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'Aggressive forever'

4-pete bid falls short by 1 point

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves eschewed a chance at a tie and went all in for the win in the final seconds of the State Championship at Ford Field, Saturday, but fell short by a single point.

Long-time Head Coach Kurt Richardson wouldn't have had it any other way.

"We have been aggressive forever – that's how we play football," Richardson said. "The offensive guys made some great choices as far as going two for two, (but) it didn't work. I wouldn't change the call. Our offensive guys thought they had a great call and I stick with them 100 percent. We were all in on it. It is what it is."

With 23 seconds remaining in the MHSAA Division 1 Football State Championship game, Clarkston scored a touchdown on a 7-yard pass from senior Jake Jensen to junior Matt Miller, narrowing the score to 31-30 against Chippewa Valley.

The Wolves then had two options – bring in senior kicker Tristan Mattson for a PAT and tie the game at 31-31, or take a chance and go for the 2-point conversion to win.

They picked the conversion, a play they had practiced for weeks, said Jensen.

Jensen pitched the ball to senior receiver Jake Billette, who handed the ball off to senior Josh Luther, who was stopped before he could finish the play, ending the game with a 31-30 win for Chippewa Valley.

"I was the intended receiver," Jensen said. "I was supposed to leak out and get behind the corner defensive back. Josh was supposed to lob it over, but things didn't go that way."

It was a great high school football game, Richardson said.

"They played their butts off and our kids scrapped and scrapped like they have all year," he said.

The Big Reds (14-0) opened the afternoon with 14 points in the first six minutes of the game off a 3-yard run by Andrew Chenault and a 36-yard pass from Tommy Schuster to Martice Bunting.

The Wolves put three points on the board with 2:52 remaining in the first quarter from a 38-yard field goal from Mattson.

Chippewa Valley's next score also came off of a field goal with 4:45 remaining in the first half.

Luther caught the kick off return, beginning the play for the Wolves on the 33-yard line.

Clarkston moved closer to Big Reds endzone before landing in it off a 3-yard touchdown run by senior Jacob Honstetter with 41

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Senior Jake Jensen kicks up some dirt but holds onto the ball in the MHSAA Division 1 State Championship on Saturday. Photo by Larry Wright

Weekend road closure to unclog gas line

Holcomb Road, between White Lake Road in Independence Township and Washington Street in Clarkston, will be closed for gas main repairs by Consumers Energy this weekend.

The problem was first detected at a Holcomb Road residence, having trouble with their heat. Workers found the problem was with the gas supply to the house, and Consumers Power confirmed the gas line under Holcomb Road near Depot Road was clogged, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

"The gas line needs to be completely replaced," Smith said. "The Consumers Energy crew will bore several feet under the roadway, but for safety reasons, the road must be entirely closed to traffic."

Workers are expected to also close Depot Road

during the project. The city's Depot Park parking lot will remain open, with exit permitted out the alley to the north alongside Main Street. Road Commission for Oakland County, Consumers Power and Oakland County Sheriff's Office determined Saturday is the best day for the work, with the least amount of disruption, he said.

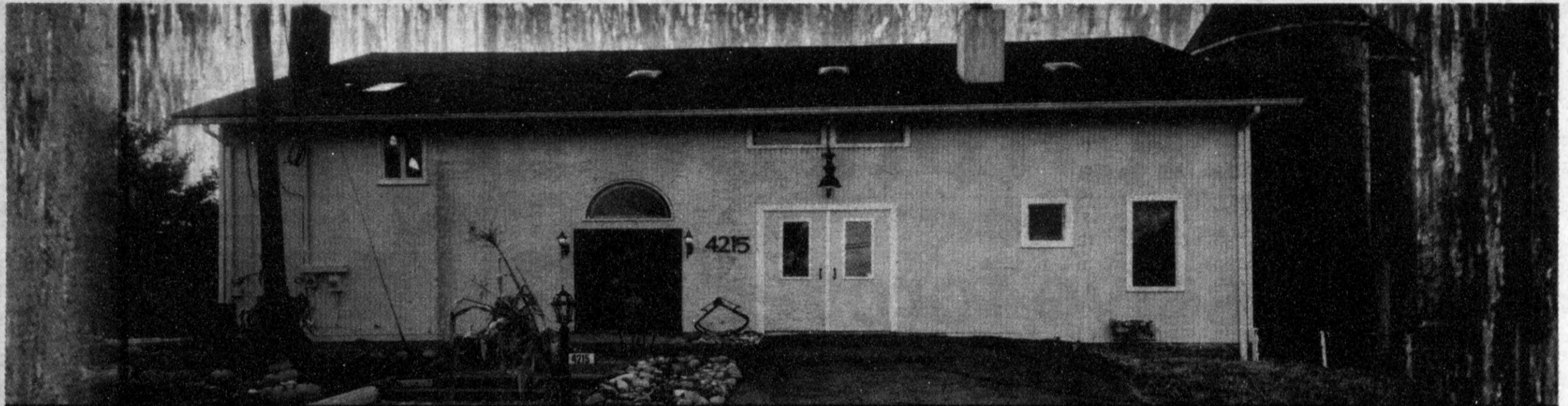
Oakland County Sheriff's deputies will assist with the road closures and signs. Residents will be able to get in and out, with ID check. The road commission expects the road to reopen the evening of Dec. 2, but the work will hopefully be completed sooner, Smith said. Detour is White Lake Road to Dixie Highway to Main Street to Washington Street to Holcomb Road.

– Phil Custodio

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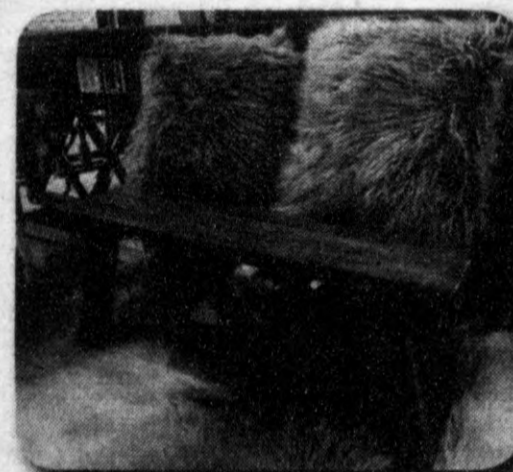
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Coupon rehab turns into ministry to poor

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Dahl the Coupon Ambassador, a pair of scissors and a pile of coupons is all she needs to help people in need.

"I coupon to give all away," said Dahl, a Clarkston-area resident since 2000. "I want to be able to help people who fall through the cracks, people others write off, who have been in prison, or are struggling with alcohol or drugs."

She has struggled with health and life issues, enough that she is dealing with post traumatic stress disorder and does not want to give her full name.

"Situations happen, I know," she said. "Being homeless, I experienced it. I've lived in a shelter."

She suffered a stroke in 2011, and would watch extreme couponing shows on television while recovering.

"My son suggested it," she said. "I couldn't talk. I was using a walker. My speech was horrible. But the more I watched, the more my speech would come back. Cutting coupons kept my brain active."

She was called to use her new couponing skills to help others about five years ago.

"It took years and lots of prayer to

give me this opportunity," Dahl said. "God told me, don't sell anything. People are in need, they are hurting."

She sorts and clips thousands of coupons every week to buy food, water, laundry detergent, and other supplies, then packs and wraps everything, decorates the bags and baskets, and donates them to people in need.

"Trust in God for everything. There has to be a God, he gives me the ability to do what I do," she said. "I believe God puts sales on just for me sometimes, to be able to bring blessings to others."

Her ministry is supported by her aunt, businesses including Meijer, Kroger, JC Penney, Rite Aid, and CVS, as well as the community, she said.

"Clarkston is a community where people give," she said. "Clarkston Lighthouse is a blessing. Clarkston Community Church, Pastor Greg (Henneman) is an amazing pastor. He helped my son tremendously. I can't thank him enough."

She raised her two children as a single mom, Devere, Clarkston High School class of 2008; and Dene, 2006 CHS graduate.

For more information or to help, email Couponambassador@yahoo.com.



Dahl the Coupon Ambassador uses her couponing skills to gift food, water, household supplies and other items to people in need. Photo by Phil Custodio

Briefly

Clarkston Road work

City DPW placed and graded 12 yards of 21AA stone in the usually flooded low spot on Clarkston Road, just east of Main Street, but the measure is only a stop-gap, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

"It was a temporary step to allow people to get through there," Smith said.

This work was reviewed and approved by the Road Commission of Oakland County, he said.

A permanent fix would include relocating a telephone pole and utilities box, and probably widening Clarkston Road, Smith said.

"It's a complex intersection, there's a lot going on there," he said.

The city is also looking to repair crumbling pavement at Main Street and Waldon Road, he said.

Music scholarships

Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac is searching for music students to apply for the monetary 2018-2019 music scholarships. The Dora Dawson and the Rosamond Haeberle applicants must be U.S. citizens, residents of Oakland County, and no older than 24 years of age. Application deadline is Dec. 15, 2018.

Dora Dawson Scholarship applicants must also be a enrolled as a music major or minor, or high school senior if college application to study music is in process. Monetary amounts vary due to how many awards are given. The Rosamond Haeberle is open only to college age piano students. The monetary award is for no less than \$4,000.

For applications, go to tuesdaymusicale.org. For info on the Dawson scholarship, call Mary Ann LaMonte at 248-673-8187; and Haeberle, call Carolyn Thibideau at 248-891-1628.

Holiday concert

The Clarkston Community Band (CCB) will perform its annual holiday concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4, under the direction of Shelley Schwarzer Roland at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

The free concert is open to the public, with donations accepted at the door.

They will perform Christmas favorites, with special musical guests the Clarkston High School Madrigals under the direction of Michael Peterson.

Special guest conductor Santa will be available for pictures after the concert.

To sponsor, call Gwyn Starr, sponsorship chair, at 810-845-6931.



Max Haun visits with Ol' St. Nick.

Crafting with Santa

Families can get together with Santa, for photos, decorate holiday picture frames, drink free hot cocoa and enjoy a small craft market all in one spot -- the new Picasso's Grapevine.

On Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., there will be three different classes for crafting.

Picasso's recently moved from downtown Clarkston to the newly renovated "barn" at 4215 Clarkston Road, Clarkston 48348. The barn is a piece of art and a destination to check out in its own right.

Please go online to register for the crafting classes, www.PicassosGrapevine.com

Radcliff OK'd for HDC

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

City Council voted 5-1 to appoint Jennifer Radcliff of Clarkston to the Historic District Commission.

Mayor Eric Haven and council members Al Avery, Jason Kneisc, David Marsh, and Scott Reynolds voted "yes."

Haven made the nomination, citing Radcliff's experience with Clarkston history as a historian and history advocate.

"Her credentials are pretty astounding," he said.

Sue Wylie voted "no," saying she wants to see nominees' resumes before consideration prior to meetings, as they have done in the past. Haven presented information on Radcliff at the meeting but it was not provided in the meeting's information packet.

"Let's stay with what we've been doing -- this is nothing against her," Wylie said.

Radcliff coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in 1980 to list Clarkston on the National Register of Historic Places, oversaw the relocation and restoration of an 1857 home, was president of the Michigan Historic Preservation Network from 1988-2002, and served as a member of the State Historic Preservation Review Board for more than 25 years, until 2017.

She is also a member of Main Street Oakland County and the Oakland County Historical Committee.

Radcliff replaces Kim Berry on the Historic District Commission, with the term ending July 2020.

The commission regulates and reviews proposed improvements to property within the Clarkston Historic District. They review construction plans, and can issue Certificates of Appropriateness or deny projects they believe will damage the historical resources of the district.

The historic district includes downtown Main Street from a bit north of Miller to Waldon, east and west Washington, E. Church Street, Buffalo Street, and S. Holcomb Road up to Surrey Lane.

Reynolds said for new residents moving into the district, their first contact is often with the HDC, so it needs people who work well with the public.

"Make sure there are people on the committee who are people people, not just by the book," he said.

Radcliff will work well with residents, Haven said.

"I encourage residents to not see it as adversarial -- it's not a matter of trying to be restrictive," he said. "They're here to help them, guide them, show options they're not otherwise aware of."

