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in this week's edition



Jeffrey Allen Burkett

Community mourns loss of local youth

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A community newspaper has a responsibility to the community it serves. The Clarkston News failed in that responsibility in last week's paper, placing the tragic accident suffered by a Sashabaw Middle School student on the Public Safety page.

In that, we showed an appalling lack of sensitivity in a case regarding a young boy and his family in the most heartrending of circumstances, and we apologize.

It is with that we sadly report the loss of Jeffrey Allen Burkett of Clarkston, who passed away Feb. 1, 2017, at age 12.

He was the loving son of David and Wendy Burkett; beloved brother of Jacob Burkett and Alex (Ashley) Burkett; grandson of Ken Sr. and Jan La Victoire

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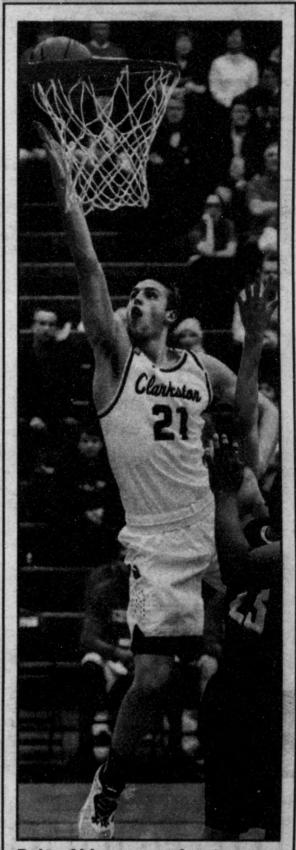
BY JESSICA STEELEY Clarkston News Staff Writer

School desks were filled with toys as students learned play is an important part of learning.

"This is an opportunity to recognize that we need to let kids just play," said Springfield Plains Elementary Principal Matt Gifford.

Springfield Plains participated in Global School Play Day, Feb. 1, allowing students throughout the Please see Playtime on page 23

Fourth graders Aiden Jones and Matthew Carrillo play with their heroes set.



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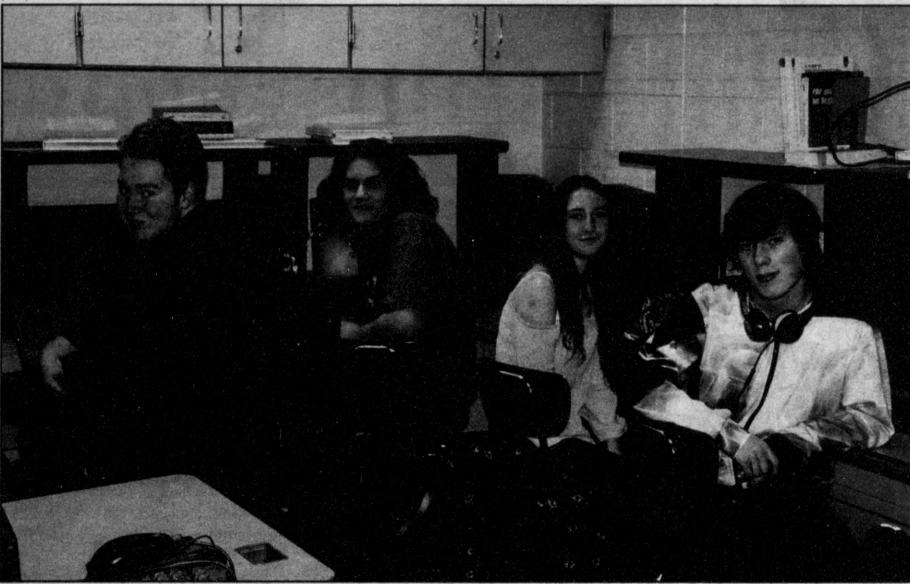


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Clarkston High School seniors, from left, Reilly Parent, Devin Radzwion, Kate Campbell, and Gavin Slater, in their AP Computer Science class. *Photo by Jessica Steeley*

Computer classes give kids leg up on career

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Computer Information Systems may not sound interesting to the average high school student, but Clarkston Computer Science Teacher Ron Conwell says demand for the program is growing at Clarkston High School, especially with coding classes and clubs in the younger grades.

Conwell, who is also the Career Technical Education Coordinator, teaches all classes in the pathway, which is split up into Programming, Digital Multimedia, and Computer Networking.

"I've taken every information technology class he's offered, beyond it, because I've done independent studies for it, too," senior Devin Radzwion said. He's currently enrolled in two classes in the pathway, AP Computer Science and Networking III.

Radzwion was originally intrigued by the pathway because he wanted to understand how computers worked and found an interest in technology through his studies.

"It's probably the most in-depth course they offer here because it's really useful. You get certified and it's stuff that can actually be used in the real world. It's almost like a degree," Radzwion said.

Since 2001, Conwell has been the primary teacher for computer information classes. He has a degree in computer science and previously worked in the technology field, even running the high school network before becoming a teacher.

"All career tech teachers have some experience as a professional in the area they teach. It gives what they teach a little bit more relevance to the students and confidence with the students that this is something that not only happens in the educational capacity, but it translates over to the work force more directly," Conwell said.

Career Tech Ed tends to focus on giving students a skillset to make them successful after they leave school, Conwell explained.

The program aims to give students a focus on career and getting a job, figuring out what they want to be before graduating high school and then determining what they need to do to get there after graduation, whether it involves furthering their education or pursuing a certificate or apprenticeship.

"The main focus is you're working towards a career, you're working towards an outcome that's going to make you someone that can support yourself and be a positive contributing member of society," Conwell said.

Senior Reilly Parent said the classes are great at teaching problem solving, especially in regards to technology.

"These classes are definitely a lot more hands-on. We're actually applying the stuff we learn. In math, you learn how to take the derivative of something – you're not going to really apply that as much as you could apply programming," Parent said.

The main goal of the Career Tech Ed

prepare students for the top 10 wage earning jobs and top 10 in-demand occupations.

"Too many students are only going through high school and thinking, 'I want to become a high school graduate,' but that is not what our outcome should be, our outcome should be. I want it to become something focused towards a career pathway, so I can be excited about the next step," Conwell said.

Many of his students have gone on to become successful programmers and others have been able to get technical jobs out of high school, either long-term or to support continuing their education.

"It's an interesting area of information technology that sometimes the skillset you have, if you match up to the company in the right way, they can decide they want to push you in directions that goes beyond what the traditional educational level you have at that time would dictate," Conwell said.

Radzwion hopes to get an Information Technology (IT) job right out of high school with his experience, then eventually take classes through a technology university or local tech college so he can move up in the IT world.

Parent plans to study computer science next year at Kettering University.

"My first class downstairs with computers was A+ certification, so I got my certification in PC hardware and that really sparked my interest in other computer





The cast of Les Miserables gathers for rehearsal at Clarkston High School. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

One day more until curtain rises on show

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Music fills the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center as the drama club brings Les Misérables to life for audiences, Feb. 16-

"It is a favorite for many people," said Sam Carter. "It will mean a lot to a lot of people. It's a show that's going to move people to tears because it's really real. It means something. It's touching."

To many in the cast, it has special meaning because it's their final winter musical as seniors.

"It's a little bit fitting to end it on show that is bittersweet because it is a very sad time and a very realistic story," said Alyssa Harbaugh. "It's not as light-hearted as ones we have done in the past. Yet, there are so many themes of hope and the future and what will come. It is very implacable to who we are

as seniors and who we are as actors. That symbolism is something very important going into show."

Les Misérables centers around Jean Valjean, played by Micah Blanks, a former convict who spends his life seeking redemption in 19th century France.

"Valjean is a symbol of hope throughout the entire story," Blanks. "He stole some bread when he was young for his sister's son. He was arrested and spent five years in jail and spent 19 more because he escaped. Then, he was released. He gets a glimpse of how life is outside of the prison. He realizes the struggles of being an ex-convict."

During his journey he is saved by the bishop and because of it, spends the rest of his life trying to make things right.

Harbaugh plays Cosette, who Valjean saves from the Thenardier family after making a promise to Cosette's mother, Fantine.

was abused and neglected," Harbaugh explained. "When she is found by Valjean and taken away into her new life she grows up in a very privileged life. Cosette is also very sheltered. She becomes a beacon of hope for the people around her. She is a constant pillar of what is good. The people around her make choices in order to protect her. She influences other people around her."

right," said Blanks.

Javert, played by Evan Maconochie, an of-

"At the beginning, Valjean tests him. I spend my life trying to find him and believing the law is the law of God," Maconochie

said Carter, who plays Madame Thenardier, the innkeeper's wife.

steals things and is really horrible to her children, which is kind of fun to play, but also deep down she is sort of a scumbag," she

Mitchell Page, who joins a group of revolution-

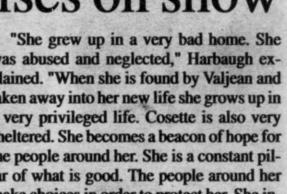
"I meet Eponine, played by Georgia Zelinsky, who is very in love with me but I am oblivious to it and instead I fall head over

The cast invites the community to come enjoy the show including the music and the sets the students working backstage have created to bring France to life in Clarkston.

shape or form because of how dynamic each character is in the story line," said Page.

Showtimes for Les Misérables are 7 p.m. on Feb. 16, 17 and 18. There are 2 p.m. mati-

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for stu-248-623-4024.



"Cosette is the first wrong Valjean tries to

Throughout the story he is hunted by ficer of the law.

added.

"There's so many plotlines intertwined,"

"Basically I am just this drunk lady who said, adding it was fun to get into the role.

Another plotline is Marius, played by ary students after leaving his privileged life.

heels for Cosette."

"Most people can relate to it in some

nee shows on Feb. 18 and 19.

dents and seniors. They are available at www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/ clarkstonhigh, can be purchased in person Monday through Friday at the high school, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., or calling the box office at

Briefly

Student count day

Today was Student Count Day throughout Michigan, determining school funding from the state based on the number of students in each district. Clarkston receives \$7,511 per student.

This year Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan predicted the district to be 100 students down on count day, which is equivalent to a loss of \$751,000 for the school year.

"A 100-student loss was budgeted for the 2016-17 school year and we are able to still be significantly in the positive overall," Ryan said in an email. "This is due to revenue generated through this year's increase in per pupil state funding, previous budget surpluses and additional district programs that have generated revenue."

Office hours

State Rep. Jim Tedder's office hours include Friday, Feb. 24, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Pete's Coney Island, 6160 Dixie Highway.

"I represent your interests at the Capitol," said Tedder, Clarkston resident. "I'm able to do my job best when I hear from you directly."

No appointments are necessary to attend. Contact Tedder's office at 517-373-0615 or JimTedder@house.mi.gov.

Daddy daughter dance

Clarkston Community Education hosts the Daddy Daughter Dance, Saturday, Feb. 11, 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., in the Clarkston High School cafeteria.

There will be cookies and punch, DJ, and professional photographer. Each couple will receive a free 4x5 photo.

Register in advance, \$30/couple \$10/ additional child at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, lower level; by phone, 248-623-4326 ext. 1; or online at www.itprs.org.

White Cane Days

The Clarkston Area Lions Club is looking for volunteers for their upcoming White Cane Days, April 28-May 6.

During the service organization's annual fundraiser, volunteers will collect donations at Clarkston area Kroger stores, Neiman's Family Market, Main and Washington streets, Sashabaw and Maybee, and Sashabaw and Clarkston Road. Proceeds support the club's eye care, hearing care and other services throughout the year. Contact Lions Club member Jerry Baumgart at 248-922-9950 or Jerryb7355@aol.com.



Micah Blanks leads the cast as convict-on-the-run Jean Valjean, #24601.

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The Jungle, student fan section, dresses in orange in support of Chad Tough night at Clarkston High School.

Wolves go orange to fight cancer

Cagers hosted Chad Tough night on January 31 to raise money for the Chad Tough Foundation. The charity was created in honor of Chad Carr, grandson of former University of Michigan Head Coach Lloyd Carr. Chad passed away after a long battle with a DIPG tumor.

Photos by Larry Wright



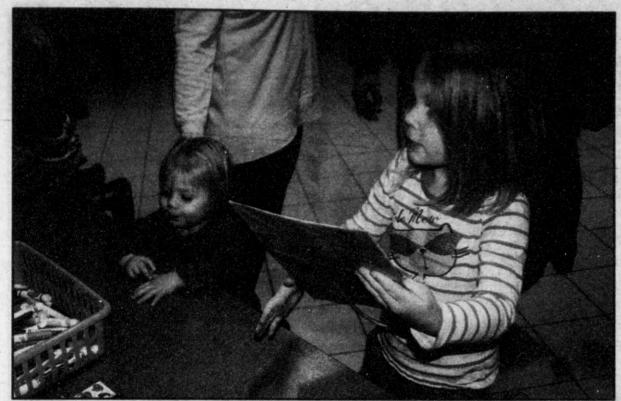
The gym adds a touch of orange for the night.



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Samantha Middleton decorates a bag for her prizes and treats.



Attendees take a walk in hopes of winning treats during the cake walk.

Winter carnival

Independence Elementary held their third annual Winter Carnival for students and their families, Friday, Jan. 27.

The carnival included several games ranging from a cake walk to electronic basketball to fowling (knocking over bowling pins with a football), and many traditional carnival games.

Carnival attendees enjoyed cotton candy, caramel corn and pizza during the event, which is put on by the school's Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO).

Along with the PTO, several other community and school organizations volunteered at the event. Clarkston Family Farm ran the face-painting area and high school groups, such as the National Honors Society, Clarkston High School cheerleaders and the Mimes Troupe, volunteered at the carnival.

Photos by Jessica Steeley



Sarah Cederman plays a game of Go Fish.



Colton Roeder plays slap shot hockey.

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ANNIE SULLIVAN SPEAKS

Tuesday, March 7 7 pm

March is International Women's month. Join us for this innovative event where Colette Cullen will present as Helen Keller's devoted teacher, Annie Sullivan who began work with her 130 years ago.

