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City sorry to Cory over name in report

City resident Cory Johnston received a public apology from Mayor Steven Percival and City Manager Jonathan Smith at the Feb. 27 City Council meeting, after Johnston was named in the city manager's report.

"I apologize to Cory publicly," Percival said. "It was not our intent to put him out there. Our intent is to get violations resolved."

Johnston provided a list of ordinance

violations by city businesses regarding dumpster enclosures, exterior lighting, roof-top equipment, and off-street parking, and was mentioned by name in the city manager's report. Attaching his name to the complaints could invite retribution, the mayor said.

"I don't want that," he said.

"My point in identifying him did not in any way indicate a negative mark," Smith

said. "He's making valid points."

Smith and Ordinance Officer Jennifer Miller will address each violation and bring recommendations to the council, the city manager said.

"These are legitimate issues we should be addressing," Smith said. "He's done the right thing, to bring it to our attention."

— Phil Custodio



Dan Fife gives tips to youngsters as he signs their posters after the game, March 3. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Fife finalist for national Coach of the Year

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Congrats to Dan Fife as he was named by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association as one of eight national finalists for Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.

Fife celebrates 35 years being at the helm and has led to the team to winning over 600 games and 32 consecutive years winning an OAA Red league title or district title.

He has coached many players through the years and for the humble coach, it has

always been about the players.

"Being able to be with these kids has kept me stay young and helped with energy," he said in 2014 when he hit 600 wins. "It revitalizes you even through the negative. You just get through it. It has

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In too DEEP at high school

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Sam Carter graduates high school this June, she won't just be ready for college. She'll already have about a dozen college credits under her belt.

"It's super convenient – you're able to get ahead and make sure you do everything well," said Carter, who takes classes through Clarkston High School's Dual Enrollment Educational Partnership program (DEEP).

DEEP is a dual-enrollment program taught at the high school by University of Michigan-Flint professors, open to Clarkston High School juniors and seniors, said Billie Pambid, Clarkston Community Schools innovation officer.

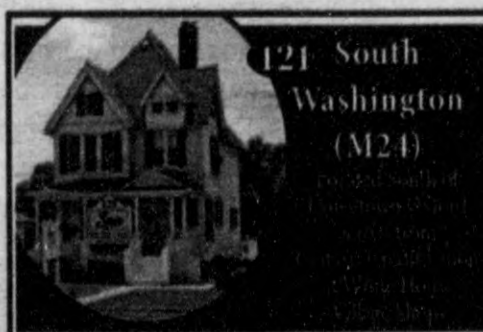
The program has two courses of study: humanities, which are general studies for college students, and medical science. Though medical science is tailored to students who want to go into the medical field, it does include some general education college science courses, Pambid said.

The 32 students enrolled in the Deep Program follow the same schedule as high school students, but they take two college classes per semester in place of their fifth and sixth hour. One year in the program gives students 12 or 13 transferable college credits while paying between \$1,400 and \$1,800 for the year.

If a student chooses to enroll in Clarkston's early college program they'll take classes through the DEEP program for two years and in their fifth year take

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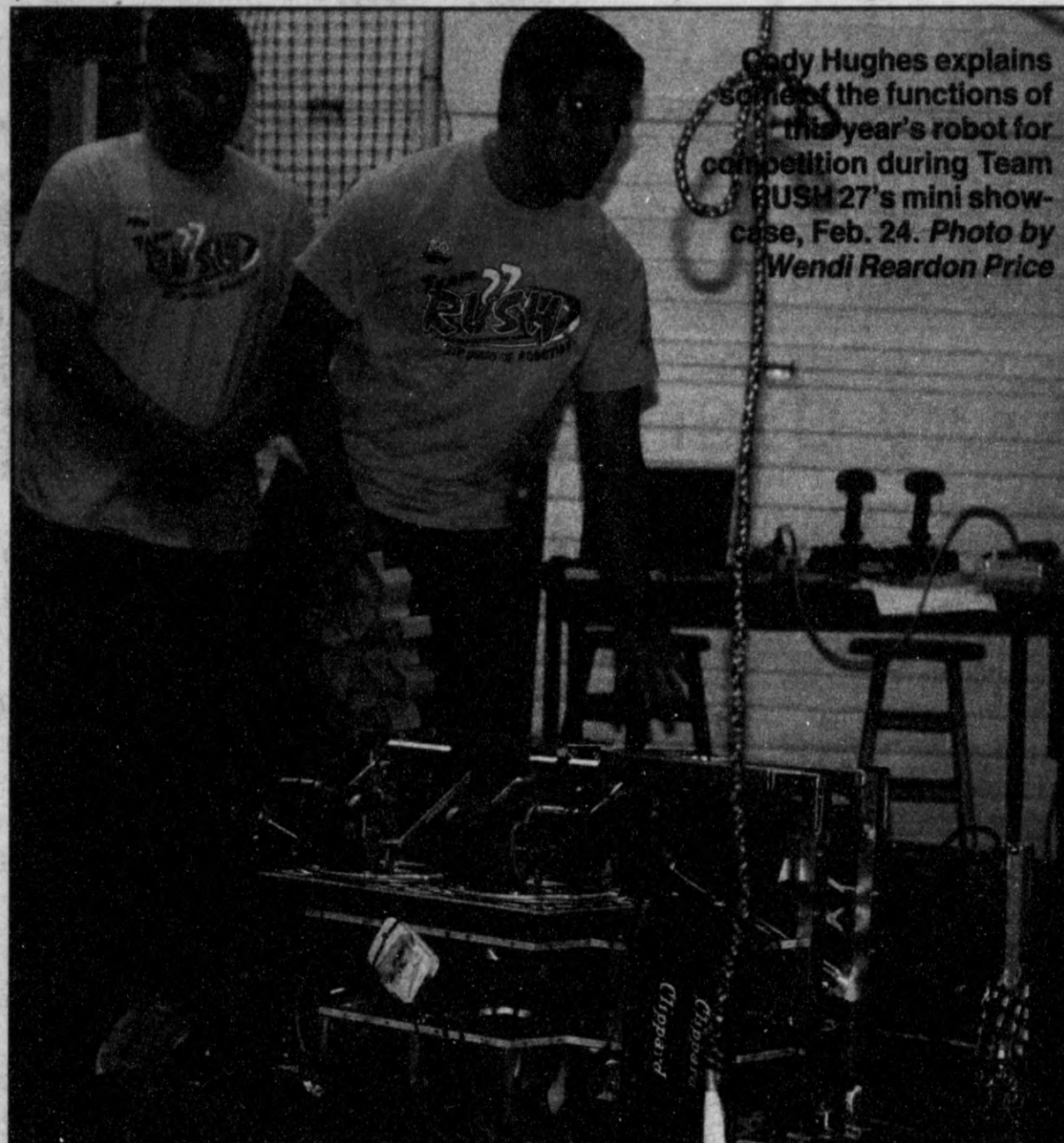
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Gady Hughes explains some of the functions of this year's robot for competition during Team RUSH 27's mini showcase, Feb. 24. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Awards for Team RUSH

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Team RUSH 27 kicked off their season with their first tournament in Duluth, Minnesota.

"RUSH students did an outstanding job with what we needed to do -drive team, pit crew, scouting, strategy, judges and more," said Kyle Hughes, coach of the Clarkston High School robotics team.

Team 27 was Rank 34 with a record of 8-7-0 and won awards in Regional Finalists and Entrepreneurship Award sponsored by Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers.

They also had a high score during the tournament with 425 points. They averaged 150 during the weekend.

"It was an amazing match," said Hughes. "It was a great weekend with many opportunities to learn more and ultimately our ability to focus and execute."

She added they had a lot of robot troubles and were seeded No. 35, but they were fortunately picked by the No. 4 seed team.

"Our job was to play defense and climb the rope at the end, of which we were very successful," she said. "In fact, the round we got 425, RUSH didn't let any of our opponents come in and get the gears they needed. The clincher was in the very last match, our rope broke and the robot dropped around five feet, costing us 50 points and we lost by 20."

Team RUSH held a mini showcase before heading into their first competition, Feb. 24.

During the showcase they introduced people to different subgroups within the team and the responsibilities they have.

Each subgroup also shared what they did before the competitive season began, cons and pros they encountered; and lessons they learned.

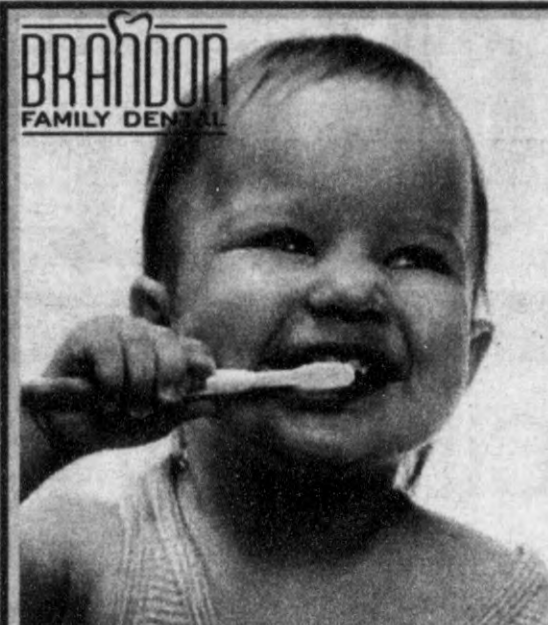
Students and family members were able to view the show Team RUSH created with lasers for the first year.

The audience was introduced to this year's robot as well as seeing what the students will be doing for this year's competition.

"It was to open the opportunity for the student in the building to come down and check it out," said Hughes, adding engineering students and CSMTech students also attended. "Since our showcase was during the mid-winter break, we heard people mention that they missed it. We went ahead and did another mini. We had 30-plus people in attendance."

Team RUSH invites you to their next tournament held March 17 and 18 at Waterford Mott High School and help them make everyone feel like Clarkston is the home team in Waterford.

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New treasurer for Clarkston

New Treasurer Gregory Cote' brings dozens of years of banking experience to the city.

"This is a great community - I'm excited to have the opportunity to lend my support to it," said Cote', 54, resident of Clinton Township. "I'm humbled and honored."

He retired from Chase Bank after 28 years in the commercial loan area, working with small businesses in the last 16 years.

"Municipal work is something I've always wanted to do," he said.

The city posted the job listing on its website, as well as with the Michigan Municipal League, Kelly Services, and its auditor, and received nine applications, said

City Manager Jonathan Smith.

Four of the nine had the necessary education and field experience. One candidate with municipal experience dropped out, and the other three were interviewed, Smith said.

"I was impressed with all three," he said. "They are all solid candidates. One (Cote') rose to the top. He's very motivated and very excited about the job."

Percival asked City Council if they wanted to search for more candidates.

"Do you want more," he asked. "Let's make sure all are in agreement with what Jonathan is trying to do."

City Council voted 5-0, Feb. 27, to approve the hire, pending background check, which was successful. Former Treasurer Sandra Barlass will assist in the transition, Smith said.

- Phil Custodio



Gregory Cote'



POLAR PLUNGE: State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston took part in the sixth annual Legislative Polar Plunge on the Capitol lawn to benefit Special Olympics Michigan. This was his third year participating. Special Olympics Michigan places a pool on the Capitol lawn and invites legislators to raise funds for the group and take a plunge in support of the nonprofit. Photo provided



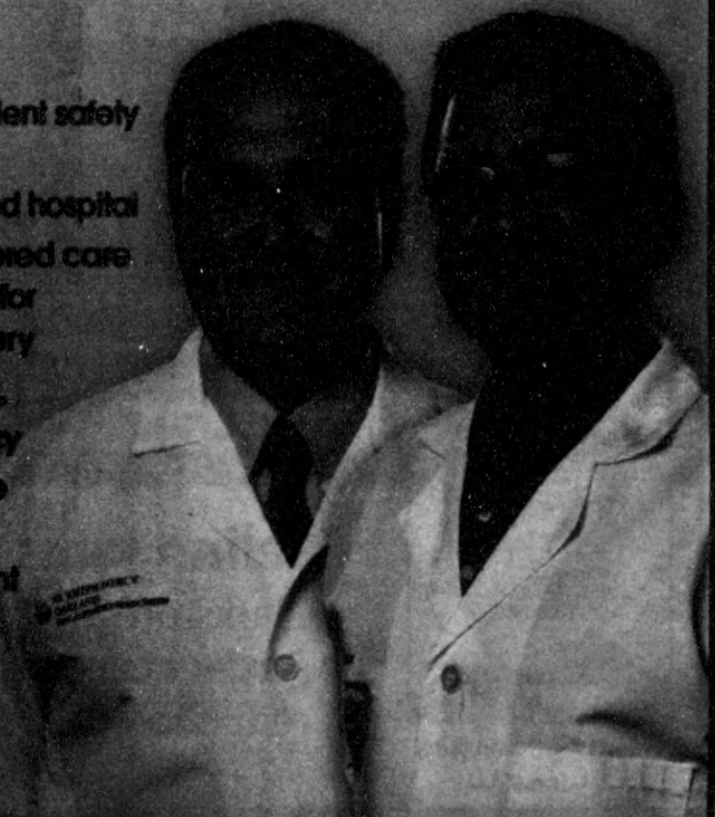
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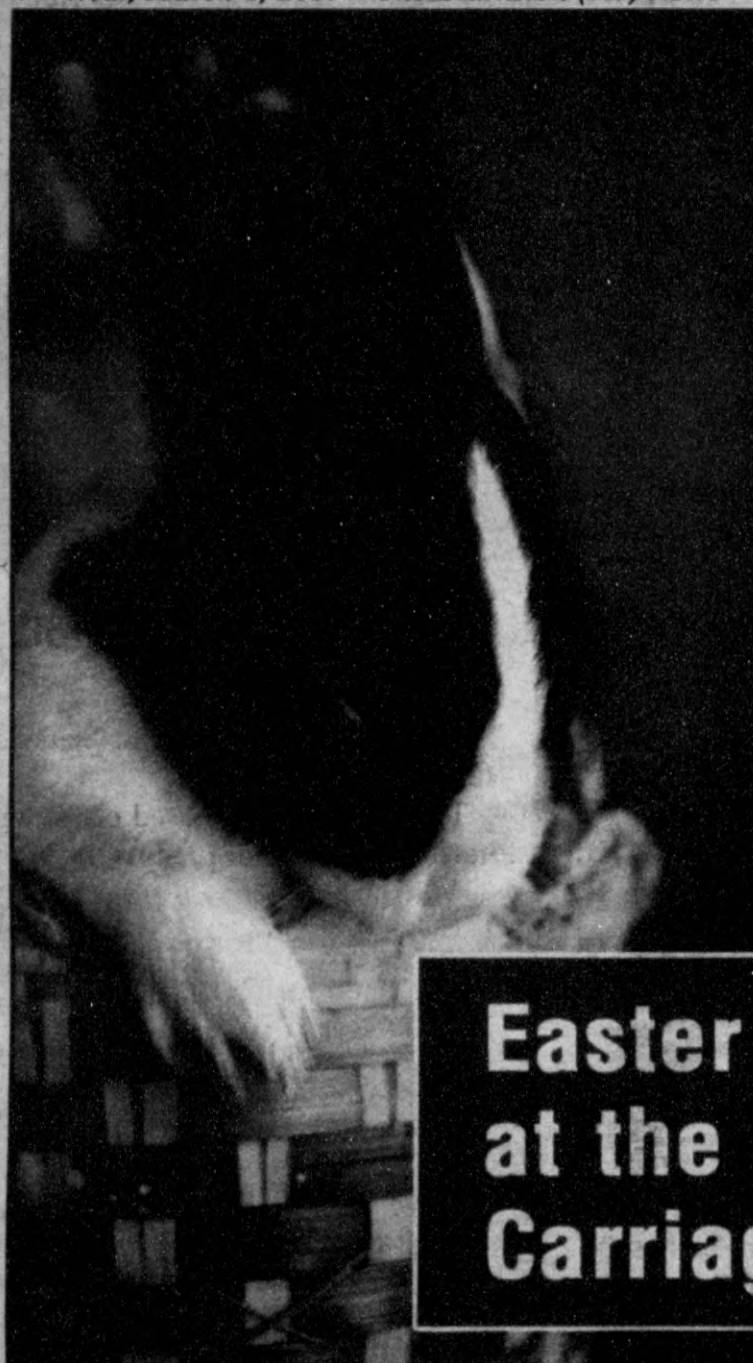
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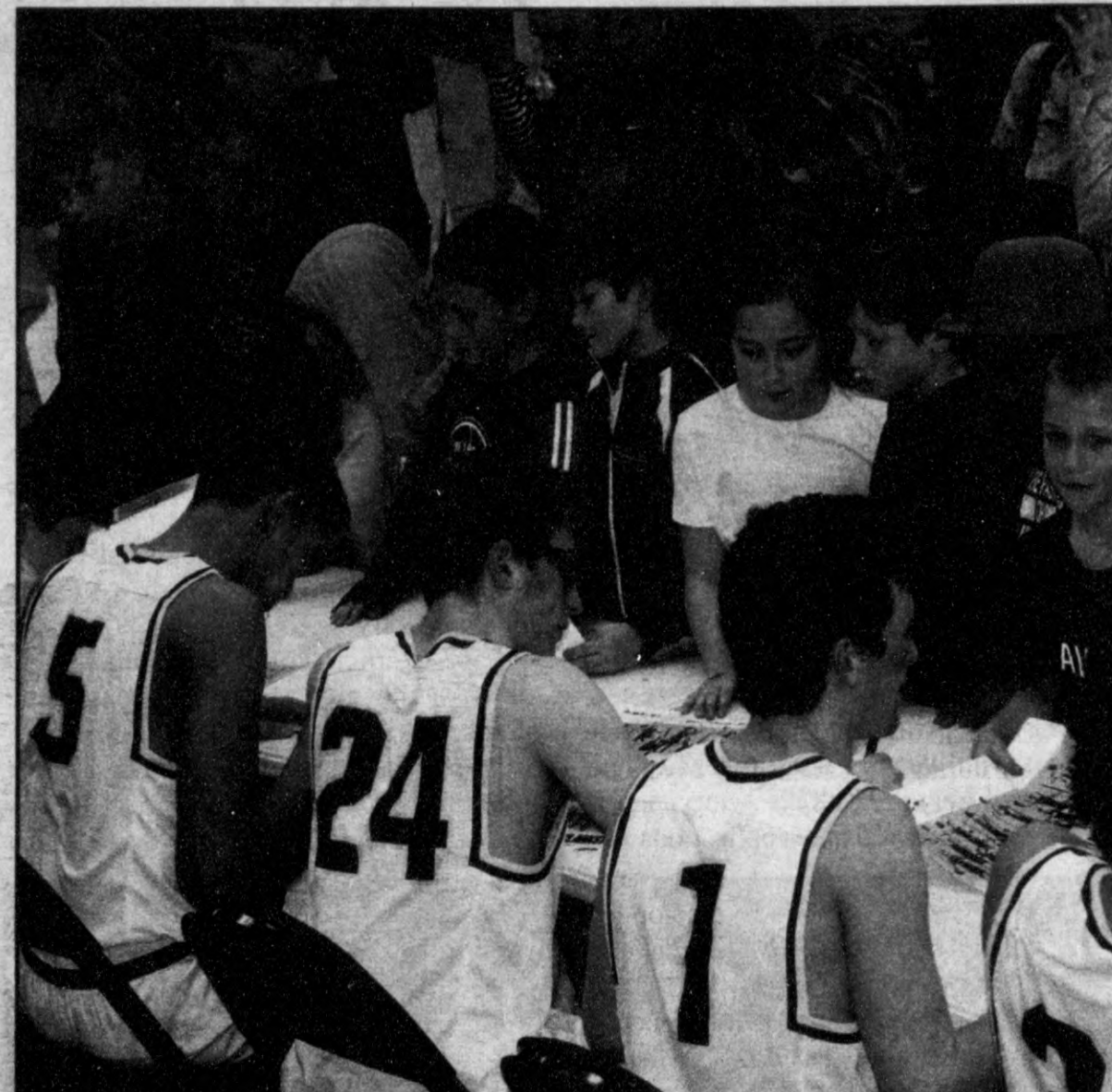
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AUTOGRAPH SESSION: Clarkston Wolves' fans line up for autographs after their victory, March 3. Kids bought team posters for \$2 and after the game all of the players signed them. Team photo was taken by Mark Kelly, and posters made by Jon Devine. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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History from veterans who served

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston ninth graders learned about World War II on a more personal level last week as they listened to veterans' first-hand accounts.

The all-day speaking event allowed students to listen to a veteran during their history class. The speakers included three World War II veterans, a veteran who served immediately after World War II, a speaker who retold his father's WWII story, and a Rosebud who discussed women's role in the war.

Frank Quinlan served in the Sierra Nevada mountains during the war in the U.S. Navy as a seaman first class. Though he discussed his job during the war, his primary focus was his younger brother's story, who was a flight officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Quinlan referred to his brother as his hero and relayed how he served as a top gunner in London during the war, flying on missions to bomb Germany.

Steve Himburg told students his father's story of fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. Veteran Anthony Rand also fought in the battle near the end of the war, a last-ditch effort by the Germans. Rand described to the students how it felt being surrounded by 200,000 Germans and 1,000 of their tanks.

Luckily, he was able to jump onto a departing truck and continue through Belgium. He vividly remembers how cold it was during the battle and hearing President Roosevelt saying "Merry Christmas" over the radio of the jeep he escaped on.

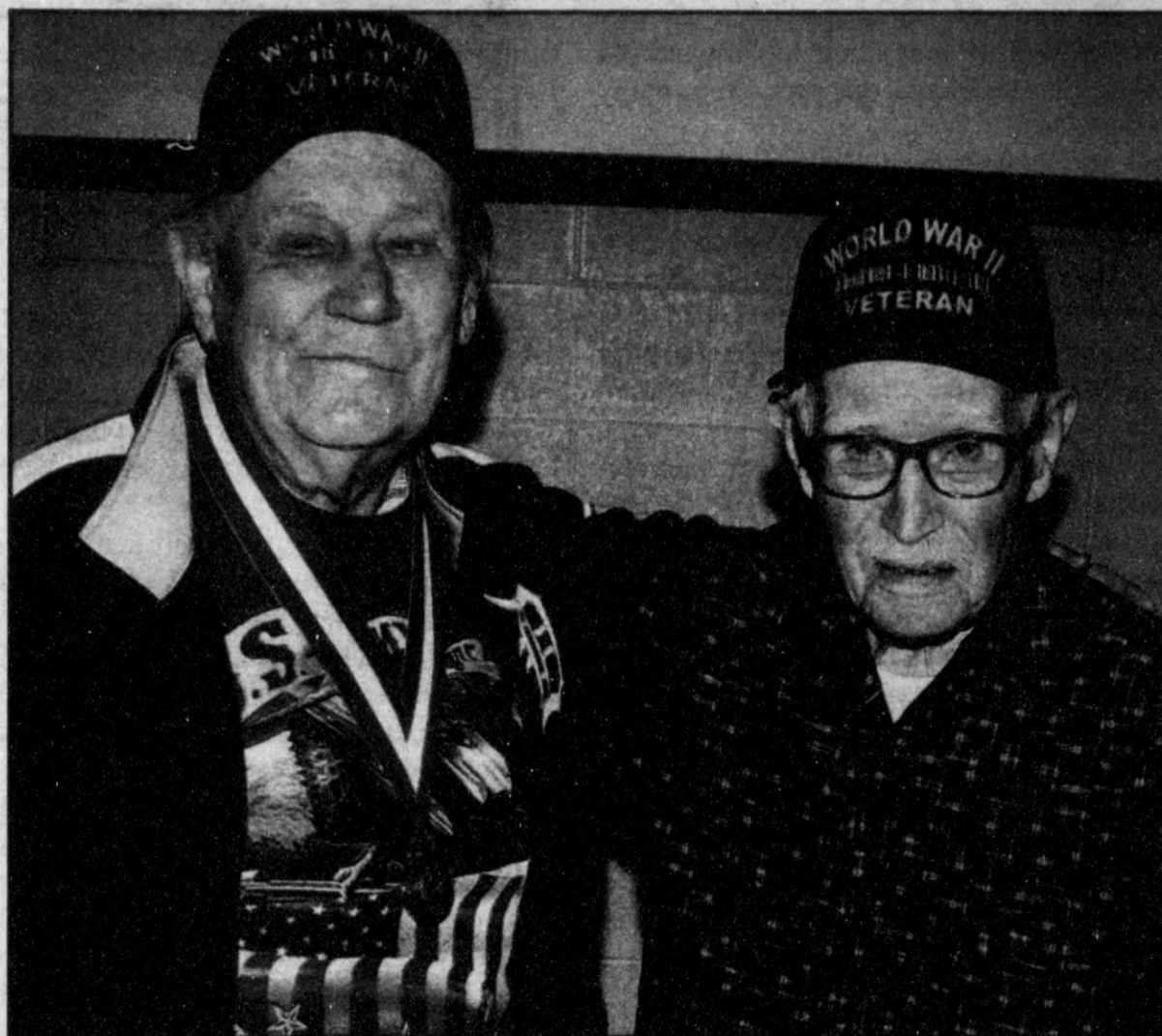
Toledo was the farthest Rand had ever been from his Detroit home before the war, during which he trained in Illinois, Indiana, and California, and was stationed in England, Belgium and Paris.

