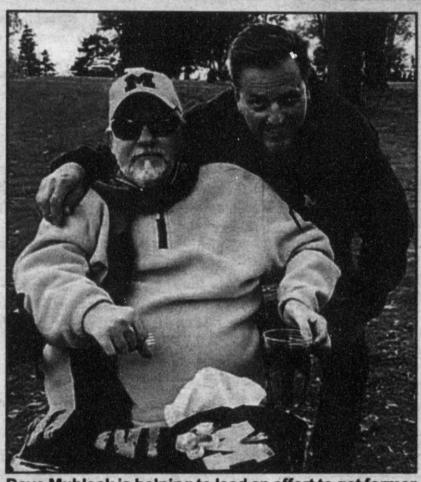
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Dave Muhleck is helping to lead an effort to get former classmate David Watson a new mobility van. *Photo provided*

Friends fight to help fellow grad get around

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston grads are calling on friends and neighbors to help a former school mate.

"We're from Clarkston, we know people from Clarkston. Why not appeal to the Clarkston community to see if Muhleck and Selena Guidry are collecting funds for a wheelchair-accessible van for fellow CHS graduate David Watson.

Guidry researched online options and established a Gofundme campaign to raise \$50,000 for a van, modified to carry Watson and his motorized chair in the front passenger position. See Fund on page 2

'Inappropriate' relationship does Rock in

Ryan named interim school superintendent

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The community was rocked this weekend with news that Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock tendered his resignation over an "inappropriate relationship" with a 19-year-old former student. News of the resignation has social media a buzz, has drawn the attention of Detroit broadcast media and has been reported in newspapers throughout the state and nation.

Despite the unwanted attention, School Board President Elizabeth Egan said the school district will remain strong.

"It breaks my heart to have to tell the community this, but I think I have a lot of confidence in our administrative team," Egan said. "We have great teachers, bus drivers, food service workers, aides. We should not underestimate the strength of this district."

"We'll continue to focus on the great things we are doing for kids," said newly appointed Interim Superintendent Shawn Ryan. "We have to recognize we need to work to repair a damaged relationship that now exist in a broader sense with our parents and community. It's going to be our job one to build that trust. We're making sure their kids are safe, and that Clarkston continues be an amazing place to live and learn."

Rock, superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools since October 2010, resigned last Sunday at a special meeting of the Board of Education. The board met in closed session to consider a written legal opinion from district council.

In a letter to Egan dated Jan. 11, Rock, 49, said he had an "inappropriate" relationship with a recent high school graduate of Clarkston High School. He is divorced and has two daughters himself. front door, said Mary Ellen Rowe, CCS marketing director. As such, no one from the public was in attendance at the meeting.

On Tuesday, CHS Principal Gary Kaul went on Youtube to address the issue.

"He betrayed our trust, betrayed your trust, and our community's trust," Kaul said. "A person in a position of power and authority cannot engage in behavior that calls into question the moral and ethical qualities they need to exhibit and uphold in his position. Dr. Rock did a disservice to those he promised to protect."

Egan said the district will remain focused on their commitments as a school district.

"What we really want to do is just move forward and

finish getting the facts and making sure our kids are safe," she said. "We don't need anybody from the media using this as a way to stain our community."

Egan described Rock's work ethic as hard working.

"He did a lot for our community," she said.

Ryan agreed.

"That's why we're disappointed and surprised, but Dr. Rock had a lot vested in Clarkston, and Clarkston Schools and

the community," Ryan said "It stood on its own two feet of what that represented and now, as he's come forth to share this situation. I mean, honestly, we have to deal with it for what it is and try not to make judgements past that."

He said the board will follow up with an investigation using an outside group.

"Dickinson Wright has been commissioned by the board to complete the investigation," he said.

Ryan, formerly deputy superintendent, was appointed interim superintendent effective immediately.

"Right now, us as a central office, we're going to kind of just rally together to make sure that we have everything covered," he said. "We're probably going to look down the road to see how we fill spots. Sometimes it's difficult



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we can't help a guy out," asked carry Watson Dave Muhleck, who graduated motorized chair in from Clarkston High School in passenger position 1981. See Fund

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According to the letter, the relationship started as an "appropriate friendship" and became "inappropriate" after the woman, now 19 years old, graduated. At the meeting were school

board members and board attorney George Butler of Dickinson Wright, PLLC, a Detroit law firm. WDIV, Channel 4 out of Detroit reported the former student was a 2017 graduate of CHS.

"Thursday, we posted for a meeting tonight (Monday), and then Dr. Rock sent me his letter of resignation," Egan said. "We moved it forward one day (to Sunday) because we don't have students in the building today. It's Professional Development Day, so this was a good day to speak to the staff and let them know."

Notice of the meeting was posted on the board office

because there's such technology and everything going on, we kind of have to just cover one base. It'll be a team approach."

Ryan served as a guest teacher from 1995-1996; student teacher in 1996; science teacher from 1997-2002; Clarkston High School assistant principal, 2002-2004; Clarkston Middle School principal, 2004-2005; Clarkston Junior High principal, 2005-2010; and deputy superintendent since 2010, according to the school district.

He resides in Clarkston with his wife Gina, and he is the father of 2017 Clarkston High School graduate Jake and Clarkston Community Schools students Alec, Evan, and Elly.

According to the Resignation and Release Agreement signed by Rock and the school district, he remains on paid Please see Rock on page 8



Sonja Overall, whose husband Deputy Eric Overall passed away in the line of duty on Nov. 23, 2017, thanks the community for its support. Photo by Phil Custodio

\$11,000 donated for Deputy Overall's family

Residents and businesses donated \$11,000 for the family of Deputy Eric Overall and another \$2,000 for blue lights for the community in Mayor Steve Percival's donation drive last month.

Percival presented the donations to Sonja Overall, Eric's wife, at the Clarkston Union restaurant, Jan. 10. They were joined by Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle, Trustee Andrea Schroeder, Oakland County Sheriff's Lieutenant Greg Glover, commander of the Brandon Township Substation, where Overall worked, a bag piper providing music, and other dignitaries.

"When Deputy Overall lost his life, he was protecting the city," Percival said.

Deputy Overall served with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for 22 years, and was killed stopping a fleeing suspect on M-15, Nov. 23.

- Phil Custodio



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Fund-raiser

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The campaign is about a quarter way there.

"It's a large hurdle," Muhleck said. "We're working to figure out ways to keep it fresh."

Muhleck and Watson grew up in the same area, but didn't become friends until after graduation.

"Dave and I were neighbors but not really in the same circles. I got to know him after got out of college," Muhleck said.

Watson suffered a broken neck from a diving accident nearly 38 years ago, at the age of 18. The accident left him a quadriplegic, paralyzed from the chest down.

Watson's accident was during Muhleck's senior year.

"He was injured very badly in a diving accident on Deer Lake. We visited him in the hospital and kept in touch," he said.

Both diehard sports fans, they got to know each other tailgating and enjoying the games.

"My son and I and my dad, we'd go to a lot of sporting events and we invited him to the games on a fairly regular basis," Muhleck said.

That's when he noticed a need for a new vehicle.

"I started to get a good idea of what he was going through," he said. "He would be in the van for an hour. He would have to sit hunched over. His chair didn't really fit in it."

They will also reach out to local charities and foundations, and residents of Milford, where Watson lives.

"He drives his chair downtown and goes out to eat a lot, people know him downtown," Muhleck said.

The campaign is in memory of his father, Earl Muhleck, who passed away on Dec. 22.

