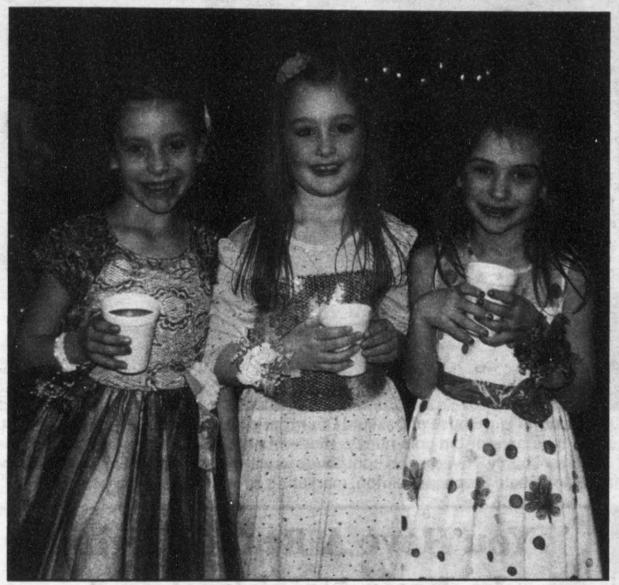
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Good friends Emmerson, Maddison, and Alyson enjoy some punch at the Daddy Daughter Dance. Photo by Brenda Dominick

Sweet memories at the dance

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Annaliese Dunlap made an extra memory at the Clarkston Daddy/Daughter Dance, Saturday night. She got to lead the 7 p.m. dance with her dad David Dunlap to a special tribute song, "Papa Daddy," written by her grandfather, Jerry Calow, when she was 3 years old.

"Please complement all the princesses and their fathers for these beautiful and memorable moments we all shared in each other's lives," Kalow said in an email before the dance.

Clarkston Community Education hosted the dance in the Clarkston High School Cafeteria. Young ladies dressed in colorful, elegant dresses danced with their fathers, grandfathers, and other special people at two dances; one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Punch, a variety of delicious cookies, grapes, and popcorn were served to the guests.

The DJ played the latest and greatest songs. Guests also enjoyed jamming to some
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Hot score for Independence

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Independence Township Fire Department received their final overall report on Jan. 25 and their new PPC rating is at 3 for the township.

gency. Photo by Brenda Dominick

"On a scale from 1 to 10, 1 is like golf, the low score is better," said Fire Chief Mitch Petterson. "One demonstrates exemplary fire protection program; a 10 would say that the Fire Department doesn't meet the ISO standards."

"So that means that no matter where you live in the township, this report says that ISO tells the insurance companies that we can put your housefire out the same whether you have a fire hydrant in the

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Firefighters smoking with ISO 4

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The entire community was credited for the newly upgraded Springfield Township Fire Department ISO 4 score.

"Voters approved the new millage, the Township Board supported several improvements, the men and women of Springfield Township Fire Department invested countless hours, all working together to fulfil a dream," said township Supervisor Collin Walls. "Together we can and should be proud."



Feichtner

The Township Board hosted a reception for firefighters and their families at their Feb. 8 meeting, honoring them for achieving a new ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating of 4, upgraded from a split

rating of 7 and 10.

"It took thousands of hours of work to prepare for the ISO inspection – one-and
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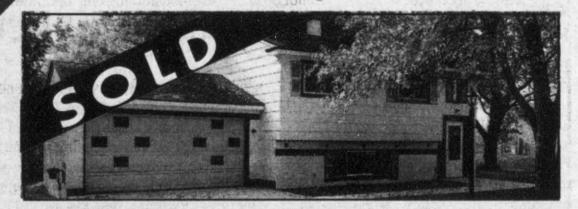
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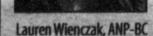
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Community groups work together against bullying

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kids of all ages face tremendous pressures at school from homework, to peer pressure, to drug/alcohol influences, to getting "accepted" and maintaining healthy friendships.

Lauren Klos, licensed master social worker and Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA) caseworker, said through assessing, addressing concerns, and goals setting, she helps prevent issues as well as strengthen the youth and families to get them headed in a positive direction.

When asked about her experience helping kids who may have been bullied or teased by other kids, Klos mentioned some observations.

"I've had kids that have admitted to 'oh yeah, maybe I was not so nice to so-and-so," she said. "There have been kids who were identified as maybe harassing others and I have worked with them on better communication and social skills, or at least referring out to maybe some groups or organizations or counselors who work on that."

Likewise, Klos has worked with kids who are on the other side of the situation; the victims.

"I've had some who have maybe been a victim of being bullied and worked on how to cope with that and an action plan on how to deal with that and be assertive and stand up to bullies," she said.

CAYA is administered under the auspices of the Oakland County Court/Circuit Court - Family Division. Included are two branches of services, one is community organization (Board of Directors of Community Volunteers) and the other branch is Casework (Family-Focused, Short-Term, and Voluntary).



From left, Lauren Klos, Clarkston Area Youth Assistance caseworker, and Judy Parnes, Youth Recognition chairperson and Pinwheels for Prevention chairperson. Photo by Brenda Dominick

As a source of prevention, it's wide ranging, and not all families that come in are at risk of delinquency, abuse or neglect. Klos gets referrals from police officers, school personnel, parents, child protective services, and concerned citizens.

"We really focus a lot on strengthening families through the community-involvement piece," she said.

Some families ask CAYA for assistance for concerns of behaviors at home or school, and the parents are looking for resources or extra support. Others come to CAYA if they did something that led to a school suspension, so they will get referred by the administration, school counselors, or social workers who see a student having attendance issues, struggling academically, or trying to cope with a loss in the

"I'll work with those families on helping the child learn their lesson from the mistake they made and moving forward positively so that they don't end up back in the principal's office," Klos said.

One of the community programs include family education, which recently received a grant from the Clarkston Area Optimists Club. Family Education Chairperson Jamie Graves, Master of Arts in Counseling from Oakland University, has been a counselor at Sashabaw Middle School since 2007. Family Education provides workshops and programs for parents and students. Some of the issues they cover are digital footprints, cyber safety, navigating middle school years, and anxiety for younger kids and teens. Judy Parnes is the Youth Recognition Chairperson as well as Chairperson for Pinwheels for Prevention.

"What's nice is it's needs oriented," Parnes said, "Jamie is a counselor, so it's nice that she can match needs with the programs."

Another program the Optimists' grant covered is a group called, "Girls Stand Strong," a four week, after school class. It works on building assertiveness skills, communication skills, self-esteem, image, dealing with bullies and how to stand up for yourself and not become a bully, as well as how to deal with cyberbullying.

CAYA has a great need for volunteers and mentors. For more information, visit CAYA's Facebook page, https:// www.facebook.com/clarkstonya, view their newsletter, "The CAYA Connection," or call 248-623-4313.

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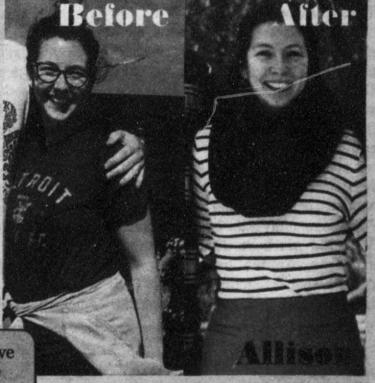
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Springfield Township firefighters gathered with friends and family, Feb. 8, to celebrate their new ISO score achievement. Photo by Phi ICustodio

Firefighters, trustees, community together for better score

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a-half years of work, six binders filled with stuff (photos, videos, charts, graphs, etc., on capabilities, training, administration, and equipment) we had to provide to them," said Fire Chief David Feichtner. "They evaluated everything."

They drilled until they were able to fill a tanker truck in two-and-a-half minutes and empty it in three-and-a-half minutes, said Lt. Randy Harlass.

"We had to prove we could do it," Harlass said. "The community is the biggest winner."

"We could not have done it without the relationship we have with the township board," Feichtner said. "The firefighters did so much work. We asked so much of them, and they did every single thing asked of them. I couldn't be prouder of them."

Voters approved a new one-mill millage for the fire department in 2016. The millage funded 24-a-day, seven-days-a-week staffing of fire station two, purchase of a fire engine and tanker truck, and other equipment, reconstruction of fire station one, and other projects.

"This is a validation of all that work," Feichtner said. "Other departments are coming to us and asking, 'how did you do it."

The new equipment and training allows about a 5-6 minute response time to emergencies. The new tanker also increases

water supply available to fight fires, which is invaluable in the mostly rural township.

"We have eight hydrants in the entire township," Feichtner said.

Residents should see lower insurance rates based on the ISO evaluation, which is conducted every 10 years, he said.

The new rating places the fire department in the top 25 percent of all fire departments in the country, and top 14 percent in Michigan, Feichtner said.

"It took an amazing amount of work and tremendous support from the supervisor and board, a shared vision," he said.

"We know Springfield Township is always first in our hearts and minds, but being in the top 25 percent in the nation is a very awesome achievement," Walls said. "On behalf of residents and the township board, please accept our gratitude and heartfelt thanks."

The Springfield Township Fire Department was established in 1947, and is part full time and part on-call.

Firefighters are equipped for a variety of emergencies, and trained for fire and medical response as well as specialized responses such as ice rescue, hazardous materials, and technical rescue.

Equipment includes ambulances, brushfire trucks, fire engines, tankers, two vehicles for transport and basic life support, rescue truck, and a command vehicle, stationed at two locations.







From left, Captain Pat Stamper, Engineer Tom Doyon, Fire Chief Mitch Petterson, and Engineer Jerry Konkle at the Independence Township Fire Station #1. Photo by Brenda Dominick

New score means better service, chief says

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front yard, or you're all the way up the north end in the township without having a fire hydrant there," Petterson said.

Petterson presented the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Reevaluation and Report of Change in Public Protection Class (PPC) rating at the Feb. 6 Township Board Meeting.

This evaluation, completed in November 2017, was conducted by Verisk, a third-party consultant group.

ISO issues each community throughout the United States a PPC rating to assess risks and set insurance rates for personal property or homeowners insurance, and commercial properties.

The evaluation is conducted using a uniform set of criteria; Needed Fire Flows, Emergency Communications, Fire Department Capabilities, and Water Supply. The ISO Evaluation also includes a visit to the Water Department and Emergency Communications Center (Dispatch), which involves a review of the fire department

operations, including facilities (location, staffing, equipment); apparatus (quantity, age, equipment, maintenance); Personnel (staffing numbers, training, utilization and deployment); and Fire Department Operations (deployment of resources, policies and procedures, fire prevention and community risk reduction).

The Independence Township had a split rating, 8 and 4, in the previous test, which is done every 10 years.

"We had a split rating because we're a little unique in a sense that we have areas covered by fire hydrants and then areas that are not covered by fire hydrants. So, we had a PPC rating of 4 roughly within the water district, within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. Then we had a PPC class of 8b and that's outside of the water district - any addresses in the township that were more than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant."

"So, what that means is that areas in 8b are likely to see higher homeowner's insurance rates and higher commercial property rates because the underwriters say

you're more likely to burn down because we don't have the water availability to put out a fire," the chief said.

According to national statistics in 2017, with 40,000+ districts, Independence Township Fire Department was one of 3,456 districts who received a Class 3 rating, and Chief Petterson was happy with that outcome. The chief plans on sending out a notice on social media as well as suggestions to residents on what actions to take for improvements.

"Moving forward, we'll release something to the press, as well as all of our social media accounts, with some information to the residents on what this means and what ISO and Verisk suggest they do, once this May 1st change comes along," Petterson said. "I live in the township and I fully intend on calling my insurance agent and finding out what it is for me."

The chief said the evaluation is historic based, not a test that the department can necessarily study for, instead it is based on performance over a period of time.

Briefly

Congressman mourned

Independence Township Trustee Jose Aliaga offered his condolences to the family of former U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg, who

passed away, Feb. 6. "It's really tough, it's the father of State Senator Mario Knollenberg, who was a state congressman for many years. It's

said at the Feb. 6



really sad news," Aliaga Knollenberg

Township Board meeting. "I actually knew him. I volunteered in his campaign. So, I pray for the family."

Knollenberg, 84, died Tuesday after a battle with Alzheimer's disease. He was a Bloomfield Township resident and a conservative lawmaker who represented Michigan on the House Appropriations Committee, was a staunch defender of Michigan businesses. A funeral mass was Feb. 10 at Holy Name Catholic Church, Birmingham.

Teacher of the year

Nominations are now open for the Clarkston Foundation Teacher of the Year. Students, former students, parents, colleagues, administrators, or members of the general public may nominate teachers. This year's nomination category is Secondary (6-12). An impartial selection committee comprised of local citizens selects the "Teacher of the Year" from those nominated through a screening process using specific criteria.

This year's Clarkston Foundation/ Suburban Collection of Waterford "Teacher of the Year" selection will be announced Wednesday, May 30, at 4:30 p.m. The "Teacher of the Year" will receive the free use of a new Ford ear of their choosing for a full year courtesy of the Suburban Collection of Waterford.

Angels Place dinner

Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway, hosts a fundraiser for Angels' Place Race from 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22.

A portion of the customer's total bill will go towards the May 12 Angels' Place Race at St. Daniel Church.

This race event includes a 1 Mile Family Fun Walk, 5K Bruce Clifton Run and Walk and 10K Run. Angels' Place is an organization in southeast Michigan that provides support for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Call 248-625-4600.

Brenda's Beat

A column by Brenda Dominick

Put a song in your heart this V-Day!

