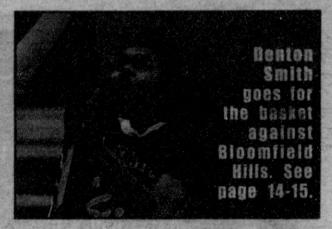
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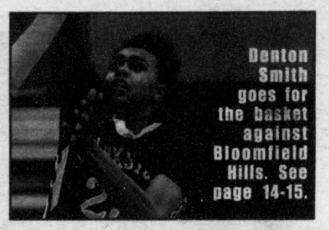
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From left, Addison Gale, 10th grader; Olivia Maday, 12th grade; and Sierra Aguilar, 10th grade, members of Voices for Change. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Young poets speak for change

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Students get a chance to express their Voices for Change at their third annual poetry slam on Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

Olivia Maday co-founded Voices of Change with her sister Madeline three years ago. Madeline was inspired to call for students across the district to share their voices after participating in the high school poetry slam.

"We incorporate all students from grades six through 12 in allowing them to submit poems," Olivia said. "What's unique about this event also is it's a charity event. We pick a charity each year and all of the donations and entry money we get from the poetry slam will go to that charity."

Voices for Change Executive Sierra Aguilar said the charity this year is the Woman's Center of Southeastern Michigan.

"We wanted to do something local because I wanted to be able to have a representative come and talk to us," Aguilar said, adding the charity was excited to work with the group.

The poetry slam has a prompt each year for participants to interpret in their own way, Aguilar said. This year the prompt is "My Anthem."

"It's really important for students to feel as though they have the opportunity to have their voices heard and people actually want to listen to them," Olivia said. "Students go up on stage and perform and you can see the confidence they have in just sharing their own individual story and their own voice."

Addison Gale, another Voices for Change

executive, participated in the slam last year with Aguilar.

"We were so nervous, but we were really passionate about poetry. We always have been, and we wanted to share our message," Gale said. "This is an amazing opportunity for anyone who may be too young for the other poetry slam in the spring to share their voices and to be heard and to find that special spark."

Olivia said they try to narrow down their submissions to 20 poets for the event and really encourage younger grades to participate.

"We try and add a variety of grade levels throughout the slam, so we do seek to have more younger students in the slam as well."

The crowd has a fantastic response to student's poems, she said, adding the positive response and the inclusion of younger grades helps unite the community.

"It doesn't only unite the community as a whole, it definitely unites students a lot because I know we became much closer through the poetry slam. I know I gained a lot of friends because of it," Aguilar said.

Aguilar and Gale, both sophomores, plan to continue the poetry slam after Olivia graduates, though she plans to continue her work into college, just as her sister Madeline has helped the group, despite being at Emory University in Georgia.

"I really want to make this a more global project and make it more nation-wide. Hopefully I'll be able to start this wherever I end up going to college and share the message with others," Olivia said. "Maybe we can connect with Clarkston as well and really share the message between people across the nation."



Erica McCarthy, operations manager for Canine Companions Rescue Center, at left, and Lori Lammon, board member, with some of their dogs in need of homes, Gizmo, a blind, senior Shih Tzu, and puppies Chloe and Lincoln. Photo by **Phil Custodio**

Show care for pups at Cupids and Canines

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Animal aficionados are asked to show their love by supporting the Canine Companions Rescue Center's (CCRC) Cupids and Canines event, Saturday, Feb. 11, 12-5 p.m., at Camp Bow Wow Clarkston, 6374 Sashabaw Road.

"We haven't been able to host our last two food events because our food bank is empty - we've been crying for help for dogs and cats who need it," said Lori Lammon, board member for the center. "We're also hoping there will be some local stores and vendors willing to team up with us to help all of the communities in need."

The Cupids and Canines event includes making paw print ornaments with instructions on how to bake it at home. They will also be selling Valentine's items for those with two and four legs, including gift baskets, homemade dog treats, and jewelry.

Bring a bag of Pedigree dog food to donate. Donations and food will go to Paws Project, a community outreach initiative helping low-income families by providing free dog and cat food, which helps keep pets in

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homes that might otherwise not be able to afford them, and by paying most of the cost to spay and neuter pets in these homes.

"They only pay \$20, we supplement the other \$60, which of course means less animals are unintentionally bred," Lammon said. "We can't adopt our way out of the problem. We've got to get to the root of it."

Last year, when they launched the initiative, they were able to distribute almost 25,000 pounds of dry dog food and almost 1,000 pounds of dry cat food, along with thousands of cans of wet food; 60 dogs were spayed or neutered; 63 local families were assisted with spay or neuter, food, or both; and 93 local dogs and 66 local cats were assisted with spaying or neutering, food, or both.

"We're looking to grow the initiative by adding other much needed services, but unfortunately, we need additional funding first," Lammon said.

Also, they are in the process of planning a community outreach event with World of Wonder Daycare in Highland.

"Our trainer is working with them to coordinate a day and time to visit and talk with

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and educate the children about our mission," Lammon said.

They're always looking for volunteers to foster all kinds of dogs of all ages, she said.

"The more people we have involved, the more dogs we can save from being euthanized in shelters daily," Lammon said.

They received animals from shelters and animal control agencies around Michigan, averaging 55-65 at any given time.

"Shelters call daily for help," said Erica McCarthy, operations manager for CCRC. "They run out of space."

The Clarkston area is a big supporter, with foster families volunteering, and at fundraisers and adoption events.

"There's no better feeling than to see dog placed in a home," Lammon said. "The Clarkston community has been awesome."

Anyone interested in volunteering and/ or fostering can fill out an application online at www.ccrcdogs.com. Dogs at the center are also in need of donations including durable collars, and sponsoring medical needs. A complete wish list is on the website.

For more information, email Lammon at lorilammon@gmail.com.

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Briefly

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is coming up on Tuesday, Feb. 14. We'll be celebrating the holiday in the Feb. 8 edition - send your love announcements with wedding, engagement, or couple pictures to ClarkstonNews@gmail.com by Monday.

Homework club

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance needs volunteers for its after-school Homework Club program, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and 3:3-4:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays when school is in session.

The first group includes students in grades 6-7, and the second group, 3-5. Thursday second sessions are particularly short on volunteers.

Volunteers, who range from high school students to retirees, spend 45 minutes helping students keep on task with homework and related material.

Homework Club takes place at Bridgewater Park Apartments, 5837 Upland Drive, Apartment 104, in Independence Township.

For more information, call Jan Scislowicz, Homework Club chair, at 248-431-4067.

Tree sale

The Oakland Conservation District is looking for volunteers from April 25-29 to help prepare for its Spring Tree and Shrub Sale, which is on Saturday, April 29,10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Waterford Oaks Greenhouse.

The sale offers a wide variety or native and non-invasive species of trees and plants, and is the organization's primary source of funding. Proceeds fund partnerships with other natural resource organizations, Oakland County Parks and Recreation, and MSU Extension on their projects.

Volunteers, who will help unload trees and shrubs, and bundle up orders, earn a two percent discount for each hour they volunteer, with a maximum of a 20 percent discount toward the 2018 sale.

Oakland Conservation District, based in Deer Lake Center, 7150 Dixie Highway, Suite 2, offers programs and services such as neighborhood conservation education and assistance, MAEAP verification, and USDA Farm and Wildlife Programs, and helps identify and manage invasive species.

For more information, check www.oaklandconservationdistrict.org. To volunteer, call Patrick Costello. chairman, at 248-459-2221.

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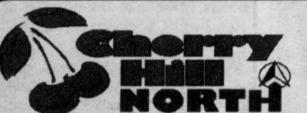
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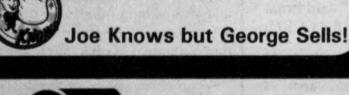


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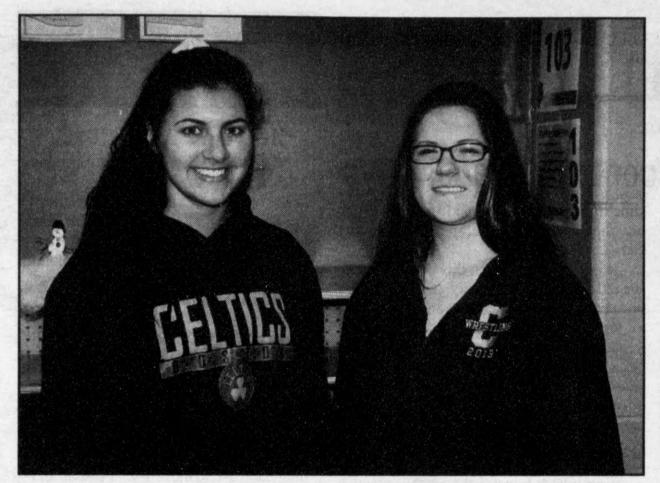
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From left seniors Chrysoula Kondyles and Brianna Hayes.

Teaching future teachers

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Teachers in Clarkston's Family and Consumer Science pathway teach about their profession and help students learn important life skills, both socially and academically.

"All kids have relationships," Family and Consumer Science teacher Jessica O'Rorke said. "The majority of kids we see will become parents at some point, whether or not they become teachers. Even the skills we teach in our classes are for young children."