Takao Kojima served in a Japanese-American unit during WWII. He was trained in Florida, where his trainer taught recruits about hand grenades by pretending to take the pin out and drop one, causing panic among the recruits.

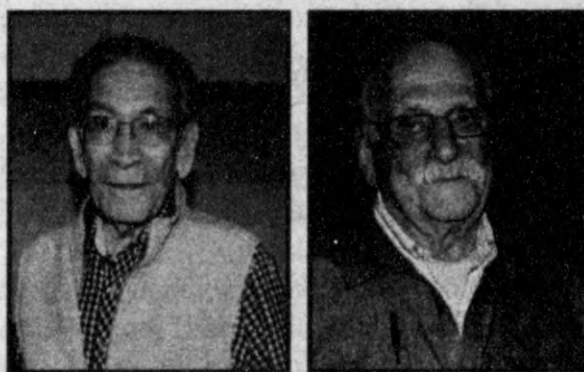
After training Kojima was sent to France, then Italy. While his unit was travelling through Italy, they saw the bodies of the executed Benito Mussolini and his mistress.

An interesting perspective of the war was given by Stewart Newblatt, who served in the Philippines after the German and Japanese surrender, but, despite the war being over, fighting continued.

Newblatt served in the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division. His first mission was to bring an American deserter back from Australia. The deserter was court martialed and received 10 years in prison, despite only deserting because they wouldn't send him back into combat. Newblatt saw this as an injustice and cites it as the reason he decided to become a lawyer after leaving the service. He eventually went on to become a U.S.



World War II veterans Anthony Rand, at left, and Frank Quinlan. Photos by Jessica Steeley



Veterans Takao Kojima, at left, and Stewart Newblatt.

federal judge.

Donnaleen Lanktree, dressed as Rosie the Riveter, presented to students throughout the day about women's role in the war, including her mother's, who was a "Rosie." Her father also served in the war, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge.

Lanktree is known as a "Rosebud" because she is descended from a Rosie, her mother. As a member of the American Rosie the Riveter Association, she has collected around 5,000 Rosie's stories over the last 10 years.

Ninth grade history teacher Laura Murray has run the veterans event the last five years, though the junior high has had a WWII event every year since it opened in 2001.

Students get to hear the speakers during the WWII units in their history classes.

"The kids really enjoy it," Murray said. "They come back and they talk about it again and again. It's one of the most memorable things from this school, which is kind of unique, I think, that they remember when the World War II veterans come and they



Donnaleen Lanktree of the American Rosie the Riveter Association talked about the role of women in WWII.

want to shake their hands."

Murray often has different speakers come in each year, which she finds by sending out emails to different veteran's associations and sometimes students in her class have family members that served.

"It's actually really rewarding for me because the veterans they'll write me notes or tell me how much they enjoy it and how respectful the kids were and how special it made them feel to get invited here," Murray said. "They feel honored to come here and were honored to have them."

Briefly

Spring forward

Turn your clocks ahead an hour this Sunday morning, as Daylight Savings begins, March 12.

You'll lose an hour, but you'll get it back in the fall.

Yoga for SCAMP, Blessings in Backpack

Kathy Noble teaches Yin Yoga every Sunday night from 7-8 p.m. at Clarkston Hot Yoga.

This is a donation-based class, with the donations benefiting Clarkston SCAMP and Blessings in a Backpack.

"We've raised over \$1,500 since the first of the year," Noble said. "You need not be a member of CHY to attend. Ages 10 and up are welcome and no prior yoga experience is needed as this is a slow, stretching yoga class in a warm, candlelit room - relaxing, rejuvenating, and restorative."

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Pups and Popcorn

Canine Companions Rescue Center hosts a Pups and Popcorn Event at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 18, at Oxford 7 Theater, 48 S Washington Street in Oxford.

The event will include a Puppy kissing booth, and free admission to the showing of "Secret Life of Pets."

Bring a bag of dry dog food and/or donations for the dog rescue, for a voucher for a free 46 ounce bag of popcorn.

The Clarkston-based center's Paws Project community outreach initiative will also be signing up families in need of low cost spay and neuter services.

For more information, call 248-980-5533.

Job fair

Weingartz hosts a job fair to hire full- and part-time employees at its Independence Township location, 6585 Dixie Highway, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., March 18.

Forty positions are available at its Clarkston, Ann Arbor, Farmington Hills and Utica locations in customer service, service technicians, sales representative, and shipping and receiving support staff. Bring resumes and meet with human resource representatives and managers for immediate interviews and placement.

Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Back to the theater

The Clarkston Village Players' winter production of "House on the Cliff" continues this weekend, with evening shows Friday and Saturday and a matinee on Sunday.

I caught the show on members' night last Wednesday. Excellent work by the cast on this comic murder mystery.

Elizabeth Rager does excellent work as Nurse Pepper, whose interest in detective novels comes in handy when she takes a job caring for Bethany Roberts' Ellen Clayton, with the help of Jim Hoxsey's Dr. Layne, Linda Leath's Karen, Melissa Breckenridge's Jenny, and Michael Bell as Dr. Corey Phillips, most of whom have secrets and aren't quite as they appear.



Good special effects, too, since dark and stormy nights are required for these types of stories.

I'd like to see more shows featuring the intrepid, mystery solving Nurse Pepper, if any had been written. She could go from assignment to assignment, solving murders as she goes. As long as the victims aren't her patients. She probably wouldn't get hired that much if they were.

I'll be taking my turn on stage in the spring, in CVP's comedy production of "Self Help." I've been cast as Jeremy Cash, an overly inquisitive newspaper columnist, snooping around the home of a couple self-help gurus.

Jeremy is a bit more melodramatic than I am, carrying around a microcassette recorder and speaking dramatically into it. I haven't carried one of those things around in years.

I auditioned for the lead role of Hal Savage, one of the self-helpers, but it went to Steve Sanger. Steve's wife Sara Sanger snagged the other lead role, Cindy Savage, Hal's wife, so it's for the best.

Hal and Cindy's lines are on just about every page of the script, so it would have been hard for me to learn. I don't know how they do it.

Rehearsals start on March 20, after House wraps, at which time I'll probably be asking how I got myself into this again.

It'll be my third show with Clarkston Village Players, as well as ever, since I only developed an interest in the theater last year.

They've all been comedies so far, though this upcoming one has some juicy scenes to work with.

Community support needed for Team Mik

By Nick Hagewood

The outpouring of support in the memory of Mikayla Ferer is amazing! It is inspirational to see an influence one has on so many around her.

A community is rallying in her honor, and my wish is for that to continue in both the short term, and in the years to come.

Team Mik is about to grow, but I need your assistance in doing so. There is aid from so many accessing the GoFundMe Page for the Mikayla Ferer Memorial Scholarship to live on in her legacy.

There are also a couple of dozen individuals running/volunteering at the Gazelle Girl Race in Grand Rapids on April 23 - Lea Ferer, Rachel Pytel, Sarah McCallum, Kirby Caitlin, Nick Dahl, just to name a few; a race that embodies so much of what Mik stood for. Still others wanting involvement can purchase team shirts, designed by Haley Ferer.

With all of the above mentioned, I would like to expand even further. With the cooperation of Mrs. Amy Gall Quayle, Mr. John Drallos, Mr. Ryan Eisele, Mr. Chris Brosky, Mrs. Amy Voyles Allen, and Mr. Kevin Emmons, we have decided to initiate Mikayla's Miles!

The first of many, Mikayla's Miles is an annual road run/relay that will celebrate and pay tribute to a girl that changed so many lives.

This celebration will begin at Clarkston High School on Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day), and advance well into the evening, the night, and into the next morning. The relay will progress through the sidewalks, streets, country roads, and towns of this great state; capturing the attention of all who participate and witness this miraculous 125 mile-journey, until the destination of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Gazelle Girl Run Start Line is reached at 8 a.m. the following morning!

We need your help! We need volunteers to run for this event. We need "Ladies and

Gentlemen, moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, uncles and aunts, and to all students!" (sorry, I couldn't help but give Dale Ryan a shameless plug...).

In all seriousness, this is open to both males and females, current and former students, family, friends, kids, and to anybody else that has been touched by Mik's gifts to this world.

Anybody that is interested in running 1 mile, or 2, or 3, or 5, or whatever. We need you! Can't run, but still want to offer a hand? We could also use vehicle support throughout the 125-mile run from the east to the west side of the state!

It will be easy to get interested parties running in the streets of Clarkston, and Fenton, and Linden, and everywhere in between during that beautiful Saturday in April. But what about in Byron, and Bancroft, and Westphalia, and Saranac, and every rural area in Michigan along the way?

What about when it's night time in the middle of nowhere (runners with headlamps and a car traveling behind for safety)? What about early Sunday morning through Lowell and Ada, before the "torch" makes its way to Grand Rapids, to be passed off to the rest of Team Mik? Can I get people for any and all of those spots as well?

The impact of Mikayla is just touching the surface. Her legacy is far more reaching than I can ever imagine. It's time to see exactly how far it can go. Mikayla's Miles needs at least 100ish runners (no less than 2 individuals running at a time, with no limit on how many can run at the same time.), and we need them fairly quickly.

Can you help make this vision a reality? Please spread the word, and if interested to assist, please contact me at hagewoodnd@gmail.com, or message me so I can give you further details.

Posted on Facebook, #LiveLikeMik, by Nick Hagewood, Clarkston math teacher

Award presentation for Coach Fife in June

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been enjoyable. I have been fortunate to be raised in a great town. We have a strong community following."

Fife begins the foundation of Clarkston Basketball before the players get into junior high through offering the McGrath League during the winter and holds Fife Fundamentals Basketball and Dan Fife

Basketball camps during the summer.

The award will be presented to Fife on June 21 at the NHSACA Annual Conference, in which over 500 coaches and athletic directors will participate.

Nominee selections are based on the performance of their program over the years and their contribution to the sport, school and community.

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A Look Back

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15 years ago - 2002

"Local priest brings home Olympic size memories" Clarkston's Monsignor Robert Humitz, pastor at St. Daniel's Catholic Church, had a first hand Olympic experience was one of 30 chaplains to work the Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

"Dancing brings rewarding challenge" Anne Underwood, a junior at Michigan State University from Clarkston, choreographed her first dancing piece for the stage and unveiled it to an audience at The Fairchild Theater.

"Travelling overseas as a student ambassador" Danielle Weddle had a chance of a lifetime to participate as a member of the Michigan branch of the People to People Student Ambassador program which would take her to England, Wales and Ireland to meet with government officials, interaction with student peers, educational activities and home visits with host families.

25 years ago - 199

"School bus burns; no one hurt" Clarkston Community Schools bus driver Rosemary Grable pulled her bus over and got students off the bus when she noticed a lot of smoke in the front of the bus during her morning route. No one was hurt in the electrical fire.

"Board denies split zoning on Sashabaw Road" The Independence Township Board of Trustees nixed a rezoning request along I-75 and Sashabaw Road for another service station with a 6-0 vote.

"Ice fishing contest draws a crowd" More than 100 people showed up for the second annual ice-fishing and chili contest at the Davisburg Mill Pond Park. As fishermen competed for most fish caught and largest fish, others enjoyed the chili and apple pie-eating contests.

50 years ago - 1967

"Monday night blaze; another near tragedy" The second major house fire withing four days occurred in Clarkston. This one fire was at a home off Bluegrass which started in the basement and under the stairway. The extent of the damage was \$15,000.

"Clarkston succumbs to Pontiac Central" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball took on Pontiac Central for the regional crown at home in front of 2,200 fans. It was a close game as the Wolves lost 70-67.

"Round the town" William and Johnnie Martin spend the weekend ice fishing at their cabin in Northern Michigan.

Getting so I like reruns more than current shows

This Jim's Jottings was published on March 17, 2010. Enjoy!

I started watching "NCIS" soon after it started airing in 2003. What drew me to the program was the name of the leading man, Mark Harmon.

He was born in 1951 to Tom Harmon and actress Elsie Knox. I first started reading about Tom Harmon when he was an All-American football player for University of Michigan and was also the Heisman Trophy winner.

In 1941 Tom Harmon enlisted in the Army and in 1943 parachuted into South Africa and survived a plane crash.

They were from Burbank, California which may be why Mark Harmon stayed there, attended UCLA and played quarterback for the Bruins in 1972.

He got his bachelor's degree from UCLA in communications. He had parts in movies since the mid-1970s, then in 2003 started starring in "NCIS, Naval Criminal Investigation Service," as Leroy Jethro Gibbs, on CBS.

Except for the overly egotistical character played by Michael Weatherby, I like the show. But, like many successful shows with long runtimes, it started "reaching" for new scripts.

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

what happened to him.

Ducky is short in stature, not unlike Alan Ladd who played the leading man role in early movies and TV. Remember how surprised we were when we learned these

A recent show had someone finding a sack of months-old bones in the Mediterranean and the search for the killers. Who cares?

One thing I like about the show is the work of the medical examiner, "Ducky" David

McCallum. I remember him from the show "Man from U.N.C.L.E.," which also starred Robert

Vaughn. I don't know

he-men were cast with smaller people to make them look big and strong?

Ducky doesn't have to look big and strong for the medical examiner job. He just has to be able to pronounce every bone and tissue in a body.

Anyway, I'm glad I missed early episodes of NCIS so the reruns are new to me. That's the way it is for me and "Seinfeld", too. I never saw his early shows.

My current TV attraction is "The Mentalist."

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Two years ago some missled economist made me believe leasing a car was better than buying one.

I also made the mistake of having the credit company take the payments out of my bank account. Of course, I never remembered it, so when my bank statement arrived it never agreed with my figures.

Last month the lease was up. Having promised myself to never lease again, I set about wondering what options I should

have on my new car.

The leased car had so many options I never did figure out how to change the rear view mirror, why anyone needs Sirius radio or why, sometimes my driver's seat was warmer than other times.

That latter one I figured out after I saw m'dog Shayna touch a dashboard button with her paw.

That eliminated that choice in my options. Do I need the technology to tell me how close something is behind me? I don't recall it being a major problem in the past.

I could also have an e-mail option, hard drive stereo, OnStar guidance, a sunroof and alert to the nearest rest stop.

Our daughter and her husband have a Corvette and a 1931 Model A Ford convertible. There's no question which car our daughter prefers driving and the whole darn top is a moon roof.

So, after way too much thought, I decided to keep the 2-year-old car, and keep it until I figure out what the lock-out-or-in button is for.

Hickory dickory dock, something about a clock

If you use Google like I do (which is whenever a weird or random thought pops into my head, I Google it) you learn lots of things and at the same time come up with more questions that need answering.

I think Google has become my surrogate parent now I am a graying parent myself.

Mother Rush (aka, my very own Saintly Ma, Shirley Ann nee McDonald Rush) said from the moment I was able to think and talk, I would ask questions. "Mommy, why is the sky blue?" "Mommy, why is the grass green?" And, one time whilst standing in the grocery line, "Mommy, why is that man brown?"

Me and Curious George were cousins in inquiry, I reckon. Which was a long-winded way to say, I still like asking questions.

This weekend I spent time on the early Spring cleaning of Casa D'Rush and in between random songs popping in my head -- songs like Tom Jones' "What's New Pussy Cat," and "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" (the Judy Garland version), Pearl Jam's cover of the "Last Kiss," and Disturbed's "Sounds of Silence," a thought about time kept nagging me. "What about time?"

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Tick tock, tick tock

If you Google "Einstein Time," in 0.82 seconds you will have over 20 million results to go over. I only know, because that is what I did to satisfy my curiosity. The quote attributed to Albert Einstein I liked was, "Time is what prevents everything from happening at once."

Tick tock, tick tock

Don't Rush Me, even the name of my column has an element of time about it. Is my time running out? Each day alive is a day closer to ... what? Have I got every thing in order? Why do I even care?

Tick tock, tick tock

Driving into work at 6:30-ish in the morning is becoming a lot easier these days, thought I. Why? It's not because I like getting up early any more than I have in the past. It's just getting lighter earlier. Which led me to think, "When is Daylight Savings Time?"

And, as soon as I got to work this past Monday I started a pot of coffee (because nobody else was in the office), fired up my 2002 Windows XP Pro desk top, waited 20 minutes for it to be usable and Googled, "When is Daylight Savings Time 2017?"

In 0.71 seconds I had 29 million answers to my question on the monitor before me. (Which is interesting because there is only one answer, the answer. Note to self: when I have time I need to look into the other 28 million, two hundred ninety-nine, nine hundred and ninety-nine answers.)

Oh, the answer: Daylight Savings Time starts at 2 a.m. this Sunday, March 12. It ends, by the way, on Sunday, November 5. So, get ready to "Spring Forward" this weekend.

Tick tock, tick tock

Last week, for four days in a row I woke up from a nice sleep at 2:44 a.m., 2:43 a.m., 2:45 a.m. and 2:42 a.m. I know because I looked at the clock, thought, "I still have about two and a half hours of sleep left. Yay!" And, promptly went back to sleep.

Why would I wake up at those 2 a.m. times?

Tick tock, tick tock

Sunday mornings, I like to listen to Krista Tippett host *On Being*, on National Public Radio. I find it refreshing, as I straighten out the kitchen, make coffee and scramble some eggs. This past Sunday was of particular interest as the guest of honor was Irish poet, author and theologian, Padraig O'Tauma.

Padraig (Gaelic for Patrick) is from Northern Ireland and is a Roman Catholic and, listening to him, has a real love for Jesus -- oh, and he's gay. None of that was real important to me, unless you put it all together and hear his words for healing.

One of the stories of trying to help someone else heal sticks in my noggin. He told the story of a 12-year-old girl in Belfast who was having a difficult time with the whole Northern Ireland Orange and Green problem. "And she goes, 'Answer me this: Why did God make Protestants? ... they hate us ...'"

Knowing she was good on the soccer field, he answered, "I know a lot of Protestants that would want you on their football team."

It was a way of finding a commonality between the two cultures, to get past the rhetoric to relieve some of the young lady's fears. Brilliant! Thought I.

He talked about hearing, and listening correctly (versus what you think was said) and sitting down for robust conversations with those who you do not agree with as a way of coming to an understanding. Do you think that has any merit across the pond, here in America? Do you think there is time for us, as Americans of differing opinions, to hear and listen and understand?

... Tick tock, tick tock

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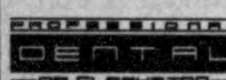
Q. I pay into Social Security, isn't that enough to retire on?

A. It all depends. How do you want to live in retirement? Try to predict future living costs and consider how much your government Social Security payments will be. There are a lot of variables and the best retirement plans try to manage them to the retiree's benefit. An obstacle to retirement savings and planning is sticking to the status quo — or, whatever you are doing now and hoping it will be enough when the times comes. Let's not leave your retirement up to luck. Let's talk about your retirement plans and come up with strategies that work for you. **Be my guest at Clarkston's Andiamo Trattoria for Waddell Wednesday, March 29, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

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Don Rush



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Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Driver in distress

A 29-year-old Royal Oak woman was driving on Dixie Highway when her van died, 8:33 p.m., Feb. 20. A deputy on patrol found her on Dixie in her disabled minivan in the right lane, upset and crying. She was also upset because she had been involved in an accident earlier that day on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. She refused medical attention. Her boyfriend told deputies her demeanor and mental state was normal because she had not been taking her medication regularly. The deputy completed a request for a Driver Assessment Reexam and forwarded it to the Secretary of State.

Friend of the Court arrest

Deputies received a tip, a 37-year-old Saginaw woman with a Friend of the Court warrant was working with a cleaning crew in the 6000 block of Clarkston Road. She was located and taken into custody, 7:28 p.m., Feb. 27.

Suspended license

A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV for turning from I-75 onto Ortonville Road on a red light, 6:10 p.m., Feb. 27. The intersection is posted – no turn on red from 3-7 p.m., Monday through Friday. The driver, a 29-year-old Ortonville man, was cited for driving with a suspended license.

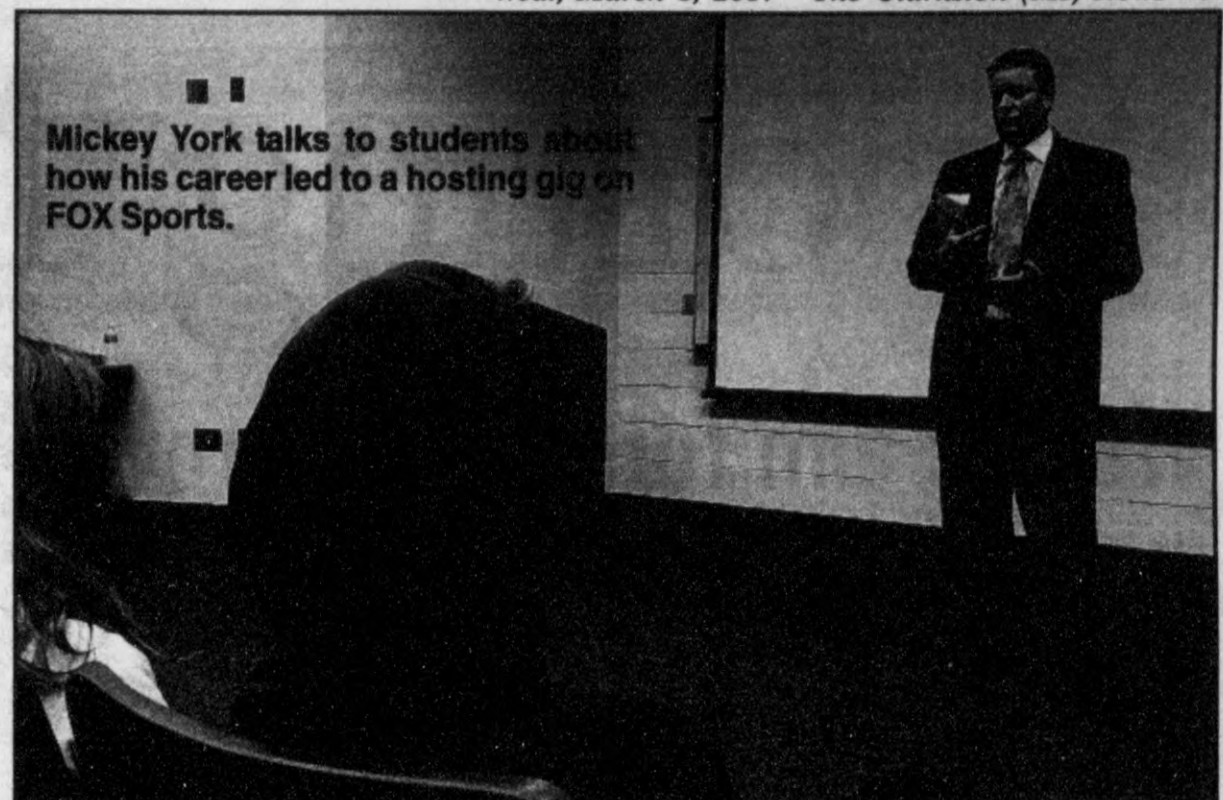
Hit in parking lot

Skiers called police after returning to their vehicle in the parking lot in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road and finding a van parked over the yellow parking space line and resting against their front bumper, 8:08 p.m., Feb. 27. The car suffered a small dent. The driver of the van, a 55-year-old Macomb man, was cited for failure to report an accident.

