

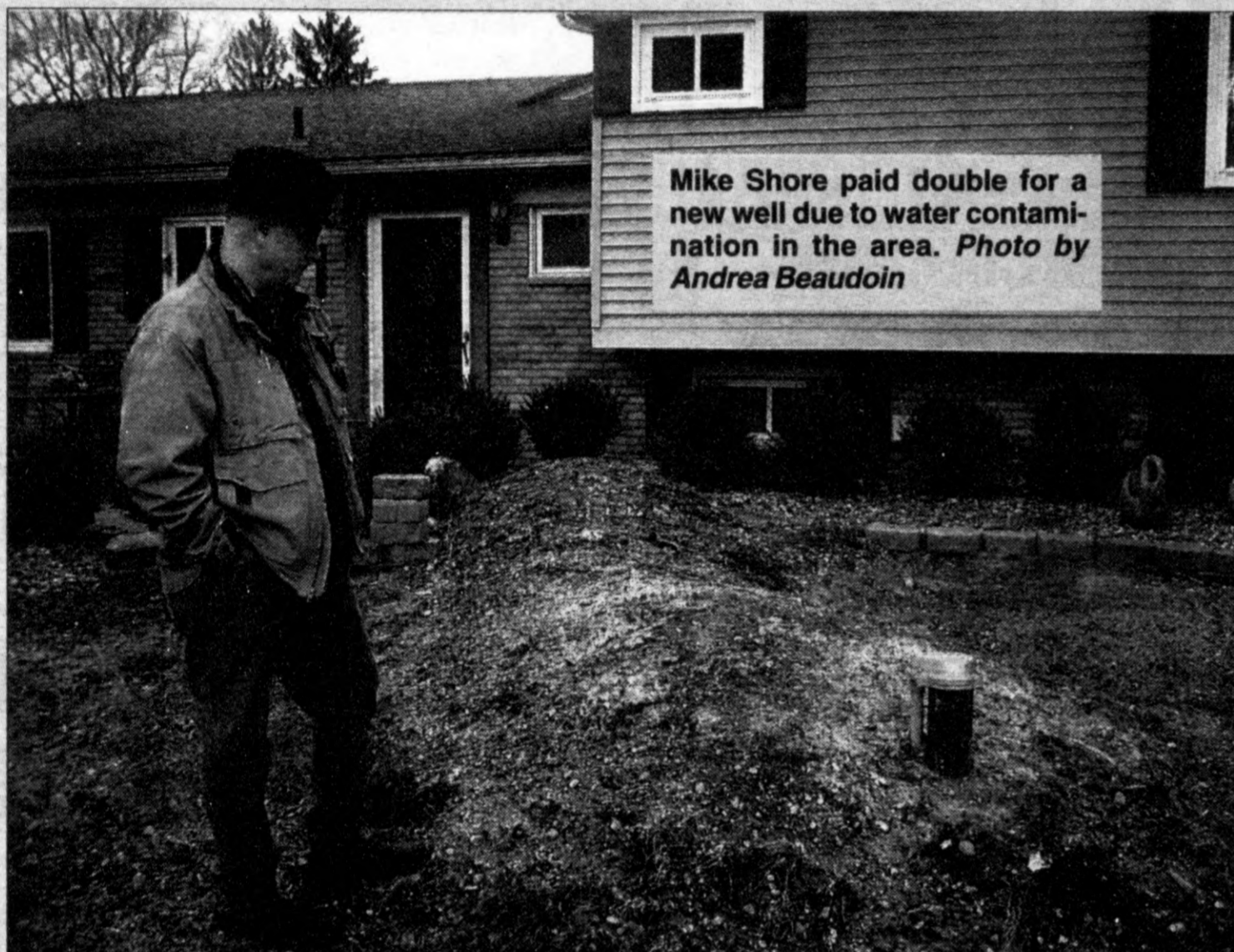
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Katie Miller seems less than thrilled. See page 14 for why.



Mike Shore paid double for a new well due to water contamination in the area. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Water Woes

Over 1,000 local private wells in contaminated zones

Part four in a series on local water quality

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Mike Shore, homeowner on Holcomb Road in Independence Township, has a warning for other homeowners with private wells.

"Oakland County told me my well had to be dug deeper, and made using steel rather than another material," Shore said.

That means almost double the cost.

Shore discovered last year the area Oakland County deemed the area to be contaminated. He also

lives in a zone at risk of contamination from leaking underground storage tanks, as indicated on a map recently created by township officials.

Last year, his well failed. He called up a well company and went to Oakland County for a well permit. He was told the contamination was caused by a leaking underground storage gas spill at a station on M-15.

Costs for a new well with stainless steel screen and other special materials are more than \$12,000.

"I just want other homeowners Please see More on page 5

Be aware of prowlers

A Rattalee Lake Road resident took to social media, Monday, to warn of two or three men trying to break into homes and garages over the weekend.

"I was told today that they are wearing black and black camo, black ski masks, using red and blue lights for signaling to each other," she said. "They didn't see a vehicle, two or three men and they would run off into the woods to hide when someone spotted them, but they were persistent and kept coming back."

She said neighbors in the area, Rattalee Lake and Dixie Please see Lock on page 9

Wolves head to Palace for finals

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Mackenzie Hanselman, Kyle Masters, Jake Rygielski, Nate Troutvine, Nate Vandermeer are heading to the Palace of Auburn Hills after qualifying for the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals.

"Getting five guys to the finals is awesome," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Head Coach Freddie DeRamus. "Last year we didn't have any. It is awesome to have five

represent the school. They have a good opportunity to be placers not just state qualifiers. I am happy for those guys. It says a lot about them and the work they put in throughout the summer and throughout the course of this year."

The Wolves qualified at the MHSAA Individual Regional meet at Oxford on Saturday. Vandermeer led the pack, finishing as champion in the 160-pound weight class. He beat his teammate, Masters, 2-0.

Please see Grapplers on page 10

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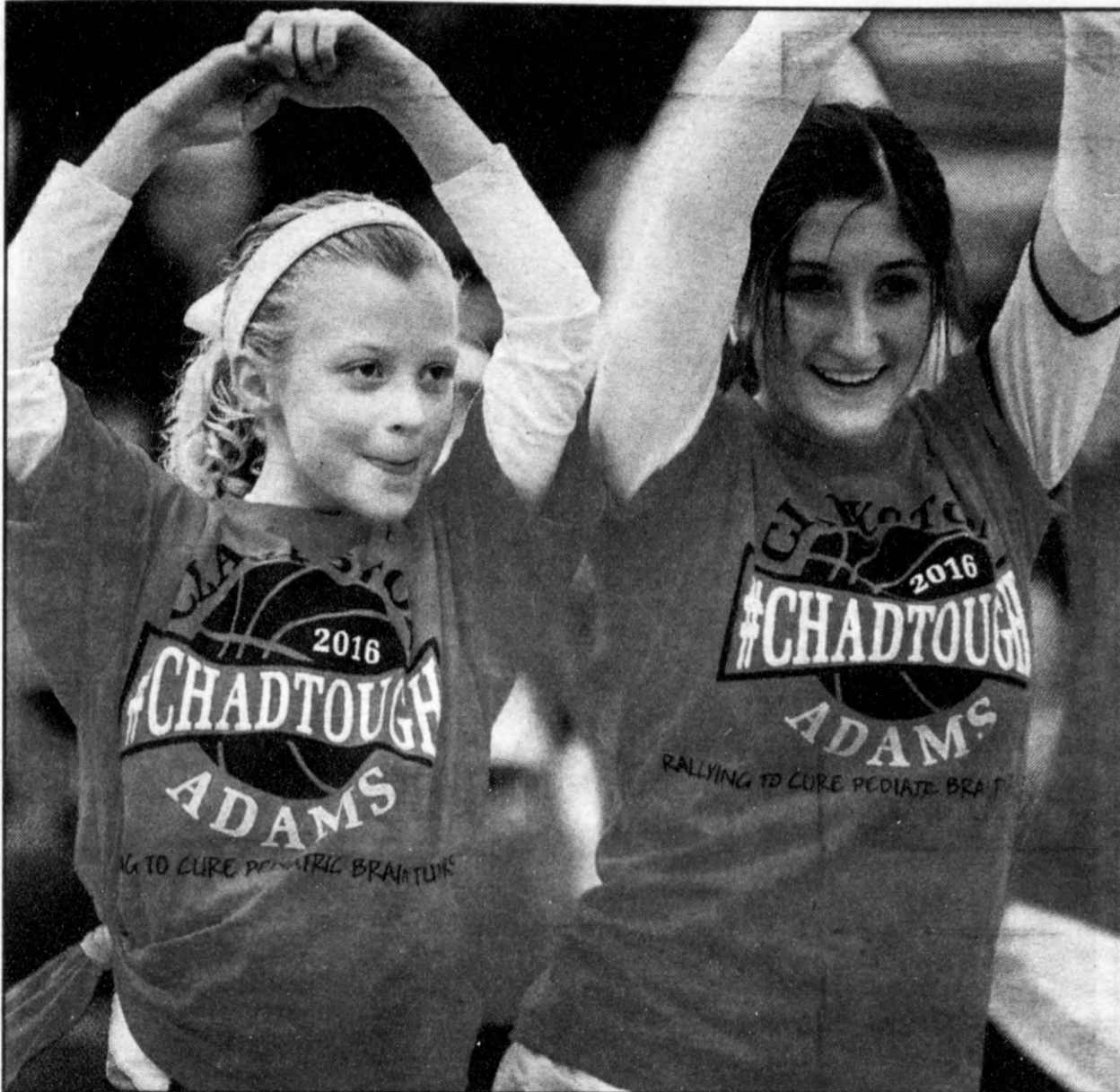
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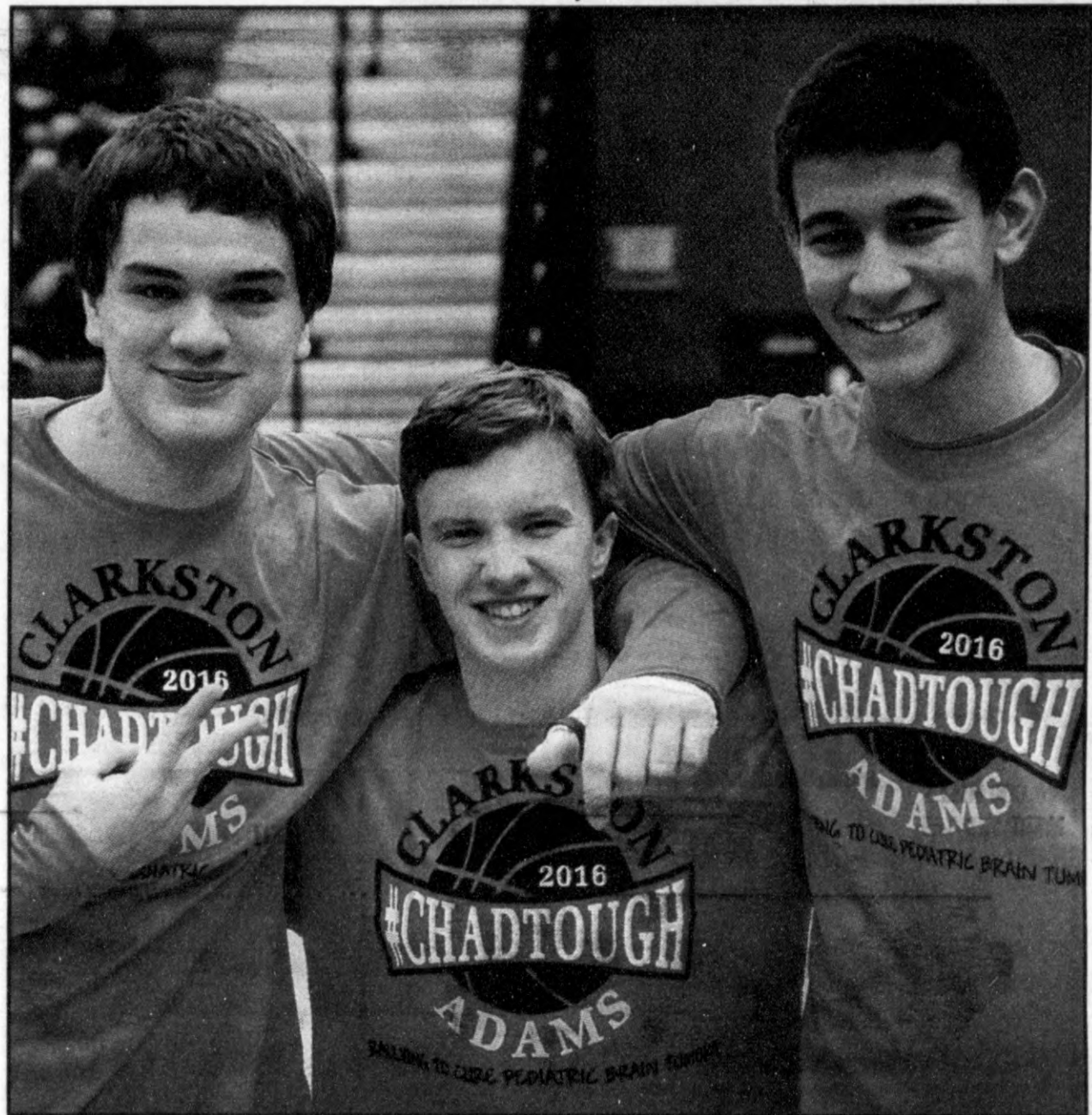
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CHAD TOUGH NIGHT: Jersey Foyer and Selena Brennan dance during half time as the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team hosted Rochester Adams during Chad Tough night. During the night, over \$8,000 was raised for the Chad Tough Foundation, created in honor of Chad Carr, grandson of former University of Michigan Football Head Coach Lloyd Carr. Chad passed away recently after a long battle with a DIPG tumor.



Proud Wolves wear orange for the "Orange Out" in support of the Chad Tough Foundation. Photos by Larry Wright. Wriqh Action Pix

Keep doors locked, call 911 for prowlers

Continued from page 1
Highway in Springfield Township, called police, but Sgt. Matt Baldes, commander of the Oakland County Sheriff's Springfield Township substation, said they didn't receive any calls at that time.

He recommends residents keep an eye out for each other and not hesitate to call.

"If you see a prowler trying windows and sneaking around, call 911," Baldes

said. "Lock your cars. Lock your doors."

A similar incident was reported on Feb. 4 in Independence Township. A resident in the 7000 block of Bridge Valley reported someone took a jacket, sunglasses, and hat from an car which was parked unlocked.

The sheriff's office non emergency line is 248-858-4911. To report tips, call Call 800-SPEAK-UP or 800-773-2587.

