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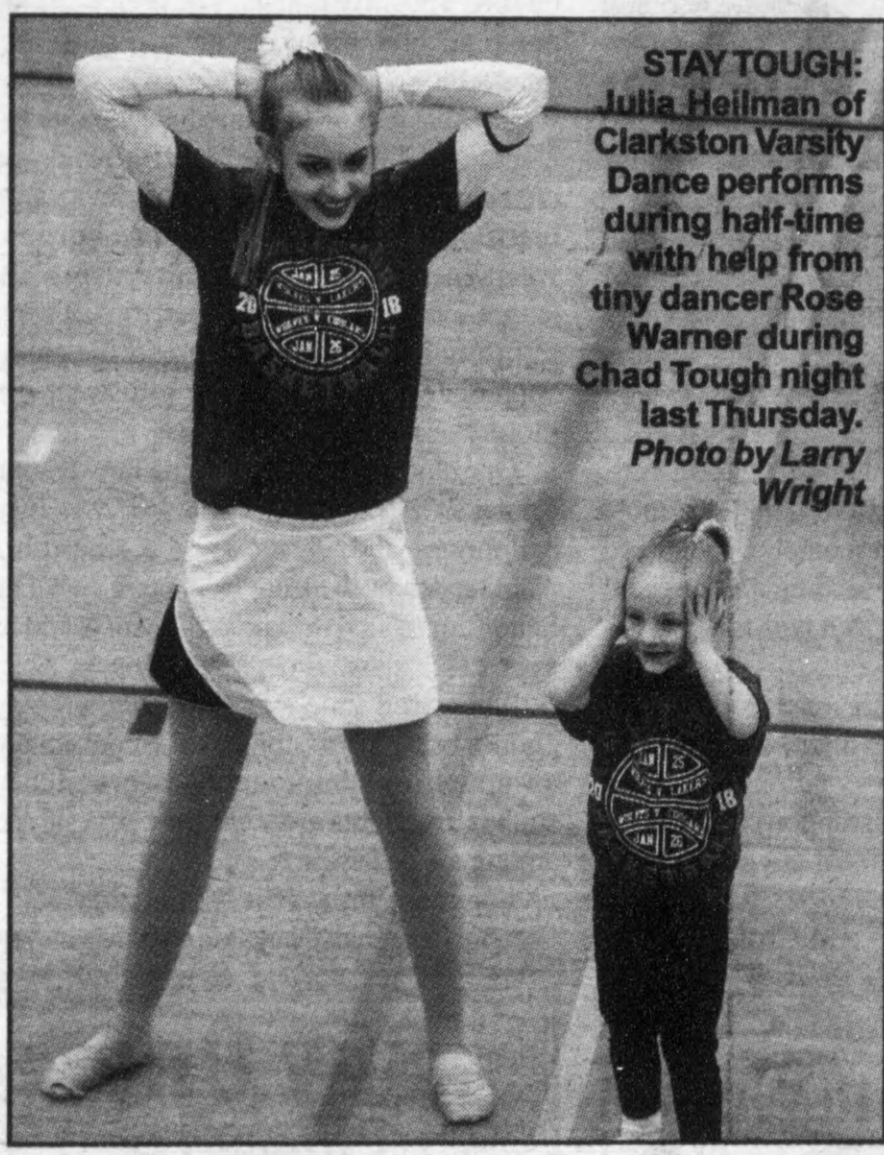


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**STAY TOUGH:** Julia Heilman of Clarkston Varsity Dance performs during half-time with help from tiny dancer Rose Warner during Chad Tough night last Thursday. Photo by Larry Wright

## Strength from friends

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

The prognosis faced by Celeste Wood of Clarkston is undeniably serious. But the long-time teacher's focus remains the same – helping others.

Part of that includes spending the past six months taking part in a pancreatic cancer clinical trial.

"It could lead to a cure for everyone else, including my daughter," said Wood, 45. "It allows more options on the table

as a patient – standard care plus the possibility of something more."

She gains strength from her husband, Jared, daughter Emerson, family, friends, co-workers, and students at her school. Many are in the Woods Warriors, a group raising funds and awareness for Celeste and cancer research.

"We could not be where we are without all of them," she said.

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## Deadly flu drives desire for vacs

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Flu season is strong this year, but it's not too late to get vaccinated.

"Just the last three to four weeks, we've given a lot more vaccines," said Denise Rupp, RN at Clarkston Medical Group. "I think it's because of the deaths that have been reported. It's scary, so people are coming in."

Center for Disease Control reported seven influenza-associated pediatric deaths during the third week of January, for a total of 37 so far during the 2017-2018 season.

CMG reported two dozen cases

of the respiratory flu during the third week of January. The Oakland County Health Division said more than 950 flu cases were reported countywide since Oct. 1.

"We are currently in the midst of a very active flu season with widespread and intense flu activity," said Leigh-Anne Stafford, health officer for Oakland County. "It is critical to get vaccinated, which is the best way to prevent the flu. You can also prevent the flu by washing your hands, covering your cough, and staying home when sick."

"We usually start to give the flu vaccine around Oct. 1, and last year we were giving it through April –

we even saw some positive flu cases in May," Rupp said. "The problem is that gene mutates."

The CDC develops a vaccine each year in response to circulating influenza viruses, but they mutate quickly and nothing is guaranteed, Rupp said.

"It may not take care of everything, depending on what type of strain is actually out there now," she said.

When comparing to last year's amount of flu cases for this time, the nurse said the number seems to have increased.

"I know last year wasn't as bad  
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## Parents call for kids to get off phones

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Anna Muzzy of Clarkston had a discussion with her son soon after he started classes at Sashabaw Middle School.

"I asked him how was school and who did he sit with at lunch," Muzzy said.

He told her the kids' names but then said, "I didn't talk to them because they were staring at their screens on their phones, playing games."

"I was completely shocked," said Muzzy, who along with Stephanie Crane cofounded Clarkston Advocacy for Responsible Technology (C.A.R.T.), a group of parents advocating for a cell-free environment for Clarkston schools.

"I talked to many teachers at Sashabaw and they unanimously think cell phones should be banned, or turned off in their lockers, unless they request them for a specific educational purpose in class," said Muzzy, who also volunteers at the schools. "They (students) are walking in the halls, texting and bumping into things and people. Parents are even texting them during class, so not only does it distract

their child, but it distracts kids around them. So, parents like me who choose not to allow my son to have a phone, he's still getting distracted because of the other people. That's really frustrating."

Bullying also plays a role in schools when cell phones are involved, especially with cyberbullying.

"The correlation between depression and screen time (especially smartphones) is undeniable," Muzzy said. "Along

with many other problems, technology and social media have allowed bullying to become accessible 24-hours-a-day. The time has come to make some hard changes for the mental and physical health of our children."

"Over the past few years, I've noticed more and more ill effects stemming from smartphones," said Crane, mother of a Clarkston graduate, a tenth grader, a third grader, and PTA president at Pine Knob

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Students spend too much time looking at their mobile devices, according to a new parents' group. File photo



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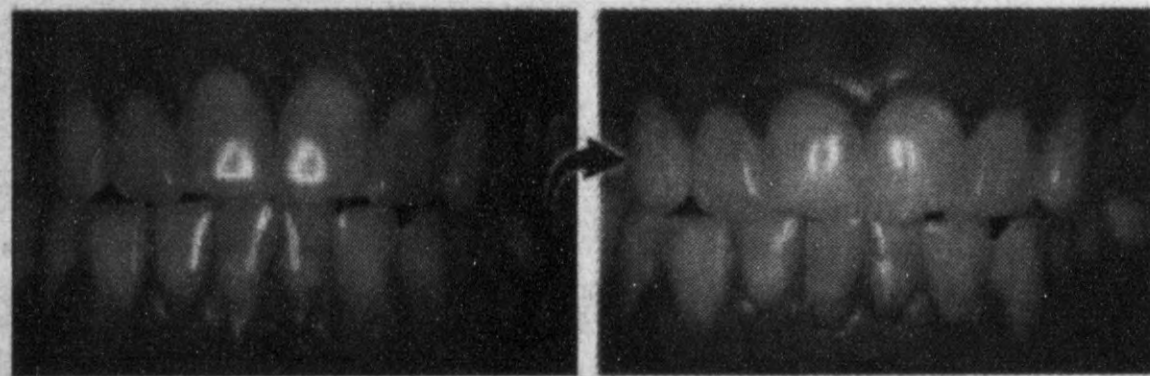
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## Phones stifle development, parents say

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Elementary School.

"I've heard arguments that limiting time and teaching responsible use falls to the parents. To that I only have to look at my own three children, all parented similarly with harsh screen time, rules, and regulations."

Crane attends meetings at Pike Knob and volunteers at school and sport events, which gives her plenty of opportunities to observe social circumstances with cellphones. She notices kids failing to engage in regular conversation in the halls and during lunch.

"Many don't learn conflict resolution because they hide behind a false sense of anonymity, which simultaneously bolsters confidence (which can become bullying) and breeds overwhelming loneliness and vulnerability," she said. "I see students afraid to call and make appointments or talk to adults. School is the time when students are most surrounded by peers and mentors. They need to lose the distractions of their phones and learn not only academics, but real-life skills as well."

Clarkston Community Schools policy allows phones before and after school, during lunch, and between classes, "as long as they do not create a distraction, disruption or otherwise interfere with the educational environment."

Schools including Everest Academy in Independence Township and Clifford Smart

Middle School in Commerce Township have banned cell phones from schools and the moms at C.A.R.T. feel "unless specifically requested by the teachers for learning purposes, Clarkston school district should do the same."

Dan Holland, assistant principal at Clifford Smart, said their school's new cell phone policy has had a positive impact. The policy prohibits personal electronic devices in classrooms during the school day.

"We have seen an immediate change in the climate at Clifford Smart," Holland said. "Staff are being empowered to use the devices as an instructional tool without the burden of worrying if the students are using them inappropriately. I have received tons of support from my parent community and the students appreciate it since it is not a distractor any more."

One study conducted by The Pew Research Center in 2012 of teens showed 78% owned cellphones and 37% owned a smartphone. Another study by Jean Twenge, a San Diego State University psychologist, surveyed kids ages 13-18 showed negative impacts.

"Increased time spent on computers, cell phones or tablets — might have contributed to an uptick in symptoms of depression and suicidal thoughts over the last several years among teens," Twenge said.

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# City seeks fines for lack of sidewalk snow shoveling

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

City hall has been issuing warnings to residents not shoveling snow from their sidewalks, but will be issuing tickets.

"The city office identified six properties in the city not shoveling their sidewalks and will soon be issuing citations," said City Manager Jonathan Smith at the Jan. 22 City Council meeting. "Ordinance 140 authorizes the city to issue a \$100 citation for not shoveling within 24 hours and additional amounts if the city pays to shovel the walk."

If city employees shovel, the total cost would be \$150, Smith said.

Hardship cases should be considered for leniency, said Council member Sharron Catallo.

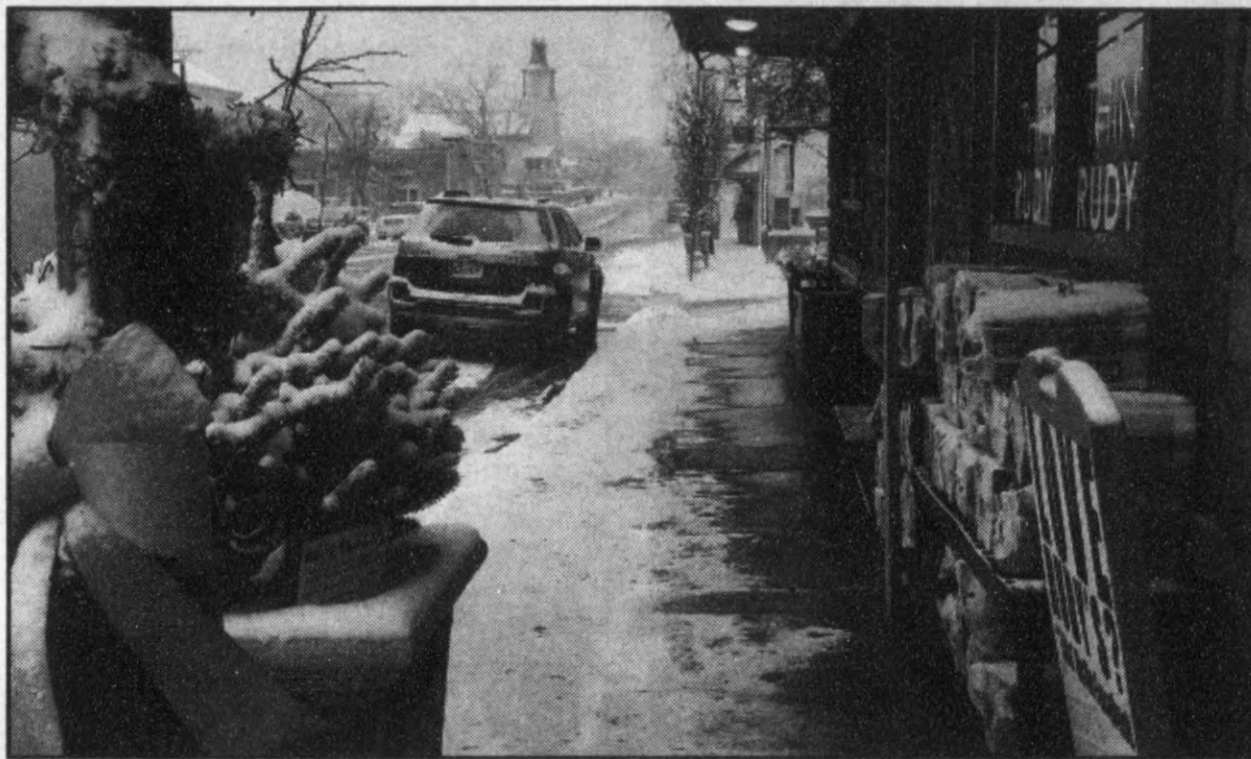
"Unfortunately some walks not shoveled are senior citizens'. This is a problem," Catallo said. "Sometimes they don't have people who can come out and do it."

