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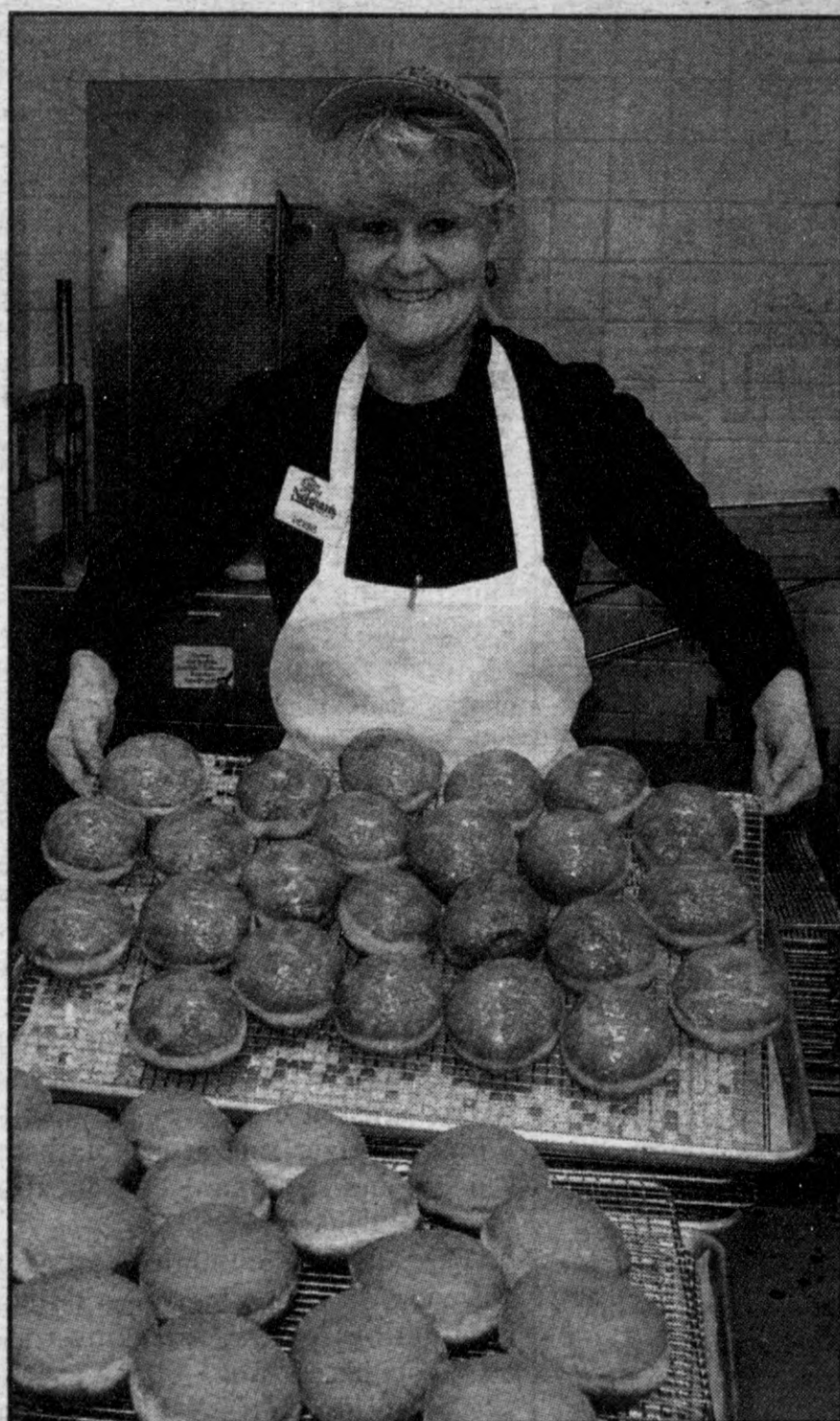
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Rylee Chism has her eyes on some sweet treats. on page 17.



SWEET TREATS: Debbie Stradling, bakery manager at Neiman's Family Market, fries up a batch of paczkis, Monday morning. The bakers will make thousands of the decadent pastries as Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, approaches next week. Varieties include custard, cream, strawberry, cherry, raspberry, prune, lemon, and apple. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Storm the Palace

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Four Clarkston grapplers won spots at the state finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills after success at the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Regional meet this past Saturday.

Senior Jake Calvano and sophomore Conor Donahue placed in second while sophomore Mac Hanselman finished in third and senior Jacob Rygielski took fourth.

"As a coaching staff we are very happy for all four of these wrestlers," said Freddie DeRamus, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Wrestling. "All four of these wrestlers represent the ideals of Clarkston Wrestling. They have all had their up and downs in their young wrestling careers but they bounce back every time."

Next week's trip to the Palace will be the first visit for Calvano and Donahue.

"Both of them have really turned the corner at the end of the season," said DeRamus.

It is a return trip for Hanselman and Rygielski.

"Some wrestlers don't get downstate once. We are very happy for both and hope they can both come back with medals," said DeRamus. "We feel as a staff all four

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Local Pink Panther to stalk Autorama

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

The Pink Panther returns to Cobo Hall in Detroit for the Autorama this weekend.

Denise Myers of Clarkston will bring her hot pink 1971 Dodge Challenger convertible, named the Pink Panther, joining other members of her Michigan Mopar club.

"I thought it was just the coolest car," Myers said. "Our daughter was around 7 when we got it. Since then, we've done parades with the girls in Pink Panther costumes, with the noses, tails, and ears. We've had a lot of fun with it."

It was a customized race car when her husband,

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Denise Myers of Clarkston tools around Mackinac in her pink Dodge Challenger. This weekend, she'll be at Autorama. *Photo provided*



WINTER BREAK: Noah Vogt enjoys the early springlike weather Monday, swinging on the handlebars in Depot Park with his friends. Kids enjoyed the early warm weather this week as temperatures hit 66 degrees in the Detroit area on Sunday, Feb. 19, beating the old record of 64 degrees in 1884, according to the National Weather Service. *Photo by Jessica Steeley*

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Marcy Quas, administration building front desk secretary and HR support, accepts her recognition award from school board President Steve Hyer. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Teachers, staff honored

The Board of Education recognized 21 Clarkston Community School staff members with Winter Employee Recognition Awards and certificates of appreciation, Feb. 13.

The teachers, aides, paraeducators, secretaries, and support staff from the Early Childhood Center to the high school and administration building included:

Jill Haslinger, Kids Connection teacher, Early Childhood Center; **Pat Webb**, Funshine teacher, Early Childhood Center; **Shelly Reitano**, Funshine teacher, Early Childhood Center; **Karen Cardinell**, building aide, Andersonville Elementary; **Grace Topham**, paraeducators, Andersonville Elementary; **Bethany Rocho**, fourth grade teacher, Bailey Lake Elementary; **Leslie Brandenburg**, building aide, Bailey Lake Elementary; **Kylie Krentzin**, speech pathologist, Bailey Lake

Elementary; **Michael Keeler**, physical education teacher, North Sashabaw Elementary; **Michael Walters**, custodian, North Sashabaw Elementary; **Janice Driver**, second grade teacher, Pine Knob Elementary; **Leanna Mazich**, social worker, Pine Knob Elementary; **Kris Simek**, kindergarten teacher, Springfield Plains Elementary; **Susan Joseph**, LRC teacher, Clarkston Junior High School; **Steve Wyckoff**, CTE teacher, Clarkston Junior High School; **Shelby Sharette**, attendance secretary, Clarkston High School; **Teresa Browne**, principal's secretary, Clarkston High School; **Anne Collias**, deputy superintendent's secretary, Administration Building; and **Marcy Quas**, receptionist/human resources assistant, Administration Building.

— Jessica Steeley

\$7.9M fund balance

Clarkston schools' budget will maintain a fund balance of \$7.9 million through the 2019 school year, Executive Director of Business Services Mary Beth Rogers reported to the Board of Education, Feb. 13.

Budget parameters for the 2017/2018 school year include maintaining fund equity, loss of 100 students, benefit increase of two percent, no retirement rate increase, \$100 state funding increase, and continuing Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System offset.

Assumptions for the 2018/2019 school year are the same, except there is no benefit increase.

The estimated fund equity for the 2017-2018 school year is \$7,878,482; and \$7,859,732 for the 2019 year.

Teacher of the year

The Clarkston Foundation will honor K-12 specials teachers in this year's Outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition Program.

Nominees must be certified, full-time Clarkston teachers in music, physical education, art education, special education classroom, or Young 5's, with a minimum of two years teaching experience.

The Teacher of the Year award winner will receive free use of a new Ford car of their choosing for a year, courtesy of The Suburban Collection of Waterford.

Anyone can submit a nomination. Check www.clarkstonfoundation.org and www.clarkston.k12.mi.us for details. Forms are available at all Clarkston schools and the Board of Education office. Deadline is March 31.

The selection committee of local citizens will choose the winner through nomination review, interviews and classroom observation.

The awards ceremony will be on May 24 at 4:30 p.m. at Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

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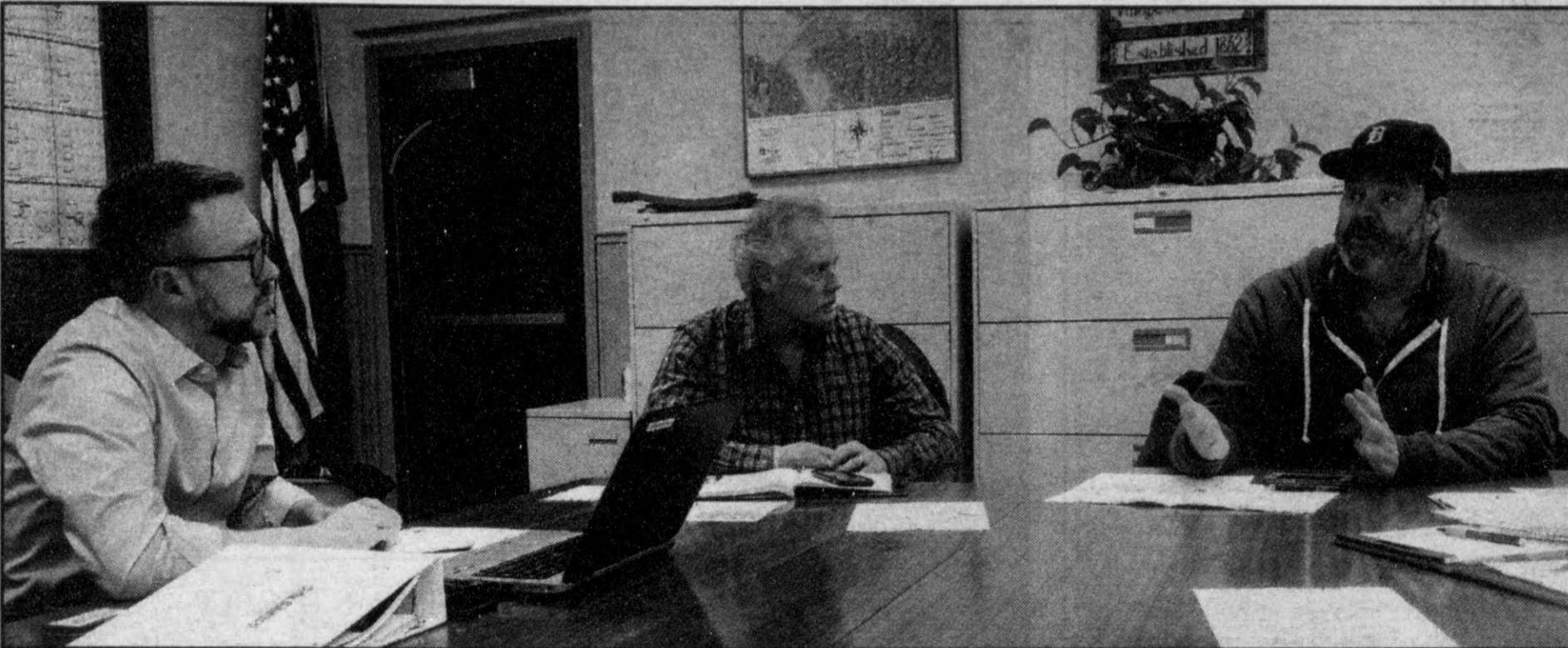
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Parking Committee members, from left, Rick Detkowski, Mike Besch, and Erich Lines discuss options for the city. Photo by Phil Custodio

Parking committee seeks more data

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston's Parking Committee will soon be hitting the streets downtown, collecting their own data on where and when people park.