- Phil Custodio

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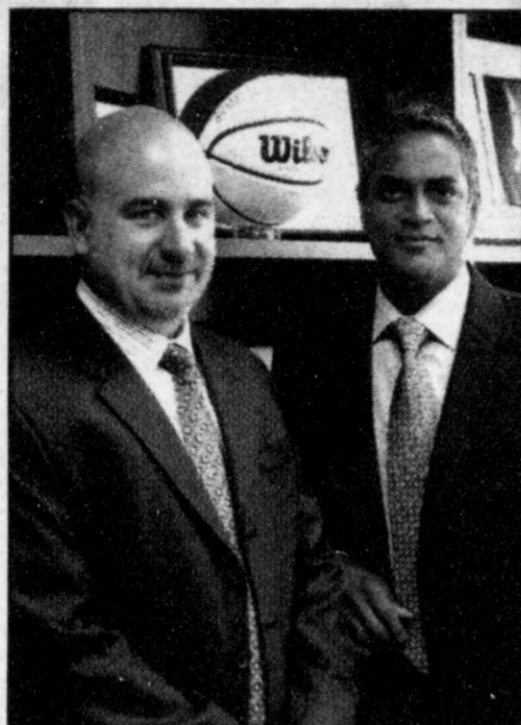
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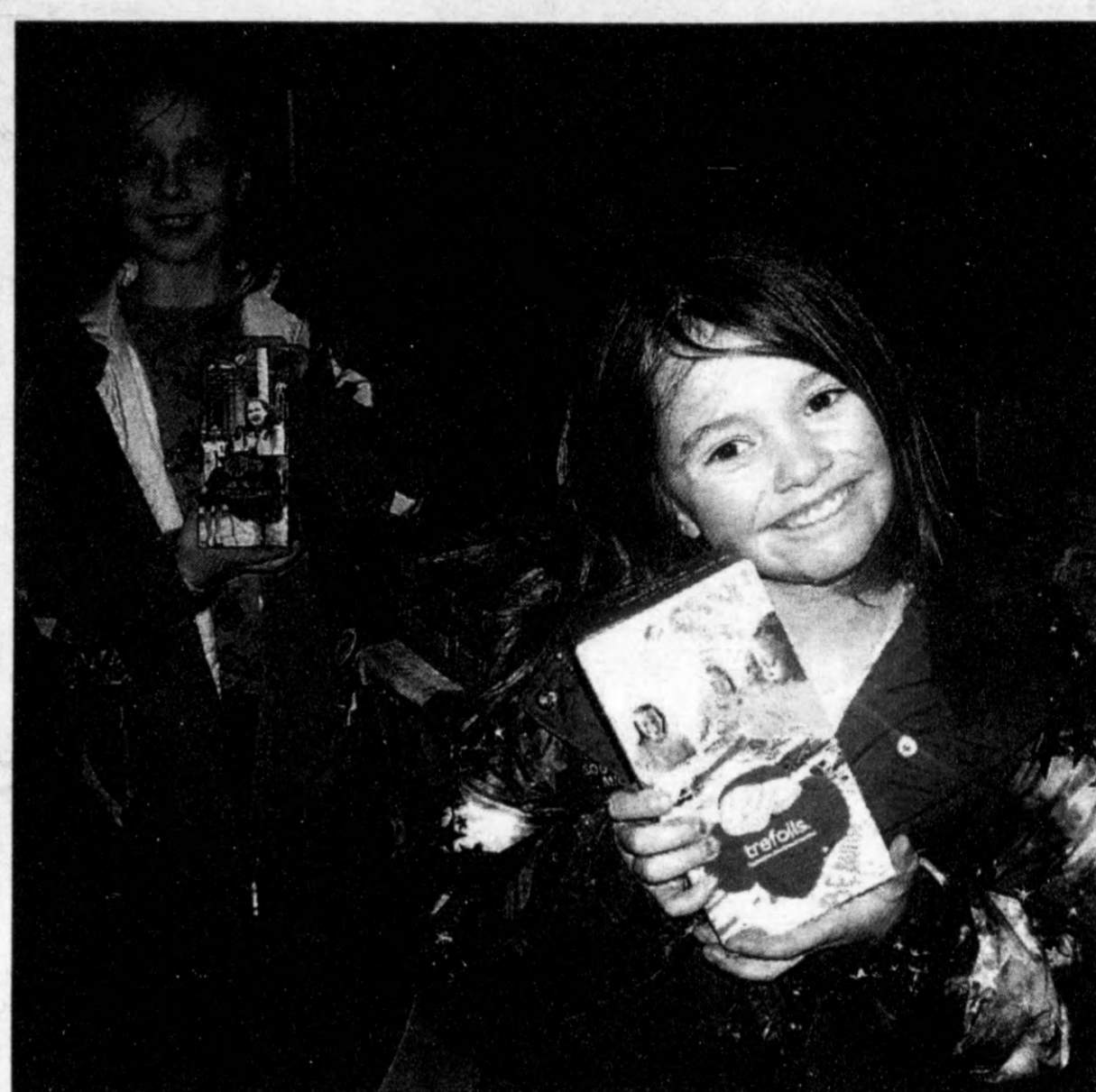
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COOKIE TIME: Elizabeth Riddell and Julie DeFaun from Girl Scout Troop 71127 sell delicious Girl Scout cookies outside Rudy's Market last Friday. Photo by Andrea M. Beaudoin

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Nomination deadline for community awards

Clarkston Community Awards nominations are due by March 11.

The 31st Annual Clarkston Community Awards Breakfast will be on Tuesday, May 24.

The event is at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road, from 7:30-9 a.m. Nominations are sought for the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year, Youth of the Year, Adult-Youth Volunteer of the Year, Community Collaboration, Community Beautification/Enhancement, and Community Preservation.

Tickets are \$12.

Go to www.clarkstoncommunity.com/clarkston-awards-breakfast for the online nomination form and to purchase your tickets.

Call 248-625-1323 for more information.

Band to play at festival

Clarkston Community Band will perform at the 21st Annual Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands, Saturday, March 5, at Okemos High School.

Ten community bands from Michigan will present concerts at the festival. Admission is free for all events. The Clarkston band performs at 9:45 a.m. Check Redcedarfestival.org.

City council opposes state historic proposal

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

City Council voted 6-0 to approve a resolution in opposition to proposed changes to the Michigan Local Historic Districts Act, Feb. 16.

Mayor Joe Luginski, who was in Chicago during the special meeting, issued a statement in support of the resolution.

Cara Catallo, chair of the Clarkston Historic District Commission who was at the meeting as a member of the public, said nothing in the proposal improves current law.

"It puts Michigan's heritage in harm's way," Catallo said. "Everything in the bill seems to be an effort to dismantle historic districts."

David Bihl, member of the historic commission who also attended the city council meeting, said the proposal would make city council an appellate board.

"It would be pretty unusual," Bihl said. "We have a gem here. They're trying to weaken the city."

Existing law provides structure to property owners and district commissions, he said.

"We know what to do," he said. "This makes it a wild card. I resent it."

Bob Sowles, commission member and a builder, said the proposal appeals to developers' desire to tear down old buildings in favor of new construction, and shows no appreciation of heritage.

"Building new is easier and makes more money," Sowles said. "I can't believe anyone is considering this."

Council member Eric Haven said he is usually in favor of local control, but can't support the loss of uniformity resulting from the proposal.

Al Avery said the 10-year renewal and voting rules would place new, unnecessary burdens on city council.

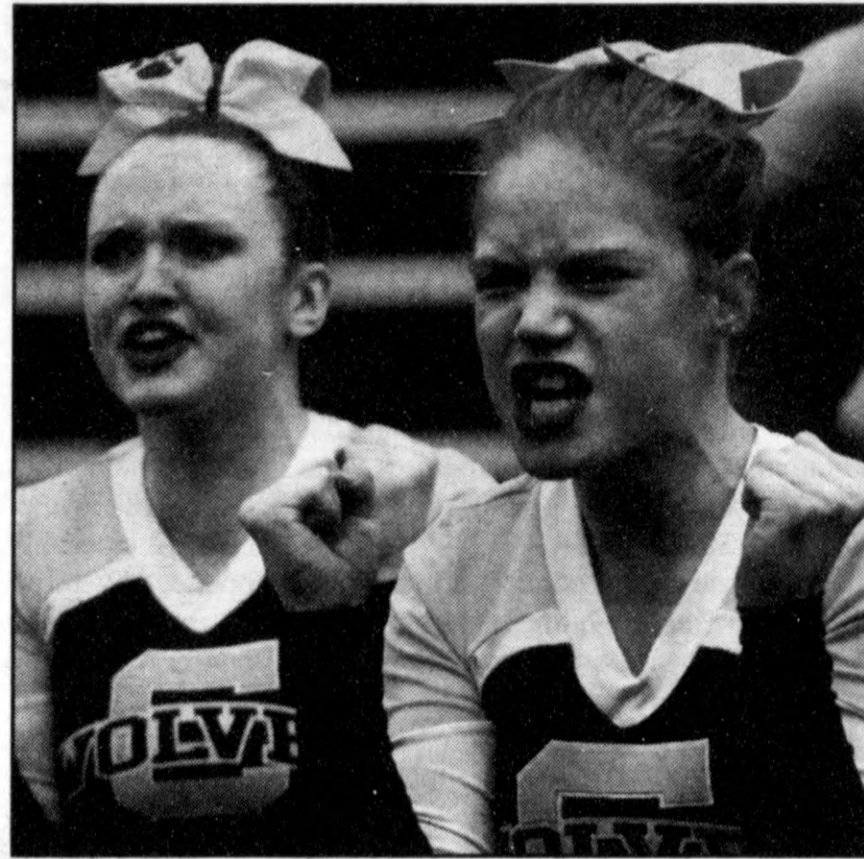
"Homeowners associations aren't addressed - that seems odd to me," Avery said.

House Bill 5232 and Senate Bill 720 would require city residents to vote to renew their historic district every 10 years or it would dissolve, and allow property owners to appeal a denial by their local historic district commission to their city council, instead of the State Historic Preservation Review Board. Advocates said that would increase local control.

The proposal had a first reading in Lansing on Jan. 26 and was referred to the Committee on Local Government.

Fired up!

Elizabeth VanHeulen with the Lady Wolves get tough during the MHSAA Competitive Cheer District Meet at Lake Orion on Saturday. Photo by Wendi Reardon



More wells found contaminated

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to be aware they will face similar costs," he said. "Many of the homes near mine are older, and their wells may fail in the near future. It's hard enough to afford paying for an unexpected expense when your well fails, let alone adding much more because you are in a contaminated area."

Shore said he cannot imagine what he would have done if he was unable to have put expenses to fix the well on a credit card.

"I know some people don't have that kind of cash or they are unable to put an unexpected expense like that on a credit card," he said.

A 1995 article in *The Clarkston News* addressed gas leaking from an underground tank at the former Shell Station, now BP, at the corner of M-15 and Bluegrass.

According to the article, Shell hired a consultant to clean up the mess, and the state of Michigan started testing wells at homes on Bluegrass Drive. The testing was supposed to continue.

Shore remembered testing regularly occurring on his water, although he believed it was just something the state did. He didn't think it was because his water was threatened by contamination.

Around 2007, the testing stopped. "They told me all the funds had dried up to test water," he said.

After he paid for a new well, Shore said he knows why the state did those tests.

He said he would like all the extra money he spent back, and it's just not right he is paying for a mess created by a gas station.

Action by the township

Independence Township Supervisor Pat consulted townships attorneys to see what legal steps the township could take to address water contamination issues.

"Water quality issues are a major concern," Kittle said. "We placed those leaks on a map

and placed a one mile radius around each leak to see which of our township wells or residents wells could be threatened."

The map was published in the Feb. 10 edition in *CNews*, and is also on the township's web site.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality lists 16 Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) sites in the area, 12 of which are in Independence Township.

Kittle said pollution spread from LUST sites threaten the future water supply.

"It worries me to know where these leaks are in relation to the township's wells particularly on the southern end of the township," Kittle said.

There are 1,100 homes using private wells in the pollution zones. Homeowners with private wells should test their water, he said.

Contamination on Maple Road near Maybee Road was found to be caused by leaking underground storage tanks at what is now Citgo on Dixie Highway.

Seven more wells recently tested positive on Maple after further testing was requested by the township, Kittle said.

Township officials met with MDEQ and offered Maple Road residents a Special Assessment District to pay for over an estimated \$300,000 in water main extension and service lines to over 20 homes on the street.

"We are working with the state on an agreement to pay \$300,000 for the work on Maple," Kittle said.

Independence Township residents on the township system are supplied from 14 underground water wells located throughout the area. The township tested wells for harmful chemicals and substances. Initial tests came back clean. Testing for those substances will continue.

"Anyone on private wells should have their water tested," Kittle said. "A test, which includes screening for MTEBs and other chemicals, is offered by the state for \$125."

Briefly

Winter storm alert

The National Weather Service is forecasting a winter storm in the Clarkston area, Wednesday afternoon through Thursday afternoon.

The Winter Storm Watch is for snow, heavy at times, with snowfall accumulations of 6-10 inches through Thursday. Northeast winds approaching 30 mph could lead to extensive blowing and drifting of snow Wednesday night and Thursday. Travel may become hazardous by late Wednesday afternoon through Thursday. Snow removal will be more challenging as snow becomes wet and heavy during Wednesday afternoon and evening. Check weather.gov.

City looks into road repair loans

Clarkston city officials are meeting with South East Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) about possible grants to resurface Miller and Holcomb roads.

The roads are top priority for repair of winter potholes, City Manager Carol Eberhardt told City Council, Feb. 22.

She will find out what the city qualifies for and report back to council, she said.

Amyloidosis group heads to Lansing

Kelly Pacifico-Loush, communication and marketing manager for the Amyloidosis Foundation of Clarkston, will be in Lansing spreading the word about Rare Disease Day, Thursday, Feb. 25.

Amyloidosis is caused by a bone marrow disorder and usually affects people from ages 50-80. Approximately 4,500 new cases are diagnosed every year, with about two-thirds of the patients male.

For more details: <http://www.amyloidosis.org/facts/>

Rare disease patients, caregivers and other health care advocates will share their stories at the observance, 11 a.m. to noon in the State Capitol.

Participating organizations also include Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome, Mowat-Wilson Syndrome, Dystonia, Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Diseases (EGID), DYRK1A Awareness, CURED Foundation, SWAN USA and the Desmoid Tumor Research Foundation.

The Amyloidosis Foundation is at 7151 N. Main St., Ste. 2. Call 1-877-AMYLOID, www.amyloidosis.org.

Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Watch for thieves

Stories of figures clad in black prowling local neighborhoods may have been embellished a bit as it spread from neighbor to neighbor, as might have happened in the story "Be aware of prowlers" on page 1, but one thing is certain.

As weather warms up with the coming of spring, people looking for easy pickings will be out taking what they can, mostly from unlocked vehicles.

Reports from victims will start to fill the basket at the local sheriff's substation in the coming weeks.

Report after report will document the loss of purses, laptop computers, GPS units, loose change, sunglasses, paperwork and other items, taken from cars, pickups, and SUVs, almost all parked unlocked in driveways, parking lots, and along the street.

When arrests are made, thieves turn out to be local teens or people in their 20s, often familiar to deputies due to lengthy criminal records. They take advantage of targets of opportunity, which they find while walking through the area trying car doors to see if any are unlocked.

The scarier ones try doors to houses, and take advantage of open garage doors, too.

But they're more organized, too, members of out-of-town groups with names like the Felony Lane Gang.

Keep those doors locked. But even with doors locked, it's best not to keep items out in the open, where they can be seen from outside, because also commonly reported are smashed car windows.

A video from last summer shows how quick thieves can be. Video of a parking lot on Sashabaw Road shows partners in crime backing into a parking space next to a car, the passenger leaning out, smashing the window with a spring-loaded punch and grabbing a purse in one smooth, practiced motion.

Of course, 911 is the number to call if you see people sneaking around a neighborhood or around cars.

But call the police for things that seem suspicious too, like folks out there selling magazines without a permit. That would seem to be a good cover for things more nefarious. The sheriff's non-emergency line is 248-858-4911.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Reader says technology threatens lotto law

Dear Editor,

Michigan Constitutional Proposal 04-1, which passed overwhelmingly in 2004 and is now in our state Constitution, requires voter approval of any form of gambling authorized by law after January 2004.

Yet the state lottery commission has now added "Draw Games Online" "Online Keno" and "Online Instant Games" so that gamblers can play the lottery games with their "electronic devices."

Also, after 2004 "self service lottery machines" "online terminals" and "scratch-off ticket dispensers" were put into service by the state lottery commission in violation of the Michigan state constitution. None of these new forms of gambling were ever brought to voters for their approval as the states constitution has required since 2004 - <https://www.michiganlottery.com/>

From the state's own 2004 Prop 04-1 analysis report, "The proposal (Prop 04-1) would seriously hamper the operations of the state lottery, which provides a substantial amount of funding for the state's K-12 educational system. It prevents the lottery from introducing new electronic games or table games, which it will need to do in order to remain competitive, without a popular vote.

"To maintain player interest and maintain

state revenue, the lottery regularly replaces older games or underperforming games with newer ones.

"As technology advances, the lottery is likely look to alternative forms of games, including electronic and mechanical devices operated by the player, including self-service, online terminals and scratch-off ticket dispensers. This proposal threatens those efforts.

"Note that the lottery would have to get legislative approval of any ballot language (it could not put a question on the ballot itself) and would not be allowed to spend money in support of proposals (even though the opposition could).

"Not only does the proposed amendment require a statewide vote for the introduction of a new game, it would prevent a new game from being introduced into any given local unit of government without local voter consent."

Why were new games added online, self service lottery machines installed, online terminals and scratch-off ticket dispensers added at Kroger, Meijer, etc. without voter approval? Please investigate this violation.

Regards,

Michael Powell
Independence Township

Council careless with closed meetings, reader says

Dear Editor,

Government transparency is very important, especially in small town government. There are cases where closed meetings are necessary and there are strict procedures that need to be followed when voting to go into closed meetings.

The Clarkston City Council held an illegal closed meeting last night, Monday, Feb. 22.

Michigan law states a body must state the reason for the closed meeting prior to a roll call vote. Last night's vote was proceeding without the council doing this, even though they regularly call for closed meetings. As the council prepared to go into a closed session, I reminded Attorney James Tamm, the lawyer who was present at the meeting and who is representing the city in at least two lawsuits, of the correct procedure, and he corrected council before the vote.