"Some people have called me, and it's not a problem," Smith said. "He (Mike Speagle, Clarkston DPW) goes over and shovels the walk. Anybody in tough situation like that, we're not going to write a ticket. It's those who have the resources to shovel and choose not to do it. If there are extenuating circumstances, I would listen to that."

DPW workers have been shoveling sidewalks in the downtown business district this winter, Smith said.

"We send kids out with shovels and they shovel into the street. Mike comes by with the skid-steer to take it away," Smith said. "We hope it's a help to the businesses."

The city manager was also asked to prepare a proposal to purchase a snowblower for the city to clear all city



Clarkston was clear of snow during the weekend warmth, when temperatures reached into the 40s, but Monday brought new snow to be cleared off. Photo by Phil Custodio

sidewalks, but City Council rejected the idea unanimously.

A snow blower from Weingartz would cost \$2,209.15, and the annual cost to clear the approximately five miles of sidewalks in the city would be about \$1,600, for labor, gas, and maintenance, Smith said.

The funds would have to be rebudgeted, he said.

"The money's not in the plan right now – we would have to rob Peter to pay Paul," he said. "It would be a nice benefit for homeowners, the elderly – (but) it would be a new responsibility for the city."

The city should keep working on how to provide the service effectively, said Council member Jason Kneisc.

"When I moved back here, I was shocked by how little services were provided given the taxes paid," Kneisc said.

Council member Scott Reynolds said it seems above and beyond what is expected.

"The only time I've seen this service offered was when I lived in an apartment," Reynolds said. "We struggle with basic maintenance too much to offer this a-la-carte luxury service – we would not be good stewards of the dollars we have to work with."

"I'm not so sure it's a luxury," said Council member Eric Haven. "To me, it's the public safety thing."

"It can still be brought to the budget committee," said Council member Sue Wylie.

# Flu season just starting to peak, experts say

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especially for our staff," Rupp said. "We didn't have it affect our staff like we have had this year. Our staff has really been affected by being out because they actually tested positive for the flu."

Parents seem to be bringing in more children to the Clarkston Medical Group office this year, asking for the vaccine rather than waiting for staff to ask them.

According to Clarkston Community Schools, attendance records do not track the actual diagnosis for sick/excused absences.

When asked on Facebook, parents said there have been lots of flu absences.

"Lots of absences according to the main office at Andersonville last week. My littlest missed a few days herself," said one mom.

Said another, "My kids had students out last week in their class. One started the week with one out and it was 3 or 4 by the end of the week."

"We are from Clarkston and today was

my daughter's first day back to school since last Tuesday, then on Wednesday I caught it," said another parent. "This hits hard and fast. She was fine all the way to fourth hour then it went downhill from there."

For more information on flu shots or to make an appointment, call Clarkston Medical Group at 248-625-2621, 5701 Bow Pointe Drive, Suite 100.

"Educate yourselves, talk to your provider, and get off the 'Doctor Google,'" Rupp said.

Flu shots are also available at county Health Division offices in Pontiac from 12-8 p.m. on Mondays and 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Flu shots cost \$25. High-dose flu shots recommended for those 65 years and older is \$47 and is covered by Medicare.

## CDC tips to stay healthy

- Avoid close contact with people showing signs of illness. To prevent an illness, if you are sick, staying away from others who are healthy will help prevent the spread.

- If you must cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose, but do it with your forearm and not your hand.

- Wash hands frequently especially during flu season. The CDC recommends using an alcohol based hand sanitizer if you cannot wash with soap and water.

- Germs can spread fast anytime you touch things that someone sick has touched. That's why it is important not after you touch anything to avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

- If someone at work or home is sick be sure to clean surfaces with a disinfectant product to kill the germs.

- With any illness it's important to watch out for dehydration. Signs of dehydration include decreased and dark urine production, dry skin. With any illness if a patient shows any sign of dehydration it is important to seek medical attention immediately.

- Get plenty of sleep, eat well, stay active and manage stress and you can stay healthy year-round.

## Briefly

### Lottery winner

Shawna Donnelly of Clarkston, 50, drew the lucky numbers in the Michigan Lottery Lucky for Life game, Jan. 15.

The windfall comes at a good time for Donnelly, who purchased her numbers, 11-15-32-33-40, at the 7-Eleven at 7743 Sashabaw in Clarkston.

She had been taking care of her mother full-time and struggling to make ends meet.

"The last year has been the most difficult of my life," Donnelly told the Michigan Lottery.

"I want to congratulate Mrs. Donnelly," said Independence Township Trustee Jose Aliaga at the Jan. 23 Township Board meeting.

The game entitled her to \$25,000 per year for life, but she opted for a lump sum of \$390,000.

### Parks committee

Independence Township Parks and Recreation is looking for volunteers for the Parks Advisory Committee. They will help set parameters of the master plan, goals and objectives for the next five years.

"If you are interested, come on down to the township hall and fill out an application, and as usual, your support will be much appreciated," said Pat Kittle.

Call Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, at 248-625-5111.

### Snowman contest

Deadline for Independence Township Parks and Rec's 2018 Snowman Building Challenge is Feb. 28.

"We have all of February to get more snow, go out, build your snowman, take a picture, and send it into Parks and Rec," said Trustee Andrea Schroeder. "There are first, second and third place winners."

Email photos to [lmccoy@indetwp.com](mailto:lmccoy@indetwp.com), "Snowman Building Challenge." Categories include "Traditional Snowman" and "Non-Traditional, Creative Category." One entry per category per family. Winners will be notified in March. Call 248-625-8223

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The ribbon cutting for Bespoke, with co-owners Cecilia and Dave Johnson, family and friends. Photo provided

## Community welcomes new biz

Bespoke Permanent Cosmetics celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting, Jan. 18, with family, friends, and Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members.

"Since we opened back in November, we have felt the warmest welcome from the community, especially from Avanti Salon," said Cecilia Johnson, who owns the business

with her husband, Dave, in the Avanti Salon and Spa Facility at 7505 M.E. Cad Boulevard. "When I had the idea of creating Bespoke, my vision has always been to offer quality, semi-permanent makeup for my clients, so they can always see the best person of themselves."

— Brenda Dominick

## Group seeks to preserve history

The Preservation Clarkston Committee invites the community to a meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Courtside Room at Deer Lake Athletic Club to discuss the preservation of community's resources for future generations.

"The first meeting is to form a network of people to assure the historic nature of the community is not lost," said Sam Moraco, one of the founders. "We need ideas from across the community."

The group also seeks to promote awareness and provide resources. The public is invited.

"We hope to compliment the

Historical Society. Our goal is to keep the community informed about our historical assets and offer resources to help preserve them," said Joette Kunse, committee member.

The group's first project is the historic Bailey house on Sashabaw Road, which is owned by Oakland County Park and Recreation ("Last stand for historic home," Aug. 17, 2017).

The committee was started by concerned citizens who attended county meetings, worked with Clarkston Community Schools to involve students in preservation efforts, and secured an agreement with the county to save the home.



The community group is working to save the Bailey House on Sashabaw Road and other historic homes. File photo



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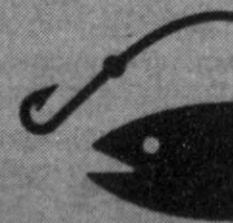
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# Thespians conquer stage fright for scholarships

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Twenty-seven students from Clarkston High School's Drama Club joined 1,500 students at the Michigan Thespian Festival this past December. They participated in workshops, classes, theatre events, and auditions for college scholarships.

"I really enjoyed the family like atmosphere about it," said senior Maureen Stewart. "The support the club gave me and the support I saw go on in different clubs. It makes you feel like what you are doing is important and gives you validation because so many people today don't realize how important the arts are in our school system and in our world. It's nice to be around people who share the same passions as you do."

It's a thespian festival for students all around Michigan, she said.

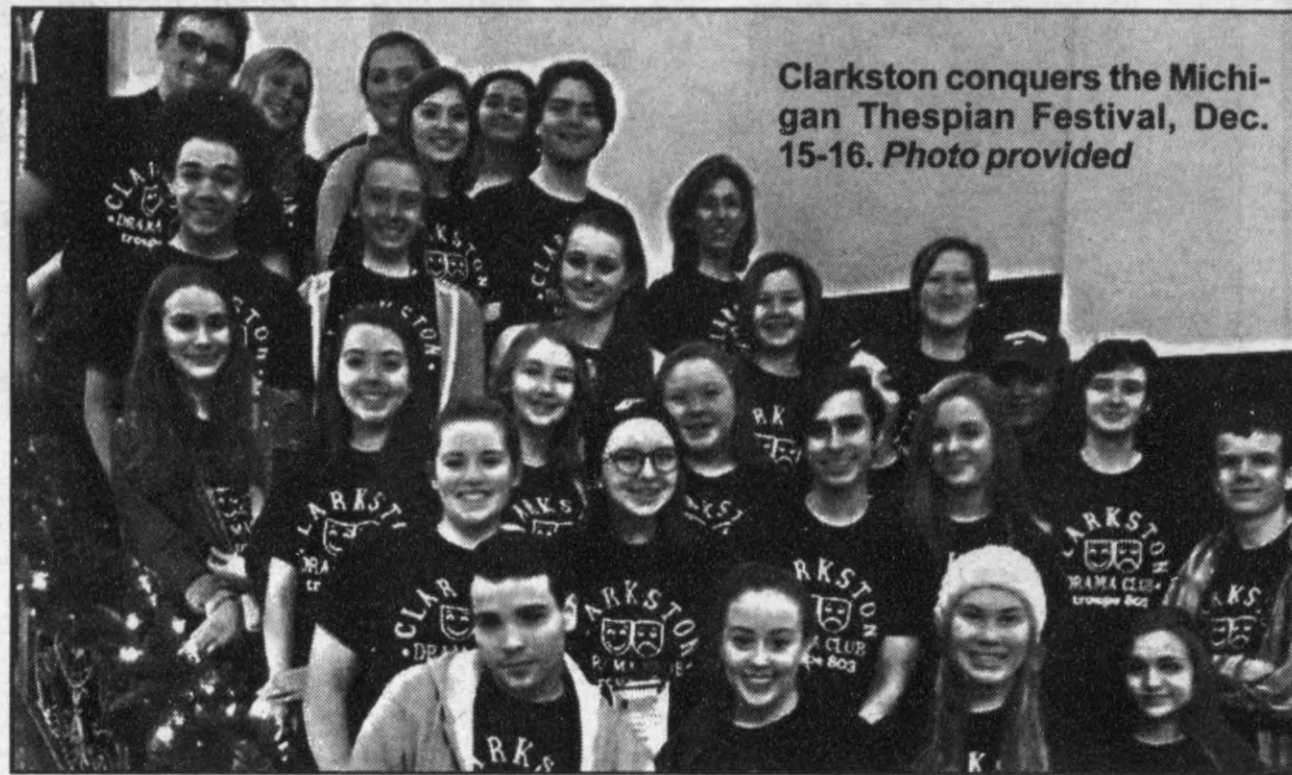
"You can compete in different categories these include sound design, lighting design, costuming, musical theatre, acting, dance, tech," Stewart said.

She added participants can compete in a group, duet or solo and the ratings qualify them for the national level.

Clarkston received a superior rating for three categories - qualifying them for nationals. They received a superior rating for their group dance from last spring's production of "The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee" for the song "Woe is Me," a tap duet, and Stewart's solo.

The students involved included Stewart, Lucas Bell, Serena Chiappelli, Lauren Dombrowski, Emily Herrmann Wesley Hutchinson, Reilly Kerrigan, Ben Neideck, Lauren Ormsby and Jayce Rothrock.

"I honestly loved this year," said Kerrigan, about her second time going to the festival. "A lot of my classes I took benefitted what I wanted to do and helped me during auditions. I want to go into musical theater and film. I took a lot of classes based on those like how to audition and how to improv at auditions for film. A lot of film auditions I found out they are not here's a script or speak a monologue, it's here's a scene and I want you to improv it. They helped with how you can improv with it



Clarkston conquers the Michigan Thespian Festival, Dec. 15-16. Photo provided

and we played improv games. There was even a Disney class. A casting director from Disneyland basically told us what to expect if you want to go to the Magic Kingdom, and dress up in a princess dress or Mickey Mouse. It's 90 degree weather, costume is 40 pounds and you are dancing."

Chiappelli added for her it was nerve-racking and scary.

"I have to do a lot of auditions for musical theater and it was the first one I had ever done," she said. "It was kind of scary but I am glad it happened because it really prepared me for all of the auditions I will be doing after. It's a really good place. You can figure out where you want to be and what you want to do in the arts if that's what you are interested in."

The Michigan Thespian Festival is the largest scholarship competition in the country, giving out \$15 million in scholarships.

