments ideally take place the night before a school closing, Rock said, but the timing of the snow and resulting conditions meant discussions for these snow days began around 3:45 a.m. the day of.

"We then had our local and regional discussions and decided that it was safest for us to cancel," Rock said.

The official reason for the school closings Tuesday last week was the amassment and timing of the snow. On Wednesday, in addition to one of the buildings having no power, there were trees and limbs blocking several back roads and ice on many roads, especially intersections and subdivision entrances.

Locals re-elected

Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission voted, Jan. 11, to re-elect Gerald A. Fisher of Clarkson as chairman.

J. David VanderVeen from Clarkston was re-elected vice chairman. VanderVeen, director of Oakland County Central Services, serves as Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson's representative on the commission.

All will serve in their roles through Dec. 31, 2017.

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Speaking during public comment, resident Cara Catallo said she was concerned with the relationship between Muniz and Percival, who also works at Baker College, because Muniz seemed to her to be looking to Percival before answering questions.

"You two seem to have a close relationship," Catallo said. "My concern is if you can answer without being fed them – to make decisions independently."

Percival said they both work at Baker College but are independent, just as Cara, a member of the Historic District Commission, and her mother, Sharron Catallo, are.

Cara asked for an apology for that

- I don't have anything against either one of these people. If you want more candidates to look at, we will give you more. If you want to see more people, let's bring more people. Let's not muddy the water."

Only one applicant of the top five had municipal experience, but his salary requirements were too high, Little said.

"These are the cards we were dealt," Luginski said. "There wasn't anybody who had the experience we would have loved to have."

Rich Little also did not have municipal experience when he took over as interim city manager, the former mayor said.

"Rich has been able to adapt with help of

too quickiy.

A motion to hire Smith as city manager was approved, 5-2, with Catallo, Detkowski, Haven, Kneisc, and Wylie voting "yes." Percival and Marsh voted against the motion. "It's a flip of the coin, folks," Percival said.

"I voted no because I wanted to give David's idea little more breadth."

Marsh said it was pushed through.

"The mayor said himself, we're not in a super rush," he said. "I think this has been a big waste of time."

Percival said they will create a job-search policy for next time.

"So next time this happens we know exactly what to do," he said. "No one was trying pull the wool over anyone's eyes."

Robert E. Kostin of Clarkston also serves on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

College fund workshop

Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding, will discuss how to increase eligibility for aid, and scholarships and grants at a free workshop on funding college education, 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 24, at Clarkston High School.

Admission is free. Call 248-662-1300 to reserve seats.

Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Stories of Pops

Condolences to all of you who lost your former teacher, coach, mentor, friend and family member Roy "Pops" Warner.

I began at The Clarkston News after he retired from Clarkston Community Schools so I never met him. I did get to know him through players he coached, graduates he taught and current coaches.

Just by hearing stories about him and his trademark whistle he sounds like an

amazing man who will be incredibly missed. Thank you for allowing me to get to know him through all of you - either through phone calls or reading your comments on the CNews Facebook page. While I want to share



all of your stories we do have to edit down based on print space. But alas, a memorial service will be held this June. His daughters are just fine tuning the details which we will have soon. So have those stories ready to share with others who were also impacted by Pops.

I whistle in tribute.

As for an update in mommyhood Jonathan just turned 13-months-old and is dunking basketballs and walking.

The dunking came first after he received a Little Tikes basketball hoop from his aunt and uncle. It's at it's lowest setting which gives him the dunking ability. (He is 31 inches tall, in the 90 percentile for his age.)

As for walking, I feel like the newest activity came on pretty quick. He was standing for a few seconds at a time on his own with no help. Then, taking five steps here and there and now will walk the length of 2-5 feet at a time on his own. It's longer if he has a hand to hold on to while he takes his steps or voyages down the hallways. We really are fortunate we are in a house

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials A call to volunteer in the new year

Dear Editor,

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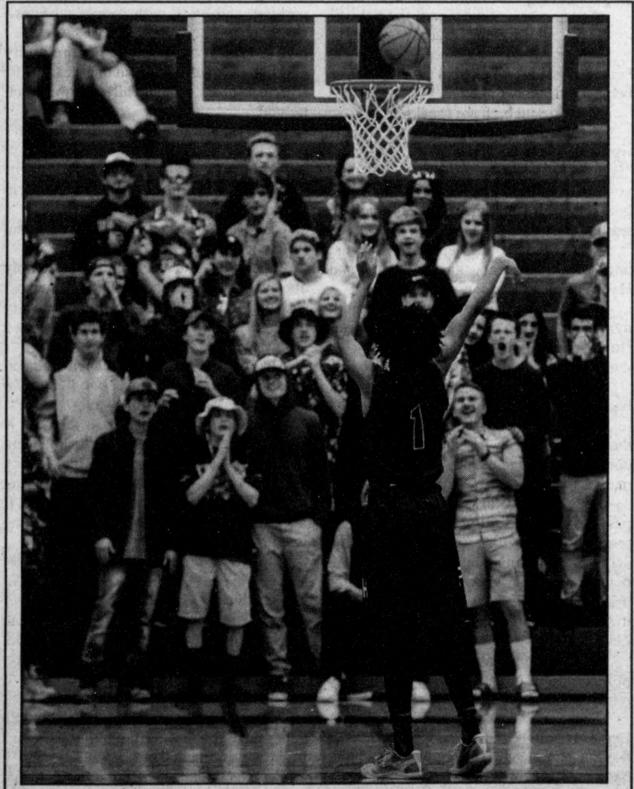
part time) and/or volunteer. Being with others and doing something that helps them feel "alive" and "productive."

"Researchers found a positive association between volunteering and good mental health (and physical health) ... (and it) strengthened with age," from www.cbsnews.com/news/volunteering-improve-mental-health-well-being.

Why not make your year's New Years resolution to be a volunteer!

Tom Stone Clarkston

P.S., My mother volunteered as her church's treasurer for years, even when she was in her 70's.



A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Medical Center receives okay on expansion from board" The Independence Township Board of Trustees voted 4-3 to approve the proposed 10,560 square foot addition to Independence Point Medical and Retail Center on M-15 near I-75.

"Local residents help carry Olympic torch through Michigan" Nicole Keusch from Clarkston High School was one of five support runners who ran in Highland Park with torch carriers Red Wing Jiri Fischer and General Motors employee Mike Grenaldi.

"Resident completes Wolves picture in gymnasium" The Clarkston High School gymnasium looks more like the home of the Wolves after Clarkston resident Mike Cumming completed painting a pack of wolves on the gym wall.

25 years ago - 1992

"Semi jacksknifes, blocks M-15" A driver from Indiana was traveling south on M-15, north of Rattalee Lake Road when he lost control of his empty semitruck. The trailer swung around hitting a mailbox and became stuck in the mud and snow. It took an hour to unblock the road.

"Policy bans donations from alcohol sales" The Clarkston Board of Education unanimously approved the second teading of a policy prohibiting any school-sponsored organization from earning money from the sale of alcohol or other illegal controlled substances.

"Wolves win battle of champions" It was the battle of champions - 1991 Class A state wrestling champs Clarkston against Lake Orion, the 1990 state champs. The Wolves won the key meet for the Greater Oakland Activities League title with a 31-24 victory, cinched by 171pounder Nathan Smith.

50 years ago - 1967 "Women's Club to spearhead library

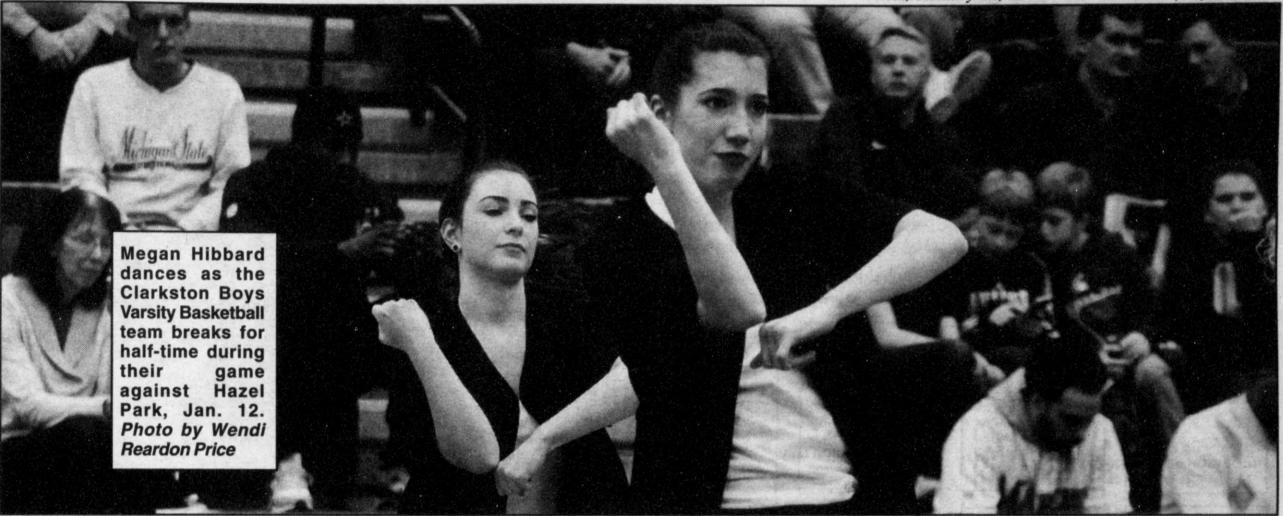
now. He needed the room to roam. Plus, with his birthday and Christmas hitting at once we really needed the room for toys. It really is great to have a spot for all and not clean up every day. (Though to be honest I do. I worked retail too long to not do 'recovery" and put items away even if he will just pull everything back out again). A huge shoot out to Jon Devine for helping us out with not just buying a house with the space but selling my dad's house. Jonathan enjoyed seeing his buddy, Jon, at the cheer competition working the concession stand. (He did. I know he seemed a little fussy but bedtime is around 8 p.m. and he rarely strains from the time.)

