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In today's edition,
Clarkston Wolves head
indoors for winter sports
— check out our preview
to see how they'll do!

Call for caution
this Christmas

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

It's the season of giving, but for criminals, it's also time to steal.

"Be vigilant for yourself," said Det. William Baldwin, Independence Township substation. "Take precautions. If something sounds too good to be true, it's probably too good to be true."

When shopping online, make sure the website/online retailer you are purchasing from is reputable.

Fake websites are prevalent, so do some research before making a purchase if you are unfamiliar with a particular site or retailer. Enter the name of the website address or business into a search engine, along with the word "scam" or "fraud" and see what comes up.

"Or call them to see if the deal is right, see if it's true," Baldwin said. "What harm would it do?"

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"I'd probably go with eBay using Pay Pal," Baldwin said.

When shopping locally, make sure you park in an area that is well lit if you plan on being there in the evening hours. Don't leave any packages in plain view in your vehicle and create a temptation for criminals wishing to steal your holiday packages. Lock them in your trunk where no one will be able to see them. Don't overload yourself by carrying too many packages, preventing you from having your car keys handy.

While shopping, be careful in crowds, as simple pickpocketing or purse-snatching is still a common practice. Keep your

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Supervisor's
staying on
Wagner defies deadline
to step down, get
healthcare benefits

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Dec. 1 deadline to resign came and went without response from Supervisor Dave Wagner.

"I'm not going to give them an answer one way or the other until I know what's going on with me," Wagner told the *Clarkston News*, on his way to the doctor's office last Thursday.

His doctor wrote a note to the board last September stating he is "totally incapacitated until Jan. 1, 2012," and he's sticking to it.

"That was the original one (deadline)," Wagner said. "For them to back it up a month, I just think is unreasonable and out of line on their part."

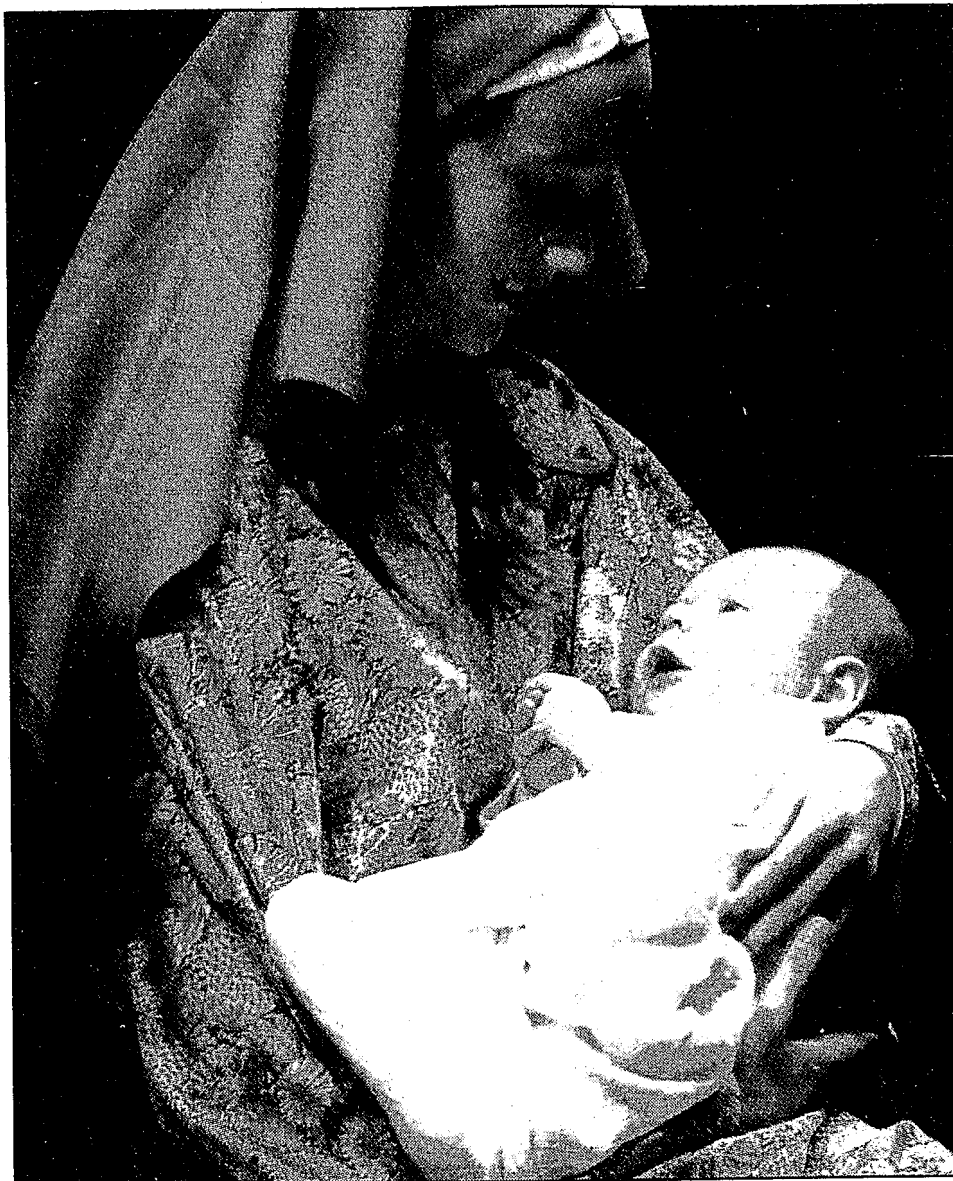
He also noted he would have another neck surgery this week.