O'Rorke teaches classes centered on human relationships and nutrition in addition to her Teacher Cadet class, which is for students who think they want to pursue teaching.

Her colleague in the pathway, Lisa Donley, has a parenting class focused on child care from conception through 2-yearsold, and Preschool A and B.

"I'm going to be an elementary school teacher, so when I was talking to my counselor they told me there were a lot of things offered in the high school," Senior Chrysoula Kondyles said.

Kondyles has taken all three teacher education courses as well as human relations and family studies. She plans to go into the teaching program at Central Michigan University next year.

Though Kondyles said she's wanted to be a teacher since she was young, the classes helped her realize she prefers to teach older grades, such as third, fourth and fifth, as opposed to preschool.

Fellow senior Brianna Hayes took the teacher education classes as well as parenting and nutrition.

"I liked being in the classroom with the

kids and being involved instead of just sitting at a desk and the teacher talking at me," Hayes said, "I like that interactive part of it."

Clarkston High School has a preschool, Funshine, which students in the pathway work in during class time. Hayes said she preferred working in the preschool.

"I like the preschoolers because they're more like cuddly, they just want to play with you. They want to give you hugs and they just make me happy," she said.

In Preschool B and Teacher Cadet students go out into the community and work at early childhood centers and in Clarkston elementary schools.

"It's a really good experience for them and kind of confirms or makes them question a little bit more whether or not they feel like that career pathway is the right one for them," O'Rorke said.

Completing Teacher Cadet allows students to receive credits at certain colleges, such as Central Michigan University, which gives incoming students who've completed the class three credits.

Though their pathway is more education based, O'Rorke and Donley said many of their students also go into human service professions, such as social work and nutrition.

"I've had a student become a doula – a midwife helper," Donley said. "So, anything like that they can spawn off and do lots of other things."

Junior Chase Brown is interested in studying to be a physical therapist and dietitian, and he said the pathway's nutrition class helped spark his interest in furthering his education in the subject.

"I like healthy food. I've learned all the



Senior Dane Wilson works with, from left, Owen Ciarlone, Gates Miller, and Gavin Doyle at Funshine Preschool. Photos by Jessica Steeley



Junior Ashley Graham works with Ben Ciarlone at Funshine preschool.

your body and how badly junk food affects your body," Brown said.

Serena Putin, also a junior, took the nutrition class to learn about different viewpoints on health and wellness. She plans to be a pediatrician and said the class taught her about how to maintain health.

While Brown and Putin took the class to gain knowledge to help their career choice, some of the classes help students get jobs while still in high school.

Donley said many of her students get her recommendation to work in local daycares after taking her preschool classes.

"They [preschools] want to make sure they've taken some type of education class, which is good," Donley said. "One girl just

superfoods and how they differently affect got hired and she had to take a quiz on all this stuff we just covered in parenting, which I thought was awesome."

Students from the pathway have also gone on to be instructional aides at Clarkston schools, such as Independence Elementary, O'Rorke said, though the students still need degrees to be a primary or secondary education teacher.

The pathway's classes teach students how to communicate, write, work in groups and engage others in academic conversation. the teachers said.

"We teach you how even to read a book appropriately to a preschooler or an elementary aged student," O'Rorke said. "Things that are skills, hopefully they can carry through their adult life."

Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

March for freedom

Following the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States was a worldwide protest, the Women's March, which had sister marches on all seven continents.

Many of my friends, men and women, attended marches across the nation, in Washington D.C., Lansing, Seattle. I've seen many reactions, mostly positive, but some negative, people question why there

was a protest and, incorrectly, think the protest only happened because the marchers' candidate didn't win.

This march was a grassroots movement, not inherently Democrat, Republican, liberal or conservative,

though the issues they marched for, which ranged from reproductive rights to environmental issues, were largely progressive.

There's also been women who say they don't see inequality in their own lives and people of both genders wondering what rights women don't have. To the first, I would remind there are other women in the world, about four billion, who may not have had the same opportunities as you and may have been born into an oppressed society. Though it started as the Woman's March on Washington, people all over the globe, from different cultures and backgrounds, participated.

American women inherently have the same rights as their male counterparts, but there's a difference between protesting for rights and protesting for equality. And, march's platform encompassed many issues, not only women's rights.

One of the great parts of America is the First Amendment, which, among others, gives the right to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. Freedom to your opinion, freedom for people to disagree, and freedom to criticize opinions and the government.

America began with colonists throwing tea into a harbor, questionably peaceful, but most definitely a protest. So, I urge everyone, from government to the citizens of this small town of Clarkston, not to question why protest, but ask what they're protesting for or against. Whether it be the Women's March, the March for Life or the March for Science, protests are intertwined with our country's history, and though you may not agree with the protesters, their right to protest should be respected.

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Words taken out of context, reader says

Dear Editor,

I want to thank the City Council for not appointing Cory Johnston to any committees ("Activist sidelined on committees," Jan. 25).

Cory puts heart and soul, along with many hours of research, into any task. This will free up all that time for him to complete honeydo projects.

That being said, I recently attended a Council meeting and listened to Cara Catallo make an impassioned speech about words having meaning, so I was devastated to read the article "Activist sidelined on committees" in the Jan. 23 paper where it was reported Mr. Mike Sabol, at the Jan. 21 City Council meeting, quoted a comment made by Cory Johnston almost three years ago without putting it in context.

Mr. Sabol was on the City Council at the

time that comment was made and knew the situation that prompted it, shame on you Mr. Sabol.

If I have any regret at this point it is that we did not follow the advice of our attorney and sue both the city manager and City Council for slander and/or libel.

Cory and I chose not to follow that path because we did not believe it was in the best interest of the citizens of Clarkston. So, yes, Misters Sabol, Marsh, and Haven, Cory did say he hated the city but it was with reference to the sitting city government, not the Clarkston community.

We are both hopeful the current council and administration will be more respectful of the attitudes and opinions of all residents.

Sincerely,

Robyn Johnston Clarkston

Reader calls for respect for activist

Dear Editor,

I read an article on the front page of *The Clarkston News* disrespectful to Mr. Cory Johnson ("Activist sidelined on committees," Jan. 25). Not the article, not *The Clarkston News*, but the comments made by some on the new City Council.

I am deeply disturbed by this. Since when has free expression of the frustration of local government been something that determined your validity as a worthy resident to serve upon committee? Some may think the critical statements of Mr. Johnston are "negative," but as Phil Custodio of the *CNews* states (in his column), it demonstrates their love of the town they live in.

They care at a level most fear or are too lazy to venture. Clarkston should be proud to have citizens like the Johnstons; to care as much as they do about the town where they live.

Every single criticism Mr. Johnston has lobbed has been valid, and it would benefit City Council, not to mention the township, to pay attention to what he states, because he is not only well informed, but is more active than anyone in government, sustainability, ect. than anyone else

including locally elected officials at city, township, and county levels.

I would recommend the Clarkston City Council etc. consider their background and experience, and their own, to determine who indeed has the most informed statements, and take into context the city manager at the time Mr. Cory Johnston made those comments.

At the time, the city manager was someone who gaslighted, bullied, manipulated, and otherwise acted unprofessionally, and Mr. Johnston and his hunny have always acted in the best interest of this local, to the benefit of this local, and to his/their own detriment.

There is not a negative bone in this couple's body. They only care about the community at a level that others cannot imagine. Everyone in the township and "city of the village of" should be the kinds of citizens Cory and Robin Johnston are. I am ashamed at the bullying the individuals at the Clarkston meeting participated in and they need to retract their statements and apologize.

Tammie Heazlit Independence Township

Write a Letter to the Editor

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Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

March for freedom

Following the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States was a worldwide protest, the Women's March, which had sister marches on all seven continents.

Many of my friends, men and women, attended marches across the nation, in Washington D.C., Lansing, Seattle. I've seen many reactions, mostly positive, but some negative, people question why there

was a protest and, incorrectly, think the protest only happened because the marchers' candidate didn't win.

This march was a grassroots movement, not inherently Democrat, Republican, liberal or conservative,

though the issues they marched for, which ranged from reproductive rights to environmental issues, were largely progressive.

There's also been women who say they don't see inequality in their own lives and people of both genders wondering what rights women don't have. To the first, I would remind there are other women in the world, about four billion, who may not have had the same opportunities as you and may have been born into an oppressed society. Though it started as the Woman's March on Washington, people all over the globe, from different cultures and backgrounds, participated.

American women inherently have the same rights as their male counterparts, but there's a difference between protesting for rights and protesting for equality. And, march's platform encompassed many issues, not only women's rights.

One of the great parts of America is the First Amendment, which, among others, gives the right to freedom of speech and peaceful assembly. Freedom to your opinion, freedom for people to disagree, and freedom to criticize opinions and the government.

America began with colonists throwing tea into a harbor, questionably peaceful, but most definitely a protest. So, I urge everyone, from government to the citizens of this small town of Clarkston, not to question why protest, but ask what they're protesting for or against. Whether it be the Women's March, the March for Life or the March for Science, protests are intertwined with our country's history, and though you may not agree with the protesters, their right to protest should be respected.