The Jungle, Clarkston's student fan section, watch as Hazel Park makes a free throw shot. The Wolves were in a sunny mood as they dressed up with a beach theme for last Thursday's boys basketball games to combat the winter woes. Photo by Larry Wright

drive" The Clarkston Women's Club authorized the Library Advisory Board to spend up to \$500 on preliminary plans for a new library for Independence Township. The library at the time had 900 square feet and for the population required a minimum of 7,000 square feet.

"State debate tournaments starting" The Clarkston High School Debate team finished their season went 5-1 in the University of Michigan Invitational, giving them a 18-4 record before heading into states.

"Round the town" Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keel were houseguest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Stone of Royal Oak.



And then the voices above me said

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"Donald," they summoned, I looked up and a snow flake landed on my cheek. "Donald. It is time. We have you here to hear of our desires. You are the Chosen One. He who shall speak to our people."

"But," I interjected humbly, "Will they Don't listen?"

Rush Me Their voices boomed out their annoyance at my doubting, "No buts! Tell them, tell them it all!"

And then, as if under some unearthly command, cumulonimbus clouds converged to obscure my vision of the Three Towers. It rained and then it drizzled and then it froze. Ah, January in Michigan. They spoke no more. I was alone in an icy parking lot. Were A column by

"Thou shalt accept for publication, those announcetheir ivory towers and looked down at me. From far ments from individuals, groups, moms, dads, brothers, sisatop I heard their voices bellowing like rolling thunder. ters, aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas -- any interested party. Thou shalt accept said announcements with smiling faces and plenty of thank yous -- and then follow through and publish said announcements promptly."

> That means we cannot make readers jump through hoops to get information published. Mail it, e-mail it, drop it off, call it in -- if you make the effort to furnish us with information it is our job to get it in our community newspaper. (Of course, we reserve the right to correct spelling, etc.)

> As editors and reporters for a community newspaper, we need to get out there and pound the pavement, press the flesh and meet new people. We have to hear different points of view. We cannot rely (solely) on one source of information. We cannot rely (solely) on public relations personnel for info from our local forms of government.

> Many residents criticize elected officials and administrators of being smug and beyond reproach. Those same folks may think the same of us.

our commitment to the readers and our community. If you want to see something in the paper, think we should do something better, by all means let us know.

I think they mean, you can help us. Keep us on our toes. Be our ears and eyes. And, when you do, send us your phone number so we can call to verify. Send in all your stuff for publication, and then thank the local businesses who advertise, they make it all possible!

A recent article by Jane Hungarter (I got it this week) stated, ". . .(several studies) demonstrate that newspapers work. Newspapers actively engage audiences who take action as a result of seeing newspaper advertising."

Here are some of the findings:

* 86% of readers say newspapers are a great place to get useful information.

Local newspapers continue to be the primary source of information about communities in small towns and cities.

* 78% of readers feel like they are a part of a community of readers.

Consumers look forward to reading community newspapers, and rely on them for local news and information. Community newspapers are informative, entertaining, and provide quality news coverage and fair news reporting.



they still up there? Watching me? What Don Rush were they doing up there in those ivory towers?

Silence of the winter rain.

"But, you forgot to tell me what it is you wanted me to say, and to whom," I said meekly, obviously to myself.

mean? Our people? Their children? No. Their employees? No. Then, out of nowhere a thought hit me like a giant, wet and sloppy snow ball to the noggin' -- Their people, their readers.

the reader?

My best guess is about a golden rule of community journalism -- one we may have gotten away from re- nity newspaper want me to share? I guess it is to share

When we get a letter to the editor criticizing us, we have to realize there are other points of view. We need to come to grips with the fact that criticisms are not necessarily a bad thing. When readers see spelling errors and let us know, they actually care enough about us to tell us to shape up.

The message seems pretty simple, we need to be open What had they said? "Our people ... "What did that to our readers. We need to get back to the idea everyone in our community has a story, and it is our job to tell it. Before we can tell it, though, we need to get out and talk to the community.

Did you know one of our goals is to get every kid who So what message did they desire me to send to you, goes to public school here in our paper at least once before they graduate? Yup it's true.

What was the message those leaders of this commu-

* 74% of readers usually notice the ads appearing in newspapers

Newspapers are the medium in which advertising makes consumers more likely to purchase, and the most effective place to learn about sales and store information.

And, newspapers are worst at promoting themselves. We go about getting the job done, writing news, selling ads to promote other businesses, but we suck at telling our own story. I aim to change that this year! Send me your comments, DontRushDon@gmail.com.



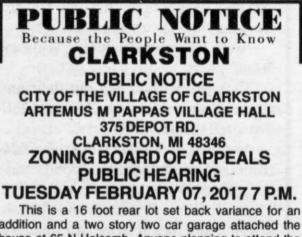


SWEARING IN: From left, returning Clarkston Board of Education members Cheryl McGinnis and Greg Need, and newcomer Andrea Catalina take their oaths of office at the first school board meeting of the year, Jan. 9. They were elected to the board last November. *Photo by Jessica Steeley*

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Icy roads this past week proved treacherous for motorists, such as the driver of this car who slid off Holcomb Road north of Bluegrass Drive, onto a frozen retention pond, Friday morning, Jan. 13. School officials cancelled classes twice last week, as well as Tuesday this week. Photo by Phil Custodio

Suspect caught

The search for jewelry store robbery suspect Jimmie Walker Jr. has come to an end. U.S. Marshals and Oakland County Sheriff's deputies arrested Walker in Hamtramck and he was booked into Oakland County Jail on Jan. 13.

Walker, 50, of Detroit was sought in the armed robbery of Clarkston Jewelry Outlet, Dec. 17. Walker is one of two suspects in the case.

Jeffrey Roy-Lee Genright, 48, of Detroit was found and taken into custody the night of the robbery, near the water tower

northwest of the intersection of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

The second suspect got away, fleeing across Middle Lake, which was frozen. An OCSO K-9 picked up the track on the other side of the lake, which led to a home in the 6000 block of Middle Lake Road. The suspect entered an attached garage and stole a 2014 Jeep Cherokee, which had the keys in it. The homeowners were not home at the time. Walker has been charged with 12 felonies in 52-2 District Court, including several counts of armed robbery, possession of a firearm in the commission of a crime, assault less than murder, vehicle theft, and home invasion. He is being held in Oakland County Jail on \$500,000 bond.

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Marijuana arrest

A car was stopped for having a headlight burnt out, 7:39 p.m., Jan. 5, on Laurelton Street and Waldon Road. The driver, an 18year-old Independence Township man, smelled strongly of marijuana. A search of the car found marijuana, three pipes, and grinder. He was cited for possession of marijuana, expired plates, and equipment violation for the headlight.

Improper towing, marijuana

A deputy on patrol stopped a pickup truck on White Lake Road, towing a red pickup truck with a tow rope, 12:07 p.m., Jan. 6. There was no red flag on the tow line, as required by state law. They were also backing up traffic on White Lake Road. The driver of the rear truck, a 19-year-old Davisburg man, said he actually wasn't being towed. He said he was the brakes for the truck in front, which didn't have any brakes. The inside of the truck in front smelled of marijuana. The owner of the truck, a 19-year-old Independence Township man, gave permission to search, and told the deputy where to find a baggie of marijuana, glass pipe, and grinder, in the center console. The Independence Township man was cited with possession of marijuana, and given warnings for possession of drug paraphernalia and improper tow.

Hit and run

A Farmington Hills man called police after a vehicle hit his car in a parking lot in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway and left the scene, 7:18 p.m., Jan. 9. The victim provided a deputy with the vehicle's license plate, which was traced to a Davisburg resident. The 49-year-old Davisburg man said he didn't stop because it wasn't much damage, and he had to get his daughter at school. The deputy explained he should have stopped instead of taking off. He was cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587.







Walker

He was paroled in November 2015, after serving part of a 5-40 year sentence for armed robbery in Detroit.

New commander

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office through the township.

He studied and played football at Western Michigan University before joining the sheriff's office.

"My grandfather (Bruce Boyd) was in law enforcement and he said, 'be a police officer," Perry said. "That was my inspiration."

His priority is to continue to provide excellent police service to the community as it continues to grow.

"That's important to us," he said. "I have family here. This is a tremendous community and I'm excited to be a part of it."