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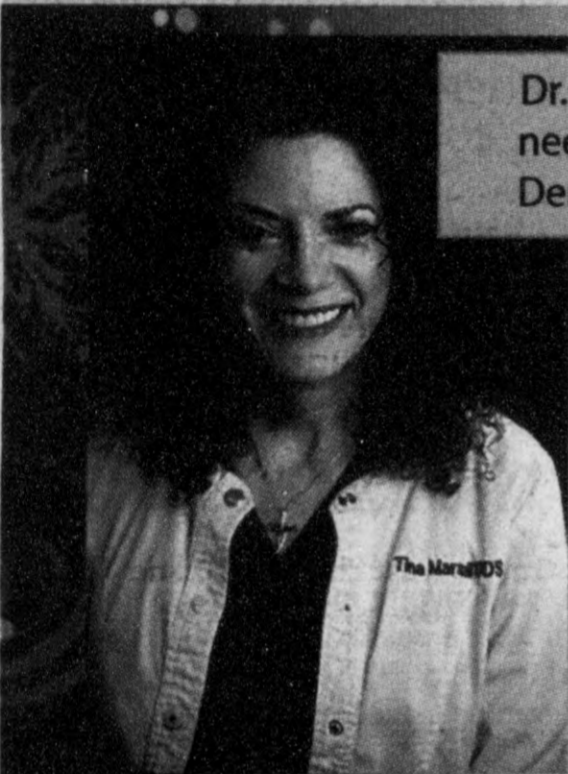
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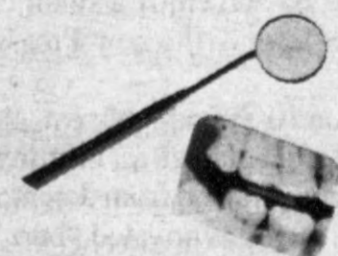
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Service a family affair for volunteer of year



Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year award winner Jennifer Barrett.

BY KATHY SHELTON

Special to the Clarkston News

When Jennifer Barrett's grandmother passed, her family honored her memory by adopting every long-term care patient at the facility her grandma called home.

During the holidays, they delivered gifts, care packages, encouragement, and joy to each resident.

"Our grandmother instilled in us the joy in being able to give back and know you made a difference, in giving of yourself and not expecting anything in return," said Barrett, who was honored by Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce with the Volunteer of the Year award.

"She is wonderful, a real sweetie," said Gina Garavaglia, chamber social media and event coordinator. "She is always willing to help out, join new committees, give of herself and her time."

Barrett was well deserving of the honor as someone who is always willing to pitch in and help out in any way she can, Garavaglia said.

"It's a real honor," Barrett said about the accolade she was not expecting, but very humbled by.

She currently serves as a Clarkston Chamber ambassador, a representative of the welcoming arm of the organization reaching out to new businesses.

In the role, she serves as a conduit to community members, and a source of information and assistance to new businesses.

She volunteers at all of the chamber-

sponsored events, ribbon cuttings, open houses, and chamber functions, lending a helping hand, ready to assist with whatever is needed.

She also serves on the planning commissions of some of these events.

Barrett volunteers in her hometown of Montrose as well, but says Clarkston, where she works at Commerce Bank, is much bigger than her tiny town, and "offers more opportunities to give back," which is what she is all about.

"It's definitely a close knit community," she said of Clarkston, one she loves being a part of and wholeheartedly supports.

As do her two children. She enlists their help when she can, passing the inspiration of her grandmother along to them.

They really enjoy being involved, because giving back and helping others when they are able is a part of who they are, she said.

Barrett and her daughter will be at Clarkston's upcoming Holiday Market, doing just that, offering whatever help is needed, with a warm smile and outstretched hand, engaging in what she loves to do, giving back.

The Chamber honored Choice Awards winners on Nov. 8 at the Pine Knob Carriage House, also including Brandon Gentile, Rising Star of the Year; Aubrey Emerson, Small Business Leader of the Year; Jacob Burke, Young Professional of the Year; and Knights of Columbus, Non-Profit of the Year.

Open house at Drew's Home

Drew's Home of Clarkston hosts an open house at their apartment complex in Clarkston, 4-6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2.

The non-profit group updated and renovated the apartments on the lower level to accommodate individuals with disabilities. Upper apartments are homes to individuals without disabilities, which helps create an integrated community.

Parking is available at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive, at Holcomb Road. Free shuttle bus transportation will be provided at the church to the apartment complex.

A reception area at St. Daniel's Cushing Center will include sign-in table, refreshments, and literature about the mission of Drew's Home. Visitors should check in at the reception table before visiting the apartments.

Named after Drew Moscovic, Drew's Home of Clarkston works to establish independent living settings in northern Oakland County for adults with special needs.



HOLY FAMILY: Nick and Leslie Malcom, members of the Clarkston Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will portray Mary and Joseph, and their twins will take turns playing the baby Jesus in the 20th annual live nativity, One Night in Bethlehem, this Friday and Saturday in Rochester Hills. The tour of various Christmas scenes is free and open to the public at Rochester Ward of the Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1610 Brewster Road, 6-8:30 p.m. For more information, call Elaine Bourret at 419-438-4962. Photo provided



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Robin V. Betts, 65

Robin Vanessa Betts (Henderson) of North Branch, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Nov. 24, 2018, at age 65.

She was the loving wife of Jack for 46 years; mother of Toby (Jessica) Betts, Tara (Joseph) Branch and Todd Betts; grammy of Lillian, Jack, Evelyn, Kelsey, Mikala, Vincent, Vanessa and her grand dogs

Roscoe and Daisy; sister of Jill Martin and Thomas Henderson; special friend to Jerilynne Chandanais; preceded in death by her parents Betty and Walter Henderson and siblings Gary Henderson and Judy Adkins.

Robin was a member of VFW Lapeer 4139 Ladies Auxiliary where she and Jack donated their time and DJ services.

Robin was a board member for the Lapeer Steelers Youth Football where she ran the concession stands. She enjoyed the casino and was an avid Elvis fan.

She loved to decorate the family home/yard for the holidays. Her grandchildren were the light of her life.

Memorial Service, Saturday, 2 p.m., at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, 1 p.m., until the service.

Private inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to McLaren Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Patricia A. Heard

Patricia A. Heard of White Lake passed away Nov. 24, 2018, at age 72.

She was the wife of Bob for 51 years; mother to Doug Heard, Deborah (Gordon) Rushlow, Darrell Heard and Kimberly Mellett-Yencer (Jeff) Yencer; grandma of Megan, Kristen, David Rushow & Isabella and Aubree Yencer; sister of Dennis

(Linda) Nicely; preceded in death by parents Lenny and "Helen" Evelyn Nicely.

A memorial gathering will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Some seasonal thoughts: think local

This, the last week of November, 2018 brings to mind two issues we hope readers will consider.

Say, 'Thank You.'

Give a shout of thanks to the Clarkston Community Schools district, administration, athletic department and athletes. Athletes on 2018-2019 squads have already given locals lots to cheer about -- and the year is only half over!

The **Girls Cross Country** team were Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Division 1 champs. The **Girls Swim & Dive** team made it all the way to the Div. 1 championship competition. The **Girls Volleyball** team made it to the District Finals. And, the **Boys Soccer** team ended the season as Div. 1 District Champs.

Also, for the second time in two seasons, the varsity **Football** team made it to the MHSAA Div. 1 championship game at Ford Field. Last season they won, this past Saturday they lost a heart-breaker to Chippewa Valley, 31-30, in the final seconds of the game.

So, to all you local athletes we say, "Thank YOU!" And, we sure as heck hope local readers will follow us in giving up those "thanks."

Shop Local.

Okay. Black Friday, Small Biz Saturday and Cyber Monday are all over and done, however there is still plenty of holiday shopping yet to be completed. This year, we implore local readers to give local retailers a shot versus first driving out of town, or spending your money at online outlets.

Local business-people are the only business people who, day in and day out, 365 days a year, support local kids. Not only do they pay local taxes (about three times more for schools than the average home owner), they also support local service groups, parks and recreation programs, all school district extracurricular functions AND they give local kids their first taste of working a real job.

Mega malls, and mega online retailers only take money from your community while not giving back.

We understand not everything on your list can be found locally, or for the same price the "megas" can offer. We leave you with this parting thought: What if there were no local businesses? What would happen to this community? How will local government make up lost tax revenue?

Please consider shopping more local this year.
 ~DPR



Mark Halley, with his dissertation committee, Dr. Brenda Nicodemus, chair, Dr. Sharon Barnartt, Dr. Keith Cagle, and Dr. Emily Shaw. Not pictured, Dr. Mona Baker. Photo provided

Halley earns his doctorate

Mark Halley successfully defended his dissertation, "Interpreting Dissent: Narratives about American Sign Language-English Interpreting for the Deaf President Now Protest" on Nov. 12, completing his PhD at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC.

Dr. Halley attended Pine Knob Elementary, Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High, and Clarkston High School, graduating in 2011; AAS, Sign Language Interpreter, Oakland Community College, 2012; BAS, Sign Language Interpreting,

Siena Heights University, 2013; and MA, Interpretation: Research, Gallaudet University, 2014.

Halley, a nationally-certified American Sign Language-English interpreter in private practice since 2011, is an avid researcher and has co-authored three articles on metalinguistics in peer-reviewed journals. He has presented on his research across the United States and Europe and is now seeking employment as a faculty member.

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Garden eliminated; township foots bill" What started as a win-win situation turned into a lose-lose situation for the Independence Township Board. They officially closed the community garden on the McCord property and planned to reimburse \$10,000 in donations to the garden.

"Springfield Township to expand fire department" Two new full-time firefighters and a leased ambulance were expected to provide better emergency services for Springfield Township residents in 2004 as the board approved the request from Fire Chief Charlie Oaks.

"Everest wins division title in football" Everest Academy's fifth/sixth grade football team won their Catholic Youth Organization division for the first time in their short two-year history with a 5-2 record.

25 years ago - 1993

"Holidays busy for area piano prodigy" Business was booming for 12-year-old Tiffanie Miller. The pianist from the Davisburg area could be found on the weekends at weddings, parties and formal engagements.

"I'm thankful for..." Students at Everest Academy shared their thoughts on what they were thankful for in honor of Thanksgiving which ranged from family to teachers to pets to holiday break and a holiday dinner.

"Local lad, 9, named Pistons' ballboy" Nick Craig, of Clarkston, got to see the Detroit Pistons up close and personal when he took to the court as their official ballboy. He earned the honor after his aunt, Becky Craig, won the right to choose the official ballboy through a contest sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimists Club.

50 years ago - 1968

"Local girls in parade" Six Clarkston girls participated in the Hudson's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit. They were Angie Kraude, Nia Kraude, Cindy Booher, Candy Ball, Crinher Kojima and Mary Heath.

"Golden anniversary" Mr. and Mrs. Edward Keeley of Waldon Road observed their golden anniversary with an open house for friends and neighbors at Clarkston Township Hall.

"Ski data" Six of the top ski resorts were located in Southeast Michigan and included Pine Knob, Mount Holly, Mount Grampian, Alpine Valley, Mount Brighton and Irish Hills Sports Park.

A call for the truth

Dear Editor,

Imagine my surprise to open the *Clarkston News* op-ed page to find so many column inches dedicated to the degradation of our president ("Fight for free speech," Nov. 21)!

Virulent vindictive vituperation in a poison pen polemic of purple prose was complete with mistakes and misnomers commonly coming from strident partisans filled with non productive flap doodle and flummery.

I fear the writer has been watching network and cable television, worse yet, believing it! Radio news is just as full of supposition, projection and assumption, devoid of fact.

Those of you who wish to understand what is really going on in media today should go to your trusty old computer. Pull up YouTube, and type "Cavett, Hoffa" into the search box. Then, you can hear Jimmy describe exactly what was done to him, a carbon copy of what is happening to the first citizen president elected since George Washington.

Try a little truth, it will only hurt a little at first.

Rob Namowicz
Independence Township



KIDS IN CONCERT: Ross Taylor conducts the seventh grade orchestra at Sashabaw Middle School's sixth and seventh grade orchestra concert, Nov. 13, at Clarkston High School. Concerts are free and open to all. For a district calendar including all Clarkston Music Department performances, go to clarkston.k12.mi.us/ccsmusic/handbooks-calendars. Performances include grade 6-8 orchestras, Jan. 23; 6th/8th grade bands, Jan. 24; and 7th/9th Chamber Orchestra, Jan. 30, all at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School. Photo provided

Random acts of kindness can go a long way

Let's start with a quote attributed to Martin Kornfield: "If we all do one random act of kindness daily, we just might set the world in the right direction."

For the past few years I have gotten behind the initiative that you're about to read about. And, I always start it the same way (change is hard, I reckon). — Don, November 2018.

* * *

You may not know or believe this, but I am kinda shy and this tends to lead folks to the conclusion that I'm emotionally shallow. I keep things close to the vest and, as such, can seem distant and not nice.

That said, well, I remember what is probably the only "nice" thing I have ever done. T'was the summer of 1982. At 19 strapping-young years of age, I was home for summer vacation from good old Central Michigan University.

Summer "vacation" of course meant working 40-plus hours a week at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston. And, while I dug that job, folks were dying to get in and I had responsibility and a lot of people beneath me, I still liked to hang out with people my own age — definitely not spend time with any of my three younger sisters: Not Barbie, not Patty, nor Nancy Christine, then 10 years old.