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

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I want to thank the City Council for not appointing Cory Johnston to any committees ("Activist sidelined on committees," Jan. 25).

Cory puts heart and soul, along with many hours of research, into any task. This will free up all that time for him to complete honeydo projects.

That being said, I recently attended a Council meeting and listened to Cara Catallo make an impassioned speech about words having meaning, so I was devastated to read the article "Activist sidelined on committees" in the Jan. 23 paper where it was reported Mr. Mike Sabol, at the Jan. 21 City Council meeting, quoted a comment made by Cory Johnston almost three years ago without putting it in context.

Mr. Sabol was on the City Council at the

time that comment was made and knew the situation that prompted it, shame on you Mr. Sabol.

If I have any regret at this point it is that we did not follow the advice of our attorney and sue both the city manager and City Council for slander and/or libel.

Cory and I chose not to follow that path because we did not believe it was in the best interest of the citizens of Clarkston. So, yes, Misters Sabol, Marsh, and Haven, Cory did say he hated the city but it was with reference to the sitting city government, not the Clarkston community.

We are both hopeful the current council and administration will be more respectful of the attitudes and opinions of all residents.

Sincerely,

Robyn Johnston Clarkston

Reader calls for respect for activist

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I am deeply disturbed by this. Since when has free expression of the frustration of local government been something that determined your validity as a worthy resident to serve upon committee? Some may think the critical statements of Mr. Johnston are "negative," but as Phil Custodio of the *CNews* states (in his column), it demonstrates their love of the town they live in.

They care at a level most fear or are too lazy to venture. Clarkston should be proud to have citizens like the Johnstons; to care as much as they do about the town where they live.

Every single criticism Mr. Johnston has lobbed has been valid, and it would benefit City Council, not to mention the township, to pay attention to what he states, because he is not only well informed, but is more active than anyone in government, sustainability, ect. than anyone else

including locally elected officials at city, township, and county levels.

I would recommend the Clarkston City Council etc. consider their background and experience, and their own, to determine who indeed has the most informed statements, and take into context the city manager at the time Mr. Cory Johnston made those comments.

At the time, the city manager was someone who gaslighted, bullied, manipulated, and otherwise acted unprofessionally, and Mr. Johnston and his hunny have always acted in the best interest of this local, to the benefit of this local, and to his/their own detriment.

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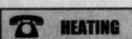
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SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **JANUARY 17, 2017**

A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Brown, Aliaga, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder Pallotta Absent:

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: David McKee, DPW Director

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by removing Regular Business item M-1 Request to Approve Second Amendment to Premises License Agreement -Hydake-Wheatlake.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee

Schroeder

PUBLIC COMMENT: None PUBLIC HEARING: None

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Report: Oakland County Economic Development Update (Matthew Gibb: Deputy County Executive, Oakland County Economic Development and Community Affairs)

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None K. CONSENT AGENDA:

 Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2017.

Approval of the Payroll of January 13, 2017 and the Check Run of January 10, 2017, for a Total Amount of \$827,566.82.

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Second Amendment to Premises License Agreement - Hydake-Wheatlake. Removed from Agenda under D. Approval of Agenda 2. Approval of Budget Adjustment - 2016 Water

3. Adoption of Resolution and Approval of Budget

Amendment - North Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste (NO HAZ) Program FY2017 N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /

REPORTS: Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Com-

mittee (ITOC) - Final - November 29, 2016 Communication: Michigan Liquor Control Commission, GEB Clarkston, Inc., 7650 Ortonville Rd. - New SDM License

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Supervisor Kittle

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ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Drunk driving

A 43-year-old Goodrich man was stopped for driving 60 mph in a 50 mph zone on a snowy Sashabaw Road, 12:26 a.m., Jan. 10. With slurred speech, he said he had about 10 drinks starting about 9 p.m. He failed a series of sobriety tests and was given a preliminary breath test, which resulted in .192 blood alcohol content. He as jailed for drunk driving. A blood sample was sent to the Michigan State Crime Lab, which resulted in a.257 BAC.

Marijuana arrest

A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV for running a red light at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road, 4:11 p.m., Jan. 20. The vehicle smelled of marijuana. The driver, a 47-yearold Waterford Township man, handed over a brown glass smoking pipe and a baggie of suspected marijuana buds. He said he had just purchased the marijuana in Springfield Township for \$200. He was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and running the light.

Hit and run

A driver called police with the license number of an SUV which had run off the road, knocked over a street sign, and kept going on White Lake Road, 5:20 p.m., Jan. 21. The vehicle was traced to a 60-year-old Independence Township woman. A deputy went to her home, where she admitted hitting the sign. She thought she was pressing the brake pedal and hit the accelerator instead. She said she knew she was wrong and took a drive to calm herself, then returned home. She said she had not had a drink in 17 years, and was going to call police to report the accident. She was cited for failure to stop and identify after an accident, and driving without due care and caution.

Arrest warrant

A deputy on patrol checked the license plate of a vehicle in front, found its registered owner had a suspended driver's license and an arrest warrant out of 52-3 District Court, and stopped it, 5:23 p.m., Jan. 21, on Maybee Road at Timber Ridge. The owner, a 26-yearold Independence Township man, was a passenger in the vehicle. He was turned over to Auburn Hills Police.

Too much tint

A landscaping work truck and trailer was stopped for excessive tint on the front door windows, 3:22 p.m., Jan. 24, on Clintonville Road at Mann Road. The driver, a 30-yearold Ortonville man, did not have the proper commercial driver's license. The landscaping company was cited for allowing a person to drive in violation of vehicle code, tinted windows, no medical certificate, no U.S. Department of Transportation number, no truck or trailer annual inspection, no fire extinguisher, and no triangles. They were given a warning for a light being out on the trailer due to the driver fixing it at the scene.

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Suspended driver

A deputy on patrol stopped a landscaping truck and trailer with excessively dark windows on the front doors, 1:35 p.m., Jan. 26, on Ortonville Road at I-75. The driver didn't have his driver's license, and was asked to write down his name and date of birth. The deputy then asked the passenger what the driver's name was, and the passenger provided a different name. He was given a second chance, and the driver wrote down his correct name. The other name was of his brother. His license had been suspended in Florida, and had an arrest warrant for drunk driving, Florida pickup only. He was cited for driving with an expired license and giving false information to a police officer, and given a warning for not having a medical certificate. The landscaping company was cited for tinted windows, license plate violation for improper attachment, and no fire extinguisher. They were given warnings for allowing an unlicensed driver to drive, no medical certificate, and equipment violations.

Friend of Court pick up

Deputies were dispatched to Grand Blanc Township to pick up a 30-year-old Flint man on a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County, 6:32 p.m., Jan. 26.

Expired license

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with an expired license plate tab, 1:21 p.m., Jan. 26, on Clintonville Road at Maybee Road. The driver, a 35-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with an expired driver's license. The car's registration was current - the driver had misplaced the registration decal.

Social media threats

Clarkston Community Schools officials called the Oakland County Sheriff's Office about posts on social media, Jan. 27, which included a potential threat to students at Clarkston Junior High School. After investigation over the weekend, law enforcement advised the district there was no threat to students. The students involved were kept home, and deputies were posted at the school as the investigation continued.

Boy injured

A 12-year-old Independence Township boy was severely injured in an incident involving exercise equipment in his home in the 6800 block of Vail Court, 10:19 a.m., Jan. 29. The boy's parents told police they found him in the basement with a rubber exercise cord around his neck hanging from a pole. He was unconscious and had no pulse. The parents removed him from the exercise equipment and his mother began administering CPR. The mother was then assisted by the next door neighbor, who is a nurse practitioner, until the Independence Township Fire Department arrived. Paramedics from the Independence Township Fire Department transported the victim to St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital in Pontiac where a pulse was re-established. The child was then transferred to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital for further treatment. Detectives responded to continue with the investigation. At this time it appears an accident. He remains hospitalized at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital and is breathing on his own. The attending physician said they will monitor him for 24-48 hours to determine if his brain is functioning properly. The incident remains under investigation.

Man found dead

A Springfield Township resident in the 9000 block of Dixie Highway called police to report a 58-year-old Springfield Township man dead, 10:58 a.m., Jan. 28. She said she found the victim lying in his bed with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. A handgun was found next to him, and there was no suicide note found at the scene. Paramedics from Star EMS provided telemetry to McLaren Hospital - Oakland where a physician pronounced the victim deceased. A detective and an investigator from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office responded to continue with the investigation. The Medical Examiner's Office assumed custody of the deceased. An autopsy has been scheduled for the morning. The incident remains under investigation.

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Run on Harrison for win

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers were back to work on Monday afternoon getting ready for their showdown with Southfield Arts & Technology this Thursday.

A win over the Warriors will tie the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team for the OAA Red league title.

Christine Rogers, head coach, added last Friday's 55-38 win over Farmington Hills Harrison helps the girls going into the game.

"We didn't play a game for a week and it helped us get back into the groove," she said. "It helped us get back into playing and having the things we do count. It showed us the things we still need to work on this week in order to beat Southfield."