Books and Bites Wednesday, March 8 7-8 pm



Are you a foodie? Do you love to cook? Join our new food lovers group Books & Bites. Home cooks and self-proclaimed foodies of all experience levels are welcome. This month bring a tasty soup and recipe to share.

Registration Required Get Your Soup On!



Paris and the Loire Valley, France Wednesday, March 15 7-8:30 pm

Enjoy travelers sharing their experiences through photos while learning about other cultures. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month February through June, and August through October.

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Grades 6-12 Registration Required

Celebrate Teen Tech Week at the library! A national initiative sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), each day the library will feature a fun tech/maker activity. Dont miss the fun!

Monday, March 6 6-7 pm LED Project

Tuesday, March 7 6-7 pm Silk Screening

Wednesday, March 8 6-7 pm Magnetic Poetry

Thursday, March 9 6-7 pm Marble Roller Coaster Tycoon!

Friday, March 10 6-7 pm Tech Petting Zoo

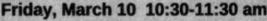
Children's Theater of MICHIGAN



Monday, March 20 7 pm

What do a chilly puppy, a hungry dinosaur, and four rather naughty sheep have in common? They're all onstage in the High-Energy, Musical-Story-Theater show sung by Janet Marie & m'Archibald. Big fun for all ages!

LITTLE EXPLORERS



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

Music & Movement Friday, March 24 10:30-11 am



Bring your toddler and preschool aged children to move and shake to the music!



Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Cold comes knocking

It was so close, but so far away. I could see it. I could feel it in my hands. I just couldn't get to it.

I mentally called to it, to come to me. But alas, the tissue box stayed on the dresser as the near-to-sleep baby laid in my arms in the reclining chair.

My nose continued to itch. I knew it was going to start running any moment. I gave the box one more chance before I

sighed and with baby in tow I got out of the chair and walked to the box.

Seeking revenge I took two tissues out. It would one day be void of any tissues like the other boxes in the house.

I have been struck by a cold. Stuffy nose,

coughing. I thought I had conquered it. I drank my Throat Coat tea and drank orange juice when my throat became sore last week.

I blame the weather changing from 20 degrees up to 50 degrees back down to freezing temperatures. While I am used to the variety in Michigan I must have missed a step and gotten sick.

Maybe it was my hat being missing in action that week.

Now I am armed with tissues and cough drops. Physically I have low energy but mentally I feel inspired to unpack boxes surrounding me in the office.

I always noticed more things needing to be done when I am wearing illnesscolored-glasses. I look forward to when I am 100 percent healthy and I wake up full of energy and ready to conquer the world.

With low energy, I wouldn't mind conquering Netflix and a new tissue box waiting in the closet. I am new to Netflix. Prior I had been watching DVDs but what a glorious feeling of not having to go out and buy a TV series. I can binge watch. Right now I am rotating between Friends, How I Met Your Mother and Bones - either at night or when my son, Jonathan has fallen asleep on me.

Originally I had planned to write about health. I was going to write about the next round with Nuview Nutrition.

Instead I am covering my nose as my whole body jumps from the four consecutive sneezes - I am a big sneezer. The plan comes at a good time. I feel more motivated to eat healther when I am sick.

Plus, my appetite is pretty low and I'm not craving anything but tea and sleep with the hopes of our 13-month-old will sleep through the night (since he also has a runny nose and a cough. No fever.)

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Life march students gives hope for future

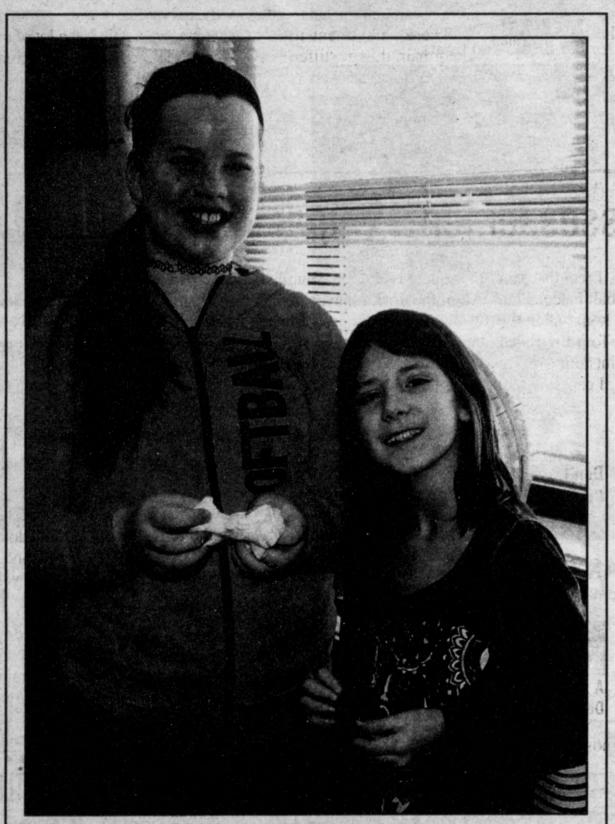
Dear Editor.

Thank you for the wonderful article on the local students who attended the March for Life in Washington D.C. ("Students pass life message at march," Feb. 1).

What an uplifting and hopeful story to hear young people defend life in a peaceful, respectful way.

We can all learn from these special young adults. The fact that Everest has a waiting list to attend the March gives further hope for a future where all life is cherished from conception to natural death.

Sincerely, Ginny Wisely Independence Township



SMILES OF THE WEEK: Springfield Plains Elementary fourth graders Leila Davis and Sofia Gibson play with some goo during their Global School Play Day, Feb. 1. Photo by Jessica Steeley

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Middleton grabs county commission seat" Tom Middleton was victorious as he was voted to be the new representative for District 4 on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. He defeated Charles Inman 1,175 to 722 in the special general election.

"School board moves forward to combact overcrowding" Clarkston Community School Board members made another step in their progress to fight overcrowding issues which included looking at short and long term solutions during a workshop.

"Clarkston grads dance to national recognition" Danielle Facione and Brittney Detkowski, former Clarkston Pom Pon dancers, helped the Michigan State University Motion Dance Team take third place at the Universal Dance Association College Team National Championship.

25 years ago - 1992

"Help from dad" Mike McIntyre pins a corsage on a special dress worn by his daughter Maureen, a Clarkston Elementary student, before they joined 170 daddy-daughter pairs at the annual dance held by Clarkston Community Education.

"New ball park construction begins"
The Independence Township board passed the first phase of the baseball complex at Clintonwood Park which includes four new ballfields and a 2,340-square foot multi-purpose room.

"Recipe for love that lasts" Fifty couples, married for 35 years or longer, shared their recipe for love that lasts in honor of Valentine's Day. Ralph and Eleanor Thayer, married for 58 years, learned to compromise over the years and said they talked to each other especially before doing something rash.

50 years ago - 1967

"Junior high plans approved" Richard Prince, architect for the junior high school, presented the final plans for the new school to the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education. The board moved to accept the plans and proceed to the next step for bids.

"Fire quickly levels home" A home belonging to the Kelly family off Clarkston Road was destroyed by fire which was caused by combustible material in the basement.

"Round the town" Mrs. Larry Watberg hosted a bridge party at her house. The player found a heart shaped candy box. She also served a heart-shaped cake and ice cream for dessert.

Coupon clipping is a feminist thing; and, I's

These Jottings ran on Feb. 3, 2010.

At the beginning of every year for as far back as I can remember, the news is dominated by telling us ways to save money.

One major emphasis is on coupon clipping. Headlines yell, "Over \$25,500 in coupon savings in this issue."

That in mind, I am a saver, I took the insert coupons from a Thursday Detroit News and set about clipping.

It became rather obvious they are not after the male shopper. In fact, males are ignored almost completely. Pet supplies, breakfast cereals, the laundry and weight control get a fair amount of play.

But the overall biggest target is women. There were 76 single pages of coupons, many with three coupons, and ma'ladies are the winners.

Shelf space at drugstores is crowded with creams, lotions and ointments for

women, just like coupon Jim's promoters. The self-im-**Jottings** provements are aimed at every part, but mostly faces.

> The attention compeller is often a lovely young woman who is pushing fingernail polishes, wrinkle removers, eyelash treatments, razors, skin repair and the hair.

a column by There's treatment to Jim Sherman color hair, thin it, stiffen

it, remove it, moisten it and thicken it. It's not just the money it takes to get this stuff, I think of all the time it takes to use it.

On the other hand, there was only one page, one coupon, directed to men. It's for Haband's fit-forever stealth power pants. Whereas the goal for gals is toward glamor, the men are recognized as always widening their waistline, and not giving a darn about their wrinkles, dry skin or veins.

These pants come in waists up to 60 inches, and will expand four more inches.

I think Haband should quit thinking male and expand to their counterparts. I've seen a lot of females who could use belt-line expanders.

Of course, we've all met a lot of men who could use some lotions, skin cream, ointments and a better smell.

Well, the football season is over. And,

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like the baseball, hockey, basketball and golf season it's about time.

I fill myself too full of sports. Particularly pro football. After seeing tons of football this season one conclusion stands

So many players have great "I's." Quarterbacks have to have good eyes, but their ego I's are enormous.

Linemen's actions following what they think is an award winning performance, but a play they are paid to do, is nauseating grandstanding.

Players who score touchdowns today act like idiots; their only goal seems to be out-demonstrating all other scorers in the league, or making out with a goalpost.

Where are the players like Billy Sims, who, after scoring a td would hand the ball to the referee and trot off the field?

My honest assessement: Super Bowl Sunday was kinda good

every Atlanta National League Football Falcons fan feels this Monday morning. Mere hours after the NFL's most elite team, those pesky Tom Brady led New England Patriots erased a 25-point deficit to win their fifth Super Bowl in seven tries, I can only feel for the losers.

Patriots 34, Falcons 28.

Misery loves company, I reckon, and maybe as one of the ever-heart Don't broken Detroit Lions fanbase, I -- we -- know what the faithful in Atlanta are going through. And, the fact I really don't even like Atlanta as a city does not stop me from wanting to give them a big ol' Motor City hug. It'll be okay, Falcons, maybe next year.

On the other hand, it is really nice to share the pain, because a shared A column by pain is a lesser pain, right? I truly Don Rush thought it was only a Detroit Lions strategy to lose football games in the most depressing

manner. Welcome, to our nightmare Atlanta -- there's room on the loser's bus!

I am not a big gambler. I am too cheap and money is too hard to come by these days . . .

... however, when Super Bowl time rolls around I do manage to find complete strangers out on the streets willing to take my donation to be in their "squares" games. (Hmm? Do I find them, or do they find me?) Some times I get a little diagram of where

Wow. I feel bad. I have empathy. I feel the pain my square is and what numbers would pad my wallet. All of the time, I never consult said diagrams and my wallet has never been padded. Doesn't mean I didn't "win" just means I don't know. Which is why, as I am not a gambling kinda' guy, I justify this yearly folly as making "donations."

I think my "sucker" light shines brightly this time of the year -- a beacon of hope to those who would take my donation.

There was much chatter during the days leading up to Super Bowl Sunday. The half time show, performed by the ever-lovin' Lady Gaga, was the topic of said chatter. Heard I from multiple sources, "Lady Gaga is going to make a political statement during the half time

Heavens to murgatroyd!

No!

Not that!

On the internet's social media, the buzz for days leading up to long-anticipated halftime show was loud from those folks right side of center, "How Dare She!?"

I confess, I was ready to hit the mute button on my very own low-def, circa 1996, 32-inch, 100-pound television set if any such political statement commenced. The world waited with bated breath . . . and then, she Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta (aka, Lady Gaga) flew in from high atop the stadium to center stage and strutted her stuff.

No political statements.

Pure entertainment.

Exciting.

I closed my eyes and I didn't even dislike the music (by the way, double negatives are one of my speciali-

ties, so don't try this on your high school English papers, kiddies, your English teachers will not like it.).

For those not in the know, "Heavens to murgatroyd" was a line the pink mountain lion cartoon character Snagglepuss used to use on the Saturday morning cartoons. His other line was, "Exit, stage left."

Ever Donny-on-the spot, and with full disclosure, will also confess to this: I didn't watch the entire game. The first half, the blowout half where Atlanta could do no wrong and the Patriots could not find the end zone, was boring. Even the commercials kinda were "wah, wah, wah" non-exciting. Call me a pinko socialist if you must, but, I found myself switching back and forth from "The" game to Comet TV's Mystery Science Theater 3,000 marathon.

As I am the cheapest guy in town, I have not had cable or dish or any other paid television in my house since about 2008.

I have FREE! TV and one of the digital stations is Comet TV, a "sci-fi" station with crappy, cheesy, classic old tv shows and movies. So, in between Pats' QB Tom Brady getting sacked and Atlanta scoring, I watched such "classic" B (or less) movies as, "Manos, the Hands of Fate," "The Beginning of the End" (a movie with Peter Graves and giant grasshoppers invading Chicago), and "Last of The Wild Horses."

So, please don't hate me. I am not a socialist and I am not a fan of European football. I was just bored.