No one can deny the amazing, extraordinary effects music and lyrics has on the human heart. Music hits every emotionfrom sadness, to happiness, to nostalgia, to love. Even more, music has a therapeutic impact on people, allowing them to express feelings, whether it be internally to themselves or externally to others around

According to a 2013 Frontiers in Psychology article, "Psychological functions of music listening," previous research appears to converge on four dimensions: social functions (such as the ex-



pression of one's identity or personality). emotional functions (such as the induction of positive feelings), cognitive or selfrelated functions (such as escapism), and arousal-related functions (such as calming down or passing time).

To change up the typical column style a little bit, I thought I would list some lyrics to songs that I have enjoyed over the years. I have found the following songs, among several others, have helped me through some challenging situations in my life. I invite you to check these out and try to identify which ones you recognize; hopefully some of these will help you through a difficult time or maybe even inspire vou.

· "We talk for hours and hours about the sweet and the sour and how your family is doing okay";

 "I look at the night, and it don't seem so lonely. We fill it up with only two...me and you";

· "Although we are miles apart. If you ever need a helping hand, I'll be there on the double, just as fast as I can."

 "You don't need money, don't take fame. Don't need no credit card to ride this train":

· "However far away, I will always love

• "It's gonna be a bright, bright, sunshinin' day";

• "There's an answer, if you reach into your soul, and the sorrow that you know, will melt away"; and

• "You gotta be cool, you gotta be calm, you gotta stay together. All I know, all I know, love will save the day."

Have a wonderful Wednesday and a harmonious Valentines Day!

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Reader impressed with candidate

Dear Editor,

Thank you for your excellent recent article introducing congressional candidate Elissa Slotkin who was campaigning door to door in Clarkston ("Congressional campaign kicksoff in Clarkston," Feb. 7).

As an independent voter, I am very impressed with Ms. Slotkin's national security background in the CIA and in the Executive Branch.

We need more people in Congress who have demonstrated they can work effectively as she did in the White House Office of the Director of National Intelligence under both Republican George W. Bush and Democrat

Barack Obama.

What a concept. People who can work with members of both political parties.

When someone with Ms. Slotkin's exceptional credentials is running for Congress, we should put our national interests over poli-

Add the fact that she is a highly-qualified woman at a time when women make up over 50 percent of our population but are only 20 percent of the members of Congress and Elissa Slotkin becomes by far the best choice to represent us in Washington.

> Henry S. Woloson Independence Township

Clean Water Corps needs volunteers

Oakland County is home to hundreds of beautiful lakes. Ensuring that our lakes are clean and healthy is critical for local wildlife and property values, and supports the wellbeing of our residents and economy.

The harsh reality is that Michigan lakes face many serious environmental challenges, including algae blooms and invasive species that crowd out native fish and plants.

We need local volunteers to take an active role in protecting Oakland County lakes so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy them now and for generations to come.

Through a partnership with the Oakland County Health Division and the Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps), we are providing residents with free training and equipment to monitor lake water quality this summer.

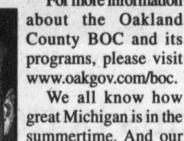
The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring program (CLMP) has been an integral part of Michigan's inland lakes monitoring program for more than 40 years.

It runs on the power of volunteers who take weekly water samples and conduct surveys of invasive aquatic plants from mid-May through mid-September.

I strongly encourage anyone interested in becoming a volunteer to attend one of our upcoming informational sessions, which will be held in the Board of Commissioners Auditorium at 1200 N. Telegraph Road in Pontiac, Michigan on Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Please note that volunteers must have access to a boat. For questions about the informational sessions or to register for the required training on Saturday, May 5, please

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Tom Middleton

Guest

viewpoint

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A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Preserving precious land one acre/ development at a time" The North Oakland County Headwaters Land Conservancy acquired 78 acres of property for preservation with 63 of them in Independence and Springfield townships.

"CHS students raise \$700 for wheelchair basketball team" Clarkston High School students raised \$700 for the Sterling Heights Challengers, a wheelchair basketball team for students ages 6-18 during the third annual Challenger Basketball Blowout.

"Grapplers pin down league championship" The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team proved they were the best in the Oakland Athletic Association I, capturing the league tournament, finishing with 194.5 points for first place.

25 years ago - 1993

"High stepping" Amy West and her dad, John, showed their dancing skills in Clarkston Elementary's gym during the Clarkston Community Education's Daddy-Daughter Valentine Dance.

"Rainbow Connection to send teen, family to Hawaii" Clarkston High School sophomore Shannon Clark chose a Maui trip to go on with her family as part of the Rainbow Connection's "Make A Wish" program.

"Named top teacher in county" Steve Himburg was recognized as the premiere middle school educator in the county. He was named winner of the Newsweek-WDIV Outstanding Teacher Award for being Oakland County's top middle school instructor

50 years ago - 1968

"Swimming pool vote could be April 15" A vote to build a high school swimming poll if approval is given from the State Board of Education office and the Municipal Finance Commission. The pool issue was voted on in June 1966 and was defeated by voters.

"Notes on the Orchard" Carole and David Mott of Frankwell Street welcomed new arrival, Laura Kay on Jan. 23, weighing nine pounds and 10 ounces. Her older brother, 4-year-old Gary, greeted her on her arrival.

"In double overtime, Clarkston takes Northville, 66-60" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team went on a four game winning streak after defeating Northville in a double overtime, 66-60. Mark Erickson hit his game high with 24 points, and getting three buckets in the second overtime.





Girls whirl around the dance floor, doing the Locomotion during their Daddy Daughter Dance, Saturday. Photo by Brenda Dominick

Stuff to think of on Valentine's Day

Ah, February. Groundhogs, ice, snow and hearts of red, Valentine's Day. To all, tell the ones you love

that you love. And, if you really want to spice up your Valentine's conver- Don't sations, here are some topics to dis- Rush Me cuss.

> **Taxation Without** Representation

Nothing can get your blood boiling like good lovin' and talk about that which the government usurps from us -- taxes. Now that our governor and our federal folks are putting forth their A column by budget proposals, Clarkston's Henry Don Rush W. called me a few years ago with an idea.

While shrinkage might not be a good topic of discussion on or around Valentine's Day, it is a fact of life -- shrinkage happens to everything except government expenditures (which comes from taxing). Here's what Henry told me then (back in 2007).

"Don, everybody in government is looking for new things to tax. I have an idea."

He proceeded quite simply it is time to tax political contributions. He thinks these types of contributions should be taxed at a rate of 10 percent. The money raised, he explained, goes into a trust fund for primary education.

"A win-win situation for everybody -- we get more

taxes and we help the children," Henry said.

Funny, nobody on Capitol Hill has taken him up on the idea.

Romantic Interludes Out-of-Doors

It is the middle of February, but you and your loved one can still snuggle up next to the crackling fireplace, on that bearskin rug and dream of hot summer nights. And, if the conversation starts to wane, throw this into the mix.

"Honey, I love you . . . do you ever wonder about crickets chirping?"

If Honey says, "yes," you're in! Impress Honey with this information. Crickets are sensitive to changes in air temperature, and chirp at faster rates as the temperature rises. It is possible to use the chirps of the male snowy tree cricket, common throughout the United States, to gauge temperature.

The formula for this is to count the number of chirps in 15 seconds and add 39 to calculate the temperature (degrees Fahrenheit.) If there are 30 chirps in 15 seconds, the temperature should be about 69 degrees F. This formula is said to be accurate within one degree. A variation is to count the chirps in 13 seconds, and add 40.

After your stirring conversation about crickets, you could start chirping about age.

Insect sex

And, since we are all about VD, this was from a

MSNBC.com story also from 2007, "Male-killing bacteria widespread in insects." It portends an ugly end of all men, #GoodRiddance.

"A germ that kills males triggers a vicious cycle of increasing female promiscuity and male sexual exhaustion in a species of butterfly, scientists report. Male-killing bacteria known as Wolbachia are extremely widespread in insects, found in more than one-fifth of species. The germs can turn males to females and cause infected females to reproduce without males.

"Scientists had assumed these bacteria would profoundly alter the natural mating patterns of their hosts, but only had scant evidence of what these changes would entail in the wild. The researchers expected the fewer male butterflies there were, the less sex females likely would have. Surprisingly, female promiscuity actually rose.

"Greater numbers of female partners leads to fatigue in males. They start producing smaller sperm packages Unfortunately, the female butterflies instinctively know that the packages are smaller and that their chances of having been sufficiently impregnated after mating are lower than usual. This just makes them more rampant."

One way or another, men's time on this planet is limited. With the #MeToo movement sweeping the planet, this future may not be so far fetched.

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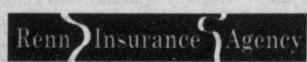
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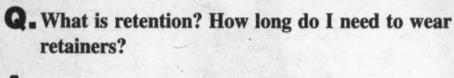
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License plate violation

A deputy on patrol ran a records check on the license plate of a pickup truck's trailer and found it had no record, 11:03 a.m., Feb. 5, on Dixie Highway at White Lake Road. The driver and company owner, a 59-year-old Independence Township man, said he put the license plate from another trailer on it. He was cited for misdemeanor plate violation, no medical certificate, no fire extinguisher, and no triangles.

No license

A deputy on patrol stopped a minivan with no license plate light, 11:13 p.m., Feb. 7, on Waldon Road at Sashabaw Road. The driver, a 40-year-old Independence Township woman, was cited for driving without a license, never applied, and no license plate light, and given a warning for no proof of insurance.

Dogs at large

A 34-year-old Independence Township woman was warned to keep her dogs tied up after they got loose and were roaming around others' yards in the 7000 block of Ardsley Lane, Jan. 29. She said their invisible fence had been broken by a snow plow truck. The dogs were seen jumping on a jogger and barking at a griller, 6:28 p.m., Feb. 8. The dogs' owner was cited for dogs running at large and reminded it was her responsibility to maintain control of the dogs.

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Medical marijuana

A 43-year-old West Bloomfield man driving a car with broken license plate light and very dark tinted windows was stopped on Dixie Highway near Deer Lake Road, 12:32 a.m., Feb. 9. The vehicle smelled of marijuana, and the driver said there was a small amount in the backseat. He had a valid medical marijuana card. He also said his son, who owned the vehicle, had a prescription for the window tint. The driver was found with a revoked driver's license, and cited for that.

Power outage

A power outage affected 14,260 homes from Clarkston through Ortonville northwards to Goodrich in Genesee County, Feb. 6. The cause of the outage was listed as an equipment problem, according to DTE Energy. More than half of the customers, mostly around Clarkston, had power restored by Tuesday evening. About 5,500 homes and businesses in the northern part of the outage area were restored Wednesday morning.

Theft from auto

An Independence Township resident called township Trustee Jose Aliaga to report someone broke into his car that morning, Feb. 6, between Mann Road and Clintonville, asking for suggestions. The trustee called Lt. Larry Perry, Independence Township substation commander, for assistance.

"Lieutenant Perry took care of it really quick," Aliaga said at at the Feb. 6 Township Board meeting. "I called him and he followed up and they took care of it."

The trustee said people who experience situations like this should call the Oakland County Sheriff's Office with information at 248-858-4950, extension 8.

"I think they should call and follow up a report, even if they are minor things," he said.

> Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587





SAFE CROSSWALKS: In a letter to parents, Feb. 8, Interim Superintendent Shawn Ryan called for thanks for Clarkston Elementary Head Custodian Nick Kolos and all the morning and afternoon crosswalk guards. "Having witnessed several near misses, I ask everyone to not only give thanks, but also to hit the brakes and give these duty-bound souls some space," Ryan said. *Photo provided*

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Senior Night

Join Clarkston Varsity Hockey as they honor their eight seniors on Feb. 15 at Detroit Skating Club, 7:45 p.m.

Skiers capture Pine Knob Division races

BY CATHERINE OSBORN

Special to The Clarkston News

The Clarkston Boys Ski Team won the Pine Knob Division, just edging out the boys of Notre Dame Prep as the Clarkston Girls finished fifth overall in the division last week.

"It was really a surprise to win," said Justin Osborn, senior assistant captain. "We knew we had been skiing well all season, but didn't think we'd done enough. We're really happy, but there's still work to be done."

During the Slalom race on Feb. 7, the boys' varsity team racers earned medals for Top 10 finishes with Captain Max Wiedemann, second place, 42.26 seconds; Hunter Hambrick, seventh place, 42.99; and Osborn, ninth, 43.71.

Rounding out the boys were Ryan Nicosia, 13th place, Andrew Roeser, 22nd; and Evan Raddatz, 30th.

On the Clarkston Girls Varsity team, senior Katie Bayley earned a medal for a Top 10 finish by racing to seventh place overall with a time of 44.64 seconds. Other girls results included Annika Karlstrom, 20th; Chloe Swanson, 21st; Allison Osborn, 24th; Megan Ford, 29th; Olivia Foyteck, 35th; and Mia Farella, 49th.

The boys also earned medals for Top 10 finishes at the Giant Slalom race on Feb. 8, with Wiedemann in fifth, 34.33 seconds;



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski Team celebrates winning the divisionals. Photo by Catherine Osborn

Osborn, seventh, 34.63; and Cameron Brown, ninth, 34.96. Hambrick, 14th place, and Nicosia, 19th place, also had Top 20 finishes.

Also competing were Andrew Foyteck, 39th; and Evan Raddatz, 55th.

Karlstrom, 17th place; Foyteck, 19th; Swanson, 21st; Osborn, 22nd; Ford, 31st; and Farella, 50th; led the girls.

The boys team qualified to race in the South Eastern Michigan Ski League

(SEMSL) race at Pine Knob, Feb. 20. Bayley qualified individually in Slalom for the girls.

Next for the Wolves is the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1, Region 2 race at Pine Knob Ski & Snowboard Resort on Wednesday, Feb. 14.

They will compete against Birmingham Seaholm/Groves, Bloomfield Hills, Lake Orion, North Farmington/Farmington Hills Harrison, Rochester, Rochester Adam/ Stoney Creek and Troy/Avondale/Berkley, and West Bloomfield.