"Let's find out for ourselves – how many parking spaces are in the city for real," said committee member Erich Lines, at the committee's first meeting, Feb. 15. "We need to take a practical look at what's going on."

A parking survey completed by the Transportation Improvement Association last summer came up with 306 parking spaces, available to the public.

However, the survey didn't include all the parking lots off Main Street with public parking, or Washington and Church streets east of Main Street. This could add more than 100 spaces to the list, the committee said.

The committee, also including City Council member and chair, Rick Detkowski, council member Jason Kneisc, Mike Besch, Jennifer Radcliff, and Kay Pierson, will count spaces and note how many vehicles are parked in them throughout the week, at different times.

Kneisc said the majority of the parking issue seems to be during the day.

"I don't hear people have a problem parking downtown at night," he said. "During the day, I hear it's very different."

Parking is most difficult between 4-7 p.m., when employees are leaving for the day and restaurant patrons are lining up, Radcliff said.

Lines, one of the owners of the Union restaurants, said 6 p.m. is when they are seating the most.

"That's the biggest wave," he said.

Items for action also include talking to Council member David Marsh about reactivating the city's streets committee, reviewing a map of parking lots in the city,

and talking to city engineer Gary Tressel about parking options, such as restriping city-owned parking areas to add more spots.

"Go for the low-hanging fruit first, and find some answers," Radcliff said.

Besch, who lives on Church Street, said they should work to ensure adequate parking for businesses while not disrupting residents.

Lines agreed, calling for them to figure out ways to have harmony for everybody.

Radcliff said her priority is historic preservation.

"It's a really important part of how we maintain our homes, lifestyles, and all the rest of it," she said. "Make sure we keep the protections in place, make sure people understand the value of those protections."

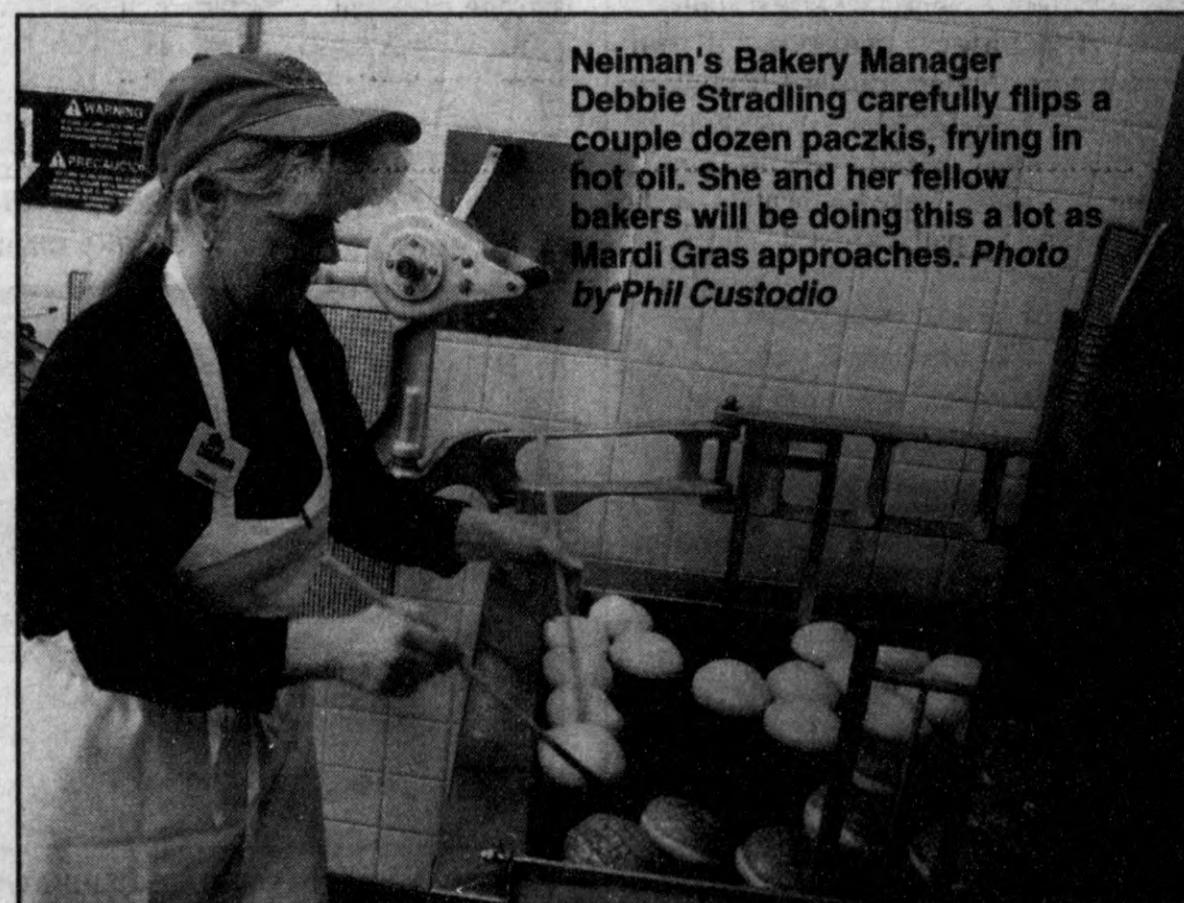
Kneisc's ideas include looking into

technology such as computer apps showing available parking in real time.

Cara Catallo, liaison with the Clarkston Historic District Commission, said wayfinding signs could be used to help patrons find available parking. Ideas also include working with Main Street Oakland County, of which the city is a member, applying for Certified Local Government status, which would allow the city to apply for more grants, and establishing a 501c3 non-profit group for parking, to give residents an opportunity to make donations.

"There's a lot of untapped philanthropy in town," Detkowski said.

At their next meeting, they'll discuss bringing in retailers to discuss the results of their investigation and options for parking.



Neiman's Bakery Manager Debbie Stradling carefully flips a couple dozen paczkis, frying in hot oil. She and her fellow bakers will be doing this a lot as Mardi Gras approaches. Photo by Phil Custodio

Briefly

School admins hired

Lori Banaszak was hired as administrator of technology integration, \$84,244 to start, topping out at \$103,609; and Mary Ellen Roe was approved as the new director of marketing, \$72,899-\$89,656, at the Feb. 13 school board meeting.

Two instructional staff members were also added to the district's shared service program at Auburn Hills Christian and St. Mary's Preparatory School in Orchard Lake.

Support staff added five people as replacements – four paraeducators at Clarkston, Springfield Plains, and North Sashabaw elementaries, and Clarkston High School, and a café helper.

Community awards

Nomination deadline for this year's Clarkston Community Awards is March 10.

Nominations are now open for Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, Adult-Youth Volunteer, Business Person of the Year, Community Beautification/Preservation, Community Enhancement, and Community Collaboration.

The Clarkston Community Awards presentation will be on Tuesday, May 23, at Clarkston Community Church.

Nominations are online at clarkstonchurch.nm-secure.com/clarkston-awards-breakfast. Forms are at Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building, 6389 Clarkston Road.

Conservancy meeting

Jay Blair of the Oakland Conservation District will speak on "Gardening for Pollinators" at the Annual Meeting of North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, Saturday, Feb. 25, from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Hart Center in Davisburg.

Participants will be asked to grow Black-eyed Susans, a nectar species, to help the tiny Poweshiek skipperling butterfly survive in the Davisburg area. Free seeds and potting soil will be available, as well as other displays regarding citizen participation in protecting the environment locally.

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, call 248-795-2808.

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While you can save for a new car, a down payment on a house, or something fun, an emergency fund is strictly for those unexpected things in

life. A flat tire, fewer hours at work or any other sudden expense, so it is important to have a good amount saved up for such occasions. A good rule of thumb is one to three month's rent, or at least \$1,000 for someone just starting out their adult life.

Employment

Even if it is only part time, having steady employment can help teach a college student how to manage responsibilities and priorities as well as give them a little extra money to save or use for fun. They will also receive real world experience in dealing with customers and bosses, even if it is not in their particular field.

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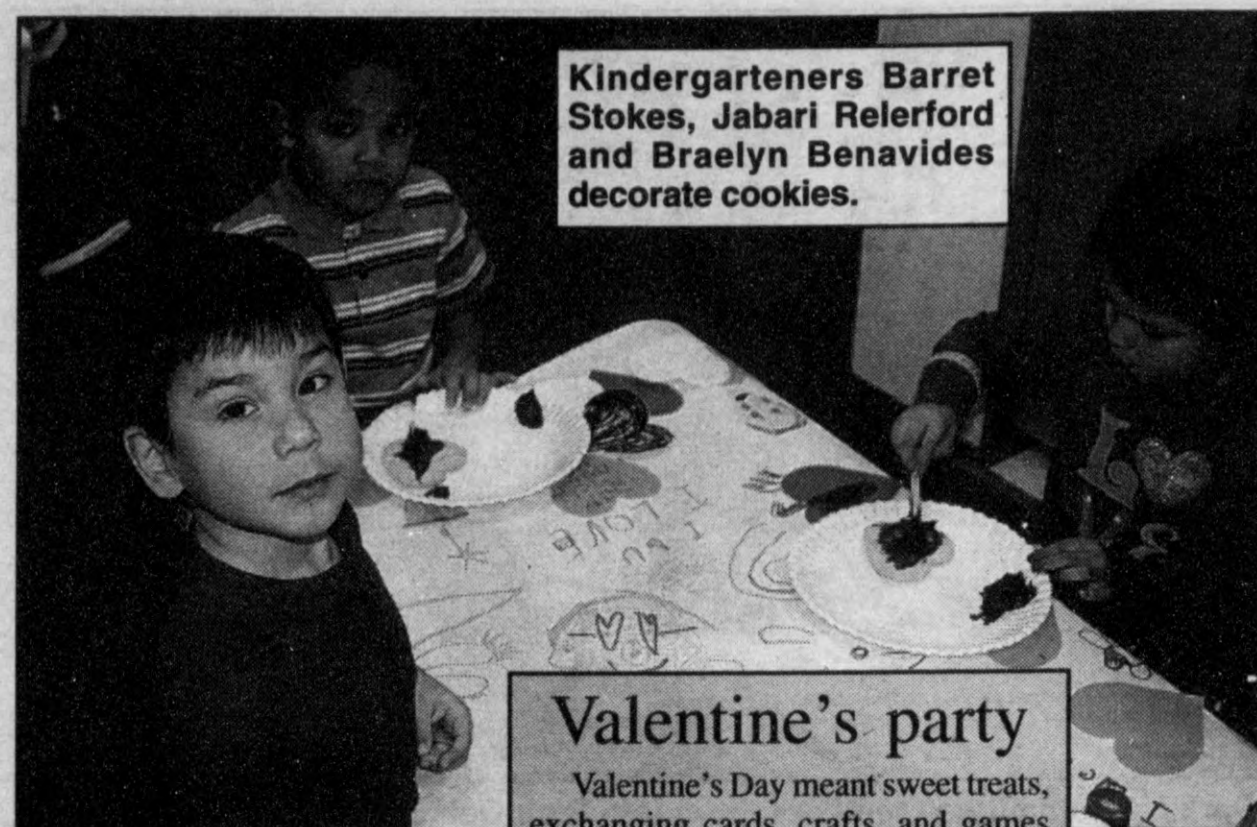
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Members ages 7-11.