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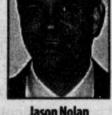
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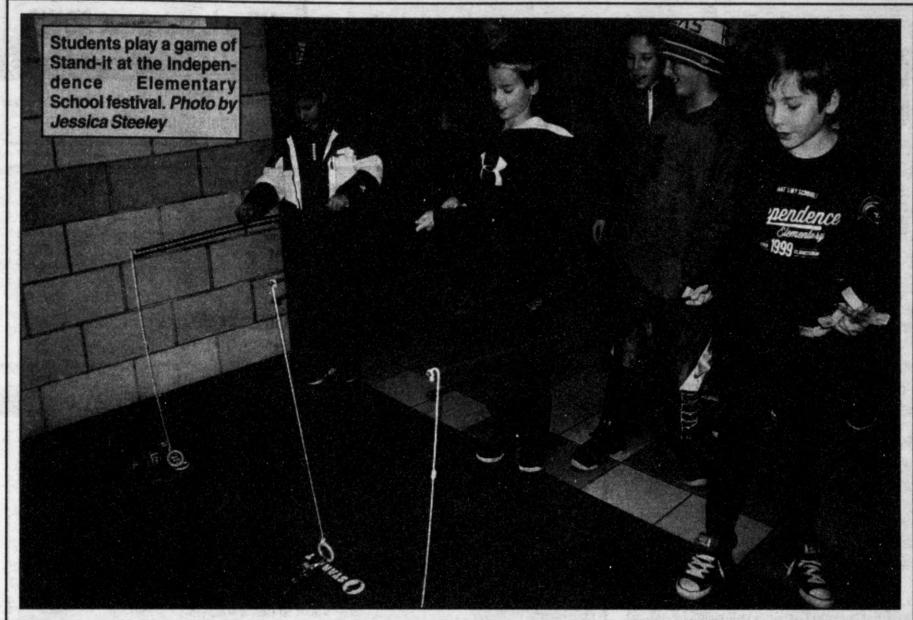


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Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Marijuana arrest

A deputy on patrol ran a record's check on the license plate of an SUV on Mann Road at Hunter Rill Road, 4:33 p.m., Jan. 29, and found the Secretary of State was requiring plate confiscation due to fraudulent application. The driver, a 39-year-old Independence Township man, was found with a glass pipe smelling strongly of marijuana, and several burnt "tails," also smelling strongly of marijuana. He was cited for driving an unregistered vehicle and possession of narcotic paraphernalia, and the vehicle was impounded.

Shoplifting

A store employee was monitoring video surveillance cameras when he saw a man pick up six bottles of Champagne, put them in a wine pouch, and leave the store without paying, 5:59 p.m., Feb. 1, in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road. The man, a 26-year-old Independence Township resident, was stopped and escorted back to the security office, and police were called. He told deputies he came to the store to cash in some change, saw the wine display, decided he could get away with it, and took the bottles, which were worth \$271.94. He was cited for Third Degree Retail Fraud.

Found with marijuana

A 33-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for driving 53 mph in a 40 mph zone on Maybee Road at Sashabaw, 3 p.m., Feb. 2. He was found with marijuana in a cigarette box in his shirt pocket. He was cited for possession of marijuana and no proof of insurance, and given warnings for tinted windows and speeding.

Warrant arrest

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with an "in-transit repair" plate on it, eastbound on Citation Drive, because there are no repair facilities on Citation, 9:42 a.m., Feb. 2. The driver, a 29-year-old Pontiac woman, said she was taking her son to the dentist's office. Her dad, who works at an auto service shop, owned the vehicle and let her borrow the license plate. The vehicle's registration was expired, and the driver had a suspended driver's license, and two warrants for her arrest, out of 50th District Court and 52-3 District Court. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, improper plates, and no proof of insurance. She was picked up by Auburn Hills Police on the warrants. The vehicle was impounded.

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Lady Wolves learning in loss

BY WENDIREARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers felt the sting of their loss to Southfield Arts & Technology last Thursday, 79-62, but pushed forward in practice the next day, getting ready for their next foes.

"As much as losing is tough, playing against better competition makes us stand up, makes us better so when we play Stoney Creek and Rochester Adams we are a better team than when they saw us before," said Christine Rogers, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team.

She added the Lady Wolves played well but it was tough when the Warriors were shooting well.

"It's tough to only score and let them get three," Rogers said. "They were shooting threes out from where the NBA range would be. Even though we were boxing out, even though we were taking care of the ball, even though we were playing great outside defense they still were knocking down incredible three pointers. Their shooting was amazing."

Southfield A&T ended the first quarter with a 23-14 lead and scored 22 more points during the second quarter before the half closed, 45-24.

The Lady Wolves came out in the second half not giving up without a fight.

"We kept fighting," Rogers said. "We never let them get a bigger lead but weren't able to chip away because they continued to hit pretty much everything they shot."

Junior Kayla Luchenbach led with 24 points and had 13 rebounds. Junior Maddie Beck scored 20 points and freshman Taylor Heaton scored 12 points.

"Taylor had another great night knocking down some three's and playing great defense on the top player in the state," said Rogers.

She added the game against Southfield showed some things the girls need to work on, especially with only a few weeks left before district playoffs begins Feb. 27.

"We are going to have to play our best game," she said. "It doesn't matter how you do in the season. It only matters how you do in the district playoffs. Our goal all season has been to win the district, move on to regionals and on. Everything we do that makes us better will help us in the playoffs."

To help prepare, the Lady Wolves (12-3, 3-2 OAA Red) opened the week against Stoney Creek. They host Rochester Adams on Friday and head to Bloomfield Hills next Tuesday.

"We haven't reached a plateau, we aren't trending water," said Rogers. "We are continuing to get better. Playing against Southfield made us better."

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

The Clarkston Girls JV Basketball team defeated Southfield Arts & Technology, 46-16. Chance McDougal led the team with 11 points. Rielee Fetty scored five points and had ten rebounds. Hailey Bogar, Meg Sielaff and Olivia McKinney had six rebounds each.

The Clarkston Girls Freshman Basketball team lost to Mercy on Jan. 31, 34-15.

Sarah Bailey led the team with seven points and three rebounds. Jessie Buscher scored five points and nine rebounds.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Seventh Grade Basketball Gold team. Photo by Larry Wright

Golden wins for cagers

Cagers went undefeated during their winter season as they wrapped it with their last game on Jan. 25.

The boys from the Clarkston Seventh Grade Basketball Gold team from Sashabaw Middle School took a 14-point lead in the last quarter against their fellow classmates and friends on the blue team.

The gold team finished with a 44-40 win to go 14-0 during the season. Mike Depillo and Keegan Wasilk contributed 15 points each during the win.

The boys opened the season with a 49-21 win over Scripps Middle School on Nov. 30, 2016. They went on to defeat two more middle schools in Lake Orion, posting more than 30 points on their opponents, defeating Waldon, 59-20, and Oakview, 68-18.

They went on to defeat the Wildcats

from Oxford, 52-10, on Dec. 7 before they took a 12-day break.

When they returned they found themselves in a closer battle in the first blue versus gold game against the blue team at Sashabaw. They prevailed with a 52-41 win.

The boys went on to defeat Oxford three more times and put one more win over Waldon, Scripps and Oakview and post a win over Pontiac.

The Clarkston Seventh Grade Basketball Gold team is Zachary Austin, Jacob Beck, Lucas Brumm, Trevor Busyn, Daniel Calvano, Anderson Carlson, Michael Depillo, Nick Kilbourne, Andrew Parillo, Andrew Sesti, Keegan Wasilk, Caleb Woodbury and Griffin Woodbury. Team managers are Steven Kossak and Hunter Polonkey. They are coached by Jerry Ostrom.



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Grapplers top in league

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Four Wolves finished the regular season with OAA Red league titles last Friday during the league championship at Rochester

Mac Hanselman (112), Cole Wiegers (119), Conor Donahue (130), and Jake Calvano (152) led the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team as the team finished in second place with 229 points as Oxford finished in first with 272 points.

"Our performance on Friday wasn't bad," said Freddie DeRamus, head coach.

"We had some new faces in the finals and in our lineup for the tournament. Senior Jake Calvano won a big match, freshmen Jake Jones and Adam Sprague won big matches for third place. It's great to see guys peaking right now and pushing themselves in these big matches."

Hanselman defeated Liam Hillary from Oxford during the first place match with a major decision, 8-0. He defeated Rochester's Owen Fisher in the semifinals with a fall, 1:51.

Wiegers finished in first place with a win over Dalton Myers from Oxford with a fall at 4:05. He also defeated Anvj Mangal from Rochester Adams, 9-3.

Donahue posted two wins over Rochester's Aiden Fitzgerald with a fall, 1:24; and Oxford's Garrett Tyrrell, 3-0, for first place.

Calvano went undefeated for the night with a win over Rochester Adams' Louis Eble, 10-4, before going intot he championship round against Trent Myre, 3-1.

Jacob Rygielski (135) and Ian Wilson (160) finished in second place in their weight classes.

Rygielski defeated Dylan Wellbaum from Lake Orion, 12-6. He lost to Sergio Borg from Oxford with a pin.

Wilson posted two wins over Kyler O'Grady from Rochester Adams, fall at 1:45; and Chris Kade from Lake Orion, 5-3. He lost to Oxford's Devin Trevino, 12-3.

The Wolves had six wrestlers finish in third place including Adam Sprague (103), Ethan Polick (125), Jake Billette (140), Jacob Jones

Nolan Webb from Rochester with a fall, 2:19. He lost his first match against Rochester Adams' Brady Vibert, 5-3.

Polick had wins over Birmingham Seaholm's Ryan Cummins twice both with falls; and Rochester Adams' Joseph Eble, a fall 1:28; and Rochester's Scott Russell, 10-6. He lost to Oxford's Jacob Call, 13-2.

Billette posted wins over Rochester Adams' Brendon Gibbons twice, 5-1 and 11-1; and one win over Blair Boerkel, 8-1. He lost to Noah Smith from Lake Orion in a 6-4 decision in the final seconds.

Jones had wins over Seaholm's Marcus Manzo, 9-5; Rochester's Xan Weick, 3-1. He lost to Oxford's Thomas Wandrie, 9-5.

Burt posted a win over Dean Racitit from Rochester with a fall. He lost to Rochester Adams' Hunter Lee, 3-2.

Fowler lost his first match to Rochester's Richard Hamilton, 5-0, before moving on to two wins over Seaholm's DanHarwood with a fall, 2:21; and Lake Orion's Hunter Chambers with a fall, 1:54.

Houston Hemingsen (145) and Nevin Strayer (189) both finished in fourth place during the meet.

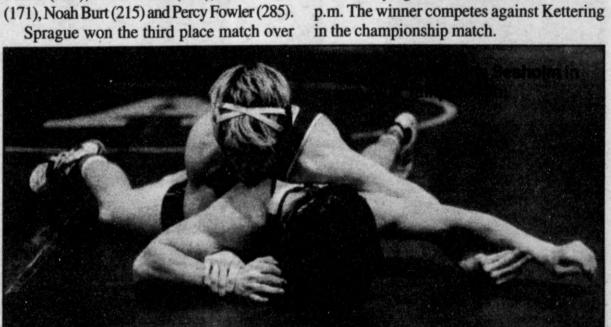
Hemingsen posted wins over Paul Leo from Rochester, 10-5; and Cade Rusniak from Rochester Adams, fall, 2:41. He lost to -Oxford's Caleb Tabert, 11-3; and Leo in the third place match, 17-2.

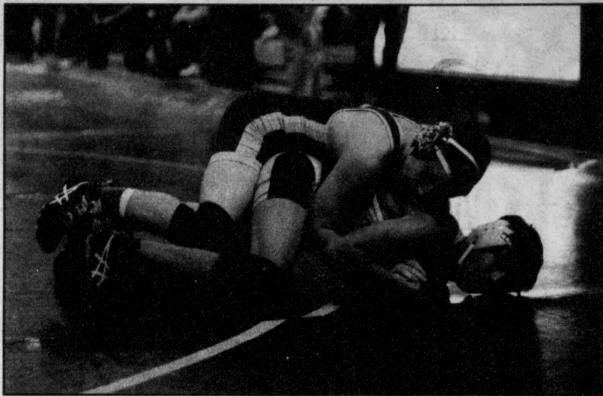
Strayer defeated Ricky Bland from Rochester with a fall at 3:46. He lost to Seaholm's Michael Schultz and Lake Orion's Andrew Finn-James.

The Wolves head into districts this week with MHSAA Wrestling Team District on Wednesday at Waterford Kettering and head to the individual meet on Saturday at Troy.

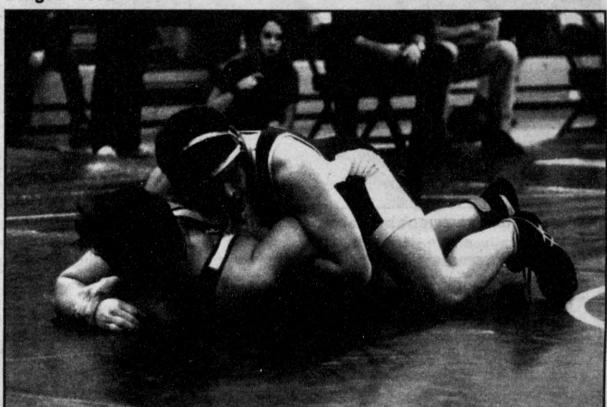
"We have to fine tune some things during the week for team and individual districts," said DeRamus. "I know the fourteen wrestlers we bring will be healthy and ready to wrestle. This team is young but very competitive. It's good to see them getting after it in the room and on the mat."

The Wolves start their team match on Wednesday against Waterford Mott at 5:30 in the championship match.

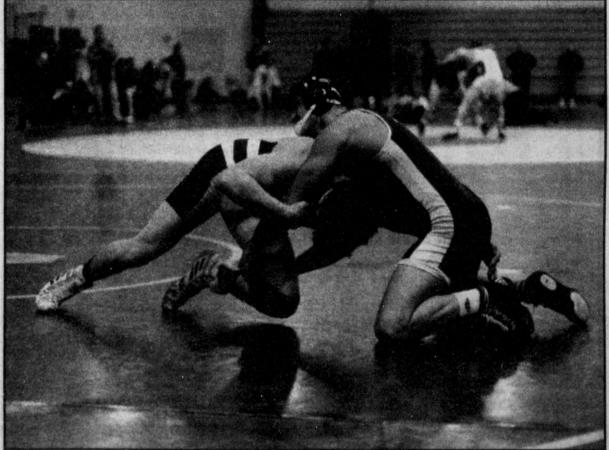




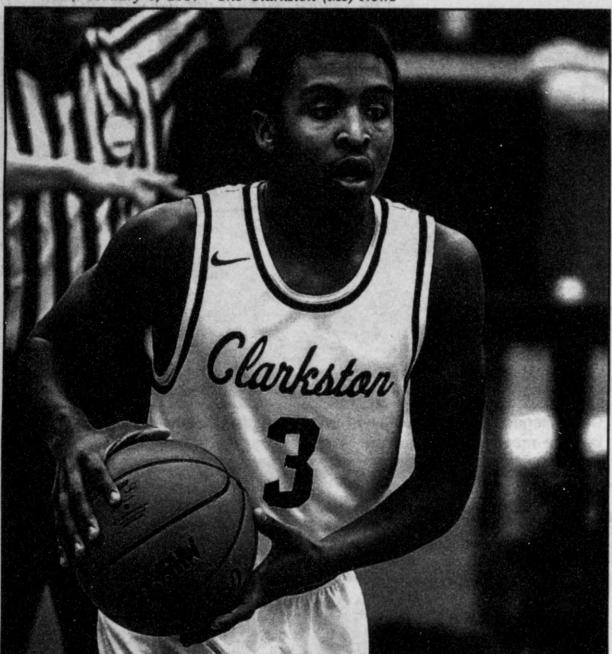
Cole Wiegers works on a 9-3 win over Rochester Adams during the OAA Red League meet.