The boys will also race Brother Rice, University of Detroit - Jesuit, and Waterford United. The girls will also race Marian.

The first run will begin at 9 a.m. and the last run is 3:30 p.m. with the award ceremony following.

The top three team move on to the state meet at Boyne Mountain, Feb. 26.

Cousins continue the family ski tradition. From left, freshman Hunter Hambrick, senior Max Wiedemann, and junior Cameron Brown. Photo by Terri McTaggert

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK All in the family

Boys Varsity Ski team as they had three days. cousins on the slopes.

Senior Max Wiedemann, junior Cameron Brown and freshman Hunter Hambrick continued the tradition their parents started as their folks were also

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"I am incredibly happy to be able to spend my last season racing with my cousins, it's definitely the best way to end my racing career", said Wiedemann.



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District title win at MSHAA matches

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers are celebrating their success during the MHSAA Wrestling District matches last week as they qualified eight for the regionals and won the team district title.

Mac Hanselman led the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team as he finished in first place in his 125-pound weight class at the individual district meet on Saturday. Rocco Spindler Rocco Spindler (285), Cole Wiegers (119), Ethan Polick (135), and Jake Billette (140) finished the day in second place. Jacob Jones (215) and Houston Hemingsen (140) finished in third place; and Anthony Welch (130) finished in fourth place.

Hanselman (34-9) went undefeated for the day in his four matches. He defeated Utica's Hunter Ali in his opening match with a fall. He went on to defeat Oxford's Nathan Call by a major decision, 17-5 and Utica Eisenhower's Lucas Peck, 8-3. He won the championship won against Romeo's Todaro with a forfeit.

Spindler (21-9) went 1-1 for his second place finish as a freshman. His first two rounds were byes. He defeated Troy's Kyrollos Awad with a fall before losing to Lake Orion's Hunter Chambers with a fall, 4:37.

Wiegers (31-14) went 3-1 for the day. He posted wins over Utica Eisenhower's Zach Pacheco with a fall, 5:53; Troy's Jesse Matti, 6-1; and Waterford Kettering's Rieley Brado, 8-3. He lost to Kettering's Mark Brado, 8-3.

Polick (32-13) went 3-1 for the day as well for his second place finish. He defeated Romeo's Elijah Grubb, fall at 1:20; Waterford Mott's Darain Lindemier, 18-3 technical fall; and Oxford's Joe Vackaro, 8-3. He lost to Oxford Sergio Borg with a fall.

Billette (35-9) went 2-1 for the day. He defeated Troy's Owen Westbrook with a fall at 4:29; and his teammate Hemingsen, 5-2. He lost to Lake Orion's Noah Smith, 9-4.

Jones (22-14) went 3-1 for third place as

he defeated Rochester's Bobby Anderson by major decision, 10-1; Stoney Creek's Austin Jordan with a fall, 4:03; and Romeo's Gavin Miller, 6-5. He lost to Lake Orion's Sam Kinne by a major decision, 13-1.

Hemingsen (32-13) went 4-1 for the day for third place. He defeated Stoney Creek's Anthony Athnasios, 20-0 technical fall; Kettering's Ignacio Covos, 19-4 technical fall; Troy's Conner Anderson, 11-2 major decision; and Rochester's Jack Dunn, 15-0 technical fall. His lone loss was to teammate Billette.

Anthony Welch (15-11) went 3-2 for the day as he finished in fourth place. His three wins were against Port Huron Northern's Nicholas Harvey, fall at 4:59; Troy's Joseph Mason, 8-6; and Troy's Michael Castiglion, 5-3. He lost to Romeo's Hunter Garrisi, fall at 3:13; and Kettering's Jake Johnson, 5-4.

Grady Castle (112) went 2-2 for the day with wins over Stoney Creek's Nathan Fuller with a technical fall, 17-2; and Romeo's Matthew Cali, 6-1.

Nick LaCroix (125) went 2-2 for the tournament. His wins were over Kettering's Tyler Conrad, 7-1; and Stoney Creek's Joey Volcic, 14-12.

Spencer Arnold (135) went 1-2 for the day with a win over Rochester's Joey Eble with a 19-3 technical fall. Ian Wilson (160) also went 1-2 for the day. He won his first round against Waterford Mott's Josh Rugenstein with a technical fall, 17-1.

Carter Hoogewerf (145) and Noah Burt (171) both lost their first rounds.

The Wolves won team district meet with a 60-3 win over Waterford Kettering, Feb. 7.

Spindler opened the night with a fall over Devin Gregor at 1:32 in the 285-pound weight class.

Castle (112), Ethan Polick (135) and Carter Hoogewerf (152) also won their matches with falls. Castle had a fall over Justin Corcoran at :46; Polick had his fall over Blake Mojica at 3:39; and Hoogewerf had his fall over Ben

Regner at 3:13.

The Wolves won three of their matches by major decisions, posting four points each for the team. Hanselman (125) had a 15-5 major decision over Conrad; Ian Wilson (160) won his match over Allen Martin, 13-4; and Noah Burt (171) won his match over Tyler Middleton, 14-4.

Nick LaCroix won his match over Rieley Brado in the 130-pound weight class, 6-2. Hemingsen (140) won his match 10-5 over Covos. Billette (145) won his match 4-0 over Dominic Worthington. Cameron Pass (215) won his match over Spencer Steward, 6-5.

Adam Sprague (103) and Jones (189) won their matches with voids.

The Wolves host the team regional meet on Wednesday and compete against Oxford in the semifinals at 5:30 p.m. The winner moves on to the finals against the Lake Orion /Troy winner.

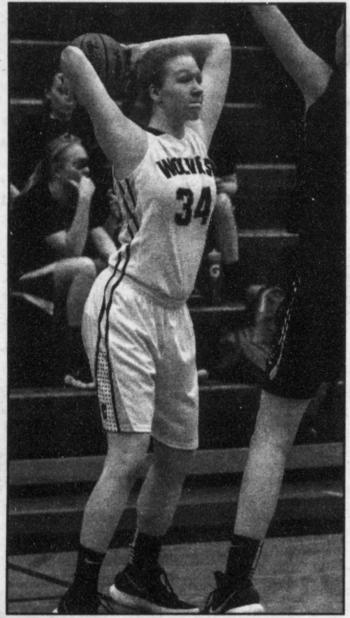
Clarkston hosts the regional individual meet on Saturday. The starting weight is 125 pounds.





The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team conquered Waterford Kettering for the district title. Photo provided





Molly Nicholson prepares to throw a high pass past a guard, Jan. 26. Photo by Larry Wright

Lessons learned from losses

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are looking forward to this week after two losses and a snow day.

"We are ready to rebound from our losses and have a big win," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Head Coach Christine Rogers.

The Wolves lost to Macomb Dakota on Feb. 6, 51-41.

"It was largely a game of runs," said Rogers. "They hit several deep threes in the first quarter. It had us down a dozen or so points early."

Clarkston cut into the lead by halftime and with less than two minutes left in the game had it tied up.

"In the last minute and a half, we had a couple of turnovers which led to fastbreak points for them we weren't able to counter," Rogers said. "We played great for 14 minutes in the second half, but the last 90 seconds hurt us."

Senior Kayla Luchenbach led the team with 16 points and senior Maddie Beck had 13 points.

They lost to Southfield Arts & Technology on Feb. 1, 47-36. Beck led with 14 points and four steals and senior Molly Nicholson had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

"We came out very well," said Rogers. "The girls were ready to run with Southfield and we opened up a lead. Southfield slowed it down to a half-court game and we had to battle the rest of the way. With Luchenbach out, we asked a couple of younger players to give us quality minutes and they did. But we missed the production Kayla has given us all season."

She added the losses will help the teams as they prepare for the postseason, which begins on Feb. 28 as Clarkston hosts Brandon in the district semifinals.

"It will keep us focused on the things we need to fix- like turnovers and rebounding," Rogers said. "We know what we need to do in close games, and we know what happens when we lose focus. No one on this team wants to lose again. They are competitors."

The Wolves head to Lake Orion on Thursday and aim to win a close game against their crosstown rivals.

They head to Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday. They are back home on Feb. 22 as they host Rochester Adams in their last game of the regular season. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



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Cheer team heads to district meet

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team finished the regular season with a second place finish at the Brandon Cheer Invitational on Saturday.

After competing in three rounds, they received a total score of 660.88 to solidify a second place finish. The team also won the Judges choice award for best facial expressions.

At the conclusion of the competition there were individual events. Of the nine teams competing, each one sent a representative for each event.

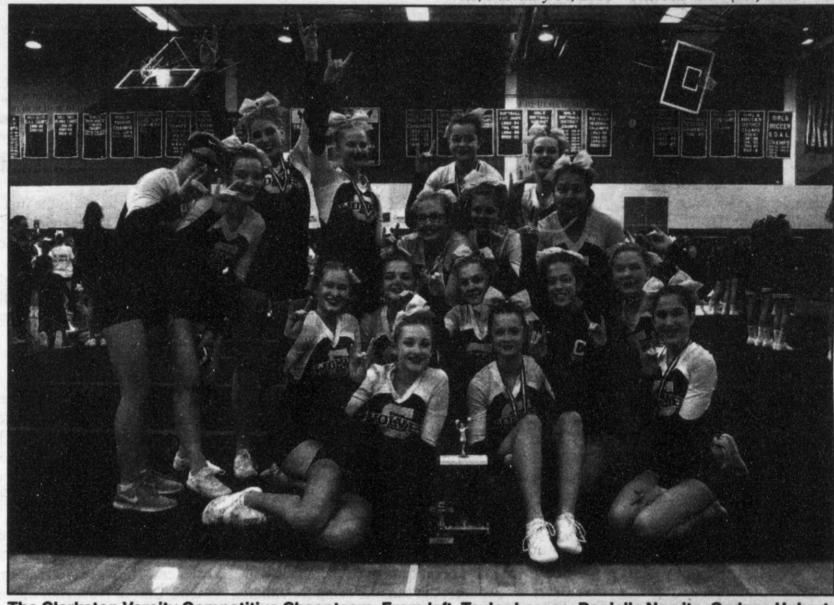
Team member Danielle Norrito was chosen to compete for Clarkston in the handstand contest in which she was able to win first place by staying in a handstand longer than any other competitor.

Team members Savannah McCue, Ashley Campbell, Jacquelyn Williams, Jersey McCullough and Sydnee Hubert-McLennan were chosen to compete in the lib war contest, where the flyer stands on one leg and holds the position while the bases hold her up in an extension. They received first place by holding this position longer than any other stunt group.

The Wolves head to the MHSAA Division 1 District 6 meet this Saturday at Grand Blanc High School.

They compete against Anchor Bay, Carman-Ainsworth, Grand Blanc, Lake Orion, Lapeer, Midland, Oxford, Port Huron, Romeo, Saginaw Heritage and Waterford Mott. The top four teams advance to the regional meet.

The competition begins at 11 a.m.



The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team. From left, Taylor Larose, Danielle Norrito, Sydnee Hubert-McLennan, Sasha West, Courtney Dick, Sydney Kroetsch, MaKayla Cunningham, Rebecca Winkler, Ashley Campbell, Anna Conforti, Odette Nava Acevedo, Elizabeth VanHeulen, Makinsie Godfrey, Jersey McCullough, Jacquelyn Williams, Savannah McCue and Kaitlyn Hyde. *Photo provided*

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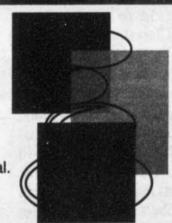
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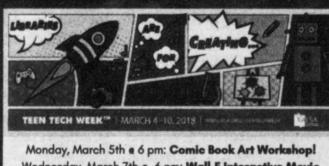
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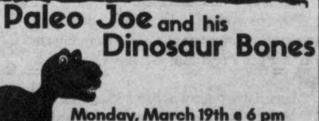
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Gregory Seaman, 68

Gregory S. Seaman of Clarkston passed away Feb. 5, 2018, at 68 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Sally for

45 years; dear father of Amy, Dr. Ryan (Laura), David, and Kyle Seaman; grandfather of Gabe, Jacob, and Abby; brother of Gloria (Randy) Moore and Gary Seaman; preceded in death by parents Elwood and Sylvia, and brothers, Jeff and John.



Greg was a teacher for Clarkston Schools and retired in 2004. He enjoyed reading, tending his rose garden, and most of all adored and loved his children.

A memorial service was Feb. 10 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Coats Funeral Home-Waterford. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the family or your charity of choice. To send a condolence, visitwww.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

Gwendolyn Wilton, 86

Gwendolyn L. Wilton, "Gwen," nee Anderson, of Clarkston passed away Feb. 8, 2018, at age 86.

She was the beloved wife of Richard

"Dick" for 62 years; cherished mother of Jan (Corey) Lawson and Matthew R. (Betty) Wilton Sr.; special mother of Shelly (Dale) Chapman; grandma of Matthew Wilton Jr., Sean Wilton, Richard Wilton, Katy Lawson and Kara Lawson; great



grandma of Evan and William; dear sister of Philip (Sharon) Anderson; loving aunt of Russell (Angie) Anderson and the late Christine Anderson; preceded in death by her sister in law Patricia Warner; like a mother to Carol Hendrix and Joy Wint Frick.

Gwen was born in Cadillac, Mich., in 1931. She was raised in Pontiac and graduated from Pontiac High School Class of 1949 where she was in the National Honor Society.

Gwen worked as a Dental Assistant for 10 years with Dr. Campbell/ Dr. Bell. Gwen worked several years as a book keeper for the Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home.