"I was able to qualify in competition for scholarships so I had something to look forward to," Kerrigan added.

Kerrigan and Serena Chiappelli both received scholarships for musical theatre at Rochester College and University. Both also received call backs for Studio School in Los Angeles, Cali., formerly known as Relativity School.

"They have a really cool program," Kerrigan added.

Chiappelli also received a scholarship for Ohio Northern University and was runner up for a scholarship at Saginaw Valley State University.

Kerrigan plans to go into musical theater and film and Chiappelli plans to study musical theater in college with the goal to perform on Broadway.

Stewart is heading into the medical field with the goal to be a doctor in physical therapy.

"My dream is to travel with a Broadway company and be their doctor and do their physical therapy," she said.

"Overall I think the people in Clarkston in high school in particular, don't know how big of an opportunity this really is," Kerrigan said. "If you really want to go into theatre, musical theatre, stage manager, costume design, make up anything, you should definitely consider coming here because they will teach you a lot of things and you can get scholarships. You can do a lot of things. There is so much opportunity. You just never know what you are going to see there. You never know who you are going to meet."

Join the drama club as the present the musical "Mary Poppins" on Feb. 15-18 at Clarkston High School.

## Beauty on stage

Alex Cousins of Clarkston is the student director of Notre Dame Marist Academy's musical production, *Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR.*

"Having never worked with the any of the Notre Dame students before, I am continuously impressed with not only their talent, but their love of theatre and dedication to the show, their characters and the overall ensemble feel of NDPMA theatre," said Director Meredith Dreighton. "Each cast member fully commits to their characters and the overall ensemble of the show. I couldn't be prouder of the students and can't wait for the NDPMA community to see their hard work pay off in this hopeful and magical production."

Seventh grader Aaron Palardy of Clarkston plays Cogsworth and Clarkston eighth-grader Brooke Cousins plays Mrs. Potts. Clarkston students Haleigh Campbell, Rylee Campbell, and Amelia Kayi sing in the children's chorus.

The cast also includes Jessica Kennedy as Belle, Luke Wegzyn as the Beast, John Milback as Gaston, Jeronimo Ballasty as LaFou, Michelle Piper as Lumiere, and Alaina Polsinelli as Chip.

Choreographer is Donna Pieper, and musical director, Renee Turner.

The show is at Lake Orion High School's Auditorium on Feb. 2 at 7 p.m., and Feb. 3, 3-7 p.m. Tickets available at [showtix4u.com](http://showtix4u.com).

Cousins is planning on majoring in musical theatre in college

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Price

### Perils of parenting

Thud. Five seconds of silence. Slam. Another five seconds of silence. Then, rattling of metal against metal as our 2-year-old son shakes the baby gate and speaks his native toddler tongue.

It was time, wasn't it for the escape from the crib to officially begin. He had escaped many months ago, but I don't think he realized what he was doing at the time. He saw milk was placed on his dresser and he wanted it.

Fast forward to the past three days when it is a continuous venture.

The first two mornings, I was hoping it was a fluke. By Monday I was ready. I

wasn't ready for it to be at 5:11 a.m. when toddler talk began. But I was poised and ready when I heard a thud following his conversation in the baby monitor.

I should have been quicker - maybe if I had I could have rushed upstairs, laid him back down whispering he still had an hour to sleep. (Heck two more if he really wanted it.)

But I missed my window and was mentally prepared for breaking my no-coffee streak.

By the time I could see him standing by the baby gate, he scrunched up his face. No crying, no fuss, but thinking about it. He had been stuck for five minutes peeking over the railing. The office door is closed and gated. The bathroom door is closed. He closed his bedroom door. He had nothing to do.

Player three has leveled up. He can now get out of his bed. For the past two nights, he has also hopped out of bed after putting put in his crib for the night.

If his goal for the new year was to expand his horizons, he certainly conquered it.

As for my new year goals, I have read at least 15 minutes about three times a week. I scrapbooked 22 pages, with 18 of them last Saturday at a scrapbook crop. Amazing what you can accomplish when you can't snack on junk and sugary treats.

As for no coffee, it's something I decided when I restarted my plan with Nuview Nutrition. Despite the five o'clock wake up, I made it through the day on green tea and water. I have conquered 15 days without coffee.

Now to sleep before someone escapes his crib again.



### Kudos for community food drive support

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to take a moment to express to the Clarkston community my extreme thankfulness.

We had the privilege to take part in the Kroger Food Drive Weekend for our Kids' Kloset Program, which helps young families living in Oakland County.

I was blown away by the amazing generosity of our community here in Clarkston. In a culture that sometimes appears to be selfish, it's nice to see that there are a lot of people who still care for each other.

As I stood at the Kroger on Sashabaw

Road, I was reminded of what makes a community great. I witnessed people truly caring for their neighbors in need. I have only been a pastor here for nine months, but I am truly loving the Clarkston Community. If you know anyone who has children from infancy to approximately seven years of age and is in need, please send them to our Kids' Kloset.

It's open every Saturday from 9am-noon, 5479 Clarkston Road. For more detailed information, please call 248-394-0200.

Thank you,

*Tim Chappell, pastor of First Congregational Church of Clarkston*

### Thanks for supporting school Charity Week

Dear Editor,

Each year, our CHS Leadership Program plans an annual Charity Week, which takes place during a week in January.

This year, Charity Week has served to be especially powerful for our students, staff and community members. As a school and community, we were able to raise nearly \$12,000 through our various events, for local and national charities; including David's Foundation, Skate for Change, Gleaners, The ChadTough Foundation and the CHS

Scholarship Fund.

As a program, we'd like to extend a tremendous amount of thanks to our Clarkston community.

Without your continued support, dedication and constant love, we simply would not have been as successful in our efforts.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and we look forward to making next years events, bigger and better!

*Rachel Vickers and CHS Lead*

### A call for Ryan for school superintendent

Dear Editor,

Let's hire Interim Superintendent Shawn Ryan because he is perfect for the job ("Save time, hire Ryan," Jan. 24)

There will not be a better applicant than Mr. Ryan. Being a fiscally responsible district is good. Please do not waste money looking for a better candidate.

Shawn Ryan is more than qualified for district superintendent. I have known him for at least 12 years.

He is a long-time Clarkston resident, has children in Clarkston schools and is incredibly invested in our district.

*Paula Rumbold*

*Posted to ClarkstonNews.com*

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 2003

**"New leadership changing 52-2 court"** Judges Dana Fortinberry and Michael Batchik had new plans for new times at 52-2 District Court including accelerated docketing of domestic violence cases. "We can hopefully save some lives, prevent someone from being hurt and prevent children from being exposed to constant violence in the home," Fortinberry said.

**"Independence Library participates in reading program"** For the second year, the Independence Township Library was preparing to participate in the "Everyone's Reading" program.

**"Netters go the distance in league win against Troy"** The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team went the distance against Troy as they defeated the Colts in an Oakland Activities Association Division 1 contest, 3-0.

### 25 years ago - 1993

**"Secrets on safety"** Beverly French, a community outreach director with Camp Fire-North Oakland Council, took time to instruct children in the Clarkston school district about safety and how to resolve conflict.

**"Flag stolen from park - again"** The American flag at Depot Park was stolen a few months prior and hadn't been replaced. It wasn't the first time such a theft occurred, prompting concern from the Clarkston City Council.

**"Dunking David"** David Anderson felt like Michael Jordan after completing a slam dunk with help of instructor Mike Stefanski. Anderson was one of 140 second-, third- and fourth-grader learning basketball basics through classes offered through Independence Township Parks and Recreation Department.

### 50 years ago - 1968

**"Gas explosion shatters windows, doors"** A gas explosion in a house on 6515 Washington Street moved the building off its foundation, blew windows and doors out, and caused general havoc.

**"Local boy named Page"** State Representative Loren D. Anderson has announced the appointment of 16-year-old Thomas Wilford of Clarkston as a Legislative Page.

**"Notes on the Orchard"** It was still Christmas at the Hawkins home on Snowapple Drive. They lost the battle to keep the tree intact but all the lights and decorations remained up in anticipation of their son, David, 30-day furlough from the army.



## A question about ethics from reader

Dear Editor,

The circumstances of Clarkston Schools superintendent Rod Rock's sudden departure have only been generally reported, and many community members are left wondering exactly what transpired between the administrator and a high school graduate—conduct which purportedly occurred only after the adult woman graduated—which would undermine the administrator's ability to lead and warrant expeditious school board acceptance of his resignation.

Of course, there are assurances of independent investigation, complete with transparency and disclosure as the school board sees necessary. Hopefully, school board transparency, disclosure and accountability mean different, more substantial things than residents have often seen from Clarkston city government.

Americans seem to have lost interest in demanding truth, transparency and accountability from government officials.

The circumstances of our local leader contrast in glaring and sad ways against the unaddressed history of sexual misconduct of American president Donald Trump, a man who has been accused of inappro-

priate sexual conduct and assault involving more than a dozen women, and who was caught on videotape admitting to his joy and pleasure in his sexual assault of women. The president even encouraged voters to send an alleged child molester to the United State Senate. His propensity to deny, lie and spin continues to erode public confidence in American government.

Yet we see from the majority leadership in Congress no calls for Trump's resignation, no insistence for investigation into his sexual conduct, no demand for accountability and justice.

All we see from our congressman and the Trump administration and its spin lackeys is more spin, bizarre defense, vague and unexplained denial, lies and delay.

There is more work for the school board, and for all of us.

For example, one wonders how the gross disparities and hypocrisy in the circumstances and treatment of Rock and Trump might be addressed in classroom civics instruction and discussion, and how parents desirous of decent, ethical children will handle all this at the dinner table.

Mike Fetzer  
Clarkston

## Follow evidence wherever it may lead

Many people have asked "how is it possible that no one took seriously the reports of the young women assaulted by Dr. Nassar?" – the Michigan State University sports doctor. Or, how can a young person end their life?

Tragic events are hard to think about, so many of us choose not to.

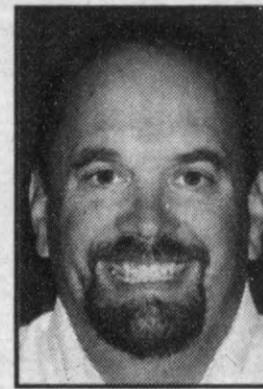
The thought that a well-liked doctor could violated the trust of patients, their families, and the community seems beyond the realm of possible, but it did occur.

People avoid pain and this includes painful thoughts. One of the hardest things for people who been sexually molested was when they told someone and they were not believed.

Friends and families who were told report that it did not seem possible. They could not imagine that abuse could occur in such a horrible way, so they do not believe.

This disbelief extends to other areas.

Guest  
viewpoint



name

The Clarkston community was shocked by the disclosure that the trusted and much respected school superintendent had an inappropriate relationship with a former student.

This relationship probably crossed the boundaries because the people involved never believed it was possible.

In the same way, many married people find themselves in extra-marital affairs, not because they were looking for one, but because they never thought it was possible.

The details of the death of a local 10th grader are scarce, but frequently when there is a suicide, there are warning signs. These warning signs often get missed because it is too hard to consider.

How can these events be prevented or stopped?

Consider, investigate, believe, and act. It is important that we are able to consider the possibility of a horrible truth.

We must investigate and look at the evidence. Then we must believe what the evidence shows us to be true and take action. Ignorance is bliss until the pain of a reality strikes us with cruel vengeance.

Chandler E. Fleming, LMSW, is a counselor at Clarkston Lighthouse

## So, does a word have power? Lets find out.

CRAP! January 2018, done. Stick a fork in it. Did you know eight percent of our year is already gone, like the snow and ice that fell prior to Monday?

Yup, it's true. And, before you question my mathematical capabilities, as a highly skilled practitioner of *Don Rush Math*, I stand behind my eight percent calculations. If you must know, I divided one month by 12 and then 31 days by 365; both equations gave me an answer of .08+. Looks like eight percent to me. You may now call me, Don Rush, Mathmagician.

At any rate (to pull this column back on track and to what I had intended to write about), in January I like to not set myself up for failure, by not having any new year's resolutions. Who wants to be pinned down to some random thought they had at some particular juncture in time, most likely whilst ruminating about life in the bathroom?

Nobody, right?

Instead, for the last few first months of the year while the rest of you make resolutions, I've found solace in searching for my "Word of The Year" (WOTY). A WOTY (which rhymes with throaty or goaty or jamokey) is a word to live by, to give direction in times of peril or confusion.

Last year (2017), I went through the office's trusty, but dusty, *Webster's 3rd New International Dictionary*, copy-written in 1961. I closed my eyes and fanned through the pages until the spirit moved me to stop. Then, with eyes still closed, I moved my finger around on the two smooth

pages of black and white before me. Circling, zigzagging until my finger stopped . . . my word was there, under my left pointy digit, I slowly opened my eyes and read: *Naked Bulb*.

That was not much help. Aside from not being A word but two words, how can *Naked Bulb* guide a person in life matters? To really and truly find my word, I then enlisted she who is touched by an angel, Pam "Red" Belding. I tooled on over to her pad, let her center herself with the universe and ground herself with the earth.

She whipped out her set of cards, told me to pick some and — what the heck? I did not get A single word of the year; I got three. *Responsible, Support, SelfDetermination*.

Let's just say, Don's 2017 was one with lots twists and turns; some *SelfDetermination*, with tons of *support* — always *responsible* but sometimes I could be found in various stages of *nakedness*. (I couldn't figure out how to get *bulb* in that last sentence, so sue me.)