Nevin Strayer gets a hold on Birmingham Seaholm.



Jake Calvano reaches around for a hold on Rochester Adams' Louis Eble. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



Junior CJ Robinson grabs possession of the ball and brings it out of Clarkston territory.



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Cagers top Lakers on all levels

Cagers fought through the fourth quarter to hold onto their first place position in the OAA Red league, Jan. 31.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team finished topping West Bloomfield, 59-

The Lakers closed in on the Wolves within six points half way through the final quarter. Senior Dylan Alderson responded beginning Clarkston 8-point run.

Alderson led the team with 21 points. Sophomore Taylor Currie and Foster Loyer both scored 14 points each.

The boys opened the week on Monday against Wayne Memorial. They are on the road as they head to Troy Athens on Thursday and North Farmington next Tuesday. They are back home when they host Southfield Arts & Technology on Feb. 17. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The Clarkston Boys JV Basketball team

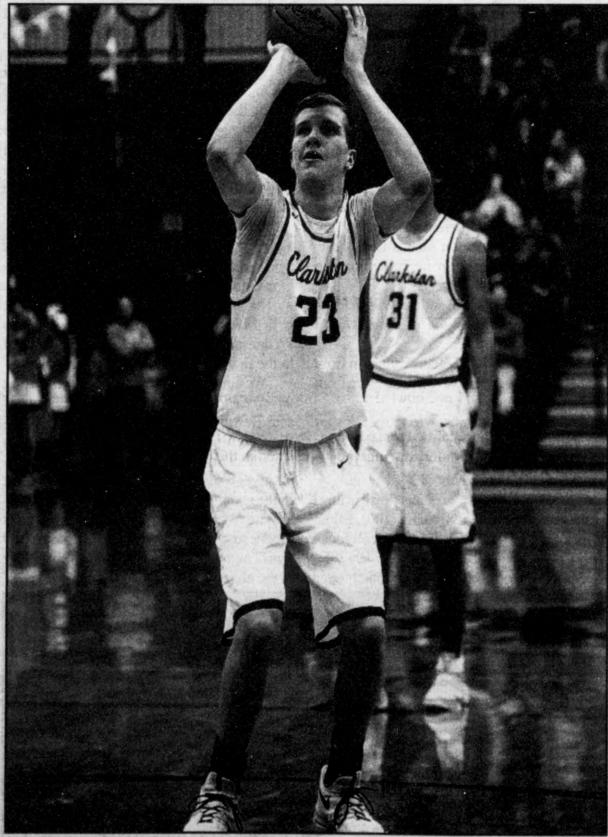
defeated West Bloomfield on Jan. 31, 61-41. Jake Jensen led the team with Demond Mills-Bradley adding 16 points. Brock Henley scored 11 points.

The JV team (10-2) heads to Troy Athens on Thursday and North Farmington on Tuesday. Both games start at 5:30 p.m.

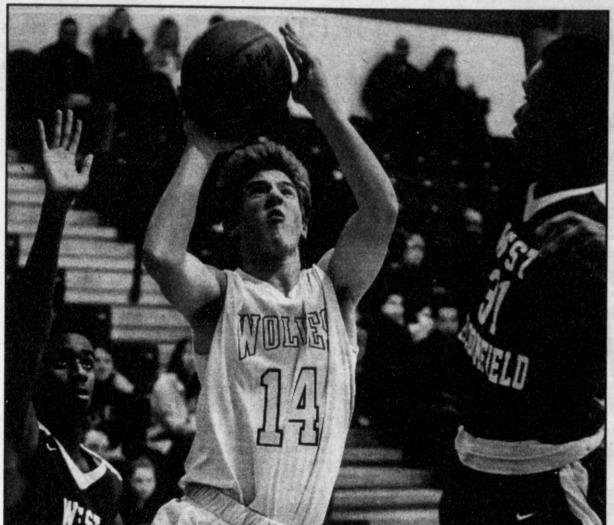
Cole Donchez took his free throw shot with no time left on the scoreboard. It went through to put the game away against West Bloomfield on Jan. 31.

The one point stopped the Lakers from their tenth consecutive win as the Clarkston Boys Freshman Basketball team won the game, 41-40. Donchez led the team with 18 points. Jaiden Wasilk added 14 points.

The boys head to Troy Athens this Thursday and head to North Farmington next Tuesday. They are back home when they host Southfield Arts & Technology, Feb. 17, 6 p.m.



Sophomore Taylor Currie lines up for a free throw shot during the first half against West Bloomfield, Jan. 31. Photo by Larry Wright



GOING FOR TWO: Hayden Temple shoots through West Bloomfield's defenders in the Clarkston Boys Freshman Basketball win, Jan. 31. Photo by Larry Wright

Bowlers set personal bests

The Wolves finished sixth place during the Swami Motor City Team Challenge on Saturday.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team qualified for sixth and played until they were eliminated in the quarterfinal

Drew Sagowitz led the team with game of 203, 236, 206 for a 645 series. Sean Furness bowled games 204, 197 and 205 for a 606 series. Ryan Little bowled a 276 game for the day.

The JV Boys team qualified for second and were also eliminated during the quarterfinal round. Leo Chasse finished in second as he rolled games of 232 and 245 in a 653 series.

Kyle Hancsak; 211 from Josh Morgan; 201 from Jacob Corey; 198 from Drew Clayton; and 196 from Emerson Stuver.

The girls varsity team finished in eighth place during the Swami Motor City. Hannah Turk led the team with a game high of 234 and a high series of 579. Other highlights included: Hannah Allen bowled her best game so far this season with a 202; Ashley Elinski bowled her personal best game of 193 and had a high series of 503; and Kayla Yenshaw had a 221 game.

The Clarkston Boys JV Bowling team won their second tournament this time winning the Ladywood JV tournament, Jan. 28.

Kyle Hancsak won the singles event with games of 224, 223 and 193 for a 640 series.

Jacob Corey also finished All-Tournament with a second place finish with his 629 series with games of 194, 223 and 212. Drew Clayton finished in seventh place with a 205 game in a 554 series and Leo Chasse had a 223 game.

The varsity boys team qualified eighth out of 26 teams in the Tri-County Baker Tournament and finished in a tie for fifth place, Jan. 28 They defeated Farmington Harrison in the first round. Then, moved on to lose to Oxford in a close match. The girls team finished in 19th place

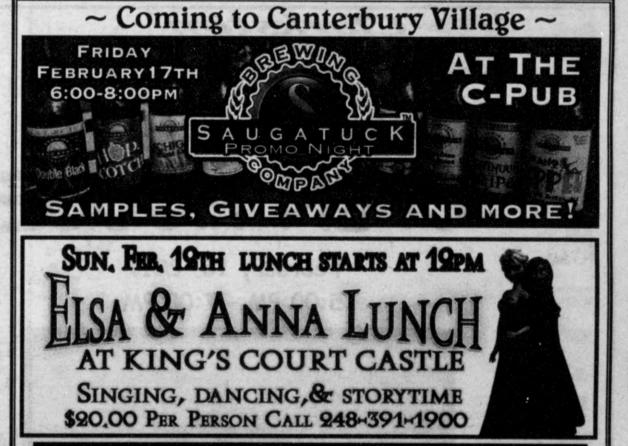
The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling Other high games included a 235 from team lost to Oxford on Jan. 23, 25-5. Hannah Turk led the team with a game high of 246. The team high series was 394 for the night. Kayla Yenshaw shot a 186 game.

> All three teams posted wins over Hazel Park on Jan. 24. The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team won, 28-2, and Hannah Allen had a game high of 192.

> The boys varsity team defeated Hazel Park,, 20-10. Jake Phelps led the team with a high game score of 217. Little and Sagowitz each had 212 games. Justin Evans had a 191 game.

> The JV team also defeated Hazel Park, 27-3. Hancsak bowled a 450 series with games of 249 and 201. Chasse had a 200 game.







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Action on the ice

Icers posted two losses last week against Royal Oak and Bay Area Reps.

They opened the week hosting Royal Oak on Thursday during a 9-1 loss.

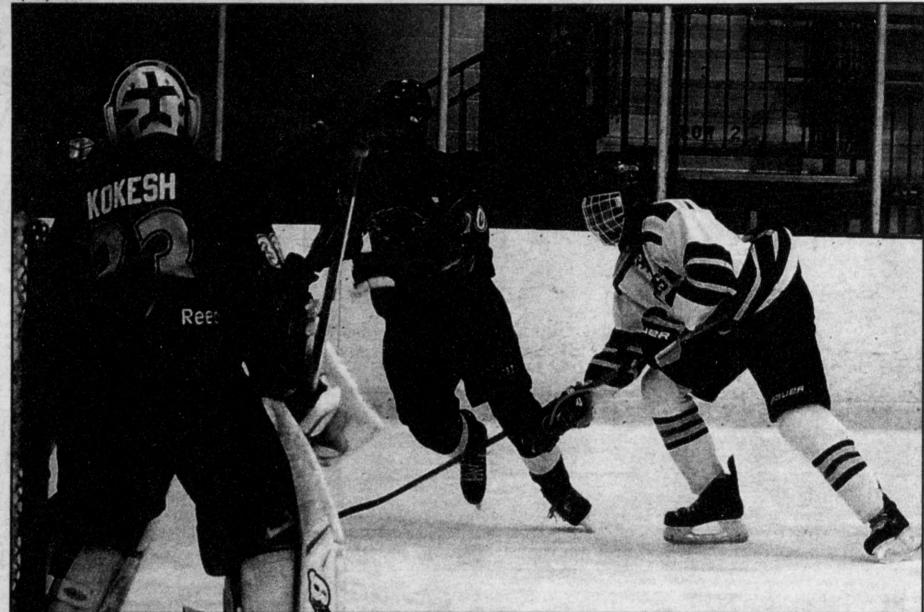
Junior Brent Bachusz scored the lone goal with 44 seconds remaining in the first period, putting the score 1-2. Sophomore Alex Carlson and junior Gage Stamper assisted on the goal.

Royal Oak scored three goals in a span of a minute halfway through the second period. Bachusz and junior Austin James led in the ten shots on the goal before the period ended with the Ravens in the lead 7-1.

The Wolves celebrated their two seniors Gavyn Eisert and Carson Helsel during the night.

The boys lost to Bay Area Reps during the Fraser tournament on Saturday, 5-1. Jackson Cotter scored the Wolves lone goal in the first period with seven minutes remaining. Bachusz assisted on the goal.

The Wolves host Portage Central this Friday at Detroit Skating Club at 6:30 p.m. They head to Lakeland Ice Arena on Saturday to take on West Bloomfield, 8 p.m.



Danny Milano drives the puck into Royal Oak's territory, Feb. 2. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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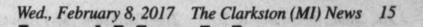
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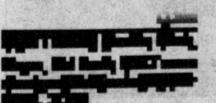
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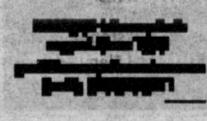
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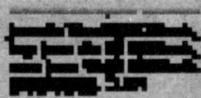
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Cheerleaders head to district meet

The Lady Wolves head to the Brandon Invite at Brandon High School this Saturday as they get ready for the MHSAA Competitive Cheer District meet set for Feb. 18.

The varsity cheer team finished in sixth place at the OAA Red Championship on Saturday.

They finished with a total of 633 points after three rounds. They scored 216.40 during the first round; 180.30 in the second round and 244.30 in the final round.

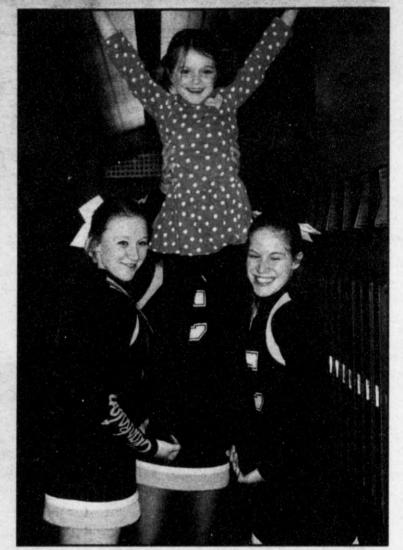
Rochester won the championship with 789.26 points.

The Lady Wolves will see one of their league competitors Lake Orion at the district meet on Feb. 18.

They will also compete against Alpena, Anchor Bay, Carman-Ainsworth, Davison, Grand Blanc, Lapeer, Midland, Oxford, Port Huron, Romeo, Saginaw Heritage and Swartz Creek.

The top four teams move on the the regional competition.

The district meet begins at 10 a.m. at Lake Orion High School.