Parole absconder

A deputy on patrol ran the license plate of a car in front on Dixie Highway at Waterford Road and found its registered owner had a second-degree retail fraud warrant out of 37th District Court, and stopped it, 4:44 p.m., March 2. The car smelled of marijuana. The vehicle's owner, a 33-year-old Davisburg woman, was found with a marijuana cigarette. She was advised and released on the warrant, and cited for possession of marijuana. A passenger, a 30-year-old Independence Township man, provided a false name to the deputy, which a records' check revealed. He apologized and said he lied because he was scared. A records' check showed he had a warrant issued by the Michigan Department of Corrections for absconding on parole for home invasion and possession of cocaine. He was arrested and jailed on the warrant.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP.



Mickey York talks to students about how his career led to a hosting gig on FOX Sports.

Career info from pros

Clarkston High School PTSA hosted almost two dozen local professionals at their third annual Career Seminars for 11th grade students, Feb. 24.

"This program is timed perfectly for our 11th graders as they are starting to look at colleges, trade schools, or job opportunities available after high school," said Kim Hardtke, CHS PTSA Career Seminar co-chair. "They may be feeling pressure to pick majors or decide their future career path. Our goal is to expose our students to various options and to impress upon them it's okay to not know exactly what they want to do at this point in their life. There are steps they can take to figure it out and their career choice may change throughout their life."

Co-chairs Kim Hardtke and Melisa Taylor invited speakers from small business owners to professionals in large corporations to share their career journeys with the students.

"CHS would like to thank all of the presenters who volunteered their time to interact with our students," Hardtke said.

Professionals participating included:

Gary Bell, dimensional management engineer for Dimensional Controls Systems;

Brandy Boyd, chief of Recreation Programs and Services for Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission;

Matt Covey, deputy fire chief for Waterford Regional Fire Department;

Phil Custodio, editor of *The Clarkston News*;

Laura Lee Fulco, health and wellness manager for Sam's Club;

Deputy Frank Gavey, Oakland County Sheriff's Office;

Frank and Cathy Genovese, owners of Candy Cane CHRISTmas Tree Farm;

Mick Goik, president/COO of Crestmark Bank;

Julie Heuser, sales account manager for Grammer Industries;

Kelli Horst, branding and marketing consultant to higher education;



Kelli Horst discusses her marketing consultant career to higher education, with the high schoolers.

Kelly Hyer, recreation supervisor for West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation;

CJ Johnson, deputy of counter intelligence, Geek Squad, Best Buy;

Rayna Kaspar, pharmacist for Walgreens;

Robin Kirk, physical therapist;

Heather Kresbaugh, U.S. postal inspector;

Sean Miller, attorney, Law Office of Sean R. Miller;

Dr. Joshua Newblatt, DO, owner and medical director of Pine Knob Urgent Care;

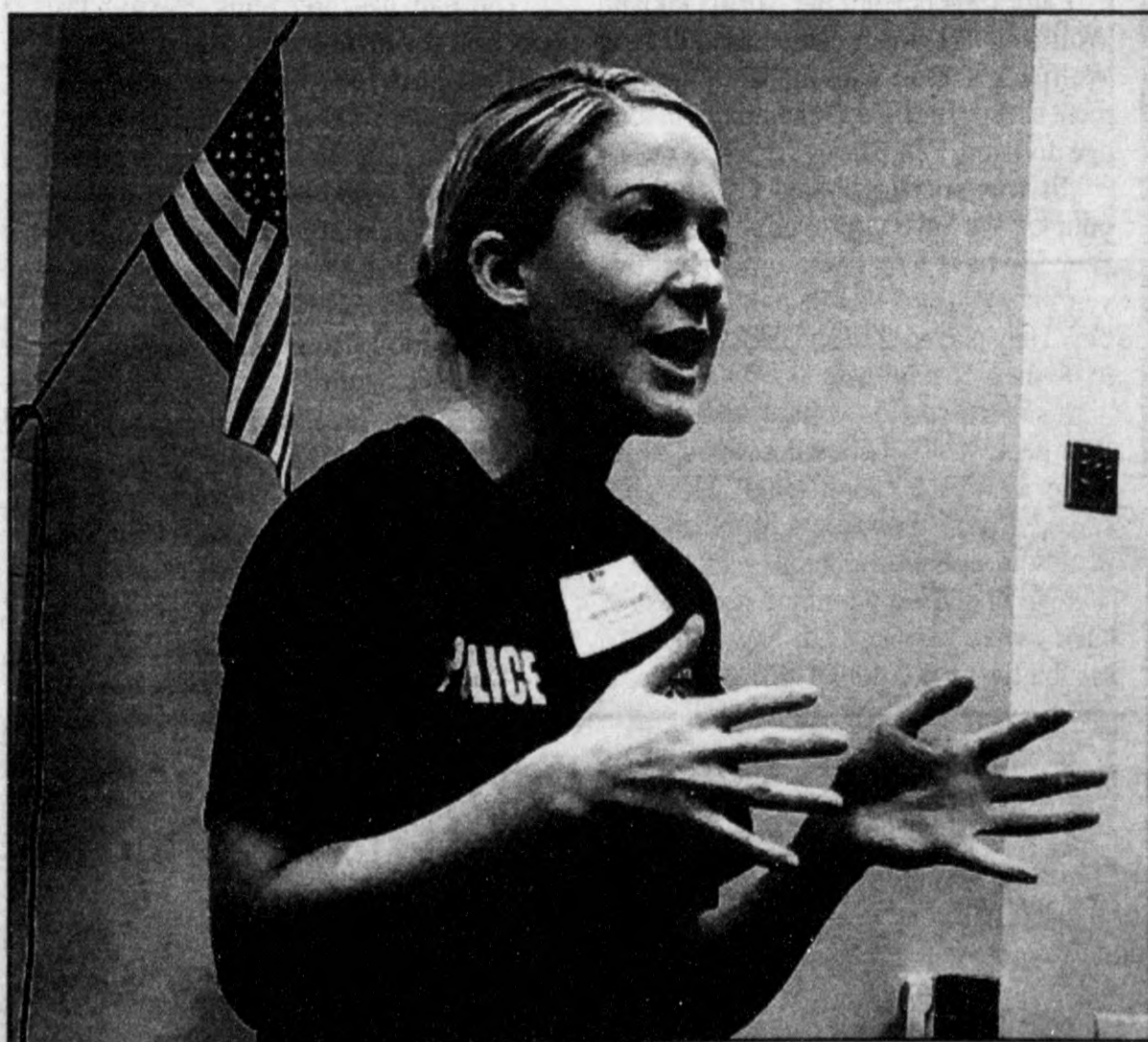
Chelsea O'Brien, owner of Clarkston Farms;

Zac Reynolds, aquarist at Sea Life Michigan;

Maria Veen, senior engineering manager for Bosch;

Julie Walker, registered dental assistant and clinical coordinator for Munk Orthodontics; and

Mickey York, FOX Sports host.



Heather Kresbaugh, U.S. postal inspector and Clarkston grad, discusses her career in federal law enforcement. Photos by Phil Custodio

Clarkston's Sporting News

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Wolves aim for district crown

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers begin their journey to the Breslin Center this week with district playoffs.

"This is the most nerve wrecking part of our season for me because one game and you are done," shared Dan Fife, head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball, who knows all too well the intensity of playoffs through his 35 years as coach.

"You can't afford to have a bad game or do something silly. You have to be playing hard and playing smart all the time," he added. "You have to keep your composure and play how you have been playing all year from the get-go. Everybody who plays us has a bullseye on us."

The Wolves finished the regular season with a 76-37 win over Rochester Adams last Thursday while also winning their 11th consecutive league crown.

The Highlanders opened with the lead and held onto it for the first three minutes of the game until sophomore Taylor Currie scored off senior Dylan Alderson's rebound, putting the score 8-7 for the Wolves.

The teams battled back and forth for the lead for the next minute until Alderson tipped in a miss shot to take a 1-point lead, starting a 10-2 run ending the first quarter, 21-14.

The Highlanders opened the second quarter with a pair of baskets which was matched with a pair of 3-pointers from junior Foster Loyer and a basket from junior Demond Mills-Bradley off a steal.

The Wolves closed the half with a 38-28 lead and came back from half time with a 15-0, starting with seven points from Alderson. The Highlanders only broke through with one field goal during the quarter which closed, 66-31.

"We played the second half much better," said Fife. "The intensity on defense was much better. The mindset changed. We can't afford not to play our hardest - mentally and physically. The game is as much mental as physical."

The game finished with two crowd pleasing points from senior Shayan Ghadamabadi at the buzzer.

Loyer led the team with 31 points and scored five 3-pointers. Alderson scored 22 points and had two field goals.

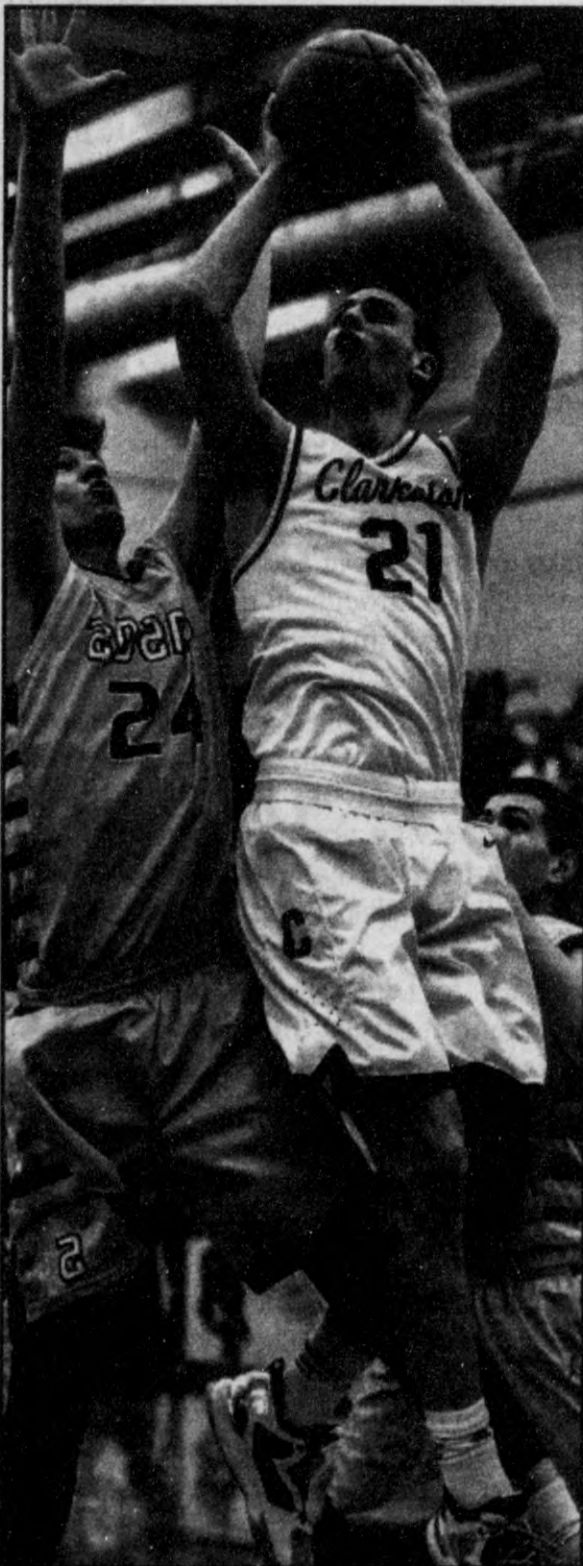
The Wolves opened the week with a 68-61 win over West Bloomfield, Feb. 28. Loyer scored 31 points during the win.

The boys opened the week against

Waterford Mott on Monday in the first round of districts. Due to publication time this week results are online at www.ClarkstonNews.com

The semifinals continue on Wednesday against Lake Orion and finals are set for Friday. Both games are at 7 p.m. at Lake Orion.

The district winner moves on to Regional 7 playoffs with semifinals at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 13 and finals at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Both games at Grand Blanc High School.



Senior Dylan Alderson aims for the basket and past Rochester Adams' defensive block. Photo by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



North Oakland Wolfpack Girls 11U wins the Wolfpack's Ball with Best tournament. Photo submitted

Tourney champs

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers from the North Oakland Wolfpack 11U team celebrated after the Wolfpack's "Ball with the Best" tournament as they finished as champions in their age division, Feb. 26.

"It was amazing," said Coach Abby Gibbs. "We have improved so much this year. We have won five tournaments this year. It was good to win another big trophy. They played hard and I am very proud to be their coach."

It came down to the final game for the Wolfpack which Gibbs described as intense against a tough team. The girls stayed within five points of their opponents throughout the game.

"We ended up winning," Gibbs said. "They were very excited. They took on a big battle with a lot of different teams

around the area. But this last game - it was amazing to watch them do it."

The team has three returners from last year and seven new players.

The team began playing in September and during November and December they played The Cage in Swartz Creek in two games every weekend. Then, began their tournament season in January and traveled throughout Michigan and also went to a tournament in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their final tournament this season is in Lansing this Saturday.

The team includes players from Clarkston, Lake Orion, Oxford and Goodrich. The North Oakland Wolfpack 11U team is Georgia Bosart, Ellie Britt, Tavi Butki, Wiley Gibbs, Alison Hufstедler, Emilia Morse, Charlotte Peplowski, Payton Richter, Lexi Strohschein, and Lexie Yankee. Team manager is Laura Bosart.



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Season ends at district finals

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers walked off the court one last time as they finished the season in the MHSAA Girls Basketball district final with a 44-31 loss to Waterford Kettering last Friday.

"We came up against a very good Kettering team," said Christine Rogers, head coach. "We didn't have it that night."

Kettering opened with the lead, scoring five points before the Lady Wolves got on the board three minutes in with a basket from junior Molly Nicholson.

Seconds later junior Maddie Beck closed the gap as she scored one point on the free throw line.

She then stole the ball from the Lady Captains' possession, leading to a basket from junior Kayla Luchenbach to tie the score at five points.

Kettering scored three points before junior Kiana Ayotte scored with 20 seconds remaining in the first quarter, 7-8.

The Lady Wolves opened the next quarter with two points from Beck off senior Kristen Page's rebound.

Both teams battled foul trouble sending players to the line, each to tie the score until Kettering pulled into the lead with four points.

Beck closed in, scoring on a 3-pointer with 13 seconds in the first half before Kettering scored to keep the lead and end the first half, 17-14.

"Kiana continued to handle the pressure and Molly and Kayla were going against girls as big as them underneath," Rogers said. "Maddie continued to take opportunities to go to the hoop. It was just the little things like boxing out and where we were are where we had a few letdowns."

The Lady Captains opened the second half with a 11-0 run to build onto their lead.

Beck led with 17 points during the game. The Lady Wolves won the second round

of district playoffs with a 36-30 win over Oxford, March 1. Beck led with 14 points and freshman Taylor Heaton scored ten points.

"It was an excellent opportunity," Rogers said about districts. "We played two early round games and they did pretty well."

The Lady Wolves finished the season with a 17-6 record.

"It was a great experience," Rogers said about the season. "We played a tougher schedule than we did last year. They saw some pretty good competition. They grew as a team. We had players like Kiana develop a real presence on the court. Maddie came out of nowhere to lead our team. She averaged 18 points a game. Kayla had another solid season, averaging 16 points a game. Molly was the player we hoped she would be. Going forward we have a lot to build on."

She added the tough season ending will help the returners for next year.

"They are going to realize we missed a chance to move on and it's going to make them hungrier for next year," Rogers said. "We aren't just hoping to do okay in districts. We want to win districts and they will be seniors, and it will be their last chance."

The team said goodbye to their three seniors Page, Mary McKillop and Nora Storey.

"It was tough to say goodbye," said Rogers. "Mary gave us some good minutes on Friday night. We got into some foul trouble and Kristen tried to play through her knee injury. Nora continued to keep challenging her team to do better and to rise to the challenge."

(For more about the seniors, please check out "Athletes of the Week: Leaders on the court" in the Feb. 23 edition of *The Clarkston News* for more about the senior players.)



Freshman Taylor Heaton eyes an open teammate during the first half. Photo by Larry Wright

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Top eight in the state

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Jake Calvano and sophomore Conor Donahue made their first trip to the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals memorable as they placed in the top eight at the Palace of Auburn Hills, March 2-4.

"Jake and Conor becoming state placers was awesome," said Freddie DeRamus, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Wrestling. "Jake joins his brother Chris on the wall. Conor is the first sophomore to place in the tourney since Nick Vandermeer. There were a lot of good things to take from this weekend."

Donahue placed in sixth place in the 130-pound weight class.

He lost the fifth place match to Hunter Hohman from Lapeer, 5-3.

He opened the tournament with wins over Wayne Memorial's Nick Daniels, 3-0; and Macomb Dakota's Tyler Sanders, 6-4.

He lost his next two match against Detroit Catholic Central's Kevon Davenport, 9-0; and Walled Lake Central's Warren Stanfield, 10-2.

Calvano (152) finished in eighth place after a 3-1 loss in overtime to Holt's Adam Hall, finishing his senior year with an overall 27-13 record.

He posted two wins during the finals over Grand Haven's Bryan Batten, 7-5; and Oxford's Trent Myre, with a fall, 1:27.

He lost to Dustin Solomon from Macomb Dakota, 3-2; and Nathan Atienza from

Livonia-Franklin in a technical fall, 17-2. Atienza finished as state champion.

Sophomore Mac Hanselman made his second appearance at the finals and finished with an 1-2 record for an overall 33-13 record in the 112-pound weight class.

He defeated Holt's Michael Thackthay in overtime with two points, 14-12.

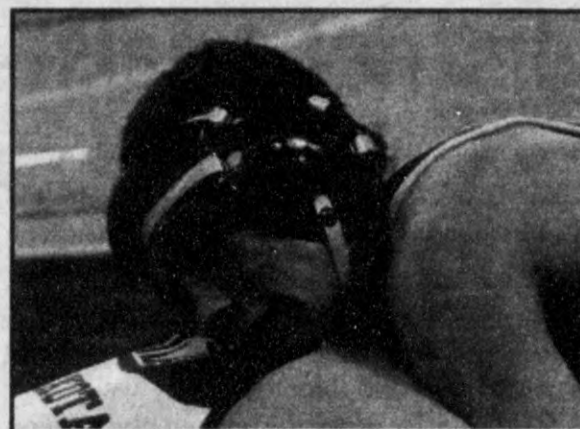
"He was down five points going into the third period," said DeRamus. "He tied the match up in the last 20 seconds and ended up winning in overtime. That said a lot about our three days in the Palace. We fought hard for every point win or lose."

He lost to Hartland's Corey Cavanaugh with a fall, 1:08; and Macomb Dakota's Justin Tiburcio, 4-0.

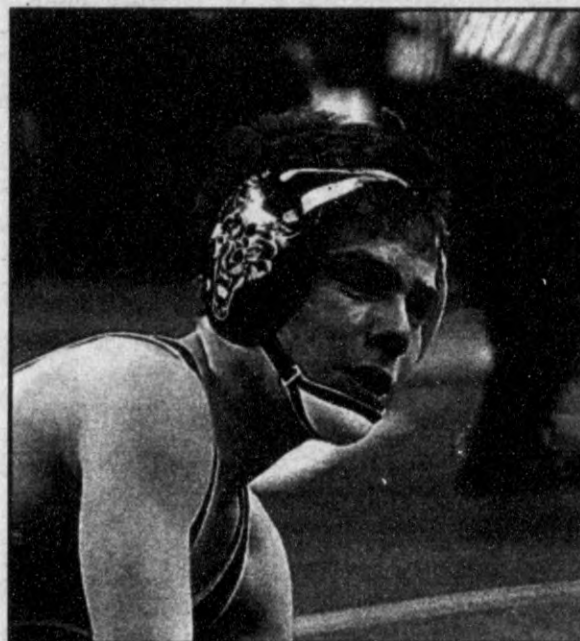
Senior Jacob Rygielski finished the season being in the top 16 in the state in his first and final trip.

Rygielski (135) finished with a 35-16 record. He defeated Rockford's Noah Anderson in his second match, 11-4. He lost his first match to John Glenn's Anthony Gibson, 12-0; and his third match to Rockford's Andy Hansen, 4-3.

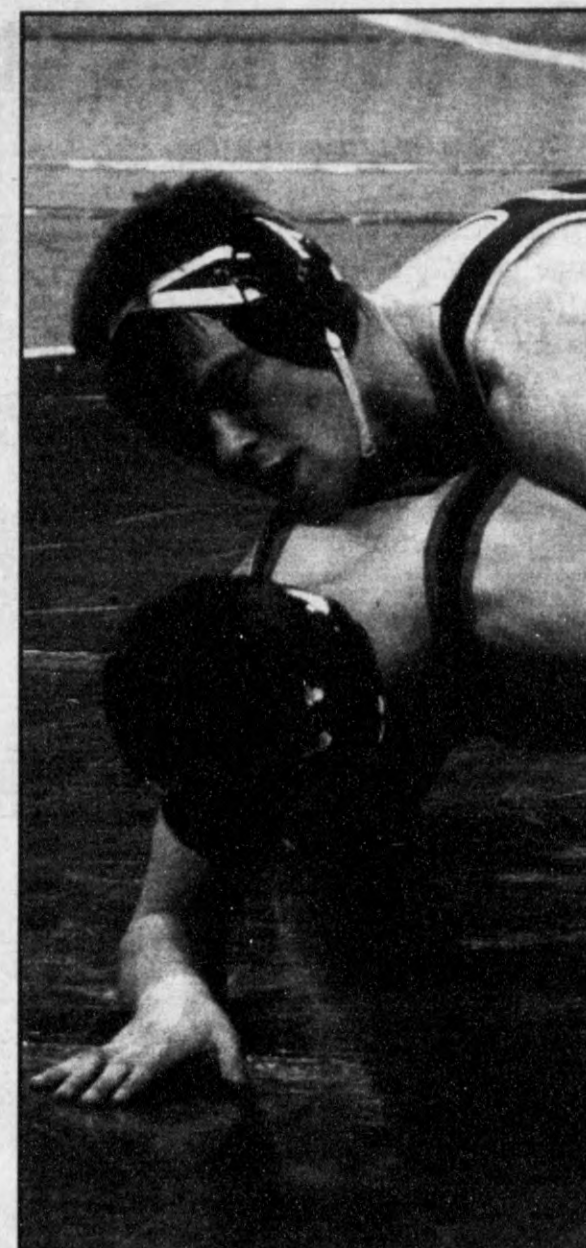
"Jake and Mac didn't medal but they wrestled with a lot of courage," DeRamus added. "As a staff of course we want everyone to leave with something. All four wrestlers went into the Palace and wrestled tough. They really represented Clarkston Wrestling."



Conor Donahue works on gaining the lead from a 4-point deficit against Tyler Sanders from Macomb Dakota.