She also worked at the Great Midwestern Antique Emporium on Dixie Highway. Gwen was a Past President of the Clarkston Investes

Memorial Service was Feb. 13 at the Lewis

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Obituaries &:

Don Place helped build Clarkston community

By JOETTE KUNSE

Special to the Clarkston News

Don Place passed away last week. He was 87 years old and had suffered from dementia for the past three years. He was a citizen who provided vision for the Clarkston community and was known as a giver during his life.

Don Place moved to Clarkston over 50 years ago, making his home here with his wife Carolyn, and raising their children in the community.

Place was always active in the community with his membership in

the Clarkston Jaycees, Clarkston Civitan, and the many organizations he participated in.

SCAMP, the summer camp for children with disabilities, was co-founded by Place, with Robert Brumback, then Special Education Director of Clarkston Schools, and Jack Hunt, an activist for children with disabilities and a fellow Civitan member.

Place was the Assistant Director of Special Education at Oakland Schools, and had observed the SCAMP Camp in Bloomfield Hills.

He thought the North Oakland County area had a need for such a camp and through the leadership of the three men, Clarkston SCAMP was formed.

Many other people have worked to continue the camp over the years, but it was the insight of Place and his co-founders to create such a camp for children and parents.

Place's vision that Clarkston could offer a helping hand to residents who were experiencing tough times became a reality in the early 1970s.

From that vision, Independence Center was formed in the historic Presbyterian Church on Maybee Road. Independence Center's mission was "people helping people help themselves."

After renovating and painting the church with the support of the Clarkston Jaycees, of which he was a member, the building housed a food pantry, clothes closet, counseling offices, and Youth Assistance. The center provided vaccinations, Oakland County Health Services and served as a public meeting room.

Don Place served as the first chairman of the Board of Independence Center. The center later joined became a branch Lighthouse North in the 1990s.

Place received his Bachelors of Arts from New York State University at Potsdam, New York. He was awarded a full fellowship at Syracuse University for his Masters in Special Education.

Place went on mission trips to Chili and Kentucky, working at schools and churches to rebuild them and minister with the community, as a member of the Clarkston Free Methodist Church, now Waypoint Church.

Place loved the outdoors and was an active instructor in Project Wild and other outdoor education programs.

He and his wife rafted down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon and took trips overseas. He was an officer in the Detroit Metro Unit of Airstream International and traveled the United States with the Airstream clubs.

Don Place had an interest in wood carving and learned the skill. He made many ducks and geese for family members.

Place had a great love for music. He had played his saxophone in his high school band. He played throughout his life and into his 80s with bands at the Senior Center and the Traveler's Rest band in Florida.

Don Place was a community member you could count on to take an idea and have it come to fruition. He would share his time and talents with his family and friends as well as the community to add a needed service or provide a place for kids to learn and have fun. He helped make Clarkston a better place to live.

Funeral services were held on Feb. 7, 2018 for Place.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carolyn Place, daughters Elizabeth (Carlos) Merriweather and Jennifer Place (David Knaggs) and son, Derek Place, four grandchildren Brenton (Jennifer) Place, Sarah (Bill) Sutterfield, Robert Jamieson, Kaylin Place and great grandchildren Camden Place and Charlotte Sutterfield. Brother to George (Joyce) Place and Lola Mumbulo, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Donald Place's name may be made to Clarkston Independence District Library and Waypoint Church.

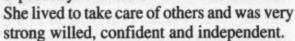
Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Andrea Louise Benscoter, 70

Andrea Louise Benscoter, long-time resident of Waterford, passed away peacefully Feb. 5, 2018, at Drake Wood Manor at age 70.

Andrea worked many years as a supervisor at General Motors in Waterford until suffering a brain aneurysm in 1995.

She loved spending time with family. Andrea enjoyed holidays, especially Christmas.



She was preceded in death by parents, Burman and Eleanor Benscoter, and sister, Karen Koker. She was the sister of Kathy (David) Pennybacker; aunt of Teri (Terry) Jones, Julie (Jerry) Smiley, Brian Hoadley, Jennifer (Kevin) Marrocco and Heather (Ryan) McDaniel; great aunt of Kelly, Dominic, Alexander, Ethan and Emilee.

Funeral Service was Feb. 9 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimers Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

In our local churches...

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

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

Sunday Night Youth Group, games, snacks, etc., 6 p.m.; devotion time, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

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

Bible Study by the Fire for adults and older youth, October-May, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469.

Cove gatherings for teens, grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waypoint Church, 8400 Dixie Highway. 248-623-1224.

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



Bowlers roll wins

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team defeated North Farmington on Feb. 5, 24-6. Sean Furness led the team with games of 201 and 215 with a 416 series. Drew Sagowitz shot a 213 and 196 for a 409 series. Jake Phelps shot a 213 game, Justin Evans shot a 212, and Leo Chasse shot a 204.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team defeated North Farmington, 18-12. Hannah Turk led the team with a 448 series with games of 237 and 211. Ashley Elinski shot her personal best game of 233 and 174 for a 407 series.

The Clarkston Boys JV Bowling team defeated North Farmington, 28-2. Cale Herzenstiel led the team with games of 213 and 209 for a 422 series. Drew Clayton had games of 193 and 190 for a 383 series. Andrew Bradford had a game of 219; Josh Boyd had a game of 203; and Devin Tyus had a game of 200.

The three teams defeated Royal Oak on Thursday, Feb. 8. The boys varsity team won their match, 28-2. Sagowitz led the team with a 406 series with games of 223 and 183. Evans shot a 210 and 191 for a 401 series. Chasse had a 211 game and Phelps had a 184 game.

The girls won their meet, 30-0. Reagan Barker had good games of 187 and 189 for a 376 series. Angelina Stowers had a game of 190 and Turk had a game of 208.

"We had a really good day," said Jim Turk, girls head coach.

The boys JV team won their match, 29-1. Tim O'Daniel led with a 425 series with games of 233 and 192. Clayton had games of 219 and 176 for a 395 series. Boyd had games of 189 and 171 for a 358 series. The Wolves opened the week on Monday against Troy.

Learn about local waterways, collect scientific data

Clinton River Watershed Council hosts Basic Volunteer Training on April 5, 6-9 p.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church 6600 Waldon Road.

The Clinton River Watershed Council's Adopt-a-Stream program is volunteer based and trains community members to protect local streams and rivers by monitoring their health. After attending the training session, volunteers are teamed up and assigned to a site based on the participants' preference.

They are then supplied with the necessary equipment and are sent out to gather information on physical characteristics and macroinvertebrate, AKA aquatic bugs, populations. Twice a year, May and October, teams of trained volunteers visit their adoption site and collect data.

County agencies, more than 70 municipalities and non-profit conservation groups in the watershed develop and implement plans to maintain and improve the health of the waterways. Many of these agencies and non-profits don't have the staff or funds to continuously monitor each body of water without local community assistance. Registration is required. Contact the CRWC office at 248-601-0606 or e-mail registration@crwc.org. All volunteers must be registered at least 24 hours prior to their desired training date.

The Clinton River watershed covers 760 square miles through four counties, Macomb, Oakland, Lapeer, and St. Clair. Over 1.5 million people live in the 63 communities through which the Clinton River flows before reaching Lake St. Clair. CRWC is a non-profit organization that protects, enhances, and celebrates the Clinton River, its watershed, and Lake St. Clair. The land that drains into the Clinton River covers 760 square miles and includes over 1,000 miles of streams in addition to the 80-mile-long main branch.



Volunteers check the health of a river. Photo provided

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Vicki Auch, office manager of the Clarkston News, shovels the front sidewalk on Main Street. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

Winter still packing wallop

Winter weather wiped out many activities last week, included classes at Clarkston Communty Schools on Friday and Monday, as well as two hockey games on Friday and Saturday, which were scheduled to be in Kalamazoo.

This week was forecast to be much milder, with temperatures into the 40s.



Snow every day this past weekend required lots of shoveling.

Partnerships for student success

Editor's Note: On Jan. 15, the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education announced the resignation of Dr. Rod Rock, and the approval of Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan as the district's interim superintendent. In his more than 20 year career with Clarkston Community Schools, Ryan has proven himself to be an extraordinary educator and leader.

We often tell our students that learning is not a straight path, with a set beginning and end. Rather, it's a lifelong spiral, with many opportunities to enrich our understanding and deepen our knowledge. Words from

This is how we grow. The new year finds us in the Sup't the midst of an unforeseen leadership transition, and reeling from the heartbreaking loss of one of our high school students. In the past several weeks, I have asked myself (and have been asked by many of you), "what's next for Clarkston Community Schools?" The Shawn Ryan



conversations I have had with my team, with parents, with students, and with Clarkston residents, it's clear to me that "what's next" must be growth.

We grow from life experiences, whether we have worked hard to cultivate those experiences or they just knocked on our door one day. We grow whether we had hoped and dreamed for a certain thing to occur, or we wish it had never happened at all. Opportunity, adversity, it's all part of our growth as human beings, and the learning that occurs as a result of these experiences is valuable. Our schools and our community must lean in, and grow from our present circumstances.

Supporting the social-emotional well-being of our students is our primary focus right now.

We must expand our understanding and knowledge of what children need to be healthy, resilient, and ready to cope with whatever may arise in their complex lives, and ensure our learning environment supports those things.

Last week, I met with the leadership of Easterseals of Michigan, student services administrators with Oakland Schools, Clarkston for Life, and others to open up some important dialogue about how we can grow in the area of student well-being. Our people have always been our strength. To that end...

All faculty and staff will be trained and equipped with "mental first-aid" resources to be better able to recognize and respond to warning signs of student distress. We will also look for curriculum links to support selfawareness and emotional well-being.

We will work with students to help them better understand and navigate their own emotional health. We will educate students on the science of anxiety, and techniques for

reducing anxiety. We will listen to students and involve them in conversations about how we can better serve them in this area. We will examine our learning environment and allow for more "stress-free" spaces where students can talk with a trusted staff member. We will strengthen our culture of kindness, and connectedness.

Parents will be engaged as active participants in improving the emotional well-being of our students so that thoughtful, age-appropriate support in this area can be applied at home.

We will also reach out to our community to partner with local youth advocates (like the Clarkston Area Optimists and CAYA), as well as faith-based organizations.

Fortunately, we are not starting from ground zero. Clarkston Community Schools adopted a "whole child" approach to learning years ago to ensure that each student is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged.

Did you know that we are the only district in Oakland County to have an Administrator for Student Growth and Well-Being? Staci Puzio's sole responsibility in this capacity is to look for ways we can address the social, emotional, and physical well-being of our students as important facet of their learning and development. She oversees the way our district carries out the whole child approach in the classroom, educates our staff in traumainformed practices, social justice matters, and more.

We've already done a lot of important work in the area of student well-being, but our learning must continue to expand and evolve. We must nurture a caring and supportive learning environment, where every student is respected, valued, and celebrated.

I look forward to this important work, but I can't do it alone. I encourage you to get involved in our school community and in the lives of Clarkston's kids!

Whether you're a Clarkston Schools parent or not, your connections with our students are priceless and your presence in our schools is welcomed! Attend a board meeting and hear what's happening in the dis-

Come to a game or a performance (if you're 60 or older, you can stop by the Board Office and pick up a free "senior gold card" to get in to all of our student events free of charge)! Be a part of our new "Reach Out and Read" program by volunteering to listen to young readers practice their skills.

Or, consider a part-time job with the schools. We have several openings in our school buildings and our transportation department that might be a perfect fit for you. There are limitless ways to get involved.

Perhaps the easiest, and most important thing you can do to support Clarkston's kids is to simply see the good in each one of them, and offer them a smile.

Thanks in advance, Clarkston.



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Community achievements

Janelle Kristen Best, 29, executive director of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, was named to the 2018 Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 Under 40 class.

About 220 applications and nominations were reviewed by a panel of judges, looking for the top 40 young professionals and thought leaders who live or work in Oakland County. The 40 honorees have achieved excellence in their field and contributed to the quality of life in their communities.



"We are fortunate to have so many talented and passionate leaders who are committed to improving their professions and their communities every day," County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "This is an outstanding class and wonderful ambassadors for Oakland County."

Best is a Clarkston native. She graduated from Clarkston High School and went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in Fine Arts. After graduating, she procured a job in Business Development at MeridianRx. Here, she focused on growing the provider network by contracting and credentialing pharmacies all over the United States. She specialized in negotiating contracts with pharmaceutical companies to obtain discounts for the company, saving them significant funds each quarter.

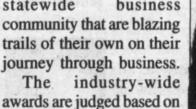
Best began working at the chamber in 2013 as the economic and workforce development coordinator. She became executive director in 2015

Terry Beltran, president of Beltran Media, won the Best of MichBusiness award in the Community Leader category for 2017.

This award is part of the 4th Annual Best of MichBusiness Milestone Series that

honors and celebrates the Best throughout the statewide business community that are blazing trails of their own on their journey through business.

past year's growth,





Beltran

community impact, and industry impact in Michigan and around the

Since 2004, she has been chairwoman of Automation Alley Great Lakes Internet Marketing Association and President in 2007 of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs. She designed monthly Hispanic employee development events that included Unidos Ganamos, a networking even for both Hispanic professionals and business owners.



Township I mes

Taxes: A Five Letter Word

By Patrick Kittle, **Independence Supervisor**

One of the most frequently asked questions we get at Township Hall is:

"Where do my tax dollars go?"

To help answer this question, we put a new chart together to explain how taxes are generated and where your tax dollars are spent for an average priced

Township Supervisor **Pat Kittle**

home in Independence. In this example, we looked at a primary residence Independence Township with a 2017 average market value of \$271,246 and a taxable value of \$106,434. The taxable value of this residence generates an annual property tax bill of \$3,362 that is collected

by the Township in two installments: Summer and Winter Tax Bills.