Don't know what kind of faerie sprite pwanged me with glittery pixie dust, but for some odd reason I volunteered to take Nancy and one her girl friends to the movies to see E.T. (That sweet little tale about a friendly alien who says, "Phone Home" a lot.)

Tada!

(That's it. My moment of goodness in an otherwise bleak and uneventful life.)

Or, so I reckoned. Just like there was time for Ebenezer

Don't
Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Scrooge to change his shallow ways back in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol there was time for me to be nicer. It took me a few decades to get there, but last year I found an outlet to let in niceness — on social media of all places!

Wrote I, 12 months, 24 months and 36 months ago this week:

"I will admit it, I am emotionally retarded. To many, I am distant. Stoic. I have shared my soul with only a few precious people. It's not that I don't feel, I am human. I just don't share well with others what is inside my coat of armor.

"I am impartial.

"I am balanced.

"I am forever calm (one even called me her human Valium).

"So, imagine my surprise the other week when I read a post on Facebook by a total stranger and then felt something stir somewhere deep inside my heart. What the heck? Was that a chink in my cold, hard armor I heard?"

At least I'm consistent in my self-narration.

Good Deeds For Zach

This is the fourth year I have gotten behind Teena and husband Dan Finn, Jr.'s effort to make the world a more betterer place.

The couple lost their son Zach to an automobile accident two months after he graduated from Clarkston High School, on Aug. 4, 2012. Grief is a twisty and tricky emotion to navigate. Somewhere along their road, some way and some how they came to a crossroad. They turned outwards to help heal their innards. #Good Deeds for Zach is their rally vehicle to traverse the hills, ruts, bumps and mud during the emotionally-charged and hard, holiday season and Zach's birthday.

Wrote Teena, "This has become a yearly celebration in honor and memory of our son, Zachary. Because he was such a kind, loving, and generous person, we choose to celebrate his birthday by asking everyone to channel a bit of him, by putting some good into the world. Random acts of

kindness, charity, and generosity towards your fellow man. It could be something as small as complimenting a stranger, or as big as a donation to your favorite charity organization. The rules are simple:

"Do something good.

"Kindness is contagious, and we want to see his birthday full of it."

* * *

For the past three years I have written on tiny pieces of paper, "Smile, somebody loves you" and placed them in random library books. I like to call them "little love bombs" and hope that some day in the future, when somebody randomly turns the page in their library book the note will make them smile. I now have library cards to three libraries, so look out you book lovers!

You can bake some cookies for somebody. Go visit a senior citizen. Pay for somebody's coffee. Smile at a stranger. Heck, forgive somebody, if for no other reason than you can.

Then, if you are so inclined, let Teena and Dan know what act of kindness you shared with the world.

* * *

Sometime after I took Nancy and her friend (I think it might have been Kelly Parker) to the movies that summer day, singer/songwriter Neil Diamond was influenced by E.T. and released the single Heartlight. A schmarmy, schmaltzie pop song, I still remember the hook:

Turn on your heartlight
Let it shine wherever you go
Let it make a happy glow
For all the world to see
Turn on your heartlight

Please think about it. On Dec. 4, start doing something nice. Let your heartlight shine and when you do, think a bit about the Finns, Teena, Dan and Zach.

Share you random acts by emailing me at DontRushDon@gmail.com

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Applications are available on the Township website at www.indtwp.com under Government on the top tool bar; Boards and Committees or from the Township Clerk's office. Applications and resumes must be submitted to the Township Clerk's office at 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, Michigan 48346 no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday December 12, 2018.
If you have any questions regarding the important roles and responsibilities of a Township Trustee, please contact the Township Supervisor at 248 922 6213.
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence
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Local civic groups
Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., 7048 Gateway Park Drive. ***
Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, second Tuesday, ***
Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. ***
Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., 6644 Dixie Hwy.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
CLARKSTON
CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
10 08 2018 MINUTES
Call to Order at 6:00 PM. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Mayor Percival, Kneisc, Luginski, Reynolds, Wylie, Catallo, Detkowski, All Present. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Luginski, Supported by Reynolds to approve the agenda with changes to add Sheriff Report after City Manager Report and change motion on item # 14 to a Resolution. Motion Carried.
Resolution by Reynolds, Supported by Detkowski to go into closed session, requested by City Attorney Tom Ryan to discuss a personnel issue. Roll Call: Reynolds, Luginski, Catallo, Detkowski, Yes. Wylie, Kneisc, Percival, NO. Resolution is defeated.
Motion by Wylie, Supported by Reynolds to adjourn the meeting at 6:11 PM. Motion Carried.
Called to order at 7:00 PM. Motion by Kneisc, Supported by Detkowski to change the agenda and move the subject of #5 (Tom Ryan) to # 10 (first under Old Business) Motion Carried. Consent Agenda: Motion by Wylie, Seconded by Reynolds, to approve the Minutes 09 10 2018 along with 09 15 2018 and 09 24 2018 Draft Minutes. Treasurer Report ending 09 30 18. Motion Carried.
Motion by Kneisc Seconded by Wylie to approve the public sandwich board sign at 32 S Main. The City will be given legal ownership of the "Tow Away Zone" sign but Union Joints would retain possession and control of the sign. Union Joints will deploy the sign during the hours of the parking restriction. The Planning Commission Approved their final minutes (including their recommendation to approve the placement of the sandwich board) on 10 08 2018. Motion Carried.
Resolution by Catallo, Supported by Reynolds to allow Joe Luginski to serve on both the City Council and Planning Commission. In addition to Sue Wylie Who is also on both City Council and The Planning Commission. Roll Call: Percival, Catallo, Reynolds, Detkowski, Kneisc, Yes. Wylie, No. Luginski Abstain. Resolution is Adopted.
Haven, also known as www.haven-oakland.org, represented by Carol Brumm, asked for donations including the City's CDBG 2019 Funds.
Resolution by Luginski, Supported by Detkowski, to approve 2019 annual MDOT permit for work on state trunk line right of way. Roll Call: Wylie, Luginski, Kneisc, Reynolds, Detkowski, Catallo, Percival. Resolution is Adopted.
Resolved by Reynolds, Supported by Detkowski, to approve a 5 year projection of road repair fund. FY 18-19 -0- FY 19-20 \$110,000. FY 20-21 \$76,000. FY 21-22 \$82,000. FY 22-23 \$92,000. FY 23-24 \$94,000. Roll Call: Luginski, Wylie, Catallo, Detkowski, Kneisc, Reynolds, Percival. Resolution is Adopted.
Resolved by Wylie Supported by Kneisc to approve free parking all day at Washington and Main Street paid parking lot, on Small Business Saturday 11 24 2018, with the loss to paid parking revenue amounting to approximately \$442.00. Roll Call: Percival, Luginski, Catallo, Reynolds, Detkowski, Kneisc, Wylie. Resolution is Adopted.
Motion by Wylie, Seconded by Luginski to have a joint Council and Planning Commission meeting for Carlisle Wortman to present the parking study on October 22, 2018 at 7 PM. Location to be announced due to the lack of space at 375 Depot Street. Motion Carried.
Motion by Reynolds, Supported by Luginski to adjourn at 9:16 PM. Motion Carried. For the complete minutes please contact Sandy Miller, City Clerk at 248-625-1559 or millers@villageofclarkston.org

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Wrong ID

A records' check on a car with an expired registration sticker showed the driver, a 25-year-old Waterford woman, had a bench warrant to failure to appear on a disorderly conduct charge out of 52-2 District Court, and she was stopped, 11:37 a.m., Nov. 14, on Sashabaw Road at Waldon Road. She didn't have identification with her, and the name she provided didn't match her face. The registered owner of the vehicle looked just like her, however. She admitted to lying, having given her sister's name. She was cited for expired plates, no proof of insurance, and giving false information to a police officer. She was taken to 52-2 District Court where she was arraigned and given a pre-trial hearing. She pled no contest and was sentenced on the charge.

Drunk driving

A driver called 9-1-1 to report a man walking around the middle of the road near his crashed vehicle on the side of Sashabaw Road at Pine Knob Road, 12:16 a.m., Nov. 18. The man, a 27-year-old Independence Township resident, said he lost control of his vehicle. He said he had a few drinks celebrating, for he had passed a test for a new job. Preliminary breath test result was .161 blood alcohol level. He was checked at McLaren Clarkston and jailed for drunk driving.

Keyed vehicle

Someone damaged an SUV owned by an Auburn Hills resident with a key, Nov. 21, in the 4000 block of Fox Creek.

Drug overdose

Oakland County deputies and the Springfield Township firefighters were called to the rest area on northbound I-75 near Davisburg Road for a woman found unconscious in the ladies' restroom, 6:05 a.m., Nov. 20. The woman, a 42-year-old Beaverton resident, was found by a state employee who called 9-1-1 for assistance. The subject was found seated on the floor inside one of the restroom stalls, experiencing labored breathing. Upon their arrival, deputies determined she was likely experiencing a drug overdose, and administered a single dose of Naloxon. She became alert and was able to communicate. Springfield Township paramedics stabilized the victim, and Star EMS took her to McLaren-Clarkston for further evaluation. While at the hospital, the victim admitted to deputies she used heroin prior to being found. The victim was expected to recover.

Coats for the Cold

Oakland County Sheriff Office is collecting Coats for the Cold through Nov. 30 at OCSO Independence Substation, 6560 Citation Drive; OCSO Springfield Substation, 9075 Big Lake Road; Genisys Credit Union, 7357 Deer Lake Road; Real Estate One and Max Broock Realtors, 31 S. Main; and Real Estate One Gateway, 7070 Gateway Park Drive. Donations should be new or clean, gently-used, and will be given to several charitable organizations for distribution to those in need at no cost.

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Snowfall Sunday night made Depot Park pretty but closed local schools on Monday.

Snow day for schools

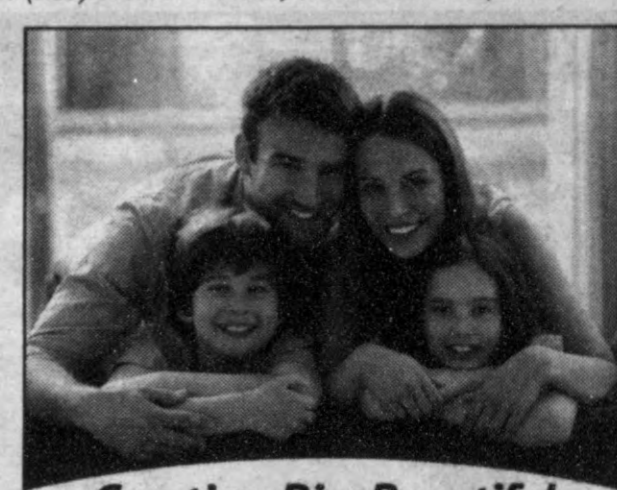
A low pressure system across the southern Great Lakes region brought about an inch of snow to the area Sunday night, enough to close Clarkston Community Schools on Monday.

Michigan State Police reported an injury accident on northbound I-75 at M-15, 8:23 a.m., Nov. 26, but overall traffic was fine, said Oakland County Sheriff's Lt. Larry Perry, Independence substation commander.

"It wasn't too bad. People were driving pretty well," Perry said.

Caution is in order to keep it that way, he said.

"Make sure you leave early," he said. "Take your time. Don't be in a hurry to get anywhere."



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The Wolves rush onto Ford Field for their fourth visit to the state championship in six seasons. Photo by Renee Weaver-Wright



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WHO'S UP THIS WEEK:
Thanks for the Great Season Wolves!

Last Score: Clarkston Lost to Chippewa Valley 31 - 30

CLARKSTON'S 2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|----------|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|
| Friday | 08/24/18 | Grandville | W | 12-9 |
| Friday | 08/31/18 | West Bloomfield | W | 28-25 |
| Friday | 09/07/18 | Troy | W | 47-7 |
| Friday | 09/14/18 | Adams (Rochester) | W | 30-8 |
| Friday | 09/21/18 | Southfield Arts & Tech | W | 30-21 |
| Friday | 09/28/18 | Bloomfield Hills | W | 55-7 |
| Friday | 10/05/18 | Oxford (Homecoming) | L | 20-17 |
| Friday | 10/12/18 | Lake Orion | W | 24-14 |
| Friday | 10/19/18 | Oak Park | L | 21-14 |
| Friday | 10/26/18 | Lake Orion | W | 30-7 |
| Friday | 11/2/18 | White Lake Lakeland | W | 26-6 |
| Friday | 11/9/18 | Lapeer | W | 13-0 |
| Saturday | 11/17/18 | Saline | W | 1:00 |
| Saturday | 11/24/18 | Chippewa Valley | L | 1:00 |

OAA Red League Standings/Record

| Team | Wins | Losses |
|------------------|------|--------|
| Clarkston | 5 | 1 |
| West Bloomfield | 4 | 2 |
| Oxford | 4 | 2 |
| Lake Orion | 3 | 3 |
| Rochester Adams | 3 | 3 |
| Southfield A&T | 2 | 4 |
| Bloomfield Hills | 0 | 6 |

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Wolves vow Ford Field return

Continued from page 1

seconds remaining in the half. A PAT from Mattson put the score, 17-10.