Fast forward 12 months and I was determined to make my 2018 WOTY one of true direction. So, I switched things up a bit. I went to Pam's first, and then to Webster's.

Pam again centered and grounded herself, told me to cut the deck, pick three cards and what did the angels pick out for my WOTY?

*Valor*.

She turned the card over and it said, "*Face your fear. Every challenge is a blessing in disguise, a fit that makes us stronger, more conscious, and ultimately, more alive.*"

Interesting.

She turned over another card (maybe one of the three I picked — I don't remember and never ask questions). This card she laid next to my *Valor* card. This one read, "*Be*

*courageous. The unmistakable touch of grace will follow us wherever we go.*"

Alrighty. I think that is a complimentary direction to go with my WOTY, *Valor*. Cool.

Twenty-four hours later, in the office I walked over to the Webster's. Before God and everybody else in the office, I closed my eyes, leafed through the pages and then let my finger move up and down and all around. My finger stopped in the upper right corner of Page 1,087. I opened my right eye, couldn't see and moved my head closer, while opening my left eye, too.

*Honour*.

Well now, aside from the British variation, I think that word worked out swimmingly. The online version of *Webster's Dictionary* had 10 different definitions of Honor (the good ol' Yank variation) from "good name or public esteem" to "an ace, king queen, jack or ten especially of the trump suit in bridge."

Personally, I like this definition, "*keen sense of ethical conduct: integrity a man of honor;*" "*one's word given as a guarantee of performance on my honor, I will be there.*"

\* \* \*

Okay, with my WOTY safely ensconced in my back pocket I can go forward with a certain sense of serendipity. I can take steps of clarity, versus walking around aquiver in a perpetual state of gallimaufry. It's comforting to leave the hodgepodge, jumble of confusing thoughts behind.

Don't be an apple knocker, agog at my journey. Chill! 'Til we meet again, here's wishing you an eucatastrophe — when any unlucky turn of events actually has a happy ending. I am a proponent of happy endings.

Email your WOTY to [DontRushDon@gmail.com](mailto:DontRushDon@gmail.com)

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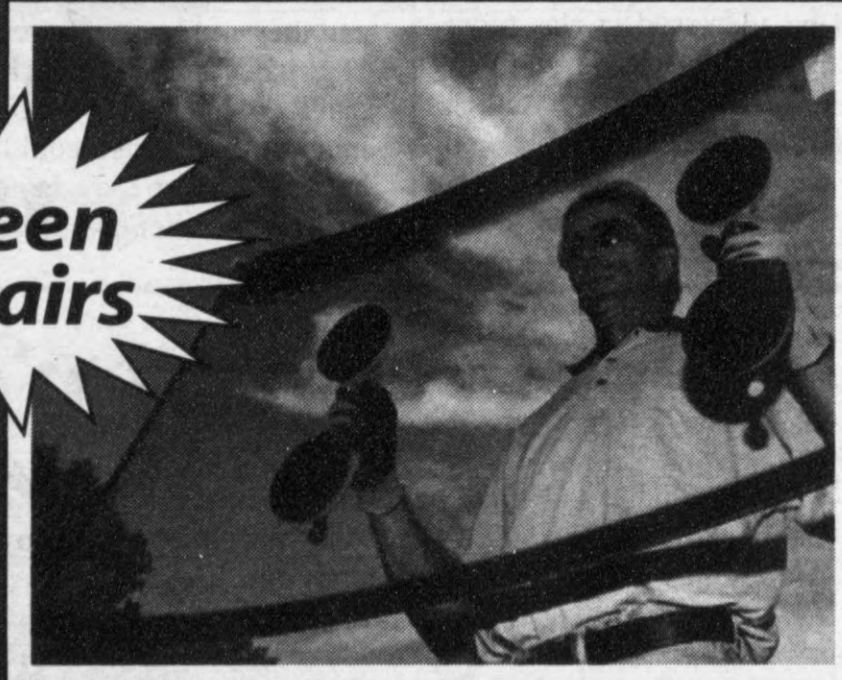
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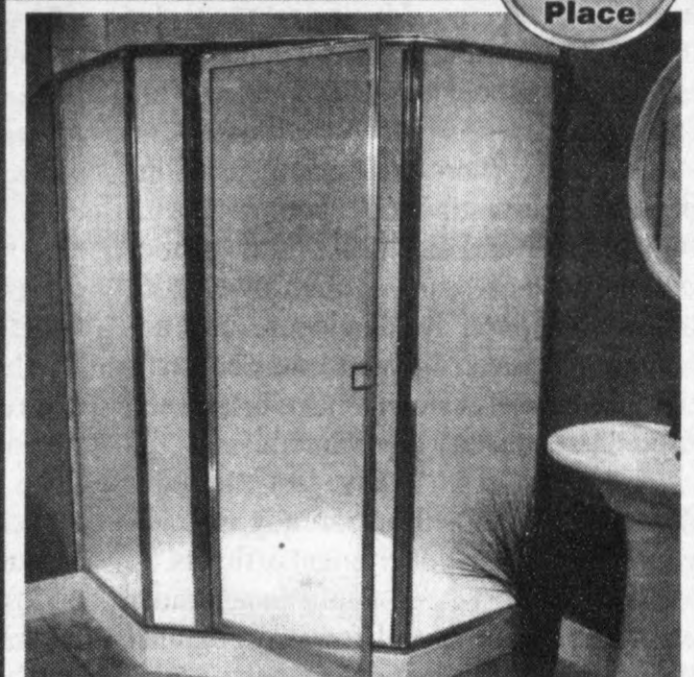


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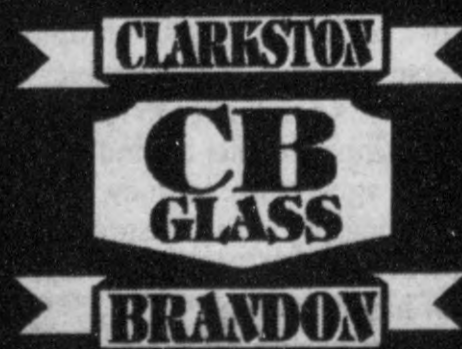
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## Reckless driving

Students reported to the front office a Jeep lost control in the Clarkston High School parking lot, almost hitting a student, running into a parked vehicle, then leaving the area, 2:56 p.m., Jan. 18. Surveillance video showed a 17-year-old Clarkston boy getting into the Jeep, pull out, lose control, almost hit one student, and run into a vehicle before coming to a stop. Several students approached the Jeep as it backed off and left, without the driver checking for damage. Snow was on the ground, but the parking lot was plowed and no other accidents occurred that afternoon, the deputy reported. The driver was cited for reckless driving.

## Suspended license

A 28-year-old Swartz Creek man driving a car with an expired license plate tab was stopped on I-75 at Sashabaw Road, 4:24 a.m., Jan. 19. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, and given a warning for no insurance and expired plates.

## Parking lot fight

A 23-year-old Independence Township man and 24-year-old Waterford Township man were cited for assault and battery after getting into a fight in a parking lot in the 6000 block of Maybee Road, 11:12 p.m., Jan. 19. The 23-year-old, who was found lying on the pavement with blood all over his face, said he started swinging first. After a short duration, the Waterford man fought back, then went back into the restaurant to wait for police.

## Defective exhaust

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with a defective exhaust, 1:28 a.m., Jan. 21, on Clintonville Road at Fox Creek. The driver, a 45-year-old Oxford man, was found with a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County. He was jailed on the warrant.

## Drunk driving

A 20-year-old Holly Township woman was stopped for driving 62 mph in a 45-mph zone on Dixie Highway, 3:02 a.m., Jan. 21. The vehicle smelled of alcohol. She failed a series of field sobriety tests, and preliminary breath test result was .141 blood alcohol content. She was jailed for drunk driving.

## Expired tab

A 24-year-old West Bloomfield woman driving a vehicle with an expired license plate tab was stopped on Dixie Highway, 12:16 p.m., Jan. 25. The driver was cited for driving with an expired license, expired plates, and no proof of insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

## Sleepy driver

Witnesses called police after watching a man walk away after driving an SUV into a utility pole and tree in the 4000 block of Ennismore Drive, 11:16 p.m., Jan. 21. The driver, a 31-year-old Independence Township man, said he fell asleep while driving and that's what caused him to crash. He said he was in shock after the crash, but refused medical treatment. He was cited for failure to stop and identify after an accident.

## Warrant arrest

A deputy on patrol stopped a Jeep after running a records check on its license plate on Sashabaw Road and finding it belonged to a Chevy, 4:47 a.m., Jan. 20. The passenger, a 29-year-old Davisburg man, was found with a Friend of the Court warrant out of Macomb County. He was turned over to Macomb deputies. The driver, a 28-year-old Flint woman, was cited for improper plates, no insurance, and failure to display a valid license. The vehicle was impounded.

## Illegal turn

A 39-year-old Pontiac man was stopped for making an illegal right turn from I-75 onto Ortonville Road, 5:38 p.m., Jan. 23. He was found with two Friend of the Court warrants out of the Sixth Circuit Court. He was jailed on the warrants.

## Marijuana arrest

A deputy stopped a 20-year-old Holly man for driving 54 mph in a 45-mph zone on Dixie Highway, 1 a.m., Jan. 24. The driver, who smelled of marijuana, said he didn't know how fast he was going because his speedometer was broken. He was found with three envelopes of marijuana wax. He was cited for possession of marijuana.

## School bus scofflaw

A deputy on patrol stopped a car after it failed to stop for a school bus, 4:23 p.m., Jan. 25, on Dixie Highway at Maple. A passenger, a 30-year-old Waterford man, was found with a warrant out of 52-2 District Court. He was turned over to White Lake Police.

## Speedy drunk driving

A deputy stopped a car going over 100 mph on I-75 near Clintonville Road, 1:39 a.m., Jan. 26. The driver, a 47-year-old Rochester man, smelled strongly of alcohol. PBT result was .135 BAC. A jar with marijuana in it was found in the trunk. He was cited and jailed for drunk driving and possession of marijuana.

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## 15 years of fighting disease

The Amyloidosis Foundation of Clarkston is celebrating its 15th anniversary this year.

"What began as a small idea in a kitchen in Waterford has become an international resource for amyloidosis patients, families, physicians and researchers - located here in Clarkston," said Kelly Pacifico-Loush, communication marketing manager. "Since 2003, the Amyloidosis Foundation has been privileged to provide over 1.97 million to medical research into the disease and to

support dozens of young investigators who have presented their work at international meetings."

Amyloidosis is a rare disease affecting fewer than 200,000 patients each year in the United States, said President Mary E. O'Donnell.

"Although there is still much to learn about amyloidosis and how to treat it, in the 15 years since the establishment of the Amyloidosis Foundation we have witnessed extraordinary advances in diagnosis and therapy," O'Donnell said.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

## Who is the next AOW?

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## Currie brings the heat

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Senior Taylor Currie reached up to the rim and put the basketball through, boosting the No. 1 ranked Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team last Thursday during their win over West Bloomfield, 61-48.

Currie finished the night leading with 29 points, scoring 15 in the second half.

"He did a good job off the boards and scoring," said Dan Fife, head coach. "He had a lot of good looks. His height was the difference. His play was the difference. Sometimes it's just getting him started, getting him a basket when he starts getting his confidence. Then, he is good."

The Wolves were the first to score within the first 15 seconds off a basket from senior Nick Wells.

Moments later West Bloomfield's Donovan Moore tied the score with two points for his team.

The Wolves battled a tough defense from their visitors but it didn't stop them as they went on a 8-point run with baskets coming from seniors Foster Loyer, CJ Robinson and Wells to break the tie.

The Lakers put six points on the board but it wasn't enough to close the gap as Currie scored his first basket of the night and Loyer put five points on the board which included a field goal.

Tre Harvey finished the first quarter scoring for West Bloomfield with one minute to go to finish the quarter, 17-11.

Wells got the scoring going again in the second stanza with his two points. Currie scored the next four baskets for Clarkston as the Lakers closed in.

With three minutes to go, West Bloomfield scored on on field goal and a basket for five points, closing the Wolves lead to three points, 29-26.

Currie found an opportunity to score as the Lakers guards were outside the parameter and he moved inside to put in his two points with 1:08 to go.

Loyer worked his way around Trebon Mosley, stepping to the left and throwing the ball in for three points seconds before the half closed, 33-28.

Currie led with 29 points and had 15 rebounds and five blocks.

Fife added he has seen improvement and growth from him this season including Currie's understanding of the game and knowing how much harder he needs to play.

"He has a year experience and had a great state tournament game last year," he said. "He is just building on it."

Loyer scored 17 points as Robinson had nine points and Wells had six points.

The Wolves (11-2, 5-0 OAA Red) opened the week against Hazel Park.

"They are a good team so we will see," Fife said. "It will be a good game."

They are back home on Friday as they host Bloomfield Hills, who they defeated Jan. 3, 62-35. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Senior CJ Robinson goes for the basket despite a block from West Bloomfield in the second half. Photo by Larry Wright/Wright Action Pix

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Senior Kayla Luchenbach aims for one of her free throws at the beginning of the third quarter. Her two successful shots put her over 1,000 points. Photo by Larry Wright

## Hitting milestone

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Senior Kayla Luchenbach hit her 1,000-point milestone as the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball defeated Stoney Creek last Friday.