Of the \$3,362 annual property tax amount, \$1,031 is the Winter Tax portion and covers the following items: \$822 for Township Operations (7.7257 mils), \$80 to cover the Zoo Authority (.0980 mils), Art Institute (.1961 mils), Oakland County Parks and Recreation (.2368 mils) and the Huron Clinton Metro Authority (.2140 mils), plus \$129 for the Clarkston District Library (1.2149 mils).

The Summer Tax Bill is the big one, and that is mainly to provide for the schools - both local and county - and Oakland County Operations. In our example, the Summer Tax Bill would be \$2,331 and covers the following items: Clarkston School Debt (7.000 mils), State Education Tax (6.000 mils), Oakland Community College (1.5555 mils), Oakland Intermediate Schools (3.3079) mils) and Oakland County Operations (4.0400 mils).

If your Independence property is not

WHERE DO MY **TAX DOLLARS GO?**



THE AVERAGE 2017 MARKET VALUE OF A TOWNSHIP RESIDENCE IS \$271,246, HAS A TAXABLE VALUE OF \$106,434 AND GENERATES A COMBINED SUMMER AND WINTER PROPERTY TAX BILL OF \$3,362.

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Infrastructure

\$14.73 / 13.9%

HR & Legal

\$5.09 / 4.8%

your primary residence, that is, is not eligible for the Homestead Exemption, the

school millage would increase by 18.000

\$11.45/10.8%

mils, an additional \$1,915.

\$2.01 / 1.9%

what drives your tax bill, visit the Township website WWW.INDTWP.COM and click on the PROPERTY & TAX If you would like the exact detail of INFORMATION tab. At the top of the

\$3.71 / 3.5%

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* Building Dept costs are covered with fees

page under the Township banner, in the Search by Address line, enter your home address and click SEARCH. Find your name and address in the box provided. Click on your name and your property information will appear. Click on the tab titled TAX INFORMATION and your complete tax history will be provided with full detailed breakdown going back to the year 2000. You can also review your utility bills here.

An interesting side-note about taxes: In 2014 we ran a similar story on taxes in the Township Times. In 2014 the average market value of a home was \$212,344. In 2017, the average market value of a home was \$271,246, a 22% increase in the average market value of a residence. In 2014 the taxable value of the average home in the Township was \$106,172. In 2017 this value is \$106,434 — less than a 1% increase.

Why the big jump in market value (22%) and a less than 1% jump in taxable value?

The reason is twofold: 1) Proposal A has capped the increase in taxable value by 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. 2) The Headlee Amendment forced millages to roll back if home values increased by more than inflation. While this is great news for property owners, the Township has been fortunate to have these millage rollbacks offset by growth in the community (new residential and commercial projects) and uncapping (when properties are transferred or sold), allowing the Township to keep up with increasing costs and long overdue capital improvements.

If you have any questions about your taxes, contact the Treasurer's Office at 248-625-5115. We will be happy to address any concerns you may have.

It's that time of year again

By Pat Kittle

Independence Supervisor

Every year about this time my phone and email start to blow-up from irate residents concerned about the growing number and severity of potholes in the Township and why aren't the officials in Independence Township doing more to fix them.

Ya gotta trust me on this when I say I get just as upset as you when I hit a pot hole and it costs me around a grand for a new rim and tire on my wife's little BMW. To clear up any misunderstanding about Township roads, we reached out to the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) to help explain their role in maintaining county roads, how the RCOC gets funded, the impact of the newly increased tax on gas and diesel fuel and concerns going forward. According to the Road Commission for Oakland County:

"In Michigan, all roads fall under one of three levels of jurisdiction: state, county or local (city or village). According to state law, townships in Michigan do not have jurisdiction over roads. All roads in townships are either county roads – under the jurisdiction of RCOC in Oakland County – or state highways.

State highways are owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and include all roads with an "T", "M" or "US" in the name, such as I-75, M-15 (Ortonville Road) and US-24 (Dixie Highway). In Oakland County, the Road Commission performs routine maintenance on state highways under contract with MDOT – this includes plowing/salting and pothole patching.

That means RCOC maintains all the roads in Independence Township—whether they are state highways or county roads. It also means township residents' property taxes do not pay for the roads. Rather, in Michigan, the largest source of road funding is the state-collected gas and diesel taxes and vehicle registration fees (also known as license-plate fees). Those taxes provide RCOC's operating income, which is the money used to maintain the roads.

The good news is that in 2015, the Michigan Legislature enacted a road-funding increase, which raised the gas and diesel tax rates and the vehicle-registration fee. The new revenue from those increases began to come in on Jan. 1, 2017. The Legislature also promised to move \$600 million annually from the state General Fund to Michigan's road agencies. This State General Fund money will be phased in over three years starting 2019. Some observers are concerned that



the state Legislature could redirect all or some of those funds if there are other needs competing for those dollars.

RCOC has committed to putting the bulk of new road dollars into improving the surface of its paved roads. This began in 2017, when more than 40 miles of roads were repayed. A similar amount of work is planned for 2018 and in subsequent years. Meanwhile, the Road Commission continues its near daily onslaught on potholes. Unfortunately, due to Michigan's decades-long road-funding crisis, many RCOC roads remain in poor condition. These roads are particularly susceptible to potholes. As a result, when RCOC's crews are not plowing or salting the roads during the winter, they are most often patching potholes.

However, the Road Commission welcomes reports of potholes from the public since RCOC staff can't be everywhere at once, the agency also relies on reports from the public to identify problem locations. To report a pothole, call RCOC at 877-858-4804; file a report on the RCOC website, www.rcocweb.org (click on "Report an Issue"); or use the RCOC app, which is available for free at Google or Apple app stores."

So in closing, please don't get me wrong, I really do enjoy talking to anyone calling my office on almost any subject. But calling my office about a pothole will just add time to getting the problem resolved vs. contacting the RCOC direct. Please use the tools made available by the RCOC to report a pothole or any unsafe road condition for the fastest results. This is the same process I use when someone lets me know about an unsafe road condition. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Winter Tax payments due

The deadline to pay the winter 2017 taxes is fast approaching. The last day to pay your winter taxes without penalty is February 14th. We do accept U.S. Postal postmarks provided we receive the payment no later than February 21, 2017.

Also, please remember that any 2017 taxes unpaid as of March 1st can no longer be paid at the Township but must be paid to the Oakland County Treasurer. We will be sending out reminders on February 16 to all residents with unpaid balances for

either Summer or Winter taxes.

For residents preparing for their personal income tax returns, if you need to verify when your taxes were paid, the information is available on the Township's website showing amounts and dates paid. If you need assistance finding this information, we're happy to assist.

You can call us at 248-625-5115 or email treasurer@indtwp.com to request the information via email.

-- Paul Brown

Streamlining meetings LIVE!

Due to requests from our residents, the Township has authorized Independence Television to stream the Township Board of Trustee meetings live on YouTube. To access the live stream, follow these steps:

- 1. Go to www.indtwp.com
- 2. Click "Departments"
- 3. Click "Independence Television"
- 4. Click on "Township Board of Trustees Meeting Live" (This will take you directly to the correct YouTube Channel)
- 5. Click on the video (which will appear a minimum of 5 minutes prior to the start of the meeting).

If you cannot watch the Board of

Trustee meetings live or during the regular scheduled meeting times, you may still watch them at your convenience using our Video on Demand (VOD) service.

follow these steps:

- 1. Go to www.indtwp.com
- 2. Click "Departments"
- 3. Click "Independence Television"
- 4. Click "Channel Schedules and Current Programs On-Demand"
- 5. Under "Channel 20 Government" click "Click Here"
- 6. Then simply search for the meeting by typing in the search bar using the meeting name and or date (ex. 1/9/18).

New river safe, lake safe program

The RiverSafe LakeSafe program is a public education campaign aiming to raise awareness and recognize those who incorporate practices to keep our freshwater resources clean and healthy.

- The program promotes ways of performing common household tasks in a way that protects water quality in the Clinton River Watershed.
- The program consists of a survey which will help to identify areas of everyday life that impact our local water quality. Take the survey and see if you are RiverSafe LakeSafe. If you qualify, you can become self certified and recognized by the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC).
- A complimentary plaque is available to all individuals recognized as RiverSafe LakeSafe by the CRWC.

How it Works

Visit the CRWC website at: www.crwc.org/riversafe-lakesafe to take the survey. If you can answer "Already Do", or "Pledge to Do" for every question you are qualified to be RiverSafe LakeSafe!

- Surveys will be reviewed within 14 days of submission.
- Once qualified, residents and businesses within the Clinton River Watershed will receive the official RiverSafe LakeSafe sign to put in your yard, garden, or next to a river or lake on your property.
- Plaques will be received within 30 days of survey completion.
- Plaques can be mailed to the household or can be picked up at the office during business hours.

For more information on this program, please contact Eric Diesing at the CRWC at 248-601-0606 or eric@crwc.org.

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

By Paul Brown, **Independence Treasurer**

All humor aside, I thought I'd provide the historical background as to why Michigan and most other states require dogs to be licensed. The primary reason is the prevention of the Rabies virus. Rabies causes tens of thousands of deaths Paul Brown,

each year worldwide. Township The vast majority of Treasurer these cases are the result of dog bites in countries where dogs are not commonly vaccinated. Once rabies symptoms appear in humans, the end result is almost always death.

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

vaccinations and to be licensed annually.

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

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

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

Dog Licenses Details

The State of Michigan requires ALL dogs over 4 months to be current with rabies vaccine and to have a Michigan dog license. Failure to comply may result



in a misdemeanor ticket. You may purchase a one or three-year dog license. (three-year license provides a discount)

A license must be purchased within 30 days of:

- Purchasing or acquiring a new
- A puppy turning 4 months of age
- Becoming a Michigan resident
- The expiration date of the prior license. Licenses expire on December 31 of each year.

Fees: (cash or checks only)

- Spayed/Neutered \$10.50 (documentation required)
- Senior Citizen* \$9.75
- Male/Female \$18.00
- Senior Citizen* \$16.50
- After June 1 all licenses are \$33.00.

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

2018 focus items to provide 'best services'

Scorecard with you. Same six managing your hard-earned tax buckets focusing on Communications, Fiscal Responsibility, Operations, Economic Growth, Community and Infrastructure. Same Mission Statement as when we were first elected in 2012.

To provide the "best services" at the "lowest cost" to encourage both current and future residents and businesses to want to live, work, play and invest in our community. While many of the specific elements within the buckets have changed, our #1

Thought I'd share my 2018 priority has never wavered ... dollars like it was our money.

> And being the glutton for punishment that I am, getting a new hospital is still on my goals after being told NO more often than a normal person would put up with.

Why?

The reason is simple. The 40,000 residents in this community deserve better than a 35-minute ambulance ride to a trauma level emergency center when they are really in distress. -- Pat

-- 2018 Supervisors Scorecard --

Communications: Fiscal Responsibility: **Operations** + REU Water & Sewer Audit + Monthly Township Times + 3 Year Budget Plan + North Sashabaw Capital Bond + Stream Board Meetings + DPW Garage Renovation + Weekly Department Meetings + North Sashabaw Utility SAD + Exceed State Water Stds + Document Mgt Migration + Neighborhood HOA Meetings + Evaluate / Bid Services + Service Group Presentations + Flow vs Flat Rate Sewer Study + Replace Boardroom AV Equip.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Economic Growth	Community	Infrastructure
+ Sashabaw Corridor	+ 3 New 4X4 Ambulances	+ North Sashabaw Widening
+ North Dixie Corridor	+ Miracle League Ball Diamond	+ North Sashabaw Utilities
+ Residential Expansion	+ Day Camp & ADA Rest Rooms	+ Lakeview Columbarium
+ Medical Expansion / Hospital	+ New Spray Park	+ Repair "CODE RED" Sewers
+ Big Lake Light Realignment	+ Renew 4 Baseball Diamonds	+ Video 5+ Miles Sewer Line



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

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

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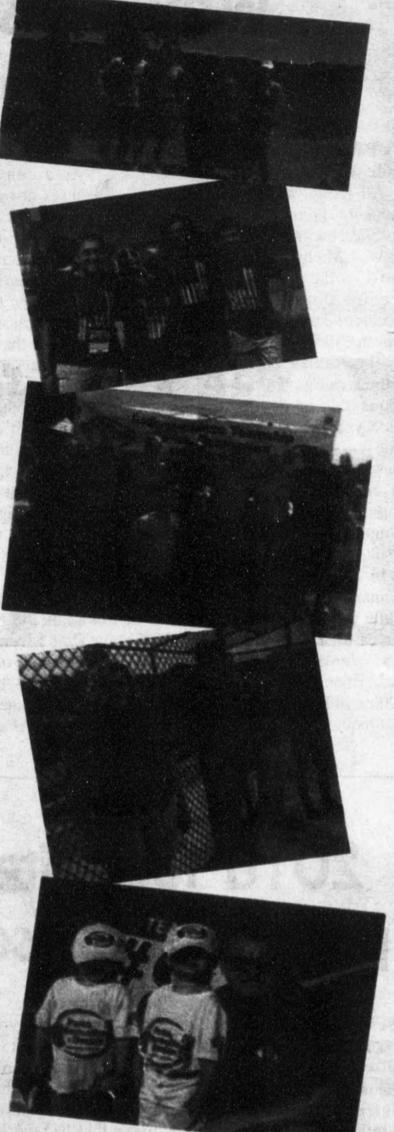
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It's Macarena time with dad. Photos by Brenda Dominock



Guests doing the "chicken dance."



Food hostesses Karli Keilitz, at left, and Jaclyn Marra



Dads and their princesses grab some tasty snacks

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Interim Superintendent Shawn Ryan with his daughters, from left, Ellyson and Evan.

Dance with daddy

Continued from page 1 classic dance songs like "YMCA," "The Chicken Dance," and "Macarena," as well as some song requests.

