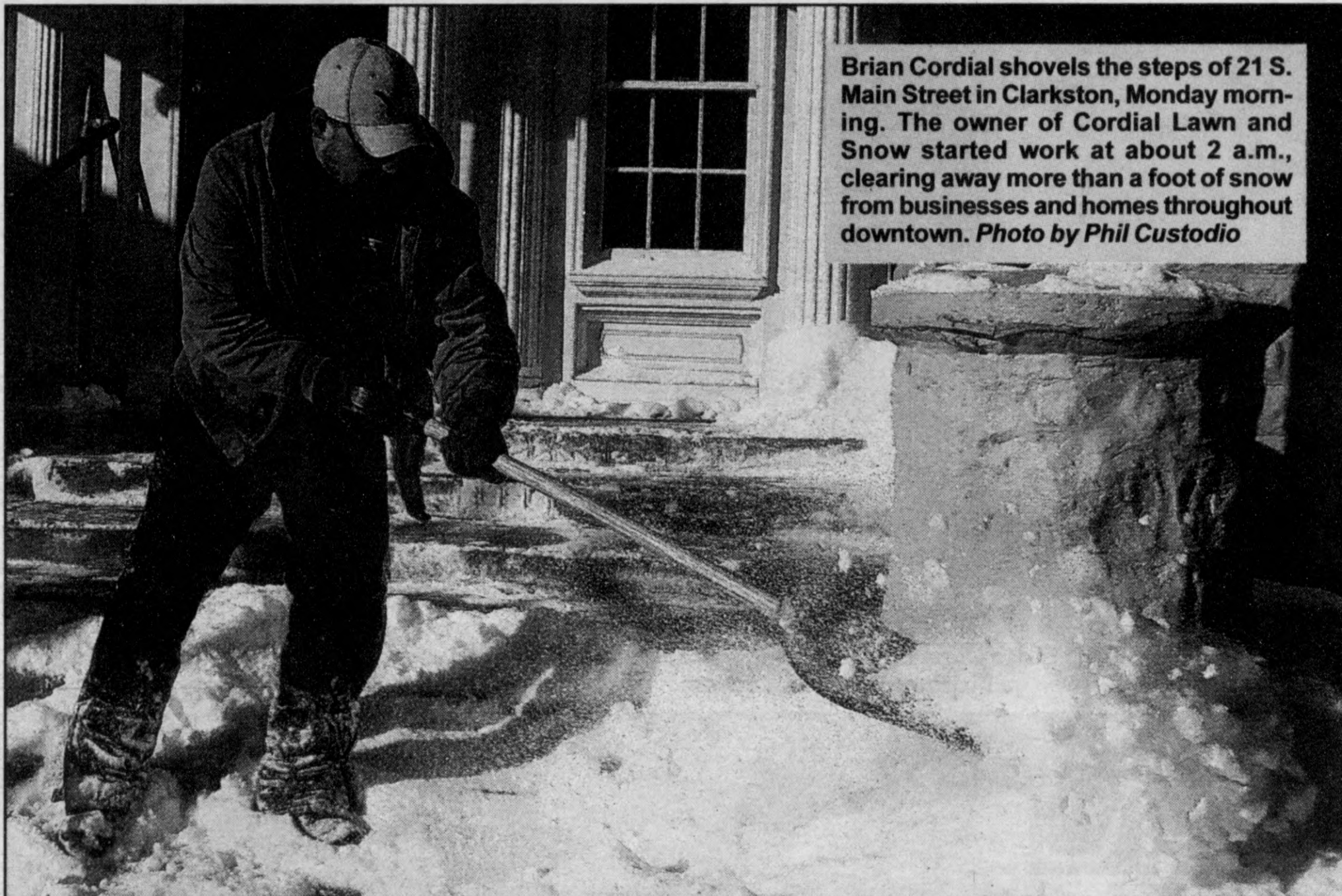


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Brian Cordial shovels the steps of 21 S. Main Street in Clarkston, Monday morning. The owner of Cordial Lawn and Snow started work at about 2 a.m., clearing away more than a foot of snow from businesses and homes throughout downtown. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Independence Township Times

In next week's edition

## Sup't rating's up after re-do

### 3 trustees boycott to protest 'corruption'

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

The superintendent of Clarkston schools has an upgraded rating after a meeting of an abbreviated Board of Education last Thursday.

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's new score: 79.2 out of 100, within the 68-84 point range for "Effective." The December total board score was 65.2, in the "Minimally Effective" range of 50-67.

"That wraps up 2014," said board President Steve Hyer, who had an evaluation letter prepared in advance of the meeting, with "insert label here" for the rating.

Board President Steve Hyer and trustees Elizabeth Egan, Cheryl McGinnis, and Kelli Horst voted unanimously to approve the rating and letter after discussing and rescoring about half the evaluation in open session.

Board members Susan Boatman, Craig Hamilton, and Joan Patterson did not attend the meeting.

In a Jan. 27 email announcing the planned absence of the three board members, Boatman said they would not "help legitimize the corruption of our agreed upon evaluation process."

Mary Kerwin, senior adjunct staff with Michigan Association of School Boards who facilitated the meeting, recommended the re-evaluation include the whole school. Please see Superintendent on page 5

## February brings snow back with vengeance

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston area was slammed with the third biggest snowfall on record last weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

Clarkston received around 14 inches of snow Sunday and early Monday, closing Clarkston Community Schools on Monday and Tuesday, and keeping road crews busy. Still, this winter has a ways to go to compare

with last winter.

Last year shattered the record for the coldest and snowiest winter on record. By the end of January 2014, 49.9 inches of snow had fallen.

The amount of snow as of Jan. 28 this year was 21.7 inches. The early February snowstorm makes it 35 inches. Total snowfall in winter 2014 was 87.7 inches.

"There is quite a big difference between this year and last, and it would be pretty hard

for us to break the record we set last year," said National Weather Service Meteorologist Sara Schultz.

Schultz added next week will be below average in temperature, while this Thursday will be the coldest day with a high of 12. The high temperature this week is forecast to be 29 degrees on Saturday. One to three inches of snow is possible on Saturday and Sunday. The NWA predicts this winter will be slightly below normal snowfall levels.

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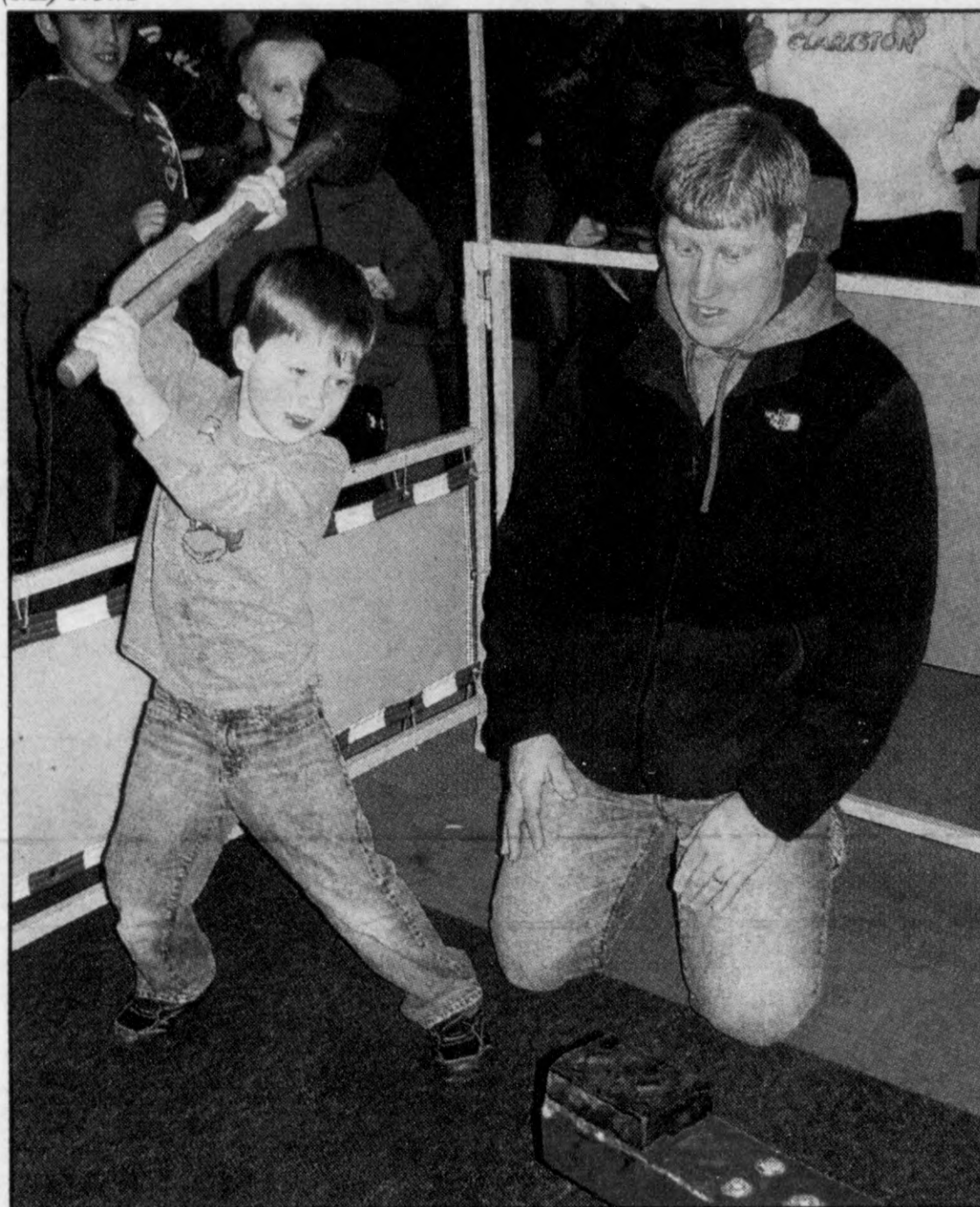
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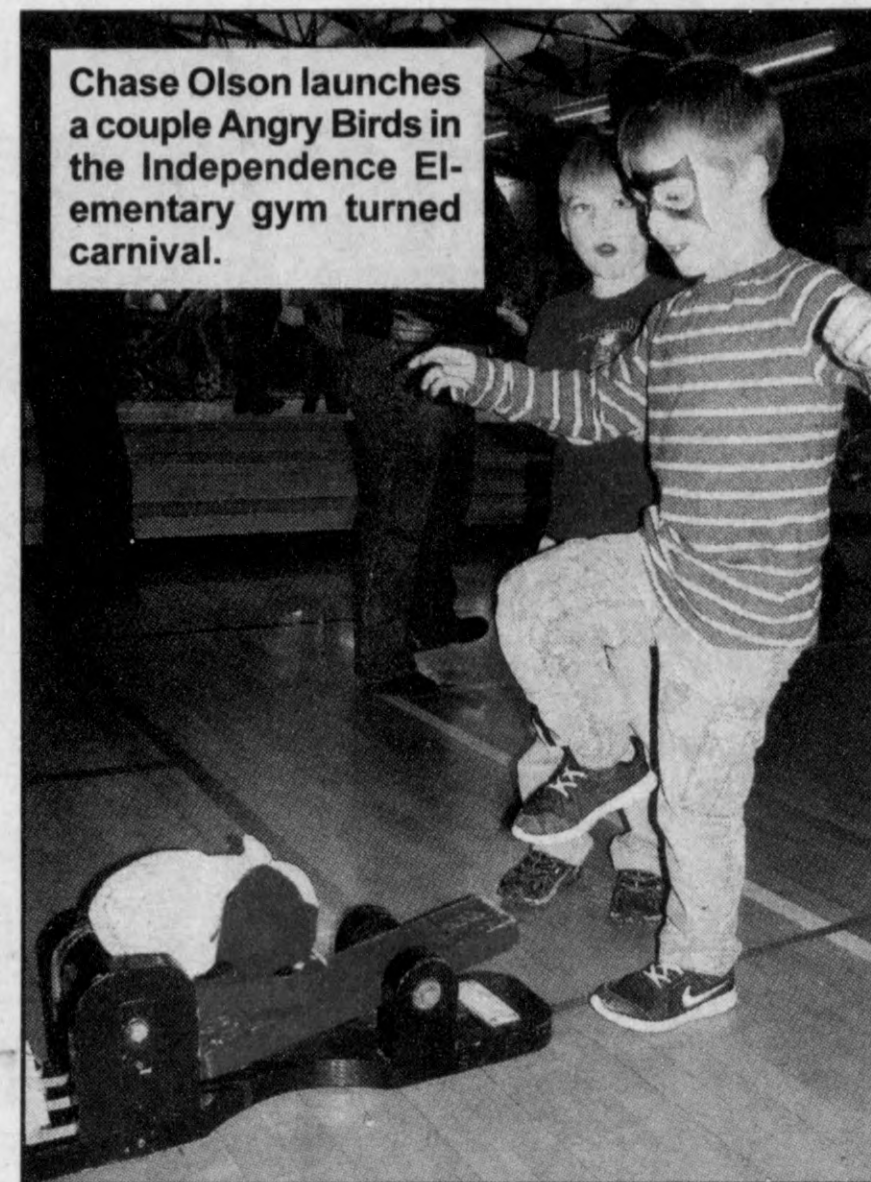
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Graham Hohlbein, with his dad Chris Hohlbein, prepares a mighty swing at a Winter Carnival game. Photos by Phil Custodio

Chase Olson launches a couple Angry Birds in the Independence Elementary gym turned carnival.



## Out of the cold at carnival

Students, family, and friends filled Independence Elementary for a Winter Carnival of games, cotton candy, and contests. The event raised funds for a new computer lab for the school.

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# Drama club brings musical to stage

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Fans you heard correctly. Your favorite rock star, Conrad Birdie, was drafted into the army. But before he leaves he has selected one lucky fan to kiss.

And the lucky girl is Kim MacAfee.

You can see Conrad before he leaves on Feb. 26-28 as the Clarkston High School Drama Club presents "Bye Bye Birdie."

"It is a show that is meant to be a satire when Elvis Presley left for the war in the 1950s," Nathan Wilson said about the classic musical, written by Michael Stewart.

The story follows the main character Kim MacAfee, played by Alyssa Harbaugh, as the lucky girl chosen to kiss Conrad, played by Micah Blanks.

"She is a girl who knows simultaneously what she wants and at the same time doesn't have a clue what she wants," Harbaugh explained. "She is a girl who is trying so hard to grow up, be independent and be her own person. She embodies what every teen girl goes through just trying to find yourself. She has a very profound way of going about it."

Blanks described Conrad as a typical rock star who wants to have as much fun as he can before he joins the army.

"He's a fun, loving dude," Harbaugh smiled.

A conflict for Kim is her boyfriend - Hugo Peabody, played by Mitchell Biggs.

"It is a big deal for her but she is also head in heels with this rock star she ends up meeting," Harbaugh explained.

"He is head over heels in love," Biggs said. "Kim is falling in love with Birdie while Hugo is falling in love with Kim. He's often trying to win Kim's attention from Conrad."



The cast of Bye Bye Birdie rehearses "Lot of Livin' to Do." Photo by WAR

The story also includes the relationship between Conrad's manager Albert Peterson, played by Luke Hodgson, and Rosie Alvarez, played by Sarah Fluegel.

"Rosie is a very independent, strong woman but at the same time she is trying to get Albert to love her," Fluegel said. "She has been in a relationship with him for eight years. She is ready to settle down and move out to the country and have a family. Her struggle is Conrad Birdie. I have a problem throughout the show to get him to settle down."

Albert is concentrating on trying his best to make everybody happy - the record company, Conrad, Rosie and his mother, Mrs.

Peterson.

"Oh, yes," Fluegel winced. "She is my other bump in the road. She is more like a strong, large mountain."

"He isn't successful in a lot of things, but no matter what he does he will do it with a smile on his face," Hodgson said about Albert. "He will still try no matter what to make everyone around him as happy as they can be."

Fluegel added the story pokes fun at the 1950s and relationships especially how women should be and what men should be.

"Bye Bye Birdie" is being performed Feb. 26, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. A matinee show is Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. Call 248-623-4024 for more info.



## Ready the ice

Ryleigh Schenik and William Sutherland enjoy the icy Mill Pond in downtown Clarkston. After clearing a huge space of snow, William said it was tiring. They stopped clearing the pond and headed to Depot Park.

Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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Oakland County officials, DPW Foreman Jason Miller and three residents met on the bridge in Depot Park.  
Photo By Andrea Beaudoin

## Bridge questions at meeting

BY ANDREAM.BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A meeting on the new bridge in the south end of Depot Park ended on a good note last week.

Clarkston DPW Foreman Jason Miller and officials from Oakland County Soil Erosion Program met three local residents to ensure any concerns they had regarding bridge work were addressed.

Cory and Robin Johnston along with Tammie Heazlit attended the bridge meeting on Jan. 27. Joseph Gardner, soil erosion supervisor for Oakland County, also attended a Jan. 26 Clarkston City Council meeting to explain his position on the bridge. At the meeting, Gardner said city officials were very cooperative regarding the issue.

Gardner also said there were issues on the job with the permit, but all of those issues have been fixed.

He added the permit for the bridge was not issued on time and needed revisions, but he gave the city the go ahead to start the job.

The permit issued for the job contains generic language, which does not always indicate the way a project is handled.

"It's nearly impossible to write up every permit," said Gardner.

Heazlit asked Gardner if her previous complaints regarding soil erosion into the river were valid. He answered "yes."

Issues needing to be fixed at the work site included straightening a silt fence, laying straw wattles in the work area and adding riprap rocks.

"We asked the city to fix the straw wattles, and they did so as quickly as possible," said Gardner.

On Jan. 13, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality added a requirement not made on the original permit. The requirement called for riprap stone to be stacked in the work area.

Miller said he and another DPW employee worked for many hours in the cold water, stacking the stones.

Heazlit, an Independence Township resident, also spoke at the council meeting, saying changes were made after she filed a complaint with the MDEQ about soil erosion.

Miller, who offered the Johnstons and Heazlit an invitation to contact him anytime, said he tries to address concerns quickly.

"I cannot always make everyone happy, and I don't get into Facebook battles, so if you would like me to address a problem all you have to do is call and I will always get back to you as soon as I can," he said.

Heazlit said the whole problem boils down to effective communication, something she does not feel she gets with City Manager Carol Eberhardt.

Gardner said he can also be contacted with concerns.

The Johnstons and Heazlit said throughout the issue, they always remained thankful of Bart and Diane Clark's \$80,000 donation for the bridge. The donation was made in honor of Bart's brother, Jeff, who planned to move to Clarkston but passed away before he could make the move.

## Settlement OK'd in Belcher case

Independence Township Building Director Dave Belcher was awarded \$13,375 in backpay in a settlement with the township over a 60-day suspension in 2011.

"After receiving guidance from the township's legal counsel, the three full-time elected township officials agreed to request the board review disciplinary documentation and that the incident be permanently removed from Belcher's personnel file," said township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

The board voted on Jan. 20 to remove the disciplinary action and restore the 60-day suspension-with-no-pay, at the rate of pay he earned at the time.

The case stems from 2009, when Belcher accepted a \$3,000 bonus from the supervisor at the time without approval of the township board.

Belcher was given the \$3,000 bonus for his work on the new township hall.

Disciplinary action was taken against him on May 17, 2011. The previous board of trustees voted to suspend Belcher for 60 days without pay, and put him on a one-year probation over the incident.

Clerk Barb Pallotta and Trustee David Lohmeier were both on the previous board, which voted to penalize Belcher in 2011.

After seeking advisement from the township's legal council, Kittle, Pallotta and Treasurer Paul Brown determined the incident should be reviewed.

"Since I took office, Dave Belcher has been a top notch above-the-board employee," said Kittle. "The conclusions resulting from this review clearly find Mr. Belcher's performance as the township's building department director has been proven to be excellent since approximately January 2013."

By accepting the settlement, Belcher agreed to release any claims Belcher could have against the township relating to the incident.

-Andrea Beaudoin

## Free clinic for girls lacrosse

The Clarkston Girls Lacrosse program is holding a free clinic at the Clarkston High School on Feb. 7, 3-5 p.m.

Any skill level is welcome as well as players in sixth through 12th grade. Please contact Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach Leeanne Stickle, 585-406-4329, or Clarkston Girls JV Lacrosse Coach Nicole Cummings, 616-914-3967.

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# Superintendent contract proposal tabled

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board.

However, Hyer surveyed board members for availability at the Jan. 12 meeting, and six board members said they could attend.

"It makes sense to use the time scheduled for this, to put 2014 behind us so we can focus on 2015," he said.

"I wish the entire board would have been here — (but) it was their choice not to be here," McGinnis said. "I'm comfortable with this."

Board members receive \$24 per meeting, capped at 36 meetings per year. An email requesting information regarding consulting fees for the meeting was unanswered as of press time, Tuesday.

Horst, who was elected to the board last November and took her seat in January, said participating was the best thing to do.

"I've read a lot of comments in the paper and the public, accusing this process of being corrupted," she said. "Frankly, from what I've heard tonight, the process was corrupted in December."

Speaking during public comment, Dawn Schaller said the December evaluation should be maintained.

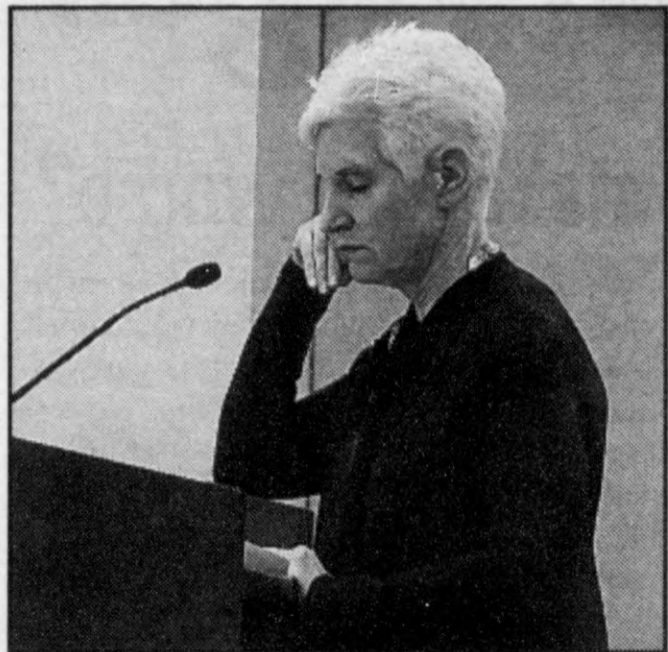
"This mocks the evaluation process done in December by the then-in-place board," Schaller said. "I still find absolutely no reason Kelli Horst should do this evaluation of Dr. Rock, to measure him for a time period she was not a board member."

Hyer said the data analysis portion of the evaluation doesn't require a trustee to have served during that period.

"Any person should be able look at data and perform the evaluation," he said.

The board reviewed a 141-page PDF file of teacher and administrator evaluation, student performance, attendance, and survey reports.

"We used the same data for the reconsid-



Mary Kerwin, MASB consultant, facilitates the meeting. Photo by Phil Custodio

eration. We were just matching it up to the rubric together as a group," Hyer said.

During the December process, each board member completed individual evaluations, which were compiled and averaged for the final rating. The school board met in closed session with the superintendent on Dec 5.

"We did not have a facilitated discussion, we just completed it individually in December," the board president said.

The recalculation used the scores from A-F from the original evaluations filled out individually. The categories are Relationship with the Board; Community Relations; Staff Relationships; Business and Finance; Educational Leadership; and Personal Qualities.

Scores for sections G-K were changed to those determined by the four-person board at the Jan. 26 meeting. These categories are Evaluation; Progress Towards the School Improvement Plan; Student Attendance; Student/Parent/Teacher Feedback; and Student Growth and Achievement.

"We weighed each section according to the tool, which the board agreed to, and summed them up to generate the final evalu-

ation label of 'Effective,'" Hyer said.

Also on the Jan. 29 agenda was the superintendent contract for 2015-2017, superintendent goals for 2014-2015, and 2014-2015 evaluation tool and process.

The proposed contract includes a two-percent raise to \$140,000 a year plus a one-time payment of \$2,800, payable in June or July. It also includes attendance at the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development National Conference and National Legislative Conference, Learning Forward National Conference, two annual Project Zero conferences, an additional advocacy event in Washington D.C., a National Student Championship event, and the Future of Learning Conference.

Hamilton sent an email to Hyer, asking the items be removed from the agenda.

"I would appreciate if you would remove the additional items that have been added to the agenda for Thursday's meeting beyond changing the evaluation to make the superintendent effective," Hamilton said. "The other items are important, and although it is unlikely anything I say will change what you have already set into motion, I would still appreciate having it at a regularly scheduled meeting that I am able to attend."

Discussion of the 2015 evaluation process included splitting it in two, with sections G-K during the summer, when data becomes available, and sections A-F in December.

Rock offered to have a full evaluation in June so the entire board could be involved.

"I'm not saying I would enjoy it, but maybe it would be best for the board," he said.

The board voted 4-0 to table the contract, goals, and evaluation.

Hyer said he would put them on the Feb. 9 meeting agenda, and will ask for Kerwin to be present to facilitate.

## Briefly

### Pictures of romance

As Cupid prepared to take flight next weekend, check out next week's *Clarkston News* for photos and announcements of engagements, weddings, and other things romantic.

Got a photo of you and your sweetie worthy of Valentine's Day recognition? Send them to [Clarkstonnews@gmail.com](mailto:Clarkstonnews@gmail.com).

### School millage renewal vote in May

Clarkston School Board voted 7-0, Jan. 26, to schedule a Headlee/Non-Homestead Millage Renewal election.

The resolution calls for a vote on May 5 to renew the district's 19.2491 mills on non-homestead property for 10 years, 2016-2015.

Collection of the non-homestead property tax is limited to 18 mills by state law. The higher millage provides a buffer in case the rate is rolled back under the Headlee law. It would collect an estimated \$7,295,310 in 2016.

### Technology buy for schools

The Board of Education voted unanimously, Jan. 26, to approve the purchase of \$62,769.72 in Chromebooks, carts, mice, wireless access points, and other devices for Andersonville Elementary, Bailey Lake Elementary, Clarkston Elementary, Independence Elementary and Student Support Services.

The funds come from an \$80,000 Technology Readiness Infrastructure Grant (TRIG) from the state. The state requires TRIG purchases to prepare schools for online testing. Purchase deadline is June 30.

### Correction

The News in Brief "City will enforce fines," Jan. 28, should have reported the cost of the first fine for violating the snow enforcement ordinance as \$125, not \$130.

The city manager recommended a \$130 fine, but council approved \$125.

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# Safety paths OK'd through power paths

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Plans are in the works for a new safety path along a power line corridor from Sashabaw Road to Pine Knob Road and Maybee Road, ending at Sashabaw Middle School.

"It's a fairly simple project," said DPW Director Linda Richardson.

Township Supervisor Pat Kittle has been working with ITC Transmission representatives on the project.

"An approval with ITC cannot be secured until plans for engineering the project are completed and submitted to ITC," said Kittle.

Richardson said the township bid the job to five engineering firms, and received four quotes back.

Out of the bids, the township's current

engineering firm Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc. and another company were the most cost effective.

The HRC bid was \$900 cheaper than the bid received.

"Since we know HRC, and know what they are capable of doing we should continue to use them," Richardson said.

HRC said costs for survey services for the path is \$9,700. In January, the township trustees approved a budget amendment of \$24,600 to award engineering services to HRC.

Kittle said plans for a 36-inch Vector gas pipeline coming through the township must also be considered when planning the project.

In 2014, the fire millage was lowered a tenth of a point to .35, and the safety path millage was increased by a tenth, which added an

additional \$130,000 a year to safety path funding. The amount of tax charged to residents was unaffected.

The change was made to bring additional revenue into the Safety Path Fund. The way funding was previously structured just covered maintenance costs and did not provide additional funding to construct more safety paths in the community.

Kittle said it would cost \$150,000 to \$200,000 per mile to install the eight-foot-wide paths along the corridor, cheaper than installing new paths in areas with natural features, which cost more for engineering and constructions. A Safety Path Plan has been in the works since the late 1970s. In 1992, officials adopted the safety plan into the township's master plan.



## Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

### The wise Napoleon Hill

When I listened to Napoleon Hill's theories, I was captivated. Hill was born in 1883, and is considered one of the great writers on modern thought, personal achievement and success.

Napoleon Hill was a young reporter sent to interview billionaire businessman Andrew Carnegie, a man who led the expansion of the steel industry in the US, and was a great philanthropist. After their meeting, Hill was commissioned by Carnegie to interview over 500 of the richest, most influential and brilliant minds known to man.



His mission was to discover what made these incredible people so successful.

Hill's list of people he interviewed is amazing, and included many lengthy discussions with great minds such as Andrew Carnegie, Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, Henry Ford....and a list of great minds that goes on and on.

Through his work, Hill himself grew into a brilliant mind, and great author and speaker. His beliefs paved the way to many modern philosophies on personal achievement. I think old school Hill, is amazing. His thoughts are one best things I have ever discovered after my mom asked me to listen to a cassette tape of his work. Yes, a cassette tape.

His message make sense to me, and his words are directed towards the mind, spirit and soul. Hill said any aid, such as thoughts like his, that can provide assistance and bring peace of mind and success to us on this journey through life should be considered. I agree.

While exploring the concept of ESP with one of these great achievers, Napoleon Hill came to discover he was accompanied by guiding entities he called "Guiding Princes." After he recognized these guides, he gave his permission to them to assist him and promised to work in harmony with them both night and day.

Hill never felt a need to defend his belief in guides. He hoped his mention of their existence would stir awareness and open minds to such a possibility.

Although he was reluctant to confess of his guides at first, Hill discovered nearly all brilliant minds he spoke with also felt assisted by an invisible force. Alexander Graham Bell, in particular, was one of many who believed an invisible source aided him in his work and directly connected him to the source of infinite wisdom, or God.

If you get a chance check out Napoleon Hill, and you may be amazed like I was that the man was so full of wisdom.

# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Would leaving cracks make road worse?

Dear Editor,

Jim, regarding your column "Cracking concrete and bad roads. Why?", a glaring observation I've noticed is how the RCOC (Road Commission for Oakland County) gets a head start on cracking our concrete roads by cutting "expansion cracks" in the roads.

You would think they would notice that everywhere they have cut "expansion cracks" are the areas where the crumbling starts. Walton Boulevard west of Sashabaw Road is just one of the many examples of this.

I would find it hard to believe leaving the roads alone to crack where they would crack naturally would make our roads any worse.

And don't get me going on the "No turn on red" signs the RCOC has put at almost every intersection! Are we really that stupid that we can't even make right turns at "T" intersections? The "commission of no" thinks so.