Clarkston High School cheerleaders taught some cheer moves to winter carnival goers at Independence Elementary School, Jan. 27. Photo by Jessica Steeley



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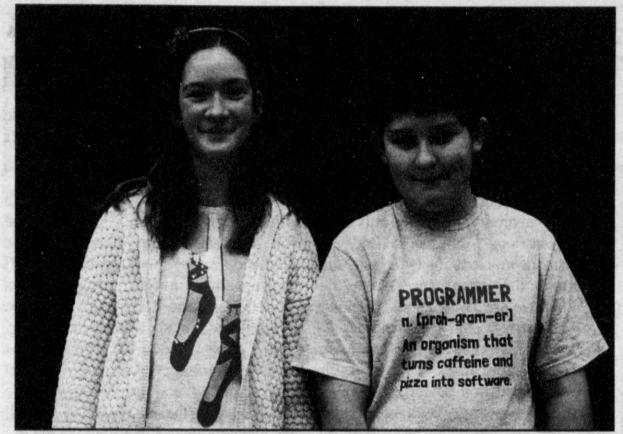
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Brooke Cousins and Aaron Palardy of Clarkston will be appearing in Marist Academy's upcoming production of Peter Pan JR. Photos provided

Peter Pan JR on stage

Notre Dame Theatre presents Marist Academy's Peter Pan JR., Friday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., all at Lake Orion High School, 495 E. Scripps Road, Lake Orion.

Clarkston residents in the cast or crew include Brooke Cousins, Aaron Palardy, Gavin Hanigan and Julia Spadafora. Notre Dame Prep junior Alex Cousins is one of the show's student directors.

Based on J.M. Barrie's classic tale and featuring an unforgettable score by Morris "Moose" Charlap and Jule Styne with lyrics by Carolyn Leigh, Betty Comden and Adolph Green. Peter Pan is one of the most beloved family favorites of all time. This high-flying Tony Award-winning musical has been performed around the world for 60 years.

Peter and his mischievous fairy sidekick, Tinkerbell, visit the nursery of the Darling children late one night and with a sprinkle of pixie dust begin a magical journey across the stars none of them will ever forget. In the adventure of a lifetime, the travelers come face to face with a ticking crocodile, a fierce Indian tribe, a band of bungling pirates and

Marist students rehearse a scene from their upcoming show.

the villainous Captain Hook.

Featuring the songs, "I'm Flying," "I've Gotta Crow," "I Won't Grow Up," and "Never Never Land," and a rousing adventure, Peter Pan JR. is a show for the whole family.

Tickets are available in advance at www.showtix4u.com or at the door.



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

 bulging veins •restless legs aching, throbbing, cramping

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



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In adversity, check the accuracy of our thinking

This month, our community will commence its Well Being Campaign.

This will include a variety of business, health, education, civic, government, and parent leaders coming together to discuss what it means for a child to be socially, emotionally, and physically well and the structures we have or can put in place to ensure the well-being of every child.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating.

We invite all community members to take part in an associated book study of The Resilience Factor by Karen Reivich and Andrew Shatte. Electronic and print copies are available at the Clarkston Independence District Library.

The "success first, happiness second" formula with which many of us live our lives is broken, according to the author of the book, The Happiness Advantage, Shawn Achor.

In fact, "More than a decade of groundbreaking research has proven in no uncertain terms that the relationship between success and happiness works the other way around.... Happiness is the precursor to success, not merely the

result. And that happiness and optimism actually fuel performance and achievement."

"Cultivating positive brains makes us more motivated, efficient, resilient, creative, and productive, Words from drives the Sup't which

performance upward." In the book, The Resilience Factor, the authors conclude that, "Thinking styles determine people's resilience and that resilience determines how well they do in life.



number one roadblock to resilience is not genetics, not childhood experiences, not a lack of opportunity or wealth. The principal obstacle to tapping into our inner strength lies with our cognitive style, the ways of looking at the world and interpreting events that every one of us develops from childhood."

What does this mean? When we experience adversity—whether it be another driver cutting us off in traffic, a friend who does not say hello when he walks by, or a note from a boss asking experience a series of explanations outside of our awareness.

We then associate the consequences with the adversity. In reality, it is often the explanations—"how we feel and what we do in the moment of adversity"—that determine the consequences.

When we are aware of our thinking, we can intervene in moments of adversity, suggesting alternative explanations or causes.

We can question ourselves: "Maybe my friend is not angry with me. Perhaps he didn't see me when he walked by. Maybe he was distracted by something else. I haven't done anything that I can think of to make him mad. Maybe I should check with him to make sure my thinking is accurate."

By checking the accuracy of our thinking in moments of adversity, being thoughtful with the language we use when we correct our children, and modeling this type of thinking in our own explanations, we can better manage stress and anxiety.

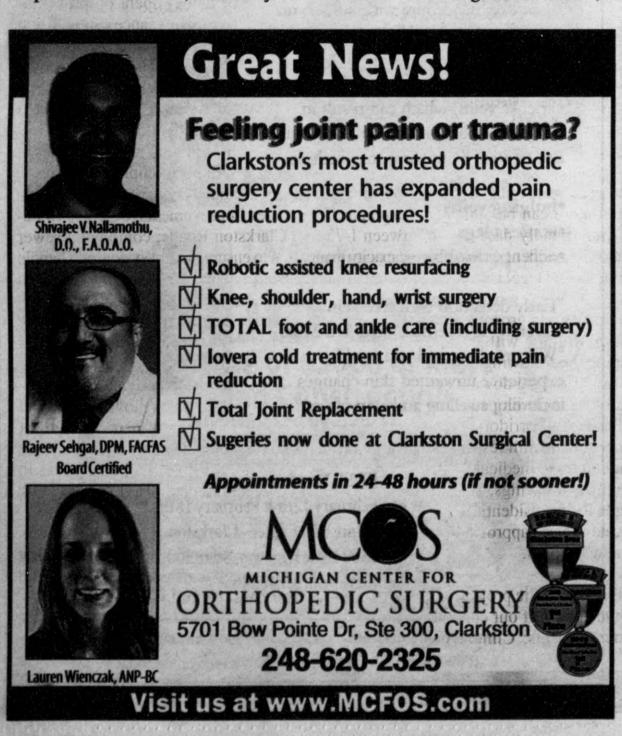
In the process, we can enhance the for a meeting without reason—we well-being of every child in our community.

> On Feb. 16, 17, and 18 at 7 p.m., with matinee performances at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18-19, the Clarkston High School Drama Club will present our annual musical, "Les Misérables-School Edition" by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg. You may secure tickets www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/ clarkstonhigh/ and use the promo code 1832. By using the online service you will receive your tickets in a PDF via email.

> I can assure you with 100 percent accuracy your physical, emotional, and social health will improve by attending one of these performances.

> Our theater, choir, orchestra, and band students have achieved statewide recognition and outstanding scholarships to college. You do not want to miss seeing them perform.

Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools





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2017 Supervisor Goals and Objectives

By Patrick Kittle, Supervisor

Last month I reported on how I measured up on my 2016 goals and objectives. And while I wish I had a C+ my first term in college, one always has to strive to improve, especially in public service using public funds. Again focusing on deliverables, here are my priorities for 2017.



Township Supervisor **Pat Kittle**

COMMUNICATIONS: Everything starts with being willing and able to communicate news, both good and bad, to the citizens of the community. We will continue to accomplish this objective with monthly Township Times inserts delivered to every address in Independence, holding weekly department head staff meetings to ensure all Township employees are informed of local events, video-taping and broadcasting every Board

(Trustee, Zoning, Planning, Public Access and more) meeting via Independence Television to keep you in the loop, utilizing the survey functionality on the Township website to seek resident input on ideas, and making ourselves available to address Homeowner Association meetings anywhere in the community.

FISCAL: These are your tax dollars. Our goal is to manage this money as good as or better than our own. Creating and living within a three-year budget, continually improving internal cash controls to protect against theft or fraud, creating audit protocols (starting with the DPW) to ensure residents and businesses are being billed fairly and correctly for water and sewer, extending the Corridor Improvement Authority financial contract with Oakland County to ensure the Township collects all eligible funds to finish the Sashabaw improvement plans and finally, evaluating current sewer charges should be modified from a flat fee to a flow-based fee to encourage conservation of resources are just a few of the activities on the radar for 2017.

OPERATIONS: To ensure Township operations are managed as effectively as possible, holding the Township administrative staff to a set of goals and objectives every year will be continued, making sure

every employee is compliant with the Township purchasing policy and bid work to quality contractors, hiring a new Assessor, reviewing and evaluating how businesses are charged for water hook-ups and monthly fees, and moving into the 21st century by creating a document management system whereby the hundreds Park -- rebuild the softball diamonds and Day Camp building, installation of a safety path along Sashabaw between the North and South Independence Oaks County Park; complete engineering study and installation of a safety path along Clintonville between Waldon and Maybee; complete the Brady Lodge electrical sys-

tem; and work with Clarkston Community Arts for placement of work by local artisans and historical kiosks along safety

paths.

We also plan to add Township welcome signs on Dixie Highway.

2017 SUPERVISOR'S SCORE CARD

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-		THE RESERVE		Sec.

- ☐ Clarkston News ☐ Dep't Head Meetings
- ☐ ITV Board Meetings ☐ Launch Web Survey

☐ HOA Townhall Meetings

- **Fiscal** 3 Year Budget Plan ☐ Internal Cash Controls
- DPW Audit Protocol CIA Extension
- ☐ Hire New Assessor ☐ Flow vs Fixed Sewer Study

Operations

REU Water Evaluation ☐ Document Mgt Decision

☐ Director Evaluations

☐ Bidding Twp Services

MISSION STATEMENT

TO PROVIDE THE "BEST SERVICES" AT THE "LOWEST COST" TO ENCOURGE BOTH CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS TO WANT TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY & INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Economic Growth

- ☐ Sashabaw Corridor
- ☐ North Dixie Corridor ☐ Medical Expansion
- ☐ Eagle Ridge Homes ☐ McLaren Hospital
- Community ☐ Softball Diamond Rebuild O Day Camp Rebuild
- ☐ Brady Lodge Electrical Art in the Street
- Infrastructure
- DPW Garage
- ☐ N.Sash. Road/Sewer Plan ☐ Sashabaw / Clintonville SP's ☐ Sewer Capacity Evaluation
 - ☐ Lakeview Columbarium ☐ Qtrly. VOC Water Testing

and hundreds of boxes of old documents, plans, statements, letters, blue prints and more can be optically scanned and placed into a user friendly database to minimize retrieval time to address resident questions, Freedom of Information Requests and legal issues.

ECONOMIC: To help diversify and grow the current tax base for the Township, working with owners and developers toward bringing the following private projects to fruition is a priority: Locking down plans and projects for the 200 acres of undeveloped commercial property along the Sashabaw corridor; beginning construction of the Encore at Deerhill residential community; breaking ground on three medical facilities -- Wellbridge, Siena and Vista Springs; starting Phase One models of the Eagle Ridge residential community; and securing Certificate of Need approval from the state legislature for the new hospital.

COMMUNITY: The following public projects are being proposed to broaden the appeal of our community and enrich the lives of our residents: Clintonville **INFRASTRUCTURE:**

Just like your home, a little bit of money spent on preventative maintenance can save you a ton of money from a catastrophic failure down the road. Projects include: complete a DPW vehicle / special tool storage building to keep vehicles out of inclement weather; complete a sewer en-

gineering plan and roadway widening engineering plan to prepare for planned improvements to Sashabaw between I-75 and Clarkston Roads; complete a sewer capacity evaluation to ensure current system can handle future growth; design and install new columbariums at Lakeside Cemetery to meet changing needs of the community; and complete water testing for all community wellheads above state requirements on a quarterly basis to ensure safe drinking water.

Trying to manage a Township as dynamic as Independence Township, with as many moving parts that are currently in the works, means there are a lot of important tasks not mentioned on this sheet. I did try to incorporate a cross-cut between all disciplines to present a fairly equal representation as to what I think are key projects.

I will keep you posted throughout the year as more information becomes available. If you see something I missed or would like me to investigate, please send me a note at Supervisor@IndTwp.com.

My taxes went up how much?

From the Assessing Department

It's that the time of year again when property owners start receiving their official Assessment Change Notice from the Township. You'll know it's your Assessment Change Notice because it will state "This is not a tax bill" across the top. This notice will show you both the new Assessed Value and Taxable Value for your property for 2017. The notice will also highlight what your increase or decrease in taxes will be. When you are reviewing this document there are two key areas to pay attention to. The first is the Assessed Value, which is about 50% of market value. The second is the Taxable Value, which is the number the tax rate is applied to in order to calculate your taxes. Increases in Taxable Value are limited by the rate of inflation or five percent (5%), whichever is lower. For 2017, your property taxes will only go up by the rate of inflation, which was .9% this year, or nine/tenths of one percentage point. The only time this value will be higher than the rate of inflation or 5% is if there was any new construction on your property that wasn't previously assessed or if you just purchased your home in 2016.

For 2017, Independence Township residential values increased four percent (4%) overall based on actual sales data from actual real estate transactions in the community. And here is where the real estate adage "location, location, location" comes into play. Some areas within the Township increased more than four percent (4%), while others saw less than a four percent (4%) change. Just remember, for 2017, your actual taxes are capped at the .9% rate of inflation, unless you recently purchased, no matter how much the Assessed Value went up.

Once you review this change notice, if you have any questions, please stop in at Township Hall or call the Assessing Office at 248-625-8114. We'll be more than happy to review the notice with you. If you disagree with our explanation, you can then ask to make an appointment for the March Board of Review. The dates for these hearings will be March 13, 14, and 15 with the times highlighted on the change notice. The Board of Review consists of three Township residents who are completely independent of the Township Assessing Department who will listen to your issues and evaluate the facts you present. A few things to bring with you to help establish what you believe is the value of your home is a current appraisal or arms-length sales from your neighborhood showing what they are selling for. To help you in this analysis, the Assessing Department has a book of the Township sales located at the counter for your review. This information is also available on the Township website www.IndTwp.com. From the home page under Departments, click on Assessing, 2017 Sales Report, then 2017 Improved Sales Lists by Parcel Number.