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Sporting News Win over Vikings in second half **ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers continued their winning streak as they posted a 66-46 win over Hazel Park last Thursday in a OAA crossover game.

"It was an ugly win," said Dan Fife, longtime head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Boys Basketball team. "I give credit to Hazel Park - they outcompeted us for a long time."

"A win is a win, but it was pretty ugly," senior Dylan Alderson agreed. "We picked up in the second half. The first half we came out non-aggressive and weak with the ball. We weren't ready for their pressure."

The Wolves created a 7-point lead in the first quarter with two baskets from Alderson and sophomore Taylor Currie and a 3-pointer from junior CJ Robinson. The Vikings scored seven points before the quarter closed. A 3pointer from junior Foster Loyer end the stanza, 16-11.

The Warriors closed in on Clarkston with less than three minutes to go until half time with a field goal to put the score 23-21. Alderson scored the next six points for the Wolves before the first half closed, 29-24.

The Vikings opened the second half with a basket and Loyer responded with his own basket off the backboard.

For the next two points, Loyer stole the ball and passed it to junior Demond Mills-Bradley under the basket.

"The second half we made adjustments," Alderson said. "We played harder and with more heart."

Hazel Park scored two more points and was met with four points from Alderson with one assist from Mills-Bradley.

"Demond gave us a big lift with his effort," Fife shared. "He made some hustle plays. He plays hard. He got his time and made the best of it."

Mills-Bradley closed the third quarter with with two points off a rebound from Loyer's three point attempt. The basket put the score at 46-38.

Loyer opened the final quarter with a 3point shot and Alderson added five points in the first 90 seconds.

"We have been a second half team all year but Coach Fife gets after us at half time in the locker room," Alderson admitted. "We get mad and come out with attitude. We need to start like that in the first half."

Alderson finished the game leading with 27 points and had ten rebounds. Loyer added 20 points and had four steals. Currie had ten points and 12 rebounds.

Fife added the boys will need to start getting it done in the first half.

"I think sometimes we think we are better than we are," he said. "The only way to success is hard work and focus mentally all the time. Sense of urgency when you play. I am happy we won."

The Wolves went on to defeat Western International at Warren Fitzgerald High School on Saturday, 70-46. Alderson led with 28 points and seven rebounds and Loyer had 27 points and eight assists.

The boys opened the week against North Farmington on Tuesday. They head to Southfield Arts & Technology on Friday. Varsity plays at 5 p.m., JV follows.

Junior Foster Loyer blocks Hazel Park from

Dunking Dylan

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Dylan Alderson committed to playing basketball to University of

Wisconsin - Milwaukee, but he isn't taking it easy during his last year in high school.

He led the Wolves last week as he posted 27 points against Hazel Park and 28 against Warren Fitzgerald High School in the two wins.

He began playing the sport in second grade and explained his dad also played.

"He always wanted me to be a point guard because of my height and it's versatile," Alderson said.

He played different sports but stuck with basketball.

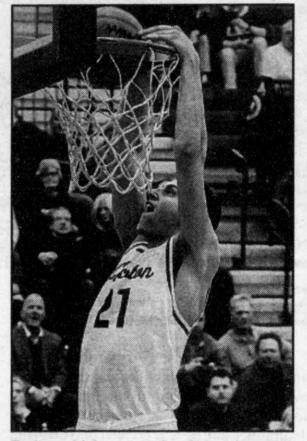
"It teaches you to be the best on and off of the court, to be a man on and off the court," Alderson added. "Coach (Dan) Fife really preaches it."

He joined Clarkston during his junior year after transferring to the high school from Davison. He said he has learned from the Wolves' program.

"Playing hard on the court shows your character," he explained. "If you play hard on the court you are going to work hard in school work, a job interview. You are going to come prepared and be ready."

Since basketball has always been a part of his life there wasn't a question of if he would or wouldn't continue in college especially since he noted he was getting attention from colleges during his freshman year.

"It motivated me even more," he said. The University of Wisconsin -Milwaukee, a NCAA Division 1 college, caught his eye because LaVall Jordan is the current head coach.



Who is the next AOW?

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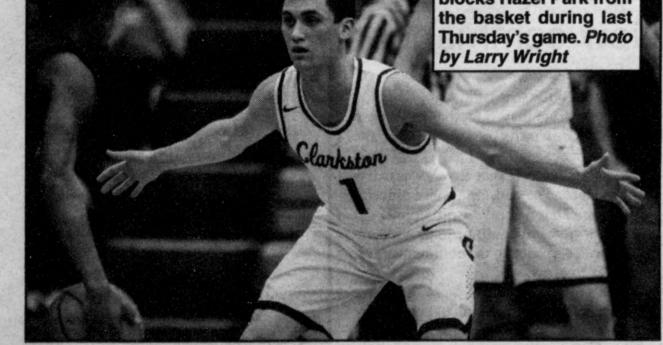
Dylan Alderson dunks a basket during the Wolves' win over Walled Lake Western. Photo by Larry Wright

were recruiting me earlier," he explained. "He is good at player development. I feel like I am going to get better going there."

Which leads into his goals to make his team better, help them make the NCAA tournament and play professionally overseas.

He plans to study something along the lines of kinesiology, biology, anatomy and science.

His advice to aspiring athletes is to



"I knew him from Michigan and they

play like it's their last game, last practice. "The way you practice is the way you play and you have to play hard," he said. "You have to play harder or there is no point in playing."



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Pops always had a smile, was always positive

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technique orientated guy - that's something that made an impression on me as a young coach. Then, as a teacher he was easy going and enjoyed every day. He was fun to be around. He never complained."

Phil Price, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Baseball, added "Pops" was a mentor to him. Price coached the JV team in 1992 and was his assistant coach.

"He taught me a lot about baseball. He taught me a lot about living," he said. "He gave me my start in baseball. He set a great foundation for the baseball program.

"Pops was always someone who loved to look good," Price added. "His uniforms were always outstanding – the way the hats were designed and everything. We always looked good. He was a great guy, a great friend, a great mentor, a great peer. I am lucky to have known him."

Chris Combs also had Warner as a coach when he was a catcher for the Wolves and a teacher.

"He was a energetic, fun man," he reflected. "He was a coach who coached in a positive way. He always had a way of turning the negatives into a positive. He was kind-hearted. He was a wonderful person to the community. He was a great role model."

He added it was great to see Warner once in a while at the Roy Warner tournament Price began.

"He came back several times to present the championship award," he said.

Combs said Warner made an impact on his life from him playing college baseball to how he raises his girls.

John Drallos, a teacher at Clarkston High School, also played for him.

"He was a ton of fun to play for because he always knew how to keep things light and enjoyable," Drallos said.

He had a lot of fond memories including Warner with his fungo bat, the bat coaches use during warm up before the game.

"He was an absolute sniper with his fungo bat," Drallos said. "In his manner and his voice he would point out a location or put bucket in the outfield, say watch this and hit a ball - and he would hit it.

He added when he talks with previous players who were coached by Warner they always start laughing or smiling when they talk about Pops.

"It's just the kind of guy he was. Every time you talked about Pops you had a smile on your face."

Drallos added the impact Warner had on him was no matter what the situation or how intense there is always time to relax.

"Embrace the moment by having some fun," he said. "As I do that in my professional life that's a lot of influence from how Pops carried on his business."

Dan Fife had already graduated when Warner began coaching and teaching in Clarkston, but got to know him when Fife returned to coach and later became the athletic director.

"Every day was a good day with Pops," Fife shared. "He always had a smile. The glass was always full. It was never empty with Pops. It was hard not to smile without him around."

Among all the memories many recalled Warner's trademark - his whistle.

"Yes," Richardson laughed. "His whistle and he had nicknames for everyone."

"He always had a smile and every time I went through the gym and saw him he would always whistle," Fife said. "Whistling kept you knowing Pops is here. I don't walk through the gym very often throughout the day now, but when I am there isn't a time I don't think about Pops whistling."

"He would whistle," Price laughed. "He would whistle commands. You would know what to do just by the whistle."

"He would whistle a ton," Combs shared. "It was his way to get people's attention. One of his famous slogans was 'shut her down at the blue.' No matter where we were, you are running to get past that line. Don't stop until you get past the blue. It was his philosophy. I still hear it at the high school now saying it."

"To know Pops, you knew his whistling,"

Drallos said. "There was one time I recall him giving the entire starting line up with just points and whistles. He didn't say a word. He would just point at you and whistle, point to a position and whistle again. It was just the funniest thing."

Warner was inducted into the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association in 1999. He coached sports for 29 years with 20 of the years as a varsity coach. He compiled a 477-236 record. He led his teams to won four district championships and four league championships.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon;

Wilson. He was proud grandfather of Megan and

daughters Wendy (David) Hoeft and Vicki

Jonathan Clem. He was proud Megan will attend Michigan State University this fall as he was a Spartan. He also enjoyed watching Jonathan play baseball and gave him tips to improve his game.

Wendy shared a memorial service will be held at Calvary Lutheran Church this June. The final details were being worked out at time of publication.

She added everyone throughout the community has been so kind.