"When we were setting up his memorial, with my mom and brother and sisters, we thought instead of money for flowers, why not ask for donations to Dave," David said: "The whole family all said 'yes, let's do this.' We've all tailgated with him and got to know him better. It's something my dad would be proud of."

They started planning it 2-3 weeeks before Earl passed away so he had the opportunity to help.



"He was very happy to hear we were doing something for a former neighbor, someone he cared about," David said. "It was a natural for us, a good way to honor his name because that was the kind of stuff he did all the time, to make something good out of it that was a positive for us."

The campaign to help Watson is a good legacy for him, David said.

"My parents set an example for us. Both of my parents did lot of giving back through their church, to help local food banks and other charities," he said. "It's a natural thing for his name be in honor of someone else." Check out www.gofundme.com/p68xa2stranded.



From left, Mayor Steven Percival and council members Eric Haven, Rick Detkowski, and Sharron Catallo discuss the parking issue. Photo by Phil Custodio

Council passes on downtown parking proposals

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

City Council tabled a list of parking proposals for E. Washington Street, east of Buffalo in downtown Clarkston.

"We're trying to find some sort of happy balance," said Council member Rick Detkowski, who made a motion to approve the recommendations at the Jan. 8 meeting. "In its present state, it's a disaster."

Proposals included removing all permit parking from the Main and Washington street city-owned lot; designating 16 spaces on E. Washington as permit-parking only, five for businesses and 11 for residents; charge a fee for business permits, given on first-come-first-served basis, no charge for residents; immediately post "permit parking only" signs at the beginning of the street, noting a \$100 fine for violations; immediately step up no-parking-on-street rules on E. Washington Street; and propose stone pillars, possibly crowdfunded, as beautification and natural deterrent to traffic. No parking spots were proposed for inside the cul de sac at the end of the road.

"There are no funds for paving and graveling E. Washington – this to bridge that gap," said Detkowski, also a member of the city Parking Committee.

Council member Scott Reynolds, who lives on E. Washington, said residents need all the parking spots, and questioned the timing of the proposals.

"It was an emergency in May; in January it's kind of a joke," Reynolds said.

The changes are needed because drivers

are parking on the pavement of the street, making it too narrow, Detkowski said.

"The proposal is to get public parking off of that street," he said.

City engineer Gary Tressel said E. Washington is too narrow to meet American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards when cars park on the street.

Reynolds said the city was established in early 1900s and complied with the standards of the time.

"Why are we trying to comply with a standard from 2017?" he asked.

Mayor Steve Percival said they can't implement the parking plan during winter. "We're not plowing the grass – we're not

tearing anything up in the wintertime," Percival said.

He asked if they could make the available spots permit-only just for residents.

"We could make it permit parking now, the spaces in front of houses. Leave it the way it is, make it all permits, and be done with it," Percival said.

The mayor said they should discuss graveling easement spaces in the spring to create more parking.

"The DPW has equipment now to do the work less expensively," he said. "Do we want to recapture that area – I want to maximize as much parking there, while being considerate to residents' needs."

Council member Sharron Catallo, who lives on Church Street, said permit parking would set a precedent.

"The spaces next to my house, should b

that be permit parking," Catallo asked. "We're doing something, we're not really sure how it would turn out. It's our property anyhow." The spaces in question along E.

Washington are in the city-owned easement.

Council member Sue Wylie called for Percival to open up the meeting to public comment.

"I would love to hear how E. Washington people feel about it," Wylie said.

Percival said the public has opportunities for comment at the beginnings and ends of meetings.

"People go to the committee meetings to voice their opinions. Now it's on the agenda for us to act on it," he said, before relenting and accepting public comment during the discussion.

Carol Eberhardt said the permit-parking proposal does not make sense.

"I don't want to have to coordinate with neighbors to have a birthday party," said Eberhardt, who already has a "special permit" for two parking spaces in front of her house. Joel Hoffman said the city is better with

everyone looking to park. "The problem is, they must be in the right

of way, not on the street," Hoffman said. "You can't resolve it with permit parking. You just have to take back the right of way."

Neil Hoxsie said they have to resolve the complete problem.

"Not put permit parking on our street. That doesn't make sense to me," Hoxsie said.

Detkowski said the committee will review the proposals and he will bring the issue back in February.

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Kiosk contractor OK'd

City Council voted 6-1 to award the bid for a paid-parking kiosk for the Main and Washington street lot to Traffic and Safety Control Systems of Wixom for a total of \$10,350.

Bids were also received from IPS Group of California for \$8,170, and Light and Breuning of Indiana for \$11,095.

The Wixom company offered a \$2,425 discount, local service, and a better product, Smith said.

Harvey Electronics was selected previously but were dropped when they failed to follow through on the project or return calls, Smith said.

Installation should be in March, he said.

Council member Jason Kneisc voted against the proposal.

"Tve said 'no' from the get go," Kneisc said. "I still don't think we're ready. There are still questions to be answered. It's a lot of money."

Police recognized

Independence Township Trustee Jose Aliage took time during their Jan. 9 meeting to recognize law enforcement officers nationwide.

"Today is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, so I want to congratulate everybody and thank Sheriff (Michael) Bouchard who's doing a good job and all deputies and everybody that care and protect our families," Aliaga said.

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Committee to review city attorney contract

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston City Council voted 6-1 to create a committee to review and create a contract for the city attorney.

"I'm not happy with the city's representation mainly because of the FOIA lawsuit," said Council member Sue Wylie, referring to resident Sue Bisio's case against the city regarding a Freedom of Information request. "I think the city should have turned over those documents – in my opinion, once the city got involved in the lawsuit, he (city attorney Thomas Ryan) should have withdrawn from the lawsuit. He is a participant. He should only be a witness."

Council member Eric Haven voted against the motion, saying it was presumptive to have an ad hoc committee in this case.

Council member Scott Reynolds said the lawsuit has been a "massive black cloud over the city."

"It's one of reasons why the election went a certain way. As a council, we need to work to put this behind us," Reynolds said. "During the election campaign, when I walked to every home in village, the number one question was, should we release the documents."

"The water is definitely muddied. How do we unmuddy it," asked Council member Rick Detkowski.

Mayor Steve Percival said he wasn't happy with the FOIA lawsuit. "That's a big driver for me, why I want to have it reviewed," Percival said.

According to the City Charter, the City Council appoints the city attorney for an indefinite period. The attorney is "responsible to and serves at the pleasure of the council and shall have their compensation fixed by the council."

Ryan charges \$95 per hour in his invoices to the city.

Wylie's motion was to create a committee including a current city council member and city manager to prepare a contract for legal services by the city attorney, with an April 15 deadline, in accordance with the City Charter and state law. City Council would have to vote to accept any contract recommendation.

"I would like to be on that committee," Wylie said.

Council member Jason Kneisc said the first step is to create a contract.

"Let's get a contract," Kneisc said. "Based on the contract, step two, a performance review would be based on that."

"I agree, getting a contract would be a good first step," Wylie said.

Percival said they were not talking about who the attorney is, just about a contract, but Wylie disagreed.

"We are talking about who," she said. "I believe very strongly in public access to documents. He himself unilaterally decided not to release the documents. I think as a city we should not be in a position of denying the public documents except under stated exemptions."

"The fact is, we went to court, we were sued, and we won," Kneisc said. "The judge ruling he (Ryan) was correct should have some value to you."

