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A sign of spring



After a long, cold winter, city DPW Director Mike Speagle takes down the snowflake decorations from downtown light poles. With last week's rain, most if not all of the real snow is gone, too. Photo by Phil Custodio

Community award nominations

The 33rd Annual Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast will be on May 22, 7:30-9 a.m., at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Awards include Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Adult/Youth Volunteer, Community Beautification, Community Enhancement, and Community Collaboration awards. Nominations are due March 10, clarkstonchurch.nm-secure.com/clarkston-awards-breakfast.

Perilous potholes

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Potholes crater roads all over the Clarkston area, but one on Sashabaw Road south of Pine Knob Road claimed more than its share of cars after last week's thaw.

"Nineteen cars were all lined up – Byers was going up and down, doing their tires," said an Oakland County Parks employee who asked not to be identified, Feb. 21.

By about 11 a.m., someone had placed a construction barrel in the pothole. That morning, however, it and other potholes were concealed by puddles. One victim was on her way to exercise class in Clarkston when she struck it, blowing out her left front tire.

"I dodged one coming through, but the next thing I knew, I hit another pothole and got a flat," she said.

Byers Wrecker Service said calls for tows in the Pine Knob area started coming on Tuesday, with 16 calls, with another 22 on Wednesday.

Last week, the state House of Representatives passed a bill to add \$175 million in road funding for road repairs during the upcoming construction season, with Oakland County receiving \$7 million.

Clarkston's share would be about \$6,000, said state Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston.

The state money is left over from a previous state government budget cycle and is already available, meaning no budget cuts or additional fees or taxes are required for the investment, Tedder said. The money included in the bill approved this week comes

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An orange barrel marks a particularly deep pothole on Sashabaw Road. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Locals hope for more state funding for pothole repairs

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in addition to previous changes that provide more funding for road and bridge projects across the state. House Bill 4321 was sent to the state Senate for further consideration.

The Road Commission for Oakland County would use the money on three types of road improvements, said Craig Bryson, RCOC senior manager of communications.

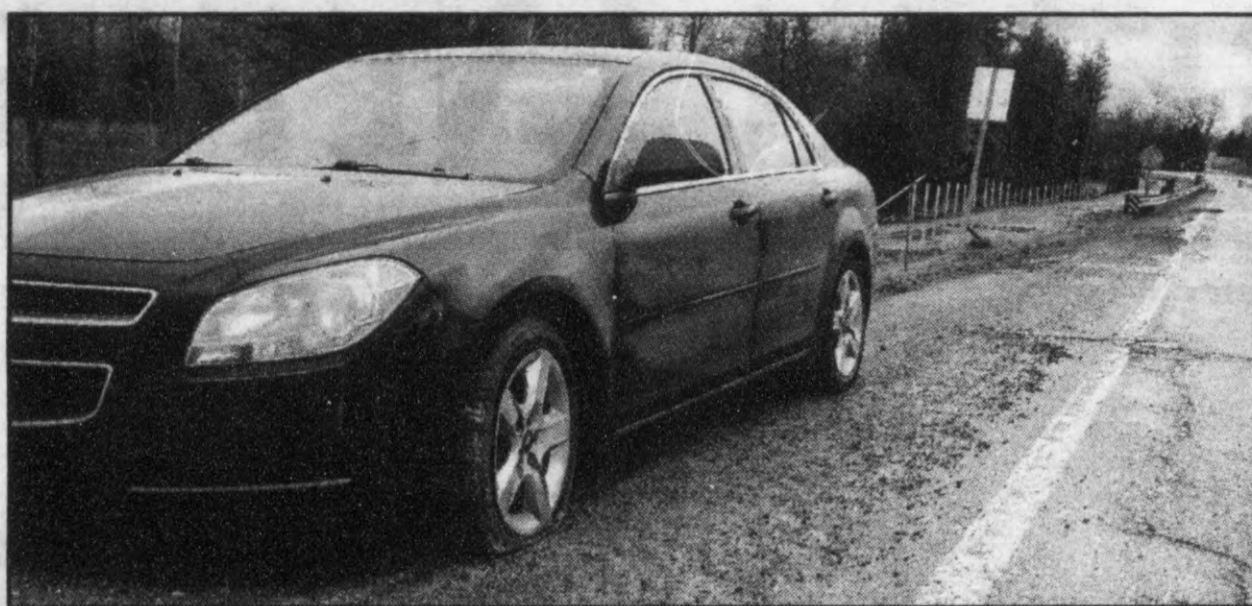
"Spot resurfacing, where we go in and identify the very worst sections of roads, like a 100-200-foot-long section, mill out the bad pavement and put down new pavement," Bryson said. "Just like surgical strikes, if you will."

The second type of improvement would be preservation overlay, which is resurfacing of a road in moderate shape.

"That's where we do relatively little work to the road and just put down an inch and a half to two inches of new asphalt on top of the existing road," he said.

The third technique would be concrete slab replacement, where slabs in the worst shape are replaced, as opposed to resurfacing the whole road, he said.

"We're not going to actually start this work for a number of months. When we get a definitive word the money is coming, then we'll start working on lists, but it will be a while yet before we have specific projects,"



A driver heading to downtown Clarkston ran afoul of a pothole on Sashabaw Road, getting a flat tire – one of many that morning. Photo by Phil Custodio

Bryson said.

In Oakland County, RCOC performs routine maintenance on the M-15 state highway under contract with MDOT, including plowing, salting, and pothole patching, said township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

RCOC maintains all the roads in Independence Township, whether state highways or county roads, Kittle said.

"Unfortunately, due to Michigan's decades-long road-funding crisis, many RCOC roads remain in poor condition. These roads are particularly susceptible to potholes," he

said.

RCOC efforts to fix potholes include extended shifts for pothole crews, and keeping and extending the hours of part-time, temporary winter employees to help with patching, said RCOC Chairman Eric Wilson.

Michigan's seasonal freeze-thaw cycles are mostly responsible for creating potholes, according to Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Moisture seeps into the pavement, freezes, expands and thaws, creating gaps in the pavement. As vehicles drive over the gap, the pavement



A pothole on Waldon Road is marked as a warning to others.

weakens, leading to a pothole.

MDOT recently reported a recent examination of U.S. Census data shows Michigan invests less in transportation per capita than other states. Michigan spends about \$154 per person on roads, compared to \$214 per capita in Ohio, which adds up to more than \$1 billion more invested in Ohio's roads each year for the past nine years.

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 free at Google and Apple app stores.

Phil Custodio contributed to this report

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City Manager Jonathan Smith and DPW Director Mike Speagle monitor the overflowing Mill Pond, last Wednesday. Photo by Phil Custodio

Melting snow, rain flood local waterways

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Historically high rain combined with melting snow flooded local ponds and roads last Wednesday, including Mill Pond downtown.

"Worst yet in the 12 years that we have been here," said Kimberly Berry, Main Street resident who lives next to the pond. "It's not to our home but very close to the garage. Sounds like the Niagara Falls coming over the spillway – we have rapids going through the yard."

"Water was getting impatient and would

go around the spillway into and through Kim Berry's lawn," said City Manager Jonathan Smith at the Feb. 26 City Council meeting. "It was a perfect storm of a foot of snow melting and two inches of rain."

The city worked with the private owners of the Mill Pond dam to ensure it was fully open, allowing drainage into the Mill Race and then into Middle Lake, Smith said.

"We are also monitoring closely the water levels of the Mill Pond, Parke Lake, Middle Lake, and Deer Lake and all the connections in between. Daily pictures are being taken to

ensure conditions are not worsening," he said.

Water levels have receded since last week, he said.

The National Weather Service Oakland County station reported a record 1.1 inches of rain on Feb. 20, with another 0.48 inches of rain on Feb. 21. The previous record for Feb. 20 was 1.07 inches in 1891. Normal rain is 0.08 inch. Rain is expected this week, with a high near 44 of Thursday but a chance of snow Friday morning. Friday is expected to reach 39, though.

Bids sought for city hall work

City hall expansion is back on the table, after City Council voted unanimously to solicit bids for the project.

Expected to cost \$250,000-\$300,000, the work would include an 1,380-square-foot addition for a bigger DPW garage and meeting space, storage for city records and archives currently stored offsite, public restrooms, secure office space for city staff, offices for city manager and treasurer, and 24-hour security system and camera coverage.

If completed, the city would no longer have to spend \$1,900 annually for portable toilet rental in Depot Park and \$8,400 annually for storage space in the Baylis Barn, about \$10,000 a year, said Dennis Ritter, Facilities Committee member.

Even if not approved, the city faces repair costs including a new roof for city hall, \$40,000; deteriorating rear exterior office wall, \$20,000; and security upgrades, \$20,000, for

a total of \$80,000, Ritter said.

Council member Jason Kneisc said spring will come soon and time is tight for the project.

"It costs nothing to send it out to bid," Kneisc said. "I would like to have a starting point of the actual costs – if it comes back at \$600,000, I'm pretty sure it's dead on arrival."

The project was last sent out for bid in 2016, and rejected by City Council after bids came back in excess of \$500,000.

City Council voted last September to approve \$2,000 to rework the plan for new bids. About \$1,500 of that money has been spent, Ritter said.

City hall expansion talk started in 2012, when the city ended its lease of 3 E. Church. When first proposed, estimated cost of the project was \$100,000 to \$125,000. A petition by 116 residents at the time called for reconsideration of the project.

– Phil Custodio

Briefly

Coal-tar ban moves forward

City Council approved first reading of a new ordinance banning coal-tar pavement sealants in the city.

Coal-tar-based sealants contain Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons, which is dangerous to people and natural waterways, said Council member Susan Wylie.

The ordinance would prohibit use or sale of the sealants. Asphalt-based sealants containing less than 0.1 percent PAH would still be allowed.

If approved for second reading at the next City Council meeting, the ordinance would take effect 20 days after publication.

'No' to 4-way stop

City Manager Jonathan Smith met recently meeting with the Road Commission for Oakland County about the possibility of a four-way stop at Holcomb and Washington.

"Based on 2012 volume counts, RCOC felt a four-way stop could actually result in more accidents and backups than we're currently experiencing," Smith said at the Feb. 26 City Council meeting. "The RCOC agreed to conduct a new volume study as well as install new high-visibility pedestrian crossing signs."

They also recommended working with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office on a strict enforcement plan for Holcomb Road, Smith said.

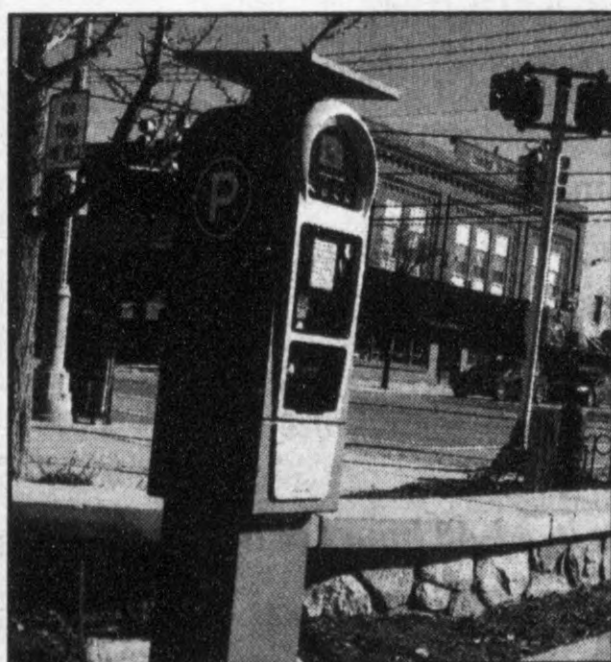
Youth recognition

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance presents its annual Youth Recognition Ceremony and Dessert Reception at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, at the Clarkston Junior High School Performing Arts Auditorium.

The awards honor youth who have demonstrated personal growth and concern for the well-being of others in the classroom, school, and community.

Students must reside in the Clarkston Community Schools district. Nominations must be returned by March 2. Forms are in school offices and www.clarkstonia.org. Contact the CAYA office at 248-623-4313 or CAYA@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

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After almost a year in the works, a paid-parking kiosk is in place in the city-owned Main and Washington parking lot. The kiosk was installed, Feb. 26. It will be activated in March, after a grace period to educate the public, said City Manager Jonathan Smith. Photo by Phil Custodio

Students excel at spelling bee

Kendall Sieradski buzzed with excitement after she won first place at the Pine Knob Elementary Spelling Bee, Feb. 15.

Relieved and gleaming from ear to ear, Kendall gave her dad, Steven Sieradski, a big hug as he congratulated her.

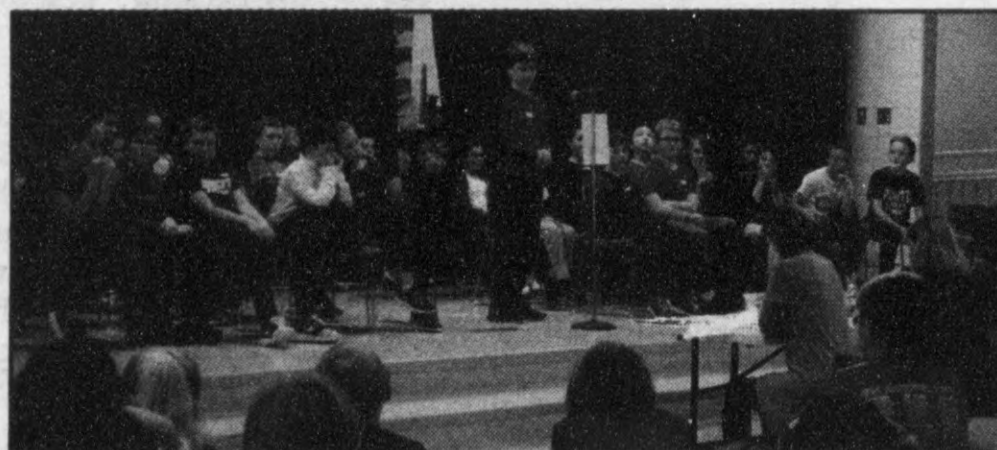
"It is so fun to try to take on something like this," Kendall said. "You have to be so careful, determined, and just try your best. I had no intentions of being in the spelling bee, but, I realized that if I failed, it would be OK. I studied so hard, and I guess it paid off in the end."