Mac Hanselman scores two points in overtime to win his match over Michael Thackthay from Holt last Friday, 14-12.



Jacob Rygielski takes the lead on the match in the third period against Rockford's Noah Campbell.



Jake Calvano uses his strength to score points on Livonia-Franklin's Nathan Atienza. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



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North Oakland Wolfpack tourney a success

The North Oakland Wolfpack AAU travel basketball program out of the Oakland County area hosted their Fourth Annual "Ball with the Best" Tournament, Feb. 25-26.

Teams from Detroit, Flint, Grand Rapids, Midland, Saginaw, Westland and even a few teams from Canada competed at three different venues - Clarkston High School, Clarkston Junior High School and Waterford Mott High for two days to determine who would be crowned the champ.

The Wolfpack has seen the event grow the last four years from 35 teams in year one to over 100 teams this year.

"Coaches and other organization directors praised us for putting together a competitive, well run event that allow kids to play with top competition and at great facilities," said Al Robinson, Director and President of the North Oakland Wolfpack.

The tournament had teams compete in third to eighth grade age groups.

"Michigan boasts some top notch AAU programs and we were fortunate to secure them to our event," Robinson said. "Michigan Crossover which is a dominant girls program in the state saw four out of their five teams reach the championship game. In the 14U age group, both their teams were

set to face-off against each other until the coaches elected not to play the game and crown both of them champs."

He added in the fifth grade age group the host team found a way to secure the win and keep one of the trophies in Clarkston.

"North Oakland Wolfpack Coach Abby Gibbs is doing a great job with that group of girls, who have now won four tournaments and one league championship during this current AAU season," Robinson said.

On the boys side, Oakland Elite brought home championships in the third, sixth, seventh and eighth division.

"Grand Rapid Storm and The Family out of Detroit are also competitive programs who had strong showings at our event," said Robinson.

"Wolfpack boys had some ups and downs during this tournament, but look to rebound in their next tournament at Michigan State," he added. "As a program we want to win, but we also want to focus on teaching and developing our kids to play the game the right way."

The Wolfpack program has over 150 boys and girls with teams ranging from 3-11 grades.

"We have great coaches on the boys

and girls side of our program and they work really hard to put the kids in situations where they can realize success," Robinson said.

"None of this would be possible without Hale Well, Chris Wasilk and Sara Robinson who are board members; and Kim Wasilk, Erika Heaton, Greg Heaton and Abby and Colin Gibbs who volunteered over 12 hours each day to help pull this off. Also, David Galavitz I want to give special thanks to," he added.

"I'll also like to thank members of the Clarkston Wolves basketball teams - C.J. Robinson, Tristen Mysen, Chase Wasilk, Nick Wells and Jaiden Wasilk who are also a part of our program for the work they did keeping track of the scores and directing teams on their schedule. Without a core group of hard working people none of this would be possible."

For more information about Wolfpack and upcoming tryouts, please visit www.northoaklandwolfpack.com.

"I am happy with the result of our tournament" said Robinson and added he is looking forward to the continuous growth of his event which also has a positive economic impact on the Clarkston community.



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Books and Bites

Wednesday, April 12 7-8 pm

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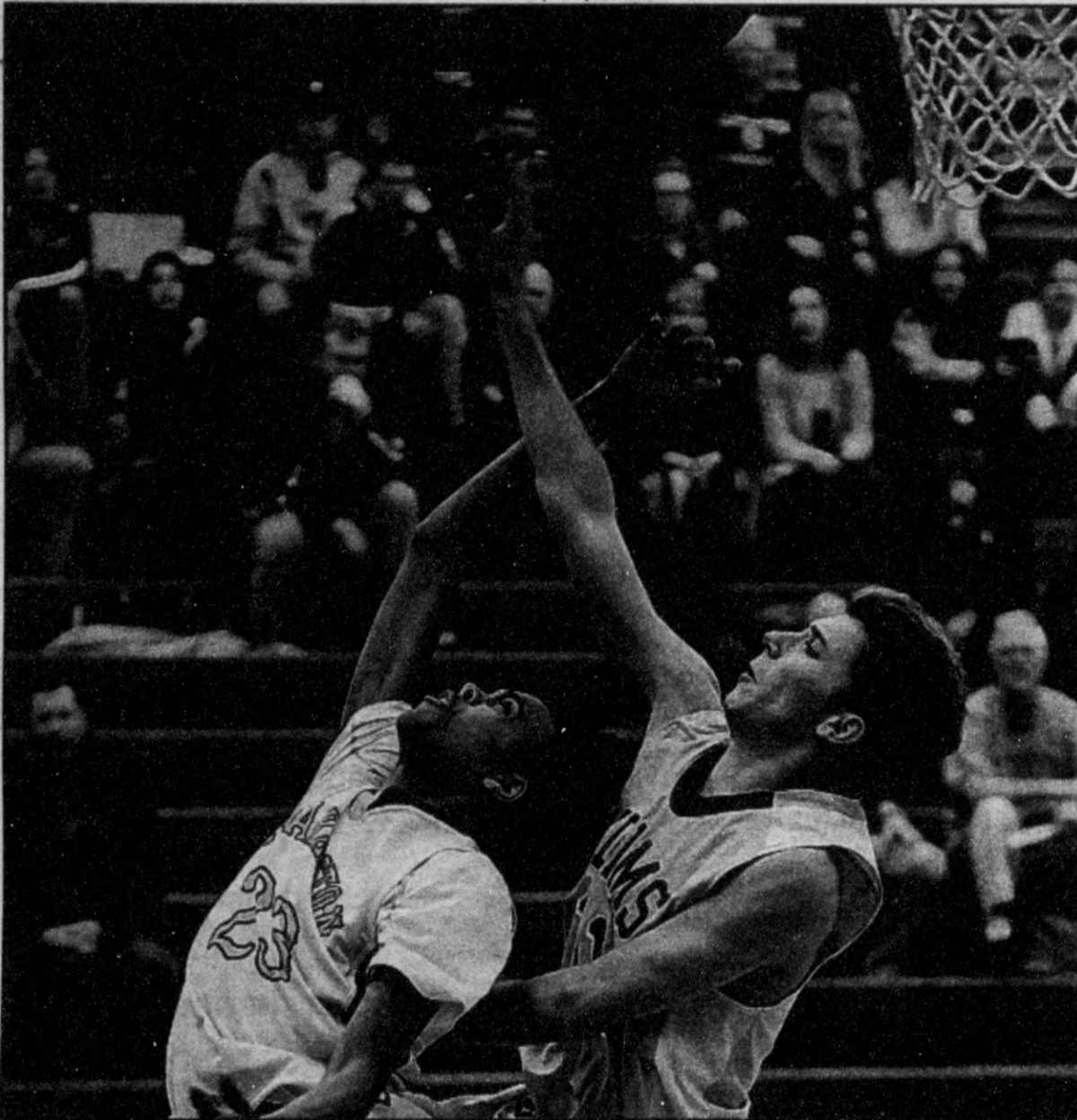
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Friday, April 7 10:30-11 am

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Sophomore Denton Smith reaches back to score for the Clarkston Boys JV Basketball team despite the block from Highlanders. Photo by Larry Wright/WrightActionPix

Young cagers end season

The Clarkston Boys JV Basketball team ended the season with a 40-34 win over Rochester Adams last Thursday. The boys finished the season 17-3 and 9-1 in the OAA Red for their second consecutive league title.

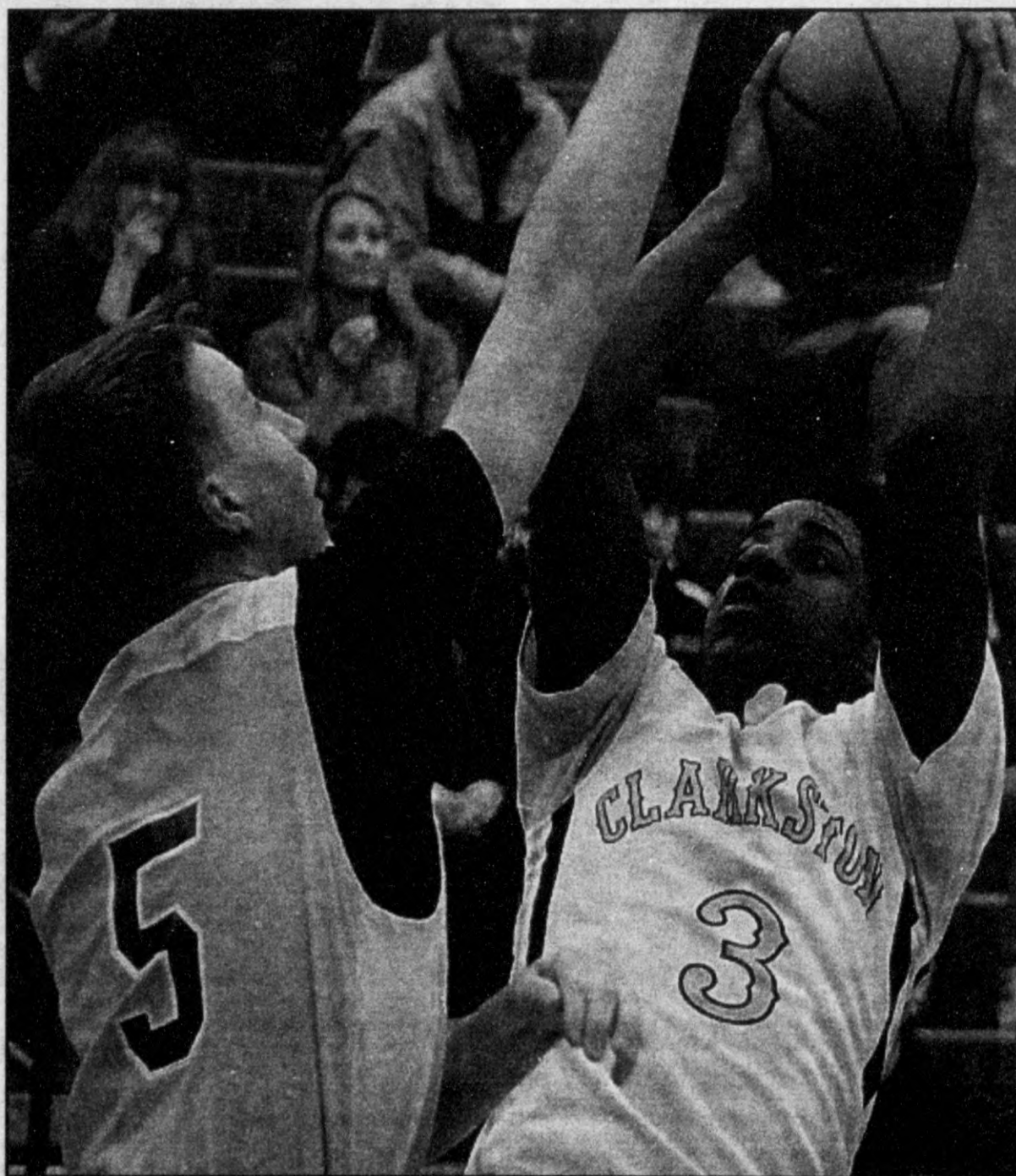
They also beat West Bloomfield on Feb. 28, 59-33. Brock Henley led the team with 16 points and Jake Jensen scored 14 points.

The Clarkston Boys Freshman Basketball team remained undefeated on their home court as they beat Rochester Adams last

Thursday, 41-36. Cole Donchez led the team with 15 points. He also went 4-for-4 on the free throw line in the fourth quarter to help in the win. Jaiden Wasilk scored ten points and Datrius McKinney scored eight points.

The Wolves lost to West Bloomfield on Feb. 28, 44-35. Donchez led with 19 points.

They finished the season with an overall 15-3 record and went 9-3 in the OAA Red. They were undefeated in their nine games at home.



Sophomore Desmond Mills-Bradley takes his shot in the second half of the last game for the JV team. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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Spikers net highs and lows

Clarkston Girls 8th Grade Volleyball Gold lost to Oxford Middle School Blue team on March 1, 2-1. The Lady Wolves lost the first two games on March 1, 25-19 and 25-22, before taking the third game, 25-17.

They lost to Oxford Gold on Feb. 28, 2-1. They defeated Oxford the first game, 25-15 and lost the next two, 25-18 and 27-25.

The Lady Wolves (3-2) compete against the Blue team on Wednesday at Clarkston Junior High School and host Scripps Middle School on March 13. Both games start at 4:30 p.m.

The Clarkston Girls 8th Grade Volleyball Blue team (3-0) defeated Oakview Middle School on Friday, 2-1. They won the first two games, 25-16 and 25-9 before losing the final game, 25-9.

They also won a close match against Waldon Middle School, 2-1. Waldon won the first game 25-20 before losing to the Lady Wolves the second game, 25-9. It was a closer game for the third round until Clarkston prevailed with a 29-27 win.

The girls head to Pontiac Middle School next Friday, 4:30 p.m.

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CLARKSTONCITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
CITY COUNCIL**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
01 09 2017 MINUTES**

Prospective City Manager interview started approximately 6:30 PM of Andrew Muniz. Call to Order at 7:15 PM Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Mayor Percival, Catallo, Detkowski, Marsh, Wylie, Haven, Kneisc. Approval of agenda: Motion by Detkowski, Supported by Haven to approve the amended agenda item to add to the agenda a special Council Meeting. Motion Carried. Public Comments: Dennis Ritter is concerned about the deck being so close to the clock at 15 S Main. The Mayor and City Manager are looking into the matter. Committee Reports: Motion by Wylie, Supported by Haven to approve members of the Parking Committee and vision statement. The members are so far as follows: Rick Detkowski, Jennifer Radcliff, Mike Besch, Trena Besch, Jason Kneisc. ~~There was no action taken. This was tabled until 01 23 2017.~~ There is no Facility meeting this month. Consent Agenda: Motion by Haven, Supported by Marsh to approve the consent agenda with the changes of the 11 28 2016 minutes. Al Avery was not present at the meeting and Correction of 10 24 2016 Minutes. All Aye, Motion Carried. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Haven to discuss a change of Planning Commission Member numbers of 5 members along with an ordinance change. Motion Carried. Oakland County No-Haz Program was presented by Whitney Calio. City Council did not make a motion to participate in this program. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Kneisc to extend the meeting past 9 PM. Motion Carried. Motion by Wylie, Supported by Haven to hold a Special Council Meeting at 7 pm on Thursday January 12 to interview and possibly hire a new Treasurer and or City Manager and take a look at 3 other resumes. Motion Carried. Motion by Percival, Supported by Wylie to reappoint Margaret De Costa and Scott Meyland to the Zoning Board of Appeals with their terms to expire June 30, 2019, and to hold off on any other appointments until further discussions would be held. Roll Call: Percival, Wylie, Catallo, Detkowski, Kneisc, Haven, Yes. Marsh, No. Motion Carried. Resolution by Catallo, Supported by Marsh to Approve a Budget Amendment General Fund 101, Major Streets Fund, and Capital Project Fund 401 of \$2,242.30. Resolution is Adopted. Resolution by Haven, Supported by Kneisc to Approve Final Invoices from Hubble Roth and Clark from accrued funds of 2015 and 2016 totaling \$8,588.00. Resolution is Adopted. Resolution to go into Closed Session Resolved by Haven, Supported by Marsh to go into Closed Session to discuss Attorney Client Privilege communication in regards to CBC Joint Venture at 10:17. Resolution is Adopted. Resolution to come back into Open Session at 10:49. Resolved by Kneisc, Supported by Detkowski. Resolution is Adopted. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Haven to support the Attorney's Recommendation. Roll Call: Marsh, Catallo, Kneisc, Haven, Yes. Wylie, Detkowski, Percival, No. Motion Carried. Motion by Wylie, Supported by Percival to adjourn at 10:53. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Miller, City Clerk

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CLARKSTONCITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
CITY COUNCIL**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
01 12 2017 MINUTES**

Roll Call: Mayor Percival, Catallo, Detkowski, Kneisc, Marsh, Wylie, Haven. All Present. Joe Luginski presented Jonathan Smith for an interview. Jonathan Smith introduced himself and talked about his resume and answered questions. Motion by Haven, Supported by Kneisc to meet past 9 PM. Motion Carried. Motion by Wylie, Supported by Haven, that we hire Andrew Muniz as City Manager. Roll Call: Haven, Wylie, Yes. Kneisc, Catallo, Percival, Detkowski, Marsh, No. Motion Failed. Motion by Kneisc, Supported by Detkowski, that we hire Jonathon Smith as City Manager. Roll Call: Wylie, Detkowski, Catallo, Kneisc, Haven, Yes. Marsh, Percival, No. Motion Carried. Motion by Haven, Supported by Wylie to ask for guidance on a contract for Jon from Attorney Tom Ryan. Roll Call: Haven, Kneisc, Catallo, Percival, Detkowski, Wylie, Marsh. Motion Carried. Motion by Percival, Supported by Wylie to adjourn at 9:33. Motion Carried.

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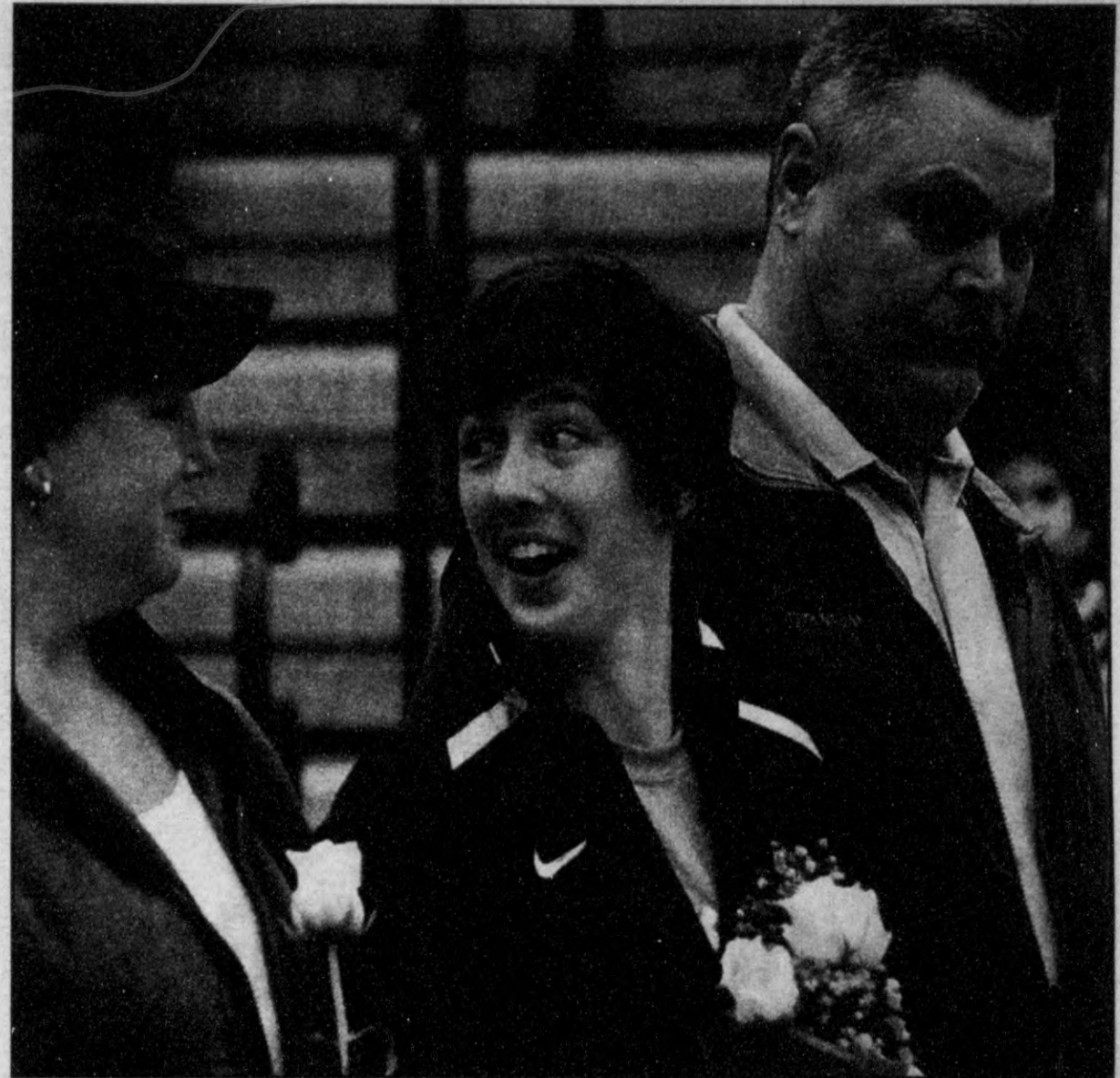
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CITY COUNCIL**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
01 23 2017 MINUTES**

Call to Order at 7:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance led by Kaylee Percival and Lieutenant Larry Perry our new Sheriff Department Sub Station Supervisor. Roll Call: Mayor Percival, Catallo, Detkowski, Haven, Kneisc, Marsh, Present. Wylie, Absent. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Catallo, Supported by Detkowski to approve the agenda with an addition of Speed Study Results from Independence Township. Motion Carried. Public Comments: Ginny Schultz thanked everyone that helped with Shiver by the river. Oakland Press has pictures on their website. Announcement of Mill Pond Porch Fest on Sunday June 25 from 1 to 4 PM. There will be different musicians and artists performing. Thanks from Mike Sabol to Rich Little for his work as City Manager. Mike Sabol thanked the Council for their vote on 59 S Main. Carole Sawyer along with Linda Robertson and Bruce Sawyer had complaints in regards to the parking on the North side of E Church Street. Motion by Detkowski, Supported by Haven, to approve the Mission Statement and members for the Communication Committee. The Council would like Cory Johnston to appear and express to the council his views and or opinions before he is considered to be on the Communication Committee. The decision was made to postpone until next meeting for Sue Wylie's input. Members will be put in February 13, 2017 Meeting. Motion Carried. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Catallo, to approve the Mission Statement and members for the Facility Committee. Members are Karen Eckert, Jason Kneisc, Rich Little, David Marsh, Steve Percival, Dennis Ritter, Steve Wylie. Motion Carried. Motion by Haven, Supported by Marsh, to approve the Mission Statement and members for the Parking Committee. Rick Detkowski, Jennifer Radcliff, Trena Besch, Jason Kneisc, Erich Lines, Kay Pearson. Motion Carried. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Percival, to approve the Mission Statement and members for the Walk ability Committee. The Council would like Cory Johnston to appear and express to the council his views and or opinions before he is considered to be on the Walk ability Committee. Members are as follows: Sue Wylie, Tom Stone, Kim Berry, Andrew Bowmaster, Tom Lowery, Erin Modzynski, Kelly Gagliardo, Mark McCloy and possibly Kevin Daniels. Motion Carried. Motion by Percival, Supported by Haven, to approve the Consent Agenda with the minutes changes from Percival. Motion Carried. City Manager Report: Rich Little presented the ongoing Parking Study. There is a survey that is being filled out by the businesses then turned into the City. Resolution by Haven, Supported by Marsh to Approve the Appointment of Jonathan Smith as City Manager and approve his contract. Resolution was Adopted. Jon was sworn in as City Manager. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Detkowski not to participate in Oakland County No Haz Program this year. Motion Carried. Motion by Percival, Supported by Detkowski to approve the American Legion Poppy Drive on May 18 through May 20, 2017 from 8 AM to 6 PM. Motion Carried. Motion by Haven, Supported by Percival to approve the Lions Club White Cane Week from April 28 to May 6, with the Drive to be Daylight hours on Friday April 28 through Saturday April 29, 2017. The Alternate dates are May 5 through May 6, 2017. Motion Carried. Motion by Marsh, Supported by Percival to approve the Knights of Columbus, Tootsie Roll Drive from 9 AM to 6 PM on April 7 through April 8, 2017. Pending new Certificate of Insurance. Motion Carried. Resolution by Detkowski, Supported by Percival that these financial institutions can be used as depositories for City Funds: Chase Bank, Clarkston State Bank, Oxford Bank, and Oakland County Treasurers Investment Fund according to the Investment Policy and to comply with Act 20 PA 1943. Resolution is Adopted. Percival announced the Speed Study from Paramus to Walton failed. The City will work with Independence Township on other methods of speed lowering techniques. Motion by Haven, Supported by Percival to adjourn at 8:39. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Miller, City Clerk

MAD, GLAD OR SAD?Write a letter to the Editor
clarkstonnews@gmail.com

SENIORS HONORED: Nora Storey and the other seniors on the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team were honored, Friday night, with flowers and a walk down the court with their parents. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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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 emailed to assess@indtwp.com. Protests by mail must be received prior to the adjournment of the March Board of Review.