Regards,

Michael Powell  
Independence Township

## Councilman ready to put bridge behind him

Dear Editor,

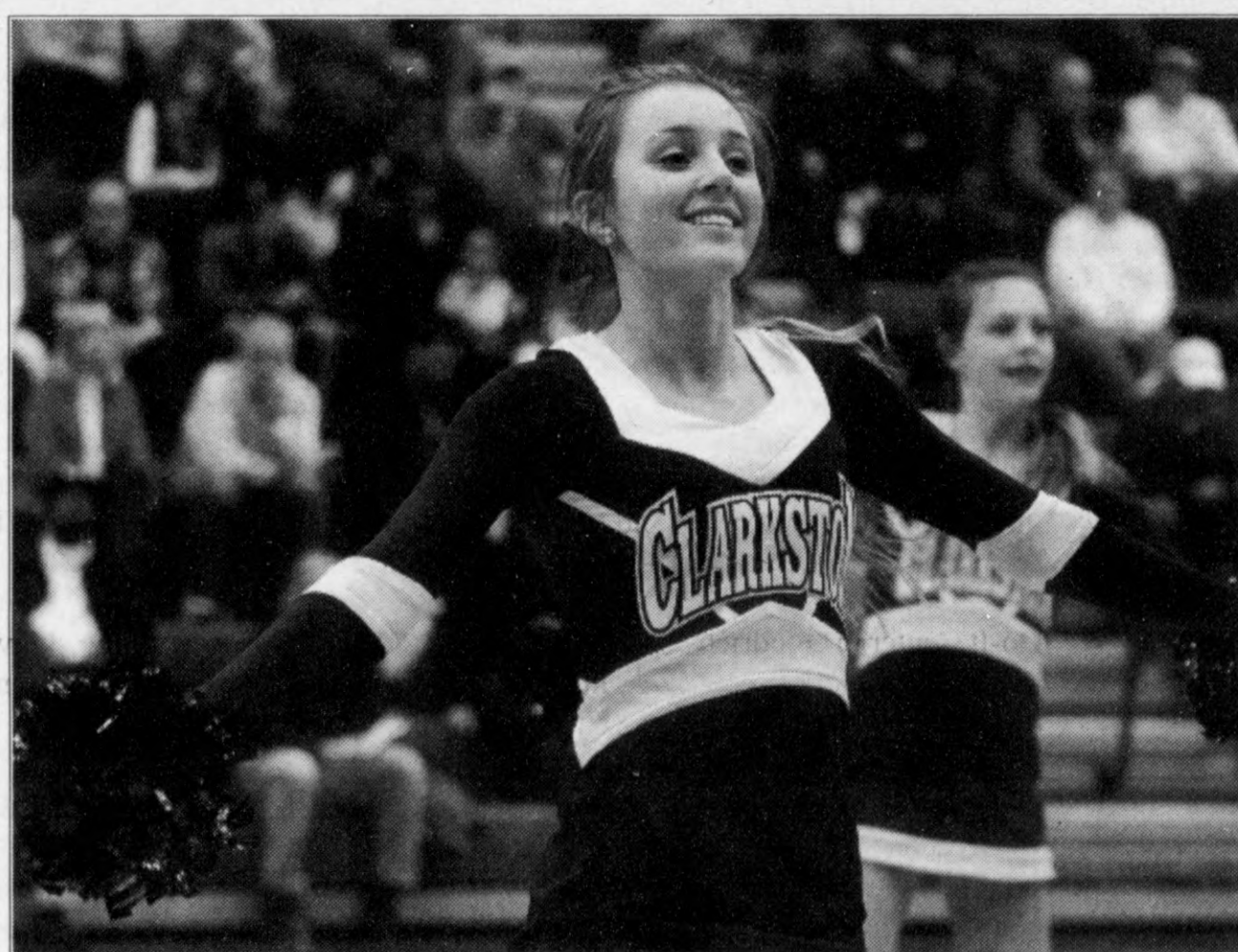
Regarding "County official weighs an on bridge," Jan. 28, this article says I stated at the Jan. 26 city council meeting that the city manager has been bullied online over the Depot Park bridge project. That is not what I said. I said the city manager has been accused of being a bully, a liar, and incompetent -- all of which I believe are untrue.

In any event, I hope this matter is now

behind us, as the more temperate recent comments from Tammie Heazlit seem to indicate.

Notwithstanding her latest post characterizing the city manager as "a spiteful, vengeful, deceitful, nasty human being," the city staff will continue to consider her comments and work to assure that the bridge project is being properly completed.

Richard Bisio  
Clarkston City Council



**SMILE OF THE WEEK:** Shelby Geisler and her Clarkston Varsity Dance teammates dazzle the crowd during half-time at the Wolves' game against Southfield-Lathrup last Friday. Photo by WAR

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 2000

**"I-75 traffic ideas outlined"** Despite arguments against "paving Oakland County" with additional lanes on existing roadways, a conducted study showed it might be the best way to relieve the congestion along the I-75 corridor. A group of Independence Township officials and residents showed up at a meeting, which was focused on finding solutions, address traffic problems and other concerns.

#### **"Man rescues dogs from icy waters"**

Dave Deo saved two Golden Labs from the murky water in the canal on Lake Oakland. He spotted the two labs with their heads poking out and paws scratching at the ice to get out after he heard his dog barking. The labs just moved to the area from California and were exploring when they fell through the ice.

**"Sweet on the slopes"** The boys and girls Clarkson ski teams were boasting their perfect 4-0 record after a win over Bloomfield Hills Andover. Brandon Rosengren and Megan Whipp finished first place for their teams.

### 25 years ago - 1990

**"Planners nix 40-acre M-15 site condominiums"** A 40-acre condominium development planned for M-15 received a 3-3 vote on conceptual approval from the Independence Township Planning Commission. A split vote meant not approved.

**"The girl who would be senior"** Seventeen-year-old Michelle Darby was already gaining political savvy. The Clarkston High School senior and president of the class won a \$1,600 Century III Leaders Scholarship and was eligible to win a \$10,000 scholarship at the national level.

**"Youngsters take to the mat"** It was a day of tears and fears as the Clarkston Wrestling Club hosted its annual all-day tournament. The tournament included over 403 participants ranging from ages eight to adult. Clarkston had 36 wrestlers place during the event.

### 50 years ago - 1965

**"School board seeks approval on bond issue"** Citizens of the Clarkston District would be asked to approve a \$3 million bond issue for construction for classrooms.

**"News notes from Clarkston High"** Weeks of practice in chorus classes paid off for the students as they were chosen to represent Clarkston High School in the league choir.

**"Local news"** Linda Hallman was home during semester break from Central Michigan University.



# Call your healthcare provider

Being on the second nine of life, I'm extremely aware of the most repeated advice in all medication guides: "Call your healthcare provider."

If it's a symptom, your self diagnosis conclusions, passing comment by a stranger or something in a political cartoon that gave you pause, call your healthcare provider.

Then when they put you in a facility, you can continue wondering aloud with your cell mates, because medical people aren't going to see you any more.

Write to *Jim's Jottings* for more truthfulnesses and . . .

- More direct advice.
- Running your bacon under cold water before cooking will reduced shrinkage by up to 50%.
- At Shell gas stations, press the but-

ton on the side of the air pump three times. The pump will start without having to insert coins.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

• If you peel a banana from the bottom, you won't have to pick those little "stringy things" off of it.

• Eat more marshmallows! Marshmallows relieve toothaches, asthma, sore throats and arthritis.

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Salvation Army Commissioner Todd Bassett receives a small salary of only \$13,000 a year for managing this \$2 billion organization -- 96% of the donated dollars go to the cause.

For dying children's last wishes, the Make a Wish Foundation fund trips and other "wishes."

Did you know 100% of their funding is for the dying children?

The American Legion commander, and commanders of Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans Association, and Military Order of Purple Hearts have zero salaries.

Monies for St. Jude Research, Ronald McDonald House and Lions Club International go to their charities.

The Lions Club, known for years for their helping the blind, added measles vaccinations to their charity list this year.

• "Government is like a baby: An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the

other." ~Ronald Reagan

For Christmas I received a bacon scented pillow case, and it does smell like bacon. However, daughter Luan hasn't checked it out yet, a requirement. J & D Foods produces this case.

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Also: "This statement has not been evaluated by anyone anywhere."

## The 'power' of Don tested this weekend

I've long had this "feeling" that somehow, some way, I hold "sway" over Old Man Winter. It's like I have this uncanny power (dare I say super natural?) that affects the winter weather.

I know, it's weird. Right?

These "powers" didn't manifest themselves to me until about three or four years ago. I don't know if I was struck in the head by falling icicles, or fell through the ice into a pond filled with radioactive water -- I don't know how these "powers" came to me. I just came to believe they did.

First, I have always shoveled snow. Since I was a lad old enough to hold a shovel, it was my job to make sure the 100-foot long, inclined driveway from Clarkston Road to the garage was cleared, so the old man could make it up. Then, about three or four years ago, while shoveling the snow at my home at five in the morning, I had a thought.

"I could die of a heart attack from shoveling all this snow, fall into the snow bank I just made and nobody would know I died until they saw my corpse when the snow melts."

I went, shelled out hundreds of dollars and bought a snowblower at the end of that snow season. Time, as it often does, passed. The next winter season came and we (you, me -- all of us in these parts) barely had snow. I used the snowblower once, maybe twice, just to run it.

Next winter, same thing. Maybe the lack of snow was only because I had a snowblower. "Hmm," thought I, "Is there really a correlation here?"

Then, we had last winter, and the belief was cemented down. I was ready for the snow, and it snowed. And, it snowed. And, it snowed some more until we had almost

100 inches of snow. And, I had to shovel all hundred inches of it because my snowblower was on the fritz. It was then I realized the awesome *Power of Don!* It was all my fault!

*I was born to shovel snow.*

*I was supposed to shovel snow.*

Every time I tried to alter how I fit into The Cosmos -- like attempting to use a snowblower -- The Cosmos countered. Working snow blower, no snow. Lots of snow, no snowblower. A universal tit for my tat, if you will. Once I figured that out, I (your hero) could counter that counter. It was just a matter of strategy.

From last winter until this winter, I planned. I thought. I strategized and re-strategized. I would need a working snowblower.

First, I tried fixing it myself. Took it a part, cleaned out the little carburetor jet thingies and fuel bowl. It worked for a bit, then conked out again, not to start. After three weeks worth of tinkering, I gave up. I took said snowblower to Brown's Do-It Center in Goodrich.

"Make it work," was all I said. (I didn't want to say too much to anyone, as not to spoil my plan to thwart Old Man Winter.) In a few days, and 30 bucks later, the repair man called.

"I fixed your snow blower. It was a vacuum problem. I drilled a tiny hole in the gas cap and you're good to go," said he.

That was at the end of October. By mid-January, I secretly smiled to myself. Up until SuperAwesome Bowl Sunday, we hadn't really had any snow. An inch here, a couple of inches there. It was so little, and easy to shovel I could do it with only one hand. My theory was proving to be true. The *Power of Don* could have an effect on winter's weather!

But doubt is a cruel mistress.

As the weatheralarmistcasters started crying about amount of snow we were supposed to get on February 1 and 2, I started to get nervous. Doubt started to creep into and

weaken my resolve.

Gulp.

If my "power" was true, and we were getting lots of snow, that meant The Cosmos was countering my counter of their counter, and that would mean my fixed snowblower would magically be not fixed.

"Damn, the gods!" I wailed aloud, as the snow pelted my upturned face.

I shoveled morning, afternoon and night on Super Bowl Sunday. I justified my actions, thusly: If I keep up on the snow, shovel often, I won't have to shovel hard. Inwardly I knew, however: I didn't want to test *The Power of Don*. I was scared to be mortal. I didn't want to be just "normal."

I woke up at five, Monday morning. I putzed around the house, fed the cats and by 5:30 finally worked up enough courage to walk out to the driveway. Dang. Snowdrifts up to my knees on the entire length of the drive and on the sidewalks in front of the house. I first grabbed my shovel, then laid it back up against the house. "Man-up, Rush."

I pulled out the snowblower, engaged the choke, pressed the red primer button about seven times, took a breath of frigid eight degree air and pulled the start cord.

Nothing. I pulled again and again, nothing.

On the one hand I was happy my "power" was true.

On the other, I was not looking forward to shoveling three feet of drifted snow for hours before heading to the office.

I sighed and pulled a fourth time. It sputtered then started, and worked like a champ. In an hour-and-a-half, I finished the drive, the sidewalk and proved the Universe is smarter than Don Rush.

Like footballs from New England, my ego was deflated. I hold no sway over Old Man Winter. (But I wonder if I could charm Mother Nature into something?)

## Don't Rush Me



A column by  
Don Rush



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## Missing person report

Oakland County Sheriff's Office are asking for help looking for a missing 67-year-old woman.

Sharyn McDonnell was reported missing from her apartment on Tuson Blvd by her boyfriend at 6:30 p.m., Feb. 1.

The boyfriend said he last saw McDonnell on Jan. 31 around 6 p.m. When he woke up on Feb. 1 around 1 p.m., she was gone. It is not known



McDonnell

what she was specifically wearing, although a dark colored coat she owns was no longer at the apartment.

She reportedly suffers from some dementia and it is possible she wandered away from the apartment and became disoriented.

Deputies checked with neighbors and none of them saw McDonnell. Officers also checked the area with negative results. A follow up investigation is being conducted by Independence Township detectives and a search is underway utilizing the sheriff's helicopter, K-9's, Independence fire personnel, and other available assets.

In addition, McDonnell was entered into LEIN and a be-on-the-looout alert was sent out to surrounding departments.

Sharyn McDonnell is 67 years old, 5 feet tall, 121 pounds, with blue eyes and blond hair.

If located, contact the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 248-858-4911.

## State rep. office hours

State Rep. Jim Tedder invites residents to attend his February office hours.

Tedder will host two office hours in February. The first will be Friday, Feb. 13, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mr. B's Roadhouse in Clarkston, 6761 Dixie Highway. The second is Friday, Feb. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Village Place in Waterford, 4710 Cooley Lake Road.

"I am looking forward to these office hours and I encourage anyone with ideas and concerns about state government to attend," said Tedder, R-Clarkston. "As I begin my first term as your representative, these meetings are crucial."

No appointment is necessary to attend. Residents who cannot attend office hours are welcome to contact Tedder's office at 517-373-0615 or by email at JimTedder@house.mi.gov.

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Slashed tires

A resident in the 5000 block of Baypointe Boulevard found a tire on her pickup was slashed, about 8:30 a.m., Jan. 18. She remembered seeing four white men between 16-20 years old, all wearing black hoodies and saggy blue jeans, walking down the street near her residence when she arrived home the previous evening, at 1:30 a.m. She had driven around the block but couldn't find them.

## Injured on snow and ice

A 19-year-old Washington Township man fell headfirst on the slope when snowboarding for the first time and was not wearing a helmet, 9:38 p.m., Jan. 20, at Pine Knob Ski Resort. He said he did not remember falling and hitting his head. He refused transport and was driven to Troy Beaumont by his friends.

A 14-year-old Oxford girl fell and injured her right leg, back, and head during a ski outing at Pine Knob Ski Resort, 5:11 p.m., Jan. 25. She was taken to Crittenton Hospital for treatment.

An 86-year-old Waterford man slipped and fell in a parking lot in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 6:29 p.m., Jan. 24, hurting his face and shoulder. He was taken to McLaren for treatment.

## Construction injury

A 45-year-old construction worker fell off a piece of equipment about 15 feet into a pit in the 4000 block of White Lake Road, dislocating his right shoulder, 7:35 a.m., Jan. 13. He was treated by Independence Township paramedics and taken to St. Joe's.

## Car part theft

A catalytic converter was taken from a vehicle parked at the Ortonville Road and Dixie Highway Park and Ride, Jan. 21.

## Domestic assault

A 32-year-old Waterford man was arrested for domestic assault after attacking his father in the 6000 block of Southampton Drive, breaking his nose and injuring his eye, 2:55 p.m., Jan. 23. He said he was upset about being locked out of the house.

## Credit theft

An Independence Township woman forgot her purse at restaurant in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road at about 8 p.m., Jan. 25. She went back for it at 9:28 a.m., Jan. 26. The restaurant had it, but it was missing some money and credit cards. She checked her account and found someone used it for purchases in Waterford Township and Pontiac.

## Craigslist scam

Independence Township man posted a listing on Craigslist to sell some auto parts when he got a text from a potential buyer. The offer was for \$900, which would be sent by check through the mail. The seller later received texts saying the buyer sent the wrong amount by mistake, and to keep \$900 for the parts and \$70 for the hassle, and send the rest back. He got a check for \$2,970, Jan. 23. He checked with the bank and found the check was no good.

## Suspicious truck

With a recent rash of break-ins, a deputy on patrol checked on a pickup truck driving behind businesses in the 5000 block of S. Main Street, 9:46 p.m., Jan. 25. A side mirror on the truck was broken, so the deputy stopped it. The driver, a 55-year-old Davisburg man was cited for driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance.

## Lost his wheel

A 50-year-old Independence Township man was making a left turn into a business parking lot on Dixie Highway near Waterford Road when the driver's side front tire came off, 4:46 p.m., Jan. 26. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and improper plate.

## Smash and grab

A parent stopped at a business in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road for five minutes, 7:47 a.m., Jan. 28, leaving her vehicle locked and running near the front door. When she returned, she found someone had smashed out the front passenger side window and taken her purse from the front seat.

## Drunk driver

A deputy on patrol found a vehicle stuck in the snow on Glenburnie Lane, spinning its tires, 10:07 p.m., Jan. 28. The driver, a 33-year-old Warren man, smelled of booze but refused to take a preliminary breath test and blood test. Deputies got a warrant for a blood sample, during which he had to be restrained, and he was jailed for drunk driving, second offence.

## Crushed leg

A 26-year-old employee was throwing some boxes into a trash compactor at a business at Sashabaw and Maybee roads, 11:48 a.m., Jan. 28. While it was running, he jumped into the compactor to push the boxes down, fell to the bottom of the machine, and got his leg caught, crushing it. He was taken to McLaren in Pontiac for treatment.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

## Cagers continue streak

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The first three shots for the Wolves missed their mark - but it was just a warm-up as the boys defeated Southfield-Lathrup last Friday, 83-40.