Winter Tax Payments Due

By Paul Brown Treasurer

The deadline to pay the winter 2016 taxes is fast

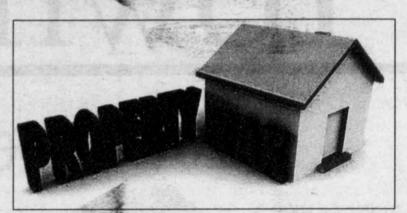


Paul Brown, Township Treasurer

approaching. The last day to pay your winter taxes without penalty is February 14th. We have changed our policy so that U.S. Postal postmarks will be accepted provide we receive the payment no later than February 21, 2017.

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

For residents preparing for their personal income tax



returns, if you need to verify when your taxes were paid, the information is available on the Townships website showing amounts and dates paid. If you need assistance finding this information, we're happy to assist. You can call us at 248-625-5115 or email **Treasurer@IndTwp.com** to request the information via email.

New law means Township can request 45 MPH speed limits on RCOC controlled gravel roads

Condensed from a recent RCOC memo

A package of bills was signed into law January 4 by Michigan Governor Rick Snyder that will allow Independence Township to request the Road Commission of Oakland County (RCOC) to lower the speed limit on gravel roads that are currently unposted 55 miles per hour to posted 45 miles per hour.

The state Legislature changed the way gravel road speed limits were set in 2006 whereby all gravel road speed limits were determined based on the number of entry points (side streets, driveways, alleys, etc.) within a half mile stretch of road. According to the law, any road segment with less than 30 entry points per half mile was required to be unposted 55 miles per hour. The new law allows Townships to request the Road Commission change those segments to a posted 45 miles per hour speed limit.

According to the RCOC, if a Township asks to lower the speed limit on an unposted gravel road to 45, the request will be jointly reviewed with the RCOC and the Township. If, after the discussion, both parties believe the change is appropriate, the process will move forward, so long as the *Township* is willing to pay for the cost of creating and installing the new speed limit signs estimated to be at a cost between \$1,000 and \$1,400 per mile. Note: With over 30 miles of gravel roads in Independence, this new speed limit project starts to get expensive — \$30,000 to \$42,000.

The new law also allows communities to request speed limits lower than 45 miles per hour on gravel roads, but requires that the Michigan State Police (MSP) conduct speed studies in those cases, and allows lower speeds only when justified by the studies.

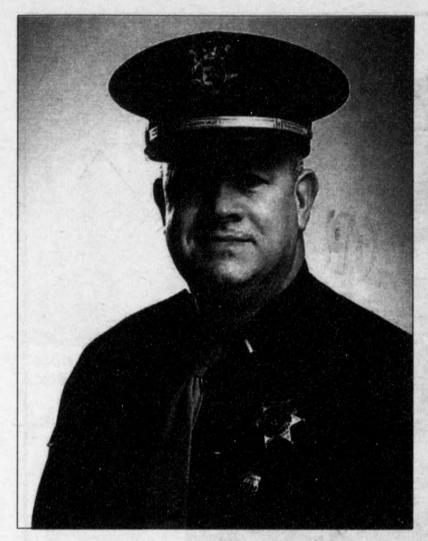
THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN OVERNIGHT:

Because the Michigan State Police have limited staff available to conduct speed studies, it may take a "significant period of time" for a speed study to be completed. (Could be years) And depending on the number of requests for 45 miles per hour gravel road speed limits RCOC receives, the Road Commission says it will take quite a while to create and post all the signs as well.

The Township would like to thank retired State Representative Brad Jacobson for spearheading this initiative. And while changing a speed limit sounds simple, poor coordination will create more headaches than it fixes. For example, speed limits changing every other block is not going to happen. Most folks will want the change, others won't. Who decides? And gravel road conditions — they change almost daily. Right after the road is graded and chloride applied, 50 mph might be the right speed. Probably 20 mph after a hard rain or quick thaw with the potholes and washouts. What's the right speed limit to post? Lots of questions, not a lot of answers right now. This process is going to need a lot of coordination, cooperation and communication from the effected residents living on dirt roads. Other questions that will need to be addressed include:

- What roads need / will be allowed to be changed to 45 mph?
- What about the roads or areas of roads that need a speed limit lower than 45 mph?
- Who will coordinate this change at the neighborhood level?
- At \$1,000 to \$1,400 per mile, how do we pay for it?

As you can imagine, this project is going to have many moving pieces that will need to synch up. To allow us to get started in the right direction, please give us a little time on how to best coordinate this project with the Road Commission. If you have any thoughts on this matter you would like to share, both for or against, please send me an email at gravelroads@indtwp.com. Make sure you provide your name and full address in the body of the note. Promise to keep you posted as we learn more from the Road Commission.



Lt. Larry Perry

There's a new 'Sheriff' in town

By Patrick Kittle, Supervisor

You've probably heard the phrase, "There's a new Sheriff in town." Well, in Independence Township, there really is!

The three, full time elected officials recently interviewed and selected Lt. Larry Perry to replace Lt. Dirk Feneley (who just retired after 40 years of public service). Lt. Perry is a 25-year veteran of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and brings a whole new skill set to our great community.

Lt. Perry is currently responsible for security for the entire court system in Oakland County, as well as being the Co-Commander of the Oakland County Sheriff SWAT team. Prior to his current assignments, Lt. Perry "cut his teeth" in Orion Township as a young Deputy, then transferred to Oxford Township and rose through the ranks to Lieutenant.

During this same time frame, Lt. Perry was also a drill Sergeant/Supervisor at the Oakland County Sheriff Boot Camp - an alternative program for young offenders involved in the criminal justice system.

Married with four children, Lt. Perry is very active in youth sports, with two of his sons currently on college scholarships for wrestling. Lt. Perry officially started his new role as the Independence Sub-Station Commander on January 21st, when his job orienting his replacement for the courts was completed.

We interviewed some really great candidates and selected the best of the best. Lt. Perry will be a tremendous addition to Independence Township, building on the solid foundation created by Lt. Feneley. When you see Lt. Perry in town, please make it a point to introduce yourself and welcome him to our community. We think you will be really impressed. I know we were.

Ask The Inspector:

Proper planning prevents poor performance

By Scott Lenhart

QUESTION: If I am a homeowner, can I draw my own residential construction plans?

The process of producing plans, and the skill of producing them, is referred to as technical drawing.

Typically in architecture these plans could include civil drawings, architectural drawings, structural drawings, mechanical drawings, electrical drawings, and plumbing drawings.

The State of Michigan has a minimum standard that proposed building plans must show in order for the local Building Department to do a full and accurate plan review for the purpose of issuing a building permit. Scott Lenhart If you have the knowledge and skill



to accurately draw a complete set plans that include all aspects of the proposed building, then yes, you can draw your own plans. Unfortunately, the truth is that most people do not possess these skills. And no matter how good you are, the State requires a complete set of professionally drawn architectural

sealed and signed plans for homes 3,500 square feet and larger.

Construction documents include all building plans, specifications, and supporting documents used from application through the completion of a construction project. These documents serve several purposes. First, they help translate the design into a buildable format that can be universally understood within the construction industry. They also provide comprehensive instructions to the contractor as to how the project should be constructed. Submitted plans that do not meet the minimum standard will slow the review process, could require new revised plans to be submitted and will delay the issuance of a permit for several days or weeks.

Michigan Building Code clearly states submitted construction documents shall be of sufficient clarity. to indicate the location, nature, and extent of the work proposed and show in detail the project will conform to the provision of all applicable building codes, relevant laws and state and local ordinances. See the 2015 Michigan Residential Code, Section R106.1.1 for additional information.

CIA Final Phase: North Sashabaw Improvements

By Pat Kittle Supervisor

Hubble, Roth & Clark, the Township's engineering consulting firm, is in the process of creating the design and engineering plans for the final phase of the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) plan. This final phase will consist of widening and rebuilding Sashabaw from Flemings Lake Road to just south of Clarkston Road, to a five lane roadway; installing a new sewer main along the west side of the road; constructing a Safety Path on the east side of the roadway; and repositioning street lights to provide bet-

ter visibility for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic. But now for the really hard part, nailing down the funding model to make this happen.

The list below is a snapshot of known costs at this time. Funding solutions are still being negotiated and is anticipated from the following sources: Federal Safety Fund, State of Michigan Category A Fund, Oakland County Road Commission funds, Oakland County Tri-Party Fund, Township Corridor Improvement Fund and local business contributions. The timing of the construction will probably be in 2019. Will keep you posted as plans and funding firm up.

North Sashabaw Road Improvement Plan

Project Element	Estimated Cost	Source of Funds *
Design & Engineering Plan	\$400,000	50/50 RCOC & Township
Road Construction Costs	\$4,000,000	Feds, State, RCOC, County, CIA, Business
Construction Engineering	\$400,000	TBD
Sewer Costs	\$350,000	Sewer Fund
Safety Path	\$300,000	Safety Path Fund
Lighting	\$200,000	Township General Fund
TOTAL COST	\$5,650,000	* Still work in process



Top 10 reasons to work for Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors!

- Serve your community!
- 2. Discover new opportunities!
- 3. Create memories to last a lifetime!
- 4. Make a difference in the life of a child!
- Learn skills that will enhance and prepare you for future experiences!
- 6. Work outdoors!
- 7. You get to be yourself!
- 8. A one-of-a-kind "unique" experience!
- 9. Meet new friends!
- 10. Work in an Accredited, energizing, team-focused environment!

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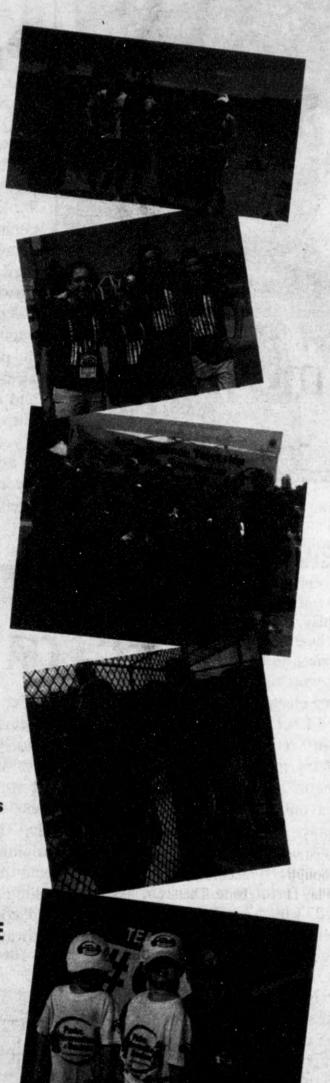
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Fourth graders Sedona Adams, Claire Bessert, Myah Sadowski, Lydia Adams, Audrey heinrich, Madelyn Santos, and Haley Gresham, with their claw machine.

Playtime needed by kids

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school to participate in unstructured play for most of the day.

"It's an international event because kids just don't play enough anymore. We don't unleash their creativity and opportunities to be engaged with other kids in unstructured environments," Gifford said.

Most play students participate in these days is structured, and kids rarely get opportunities to just play and make it up as they go, he added.

"Kids need to experience boredom. They need to be able to figure out how to persevere with their boredom and what could they do to not be bored anymore, as opposed to just using video game or tablets."

This is the third annual Global Play Day and the first year Springfield Plains has participated school wide, Gifford said.

Boston College Researcher and Professor of Psychology Peter Gray did a TedX talk about the negative impacts of kids growing up without enough play, according to the Global School Play Day website. The site also states 277,000 students participated this year and they're already recruiting for next year, with a goal of 500,000 students.

"All the schools can register on the play day website and they're asking people to provide pictures to recognize everybody that's participating in this," Gifford said. "It's really just to raise awareness about the necessity for unstructured play."

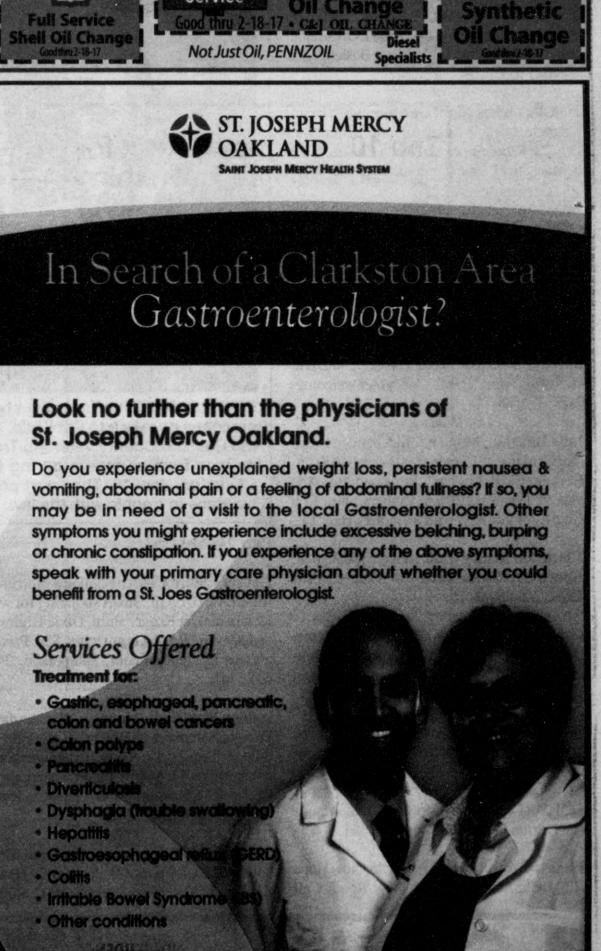


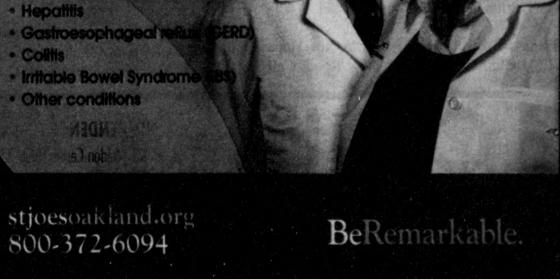
Haley Gresham, fourth grader, with some of her toys.



Kindergartners Jordyn Ashley and Benjamin Davis play with Pokeballs.







Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Feb. 12, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Celebrating Love for our Community, nonprofit 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.

Wild Game Dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 18, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Raffles, drawings, Booze Basket. \$20. 248-625-9912.