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Independence Township**Bowling finals**

Freshman Hannah Turk qualified for 14th place during the MHSAA Division 1 Girls Bowling Singles Finals at Sterling Lanes on Saturday.

She scored 1128 during the round after six games with a high of 225 before moving on to play for the championship.

During the first round, Turk beat Lexi Smiegel from Chippewa Valley, 377-319. She bowled 174 and 203 during her two games.

She lost the next round to the eventual state champ Brittney Schniche from Caledonia, 378-358. Turk bowled 209 and 149.

For the boys singles finals, junior Drew Sagowitz placed at 32nd in the qualifying round with a 1130. His high game was 220.

The boys varsity bowling team finished in 15th during the team finals, scoring 3202 after eight Bakers and two games.

Awards for parks

Independence Oaks County Park has a new kayak launch with Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility, completed last fall and funded by a Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant.

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On Feb. 22, Clarkston tipped off its Community Well-Being Campaign with 30 partners, including doctors, mental health professionals, civic groups, local counselors, not-for profits, pastors, school board members, teachers, parents, school administrators, the Clarkston Coalition for Youth, Clarkston Youth Assistance, Springfield Township Library, Oakland County government, Independence Township Parks and Recreation, Clarkston Independence District Library, businesses, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and many others.

The campaign has two primary goals:

1. For the entire Clarkston community to be aware of the research behind and steps to achieving social, emotional, and physical well-being for every Clarkston kid.

2. To build upon existing or create new structures over the next five years as a community to achieve well-being for every child.

One of the ways of achieving the first goal is a community-wide book study. For this, we have chosen *The Resilience Factor* by Karen Reivich and Andrew Shatte.

Paper and digital copies of this book are available through the Clarkston Independence District Library. We encourage families to read this book together, talk about it at dinner, and think about what it means.

The book puts forth elements of well-being, which cross reference with those vital for a healthy brain, including positive emotions (optimism, understanding our own thoughts and challenging negative thoughts, hopefulness), engagement (being involved in activities, motivation, perseverance, contribution), meaning (a

life of purpose), and positive relationships (family, friends, happiness, love, joy, peace, knowing someone cares, serving others).

With these elements in place, children are much more likely to accomplish their goals and achieve in school.

Specifically, we as parents, teachers, neighbors, grandparents, friends, siblings, and community members can encourage children to get involved in and stick with at least one extracurricular activity.

The research shows "kids who spend more than a year in extracurriculars are significantly more likely to graduate from college and, as young adults, to volunteer in their communities."

The hours per week kids devote to extracurriculars also predict having a job and earning more money, but only for kids who participate in activities for two years rather than one." (*Grit*, 2016). Of course, this makes sense.

Such activities are replete with opportunities for positive emotions, engagement, positive relations, meaning, and accomplishment/achievement.

I continue to believe social, emotional, and physical well-being are the keys to a healthy life of achievement.

Without these things, it is hard to succeed. Together as a community, we have what it takes to make sure that every child is well. What greater gift can a community give to its children?

Congratulations to Clarkston bowlers, cheerleaders, dancers, thespians, musical performers, winter guard, hockey, ski, basketball teams, wrestlers, and swimmers and divers on their amazing accomplishments this winter.

Our school system is deeply grateful to each of these students, their parents and coaches/teachers, and to the community who supports them.

We are excited to enter the tournament season and to follow our teams to places near and far as they achieve their goals.

Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools



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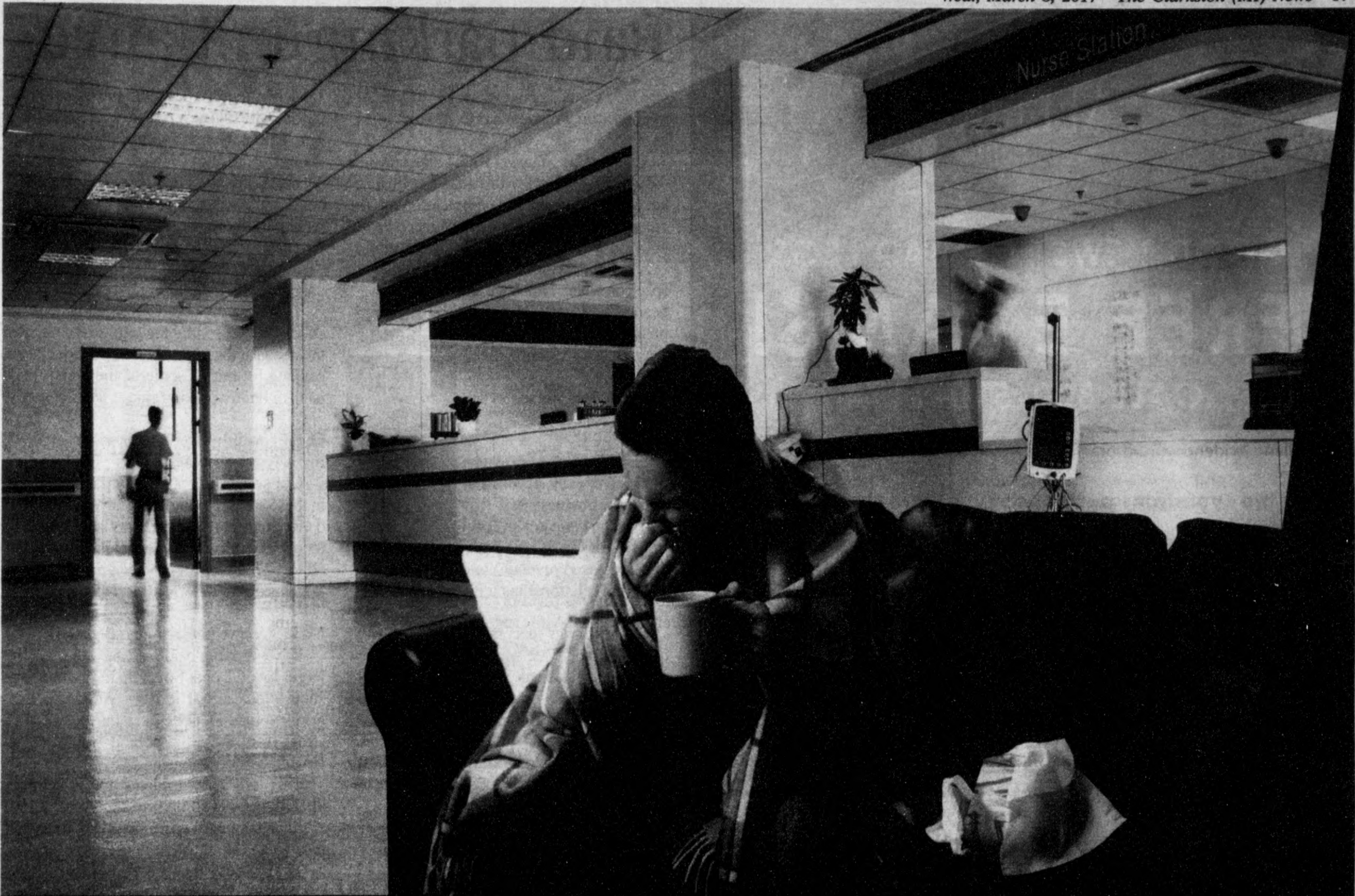
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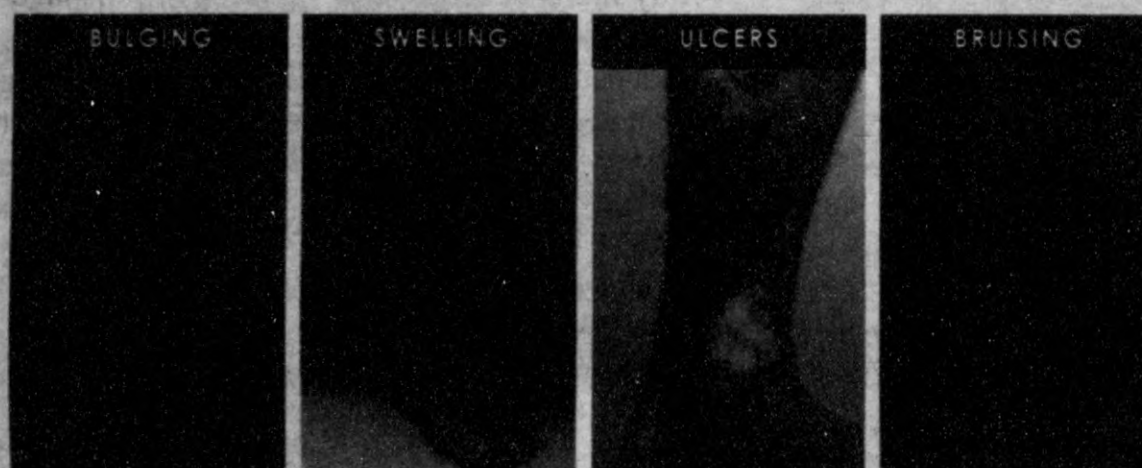
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Paid parking initiative

Once I was elected as Mayor of the City of Clarkston, I made it a priority to get parking fixed.

Interim City Manager Rich Little, and now current City Manager Jonathan Smith, and I have worked to get this completed. With the creation of the Parking Committee, who are actively working as well, we are attempting to solve this issue. Let me bring you up to speed on where I think we are headed and parts of a proposal I will bring forward at the next City Council meeting.

The issues we see as our biggest concerns:

Lack of funds to create new parking spaces, accommodate new businesses:

We knew the key to solving these issues is paid parking (increased revenue) and repairing relationships with private parking lot owners.

Our team was successful in getting a good quote (one of three we hope) to install four parking pay stations.

Two in the lot on the corner of Main and Washington and two stations in the city's Depot Road parking lot. The cost to purchase and install the four stations is roughly \$50,000 and roughly \$3,000 for annual maintenance.

It sounds like a lot of tax payer money and it is. However, conservatively speaking, the annual revenue returned to the city should pay back the initial investment in the first five months (at a 50% capacity rate).

If we maintain full lots, the pay back could happen in 2.5 months. At \$1 per hour for eight hours per day, we could make over \$365,000 per year. Conservatively, if we were only at a 50% capacity, we would still bring in around \$185,000 per year. It solves some very near approaching revenue issues Clarkston could face, which in turn, could result in higher taxes in one form or another.

Views from
city hall



Steven Percival

Lack of adequate parking spaces to accommodate the two new restaurants in the business district (Honcho's and the "Bank" properties):

This is being solved by repairing relationships with our stakeholders who own the large parking lot west of Depot Road.

They will potentially open their lot to "shared use" and will begin, with the city, to charge for parking during the evening hours.

This instantly adds 130 potential parking spaces to be used by the public and negates the need for the city to find new land, make a parking lot out of some of the Depot Park land, or build a parking garage within the city.

Overcrowding streets with on-street parking in front of homes:

Our suggestion is to limit public parking in these areas. I would suggest allowing residents to utilize on-street parking in front of their homes via a "Residential Parking Permit Only." This helps us to keep our neighborhoods safer, quieter, and less congested.

Main Street vehicular congestion and safety:

If we start the paid parking and open the larger lot on Depot Street up for parking, we should look at traffic flow. We would suggest we turn Depot Street into a two-way street from the alley behind Harrison's to Holcomb Road.

This will give residents and visitors an alternate travel route into the city; to park without having to come onto Main Street and turn on to Depot Street to access parking.

They would then be allowed to access the park, parking lots, city offices, and other businesses via Holcomb thus, reducing the congestion on Main Street.

We do not want vehicles exiting Depot Street onto Main as this intersection is far too dangerous to allow this access.

This will also accommodate a three way stop intersection at Holcomb and Depot Street that will slow traffic coming off White Lake Road onto Holcomb Road.

Steven Percival is mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston

Nest box monitors needed

Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) is seeking nest box monitors for the Eastern Bluebird and other native birds. A training session for volunteers is being offered at Wint Nature Center from 1-3 p.m. this Sunday.

Nest boxes are monitored by trained volunteers through the Oakland County Parks and Recreation citizen science program. This training will provide information about the birds, monitoring techniques and volunteer requirements.

Volunteers are asked to check nest boxes weekly from April through July. Nests are

tracked in NestWatch through the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The program is free and open to anyone interested in learning about nest box volunteering. This training is also a refresher for past volunteers.

Pre-registration is required at least one day in advance at 248-858-0916. For more information, email Volunteer@oakgov.com.

Wint Nature Center is located in Independence, Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston.

For details on upcoming events and activities, visit OaklandCountyParks.com.

Independence Township Times

Updated news on points of interest in Township

By Pat Kittle
Supervisor

Tuesday, February 21 was a big day for the Township. The Board of Trustees approved a request to spend a \$100,000 in General Fund dollars for the purchase of a comprehensive, Township-wide, Enterprise Content Management (ECM) System. The ECM will take the Township from the Stone Age into the 21st century when it comes to record management



and retention, workflow, mapping, and spatial analytics that will ultimately assist the Township in making financial, construction, and public decisions moving forward.



Township
Supervisor
Pat Kittle

Remember the movie with Harrison Ford, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*? The last scene was a guy pushing a cart with the ark in a wooden crate into a huge storage room filled with what seemed to be an endless number of other wooden crates. This last scene from *Raiders* is what I envision for every Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request requiring a visit to the Township's storage barn located in the back of the DPW yard off Flemings Lake Road. The amount of effort spent rummaging through decade old documents currently stored in the barn chews up a lot of time, which equates into a lot of lost productivity (aka money).

These concerns will soon be a thing of the past. It is expected that once the row after row of stacked, five-high boxes filled with site plans, blue prints, tax records, payroll slips and more are scanned into the ECM system, having to search through poorly identified volumes of paper filled files will be permanently eliminated.

Furthermore, even though the State of Michigan's retention schedules require that some records be kept permanently, there are a large number of records currently stored in the barn that are only required to be kept for a specific period time. Any dated docu-

ments already meeting their retention period will be destroyed. All documents scanned into the ECM system will include a feature that will alert a department as to when the destruction date is approaching; that date can be extended if needed.

Having documents managed by the ECM will also eliminate duplicate documents and the potential of having documents destroyed due to water or fire events.

The Township Board, under the watchful eye of Barb Pallotta, established an Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) whose primary purpose was to evaluate and recommend a document management / retention system to store the mountain of paper gathered over many years into a digital format with a user friendly interface, allowing easy search and retrieval functions. And, while Tuesday's decision was a critical first step moving into the digital world, it is far from the last. Now comes the hard part, taking the time to review old files, remove duplicate elements, optically scan the documents and categorize them for easy retrieval. This process is going to take a while and cost a few more dollars, but in the long run, this critical project will pay for itself with better service to our residents and a better system of safeguarding the Township's important documents in a more secure environment. All members of the ITOC team are to be commended for a job well done.

Another recent technology purchase made, again based on the recommendation of the ITOC team, is what is called CityWorks. The purchase of CityWorks was approved by the Board on December 20, 2016 for \$30,000. CityWorks is an asset management work order program that will first be used by the DPW and then rolled out to the rest of the Township. CityWorks will electronically house the location of every DPW controlled asset, including but not limited to, underground water and sewer mains, water and sewer pumps, sewer holding tanks, well heads, computer based alarm systems, valves, emergency generators and more. No more guess work where a sewer main or man hole is located. Using the latest GPS technology, locations are accurate to within a couple



of feet. Asset history is also housed in this system.

No more guess work as to when the last preventative maintenance was performed on an emergency generator or pump system. Work orders are created for every project providing accountability on what was done, who did the work, work cost in terms of materials and labor, and even alerting management when the next scheduled maintenance is due. And CityWorks will fully integrate into the new document management system described above, ensuring all data regarding a parcel or project is available to all. Making sure fresh water flows and toilets flush is the number one priority for the DPW. CityWorks will help make sure we are successful 24/7. Will keep you posted.

At the February 21 meeting, the Township Board also approved the engineering design work for the Clintonville Safety Path between Waldon and Maybee Roads. The engineering firm of Nowak and

Fraus of Pontiac was awarded the \$90,000 bid. The 4,000+ foot project will consist of designing and costing out a series of walkways and pedestrian bridges to traverse the swampy wetlands in this area along Clintonville Rd. Nowak and Fraus is the firm that has been contracted by the County Parks Division to design and build the mile-plus long pathway linking the north and south entrances to Independence Oaks County Park along Sashabaw Road. The lead engineer from Nowak and Fraus went on record that by being awarded both projects, numerous efficiencies are gained for both the Township and County projects through bulk purchasing, reduced mobilization costs, lower inspection costs and more. This has been a tough process to nail this project down. I am anxious to get this project going.

Finally, the Township is also going to ask for your patience while we upgrade the restrooms at both the Lakeview Room in Bay Court Park and the Day Camp

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Process improvements prepare us for future growth

By Paul Brown, CPA
Treasurer

With a staff of three (including myself), the Treasurer's Office is staffed with the absolute minimum number of employees to insure our duties are timely and properly performed. Our primary duty is collecting the monies owed the Township. This includes everything from building permit fees to Township tax payments to water and sewer payments. In the past, this task include opening up stacks and stacks of envelopes containing payments delivered by the postal service and then manually entering the payments into our system.



Paul Brown,
Township
Treasurer

With an eye on the future, we implemented a few new methods for receiving payments in the past three years. We started by establishing the Township as an electronic vendor in the banking system. For residents using their bank's online BillPay system, this means that when you pay the

Township, we receive the payment electronically versus receiving a paper check. We also receive a data file that allows us to post those payments electronically. We are able to post thousands of payments in minutes with this method. Typically, we receive your payment within 24 hours of it being processed. This method is also very cost affective. Most banks do not charge you for this service and the costs to the Township are pennies per transaction.

After establishing the Township as an "electronic vendor," we next moved to implement eBilling with Autopay for water & sewer customers. The Autopay process allows customers to sign up for emailed bills that arrive about three weeks prior to the due date. On the due date, the balance due is automatically processed from your savings or checking account. With few exceptions, this process works flawlessly and best of all, there are no fees charged to the resident and timely payments are guaranteed. In fact, given the success of this process we plan to implement a similar process for payment of taxes. Watch for more on this in future issues of the *Township Times*.

Another important initiative was the establishment of a "Lockbox" account at our bank. Lockbox services have been utilized in the commercial banking industry for decades. A "LockBox" is a special post office box that our bank can access. The return envelopes we provide you to mail in your payments have special barcodes that speed up the delivery of your payment directly to the Township's secure payment processing facility. Here, the payments are optically scanned along with your payment stub. This creates a data file that we are able to download on a daily basis for posting. As with the data file above, we are able to post thousands of payment in a matter of minutes.

These process improvements and automation will allow the Treasurer's Office to handle additional work in the future without adding additional costs to our budget. If you'd like more information about signing up for eBilling with autopay, please email us at ebilling@indtwp.com. We'll return the sign-up form to you and help you get signed up for the next billing cycle.

Tax collections continue to improve

Looking back historically, delinquent taxes spiked in the late 2000's due to the housing crisis.

In 2008, more than \$3,000,000 was turned over to Oakland County as delinquent. This represented six percent of the total taxes levied. Things have steadily improved since then.

Today, we're working hard to get the delinquent taxes under one million dollars and we are very close to that goal. This would represent around two percent of the total taxes. A significant impact in the decrease the past two years has been the implementation of delinquent tax notices in December and February. While not required, these notices serve as a reminder to those who have simply forgotten to pay. While residents with escrow accounts seldom think about the tax due dates, nearly 58% of Independence homeowners do not have escrow accounts for taxes.

We'll continue to do our best to improve notifications to homeowners so they can avoid the interest and penalties required by law when taxes are paid late.

One method we're developing is the use of email reminders to notify residents of the upcoming due dates. If you'd like to participate in this program, please email us at treasurer@indtwp.com with Tax Notification in the subject line. Please include your address or parcel number in the email.

Why does my dog need a license when it never drives?

By Paul Brown, Treasurer

All humor aside, I thought I'd provide the historical background as to why Michigan and most other states require dogs to be licensed. The primary reason is the prevention of the Rabies virus. Rabies causes tens of thousands of deaths each year worldwide. The vast majority of these cases are the result of dog bites in countries where dogs are not commonly vaccinated. Once rabies symptoms appear in humans, the end result is almost always death.

In the United States, bats are the primary source of rabies infections while dogs make up less than 5% of the cases. Deaths from rabies in the US are quite rare because of vaccination laws established in the early 1900's. In 1917, Michigan passed a law that required all dogs to receive rabies vaccinations and to be licensed annually.

As a convenience, we sell dog licenses at the treasures office and if you've ever come in to purchase a license and did not bring the rabies vaccination certificate, you left without a license. The law was written to require us to look at the certificate every time we issue a license, even if it is a 3-year certificate that we saw the year before.

The second important reason for licensing is that if your dog ventures too far from home and gets lost, someone finding him can provide the license number to Animal Control and they can look you up to contact you and reunite you with your pet as quickly as possible.

Pets are big parts of our families, please check your dog's paperwork to make sure the shots are current and the license is as well. If you have any questions regarding licenses please give us a call. 248-625-5115.