More thoughts of Pops

Many shared their memories and condolences for Roy "Pops" Warner on social media including *The Clarkston News* Facebook. Here are just a few:

Eric Knake: You were a great coach, mentor, friend. You will be missed Roy "Pops" Warner. Now you can whistle your way into Heaven. I know right now we are all picturing him pointing and whistling where the next ball should be thrown in warm up. Him and his fungo. How many infielders just smiled and heard the word "30" in their heads as he whistled?

Joe Jenson: So sad to hear this, he was a great coach and great person. Had so much fun on that team with all of you guys, a lot of great memories. Pops was one of the nicest guys and great men we've had the honor to play for and know. God Bless him.

Chad Bailey: Awesome coach loved playing from him. Lots of great memories. RIP Pops.

Mike Little: Loved that guy. RIP to a great man and coach!

Gabe Shady: Wow...sad news for sure. Something that stands out is how he seemed to make everyone feel important and accepted. Praying for his family and for the Clarkston community.

Heather Roeser: That's so sad. Pops

was one of my favorite teachers. He was always happy. You could tell he loved his job.

Shelly Pope-Metikosh: I worked at Baskin Robbins. Every time he came in, I gave him an extra big scoop. Pops will be missed.

Randy Nelson: Nicknamed me "Cheeser." What a great guy and coach! Rest in peace, Pops!

Matthew Baker: Pops was my favorite teacher, he gave me the nickname "Shake 'n Bake." He used to love being involved. RIP Pops. We all will remember you!

Jessica Brewer Tickle: He was seriously one of the best teachers! He made high school enjoyable for sure.

Darin David Brandt: I really enjoyed playing baseball for Pops back in the day , His whistling and hand signals were the best. Sad to hear he passed away

Wendy Mazoway: I was a gym aide for Pops, and traveled to many a game on the bus with him while playing softball. He called me "Scrob." A great teacher and coach who always made me feel great about myself. RIP Pops, you made a difference in my life.

Angela Mawson: Thinking about him always puts a smile on my face! The happiest guy!

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Wolfpack Update

The Clarkston Ski teams opened their season with wins, Jan. 9.

Captain Max Wiedemann led the Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team. He scored on the fastest two individual runs finishing at times of 21.99 and 21.59.

The Wolves defeated both teams they raced against in the duo meet with wins over Cranbrook/Kingswood, 16-20, and the combined team of Berkley-Avondale-Troy, 11-27.

Captain Katie Bayley led the Clarkston Girls Varsity Ski team in their season opener. Bayley led the team with the fastest times as she finished with 23.22 and 23.38.

The Lady Wolves split their duo meet as they posted their first victory over Berkley-Avondale- Troy, 12-24. They lost to Cranbrook/Kingswood, 15-22.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team posted two wins and one loss during last week's games.

They opened the week with a 42-22 win over Stoney Creek, Jan. 10. Molly Nicholson led the Lady Wolves with a career high of 20 points and had seven rebounds. Maddie Beck scored 11 points during the game.

They headed to Rochester Adams last Friday where they went into overtime for the win, 53-51. Beck led with 30 points and had

Farmington on Thursday. JV begins at 5:30

They defeated Rochester Adams, 33-14, improving their record to 5-3. Sloan Curtis McKinney and Lexi Linton both scored eight points and had nine rebounds. Rielee Fetty

They opened the week with a 31-22 loss against Stoney Creek, Jan. 10. Fetty led with eight points and Curtis had 13 rebounds.

The Clarkston Girls Freshman Basketball team outscored Stoney Creek on Jan. 10, 44-37. The Lady Cougars started off with an early lead but during the second quarter Clarkston picked up on their defensive effort and kept Stoney Creek from scoring any points.

Anna Winkler led the Lady Wolves by scoring a team season high of 25 points and had six rebounds. Cassidy Smock scored eight points and had seven rebounds. Sarah Bailey had seven points and had six rebounds. Jessi Buscher had seven rebounds and Jen Starnes had five.

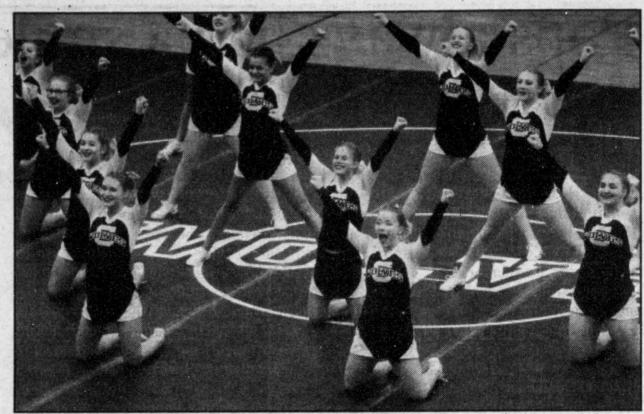
They followed it with a 38-36 win over Rochester Adams last Friday. Sierra Waitkus led the team with 11 points. Starnes had eight points and had eight rebounds. Buscher had eight rebounds and Bailey had seven rebounds and six points. Smock had five rebounds, four assists and four points.

The Clarkston Boys 7th Grade Basketball Gold beat Waldon Middle School for their eighth win on Jan. 9, 68-15.

Defense held Waldon to six points doing

They continued their streak with a 49-10

The Clarkston Boys 8th Grade Basketball



The Lady Wolves cheer during the first round of the OAA Red meet at Clarkston High School, Jan. 11. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Blue and gold spirit

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer round; 182.86, second round; and 270.50. team hosted the OAA Red meet where they celebrated and honored all the seniors in the division, Jan. 11.

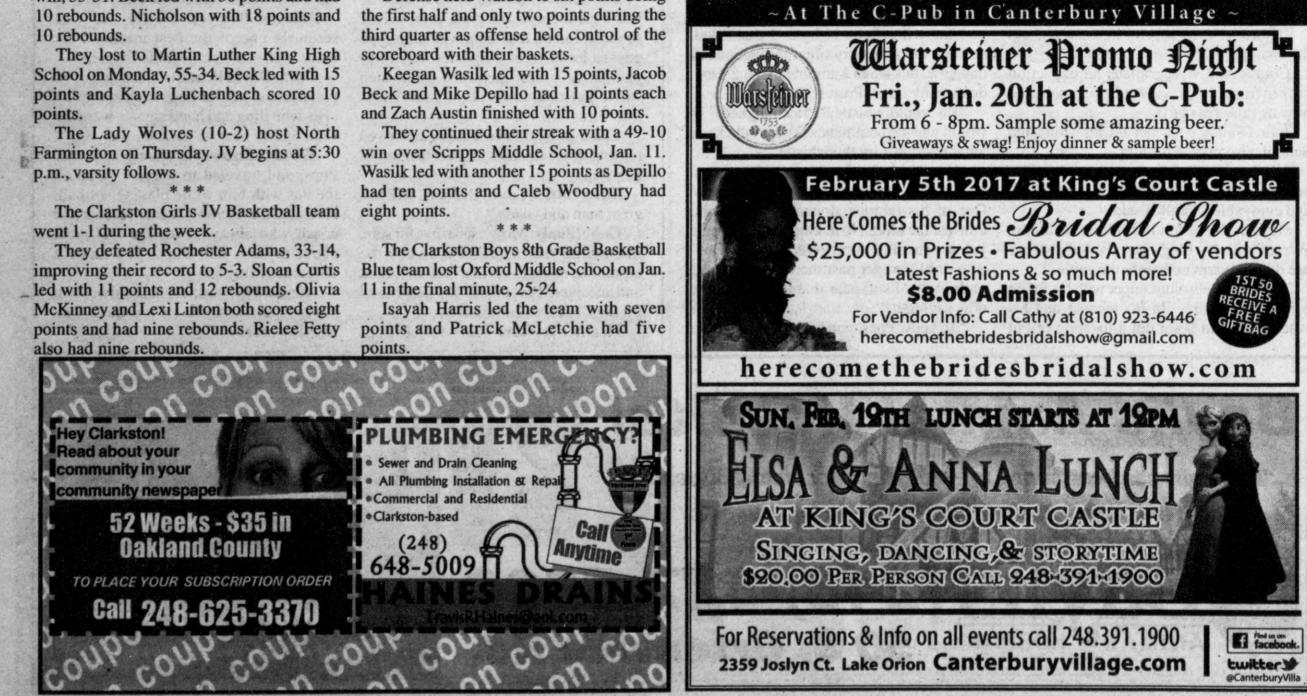
place. They scored 212.2 during the first

755.44 points. During the meet the Lady Wolves finished with a total of 665.56 point for sixth

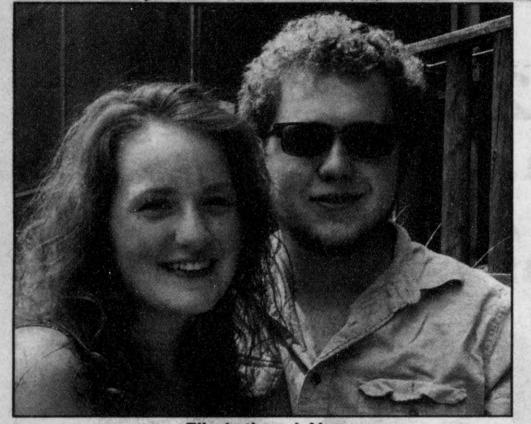
third round.