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Members ages 12-16.



Kindergarteners Barret Stokes, Jabari Relerford and Braelyn Benavides decorate cookies.

Valentine's party

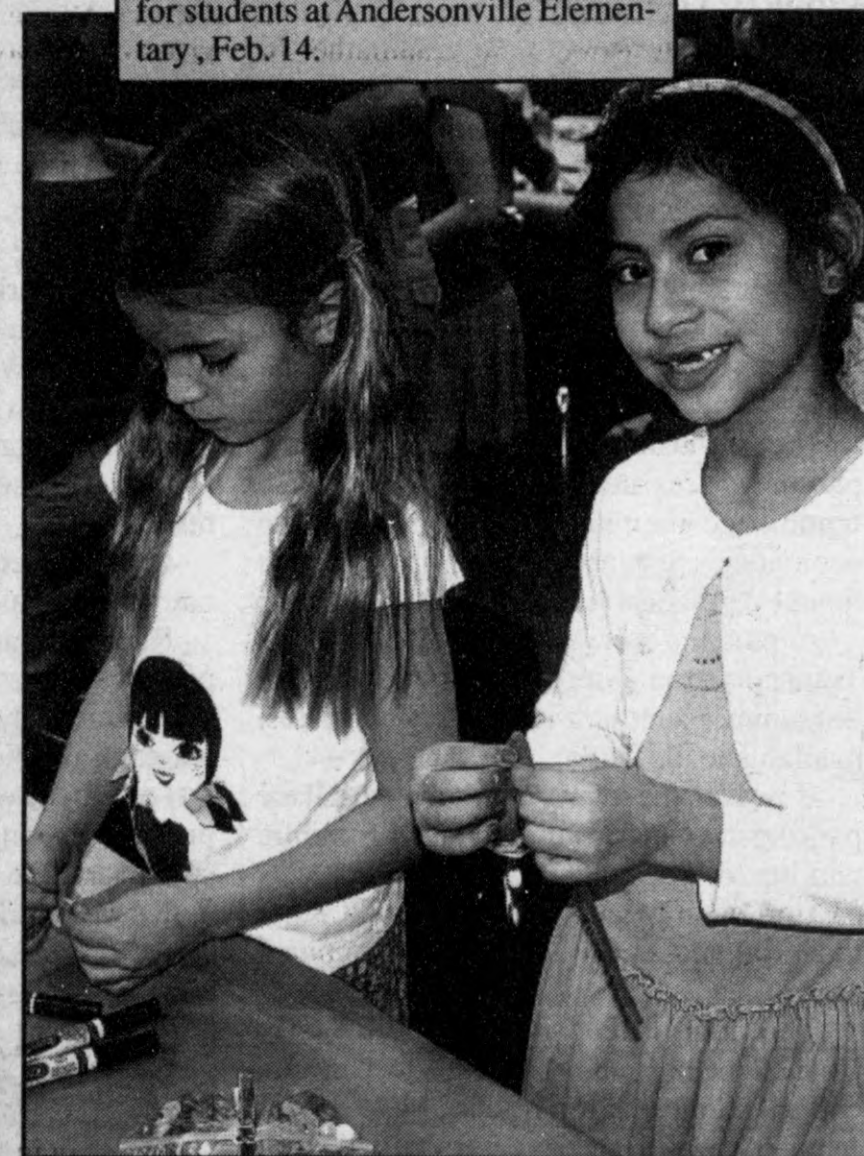
Valentine's Day meant sweet treats, exchanging cards, crafts, and games for students at Andersonville Elementary, Feb. 14.



Second grader Jennah Holcombe, with her Valentine's cardbox.



Fourth grader Liam Schloemp.



First graders Alexandra Walker and Kristen Leaver make cupid arrows.



Third graders Sebastian Truskowski, Cameron Aiken, Aryana Duncan, and Alejandra Reyes play with plastic jumping frogs.

• Death notices & • Obituaries

James Darby, 71

James Michael Darby, "Mike," of Clarkston and Ft. Myers Beach passed away Feb. 15, 2017, at age 71.

He was the loving husband, soulmate and best friend of Darlene for 53 years; preceded in death by his daughter Colleen R. McIntosh; beloved father of Elizabeth (Eric) Morfe and Michelle (Scott) Ross; grandfather of Eric (Megan) and Darby McIntosh, Michael and Nicholas Morfe and Fiona and Tate Ross, great grandfather of Dawson and Landon McIntosh.

Mike served 40 plus years with Detroit Edison and was a volunteer for Independence Township police and fire departments.

A memorial service in Michigan will be held in the spring. Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice (www.Donate.HopeHCS.org). Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Frank N. Lafferty, 67

Frank N. Lafferty of Clarkston passed away Feb. 15, 2017, at age 67.

He was the loving husband of Gloria for 45 years; beloved father of Frank N. Lafferty II, Jeremy (Cori) Lafferty and Joshua (Nicole) Lafferty; proud papa of Brayden, Jayce and Nadaline; brother of Linda (Bo) Mathis, Alice and Karen; preceded in death by his siblings Frederick, Wilma, Jean Helen and Thomas.

Frank retired from Grand Trunk Railroad. He served in the United States Navy.

Frank was a Hall of Fame head wrestling coach for Rochester High School, assistant wrestling coach for Clarkston High School and a special mentor to many.

Funeral Service was Feb. 20 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

**Obituaries posted daily
at Clarkstonnews.com**



Robert Stringer, 100

Robert D. Stringer, "Don," of Clarkston passed away Feb. 17, 2017, at age 100.

He was preceded in death by his wife Elnora and son Duane. He was the loving father of Wendell (Jill) Stringer; proud grandfather of Todd (Dara), Gary, Brent (Sarah), Mark, Scott, Lee (Heather) and Beth; also survived by 12 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; brother of Helen Finkbeiner.

Don retired from General Motors. He served in the United States Army.

Funeral Service Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 12:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. until time of the service. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Margaret B. Ward

Margaret B. Ward, "Bev," of West Bloomfield passed away Feb. 15, 2017.

She was preceded in death by William "Bill", her loving husband of 70 years. She was the beloved mother of Margaret (Jeff) Davis and Bill (Penny) Ward; grandmother of six; great grandmother of nine and great great grandmother of four.

Funeral Service was Feb 18 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association or Wounded Warrior Project. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

Fight bias with facts

During my short career in the newspaper industry, I've realized people don't usually like, or trust, the media. Though *The Clarkston News* doesn't face criticism the likes of CNN or the *New York Post*, we still have our share.

This feeling the public has about news media stems from a lack of knowledge and understanding about media outlets and those journalists and reporters who work for them.

I recall knowing next to nothing about journalism until I started my classes at Michigan State's School of Journalism.

Articles are supposed to report the facts, journalists are supposed to report on everything, and every side of a story, sometimes even an unaffected/uninterested party, should be included.

Nothing is supposed to be biased. However, there are large media sources that lean too far to one side, such as the *Huffington Post* and *Fox News*.

I try to combat fake news and propaganda as much as I can in my personal life, and sometimes other people's lives, so I follow around a dozen news sources. Some are Michigan papers, some are national, some aren't American.

Still, most of what I read isn't completely unbiased, and most of what you read isn't either.

Usually you don't get high-profile unbiased news from a well-known, big name news source, it comes from places like Pew Research Center or the Associated Press. Reading something from *Occupy Democrats* or the *Right Wing News* is probably not trustworthy, factual or good reporting, nor is any source with a clear political bias.

It's the start of people not trusting the media, too many people trust these sites which have a clear bias and then question the media as a whole when they find out that site lied to them. It's why no one should only follow news sources that lean towards one side of the spectrum.

I've found outlets such as NPR and the BBC to be more reputable than most.

I've also heard *The Chicago Tribune* is good, though I don't often read it myself. It's easy to cry wolf and claim the media is too liberal or too conservative, but facts are facts and they can be found if you take the time to research.



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Journalism strongest tool for free speech

Dear Editor,

Recently, Don Rush asked us to comment about the role/value of newspapers, and other news media, in our society.

Perhaps, an excerpt from The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University book published 10 years ago put it best: "The independent media functions as another check and balance on government although it remains unclear which of the roles of the free press — as watch-dog, as civic forum or as agenda-setter — is most important in this relationship. Plausibly, for example, the effectiveness of the press as watch-dogs should have the greatest impact upon stamping out corruption and promoting transparency and freedom of information, while their function in calling atten-

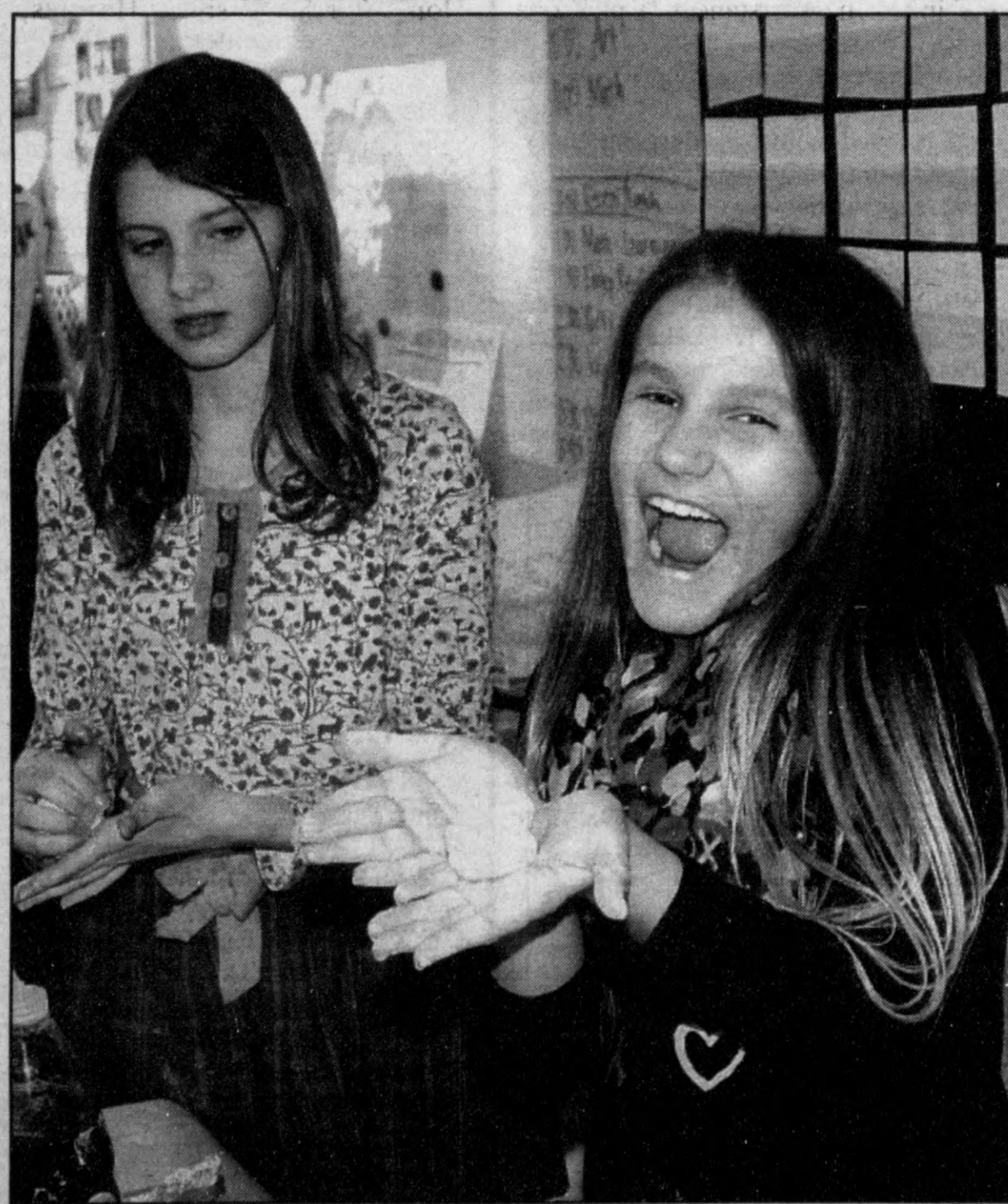
tion to social problems should influence government responsiveness to policy problems."