Council then voted to go into closed session to discuss the "Bisio lawsuit." As the audience members were leaving, Mr. Tamm jokingly turned to me and said, "You should have asked which Bisio lawsuit." However, this lawyer, who is representing the city in

more than one "Bisio lawsuit," never corrected council, nor asked them to amend their vote.

(Editor's note: Richard Bisio and his wife Susan Bisio have both filed suit against the city. The Open Meetings Act allows closed meetings "to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation, but only if an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the public body.")

In one of the Bisio lawsuits, the city is being sued for holding an illegal closed meeting. Because of this lawsuit alone, the city council and lawyers should be very aware and sensitive to the reasons and procedures for calling a closed meeting. The reason for these rules to control closed meetings is to help ensure transparency in government. I am sure that the Clarkston City Council will enter closed session again. I hope before that occurs, the council members and their lawyers will read the law about open and closed meetings, and follow those laws.

Steve Wylie
Clarkston

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Neighbors vow fight" Citizens who lived near the site of a proposed Holiday Inn on M-15 hadn't lost any zeal for fighting the proposal. They planned to be out in force at the Independence Township Planning Commission meeting.

"Long lives, fast slopes" Ever since he was in grade school, Bill Richard had enjoyed lacing up his boots and hitting the slopes. Richard and numerous other southeastern Michigan senior citizens got together at Mt. Holly Ski Area to enjoy each other's company and ski to their heart's content.

"Six grapplers advance to regional" Brian Chism, Shawn Miller, John Langdon, Tony Lajoie, Chris Jaronski and Kyle Hester from the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team qualified for the individual regional tournament by taking fourth or higher at the district tournament.

25 years ago - 1991

"Barn fire" Authorities were investigating the cause of a fire which destroyed a Springfield Township barn on Scott Road. The fire spread to a smaller barn and also destroyed a silo. Seven fire departments were on the scene during the seven hour fire.

"Wall of Fame honors different sort of all-star" An addition to the Clarkston High School was a Wall of Fame to display the student of the month as well as showcasing student selected for the annual principal's award, the national merit finalists, the school's All-State recipient and the winners of the Boy's State and Girl's State award.

"Girls eighth at state, Roeser 15th in GS." The Clarkston Girls Ski team finished in eighth place at the state finals held at Nub's Nob and Carrie Roeser placed 15th with the best time in the Giant Slalom race and 20th in the Slalom race.

50 years ago - 1966

"Sashabaw school and land purchased by township" The legal ball began rolling for the buying and selling exchange between the Independence Township Board and Clarkston Board of Education for the old Sashabaw school property.

"Wolves bomb Milford" During the last home for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team seniors King Robinson, Mike Madison and Rod Allen scored a combined total of 35 points in the Wolves 91-71 win over Milford.

"Local news" Mike Lynch was confined in his home with mumps. With such nice weather he wasn't too happy.

I never knew a boy who was teacher's pet

(This Jottings was first published on January 17, 2007)

I don't mean to brag (Yes, I do!), but I was the champion speller of the eighth grade in Bancroft. The year, 1938.

Yes, I'll admit the competition wasn't great, since there were only 12 in that grade, including me. What irks me to this day is when it came time to select the Bancroft student to compete in the district spelling bee, the principal picked a girl.

If he did that because a girl would look better on stage, he was wrong. I was a good-looking, curly haired boy. I've got the class picture to prove it.

The girls were plain, still-on-the-farm types, with Depression era dresses and hairdos to match.

Well, this upset me so much I hitched

a ride to Durand for the spell-off at the high school and took a seat in the balcony, closest to the stage as I could get.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

I'm not a poor loser! I spelled, to myself, every word given to these principal-chosen contestants, but held myself in from jeering the losers because that wouldn't have looked good for this good-looking, curly haired boy.

But, that isn't the only time I was picked on, as a student, when it could have been a girl's fault.

I'm sitting in the front row of a senior history class in Vernon High School when

someone behind me (Heck, everyone was behind me.) created a disturbance.

The teacher flew into a rage and kicked all the boys in the class out of school for three days. Being boys, we, of course, went to Durand and shot pool the rest of the day.

When I described to my mother what had happened that day in class, she confronted the principal and I was readmitted the next day.

My point is since the teacher's back was turned to the class, she assumed a boy caused the disturbance. It certainly could have been a girl. Some of them were outspoken, tough and vengeful.

These two instances I've mentioned prove, at least to me, that never have I known a boy who was a teacher's pet. I attended seven schools and always girls

were favored.

They could sit anywhere in the room, but I was always put in the front row. Perhaps that was an advantage to me, giving me first access to teacher's wisdom of the day. But, I didn't think so at the time.

Girls were excused more quickly for nature's calls from those one-room schools, with outside one-hole features, though I never actually followed a girl into one to be sure.

Boys were assumed to be crude, misfits, slow learners, and anti-learners, school haters.

Girls were always the smartest, best mannered, most willing helpers, who never threw spitballs, always turned in their work on time and blamed boys every chance they got.

So, how does 'the media' influence kids?

I am working on, and I have to admit it, an extremely AWESOME column for next week (the first week in March).

It is so spectacularly wonderful, I started it yesterday but it won't be ready 'til after this week's deadline. So, instead of giving you something slipshod like, hurried together to meet deadline, I give you this gem from March 2003. (Spoiler alert, get ready to smile.)

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Since I was a young collegiate student-type of individual, the debate has raged in regards to the influences the media has on younger and more impressionable youths.

"That kid drank 27 gallons of milk and died of Bovinetummyacheitis 'cause he saw it in a movie."

"No he didn't. No one ever told him he could drink that much milk and live. He was just stupid."

"No he wasn't. He would still be alive today if only those evil, money grubbing movie producers had not shown a similar situation in their danged movie, *Mad Cow 2 -- Lactoserous Returns.*"

"It isn't Hollywood who is supposed to watch kids. Where were the parents . . . ?"

Etcetera,
Etcetera,
Etcetera.

During those thrilling days of yesteryear, in between binge drinking on the weekends and defending the honor of Ronald Reagan from numerous attacks

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

of those more left-leaning (and far less informed) students than myself, I thought the premise of blaming the media for everything was, in a word: Ridiculous.

In two words: Poppy Cock.

And, in three words: No smackin'frackin' way!

I can still remember the debate/discussion in an ethics in journalism class.

"Balderdash!" I would self-righteously rant (I don't 'rant' -- do I?). "Just because Ozzy Osborne sings (if that's what you call it) about suicide, doesn't mean he is to blame when some knucklehead of a kid offs himself . . ."

People are not sheep. People have brains.

"They know what is right and what is wrong," I emphatically argued.

With all the vim and vinegar I could muster, I would demand to be heard. "People are not mind-numbed robots!"

They can think for themselves. They are individuals, and individuals are responsible for their own actions -- don't blame some ominous bogeyman as the scapegoat."

Of course this was a time when MTV was still in its infancy, before it became the slick, violent and politically bent, non-music network it has become.

Regardless, up until this past Sunday, for the 20 years or so I have thought about it, I was righteously indignant towards the idea of blaming the media for society's ills.

Like I said, until this past Sunday, when I saw my little, almost three-year-old son Sean, running around the kitchen table like some sort of possessed midget, (excuse me, dwarf . . . ummmm . . . little person . . .

well . . . vertically challenged individual). What transformed our angelic, blond-haired, blue-eyed lad into a lunatic?

The answer: Domino Dots.

Specifically the television commercial introducing Domino Dots (those little bits of pizza dough, rolled into a ball and baked in cinnamon and topped with a nice sugary white icing).

In this bit of cinematic magic, the giant dough balls, as big as elephants, roll and bounce down a hilly suburban street. In front of the Domino Dots stampede is a lad, running full-tilt bogey proclaiming, "Incoming! Domino Dots are coming!"

I don't know how many times young Master Sean has seen this commercial -- it can't be too many -- but it has affected him.

I brought home two medium Domino pizzas and a box of Dots. Five-year-old Shamus, reader of everything written, joyously informed the household, "Poppy got Domino Dots! Poppy got Domino Dots!"

And, that is what set off Sean. That's when the little Dr. Jekyll turned into a wee Mr. Hyde, flailing his arms above his rocking from side-to-side head, "Incoming . . . blah, blah, blah!" (The blahs, are my words.)

So, I have revised my stance on the media. The media can and does wreak havoc on young and impressionable minds.

My son is proof. He was once a regular kid. Now, after watching a television commercial he is a Domino Dot Head.

Lord, help us all.

Send commentary to Don@ShermanPublications.org

District playoffs start Monday at Lake Orion

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior point guard Kailan Mehta took aim as the seconds counted down on the clock.

As the buzzer sounded the basketball went through the rim and Mehta scored three points.

It didn't put the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team in the lead against Stoney Creek last Thursday but it closed the gap. The Lady Wolves lost the game, 39-33.

"Our girls came out flat and it created a hole we could never get out of," said Christine Rogers, head coach.

It was a slow start for both teams before sophomore Kayla Luchenbach put the Lady Wolves on the board first with 4:45 remaining in the first quarter off a basket and one point from a free throw.

Sophomore Kristen Page scored a basket with one minute to go in the quarter and one shot from the Cougars closed with their own shot as Clarkston led 5-3.

The Cougars came out at the beginning with two field goals and two free throws from Courtney Eckhout.

"We were prepared for them," said Rogers. "We practiced against their defense. We handled it in practice and when we came out onto the floor it's like we had never seen it before. We were looking for leadership on



Kayla Luchenbach takes the ball down the court against Stoney Creek. Photo by Wendi Reardon

the floor, and we were looking for someone to step up and take control and no one did."

During the last five minutes of the first half Stoney Creek scored eight points, closing the half with a six point lead 17-11.

"They were prepared," said Rogers. "We were ready for them. We did what we needed to do leading up to the game but when it

came to game time we didn't do what we needed to do. It's disappointing because at this point of the season you would expect our leaders to emerge and it looks like we will have a chance to emerge against Lathrup. The team I coached all last week, the team who beat Farmington Hills Harrison didn't show up today and that's disappointing."

Luchenbach and senior Alyssa Bey led the team with eight points each.

The high point of the night for the Lady Wolves was the third annual Hoops for Troops where they raised \$9,344 for Michigan Bikers Helping Veterans in honor of 2006 Clarkston High School graduate Jenna Beno, who passed away from injuries she sustained while serving in Iraq in October 2012.

"Megan Goldberg has done an amazing job," said Rogers. "I've worked with the Beno family on a couple of different places to honor their daughter. I am very proud of the teams - JV, varsity and freshman who participated. The community is amazing. The bikers are just a cool part of supporting the veterans because many of them are veterans supporting other veterans."

The Lady Wolves opened the week on Tuesday against Southfield Lathrup and host a OAA crossover game on Thursday.

"It is going to be a tough week on us," said Rogers. "We will have to bounce back and we are going against the number one team in the state - that's a tough match anytime. I know my girls are tough. I expect them to respond positively. I know they can do it."

They head to Lake Orion on Monday for the first round of the MHSAA District playoffs against Waterford Kettering, 7 p.m.

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6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 2

6:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, March 2

7:00 p.m.

Scripture Study



Students help make Independence Township lean

Master's students from Oakland University's Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) Department worked with Independence Township officials to help improve the township's rental facilities reservations process.

The project was part of the ISE Department's Lean Principles and Applications course and helped find a potential savings of \$14,000 per year.

"Oakland University students were out to show lean can work anywhere so long as the premise of application is respect for people," said Jerome Oswald, student team leader. "With the new facilities recently added in the township, it was a great area to explore for operational improvements."

"Anytime you can complement academics with real world work experience it is a win-win scenario for both groups," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle. "Oakland University is a great learning center. Independence Township is proud to have been asked to participate in this worthwhile endeavor."

Student team members also included Juliana Martinez, Anthony Cooper and Brandon Wilson. They are enrolled in Oakland's ISE or Engineering Management programs. Team members from Independence Township included Ken Elwert, Lisa Christensen, Theresa Gordon, Vicki O'Bezil and Kim Larson.



Project collaborators include, front row from left, Vicki O'Bezil, Theresa Gordon, and Kim Larson; back row from left, Ken Elwert, Juliana Guevara, Brendon Wilson, Anthony Cooper, and Jerome Oswald; and, not pictured, Lisa Christensen. Photo provided

The project started when ISE instructor Larry Osentoski reached out to Kittle in summer 2015.

"Independence Township opened their doors for our students to come work hand-in-hand with their staff to find areas where lean could help improve their operations," Osentoski said. "It was an excellent opportunity for our students and the community. I sat in on a couple of the meetings and the professionalism of the staff, (while) working together with our students to identify waste,

was really exciting to see. As a resident of the community I learned this small staff manages over 800 programs for our community."

Oakland's ISE 581 Lean Principles and Application course emphasizes hands-on experiential learning and respect for people, he said.

Plans are underway for another team of OU engineering students to work with Independence Township next fall.

To learn more about ISE@OU, visit oakland.edu/secs/ise.

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Arrest in car arson

A 29-year-old Pontiac man was jailed after allegedly setting fire to an Independence Township resident's vehicle in the 200 block of N. Saginaw Street in Pontiac, 5:08 p.m., Feb. 13. Deputies and the Waterford Regional Fire Department responded to the reported vehicle fire. Witnesses said a man poured gasoline on the vehicle and set it on fire. Deputies located the suspect about three blocks away and took him into custody. The vehicle was destroyed by the fire. The suspect was identified by the victim, a 55-year-old Independence Township woman. An OCSO Fire Investigator responded to assist with the fire investigation.

Trespassing

A 37-year-old Independence Township woman was cited for trespassing after entering her ex-boyfriend's home, 5:41 p.m., Feb. 13, without invitation and yelling at him. She had been over the day before, also uninvited. This time, she gained access through the garage, using the key pad code which she knew.

Threat unfounded, superintendent says

Investigation by administrators and law enforcement into an alleged threat at Clarkston High School last week showed it was unsubstantiated, said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

"No student was expelled," Rock said. "The media outlets that made the initial report did not verify their sources. Therefore, their reports were misleading and sensationalized. Safety is the first priority of the Clarkston Community Schools."

Police and school officials investigated the report of an alleged threat weeks ago, the superintendent said.

"It was determined within the investigation a student made an inappropriate utterance and there was no threat to any student or staff members' safety," Rock said. "The matter was handled in accordance with school and district policy."

Investigation included interviews with students and their parents by the sheriff's liaison officer and administrators, according to police reports.

No permit to sell

A 19-year-old Bloomfield Hills man was cited for soliciting without a permit on Joy Street, 2:10 p.m., Feb. 12. A resident called the sheriff's office to report the solicitor, who he said ran a scam in the area last year.

Tires cut

Someone cut three tires on a Jeep parked in the 6000 block of Wealthy Street, Feb. 13. Residents said they didn't know of any problems with anyone.

Barn fire

The Springfield Township Fire Department requested an Oakland County Sheriff's fire investigator assist with determining the cause and origin of a pole barn fire in the 8900 block of Kier Road, 8:34 a.m., Feb. 13. The structure was destroyed. There were no reported injuries.

Felony arrest

A deputy on patrol recognized a pickup truck southbound on Sashabaw Road from a family-trouble report out of Brandon Township, 7:32 p.m., Feb. 16. A record's check showed the truck owner, a 47-year-old Independence Township man, had a felony warrant out of Florida for assault. He was ordered out of his vehicle at gunpoint and arrested. He was jailed on the warrant, awaiting extradition.

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Grapplers top strong season

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Troutvine finished in second place with a 5-3 loss to Dan Perry from Lapeer. Hanselman (103) and Rygielski (135) finished in fourth place.

Hanselman had a tough match earlier in the day against Davison and lost 2-1.

"He bounced back and won the match he needed to get out of the blood round into the medal matches," said DeRamus. "It shows a lot of character for someone who is a freshman. He could have given up and now he is a state qualifier."

He added Rygielski and Masters also had tough matches they bounced back from. For Rygielski, he bounced back and had to go against teammate, Jake Billette, to make it to qualify for the top four places. Masters battled Sam Addy from Rochester Adams, who he lost to in the Oakland County tournament in the finals.

"He went out there, put Sam to his back and pinned him. It was big for him," said DeRamus. "I was happy for him. It was a big accomplishment. It shows he deserves to be there."

Billette, Percy Fowler (215) and Harley Susalla (130) finished the season at the individual meet.

"You never know as a coach or a spectator how your kids are going to respond to adversity. With all these guys they have had adversity throughout the year but they have all bounced back and this is a testament to how strong they have been," DeRamus said.