Fifth grade teachers Kelly Mertz, Heidi Wright, and Lisa Apel were the judges at the Spelling Bee. Mertz is Kendall's teacher.

The words used in the contest were taken from the Kindle National Spelling Bee spelling list. Some of the last words given in this intense, nail biting event were *aerospace*, *consecutive*, *despondency*, *peroxide*, *sophomore*, and *quantum*. Kendall's very last word was *amputation*. Students went through four rounds until they were down two the last two students.



Judges at the bee, from left, Kelly Mertz, Heidi Wright, and Lisa Apel. Photos by Brenda Dominick



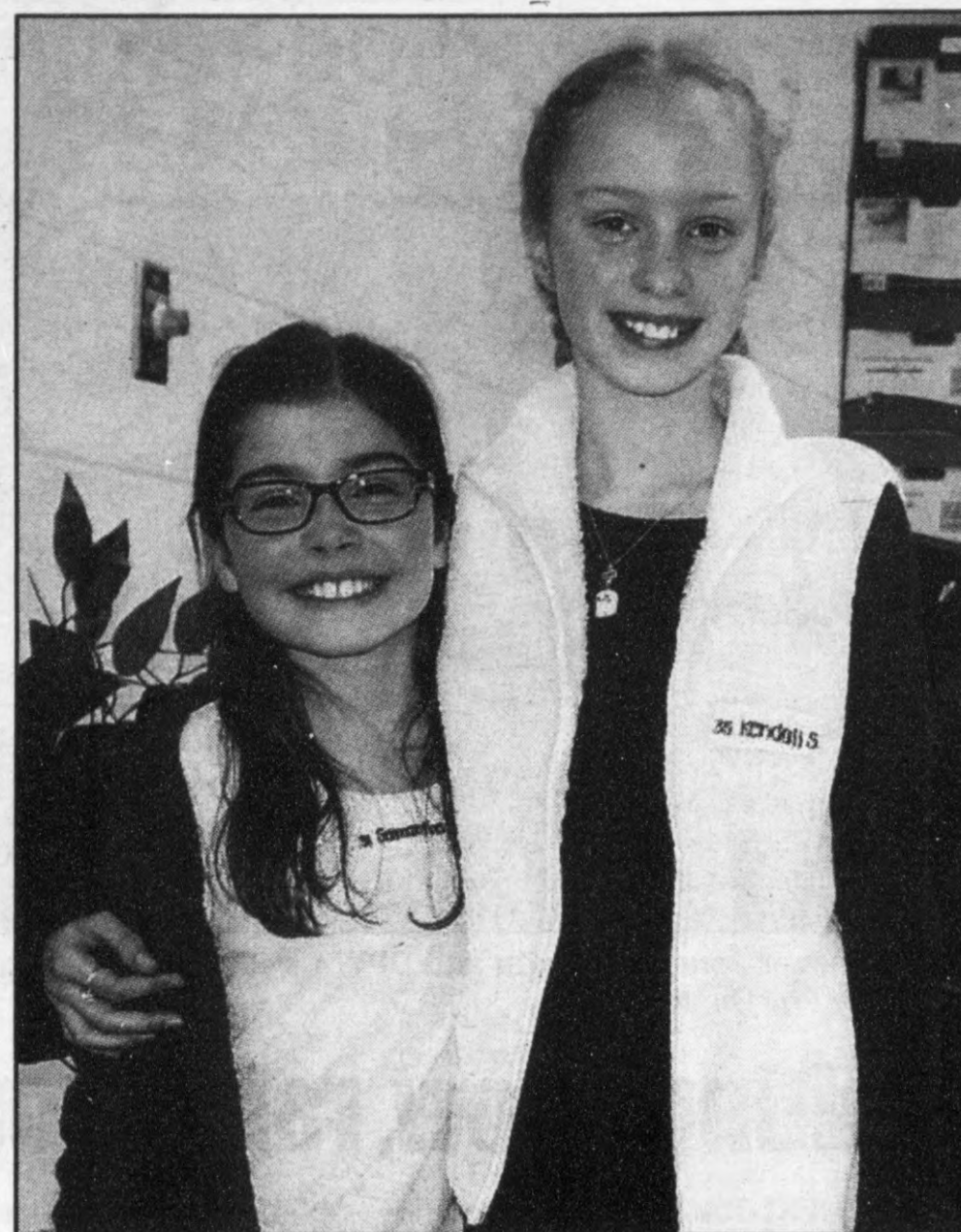
Eager contestants, ready to spell.

The runner up was Samantha Pietras, who was a very tough competitor for Kendall right up to the end.

"At this point, Kendall will

move on to the CCS district-wide Bee in April, as well as participate in the Oakland County Bee at the end of March," Mertz said.

— Brenda Dominick



Runner-up Samantha Pietras, at left, and winner Kendall Sieradski celebrate after the four-round Spelling Bee.

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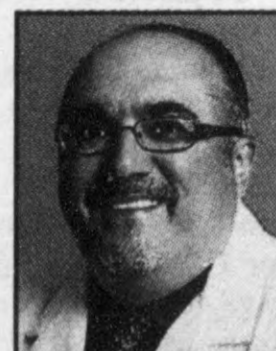
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Obituaries

Joseph Anthony Andary, 18

Joseph Anthony Andary, "Joey," of Clarkston passed away Feb. 22, 2018, at age 18.

He was the son of Angela Valchine and James Andary; brother of Daniel Andary; grandson of Carol (late Joseph) Valchine and the late David and Jamal Andary; nephew of Susan (Mike) Coventry, Vicki (David) Gates and Michael (Carrie) Valchine; cousin of Jennifer, Isabella, Maggie, Annie, Katie, Sophia and Lola.

Visitation was Feb. 26 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Feb. 27 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to <https://www.gofundme.com/in-memoriam-joseph-a-andary> or Common Ground. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Matthew Coleman, 58

Matthew Stephen Coleman of Clarkston passed away Feb. 25, 2018, at age 58.

He was the loving husband of Lizbeth for 35 years; loyal father of Dustin (Laura) Coleman and Ryan (Lauren) Coleman; beloved son of Joyce (the late David) Coleman; "Pa" of Olivia, Madelyn, Avery, and Emily; brother of Kim (Herb) Bondy, Laurie (Jim) Kletzien, Scott Coleman and Greg Coleman; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Matt was an extremely passionate hunter and fisherman and enjoyed the hardship of Detroit Lions fandom with his family. He was a dedicated worker as a Master Electrician at the Oakland County Road Commission for 30 years. Matt was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ as an elder at Harvestland Church. He was consistently dedicated to the needs of his immediate and extended family and friends.

Visitation at Harvestland Church, Clarkston, Thursday, at 10 a.m., followed by a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to CurePSP.org. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Brian Miller, 48

Brian Miller of Clarkston passed away Feb. 19, 2018, at age 48.

He was the beloved husband of Kelley; more than a dad to Larry (Jessica) Bastien; proud grandpa of Wyatt Bastien; son of Al and Dottie Miller; brother of Dennis (Tonya) Miller; son in law of Mary (the late Jerry) Runyan; brother in law of Tom (Nancy) Runyan and Kathy (Spencer) Teran; uncle of Tony (Libby) Cameron, Miranda Hayduk, Angela Cameron, Kyle (Miranda) Teran, Alex, Bennet and Lauren Miller.

Brian loved his family and being outdoors.

Funeral Service was Feb. 24 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Andersonville Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook 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.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Call 248-625-4644 for information.

Dennis S. Dorsch, 57

Dennis S. Dorsch of Clarkston passed away Feb. 19, 2018, at age 57.

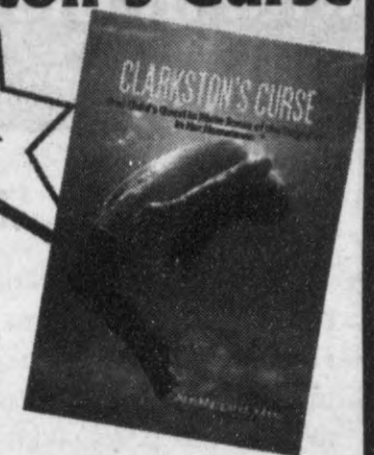
He was the loving father of Denise Dorsch and Mathew Dorsch; son of Ernest and Josephine Dorsch; brother of Gregory Dorsch and Ernest (Diana) Dorsch; uncle of Jennifer, Jason and Jeffrey.

Dennis was employed with CRS Services, Rochester Hills. He retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service.

Funeral Service was Feb. 23 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Holy trip

If all goes well, I'll be in Israel by the time you read this, or at least close to it. I'm booked to go there from Wednesday until next Thursday with a group from my church up in Davison.

I've been to the region before, the Middle East AKA Southwest Asia. I spent seven months about 600 miles to Israel's east in Saudi Arabia and Iraq with the U.S. Army during Desert Shield and Desert Storm back in the '90s.

This time is due to be a bit different. Stewardesses won't ask us to store our M-16 rifles securely in the overhead compartments on the flight over, for one thing.

I signed up for a visit to the ancient fortress Masada, where a force of Jewish zealots took on the Roman army. I'm interested in military history, so I was glad to see that offered.

I've visited many Civil War battlefields down south. It will be interesting to see one a couple thousand years older.

But most of the trip will be a guided tour of many of the Christian holy sites around the country, which also tend to be Jewish and Islamic holy sites as well.

The region is the focal point of the Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faiths, so this should be a tranquil trip filled with peace and love.

But no, it won't. I expect at least something in the schedule to change as the different faiths, cultures, and ideologies continue to clash as they have for thousands of years.

Relations seem a bit more tense than usual lately, with possible demonstrations over President Trump's decision to move the capital to Jerusalem and an air war between Israel and Syria earlier this month.

Even within the faith. In the news just this week, Christian sects in charge of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre closed the shrine down as a tax protest against city officials. This is the place where Christians like me believe Christ died and was risen. It doesn't get any holier than that, and it may be off limits when we get there because of a municipal beef.

So be it. This is supposed to be a pilgrimage, not a vacation, so I don't expect to be complaining to anyone about anything, even if I could speak any of the languages.



Parking on Buffalo

Dear Editor,

First of all, I took a petition around to everyone that owned a home and lived in it on S. Buffalo ("Buffalo Street to go one-way," Feb. 21).

With all due respect, Sharron Catallo lives on N. Buffalo. As I stated in my commentary, I did not take it to the two houses that were rentals, which includes the home that is owned by the Catallos and is occupied by their employees. As for Cara Catallo not knowing the details of the petition, well, she also lives on N. Buffalo. So there was no reason for me to bring it to her. If she would like to see it, I am sure someone in the village office can show it to her since I delivered it to both Steve Percival and Rick Detkowski.

Yes, there has always been parking on the streets. No, it hasn't always been a problem. Just in the last year or so. There's been some changes in town the last couple years and it's affecting the people that live here.

To say that parking "prevents it from becoming a bypass through town" is laughable. People have been flying down that street for years. Which makes leaving our driveways dangerous to begin with.

But S. Buffalo is basically a hill from Waldon to Church Street and as I said at the meeting, cars parked on both sides of my driveway prohibit me from seeing people coming from either direction until I am out in the middle of the road. It has become more evident than ever to me that it is not the "people" that decide what's best for the village, but instead a small few. This is why I have never gone to a council meeting before and it's why you won't see me at another one. Why bother. Decisions were already made before I even took that petition around.

Renee Sanger, Clarkston
Posted to ClarkstonNews.com

Let voice be heard

Dear Editor,

The remarks by Council member Sharron Catallo and her daughter, Cara Catallo, Curt Catallo's sister, at the last council meeting are so disingenuous ("Buffalo Street to go one-way," Feb. 21).

Renee, the problem you spoke of as to who runs the city "not the people that decide what is best for the village, but instead a small few" has been an issue for years. It is the reason why you should continue to attend the city council meetings and let your voice be heard.

There is a word that should be used in all these scenarios for council member Catallo ... recuse.

She has been asked to do that by other council members, residents of the city and in conversations by other taxpayers for years. It hasn't happened yet.

Lorry Mahler, Clarkston
Posted to ClarkstonNews.com

Parking suggestions

Dear Editor,

I would suggest residents of S. Buffalo exercise their right to park all of their vehicles in front of their homes during peak parking times and then watch how quickly the parking problem is solved when those vehicles are forced into council members' neighborhoods ("Buffalo Street to go one-way," Feb. 21).

I agree the best remedy for residents is to attend meetings and voice their opinions when an agenda item concerns them. Not doing so is exactly what Council member Sharron Catallo wants.

Michael Powell
Independence Township
Posted to ClarkstonNews.com

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"No Child Left Behind legislation hot topic locally" Locals shared their thoughts on the federal government's implementation of No Child Left Behind Act. Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Al Roberts said the concept behind the act was noble, but disagreed with the manner of implementation.

"Locals compete for Junior Miss title" Clarkston High School students Heather Chojnowski and Sarah Mehaffey were among 22 high school seniors around the state competing for the Michigan Junior Miss title.

"Parting gift" Clarkston Varsity Volleyball Coach Gordie Richardson and his wife, Anne, try out a pair of chairs given to them by the Clarkston Athletic Boosters before their last game of the season.

25 years ago - 1993

"Open space diminishes" Wildlife, traffic, stray balls and open spaces were the top concerns for 40 residents who showed up to the Independence Township Planning Commission's public hearing for the proposed Morgan Lake Golf Classic.