Before the Wolves had a chance to celebrate, David Ellis scored a touchdown on a 94-yard kick off return to end the half with Chippewa Valley up 24-10.

"I think that moment really defined these guys because that's the time you go, it's just not going to work today," Richardson said. "They came out and they kept scrapping. They didn't give up. Chippewa Valley would answer, then we would answer. It's a great high school football game - again. Scott Merchant is an awesome coach and that's a great program."

Clarkston opened with possession of the ball in the third quarter and scored on a 5-yard touchdown from Billette.

The Big Reds fought back before the Wolves could score again with a 25-yard pass from Schuster to Bunting with 1:20 left in the third quarter.

Luther caught the kick off return again, starting Clarkston on the 21-yard line. Jensen passed the ball twice to Luther for a total of 35 yards as the Wolves closed in on Big Reds' endzone.

With 15 seconds remaining in the third quarter, Jensen held onto the ball and made a 44-yard touchdown run. A PAT from Mattson put the boys seven points within reach of Chippewa Valley.

Jensen went 10-for-15 in passing for 115 yards with Luther catching four of the passes for 52 yards. Conor Donahue caught three passes for 59 yards and Matt Miller caught three passes for 21 yards.

Jensen also rushed the ball nine times for 127 yards.

"Jake has just grown and grown as a quarterback and as a leader. We felt comfortable putting the ball in his hands. He had some nice catches," Richardson added.

Billette carried the ball 11 times for 60 yards and five first downs yards.

Senior Max Nicklin led defense with five tackles and five assists. Luther had five tackles and two assists. Senior Brendan Barker, senior Aaron Berti and sophomore Rocco Spindler had four tackles and two assists. Junior Zach Reid had five tackles, senior Josh Croll had three tackles and four assists, and Honstetter had two tackles and three assists.

The Wolves finished the season 11-3, as OAA Red league champions, district champions and regional champions.

"Our kids feed off each other," said Richardson, adding it's a tight community. "The first thing college kids do when they come home is get in the weight room. You have a kid like Cole Chewins starting for Michigan State University and he is in the weight room working with our guys. It's a very tight community, very tight group of kids. They come through our camps, they come through our programs. They all feed off each other. It's awesome for me. It makes things easy for me."

"It's very humbling. Great coaching staff. It's a brotherhood," said Spindler on his second trip to Ford Field with the football team. "No one even gave us a chance to come back here and we did. I promise you we will be back here again before I leave."



Jake Jensen hands the ball off to Jake Billette. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team finishes as district champs. Photo provided

Champions on field

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team did things a little differently this year - starting with playing a more possession styled play not normally used in high school soccer.

"They developed very well during the season," said Ian Jones, head coach. "They played direct. They really worked on it. They grasped it and at the end it really helped them make a run. It paid dividends having a philosophy in place which we did and sticking to that philosophy. I think it was a success and hopefully they learned something which is the important thing. It's not about results always. It's part of being part of something but also having a learning experience."

The boys didn't finish with a lot of wins but they did have a lot of close losses. Plus, they made their wins count as they became district champions.

They shutout three teams for the

district championship beginning with a 5-0 win over Waterford Kettering. Then, they defeated Stoney Creek with one goal in the second half by Ethan Wise. They won the championship with a 2-0 win over Rochester Adams.

Two players were named 2018 Michigan High School Coaches Association All-State Division 1 teams with senior goalkeeper Noah Bridgeman named to the second team and junior forward Ethan Wise named to the third team.

The Wolves graduate 14 seniors from this season's team: Lewyn Beernick, Noah Bridgeman, Eric Dutkiewicz, Christiano Euceda, Patrick Farrell, David Gray, Austin Hayes, Nathan Murray, Kyle Roland, Alex Scholte, Zac Senko, Justin Spehar, Alex Stunkel and Maclain Zarembo.

Returners include juniors Jeff Euceda, Ethan Wise, Brendan Zwiernik; sophomores Lochlan Gray and Nick Merritt.

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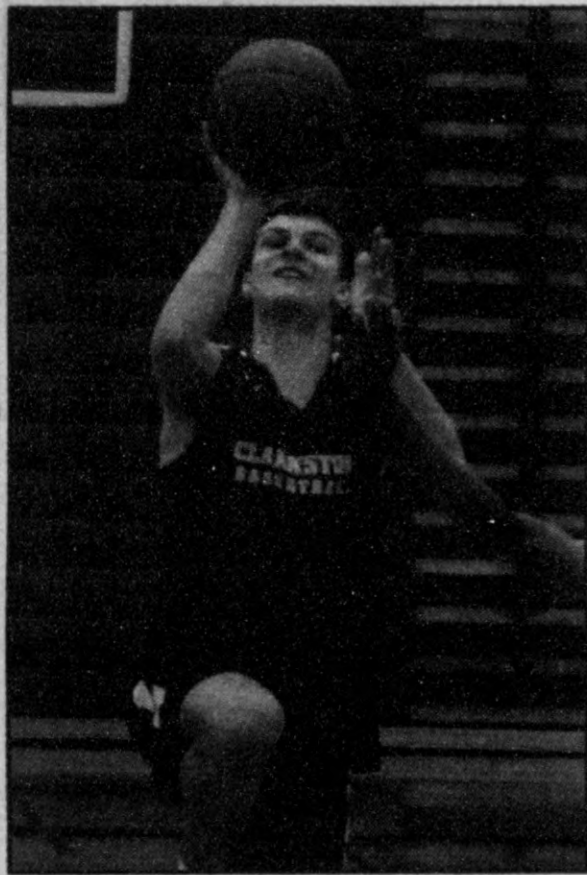
Back on the court

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers are getting ready for their first game on the court as they head to Sterling Heights Stevenson this Friday for the season opener.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team spent last Friday morning preparing with a scrimmage against four teams. They also went against four teams on Saturday, Nov. 17.

"Overall we played harder in our second scrimmage last Friday," said Tim Wasilk, head coach. "We made good improvements from the first scrimmage to the second scrimmage. We played harder. We competed harder. We knew the plays better. It was just good, too, with a lot of new faces to get the kids in a scrimmage situation and game like situation where they can go out and play. Then, also play in front of people as well so they are more



Keegan Wasilk aims to score in the Wolves' scrimmage last Friday. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

comfortable when we face Stevenson."

He added the varsity and the JV teams had their full teams on Monday as both welcomed the football players into the winter season.

"We are looking forward to getting those guys back, get them into the mix and get those guys contributing as well," Wasilk said.

With the first few games, Wasilk wants the boys to compete.

"If we compete, play defense hopefully when we do those things offense will take care of itself," he said. "It will be the first game for a lot of those kids so I just want to try to make it simple for them – go out there compete, play defensively and not worry so much what they are doing on offense. They are going to make mistakes – that's part of the game. Being on a team with less experience than we have had in years past just want to make sure the kids are in the right mindset of let's just go play, let's just compete and have fun. The rest will take care of itself."

He added the team has a lot of good players and they are ready to play.

"We are looking forward to it," Wasilk said. "The only thing we don't have is kids who have been in those situations before. It will be one of our hurdles early on is getting the flow of the game. It's what we have been working on in practice. Moving forward going through December how can we get more comfortable playing with each other in a game setting. It will be the new thing for them."

The boys open the season at Sterling Heights Stevenson this Friday. Then, they head to Pontiac next Tuesday before hosting their home opener against St. Mary's Prep on December 7. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

"We are looking forward to a good season and a good start," said Wasilk. "We have a good group of kids. I think you will see improvement as the season goes along."



The Everest Academy 4/5/6 Girls Basketball team is ready to play. Photo provided

Mountaineers ready for new season

Everest Collegiate High School & Academy is ready for the winter season with athletes playing on 17 sports teams, including basketball, bowling, and cheerleading.

The 2018-19 seasons marks the return of the EC Competitive Cheer team.

"I am very excited to share we have eight girls committed to bringing the sport back," shared Nancy Burgess, head coach. "We are currently working hard on learning the fundamentals, and we will be ready to compete in our first competition by mid-January."

She added they are planning on competing in the Catholic High School League championships as well as three other invitationals to be eligible for their district meet at Vassar, Feb. 16.

Also this season, Everest has alumni returning to coach including Richie Cross, Class of 2013, and Mary Jo Allen, Class of 2014, will both be returning to the Mountaineer court as coaches.

"We are looking forward to a season full of competitive learning, hard work, and the ultimate goal of forming strong young men on and off the floor," Ritchie said.

"The season looks promising," added Erin Van Wagoner, head coach for the EC Girls Basketball team. "With 22 players, we are one of the only Catholic league teams that will field a JV squad this season. This allows

younger players the opportunity to gain valuable game experience and improve as they compete throughout the season."

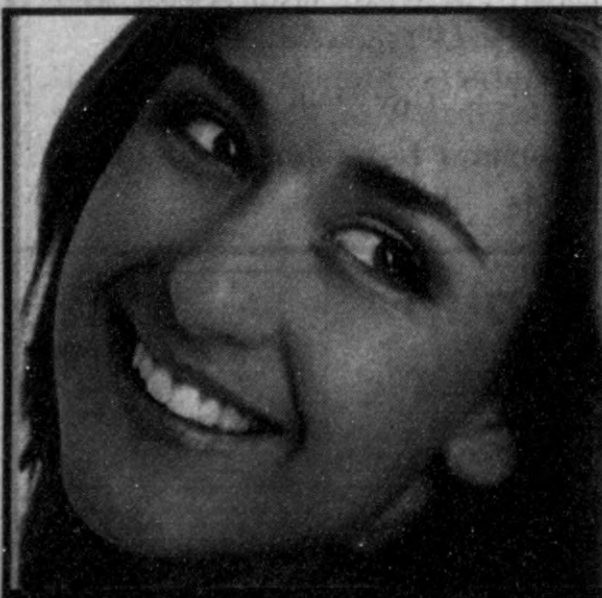
The varsity team is led by seniors Katelyn Allen, Serra Lowney, Grace Lowney, Kateri Thibodeau, Kendall Beauchamp, and Leah Radich.

"I am looking forward to coaching this team and seeing them come together to accomplish great things this season," Van Wagoner said. "They are a talented group with many of the girls playing together since elementary school. They have worked hard during the off season and I hope their dedication is rewarded this season especially for our seniors."

The academy teams are also looking forward to the season. Dave Berney is coaching the 4/5/6 girls black team.

"We are very excited for this year and looking forward to whatever God has planned for this team," Berney said.

The eighth grade boys basketball team also worked together on an apostolic project with parent volunteers Ann-Marie Neme and Jen Engle. The team made 125 lunches for "Detroit's Treasures," the homeless in Detroit. The EC Boys Varsity Basketball opens their season this Thursday at Oakland Christian. They host their home opener this Friday.



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Season on ice opens with win, losses

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team opened the Birmingham tournament last Friday with a goal from Brandt Botterill against Bloomfield Hills in the first period.