The girls opened the game with a 9-2 run with five points from junior Maddie Beck and two points each from juniors Kayla Luchenbach and Molly Nicholson. They finished the first stanza with four more points from Beck to put the score 16-7.

"Kayla and Maddie combined for a great game," Rogers added. "My ball handlers continued to show patience and leadership. Kristen Page bounced back from her injured knee to have one of her best games of her season - that was really nice."

She said patience was the key especially

after the Lady Hawks closed the gap to six points at the end of the first half.

"We knew we were going to be mismatched size wise," Rogers said. "We knew they were going to put some pressure on the ball, but we couldn't let it take us out of our game. We still needed to run our offense and take advantage of our size and our height and our quickness to score."

Clarkston opened the third quarter with two points from Luchenbach off Page's rebound. Harrison scored their own basket to be matched with two points from junior Kiana Ayotte off a pass from Luchenbach.

Beck opened the distance with a 3-pointer before freshman Taylor Heaton connected two passes to Luchenbach for two consecutive baskets.

"It was a good win for us," said Rogers.

"We started to play like we have wanted to the last couple of weeks."

Beck led the team with 24 points and Luchenbach scored 18 points, had six rebounds, six assists and five blocks.

The Lady Wolves head to Southfield on Thursday and are back home on Tuesday when they host Stoney Creek during the fourth annual Hoops for Troops.

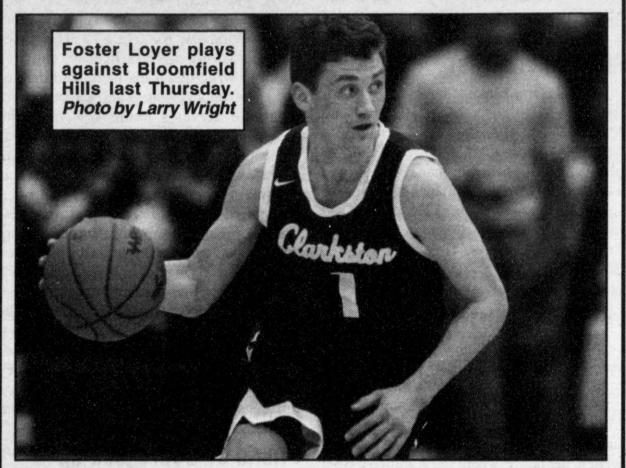
The Lady Wolves invite the community

Please see Hoops on page 11



Junior Maddie Beck rushes inside to score against Farmington Hills Harrison's block during the first quarter last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Setting new record

Since last season point guard Foster Loyer has been hitting his mark every time he was sent to the free throw line.

His streak ended at 119 consecutive shots for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team during their game against North Farmington, Jan. 24.

Loyer broke the Michigan High School Athletic Association record previously held by Brad Redford from Frankenmuth, which was made in 2008 with 102 consecutive free throw shots.

Loyer's streak also placed him second nationwide with the National Federation of State High School Association which first place is held by 126 points.

His consecutive shooting began last year and he had 72 free throw shots in one season.

Loyer, currently a junior with the No. 1

ranked team in Michigan, verbally committed to Michigan State University.

"I've been able to go up there quite a few times these last couple of years getting to know the coaching staff, the players and the program."

He added playing for Coach Tom Izzo, who was inducted into the Naismith Hall of Fame this year, also helped in the decision.

"To be able to play for a coach like that is very hard to turn down," Loyer said.

He added he decided to announce his intentions now instead of waiting so he could focus on his junior and senior seasons.

"Coming out here and giving it your all every day for Clarkston and focusing on our high school team," he said.



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The Wolves face off during their first game at the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase last week. Photo provided

Undefeated in showcase

Icers melted the ice as they posted their first three wins of the season last week.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team posted two wins during the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase in Chelsea.

They opened the showcase with a win over St. Clair Shores, Jan. 24, 5-4. Gavyn Eisert led the Wolves with two goals. Nik Highducheck, Daniel Tremblay and Danny Milano scored one goal each. Milano assisted on three goals. Austin McKay had two assists and Austin James and Brent Bachusz had one assist each.

"The coaching staff is encouraged by the effort of the boys," said Karl Daiek, head coach. "There has been an increase in the complete level over the last couple weeks. It may have more to do with the team getting a better understanding of the expectations of the coaches. Confidence is everything in sports. It certainly appears we are starting to gain that confidence, producing a more aggressive approach to our play."

The boys were down 4-2 going into the third period before scoring three goals for the win.

"Last night's game showed what we are capable of doing when the boys play with determination and passion," Daiek said, adding the boys' win over Riverview showed the same. "They were much more consistent with their positional discipline and their attitude.

Even though there were down two goals the no-quit effort was great to see."

The Wolves took to the ice the following afternoon in the showcase for a 7-3 win over Pinckney.

"It was another good effort throughout the line up," said Daiek. "I love it when all the lines contribute."

Milano, Jackson Cooper, Marcus Chiappelli scored two goals each.

Highducheck was the playmaker for the game with one goal and three assists. Trey Roy and Daniel Tremblay had two assists and Cameron Exline had one assist.

The Wolves began their winning streak with a 9-3 win over Riverview at the Onyx on Jan. 21.

Botterill, Milano and Jackson Cotter scored two goals a piece in the win. Alec Carlson, Carson Helsel and Bachusz scored one goal each.

Cotter, Botterill, Jackson Cooper, McKay, Highducheck, Chiapelli, and James had one assist a piece.

"If they continue to 'buy in,' I see only good things happening moving forward," said Daiek.

The Wolves host Royal Oak next Thursday at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills. The game begins at 5:30 p.m.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price

Hoops for Troops, Feb. 7

Continued from page 10

to join them as they raise money for the North Oakland Veterans Treatment Court, which is made of a group of veterans and community volunteers with the goal to help struggling veterans assimilate back into civilian life.

"Hoops for Troops is supporting a very important cause, helping veterans who have returned home to some obstacles and found themselves in trouble with the law," Rogers said. "It is giving them an alternative way to put their lives back on track instead of getting stuck in the criminal system where they have more problems piled on top of them. This is an incredibly important organization which helps men and women who gave part of their lives to keep us safe."

JV hosts Stoney Creek at 5:30 p.m., varsity (12-2) follows.

The Clarkston Girls Freshman Basketball team came out of overtime against Millington with a 24-23 victory, Jan. 25.

The Lady Wolves went into the second half with a 13-9 lead and Jessi Buscher widened the gap with four quick points to open the third quarter.

Millington caught up by the end of the fourth quarter. The Lady Wolves opened overtime with one point off a free throw from Sierra Waitkus.

Cassidy Smock led the team with nine points and had four rebounds. Buscher scored eight points and had nine rebounds. Sarah Bailey added five points and ten rebounds.

The girls head to Southfield Arts & Technology on Thursday, 4 p.m. and are home on Tuesday against Stoney Creek, 5

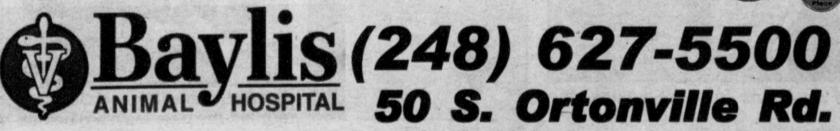


Junior Kiana Ayotte considers her options against Farmington Hills Harrison's defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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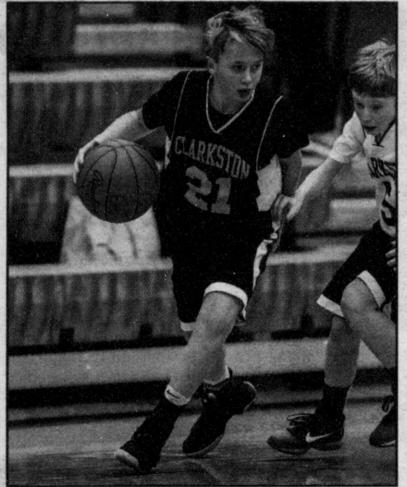
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Seventh grader Nathan Steinman runs past the gold team's defense at Clarkston High School.



Fletcher Loyer jumps to score against the Clarkston Boys 7th Grade Gold team last Wednesday.



Gold versus blue

Cagers from Clarkston Junior High and Sashabaw Middle schools finished their winter season with the classic blue versus gold battle last Wednesday.

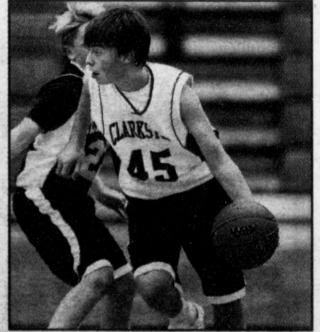
The Clarkston Seventh Grade Gold Basketball team defeated the blue team last Wednesday in a close battle to go undefeated for the season, 44-40. They took a 14-point lead into the fourth quarter and held onto it to win.

Keegan Wasilk and Mike Depillo scored 15 each points for the gold team. Fletcher Loyer led the blue team with a game high of 17 points. The gold team also defeated Pontiac on Jan. 23, 65-30. Wasilk led the team with 14 points. Caleb Woodbury was close behind with 13 points. Zach Austin had 11 points and Griffen Woodbury, Trevor Busyn, and Depillo added six points each.