"It felt really good knowing I have had such a successful four years," she said. "I definitely couldn't do it without my teammates. Like today Molly (Nicholson) and Maddie (Beck) were just giving me the ball. I found openings. It is really good to represent Clarkston especially during the charity Chad Tough game, which made it more heartwarming for me, and knowing there's a lot more people in the stands to watch us play."

Luchenbach added she wasn't focused on the milestone going into the game, just on the game plan.

The team's record is 11-2 and she is excited to see how far they go in the playoffs.

"The past two games have been really good for the whole team," she added. "We have gotten a lot of people off the bench and we're really coming together."

Luchenbach will continue playing

basketball at Oakland University where she plans to study business management.

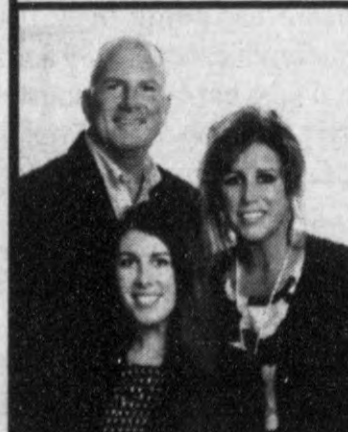
"I really liked the coaches at Oakland and I have had a pretty good relationship with them since my freshman year," she said. "It's close and I wanted to stay close to home. I like when my family can come to my games. It just felt right - the campus, the coaches and the team."

She began playing basketball in second grade with Horizon Hoops, which she spends Saturdays with her teammates coaching the next generation.

"Always get into the gym," she said for aspiring athletes. "You can never be in the gym too much. Always put in the extra work. Coaches will see the hard work and communication on the court. Also, look to be a leader on and off of the court."

Luchenbach said what she learned from Clarkston Basketball is hard work pays off.

"You always have supporters," she added. "There are people in the stands who have been in the Clarkston community forever and still come to all the games - boys and girls. It's heartwarming to know we have so many supporters."



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Freshman Hunter Hambrick races against Detroit Country Day and Waterford United last week. Photo by Daniel Teetor Photography

## Points scored on the slopes

Clarkston skiers had another good performance in last week's Divisional races as they raced Slalom on Jan. 24 and Giant Slalom on Jan. 25 against Detroit Country Day and Waterford United.

The Clarkston Varsity Boys increased their record to 7-0. The boys beat Detroit Country Day with 23 points, to Country Day's 58 points. The skiers needed only 20 points to defeat Waterford United.

The Clarkston Varsity Girls increased their record to 4-2. The girls beat Detroit Country Day with 22 points, to Country Day's 60 points.

At the Slalom race, the boys were led by Max Wiedemann, who finished sixth overall with a combined time of 41.90 seconds, followed by Hunter Hambrick, seventh overall with a combined time of 42.79 seconds; Cameron Brown, 11<sup>th</sup> with 46.80 seconds; and Ryan Nicosia, 28<sup>th</sup> with 49.15 seconds.

Rounding out the boys' results were Andrew Roeser who was 34<sup>th</sup> with 50.95 seconds and Evan Raddatz, 39<sup>th</sup> with 57.95 seconds.

The girls were led by Katie Bayley, who

skied to 4<sup>th</sup> overall with a combined time of 43.14 seconds, followed by Allison Osborn who was 14<sup>th</sup> with 50.38 seconds.

Rounding out the girls' results were Annika Karlstrom, 23<sup>rd</sup> with 53.05 seconds; Chloe Swanson, 28<sup>th</sup> with 53.94 seconds; and Megan Ford, 30<sup>th</sup> with 55.89 seconds.

At the Giant Slalom race, the boys team had a strong performance with five boys finishing in the top 20. Wiedemann raced to seventh overall with a combined time of 37.20 seconds, followed by Hambrick, 13<sup>th</sup> with 37.83 seconds.

Rounding out the boys' results were Brown, 14<sup>th</sup> with 37.89 seconds and Raddatz, 16<sup>th</sup> with 38.01 seconds. Justin Osborn finished 18<sup>th</sup> with 38.08 seconds; Nicosia, 40<sup>th</sup> with 41.55 seconds; and Andrew Foyteck, 42<sup>nd</sup> with 42.33 seconds.

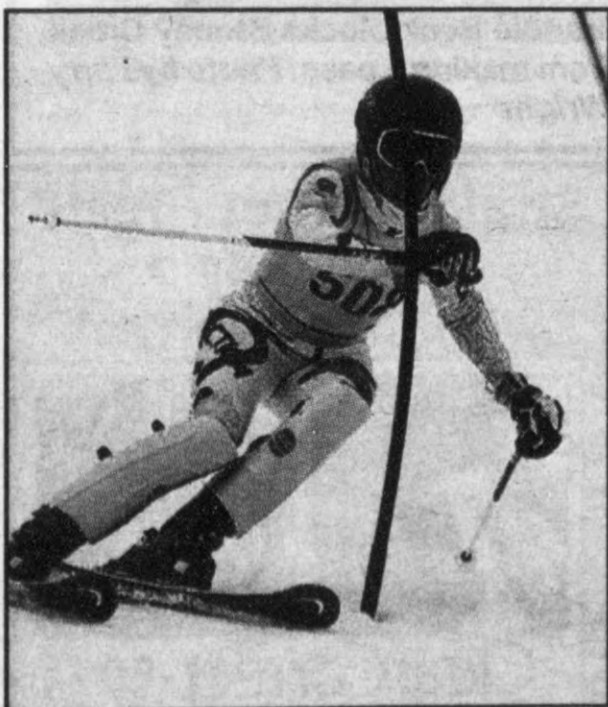
Bayley who placed seventh place with a combined time of 38.78 second led the girls. Osborn finished 20<sup>th</sup> with 41.13 seconds, followed by Karlstrom who was 24<sup>th</sup> with 41.74 seconds. Rounding out the girls were Olivia Foyteck, 25<sup>th</sup> with 42.21 seconds, Ford, 27<sup>th</sup> with 42.64 seconds, and Swanson, 33<sup>th</sup> with 43.96 seconds.

The junior varsity team raced Giant Slalom on Jan. 25. The JV Boys, led by Peyton Miller, raced to 12<sup>th</sup> overall with a combined time of 19.29 seconds, followed by David Robinson, 17<sup>th</sup> with 20.48 seconds and Jacob Draksler, 20<sup>th</sup> with 21.59 seconds. Rounding out the boys were Jacob Roeser, 21<sup>st</sup> with 21.86 seconds, Nicholas Bassman, 27<sup>th</sup> with 23.13 seconds, Jake Marra, 29<sup>th</sup> with 24.02 seconds, and Miles Benson, 35<sup>th</sup> with 32.44 seconds.

Sophomore Mia Farella, who skied to 14<sup>th</sup> overall with 26.23 seconds, and Helen Josephson, who placed 15<sup>th</sup> with 26.30 seconds, led the JV Girls.

Rounding out the girls were Julia Belinsky, 17<sup>th</sup> overall with 27.43 seconds; Sophia Goik, 25<sup>th</sup> with 29.07 seconds; and Madison Floreno, 27<sup>th</sup> with 29.55 seconds.

The next race is the Pine Knob Divisional Race is Feb. 6-8. ~Catherine Osborn



Sophomore Allison Osborn rounds on of the poles during her race. Photo by Daniel Teetor Photography

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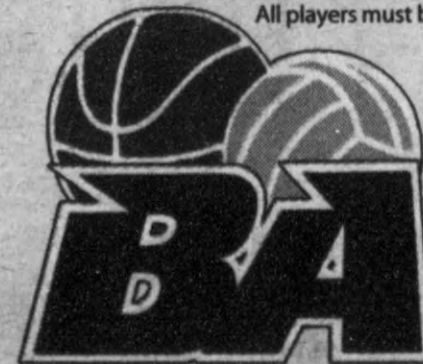
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# Victories stack up on ice

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team added two more wins to their record as they defeated Walled Lake Northern and West Bloomfield at home last week.

They started the week with a 3-1 win over Walled Lake Northern. Trevor Gilman had one goal and one assist. Marcus Chiappelli and Austin James scored one goal each as Drew Stark, Austin McKay, Trey Roy and Nik Highducheck had one assist each.

"It was good," said Karl Daiek, head coach. "The guys played pretty solid again. I am really happy with the way we are going. We still have to get better though. There are still those little things you want to get rid of."

They followed it up with a 8-2 win over West Bloomfield on Saturday.

"It was really good mainly because we have some guys out injured and sick," Daiek said. "Other guys have stepped up which is good. They filled in for a lot of guys we look for to carry a lot of the load. I am pleased with where we are at."

Highducheck and McKay both had two

goals and one assist. Brent Bachusz had one goal and three assists as Daniel Tremblay and Brandt Botterill both had one goal and one assist. Yuri Karpushenkoff had one goal during the game.

Chiappelli had two assists, and James and Roy had one assist each.

"Our guys are pretty disciplined in the play," Daiek said.

He added for both games goaltending was solid as Austin Burrum had a 91.67 save percentage against West Bloomfield and Brendan Borawski had a 96.83 save percentage against Walled Lake Northern.

The Wolves (12-7, 6-2 OAA White) host Royal Oak this Thursday at Detroit Skating Club, 5:30 p.m. and play Detroit Country Day at Southfield Ice Arena this Saturday, 4 p.m.

Daiek said he hasn't seen Detroit Country Day play but their program is solid.

"I also know the coach," he added. "He always runs a good, tight ship. They have been a really good program for the last 4-5 years. It will be a good test, so will be Royal Oak. They are a league game. We can compete with anybody which is always our goal."

# Foes fall to Clarkston bowlers

The Wolves continue to rule the lanes.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team defeated Hazel Park in their crossover match on Jan. 22, 27-3.

Sean Furness led the team with games of 267 and 237 for a 504 series. Drew Sagowitz shot a 183 and 215 for a 398 series and Leo Chasse shot a 193 and 181 for a 374 series. Patrick McLetchie bowled a 181 and Justin Evans had 1 206 game.

They defeated Avondale in a league match on Jan. 18, 24-6. McLetchie led with a 418 series with games of 210 and 208. Jacob Corey had a 414 series with games of 223 and 191. Jacob Phelps had a game of 212 and Sagowitz had a game of 193.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team had two wins with a 30-0 victory over Hazel Park, Jan. 22, and Avondale on Jan. 17, 29-1.

Against Avondale, Hannah Turk led with games of 231 and 211 for a 442 series. Ashley Elinski had games of 161 and 160 for a 321 series. Raegan Barker had a 168 game.

The Clarkston Boys JV Bowling team remained undefeated with two more wins.

They won their match against Hazel Park on Jan. 22, 27.5-2.5. Drew Clayton led with games of 235 and 186 for a 418 series. Andrew Bradford had a game of 177 and Nathan Locher had a game of 172.

They defeated Avondale on Jan. 17, 29-1. Josh Boyd led the team with games of 225 and 225 for a 449 series. Clayton had a game of 198; Locher had a game of 192; and Tim O'Daniel had a game of 179.

The teams compete against Ferndale on Wednesday and take on North Farmington on Feb. 5.

# Strong showing for Chad Tough

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves fought through Stoney Creek's pressure to post a 40-20 win last Friday during Chad Tough night.

"Stoney Creek is a scrappy team," said Christine Rogers, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball. "It was a good game for us to hold our composure, work on our ball handling and get some of the girls in the game, some of the young girls who will be my team next year. It gave them some really good experience."

The Wolves posted 20 points in the first half with seniors Maddie Beck, Kayla Luchenbach and Molly Nicholson leading the way as the Cougars only scored six for the two quarters.

"Our defense is long," said Rogers. "Molly and Kayla are shot blockers when they get underneath and our parameter defense was really strong. I like seeing that. We are very proud of it."

Luchenbach opened the second half with two points on the free throw line, which put her at 1,000 points accumulated since her freshman year.

"Kayla is a special player and for her to get 1,000 points really reflects how important she is to Clarkston Basketball the last couple of years," said Rogers. "To do it in front of the biggest crowd we have had this season is important. We are very proud of her."

She scored six more points during the quarter and with two points as Beck scored five, which included a 3-pointer at the buzzer with cheers from the crowd. The Cougars scored three points to end the third stanza, 36-9.

"Stoney always slows it down so we talked about the importance of converting on offense," Rogers said. "We aren't going to get as many shots out. We are going to have to make sure we score. The girls played as a team and it's fun to watch when they play like that."

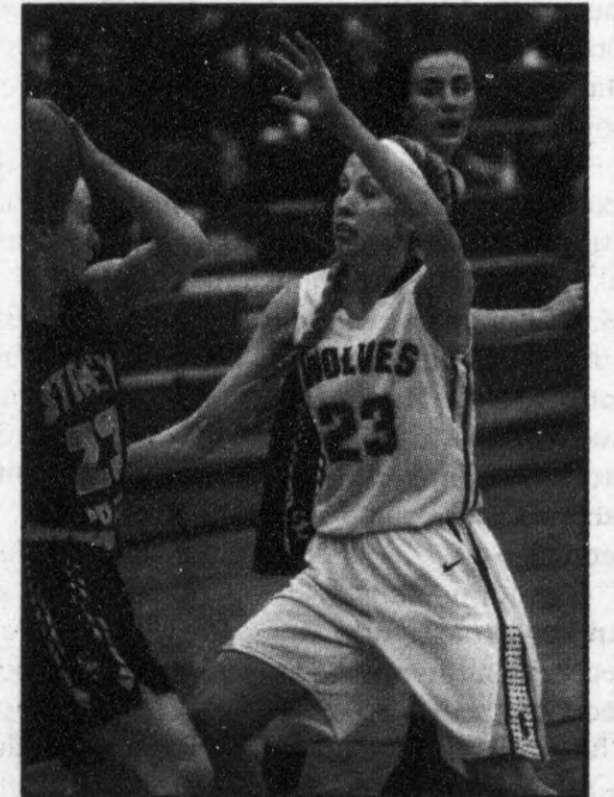
Luchenbach and Beck led with 13

points each. Luchenbach had seven rebounds, three assists, four steals and three blocks. Nicholson had ten points.