"I was getting nervous because we missed three layups," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball.

The Chargers led with two points for only a few moments before senior Andrew Myers shot a 3-pointer to take the lead. It kickstarted a 25-2 run for the Wolves in the first quarter.

Myers continued to help in the score with three more field goals with assists on each from freshman Foster Loyer in the quarter.

"He came out with fire," Loyer said. "It was just give him the ball. He will make the shots. He came out and led our team."

Loyer finished the quarter with his own 3-point shot, which went into the basket at the sound of the buzzer.

"We came out with great energy," Loyer said. "We had great defense. We got some steals and some easy buckets."

The Chargers opened the second quarter with four points but it didn't slow down the Wolves as Loyer scored on a bucket and junior Tabin Throgmorton scored seven consecutive points, including a 3-pointer to build onto the lead.

Clarkston ended the first half with another

3-pointer - this time it was from senior Dayton Wallis with an assist from senior Merrick Canada, closing the scoring at 45-16.

"That basketball looked as big as a full moon because every shot we made was going in," Fife said. "We just had one of those nights - even the subs came in and made shots. They have been doing a good job at practice. Everybody played with energy. They never let Lathrup feel comfortable that was the difference from the get - go."

Loyer led the team with 16 points while shooting two 3-pointers. Throgmorton added 14 points to the board and Myers scored 12 points on field goals.

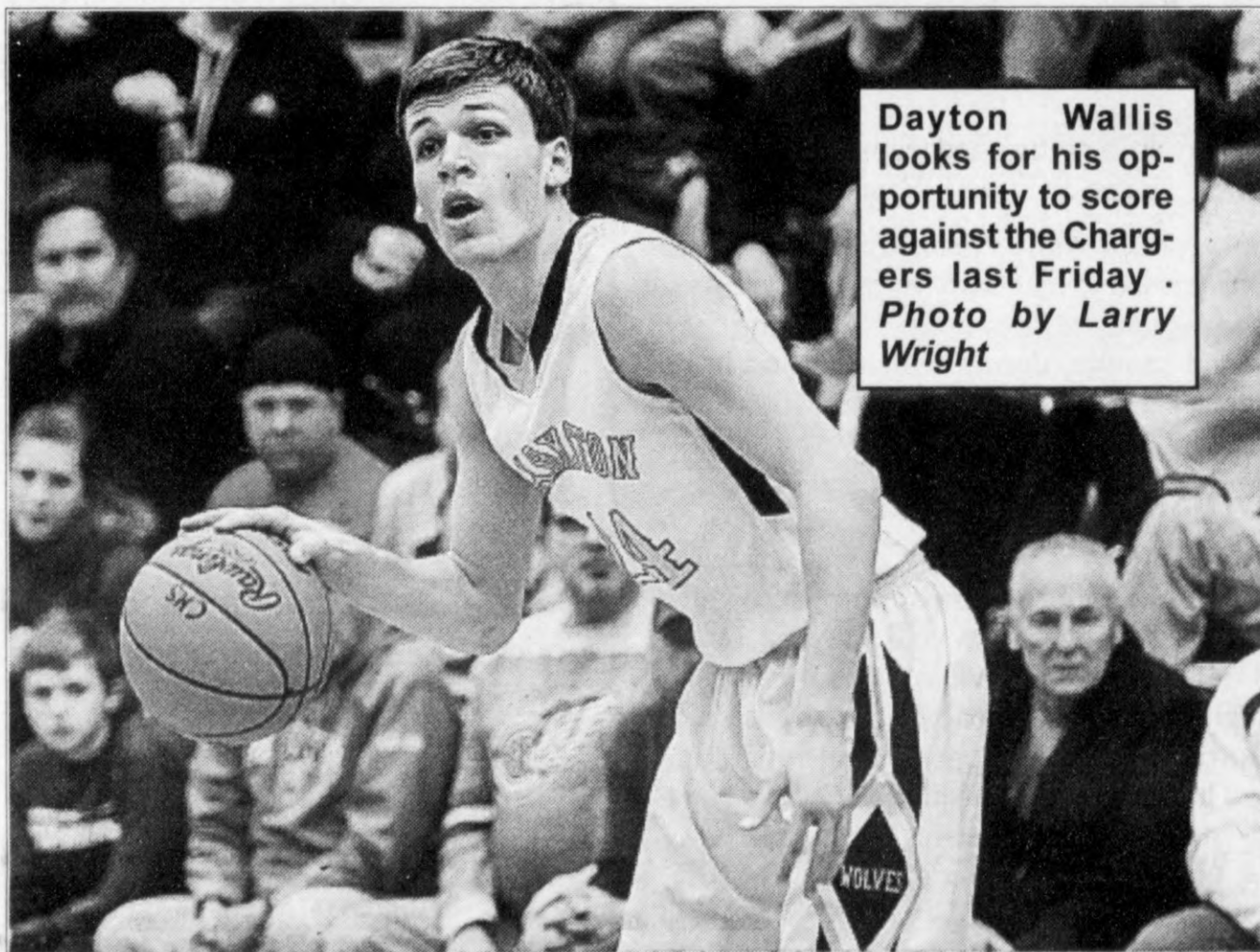
Senior Josh Bonzheim and Canada scored seven points each.

"It was a good team performance," Fife added. "They were all defensively pretty good. I was just happy with the way they shared the ball. They didn't get selfish. They made good decisions with the ball."

The Wolves head to North Farmington on Wednesday and Loyer added the win over the Chargers will help the team.

"It helps with our confidence going into the game with the attitude we need to win the game," he explained. "They are undefeated so it will be a great game and I can't wait."

The Wolves (12-0) host Bloomfield Hills on Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Dayton Wallis looks for his opportunity to score against the Chargers last Friday. Photo by Larry Wright

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Madeline Maday commits to Emory University with support from her Lady Wolves' teammates. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Dream leads to Emory

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston High School senior Madeline Maday always had a dream - she would play college softball out of Michigan.

The dream led to countless school visits some of which were if she was to be in the area for a softball tournament.

The 50th college she visited was Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. It was perfect and on Jan. 28 she made her commitment pitch for the school in front of family and friends.

"It was the right fit for me," Maday said. "I wanted to go to a very high academic school and youth softball is a tool to get into a high academic school. Along with it is the campus is beautiful. The coaches and players welcomed me with open arms."

She smiled and added as soon as she left she wanted to go back and show the rest of her family.

Emory University found her through Brian Chidester, from College Bound Jocks. They had seen a video she had posted showcasing her talent.

Maday was excited as she made the

commitment to Emory on Wednesday but what also made it special is it was a sentimental celebration as she thanked friends and family for being there each step of her journey.

"The signing is less about me and more about a thank you to every body who really helped me to get to this point in my life," she explained. "There have been so many people supporting me and so many people who made a lot of sacrifices to get this point. It is like a party and a thank you for all those people."

She added her family has been her biggest support system especially with their own softball experience.

"They can support me on the mental but also on the athletic level as well. It is a really unique relationship I have with them," she smiled.

It was because of her family Maday began playing softball when she was born because her grandfather and mom coach the sport.

"When my grandpa found out I was a girl he cried because he was so happy

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# Grapplers give Lapeer Lightning a battle on the mats

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Wolves are gearing up for the last of regular season matches before MHSAA Districts begins next week.

To help them prep, they faced Lapeer last Wednesday and lost, 42-31.

"Our guys wrestled really well," said Derek Moscovic, Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Head Coach. "Especially our upper weights. Lapeer is pretty tough on top. They have a couple of state champs. They have three other kids with state titles. Our guys wrestled well against them."

The Wolves started with two losses against Lapeer before junior Harley Susalla (125) started the scoring after he won his match 13-7 to give the team three points.

Sophomore Jacob Rygielski tied the score at nine points after a pin in the first period with 15 seconds left in the 130-pound weight class.

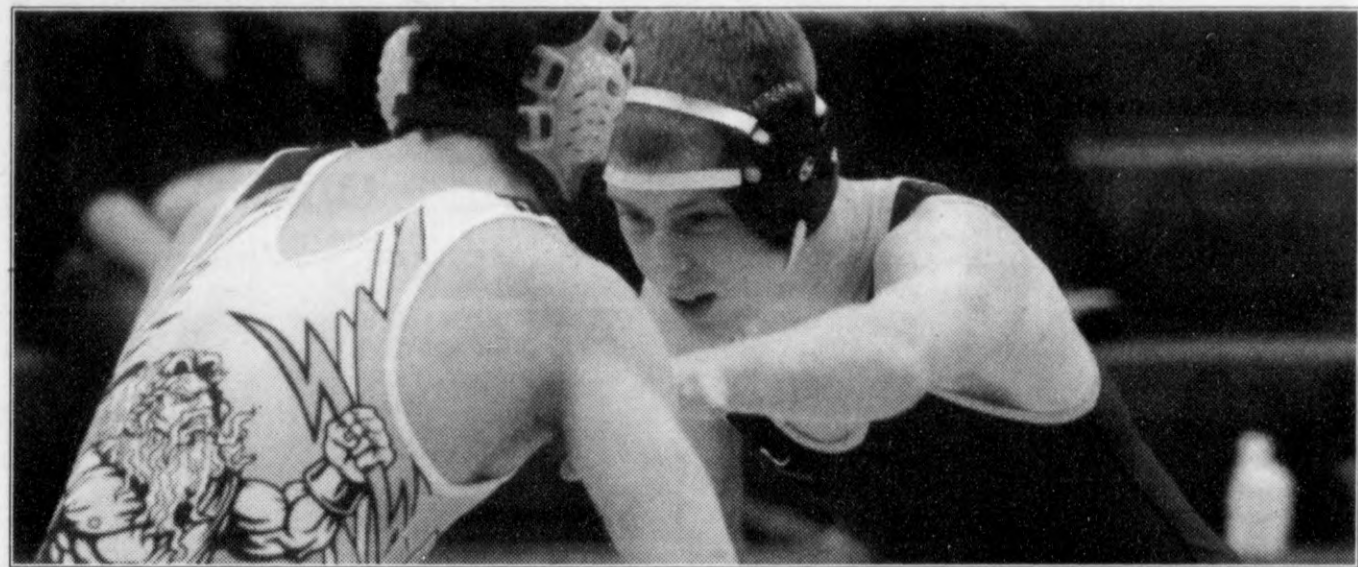
Junior Sean Lucas was up next on the mat in the 135-pound weight class. He closed the first period with four points and held his opponent to zero. He finished the match

scoring, 8-0, putting Clarkston into the lead.

Sophomores Jake Calvano (140) and Tyler Retford (145) both won their matches with pins. Calvano won with a fall with 23.4 seconds remaining in the first period and Retford won his match in the second period with a fall with 30.5 seconds left.

"Down low we won a lot of matches and got a lot of pins," Moscovic said. "It kept us in. We gave up two voids so we gave up 12 points. If we would have had that we could have won the dual. There is nothing you can do about that - you have guys who are hurt, who are sick not in the line up. We were tough on top in the heavier weights - we didn't give up pins or points. It was a team effort from everybody. We showed what kind of team Clarkston is going to be when we are healthy. Especially in the future. I am very proud of them."

Senior Josh Cahoon also won his match in the 215-pound weight class with a pin. His opponent went to take control of the match and Cahoon took the opportunity to take him to the mat for a pin in the second



Sophomore Jacob Rygielski begins his match against Lapeer. Photo by Wendi Reardon

period.

"He went out and lost to that guy last time and beat him this time," Moscovic added.

The boys went 4-1 at the Macomb-Oakland Duals on Saturday.

Rygielski (130), Calvano (140), Kas Waitkus (171), and Cohoon (189), each finished the day undefeated, 5-0.

The Wolves head to Rochester Adams for the OAA Red League meet at 4 p.m.

"It looks tough," said Moscovic. "We are young. It is a great opportunity to step up and show what we are made of that maybe this year we aren't on the top but we are coming back. We aren't going anywhere."

They are back home next Wednesday for the MHSAA Team District meet, 5:30 p.m.

# Gentile, Grohs and Smith leaders on the ice

The Wolves opened the fifth annual Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase on Sunday with a 5-2 win over Bay City Central.

"It was a good win for us," said Clarkston Hockey Head Coach Bryan Krygier.

Drake Gentile led the team with two goals. Danny Grohs, Justin Stasevich and Matt Johnson added one goal each. Stasevich, Jagar Smith and Dane Pipia had one assist each.

Justin Selke made 24 saves in the net.

"He has become our backbone," Krygier added. "He has given us the opportunity to be in the games and either tie it or win it."

The boys also defeated L'Anse Creuse on OAA/MAC day, 9-1.

Gentile and Smith scored two goals and had one assist each. Grohs had one goal and

two assists. Pipia, Stasevich, Johnson and Riley Peickert each scored a goal. Jack Selke had three assists.

"Putting a few good wins here and there together can definitely help us get back to 500," Krygier added.

They lost to Farmington Hills United last Thursday, 3-2.

"It came down to the wire," said Krygier. "We pulled our goalie and almost tied it. Their goalie came out with some big saves. The first game we played them they beat us 7-3 so we are making some incremental increases and progressing as a team. We are getting there little by little."

Gentile and Grohs both scored a goal and had an assist. The Wolves made 28 shots on the net and Justin made 20 saves in the net.

"Drake has been on fire," Krygier added.

"Gentile, Grohs and Smith - those three have been clicking. They are moving the puck into the offensive zone and out of the defensive zone. It is exciting to see with some of the goals they have scored."

"Drake has some nice moves," he continued. "Danny is more of a grinder. He works hard and he continues to work hard until the puck is in front of the net. It's exciting to watch. Smith is more of a finesse player. He has been picking some corners and putting it in the net. It has been working for him."

The boys continue the public showcase on Friday against Reeths-Puffer at 10:15 a.m.

"We saw them last year," Krygier added. "They are a pretty good team. I'm optimistic for the game on Friday. We should hopefully be prepared and ready."

The boys play Port Huron in the showcase on Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

"It is a showcase that reemphasizes public schools have to stay together," Krygier added. "The main emphasis is private schools can have anywhere from 18-20 zipcodes on the team. We have two zip codes in Clarkston. I think the event is a good statement and it makes it a level playing field and it makes it good hockey to watch."

He added most public schools in the showcase have athletes from one to two zip codes depending on their area. The schools also represent their community, where with private schools have students from around the country and around the world.

"We have a team that represents our community and what our community has," he said. ~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

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Madeline Maday shares her journey to Emory University with images. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Softball in Maday's blood

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because he knew I was going to play softball," she said.

It was also because of her family she stepped into the pitching position - her mom and aunt were pitchers and her grandfather was a certified pitching coach.

"I am also not a natural athlete so pitching is something I can hone in on and strengthen my skills to get better at the position," Maday added.

Lady Wolves' fans can see her in the spring as she plays her fourth and final year with the Clarkston Varsity Softball team.

Her goals for the spring are to enjoy her senior season and remember the reasons why she started playing softball - for love of the


sport and her teammates and adrenaline of competition.

Maday plans to study political science and social psychology.

"I always said I want to get paid to talk a lot and have people pay to listen to me," she smiled. "I am looking at representing a company, being an ambassador, motivation speaking, or get into politics."

Maday added through the years Clarkston has taught her to overcome obstacles and adversity.

"Always be true to yourself," she added. "It has also taught me sometimes life isn't about softball that it's just one step in my journey of life. I have to sometimes separate my person from being an athlete."