"A treat for Teddy" Lauren Aldrich, a first-grader at Andersonville Elementary, joined classmates during her class's "Bear Day" party. The party came after finishing their bear study unit.

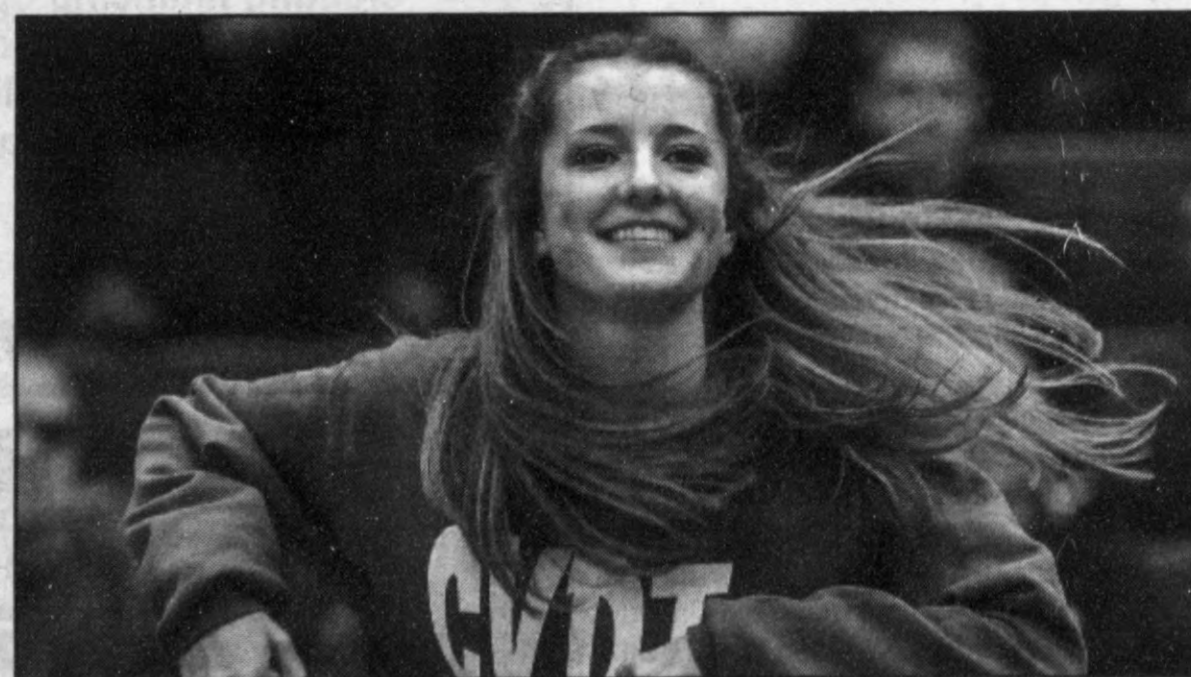
"City's noons may change from sounds of silence" Jennifer Radcliff questioned the Clarkston City Council about the absence of the traditional noon siren in downtown Clarkston. The siren, located at the fire station on Church Street, had been disconnected.

50 years ago - 1968

"Clarkston driver wins new Mustang" Paul Brinich of Clarkston was among 30 young persons around the country who won new cars in Ford Motor Company's "Safe Driving Incentive Program for Young Americans." As a first-prize winner, Brinich was awarded a 1968 Mustang hardtop. Nearly 150,000 young people participated in the program.

"Notes on the Orchard" Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baynes, along with their children, went to Cobo Hall to attend the final showing of the Flower and Home display.

"Girl Scouting in Sashabaw neighborhood" Brownie Troop No. 9 delivered books and puzzles to the Children's Home; books, puzzles and games to Crippled Children's Home; and Valentine and tray favors to the Pontiac State Hospital.



Anna Houstina and the Clarkston Varsity Dance team perform a hip hop number during the boys basketball game, Feb. 22. Join the Wolves this Thursday, March 1, for the final home performances from the dance teams.
Photo by Larry Wright



Recently, a group of local business "sharks" swam on over to Sashabaw Middle School. In the tank were 7th graders in Allie Dennis' English classes. Students were given the charge of coming up with a business idea, expanding on it and then presenting their idea to the local business people. Modeled after the ABC television show, "Shark Tank," the panel of business people then awarded "funding" to each business idea, with the best idea and presentation receiving the highest amount. Pictured is 7th grader Isaac Rucker who received the highest amount given, \$500,000 for his business idea, Perspective Theaters -- a virtual reality movie experience. Other winning ideas were, Fishy Fly, clippin Drowns, Triple G Party Planning, and Rickers Potaters. Pictured with Isaac, from the left are, Sarah Schneider, from The Fed restaurant, Matt Kuhn of DigitasLBI, Katie Gushen of AAFMAA, The Clarkston News' Don Rush, and Stephen Doyle from FocalPoint. Other sharks not pictured were Tonya Cunningham and Andrea Schroeder. Picture by Allie Dennis

I give you the Neanderthal Philosopher

Bouncing around inside that big empty space between my ears was an idea.

Bing,
Bang,
Bong!

It ricocheted about, each time hitting a wall growing in intensity until the idea could no longer be contained. This past weekend it became time to let the idea see the light of day. Drum-roll, please and here it is:

When I die, on my tombstone and in my obituary, I want to be known as, Don Rush, the Neanderthal Philosopher.

I know, I know. You're thinking, "Unga bahgunda," which translated from Neanderthal to English means, "Cool, dude."

I think I can pull off this whole "Neanderthal" thingy without much pain or effort. After all, just last year, it was discovered through the magic of modern day science and spit analysis, that yours truly had some definite proto-human DNA markers.

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Genetically speaking, "Me, Caveman. You, Jane."

Don't
Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Throughout western civilization we have been blessed with people who gave much thought to the course of humanity, of our "place" in the cosmos; people who pondered the fundamental state of being, nature, reality, and knowledge; folks who thought about existence. Their ideas and words still shape our lives and society, even today.

In the early days, we had the Greek philosophers. Aristotle has been quoted as saying, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."

Plato, "Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something." and, "Only the dead have seen the end of war."

Socrates, "I know that I am intelligent, because I know that I know nothing."

And, then centuries later the Enlightenment movement in Europe gave us thinkers like Voltaire, Locke, Montesquieu and Paine.

Voltaire, "Those who can make you believe absurdities can make you commit atrocities."

John Locke, "What worries you, masters you." and, "I have always thought the actions of men the best interpreters of their thoughts."

Montesquieu, "There is no greater tyranny than that which is perpetrated under the shield of the law and in the name of justice."

Thomas Paine, "A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom."

The earth spins, the seasons come and go and before you know it, 200 or so years passed since the Enlightenment's biggest experiment (America) was started. I believe it's time for at least one new thinker to carry the torch of deep contemplation and reckoning to future generations. And, in that light of special awareness and insight, I give you, me.

Don Rush, "Boys and girls got different parts. Parts is parts. Therefore, boys and girls are different. Equal, but different."

Tada!

Being the Neanderthal Philosopher gives me the latitude to go from A to Z and in a nano second be able to shift gears or directions whenever I need to. I do not want to be tied down to any one frame of thought or sphere of thinking. I want to change my mind when I get new or better information in my zeal toward profundities.

Oh. Wow. Wait!


"The world is a big, bad bear and doesn't care about your feelings. It just wants to eat whatever you have. It ain't fair, but that's the way it is. Get over it. And, get back to work."

Book it! Quick, I got another!

"History is our story, so stop mucking up the waters with her story."

Man, I'm digging this new position as a philosopher. The thoughts just keep coming. Look out world, Donny's on fire!

Do you have any thoughts you wish to share with Don? Email, DontRushDon@gmail.com



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

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:

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/l4035f_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.

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Kimberly D. Feigley, MAAO, MCPPE
Independence Township Assessor

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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
FEBRUARY 20, 2018

- 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; Derek Smith, PR&S Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget and Operations Analyst

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION: None
- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Kittle, Trustee Schroeder, Trustee Aliaga
- PUBLIC COMMENT: Joette Kunse

- PUBLIC HEARING:
 - 2018-2022 Parks, Recreation and Seniors Master Plan (Derek Smith, PR&S Director)

The Public Hearing OPENED at 6:08 p.m.

There was no comment received from the public.

The Public Hearing CLOSED at 6:08p.m.

- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

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

- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

- CONSENT AGENDA:

- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2018
- Approval of the February 8, 2018 Check Run, Ratification of the February 9, 2018 Payroll and Ratification of the January 2018 External Wire / EFT / ACH Transfer Activity
- Approval of Sound Variance for the Waterford Hills Road Racing Track

- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Adoption of Resolution for the 2018-2022 Parks, Recreation and Seniors Master Plan
- Adoption of Senior Community Center Advisory Committee By-Laws as Amended
- Acceptance of Letter of Engagement and Approval of Professional Services Agreement - 2017 Financial Audit
- Adoption of the Operating Budget Policy
- Appointment of the Retirement Plan Advisor & Sponsor, and Approval of the New Business Application
- Appointment of Member to Boards and Committees - Board of Review

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

- Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) - Final, December 12, 2017 and January 9, 2018
- Minutes: Video Center Board - Final, November 15, 2017
- Report: Building Department Monthly Report - January 2018
- Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report - January 2018
- Communication: Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) dated January 26, 2018 - Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2019 Wholesale Sewer Charges

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Schroeder

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, February 28, 2018

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Philip Leon Fitzgerald. Date of birth: 02-19-1936

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Philip Leon Fitzgerald died 10-02-2017

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

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Camilla A. Fitzgerald
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White Lake, MI 48383
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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2018-380, 788-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Robert Tennant McCullen. Date of birth: 8-21-1932

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Robert T. McCullen, died Dec. 19, 2017

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR TRUST

In the Matter of Lawrence E. Benscoter, settlor of the Lawrence E. Benscoter and Judith A. Benscoter Revocable Trust Under Agreement Dated April 17, 1998, as Restated January 9, 2017

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Lawrence E. Benscoter, died December 21, 2016.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Lawrence E. Benscoter and Judith A. Benscoter Revocable Trust Under Agreement Dated April 17, 1998, as Restated January 9, 2017 will be forever barred unless presented to Judith A. Benscoter, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Independence Township Fire Department vehicles blocked traffic to Clintonville Road between Waldon and Maybee roads, Feb. 21, after rain and snowmelt flooded Sashabaw Creek. Photo by Phil Custodio

No trash permit

A deputy on patrol saw a commercial dumpster truck picking up a roll-off dumpster in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road without an Independence Township waste hauler's permit, and stopped it, 11:32 a.m., Feb. 16. The company was cited for not having a permit, and given a warning for burnt-out license plate light.

Suspended license

A 26-year-old Lansing man driving a vehicle with a defective exhaust was stopped on M-15 at Bluegrass Drive, 1 a.m., Feb. 20. He was found with three previous convictions for driving with a suspended license in Lansing. He was cited for driving with a suspended license, and his vehicle was impounded.

Expired plate

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with an expired license plate, 10:33 a.m., Feb. 20, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. The driver, a 25-year-old Mount Morris man, was cited with driving with an expired license and expired plate, and given a warning for no insurance.

Quigley bound over

Michael Quigley of Clarkston, 35, was bound over for trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on eight felony counts in connection with a Nov. 14 shooting of two people in Ortonville. He is accused of shooting his estranged wife and her friend. Both survived. The manhunt involving sheriff's deputies and detectives, aviation and K-9 units, and the Fugitive Apprehension Team closed local schools before the suspect was found by a Brandon Township homeowner on his property and arrested. The Hon. Kelley Kostin, 52-2 District Court judge, bound Quigley over on Feb. 21. Arraignment before Oakland County Circuit Judge Phyllis McMillen is scheduled for March 8.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Expired license

A deputy ran a license-plate records check on a pickup truck driving 40 mph in a 55 mph passing lane on Dixie Highway at Deerhill Drive and found it was expired, 9:39 a.m., Feb. 20. The driver, a 40-year-old Flint man, was cited with driving with an expired driver's license, and given a warning for the expired plate.

Dog attack

A Springfield Township resident called 911 after discovering a pit bull dog was inside her horse corral with one of her horses, 7:46 a.m., Feb. 20, in the 6800 block of Ridgewood Drive. She let the stray dog out of the corral and the animal immediately attacked her dog. The responding deputy found the pit bull had the caller's dog by the throat and wouldn't let go. The deputy fired a single shot from his shotgun, striking the pit bull. The dog released the other animal and turned towards the deputy, who fired two additional shots, killing the pit bull. The caller took her dog to the emergency veterinary clinic for treatment of serious injuries. Oakland County Animal Control was advised and responded to the scene. The Animal Control officer took custody of the deceased pit bull. Oakland County Animal Control made contact with the owner of the pit bull, who resides near the victim's home. The owner of the pit bull said the animal was a rescue dog. She reported she had the pit bull for about four months. Oakland County Animal Control will be following up with the investigation.

Teen killed

Deputies and the Independence Township Fire Department responded to a Scenic Pines Court home for an 18-year-old Independence Township man who had taken his own life, 4:58 p.m., Feb. 22. The man had called his mother to tell her he had her gun and was going to kill himself. She immediately called 911 and drove home. Upon arrival, deputies secured the firearm. Independence Township paramedics found the victim had a pulse, worked to stabilize him, and transported him to McLaren-Oakland Hospital. The victim was later pronounced deceased by a hospital physician. A detective and an investigator from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office assisted with the investigation. If in trouble, call 800-231-1127, Common Ground Resource and Crisis Helpline, or 800-273-TALK (8255), National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Caution on roads

Road Commission for Oakland County called for caution on gravel roads during upcoming spring thaws. Rain mixed with snowmelt cause soft conditions in many areas. The rain has also contributed to wash-out-like conditions, especially in hilly areas. In addition to possible washouts and soft areas, roads could be very bumpy as result of the weather. Spring weight restrictions are also in effect for commercial trucks. The restrictions, which are in effect usually into early March, limit the weight of construction and other trucks on dirt and gravel roads.