They opened the week with a 58-30 win over Rochester Adams on Jan. 23. Beck led with 20 points, six rebounds and four steals. Luchenbach had 13 points, 13 rebounds and three steals. Nicholson had ten points as Lexi Lintion had nine points and five rebounds and Kelly Cousino had four points and seven rebounds.

The Wolves (11-2, 6-0 OAA Red) opened the week against Lake Orion. They head to Southfield Arts & Technology on Thursday and Macomb Dakota on Tuesday.

"We played some of our best basketball against Southfield early in the season," Rogers said. "I am hoping, not only do we come out looking like that, but the practice, the poise we have gotten since then should make us better. They are a dangerous team. We will match up very good. It should be a good game."



Maddie Beck blocks Stoney Creek from making a pass. Photo by Larry Wright



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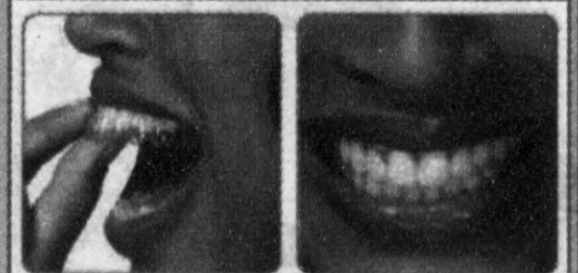
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## It takes village to raise Clarkston kids

"Clarkston is a special place. I'll leave it at that."

This is what my coach said after being asked about the recent success of the basketball and football teams after we won the football state championship this year. I find this answer so simple yet so complex at the same time because it embodies everything that is Clarkston.

As residents of Clarkston, we sometimes take for granted what we have in this tiny village of ours.

We become blind to the fact that we are a premier school in all of Michigan in every aspect.

Our sports teams are unmatched around the state. To hoist up that wooden mitten and be able to say "We are the best" is a luxury that only a small percentage will ever experience.

Yet, in the town of Clarkston, this experience is beginning to feel routine as we continue to dominate the rest of the state consistently in many sports.

Outsiders look to Clarkston and ask, "How is this possible?" How can one school be so prolific year after year in so many sports?

Like my coach said, we live in a special place. It's not this way because of the play-offs, the championships, or even the honors. It's because of the people. Clarkston is a public school that is not school of choice, which means only kids who live in the district can attend Clarkston High School.

Some may look at this as a disadvantage because not just anyone can attend the school. However, I believe this is a factor that contributes to our success; kids playing for their hometown have a purpose.

The kids are the first piece of the puzzle to this unique community. They are all hardworking, dedicated, homegrown athletes putting everything they have on the line for their community. I have known a majority of my teammates since we started playing football in third grade.

This experience is unanimous throughout the school with each sport. Many athletes have been on the same team from when they were in grade school to when they are seniors. It's a mix between talented athletes, a desire to compete, and a bond so close they aren't just teammates, they are family.

Although, the kids are just a small part and just one attribute of Clarkston's success. Every sport is unified by amazing coaches who are the next piece. They put in the time to not only make kids better athletes but better people. Commonly, it's leading by example.

A fond memory of mine was going to the famous Fife Basketball Camp when I was in grade school and watching Coach Fife as he

made an effort to remember each and every one of the campers names.

Doing this he created a sense of importance in all of us and motivated us to excel in whatever it was that we loved, even if it wasn't basketball. It also inspired us to care for each other, because of the fact that Clarkston is one big family and we need to be there for one another.

I think Clarkston is honored to have coaches like these because most schools aren't lucky enough to experience this.

Above all else, it is the entire community that is the key to all of Clarkston's success. The Clarkston fanbase for every sport is something to be treasured.

Whether it's home or away, Clarkston athletes know they have someone to play for in the stands. Having people cheering for your team really makes a difference. I think I speak for all athletes when I say that looking into the stands and seeing all the fans is heart-warming and motivational.

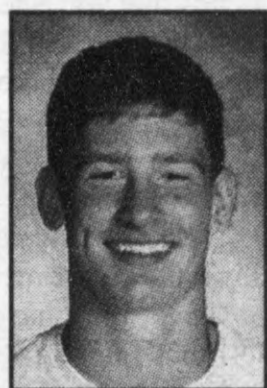
I will never forget running out of the tunnel at Ford Field and seeing the thousands of Clarkston fans in attendance. Students, teachers, family, alumni, all brought together as one. It really is special to see an entire community come together for the school and its students. It's also nice knowing that playing for the name on your chest means more than just your school is a feeling unlike any other.

So when I am asked, "Why is Clarkston different? What makes them so special?" I say it's kids that are all hardworking, dedicated, homegrown athletes all putting everything they have on the line for their community.

I say it's the coaches caring about the development of the person more than just their performance(s) in a game. I say it's this community for always being there and supporting the wolves no matter what. I say it's because all these pieces, together in one place, makes us unified and no amount of talent can beat that.

*Michael Fluegel is a senior at Clarkston High School, responding to a prompt from his AP Literature class*

### Guest viewpoint



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## Stay connected as an official

They don't make the headlines, their names are not in the box scores and they don't make the all-star teams. But perhaps the most important individuals in high school sports are the contest officials.

These individuals are so important, in fact, there would be no organized competitive sports at the high school level without the men and women who officiate these contests every day across the country. Subtract the dedicated men and women who officiate high school sports, and competitive sports would no longer be organized; they would be chaotic.

In some areas of our country, high school officials are retiring faster than new ones are being added. And junior varsity, freshmen and middle school games are being postponed – or even cancelled – because there are not enough men and women to officiate them.

Anyone looking for a unique way to contribute to the local community should consider becoming a registered high school official.

For individuals who played sports in high school, officiating is a great way to stay close to the sport after their playing days have ended. Officiating helps people stay in shape, expands their social and professional networks and offers part-time

work that is flexible, yet pays. In fact, officiating is a form of community service, but with compensation.

Another benefit of officiating is individuals become role models so teenagers in the community can learn the life lessons high school sports teach.

Students learn to respect their opponents and the rules of the game and the importance of practicing good sportsmanship thanks, in part, to those men and women who officiate. And the objectivity and integrity high school officials display is an example every young person needs to observe firsthand. In short, communities around the country will be stronger because of the life lessons high school officials help teach the next generation.

Officiating is a great way to stay connected to sports and to give back to the local high school and community. We need dedicated men and women to become involved so high school sports can continue to prosper for years to come.

For more information, go to [www.HighSchoolOfficials.com](http://www.HighSchoolOfficials.com).

By Bob Gardner, executive director of the National Federation of State High School Associations, and Mark Uyl, assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association

## Clarkston native bikes for MS

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Lauren Tait of Clarkston has her summer plans set -- she's going to cycle across the country to help those suffering from Multiple sclerosis.

"I chose to do my trip with Bike the US for MS because it is one of the diseases that you have heard of, but typically don't know very much about it," said Tait, who graduated from Clarkston High School in 2016 and is going to college at Bowling Green State University. "It correlates with my sorority Sigma Kappa's philanthropy, the Alzheimer's Foundation, which has to do with memory loss, and the causes are also unknown for it. Both causes hit home very much as memories matter, and that shouldn't be taken away from anyone."

Many people suffering from symptoms of MS are in excruciating pain everyday, she said.

"Most people, when they are diagnosed, are around the age of 30, which is such a young age to live with this disease for the rest of your life," she said. "MS affects your central nervous system and has many and possibly long lasting symptoms such as memory loss, numbness, pain, fatigue, or even blindness. MS currently is not understood in the slightest."

This journey is 69 days long and goes through 15 states from Bar Harbor, Maine, to Seattle, Washington, for a total of 4,295 miles cycled.

"Actually, I've never been riding more than what the average child does, which sounds absolutely crazy, especially because I don't even own the bike that I will be riding yet, but I am young and healthy and am dedicated to ride for those who can't."

The tour leaves from Bar Harbor, on May 28, and reaches Seattle, Aug. 4.

"My training for right now, because of the snow and cold weather, is to ride the stationary bike at the gym and lifting weights to get myself into better cardiovascular shape, getting myself stronger, while getting my endurance up all while working on abdominal strength to be able to keep my balance," she

said.

This spring, Tait will train outdoors in windy Bowling Green, Ohio, and hopes to train in more hilly areas. So far, the biker said training has been going well.

"My legs are not as sore sitting in the saddle for long periods of time, and I have been riding pretty close to every day. I need to prepare my mind as well, as I know this journey will be hard and I will want to give up at some points, but I have to keep pushing myself to get out of my comfort zone," she said. "Bike the US for MS very highly recommends that you ride 500 miles, one day of at least 60+ miles, and two days back to back of 50 miles on the bike you will be using for the tour."

Tait's biggest goal is to stay mentally tough.

"I know many people have accomplished this route before me, and I know it is going to be tough; I just have to keep reminding myself that I am strong, and that I can finish, and finish strong," she said.

Participants raise donations for the project, \$1 per mile for a total of \$4,295.

Donate at the "Lauren Tait" page at [biketousforms.org](http://biketousforms.org), or by sending checks to Bike the US for MS PO Box 10001 Blacksburg, VA, with "Lauren Tait" on the memo line.

"They can also help by sending me letters of encouragement at the various mail drop locations found on my donor page, or they can even help by joining the tour themselves," she said.

Tait has been volunteering all her life, including Clarkston summer volleyball camp, local nursing homes, and blood drives.

"Since beginning college, I have done Adopt-a-Highway programs, volunteering at nursing homes, participating in the walk to end Alzheimer's twice, cleaning and painting an after school program for troubled children in Toledo, and packaging care packages for the Maine sea coast mission," she said. "I strive to help others, and put them before myself."



Tait



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## She's Mary Poppins, y'all

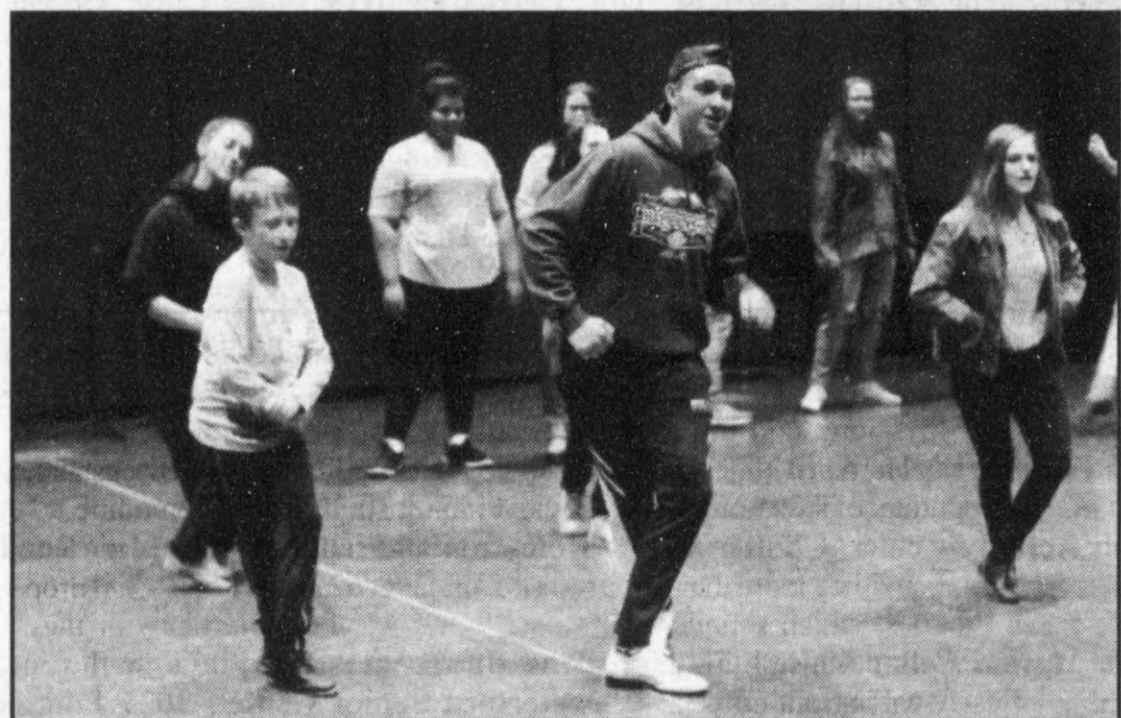
As actors are on stage getting their steps down for Clarkston High School Drama Club's production of Mary Poppins, students backstage are busy putting together the set and costumes.

See the production at the high school's performing arts center, Feb. 15, 16 and 17 at 7 p.m.; and Feb. 17 and 18 at 2 p.m.