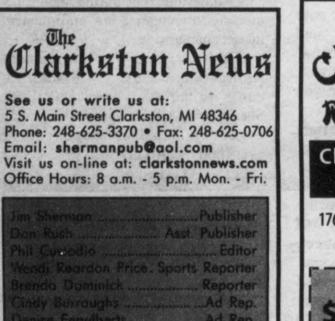
"He was the one who decided not to turn over the documents," Wylie said. "This why we should have a committee look over the idea and bring a recommendation back to council. Should we retain council, create a contract?"

Resident Lorry Mahler called for outside counsel to look at the FOIA lawsuit issue to provide an unbiased opinion.

The 18 documents in question in the lawsuit concerned development of 148 N. Main and vacant property at M-15 and Waldon Road. Both involve the children of Council member Sharron Catallo – restaurant developer Curt Catallo, who was considering development of 148 N. Main at the time, and Cara Catallo, who as a member of the Historic District Commission was dealing with the Waldon Road property at the time.

"Why these documents out of hundreds," Mahler asked. "It's a puzzle – I think the city needs to have answers."

After the meeting, Sharron Catallo confronted Mahler and told her not to bring up her children again. The two exchanged words into the parking lot as they went home.



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PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING In the matter of MAX HARLEY SQUIRE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: AUGUST FRANK SQUIRE whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICES: A hearing will be held on February 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Jennifer Callighan P57488 for the following purpose: Peitition for Appointment of guardian of a Minor.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know NDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **JANUARY 9, 2018**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, C Ritchie, Schroeder
- Absent: Loughrin
- There was a quorum present.
- Also Present: Kimberly Feigley, Director of Assessing; Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman, Associates Inc.
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. **CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY** SESSION:
 - 1. STUDY SESSION: 2018 Poverty Exemption Application FKA Hardship Exemption Application (Kim Feigley, Director of Assessing)
- The Study Session convened at 6:04 p.m.
- The Regular meeting reconvened at 6:22 p.m.
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Aliaga; Supervisor Kittle; Trustee Schroeder
- PUBLIC COMMENT: None G.
- **PUBLIC HEARING: None** Η.
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: Presentation Supervisor's Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor) - None
- 2. Presentation: MParks Michigan Recreation & Park Association Annual Award Recipients -Parks, Recreation & Seniors (Derek Smith, PRS Director)
- Presentation: Township Hall Entrance Canopy (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None CONSENT AGENDA:
- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2017
- Approval of the Payroll of December 29, 2017 and Check Run of January 2, 2018 for a Total Amount of \$1,150,617.16
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

J.

K.

- Approval of 1st Reading Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment - 5850 White Lake Road
- 2. Approval of 5310 Vehicle Lease Agreement Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)
- 3. Approval of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Contract PY 2017 - City of the Village of Clarkston

Speeder with warrant

A deputy on patrol stopped a pickup truck going 69 mph in a 40 mph school zone on Dixie Highway at Williams Lake Road, 10:31 a.m., Jan. 10. The driver, an 18-year-old Waterford man, said he was speeding because he was late to work. He was found with a failure-to-appear warrant on a possession of marijuana charge out of Waterford. He was cited for speeding, and picked up by Waterford Police.

Hit and run

An Auburn Hills Police officer in an unmarked department vehicle witnessed a hit-and-run accident on I-75 near Baldwin and followed the suspect vehicle to a gas station in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, while in contact with Auburn Hills Police and Oakland County Sheriff's Office, 5:30 p.m., Jan. 8. The driver involved in the hit and run, a Mount Morris man, was taken into custody by Auburn Hills Police for leaving the scene of an accident and driving while intoxicated. His vehicle was impounded.

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C NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- LOCATION: Independence Township Hall 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Mi
 - 48346 CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- **ROLL CALL:**
- **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Agenda additions or deletions D. require a majority vote of Board Members present. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE
- AGENDA: F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
- Case #18-001, Robert Helms, Petitioner, Requesting: Two (2) total variances: 1) A 2 foot lot width variance and 2) A variance to exceed the 1/4 width to depth ratio maximum; both from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 for the purposes of a lot split, 5846 Flemings Lake Rd., Parcel #08-22-101-006, R-1A Single Family Residential.
- 2. Case #18-002, David Flint, Petitioner, Request-

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Suspect in local bank robbery arrested

A 40-year-old Flint woman arrested for a bank robbery in the 4000 block of S. Baldwin Road, 10:07 a.m., Jan. 13, is a suspect in a Nov. 20 bank robbery in Independence Township.

An employee of the S. Baldwin Road bank called 9-1-1 to report the robbery, and said a female suspect took with her a black clothing bag turned inside out, containing an unknown amount of cash. The suspect implied she had a weapon, but a weapon was not seen. The suspect fled northbound on Georgia Road in a black Saturn. A deputy who was observing traffic on northbound

I-75 observed a vehicle matching the suspect vehicle description, driven by a woman who fit the suspect's description.

Deputies stopped the suspect on I-75 south of I-475 in Genesee County. They found in the back seat of the vehicle a black canvas bag containing assorted denominations of U.S. currency.

The suspect was jailed pending charges. The incident remains under investigation. The FBI was notified and agencies across southeast Michigan have also been notified to see if she has been involved in other robberies.



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- Adoption of Amendments Non-Union Employee 6. Policy & Benefit Manual
- Adoption of Amendments Procurement, Petty 7. Cash & Credit Card Policy
- 8. Amendment to Previously Adopted Motion #2017-12-239-b - Appointment to Boards and Committees - Planning Commission
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS
 - 1. Report: Fiscal 2017 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending November 30, 2017
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at P. 6:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC **Township Clerk** Published: Wednesday, January 17, 2018

: A 12.3 foot front yard setback variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 in order to construct a home addition, 6350 Paramus, Parcel #08-29-205-010, R-1A Single Family Residential.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2018 I. DISCUSSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Building Department at (248) 625-8111 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt shall be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Teachable moment?

Principal Gary Kaul described perfectly the circumstances behind Dr. Rod Rock's decision to resign as superintendent.

It's a betrayal.

He chose to engage in whatever happened in this "inappropriate" relationship with a former Clarkston High School student, over and despite his obligations as superintendent which he knew so well.

It seems to be very inexplicable, throwing away reputation and decades of hard work over clearly and inarguably horrible decisions.

How did either of them think this would work out?

What's happening, of course, is mounting nationwide attention on Clarkston, not for its academics, community service, or sports, but a salacious tale of a older educator getting caught with a former student.

Especially with the #metoo and #timesup movements, paired with the former superintendent's name, this will probably end up on late night comedy shows and other outlets.

Such a waste.

The incident will be investigated, but it seems likely nothing illegal occurred. The 19-year-old is an adult and no longer a student. However, Dr. Rock is correct when he wrote in his resignation letter, he can no longer be effective as superintendent. Parents need to trust the place they send their daughters and sons to is run by adults who are going to educate them, not date them.

Educators can consider this a teachable moment. In his letter, Rock said "I had an appropriate friendship with a Clarkston High School student. After she went away to college, it became inappropriate."

Number One Son (Shamus, 20) has not laid his weary head on his pillow, in his bedroom at Casa D'Rush in over a year. And, for most of that time span the door to his room has stayed closed.

Thoughts while cleaning a room

Yup. I just kept the door shut and let things stay as they were when he made up his mind that he was an adult, started working and living in the East Lansing area. If you're blessed, they group up and move on to solve their own problems, live their own lives and have their own fun, all without your parental guidance or approval. Ah yes, the young man is as good as I was at his age in keeping in touch with his parents. I should have been better.