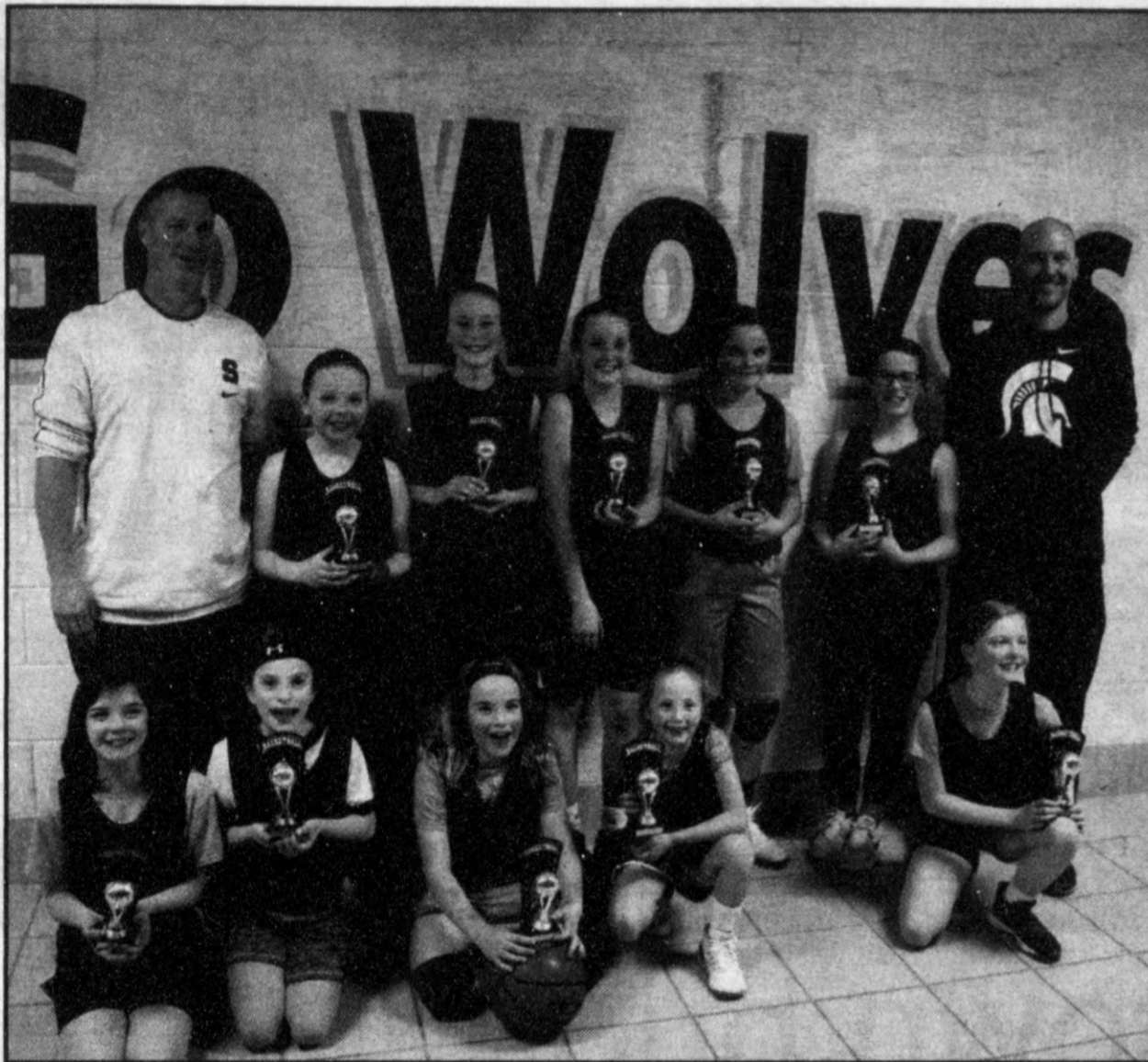
The Black Hawks evened the score with their own goal and took the lead with 11 minutes left in the second period.

With five minutes remaining in the game Brendan Walk tied the score with an assist from Drew Stark. The game went into overtime and ended when Bloomfield Hills scored a goal from Jonah Stone to end the game, 3-2. Ryan Galligan and Danny Milano had assists during the game.

The boys continued the tournament with a 3-2 loss to Lowell/Caledonia on Saturday. Milano and Trevor Gilman scored goals during the game. Walk and Joey Ketzler each and an assist as the boys had 40 shots on the net.

The Wolves opened the season with a 4-1 win over Bay City Central, Nov. 17. Ryan Bolio, Ketzler, Walk and Galligan each scored one goal during the game. Gilman had two assists for the night. Bolio, Botterill, Walk, Milano and Cole Gable had one assist each for the night.

The Wolves (1-2) host Farmington United on Thursday at Detroit Skate Club, 5:45 p.m.



LEAGUE CHAMPS: The Clarkston Community Ed Girls Basketball team the Spartans, in front, Allie George, Harper Drouin, Ella Charter, Ava Ebling, Anna George, and standing, Scarlet Anderson, Marley Mazur, Elia Morgner, Rylin Nelson, and Olivia Slone, and coaches Derek Mazur and Robert Morgner, won the league title for grades 3-6. *Photo submitted*

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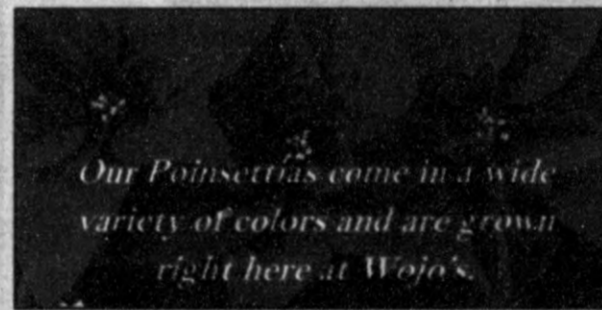
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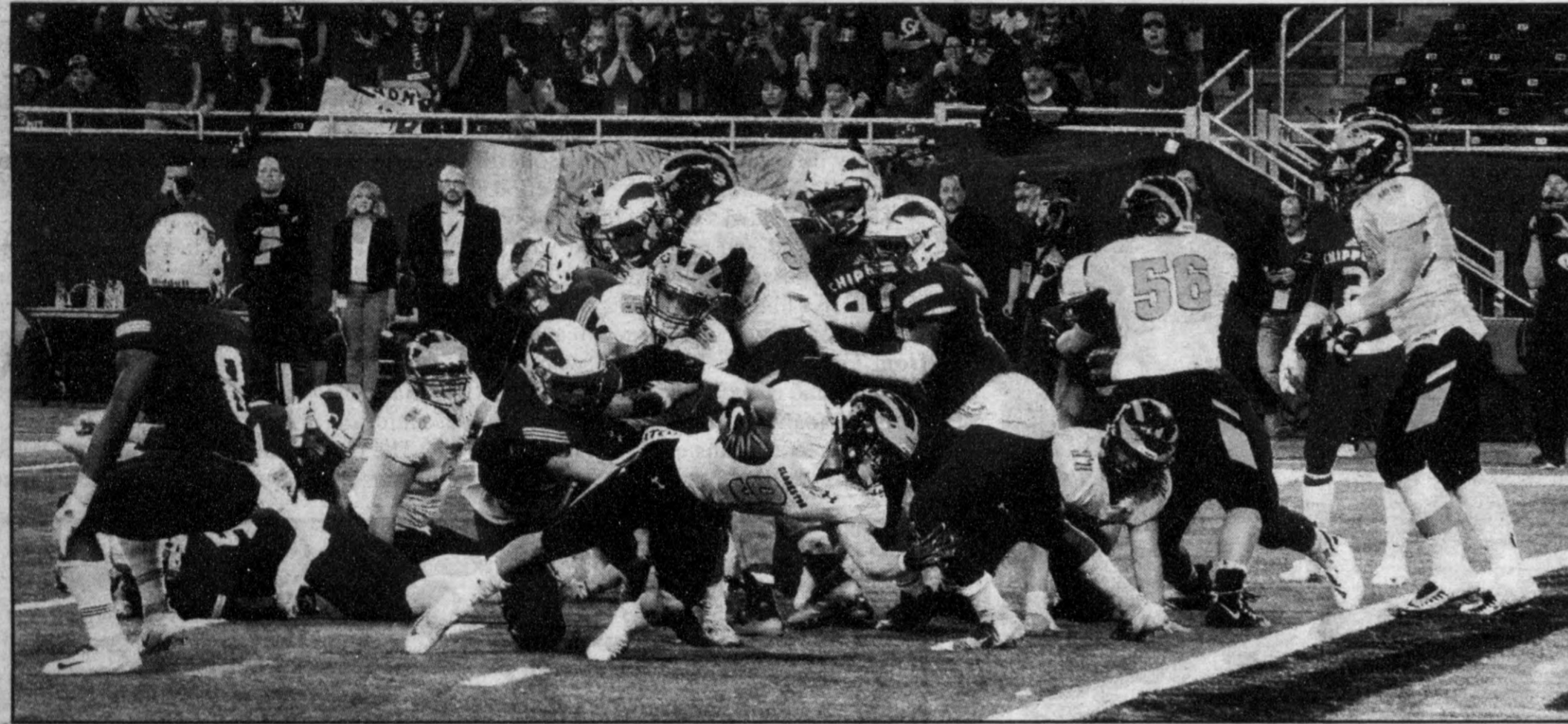
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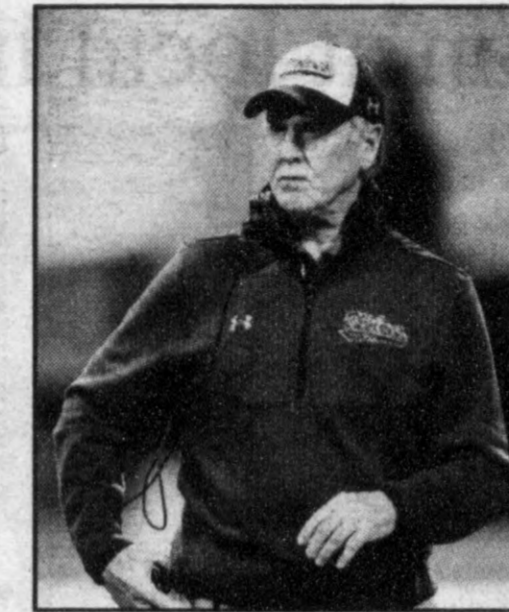
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Senior Jacob Honstetter stretches to get as close to the endzone as he can. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



Senior Josh Luther runs the ball. Photo by Larry Wright



Head Coach Kurt Richardson.



Fans stand or sit on the edge of their seats during the game. Photo by Renee Weaver-Wright

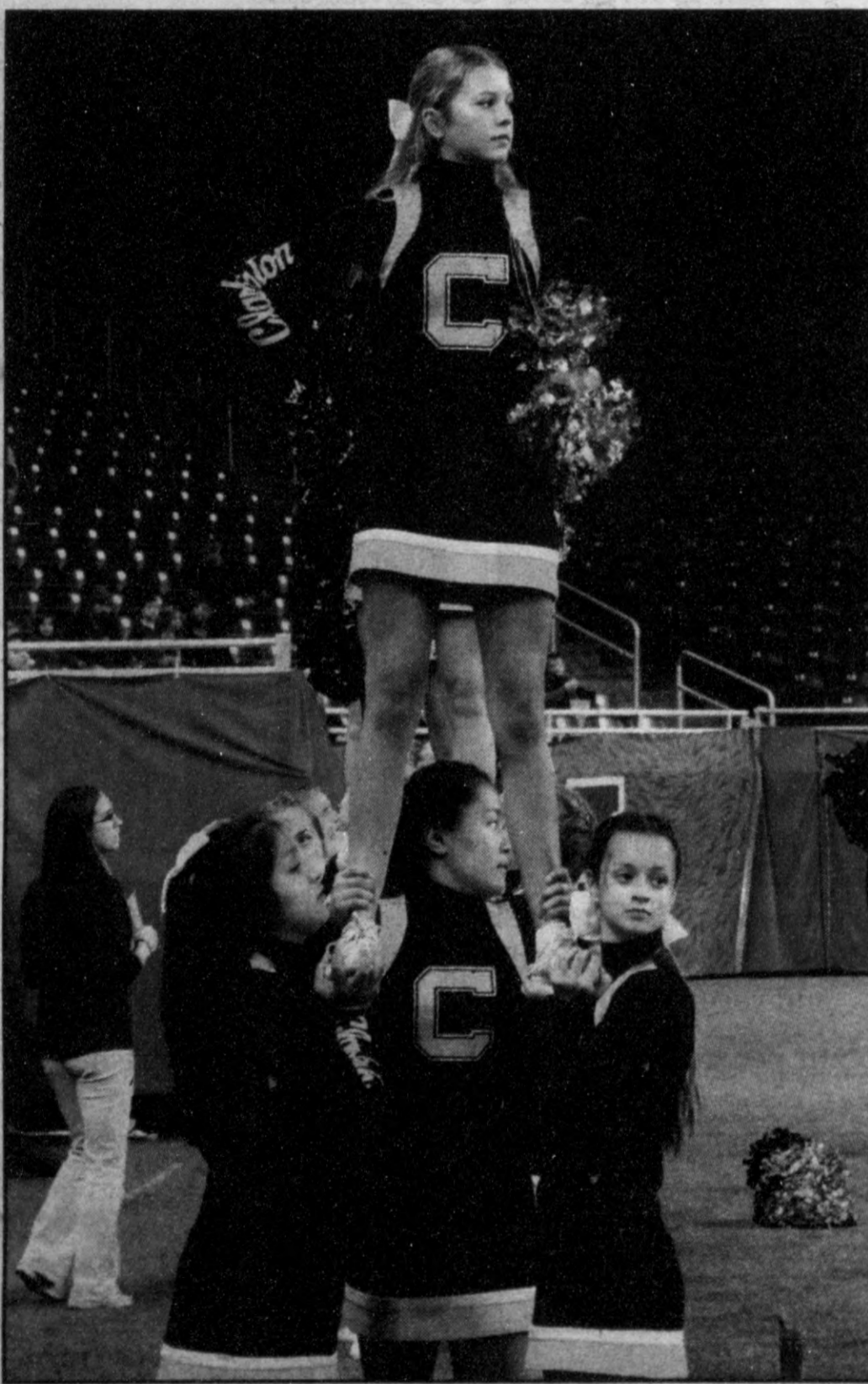


Carrie and Izzy Wheeler are ready for the game to begin. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