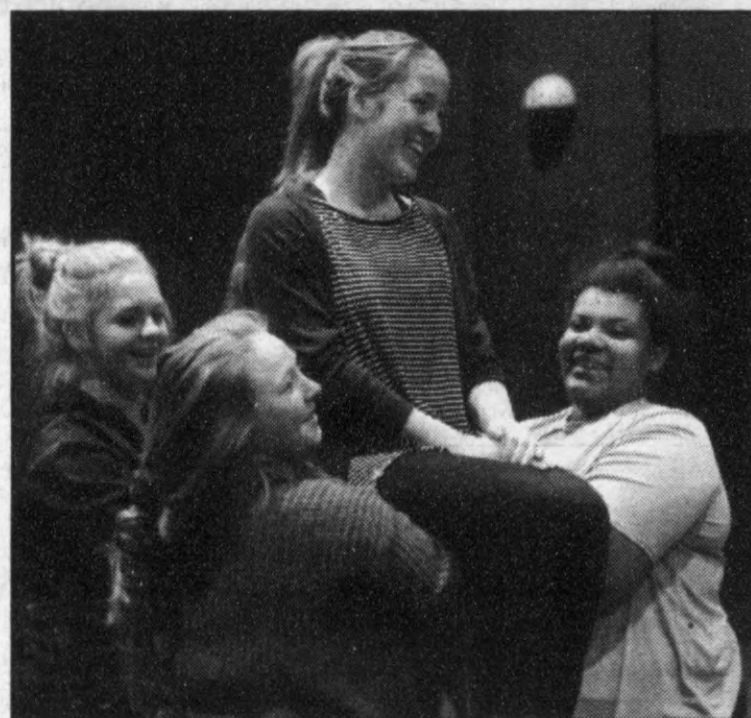
Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for students and seniors. They go on sale to the public on Feb. 5 at [www.centerstageticketing.com/clarkstonhigh](http://www.centerstageticketing.com/clarkstonhigh). Tickets can also be purchased in person Monday through Friday during school lunches, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.



Gina McGowey marks the other side of the set piece for painting.



Alex Gianakos, as Michael, Charlie Lussenhop, as Bert, and the cast perform "Jolly Holiday." Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



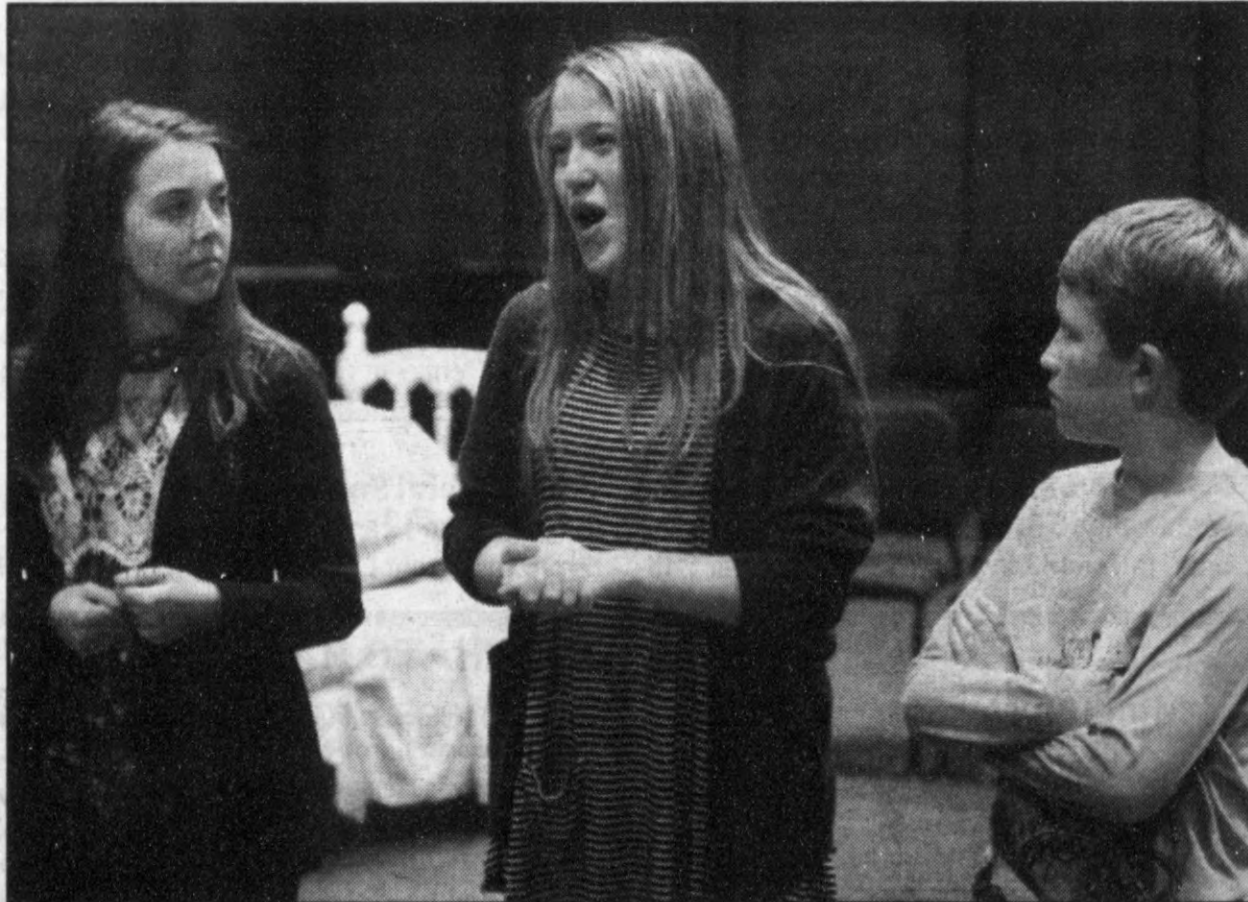
Zoe Nygard, as Mary Poppins, gets a lift during "Jolly Holiday."



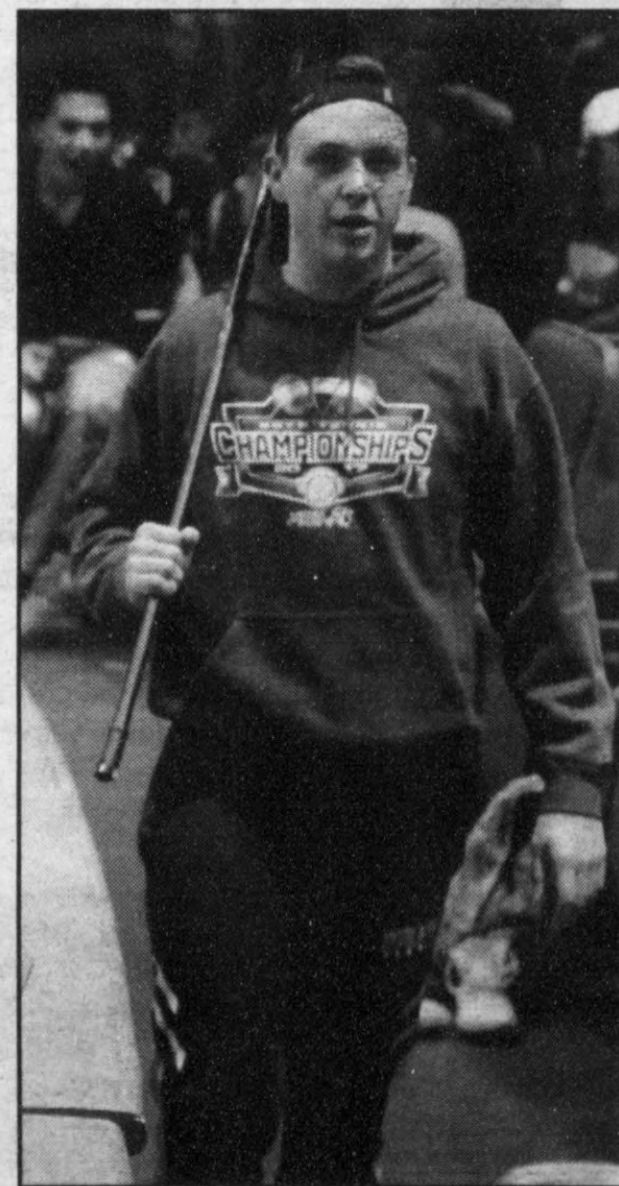
Kaylee Phillips paints the nursery.



Gwyneth Wells and Jennifer Holscher work backstage on one of the set pieces.



In center Zoe Nygard, as Mary Poppins, sings "Practically Perfect" with Lauren Ormsby, as Jane, and Alex Gianakos, as Michael.



Charlie Lussenhop, as Bert, opens the musical with the Prologue.



**Events**

**Fall in Love with your New Home**, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 9, 7070 Gateway Park Drive. Free. Home buyers' seminar by the Bender Team and Cason Home Loans on mortgage options, real estate, buying process. American Sign Language interpreter. RSVP, 248-933-4258.

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**Fidget Quilts for Alzheimer's Workshop**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Feb. 10, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Bring a dish to pass and sewing machine. Also people needed to cut, measure, stitch, and/or design and press. Fidget quilts delivered to patients who need them. Everything supplied. 248-394-0200.

**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, Feb. 13, 7 p.m. Topic: "What should I be doing to help myself?" 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.

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

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# Around Town

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



Fans in Chad Tough orange cheer on the Clarkston Wolves. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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

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

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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.

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**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.

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**Big Chief Barbershop Chorus**, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Jack, 248-334-3686.

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**Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet**, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

**Wednesday**

**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-

623-4313.

**Thursday**

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

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**Coffee and Conversation**, April 19, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, Clintonwood Park. \$1.

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

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

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**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.

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**Free General Support Group** for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680

## Civic groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

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

**Friday**

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

**Saturday**

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

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**Upwards Basketball** for K4-eighth grade, Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway. Evaluation/practice, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; or Feb. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. First practice, March 13, games start March 17, and continues through April. Register at the church or at https://registration.upward.org/UPW64983, \$70. Call Heather, 248-625-2270.

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**Music & Movement**

**Friday, February 9 @ 10 am & 11:15 am**  
Miss Jamie will delight you with all things music and movement for this active and fun session! **For ages 0-5.**  
**Registration required.**





## Clinical trial brings hope to help others

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"We're stronger because we are surrounded by love."

"Celeste inspires us," Jared said. "She's beautiful."

Figuring out her illness was a long process, Celeste said.

"I had some pains for a while. We were searching for what it was," she said.

Her gall bladder was found to be not working so it was taken out early last year.

"They assumed that would be the end of my ailments but it wasn't. It took several months to realize there was still something going on," she said. "I put it off little bit, trying to figure it out. I wanted to get through the end of the school year and figure it out in the summer."

The first tests came back negative but the symptoms, including backaches and digestive issues, continued.

Her general practitioner encouraged more tests, and finally in July 2017, a biopsy, CAT scan, and MRI showed it was pancreatic cancer.

"From there, we went into, what do we do now?" she said.

Her sister Heather Wiley and husband helped her search for effective treatments, which led them to Johns Hopkins in Maryland, where they were working on a clinical trial. University of Michigan was supporting the trial, and they met with a team of doctors there.

"It's a blind trial. We don't know if I'm getting the medicine or not," Celeste said. "We felt, I'll be getting standard care, though not necessarily the trial drug. We're confident. No matter what, I would be getting the chemo I need, whether I got the placebo or not. That's one of the risks you take when you go into a trial."

They worked with Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (PANCAN) when researching their options.

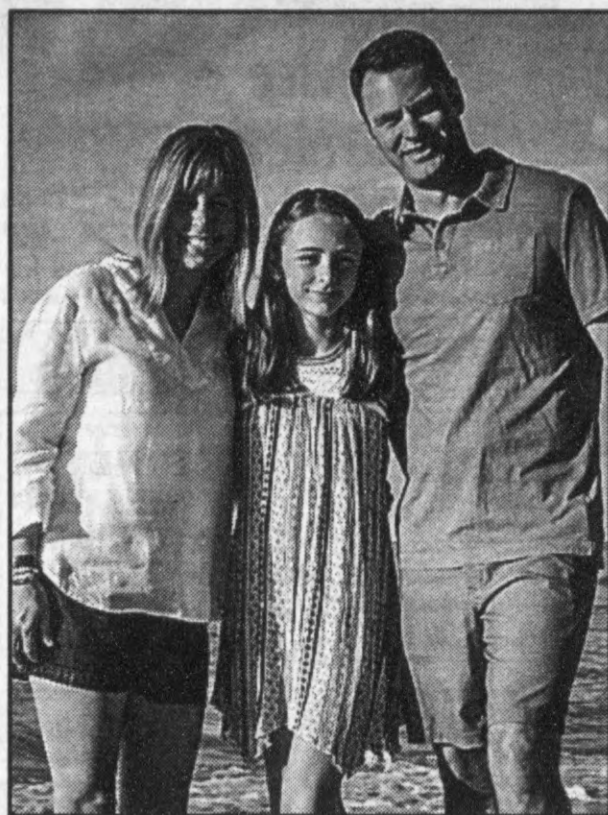
"You get so much information on the symptoms, the trial matching tools – if you don't have anyone tell you that, you don't know where to look," Celeste said.

"Clinical trials give patients early access to leading-edge treatments that can lead to progress in research, improved treatment options for more patients and better outcomes," said Loredana Gianino, PANCAN-Detroit Affiliate. "Every cancer treatment available today was approved through a clinical trial."

Celeste will undergo CAT scans and tests every two months during the trial.