This past weekend Shamus' younger brother and I, Sean (17.833 years old) made it our mission to tackle that

Sean's. It was not a Don't quick project. We moved Rush Me

and bags of "stuff" mopped the floor, wiped down the cobwebs and moved furniture back in - it looks good. During the transformation time

I had a lot of thoughts about that room. I reckon A column by it's called "reminiscing," Don Rush and it wasn't at all a sad time. I smiled to myself many times.

I remembered before our new family moved in, tearing down and tossing out walls of plaster and lathe down to the 90-year-old, hard as rock pine studs. I remember having to order and put in 5/ 8ths inch thick drywall; mudding, sanding and painting. But, mostly I remember the times spent with Shamus, then Shamus and Sean and then Shamus again within those four walls.

When we moved in, young Master Shamus was just shy of two years old, brother Sean was still half a year from him talk, giving what little comfort any birth. The house, with its tall ceilings and old wood and masculine design (think Arts and Craft, but not quite) was built by Dr. Amos Wheelock about the same time he built Goodrich Hospital (1916). I am not saying the place was haunted when we moved in . . . but . . At bedtime, we left the old, heavy, solid door with the glass handle open to Shamus' room. Morning after morning, we would wake to find that door closed. It literally happened all the time — even after the night when I went back into his room (before hitting the hay myself) and

put a duffle-sized bag of Legos and building blocks in front of the door as to keep it open. The next morning that door was closed. The bag of blocks were moved out of the way.

The next Sunday at St. Mark's Catholic Church, they faithful were handing out little viles of Holy Water to parishioners. I scammed two or three, and that day spent time telling any spooks in the house to vamoose while splashing the blessed H2O around all door frames. Surprisingly, the mysterious door closings stopped.

I remember laying next to Shamus and reading to him almost every night (and when Sean was old enough to move in with his brother to both). Sometimes I would fall asleep there next him, and his mom would have to wake me. I remember, he was a light sleeper, and to get off that bed I had to move at a cellular level, one cell at a time, until I slid off and moved out.

I remember one early morning, Mickey The Wonder-dog chasing a mouse around the house and right up onto Shamus' bed, with the kid still under the covers, sleeping. (I think the boys mom was able to get said varmint off the bed, out of the room and house all without waking Shamus.)

I remember nighttime was storytime, for reading books like The Big Friendly Giant, James & the Giant Peach and making up stories - the kids' favorite was one about a giant turtle emerging from a fissure in the back yard and inviting both boys on adventures — sometimes in tunnels beneath our town, sometimes on the Millpond but always in places Shamus and Sean could relate to.

When Shamus survived to reach teenagerdom, and that room was again just his, I remember time times sitting next to him, on his bed. Arm over his shoulder. Lectures, yup, I gave 'em. But, also just being with him and letting "old man" could offer.

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Independence officials get bigger raises than anticipated" The Independence Township supervisor, clerk and treasurer received a bigger raise than they expected at the township board meeting. In a memo to board members, Supervisor Dale Stuart recommended around a three percent increase for everyone.

"NFL teacher of the year had made difference in many lives" Clarkston resident Hal Farah, a language arts teacher at Waterford Kettering High School, scored a touchdown with his students as he was named the 2002 National Football League Teacher of the Year, after being nominated by Chicago Bears quarterback Jim Miller.

"Fogg's hat trick leads icers past Waterford Mott 8-2" Forward Mike Fogg notched a hat trick as the Clarkston Varsity Hockey team posted a 8-2 win over Waterford Mott.

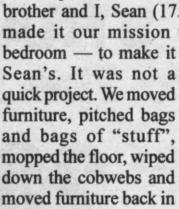
25 years ago - 1993

"First 'snow day" Clarkston was among 150 schools in the state to close due to inclement weather which included freezing rain and snow creating hazardous road conditions with more predicted for the day.

"Dog do-do crackdown possible" The Clarkston City Council discussed people who walk their dogs on the streets and sidewalks of Clarkston and don't clean up after them would soon be breaking an ordinance. Mayor Sharron Catallo, a dog owner, described a simple method to take care of the mess as "stoop and scoop."

"Wolves top Mott in two OTs" It didn't look good for the Clarkston Varsity Basketball team going into the first overtime against Waterford Mott. A 3pointer from Clarkston put the game into a second overtime, ending in a 78-73 win for the Wolves.

50 years ago - 1968



Is there such a thing as an "appropriate friendship" between student and educator? Is "the principal is your pal" just a spelling trick?

Teacher, mentor, role model, advisor - yes, of course. Hanging out, texting into the night, dishing over the latest pop fad, maybe not so much.

It's clear carrying on friendships with kids is a bad idea for those in charge of the classroom, as well as for any adult with authority, which for kids probably means all of them.

For some reason the different nicknames I called him popped in my head. Aside from Son, Shama-lama-dingdong and Shaymoose were commonly uttered and heard in that room.

I wonder what I will think of when Sean finds his wings and flies off to make his own life. I can surmise it will be the same type of trip down memory lane. For now, I guess I miss Shamus. Miss talking to him daily. Miss seeing him more than a couple of times a year. Yup, I miss him.

"Will compete in state Junior Miss contest" Clarkston Junior Miss Nancy Jo Weiss would be one of 47 taking part in the Junior Miss Pagent.

"Teacher on the move" Clarkston High Senior High School teacher Roger Thompson traveled as much as 250 miles a month as he visited 27 classrooms/training stations where his 39 students were receiving on the job training.

"Notes on the Orchard" The Timmons family went to Frankenmuth for the famous chicken dinners and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Timmons.



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8 Wed., January 17, 2018 The Clarkston (MI) News Wendla Dolven, 82 Andrew G. Klaker, 88

Surrounded by her husband, son Craig and loving caregiver, Maria, Wendla "Pat" Ann Dolven passed away on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018, after a long illness. She was 82 years old.

She was a loving and generous wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She had a special gift of making anyone in her presence feel special and welcome.

Unwavering in her commitment to her husband John, her four children and seven grandchildren, there wasn't anything she wouldn't do for her family and friends. She was beautiful inside and out and was a friend to all who met her.

Pat was born on July 17, 1935 in Moorhead, Minn., to Palmer and Dorothy (Bergford) Hanson. She graduated from Minnesota State University in Moorehead in 1957 and married John Dolven in 1958.

She was an elementary school teacher in Iowa from 1959 until 1963. Pat was crowned the Jack Frost Carnival Queen in Fargo, N. Dakota, was chairman of the Flint Hospital Guild Annual Fundraising event, chairman of the Church Council in Clarkston, Michigan, Girl Scout district president, board member of Interlochen Arts Academy, Michigan Youth Orchestra and leader of Garden Clubs in Michigan.

She was also awarded "Volunteer of the Year" at Calvary Lutheran Church in Clarkston.

Pat and John raised their family in Michigan and retired to Kiawah Island, S.C., for 20 years and then to Mount Pleasant, S.C., for the past 13 years.

John and Pat were married for 60 wonderful years. They loved to entertain and their home was the hub of many holiday celebrations, piano recitals, parties and so many family events.

Pat and John enjoyed traveling. They visited every state in the union and traveled around the world on three separate occasions. Pat made lifelong friends very easily on their travels.

She also enjoyed being active in church, book clubs and garden clubs.