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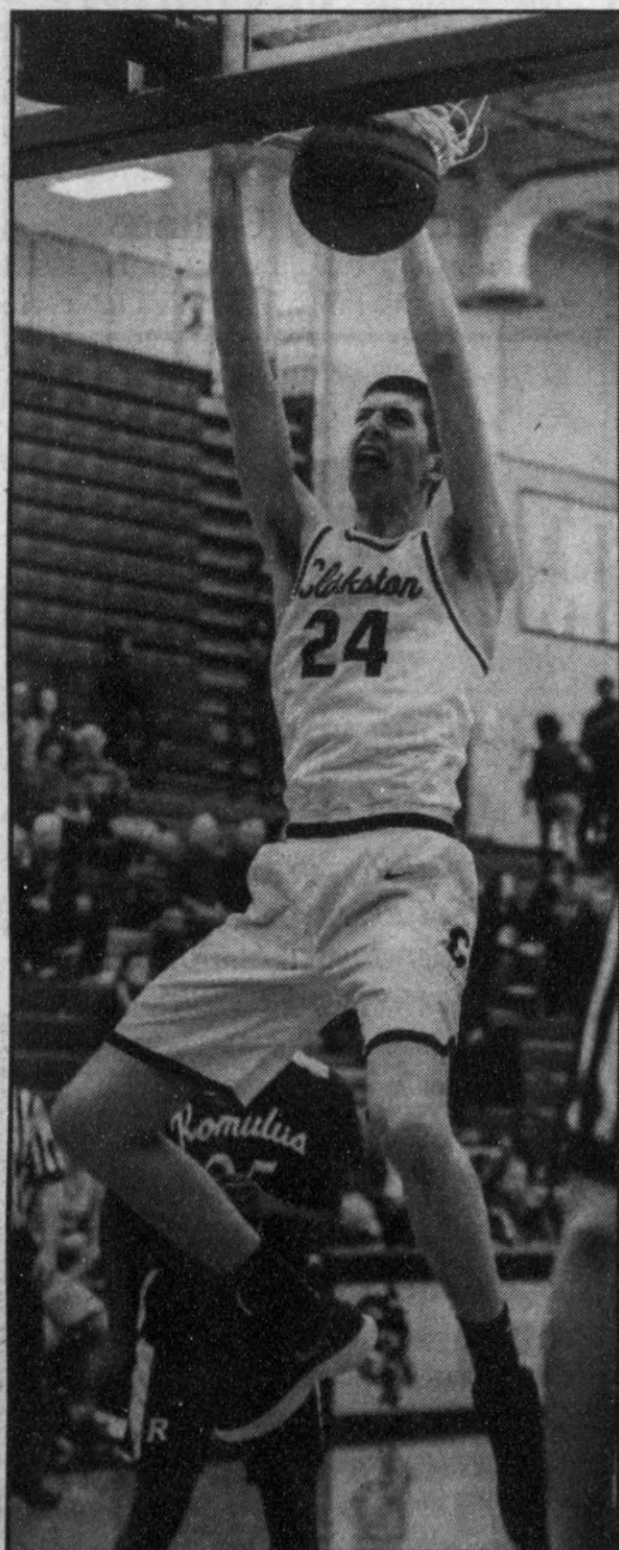
BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves took down three more foes as they head into their last week of the regular season.

The Clarkston Boys Basketball team opened last week against Romulus for a crowdpleasing 90-53 win.

The first half was close as the Wolves ended with the upperhand, 44-40. They were able to keep ahead with key shots which included a pair of 3-pointers from seniors Demond Mills-Bradley and CJ Robinson with less than three minutes to go after the Eagles tied the score a 32-32.



Sophomore Matthew Nicholson dunks the ball during the second half against Romulus, Feb. 20. Photo by Larry Wright

Clarkston widened the gap going on a 20-point run in the third quarter with 11 points from senior Foster Loyer and seven points from senior Taylor Currie.

The Eagles scored a lone four points on the Wolves' defense as the third stanza closed with Clarkston in the lead, 68-44.

"We turned up defense," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach. "We played hard on defense, and we were able to score off our defense. Often times when kids make shots, they play better defense. It was a good win for us. Their kids played well. The second half we just shut them down. It takes all five, it doesn't take one guy when you are guarding like that."

Loyer led with 33 points and had 11 assists. Currie had 25 points and 17 rebounds as Robinson had 19 points and six assists.

The Wolves defeated North Farmington last Friday, 57-27. Loyer led with 22 points as Currie scored 13 points and Robinson had 11 points.

The boys also defeated Southfield Arts & Technology, 72-29. Robinson led with 19 points. Loyer scored 16 points and had three assists and Currie scored ten points and had 11 rebounds.

"North Farmington and Southfield are rebuilding," Fife said. "They are doing what we will be doing next year. We have 11 seniors graduating this year."

He added the wins helped getting more players into the game.

"We got a lot of other kids playing time and that helped them as well as helping the team," he said. "We will just see how we play as long as we come out playing Clarkston Basketball - play hard and play smart."

The Wolves opened the week at Bloomfield Hills. They are home for the last game of the regular season as they host Hazel Park on Thursday.

The Vikings will attempt to avenge their only loss for the season on Thursday which the Wolves gave to them on Jan. 30 to the tune of 70-39.

"Those are two really good teams," Fife added. "We are in it, right down to the nitty gritty. Every game is major."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows on Thursday. McGrath League players get into the game for free when they wear their McGrath T-shirt.

Clarkston opens the post-season with the MHSAA Boys Basketball District semifinals against Lake Orion on Wednesday, March 7 at home, 5:30 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Ski team is all smiles after qualifying for the state finals. Photo provided

Success on the slopes

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Ski team's determination led them to Boyne Mountain on Monday as they raced in the state finals.

The Wolves qualified for the first time since 2014 as they finished in third place during the MHSAA Girls Ski Regional meet at Pine Knob Ski & Snowboard Resort, Feb. 14.

"We all started crying and we were super happy," shared Katie Bayley, senior captain. "To have the girls and the boys go together is so exciting. It is the first time in my four years we've been able to do it. I was excited about it."

She added what helped the team was they were all determined.

"We wanted to make it to states and be in the top three in regionals. The girls worked really hard all season. A lot of them doing a lot of extra training, extra races so we could be at our best by the time regionals came around."

Bayley led the girls team with medals

for Top 10 finishes in both GS and Slalom races, as the girls scored a total of 136 points.

During the Giant Slalom, the Wolves scored 74 points. Bayley led in the race as she earned the Bronze medal for third place followed by Annika Karlstrom in 21st, Allison Osborn in 24th, Olivia Foyteck in 26th, Chloe Swanson in 27th and Megan Ford in 39th.

In the afternoon Slalom race, Bayley skied to seventh, followed by Osborn in 13th, Swanson in 20th, Karlstrom in 22nd, Foyteck in 31st and Ford in 33rd.

"We couldn't be happier or prouder," said John Sych, girls coach. "They were the classic underdog going into this event. Through their hard work over this entire season, their focus on the day's task and commitment to a team effort, this young team found success in a close, competitive contest. It truly was a team effort of 'together we are strong.'"

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price



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State finals long time coming for Spindler, wrestling team

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Seven Clarkston grapplers met their goal of making the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Division 1 State Finals, heading to Ford Field this Friday and Saturday.

"My dad (ex-Lion Marc Spindler) took me about 10 years ago to watch the state meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills," said freshman Rocco Spindler, who qualified in the 285-pound weight class. "He told me one day I was going to be on that mat when they did the champion walk and singing 'We are the Champions.' The mindset stuck with me. I never really forgot about that. I am going to go back there. I am going to do the best I can. I ended up qualifying. It's very rare for a freshman, even a heavyweight freshman, to make it to states."

Also, making their first visits to the state finals is senior Houston Hemingsen (140), juniors Jake Billette (140), Ethan Polick (135) Cole Wiegiers (119), and sophomore Jacob Jones (215).

"It's pretty nice; you finally realize all your hard work has paid off," said Hemingsen. "I am excited to get my name out there."

"It feels good to know after wrestling most of my life, I finally got a big achievement," Polick added. "I am excited to have the chance to prove I am one of the best kids in the state in my weight class."

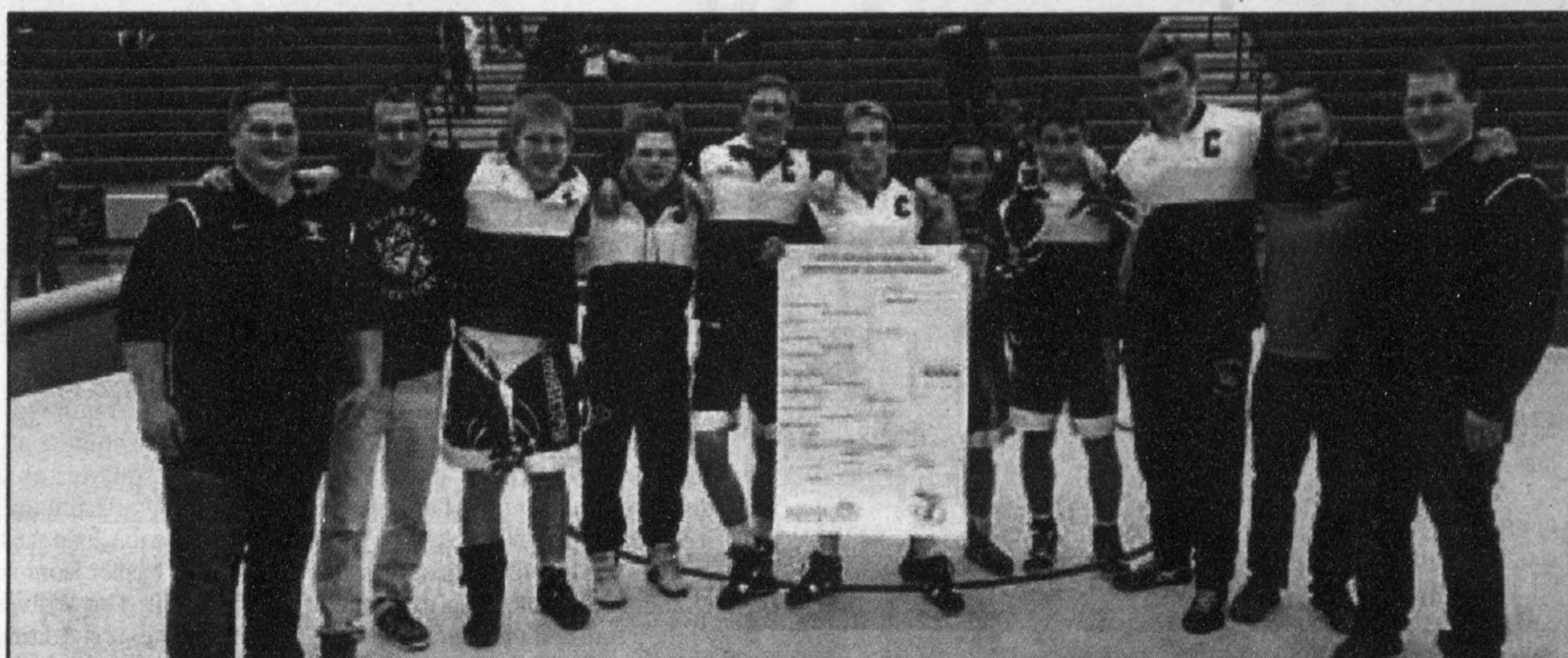
For Jones, qualifying showed him how much heart matters.

"Heart can overcome a lot. It can overcome things like age, size," he said, adding he is also excited to see the caliber of wrestlers at the tournament. "It will give me an idea what I am working for in the next couple of years."

Wiegiers and Billette added it shows all the hard work they put into practice with Clarkston Wrestling.

"We work harder than anyone else," Wiegiers said. "I am excited not only to make my way to the podium, but for the off season all the coaches coming out and looking at you for future college opportunities."

"The proof is in the pudding," Billette said. "We come in here and work really hard. I am anxious to get back to Ford Field for the second time this year. Not only for football



Seven wrestlers head to the state finals this week after qualifying at the regional meet, Feb. 17. Photo provided

but wrestling too and show what I've got."

Junior Mac Hanselman (125) qualified for his third trip to the tournament.

"This year I want to get myself onto the podium because last year I fell short in the blood rounds," said Hanselman. "I am confident in myself getting those wins and getting on the podium. It's going to be exciting to get on there. I am excited just to wrestle."

The Wolves shared the biggest challenges they have faced this season which will help them this week which includes their training.

"Our coaches - how hard they push us," Houston added. "We can definitely fall back on being more in shape than our opponents. Not once have we felt winded in a match where we were overpowered or out strengthened."

"The conditioning, the grind matches, the sprints really pushed us to our limit," Wiegiers added. "We needed to break that boundary so we had the upper hand."

The boys also had to figure out and overcome their weaknesses.

"Every week after tournament we come back to practice, look at the things we can improve. I think that's really important," Billette shared.

"Facing the gray zone where, in our head, we just want to quit," Hanselman added. "We want to take a break, but knowing this is for the better we have to keep working. We have made it this far."

For Jones, his challenge has been overcoming is weight.

"I am wrestling 25 pounds up," he said. "I have learned to overcome that and not be disheartened by the size."

Spindler shared for him it is getting into shape and wrestling older guys.

"The way I got into shape was I had to work hard in practice that's how I beat my guys in the third period. When they are down and they want to be over. I turn it into a different gear, keep the engine roaring, and finish the match strong."