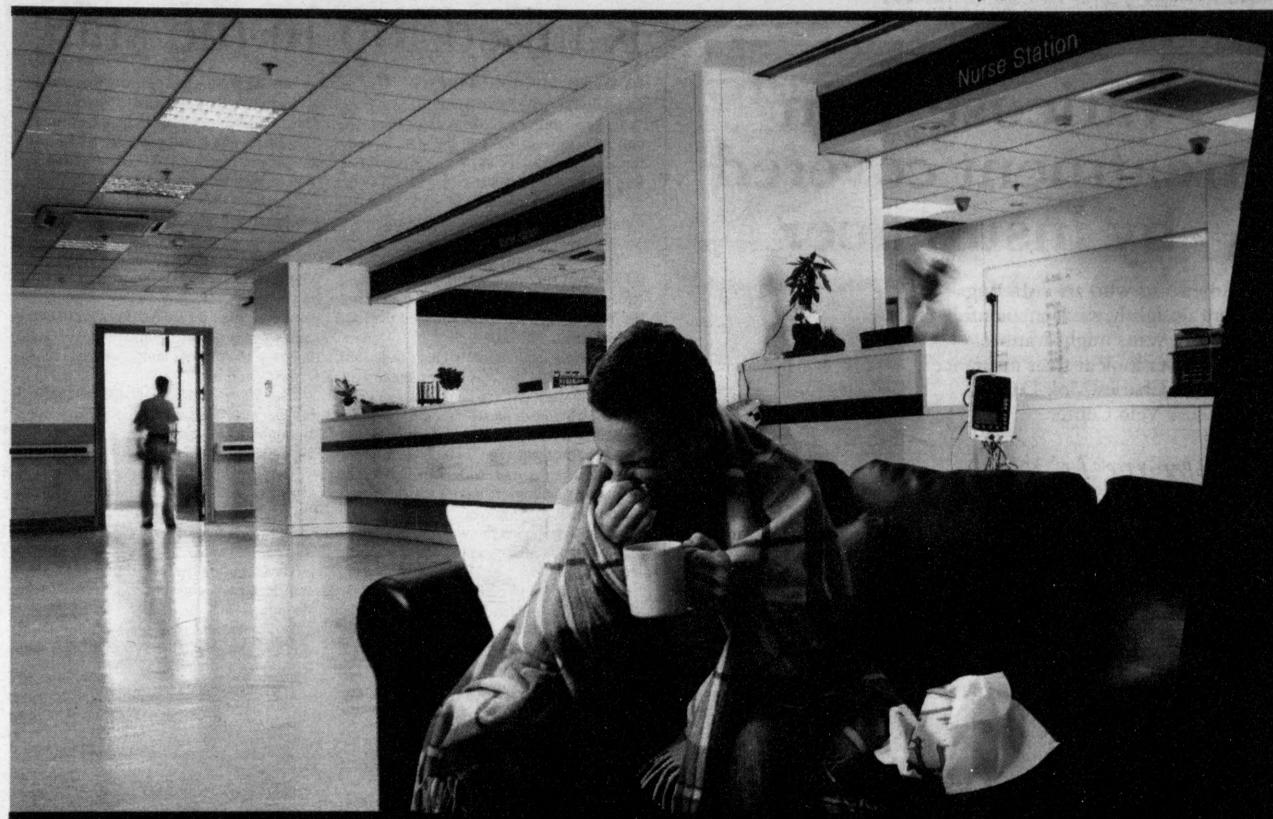
The Clarkston Eighth Grade Blue team finished the season with a 58-23 win over Oakview Middle School last Thursday. Isayah Harris led the team with 14 points. Justin Buchmann and Luke Scherler contributed with eight points each. Patrick McLetchie led the defense attack. The boys finished the season 11-2.



Zach Cicero, 8th grader.



Seventh grader Michael Depillo goes around the blue team's block on his way to help the gold team win, 44-40.



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"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.

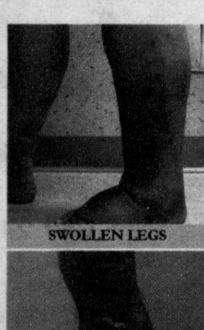
"What most people don't know is that the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, covers treatment for varicose veins," he adds.

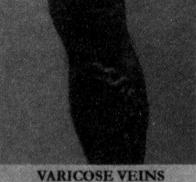
"We're seeing more and more people for this condition. Why wouldn't you have it treated when its an easy procedure with little to no out-of-pocket costs?"

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

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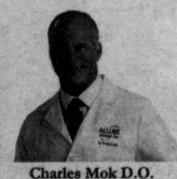
"Early detection with free vein screening is essential," says Dr. Mok. "Wait too long and you could experience unwanted skin changes including swelling and skin ulcers."











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Ranked top in the state

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers showed reasons why they are currently ranked No. 1 in the state as they remained undefeated as they beat two OAA Red league foes last week.

"Wins are always good," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball.

The Wolves finished the week with a 77-40 win over Bloomfield Hills last Thursday. Bloomfield opened with the first basket but the Wolves shot back and finished the first half with a 45-17 lead.

"They played extremely hard," Fife said about Bloomfield. "We just shot the ball extremely well. Often when you shoot well, you play better defense."

Senior Dylan Alderson and junior Foster Loyer led the team with 27 points each. Loyer had ten assists and Alderson had eight rebounds. Sophomore Taylor Currie scored ten points during the win.

The boys opened the week with a 59-39 win over North Farmington, Jan. 24. Loyer led with 29 points.

"They played us pretty well," said Fife. It was a good game for us. It got a lot things out. It was a good league game and a good league win."

He added the boys have the lead in the league as they start the next round of league games next week and play the teams again.

"Second time you play somebody is a little bit different," Fife said. "The way high school sports are and the way technology is most people who play us know us. They have scouted us. My thought is just play the best you can. Don't take plays off. Sometimes you don't scout that. We are still early in the season. Just keeping your focus on the important things – playing hard and playing smart, think about your team and what you have to do to be successful."

Fife also reflected on being ranked No.1in Michigan according to the Associated Press.

"It's an honor, but you can't get caught up in it," he said. "It's not the end of the season and those things change so much. There is so much that goes into ball games, not only at the high school level but the college and the pro levels."

He added the boys still have challenges coming up with eight games left in the regular season before playoffs begin.

"The biggest challenge is don't get comfortable with who you are, don't get full of yourself," Fife said. "It's a competitive game and either we are No. 1 or No. 10 every team we play is very competitive. You go in the game to compete and forget the record. It means nothing."

The Wolves (12-0, 4-0 OAA Red) opened this week on Tuesday as they hosted West Bloomfield. They are back home on Monday when they host Wayne Memorial.

They are on the road as they head to Troy Athens on Feb. 9 and North Farmington on Feb. 14.

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

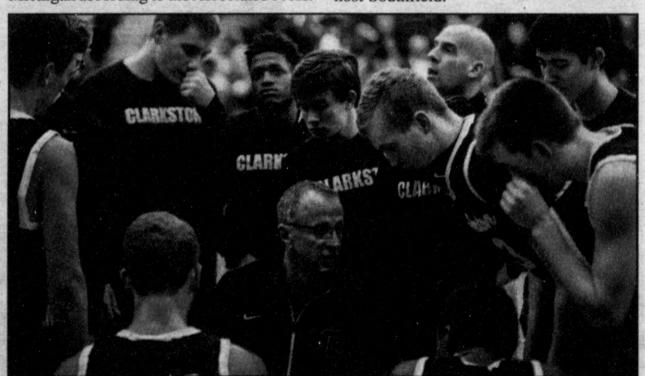
The Clarkston Boys Freshman Basketball team had two wins last week. They beat Bloomfield Hills, 49-40.

Jaiden Wasilk led the team with 17 points and Cole Donchez added 15 points and Nate Sesti added five points.

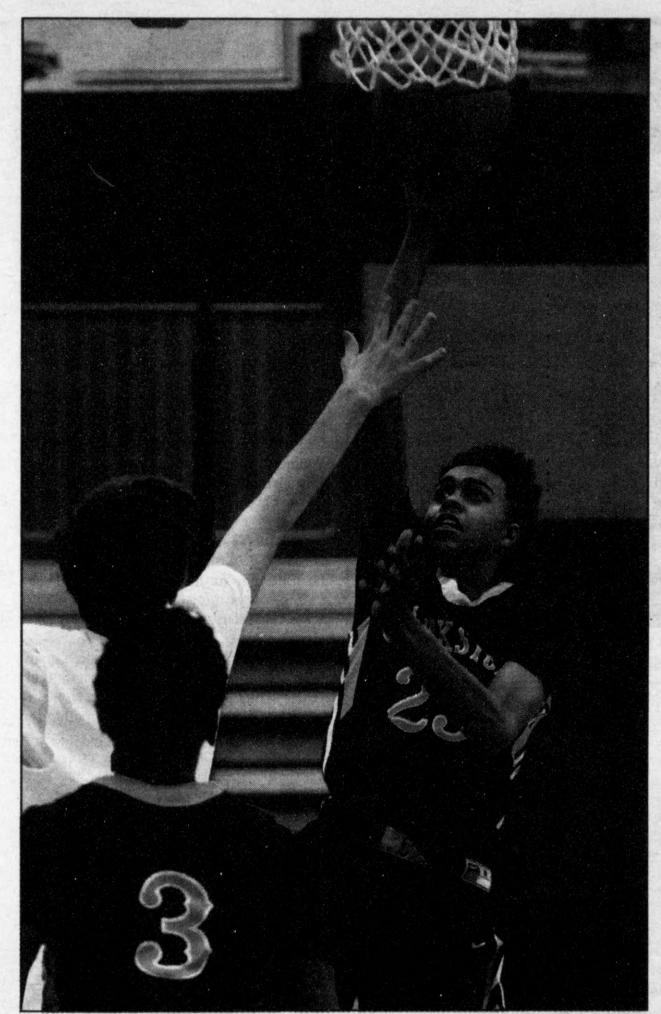
They also beat North Farmington, 44-29. They opened with a 17-4 lead and kept the momentum going. Wasilk led with 16 points during the game. Donchez had nine points and Sesti had six.