Some times called the "Fourth Estate," journalism is the strongest tool of free speech we have.

Is it perfect? No. Is anything perfect? No. But it is our independent means of speaking in a voice, or voices, to be heard regardless of political perspective; sometimes, it is the only way to be heard!

But, let us hold journalists to the same high standards we hold the branches of our government: we want openness, honesty and transparency. Our very livelihood - lives - are at stake!

Tom Stone
Clarkston



SMILE OF THE WEEK: Andersonville Elementary fifth graders Hannah Sanderson and Payton Kopp, with their homemade clay during their classroom Valentine's Day party, Feb. 14. Photo by Jessica Steeley

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Clarkston braces for cuts despite more cash" Michigan was still keeping its promise to schools statewide for a per pupil fund increase, but Clarkston Community Schools was still preparing for financial cutbacks.

"Facilities hearing low in numbers, high in support" The Independence Township hearing concerning a proposed \$28 million bond for construction received few voicing opposition as only 40 residents attended the first public hearing to voice their displeasure.

"Clarkston girl chosen to represent modeling agency" Alana Goeringer was chosen to represent Barlbizon-Aero management at the International Model and Talen Association Convention. She was chosen from 400 people and had potential to be "actress of the year" in her group.

25 years ago - 1992

"Still growing" The economic outlook for the Clarkston area looked steady as permit requests in Springfield and Independence townships were slightly lower in 1991 than the previous year.

"Two steppin' it" Oakland County resident Jerry Green walks a group of senior citizens through a Western line dance at the Senior Hootenanny barnyard dance held at Springfield Oaks Activities Center.

"Four advance to individual regionals" Jerry Anderson, Jason Roughton, Nathan Smith finished in first place and Brian Davis finished in third during the MHSAA Wrestling Individual District meet to qualify for regionals for Clarkston.

50 years ago - 1967

"Lease for beach area being prepared by village" Members of the Clarkston Village Council and Independence Township Board of Trustees discussed a lease arrangement for Deer Lake Beach which would be beneficial to residents in the area.

"Receives Jaycee distinguished service award" The second distinguished service award presented by the Clarkston Area Jaycees was given to William Gillow, who was in charge of the Junior Miss contest for the Jaycees. He was a licensed funeral director and employed at Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home.

"Round the town" Karen Temple didn't let a broken leg slow her down as she hobbled around school while Tom Kranish was on crutches with a broken ankle from a skiing accident.

Starting with some humor from Up North

These Jottings first ran on Feb. 21, 2007, with humor, courtesy Porcupine Press' UP Humor Magazine

With all the new technology regarding fertility, a 65-year-old woman gave birth to a baby. When she was discharged from the hospital and went home, her relatives came to visit.

"May we see the baby?" one asked.

"Not yet . . . Soon," said the 65-year-old mother.

Thirty minutes had passed, and another relative asked, "May we see the new baby now?"

"Not yet," said the mother.

After another few minutes elapsed, they asked again, "May we see the baby now?"

"No," replied the mother.

Growing very impatient, they asked, "Well, when CAN we see the baby?"

"WHEN IT CRIES," she told them.

"WHEN IT CRIES?" they demanded.

"Why do we have to wait until it

CRIES?"

"BECAUSE. I forgot where I put it.!"

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Non-humor

Jim's
Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

on his business card.

Ryan says hypnosis can help a person overcome fears, make childbirth painless and improve sports abilities.

I think I can understand how putting a person under a spell can do those six

Not too long ago hypnotist Ryan Hibbert spoke to the Oxford Rotary Club. He's certified hypno-therapist, a title he got through the National Board of Hypnosis, among others.

We all know hypnotists use their skill to help people lose weight, stop smoking and manage stress, but there are a couple more things listed

things, but the seventh listed "help" is breast enhancement.

Ryan offered only this, in his mentions, "Hypnosis can enhance many parts of the body, and that's as far as I'm going with that." Maybe I'll find \$150 or so and get Ryan to tell me more.

It is amazing what he can get a person to do in a very short time. He insists the candidate has to be willing, will be aware and do nothing under a spell that is contrary to their beliefs.

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Lewis Grizzard writes: You know that sign, "No shoes, no shirt, no service?" Does this mean that as long as I have on a shirt and shoes, I can take off my pants and still get a cheeseburger?

My golf partner John Pattrell said if he was graduating from college now, and wanted to stay in Michigan, he'd go into the sign making business, specializing in "Home For Sale" signs. He says, "If people don't have them now, they will

pretty soon."

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I read that members of the computer generation think it's "cool" to put a slash through the number 7. It looks like a capital "F" to uncool me.

Will Rogers said: "It there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went."

You're not a kid any more when you are obsessed with a thermostat. - Jeff Foxworthy

It's funny that women aren't embarrassed when they buy men's pajamas, but a guy purchasing a nightgown acts as though he was making a deal with a dope peddler.

And, finally, the late Art Buchwald said, "Americans are broad-minded people. They'll accept the fact that a person can be an alcoholic, a dope fiend, a wife beater and even a newspaperman, but if a man doesn't drive there's something wrong with him."

Science, math -- ok -- thinking isn't my strength

I never gave much thought to the scientific study of how particular qualities or traits are transmitted from parents to offspring. Deep contemplation on this subject, like most in my realm of existence, doesn't happen often.

It's okay. I know myself. I just kinda roll with the punches and see where I land.

Since I never have given much thought about "me" I came to my own conclusions about "self" in the most Neanderthalistic of ways.

Quite simply, you are who you are, a solitary sentient being, an individual who takes his or her own path through life. Each of us is the minority of all minorities. The minority of One.

I went happily through life thinking things this way: Heredity, schmedity -- especially if you consider that learned folks say each body has between 20,000 and 25,000 genes -- and only a pair from your ma and another from your pa.

From your parental units you "inherit" your nose shape, eye color, skin pigment, whether or not you're prone to something like cancer and a couple of other physical traits. But, the essence of yourself -- that which makes you, Mr. or Mrs. You, has nothing to do with how your DNA stacks up.

I reckon I was happily ignorant until that stupid thought clanged the inside of my head like a clapper inside a bell.

Don't
Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Rats! Genetics are stronger than I first anticipated.

A thought just hit me one day. And, then another and another, different memories along the string of my life started to relate to each other. Never one confused for being a brainiac, I kinda' just figured this out. The clapper hit me as I harkened back to one of those memories, back to those thrilling days of yesteryear at the old Rush homestead in the ghetto's of Clarkston (also known as Independence Township.)

B-O-N-G!

I remembered one of Daddio's 2,874,000 directives given to me when I was but a lad.

"No singing at the dinner table."

And, then whilst eating recently.

B-O-N-G!

I don't know if the link is strong between Pops Rush and myself, or between myself and Number Two son, Sean. But . . . the young man made musically sounds from his mouth recently while we were dining. He hummed something, non-chalantly. I don't think he even knew, or would remember he did it.

B-O-N-G!

I went back and searched my memory. I have had this thought before. Figuratively I moved away the shrouds of time blocking my view of the past and there it was . . . I believe a Sunday dinner, at the table, the boys' mom, Shamus about six or seven eating, talking; Sean, four or five . . .

"No singing at the dinner table," I heard myself say. Crap.

Was it a specific Rush DNA sequencing that has caused Sean to sing and make musical noises at the

dinner table as I used to, or was I genetically predisposed to giving Sean the same what-for my dear old dad gave me upon hearing tunes at the table?

Is it some sort of mind-blowing Karma or merely a coincidence?

* * *

When George Orwell penned his now widely read novel, 1984, in 1949 he wrote of an oppressive, tyrannical government. He affectionately called this governing body, Big Brother.

I, like many, read that book while still in public schools. I don't have a copy of it, but, with today's technology I was able to go on-line and find this quote from the book: "People simply disappeared, always during the night. Your name was removed from the registers, every record of everything you had ever done was wiped out, your onetime existence was denied and then forgotten. You were abolished, annihilated: vaporized was the usual word."

Zip forward to 2017 and boy, how the times are a'changing. Were Orwell just now writing his futuristic nightmare, would Big Brother be a bloated and oppressive government, a puppet government actually run by corrupt corporate types, or by a shadow bureaucracy of intelligence gatherers who can pick and chose who they like or wish to destroy?

Interestingly, that book and other "dystopian" works of fiction are flying off the shelves these days. What does that say?

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Medical achievements

McLaren Heart Rhythm Treatment Center cardiologist **M. Cameron Willoughby**, DO, a specialist in cardiac electrophysiology, is the first physician in Michigan to offer completely fluoroless (no radiation exposure) ablations as a treatment for all types of cardiac arrhythmias.

Affecting more than 3 million Americans each year, cardiac arrhythmia is an interruption of the natural electrical pathways regulating the heartbeat and a symptom of multiple forms of heart diseases.

Responding to the industry-wide movement to limit patients' radiation exposure during procedures, traditional ablations utilized X-ray technology to guide a heart catheter into proper position in order to precisely locate and treat the arrhythmia with an ablation. Ablations cauterize the damaged tissue so it can no longer disrupt the natural electrical pathways of the heart, normalizing function.

Willoughby's procedure utilizes ultrasound and 3D anatomical mapping technologies to create a map of the heart to guide the catheter, allowing it to sense electrical activity.

While there are some practitioners performing some fluoroless ablations for simple arrhythmia, Willoughby is the only physician in Michigan to use this radiation-free 'no-dose' technique to treat all forms of

arrhythmia, including complex catheter ablations.

"This is something on the mind of every electrophysiologist and all physicians—to get as much radiation exposure out of procedures as possible," the doctor said. "Fluoroless ablations achieve this goal, while also providing us with the same—even greater—detail of the heart to ensure optimal placement of the catheter."

For more information, call 586-466-4810.

Barton P. Buxton, EdD, has accepted the position of President and CEO of McLaren Oakland, which also includes administrative responsibilities at McLaren Clarkston.

Assuming the role Feb. 20, 2017, Buxton has served as President and CEO of McLaren Lapeer Region since December 2003.

Prior to joining McLaren, Buxton served as Chief Operating Officer of the 290-bed Crittenton Hospital Medical Center (CHMC) in Rochester, Michigan. During his tenure, he led a turn-around of the community hospital, which included a 9 percent increase in admissions over a two-year period and achieving their highest-ever quality standards score.

He earned his undergraduate degree at Tulane University in New Orleans and a Doctor of Education degree from the University of Virginia.



Willoughby



Buxton

Kidsight screenings

The Clarkston Area Lions offers monthly Kidsight vision screenings every second Saturday at the Clarkston Independence District Library, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Photos are taken of the child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Results are immediate and a report is provided at the screening. The program for children ages 5 months to 17 years is free.