Pat is survived by her husband, John, their children Linda (Robert) Anthony of Smyrna, Ga., Craig (LuAnn) Dolven of Ponte Vedra

Andrew G. Klaker of Clarkston passed away Jan. 11, 2018, at 88 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Angeline

"Angie" for 61 years; beloved father of Alphonse Grzelka and Kimberly Klaker-De Fino; grandfather of Heather (Andrew) Mackarevitz and Claudia De Fino; great grandfather of Amanda and Alister; brother of Dorothy Skupny and

Geraldine Gregory; also survived by many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by brothers Leonard and Bob. Andy was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired from Chrysler after 29 years of service.

Dearly loved by his family, Andrew was an all-around athlete who loved golf and was a big sports fanatic!

Funeral service was Jan. 16 at Coats Funeral Home-Waterford. Burial, White Chapel Cemetery, Troy. To send condolences, visit www.CoatsFuneral Home.com.

Judith Tapscott, 77

Judith A. Tapscott of Ortonville passed away Jan. 7, 2018, at age 77.

She was the wife of Jerry for 50 years; mother of Victoria

Marks; grandma of Nikki (Tyler) Heichel, Chelsea Tapscott and Kaitlyn Marks; great grandma of Konnor, Layla, Mila, Marlee, Hunter and baby on the way Rowan; sister of Tom (Dawn) Savage, Bob Savage and Jerry

Savage; preceded in death by her parents Earl and Grace Savage.

She will be missed by her cat, Puddin. Judy retired as a cook/baker/lunch lady

at Clarkston High School. Memorial Service Sunday, Jan. 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Friends may visit at 12:30 p.m.

Kithier case denied

Clarkston High School senior Thomas Kithier's attempt to play with his teammates on the boys varsity basketball team was denied on Jan. 11.

U.S. District Judge Marianne O. Battani ruled against his preliminary injunction which would have allowed Kithier to play. She cited he did not have a constitutional right to play extra-curricular sports and lack of precedent.

"We are disappointed," said Ven Johnson, attorney for Kithier. "Thomas and his family, we are all disappointed. We are working very hard on this to do what we know how to do to get him to play. But right now all that has happened is the judge said I am not going to block the MHSAA."

"I think the judge felt bad for the situation," said Steve Fishman, Kithier's attorney. "I think if it were up to her, she would change things but it's not up to her. Really the villain of this is the MHSAA that didn't give a hoot about Thomas Kithier and made a ruling to prove they can do it."

Johnson added the most important thing to happen was the judge denied motion for preliminary injunction.

"All we were asking her to do is basically pretend this is the end of the case which you all know will take a year to two years," Johnson said. "She said with all the case law out there the way it is, I can't do that. It's a really, really high standard. Obviously we are disappointed. The rest of the lawsuit continues."

Kithier filed a lawsuit against MHSAA, Chippewa Valley School District and individuals who claimed his move to Clarkston was not for academic reasons and it was athletically motivated.

Johnson and Fishman shared they would like the policy updated in the future.

Fishman shared Clarkston Athletic Director Jeff Kosin was in Lansing the same day testifing for a bill to limit sanctions against students who transfer between school districts before the House Education Reform Committee.

State Rep. Jim Tedder, of Clarkston, was also there.

"Students move from one district to another every semester for a multitude of reasons. The former school district in conjunction with a private organization should not have the power to override an educational decision that parents made in best interest of their the child," Tedder said. "The enforcement of the 'transfer rule' as presently applied by the MHSAA is, at best, arbitrary, subjective and with complete disregard for what is in the best interest of a student's success."

The key provision of the bill specifically disallows a school district from prohibiting student participation in interscholastic athletics because he or she transferred from one district to another.

"As a parent, former teacher and coach, I recognize athletic participation is an integral part of a child's educational experience," said Tedder. "Clearly, this matter places the selfish interests of adults over the best interest of students; in my three years as a legislator few things have incensed me more."

Rock also to resign from Chamber

Continued from page 1

administrative leave until Feb. 28, his "termination date"; no further legal, employment, or contractual obligations to Rock; full cooperation with the investigation; no contact with any district employee or student; no admission of wrongdoing; no negative comments about the case; and full release of any claim of liability, compensation, or damages from the district.

Ryan's interim superintendent contract sets his salary at \$150,000.

Affects on Clarkston Chamber

Rock was also serving as the 2018 board president of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, with which he served for seven

Beach, Fla., Ann (Jeff) Vance of Roswell, Ga., and Steve (Wendy) Dolven of Greer, S.C., and Pat's seven grandchildren, Connor and Katie Dolven; Carter, Jackson and Cooper Vance; and Will and Scott Dolven.

Pat is also survived by her brother Bernie (Margaret) Hanson of Watertown, S. Dakota, and many other precious In-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews. Pat was predeceased by her parents and her sister Donna Cossette.

Private services were held at Grace Episcopal Cathedral. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Pat's memory to Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 110 East 42nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10017. Visit our guestbook at www.legacy.com, "Wendla Dolven."

Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

In our local churches

Coffee and Conversation, first, third, fifth Sunday, 12:30 p.m., for adults and interested youth. Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469

Sunday Night Youth Group, 6 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

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

Directives include no attendance of any event, public or private, on school property or for which the district is a host, sponsor, or participant; and deletion of all social media accounts affiliated with the district.

Recently, Rock signed a four-year contract effective Jan. 1 with a salary of \$161,000 a year. The contract required disclosure of potential civil actions against him, and included a "moral turpitude or misconduct" clause, allowing the district to terminate his contract at any time without liability for salary, pension, or fringe benefits.

years. "Dr. Rock has indicated he will submit his

resignation," said Janelle Best, executive director of the chamber, in a statement. "Our staff and board were unaware of the situation and never observed a lack of commitment or leadership on behalf of the Clarkston Chamber by Dr. Rock."

The remainder of his term will be filled by Emily Ford of Morgan Milzow Realtors. A Clarkston resident since 1979, Ford is an associate broker and a fourthgeneration real estate professional. She's a graduate of Kalamazoo College where she majored in Economics. She is an specialist in unique properties, relocations and distressed sales.

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Sporting News Victory keeps record clean in OAA Red

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball players were victorious in their OAA Red battle at North Farmington with a 42-32 win, Jan. 9.

"We really turned the corner when it comes to being confident and calm on offense," said Christine Rogers, head coach. "We are running our offense, we are running plays and everyone is very comfortable with what we are trying to do."

She added defense is still a major factor in everything they do.

"We still live and die by our defensive intensity so we need to make sure we are working as hard as we can and as much of a team as we can on defense," Rogers said. "It will really drive what we do on the offensive end. When we're excited - we're loose, we're playing together, we are a great team. When we get tight and start fearing, making mistakes things don't go as smoothly."

Clarkston opened the game scoring eight points before the Raiders scored five points on them. The Wolves closed the gap by scoring eight more points to end

the first stanza.

Before the first half closed, North Farmington outscored Clarkston though the Wolves held onto the lead going into halftime 23-19.

They kept holding onto the lead going into the fourth, this time by 13 points before the Raiders went on a 10-2 scoring run.

"We had a big lead," Rogers said. "They cut it with some three point shots and some free points shots. We failed to score on a couple of times down the floor. They were shots we typically hit. Even the score dwindled, we still felt like we were in control of the game the whole time."

She added it helps the players to feel like they still have control no matter what happens during the game.

"It shows the maturity we have," Rogers said. "This year's schedule has been tougher so we have the experience of playing in a tight game. Now we have the practice of keeping our composure so we can do what we need to when it's crunch time."

Senior Maddie Beck led with 17 points with nine rebounds and three steals.

Senior Kayla Luchenbach scored 11 points and had 13 rebounds, five assists and three blocks.