The team finished the year against Oxford in the semifinal round of the MHSAA Team Regional on Wednesday, 48-21. Troutvine, Vandermeer, Masters and Alec Bills posted wins over the Wildcats. Troutvine had a pin on Campbell Coker in the 285-pound weight class. The Wolves lost the next seven matches before Bills put them on the board again with six points when he had a pin on Trent Myre at 3:12 in the 145-pound weight class.

Vandermeer (160) had a pin over Ethan Moll

at one minute. Masters scored three points for the Wolves with a 3-1 win over Ethan Kerin in the 171-pound weight class.

The Wolves finished the season with a 20-10 dual record, district champions, winning the OAA Red tournament and tying Oxford for the league title, second place in the Oakland County tournament and third place at the Hammer and Anvil Invitational.

"We bounced back from last year," said DeRamus. "It was good for the seniors being leaders in the room and in the building. They showed a lot of character."

For the underclassmen coming back the goals will remain the same - to get to the finals.

"The guys are ready to get back on the mat and that's a good attitude to have," DeRamus said. "They have asked 'Coach, where can I go to wrestle?' Guys see we have to put in a little more work and work harder. We are going to come back and have a lot of guys ready to go."

He added seniors Bills, Masters, Susalla, Troutvine, Vandermeer, Nate Hayes, Sean Lucas and Gavin Pelle left a legacy of how to handle adversity as well as being physically and mentally tough in wrestling.

"Hayes, he was great for us at 189," DeRamus said. "Last year he was in and out of the line up. He didn't get individual goals and where he wanted to, but he still walked out of here with 27 wins. Vandermeer, you think about his family history and the legacy there. He has never been a state qualifier. He is a two-time county champ, regional and district champ and he is ready to wrestle. As a leader, he has grown as a young man."

He added Troutvine came back from an injury that kept him from wrestling and football in his junior year.

"It shows these guys you are going to have ups and downs but it's how you finish," DeRamus said.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



From left, Jacob McIntosh, Max Weidemann and Reis Weidemann. Photo by Serena Weidemann

Kings of the mountain

Three Wolves from the Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team finished in the top four places during the Slalom race at their divisionals.

Reis Weidemann finished in second place; Max Weidemann in third place and Jacob McIntosh in fourth place.

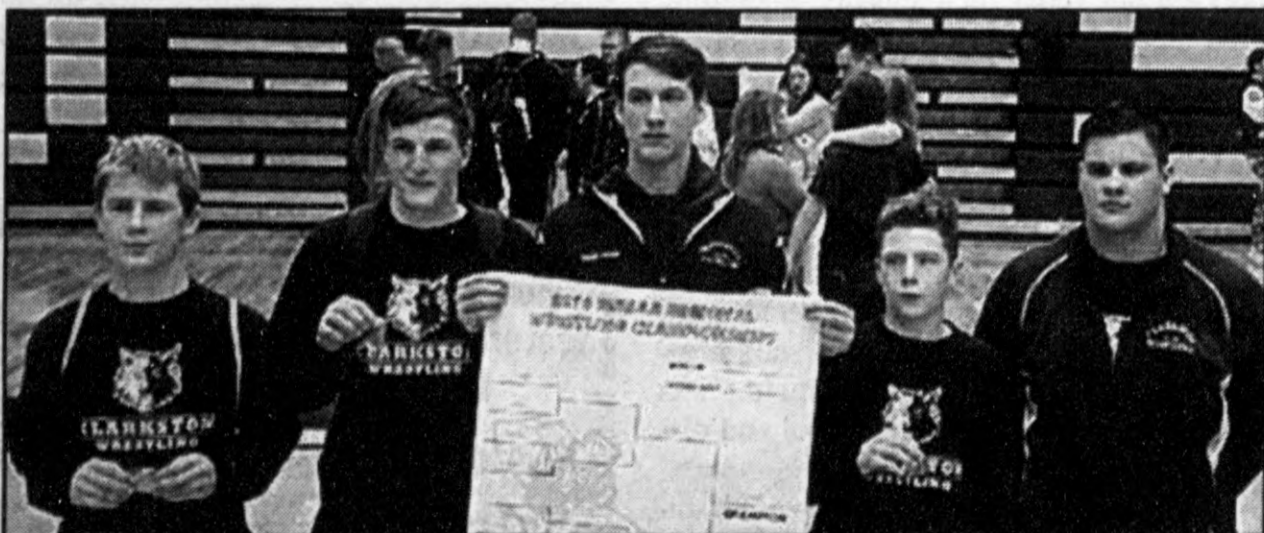
The team finished the divisional race in second place overall.

The trio also finished in the top 20 during the Slalom and Giant Slalom races at the MHSAA Boys Ski Regional meet at Pine Knob Ski & Snowboard Resort last Wednesday.

The Wolves won the regional title. During the Slalom race, Max led the team with his first place finish, 41.81. McIntosh finished in third place at 42.49; and Reis, fourth place, 42.75.

During the Giant Slalom, McIntosh led the team finishing in 11th place, 36.45; Reis, 13th place, 36.60; and Max, 16th place, 36.89.

The Wolves competed in the South Eastern Michigan Ski League Championship on Tuesday and head to Marquette Mountain on Monday for the MHSAA Ski Division 1 State Finals.



From left, Jacob Rygielski, Kyle Masters, Nate Vandermeer, Mackenzie Hanselman and Nate Troutvine qualify for the state finals. Photo provided

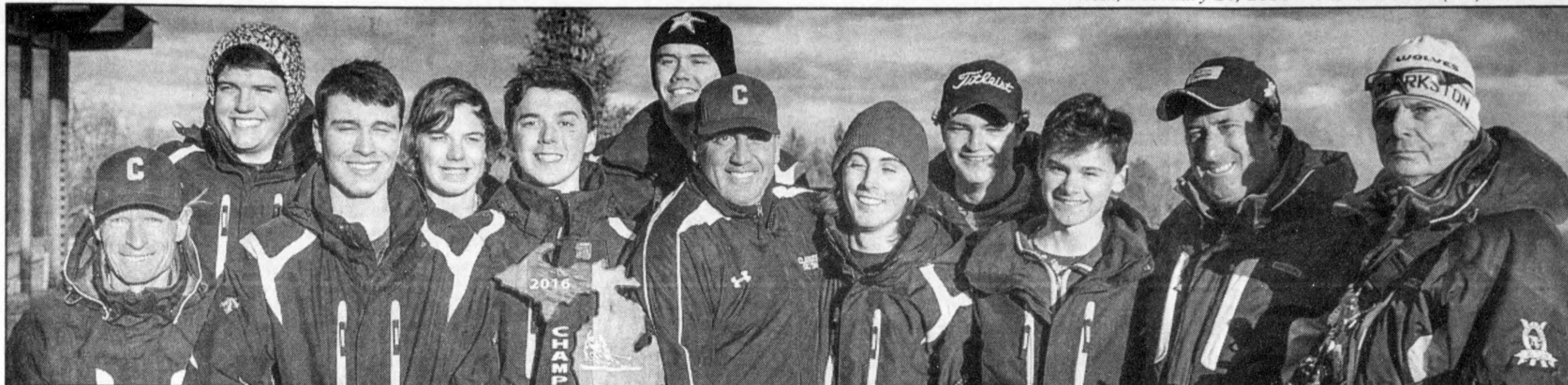


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Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team takes the MHSAA Ski Regional win. Photos by Diana Casetti

Skiers heading up north

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

It was a successful day at Pine Knob Ski & Snowboard Resort for the Wolves.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team qualified for the MHSAA Ski Division 1 State Finals, and Katie Bayley and Amanda Casetti qualified as individuals for the finals.

The Wolves finished with a total of 86.5 points from the two races.

"We struggled in the Giant Slalom but pulled it together in the Slalom," said Coach Mike Foyteck. "The outcome was what we needed."

During the Slalom race, the boys finished in first place with 17 points, with Max Wiedemann leading the team finishing in first place at 41.81.

Jacob McIntosh finished in third place, 42.49; Reis Weidemann, fourth place, 42.72; Justin Osborn, ninth place, 43.93; Jack Muhleck, 40th place, 51.54; and Cameron Brown, 61st place, 59.93.

"We had four in the top 10," said Foyteck. "They did really well. Max, Jacob and Reis have had a great year. Our top guys have been consistent all the way through the season."

The boys finished in third place in the Giant Slalom race with 69.5 points.

"It was a weird GS result," Foyteck added. "I don't know what it was about because they skied clean - we just weren't fast."

McIntosh led the team with his 11th place finish at 36.45. Reis Weidemann finished in 13th place, 36.60; Max Weidemann, 16th place, 36.89; Brown, 29th place, 37.84; Bobby Dixon, 31st place, 37.96; and Osborn, 38.07.

The Lady Wolves finished with a total of 249 between the two races with Bayley and Casetti qualified as individuals.

"It's awesome," said Foyteck.

Bayley finished in sixth place during the Giant Slalom race with the time of 37.63 to qualify for the state finals.

"Katie has had a great year," said Foyteck. "She has been right there at the top of every race or winning races. She has a little bit of trouble in the Slalom, but she got in there."

The girls finished in sixth place in the Gi-

ant Slalom with 114 points. Casetti finished in 22nd place at 38.87; Annika Karlstrom, 40th place, 40.65; Brianna Callahan, 46th place, 41.56; Sarah Ford, 54th place, 42.17; and Helen Josephson, 66th place, 46.96.

Casetti qualified to go to the state finals in the Slalom race, finishing in 11th place at 47.56.

"Amanda had a slow start, but she is starting to pick it up at the right time of the year," said. "It has been great to see."

The Lady Wolves finished in ninth place with 135 points.

Brianna Callahan finished in 24th place, 50.60; Ford, 47th place, 47.74; Madison Lambouris, 53rd place, 1:01.63; and Karlstrom, 60th place, 1:06.55.

The boys varsity team, Bayley and Casetti will compete in the state finals at Marquette Mountain on Monday.

"There are a bunch of teams who are fast - Bloomfield Hills, Rochester Adams and Traverse City Central," said Foyteck. "Marquette is favored to win, but we are stacked right in there with the other teams. If we have a good day we will have a positive outcome. The boys are skiing fine so we should do well. If we have problems it will be a long day."

They will arrive in Marquette on Thursday and use Friday and the weekend to prep.

"The guys have been there before so they know what to expect," Foyteck said.



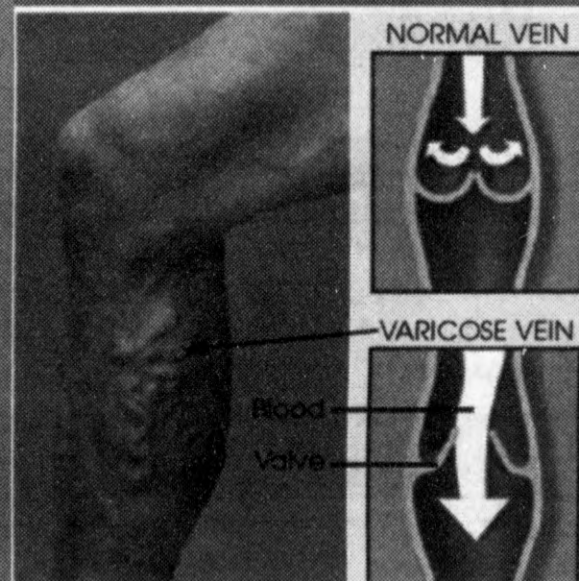
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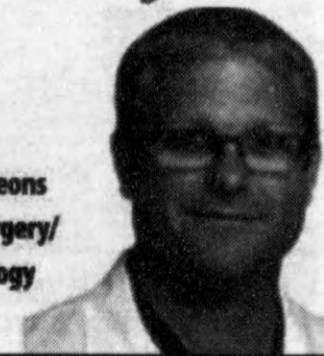
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Heading into regionals

The Wolves were honored with the Sportsmanship Award during the OAA tournament last Friday.

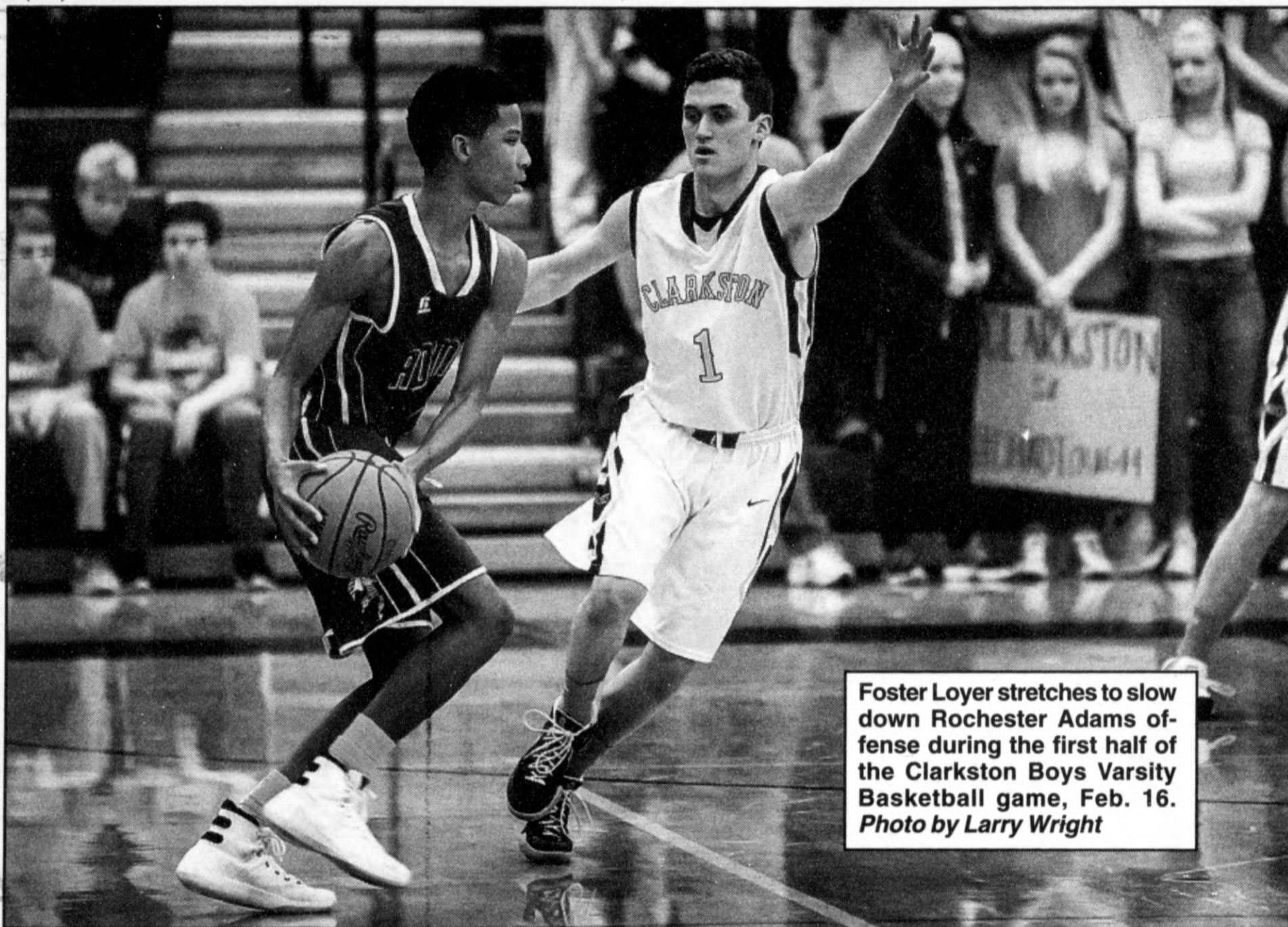
The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team made it to tournament play at the OAA meet with 2,164. They were also the top qualifying team with 2,844.

For the boys varsity team, Jacob Kersten, 218; Tim Cuthrell, 206; and AJ Speer, 205.1, were named to the OAA All-League First team. Shaun Furness, 202, was named to the second team.

Kersten also had a high 2-game series with 502 and Cuthrell had 488.

For the girls varsity team, Vicki Wolfgang, 179; and Samantha Lavelly, 179, were named to the OAA All-League Second team. Tess Horowitz, 164, was named to the third team.

Both teams head to the MHSAA Bowling Regionals Friday and Saturday at 300 Bowl in Waterford against Bloomfield Hills, Davison, Grand Blanc, Hartland, Lake Orion, Lakeland, Lapeer, Milford, North Farmington, Oxford, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Waterford Kettering, and Waterford Mott.