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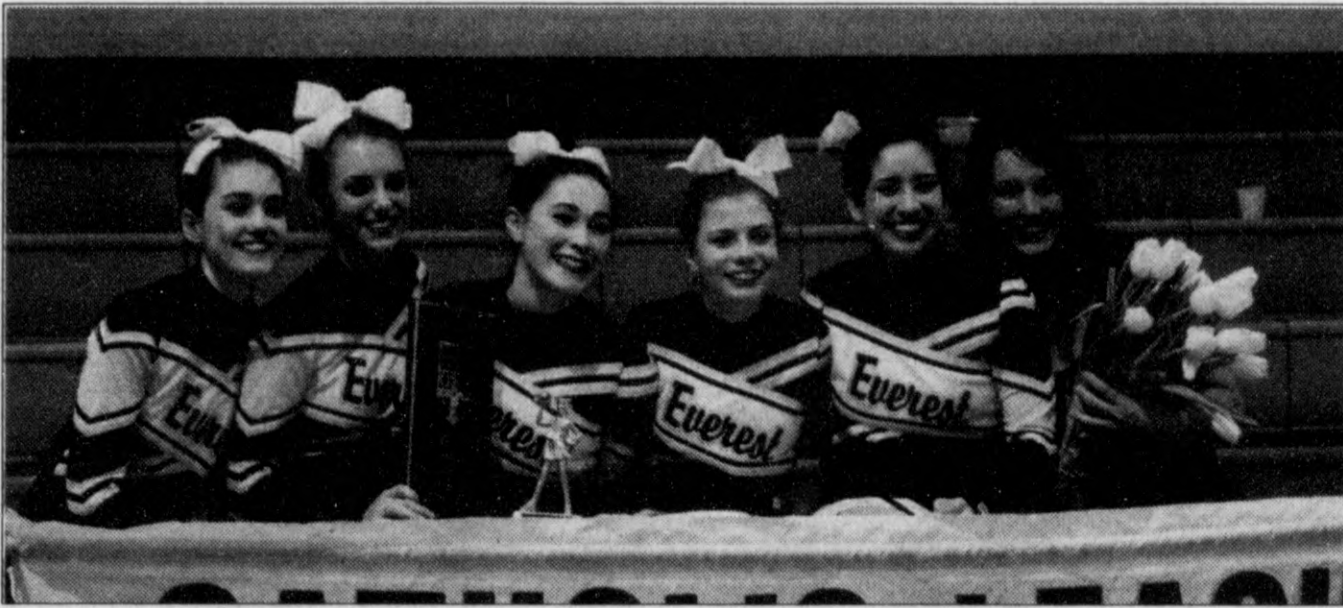
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Clarkston Everest Collegiate Competitive Cheer team, from left Monica Toohey, Hannah Burgess, Katya Dominguez, Catherine Ireland Monica Lis-Planells and Head Coach Nancy Burgess. *Photo submitted*

## Mountaineers claim championship

The Clarkston Everest Collegiate Competitive Cheer team might be small with only five cheerleaders but their mighty spirit makes up for it.

The Lady Mountaineers won their second C-D Division Catholic High School League Championship title at Divine Child High School in Dearborn, Jan. 18.

The team started in 2012 when Nancy Burgess, head coach, decided it was time for her sideline cheer team to become a competitive cheer team.

She never imagined her team would experience success as quickly as they did. In 2013, the team captured the school's first C-D Division Catholic League Championship, followed with a district win.

Even though the victory in 2013 was exciting, winning the championship this year with only five cheerleaders was very gratifying.

The Lady Mountaineers were trailing by over 20 points as they headed into the final routine.

They performed a near perfect routine to edge out St. Catherine of Siena Academy by three points, 627 to 624.

Leading the way for the Mountaineers' championship win this season was senior Monica Toohey who was honored by the coaches as an All-Catholic selection. Rounding out the team was senior Hannah Burgess who was honored as an All-Academic selection, senior Monica Lis-Planells, and freshmen Catherine Ireland and Katya Dominguez.

The Lady Mountaineers began the season with a win at their first competition on Jan. 17. They competed against teams of 16 or more cheerleaders on the team. They won first place for Division 4, beating Dryden and Memphis.

## First finishes to wrap season on slope

Skiers had their final dual meet last week.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team beat Lake Orion, 24-59, to finish 7-1.

The boys scored 12 points in the slalom race on Jan. 27 and Derek VanItallie led the way finishing in first place, 42.50.

Jacob McIntosh followed in second place, 44.50; Jimmy Haven, fourth, 48.85; Reis Weidemann, fifth, 49.56; Jack Muhleck, sixth, 50.80; Justin Osborn, 51.80; and Tom Wozniak, ninth, 54.45.

VanItallie led the boys during the giant slalom race the next day as they scored 12 points. He finished in first place at 32.93.

McIntosh followed in second place, 34.08; Wiedemann, third, 34.23; Osborn, sixth, 36.03; Haven, eighth, 36.09; Muhleck, ninth, 36.66; and Wozniak, tenth, 37.90.

The Lady Wolves finished with a loss to Lake Orion, 24-55, and with a 6-2 record.

They scored 28 points during the slalom race on Jan. 27.

Lauren Martin led the team as she finished in fourth place at 51.79.

Madeleine Declercq finished in seventh, 22.99; Megan Gasser, eighth, 56.14; Caroline Spytman, ninth, 58.70; Micah Angus, 12th, 1:06.27; Madison Lambouris, 13th, 1:12.25; and Katie Bolio, 14th, 1:21.89.

They scored 27 points during the giant slalom race.

Declercq led the girls with a second place finish at 35.49. Martin finished in seventh place, 36.37; Spytman, eighth, 37.13; Gasser, tenth, 37.74; Angus, 11th, 45.15; Helen Josephson, 12th, 51.89; and Katie Kop, 13th, 51.99.

Both teams have the Division races this week with the slalom on Wednesday and the giant slalom on Thursday.

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The Clarkston Boys JV Ski team finished in third place in the Don Thomas Cup at Alpine Valley with 55 points.

Sean Lemieux led the team, finishing in fifth place at 41.57. Evan Raddatz finished in 12th place, 42.84; Zachary Keith, 18th, 44.65; and Brandon Imirowicz, 20th, 44.84.

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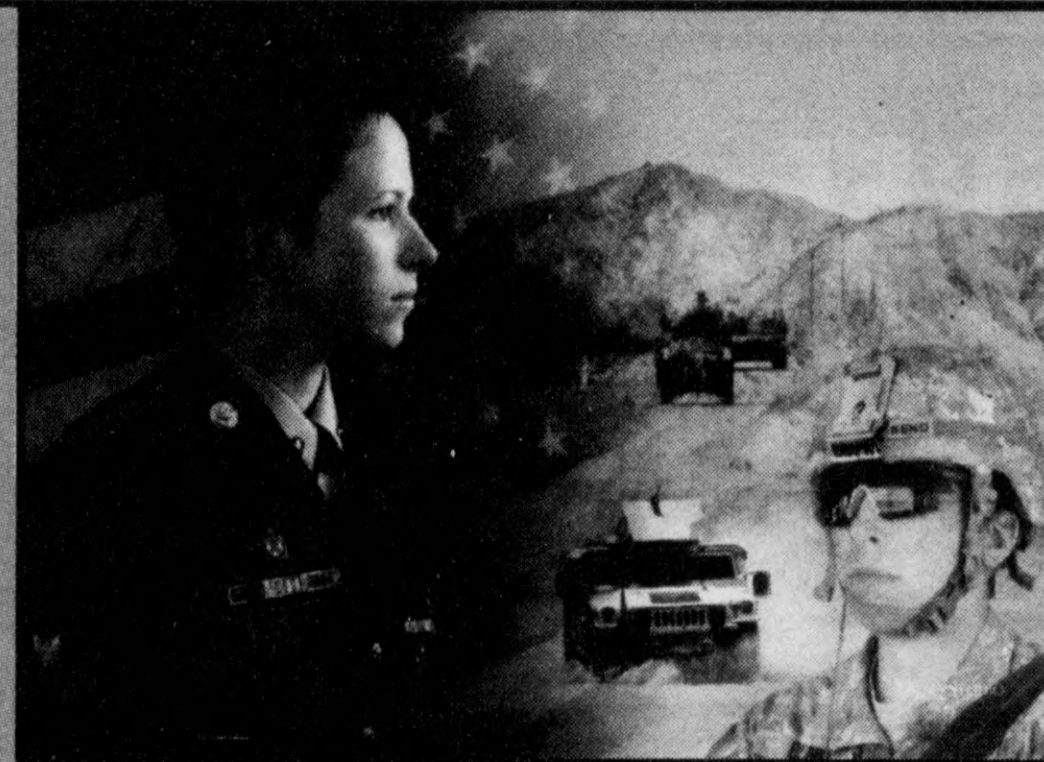
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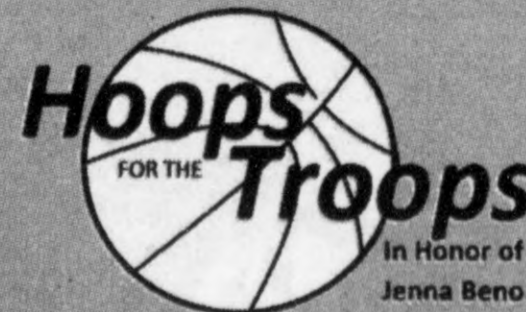


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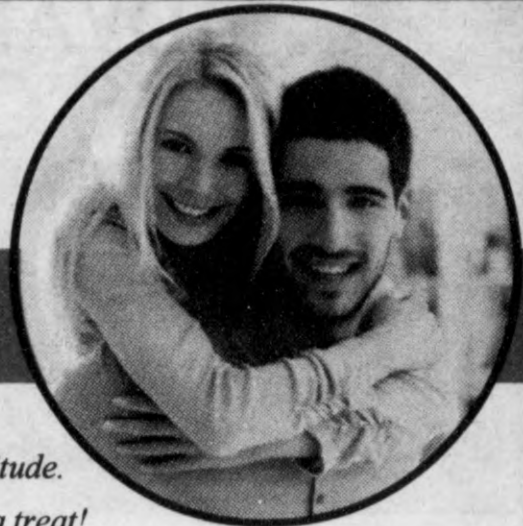


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Outstanding Student Citizen Awards winners Audrey Parker of Bailey Lake Elementary, at left, with her parents Matt and Christy Parker, sisters Katelynn and Cara Parker in front, Principal Glenn Gualtieri, and teacher Holly Kornas; and Andersonville Elementary student Megan Schnell, with her mother Kim Schnell, Principal Bruce Martin, and teacher Kate Jordan. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Students honored for citizenship

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Megan Schnell of Andersonville Elementary and Audrey Parker of Bailey Lake Elementary earned their schools' Outstanding Student Citizen Award for the year.

Sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, the award honors one student a year from Clarkston elementary schools.

"It's a very hard decision to make, but a whole lot of fun," said Bruce Martin, Andersonville principal.

"It's a difficult thing to do, but I love the problem," said Principal Glenn Gualtieri of Bailey Lake. "Audrey rose to the top."

Schnell, a fourth grader and anchor of the student news video program, joined Andersonville Elementary this school year.

"We hit the jackpot with this one - she is a wonderful addition to the school," Martin said.

"Megan comes to school every day with a positive attitude. She's here to learn," said her teacher Kate Jordan, 4-5 grade. "She always shares her thinking. She always puts others before herself."

She reaches out to help her classmates. "She's a great all-around student," Jordan said. "I'm happy to have her in my class."

"I feel proud of myself," said Megan, daughter of Rob and Kim Schnell. "I'm a pretty positive person. I like to learn and I like school. It's fun."

Parker, fifth grader and daughter of Matt and Christy Parker, makes a positive difference in fellow students' lives at Bailey Lake, serving as president of the student council, and competing on basketball, soccer, and softball teams.

"She is someone who has made an unbelievable difference at Bailey Lake. She has the disposition to change the world," said Principal Glenn Gualtieri.

"Audrey is a great role model," said her teacher, Holly Kornas. "She lifts people up daily in class, especially when they need it the most."

"I'm very proud of her," Christy said. "She continues to surprise me at school. I think she will continue to surprise me."

"I think it's just really fun, to make a difference in the community and help others out," said Audrey. "It's just something I like to do."



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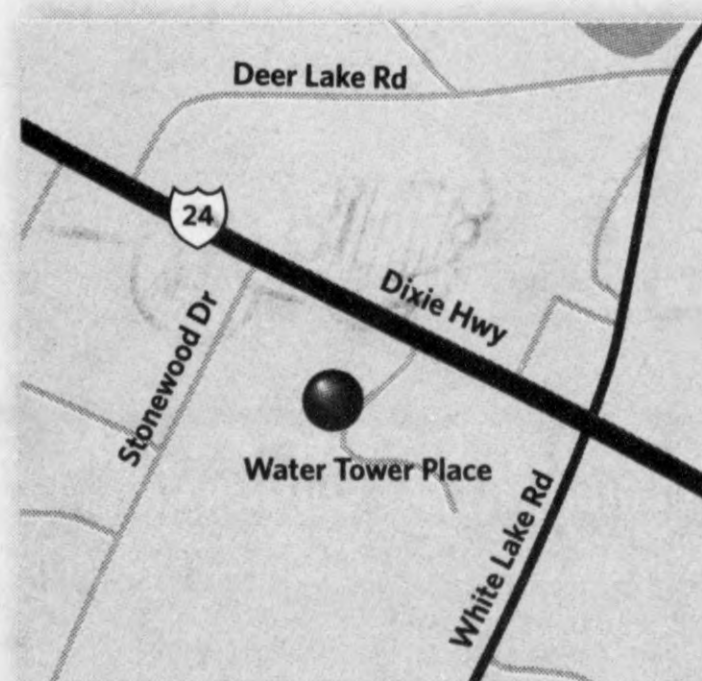
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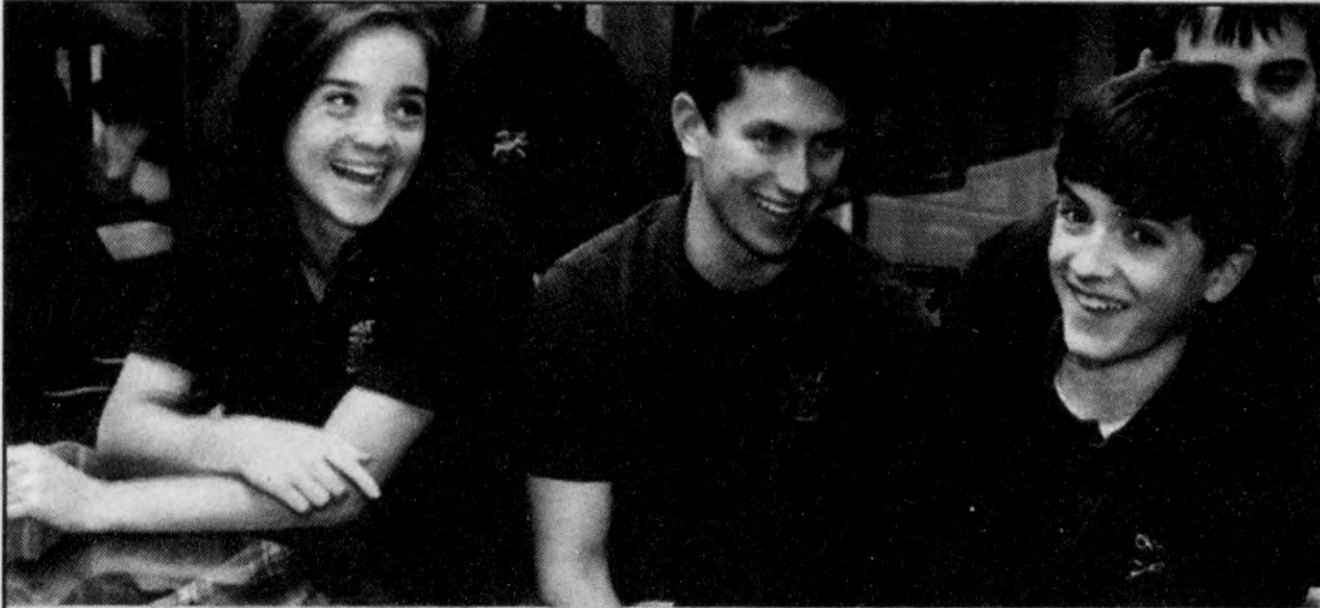
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# Death notices & Obituaries

## Alice M. Andrus, 89

Alice M. Andrus of Clarkston passed away Jan. 26, 2015, at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Cecil and daughter Connie Shippy. She was the loving mother of Marlene (Robert) Gravel, Carol Andrus and Darrin (Deborah) Andrus; grandmother of Mark and Greg Gravel, Jeffrey (Heather) Shippy, Jason (Michelle) Shippy, Isabella, Francesca and Ian Andrus; great grandmother of Brittany and Jessica Shippy, Elizabeth and Brenden Shippy; also survived by her beloved cat Max.

Alice enjoyed spending time in her garden and quilting. Funeral Service was Jan. 31 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Raymond Fay Sr., 69

Raymond T. Fay Sr., "Ray," of Waterford passed away Jan. 27, 2015, at age 69.