The Lions will also be at several community events including Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Mind Body Green Expo on March 30; Independence Township Parks and Rec programs Kid's Day in the Park on May 6, Baseball Opening Day on June 3, the July 4 Independence Fest, and Tons of Trucks, Aug. 5; as well as the Oakland County Fair, July 7-16.

For more information, check www.clarkstonlions.org.

Community events?

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Community grants

The Clarkston Area Optimists Club offers grants for community organizations and individuals working with children.

Applications are available at ClarkstonOptimist.org, and are due by March 15. Grants will be awarded in April.

The Optimists gave \$50,000 in grants to area organizations and individuals in 2016, and over \$190,000 over the last five years.

For more information, email info@clarkstonoptimists.org or call 248-620-2984.

Girls State applications

Application interviews with Campbell-Richmond Unit 63, American Legion Auxiliary, for Girls State will be on Tuesday, March 14, at 6 p.m.

Girls State for female juniors in high school will be at Michigan State University, from June 18-24. The program teaches young women about government, leadership, management and communication skills.

Applications are available in the school counseling office or contact Amy Laboissonniere 248-892-1203 or adtdsb@gmail.com. More information can be found at www.michalax.org, click on Girls State.

Practical experience in town

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Oakland University Engineering Professor Larry Osentoski wanted his students to experience a municipal project, so he brought them to his hometown of Clarkston.

"I sat down with Pat Kittle, (Independence) Township supervisor, and just brainstormed how the students could come out and help some of the government operations to be a little bit more lean and to help them find some opportunities for improvement in their operation," Osentoski said. "Bringing in some outside eyes with some process background and really just asking people 'what drives you nuts in your job?'"

"There's a million moving pieces when it comes to local municipal governments and it's always exciting to bring in some fresh ideas and new eyes," said Kittle, who hopes the township continues their relationship with Osentoski and his class. "We welcome the opportunity to work with college kids and masters' candidates."

The OU graduate engineering students paired with Independence Township departments for the second year in a row to complete projects improving workplace efficiency. This year, Osentoski's students worked with the fire department and Department of Public Works (DPW).

Fire Chief Mitch Petterson said the students helped the department with vehicle maintenance and repairs by improving visibility and tracking vehicles while they were at repair facilities.

"We've implemented some of those changes, some of those are going to take some time for us to get over to, but it was a good experience, glad to have them,"

Petterson said.

DPW Director David McKee said the project removed redundant and duplicative elements to improve their tracking system and billing process.

"DPW employees retire or leave their position and we lose their knowledge, which means without standard work we start over every time from ground zero. It was great to have outside eyes help our team identify alternative ways to accomplish our work," McKee said.

Preeti Sandhu, Industrial and Systems Engineering graduate student at OU, was in a group of three graduate students who worked with the DPW in the fall of 2016.

"It was a great experience to work with a real-world problem," Sandhu said. "To apply everything to a real-world scenario was very different for us and we applied the lean tools to reach the goal of standardization of work."

The project was very beneficial, Sandhu said, adding it taught teamwork, critical thinking, and how to work in a professional environment.

"There's a lot of the tools in lean teachings and it's not really about the tools, it's how you engage people to solve problems," Osentoski said.

The professor wanted a municipality project to take students out of their manufacturing comfort zone and see how they could apply the same teachings to government and business problems.

"We're always looking for new opportunities," Osentoski said. "We'd love to look at different local businesses and operations that would like some outside eyes to come in and develop some new lean process for them and to work with their employees. We're always looking for new projects."



Independence Township Fire Department's new command vehicle, responding to a fire alarm on Holcomb Road, Feb. 20, with a fire engine and other emergency vehicles. Photo by Phil Custodio

Command truck in action

When a fire alarm went off on Holcomb Road, Monday morning, the Independence Township Fire Department's new command truck was the first fire vehicle at the scene.

There wasn't a fire, but if there was, the truck could have been used to start fighting it. The new command truck, costing \$230,000,

has a water tank for firefighting and the ability to hook up to a fire hydrant, said Fire Chief Mitch Petterson, speaking to the Township Board at their Feb. 7 meeting.

Petterson said those capabilities are particularly useful on the command vehicle because it's often the first truck on a scene, arriving before oncall firefighters arrive at the station and deploy the fire engines.

The fire department will continue with upgrades by replacing some fire engines and selling their older vehicles.

Trooper Grant Huber, a 2012 graduation of Clarkston High School, was one of 28 new Michigan State Police Troopers reporting for work at posts across the state after graduating from the 132nd Trooper Recruit School.

Huber will be posted to Rockford, Grand Haven detail. Grant graduated from Calvin College in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience. He begins his duties as trooper with field training on February 13 for six months.

The 132nd Trooper Recruit School began on Aug. 28, 2016, when 37 prospective troopers reported to the MSP Training Academy in Lansing. For the past 24 weeks, recruits received training in firearms, water safety, defensive tactics, patrol techniques, report writing, ethics, first aid, criminal law, crime scene processing and precision driving.

In order to be selected to attend the academy, all applicants had to pass a stringent selection process that included a physical fitness test, background investigation and hiring interview.



Huber



From left are ISE students Sai Jagadish Bodapati, Dustin Shurlow, and Isabel Hammen, with Fire Chief Mitch Petterson. Photo provided



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Wolves learn in first loss

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The players from Southfield Arts & Technology handed Clarkston cagers their first loss last Friday, 64-60.

"We got exposed a little bit," said Dan Fife, head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "We had plenty of opportunities we just didn't convert. We didn't play our best game. Credit to Southfield, they took us out of our game."

He added hopefully the loss will help as the boys head into their final games of the regular season.

"Often times it does help and often times it puts you in the doldrums," he said. "This will be a good test for us. The game was a good test. You learn from negatives. I believe

in that full-heartedly you learn from negatives, you don't learn that much for positives. Now we will find out how much we learn and what we take from this game. Now we build on it."

Clarkston opened the game with five points from senior Dylan Alderson with a 3-pointer off an assist from junior Foster Loyer and a basket with an assist from junior Nick Wells.

The Warriors caught up and took the lead during their 9-2 run half way through the first quarter.

The Wolves had their own run following starting with a 3-pointer from Wells with an assist from Loyer, closing the gap.

Sophomore Taylor Currie blocked Southfield's next attempt before Alderson shot two at the free throw line.

Junior Demond Mills-Bradley grabbed possession and took the ball into the Warriors' turf and made his own basket as the clock marked 1:43, 16-14.

The lead didn't last long as Southfield scored the next two baskets to end the quarter, 17-16.

The Warriors continued to hold the lead through the second quarter and most of the third quarter. With less than two minutes remaining, Loyer scored seven points to tie the score 43-43.

Southfield scored a field goal with 27 seconds remaining in the quarter and opened the final quarter with two points.

Alderson closed the gap with a 2-point shot and Mills-Bradley held Southfield from scoring a field goal. Loyer tied with a 3-pointer following Alderson's two on the free throw line, 50-50.

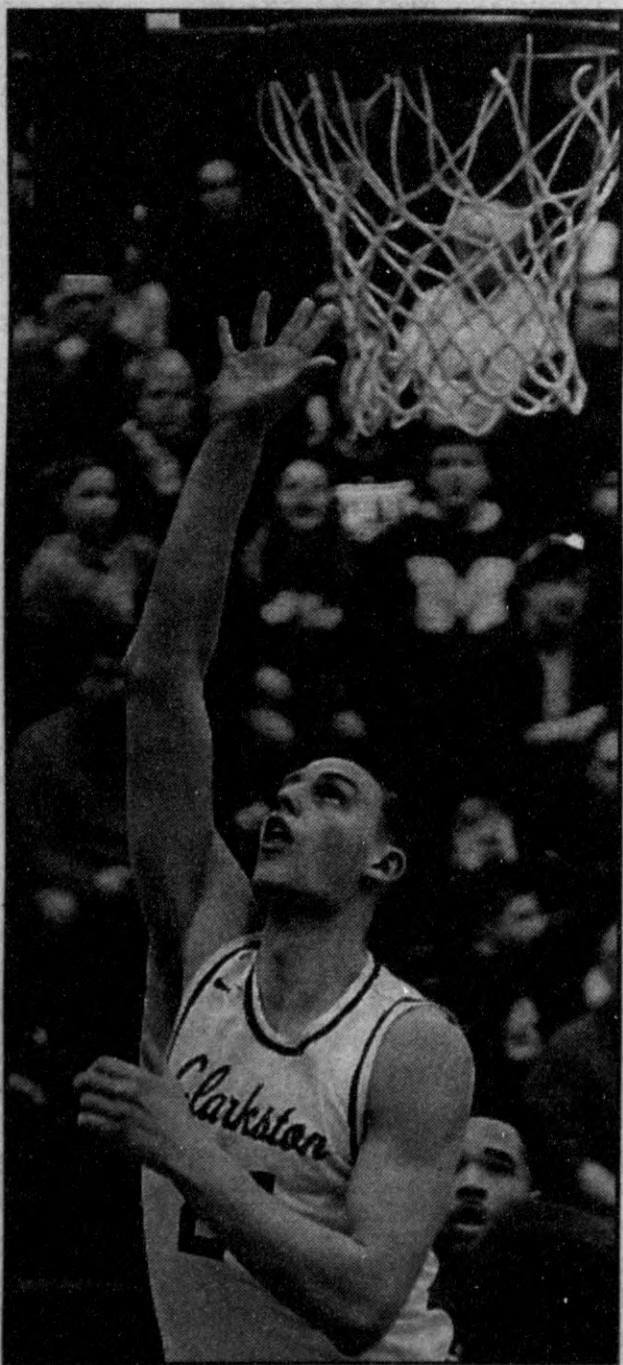
Southfield gained the lead again scoring five consecutive points followed by another 3-pointer from Alderson.

The Wolves kept within a few points until foul trouble sent their opponents to the free throw line to take and hold the lead.

Loyer and Alderson both scored four field goals and had 24 points during the game.

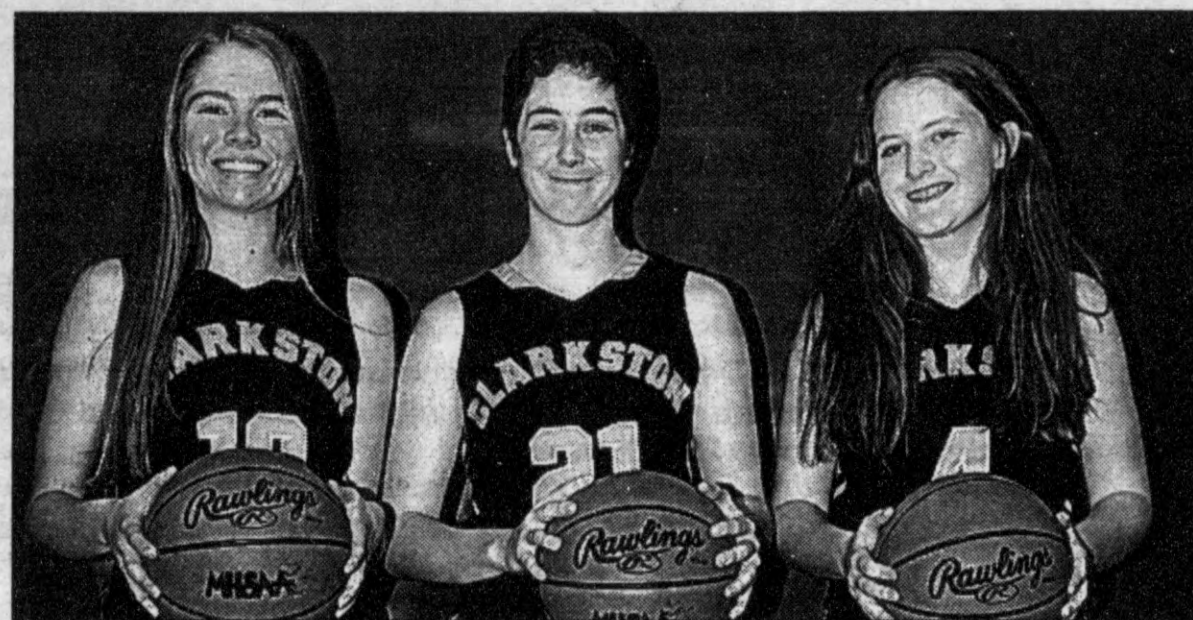
The Wolves (16-1, OAA Red 6-1) opened the week with a 66-41 win over North Farmington, Feb. 14. Alderson led with 25 points and scored five 3-pointers. Foster scored 21 points.