Foster Loyer stretches to slow down Rochester Adams offense during the first half of the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball game, Feb. 16. Photo by Larry Wright

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Cagers sink Highlanders and Bluejays

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers broke the half-time tie at Southfield last Friday for a 58-45 win.

"It wasn't easy," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife. "It was a good win for us. They are a good team and they have been playing much better in the second half. They were young to start with and they are much approved. Their coach has done a great job with them. We started off a little sluggish."

The Wolves caught up to the Bluejays at the end of the first half as both went to their locker rooms with 20 points each.

Clarkston opened the second half with a 16-5 run to take the lead and held onto it until the final buzzer.

"We finally got it figured out midway through the third quarter," said Fife. "We were able to pull ahead."

He added there were different contributors for the success including being able to understand Southfield's zone and how they were going to be able to get it open as well as where their shots were going to come from.

"Basically get stops on defense," Fife said. Dylan Alderson led the team with 17 points. Tabin Throgmorton added 13 points to the board and Foster Loyer had 11 points.

"Tabin got us going," said Fife. "He played well."

The Wolves opened the week with a 76-

62 win over Rochester Adams. It was another game the boys found themselves behind in the first quarter but picked themselves up by the third stanza.

"It was an outstanding win," said Fife. "They are pretty good. They lost to Southfield in the last minute of the game. They lost to North Farmington. They are a good ball team just people have been playing better than them."

Alderson led the team with 27 points as Loyer scored 21 points and Throgmorton scored 16.

"They did well," said Fife.

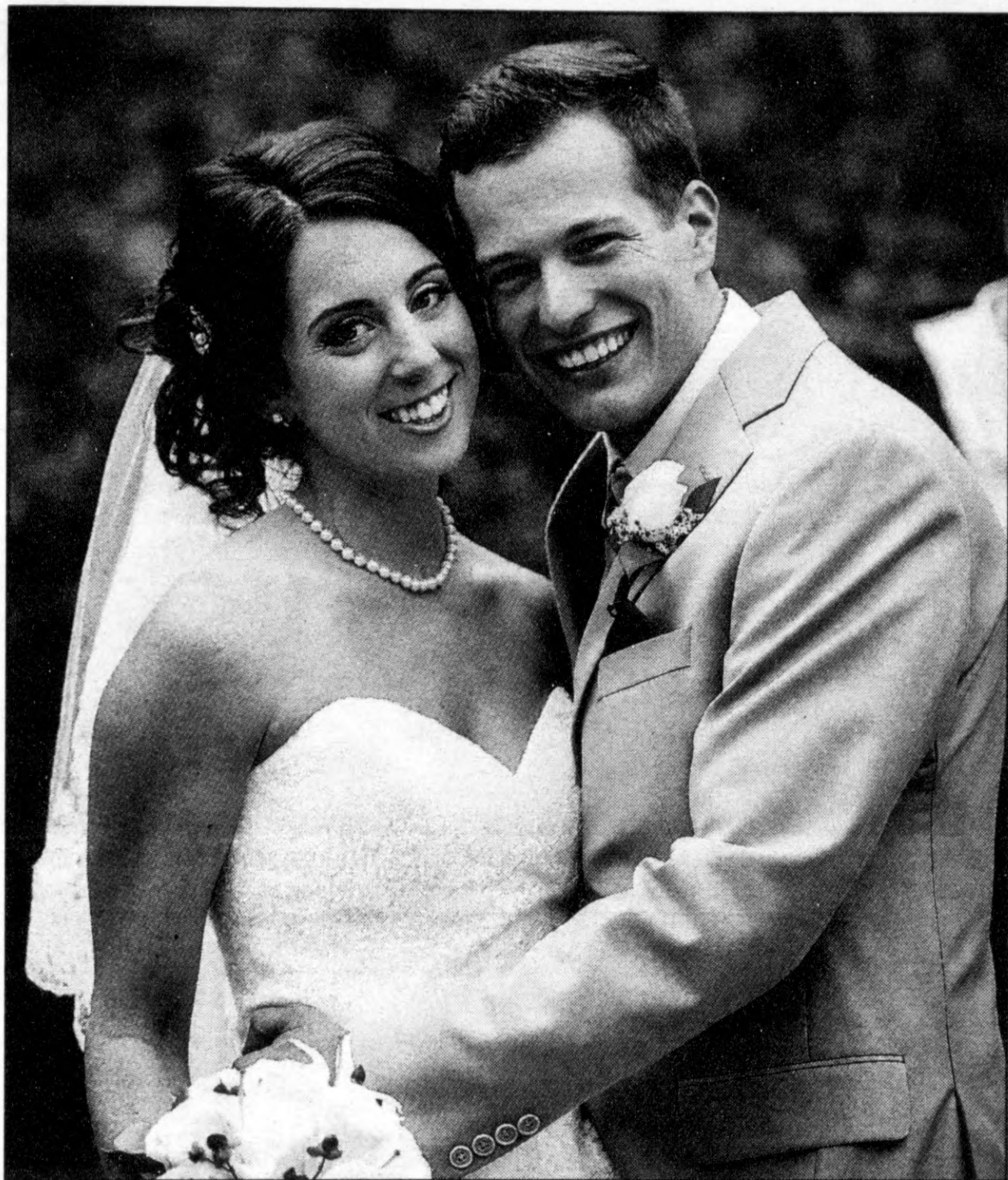
It was also a successful night as the Clarkston community helped the Wolves and the high school raise over \$8,000 on Chad Tough night.

Money raised during the night was donated to the Chad Tough Foundation, established in honor of Chad Carr, the grandson of former University of Michigan head football coach Lloyd Carr. Chad recently passed away after a long battle with a DIPG tumor.

Clarkston (14-2, 7-1 OAA Red) opened the week on Wednesday against Sterling Heights Stevenson. They host Southfield Lathrup on Friday and head to Troy Athens next Tuesday.

"It's two close games right together," said Fife. "Stevenson is a good ball team and Lathrup plays hard."

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Colleen and Nicholas

Clarkston grads marry

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gemborys are proud to announce the marriage of their daughter Colleen Gemborys to Nicholas Damico, son of Mark and Debbie Damico and Cheryl and Maury Vincent.

The couple married at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Mich., on Oct. 9, 2015.

Colleen and Nick met at Clarkston High School and both graduated in 2007. They went on to attend the University of Michigan,

where Nick graduated with a Bachelors in Cellular and Molecular Biology in 2010 and Colleen with a Masters in Biomedical Engineering in 2011.

Colleen and Nick currently reside in Westlake, Ohio, where Colleen is a Corporate Account Manager for Cook Medical and Nick is graduating with an MD from Case Western Reserve University this coming May.

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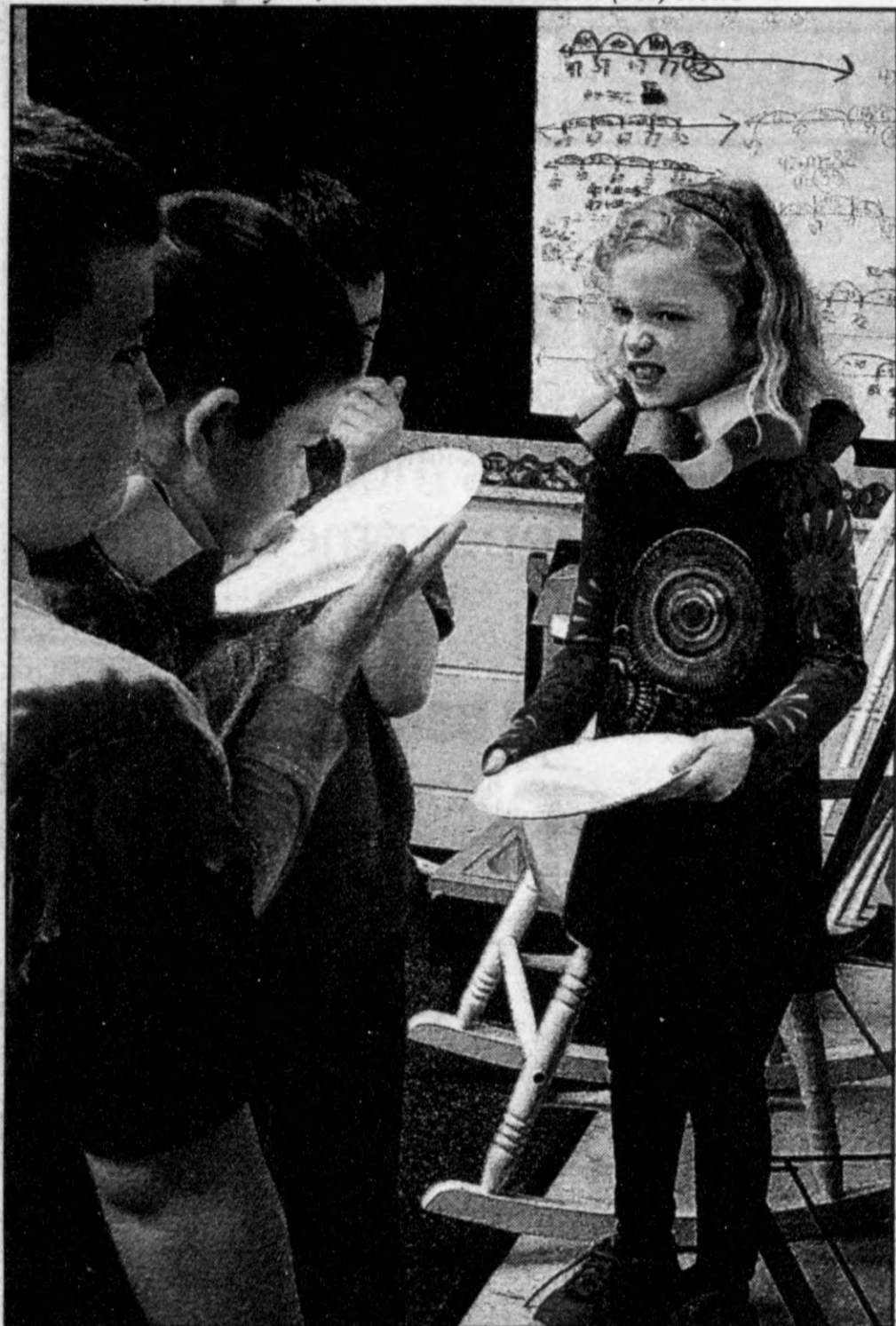
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Katie Miller thinks her paper plate is filled with dental plaque, a mass of bacteria harvested from teeth, for a demonstration. It's actually vanilla pudding.

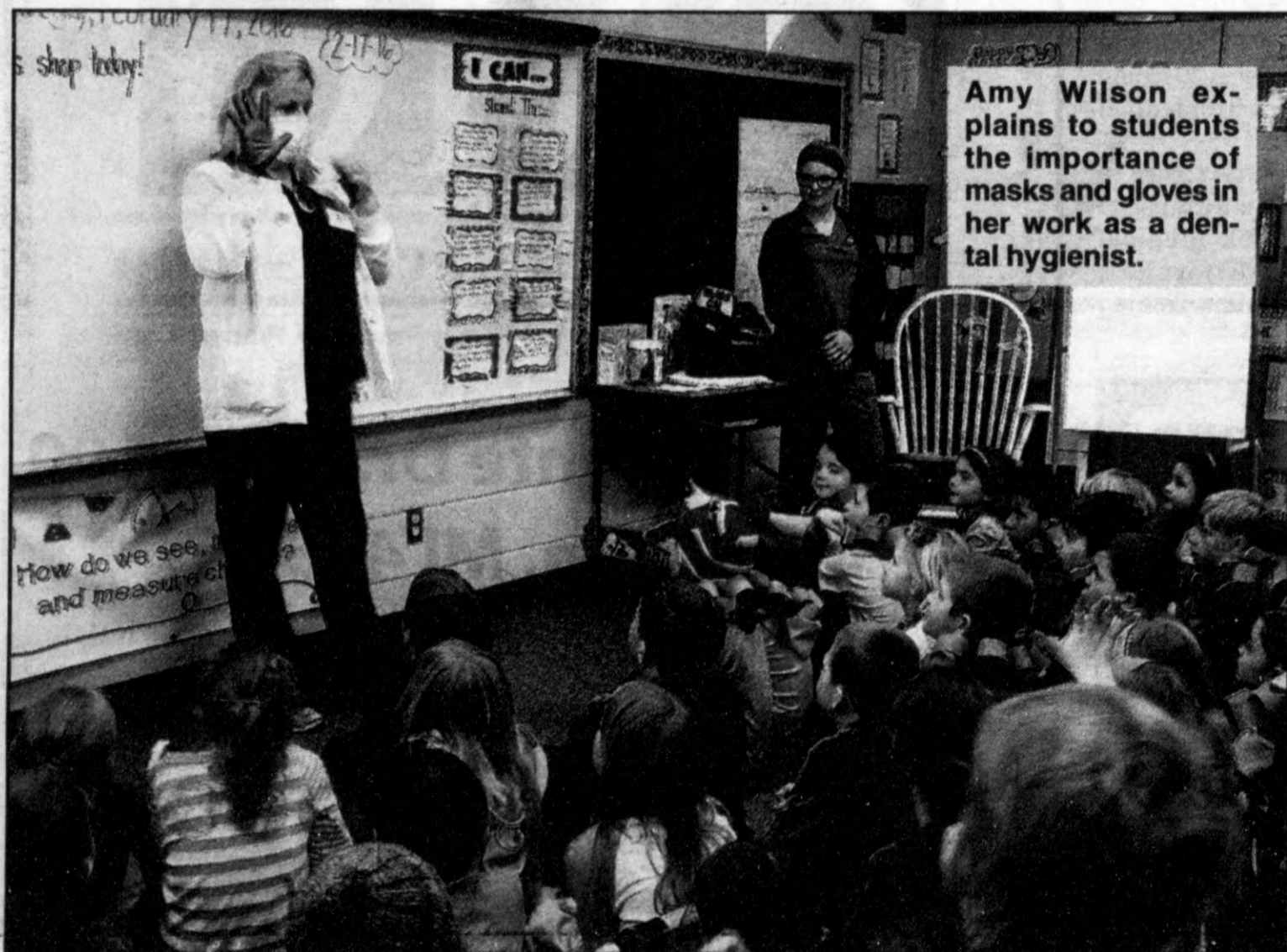


Students Katie Miller, Noah Brown, Austin Bublitz, and Liam Sutherland show how sugar slides off clean "teeth."

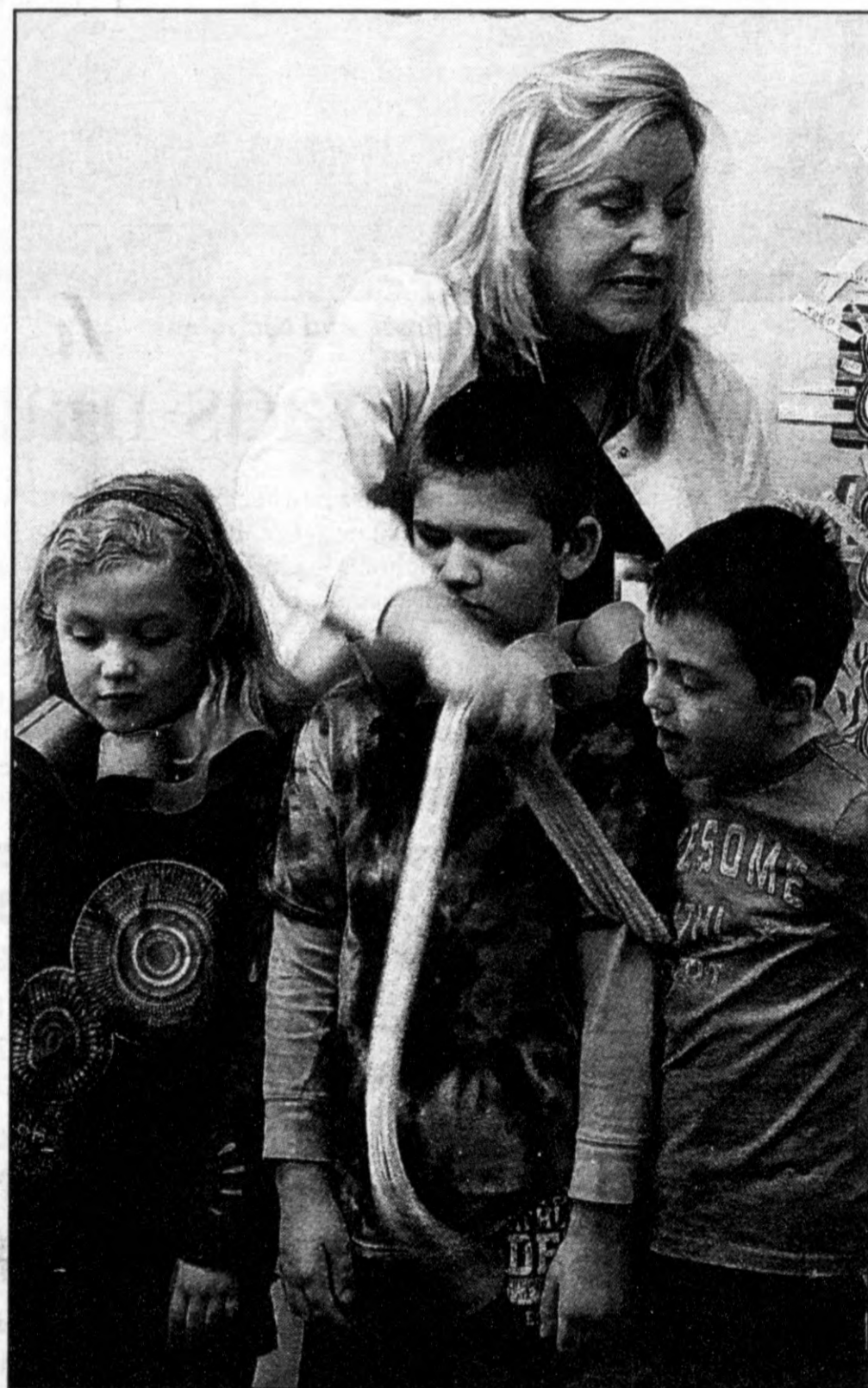
Teeth talk

Amy Wilson of Clarkston, hygienist at Clarkston Family Dental, stopped by Clarkston Elementary on Feb. 17 to demonstrate good dental care.