Rochester finished in first place with

The Lady Wolves head to the Walled Lake Western Invite this Saturday and to the Lake Orion Invite next Saturday.







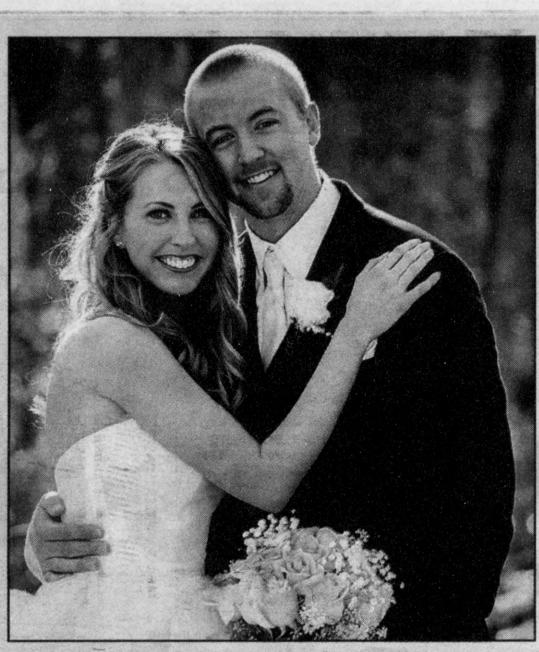
Elizabeth and Alex

Shutty-Nickels

Susan and John Shutty of Clarkston are pleased to announce their daughter, Elizabeth "Elle" Shutty, was engaged to Alex Nickels in the summer of 2016.

Alex is the son of Bonnie and Louis Nickels of Fenton. Elle is a graduate of Clarkston High School and the University of Michigan and works as a program manager at a software company. Alex is a graduate of Kettering University and works in Ann Arbor as a software engineer.

The wedding will take place in St. Clair Shores in the spring of 2017.



Whitney and Austin

Featuring



Business discussion

Clarkston Chamber of Commerce hosts a Panel Discussion on Growth and Transition Planning at Clarkston Independence District Library, from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Jan. 25.

Featured professionals include: Tanya Popov with Inix Consulting and Brokerage, Business broker; David Waymann with AdviCoach, Business Coach; John Carter with Insyght Legal, Business transaction attorney; and Stephen Wizgird with Key Bank, VP, Sr. SBA Specialist.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members and includes lunch. Sitting is limited.

Please RSVP by calling 248-625-8055.

Clarkston graduate marries

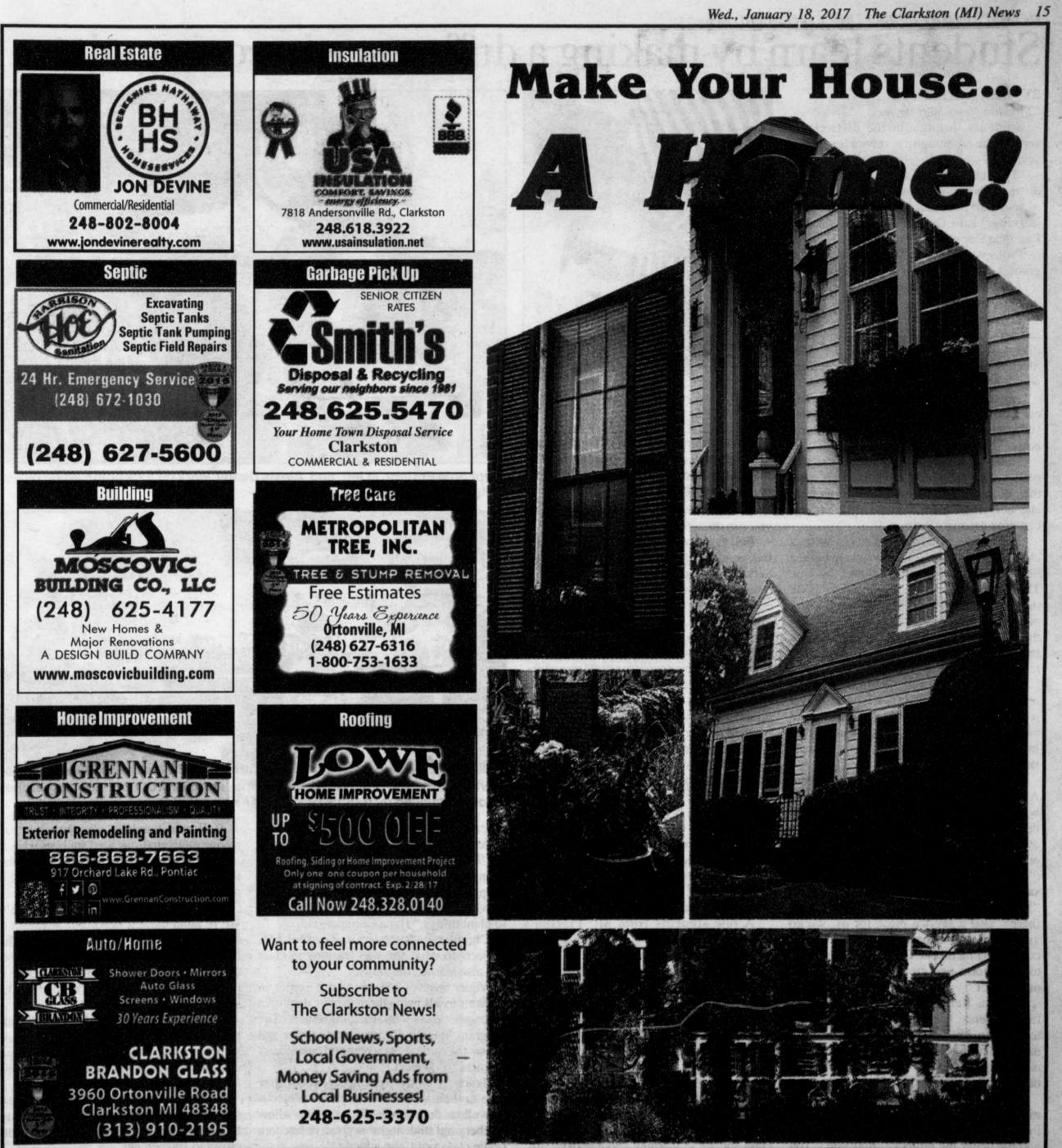
Whitney Marie Kelley, daughter of Doug and Anna Kelley of Clarkston, and Austin Michael Timmer, son of Doug and Deb Timmer of Grandville, were married in Clarkston at Clarkston Community Church on Nov. 12, 2016.

Austin graduated from the University of Michigan in 2015 with an industrial engineering degree, and Whitney graduated from Clarkston High School in 2012 and the University of Michigan in 2016 with a nursing degree.

They are residing in the Ann Arbor area.



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Students learn by making a difference in community

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students throughout the district are serving the community at record levels this year.

"For public education, for a public school district, it's phenomenal to have 50 percent of your staff and students engaged in service learning," said District Academic Service Learning Coordinator Radhika Issac.

Projects range from Young Fives to 12th graders, Issac added

ASL first came to the district 14 years ago, in 2007, she said.

Though it is not required for students or teachers to participate, over 150 teachers and over 4,000 students engage in the program. Since ASL is its own program, it has a budget which helps teachers fund their projects.

"Academic service learning is taking any curricular requirements we teach our students and connecting it to a real-world issue," Issac said.

Students get an opportunity to practice real-world skills and connect with what they're learning. Issac gave an example as she described a third grade ASL project centered around literacy.

The project paired the class with a children's home in Honduras to help build a library to promote literacy for those children. The library included an informational book the third graders wrote themselves and published. Besides just promoting literacy, the inclusion of their published book showed the Honduras children anyone can be a reader and writer.

"That's what service learning does, it really puts students out there into the real world and say 'How can I impact the world as a scientist, or as a social scientist, or a mathematician, or a reader or writer?" Issac said.

If an educator wants to learn more about ASL, or strengthen the work they're doing with the program, Issac invites them to attend one of the full-day ASL workshops offered at the Clarkston Community Schools administration office.



Ethan Cotaling, student at Bailey Lake Elementary, creates a poster to display and encourage fellow students to lend a helping hand.

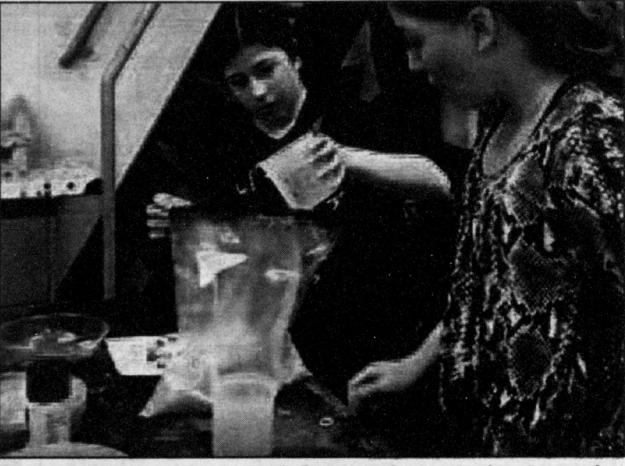
can always deepen it. There's always more you can do with it."