The JV team opened the week with a win over North Farmington on Jan. 24, 47-26. Desmond Mills-Bradley led with 11 points and Brock Henley scored ten.

The boys lost to Bloomfield Hills on Friday with a 49-45 loss putting their record at 9-2. The boys are back home on Monday when they host Wayne Memorial, 5:30 p.m. They are on the road until Feb. 17 when they host Southfield.



Dan Fife discusses the game plan with the Wolves during a time out in the boys' win over Bloomfield Hills. Photo by Larry Wright



Sophomore Denton Smith lifts the basketball up to score against Bloomfield Hills for the Clarkston Boys JV team last Thursday. Photo by Larry Wright



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Celebrating Love for our Community, non-profit roundtable, 1-2 p.m., Feb. 13, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Discuss Clarkston's Community-Wide Volunteer Database, preview new year-long #Giving Tuesday efforts. RSVP, 248-625-8055.

Sunday

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Monday

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

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

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

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.

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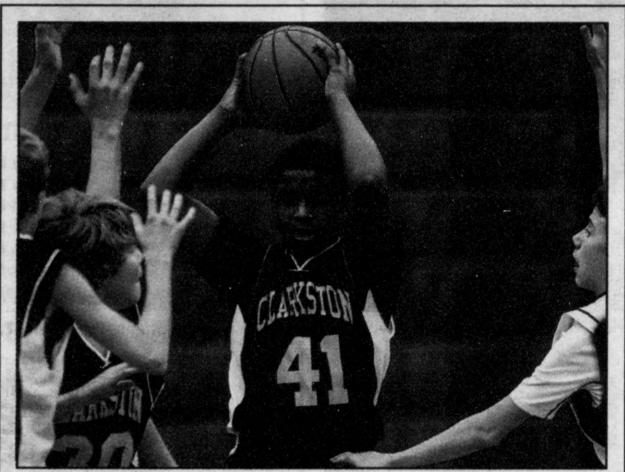
Indoor Pickleball, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9-11:30 a.m., all skills, \$3 drop in; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., experienced and competitive, \$4 drop in, First Congregations Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Call Mary, 248-625-8231.

Tuesday

Community Sing, second Wednesday, 7

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



Caleb Stalworth throws the ball back into play in the seventh grade boys basketball Blue vs. Gold game, Jan. 24. Photo by Larry Wright

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.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-909-3920.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143; Dinner Planning/Prepping 101, Feb. 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Healthy, quick, easy, delicious. \$15. RSVP, 248-625-5143; Health and Healing: the Central Nervous System, March 14, 6:30-8

p.m. Dr. Bennett from Orion Family Spinal Center will do risk assessments to determine nervous system health. \$15. RSVP, 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., 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, Thursdays quarterly, April 27, July 27, 10:30 a.m., Bartsch Hall, senior center in Clintonwood Park. Moderator, Tom Stone. All invited. \$1 donation for coffee.

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 Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4301 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

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

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American Heart Association Youth Market Director Nichole Piche with, from left, Desman Stephens, Francesca Catella, Grace Aguilar-Fernandez, Graham Fugate, and Katrina Fisheer. Photos by Jessica Steeley

Kids learn love for their hearts

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Pine Knob Elementary kicked off their Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser last week with a school assembly.

Though Pine Knob has been partnering with the American Heart Association (AHA) program for several years, it has become more successful recently since Physical Education teacher Anthony Taormina expanded the program six years ago.

"We started doing a kickoff assembly and a closing assembly. We kick off every other year and I try to get a jump team in here that does a bunch of jumps - jump roping, crazy tricks. The kids love it," Taormina said, "Or I'll show the promotional video and just to get the kids involved. We let them know what's going on and get them excited for it."

During the closing assembly, he said they'll present the money raised to the AHA. Last year was Pine Knob's biggest year, with the kids raising over \$10,000.

AHA Youth Market Director Nichole Piche has been coming out to help with the assemblies the last couple years to get kids excited about the fundraiser.

"Jump Rope for Heart aims to educate students on heart health awareness as well as raising money to help others for the American Heart Association," Piche said. "It's a free program the schools can be involved with. We help to educate the kids, we provide educational resource materials and stuff for the teachers."

Piche said heart disease is the number one killer of Americans, even though it's 80 percent preventable.

"We can meet these kids at their level and help them to create healthy habits, which is what they're trying to do in PE class everyday anyways," she said.

Taormina said the AHA is great at providing resources to teach students about heart healthy habits and being proactive with their bodies, helping them learn what a serious condition heart disease is.

"Jump Rope for Heart isn't just a week, it's not a month, it's not just an event, we're trying to change lifestyles. It's not lifestyle right now, it's lifestyle to carry on through a lifetime," Taormina said.

He puts a lot of time and effort into the fundraiser, even trying to make it an Academic Service Learning project every year. He's a firm believer in the program due to losing several friends and family to heart disease.

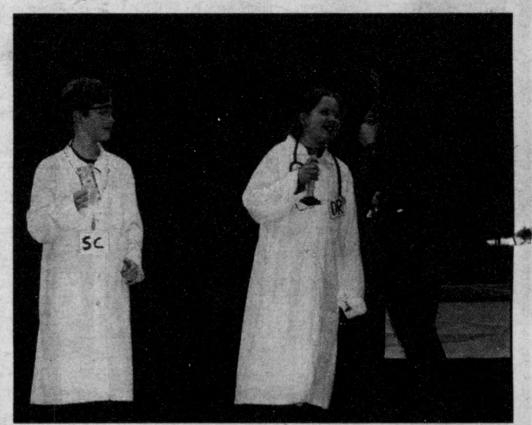
"He's created a tradition here to have every year. Hopefully the kids look forward to it and they start asking questions," Piche said.

Both Piche and Taormina think Jump Rope for Heart is great for kids because they learn about heart disease and healthy habits. Plus, they get excited to tell their parents, neighbors and relatives, resulting in donations.

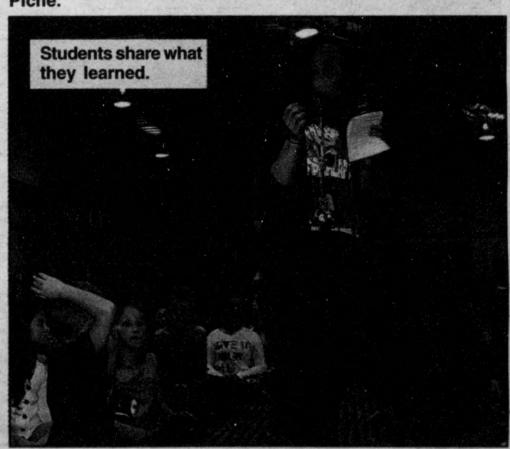
"It's a good program, I advocate for it, I follow it. I think a lot of schools should get involved," Taormina said. "We're here to teach and educate kids to, to help a global society. This is gonna help them in the long run, so why not?"



John Kaul and Rory the lion.



Graham Fugate and Katrina Fisher perform a skit with Nichole Piche.



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Religion Preaching

What is genuine discipleship?

Spiritual

Matters

David Watson

Discipleship is not often a word in today's vernacular, especially outside a Christian setting.

A disciple is simply someone who follows Jesus, embracing him as Lord and Savior. In Mark's gospel we find Jesus' form of discipleship greatly contrasted the Pharisees.'

Jesus' version of discipleship broke through the social barriers of his day. He compassionately interacted with groups the Pharisees overlooked.

This included hated ethnic groups (the Samaritans), women, the unclean, and sinners. This often didn't sit well the with religious majority of the day, the Pharisees.

In Mark 2:14 Jesus calls Levi, a tax collector, to follow him. Tax collectors were hated by fellow Jews because of their tendency to abuse power through extortion. They were considered agents of Rome and traitors.

But Jesus, a famous rabbi, called this outcast to be his disciple. Later, the Pharisees found Jesus eating at Levi's house with tax collectors and "sinners."

The Pharisees always kept a healthy distance from sinners, so they asked his disciples why Jesus was eating with them (ironically, the Bible describes all people as sinners, including Pharisees).