Dog Licenses Details

The State of Michigan requires ALL dogs over 4 months



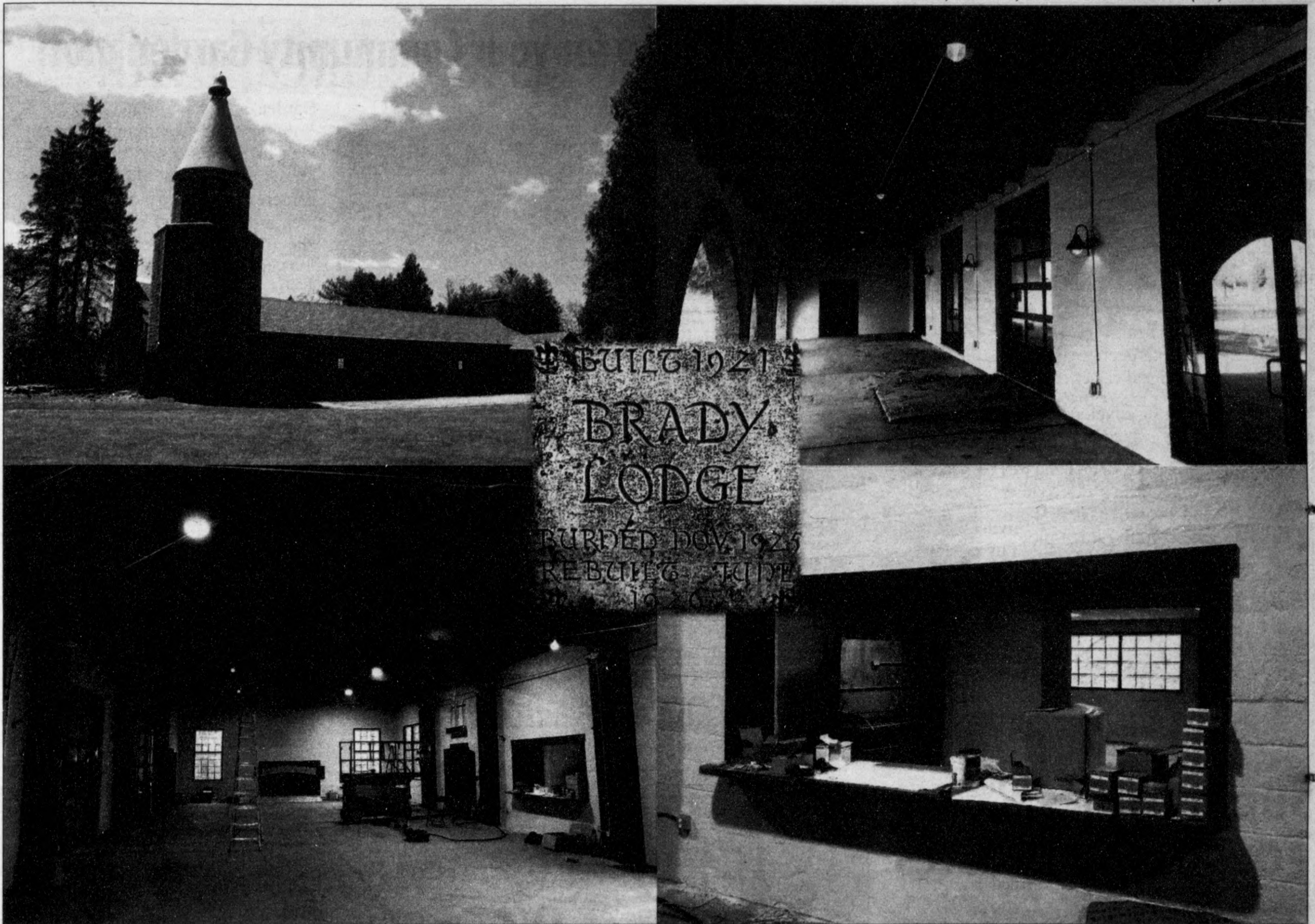
to be current with rabies vaccine and to have a Michigan dog license. Failure to comply may result in a misdemeanor ticket. You may purchase a one or three year dog license.

A license must be purchased within 30 days of:

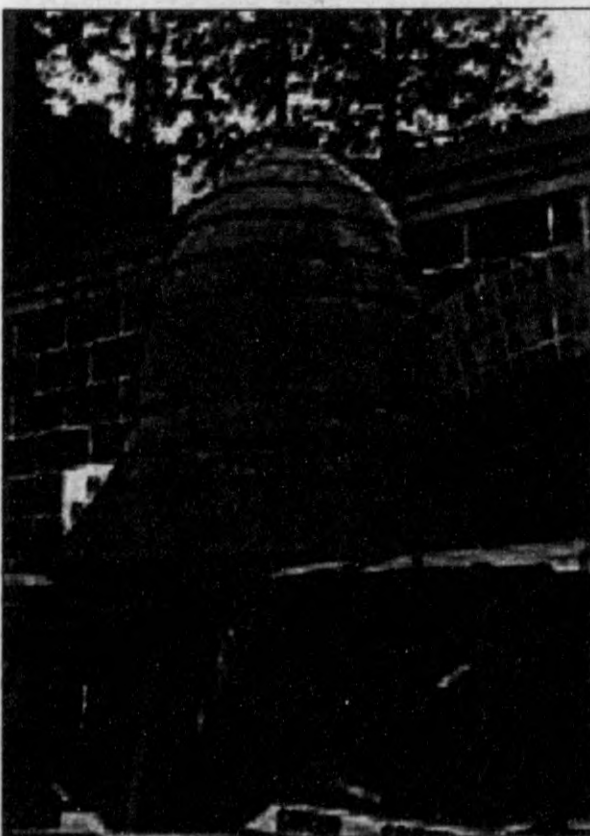
- Purchasing or acquiring a new dog
- A puppy turning 4 months of age
- Becoming a Michigan resident
- The expiration date of the prior license. Licenses expire on December 31st of each year.
- Fees: (cash or checks only)
- Spayed/Neutered \$ 7.50 (documentation required)
- Senior Citizen* \$ 6.75
- Senior Citizen* \$13.50

After June 1st all licenses are \$30.00.

*Senior Citizen price for dog owners 65 years of age or older (proof of age required)



Work is progressing on Brady Lodge



**By Pat Kittle,
Supervisor**

The restoration of Brady Lodge is going full speed ahead.

Originally built in 1921 and rebuilt in 1926 after a devastating fire, the finishing touches will soon be completed on this historic building within the next 60 to 90 days. With an all new roof and rebuilt bell tower, Brady Lodge is definitely one distinctive looking feature of Independence Township. The front entrance has been completely done over with new lighting, pedestrian and overhead doors to allow for an open air feeling that would be just perfect for a farmers market or flower show.

The interior of the building has a fresh coat of paint along with new ceiling lights and plenty of electrical outlets that could

really accentuate folk's creative capability in an art festival or flea market. Brady even offers a very simple serving area for coffee or cider and doughnuts. A new concrete front porch that is ADA compliant and asphalt approach road from our parking lots will make loading or unloading for a community event a breeze. This access way will be installed by June 1, just in time for the summer season.

It must be noted that Brady Lodge is an old gathering area for Boy Scouts, dating back decades. As such Brady Lodge does not have running water. Porta-Johns will be available on site for the most basic of needs.

If you are interested in seeing Brady for yourself, call Parks Director Derek Smith at 248-625-8223 for more details.



Get your green thumb ready -- sign up for your Community Garden plot!

There is a lot of buzz out there about knowing where your food comes from. What if you could say this summer, "All my produce comes right from my garden!" and at the same time, have someone guide you through the whole experience? Well now you can!

Register now for a plot at the Clarkston Community Garden. Located one mile from Pine Knob, it not only makes gardening easier, but you will have a small village of neighbors growing alongside of you. There are a total of 100 plots at the Community Garden and all of them will sell out. The 10x10 plot you will receive is yours through December 31, 2017 and you will have first priority to renew your garden plot at the end of the season. Whatever is grown in this space, will belong to you! Make meals for your family, give away fresh veggies to your neighbors and give any extra to the local food banks the Community Garden donates to. Learn to be self-sustaining!



The Garden is surrounded by an 8ft tall deer fence and all plots are very close to a water spigot (and some plots are even watered by an irrigation system). Another perk is that a Garden Manager is available to answer questions and is

able to provide guidance if requested.

Registration Information for the 2017 Share Garden Program

Gardeners will be required to donate 10 hours of their time to the Community

Garden in order to remain in good standing. The Community Garden kick-off meeting will be Tuesday, March 30 at 6-8pm. Mandatory new gardener orientation is at the Garden-pick a day-April 17 or May 14, 6-8pm.

Don't miss out on getting your plot, register now! Forms can be downloaded online at www.itpr.org. Completed registration forms can be brought in, mailed in or dropped off to our afterhours drop box. Cost \$30 res/plot and \$40 non-res/plot and can be made payable by cash, check or charge.

Volunteer opportunities also exist at the Clarkston Community Garden

Come to our kick-off meeting to learn more about some of the options or LIKE us on Facebook! Volunteers are needed for: planting, harvesting, weeding, garden projects, fundraisers.

For more information, call the Parks, Recreation & Seniors office at 248-625-8223.

Supervisor's Township Updates

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facility in Clintonwood Park. Both facilities are getting long-in-the-tooth and do not meet today's stringent ADA requirements. \$35,000 is currently in the capital plan to upgrade the Lakeview facility at Bay Court and \$150,000 for the Day Camp facility at Clintonwood. \$9,900 was approved by the Board at the February 21 meeting to begin phase one at Bay Court. Please pardon our dust as work progresses throughout the summer.

In closing, the Township has matured to the point where we are going to have to commit some serious funds to upgrade our Parks and repair/replace critical infrastructure and facilities to maintain the quality of life Independence residents come to expect.

Promise to keep you posted as we continually put plans together to invest your tax dollars in the community.



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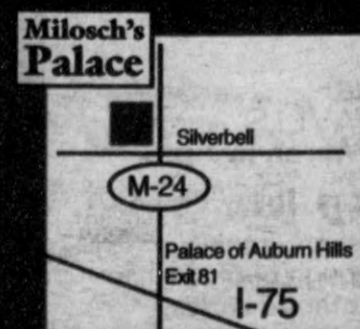
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Events

Office hours, state Rep. Jim Tedder, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 24, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. No appointment necessary. 517-373-0615.

Inaugural Fundraiser, My Habitat Clarkston, 5-9 p.m., March 25, Bowman Auto Center, 9603 Dixie Highway, Springfield Township. Benefits Community Impact Weekend home repairs for low-income families and vets, and future local home builds through Habitat Oakland County. "MyHabitatClarkston," Facebook.

Community Impact Weekend, April 29-30 and Nov. 4-5, projects for qualified low-income families and seniors, local veterans, non-profit service projects. 248-625-8055.

Sunday

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway behind Pete's Coney. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

Monday

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

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

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

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

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

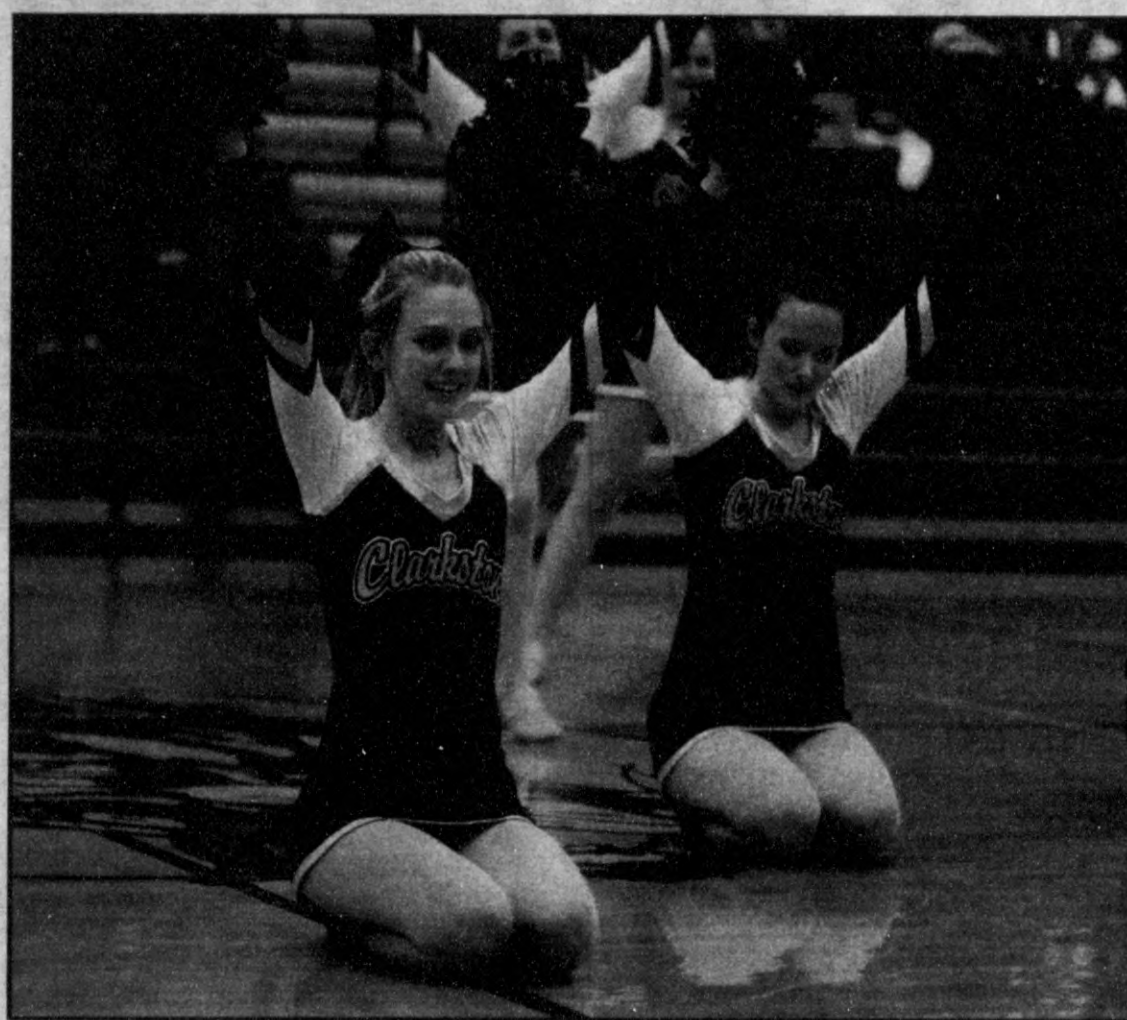
FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road.

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

Grocery Store Class by Nuview Nutrition, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., smart shopping for wallet and diet, at Kroger store, Dixie Highway

Around Town

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



The JV Dance team performs the last halftime show of the season at the March 3 game. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

and Maybee Road. Group tours, \$20. Private classes by appointment, \$80/person. 248-625-5143.

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

Tuesday

Financial Health for 2017 with Mike Kastler, Tuesday, March 28, 6-7:30 p.m. Get started with personal financial plan. \$20. RSVP, 248-625-5143.

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; **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

Car Care 101, 6:30 p.m., March 15, Bowman Chevrolet. Free, educational class on basics of car care. Also New Owner Technology class and Car Seat Safety class. Register, info@BowmanChevy.com.

Breast Thermography Pictures to detect breast cancer, Wednesday, March 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main St., Suite C. Register, 248-505-8010.

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.

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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.

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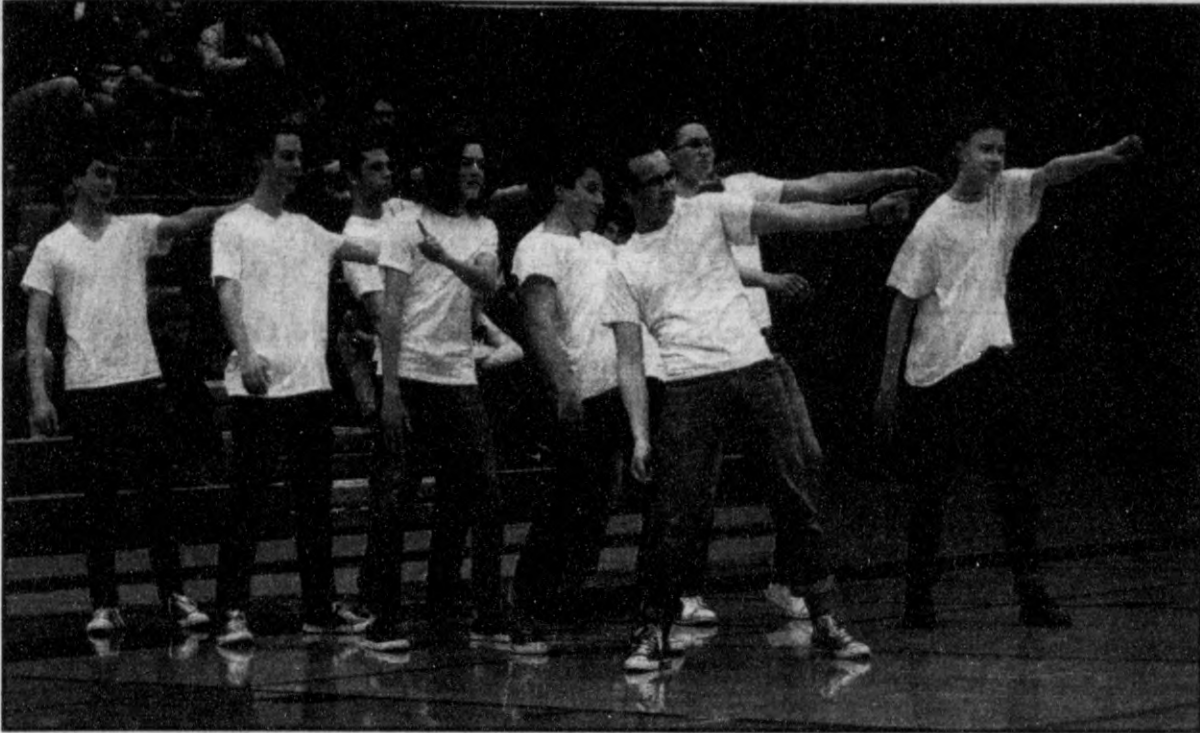


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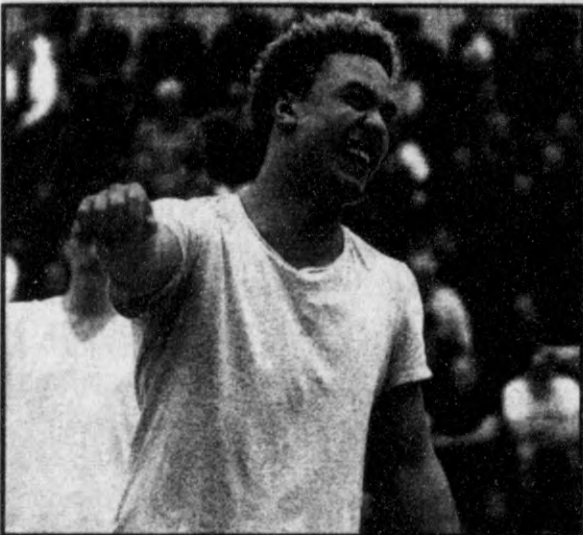
Wednesday, March 15 7 pm

Paris and the Loire Valley, France
Enjoy travelers sharing their experiences through photos while learning about other cultures.





The boys take a turn as they takeover the floor for "Greased Lightnin'."



Roman Santos gets into the 1950s lightning spirit.

Flashback dance

The Clarkston Varsity Dance team entertained Wolves' fans during their annual boy/girl dance, Feb. 24.

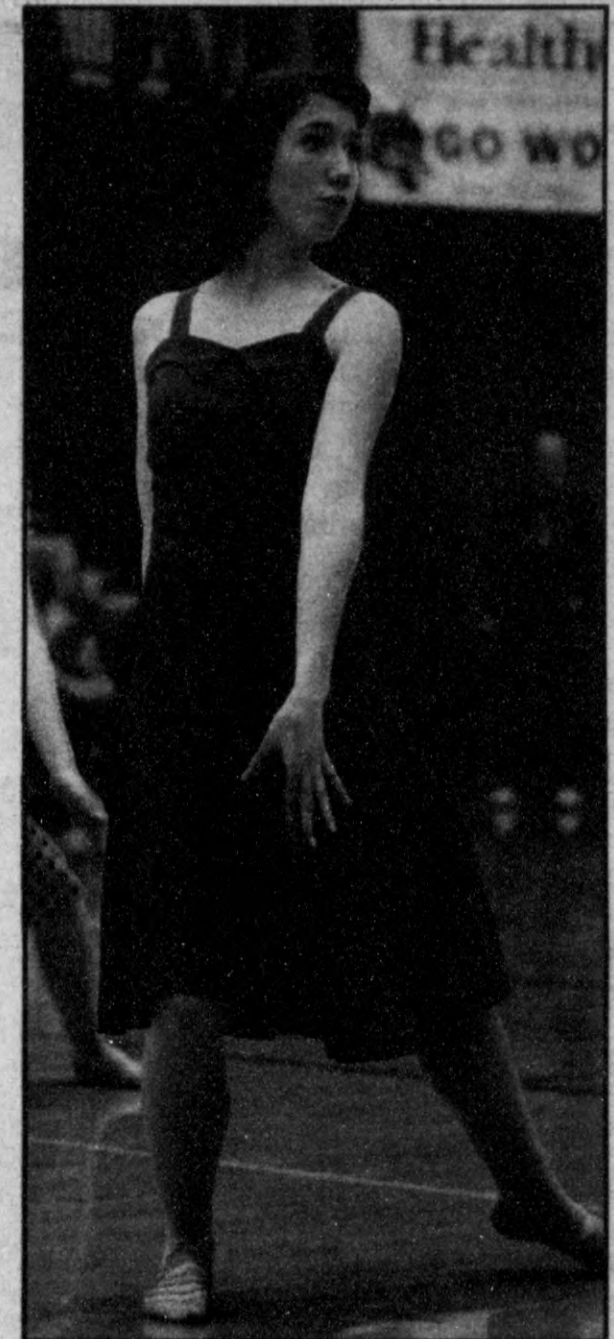
The dancers performed to a mix of songs from the movie *Grease* including "Grease," "Summer Nights," "Beauty School Dropout," "Greased Lightnin'" and "We Go Together."

Thanks for a great winter, Lady Wolves! See you in the fall!

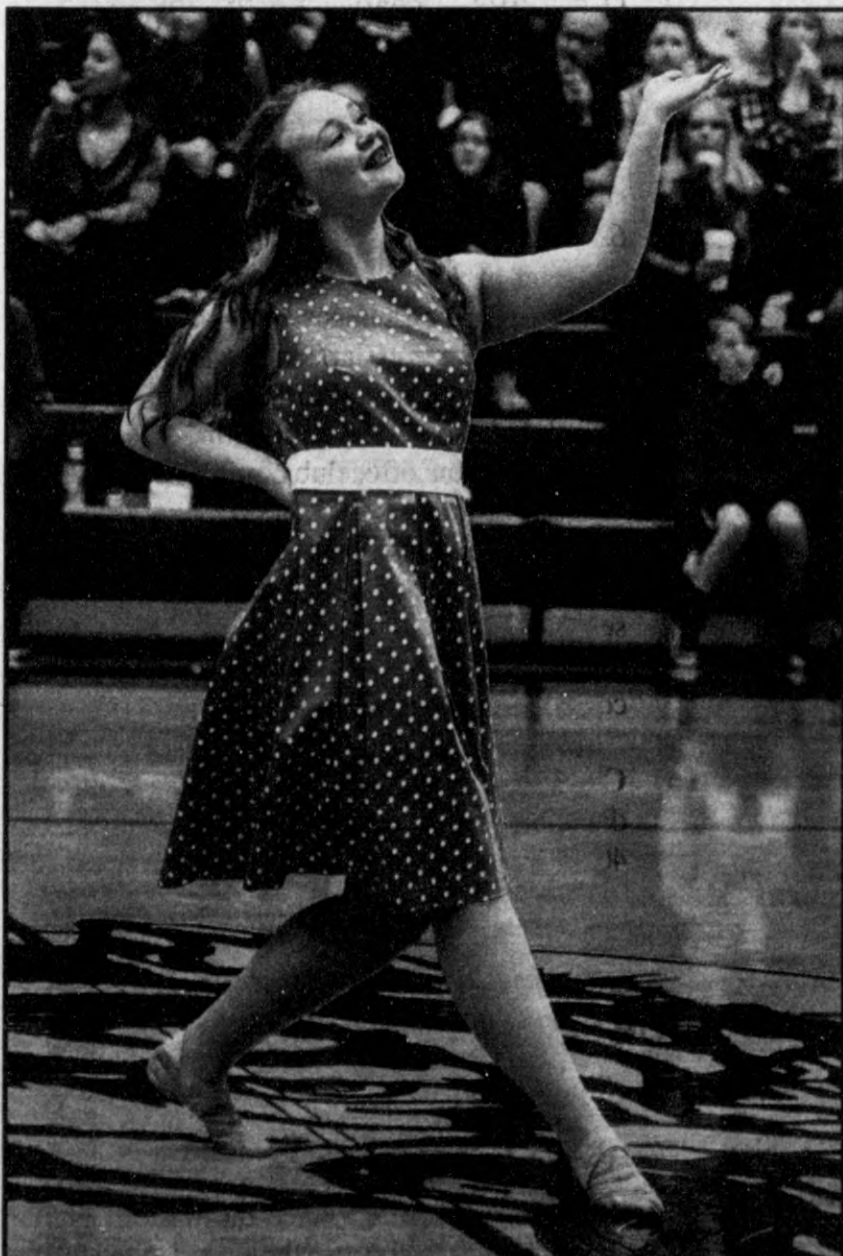
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Brianna McNally



Megan Lockwood



Katie Koczak performs during "Beauty School Dropout." Photo by Larry Wright



Chance Thuman happily jumps to know he's "You're the One that I Want." Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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Death notices & Obituaries

William M. Ison, 73

William M. Ison of Clarkston passed away
March 3, 2017, at age 73.