The starting weight class is 103-pound. Wiegiers (34-16) opens the tournament against Hartland's Corey Cavannaugh; Hanselman (36-11) opens against Detroit Catholic Central's Dominick Lomanzo; Polick (35-15) opens against Southfield's Isiah Berry; Billette (39-9) opens against Grosse Pointe Northern's Raymond Hamilton; Hemingsen (36-14) opens against Chippewa Valley's Brandon Badour; Jones (25-17) opens

against Port Huron's Dominick Wilson; and Spindler (24-11) against Temperance's Austin Emerson, a senior.

"I don't use my freshman level as an excuse because I can hang with these guys," Spindler said, adding Emerson is ranked No. 1 in the state. "Like my dad says, it's not the size of the fight. It's the size of the dog. You have to dig down deep to keep going to be able to pull it out in the end. I am going to give him everything I have. He is 40-3 and you can't judge by what's on the paper. The match starts at 0-0. You have to block the nervous energy out."

Individual sessions tickets are \$15 each and are sold the day of the event. All-session tickets are available for \$40 each. It is cash only. All tickets are general admission. For more information, please visit www.mhsaa.com/sports/wrestling.

"We are a family," said Hanselman. "We are going to walk out there all together wearing Clarkston Wrestling, support our community during the grand march, and we are going to wrestle with a C on our chests."

"It's a special moment us teammates share," Billette added. "I am excited to show people what Clarkston Wrestling is about."



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Wins precede post season playoffs



Sophomore Taylor Heaton speeds up past the half court mark in the second half. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston New Sports Writer

Cagers are ready to defend their home as Clarkston hosts MHSAA Girls Basketball District No. 13 playoffs this week.

The Wolves open playoffs against Brandon in the semifinal round on Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

"I have seen them all," said Christine Rogers, head coach, about all the teams in the district. "As long as we play our game we should have a pretty successful district tournament. We have to take it one game at a time."

The girls will use their successful winning season to help them prep as they finished the regular season going 11-1 in the OAA Red, sharing the league title with Southfield Arts & Technology and went 16-4 for an overall record.

Clarkston closed the regular season with senior night and posting a 49-26 win over Rochester Adams last Thursday.

"It was a good win, and a good win for our seniors," Rogers said. "You can tell how well they play

together just passing the ball to each other, looking for each other.

Senior Molly Nicholson opened the game with two points with senior Kayla Luchenbach adding one more basket before the Highlanders scored. The Wolves defense kept their visitors to six points during the first quarter as they scored 19 points with Maddie Beck scoring two more points with eight seconds left in the stanza.

The momentum continued into the second quarter as Clarkston opened with six points with four from Luchenbach on the free throw line and a basket from sophomore Lexi Linton. The Wolves' defense kept Rochester Adams to four points in the quarter before the half closed 29-10.

Beck aided Clarkston as she scored 11 points in the third quarter and freshman Kaelyn Kaul scored on basket as the third quarter finished, 42-18.

Beck led with a total of 18 points and had five steals. Luchenbach scored 12 points and had three assists and three blocks. Nicholson

scored ten points.

The leading scorer for Rochester Adams was senior Noelle Dunbar with ten points.

The Wolves opened last week with a 48-33 win over Bloomfield Hills, Feb. 20. Beck led the team with 17 points with four field goals, ten rebounds, three steals and two blocks. Luchenbach scored 16 points and had 11 rebounds and five blocks. Nicholson had 11 points, ten rebounds and four assists.

"We have a couple days off to get ready for districts," Rogers said. "We know what we need to work on. We know what we need to fine tune. We have to focus on boxing out especially from the guard position. We have to make sure our man-to-man defense is taking a step forward. But I like what I see, I like where we are at. We are peaking at the right time. We are looking forward to heading into this week where it's do or die."

The district finals are held on Friday at 7 p.m. The district winner moves on to Regional No. 4 at West Bloomfield, March 6 at 7 p.m.

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A streetlight on Main remained dark this past week. Photo by Phil Custodio

Streetlights down on Main

DTE Energy workers were expected to repair cables to fix downtown street lights this week.

"We understand the dangers of not having street lighting downtown and are doing our best to escalate the matter within Detroit Edison," said City Manager Jonathan Smith at the Feb. 26 City Council meeting.

The Main Street light outage was the second this month, totalling 11 days as of Monday, Smith said.

The lights are controlled by an electrical panel at the corner of Main and Depot. The city is responsible for the panel, lights and wiring between the panel and the lights. DTE is responsible for providing electricity from the pole to the panel, he said.

"Both times the lights failed, the root cause was a failed Detroit Edison line leading up to the panel," he said. "They may need to run a new cable from the panel to the pole."

— Phil Custodio

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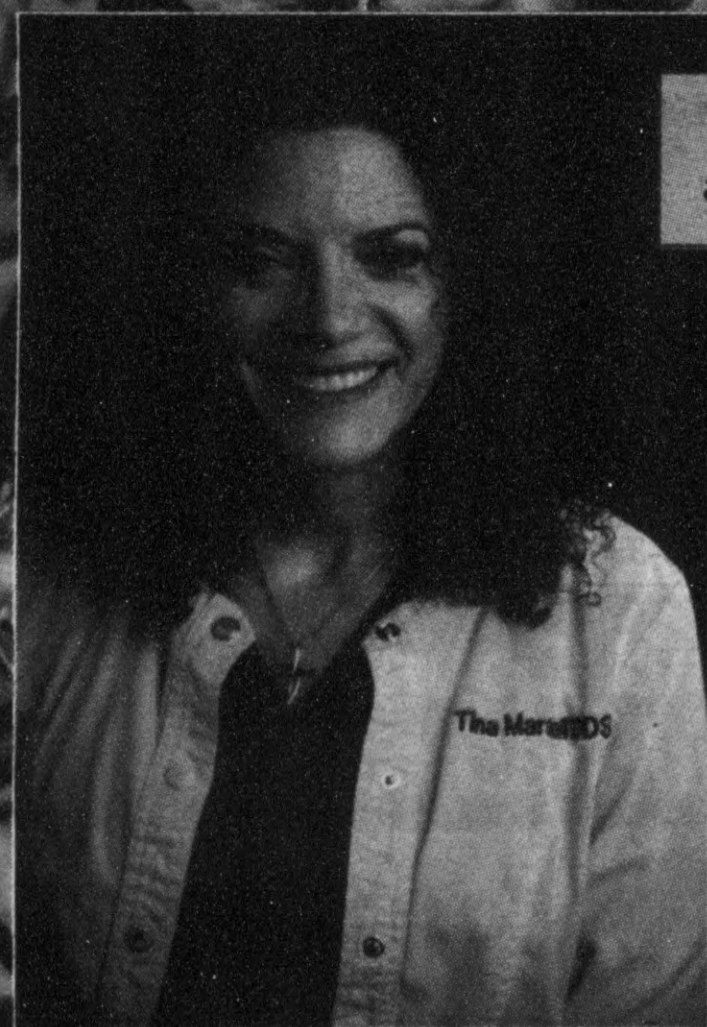
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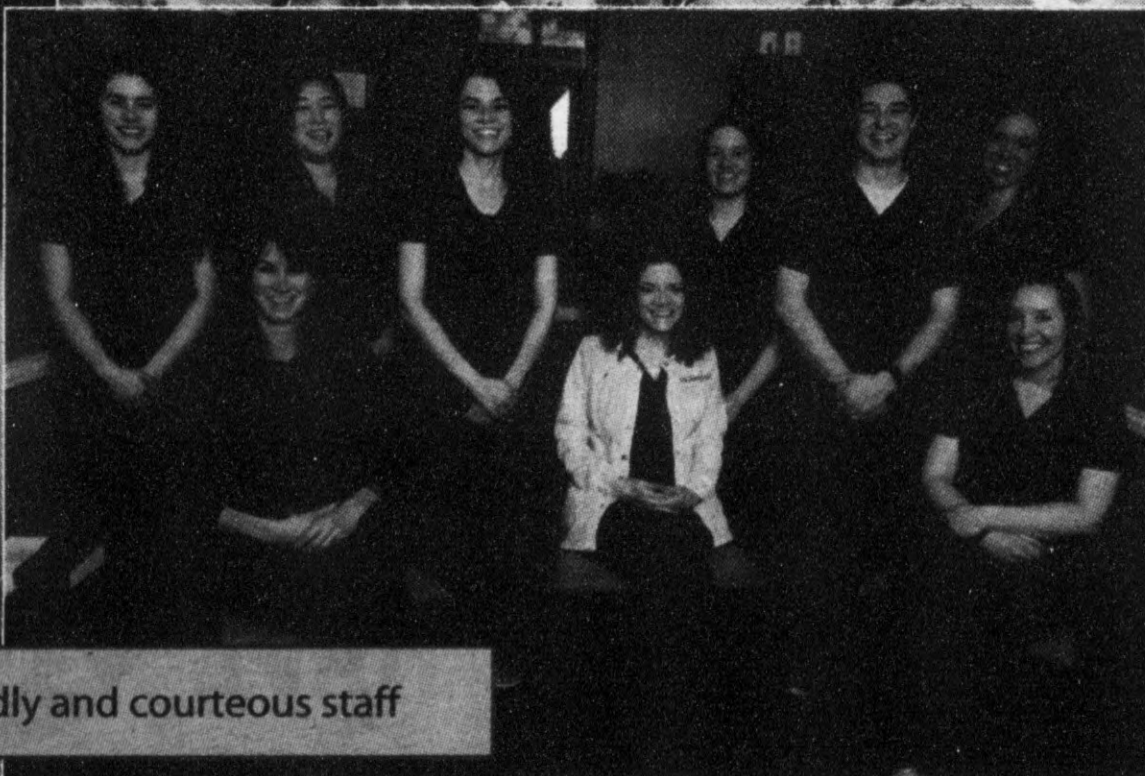
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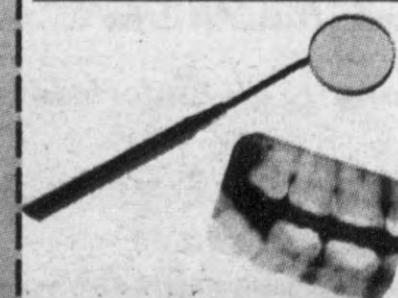
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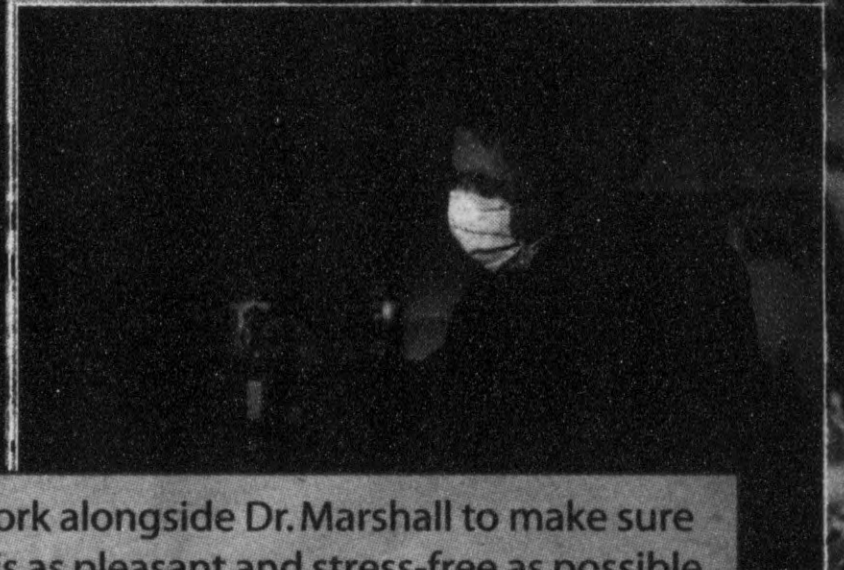
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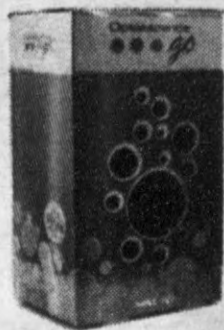
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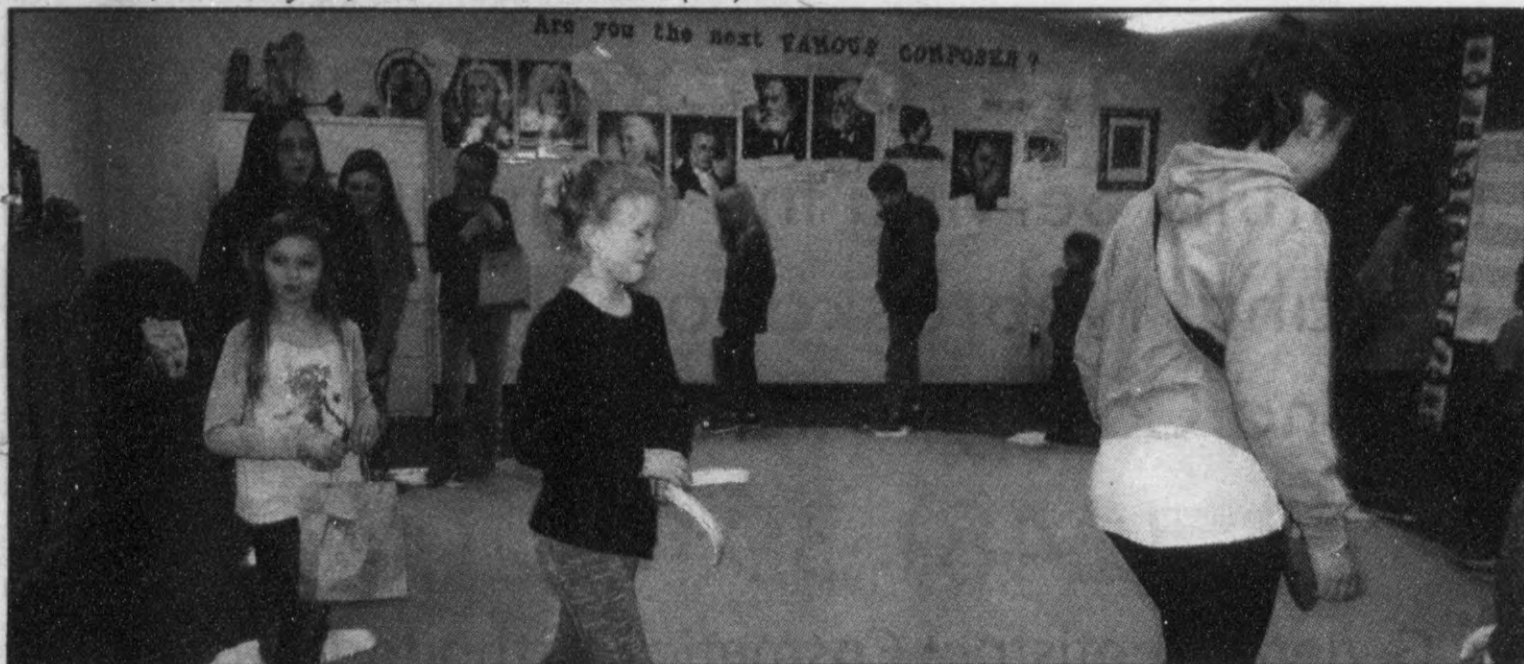
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Cake walkers compete to get their cake and eat it too!