Jesus heard their self-righteous question and said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17).

Jesus was destroying social barriers to Maranatha Baptist Church

discipleship by calling all sinners in need of healing.

Unlike other rabbis, Jesus called his disciples to be marked by servanthood. They were not to be great in the world's eye.

In fact, Jesus would flip the common perception of greatness on its head. In many ways the greatest person in our world is the one who is at the top, the one who has the most servants.

The one who is greatest in Jesus' kingdom is the one who is at the bottom, the servant of all (Mark 9:35).

Jesus' disciples are to be like their master who "did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

Another important contrast involves what the disciples would be called to do.

Mark 8:34 Jesus says, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

This would have been a shocking statement. Surely it would have sent people home packing---the cost was too great. Sometimes it even seemed absurd.

To take up one's cross was a call to death. It was not just any death, but a death by crucifixion.

Crucifixion was used by the Romans to discourage sedition, and it was a very effective method.

Jesus was not calling them to a literal crucifixion—he would do that for them. He was calling them to die to themselves and, if needed, give up everything to follow him. By God's grace, we can become a true disciple of Christ.

David Watson is Youth Pastor at

In our local churches...

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Virginia Beeckman, 94

Virginia L. Beeckman of Eustis, Fla., formerly of Clarkston, passed away Jan. 22, 2017, at age

She was preceded in death by her husband Albert. She was the mother of Jan (Tom) Danielson and Richard (Phyllis) Beeckman; grandma of Christine Morgan, Jennifer Stein, Meghan Greko, Carol Ann, James, Michael,



Brian and Kelsey Beeckman; also survived by 12 great grandchildren.

Ginny enjoyed sewing, quilting, stained glass design and playing cards/games.

Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association or Haven. Online guestbookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

David Lockard, 85

David Monroe Lockard, 85, passed on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017 at The Pines of Clarkston following anextended illness.

David is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Delores (Pacer) Lockard, and his four children, Kim, Kathie, Thomas, and Michael; also his sister Pauline Zwicker, and his two brothers, Eugene and Oakley Lockard; his two son-in-laws, David Green and Robert



Welfare, and his two daughter-in-laws, Kimberly (Flores) Lockard and Jane Taft; along with his grandchildren, Sabrina (Lockard) Hurd, Stephen Lockard, Meghann, Deirdre, and Calum Taft-Lockard, Ajay Welfare, as well as his many nieces and nephews.

Born Jan. 7, 1932, and raised in Salem, Massachusetts, he was the seventh child born to Alfred and Augusta (Orser) Lockard. David graduated from Salem High School at the age of 17 in 1949. At the age of 19, he enlisted in the United States Army to support the Korean War effort. He was a paratrooper with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team (Rakkasans). He served 2.5 years of active combat and received honorable discharge in 1953.

After returning to the States, he worked for 10 years at Sealtest Dairy in Pontiac. David then joined Pontiac Motor Division, and ultimately became UAW Plant Steward, Union Hall 653, where he represented hourly employees for formal contract negotiations.

David's favorite pastime was spending fun time with his family and friends. He enjoyed gardening and had an expansive, working apple orchard. He had a tremendous loving heart and would always help out folks in need through local charity work. Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 3, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Temrowski Family Funeral, 500 Main Street, Fenton. Memorial service will immediately follow.

Patrick McBride, 74

Patrick M. McBride of Fenton, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Jan. 29, 2017, at age 74.

He was the husband of Sharon for 53 years; father of David (Erin), Jeffrey (late Vickie) and Christopher; grandpa of Kyle, Haleigh, Justin (Nicole), Shane, Dawson and Emerson; great grandpa of Jenna and Kane; brother of Michael (Sue) and Jerry (Lynn).



Pat enjoyed wintering in Florida. He spent much of his time after retirement on

the computer and investing.

Memorial Service Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017, at 12 p.m. at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 3-9 p.m.

Memorials may be made to American Online Association. guestbookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

Lila Grace Miller, 99

Lila Grace Miller of Clarkston died Jan. 21, 2017. She was 99.

Born July 30, 1917, to the late Louis and Elsie (nee: Jones) Lila is Snyder, survived by her son Alan (Patricia) Miller of Mequon, Wisc.; one daughter, Leslie (Wayne) Wills of Ortonville, and son-inlaw, John Campbell of



Martha's Vineyard, Maryland; also survived by six grandchildren, Chad (Tanya) Miller, Ryan Miller, Michael (Elizabeth) Miller, Sarah Miller, Angela (Martin) Vredenburg and Jason (Heather) Wills; six great grandchildren, Logan, Ethan, and Parker Vredenburg, Olivia, Addison and Noah Wills; she was preceded in death by her daughter, Marsha Campbell in 2008.

Lila and her husband of 70 years, Ben Miller, grew up in Indiana, where they lived and raised their three children. They moved to Mequon, Wisc., to be closer to their son's family in 2007.

Following her beloved husband Ben's death in 2012, she moved to Michigan a year later to be closer to her daughter's family.

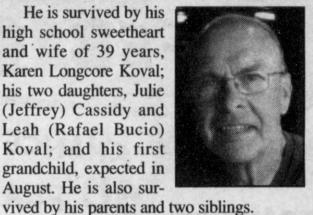
A memorial service is being planned for June, day and time pending, of 2017. Memorials may be made to the Clarkston United Methodist Church Music Fund, 6600 Waldon Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346.

Her final resting place will be Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements were entrusted to Village Funeral Home-Ortonville, 135 South Street, Ortonville. To send a condolence please go to www.villagefh.com.

John W. Koval, 62

John W. Koval of Dansville, age 62, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Jan. 26, 2017. He was born July 31, 1954, in Highland Park, Mich., to John and Elsie Koval.

He is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 39 years, Karen Longcore Koval; his two daughters, Julie (Jeffrey) Cassidy and Leah (Rafael Bucio) Koval; and his first grandchild, expected in August. He is also sur-



John was a career firefighter for 30 years in Bloomfield Township. He served on the Clarkston School Board and was the world's most enthusiastic Band Booster. He was an avid woodworker, who shared his talents with the community.

Visitation for family and friends was Jan. 29 at the Estes-Leadley Holt/Delhi Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund. Online condolences may be left for his family at www.EstesLeadley.com.

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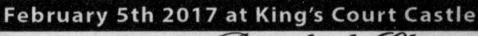
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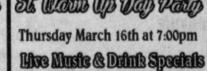
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2005 DODGE CARAVAN \$500 firm. Stow-n-go, new brakes/ rotors. Mild rust; motor runs good; front end is tight. Runs in 1st/2nd but not drive/ overdrive. 2148 miles 248-318-4338. !!RZ312

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2008 Ford Ranger SC Sport 4x4 5 Spd., A/C, 4.0L V-6, White, 70k	
2008 Ford F150 C.C. XLT, 4x4 Loaded, Full Power, V-8, Clean, White, 93k	
	s14,988*
2005 Chevy Silverado C.C. LT 4x4 Loaded, V-8 5.3L, Silver, 79k Or	ly \$14,488°
2009 Chevy Silverado CC Z71 4x4 Loaded, Full Power, White, 126k Or	
2069 Ford F150 SC XLT 4x4 Loaded, Clean, 5.4L V-8, Brown, 101k	y \$15,988*
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280 REC. VEHICLES

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CUSTODIAN/ MAINTENANCE person needed. Church in Clarkston MI is in need of a custodian/ maintenance person for approx. 25hrs./ week. Requirements are basic knowledge of general maintenance, general cleaning, a valid drivers license and pass a background check. Finger printing is also required. Pay is \$14.00/hr. Send prior work history & references to sttrinity@comcast. net. !!LZ101

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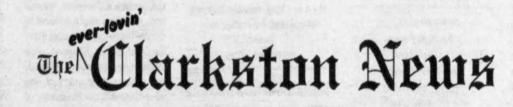
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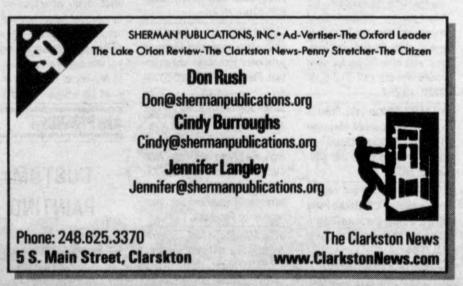
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The marchers gather on the steps to the U.S. Capitol. *Photo provided*

Life march

Continued from page 1 everything we say while we're there," Swallow said. "It's not a march of condemnation for people who have made that choice."

The students agree, saying the march is peaceful and filled with positivity.

The day of the protest, young marchers wake up early to attend a youth rally at the Verizon Center, a sports venue in D.C., Legg said.

"Just seeing all the people fill up the arena, it's unbelievable. There's more people than you've ever met in your life," Legg said, "and you're thinking all these people share the same views as me, this is amazing."

There's so much excitement during the march, Nalepa said, adding it was cool to see so many people joining together peacefully for a unifying cause.

"It's very overwhelming, you flood out of the doors of the Verizon Center and it's just people everywhere," Nalepa said. "It's a very exciting atmosphere and you can like feel everyone else's excitement to be there and to be doing the march."