Bell described the S.O.C.K.S. program at Independence Elementary, which stands for Serving our Community Kids Style. It centers around a school-wide ASL project where every grade spends time learning about a different cause, and pairs with a community partner as part of S.O.C.K.S. Day.

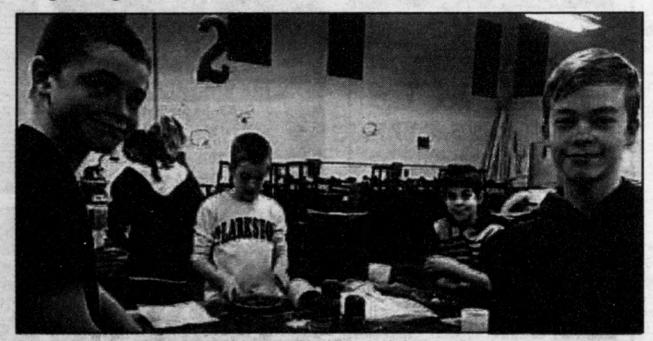
"We're creating and helping our young learners become ready for the 21st century. They have to do problem solving," she said. "They connect and make relationships and all those things are important as they move forward in their lives."

Some examples of other projects are buddy benches, making blankets for hospitalized children and penny drives.

"Academic Service Learning is very flexible, it can be a project for very young learners all the way through high school and secondary. A lot of universities also support academic service learning," Bell said.



Stephanie Enright, at left, and Alexis Denny work on a stepping stone project to fight hunger.



David Jones, and left, and Logan Harris, at right, work on stepping stones. Photos provided by Radhika Issac and Kristen Vigier

It connects to that," Kujala said of the ASL project happening in her seventh grade class. "There was one in fourth grade where we

Bell said teachers also benefit from having motivated, engaged students who are interested in and listening to the teacher because they understand the importance of the work they do through ASL projects. "It's also a great benefit for the community. We're addressing a need, but at the same time it's a reciprocal in our relationship because now our community begins to see us as a resource and our students as important, viable resources for them," Bell said.

"The workshops are hugely beneficial," said Kristen Vigier, a sixth grade teacher. "There's a learning piece for us and then there's also a service piece for us. We go and we can connect with different community members. Then, we're given time to brainstorm and create and put together our project."

Corena Bell, a first grade teacher at Independence Elementary who helps train teachers in ASL, said Clarkston is fortunate the district sees ASL as important work and is willing to support teachers by offering these workshops.

"They do think quality matters. So the more planning and preparation, the higher the quality of course, the deeper the learning and the better the project ," Bell said. "You

ASL allows students to participate in several service learning projects throughout their time in the Clarkston district.

A few students from Mr. Pierson's seventh grade class recall some projects they worked on.

"I did one in fourth grade where we made blankets and then sent it to kids who had cancer in hospitals," Andrew Sesti said, adding the project taught him how to make blankets. "They were pretty fun. We got to work together with our friends to help other people."

Allie Kujala remembers having fun planting sunflower seeds in early elementary school for one of the projects.

"We just started the salmon project in this class and we're learning about ecosystems.

went over to one of the poorer areas and we helped with a community garden. We provided information about how and when to plant things," Hana Chrenka said.

Chrenka could connect many of her ASL projects to what she was learning in class and also learned life skills.

Vigier believes ASL has a huge impact on students by allowing them to have their own voice and ideas while helping others. The program helps pull everyone together and allows the students, teachers and community partners to connect.

Teachers enjoy the empowerment they give to their students through the projects, as well as themselves. The projects allow teachers and students more creative freedom in the classroom, she added.

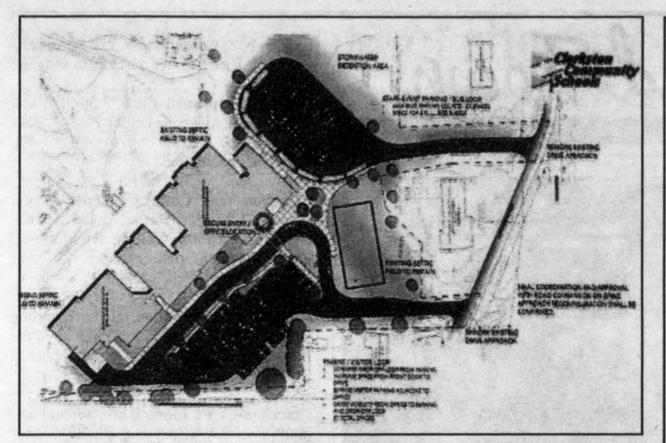
"Clarkston students and community and teachers are really fortunate to have something like this to support this idea of community service and bringing service into the classroom," Issac said.

"It's exciting to be in Clarkston and to see where this is going to grow. We'd love to continue to grow this and get closer and closer to 100 percent."

SWOLLEN LEGS

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Plans for the Andersonville Elementary parking lot includes parent drop-off to be closer to the front entrance. *Photos provided*

Bond projects in summer

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Parking lots at Andersonville, Bailey Lake and Springfield Plains elementaries will be under construction during the summer.

Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan and project architects presented construction plans for updated parking lots and secure entrances to the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, Jan. 9.

Board President Steve Hyer said the goal is to have everything done over the summer and to cause as little disruption as possible to school while in session.

Plans and designs are still being finalized, and will then be put out for bid.

About \$10 million of a \$75 million bond is budgeted in the first year for these as well as some smaller projects and technology improvements, Hyer said.

Andersonville Elementary is one of the first Clarkston schools to have an updated secure entry. These new entries will still require visitors to buzz in to enter a building during school hours. The additional security measures will place a pair of locked doors between the front entrance and access to the rest of the school, forcing all visitors to enter through the office. parent drop-off closer to school's front entrances and improve traffic flow.

The high school football field and connecting track will also undergo changes, with the track being completely redone.

New curriculum proposals were also approved by the board during the meeting. Next school year Sashabaw Middle School (SMS) will offer a Coding II class for sixth grade students who want to continue learning computer coding. The class will focus on more advanced computer coding through game design and animation.



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

Besides the security, Andersonville will also have a remodeled front office space, as well as workrooms and conference rooms for staff.

Bailey Lake Elementary is scheduled to receive similar upgrades and both school parking lots are changing, along with the Springfield Plains Elementary parking lot.

While Bailey Lake is mainly switching the bus drop-off area with the parent drop-off, Andersonville and Springfield Plains will be undergoing more significant changes to their parking. The changes are intended to put SANDAR

The field at Clarkston High School stadium as well as the track will get a new look and design. experience unwanted skin changes including swelling and skin ulcers."

Charles Mok D.O.

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Blood drive, American Red Cross, Jan. 18, 12-5:45 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Shiver by the River, 1-4 p.m., Jan. 21, Depot Park. Ice skating, music, children's crafts in the warming tent, outdoor games and prizes, S'Mores, Chili, Hot Cocoa, snowshoe demonstrations "make your own dogsled" relay race that has families working in teams for the grand prize. 248-722-4702.

Free workshop on funding college education, 7-8:30 p.m., Jan. 24, Clarkston High School. Speaker: Robert Hoger, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding LLC. Topics include eligibility for aid, scholarships, grants. 248-662-1300.

Panel Discussion on Growth and Transition Planning, hosted by Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 11:45a.m.-1 p.m., Jan. 25, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. \$10/members, \$15/nonmembers, includes lunch. RSVP, 248-625-8055.

Communities Combating Addiction, workshop with speakers on drug abuse prevention and recovery, 7-9 p.m., Jan. 26, St. Anne, 825 S. Ortonville Rd., Ortonville. 248-627-3965 Ext. 132.

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

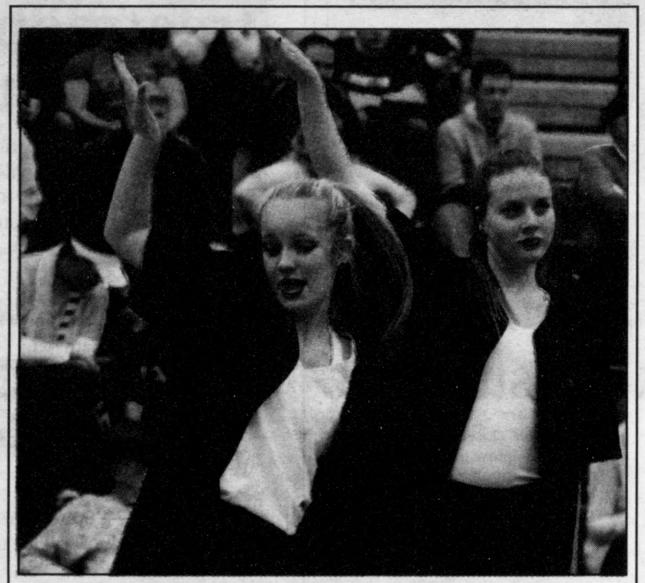
Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3.

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

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

Around Jown

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



DROP THE BEAT: Brianna McInally and the Clarkston Varsity Dance team show off their hip-hop moves during the Wolves' half-time break on Jan. 12. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

248-625-5143.