"Maddie is playing very well," Rogers said. "Kayla is very durable on both ends of the floor. Molly (Nicholson) is having the best season of her career. We have freshmen stepping up on defense. We've got ball handling skills coming along and we've got shooting coming along. I am very pleased with where we are at the middle of the season."

Clarkston is looking to reschedule last Friday's game against Lake Orion, which was cancelled due to weather. At press time, the day and time had not been chosen.

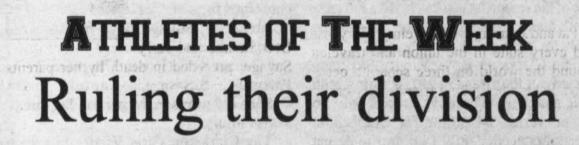
The Wolves (8-2, 3-0 OAA Red) host Bloomfield Hills on Thursday. They head to Rochester Adams on Tuesday.

"If we play well, if we play smart, if we play under control and if we play with passion there are very few teams we can't beat," Rogers said. "The rest of the league we are looking to fine tune the things we are already doing so we can take that next step up."

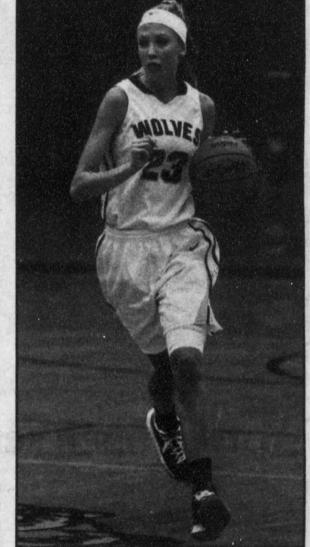
JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Maddie Beck runs down the court. Photo by Larry Wright



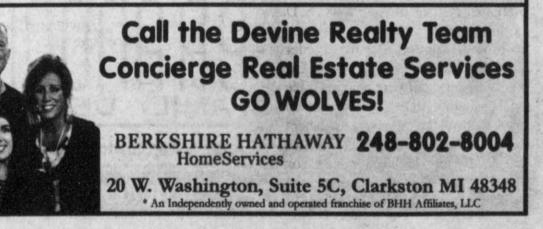


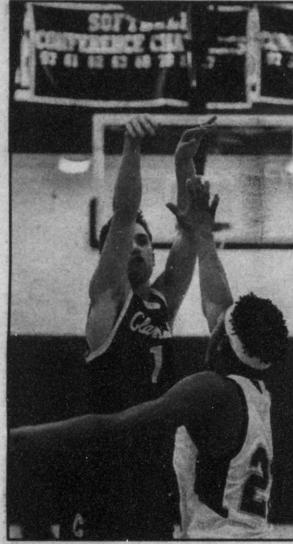
The Clarkston Cyclones flag football team had the opportunity to play in the 2017 Game On Cancer Ford Field - Grip It And Rip It Tournament, Dec. 4, They outscored their first four opponents 117 - 6 and defeated a tough West Michigan Patriots team in the championship game, 20-12.



The Clarkston Cyclones won their division at the 2017 Game on Cancer Ford Ford - Grip It and Rip It Tournament. The team includes Jackson Sidaway, Raleigh Cygan, Evan Schneider, Brody Champagne, Julien Mohr and Benn Wilson with coaches Kyle Wilson, Dan Champagne and Gary Cygan. Photo submitted 2017.

The Cyclones won the championship for the First Grade & Under Rip It Division out of the eight teams competing in the division. The Cyclones are Jackson Sidaway, Raleigh Cygan, Evan Schneider, Brody Champagne, Julien Mohr and Benn Wilson. They are coached by Kyle Wilson, Dan Champagne and Gary Cygan.





Foster Loyer shoots one of his nine field goals against Detroit Pershing, Jan. 13. Photo by Larry Wright

Loyer smashes record at varsity win

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE Clarkston News Sports Writer

It was a good visit to Detroit as Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball posted their ninth win and senior Foster Loyer broke a team record.

Loyer scored nine field goals in the Wolves' 84-50 win over Detroit Pershing in the Horatio Williams Foundation MLK Freedom Classic last Saturday.

The field goals put him at a total of 215, sliding him into first place over Dugan Fife's 212.

"I am proud of him," said Dan Fife, longtime head coach. "He earned it. After the game he asked can we shoot tomorrow that's who he is all the time."

Fife added the game was good for the entire team.

"Pershing's a good team," he said. "They've got a long history of success in their basketball program. It was a good day that turned into a great day for us to win.

"We played the ball well," Fife continued. "We played hard. We shot well. We just played well. We had a good game - everybody played well. It was just a good team for us to play down in that environment. It was a great atmosphere. The place was packed with people from all over the metro-Detroit area. The atmosphere was a good setting for our kids to be in. It was intense."

Fife added the playing in the intense environment will help the boys as the season continues.

"They didn't let the nerves or the atmosphere change who they were as players or their roles," he said. "It was good for our entire program to be there and be under those circumstances."

Loyer led the team with 36 points, seven rebounds and six assists. His nine field goals put him in second place in the team's records for single game field goals.

"Foster shot well, very well in that game," Fife said.

The Wolves opened the week with a 59-54 win over OAA Red newcomer Troy, Jan. 9.

Both teams finished the first quarter tied at 15 points each before Clarkston took the lead going into the second half. They held onto the lead going into the fourth quarter.

They found themselves trailing by one

point with two minutes remaining in the game after Troy went on a 21-8 run to put the score at 50-49.

Loyer helped boost the team making nine of his ten free throw shots and scored a total of 44 points during the game.

Join the Wolves (9-1, 3-0 OAA Red) this Friday as they host North Farmington. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

Clarkston High School senior Foster Loyer received a nomination to play in the 2018 McDonald's All American Games.

Loyer, who recently scored 44 points in the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball 59-54 win over Troy, joins six other player from Southeastern Michigan as well as over 700 seniors from thoughout the nation.

The 41st Annual Boys Game is March 28 at Philips Arena in Atlanta, Georgia and will be on ESPN.

The 17th Annual Girls Game will precede the boys Game and will broadcast live on ESPN2.

Players were selected by high school coaches, athletic directors, principals and members of the McDonald's All American Games Selection Committee.

Wolves open season strong on the Pine Knob's snowy slopes

BY CATHERINE OSBORN

Special to The Clarkston News

Clarkston skiers had a strong performance in their opening match for the Giant Slalom race, despite the rain and warm weather, Jan. 24.

"Tough weather conditions for the first race of the season," said Coach Mike Foyteck. "Both teams have a lot of work to do to be ready for our big races in February."

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team started out their season 2-0, winning both their matches. The boys scored only 16 points, versus 24 points for Cranbrook. The skiers needed only 14 points to defeat the united team of Berkley/Avondale/Troy, who scored 25 points.

The boys were led by their Senior

Captain, Max Wiedemann, with a combined time of 36.07 seconds, for a an overall result of fifth place. Cameron Brown had a combined time of 36.14 seconds, sixth place; Hunter Hambrick placed 18th overall with a combined time of 37.05 seconds; and Ryan Nicosia finished 19th with a combined time of 37.12 seconds.

Rounding out the boys results were Evan Raddatz in 22nd place, 37.44 seconds; and Gunnar Karlstrom in 37th place, 39.34 seconds. Senior Co-Captain Justin Osborn did not race during the day due to a knee injury.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Ski team started out their season 1-1. The girls scored only 10 points in their victory over Berkley/Avondale/Troy, who scored 32 points. They lost a close race to Cranbrook, who needed 16 points to Clarkston's 20 points.