Holistic Ladies Night Out, massage, chakra balancing, oracle cards, 6-9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 23. \$20. Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Register, 248-505-8010.

Daytona 500 Fundraiser for O.A.T.S., Offering Alternative Therapy With Smiles, 12-5 p.m., Feb. 26, Bullfrogs Sports Bar & Grill, 2225 M-15 in Ortonville. Silent auction. basket raffles. 20 percent of orders donated to O.A.T.S. 248-620-1775.

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 Semor 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

Around Jown

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



Clarkston Retailers Group members Christina Calka, at left, and Peg Roth present a donation to Pat Kittle, Independence Township supervisor, for the Oakland County Veterans Treatment Court. The group collected donations from shoppers during the Strolling Retro Party in downtown Clarkston, Jan. 16. The court provides treatment and other services to veterans in trouble with the law. Photo by Phil Custodio

Patty, 248-520-3297.

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. 248-625-5143.

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

Meditation Class, Intuitive Exercise, Monday, Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m., \$25, Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Register, 248-505-8010.

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.

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

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

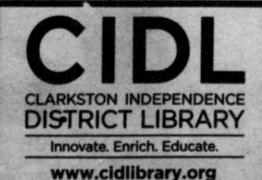
Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, north of I-75, www.clarkstonoptimist.org

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

Please see Around Town on page 29





7 pm

TEEN NIGHT We invite teen performers to play an instrument, sing a song or recite a poem. Registration Required

The second hour will be open to any other performers.

EASY-BAKE OVEN VALENTINE BAKE-OFF!

Tuesday, Feb. 14 6-7 pm Join us this Valentine's Day as teens go head to head in the TUESDA greatest baking challenge yet using everyone's favorite toy. Registration Required

MINUTE TO WIN IT Valentine Edition Saturday, Feb. 11 2-3 pm² On your mark, get set, go! Join us for Valentine Scramble, Heart Relay

and more. Grades 3-6 Registration Required

Family research reveals link to Clarkston founders

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

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Jim Wenger's family roots run deep in Clarkston, all the way back to its founders.

"Our nephew, Mark Martin, who is Charles Bruce Martin's son, likes doing family research - my wife Sharon is Bruce's sister," Wenger said. "As it turns out, I am related to Sarah Clark, the daughter of Jeremiah Clark."

Family stories were passed down by his grandfather, but it took Martin's hard work to make the connection to the Clarks.

"We were talking during Thanksgiving and he said it was something he was looking at. He's very persistent and a very acute researcher," Wenger said. "I've heard stories about my grandfather's family connection to Clarkston, and I've seen a couple references to locations on Washington Street. What Mark has done is amazing, putting the pieces together."

His family tree leads from founder Jeremiah Clark (1760-1845) to his daughter Sarah Clark (1806-1872), granddaughter Emeline Walter (1836-1921), great grandson John Turner Peter Smith (1863-1921), greatgreat grandson Sydney Samuel Smith (1887-1978), great-great-great granddaughter Jaquelin Elizabeth Smith (1915-1995), and finally Jim Wenger, Jeremiah's great-greatgreat-great grandson.

Also, Sydney Smith's mother, Charlotte D. Johnson (1863-1943) is the daughter of Ransom Johnson (1826-1894), and the granddaughter of Clarkston settlers Thomas and Charlotte Johnson.

"It's hard for it to sink in. It makes me proud to have ancestors part of Clarkston's early history," Wenger said. "It's a great legacy. I've made copies for my sons. I want them to understand."

Family research sheds light on who we are, Wenger said.

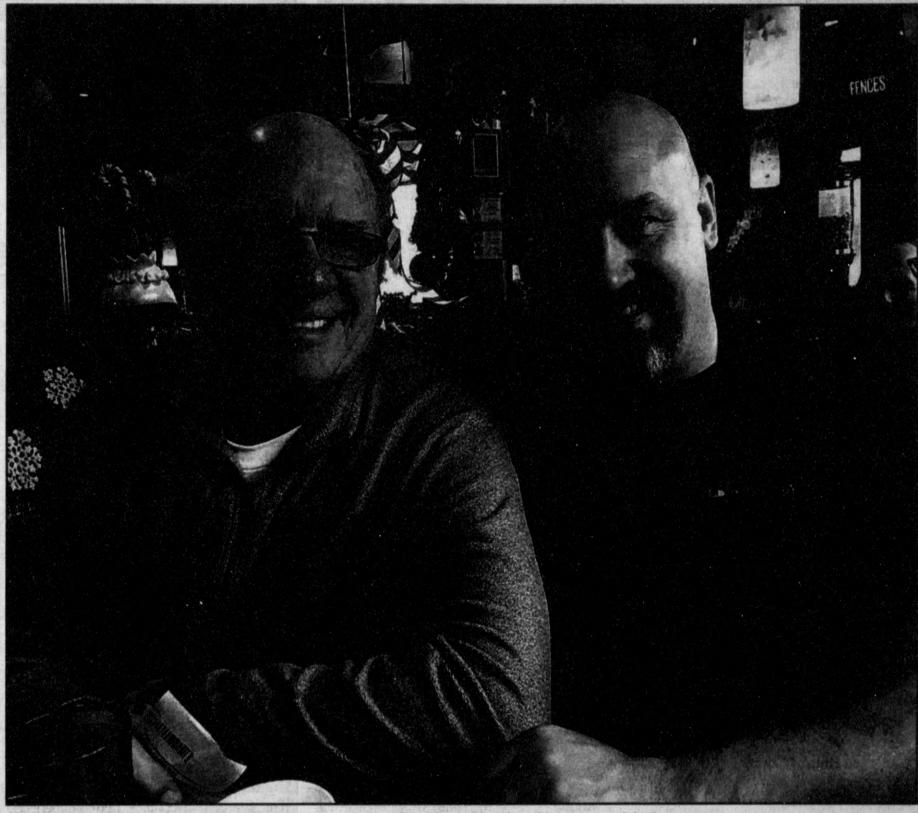
"I grew up knowing my grandfather as he was, but what made him way he was? What was their life like? There's a lot there I'm still digesting," Wenger said. "Everybody wants to have a sense of where they came from. This helps a little bit."

According to records compiled by Martin, Jeremiah and Sarah Clark moved from Connecticut to New York, then Michigan, eventually settling a farm in Independence Township in 1832, where he became the first supervisor and justice of the peace.

Their sons Jeremiah and Nelson Clark were active in the area and the town was named after them.

Sarah Clark married Jacob Walter in 1831. Jacob was one of the first assessors appointed at the first Clarkston town meeting in 1837, and also ran an inn on S. Main Street.

Ransom Johnson owned a farm in



Jim Wenger of Independence Township, at left, with Mark Martin. Photo provided

Independence Township with his wife, Malvina, and their daughters. An article from the Weekly Bill Poster, Aug. 4, 1880, describes a storm in which Ransom's and several neighbors' houses and barns were struck by lightning and burned to the ground.

Emeline Walter was the second wife of Nicholas Napoleon Bonaparte Smith. They married in 1857 and were active in Clarkston.

Nicholas was town clerk in 1857 and 1859, and master of Cedar Lodge #60. He was a merchant and pharmacist, and ran a drug store, Nicholas B. Drugs and Groceries, at 1 E. Washington Street, where the Masonics lodge is located now. In 1865, the Smiths lived at 58 N. Main Street.

Wenger's grandfather Sydney Smith would take him out ice fishing, he remembers.

"He was crusty, but he did lot with us," he said. "My grandmother (Agnes Emma Stover) was more nurturing."

She earned a college degree, something unusual for the time, he said.

"I remember my grandfather tell my grandmother she shouldn't vote - politics must have been crazy," Wenger said.

His father, Otto Wenger, came to America from Switzerland when he was 18 years old. "Through Ellis Island," Jim Wenger said.

Wenger was born and raised in Flint, and moved to Clarkston in 1967 with his wife. He taught at Clarkston High School until 2005, and served as Independence Township treasurer after he retired

"Clarkston was very rural, a lot smaller as a community," he said. "Swimming pools were not even thought of as something in the schools. Public lunchrooms, multi purpose rooms, those came later."

Parents were as supportive as ever, he

"It was a very nice place to teach," he said.

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



Nicholas Napoleon Bonaparte Smith is Jim Wenger's great great grandfather. Photo by Phil Custodio

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8585 Dinie Highwy, Clarkston (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixidebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 9:45 am Worship Service 1:00 am Sunday School for all ages 00 pm Worship Service of 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & un Nibbs Study husery amilable for all services.

FEAT OF STRENGTH: Bruce Par tests his strength with the Ki Striker at the Independence Eli-winter festival. Photo by Jessic

In our local churches...

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

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

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

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

Patricia Helen Ellsworth, 79

Patricia Helen Ellsworth (Miller) of East Tawas passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016, at Hale Creek Manor Assisted Living, at age 79.

Patricia was born on Aug. 28, 1937, in Oakland County to Rudolph and Harriet Miller. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in

Nursing and practiced as a Registered Nurse for 20 years at Crittenton Hospital in Rochester Hills.

In 1999, Patricia decided to step away from the workforce and enjoy her retirement years.

She married David L.

Ellsworth on May 21, 1976, in Oakland County and together they celebrated 40 beautiful years of marriage.

She will always be remembered for her love of gardening and just being outdoors.

Patricia is survived by her loving husband, David Ellsworth of East Tawas; mother of Kevin (Debra) Michaels of Ann Arbor, Brian (Karla) Michaels of Bloomfield, Colorado, and Susan Michaels of Sterling Heights; grandma of Ryan, Lindsey and Luna Michaels; sister of Mike (Sherry) Miller of Metamora, Rudolph Miller, Ed (Jacky) Miller of Lapeer and Frances Collier of Metamora; step mother of Suzanne (Brian) Frazier, Charity Iren (Bryan) Hill and Laura (Tim) Nestell; also survived by her very special long-time friend, Constance Dombro of East Tawas. Patricia is preceded in death by her parents, Harriet and Rudolph Miller.

Per her wishes, cremation has taken place and her family will have a memorial service to celebrate her life on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017, at 3 p.m. at the Lewis Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, with visitation beginning at 2 p.m. Interment will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Those wishing to express their sympathy through a memorial contribution are encouraged to give to the Intelicare Hospice at 441 S. Main Street, Standish, MI 48658 or the Iosco County Animal Shelter at 3881 West M-55, Tawas City, MI. 48763. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

John Moffat, 87

John A. Moffat of Waterford passed away Feb. 3, 2017, at age 87.

He was the loving husband of Nancy for 56 years; beloved father of Nancy (Mike) Fijal; step-father of Shannon (Jim) Williams, Kristen (Don) Tottingham, Kevin (Annette) Riley and Michael Riley; grandfather of seven and great grandfather of one.



John retired from the Waterford Public Schools as Athletic Director and coach for Waterford Kettering and Waterford Township High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict as a canine military trainer.

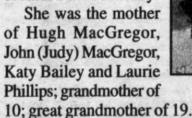
Funeral Service was Feb. 7 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to K 9s for Warriors. Online Guestbook www.wint funeralhome.com.

Marjorie Herman, 88

Marjorie (Marg) Jean Herman of Clarkston passed away Feb. 1, 2017, at age 88.

She was preceded in death by her first

husband John MacGregor and her second husband Charles Herman, her daughter Karen MacGregor and her brother David Mackey.



Marjorie was a postal clerk in Birmingham. She was an avid card player, enjoyed crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. In her early life she enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Memorial Service was Feb. 4 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Davis, 83

Margaret I. Davis of Clarkston passed away Feb. 5, 2017, at age 83.

She was the wife of Earle Davis, D.V.M.; mother of Brian (Ranette) Davis, Kimberly (Jerry) Stone and Guy (Rosemary) Davis; nana of Cory (Charles), Amber, Alana and Alan; great nana of three; sister of Roy (Charlotte) Hutchinson preceded in death by



her parents, Herbert and Gladys Hutchinson and siblings Madeline, Phyllis, Juanita, and Delores.

Prior to retirement, Margaret worked with her husband at their clinic, Clarkston Veterinary Clinic and as a telephone operator at Michigan Bell. She enjoyed ballroom dancing, tennis and gardening.

Friends may visit at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Thursday, 5-7 p.m. Funeral service Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Friday, 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Barbara J. Robins, 83

Barbara J. Robins of Clarkston passed away suddenly Feb. 1, 2017, at age 83.

She was the mother of Jackie (Craig) Richardson and Linda Wolff; grandma of Terry (Jodi) Heard, Deanna Sutherland, Lindsey (Nick) Abney and Danielle (Jimmy) Glasgow; great grandma of seven and great great



granddaughter; mother in law of Polly Heard; step mother of Steve Robbins; preceded in death by her husband Philip, son Terry Heard, stepdaughter Brenda Robins and brother Ronald Laing.

Barb enjoyed crafting and was talented at crocheting. She was active with the Ladies VFW Auxiliary in Millersburg.

Funeral service was Feb. 7 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. In honor of her love for animals, any donations may be made to Canine Companions Rescue Center. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Gail M (Erickson) Selvala, 78, a long time former resident of Clarkston, passed away

peacefully at the Avow Hospice Georgeson House in Naples, Fla., on Jan. 27, 2017, after a courageous 10 month battle with cancer.

Gail was born in Three Rivers, Mich., to parents Wilbur Edward Erickson and Vivian Maxine (Garter)



Erickson. She was predeceased by her parents and brother Kurt Erickson.

Gail was known for a warm engaging smile that helped people she met feel they had been friends for years.

At the age of 17 she enrolled in Michigan's School of Nursing where she earned a BSN in 1960.

Late in the first semester of her freshman year she met husband to be Richard Lee Selvala. Beginning in their freshman years they attended University of Michigan home football games for over 60 years.

They began their 56 years in Three Rivers on July 23, 1960, after which time theylived in Michigan cities Waterford and Clarkston prior to retirement followed by seasonal residences in northern Michigan towns Goodhart and Cross Village, with a winter residence in Naples, Fla.