Tuesday Community Sing, second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Feb. 8, Conservanoy. Led by experienced musicians. No fee, just join in and sing.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Feb. 14. Topic: When Will I Feel Better? Carriage House in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. No registration necessary. Free. 248-625-5231. ***

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.

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

p.m., 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 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 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.

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

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thurs-

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

TOPS 1093 Clarkston, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

Friday

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

Saturday

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

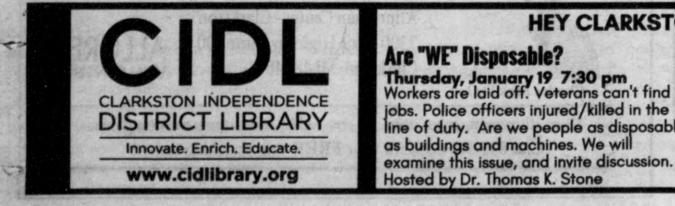
Grocery Store Class by Nuview Nutrition, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., smart shopping for wallet and diet, at Kroger store, Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. Group tours, \$20. Private classes by appointment, \$80/person. Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550. ***

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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.

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



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Wed., January 18, 2017 The Clarkston (MI) News 19 SoleMates collect shoes to walk in others' footsteps

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston SoleMates are bringing the community together by sharing stories from other people's perspectives.

The group is made up of seven Clarkston High School 10th graders, originally formed as part of a class project for Honor's English Language Arts 10.

"Our project was based off of the question 'What can you learn from walking a mile in someone's shoes?" SoleMate Kelsey Schaldenbrand said.

Fellow SoleMate Sydney Scarpelli said the project started with their class reading "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee.

They chose to center their project around a lesson the main character, Atticus Finch, taught to his children about walking in someone else's shoes before judging them.

"Since it was walk in someone's shoes, we decided we'd collect shoes, and then donate to somewhere that's less fortunate to show understanding," Scarpelli said. "SoleMates came from, it's like S-O-L-E, the shoe."

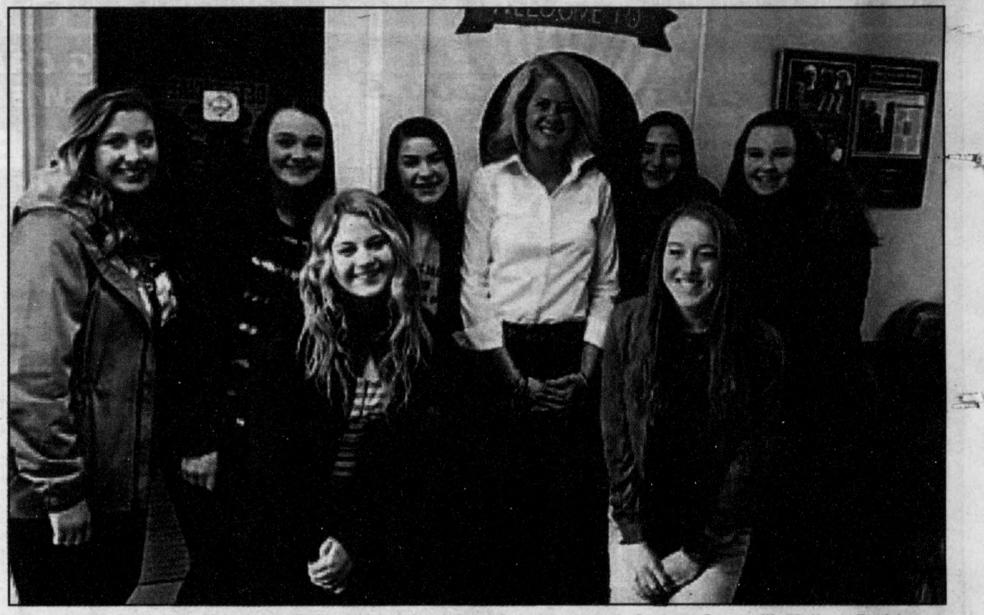
Schaldenbrand said to help them see from another's point of view, they interviewed a person staying at Grace Centers of Hope, where they donated the 346 pairs of shoes they collected.

"It was eye opening how nice he was and friendly," SoleMate Jessie Greatorex said. "Everyone at Grace Centers of Hope, they're recovering drug addicts. The guy we talked to just finished the one year program so he was recovered and it was super inspiring because he didn't really seem like what people would picture someone like that to be."

Greatorex said the man they interviewed had been in jail a few times, and she felt people would judge him for it.

"He said he couldn't find work that's why he came to the center because no one would hire him because they knew he was in jail," Scarpelli said. "They didn't give him a chance."

The girls have only interviewed one person so far, but they plan to volunteer at Grace Centers of Hope and get more stories.



From left are Clarkston SoleMates Tiffany Mersino, Kelsey Schaldenbrand, Sydney Scarpelli, Melissa Rodriguez, Samantha Kilbourne, Samantha Chambers; front row, Jessie Greatorex and Zoe Nygaard.



"We're taking it past the grade," Greatorex said. "We're going to keep volunteering at Grace Centers of Hope and keep collecting stuff."

Volunteering in the kitchens and the daycare are some ways the SoleMates plan to stay in contact with the center. They also hope to donate more items in the future, such as perishables and grocery gift cards. Though the group was only created around two months ago, the girls hope to continue their work throughout high school and possibly beyond.

To help others put themselves in another's shoes, they're publishing the stories they hear on the Clarkston SoleMates The Solemates group collected 346 pairs of shoes for people in need. Photos provided

website. They also have Twitter and Instagram.

"We're trying to bring a point to people, show them there's more to someone than just what you see and that everyone has their own story. It sounds cliché, but we learned about the guy we interviewed. His story was so much different than we would have ever imagined," Schaldenbrand said. "You never would have thought he would be doing that kind of stuff and he would have been in jail until he told us his story." Scarpelli and the SoleMates view Clarkston as divided by class and race boundaries, and think both sides judge the other without considering life from their perspective.

Even the students caught themselves making assumptions about how Clarkston residents might view a person on the street, showing anyone can judge people, sometimes without even knowing.

"We're also at fault for not walking in other people's shoes, which is what we're trying to do and this is what we're trying to show people," SoleMate Sam Chambers said. "Everybody does it."

Everybody judges a "book" by its cover, Chambers added, and the SoleMates are trying to present an alternative option, not only to their class but to their community.

Greatorex thinks it's important for people to look past their thoughts about other people. "Like thinking of other's situations before you judge, break those boundaries, because we're all people."



New hope for foster kids

Hi, I'm Rebecca Peart. You may remember me as the girl who was adopted from Guangzhou, China. The girl who was abandoned when she was only a few days old.

That's because I had written an column for *The Clarkston News* before. It was in April and about my story, my adoption from China to spread orphan awareness. It was my success story and I wanted to show the world orphans are not the meaningless delinquents society depicts them as.

I was fortunate enough to be working with The Orphan Foundation.

They are a great organization and I encourage checking them out at www.theorphan foundation.com.

However, as I write to you now, I am not working with them. This time I am working with my own nonprofit organization, Children With a Chance, at http://childrenwithachance. wixsite.com/childrenwithachance. Children

With a Chance works to abolish the demeaning stereotypes of orphans and foster children.

The same thing I wanted to accomplish in my first column. We share the success stories of orphans and foster children to support adoption, but also to show the world and them that

they can defy society's

Peart

standards and live a happy and prosperous life.

However, I cannot take all of the credit for this organization because I did not work alone to make all of this happen. I co-created Children With a Chance with my wonderful friend, Sydney Clements. Many thanks to her because I could not have done any of this without her.

I knew from the start two heads were better than one and I know we can do great things for orphans and foster kids.

While we also have the blog section where we will have the success stories, we also have informational pages on how much orphans and foster children are suffering, just to give some background information.

Also, since I was adopted it wouldn't be right if I didn't have a section on adoption. Because while the success stories can tell the world they can have a great life, in some cases it's up to you all to give them one. I was very supportive of adoption in April and that has not changed one bit. I knew when I wrote that article I wanted to help them more.

I wanted to help children get a family because every child deserves one. However, I knew that even though I had my story, I needed more of them.

Which is why I am asking that if you are or have been or know an orphan or a foster child, that you write your story and send it to us, with a picture attached, at our email childrenwithachance.org@gmail.com.

Just so you know, if you do submit a story, you are the owner of that story and you will always own the rights to it.

I strongly encourage anyone who has been an orphan or foster child that you submit your story so you help us show the world we are more than delinquents and criminals. By telling your story you can help make a difference for orphans and foster children all over.

When I thought of the idea of Children With a Chance, it was only a dream. I didn't think that someone like me could create this organization. I've always been drawn to tell my story, and my mother asked me one day, "Haven't you milked that enough?"

While, yes, I had certainly told my story countless times, I said, "No," because while I'm here in Clarkston having a good life, someone in the orphanage I once lived in is not and it breaks my heart. It breaks my heart that so many children will be put down by society while I, someone who will always relate to them, isn't put down.

When I say that I am truly thankful for my family and the life that they have given me, I truly am thankful, but it makes me wish more people got the loving family I got or the good life I have.