The girls were led by their Senior Captain Katie Bayley, who finished seventh overall with a combined time of 36.61, followed by Olivia Foyteck in 22nd place, with a combined time of 39.41. Allison Osborn, combined time of 40.1, finished in 25th place, with Annika Carlstrom in 26th place at 40.25 seconds.

Rounding out the girls team were Chloe Swanson, with a combined time of 41.92 second for 37th place and Megan Ford, with a combined time of 43.69 seconds, for 44th place.

The JV teams also raced their first Giant Slalom race of the season last week.

Andrew Foyteck led the boys team in seventh place, with a time of 19.41, followed by Andrew Roeser in tenth, with a run of 19.54 second. Jacob Roeser finished 17th, with a time of 20.38, followed by Jacob Draksler in 29th place at 22.63 seconds; Miles Benson in 31st at 22.86 seconds; Nicholas Bassman in 33rd at 23.39 seconds; and Peyton Miller in 46th place.

Mia Farella led the girls team with a 15th place finish, with a time of 23.57 seconds, followed by Helen Josephson in 16th place with 23.86 seconds. Rounding out the girls results were Julia Belinsky in 25th at 25.66 seconds; Sophia Goik in 27th at 26.69 seconds; and Madison Floreno in 29th at 28.07 seconds.

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The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team wins the title at the Michigan Duals on Saturday. Photo provided

Wolfpack update

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team won the Michigan Duals after beating Hudsonville, 31-29, to claim the title.

Highlights from Saturday's meet aslo included a 40-23 win over Grand Ledge and a 60-11 win over Midland's HH Dow.

They defeated Seaholm, 66-6, and lost to Oxford, 45-12 on Jan. 10.

The Wolves head to Rochester Adams on Wednesday in a dual against the Highlanders and Lake Orion, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Then, they go to the Gary Rivers Memorial Duals at Lowell High School on Saturday.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team qualified third out of 31 teams at the Oakland County Championships.

"We bowled a hot team in the first round of match play and got eliminated," said Coach Bill George.

Sean Furness had games of 219,219 and 203 for a series of 641 to take fifth high series in the singles. Jake Phelps had a game of 246 and earned eighth high game. Patrick McLetchie bowled 213,203,186 for a 602 series. Drew Sagowitz shot games of 203 and 235.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team finished in ninth place at the Oakland County meet, Jan. 13.

They made the cut, qualifying at ninth

then lost to Notre Dame in the first round.

Hannah Turk finished 11th place in singles and led the way with games of 203, 167 and 203 for a series of 573. Raegan Barker took 33rd and had a game of 191. Angelina Stowers took 48th and had a game of 181.

"We had a pretty good day," said Coach Jim Turk.

The boys varsity team won their match against Troy Athens on Jan. 8, 21-9. Phelps led the team with games of 232 and 211 for a 443 series. Jacob Corey shot 203 and 207 for a 410 series. Sagowitz had a 202 game and Kyle Hancsak shot a 199.

The JV team remained undefeated with a 25-5 win. Drew Clayton rolled a 235 game in a 412 series.

The girls team beat Athens, 23-7. Turk bowled games of 221 and 183 for a 404 series. Stowers rolled a 190 game.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team lost to Birmingham last Saturday, 5-3.

Brandt Botterill, Nik Hughducheck and Daniel Milano each scored a goal in the OAA White game. Trey Roy had one assist.

The Wolves host Oxford/Avondale on Thursday at Detroit Skating Club, 5:30 p.m.

They play Grosse Ile in the OAA/Metro Showcase at Kennedy Ice Arena on Saturday at 7:50 p.m.





Events

Pizza and Preplan, 11:30 a.m. or 6 p.m., Jan. 24, Coats Funeral Home, 8909 Dixie Highway. Info on memorialization options, Q&A, free pizza. 248-962-3386.

Christmas tree recycling through Jan. 29, Independence Oaks; Springfield Oaks, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. No charge, but plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. No commercial trees accepted. OaklandCountyParks.com.

Sunday

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3/members, \$4/ non-members.

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

Tuesday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. Topic: "Emptiness After the Holidays." Led by a bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Walk-ins welcome, free. 248-625-5231.

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

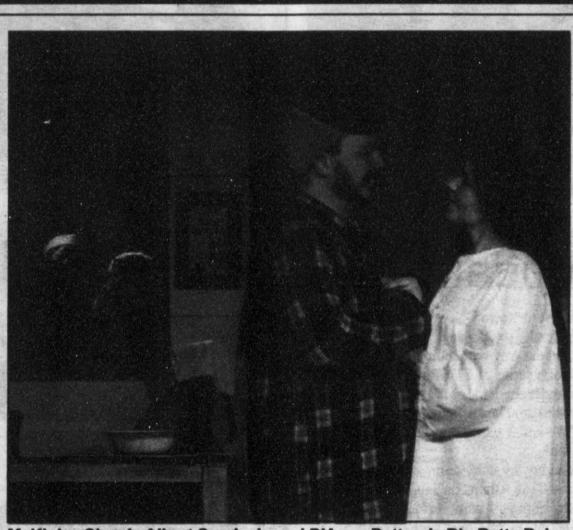
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Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

Around Jown



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Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310.

Networking Get-Together, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network, fourth Tuesday, 9-10 a.m., Picasso's Grapevine, 12 S Main Street. Free for chamber members.

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Jack, 248-334-3686. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7:30-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Coffee and Conversation, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, Clintonwood Park. \$1.

Civic groups

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, second Tuesday, www.sashabaw.michdar.net.

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

Clarkston Area Genealogy, 10:15 a.m., third Thursday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-620-2984.

Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 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, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

Friday

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

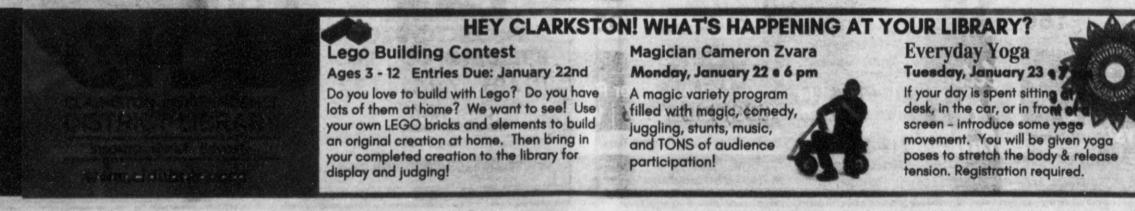
Seniors On With Life Group forming for widowers, widows, divorced. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings. 248-393-8553.