He was the loving husband of Barb for 45 years; father of Rachell (Bruce) Fultz, Ray Jr. and Billy (Elena) Fay; grandfather of Logan, Cece, Bella, Makayla, Delaney and Bailey; brother of Dianne (late Martin) Besteman.

Funeral Service was Jan. 30 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Charlene Helmle, 50

Charlene A. Helmle of Waterford, formerly of Ortonville, passed away Jan. 31, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer at age 50.

She was the beloved mother of Kyle and Joshua; daughter of Georgetta (Stickler) Holfelder; dear sister of Lauralee Holfelder, Diane Gilbert, Karen (Norman) Confer, Georgette (Dan) Budnik and Betty Jean (Gary) Robinson; preceded in death by her father Harvey Holfelder.

Memorial service was Feb. 3 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shades of Pink. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Rose Marie Walsh, 84

Rose Marie Walsh (Duncan) of Waterford, Mich., passed away Jan. 28, 2015, at age 84.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ronald and her parents Richard F. and Bernice A. Tyler Duncan. She was the devoted mother of Lynn (Bob) Statton, Joni (Steve) Jones, Sharyl (Dave) Culver, Ronald Jr. (Rita) Walsh, Rosanne (Greg) Lewis; also survived by 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; sister of Edward Duncan, Ellyn (Bob) Rojas, the late Dorothy Ferns, the late Gerald Duncan, the late Marjorie Jones.

Rose will be remembered for being gentle, caring and sweet with a beautiful smile. Her family was always her priority.

Visitation was Feb. 1 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was Feb. 2 at First Congregational Church, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Gwendolyn Rose Webber, 91

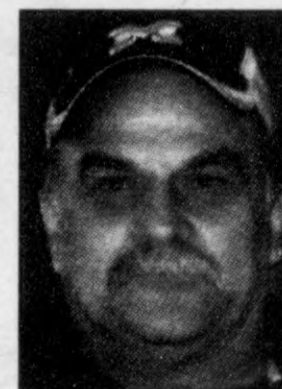
Gwendolyn Rose Webber of Waterford, formerly of Pontiac and Clarkston, passed away Jan. 27, 2015, at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry and siblings Dolores Johnson, Loretta Kukuk, Ronald and Edward Washburn. She was the mother of Michael (Fay) Crites and Richard (Patti) Crites; grandmother of Shannon and Stacy Crites; great grandmother of Max; sister of Marjorie Western; special aunt of several nieces and nephews.

Gwendolyn served in the U.S. Army and retired from General Motors. She enjoyed ceramics and macramé.

Funeral Service was Feb. 2 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)

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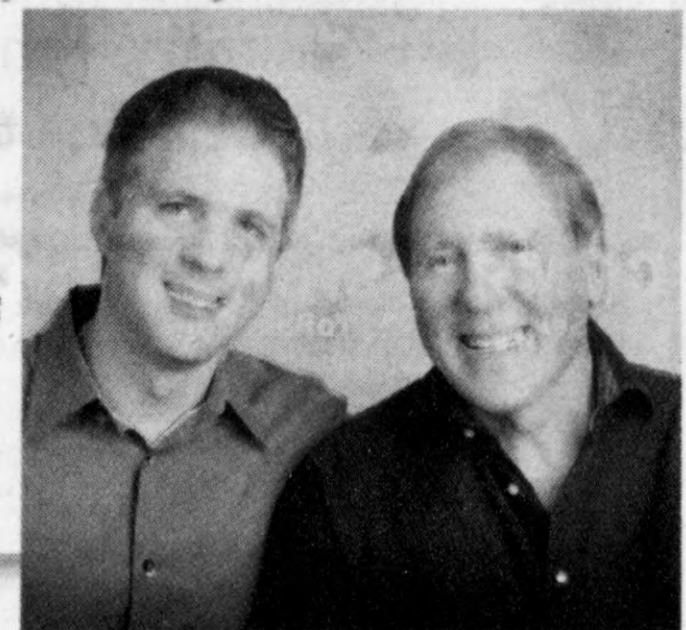
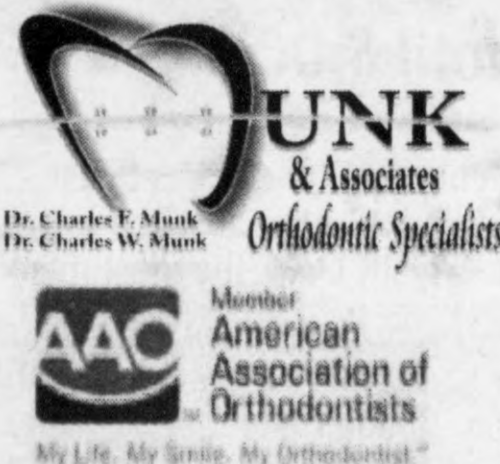
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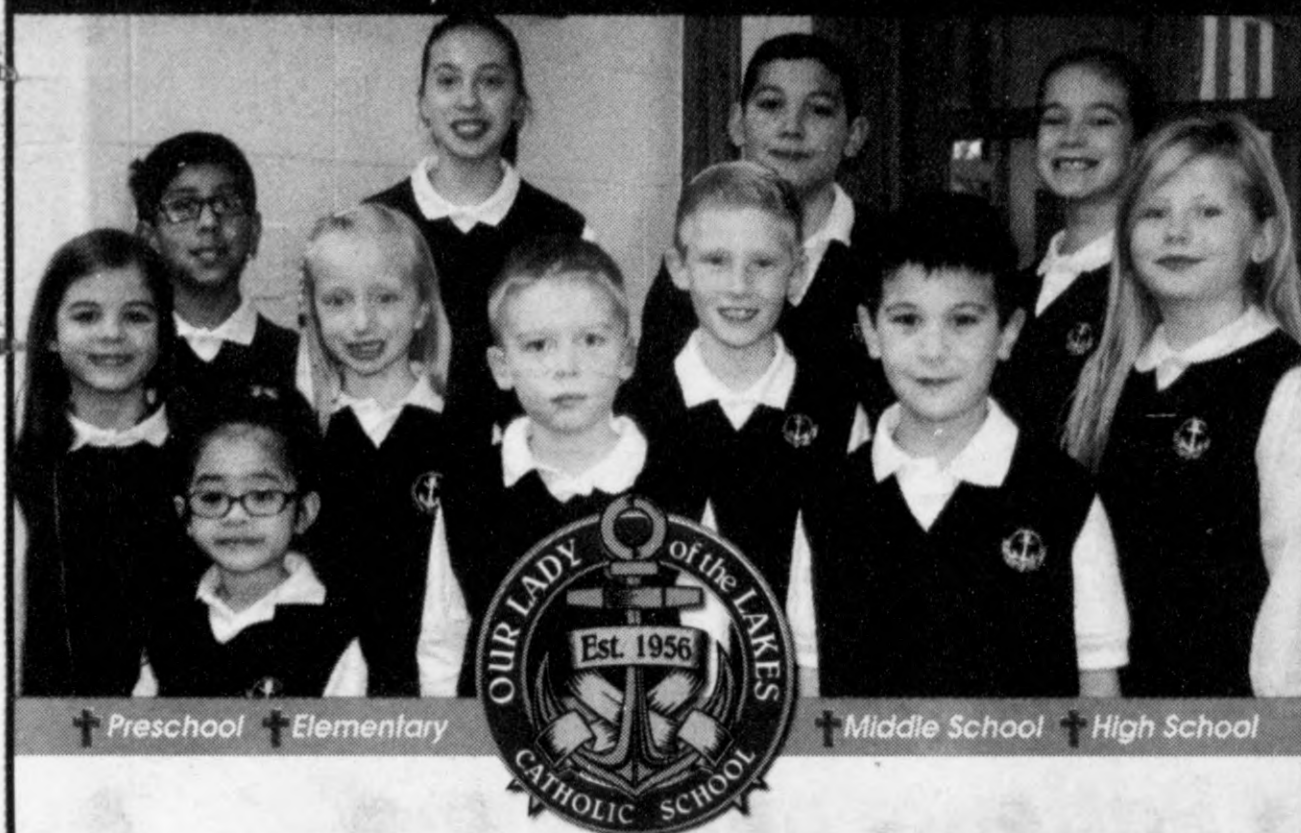
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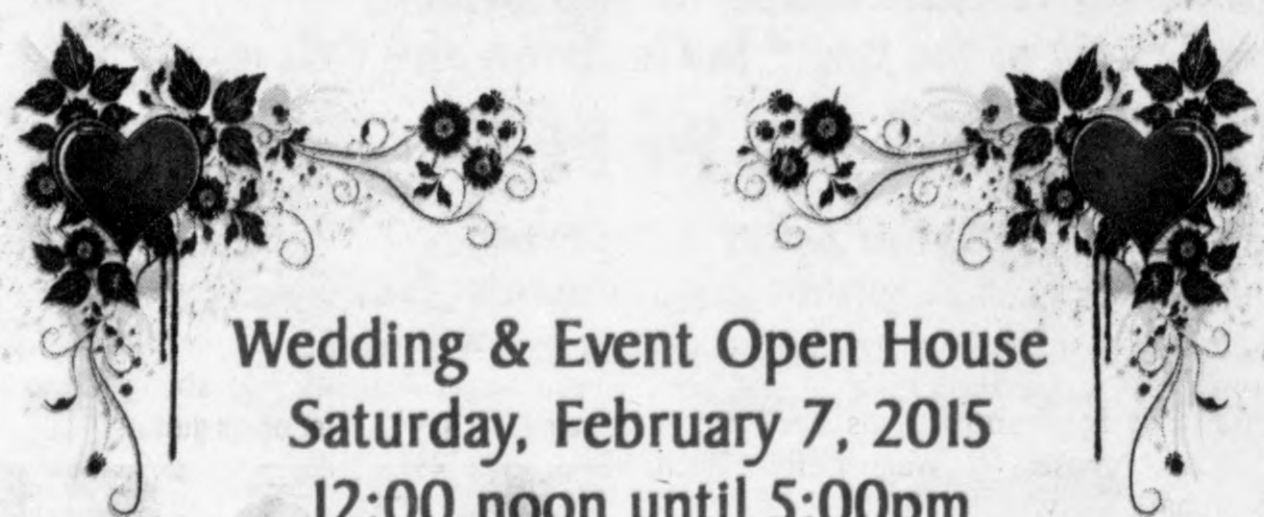
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# Sinking utilities pole fixed

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After weeks of work - which included emails, phone calls and numerous meetings - a sinking pole was fixed.

It took communication with the president's office of AT&T to get the job done.

The Clarkston News spent a lot of time over the past few weeks, contacting and meeting AT&T and Comcast representatives.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle also sent a letter to the AT&T president's office.

The pole is near the Independence Township pump station behind Hope Elesi's Main Street home.

The pole, which is across the river behind the home, was in serious disrepair and looked to be close to falling into the river. Utility lines on the pole crossed over the river and were strewn atop tree branches on both sides of the water.

While on site, Elesi opened her window hoping a utility company worker had finally come out to fix the mess. She said the pole had been damaged for over a year, but it came down even further in September 2014 after a big storm.

Elesi placed numerous calls to DTE to report wires and the pole were damaged and swaying the wind.

"When they came out all they did was cut the top of the pole off. They did some work up front and left. They told me they would notify companies that have utilities on the line, but no one came," she said.

Elesi added when the pole fell down even more, she and her neighbors stood around in amazement to see the wires hanging so low.

Eleisa was thankful The Clarkston News made the discovery and offered assistance getting the job fixed.

No power lines were on the pole. CNews called the Comcast Regional Director who promptly sent out a representative and later let us know the pole is owned by AT&T.

Last week, Elesi called CNews to let us know the pole was being fixed.

"I know they are only fixing it because of you," she said.

Jason Geiger, supervisor of the crew from DVM Utilities sent to fix the pole, said as soon as they saw it, they knew it would be a tough job.

"The lines on the pole feeds service to 200 customers," he said. "It definitely needed to be fixed. It's not broken, but it was sinking."

The area the pole was installed in was a wetland, and Geiger said the pole sank down about 15 feet since it was installed. It took the crew about four days to fix the pole.

It was a difficult job, the crew said. They had to straighten the pole, brace it and install an anchor on the pole 12-feet deep in the ground.

All of the work had to be done by hand

because no equipment could be taken back to the job.

"It was definitely a unique job," he said. "Besides getting a helicopter to fix it, there was only so much we could and we had to do it by hand."

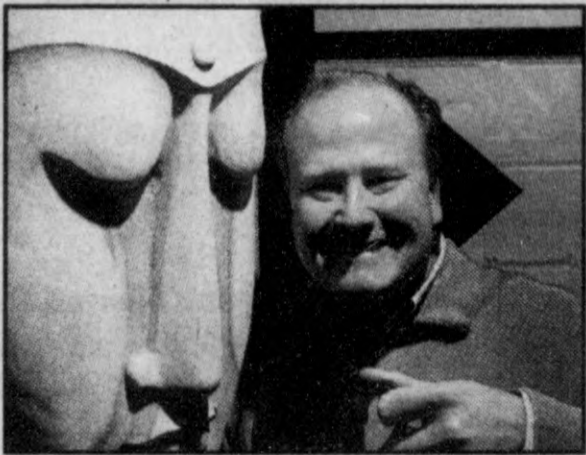


Jason Geiger, Austin Kipp and Anthony Schank from DVM Utilities visited Clarkston last week to fix a sinking pole. Photo By Andrea Beaudoin



When residents speak out at government meetings, they're community watchdogs to some, annoying gadflies to others

What do you think?



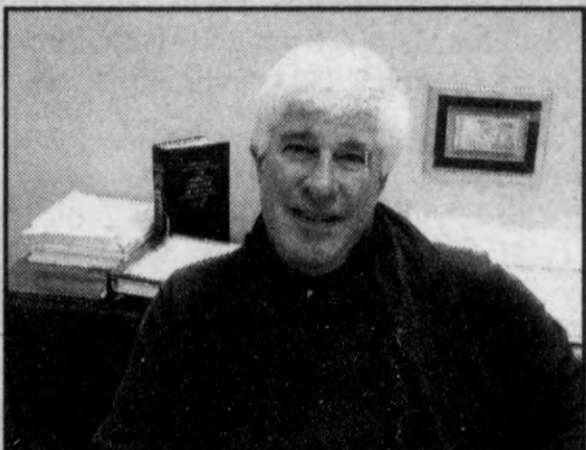
"Can't we all just get along."

-Doug Scott



"As an official you cannot ignore them. We have free speech and the right to express our opinion. Officials should always listen and be patient to a crabby person. They should address the issues, listen kindly and politely, and say thank you. Find out who is doing these things and handle it."

-Elizabeth Theaume



"I believe if you have something to say you should go to the office and talk about it. If they don't answer you have things you can do legally. I don't believe in the negativity on Facebook. It's too easy to go online and post whatever you want."

-Bob Roth

"We have free speech, and if you are in government you cannot ignore citizens or people you are supposed to communicate with. As our civic duty we need to watch what the government is doing. If you complain too much, and your complaints are frivolous, you will lose credit."

-Jon Gaskell

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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The Clarkston band Sail is, from left, Anthony Fink, Jarrett Holtslag, Thomas Lowe, Ray Shaffer, and Jimmy Redman. Photos by Phil Custodio

## Battle win fills Sail with success

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston band Sail is heading for the sky after winning their first Battle of the Band competition in Birmingham.

"They're really hitting their groove," said Cherie Lowe of Independence Township, band manager and mother of drummer Thomas Lowe.

Based out of Clarkston High School, Sail includes Thomas Lowe, 17; lead singer Anthony Fink of Farmington Hills, 20; Jarrett Holtslag of Clarkston, 15, on keyboard; Ray Shaffer of Clarkston, 18, guitar; and Jimmy Redman of Clarkston, 15, bassist. They won the contest on Jan. 16.

The band, which got together last February, chose their name after a group meeting.

"We wanted a good group name that sounded new," Fink said.

"Something like 'sailing onto new horizons,'" Shaffer said.

"It's vaguish, not of any certain genre,"

said Lowe.

"Not like 'Death Ponies,'" offered Shaffer.

"No connotations, and it's one syllable," Holtslag said.

"Two syllables would be too much," said Fink, who also pointed out the band plays the classic Styx song "Come Sail Away" at every gig.

They're all classically trained, with influences ranging from the Red Hot Chili Peppers, to Styx and Carlos Santana, to classical composers like Wagner, Holst, Bach, and Tchaikovsky.