"They're hesitant to say it's going well. We're dealing with it. I don't know if it can go any better," Jared said. "We've been through some depressing meetings. It's not going to happen today or tomorrow. The hope is for her to heal a little today, and see how it goes."

"It's not something you would ever think you'd have to look at," Celeste said. "I prefer



Celeste Wood and her family, Jared and Emerson, before her treatments started. Photo provided

not to pay attention to the numbers. I want to be my own story. We might be able to prove them wrong."

Celeste was born in Clarkston, and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1990 before getting her teaching degree at Michigan State University. When deciding where to settle to raise their family, she and Jared chose to stay in Clarkston.

"My parents and sister live here. I was never moving away," she said. "We're super fortunate to live in the community we live in. Clarkston is a pretty special place as a community. It's another reason why we never moved."

She has been teaching for 22 years, at the elementary level and sixth grade at Scripps Middle School in Lake Orion.

"The kids have caught on to how they can make a difference," she said. "They wear sweatshirts my daughter designed, Woods Warriors, symbols of being strong. Their dodgeball team won their big game and donated it to pancreatic cancer."

January is National Pancreatic Cancer Clinical Trials Awareness Month. It's a time to spread the word about PANCAN's resources, which include patient resources like Know Your Tumor; Clinical Trial Finder, access to the most up-to-date and comprehensive pancreatic cancer clinical trial database in the United States; and Patient Registry, global database of patient information to help advance research and improve patient care, Gianino said.

"A lot of women my age know someone who has it," Celeste said. "Research is underfunded compared to other cancers. It's definitely a difficult cancer. There needs to be more resources. I feel if my story helps someone else down the road to not put off checking the symptoms, if I can help one person, it's worth it."

For information, call 877-2-PANCAN.

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Nursery available for all services

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Christmas Eve 4:00 pm

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Middle School Program, Sunday 10:30am  
High School program, Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm

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Wednesday:  
Family Life Group 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm



# Students achieve success

**Dylan J. Rosen** of Clarkston earned highest honors during the fall 2017 semester at SUNY Canton.

Rosen is a SUNY Canton finance major. The President's List recognizes full-time students who achieve a GPA of 3.75 or greater.

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**John Keller** of Clarkston has been named to the 2017 fall semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University.

To earn Dean's List recognition, Ohio Wesleyan students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes.

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**Jonathan Harrity** of Clarkston, a gradu-

ate of Troy High School majoring in instrumental performance and music education, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at Baldwin Wallace University. Students who receive at least a 3.6 GPA for seven or more graded hours in a single semester are named to the Dean's List.

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**Ben Bellestri** of Clarkston was one of the students on Trine University's main campus who earned Dean's List recognition for the Fall 2017 semester.

Bellestri is a junior majoring in Civil Engineering. To earn Dean's List honors, students must complete a minimum of 15 hours and have a grade point average of 3.500-3.749.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know  
**CLARKSTON**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON  
ARTEMUS M PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL  
375 DEPOT RD.

CLARKSTON, MI 48346  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2018 7 P.M.**

The City of the Village of Clarkston is holding a Public Hearing to seek public input on the 2018 - 2022 Clarkston Recreation Plan, as part of the regular City Council meeting.

A hard copy of the draft master plan is available for review at City Hall and at the Clarkston Independence Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. The draft plan is also available online on the city website, <http://www.villageofclarkston.org/DocumentCenter/View/1058> or can be directly accessed at <http://www.calameo.com/read/0051076733a1bb50c1043>.

For questions or comments, please call the Village offices at (248) 625-1559.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT 2018-380, 787-DE  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Decedent's Estate

Estate of BEVERLY M. LILLGE, DECEASED

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BEVERLY M. LILLGE, DECEASED, died September 28, 2015

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

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CLARKSTON, MI 48346  
**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2018 7 P.M.**

A variance is being requested for 119, 121 & 123 N Main.

Petitioner is requesting a 5 foot setback variance on the north side of proposed addition.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-625-1559 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Staff will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements.

City Clerk, Sandy Miller

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

**SYNOPSIS**  
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
JANUARY 23, 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

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

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Kimberly Feigley, Director of Assessing; Dave McKee, DPW Director; Brian Oppmann, Planning & Zoning Services; Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman, Associates Inc.; Randal Ford, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.; Steven Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented  
E. CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION:

1. CLOSED SESSION: Pending Litigation Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) of the Open Meetings Act (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)

The meeting RECESSED at 6:02 p.m.

The meeting RECONVENED at 6:28 p.m.

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Trustee Aliaga

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Presentation Supervisor's Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor) - None

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2018

2. Approval of the Payroll of January 12, 2018 and Check Run of January 16, 2018 for a Total Amount of \$463,486.89

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of 1st Reading - Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

2. Approval of 1st Reading - Planned Unit Development (PUD) - Pine Vista

3. Approval of 1st Reading - Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment - 7171 & Part of 7125 Clintonville Road Rezoning

4. Adoption of Resolution Establishing Guidelines for Granting Poverty Exemptions from Property Taxes Pursuant to MCL 211.7u

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: Building Department Monthly Report - December 2017

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Loughrin  
P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, January 31, 2018



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## Robert C. Davis, 76

Robert C. Davis of Goodrich, formerly of Clarkston, passed away at age 76.

He was the life partner of Sandie Bruce for 16 years; father of Robert H., Daniel (Michele) and the late Jared (Denise); Papaw of Christopher, Daniel, Stevie and Nicole; great grandpa of Christopher and Roman; preceded in death by his sisters Barbara (Joseph) Carballo and Susan Shouha-Youssef.

Robert was an out-of-his-mind Ohio State Buckeyes fan and Clarkston Wolves fan. He was an avid nationwide golfer.

Memorial Services have taken place. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Fr. Solanus Casey Capuchin Monastery or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Joan Kaczorowski, 85

Joan B. Kaczorowski of Clarkston went to be with the Lord Jan. 23, 2018, at age 85.

She was the beloved wife of Edward for 61 years; loving mother of Greg (fiancé Kathy Christy) Kay.

Joan retired from General Motors.

Visitation was Jan. 25 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 26 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans. Private Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Teddy Meadors, 83

Teddy E. Meadors of Clarkston passed away Jan. 21, 2018, at age 83.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years Linda (LaMarre) Meadors.

Teddy loved to cook and was a connoisseur of fine wines and Kentucky bourbon. He was a voracious reader.

After his retirement from Ford, Teddy enjoyed working in Linda's garden.

Memorial Service was Jan. 29 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



# Death notices & Obituaries

## Connie J. Hawks, 69

Connie Jean Hawks (Fredricks) of Clarkston, formerly of Benton Harbor and Coloma, passed on to eternal life, Jan. 27, 2018.

Connie was born May 23, 1948, in Benton Harbor, Mich., to Arthur and Elsie (Radke) Fredricks. Connie graduated from Coloma High School in 1966. Connie married Dale Arthur Hawks, Sr. on July 15, 1967. They moved to Clarkston in 1970 where they raised their three children and still live today.

Connie will be remembered for the love and patience she had for her grandchildren. She enjoyed playing the slot machines at various casinos, and often she was very lucky. Connie also enjoyed watching Family Feud, other game shows and Blue Bloods. Her hobbies include collecting chicken knick knacks, spoons and toy monkeys. She took pride in her garden in Clarkston and enjoyed fishing at the "lake cottage" in Harrison.

In her younger days she enjoyed bowling, playing softball and was active in her children's lives as a cub scout den mother, girl scout troop leader, little league coach and boy scout fundraiser chairman and treasurer.

Connie retired from Grand Blanc Printing in 2008 as a Bindery Supervisor.

Connie is survived by her husband Dale of 50 years; three children Jeannie Hawks of Clarkston, Dale (Roxie) Hawks of Mt. Pleasant and Neil (Kathy) Hawks of Dacula, Ga.; six grandchildren Alissa (fiancé Logan Roth), Danielle, Zachary, Imani, Donovan and Julius; one great grandchild Rhiannon. Connie is also survived by her brothers and sisters Larry (Mary Jane) Fredricks, Robert Fredricks, Richey Losevs, Dale Fredricks, Walt (Nancy) Fredricks and Julie Ticknor; also survived by sister in law Margaret Fredricks, the late Judy (John) McCormick, Elaine (Bill) Sanford and many nieces, nephews and other extended family members. Connie was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Richard, Arthur, Jr. and Donald.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Special Olympics of Michigan, P.O. Box 795, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0795. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Sharon McNally, 79

Sharon Ann McNally of Clarkston passed away suddenly Jan. 29, 2018, at age 79.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Thelma and her loving brother Dennis. She was the cousin of Mary (Richard) Brondyke, Kathleen (Tim) Bailey, Michael (Margaret) McNally, Dr. Richard (Donna) McNally, Linda (Al) Galindo and Kay (Brian Shannon) Savonen; also survived by many other cousins and Sharon's favorite dog, Rosie.

Friends may visit **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Thursday, 6-8 p.m. with a scripture service at 6:30 p.m. Funeral Mass Friday, 11 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with visiting directly at the church at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to Michigan Special Olympics. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Agnes J. Sage, 95

Agnes Josephine Sage (nee Skluzak), age 95, passed away peacefully on Jan. 22, 2018.

She was born on April 16, 1922. She was preceded in death by her husband of 42 years, Harold F. Sage, parents Frank and Josephine (nee Kratochvil) and siblings Mary, Elizabeth and Frank and her great granddaughter Alissa. She was the loving mother of Tom (Nancy) Sage, Larry (Susan) Sage, and Marsha (Paul) Desrochers; proud grandmother of Douglas Sage, Daniel Sage, Matthew Sage, Amber (Tyler) Sage, Derek Sage and Ashley (Michael) Condon; great grandmother of Christian Sage, Ayden Sage, Agnes Condon, and Constantine Condon. Special thanks to her beloved caregivers Tobey and BJ.

Agnes was born in Detroit, raised in Pontiac and later moved to Waterford where Harold and Agnes raised their three children. She enjoyed spending time with her family, reading, sewing, gardening and canning.

Private family services will take place at Mt. Hope Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Jack Williams Sr., 83

Jack L. Williams Sr., formerly of Ortonville and Rochester Hills, and Vero Beach, Fla., passed away on Jan. 27, 2018, at age 83 and now rests in the arms of his lord and savior.

Jack was born to Wilma Thompson and Kenneth B. Williams on January 24, 1935 in Georgetown, Illinois. His family moved to Pontiac, Michigan when he was 4 years old. He was a graduate of Pontiac Central High School. He married Darlene on June 26, 1954 in Muskegon Heights, Michigan. Jack worked for Pontiac Motors for a short time and later learned his trade from working at Modern American Corporation & Beaver Precision Inc., before opening his own company "J W Manufacturing, Inc."

His greatest achievement of his career was when his company was contracted to manufacture the fuel injection system for the Aurora V-8 Engines for the 1997 Indianapolis 500. Ten of the 11 drivers who qualified used the Aurora V-8 engines, posting the ten fastest speeds. Jack and his children worked together on this project. The top 5 finishers of the 1997 Indy 500 were all Aurora V-8 engines.

Jack semi-retired at 67 but couldn't stay away from his love of machining and went to work while in Florida operating the newest technology machines that he had only dreamed of until his retirement in 2008.

He is survived by two siblings, a brother, Alan (Kaye) Williams of Tennessee, and sister, Nancy (Ken) Tucker of Arkansas; his three children, Debra Jean Minnock, Riva (Lyal) Bigger and Jack L. Williams Jr.; seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sisters and two grandsons.

Friends may visit Friday, Feb. 2, from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service Saturday, Feb. 3, at 4 p.m. at Highland United Methodist Church, Highland, with visiting directly at the church at 3 p.m. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## In our local churches

**Adult Bible Fellowships, Sunday School**, 11 a.m., Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway, 248-625-2311.

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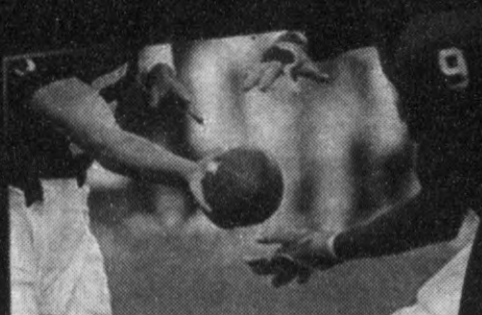
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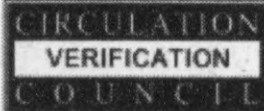


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Sealed bids being accepted by the Charter Township of Orion for the following vehicle:

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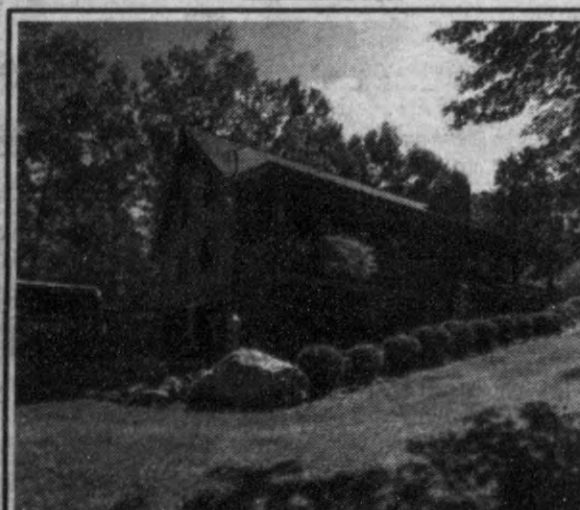
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