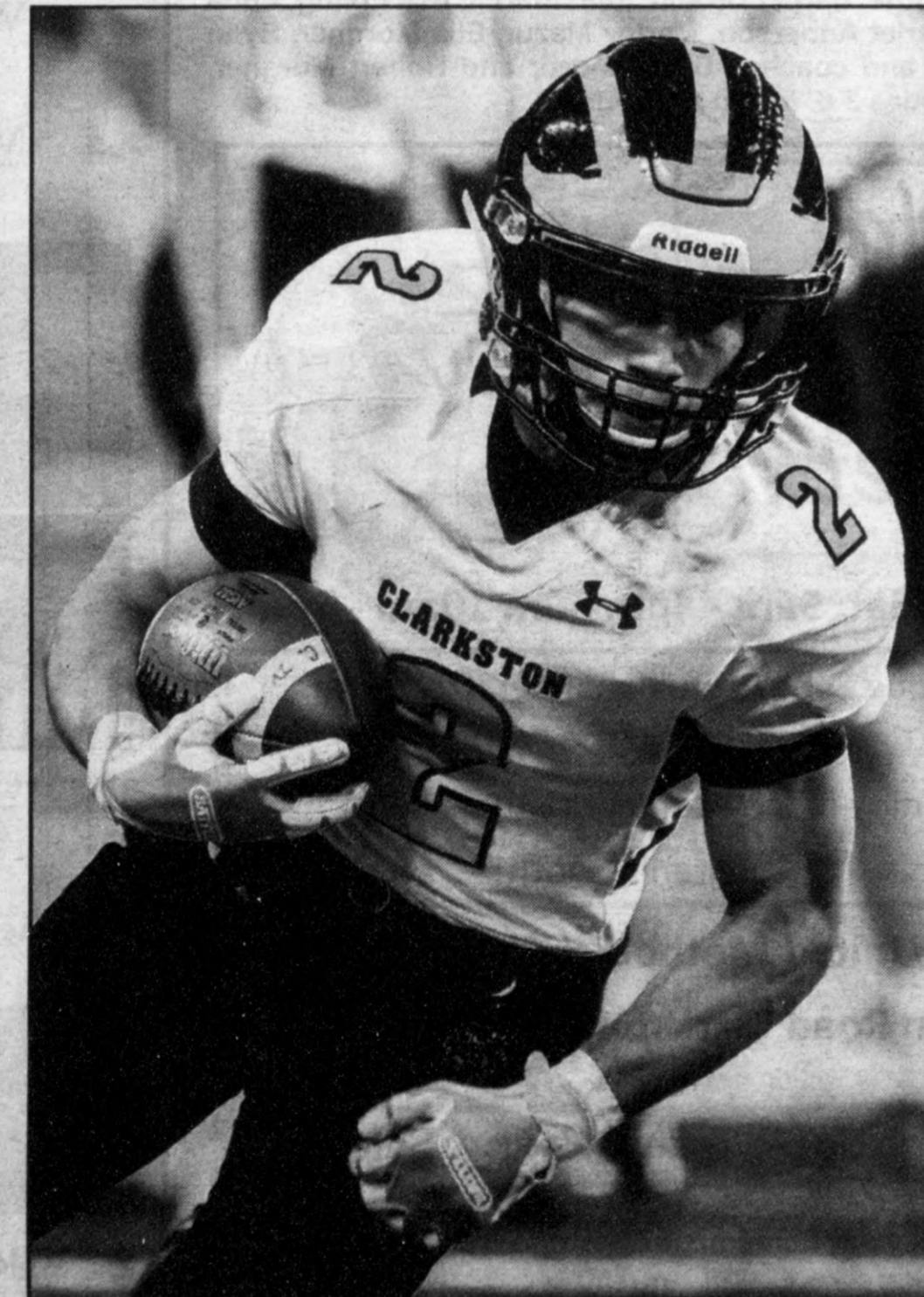


Josh Crull has his eye on his target. Photo by Larry Wright

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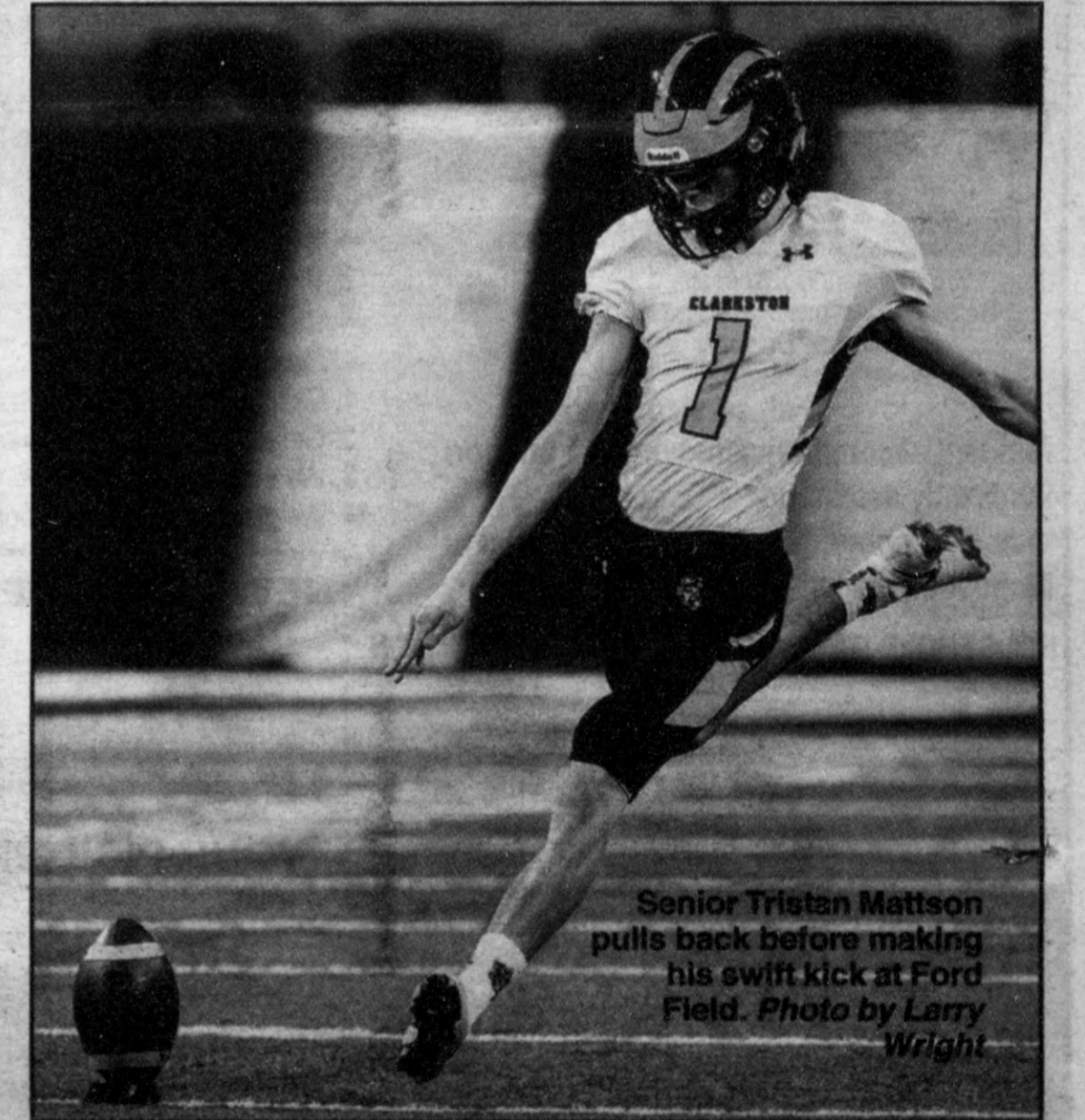
Go Blue! Clarkston Varsity Cheerleaders set up for a kick off return. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



Senior Conor Donahue. Photo by Larry Wright



Senior Jake Billette hits the dirt before Chippewa Valley can make a tackle. Photo by Larry Wright



Senior Tristan Mattson pulls back before making his swift kick at Ford Field. Photo by Larry Wright

Opening on Township Board

With Andrea Schroeder heading to Lansing after a successful campaign for the 43rd District state representative seat, the Independence Township Board needs a new trustee.

Applicants must have been a registered voter in Independence Township for at least 30 days. Trustee responsibilities include fiduciary management, attend township board meetings, and participate in board decisions. The appointment expires on Dec. 31, 2020. Elected trustees serve four-year terms. Members of the Township Board of Trustees, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Senior Advisory Committee will review applicants and make a recommendation at the Dec. 18 Township Board meeting.

Schroeder, a Republican, was elected to the state house with 24,059 votes, 56.40 percent of the 42,658 total votes in the Nov. 6 election. Nicole Breadon, Democrat, received 18,505 votes, 43.38 percent.

"I've been busy learning the details of the job," Schroeder said. "I had to be in Lansing the day after the election for three days of caucus events and new legislator training, everything has been a whirlwind since then."

Items before the next session starts on Jan. 9 include more meetings, orientations,

and hiring staff, she said.

"I know from talking to people during the campaign that health care, good jobs, education, and road improvements are important issues, so I'll be working for better policies in those areas," she said. "It's been a long, tiring, and exciting 16 months since I started my campaign. I've met so many interesting people who've shared their stories and concerns with me. Honestly, I know it sounds trite but it truly is a privilege to serve, and I don't take the responsibility lightly. I'm

sad about leaving the Township Board, where I loved serving, but I know it is in good hands."

Applications are available on the township website at www.indtwp.com under Government on the top tool bar; Boards and Committees or from the Township Clerk's office. Submit applications and resumes to the township clerk's office at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346, no later than 4 p.m. on Wednesday Dec. 12. For more information, call township Supervisor Pat Kittle at 248-922-6213.



Schroeder

Hackathon at local library

The Clarkston Independence District Library hosts an eight-hour hackathon on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., as a part of Major League Hacking's Local Hackathon Day.

A hackathon is a learning-focused creation marathon where participants dream up innovative, fun, and interesting projects. Participants work in small teams to bring their projects to life over the course of the event.

"You don't need an idea or a team to attend," said Nathan Dimmer, Clarkston High School sophomore and IT intern at CIDL.

There will be time at the beginning of the hackathon to meet new people to team up with, and brainstorm project ideas. Typical hackathon projects include building web apps, iOS or Android apps, and games.

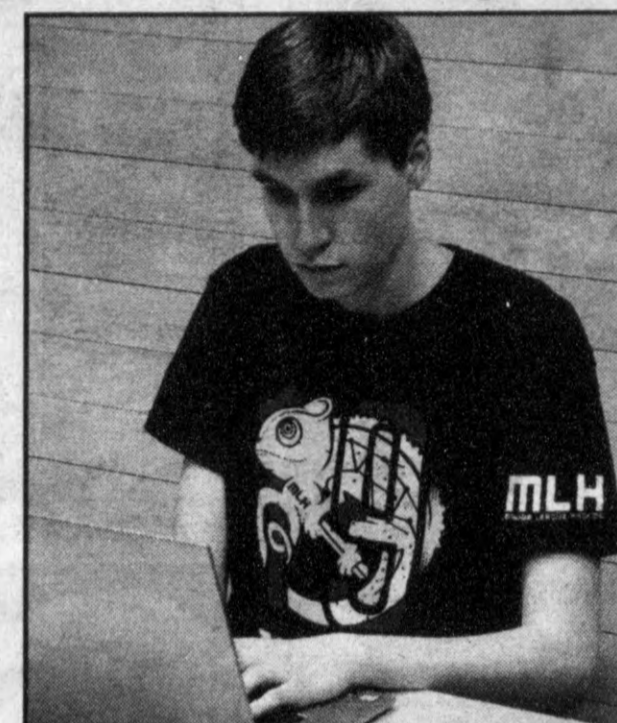
Dimmer organized the program to provide students with a safe space for experimenting and creating with computers and code.

"I went to two 36-hour hackathons this year at universities, and I had a blast," he said. "The attitude was that nothing was impossible, and the amount of creativity was amazing. I learned lots of real world coding skills at GrizzHacks, and wanted to bring that to Clarkston."

The goal for this event is to introduce students to programming, and show them that anyone can learn to code. Everyone from middle school through college is welcome, regardless of their coding experience.

Resources and instructional workshops will be presented on different technology topics to help beginners get started, such as "No-Code App Development with Mendix" and "How to Create Your First Amazon Alexa Skill."

Hardware available for attendees will include Spheros, Gear VR, Ozobots, 3Doodler 3D Printing Pens, Little Bits, and



Nathan Dimmer creates a web app at his first hackathon, GrizzHacks3 at Oakland University. Photo provided

Raspberry Pi.

Spheros and Ozobots can be programmed using an easy-to-learn, visual programming language, so attendees can try programming without any prior knowledge. For those who want to try programming something new, there will be a Raspberry Pi kit with tons of sensors one can use to create programs that interact with the real world, he said.