February is National Children's Dental Health month, so Wilson and fellow hygienists at Dr. John Foster's practice demonstrated the importance of brushing and flossing.



Amy Wilson explains to students the importance of masks and gloves in her work as a dental hygienist.



Don't forget to floss!

Clarkston business brings water to Flint

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

American Water in Clarkston headed to Mission of Hope in Flint, Feb. 15, to deliver a truck filled with hundreds of gallons of bottled water to help people in the water crisis.

"I felt like helping because clean water is so important," said Jim McNulty, owner.

McNulty said Flint officials have trouble storing the massive amounts of water donations flowing into the city for residents, unable to use tap water due to lead tainted pipes.

Flint grabbed the world's attention for poisoned water, but the city is far from alone when facing clean water issues.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle ordered testing for each of the townships 14 underground water wells that supply water to residents.

Wells were tested for petroleum, and numerous other chemicals, not performed or required by state law to meet water quality standards.

"Water quality issues are a major concern," Kittle said. "Township staff placed the 16 confirmed leak on a map, and considered how pollution plumes will move and spread over time."

Independence Township's tests on the 14 water wells came back clean, but future water quality may get worse.

"It worries me to know where these leaks are in relation to the townships wells," he said.

A test to detect arsenic in water can be obtained through the Oakland County Health Department. Other tests for various contaminants can be obtained through the county. Arsenic is just one of several contaminants, including salt spread on icy roads, which can seep into water.

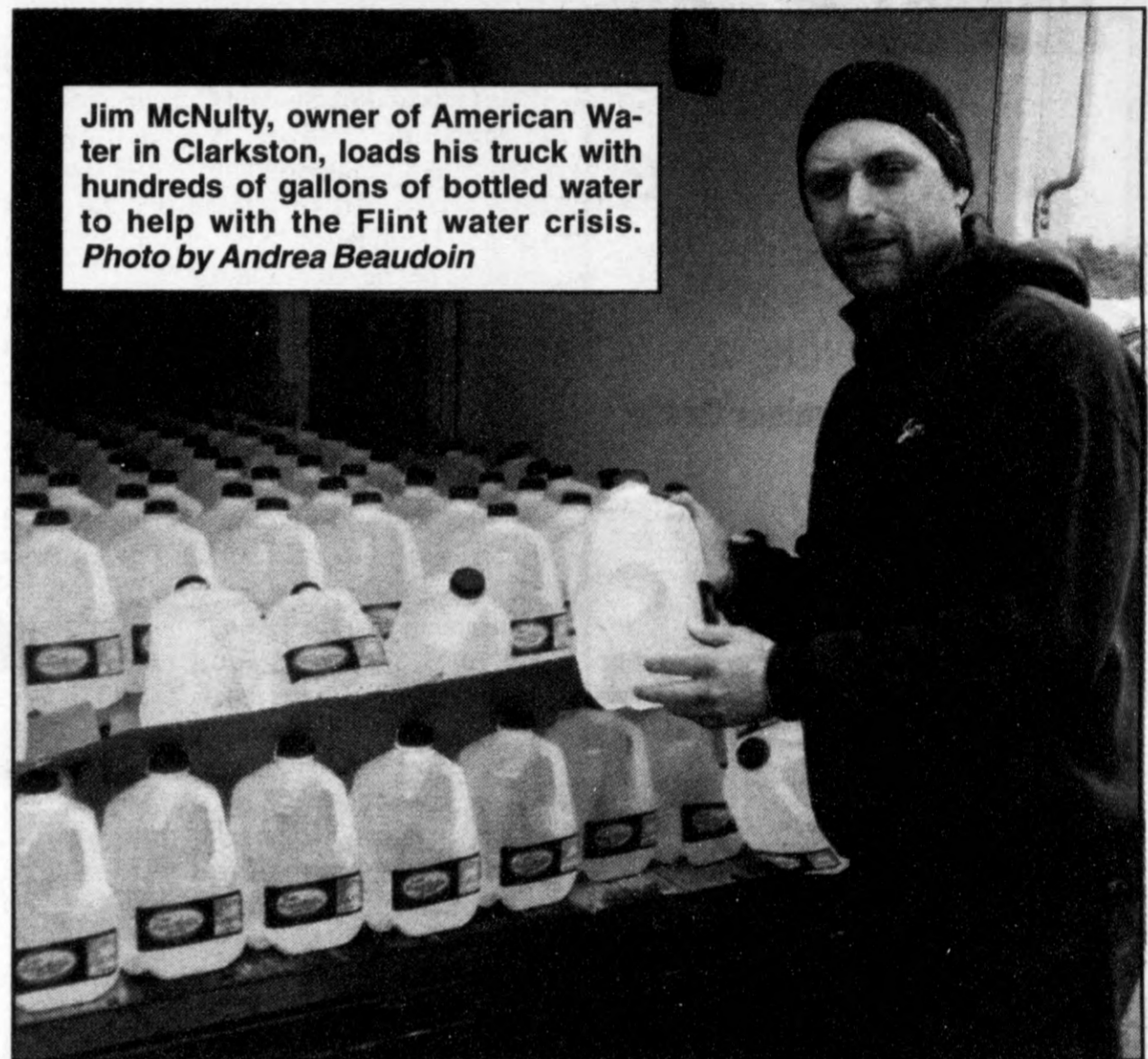
"Anyone on private wells should have their water tested," Kittle said. "The test is about \$100 and done by the state."

Tests can also be done privately, like those offered by American Water.

McNulty said American Water can test water quality and screen for numerous contaminants. The company also delivers purified water, water systems and filter to homes. Customers can also visit his business to pick up supplies themselves.

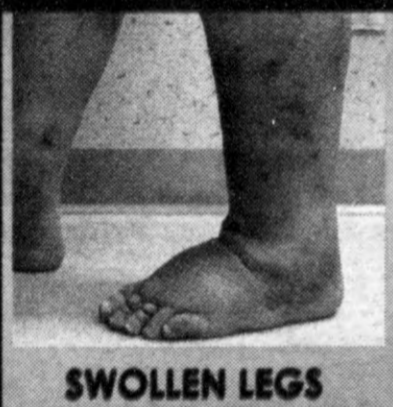
"We offer a whole home system capable of removing 93 percent of chemicals from water," McNulty said. "We have filters for lead and petroleum too."

Reverse Osmosis, a water purification system, can be installed too.



Jim McNulty, owner of American Water in Clarkston, loads his truck with hundreds of gallons of bottled water to help with the Flint water crisis. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

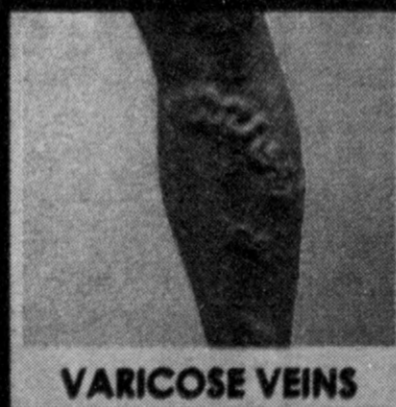
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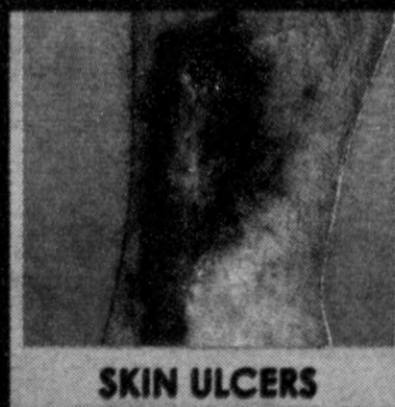
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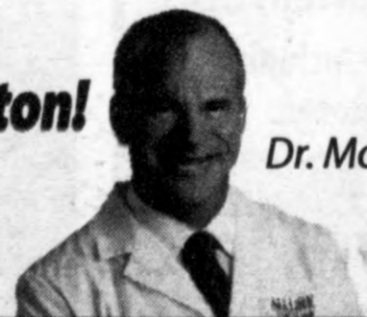
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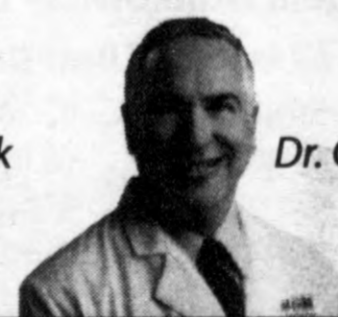
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Students honored for outstanding citizenship

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Area Optimist Club honored three Outstanding Student Citizens, Feb. 17.

Madeline Caldwell is a fourth grade student at Springfield Plains Elementary.

"She's a gift to humanity," said her teacher, Heidi Kroll. "She's strong. Nothing disturbs her peace of mind."

Caldwell was student council president in third grade. She bakes, is active in basketball, dance, and at her church, St. Daniel's, and loves her family.

She leads by example, and likes making people happy because it makes her happy.

"She's an outstanding role model and exceptional leader," Kroll said. "She sees only the best in others. She's a wonderful leader with a heart of gold."

She is inspiring and brings joy to Springfield Plains, the teacher said.

"I really like it. It's an honor," Caldwell said. "I work hard - it makes me happy to get good grades and make friends, to get into a good college and become an orthodontist."

Madison Schoeneweg represented Independence Elementary for this year's Outstanding Student Citizens.

"It was such a hard decision, we have so many amazing kids in school," said Dr. Kristen Gretka, fifth grade teacher. "Madison

is such a pleasure and a joy."

She is kind, hard working, and a fabulous student, Gretka added.

"She never gives up," her teacher said.

"Her smile greets every living creature," said Principal Chris Turner.

"I just like to help Dr. Gretka," Schoeneweg said. "I like science, I love math and writing, and how teachers are so kind."

She acts on stage in shows including "The Little Mermaid," "Annie," "Shrek," and "Into the Woods," and is also active in dance, singing, and gymnastics.

Her friends say she is awesome, an inspiration, always there for other people, and never gets involved in drama, Gretka said.

Jamael McKinney was unanimously chosen to represent Andersonville Elementary, said Andersonville Principal Kim Fletcher.

"When we read the Optimist Creed, it was evident to us, that was Jamael," Fletcher said.

Classmates say he is the nicest person

and the best friend, she said.

"He makes everyone feel happy and puts in the extra effort to reach out to classmates," said Rob Grekowitz, fifth grade teacher.

The award winner is active in church and sports, where he enjoys being part of a team, something bigger than himself, Grekowitz said.

"He's grown a lot since kindergarten," he said.

The school motto, "Where everybody is somebody," and where every story is valued is something the student takes to heart, Grekowitz said.

"This is part of your story now," the teacher said. "You're a wonderful person. I can't wait to see the wonderful things you will do next."

McKinney learned these things from his parents, Josh and Cathy, the student said.

"We're super proud of him," Josh said. "This is awesome."

"It's deserving," Cathy said. "I think it's great."

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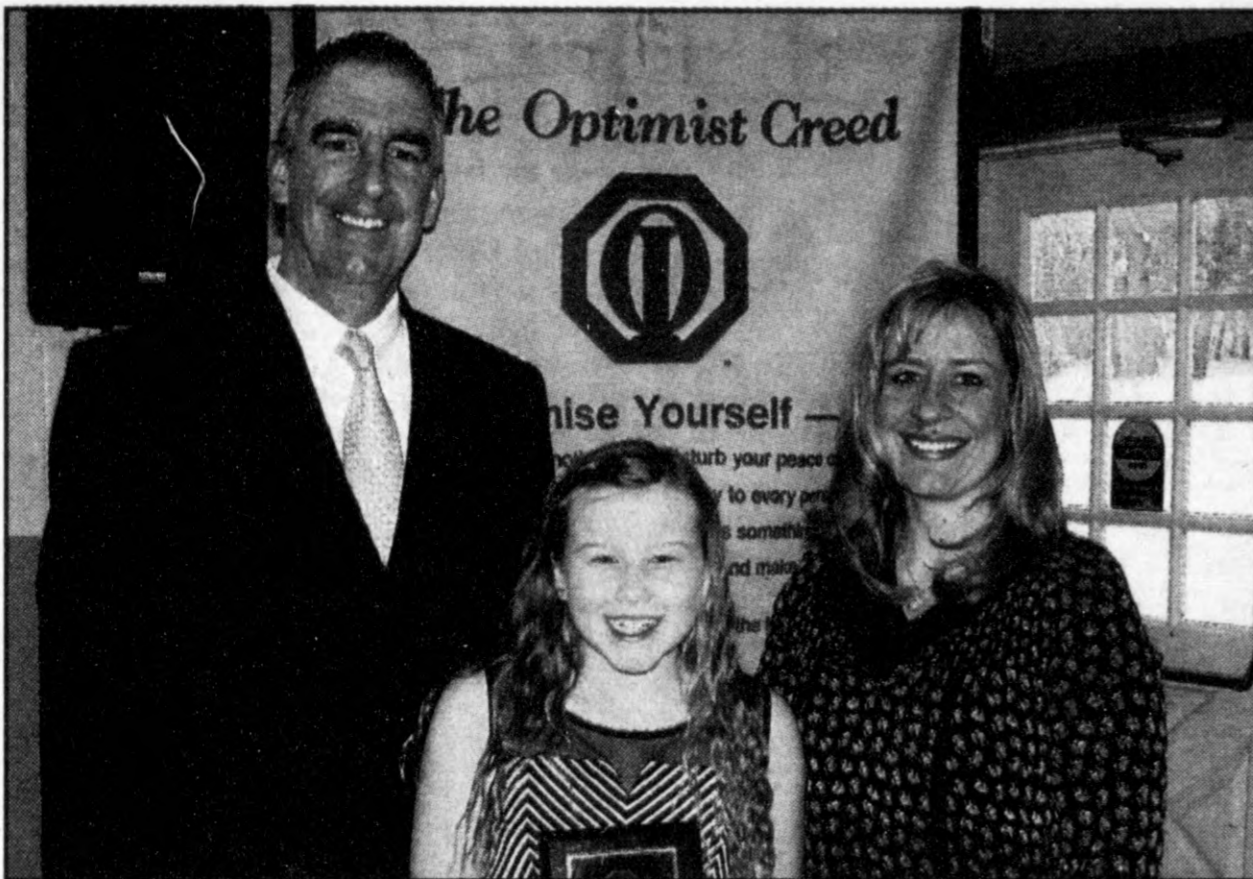
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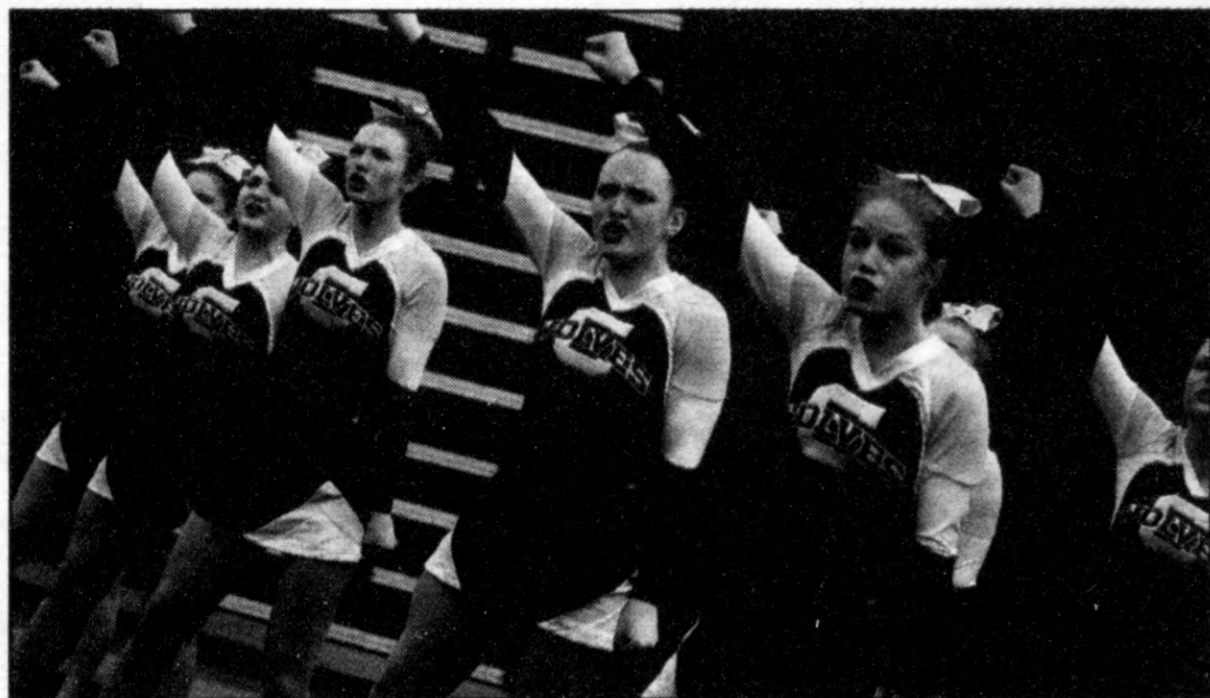
Madeline Caldwell, with Springfield Plains Elementary Principal Matthew Gifford and teacher Heidi Kroll.