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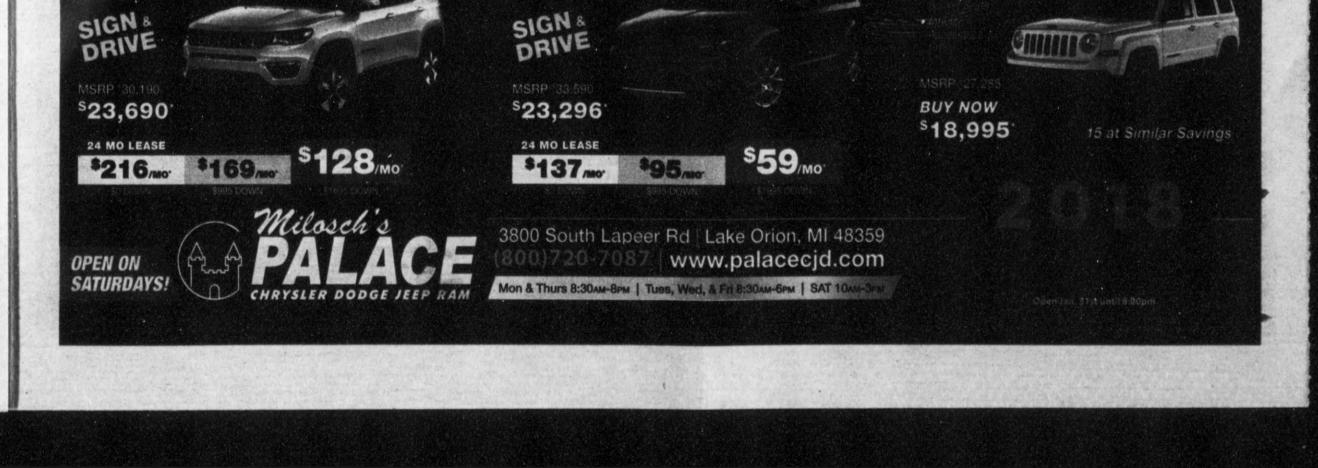
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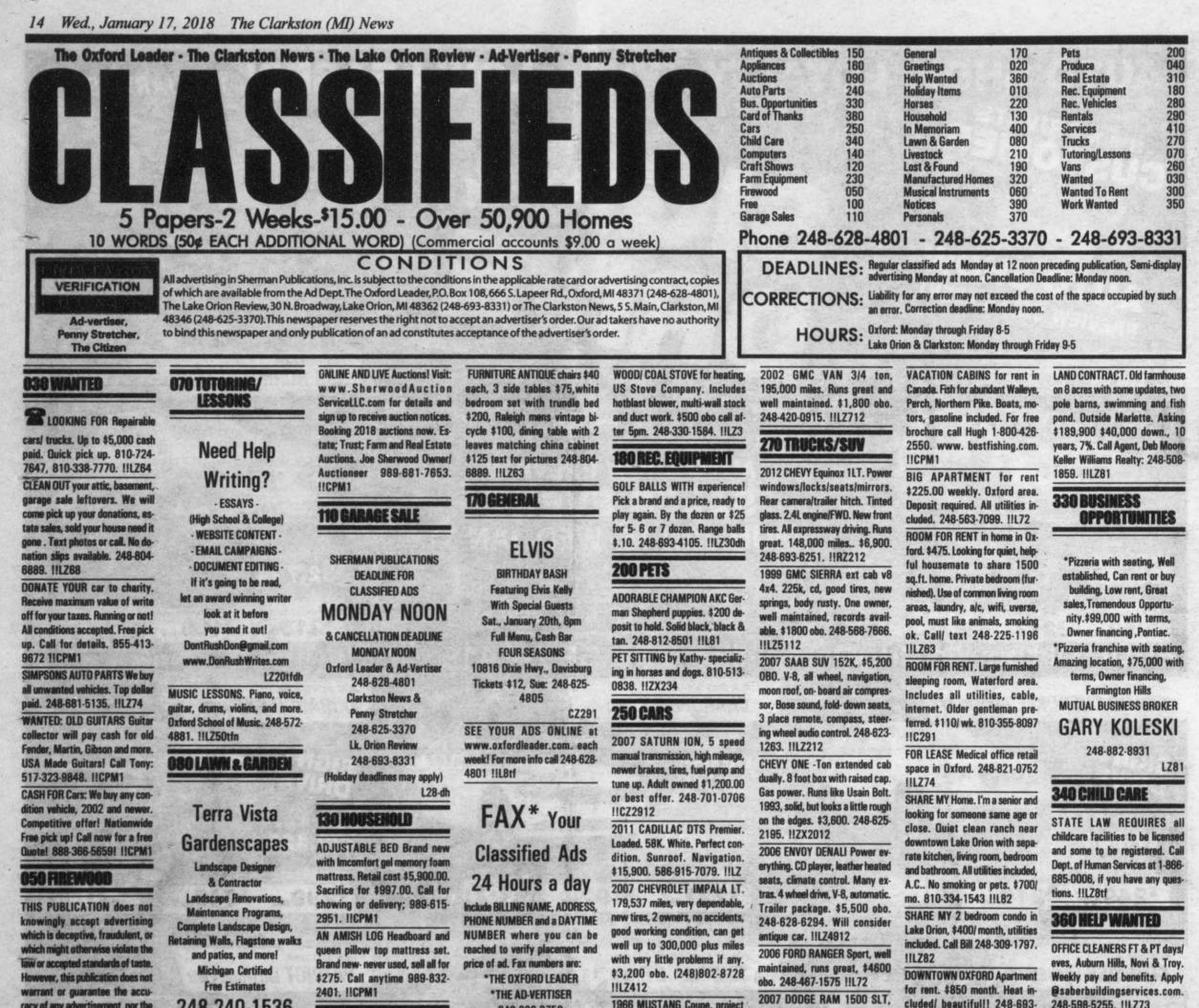
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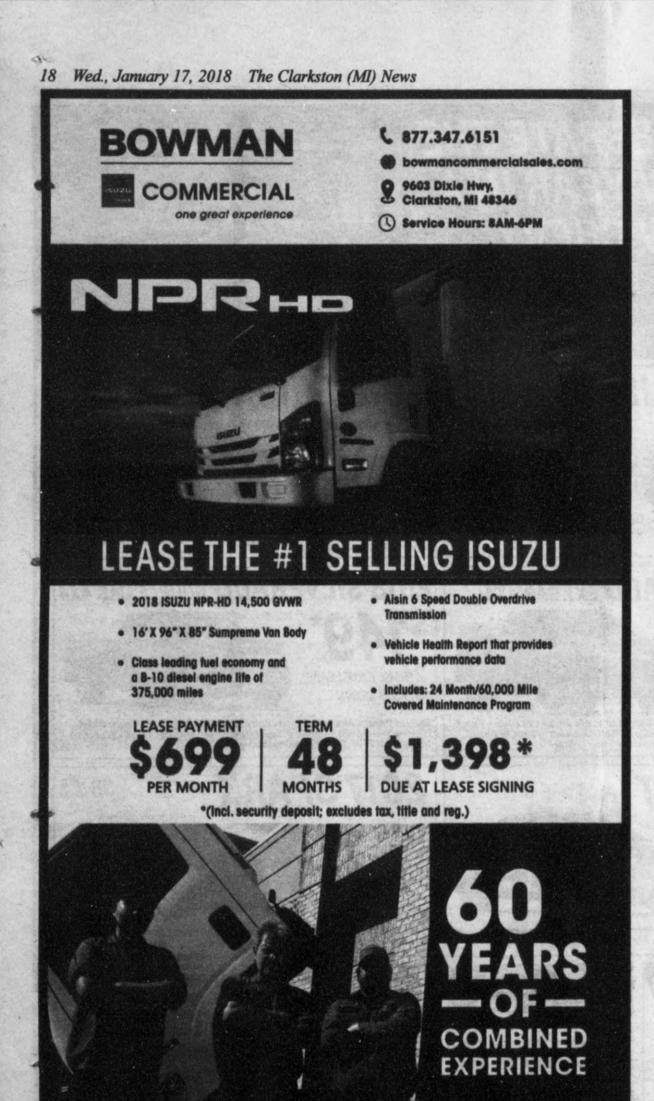
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