The library will have computers and other supplies available, but participants are welcome to bring their own laptops, chargers, and anything else they want to use for their projects. A photo ID or library card is required to use the library's hardware.

Food and drink will be provided.

For more information and to register for this event, visit LHD.MLH.io/2018/e/697. Drop-ins are also welcome.

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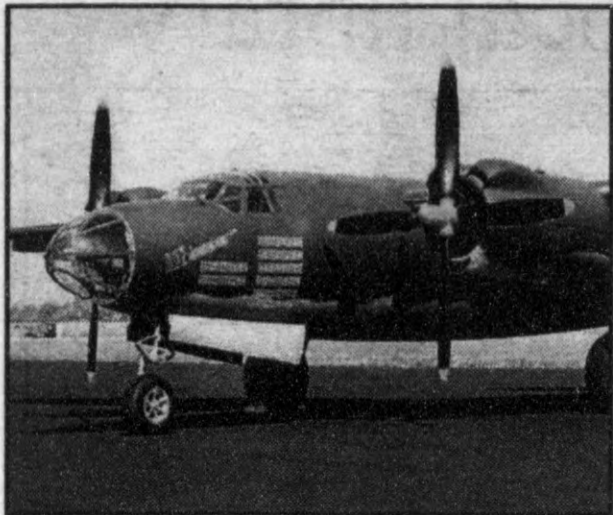
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Jim Manilla was navigator and bombardier on a B-26 Marauder bomber like this one. Photo provided by U.S. Air Force

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Clarkston News Editor

Newly arrived in World War II England, Jim Manilla received an unexpected visitor.

"Believe it or not, I was shining my shoes and I looked up and my brother (John) is standing there. I hadn't seen him in two years. I hardly recognized him," Jim said.

Flying with a B-17 heavy bomber crew, John had lost weight, dropping from about 180 to 160 pounds.

"He had completed half of his missions and I was just beginning," said Jim, the third of three sons – himself, John, and Paul – all serving in the military at the same time.

Now 94 years old and living in Arizona, Jim likes to visit his son Robert Manilla and daughter Cam Manilla, both Clarkston residents, with John visiting occasionally from New York.

Jim was drafted and inducted into the U.S. Army the February after he graduated from high school in central New York.

He trained at army posts across the country, including Ft. Dix in New Jersey, Fort Myers, Fla., as well as Louisiana and Georgia. Going into the Army Air Corps, training included flying in single engine AT-6 Texan planes.

"It was the first time I'd ever been up in an airplane," he said.

Aerial gunnery training included flying in an open cockpit, trying to hit a fabric sleeve pulled by a cargo plane.

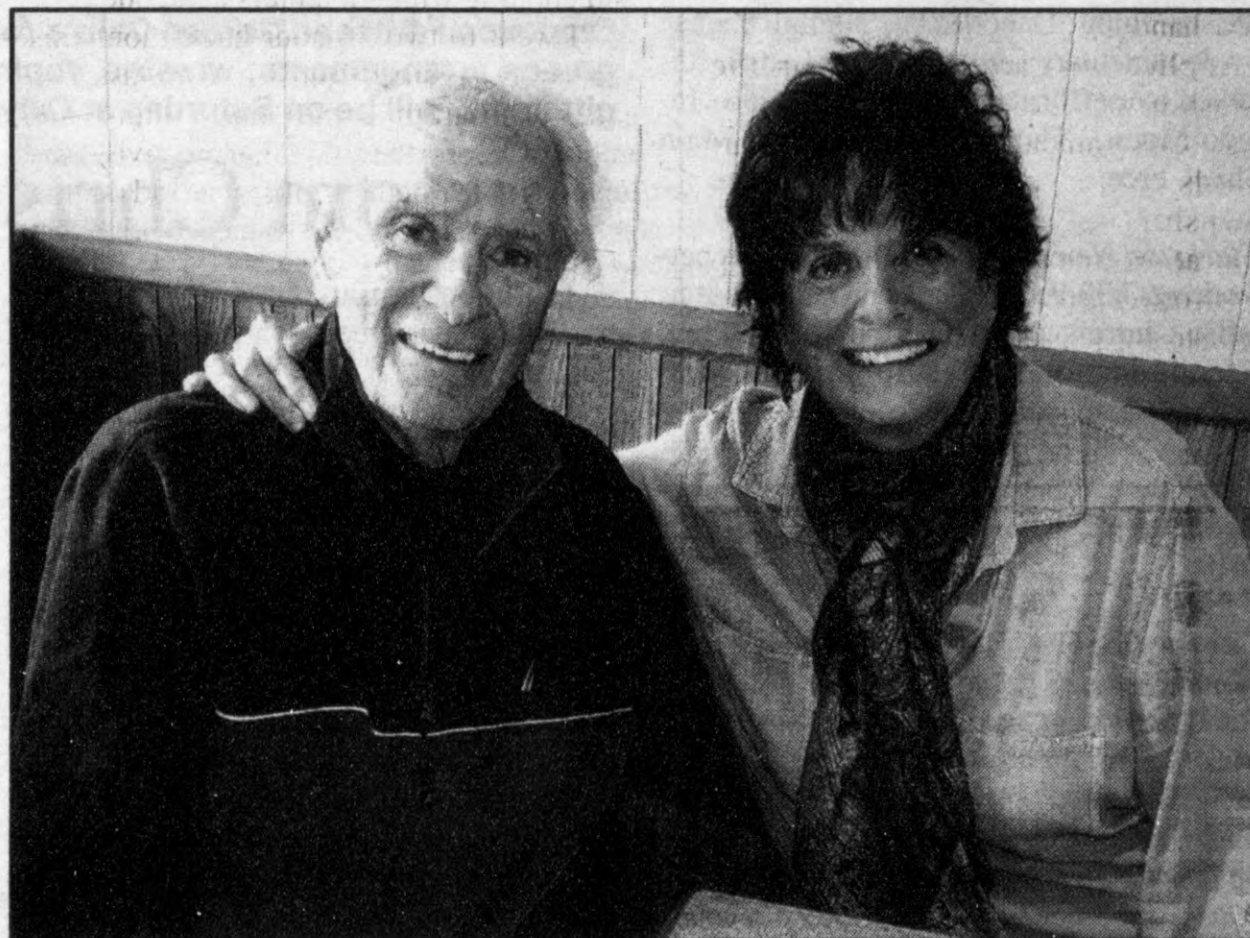
"I'd pull the trigger on the .50-caliber machine gun and watch tracer bullets going toward this target and just praying to God that I wouldn't hit the plane," he said.

After applying as an aviation cadet, he was sent to the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks for six months of training, learning how to fly on a Piper Cub.

"I didn't do very well but I managed to survive that ordeal," he said.

Then came training as a bombardier and navigator on a B-26 Marauder medium bomber.

"We flew over the Gulf of Mexico," he said. "I was the navigator, trying to keep the



World War II veteran Jim Manilla, with his daughter Cam Manilla of Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

crew from getting lost."

He was commissioned a second lieutenant, and he and the rest of the six-man crew were shipped overseas.

It was after the D-Day invasion of June 6, 1944, and they were based with the Ninth Air Force about 65 miles north of Paris. Their mission was to bomb targets along the Rhine River in Germany.

"We had two engines so we didn't have long flights like the B-17 bomber – they flew into the heart of Germany, four hours in and four hours back," he said. "We flew two hours in, two hours back."

By that point in the war, they didn't face the waves of German fighter planes bomber forces fought earlier, but anti-aircraft gun fire was still heavy and deadly.

"You always wondered when your number would come up. Being Catholic, I would always have a Rosary," he said. "You had to do it and know you may not come back, but

then you saw your buddies who you had breakfast with or chatted with the day before and then the next day they're gone."

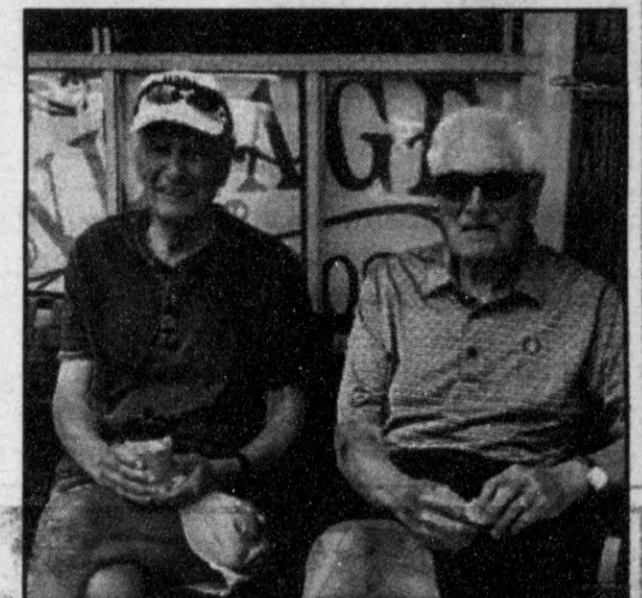
As navigator and bombardier, he sat up front in the bomber behind a plexiglass nosecone, with helmet and flak vest for protection.

"We had what we call a Norden bomb-sight – it was a good sight," he said. "We were issued .45 pistols, and if we were shot down, we were charged with the responsibility of shooting into the bomb site to destroy it so the German wouldn't get it."

They flew a full tour of 35 missions without serious damage or injury to the crew.

"It was an interesting experience, seeing the flak coming up, and I'm sitting up in the nose, of course, of the B-26 – when you hit Germany, you look down and all you see is black smoke," he said.

He was due for a furlough after 35 missions, but the war ended before he could go.



Jim Manilla, 94, at right, and John Manilla, 96, both visited downtown Clarkston this past summer.

"I was appointed the athletic director of the base, and my job was to develop athletic facilities like baseball," he said

He went to prison camps for labor – German prisoners of war.

"It was kind of a sad experience. Many of them were 16, 17 years old," he said.

He did that for about three months, then was shipped back to America where he was discharged from the Army.

After the war, he studied at the University of Michigan, where he was an athlete in baseball, basketball, and football.

"The GI Bill really provided an opportunity for me to get my undergraduate, masters, and my doctorate," he said. "The GI Bill was the most rewarding piece of legislation passed by Congress."

He was a teacher, football coach, and athletic director before working as dean of students at community colleges for 25 years, and has four children – Robert, Cam, Dan, and Kathy – eight grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Jim was vice president of development at the University of Arizona when he retired at age 88.

"I've been very fortunate in my life. I've lived 94 years and have pretty good health," he said.

Around Town

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

Events

Goodfellow newspapers sale for Clarkston Rotary's Shoes for Kids, Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 7:30 a.m.-p.m., Neiman's Family Market, Main and Washington streets, other intersections. 248-625-9741.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, Dec. 6, 9 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Independence Township Fire Department, 6500 Citation. springfie800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Fundraiser for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Dec. 6, 5-8 p.m., Leo's Coney Island, 6325 Sashabaw; 10 percent donated to the community service organization strengthening families through community involvement. 248-623-4313.

Holiday Craft Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 7; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 8, Waterford Baptist Cathedral, 2640 Airport Road. Free. 248-673-5022.

Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. RSVP, 248-625-5231.

Ribbon cutting, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, 4:30 p.m., Dec. 18.

Monday

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

Tuesday

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$40/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., second Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register. **Ending Alzheimer's: Battling Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's One Brain at a Time**, Nuview Nutrition

Wellness Center, 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. Free. Once a month, 6 p.m. Call for dates and reserve seat, 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

American Mahjong, Wednesdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Senior Community Center, Clintonwood Park. Drop In, \$1/member, \$2/non-member.

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Clarkston Area Birders Club, 7 p.m., Nov. 28: screening "Dance of the Sandhill Crane" by documentary filmmaker Jeff Lange, followed by performance by musical duo "Indigo Moon." The Gateway, 7150 N. Main Street. Free.

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.

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

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

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



Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's Annual Greens Market, with fresh, mixed-greens arrangements, wreaths, roping, bundles of loose greens and small gift items, will be on Saturday at Calvary Lutheran Church. Photo provided

Custom Christmas greens

Clarkston Farm and Garden Club presents its 27th Annual Greens Market, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1.

Fresh, natural and personal touches abound, said Anita Andes, serving her 12th year as a leader in Greens Market planning and overseeing the Think Tank, club members developing and designing holiday items. The Greens Market, one of two major fund-raisers the 75-member non-profit group sponsors each year, is at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, off M-15 behind Oxford Bank.

"The overflow of all things holiday puts the community in the seasonal spirit," Andes said. "Proceeds help the club fund the ever-changing downtown planters, the literary gardens at the library, and the college scholarships and classroom grants."