Jamael McKinney of Andersonville Elementary, with Principal Kim Fletcher and Rob Grekowitz, fifth grade teacher. Photos by Phil Custodio



Independence Elementary student Madison Schoeneweg, with Principal Chris Turner and Dr. Kristen Gretka, fifth grade teacher.



Lady Wolves cheer in the first round at districts. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Third finish

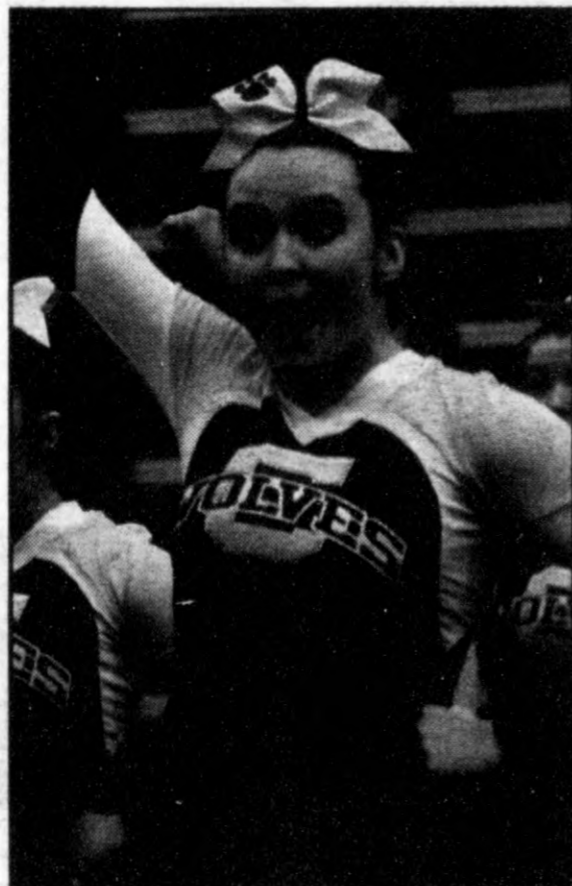
The Lady Wolves are moving onto the MHSAA Competitive Cheer Regional meet after finishing in third place in the district meet last Saturday at Lake Orion.

Clarkston scored 749.2. They scored 226.5 in the first round; 211.3 in the second round and 311.4 in the final round.

Lake Orion finished as champions with a total of 769.94 points and Grand Blanc took second 766.74. Grand Ledge rounded off the top four going on to regionals with 743.64 points.

The Lady Wolves head to Brighton on Saturday to compete against Brighton, East Kentwood, Grand Blanc, Grand Ledge, Grandville, Hartland, Hudsonville, Jenison, Lake Orion, Walled Lake Western and Waterford Mott.

The competition begins at noon and Clarkston is fourth in the first round.



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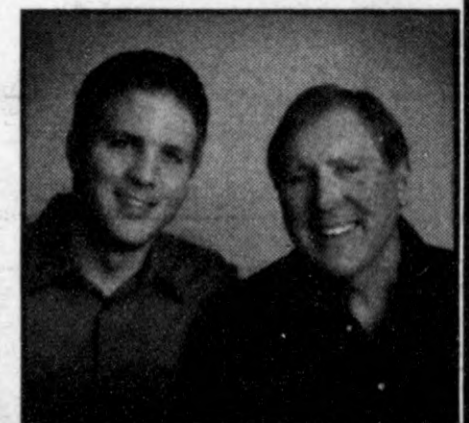
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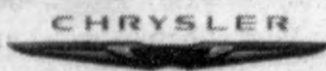
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Clarkston United Methodist welcomes the community to their Speaker's Series.

The Rev. **Rev. Grimmatt** Grimmatt is pastor of St. Clare United Methodist Church. The Speaker Series talk will be held at the church, 6600 Waldon Road on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$3 per person and childcare will be provided. For more information, contact the church at 248 625 1611.

Clarkston Independence District Library is participating in the 15th Annual Metro Detroit Everyone's Reading Program

Lisa See is the Everyone's Reading featured author for 2016. Her NYT best seller, *Shanghai Girls*, is a story about Chinese immigration in the 1930s. The novel's theme echoes the immigration experience of many in contemporary America.



Lisa See

Currently in its 15th year, Everyone's Reading is a community-wide reading sponsored by 15 public libraries in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties to promote dialogue through the shared experience of reading and discussing the same book.

The program culminates with Lisa See's appearances at The Smith Theatre, Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, 7 p.m., April 11; Detroit Institute of Arts, 11 a.m., April 12; and Temple Beth El, 7 p.m., April 12.

Check www.everyonesreading.org.

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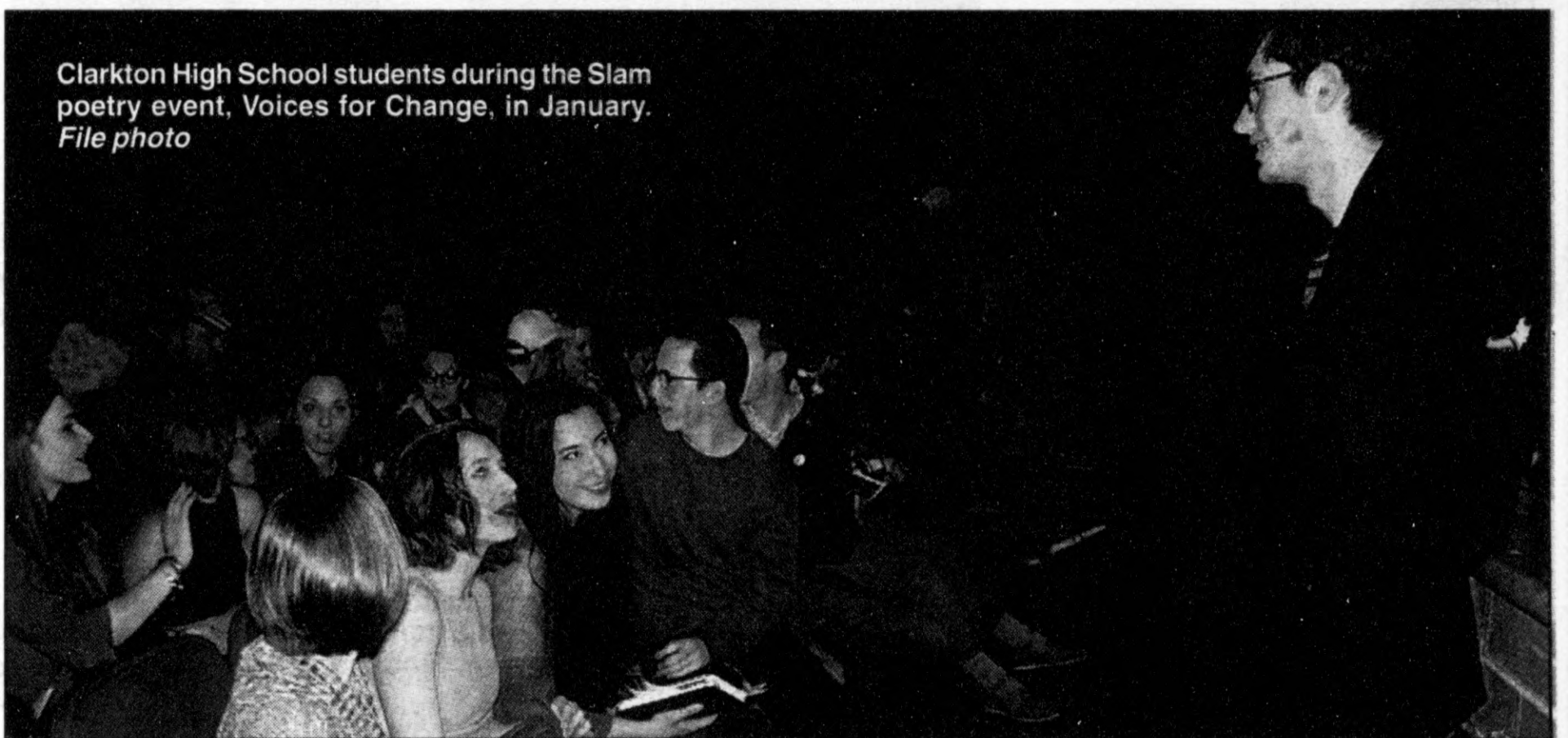
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Clarkston High School students during the Slam poetry event, Voices for Change, in January. File photo

Plath, Schmidt, Hilborn lead way for Poetry Club

BYAALAYNAGREEN

Special to the Clarkston News

After the bell rings and other students flee their classrooms, Clarkston High School Poetry Club commences and room 209 comes alive with the sounds of pens and keyboards.

Poets lounge across desks, under tables, or with their feet propped as they add stanzas to unrequited-love poems or rapidly complete a political piece they started at 2 a.m. during bouts of caffeine-induced insomnia.

Meetings are held once every two weeks and include mini-lessons, writing time, and share-outs. Each exudes a different vibe as new poets join the club and new ideas form amongst members to expand it.

At the Feb. 3 club meeting, co-leaders, seniors Maria Puertas and Hanna Jeung, distributed slips of paper to members with a different emotion printed on each sheet. All poets were then asked to read the poem *Daddy* by Sylvia Plath in the emotion on their sheet.

"In performance poetry, you only have one chance to convince the audience your words are meaningful," Puertas noted in regards to the exercise. "Using a tone of voice represents the mood of your poem will make the performance hugely more effective."

Other activities at meetings include blackout poetry, where poets take books and

use markers to 'blackout' parts of sentences to reveal a new piece (apologies to bibliophiles); experimentation with different elements of poetry such as rhyme, tone, or structure; and slam poetry, which is the most popular form of poetry amongst the members.

Slam poetry is more than poets "yelling" and "waving (their) hands a lot" as some may believe due to the comedic slam performed by character Schmidt in the movie *22 Jump Street*.

Slam poetry is raw, lyrical, emotional, and "is all about connecting with the audience," said Jeung.

A more accurate representation of slam poetry can be seen in the works of Neil Hilborn, a 2011 graduate of Malcaster College, who, in June 2013, performed his poem "OCD," which has 10,914,613 views on YouTube and inspired millions of poets to write and perform slam poetry.

Slam poetry differs from traditional poetry in the sense slam poetry is composed of two elements, the piece itself and the deliverance of the work.

"(Traditional) poetry is typically a very personal art form, but slam is all about passion and impactful statements," Jeung said.

CHS poets are encouraged to share poems they've written and can receive

feedback on their performance or tips on how to improve their writers' craft.

Currently poets are finalizing slam pieces for the upcoming poetry slam this May.

"Slams are a really great opportunity to listen to, and appreciate, the voices of others and realize other people share a similar mindset as you," said junior Olivia Maday.

For more information, check Twitter @CHSlamp poetry.

Speak

You flipped page after page and I held on
To each syllable at the end of your sentences.
I wanted to reach into your ribcage
and feel your heart in my hands,
and have nothing but spoken word between us.

The White T-Shirt

There it lays, helplessly in the trash.
covered in scars, torn with regrets.
Stretched too much until each
thread
one by one
dissipated into the past.
The White T-Shirt that is no longer
white.
Colored with fights that left stains.
There it lays, helplessly.
There I lay...

Free

- Rachel Campbell, senior

Events

How your brain can keep you from making wise financial decisions, led by Linda Danek from Waddell and Reed, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Feb. 24, Clarkston Library. 248-625-2212.

Blood drive, American Red Cross, 1-6:45 p.m., Feb. 25, Springfield Township Fire Department, 10280 Rattalee Lake Road; 10:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m., March 8, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

Women in Business, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday Feb. 25, Fountains Golf and Banquet, 6060 Maybee Road. \$50. 248-625-8055.

How Tracking Phenology Can Benefit Your Everyday Life, North Oakland Wild Ones, 7:30 p.m., March 2; **Spring Beauties: Native Wildflowers for the Woodland Garden**, 7:30 p.m., April 6. St. Dan's, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free, northoakland.wildones.org/events.

Leaping Leprechaun 5K, 9:30 a.m., March 12, Waterford Oaks County Park, 1702 Scott Lake Road. Benefits Clarkston SCAMP. \$34 pre-reg, \$40 day of. 248-623-8089.

Monday

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

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.

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

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

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m., \$3 drop in fee; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4 drop in fee. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Tuesday

No More Whining! Develop Positive Behavior in Children with Jennifer Arkwright, parent educator, 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays, March 7-April 18, Advanced Counseling Services, 7300 Dixie Hwy #1000. 248-922-2300, ext. 0.

Around Town

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



Sam Carter sings in "Carousel" presented by the Clarkston High School Drama Club this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/clarkstonhigh or by calling 248-623-4024.

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. March 1, "The Things We Love...and Why We Collect Them," filmed interviews with avid collectors of board games, ties, road kill, etc. Participants encouraged to bring samples from their own collections. Free. 810-694-9351.

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

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

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.

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Eric, 248-224-2214.

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

Individualized Computer Tutoring, second and fourth Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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.

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

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The buzz about Life Tree Cafe

There is a buzz around Clarkston – some mysterious event is happening on Tuesday nights at Old Village Café.

Well, I'm here to tell you those rumors are true.

Actually, the event is no mystery at all – it's Life Tree Café – a place where people from all walks of life gather together for an hour in a casual, comfortable setting, to share stories about life and faith and to discuss issues that affect our daily lives.

Although the Life Tree team is comprised of people from several Christian congregations, we welcome folks from all faith backgrounds.

Whether you are faithfully devoted, spiritually curious, or do not believe, at all, Life Tree is a warm and welcoming place where people can gather over coffee to discuss a variety of topics – topics such as *What Makes You Afraid?* and *How to Handle Forgiveness*, to things we all are curious about, like *Do Pets Go to Heaven?*

The evening begins with coffee and snacks as guests gather around their tables, introducing themselves and chatting

Spiritual Matters



Pastor Bob Scott

informally.

The moderator for the week then introduces a video on that week's topic, viewed in short segments.

Following each segment the moderator asks a question for each table to discuss – questions are often fun, as well as thought-provoking.

A verse of Scripture or some faith-based question is usually introduced, as well, so participants can discuss how they verse might apply to the week's topic.