The March for Life has happened annually since 1974, recently drawing in an attendance of over 600,000 people, Legg said. "It's a really powerful experience to be there with all these other people who also share your views and want to fight the same fight you're fighting."

Eagle makes ropes course for Calvary

Joshua Peterson, son of Eric and Melanie Peterson of Clarkston, achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on Oct. 17, 2016.

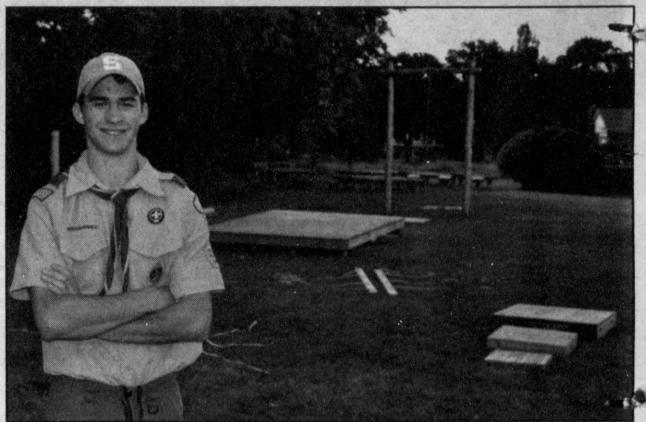
Josh is a member of Boy Scout Troop 189, out of Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston and is currently a senior at Clarkston High School. He will attend Western Michigan University to study mechanical engineering in the fall.

For his Eagle Project he built a low ropes course for Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston.

The course has seven permanent elements and five portable elements, including: the Whale Watch, Nitro Crossing, Spider's Web, All Aboard, Wild Woozy, The Island Crossing and The King's Thumb.

The course is designed for youth groups and adults groups. As they work their way through the course, teams are challenged with: Problem Solving, Planning, Asset Management, Trust, Dependability, Selflessness, Focus, Creative Thinking, Collaborative Problem-Solving, Communication, Patience, Optimism and Bonding.

Throughout the completion of each Low Ropes Element, participants rely on group members whom they have never relied on before, while being forced to think about how they communicate with those around them.



Joshua Peterson in front of his Eagle Project, a low ropes course, for Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church in Clarkston. *Photo provided*

As the group begins to move toward success they discover the parallels between these activities and the challenges in their day to day life.

Josh started his scouting adventures as a Tiger Cub in Pack 314 at Springfield Plains

Elementary. During his time as a Boy Scout, Josh went on many camping and hiking trips. Two of his favorite trips were to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico in 2013 and 2016. Each trip consisted of hiking over 80 miles carrying a 45-pound backpack.

Students achieve academic, community success

Amanda Tomarin of Clarkston recent joined Crossroads for Youth treatment agency in Oxford, Mich., to help at-risk children and teens as a mentor.

"This is such a unique place, which is why I love it so much," said Tomarin, a clinical therapist at Crossroads and a 2015 graduate of Oakland University. "I'm not sitting in an office meeting with these kids.

I'm in their house where they live, I'm at their school, and I'm transporting them to different places. For me, it's all about building relationships. it's about the moments that aren't so clinical, like when you're singing to the radio together on the way to court just because you feel like it. Typically, they don't have those types of relationships, so it's critical to form those bonds with them."

Originally founded as Camp Oakland in 1951, Crossroads for Youth provides a positive environment for at-risk children and teens ages seven to 17 where education, positive thinking, respect for others, a strong work-ethic and discipline are promoted to encourage their growth.

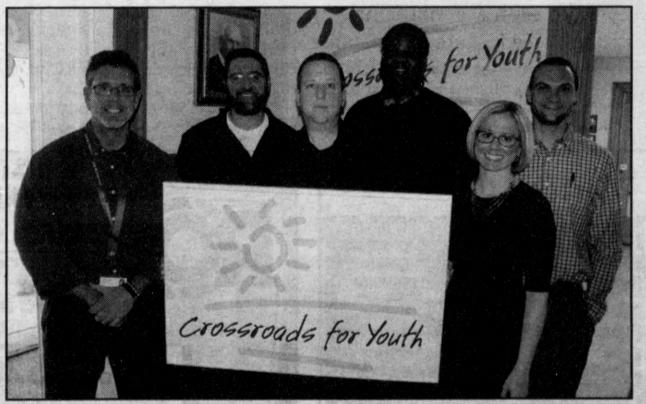
Katheryn Sullivan of Clarkston, a senior at Michigan State University, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester.

Jonathan Harrity of Clarkston, a graduate of Troy High School majoring in instrumental performance and music education, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester at Baldwin Wallace University, according to Stephen D. Stahl, Provost. Students who receive at least a 3.6 GPA for seven or more graded hours in a single semester are named to the Dean's List.

Melanie Aguayo of Clarkston was named to Ashland University's Dean's List for the fall 2016 semester.

Aguayo is majoring in marketing. She is the daughter of Robert and Judy Aguayo of Clarkston. Aguayo is a 2014 graduate of Clarkston High School. To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled full time at Ashland University and achieve at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Aguayo is also a member of Ashlew University's Enactus organization.



Oakland University's counseling program helped Chris Veihl, Marc Porter, Edward Stotts Jr., Chris Harris, Amanda Tomarin and Justin Fittonneville find their calling as mentors to at-risk children and teens at the Crossroads for Youth treatment agency in Oxford. *Photo provided by OU*



Abigail Mundy with her fans after Clarkston Idol, Jan. 20.

Three-time Idol winner keeps singing

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she was in fifth grade and she thought it would be fun just to try out.

"My dream has always been to sing on stage. I thought 'oh my gosh, I could have the chance to sing on stage," she recalled, adding when she is on stage she isn't nervous. "I am just into it and think I am singing by myself."

Abigail tried out and was selected to compete. She sang "Rolling in the Deep" and her voice filled the auditorium.

"The whole audience just stopped and I started crying because I had no idea," said Gina. "From there it has taken off. Every day all day she just sings throughout the house. She is humming or tapping. Everytime she gets a chance she is out there singing."

When it was announced she won her first Clarkston Idol she said she smiled a lot.

"I was really excited," Abigail said.

She decided to do it again last year and sang Adele's "Hello." Again, her name was announced as the winner for her division.

"I was really shocked because I had a lot of competition then, too," she said. "I didn't think I was going to win two times. I didn't think I would make it in the second time."

"Mom is more nervous than her," Gina smiled. "Abby has a natural musical talent. She hears the song and goes to the piano and plays it and she hasn't had piano lessons. We were at a store up north and they had a xylophone. She took the mallet and swept it across and then just played "Twinkle, Twinkle.' It is very neat to watch. When you watch the YouTube videos you can see how she feels the music."

Abigail added she began singing for fun and then she really got into it and began seeing voice teachers. Through teachers she has learned breathing techniques, posture

while singing, pronounciations and reading music.

Her first performance was in fourth grade at the school talent show. She stood up and sang Adele's "Rolling in the Deep."

Abigail, currently a student at Sashabaw Middle School, admitted she doesn't know what is next for her. Though she would like to sing at Clarkston Idol again, perform at charity events, and would like to perform the National Anthem at an athletic event.

Winners for this year's Clarkston Idol were: Keith Garrison from Pine Knob Elementary, in the Grades 4-6 Division; Mundy from Sashabaw Middle School, Grade 7 Division; Haley Phillips from Clarkston Junior High School, Grades 8-9 Division; and Ben Neideck from Clarkston High School, Grades 10-12 Division.

"The level of talent for Clarkston Idol gets better and better every year," said Brian



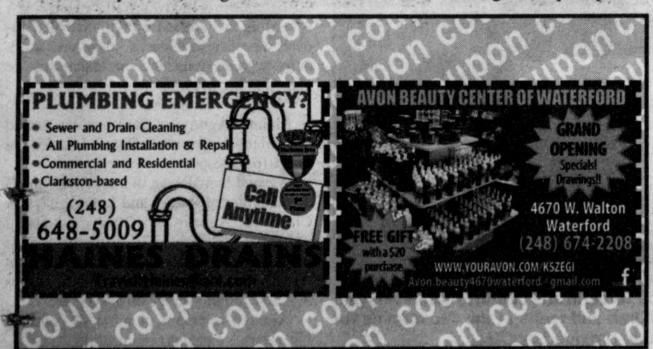
Abigail Mundy performs "Someone Like You" during this year's Clarkston Idol. *Photos provided*

Haverkate, director of Clarkston Idol. "This year was no exception with powerful performances in every age division."

First grader Emerson Rinke from North Sashabaw Elementary sang "Somewhere Out There" from An American Tail in the noncompetitive Grades K-3 Division.

"We hope to see more and more Clarkston students audition in the years to come as it's open to all students in grades K-12," Haverkate said.

Thirty percent of the results were from the polls on Twitter @Clarkston_Idol account and 70 percent came from the panel of judges.





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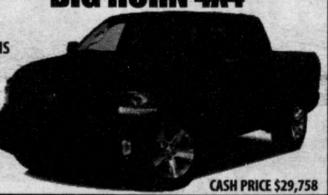
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