The Wolves have three game in the regular season left as they host Bloomfield Hills this Friday, head to West Bloomfield next Tuesday and host Rochester Adams, March 1. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Dylan Alderson puts the ball away during the second half against Southfield Arts & Technology. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



From left, Kristen Page, Nora Storey and Mary McKillop. Photo provided

Leaders on the court

BY CHRISTINE ROGERS

Special to The Clarkston News

This year's Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball senior class includes three amazing athletes who have contributed on the court and who will go on to do great things.

After coaching all three as eighth graders, I was lucky to watch them grow into fine young people of which the entire Clarkston community can be proud.

Mary McKillop impresses me with her hard work and commitment to improving the community.

Mary leads by example through her dedication and serves as a positive role model in the way she conducts herself. She is passionate about advocacy and is very active in seeking ways to expand opportunities for others, whether through working with younger students in Maker Girl Mania or as an advocate in her school.

In the classroom, Mary earned a 3.77 GPA and has yet to decide between Michigan State University and Ohio State University. In addition, she was selected

to be the student writer for *The Clarkston News*. It is this drive to better, not only herself but those around her, that will lead to Mary's success and her positive impact on the future.

Kristen Page exemplifies determination and leadership. Kristen is the glue that holds the team together; leading both emotionally and vocally as captain.

Fighting a knee injury most of the last two seasons, Kristen refuses to give in to the pain or even sit on the sidelines, playing through it to help her team be successful. She has become our defensive stopper and a calming presence on offense.

Off the court Kristen maintains a 3.98 GPA, is active in LEAD, and plays her true love, soccer, year-round. This fall she will continue her education and soccer career at Adrian. This unfaltering determination to accomplish what she wants, overcoming all obstacles, will serve her well.

Nora Storey is the definition of

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District bound with aim to win

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Wolves are looking ahead to MHSAA Girls Basketball Districts starting on Monday against Pontiac and using their recent losses as lessons.

"After the two losses they are not happy about how they performed," said Christine Rogers, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball. "They want to do better and know they can do better. They are willing to work to do better."

She added going into districts they just need to take it one game at a time.

"We need to work as a team, take care of the ball, find our opportunities to score and make sure we are playing great defense," said Rogers. "We need to learn it's the little things that will win us a game no matter the obstacles. We need to make sure we are doing our fundamental things the best way we can."

The girls posted two losses last week ending with North Farmington last Thursday, 58-49. Kayla Luchenbach led the team with 23 points and ten rebounds. Maddie Beck had 27 points and 14 rebounds.

"We played well for parts of the game but let it get away from us with our turnovers and some boxing out breakdowns," said Rogers. "We didn't handle the pressure very

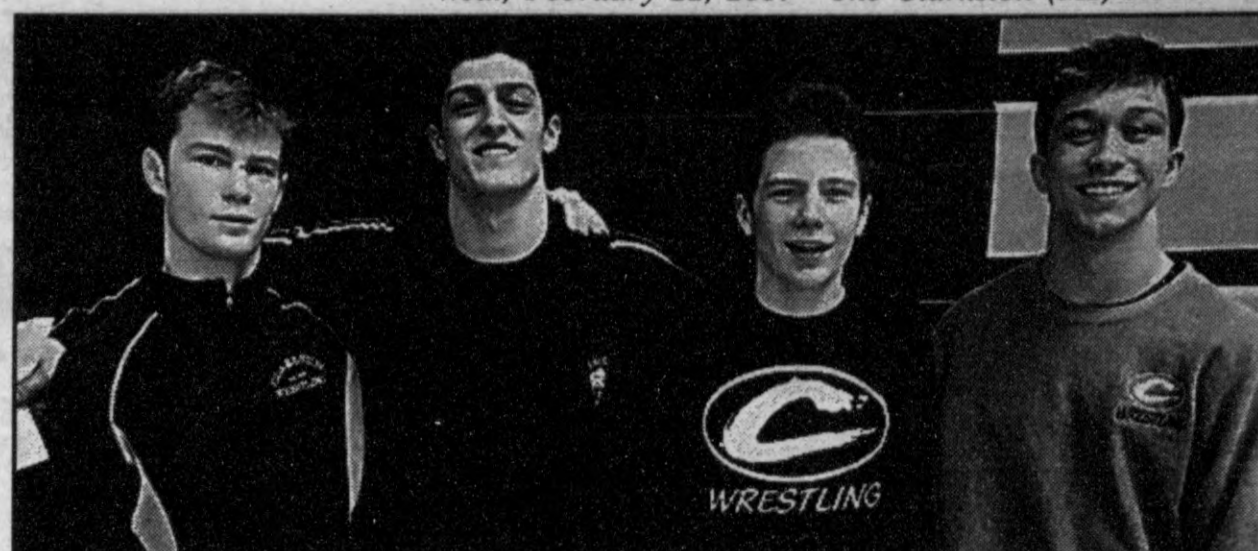
well. We were up by 7-8 at one point and stopped doing the things that got us the lead. Then, it just started to slip away and we couldn't get defensive stops. We let them get a few offensive rebounds and our foul trouble started to catch up with us."

They opened the week with a 52-51 loss to Bloomfield Hills, Feb. 14. Luchenbach led with 16 points and had 11 rebounds. Beck had 15 points and Molly Nicholson had 11 points.

"We played pretty well," said Rogers. "I was impressed with the fight the girls had, the precision they had running their offense. We did a lot of good things. Bloomfield Hills is a really good team and we missed opportunities at the end to seal a victory."

The Lady Wolves head to a OAA crossover game this Thursday. Then, they take on Pontiac in the first round of districts on Monday. The winner moves on to the semifinals against Oxford on Wednesday, both games are at 5:30 p.m. The championship is Friday, 7 p.m. with all games at Lake Orion.

Clarkston Girls JV Basketball team defeated North Farmington, 35-28. Olivia McKinney led the team with 11 points and had seven rebounds. Lexi Linton had nine points and five rebounds and Sloan Curtis had six points and 15 rebounds.



Jacob Rygielski, Jake Calvano, Mac Hanselman and Conor Donahue. Photo provided

Team ends solid season

Continued from page 1

of these wrestlers can come home with hardware."

Donahue (130) finished in second place and went 2-1 for the day with wins over Swartz Creek's Joe Carpenter, 6-0; and Oxford's Garrett Tyrrell, 7-0. He lost to Lapeer's Hunter Hohman in the championship round, 7-4.

Calvano (152) finished in second place and went 2-1 with wins over Lapeer's Griffin Boustead with a fall, 1:25; and Waterford Mott's Erik Arnegard, with a fall, 3:21. He lost to Romeo's Trevor Houghton, 9-1.

Hanselman (112) finished in third place, going 3-1 for the day. He defeated Flushing's Brennan Herr with a fall, 1:22; Rochester Adams' Varun Mangal, 6-4; and Traverse City West's Damian Ballan, 3-0. He lost to Davison's Steven Garty the eventual champion, 5-2.

Rygielski (135) finished in fourth place for the day, going 2-2 for the day. He defeated Grand Blanc's Eugene Durbin, 7-3; and Oxford's Joe Vackaro, 7-2.

He lost to Bay City Western's Noah Schoenherr during his second match, 15-4; and Western's Victor Schoenherr, 3-0.

The Wolves lost to Oxford during the team regional meet on Feb. 15, 34-15.

DeRamus said one word described the match - tough.

"Our younger kids are tired of losing to

Oxford," he added. "Hats off to Oxford though they were prepared and their fans were, too. We got off to a slow start and had a hard time catching back up. The dual could have went either way, but Oxford and their fans were ready. Best of luck to them."

He described the entire season as solid especially since they knew coming into the season the wrestlers in the heavier weights wouldn't have a lot of experience.

"A year ago at 160, 171, 189, and 285 we had all seniors with over 30 wins," he explained. "That's hard to replace but the wrestlers we had in there this season filled in nicely for us. The sophomore and freshman classes we have now we should be ok moving forward."

The dual against Oxford was the last for seniors Calvano, Rygielski, Percy Fowler, Alex Minuth and Nevin Strayer.

"We have all learned a lot from our seniors these last four years," said DeRamus. "These young men are exceptional individuals. They have been great teammates and leaders for us this year. They all have truly battled throughout their careers on and off the mat."

He added they stepped up this season and it showed a lot of character.

"Every one of these seniors fought for this year and we wish them all the best moving forward and we thank them for their commitment to this program," he said.

Seniors leave impact on Lady Wolves

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selflessness. The behind-the-scenes dedication to this team is both impressive and admirable.


Nora is always the first one to practice. No matter what needs to be done; whether lowering the baskets, motivating the team to play through adversity, or working hardest in the drills to make teammates better, Nora is willing to do it without complaint. A program cannot succeed without players willing to work quietly day in and day out for the good of the team, in this way Nora has helped us too many times to count.

In school Nora excels in the IB program

and earned a 3.4 GPA despite the intense rigor of the curriculum. Outside of school, Nora loves to draw and seek authentic self expression through poetry. Nora chose Coastal Carolina for the fall, where a degree in Marine Biology will lead to a career researching sharks. Nora is a true teammate and these qualities guarantee future success.

All of these players have set high goals and expectations for themselves. I am very excited to watch their continued success and see what paths they choose to make the world a better place.

Christine Rogers is head coach for the Lady Wolves Varsity Basketball team.



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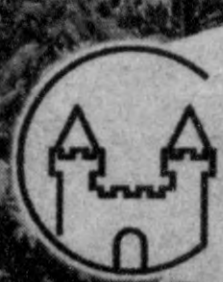
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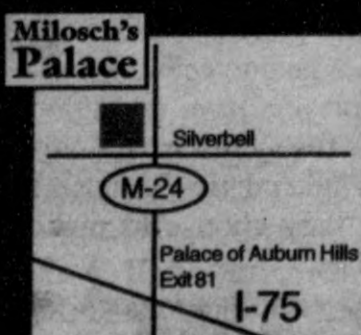
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Students in Clarkston High School's Optimist Club raise awareness and funds for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Photo provided



Sage Paris gets the can raised and ready as he heads into the Jungle during the Miracle Minute during last Friday's boys varsity basketball game. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Blood bond

The Clarkston High School's Optimist Club would like to thank everyone for their support with the Miracle Minute at Friday night's varsity basketball game for raising \$650 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Student Series Pasta for Pennies Campaign.

Pasta for Pennies is a service learning, character education, and philanthropy program which gives students a unique experience making a difference through teamwork as they work together to aid thousands of children and adults in the fight against blood cancers like leukemia.

The Optimist Club is accepting donations during lunches at the high school through March. You can also donate at studentseries.org events/11s/org/pages/ClarkstonHighSchoolClarkston-2017. They also have a blood drive, March 17.