He was the husband of Mary Lou; father
of Richard Ison, Susan
(Tim) O'Berry, Lora
(David) Taylor, April
(Kevin) Klingler;
survived by seven
grandchildren and one
great granddaughter;
brother of James (Linda)
Ison, Ina (William)
Robinson, Linda
(Robert) Katanski,
Robert (Marsha) Ison,
Mary Kay (late Jerry) King; preceded in
death by parents Milton and Devanna, and
siblings Victor and Norma.

Bill was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Funeral service was March 6 at **Lewis E.
Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.
Interment Seymour Lake Cemetery.

Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



John Teal, 69

John Teal of Clarkston passed away
March 4, 2017, at age 69.

He was the husband
of Phyllis for 51 years;
father of Dianna Teal
and Jeff (Jennifer) Teal;
papa of Brendan and
Logan.

John retired as
General Motors Union
Representative Local
5960, Lake Orion, after
38 years of service. He
enjoyed golfing,
restoring cars and riding his bike.

Memorial Service, Saturday, March 11,
2017, at 4 p.m. at **Lewis E. Wint & Son
Funeral Home**, Clarkston, with visitation
from 2 p.m. until time of service. Memorials
may be made to American Cancer Society.

Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Steven P. Lang, 61

Steven P. Lang, "Steve," of Clarkston,
formerly of Utica, passed away March 1,
2017, at age 61.

He was the loving
husband of Sally,
beloved father of Chris
(Michelle) Townsend;
cherished grandfather
of Christina, Audrey,
Morgan, Ethan and
Laci; great grandfather
of Korra; brother of
Peter Lang, Gordon
"Skip" Lang Jr. and
Cheryl Beckman; also survived by many
loving nieces and nephews; he was preceded
in death by his parents and sister Bonnie
Leonard.

Steve was known as a grandpa to many.
He loved creating family traditions and
memories, enjoyed camping, traveling and
spending time in Pentwater playing in Lake
Michigan.

Funeral Service was March 7 at the **Lewis
E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**,
Clarkston. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Around Town

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

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Thursday, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity
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lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

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

Obituaries
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Family history in downtown

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

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

Five generations of Leslie Lynn Haight's family have or are currently living in Clarkston.

"That I know of for sure," said Haight, who has pictures of his ancestors at work and play in downtown Clarkston over more than a hundred years.

His family worked in town in the early 1900s, when Clarkston was an upnorth destination for Detroiters.

"Clarkston was a tourist attraction," he said. "We had the big Deer Lake Inn, a big hotel downtown here, and a number of tourist homes. People would take the train to the depot, and carriages would pick them up."

Eventually they got an open air bus, he said.

"My father (Lester Haight) remembered his parents putting him on the train when he was 5-6 years old and sending him to Clarkston," Haight said. "His aunt and uncle (Mary Haight Hawley and E. Frederick Hawley) would pick him up at the depot and bring him home in an open-air roadster."

The Hawleys were actors working in the U.S. and Europe, and owned a log house on Cemetery Lake as their summer home.

"They entertained my whole family out there," he said.

The house, which burned down in 1926, is featured on a postcard he found on Ebay in 2008, from New Jersey.

"I never had an original one," he said.

The card had been mailed by his great aunt to a friend in New Jersey, which he didn't know when he bought it.

"It was pretty incredible to find it for \$6," he said.

Pictures also include great uncle Hawley in costume, dressed as a cowboy, army officer, and priest.

Other pictures feature his father as a child in a cowboy outfit, complete with six shooters.

"Probably real guns," Haight said.

Others show his grandfather Ed Haight at his boat livery and campground on the property where the log house sat, operated from about 1928 until 1940.

"The Ford Motor Company bought all the property on the south side of White Lake Road all the way to the cemetery entrance," he said.

His grandfather lived in Clarkston until he passed away in 1972.

"My father used to bring me out here to see my grandfather when I was a kid," he said. "You had to pack a lunch to come to Clarkston. It was a long trip to come out here, there was no I-75."

His aunt Mary Francis Bowman bought a 40-acre farm on Rattalee Lake Road in 1957 and owned it until her death in 1973. Les and his wife Rhoda bought it and lived there from 1980-1988, raising their two daughters.

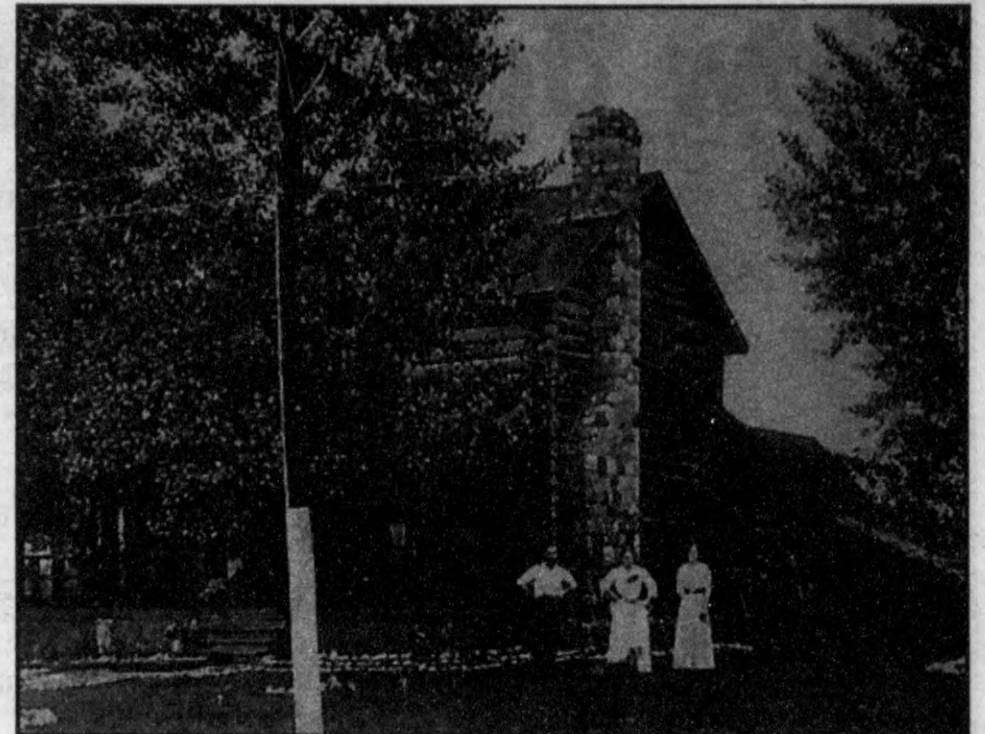
"It's a quarter mile from where my grandfather lived," Les said. "When I drive around, I see all the places I see in the photographs. It's

pretty interesting to me."

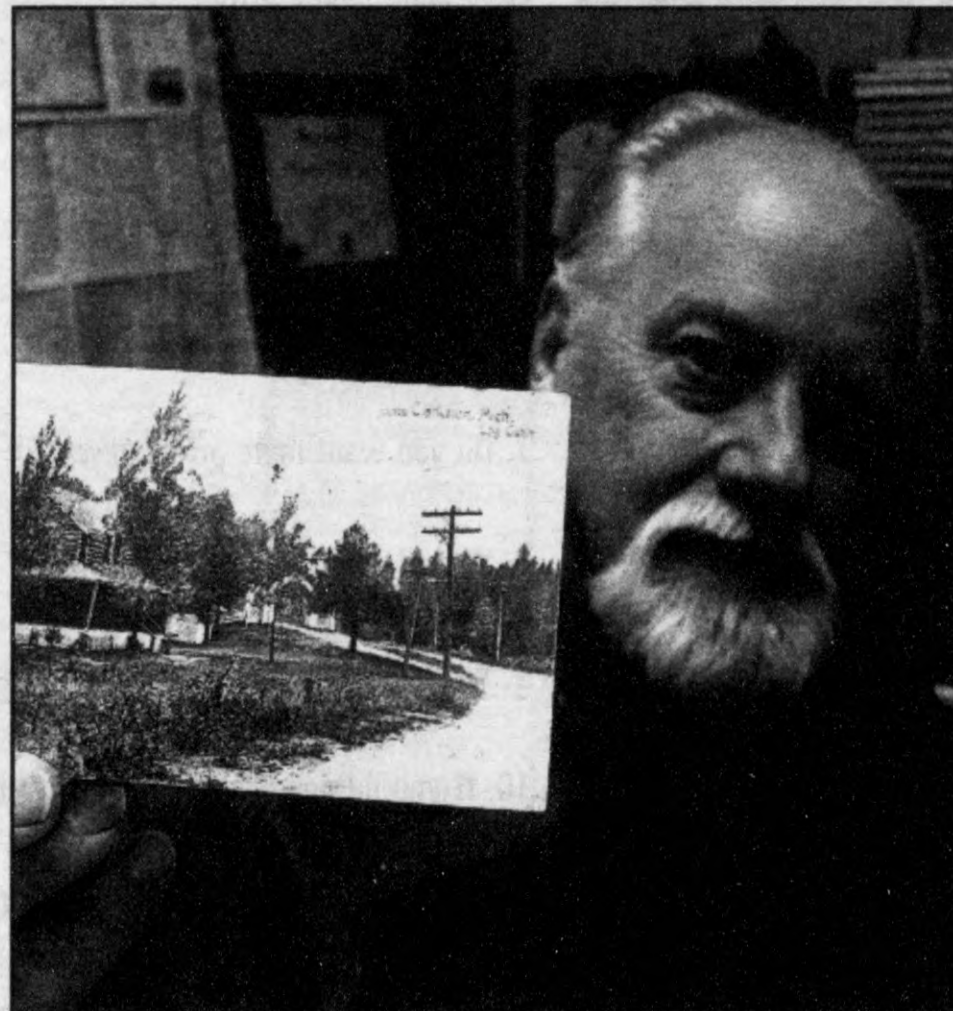
They have lived on Main Street in Clarkston since 1988.

"The house we live in is 112 years old," said Les, who taught auto shop at Clarkston High School and was chairman of the Clarkston Historic District Commission for eight years. "It's more important to me where I live than where I work—I've always liked where I live. You can always find another job."

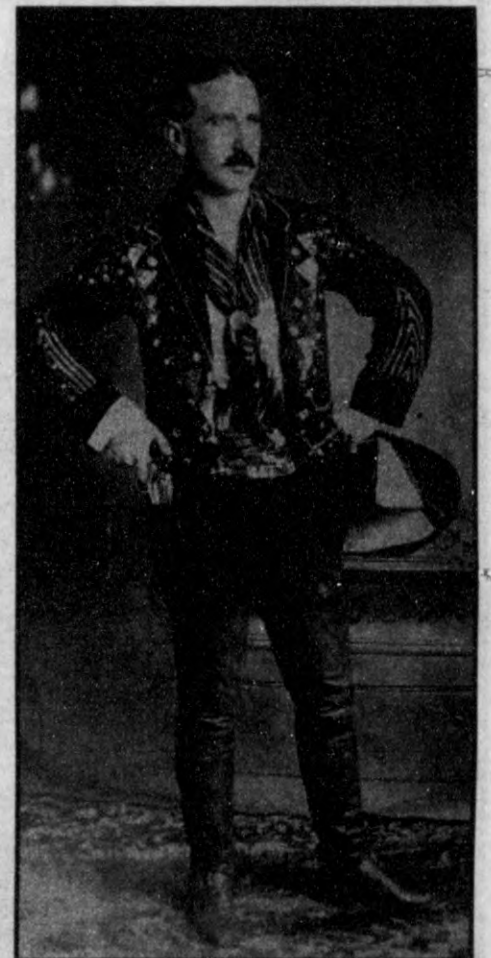
The Clarkston News and Tom Stone, longtime resident and genealogist, are highlighting every month local families who have lived in the area for at least 100 years.



The log house on Cemetery Lake, with E. Frederic Hawley and Mary Haight Hawley, dated 1914.



Les Haight, holding a photo of the log home in Clarkston.



E. Frederic Hawley in costume, 1914.



Ford dump trucks are lined up below the dam, west of downtown Clarkston in 1940. Les Haight's grandfather Ed Haight was an electrical engineer and jack-of-all-trades, and worked on the dredging of the Clarkston Mill Pond.



Ed Haight goes for a boat ride on Deer Lake in 1933.

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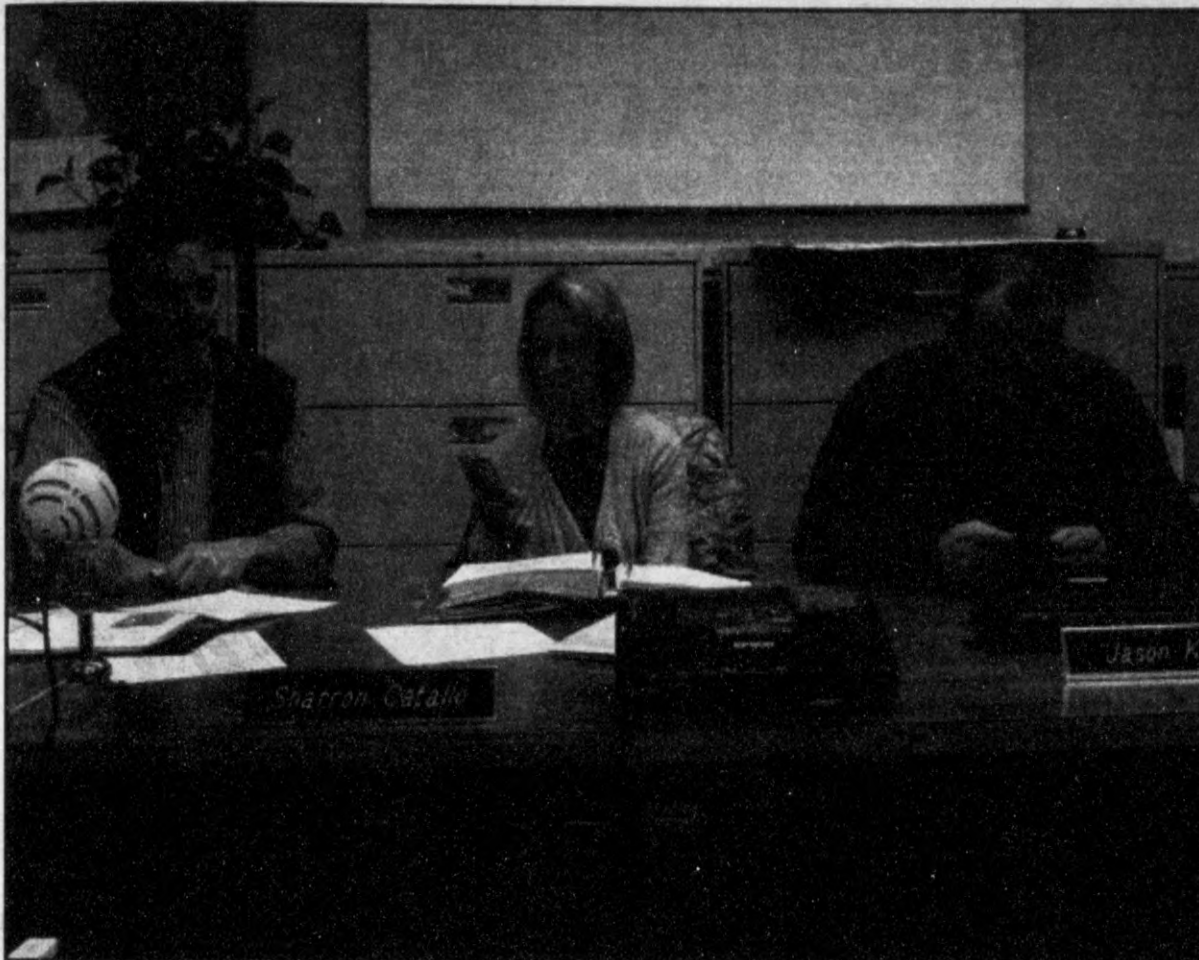
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Clarkston Mayor Steven Percival and council members Sharron Catallo and Jason Kneisc check out the county budget information. Photos by Phil Custodio

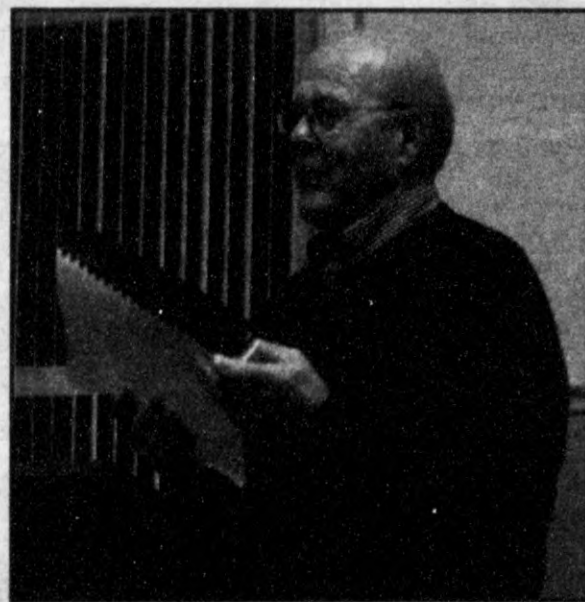
County budget info

Oakland County Commissioner Tom Middleton of Clarkston brought a copy of the inches-thick 2017 county budget to the Feb. 27 Clarkston City Council meeting, and also sets of laminated cards with the \$854.2 million budget boiled down a bit.

The biggest chunk of the budget, \$146.5 million, goes to the sheriff's office, with another \$76.1 million to the court system. Health and Human Services gets \$65.3 million.

Most of the revenue, \$216.3 million, comes from property taxes, with \$115.5 million from charges for services.

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County Commissioner Tom Middleton.

Students achieve success

Clarkston students Caitlyn Calhoun, Alec Genter, and Emma Tomaszewski were named to the Dean's List at Alma College for the 2016 Fall Term.

Miami University hockey player Ryan Larkin has been named to the National Collegiate Hockey Conference's (NCHC) Academic All-Conference team. He is one of eleven RedHawks to receive the honor, which sets a program-high.

The NCHC Academic All-Conference honor is for a student-athlete who has excelled in athletics and academics. To qualify, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and have completed a full academic year.

Larkin, from Clarkston, is majoring in Sports Leadership & Management.

Saginaw Valley State University fall 2016 semester Deans' List includes Clarkston students Kaitlin Glynn, Danielle Guldi,

Anthony Hernandez, Sean Mueller, and Alexander Snyder. To be eligible for the Deans' List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and carry a semester GPA of 3.4 or better.

Clarkston students named to the Saginaw Valley State University fall 2016 semester President's List include Anna Fochesato and Dalton Pokley. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average.

Maxwell Shanbrom, a member of the class of 2017 from Clarkston, has been named to the fall 2016 Dean's List at Loyola University Maryland.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List at Loyola, a student must achieve a minimum QPA of at least 3.500 for the term, provided that, in the term they have successfully completed courses totaling a minimum of 15 credits.



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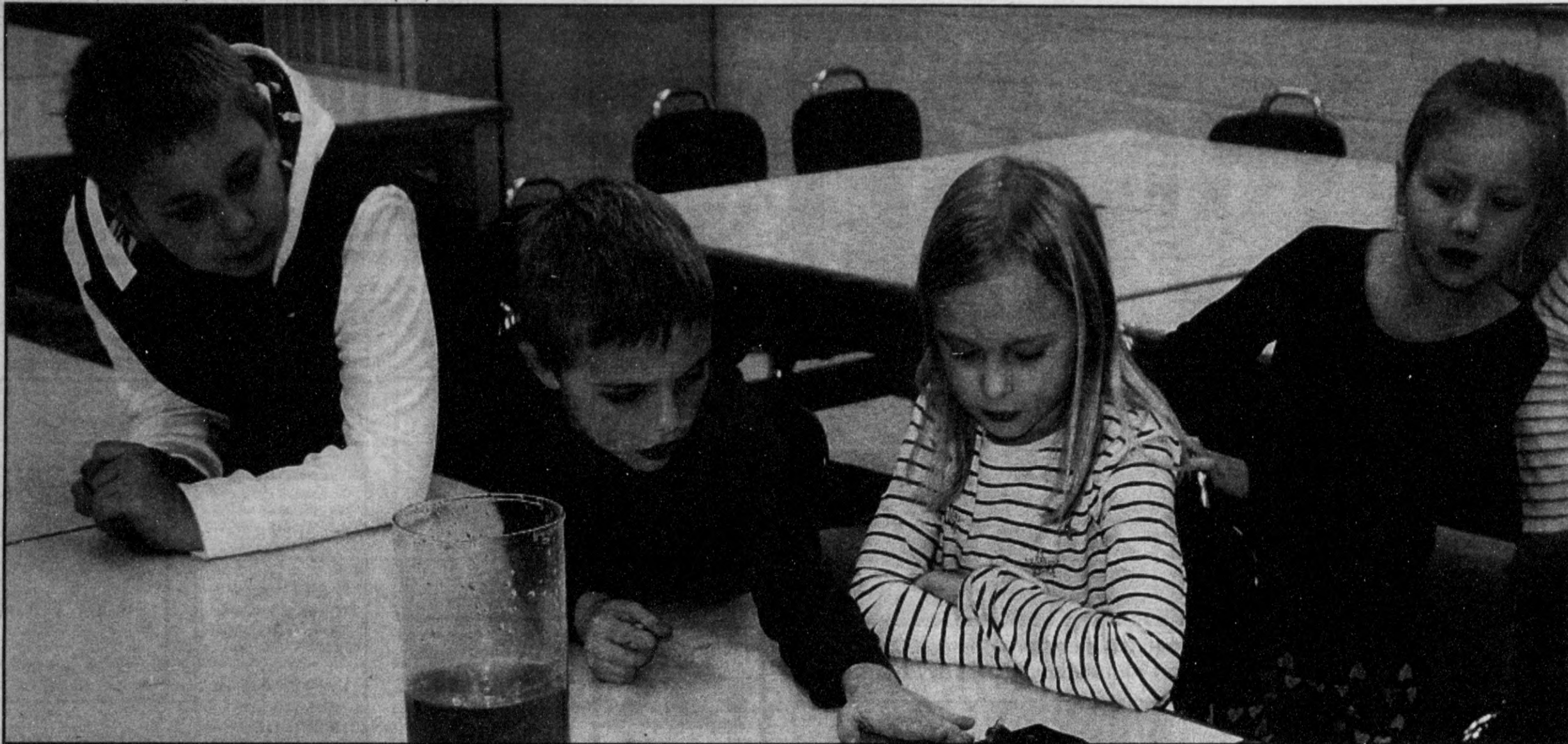
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Keegan Eubanks, Mark Kluska, Kylie Dunfield and Anna Katakowski watch to see whether metal or wood melts ice faster



Brooke Dunfield uses friction to heat up a temperature card.