Danielle Wescott, Clarkston mom and employee for Clarkston Community Education, was happy about the turnout this year, just as it has been in previous years.

"The 4 o'clock (dance) sold out pretty quickly and we can fit 750 people, so that's couples, daddy's and daughters," she said. "The 7 o'clock, I don't believe sold out, but yeah it's a really big dance. Four o'clock tends to sell out first because they like to go out to dinner afterwards."

The dads and girls also had their picture taken and will receive a free 4x5 photograph as a souvenir. Chris and daughter Lilliana had a sweet cuddle moment after dancing.

"This is our first daddy/daughter dance, and she's danced out right now," Chris said.

Shawn Ryan and his daughters Evan and Ellyson were all smiles in their elegant dresses, which also color coordinated with their dad.

· Facial Injectables/Botox



Annaliese Dunlap and her father, David Dunlap. Her grandfather, Jerry Calow, wrote the song, "Papa Daddy" when she was about 3 years old.

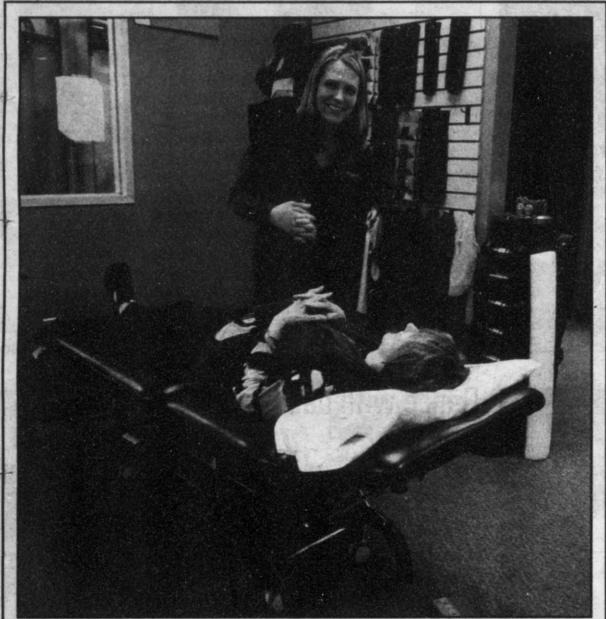




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Physical Therapist Sheri Altenburg is hard at work in downtown Clarkston, assisting patient Margot Nalley, a Clarkston newcomer, with leg stretches at Fitness Quest Training and Nutrition Center. Photo by Brenda Dominick





Students achieve success

Elaina Braunschweig of Clarkston was named to Albion College's Dean's List for the sixth time. Braunschweig is majoring in German and economics and management and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. She is the daughter of Doug and Pam Braunschweig of Clarkston and a graduate of Clarkston High School.

Zachary Brueck of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List for the fifth time. Brueck is majoring in English, creative writing emphasis, and is a member of the Prentiss M. Brown Honors Program. He is the son of John and Veronica Brueck of Davisburg and a CHS graduate.

Clarkston student Adrianna Fay was named to the Dean's List for the third time. Fay is majoring in psychology and is minoring in sociology with a concentration in human services.

Mitchell McCord was named to the Dean's List for the fifth time. McCord is majoring in finance and is minoring in business and organizations and German. He is the son of Mark and Linda McCeord of Clarkston and a CHS graduate.

Sophie Neale was named to the Dean's List for the first time. Neale is a first-year student at Albion College. She is the daughter of Simon and Vanessa Neale of Davisburg and CHS grad.

Davenport University announced Jacob Hodges of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List, achieving a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

Clarkston students Philip Ariganello and Brock Schultz were named to the Davenport University President's List for the Fall 2017 Semester. To achieve recognition, a student must maintain a minimum 3.8 grade point average while enrolled in at least nine credits of regular coursework.

Kersten Engle of Clarkston has earned dean's list honors for the fall 2017 semester at Mount St. Mary's University.

Emily Stegmeyer of Clarkston was named to the Miami University fall 2017 president's list. Stegmeyer is earning a B.S. in Education majoring in Early Childhood Education. Students ranked in the top three percent of undergraduate students within each division for first semester 2017-18 were named to the president's list.

Miami University dean's list of students ranked in the top 20 percent of undergraduate students within each division for first semester 2017-18 include Clarkston residents Delaney Brown, Raegan Kerr, Phoebe Morris, Amber Hallmann, and Emily Stegmeyer.

Clarkston students named to the University of Dayton fall 2017 dean's list for achieving a minimum 3.5 GPA for the semester

include Anna Madison and Mary Riss.

Lake Erie College's Eric Ward of Clarkston has been named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List, achieving a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Melanie Aguayo of Clarkston was named to the Dean's List at Ashland University for the fall 2017 semester.

Aguayo is majoring in marketing, and is a 2014 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Students named to the Northern Michigan University Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester include Jenna Lee of Clarkston, with a grade point average of 4.00; and, with GPAs of 3.50-3.99, Clarkston residents Daniel Arpoika, Angelica Bogden, Alicia Curry, Morgan Dellowe, Kelsey Hibbard, Sadie Knill, Jacob Knotts, Olivia Nickola, Hannah Seaman, and McKenzie Shepherd, and Katelyn Sparzynski of Davisburg.

Marisa Johnson, 2017 Clarkston High School graduate, was named to the Fall 2017 Western Michigan University Dean's List.

The University of Alabama 2017 fall semester President's List, with an academic record of 4.0, all A's, include Clarkston students Erin McNeil and Mackenzie Sowers, and on the Dean's List with an academic record of 3.5 or above, Katrina Waelchli of Clarkston.

Haile Clifton of Clarkston was named to the Loyola University Chicago Dean's List for the Fall 2017 semester. The Dean's List recognizes students with GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Andrew Ross of Clarkston has been named to the Cedarville University Dean's Honor List for fall semester, 2017. Students achieving this recognition maintain a 3.75 GPA for the semester while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours.

Noah Predoehl of Clarkston has been named to the Deans' List/Explore Center List of Distinguished Students at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2017-18 academic year.

Predoehl, a senior mechanical engineering major, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Engineering.

Alex Komatz of Clarkston was named to the Capital University Provost's List for the fall 2017 semester. To be named to the Provost's List, full-time, degree-seeking students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.70.

Clarkston students Haley Daugherty and Emma Tomaszewski were named to the Alma College Dean's List during the 2017 Fall Term. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term.

The Clarkston News' Vilstream News

Dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

Author turns to childhood for inspiration

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Terra Kern's first book features a main character close to her heart.

"Jenna is me. Everything she goes through is an incident from my childhood," said Kern of Clarkston.

Her book "Here Comes Little Jenna Jafferty" is about an adventuresome and curious young girl doing her best to be a good and helpful child, though her antics sometimes end with questionable results.

"Her adventures mirror my own childhood. I was quite the character, always getting into sticky situations, very stubborn and curious," she said. "It was a lot of fun writing

One chapter is about Jenna being impatient to go see "Mary Poppins" at the theater, so she puts the car into reverse and knocks over a fence.

"Did it happen? Oh yeah, it sure did," Kern said. "Everything Jenna goes through is an incident from my childhood."

Another is about a fishing trip where she gets into a carton of worms, drops one, "plop" into the water, then jumps in after it without knowing how to swim.

The book also features Jenna emptying a bear-shaped bottle of honey for use as a piggy bank, going to a carnival funhouse, fishing with her father and getting bitten by a pike, which she calls "alligator fish," and looking at a painting of a sad puppy.

"She sits and stares at it and bawls her eyes out. She feels that puppy's pain," Kern said. "It ends with mom holding and rocking her. All of these really happened. We were quite the characters."

She moved to Clarkston with her husband Bill Kern three years ago from the Lake Orion, Oxford area.

"I have an uncle who lives in Clarkston. It's a beautiful area," Terra said. "We found a house that fits all the specifications we were looking for and we jumped on it."

She's the middle child of three, with siblings Tammy and Tony, and is a graduate of Oxford High School. Jenna's siblings Janine and Jason also share the same first letter.

"It's a thing my grandmother started, with her children Dolly (Terra's mother) and David," Terra said.

It's a tradition Terra and Bill continued with their children Brooke, Bethany, and

Terra Kern's new book shares stories from her childhood. Photo by Phil Custodio

Brandon. They have seven grandchildren, but their names start with different letters.

"My daughters dropped the ball," Terra

This is her first published book, though she has written all her life.

"As a little girl, I was asked what I wanted to be. I always wanted to be a children's author," she said. "But then life happened."

She married, raised a family, and worked in the medical field for 50 years until she retired.

Bored with retirement, she took a part time job at the Lake Orion Kmart but injured her back about three years ago, which required surgery.

"While I was down, I decided, you know what, I'm going to write," she said. "There wasn't much else I could do."

With three children and seven grandchildren, and experience as a Sunday school teacher and public school parapro, she decided to write a book for children.

"They always say, write about what you know, and I know children," she said. + "Children like to have books read over and over, so I wanted to make it fun to read with a lot of humor parents will understand as well."

She has always shared stories of her childhood with family and friends, and they would say, 'you should get that published," she said.

She researched how to set up a manuscript, and formatted and submitted her book publication.

"I told myself, 'don't take rejection personally.' When I had a tough enough skin, I sent it in," she said.

She received five rejection letters before Covenant Books of South Carolina called to say they wanted to publish the book.

"Writing is therapeutic. When I was writing. I was sharing memories with my brother and sister," she said. "It was like mom and dad were still there."

The story is set in the 1960s before tablets, DVDs, electronic devices, mandatory seatbelts, and the loss of natural settings to explore.

"That was a lot of fun, sharing how much" toys are different from today, the TV shows and cartoons, toys we played with," she said. "I have received a lot of positive feedback. It's funny, cute, and charming.

The book came out in January and has sold out twice so far, she said.

"More are on the way," she said. "It has been a very exciting experience. I'm loving every minute of it.'

She hopes to write at least seven in a series of books for children. The manuscript for her second book is ready to go.

"I'm working on the blurb right now," she said. "I'm halfway through the third, and Jenna has not even started kindergarten yet."

Readers can purchase "Here Comes Little Jenna Jafferty" at local bookstores or online at the Apple iTunes store, Amazon, or Barnes and Noble.

Events

Mary Poppins, Clarkston High School Drama Club, Feb. 15-18, 7 p.m., Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center. Reserved seating, students/seniors \$13; adults, \$15.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, Feb. 22, 1-6:45 p.m., Springfield Township Fire Department, 10280 Rattalee Lake Road. 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

Wild Game Dinner, served by Sons of the American Legion Squadron 63, 6 p.m., Feb. 24, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$20; 50/50, gun raffle, multi-item raffle to support local veterans. Advance tickets, 248-625-9912.

Spring into Action for My Habitat Clarkston, 6-9 p.m., March 24, Bowman's Auto Center, 9603 Dixie Highway. Strolling dinner, silent auction, entertainment. \$50.

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.

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.

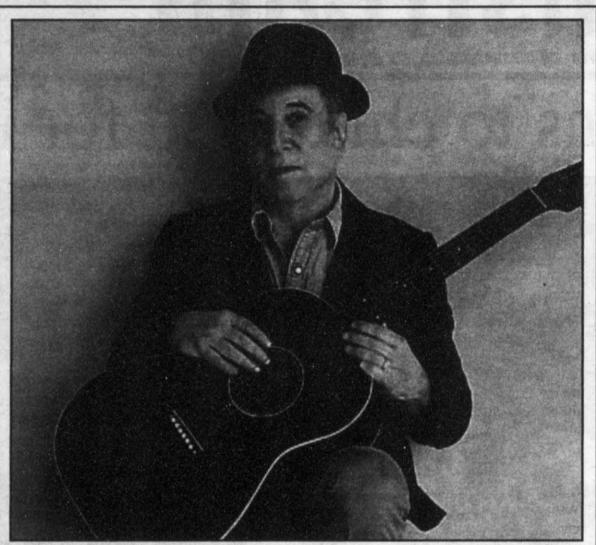
Grief Share, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

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

Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday,

Around Jown

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



Paul Simon brings his Homeward Bound – The Farewell Tour to DTE Energy Music Theatre on Sunday, June 10, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35/lawn and \$50, \$75, \$125, and \$175 in the pavilion, at 313Presents.com, LiveNation.com, the Fox Theatre and Little Caesars Arena XFINITY box offices and Ticketmaster.com. Call 800-745-3000.

6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

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

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

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

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

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 Meth-

Civic groups

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

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

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

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

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

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

odist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

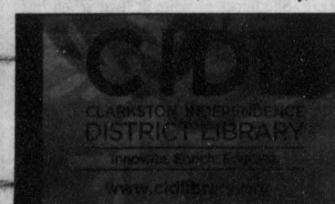
Coffee and Conversation, April 19, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, Clintonwood Park. \$1.

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

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

50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch.248-846-6558.

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-Please see Around Town on page 29



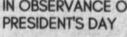
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Can you see the vision God offers?

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Pastor Jon

The Oxford English Dictionary defines "vision" as "The ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom. A mental image of what the future will or could be like."

There is a story in scripture of a man named Nehemiah. He was a Jew who lived in Persia at a time when his people had returned to their homeland after being in exile for many years. He wondered about his homeland and the city of Jerusalem, so he sent someone to inquire as to their condition. As a result, he learns that the city of Jerusalem is in ruins, the walls have been broken

down, and the city is defenseless.

This allows Israel's enemies to attack whenever they choose with little resistance from the Jews. So, even though they've returned home, they're not really safe. It's not a scenario worthy of God's chosen people.

So Nehemiah prays and asks God for His help in see-

ing the walls of Jerusalem rebuilt and the city restored. He wants Jerusalem to be a place that honors God, filled with people who worship the One true God.

He prays on behalf of his people, and asks God to grant him favor with the king. After all, he has the king's ear because he is the king's cupbearer.