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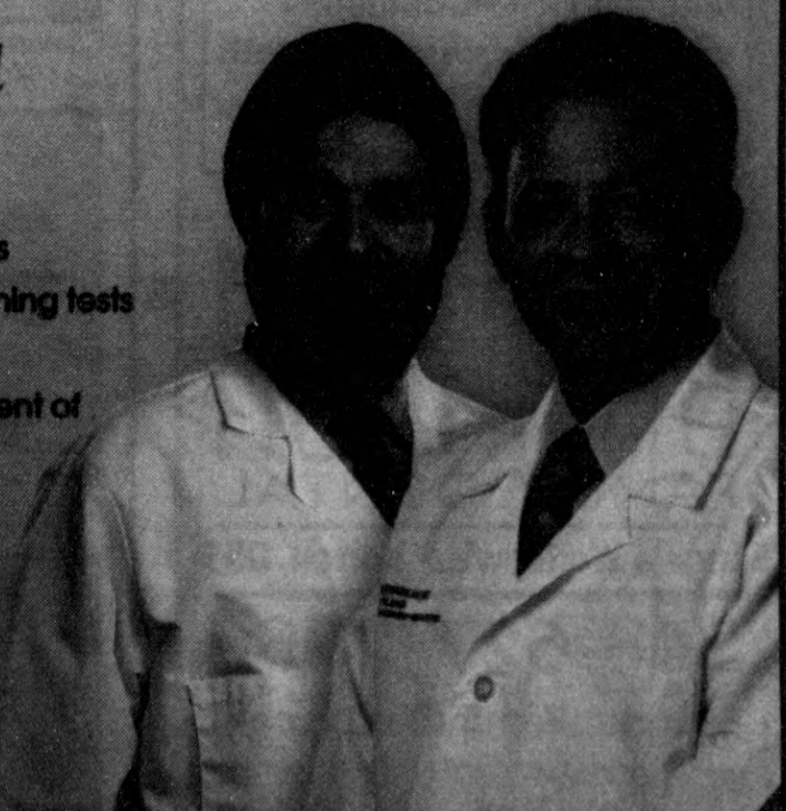
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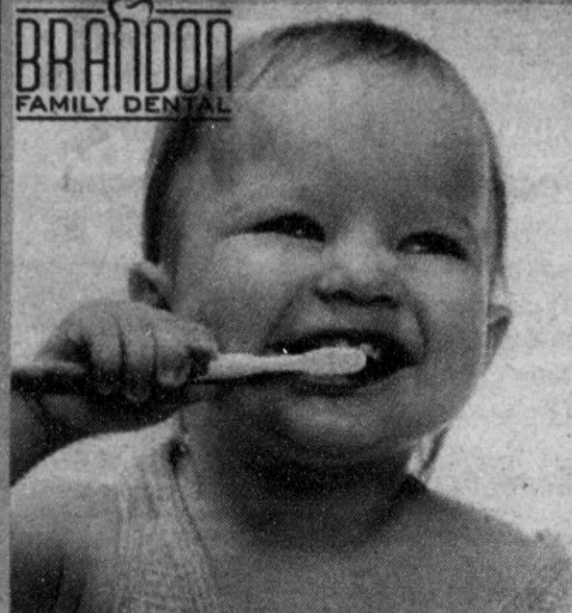
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Pink Panther makes tracks to show

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Warren Myers, found it. They mostly restored it to original specifications, but left on the racing wheels.

"It was a little over 12 second car, pretty fast for an old car back in its day," Denise said.

They bought the car around the 40th anniversary of the Pink Panther movie, and would decorate the car with stuffed Pink Panther dolls and play the cartoon character's theme song in local parades.

"My daughter (Lindsay Myers) liked it, and asked what instrument it was," Denise recalled. "We said it was a saxophone. So we brought home a brand new sax and she took lessons. She's now 22 and a saxophone major at Grand Valley State University, all because she wanted to play the Pink Panther theme."

Michigan Mopar club members get together many times during the year, at car shows, fall color tours, summer drives up north with stops along the way, Christmas dinners, annual meetings, and other activities.

"I've always liked things with wheels. My husband and I both have that love of cars," Denise said.

They've also owned a 1989 Turbo Trans Am, 1986 Viper, 1978 Gold Bandit Trans Am Special Edition and 1998 Corvette Pace Car,



Denise Myer's Pink Panther, '71 Dodge Challenger. Photo provided

and 1970 Dodge Charger, in addition to the pink Challenger.

The Myers usually go every year to Autorama at the Cobo Center in Detroit, this year from Friday-Sunday, Feb. 24-26.

"We make a long weekend out of it. It's nice, a lot of fun," Denise said.

The club has a ladies theme this year, with six vehicles sponsored and owned by women.

"We have some T-shirts matching the color of the car, like band T-shirts," said Denise, one of the founding members of the club.

Autorama will feature more than 800 hot rods, customs, trucks and motorcycles from across the country and the world.

In honor of its 65th anniversary, they'll also show off a collection of 20 of the most famous cars even made, including the Batmobile, Little Deuce Coupe, and the Zingers. A live outdoor Hazzard County Stunt Show will feature a flying General Lee, Feb. 24, and Dukes of Hazzard stars Catherine Bach and Tom Wopat will appear for a meet-and-greet and autographs on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25, from 1-5 p.m.

WWE Superstar AJ Styles will appear on Friday, Feb. 24, from 6-9 p.m. Danny "The Count" Koker from TV's "Counting Cars" and his band, "Count's 77" performs on Feb. 25 at 5 p.m.

Also, Rick Harrison from History Channel's "Pawn Stars," and Skai Jackson from Disney's "Bunk'd and Jessie" will appear on Feb. 26 from 1-5 p.m.

For more information, call 248-373-1700 or check www.autorama.com.

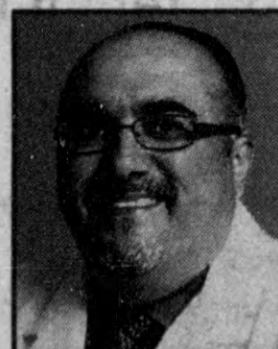
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Luxor Executive Tanning has upped their retail game with new products. Photos by Mark Kelly (MPK Photo)

Luxor Executive Tanning & Spa expands with boutique

Year in and year out since opening in 2005, Clarkston area residents vote Luxor Executive Tanning & Spa their favorite tanning location. Owner Joseph Donofrio thinks in 2017, locals may cast votes his way for "best" local boutique, too.

This year the newly remodeled, 1,500 square foot business has expanded operations to include the Epiphany Design Boutique.

"We always work to give our customers the best experience when they come here," Donofrio said with obvious pride for their new retail opportunities for women as well as men.

They now feature an array of customer, one-of-a-kind jewelry, .925 type Sterling Silver jewelry from Bally, Thailand and Indonesia. "This is nice stuff," Donofrio said. "There are a lot of items here that make for great gifts."

Aside from jewelry, Luxor has a wide selection of yoga apparel, Infinity scarfs, essential oils, aroma therapy candles and diffusers; body and tanning lotions and bath bombs.

"These bath bombs are exquisite," he said.

"They are very soothing and are infused with essential oils. We are carrying many items to help our customers have healthy minds and bodies, holistically," he said.

Donofrio is grateful Clarkston has been so supportive of his business. "Well, we try. We are obsessive with cleanliness and members of our staff have been with us from the beginning. They are knowledgeable and friendly."

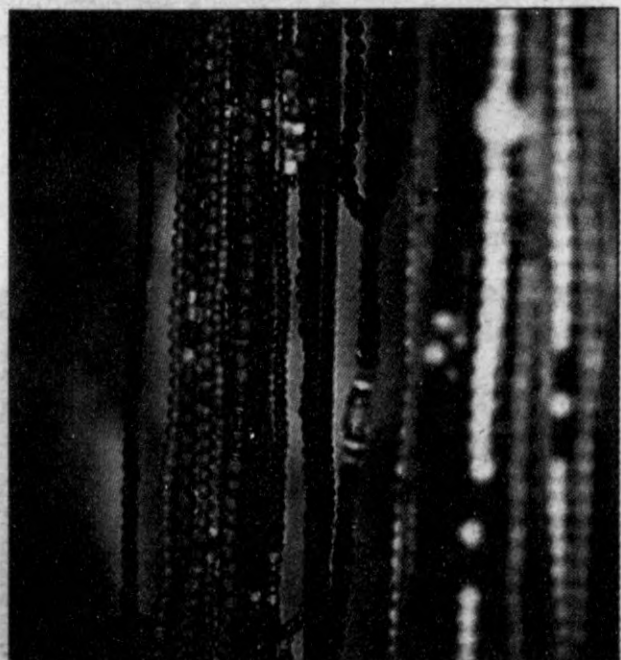
Originally from Rochester, Donofrio family moved to Clarkston after opening their salon. "It's true. When we first opened here we were floored. The people were so nice here we decided to buy a home here."

On the tanning front, Donofrio recommends people planning to head south for spring vacations to start (if they have not already) working on their base tans.

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Look for more specials from Luxor in The Clarkston News' 46th Annual Progress section coming out March 15!



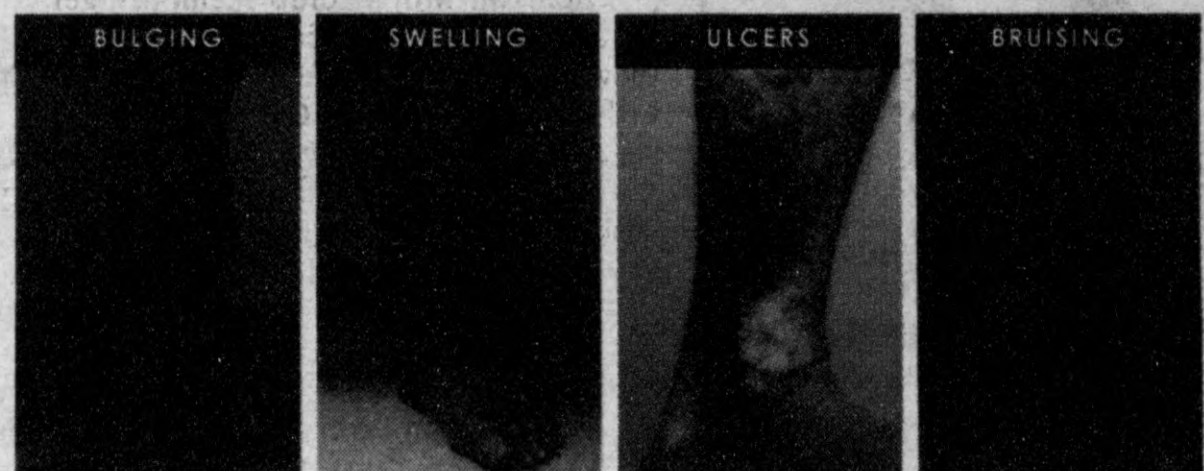
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Daytona 500 Fundraiser for O.A.T.S., Offering Alternative Therapy With Smiles, 12-5 p.m., Feb. 26, Bullfrogs Sports Bar & Grill, 2225 M-15 in Ortonville. Silent auction, basket raffles. 20 percent of orders donated to O.A.T.S. 248-620-1775.

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

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

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Tuesday

Grief Share, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m.,

Around Town

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



From left, Nurse Pepper (Elizabeth Rager), Jenny the housekeeper (Melissa Breckenridge), Dr. Corey Phillips (Michael Bell), Ellen the heiress (Bethany Roberts), and Ellen's stepmother Karen (Linda Leath). Photo provided

Players bring comic mystery to stage

Clarkston Village Players' presents "House on the Cliff" by George Batson, a comic mystery set in a house perched above the Great Lakes.