Mad Science

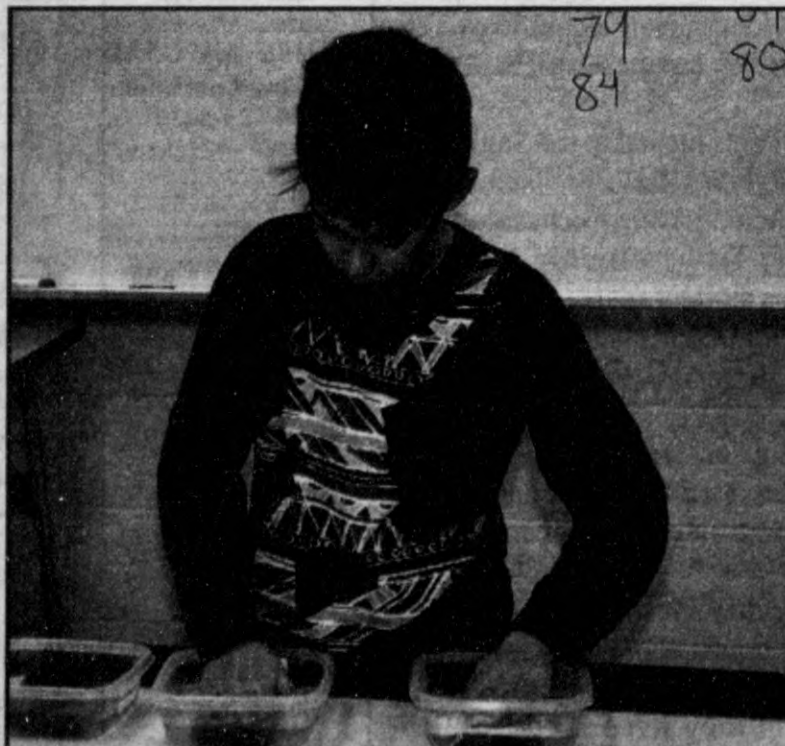
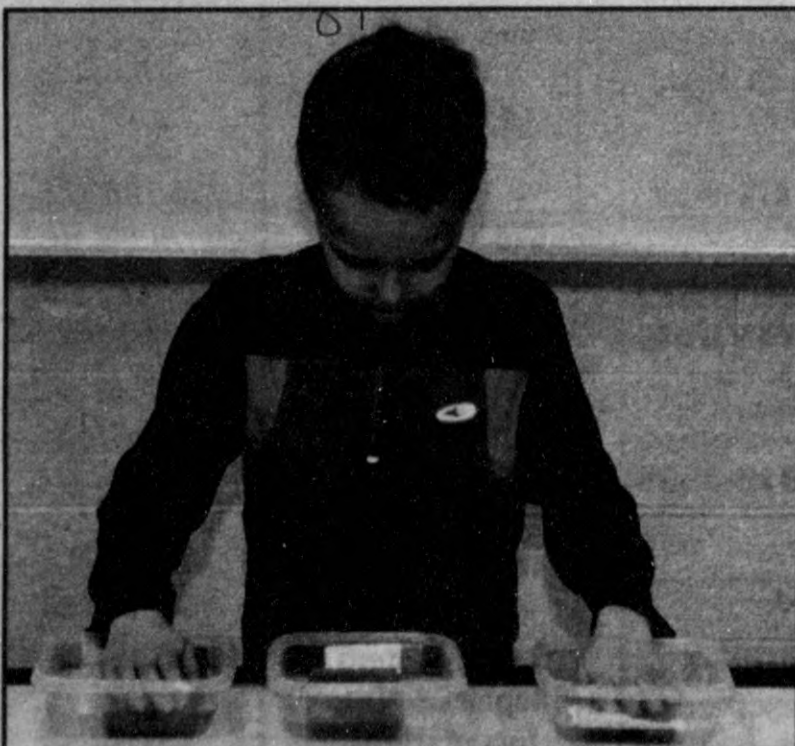
Students at Clarkston Elementary learned about friction and its impact on temperature during Mad Science, an after-school program.

Students took turns using friction to heat up objects, such as thermometers and sand bottles, and used their sense of touch to determine the differences in temperature between three sponges.

Mad Science is a six-week program where children learn about science while watching and participating in experiments, taking place in every elementary school throughout the district.



Eli Weeks using friction to raise the temperature of a thermometer



Ian Flint, Robert Katakowski, and Jacob Schachermeyer use their sense of touch to test the temperatures of sponges. Photos by Jessica Steeley

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L142c

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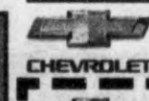


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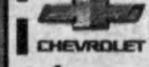
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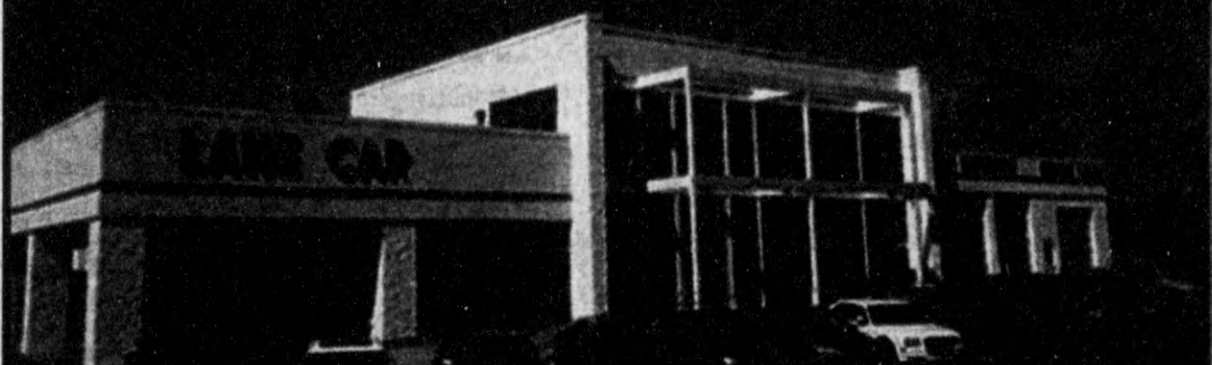
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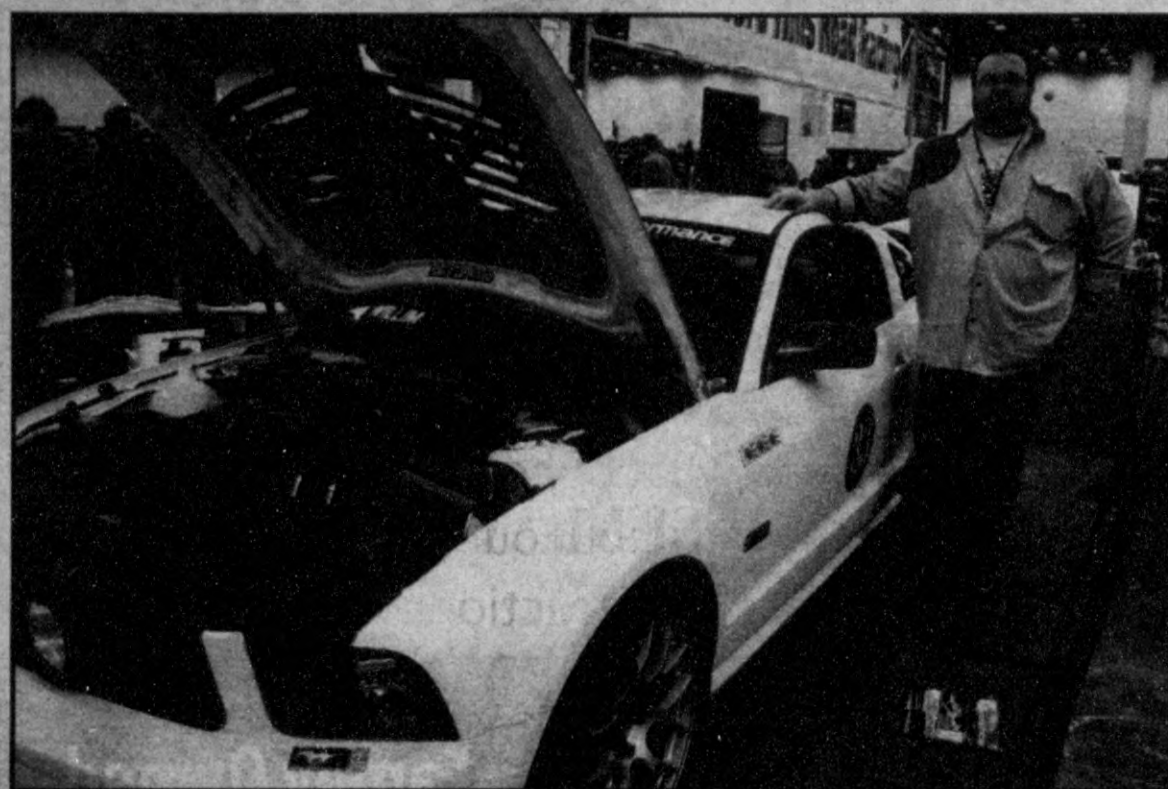
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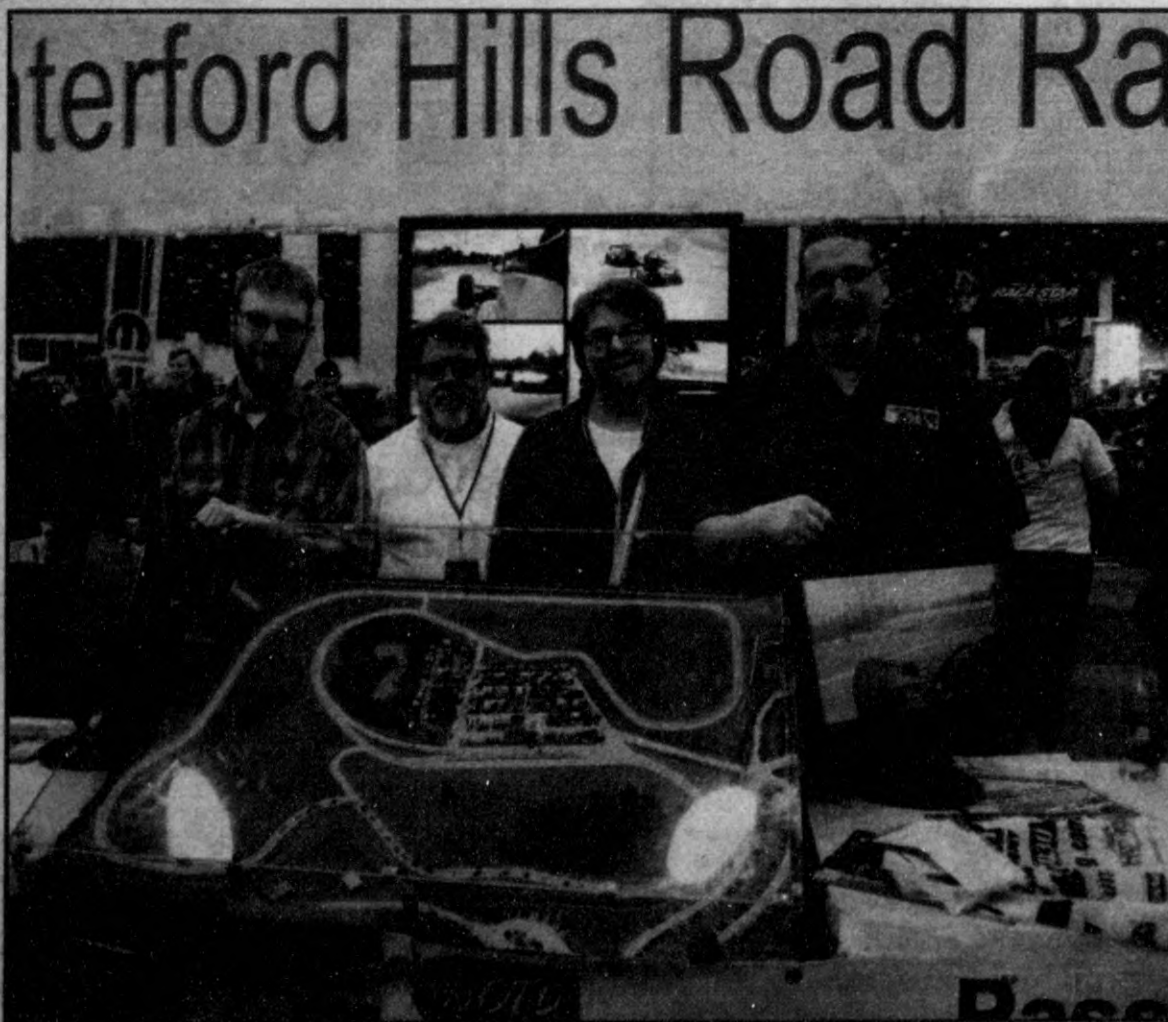


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From left, Todd Geiser, Chip Bilem, Kay Bilem, and Ed Frank of Waterford Hills Road Race track in Independence Township set up shop at Autorama to talk cars and racing.

Wetland pollution effects are global

You have heard of global warming, emissions, deforestation, and greenhouse gases, and you have been told that these are all very bad, but do you really understand why, or what they are? Do you know the effect that carbon has in the atmosphere? Do you know why this is a concern right now, yet it was not a concern 200 years ago? Did you know that wetlands have an extreme effect on global warming?

When the sun's rays reach the Earth, they bounce off, and the Earth radiates the energy back. When bouncing off, these rays are altered from short to long wavelengths, and become infrared rays. Infrared rays are electromagnetic waves that are not visible to humans, yet they can be perceived by us as heat.

Some of these infrared rays escape through the atmosphere, but some are trapped in the atmosphere by greenhouse gases, which causes atmospheric warming.

Carbon is a component in two of the most abundant greenhouse gases, carbon dioxide (CO₂), and methane (CH₄). Carbon is not the enemy, however. Naturally found carbon is in all living matter, and matter is considered to be organic if it is containing carbon. Yet, when carbon is extracted from these natural sources, it becomes inorganic carbon, like that of CO₂.

Contrary to what you may be thinking, greenhouse gases are the not the enemy, either.

Greenhouse gases are a tool that the earth has used for millions of years to maintain a balance, or equilibrium, in the global temperature. When humans alter the carbon cycle, this can cause climate change: the enemy.

The cycle of carbon between the ocean, atmosphere, living tissues, and soil used to occur naturally over a long geologic time scale.

Natural carbon sources include volcanic eruptions, decomposition of organic matter, and respiration.

Natural carbon sinks include oceans, plants, and soil. However, since the industrial revolution, humans have drastically advanced some aspects of the carbon cycle that remove carbon from other reservoirs and put it into the atmosphere and resultantly, into the oceans.

Fossil fuels are rich in carbon, and are being removed from the earth at a rate much, much faster than would occur naturally. Inorganic carbon is being extracted, burned, and released into the atmosphere in unprecedented amounts.

A lesser commonly known site that is rich in carbon is a wetland. Specifically, peatlands in North America and Northern Europe. Peat

is a material that is similar to soil, and it contains lots of decomposed, and partially decomposed, organic matter, meaning it contains lots of carbon.

A peatland ecosystem (commonly, a bog) is the most efficient carbon sink on this planet. Sink, rather than reservoir, meaning that it not only stores, but also accumulates carbon.

Carbon sinks work against global warming by keeping some carbon out of the atmosphere, therefore not being able to absorb and reemit long wavelength radiation. Peatlands accumulate CO₂, CH₄, and DOC (dissolved organic carbon), because of their ability to slow down decomposition; recall that decomposition is a source of carbon. Organic material requires oxygen to decompose. Peatlands are flooded with stagnant waters, which slows the rate of oxygen exposure, which slows the rate of decomposition.

Unfortunately, humans do significant damage by exploiting peatlands for use in gardens, similar to compost, as well as by burning peat as a fuel source. Peatland is very unique and somewhat rare because it demands very specific conditions, which take a long time to form and are very difficult to restore.

What is even more alarming, however, is that milling a peatland not only destroys a carbon sink, but also creates a carbon source! Past peatlands actually emit carbon into the atmosphere.

Increased global temperatures result in a variety of large changes all over the world, especially with regards to sea level rise. An increase in temperatures, means an increase in polar ice cap melting, which means less area for sun rays to be reflected back out of the atmosphere, and more area for sun rays to be absorbed.

This causes a positive feedback loop, and more heating and melting. Sea level rise has the potential to push many coastal cities underwater that are at, or near, sea level.

The American east coast is at a large risk for this, due to its flood-prone qualities. Climate change is increasing exponentially, and will not slow down until we make huge, worldwide efforts right now.

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By Clara Zeder



Seniors and DEEP program students, from left, Jacob Ryan, Jacob Klokeid, Sam Carter, and Kalei Hubert-McLennan. Photo by Jessica Steeley

DEEP college opportunities

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at least 12 credits a semester at University of Michigan-Flint (UM-Flint).

"We want juniors next year to sign up for [early college]," Pambid said. "They commit in their 11th grade year and then they can do that fifth year."

These students must apply and be accepted to UM-Flint their sophomore year to be eligible for the program.

There's an alternate application process for these students, as opposed to high school seniors applying to college, said Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul. They apply near the end of their sophomore year of high school.

Pambid said students can choose to live on the UM-Flint campus their fifth year or commute, and they can finish their degree there or transfer to another college at the end of their fifth year.

An early college program gives students more transferable credits than other dual-enrollment programs the high school offers, Kaul said. The intent of students participating in early college is usually to get a four-year degree.

"It's always been a goal of ours to try to afford students the opportunity to earn college credits while they're in high school," Kaul said. "It's a good opportunity for kids to earn college credit and take classes in something their passionate about."

Senior Kalei Hubert-McLennan, one of the nine students in the medical science track,

saw the Deep Program as an opportunity to start a medical program early, since she wants to become a doctor.

Hubert-McLennan plans to go to Grand Valley State University in the fall and said having a chance to experience a college setting in high school has prepared her for the transition.

The humanities program, which has a little over 20 students, allows the chance to get some general education college electives out of the way.

That's why senior Jacob Ryan choose to apply to the program. He said his family paid around \$1,200 for 12 college credits, plus the cost of books for the classes, which Ryan said included a few novels and textbooks.

Carter is on the humanities track as well. She applied to challenge herself more during her senior year, as opposed to graduating early or taking easy electives.

"I would recommend [the Deep Program], it's fun," she said.

These students received 12 college credits at a lower cost through the Deep Program. The early college program will give students at least 50 transferable credits at the discounted price.

"It's a great program, I'm excited about it. People are coming out [of college] with a lot of debt and not a lot of high-paying jobs," Pambid said. "I'm hoping that it takes off and everybody that wants it takes advantage of it, it's not for everybody, but there's a large group of people that could make use of it."

Optimist Oratorical Contest

The Clarkston Optimist Club's Oratorical Contest is Monday, March 13, at Clarkston Junior High School.

Title of this year's contest is "What the World Gains from Optimist." Students give a four to five minute oral presentation following the rules of the Oratorical, which are available at www.optimist.org/e/member/scholarships4.cfm.

The Clarkston Optimist Club prizes include \$200 for first place for both male and female students, \$100, second place, and \$50

for third place. Both first place winners of the Clarkston Oratorical contest go to the Area Contest in April.

The winner of the Area Contest proceeds to the District/State contest where a \$2,500 scholarship is awarded. One Michigan Optimist District Winner goes on to St. Louis where up to \$22,500 in scholarship prizes are awarded.

For more information, call Maggie Razdar at 248-384-8748 or Linda Danek at 248-736-7850 or info@clarkstonoptimists.org.

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So, you want to increase your cognitive function, focus and memory at work. Or, your young adult child wants to study and do well for an upcoming college entrance exam. Unfortunately, the American Psychiatric Association, for over 30 years, has labeled deficits in focus, memory and executive function as adult ADHD. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) data states that 4 percent of the US population over age 17 has an ADHD diagnosis. Adult ADHD has different symptoms than child ADHD. Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in the adult population has nothing to do with "hyperactivity", treated primarily with schedule II class narcotic stimulant, with long term side effects warned by the FDA.

7 tips for Mental Health & Wellness

1. encourage yeast-free, gluten-free, and GMO-free diet & increase fiber to 40 grams daily....Excessive consumption of yeast, gluten and GMO foods adversely affect digestion and elimination of toxins from the GI tract. Fiber helps regulate blood sugar as well as detoxification.

2. drink at least 40 ounces cold purified or distilled water...have your home water supply tested annually by an independent laboratory for chemicals as well as heavy metals

3. increase raw organic radishes and broccoli with sea salt 3x a week....isothionates contained within these vegetables help eliminate yeast from the gut and GI tract

4. take one tablespoonful raw organic apple cider vinegar once a day with small amount cold juice....Malic acid is the key ingredient to help decalcify the blood, increase digestion, metabolism and detoxification as well as increase the intracellular process of energy production. At 3x the daily dose malic acid may help patients with fibromyalgia or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

5. ¼ teaspoonful crushed cloves mixed into applesauce at bedtime 2x a weekintestinal parasite prevention.

6. cardio exercise 4x a week....40 minutes each session.

7. Supplement your diet with plant based vitamins, minerals and herbs. Patients with chronic illness should have new blood work and physical completed after approximately two months of a Health & Wellness Intervention.

The following nootropic "smart" supplement ingredients are essential to the diet and may improve cognitive function, focus and memory.

Unlike Adderall stimulant amphetamines, the over the counter nootropics have no addictive properties and work by increasing neurotransmitter pathway function within the

brain. The most effective nootropics act on the acetylcholine, glutamate, and dopamine neurotransmitter pathways.

Schisandra fruit extract – Chinese mangolian red berry. Schizandrachinensis increases physical working capacity and affords a stress-protective effect against a broad spectrum of harmful factors including aseptic inflammation, irradiation, and heavy metal intoxication. Studies show that Schisandra extracts exhibit strong neurological antioxidant activities.

Phosphatidylserine – using the amino acid phospholipid nutrient, phosphatidylserine, in combination with omega-3 fatty acids may aid in the treatment of ADHD in children, suggests a 2012 study published in European Psychiatry. For the study, 200 children with ADHD were assigned to 15 weeks of treatment with either a placebo or supplements containing phosphatidylserine and omega-3 fatty acids.

Bacopa plant extract complex – Bacopa is a tropical plant that is generally known for its cognitive and memory improving capabilities. In the Ayurvedic medicine system of India, Bacopa is very often prescribed for memory improvement as well as enhancing cognitive ability and to promote optimal brain function.

Alpha-Glycerophosphocholine – a natural choline compound found in the brain. It is also a parasympathomimetic acetylcholine precursor which may have potential for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Alpha-GPC rapidly delivers choline to the brain across the blood-brain barrier and is a precursor of acetylcholine.

L-Tyrosine – an amino acid, which is important for numerous cognitive functions. L-tyrosine is a critical dopamine neurotransmitter precursor in addition to other brain chemicals including epinephrine and adrenaline. Tyrosine improves memory pathway function and cognitive performance.

N-Acetyl L-Carnitine – Acetyl-L-Carnitine is an amino acid and a natural remedy super antioxidant with clinical trials supporting health benefits toward optimizing brain function. This amino acid helps supply the brain with energy by increasing energy production within the mitochondrion, the cell's energy generator. Most importantly, Acetyl L-Carnitine promotes biosynthesis of acetylcholine, a key neurotransmitter for brain and nerve function. Acetyl-L-Carnitine has been shown in clinical studies to benefit cognitive ability, memory and mood.

For more information to determine the appropriate nootropic supplementation, email FrankGranett@CAOOY.org for an individually designed nutritional nootropic supplementation program based on your medical history.

Frank is a local boardcertified pharmacist with over 29 years consultative experience specializing in ADHD stimulant and psychiatric medications

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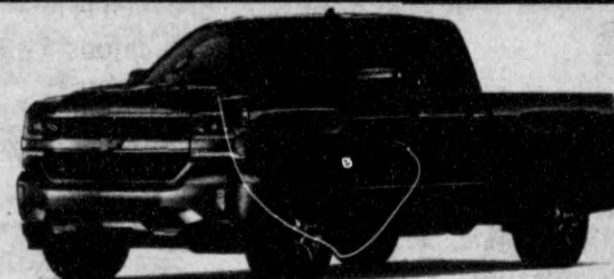


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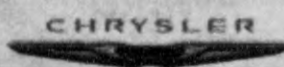
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