They play covers of songs in genres including progressive metal, pop, classic rock, and metal, but not country.

"We try to throw in a variety," Holtslag said.

"I wasn't into the Red Hot Chili Peppers but now I love them," Fink said.

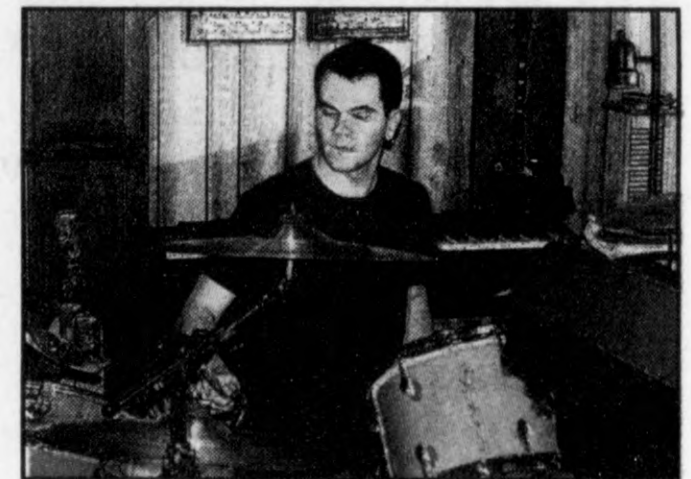
"It's extremely fun. We meet really cool people," Shaffer said.

They're also working on original music —

Please see Sail on page 28



Lead singer Anthony Fink sings "Come Sail Away" as Ray Shaffer plays guitar.



Thomas Lowe keeps the beat.



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## Events

**Blood drive**, American Red Cross, 1-6:45 p.m., Feb. 3, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road; 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Feb. 15, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

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**Open Your Heart** for Lighthouse of Clarkston, 5:30-9 p.m., Feb. 5, Rochester Mills Production Brewery, 3275 West Lapeer Road, Auburn Hills. \$100. 248-620-6116.

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**Alzheimer's fidget quilt workshop**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 7, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Bring sewing machines to stitch lap blankets with variety of trims, lace, buttons, zippers for local Alzheimer's facilities. Potluck. Call Nancy, 248-394-0637.

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**Business over Breakfast**, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 7:45-9 a.m., Feb. 12, Express Weight Loss and Wellness Clinic, 6647 Dixie Highway. Raffles, gifts. 248-625-3300.

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**Office hours**, state Rep. Jim Tedder, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Feb. 13, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 Dixie Highway. 517-373-0615.

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**Wild Game Dinner**, American Legion Post 63, 6-8 p.m., Feb. 21, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$20. Elk, white tail deer, pheasant, turkey, walleye, trout, salmon. Gun, kayak, Booze Basket raffles. 248-625-9912.

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**Pins for Paws and Strikes for Strays** Bowling Fundraiser for Almost Home Animal Rescue League, 1-4:30 p.m., Feb. 28, AirWay Lanes in Waterford. \$25, bowling, shoes, pizza, pop, prizes, raffles. 248-200-2695.

### Monday

**Line Dancing**, Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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

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**Grief Support Group**, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232.

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

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# Around Town

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



**Big Chief Chorus Pontiac-Waterford Barbershop Chapter offers Singing Valentines, Feb. 13-14.** The package includes two "love songs" sung by a male quartet, a rose for the honoree and a photo of the event. The singing will be done at a location of your choice for \$45. For more information, call the non-profit group at 586-915-6137. Photo provided

**50+ Spanish Lessons**, Mondays, Jan. 26-March 2, 6-7 p.m., \$40. Language fundamentals, history. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

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**Fitness 4 You** classes, \$5 walk-in, New Hope Bible Church, 8673 Sashabaw Road. Call Patty, 248-520-3297.

### Tuesday

**Breast Cancer Survivor Group**, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

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

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Community service group for all ages. 248-421-7699.

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**Widowers and Widows On With Life Group**, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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

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**50+ Pickleball**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. All welcome.

### Wednesday

**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

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**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

### Thursday

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

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**Clarkston Area Lions Club**, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

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**Support group** on "language" of memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease, 1-2 p.m., every other Thursday through March 5, Mendelson Home for assisted living, 2450 Watkins Lake Road. 248-674-2241.

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**Grief Support Group** with Coats Funeral Homes, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4301 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

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**Office hours**, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

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**50+ Individualized Computer Tutoring**, Thursdays, Jan. 8-22, 2-4 p.m., \$30/hour, Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Call to schedule, 248-625-8231.

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

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**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.

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**MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers**, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

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

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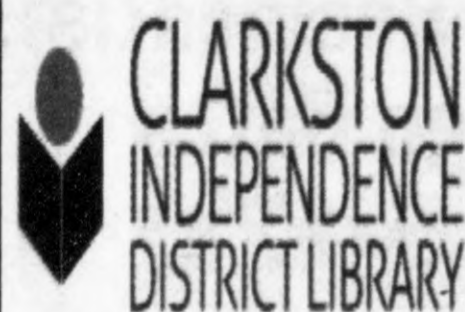
**TOPS 1093 Clarkston**, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

### Friday

**Woodcarving Class**, Fridays, Jan. 9-30, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$40; \$10 material fee. Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

### Saturday

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



## Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?

**Tell Us About Your Travels: Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00pm**  
We are a group of people who love to travel and share our experiences with others. We gather the 3rd Wednesday of each month (February-October) Join us this month as we are traveling to Israel, the Holy Land.

**Teddy Bear Sleepover: Saturday, February 14 2:00pm**  
The teddy bears are having a Valentine's Day sleepover at the library! Bring your favorite teddy bear to help you create a Valentine scrapbook. We will take pictures of all the mischief your teddy gets into during his overnight stay at the library and put them in your scrapbook. Teddy bears and scrapbooks can be picked up on Monday February 16. Registration Required.

**Look: New Library Hours Starting January 2015!**

Mon-Thurs: 10 am-9 pm, Fri & Sat: 10 am-6 pm, Sun 1 pm-6 pm



**Got Yarn?**  
**Wednesday, February 11 at 7:00pm**  
According to various studies throughout the years, it has been demonstrated that knitting could delay dementia and fight PTSD. Join us and learn a new skill or share your talents!





# Religion

Events Preaching

## Groundhog prognostication

So, did the groundhog see his shadow or not? Will we have another six weeks of winter or is spring around the corner?

If you really stop and think about it, spring does not begin until March 20, about six weeks away! And, with all the cameras and lights, how can the groundhog help but see his shadow?

While it might be a fun tradition there really is not any validity to the weather forecasting ability of this animal that crawls out (or is forced out) of winter hibernation.

There are many traditions that can be attached to Groundhog day, but that is all they are, traditions.

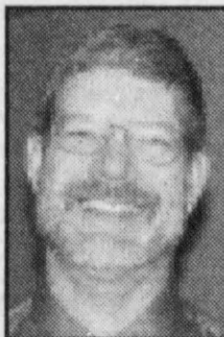
So, what would be the better focus? We live in Michigan, an area that expects snow and colder temperatures this time of the year.

How can we make the best of what we have? Can we enjoy walks in the snow? Can we brave the temperatures for an adventure of sledding down the hill or putting on the skis or the snowboard and appreciating the good health and blessings God brings us?

Maybe you prefer to break out a puzzle and sit in front of the fire place as you are warmed by the flames with a cup of hot cocoa or coffee. Or maybe you travel to the gym to support one of our local teams.

Psalm 104 focuses on God's action of creating. It speaks of the things He created and how He ordered them. In v.

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Kendall Schaeffer

19 we read *He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.* (ESV) I always marvel how science will come up with these wonderful discoveries like sun and moon patterns and the affects the moon has on the earth.

Then I go back to God's Word and find the same thing written thousands of years ago! Is it modern science or ancient history? I prefer to claim the latter based on the evidence God has given me in His Word.

Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, wrote *For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven* (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

We watch seasons come and go, people in our lives come and go, things around us change. In the midst of this we have a constant: God. He never changes. He is immutable.

We are the ones who change. We are the ones who turn away from Him and claim myths and fables to be the truth.

Will winter continue? Maybe for a short time (six weeks?). Will God continue? His faithfulness never ends! He, Who sent His Son, Jesus, to take the nails for us, will continue to pour His love out for us.

When we come to Him He does, and always will, forgive our sins. Just look around.

As the snows begin to melt and life hidden is again revealed, remember our God Who shares all things with us, especially His love and joys. Come and see!

*The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.*

## In our local churches...

**Wednesday Evening Feast**, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Call 248-625-3288 or check [www.calvaryinfo.org](http://www.calvaryinfo.org)

**DivorceCare** 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon

Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

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**First Friday Family Fun**, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. Call 248-625-4644 for more information.

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**Youth Ministries:**  
September thru April  
Sunday, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3:00-8:00 p.m.  
[www.clarkstoncommunity.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunity.com)

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Bible Study  
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[www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org](http://www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org)

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Website: [clarkstonumc.org](http://clarkstonumc.org)  
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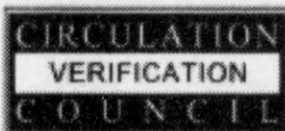


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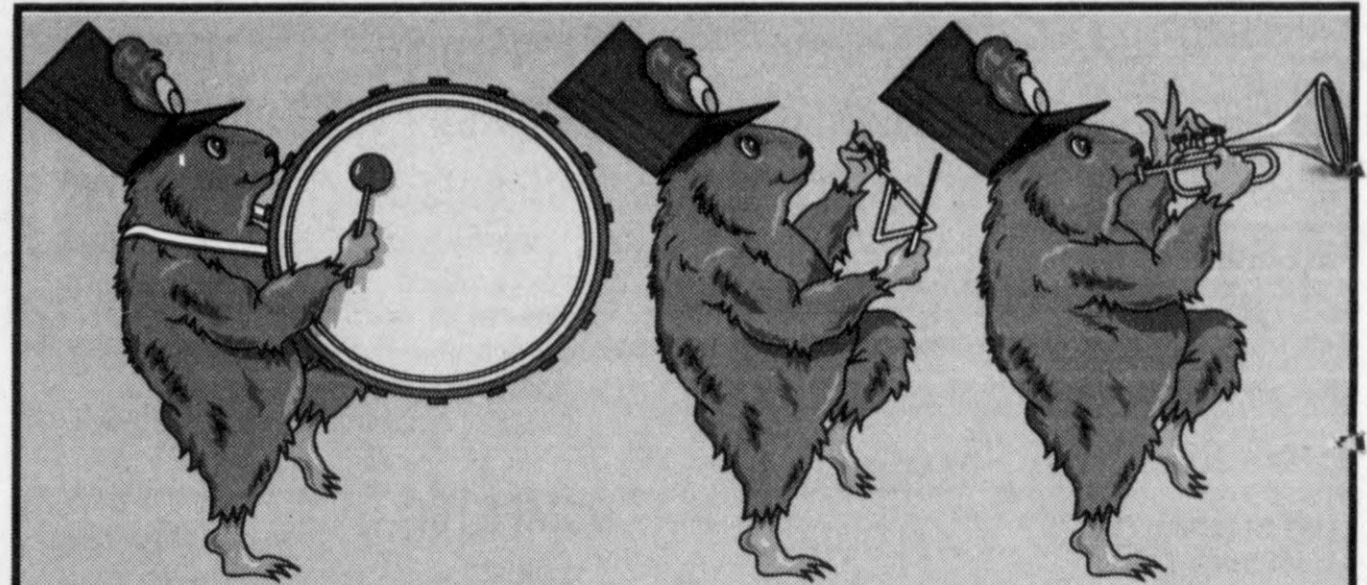
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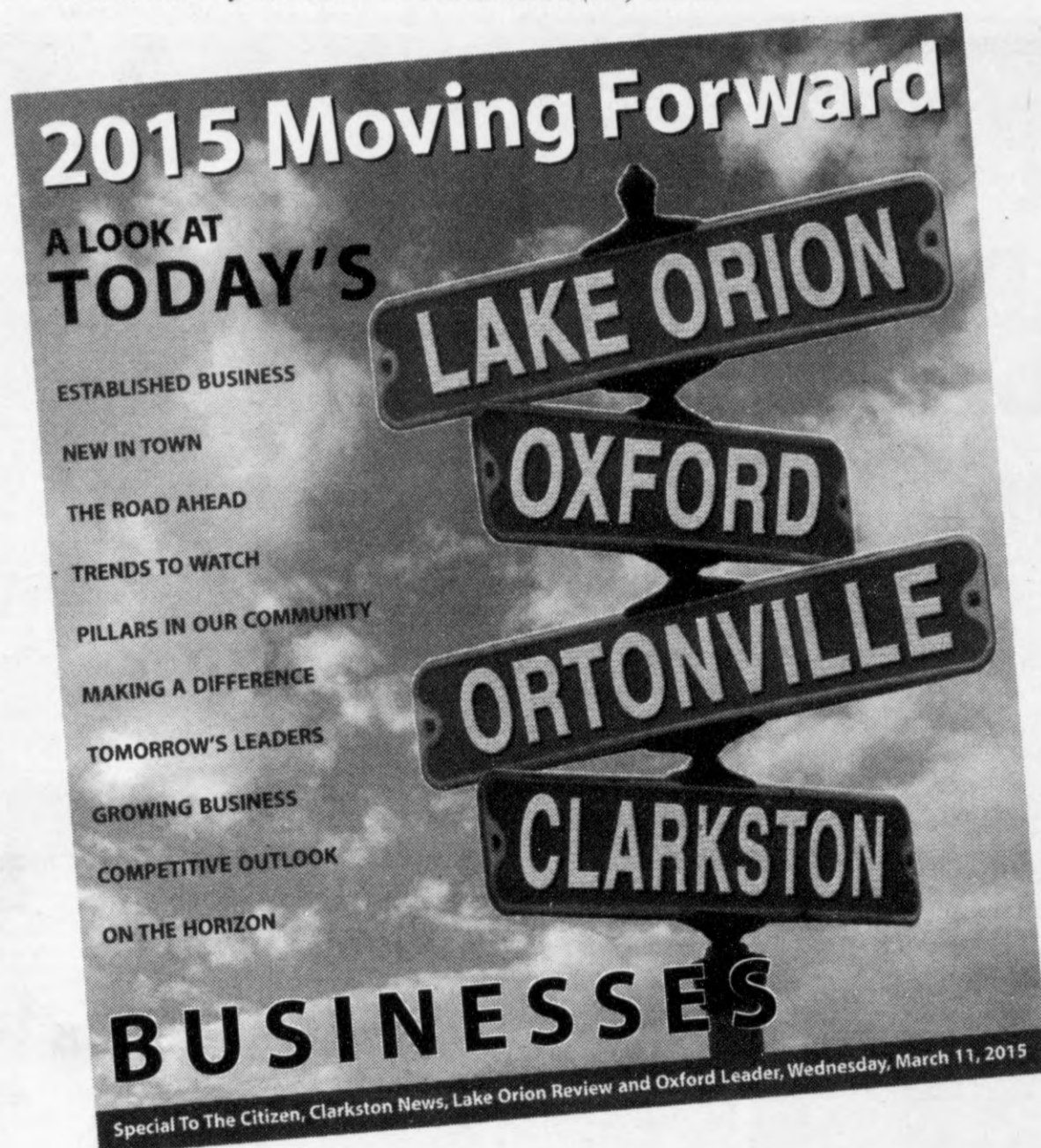
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TO ALL CREDITORS:  
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**SYNOPSIS**

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**JANUARY 20, 2015**

A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

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

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: David Belcher, Building Director; Kristen M. Sietoff, Assessing Director; Wendy Thomas, Finance Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman & Associates, Inc.; Gregg Schultz, Schultz and Young, P.C.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented

E. CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Supervisor Kittle

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Report: Supervisor's Report (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)

J. CARRYOVER/POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2015

2. Approval of the Payroll of January 16, 2015 and Check Run of January 15, 2015 for a Total Amount of \$447,120.71

3. Approval of Amendment to Previously Adopted Motion #2014-12-251d-Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Employment Dispute Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims - David Belcher, Building Director

2. Approval of the 1st Reading of the Versa Planned Rezoning Overlay Project

3. Approval to Establish Beginning Date for the Board of Review and Adoption of the Resolution for the Granting of Hardship Exemptions

4. Appointment and Reappointment of Members to Boards and Committees - Board of Review

5. Approval of 2015 Budget Amendment #1E

6. Approval of Transfer of Fund Balance from the Fire Millage Fund to Capital Projects Fund

7. Appointment of Board of Trustee Members and Acceptance of Recommendation to Appoint Non-Union Employees to the Non-Union Employee Benefit Advisory Committee

8. Authorized the Disposal of Assets with a Cost Basis Exceeding \$5,000

9. Appointment and Reappointment of Members to Boards and Committees

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report; December 2014

2. Minutes: Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee Minutes; November 12, 2014

3. Minutes: Safety Path Advisory Committee; November 19, 2014

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, February 4, 2015

**Edward D. Arner**

Edward Daniel Arner of Clarkston died peacefully Jan. 27, 2015, while snowbirding in LaBelle, Florida.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta. He was the father of Edward J. (late Patricia) Arner, Daniel (Dena) Arner, and Mary (James) Stockford; grandfather of Edward and Michael

Arner, Josef and Elizabeth Arner, and Sheila Stockford; brother of Tom (Ginger) and the late Joseph, James and Bernard.