Gail was a school nurse for 30 years in Pontiac, Mich., where husband Richard grews up and started his 37 year career with General Motors.

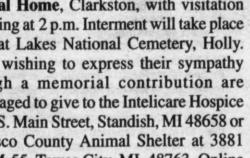
Gail belonged to Michigan golf clubs Warwick Hills, in Grand Blanc, and Birchwood Farms in Harbor Springs and Naples, Fla., clubs Cedar Hammock and Naples Heritage.

Gail was a prolific reader with extraordinary recall of the books and authors of her readings. She also was a serious bridge playerwith groups in both Michigan and Florida. She was one of great faith and was the president of the council for 16 years at Redpath Church in Cross Village, Mich., and a member of Michigan Lutheran church choirs in Auburn Hills and Clarkston and most recently at Emmanuel Lutheran in Naples, Fla.

She is survived by husband Richard of Naples and Cross Village, son Richard (Rick) Selvala Jr. andwife Kristinof New Canaan, Conn.; daughter Amy Grohe and husband Markof Hinsdale, Illinois; daughter Allison White and husband Arthurof Dacula, Ga., and brother Ross and wife Laurie of Redwood City, Calif., nine grandchildren, and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces.

There will be a memorial service at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Naples, Fla., at 2 p.m. on March 31, 2017, and a celebration of life in July 2017 in Harbor Springs, Mich.In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Avow Hospice in Naples, Fla., or the University of Michigan School of Nursing Scholarship Fund.





Racing fundraiser for O.A.T.S.

Watch the NASCAR Daytona 500 Great American Race, 12-5 p.m., Feb. 26, at Bullfrogs Sports Bar & Grill, 2225 M-15 in Ortonville, and help out O.A.T.S., Offering Alternative Therapy With Smiles.

O.A.T.S. is a local non-profit group providing therapeutic horseback riding for the disabled. Proceeds will benefit O.A.T.S.' new Farm-Ability program, which offers education and vocational

training for sustainable jobs for the special needs community, including U.S. wounded veterans.

"From 100 degree to below freezing days, O.A.T.S. Farm-Ability will provide the community with farm fresh products and services, and by the way, they will be offering all of them with smiles," said volunteer Jennie Hanzel. To learn more, visit www.oatshrh.org or call 248-620-1775.

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know **CLARKSTON SCHOOLS**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2016 BOND PROJECTS – BID PACKAGE 1

The Clarkston Community Schools' Board of Education will receive firm prime contractor bids to provide site work, playground equipment, underground utility, paving, interior renovations, and secure vestibules including electrical work, glazing, carpentry, mechanical work, masonry, concrete, demolition, plumbing work, and other architectural trades at Springfield Plains Elementary, Bailey Lake Elementary, and Andersonville Elementary within Clarkston Community Schools.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications prepared by GMB Architecture and Engineering of Holland, MI. Documents may be downloaded through Pipeline. If you need assistance downloading them through Pipeline, please contact Shawn Verlinden or Shawn Debo at George W. Auch Company. There will also be one set for review at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, Ph: 248.334.2000, on or after 1:00 pm. Thursday, February 9, 2017.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 4:00 pm, Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Attendees are to meet at the main entry to Andersonville Elementary located at 10350 Andersonville Road, Springfield, MI 48350. A site visit to Springfield Plains Elementary and Bailey Lake Elementary will follow the meeting at Andersonville Elementary.

Each proposal must be submitted in duplicate on the forms furnished by the architect and must be completed in full. The proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder and the project name. Proposals are to be addressed and deliv-

Clarkston Community Schools 2016 Bond Projects Bid Package 1 Attn: Wes Goodman 6389 Clarkston Road

Clarkston, MI 48346 Bids shall be delivered no later than 12:00 pm noon (EST), Tuesday, February 28, 2017 to the location indicated above or to the office of the George W. Auch Company located at 735 S. Paddock St, Pontiac, MI 48341. The Board of Education will not open, consider, nor accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. All late bid proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened.

A bid bond executed by a Treasury listed surety company acceptable to Clarkston Community Schools or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Clarkston Community Schools shall be submitted with each proposal over \$23,417. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Administration Building, located at 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346 starting at 2:00 pm (EST), Febru-

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond by a Treasury listed surety in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

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The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informality or irregularity therein, or to award the contract to other than the low bidder, in its sole discretion. Clarkston Community Schools reserve the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the

Board of Education Clarkston Community Schools

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know **CLARKSTON SCHOOLS**

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2016 BOND PROJECTS -BID PACKAGE 2 - HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS

The Clarkston Community Schools' Board of Education will receive firm prime contractor bids to provide site work, equipment, fencing, electrical work, demolition, underground utility, masonry, asphalt paving, track surfacing, concrete, plumbing work, and a synthetic turf system at Clarkston High School within Clarkston Com-

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> Clarkston Community Schools 2016 Bond Projects Bid Package 2 - High School Athletic Improvements

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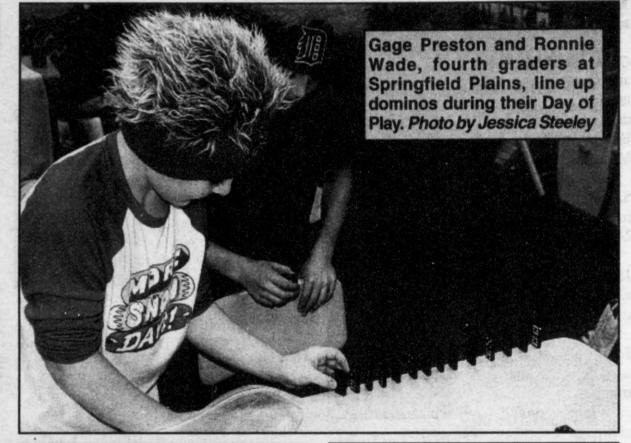
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> **Board of Education** Clarkston Community Schools



PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS** REGULAR MEETING **AGENDA**

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7:00

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

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE

UNITED STATES ROLL CALL:

D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions

require a majority vote of Board Members present. E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

G. NEW BUSINESS:

Case #17-004, Tim Huhtasaari, Petitioner, Requesting: Two (2) variances; 1) A variance from Section 5.06(A)(4) for placement of an accessory structure in front of the principal structure and, 2) A 7.1 foot height variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2, 5011 Whipple Lake Rd., Parcel #08-11-226-020, R-1A Single Family Residential.

Case #17-005, Antonio Craparotta, Petitioner, Requesting: Two (2) total variances; 1) A 20 foot rear yard setback variance and, 2) a 1 foot, 5 inch side yard variance, both from Section 4.06, Table 4.06 in order to construct a new home on an existing nonconforming lot of record, 8735 Lakeview Blvd., Parcel #08-12-376-067, R-1A Single Family Residential.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

 Regular Meeting Minutes of February 1, 2017 DISCUSSION:

J. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

FILE NO: 2016-374, 713-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Clinton Andrae Campbell, Deceased. Date of birth: 4/11/1996 TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Clinton AndraeCampbell, Deased, died December 22, 2016.

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

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 2745 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, Michigan 48328 (248) 682-8800

Fannie Mae Alexander 250 Charles Lane Pontiac, Michigan 48341 (248) 334-1226

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

JANUARY 30, 2017 A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:03 PM at Independence Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given

ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Aliaga, Brown, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by SUS-PENDING the Board of Trustees Special Rules of Procedure for Public Comment for items appearing on the Special Meeting Agenda as follows: Members of the public shall have the opportunity to address the Board limiting their comments to not more than three (3) minutes provided that all comments shall be completed after any presentation and prior to discussion by the Board. Members of the public shall not be permitted to assign their time to any other member of the public to speak on their behalf and/or to any other member of the public who has already spoken on the same topic. Board members shall not respond to members of the public unless a response would serve as a benefit in the decision making process or for the purpose of clarification.
- **BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA ITEMS AS INDICATED IN THE CALL OF THE SPECIAL MEETING:

1. Informational Presentation: Proposed Pine Knob Residential Condominium Development

ITEMS NOT INDICATED IN THE CALL OF THE SPE-**CIAL MEETING - None**

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM

> Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

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Student remembered for spirit

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and Gwayne and the late Linda Burkett; uncle of Sarah, Abigail, Jackson and Harper; nephew of Ken (Alyssa) LaVictoire Jr., Scott Burkett and Terry (Lucie) Burkett; cousin of Madeline, Shelby and Sabra.

Jeffrey was a sixth grade student at Sashabaw Middle School. He was involved in many sports, including soccer for the Michigan Impact Soccer Club.

Along with being a talented soccer player, Jeffrey also played baseball and tennis. He was also experienced in archery and was in training to be a certified scuba diver.

Being the determined person he was, Jeffrey also dominated the area of music. As a student, he studied both piano and the trumpet.

While becoming a skilled pianist, Jeffrey achieved many musical awards for his growing love of music.

Jeffrey was involved with the school's drama club and enjoyed participating in talent shows and theatre workshops. At home, he became highly skilled on the scroll saw and enjoyed woodworking.

He spread that joy by giving his wood

pieces as gifts. He loved the outdoors and riding his bike. From exploring the woods to digging in the dirt, he was always designing, creating, building and turning his imagination into reality. Jeffrey never met a stranger and was a friend to everyone.

Sashabaw Middle School provided a support team of counselors and social workers for students and staff members.

"For those of you who knew Jeffrey, we ask that you remember and celebrate his youthful spirit," said Liz Walker, principal of Sashabaw Middle School. "For those of you who did not know Jeffrey, we ask that you respect our sadness and support us with your understanding. It is very difficult for all of us to face the death of a young person."

In lieu of flower memorials, the family asked donations be made to the Clarkston Community Schools Instrumental Music Program or The Ike & Ella Foundation, a charity to help offset the costs of funerals for children.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. For online guestbook, please go to www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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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-

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.

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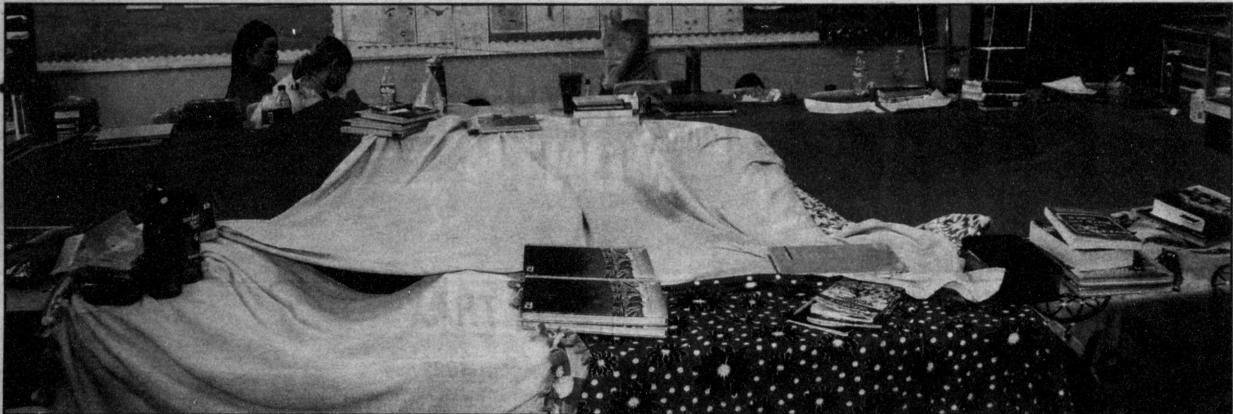


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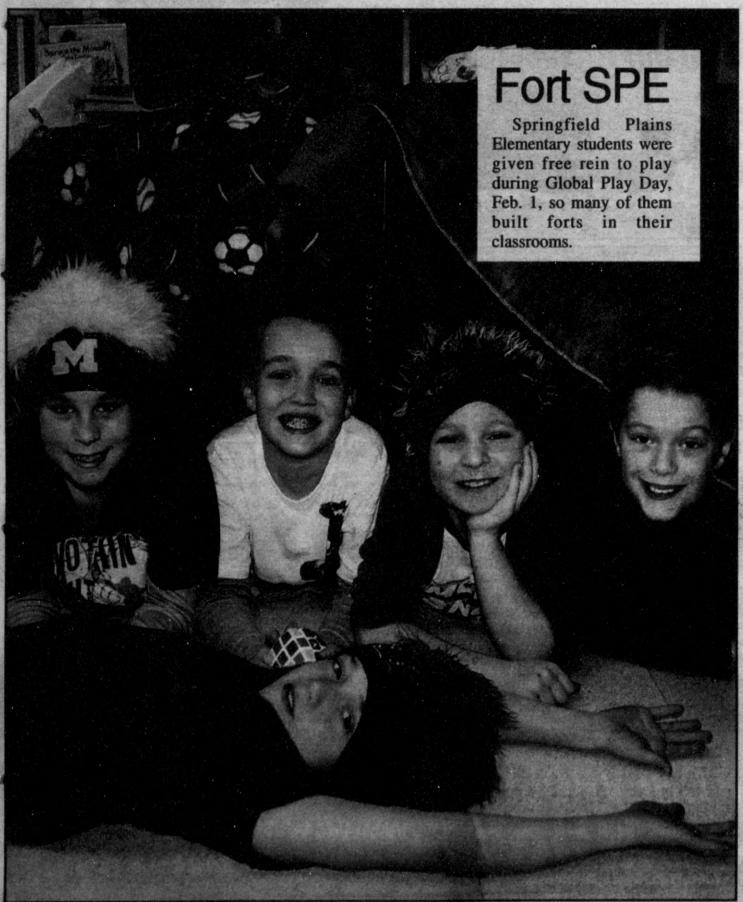
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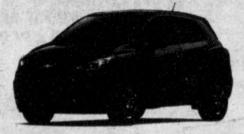




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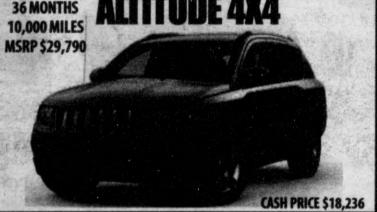
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