Kids of all ages got into the carnival spirit with face painting by Clarkston Family Farm.

Fun at winter carnival

It was a night of laughing, chowing down, and friendly competition at the Fourth Annual Winter Carnival at Independence Elementary School, Feb. 16.

Along with the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), other community and school organizations volunteered at this fundraising event. Clarkston Family Farm ran the face-painting area and high school groups, such as CHS Juniors and Seniors from the National Honors Society, volunteered at the carnival.

Lots of fun games such as cakewalk, Roller Bowler, Send a Person to Jail with Officer Potts, Fowling, Win A Live (pre-bagged) Fish, and Bounce Houses filled the school. Tasty concession items were also sold including Little Caesars pizza, and popcorn, cotton candy and pop, provided by Fun Services.

A large silent auction, offering items such as Sports Memorabilia, Beauty Baskets, Gift Cards to dining, and adventure tickets, were among the many exciting items for guests to bid on.

All proceeds went toward the PTO Budget to pay for field trips, events such as field day and assemblies.



From left, Diego Garcia, Scott Dobson, Caleb Cummings and Jacob Minton goof around at the carnival. Photos by Brenda Dominick



Sarah Malys and her daughter Annie Malys, sixth grader at Sashabaw Middle School, help out at the Cake Walk.



Soccer ball kicking was one of the fun activities.



A variety of refreshments were on sale including pizza, popcorn, cotton candy and pop.

People Poll Where are the worst potholes in town?

"One on Waldon between Sashabaw and Walters had some vehicles pulled over this morning."

— Heidi Mittelbach Edwards

"There were at least 12-15 from that one last night and same from the Sashabaw and Oakhill this morning as well as down Sashabaw by Walton Road."

— Heather Young

"Northbound Clintonville Road before Eston. Two vehicles with blown tires last night."

— Kristie Hawksley

"Maybe Road between Baldwin and Clintonville is like Swiss Cheese."

— Gretchen D. Hynes

"Worse than last year."

— Kristine Rouse Galaviz

"Agreed. It's horrible."

— Janet Saile Whitefield

"Slow down won't hit so hard might be able to avoid if you aren't riding the car in front of you."

— Linda Franklin

"Walton between Clintonville and Silver Lake."

— Laurie Cunningham

"Worse this year!"

— Jennifer Bailey Adair

"Entire state of Michigan is a pothole."

— Jenn Field

"Waldon Road west at the intersection of Sashabaw, absolutely TERRIBLE, along with the intersection of M-15. Looks like a war zone on the road!"

— Terri Caunt

"Maybe Road, between Clintonville and Baldwin roads. Terrible."

— Merianne Burt Colletti

"There is a pothole link for the Oakland County Road Commission at www.rcocweb.org — please use this site to complain about the terrible road conditions. I plan to submit a complaint each and every day until something is done. Even if it doesn't speed up the process much, it should be known that the condition of the roads in one of the richest counties in America is pathetic! I encourage you to complain!"

— Lisa Williams Howard

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— John E. Steele

"Saw several flat tires on Maybee."

— Stacey Leigh

"There's a big one on Maybee closer to Dixie on the same side as PNC. I didn't see it because it was dark. Luckily no damage was done to my car."

— Kayde Bull

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Middle schoolers give hope for Honduras

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sashabaw Middle schoolers collected \$3,192.28 to help people in Honduras get clean water.

Students Matthew Pflieger and Violet Bergman said they learned quite a bit in the process, as well as satisfaction from making a difference.

"We were more focused on trying to get people to know more about this water crisis that's happening than the stress of trying to get a good grade," Bergman said. "One of my friends felt really bad for those people, so he brought in enough money to buy one filter."

"I liked it because we went into a seventh-grade classroom and they learned about it last year, but we got to give them more knowledge and about how they could help," Pflieger said.

During the month of January, Kelly Bertin's sixth grade social studies class at Sashabaw Middle School, as well as three other social studies classes, participated in the academic service learning project.

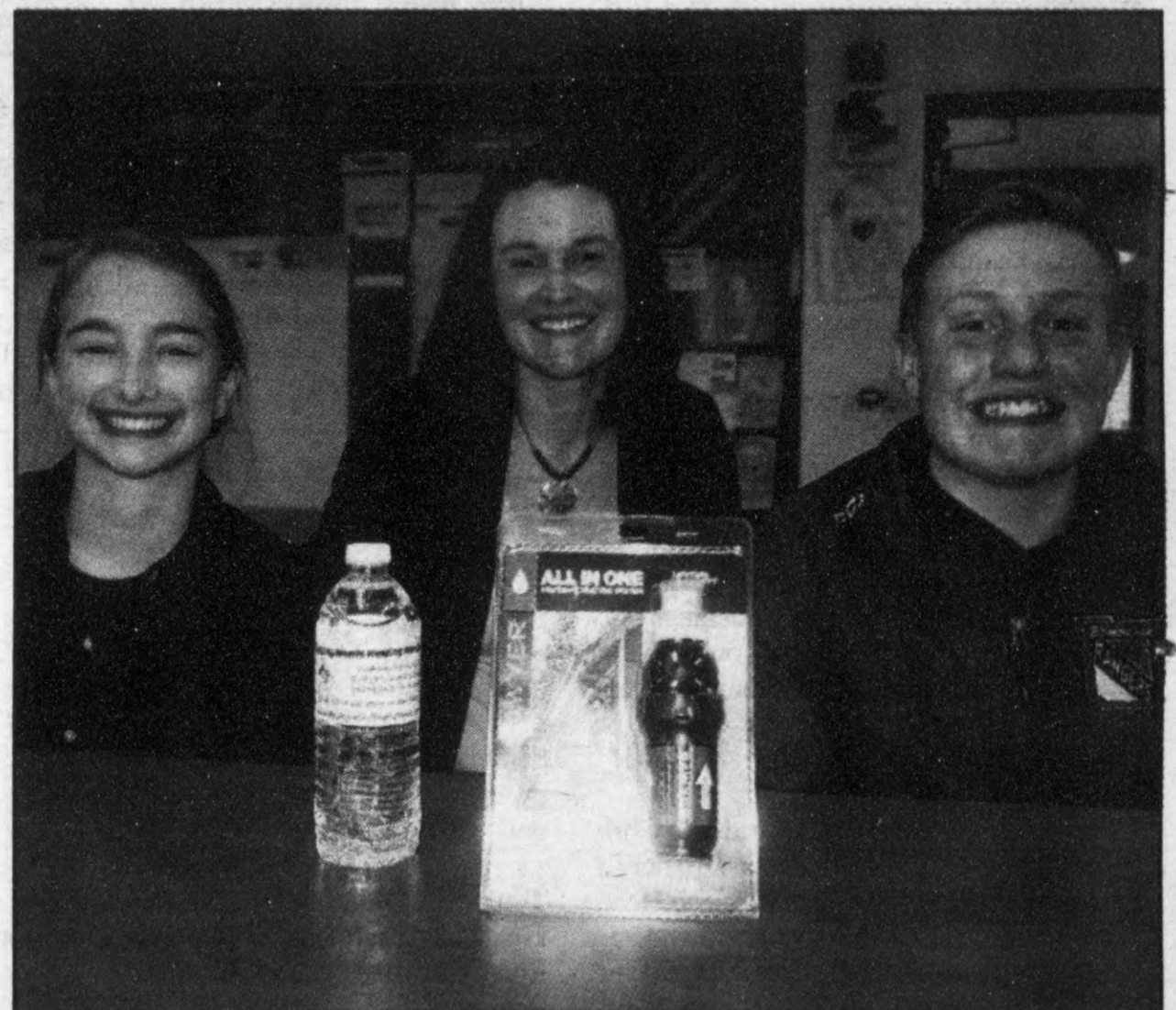
The sixth graders researched global problems of access to safe drinking water in Honduras. They made public service announcements, posters, and presentations, and started collecting money during PJ/Hat collection day, Feb. 2, and also through family donations.

Bertin worked with Erica Maldonado, Clarkston High School graduate and founder of Helping Hearts, Helping Hands, a non-profit organization began in 2007. Each filter costs \$150 to purchase and install. The filters are placed in schools and homes where the water will be shared with many people, so each filter has the potential of bringing safe drinking water to lots of people.

In 2017, Maldonado visited Bertin's Social Studies class at SMS to demonstrate the filters.

"I tried it," Bertin said. "She just took dirty water and mud and threw it in a bucket of water and then filtered it while she was presenting to the kids. I also drank it and it tasted amazing."

The filter works with two buckets. Water passes from one bucket, through the filter,



From left, SMS sixth grader Violet Bergman, teacher Mrs. Kelly Bertin, and sixth grader Matthew Pflieger with the Helping Hearts, Helping Hands filtered bottle of water and Sawyer water filter. Photo by Brenda Dominick

then into a clean bucket.

"It's a very easy process of cleaning the filters. When it's cleaned properly, it can last a lifetime," the teacher said.

"Last year, I want to say there was about four schools the filters went into," Maldonado said. "Then the kids can take the water from school back to their families too. So, it's reaching even more people."

"This is a really hard topic to teach about because when I need to show them the fact that kids are dying or becoming very ill from the water they're drinking, that's really hard for an 11 or 12-year-old to think about," Bertin said. "It's a hard unit, but we keep pushing the fact that we're going to do something to put a dent in this big, global problem."

Part of the assignment involved creating 10-15 minute classroom presentations which discussed water access and sicknesses that

poor-quality water creates. Another part involved students posting awareness headlines throughout the school.

The teacher said the assignment was graded, but the emphasis was on awareness and giving students a good experience.

"I just want them to experience this, and kind of get a life lesson, more than an A, B, C, or D," she said.

Maldonado passes out clean bottles of water to people all over with encouraging and informative messages on the label.

For more information, call Helping Hearts Helping Hands at 248-980-5090 or 248-830-6871, or email HelpingHeartsHelpingHands@hotmail.com. A total of 516 sixth graders from SMS participated in this mission project. Volunteers will be installing the filters over the next couple months in Honduras.

Events

Blood drives, American Red Cross, March 5, 1-6:45 p.m., American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road; March 12, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Road Rally Through the Decades, Young Professionals Network, 5-8 p.m., March 22. Shuttle bus provided by Bowman Chevrolet.

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, March 13, 7 p.m. Topic: How do I Respond to People When They do not Understand my Pain? Led by a Bereavement Counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Free. Walk-ins welcome. 248-625-5231.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, March 20, 7 p.m., Independence District Library. Sue Julian from North Oakland Headwaters will speak on invasive plants and how to eradicate them. Refreshments. All welcome. Call Pat Smolen, 248-909-3920.

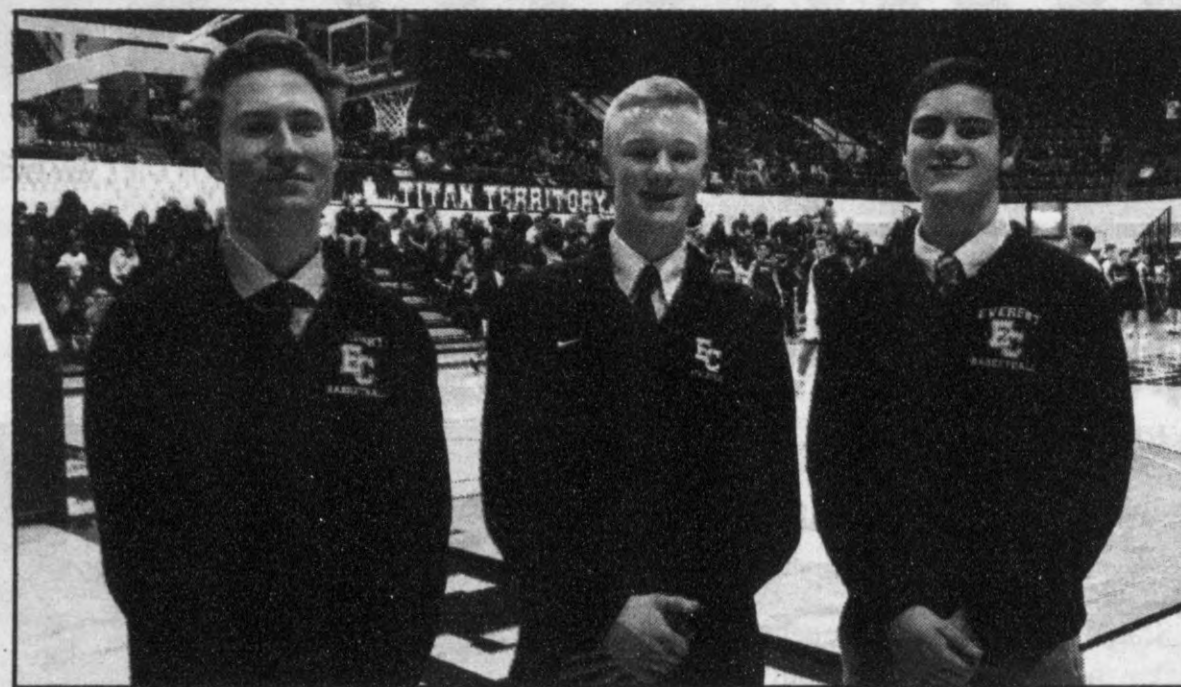
Grief Share, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

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, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-

Around Town

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



Congratulations to Everest Collegiate seniors named to the Catholic High School League Honors Team, Feb. 25, at Calihan Hall in Detroit, from left, Simon Fenske, All Catholic; JC James, All Academic; and Kamran Nallamotheu, All League. Photo provided

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 Methodist 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., made-from-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 Cen-

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.

ter in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

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

Friday

Line dance class, Fridays, 2-4 p.m., Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road. \$4, all 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. Immediate results. 248-625-2212.