Life Tree is, after all, sponsored by people of Jesus, and, while we welcome those with different beliefs, we do want participants to at least consider how God and His promises are relevant to our daily lives.

Life Tree Café meets Tuesday nights from 7-8 p.m. at Old Village Café, 2 Main St., Downtown Clarkston. Much thanks to Ann and Pete Beishaj, owners of the café, for providing such a wonderful place for people to gather and chat!

For more info, call 810-694-9351, or email tgpconnection@gmail.com. We are looking forward to seeing you at Life Tree Café this Tuesday. Come and see what the buzz is about!

Pastor Bob Scott is director of Outreach and Connections at Faith Lutheran Church, Grand Blanc, Mich.

Judith Carpenter, 71

Judith Kay Carpenter of Davisburg passed away at age 71, Feb. 19, 2016, with her loving family at her side.

She was the devoted wife of Ken for 53 years; loving mother of Kimberly (Mark) Jones, Kelly (Bruce) Collins, Kristi (Aaron) Carpenter; adoring and devoted grandma of Kyle, Dakota, Alexandra, Connor and Kamryn; dear sister of Phyllis (Phillip) Teagarden; survived by many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by parents Harry and Dorothy Pfeifer, and sisters Jackie (Richard) Wiles and Carol (James) Streit.



Memorial service Friday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit at 9 a.m. Inurnment All Saints Cemetery.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Paula M. Heenan, 62

Paula M. Heenan of Clarkston passed away Feb. 12, 2016, at age 62.

She was preceded in death by her parents George and Agnes. She was the sister of George "Lee" (Barb) Heenan, M.D., Rusty (Tina) Walker, Mike Heenan, Sandy (Jerry) Piontowski and Tom (Kelli) Heenan; stepdaughter of Joann Heenan; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Paula worked for many years for Gunnar Karlstrom as a legal secretary. She had served Independence Township as Deputy Clerk.

Memorial service was Feb. 19 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Hospice.

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A Special Meeting of the Independence Township Board of Trustees will be held on **March 16th at 7:00 PM** at the Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence, Michigan 48346, regarding the 4th Modification of Consent Judgment for the Encore at Deerhill Villas Project proposed on vacant Parcel #08-19-302-005 (approx. 26 acres, at northeast corner of Dixie Highway and Deerhill Drive).

Comments from the public will be received at the meeting and may be provided in writing (c/o Township Clerk) at the above address prior to the meeting.

Visit www.indtwp.com, click the link under "Township News" and then "Encore at Deerhill Details" for more info about this proposed project starting on March 4th

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

Roll Call: Present—Mayor Luginski, Sabol, Avery, Haven, Marsh, Catallo, Kneisc.

Approval of agenda moved by Avery, Supported by Haven to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Resolved by Sabol, Supported by Haven to approve the revised Zoning Ordinance with the Exception of Section 22. This section addresses signs and will remain as is from the current ordinance until the new information is available, due to a law suit and U.S. Supreme Court ruling that will change sign ordinances nationwide. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Avery, Supported by Sabol to approve the right of way permit for McLeod USA Telecommunications Services through March 2021. Motion Carried.

Resolution by Avery, Supported by Kneisc to participate in the Oakland County NO HAZ program in 2016. The program will cost each resident \$10.00 and cost the city \$19.25 per vehicle. Resolution is adopted. Sabol and Marsh Voted No.

Resolution by Catallo, Supported by Sabol that these financial institutions can be used as depositories for City Funds. Chase Bank, Clarkston State Bank, Oxford Bank, and Oakland County Treasurers Investment Fund According to the Investment Policy and to Comply with Act 20 PA 1943. Resolution is Adopted.

Moved by Sabol, Supported by Avery to adjourn the meeting at 7:42. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Miller City Clerk



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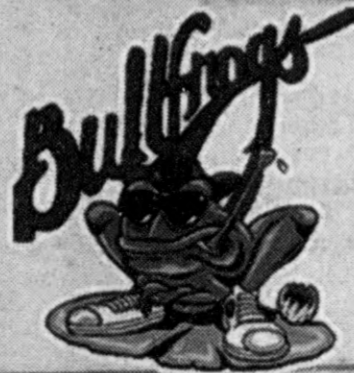
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ELECTION FOR THE
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the Charter Township of Independence, County of Oakland:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Presidential Primary Election will be held in the Charter Township of Independence, County of Oakland on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates of all participating political parties for the following office:

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
Ballot for Republican Candidates: (Vote for One)
Jeb Bush
Ben Carson
Chris Christie
Ted Cruz
Carly Fiorina
Lindsey Graham
Mike Huckabee
John R. Kasich
George Pataki
Rand Paul
Marco Rubio
Rick Santorum
Donald J. Trump

Ballot for Democratic Candidates: (Vote for One)
Hillary Clinton
Roque Rocky De La Fuente
Formerly: Roque De La Fuente
Martin J. O'Malley
Bernie Sanders

AND for the purpose of voting on the following Waterford School District Bonding Proposal (For Precinct 12 ONLY):
WATERFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Waterford School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Million Dollars (\$100,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:
erecting, furnishing and equipping additions to and partially remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, equipping and re-equipping school facilities; acquiring, installing, and equipping instructional technology for school facilities; purchasing school buses; constructing, equipping, developing and improving athletic facilities, playgrounds and play fields; and developing and improving sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:
The estimated millage that will be levied for the first series of proposed bonds in 2016, under current law, is .4999 mill (\$0.4999 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- net increase in debt millage. The maximum number of years each series of bonds will be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is approximately twenty (20) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.0936 mills (\$3.0936 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$96,170,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$-0-. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

YES
NO
The election will be conducted in the following voting precincts:

PRECINCT #	POLLING LOCATION
1	St. Trinity Lutheran Church - 7925 Sashabaw Road
2	First Congregational Church - 5449 Clarkston Road
3	Carriage House @ Clintonwood Park - 6000 Clarkston Road
4	Clarkston Independence District Library - 6495 Clarkston Road
5	Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church - 6805 Bluegrass
6	Clarkston Community Church - 6300 Clarkston Road
7	Oakland Woods Baptist Church - 5628 Maybee Road
8	Maranatha Baptist Church - 5790 Flemings Lake Road
9	Harvestland Church - 5848 Clintonville

Road
10 & 11 Mt. Zion Church - 4900 Maybee Road
12 & 13 Senior Community Center @ Clintonwood Park - 6000 Clarkston Road

For assistance in determining the accessibility of the polling place locations and the availability of voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the Township Clerk's office.

Absent voter ballots may be obtained by contacting:
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Independence
6483 Waldon Center Dr.
Clarkston, Michigan 48346

The Clerk, or the Clerk's designee, will be available in the Clerk's office on the Saturday preceding the election, March 5, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., the deadline for requesting an absentee ballot which will be mailed.

For information, please contact the Township Clerk's Office at (248) 625-5113.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk
PUBLISHED & POSTED: Wednesday, February 24, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence 2016 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear appeals of 2016 assessed value (50% of market value) or classification, and review Disabled Veteran Exemption Affidavits and Hardship Applications on:

Wednesday, March 9th 2:00pm - 5:00pm
and 6pm - 9pm
Thursday, March 10th 1:00pm-5:00pm
Friday, March 11th 9:00am - 12 noon

Appeals are for the 2016 tax year only. If you wish to appeal your assessed value in person, you must have an appointment. Appointments can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

-Deadline to make an appointment is Thursday, March 10th at 4pm---

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_2658_7.pdf or at the Township Assessing Department, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346 or emailed to assess@indtwp.com. Protests by mail must be received prior to the adjournment of the March Board of Review.

The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2016 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Stacey Bassi, MAAO
Independence Township Assessor
Publish: February 17th, February 24th and March 2nd

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
ELECTION COMMISSION
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Election Commission of the Charter Township of Independence will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the computer equipment to be used for the tabulation of absentee and precinct ballots for the PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION to be held Tuesday, March 8, 2016.

The test will take place at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in the Township Hall Board Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr. - Clarkston, Michigan 48346.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Clerk
PUBLISHED & POSTED: Wednesday, February 24, 2016

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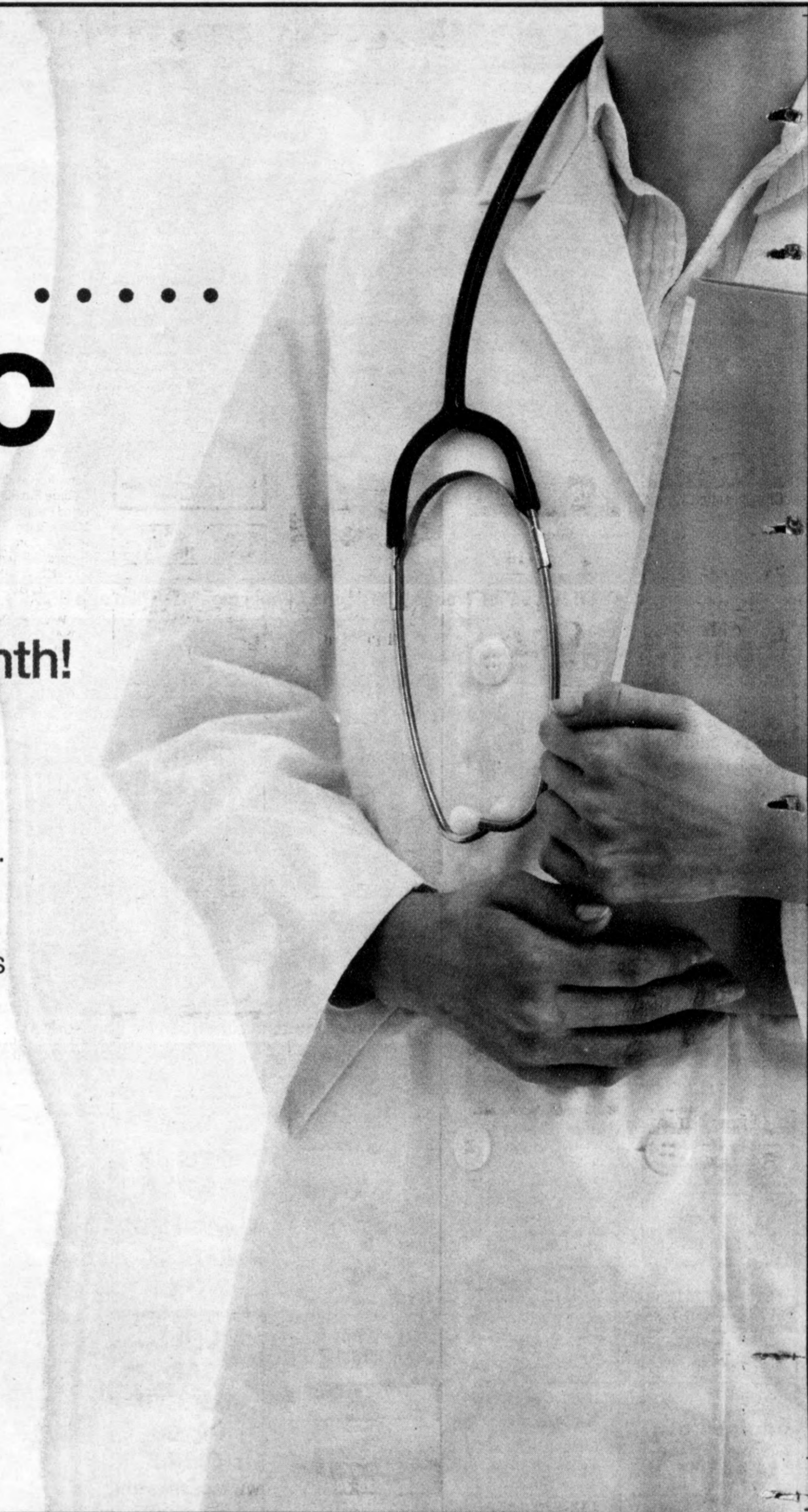
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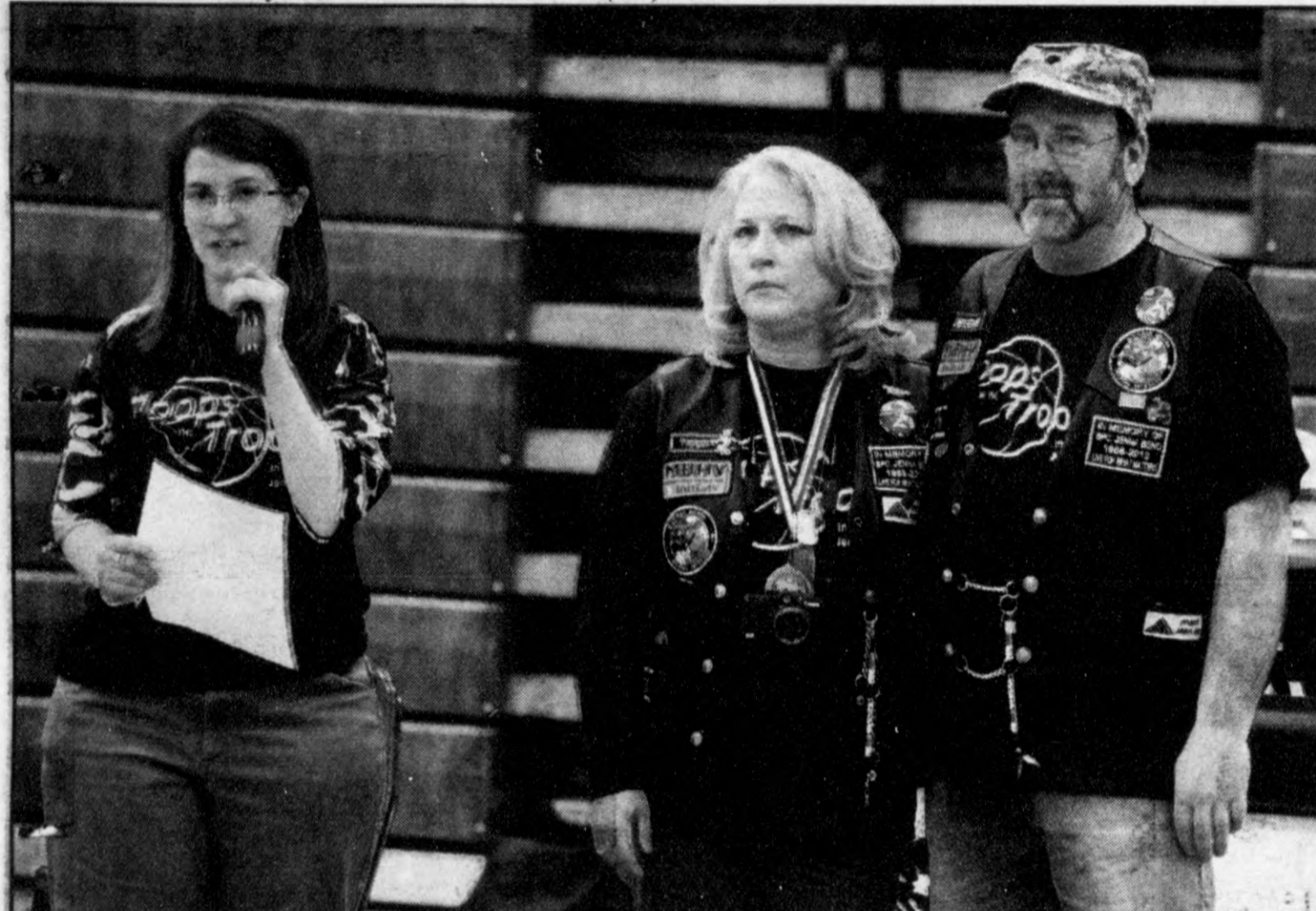
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Megan Goldberg kicks off Hoops for Troops with Jenna Beno's parents, Kristi and Bill.

Hoops for vets

The Lady Wolves and the Clarkston community raised \$9,344 during the third annual Hoops for Troops last Thursday.

The money will be donated to Michigan Bikers Helping Veterans, which is a nonprofit charity which helps Michigan Veterans and active duty military personnel in critical need.

The annual event is held in honor for 2006 Clarkston High School graduate Jenna Beno who passed away October 2012 from injuries she sustained while serving in Iraq.



Honor guard by Chief Pontiac, American Legion Post 377.



Sidney Sitar hands out balloons. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Lady Wolves on the varsity basketball team get ready to play for Jenna.



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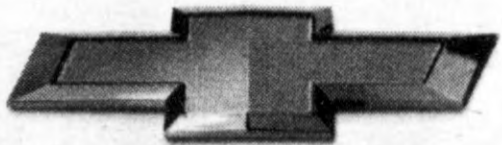
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