Children With a Chance is a beacon of hope to orphans and foster kids alike. There is still a chance at happiness. You can be successful, and that you can still have a wonderful family that loves you.

I can only hope this column and Children With a Chance can bring an orphan or foster child hope.

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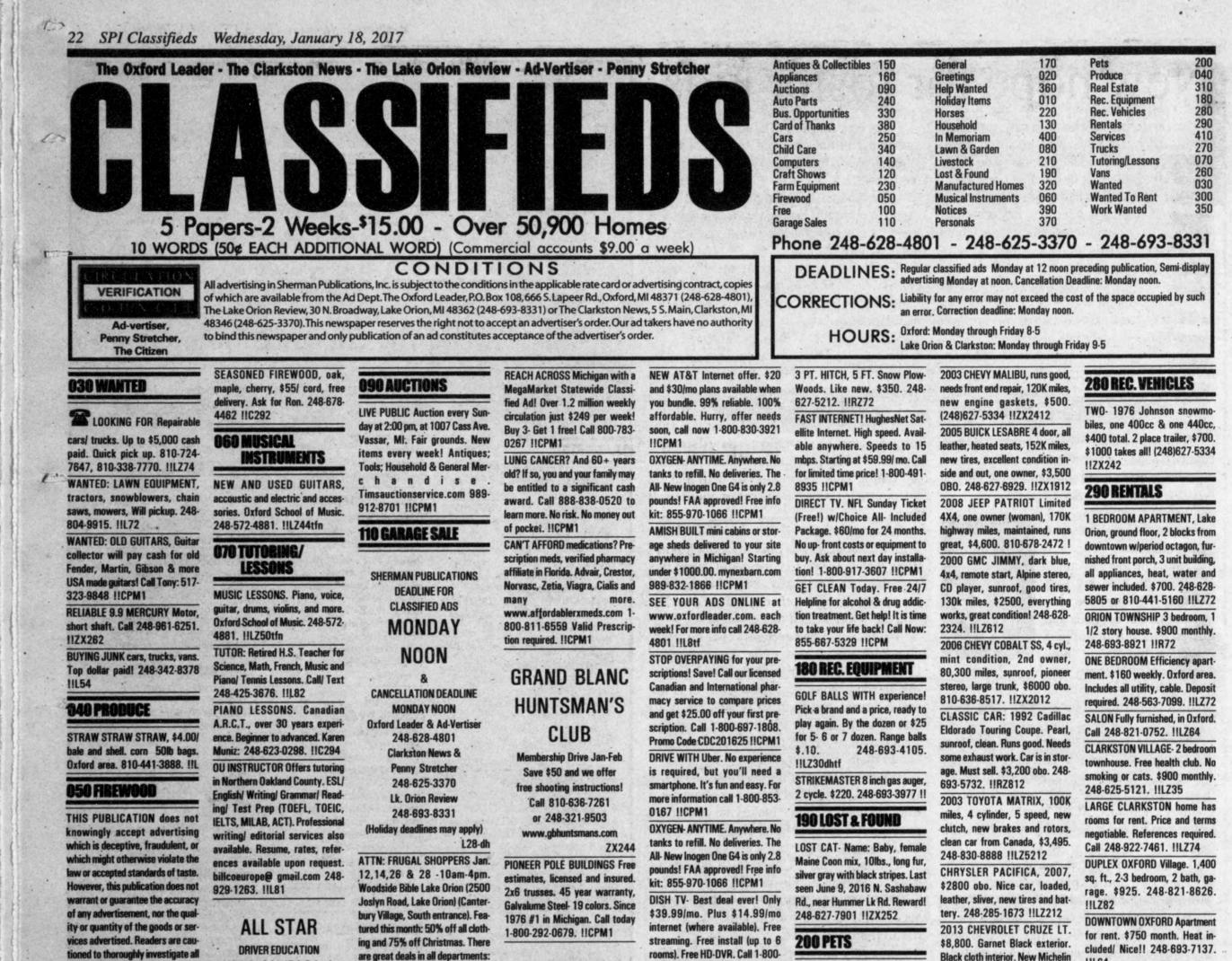
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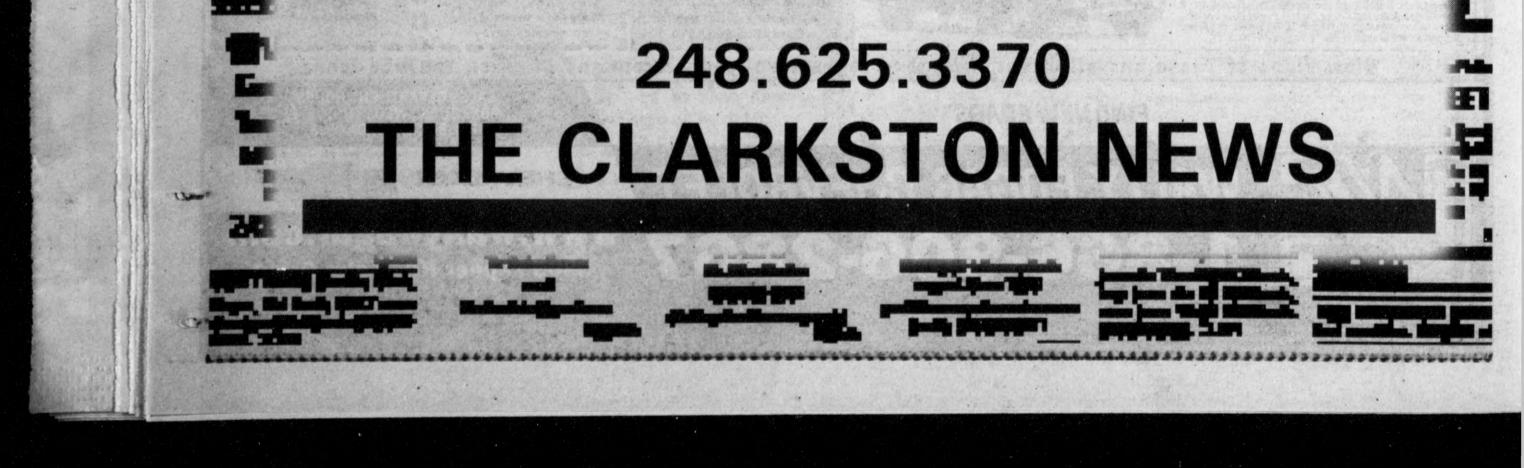
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Andrew C. Berg, 27 Marion Olsen, 82

PFC Andrew Clayton Berg of North Carolina, formerly of Waterford, passed away unexpectedly Jan. 6, 2017, at age 27.

> He was the husband of Colleen Berg; son of Mark and Kelly Berg; brother of Nicholas Berg; son in law of Sue Leek and Matt Dubey and Fred and Wendy Leek; grandson of Martha and the late Roy Berg and Susan Romain: brother in law

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of Brittany Leek; Heather (Blake) Scheller; uncle of Mila Solis.

Andrew graduated from Waterford Kettering Class of 2007.

Funeral Service was Jan. 17 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Full Military Honors followed at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Online Guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com.

Raymond Koenig, 88

Raymond Erwin Koenig of Ortonville, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri, died Jan. 14, 2017. He was 88.

He was born Feb. 3, 1928, in St. Louis,

Missouri, to the late Arthur and Edna (nee: Starzinger) Koenig. He married the former Ruth Adams on Aug. 7, 1954, in St. Louis, Missouri. She preceded him in, death in 2014. He is survived by four Kathryn children. Davis, (David)

Raymond (Pamela) Koenig, Karl (Marsha) Koenig and Karen (Joel) Neumeyer; 11 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; preceded in death by one brother, Arthur Koenig; one sister Florence Keiser. Raymond was a veteran of the U.S. Army-

Marion Louise Olsen, "Toni," of Adrian, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Jan. 8, 2017, at age 82.

She was the loving wife of Raymond of 61 years; beloved mother of Cindy (John) Slade, Suzanne (late Greg) **Olsen-Kunze** and Elsa (Don) Garnier; preceded in death by her daughter Kathie Olsen and granddaughter Angela



Short; proud grandmother of Mandie (Paul) Amesse, Jimmy Queen, Lisa Garnier, Jasen and Nelsen Hibberd; dear sister of Lee Walker, Bonnie (Jerry) Robinson, Suzie (Willy) Roettger and Kenneth Boucher.

Toni enjoyed working with children in the Head Start Program, which sparked her love of teaching children.

Funeral Service was Jan. 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com.

Gerald John Reckinger Sr., 83

Gerald John Reckinger Sr. of White Lake passed away unexpectedly Jan. 9, 2017, at age 83.

He was the loving father of Tirchian "Kirk" (Tiffiny) **Reckinger and Brooke** Eubanks; proud grandfather of Cody Ray Eubanks and Elijah Lynn Eubanks; great grandfather of Brayden Michael; dear brother of

Judy (Roy) Passarelli and Charles Merithew; preceded in death by his son Gerald John Reckinger Jr. and sister Sharon Canterbury. Jerry retired from Consumers Power after 41 years of service. Rosary Service was Jan, 13 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 14 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Feed the Children. Online Guestbook www.wint funeralhome.com.



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