Funeral Service was Feb. 6 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army.

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

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**DECEMBER 08, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Tom Hunter, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present-Bisio, Sabol, Marsh, Catallo, Hunter. Absent Mayor Luginski, Haven

Approval of agenda moved by Sabol Supported by Marsh to approve the Agenda with the addition of the proclamation. All Aye Motion Carried.

Motion by Catallo Supported by Sabol to approve the Consent Agenda All Aye Bisio No Motion Carried.

Motion by Sabol Supported by Bisio to approve the Council Meeting Dates for 2015 with the exception of Monday May 25 move to Tuesday May 26 All Aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Bisio Supported by Catallo to accept and file the 2013/2014 Audit report. We have the Highest possible rating for the City Audit. All Aye, Motion Carried.

Motion by Catallo Supported by Sabol to approve the proclamation of the Clarkston High School Wolves varsity football team on their second straight Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 1 Championship. All Aye Motion Carried.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Marsh to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. All Aye Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sandy Miller City Clerk



The band rehearses in the Lowe family's basement, which is fully wired for sound. Photos by Phil Custodio

**Sail's one of top bands in area**

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enough to fill 2-4 hours.

"That's two songs each," Fink said.

Performances so far include paid gigs and fund raisers at restaurants and bars throughout Oakland County, Michigan State Fair, Peace Fest, and Taste of Clarkston on downtown Main Street.

"That was fun," Fink said.

"We're getting more well known locally," Holtslag said.

"One guy came in and said 'I heard about you guys,'" Shaffer said.

"So we have one fan," Holtslag said.

Cherie said the band members have all grown musically and as a group.

"I think they're doing really good - everybody is a strong musician," she said. "We are very grateful to win this contest and this is the first contest the band has won."

The band is also ranked number 3 out of 69 bands on the Reverbnation Charts in the area in the rock genre, she said.

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Jarrett Holtslag plays two keyboards at the same time during rehearsal.



# A voice of the PTA

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## A Parent's Perspective



Arina Bokas

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The key difference, however, according to National PTA, is "your group is part of state and national political and advocacy efforts. And your group can play a role in determining National PTA positions."

National PTA maintains its advocacy office in Washington D.C., and our Michigan PTA advocates in Lansing. When you join the PTA, you are adding one more voice in support of your school and your student.

What does this mean to us here in Clarkston? Our recent advocacy efforts seem to be a good example. In December 2014, the Bolger proposal passed the House, eliminating the 6% sales tax on gasoline and

replacing it with an increase in the gasoline tax.

Because the School Aid Fund receives 4.3% of the 6% sales tax, this would've equated to a loss of \$600-700 million per year, or \$415 per student. Michigan PTA immediately took a stand against this proposal and issued an alert to all local councils and units, asking them to oppose this legislation.

On behalf of our community, the Clarkston PTA Council contacted our Representatives Gail Haines and Eileen Kowall, and Senators Jim Marleau and David Robertson, joining dozens of other units and organizations to prevent this from happening.

As a result of this collective advocacy, Governor Snyder and legislative leaders came up with a plan to raise \$1.2 billion for road repairs, without reducing money earmarked for the School Aid Fund.

In her letter to PTA units, Teresa Marhofer, Michigan PTA President, wrote, "We thank all our members, parents and advocates that came together to help our voice be heard on this important issue. The most important part is that we secure the education needs of all children in Michigan. They are our future."

So what's special about the PTA? The PTA's nationwide network gives our parents an opportunity to connect within the forum and tools to collectively influence the decisions that affect our children at their schools, our state, and our nation. This type of influence is hard to overestimate.

Arina Bokas is the Clarkston PTA Council president

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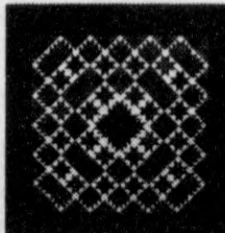
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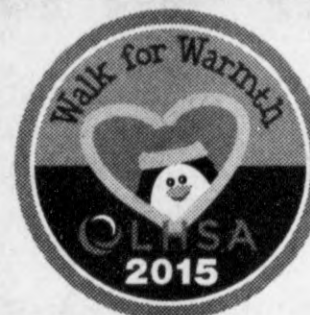
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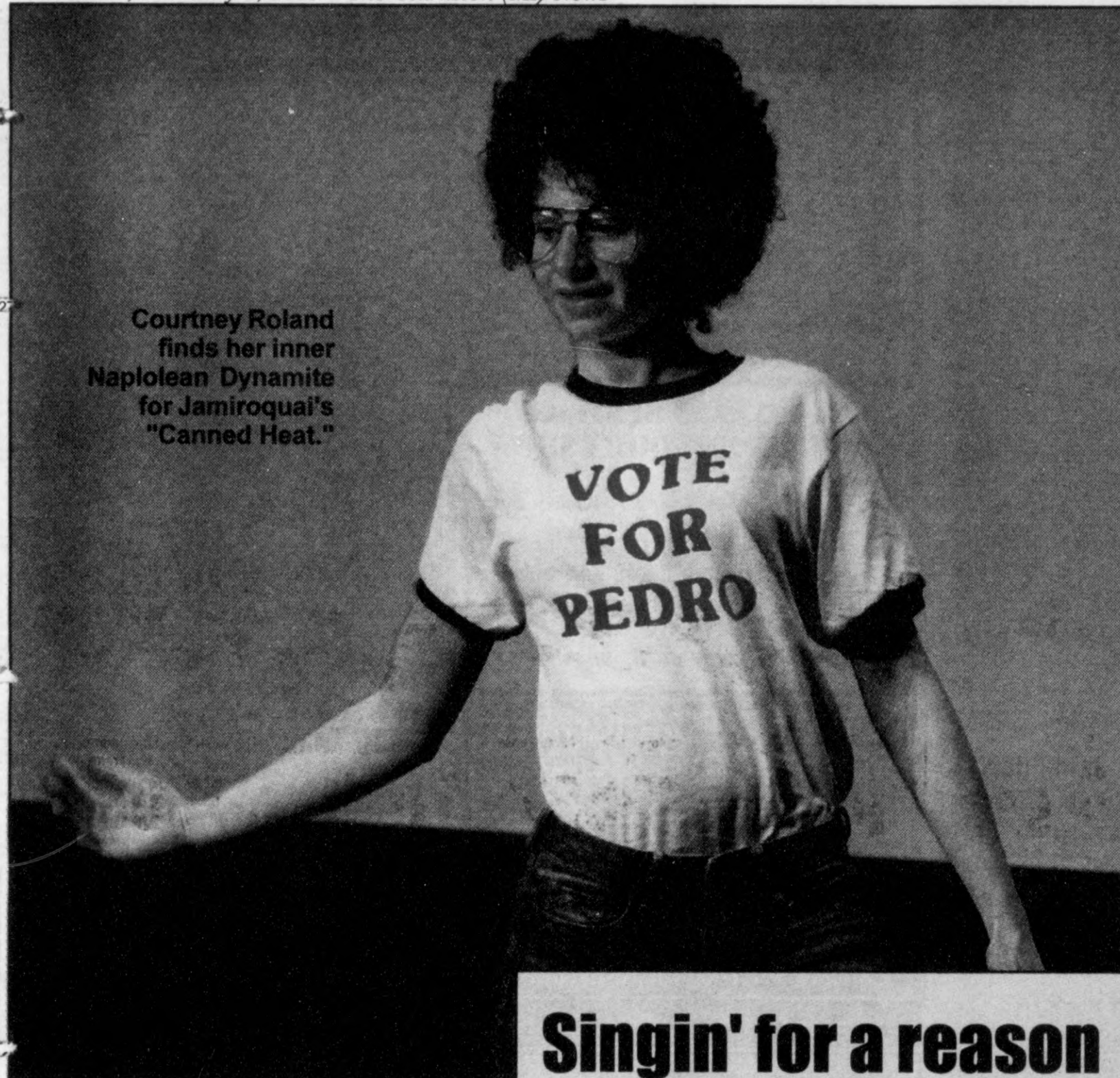
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## Singin' for a reason

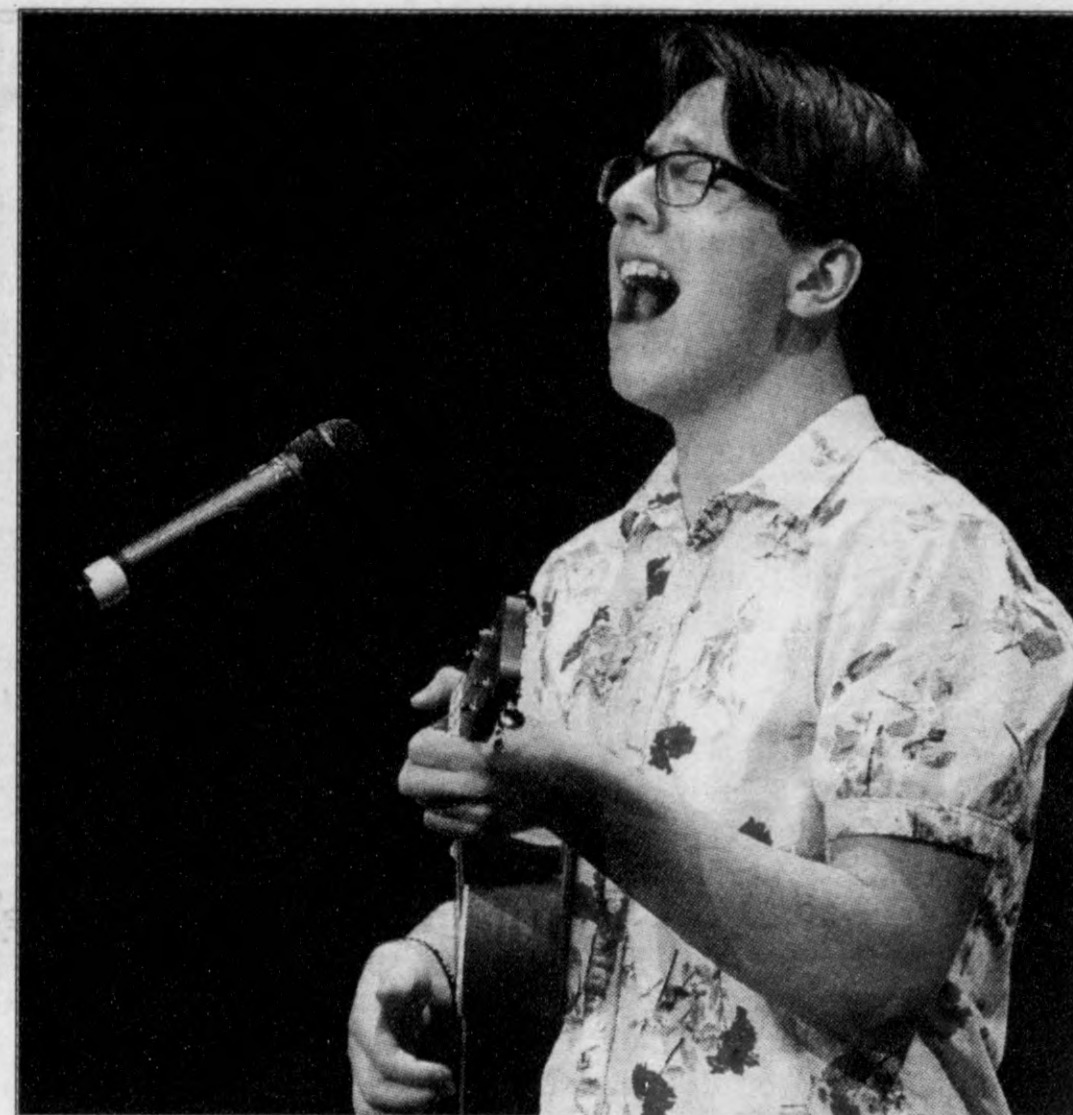
Clarkston students raised \$3,400 during the fourth annual Clarkston "C" Factor, Jan. 27.

The annual event is held during Clarkston High School Leadership Program's Charity Week. Fans picked their fa-

vorite acts by placing donations into the performers' containers. The five charities they raised money for this year were Spera Discovery Center, O.A.T.S., Sandcastles, Jimmy V Foundation and Haven.



Heather Davies dances to help raise money during Clarkston High School's Charity Week. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Drew Biggs performs "Can't Help Falling in Love."

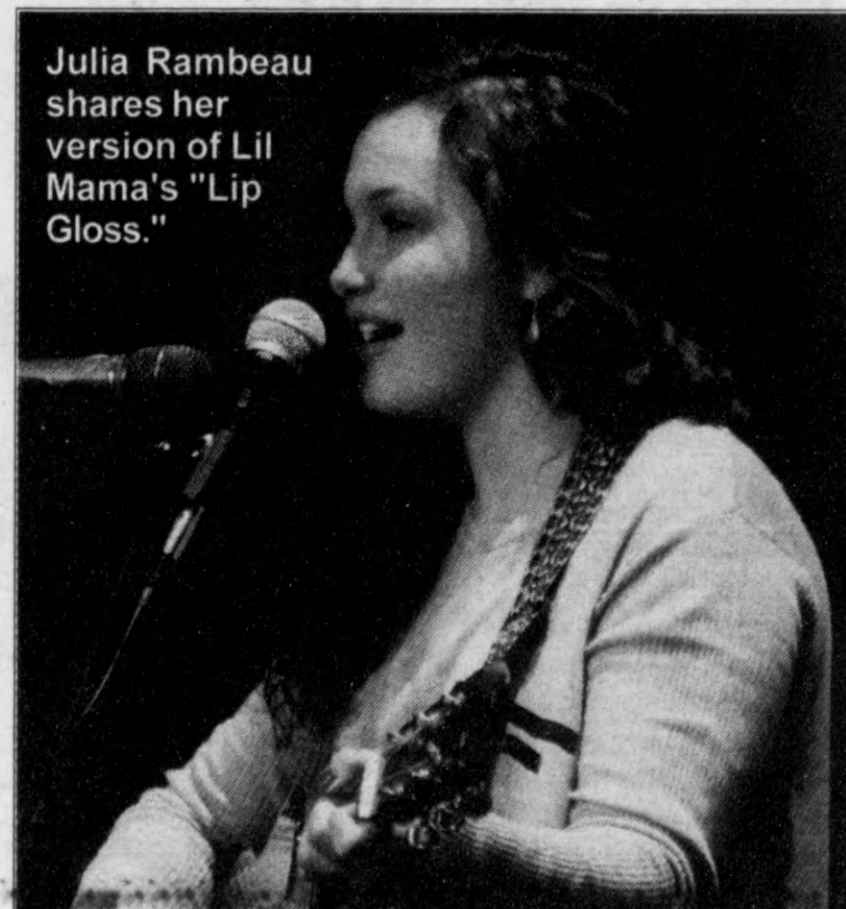


Eric Smith sings as Michael Smith plays the guitar.



Simone Williams powerfully sings Jeff Buckley's "Hallelujah."

Julia Rambeau shares her version of Lil Mama's "Lip Gloss."







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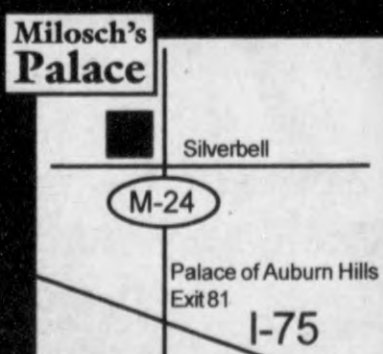
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