Among first-time offerings are Cypress-lemon topiaries in white wooden boxes with bright red bows; gold pine cones decorated with glitzy jewels or pretty birds and hanging from satin ribbons; beautiful little trees covered in "pine cone petals" or covered in tiny pine cones to make a festive holiday centerpiece or add to a winter scene on your windowsill, Andes said.

Returning is the popular greens table, overflowing with a broad spectrum of fresh greenery in various lengths, textures, and aromas for those who want to do some of

their own decorating. Boxwood wreaths and birch wood yule logs are among the first items to go, she said.

Gift items include elegant glass ornaments individually packaged in cellophane bags and tied with gossamer ribbons; festive mugs containing packets of gourmet hot chocolate and pretty spoons; and pine cone bird feeders packaged with a red pipe cleaner.

Do-it-yourselfers can use the available lighted wooden spheres to hang a sprig of mistletoe or embellish with fresh greens tied with a pretty ribbon, Andes said.

"Imagine three small clear glass jars mounted on a length of vintage wood and filled with succulents or even battery-powered votive candles. These easy-to-care-for planters are made to hang on the wall, and can be enjoyed all year," she said.

Custom arrangements created by club members in a variety of sizes, colors and motifs are available for sale. Packages of gift tags made of a natural shade of card stock are available for use as gift tags, place settings, or identifying buffet dishes. Because they are a neutral color, they can be used at any time of the year, Andes said.

Mail tax-deductible contributions to Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, P.O. Box 1011, Clarkston, MI 48347. For additional information on the sale, and more club details, visit www.clarkstongardenclub.org.

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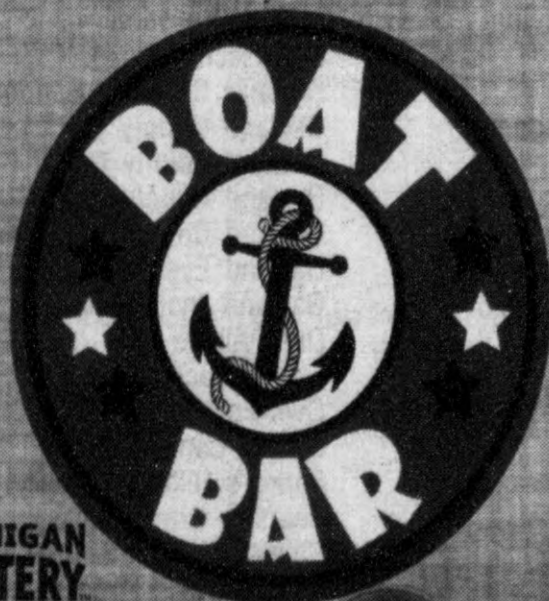
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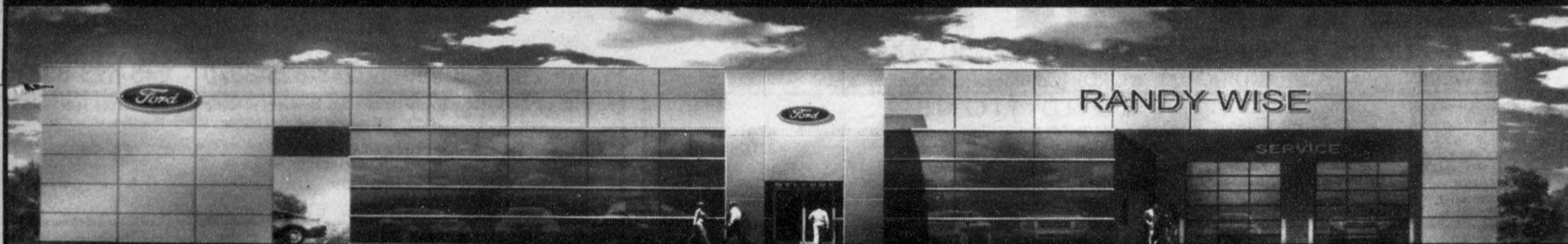
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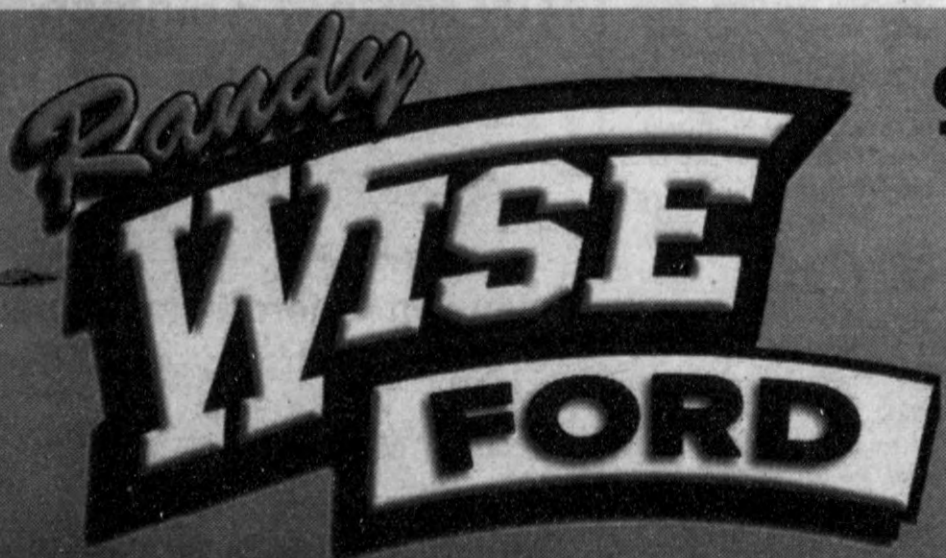
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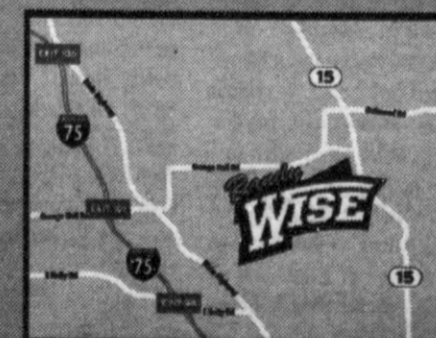
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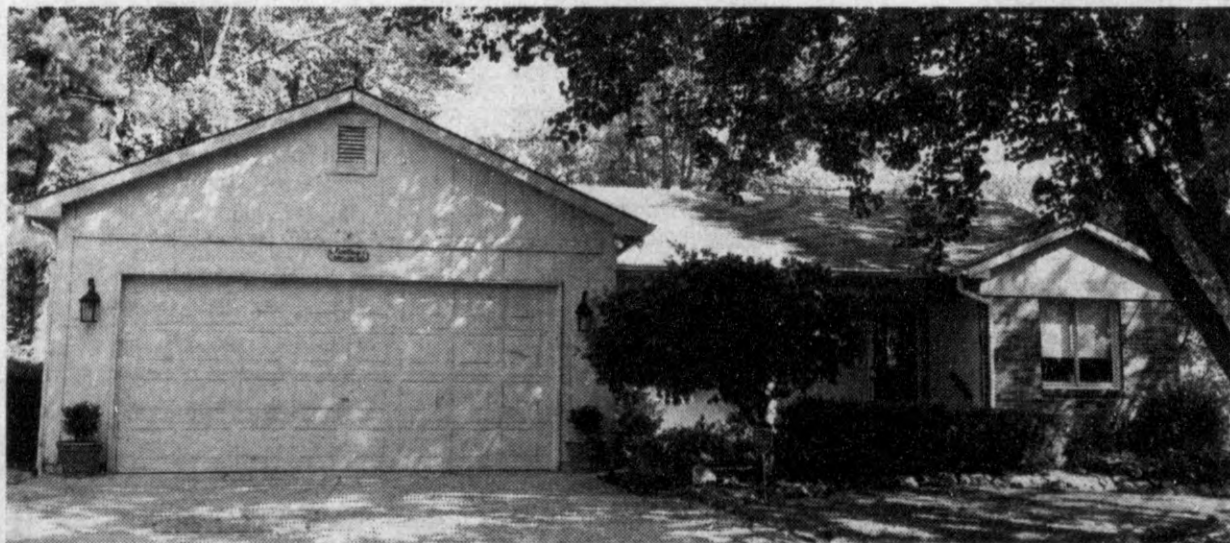
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6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston (248) 625-1233 Pastor: Greg Hennehan Sunday Worship: 9:15 and 11:00 am Nursery Care at both services Children's Ministries: September thru April Wednesdays, 6:45-8:00 pm Student Ministries: September thru April Tuesday: 3:00-8:00 pm Thursday: 3:00-7:00 pm www.clarkstoncommunity.com

CALVARY LUTHERAN (ELCA) CHURCH

Clarkston Campus 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston 248-625-3288 Pastor Jonathan A. Heierman Sunday Worship: 8:15 am, 9:30 & 11:00 am Nursery, Children & Youth 9:30 & 11:00 am 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation 12:30 pm "Come as you really are... become more!" www.calvaryinfo.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6480 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston Holy Eucharist - 10:00 am (248) 625-2325 Reverend Heather Barta www.clarkstonepiscopal.com Game Night: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 pm-10 pm 10/28 at 10:00 am Worship and Tour of Rabbit Preserve

High School program, Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Rev. Tim Chappell Sunday Worship: 10:00 am Children's Ministries: 10:00 am Nursery Available During Service Youth Group Sunday 6:00 pm Multiple Bible Studies Call for days and times www.fcclarkston.com

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Walden Road, Clarkston (248) 625-1611 Website: www.clarkstonumc.org Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Nursery available for all services

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8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman Sun: 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages 6:00 pm Worship Service Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs & Adult Bible Study Nursery available for all services.

ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston (W. of M-15, S. of I-75) (248) 625-4580 Rev. Ronald J. Babich, Pastor Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am Religious Education: 6:25-1:50 Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

WAYPOINT CHURCH

8400 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston Website - www.waypoint.org (248) 623-1224 Sunday Worship: 9:45 am and 11 am Missions Squad: Tues. 9:30-11:30 am Childcare provided Wednesday: Family Life Group 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm

KENSINGTON CHURCH

6595 Walden Rd., Clarkston Website - www.kensingtonchurch.org (248) 786-0600 Services: 9:00 & 10:30 am Childcare for birth through 5th Grade, 9am and 10:30am Middle School Program, Sunday 10:30am High School program, Sunday 6:00-8:00 pm

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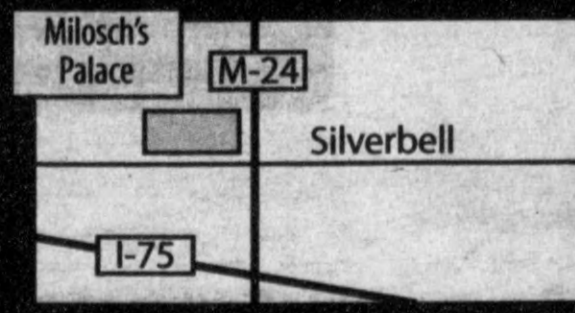


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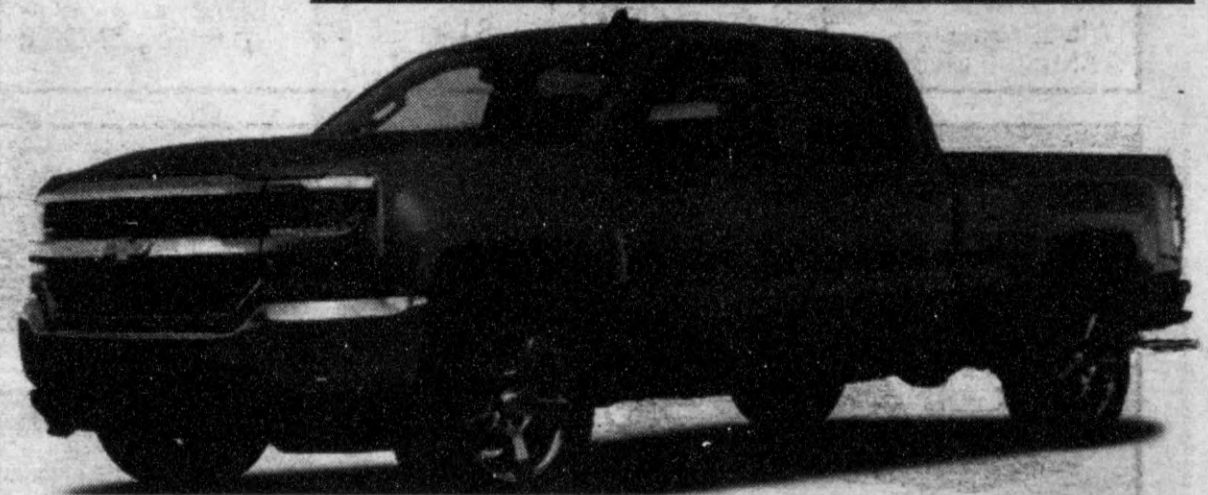
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