Upwards Basketball for K4-eighth grade, Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway. First practice, March 13, games start March 17, and continues on Saturdays through April. Call Heather, 248-625-2270.

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MINDFULNESS: IS IT WORTH KNOWING
Tuesday, March 6 @ 7 pm

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Religion

Events Preaching

Now is the time to choose God

Somebody should do something! Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

I am not Everybody or Nobody and I am not just Anybody. I am Somebody, but what can I do? Something, anything that is helpful and positive; just not nothing.

In the story of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:29-37, we are shown that to be a good neighbor we are to help strangers in need. This is as deep as most people look at this story.

We skip over the part about the Priest and the Levite who were the religious and political leaders of the day and symbolize the ignorance and indifference to Spiritual Truth that are found in the outer observances of religion and politics.

We cannot rely upon politicians and religious leaders to do the right thing. Not that they aren't good people, but power and money corrupt even the best of intentions. It is often the least among us, the Samaritans were a mixed race of people who were looked down upon by the Judeans, who show us the way.

"The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them" Isaiah 11:6.

"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven" Matthew 18:3-4. "Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less" C.S. Lewis.

"Listen; be teachable... For as long

as you are green, you can grow" Mother Teresa.

When you think you are right that is when you are wrong.

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" Matthew 7:15.

Those who tell us who to hate and what to fear are the wolves in sheep's clothing. Hate and fear are great motivators, they invoke an emotional response that propels people to action. Except it is usually destructive and less than helpful action. Hate and fear are lousy guides to action.

When we experience feelings of hate and fear we can recognize them as sign posts on our spiritual journey. They are calls to action, and we are of best service when we raise our conscious awareness above them before we take action.

We can ask ourselves simple questions to clarify our intentions before taking action. Am I being helpful, acting out of faith, hope and love? Or, am I being controlling and manipulative, acting out of hate or fear?

In Matthew, chapter 5, is the story of the healing of a man possessed of demons. When asked his name he replies, "Legion, for we are many."

There are unlimited forms of hate and fear, none of which have any reality outside of our own thinking. We are all possessed by demons when we allow ourselves to hold on to thoughts of hate and fear. It is time to make a different choice. "And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love" 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Faith in God: a conscious realization of a greater reality and potential for being, hope for the future: a conscious realization of the progressive nature of reality, and love for all: a conscious realization of the inter-relatedness of creation and creator; these are to be our spiritual guides to action.

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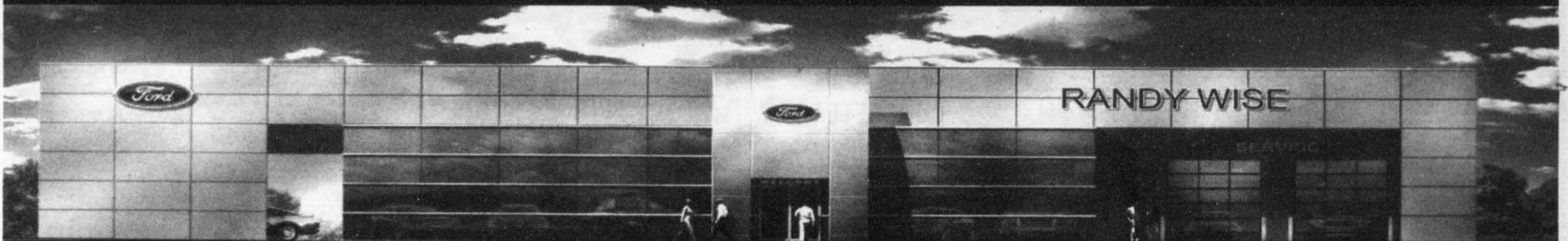
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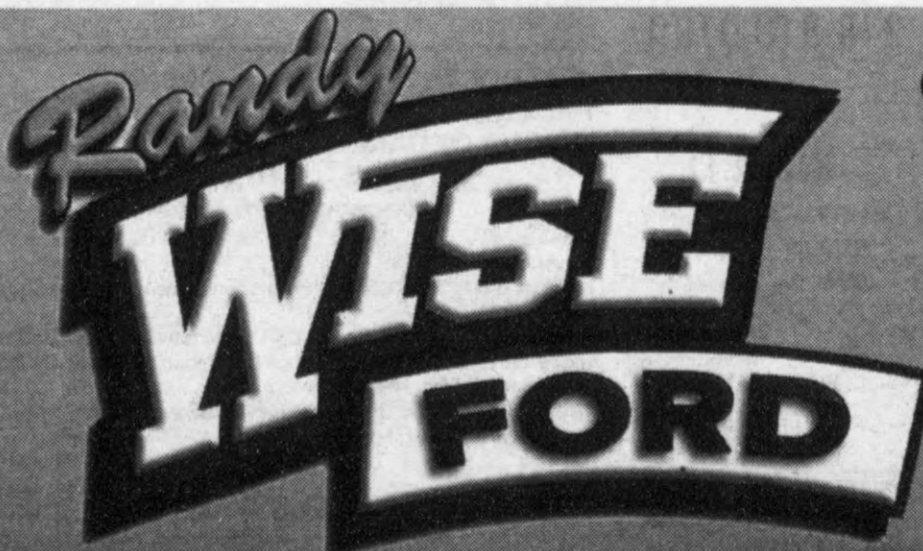
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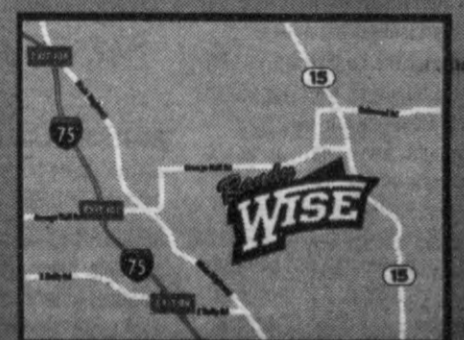
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Estate of Chris Anthony Bonacci, Deceased. Date of birth: 8-31-1951
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Chris Anthony Bonacci, Deceased, died December 14, 2017

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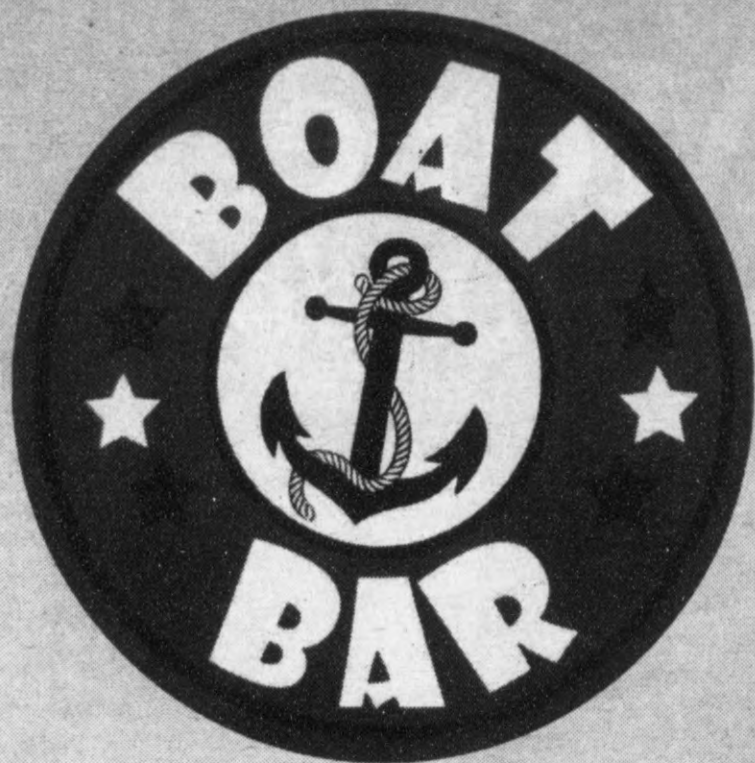
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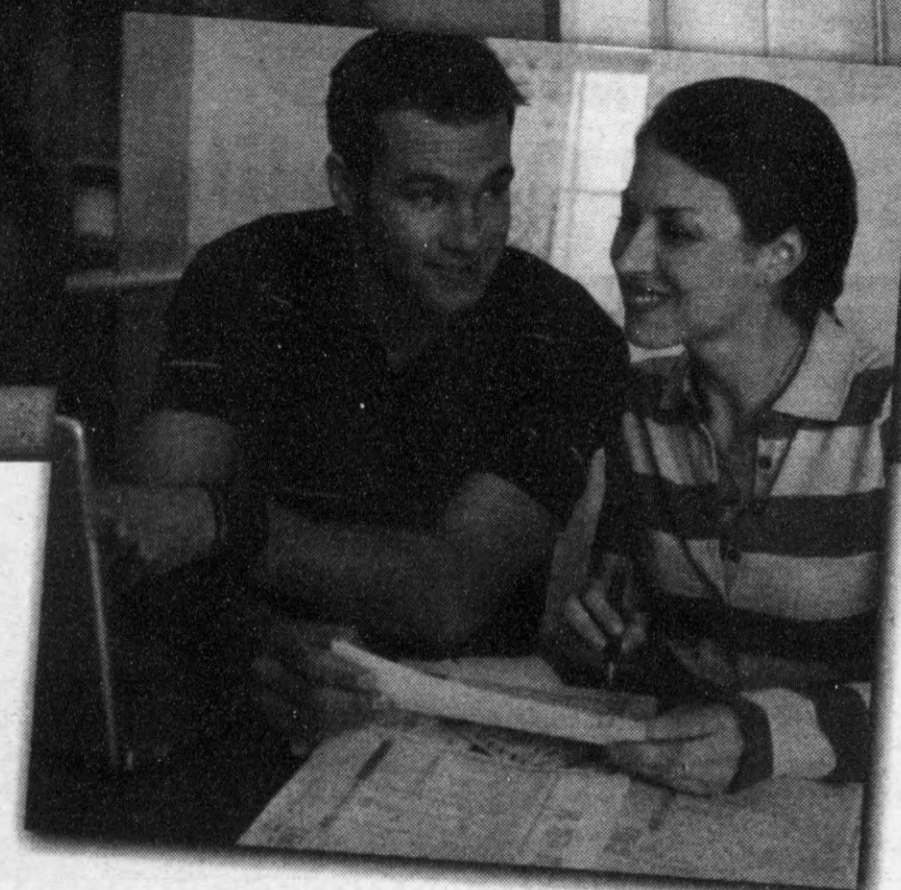
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VALENTINE'S DANCE: Fifth graders celebrated their final year at Independence Elementary with a special farewell Valentines Day party, with pizza, cake, punch, and dance music. *Photo by Brenda Dominick*

Training for Angels Place Race

Anne Clifton and Patti Braunreuther are leading a training program for Angels' Place Race on Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m., starting March 6. Meet at Depot Park parking lot for about 30-45 minutes of running each week for eight weeks.

Clifton has coached cross-country for many years and Braunreuther is a National Academy of Sports Medicine personal trainer. To join in the training, sign up for the 2018 Angels' Place Race 5K at www.angelsplacerace.org.

The event, which includes One Mile Family Fun Walk, 5K Bruce Clifton Run and Walk, and 10K Run, will be on May 12 at St. Daniel Church.

Angels' Place is an organization in southeast Michigan that provides support for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. For more information, call 248-625-4600.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team plays the in the MHSAA Hockey Division 1 Pre-Regional 8 game on Thursday at Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep at 7 p.m.

The winner moves on to the Region 4 game on Saturday at Grand Oaks Ice Arena

in Howell at 7 p.m.

From there, the region winner plays on Wednesday, March 7 in the MHSAA Hockey Division 1 Quarterfinal 2 game at The Summit in Dimondale, 7:40 p.m.

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team finished the season at the MHSAA Division 1 District 6 meet at Grand Blanc High School, Feb. 17.