As a result of the trust between Nehemiah and the king, his request is not only heard, but granted. The king authorizes Nehemiah to travel to his homeland, provides troops for his protection, letters to guarantee safe travel, and some materials to help in the reconstruction of Jerusalem.

When he arrived in Jerusalem, Nehemiah took some time to ride out at night and examine the city walls and gates for himself. After seeing the extent of the damage, he told the leaders and priests why he was there.

Nehemiah 2:17-18 (NIV) Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.", I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work.

What Nehemiah is really saying is this: "When you look around, you see broken down walls and burned gates, but I see new ones. And inside those walls is a beautiful city filled with safe, joyful people."

How did he see that? With the eyes of his heart! The Bible says we walk by faith, not by sight. This means that we have a vision not a physical kind - not of the way things are - but of the way they ought to be.

Here's something to try. Look around at

your life - your home, family, workplace, school, neighborhood, even our country and notice how things are, then imagine them a different way. Is this what my workplace, my school, or my home is supposed to be like? Is this what being a dad, a mom, a student, a grandma or grandpa is supposed to look like? Is this what my life is supposed to feel like?

I think that if you're honest with yourself, you'll probably find that not every area of your life looks just like it should. So a reasonable question would be, "How do I know what these things should look like? What should my vision for my life - my relationships - look like?"

It all starts in your mind. We need the mind of Christ. That will give us the perfect picture.

Philippians 2:5 (NIV) In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...

Romans 12:2 (NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will ishis good, pleasing and perfect will.

Doing the right thing follows thinking the right thoughts. And the opposite is true too. Wrong behavior always follows wrong think-

Vision is the driving force that will take us where we need to be. Not where my life is, but where God wants my life. People with no vision have no passion. They tend to be negative, and they're always telling you why something can't or shouldn't be done. They call themselves "realistic" but according to Nehemiah, "realistic" is what your eyes see in front of you - and God wants to take you far beyond reality! He wants to show you what He sees as possible.

Have you lost your vision? Do you accept your life, your marriage, your faith, your church or your country as they are right now with no hope of anything getting better? If that's you, then you've lost your vision.

See, the only thing worse than having less is settling for less as the norm. Don't settle. Don't settle for less than God's best!

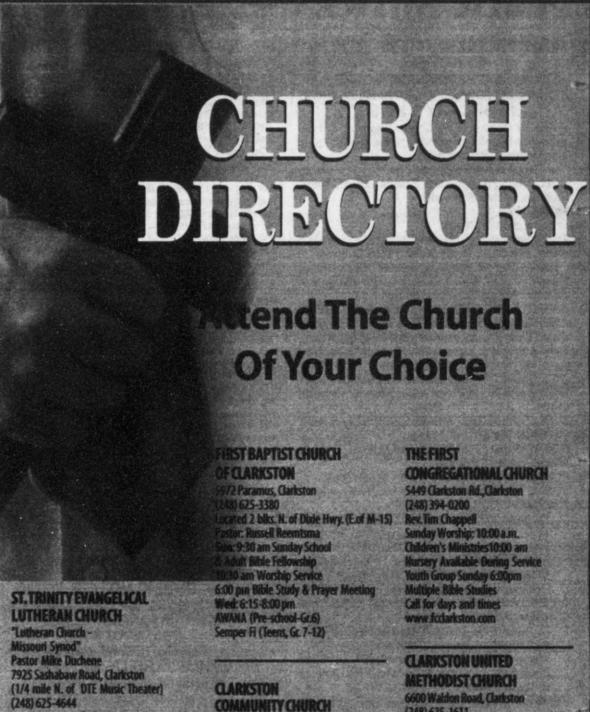
Paul Harvey once said, "A blind man is bound by the limits of his touch, and ignorant man is bound by the limits of his knowledge, a great man is bound only by the limits of his vision!"

If you read the rest of Nehemiah's story, you'll find that against all odds, Nehemiah and his people not only rebuilt the walls and the gates of Jerusalem, but they did it in 52 days!

I believe God is a big God who wants us to dream big and believe Him for big things for our churches, our families, and yes our nation - but most of all, for our relationship with Him.

So, What do you see?

Jon Grimshaw serves as pastor at Lakeview Community Church in Goodrich



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DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH 8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston (248) 625-2311 me of Springfield Christian Academy & Idren's Ark Preschool for: J. Todd Vanaman

248-625-3288 Pastor Jonathan A. Heierman CATHOLIC CHURCH 10 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston Lof M-15, S. of 1-75) 12:30 pm Come as you really are

KENSINGTON ONURCH 6595 Waldon Rd., Clarkston Website - www.kensingtonch gh School program, Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm

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WAYPOINT CHURCH 400 Dixie Rwy, Clarkston s 9:30-11:30 am Childrare provided Family Life Group 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm

CABLE BROADCAST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Clarkston CATV-10 Sun.200 pm, Thurs. 9:00 pm d CATV-10 Sun. 12:30 pm, unday 8:15 am & 11:00 am ST. TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL Phone: (248)620-6154 Email: sttrinityps@com

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **FEBRUARY 6, 2018**

A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given

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

Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Wendy Hillman, Finance Director; Mitch Petterson, Fire Chief; Derek Smith, PR&S Director Rick Yaeger, Budget and Operations Analyst.; Nancy Faught, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.; Steven Joppich,

Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by RELO-CATING Regular Business Item M-10, Request to Award Bids - Capital Improvement Bond Administrative Services and Approve 2018 Budget Amendment #4 AFTER Regular Business Item M-01 and ADD the LATE SUBMITTAL agenda item Request to Appoint/ Reappoint Board and Committee Members as Item M-12.

CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION: None

BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Aliaga; Trustee Schroeder;

G. **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

PUBLIC HEARING: None

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Presentation: Supervisor's Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)

Report: Insurance Services Office (ISO) Reevaluation and Report of Change in Public Protection Class (PPC) Rating - Fire Department (Mitch Petterson, Fire Chief)

CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018

Approval of the Payroll of January 26, 2018 and Check Run of January 30, 2018 for a Total Amount of \$1,232,609.56 L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #2 - Easement Costs for North Sashabaw Road Project

10. Accepted Proposals - Capital Improvement Bond Administrative Services and Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #4

2. Approval of the 2017-2018 Specialized Services Third-Party Contract - SMART

3. Approval of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Contract with Springfield Township

Approval of the 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Contract with City of Clarkston

5. Acceptance of Proposal for OPEB Actuarial Services

6. Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #1 Amendment to Previously Adopted Motion #2017-08-171 Out-of-State Travel - Fire Marshal Approval of the 2018-2021 Fire Dispatch Service

Agreement and Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #3 - Fire Department 9. Affirmation of Resolution #2014-003 and Exten-

sion of Current Independence Township Support Plan to Oakland County Emergency Operations Plan - Fire Department

 Award Bids - Capital Improvement Bond Administrative Services and Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #4 - Relocated after Item M-01

11. Approval of Agreement - Fleet Management System - Verizon Networkfleet

12. Appointment/Reappointment of Board and Committee Members - Parks, Recreation & Seniors **Advisory Committee**

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /

1. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report - December 2017

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Clerk Pallotta; Trustee Schroeder

ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, February 14, 2018

STATE OF MICHIGAN **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS **FOR TRUST**

In the Matter of GEORGE RITTER, settlor of the GEORGE RITTER TRUST UNDER DECLARATION DATE JULY 1, 1988, AS RESTATED JANUARY 9, 2009, AND FIRST AMENDED MAY 4, 2017 Date of Birth: 11/22/1921

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GEORGE RITTER, died 12/16/2017

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the GEORGE RITTER TRUST UNDER DECLARATION DATED JULY 1, 1988, AS RESTATED JANUARY 9, 2009, AND FIRST AMENDED MAY 4, 2017, will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Ritter, Trustee(s), within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. Shaun B. Isgrigg P#78232 Attorney for (TRUSTEE) Trustee 2745 Pontiac Lake Road 12015 W. 75th PL Waterford, Michigan 48328 Arvada, CO 80005 (248) 682-8800 (303) 907-6069

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

FILE NO: 2018-381, 115-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Geraldine M. Nicosia, Date of birth: 4/11/1926 TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Geraldine M. Nicosia died 1/20/18

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paul G. Nicosia, 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.

Paul G. Nicosia 1461 Tamarack Lane Oakland Twp, MI 48363

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CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON **ARTEMUS PAPPAS VILLAGE 375 5 DEPOT RD. CLARKSTON, MI 48346** 2018 BOARD OF REVIEW

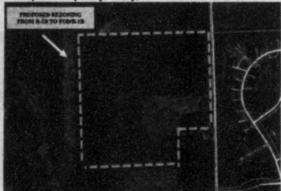
Tuesday March 06, 2018 at 6 pm is an Organizational Meeting For Board of Review Monday March 12, 2018 1 to 4 & 6 to 9 pm Monday March 19, 2018 1 to 4 & 6 to 9 pm

Tuesday July 17, 2018 6 pm Tuesday December 11, 2018 6 pm To schedule an appointment Please call Oakland County Equalization 248-858-1861

Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees held on January 23, 2018, the Township Board approved a First Reading and authorized a Second Reading of a PUD (Planned Unit Development) located on the west side of Clintonville Road, south of Clarkston Road, contingent upon the Township conducting a Closed Circuit Televising of the main sanitary sewer trunkline in the Oakhurst development downstream of the proposed development to ensure pipe integrity supports the developer's capacity study, as shown below:



The motion to approve this rezoning was moved by Trustee Ritchie, Seconded by Trustee Brown. The vote on the motion was as follows: Yes: 6; Absent: Pallotta; No: 0. The motion carried.

PUBLISHED: February 14, 2018

Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND **NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR TRUST**

In the Matter of Kenneth P. Lockwood Trust Dated March 5, 2015 Date of Birth: 1/30/1951

TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kenneth P. Lockwood, died January 28, 2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Kenneth P. Lockwood Trust Dated March 5, 2015, will be forever barred unless presented to Amanda B. Lockwood, Trustee(s), within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Shaun B. Isgrigg P#78232 Attorney for (TRUSTEE) Amanda Lockwood 2030 Cass Lake Road 2745 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, Michigan 48328 Keego Harbor, Michigan 48320 (248) 682-8800 (248) 682-5010

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In the Matter of JAMES VERNON HOXIE, settlor of the Revocable Living Trust Agreemtn of James V. Hoxie Dated February 17, 2000

FOR TRUST

Date of Birth: October 8, 1929 TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Vernon Hoxie, died January 10, 2018.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Revocalbe Living Trust Agreemtn of James V. Hoxie Dated February 17, 2000, will be forever barred unless presented to Sally J Hoxie, Trustee(s), within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Shaun B. Isgrigg P#78232 Attorney for (TRUSTEE) 2745 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, Michigan 48328 (248) 682-8800

Sally J. Hoxie Trustee 8767 Townsend Drive White Lake, Michigan 48386 (248) 698-3799

Date: 2/1/18

TO ALL CREDITORS

The Settlor, TEDDY E, MEADORS, date of birth January 10, 1935, who lived at 8030 Sugarloaf Trail, clarksotn, MI 48348, died January 21, 2018. there is no personal representative of the Settlor's estate

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Revocable Living Trust of Teddy E. and Linda A Meadors date October 28, 2010, as ameded, will be forever barred unless presented to Kathryn M. Caruso, Esp., 6480 Citation Dr., Suite A, Clarkston, Michigan 48346 or Karne Cross, 20171 Kernp Road, Bloomfiled Hills, MI 48302., within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.

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OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE The Charter Township of Independence 2018 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the As-

The Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear appeals of 2018 assessed value (50% of market value) or classification, review Disabled Veteran Exemption Affidavits, and Poverty Exemption Applications on:

sessor on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 at 9:00 am.

Tuesday, March 12th 9:00am - 5:00pm Wednesday, March 13th 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Appeals are for the 2018 tax year only. If you wish to appeal your assessed value in person, you must have an appointment. Appointments can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

Deadline to make an appointment is Wednesday. March 13th at 4pm***

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available online at www.michigan.gov/documents/ 14035f 2658 7.pdf or at the Towns

hip Assessing Department. Completed petition forms along with any documentation supporting your opinion of value (market analysis, appraisal, etc....) should be mailed to: Independence Township Assessing Department, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346 or emailed to assess@indtwp.com. Protests by mail must be received prior to the adjournment of the March Board of Review.

The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2018 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications. POSTED:

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Kimberly D. Feigley, MAAO, MCPPE

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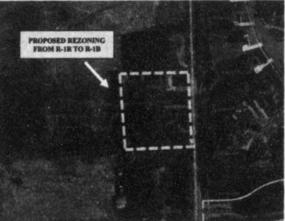
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE

as shown below.

MAP AMENDMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees held on January 23, 2018, the Township Board approved a First Reading and authorized a Second Reading of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Map for 7171 and Part of 7125 Clintonville Road from R-1R Rural Residential to R-1B Suburban Residential located on the west side of Clintonville Road, south of Clarkston Road



The motion to approve this rezoning was moved by Trustee Ritchie, Seconded by Trustee Aliaga. The vote on the motion was as follows: Yes: 6; Absent: Pallotta No: 0. The motion carried. PUBLISHED: February 14, 2018

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** 2018-381, 001-GM **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of AIDAN LEGAL, Minor

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

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be held on MARCH 21, 2018 at 1:30 P.M. at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac before Judge Jennifer Callaghan P57488 for the following purpose: PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **GUARDIAN OF MINOR** JANUARY 29, 2018

MICHAEL H. CUTLER 38275 W. 12 MILE RD., STE 102 **FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48331** 248-489-8780

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT

COUNTY OF OAKLAND

248-388-0625 FILE NO: 2018-GM

ANDREA BURTON

MILFORD, MI 48381

2600 BEAGAN CT

PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF **GUARDIAN OF MINOR** In the matter of Aidan Legal, a minor

1. I, Andrea Burton, am interested in the welfare of the minor and make this petition as grandparent and intervenor.

2. The minor was born 5/18/2003 is male, is unmarried, resides in Oakland County at 2600 Beagan Ct., Milford, MI 48381 and is presently located in Oakland county. 3. The minor is not a Indian child as defined in MCR 3.002(12).