Lovely heiress Ellen Clayton blames herself for her father's death and psychosis confines her to a wheel chair. When young Doctor Phillips shows up, he not only brings healing, but romance and in-

trigue in this twist and turn comic mystery. This light and amusing whodunnit begins with a sudden, violent murder and ends with a chilling, surprising climax. Directed by David Kramer and produced by Verne Vackaro, performance dates are March 3-4, 10-12, and 16-18.

Tickets are \$15 Friday-Saturday; \$13 Thursday and Sunday. Call 248-425-5842.

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.

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; 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.

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages, 7 p.m., April 11, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Topic: The Seasons Are Changing, But am I? Free, walk-ins welcome, 248-625-5231.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and

www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Coffee and Conversation, Thursdays quarterly, April 27, July 27, 10:30 a.m., Bartsch Hall, senior center in Clintonwood Park. Moderator, Tom Stone. All invited. \$1 donation for coffee.

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Big Boy restaurant, 6644 Dixie Highway. 248-802-8603.

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

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Friday

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

Saturday

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

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

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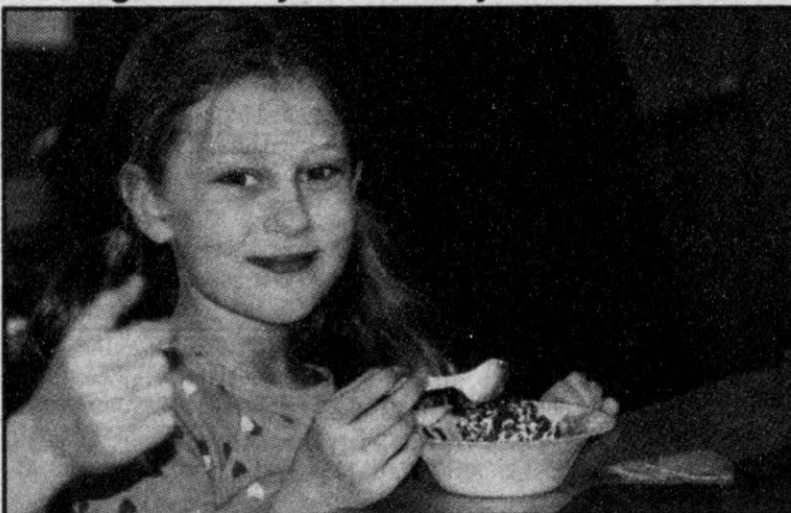
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Kindergartener Rylee Chism eyes the sweet treats.



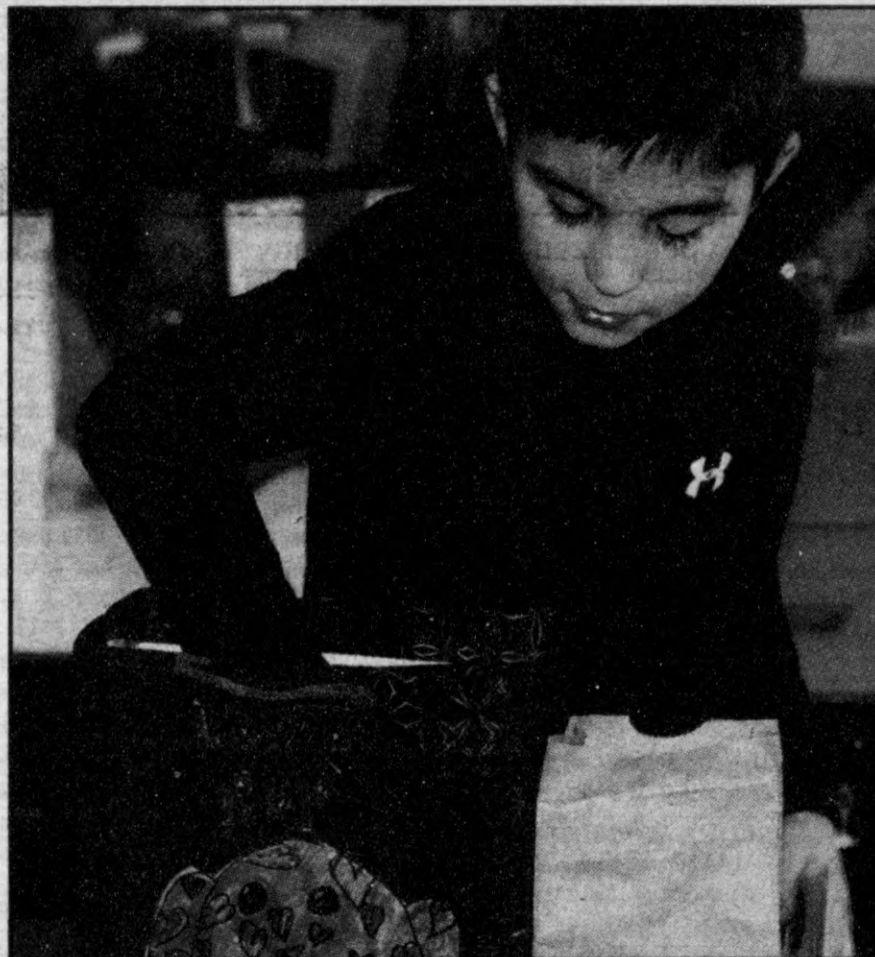
Fourth grader Rylee Hunt smiles between bites of her ice cream sundae.



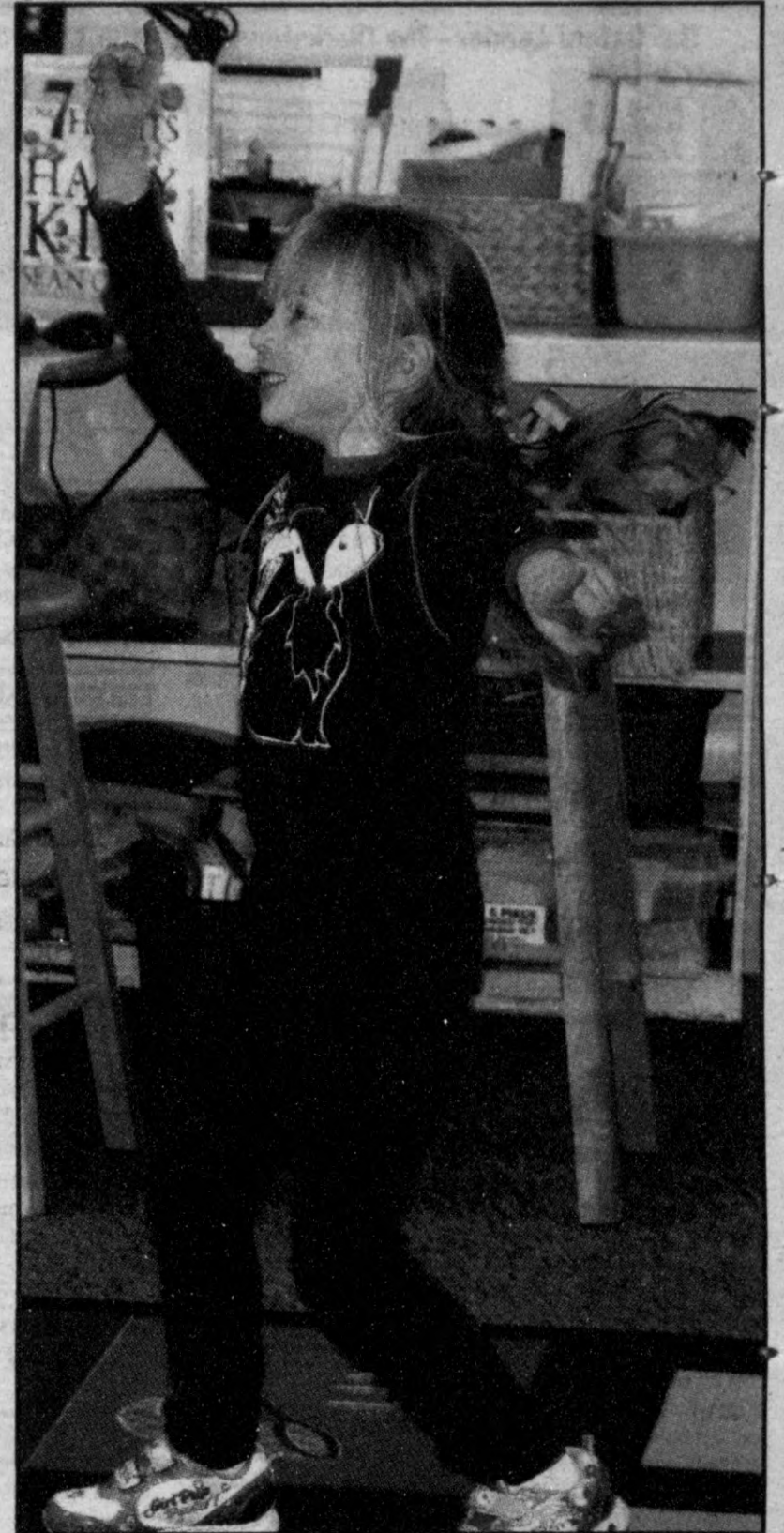
Kindergartener Marissa Miller adds tissue while making valentines.



Kindergarteners raise their hands when asked who wanted cherries on their sundae.



Colten Mullins delivers valentines to his classmates' mailboxes before voting for his favorite box.



Valorie Hall dances before the games begin during her classroom party.

Treats for Valentines

The Wildcats at North Sashabaw Elementary celebrated Valentine's Day with treats, games, crafts and sharing valentines with their classmates, Feb. 14.

Kindergartners in Loretta Gagnon's classroom were hands on for their party from the beginning. They planned the whole thing, because NSE is a leadership school. They picked the games, made the games and chose the prizes. They also had dancing, because a few expressed they should have dancing.

They were treated with their planning to sundaes complete with chocolate syrup, cherries, sprinkles and whip cream.

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Noah Cummings punches through the tissue for a prize.

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The Charter Township of Independence 2017 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will be in session at the Independence Township Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346 on March 13, 2017 from 9 am to 5 pm, March 14, 2017 from 1 pm to 9 pm, and March 15, 2017 from 9 am to 5 pm. Valuation appeals of the 2017 assessed value (50% of market value), classification, Hardship applications and Disabled Veteran Exemption Affidavits can be addressed to the March Board of Review.

Appeals are for the 2017 tax year only. If you wish to appeal your assessed value in person, please make an appointment through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

-Deadline to make an appointment is
Tuesday, March 14th by 4pm***

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f.2658_7.pdf or at the Township Assessing Department. Completed petition forms along with any documentation supporting your opinion of value should be mailed to: Independence Township Assessing Department, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346 or e-mailed to assess@indtwp.com. Protests by mail must be received prior to the adjournment of the March Board of Review.

The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2017 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

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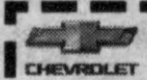
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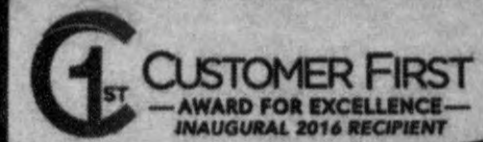
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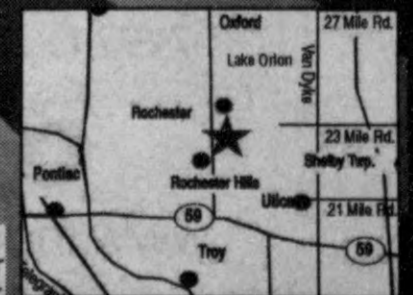
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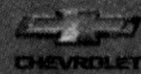


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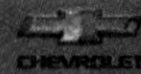


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