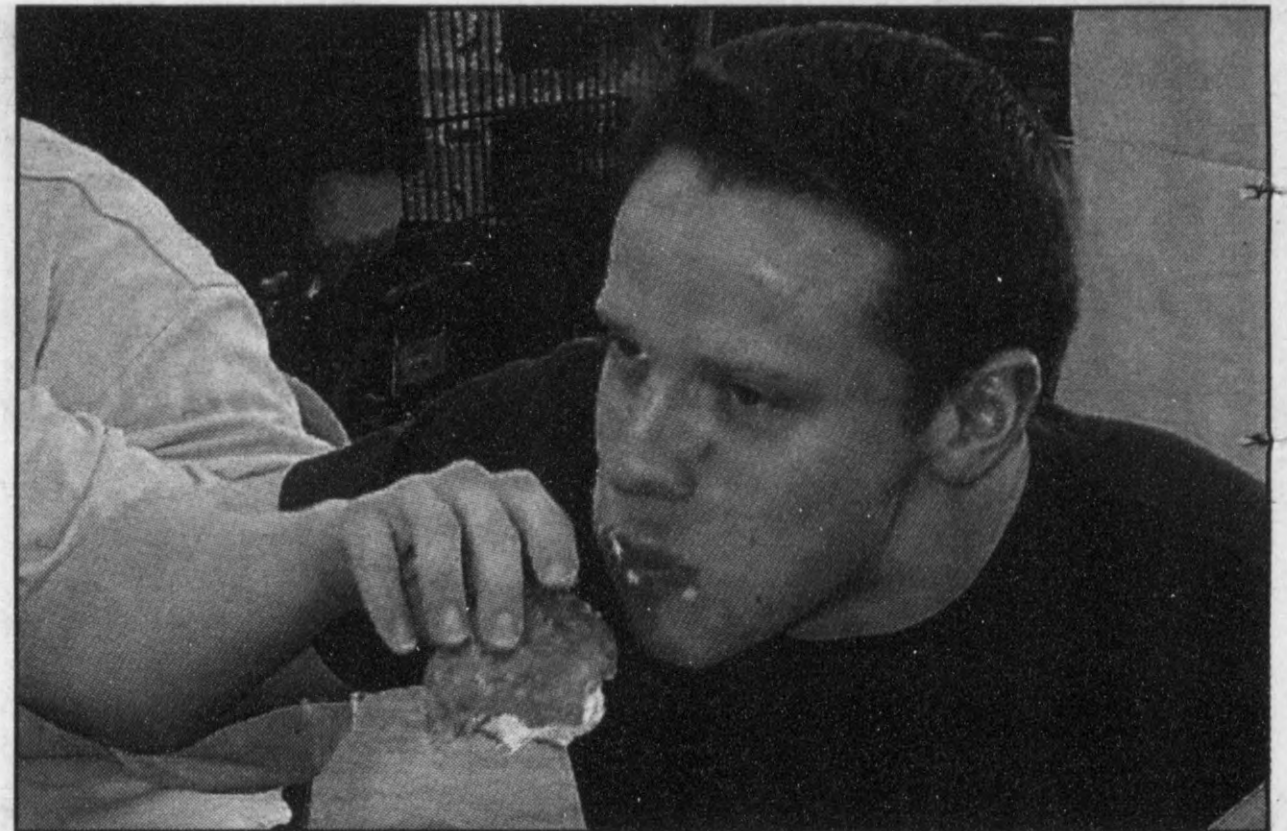
They finished with a total of 653.26 points. They scored 206.7 in the first round; 174.46, second round; and 272.1, third round.

Grand Blanc, Lake Orion, Davison and Oxford moved on to the regional meet.

The Clarkston Chiefs is holding a Parent Information Meeting Night at Clarkston Junior High School on March 8, 7 p.m.

The Clarkston Chiefs includes JV Football, for ages 10- to 12-years-old; Freshman Football and Cheer, for ages 8- and 9-years-old; and Cheer Mascots, ages 8-years-old and younger.

For more information please visit www.clarkstonchiefs.org or email clarkstonchiefs@gmail.com.



Austin Steward eats for the win.

Paczki champ

Austin Steward was the paczki eating champion for 2018 at Neiman's Family Market, having eaten four of the tasty pastries in the two-minute contest.

"Take just a little bit at a time – many small bites," Steward said of his winning strategy.

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Michelle Toy and other competitors at the contest. *Photos by Phil Custodio*

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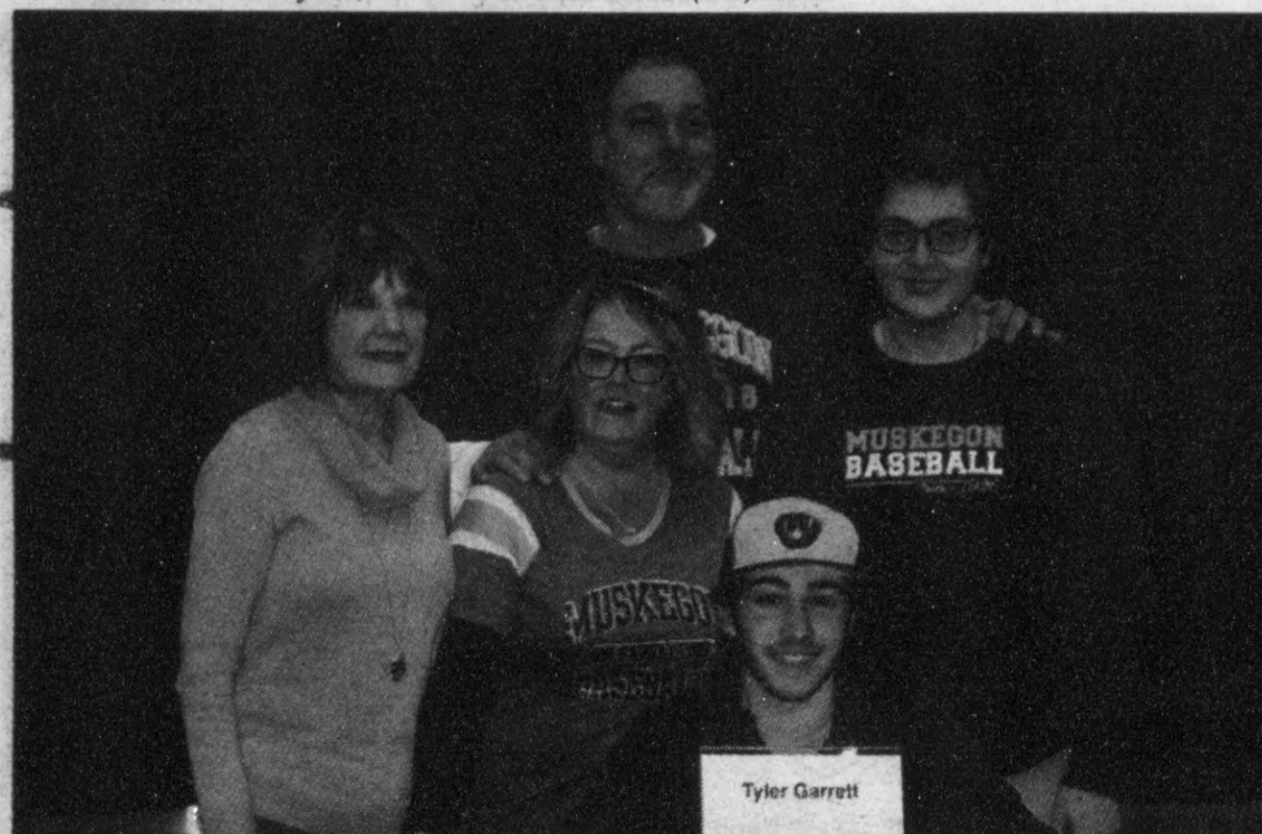


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College committers

The smiles were big and bright as 11 seniors shared their future intentions with friends and family during Clarkston High School Athletic Department's Winter Signing, Feb. 13.

Signing to compete on the collegiate level: **Michael Fluegel** and **Stewart Newblatt**, football, Columbia University; **Tieler Houston** and **Noah Nicklin**, football, Wayne State University; **Nate Uballe**, football, Alma College; **Hank Schemmel**, basketball, Grace Christian University; **Tristen Mysen**, basketball, Lake Superior State University; **Claire Austin**, lacrosse, Lourdes University; **Tyler Garrett**, baseball, Muskegon Community College; **Olivia Gilmore**, softball, Ave Marie University; and **Carissa Ludwig**, gymnastics, Western Michigan University;

Athletic Director Jeff Kosin commended the students on their achievements and asked them to thank those who helped them reach their goals.



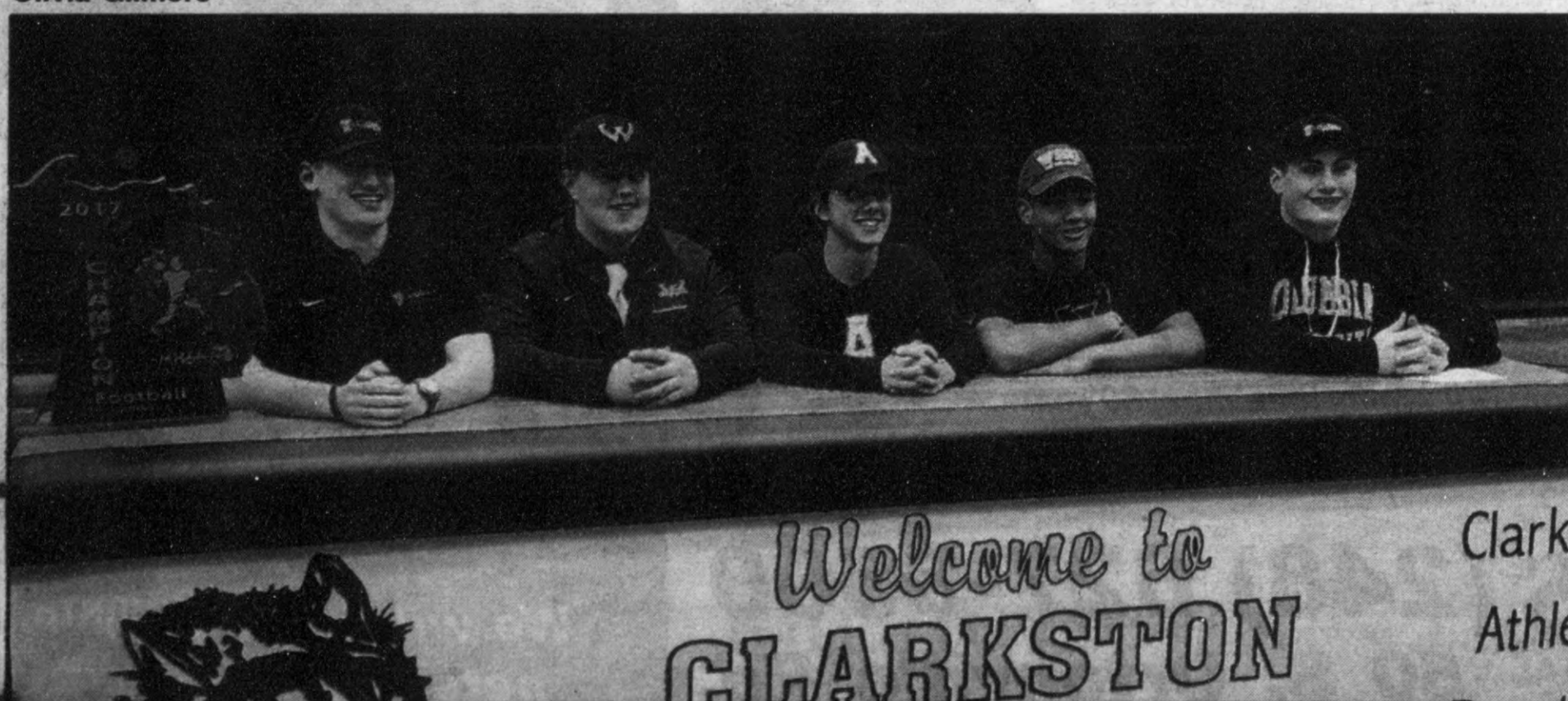
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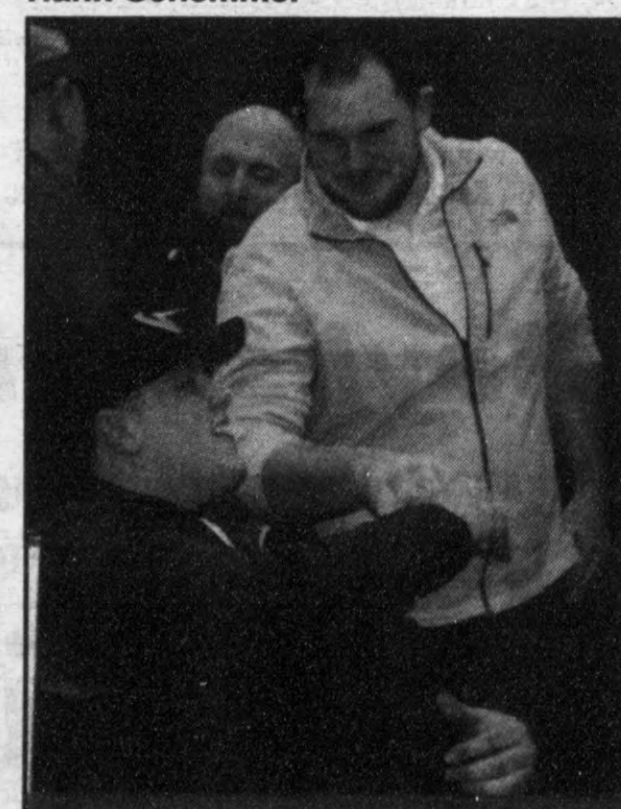
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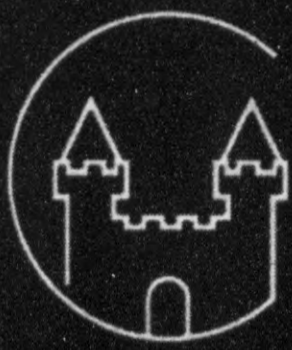
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From left, state champions Michael Fluegel, Noah Nicklin, Nate Uballe, Tieler Houston and Stewart Newblatt.



Noah Nicklin shakes hands with Justin Pintar.



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