The persons interested in this proceeding are:

Terri Legal, parent. DOB 5-17-1973, 32153 Dover, Garden City, MI Steven Legal, parent. DOB 10-27-1966 5. An action within the jurisdiction of the family division of circuit court

involving the family or family members of the minor has been previously filed in Oakland Court, Case Number 13-804747-DM, was assigned to Judge Goreyea and is no longer pending. 6. The minor is in need of a guardian because the parent permits the minor to reside with another person and does not provide the other person

with legal authority for the care and maintenance of the minor and the minor is not residing with a parent at this time for medical insurance 7. A temporary guardian is necessary because to secure insurance

coverage for the minor child. IREQUEST: 8. Andrea Burton, whose address and telephone 2600 Beagan Ct.,

Milford, MI 48381, 248-388-0625, be appointed guardian of the minor. I declare under the penalties of perjury has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and

Andrea M. Burton 2600 Beagan Ct. Milford, MI 48381 248-388-0625

10. I am 14 years of age or older. I nominate Andrea Burton as my guardian, who lives at 2600 Beagan Ct., Milford, MI 48381 Michael H. Cutler 44437

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Scholarships from community groups

This year's high school graduates are invited to apply for several local scholarships - Clarkston Area Optimists Club offers up to four \$1,000 scholarships; Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, up to four \$1,000 scholarships; and Clarkston Foundation, five scholarships, in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$500.

The Community Groups Common High School Scholarship Application for 2018 is available at the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce website, Clarkston Area Optimists website, counselors at Clarkston High School, and private school

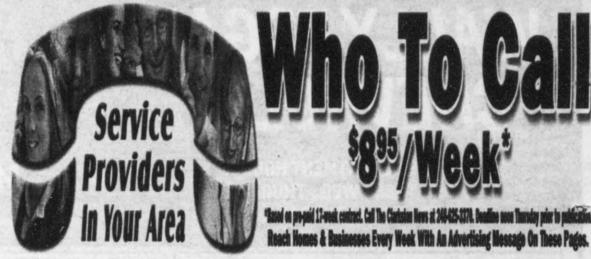
counseling offices.

The scholarship application can be submitted to all three organizations, with each organization asking a different question or essay.

All students may apply for the Garden Club and Optimist scholarships as long as they live in the Clarkston Community Schools attendance area.

Deadline for the scholarship to be delivered to the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce is 4 p.m. on Friday, March 30.

- Joette Kunse



Some of these services require licensing. If in doubt, ask your contractor for their license or check with the State of Michigan

Around Town

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3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

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

Friday

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

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 on Saturdays through April. Register at the church or at https://registration.upward.org/ UPW64983, \$70. Call Heather, 248-625-2270.

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CORRECTED NOTICE **FEBRUARY 7, 2018** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE NOTICE OF

PLAN AVAILABILITY FOR REVIEW

Independence Township Parks, Recreation, and Seniors (ITPRS) is seeking public input regarding the ITPRS 2018 - 2022 Master Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a minimum 30-day public review process as part of the master planning process. The plan will be available for review through January 22, 2018. A formal public hearing regarding the plan will be held at Township Hall on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, as part of the regularly scheduled Township Board of Trustees meeting.

A hard copy of the draft master plan is available for review at the Parks, Recreation, and Seniors offices inside Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI. The draft plan is also available online on the Township's website at www.indetwp.com, or can be directly accessed at http://www.calameo.com/ read/0051076739d580094be00 http:// easttawas.publishpath.com/. For questions or comments, please call (248) 625-8223.

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JANUARY 29, 2018

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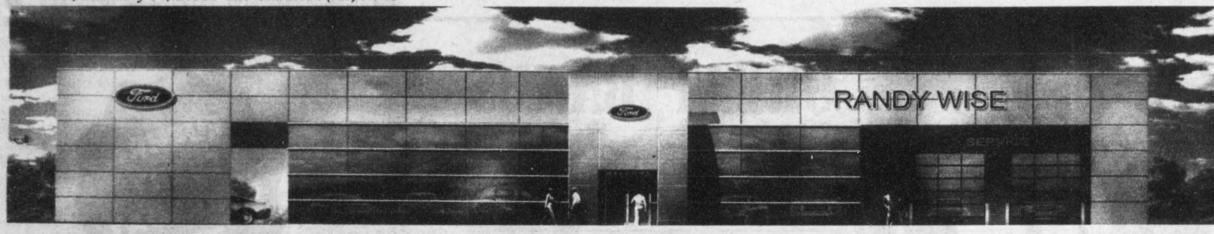
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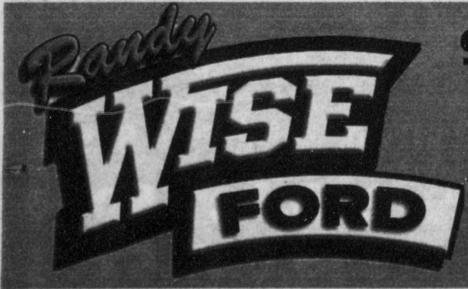


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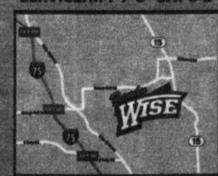
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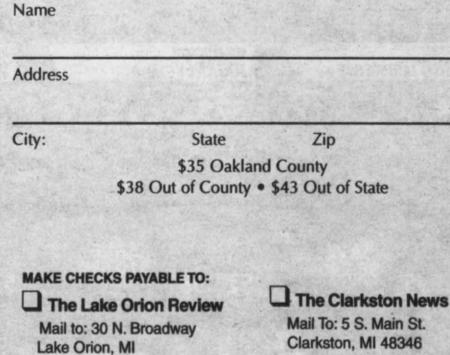
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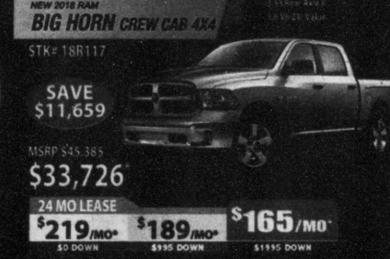


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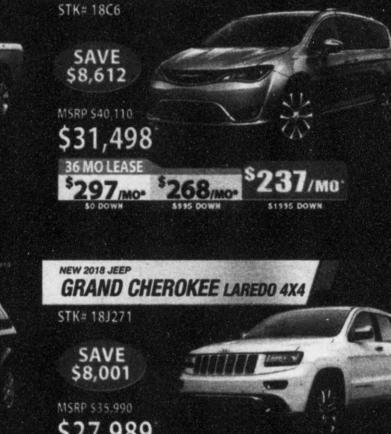
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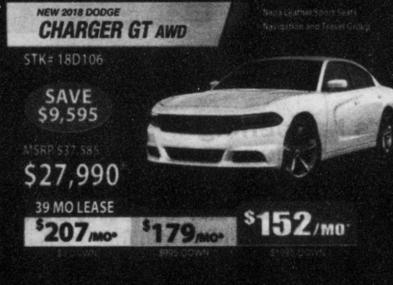
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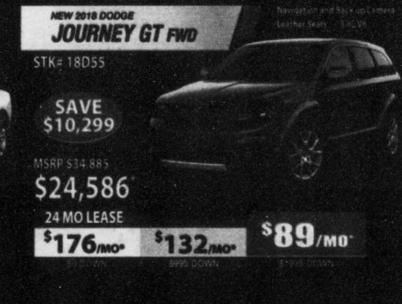




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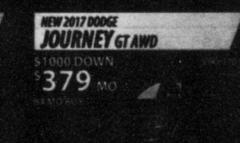








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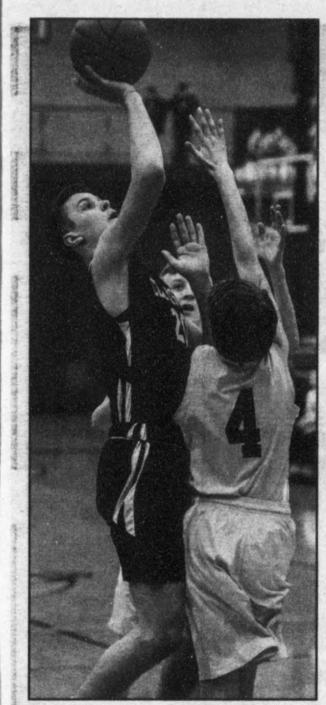




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Eighth grader Keegan Wasilk throws past two defense guards to make a basket.



Seventh grader Jaylen Wilson moves quickly into action.



Eighth grader Caleb Woodbury.

Season wraps for Blue, Gold

It was the battle of blue and gold as the seventh and eighth grade boys basketball teams closed their season, Jan. 24.

The seventh graders played their final game at Sashabaw Middle School as the Blue team won the game, 54-36.

The gold team finished the first half only one point behind the blue team, 19-

18. During the second half the blue team scored a total of 35 points to take the game.

Over at Clarkston High School, the undefeated Eighth Grade Blue team was in a close battle with the gold team. The blue team pervailed, 40-39.

Congratulations to all four teams on your winter season! See you next year!



Mike DiPillo blocks Caleb Stalworth from making a shot.



Coach Chris Foldesi talks to the gold team during a time out. Photos by Larry Wright



Eighth grader Caleb Stalworth keeps the ball away from his opponents.

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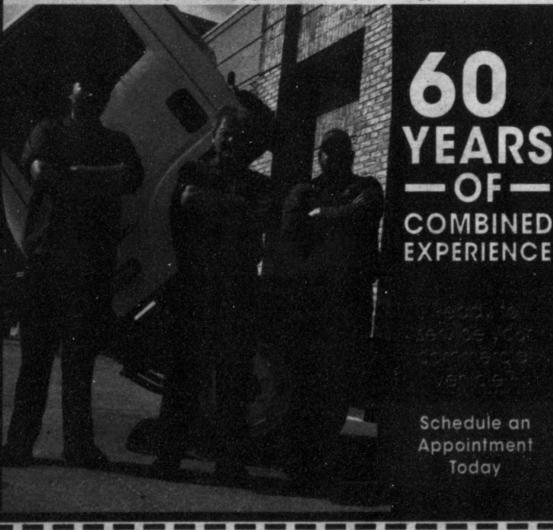
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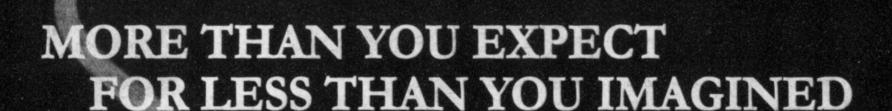
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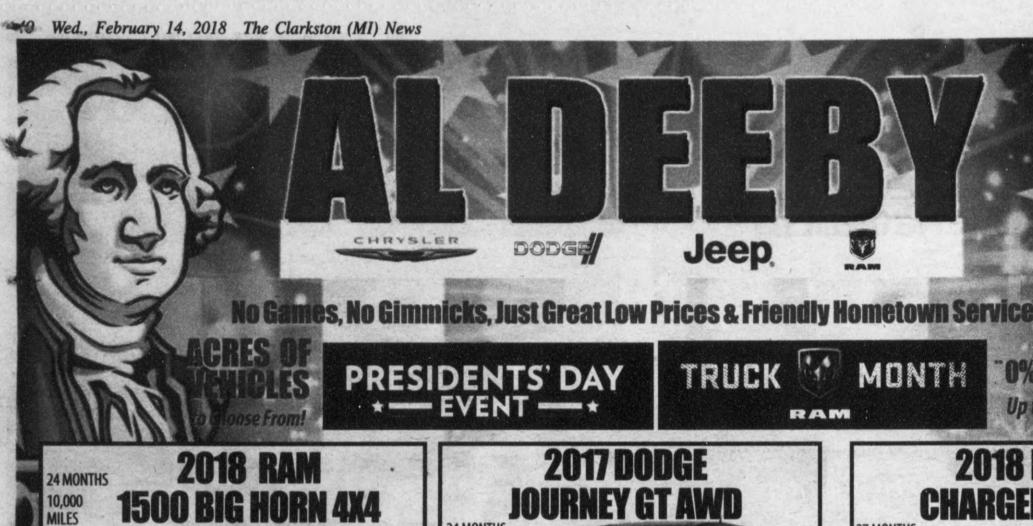
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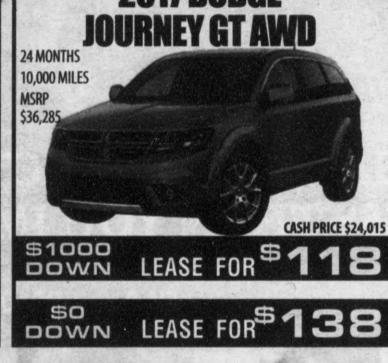
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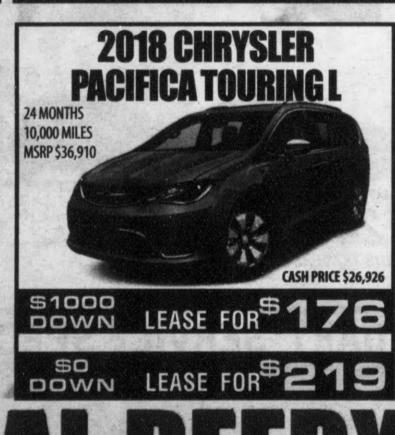














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