Clerk Barbara Pallotta said she just wants Wagner to get better. In the meantime, she is happy with the work of new Superintendent Bart Clark.

"I feel that we need a leader and this person is stepping up to it, even if it is temporary," she said.

However, she said she would have voted against the superintendent proposal had Wagner not appointed

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What star is this?

Dominik Dziekonski starts his stage career early with a big part, as baby Jesus in the Everest Academy Girls' and Boys' School Christmas Program, Dec. 1. Everest student Emily Hampel was mother Mary in the pageant, featuring school choirs and bands playing traditional Christmas tunes. Please see page 14 for another picture from the event. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Stuff-a-Bus with presents for local families

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer
 Clarkston Community Schools bus drivers are anxiously preparing for their 8th Annual Stuff-a-Bus, set for this Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

"It would be great to fill the bus again," said Tammy Layton, bus driver. "We have been able to do it every year even with the economic problems."

Layton began the event eight years ago to contribute to the community.

"For me, personally, it is hard to make a huge financial contribution," she said. "But doing something like this and pulling everyone together can make a huge difference in everyone's lives. It makes you more grateful for the blessings you do have. It is wonderful to help people."

Donations being accepted include non-perishable food items, personal care items, gift cards, monetary donations, clothing, books, and new, unused toys. The donations will be going to Lighthouse North, on Sashabaw Road to help local families.

Layton would like to see more toy donations and continue to completely fill the bus.

"The food is greatly appreciated," she added. "But we are trying to do this for families that need gifts for their children for the holidays, too."



Volunteers load a bus with presents at a previous Stuff-a-Bus. File photo

Connie Stapleton, manager at Lighthouse North said they have over 600 children and 300 families registered for the holiday.

"It is very helpful because it rounds out the needs the rest of the community has given to us as far as toys," said Stapleton.

They are asking for brand new unwrapped toys for any age from infant to teenagers.

"You can give gift cards because it is hard

to donate for teenagers," Layton added. "Any store for any domination helps, too."

Since Stuff-a-Bus is at the Kroger, on the corner off Sashabaw and Maybee Roads, gift cards can be purchased in the store.

Layton said for those unable to stop by they can either stop by Lighthouse, 6330 Sashabaw Road, drop it off at the Clarkston Community Schools bus garage, 6590 Middle Lake Road, or if they have a student in the district they can give it to their bus driver.

"It is really nice the community continues to do this. It is our eighth year I think that is huge," said Layton. "Especially because people have lost their jobs or have taken cuts. People are still wonderfully generous to make it successful."

"I did not realize what the need was in the area until I started working here," Stapleton said. "Then, I started thinking how sad it would be for a child to go back to school in January. Everyone is talking about what they got for Christmas and they did not get anything. That is why this gap is being filled by agencies like Lighthouse."

Stapleton invites the community to call Lighthouse with any questions and invite them to stop by and tour the facility.

The event is 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13, at Kroger, 5590 Sashabaw Road.

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Deputy supervisor defiant in face of criticism

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Since his appointment as deputy supervisor, Nov. 13, Mike Clark said township employees' reception has been good.

"I've been in as many days as I could, probably about 20 hours a week since Nov. 15," Clark said. "I've communicated with Dave Wagner every single day."

However, Clerk Barbara Pallotta said she hasn't really seen him.

"He's not filled out any employee papers yet, they're stacked on my desk," she said. "I'm not sure what he's doing."

Before his appointment, Clark said he hadn't "spoken a single word" to Wagner since February, when Wagner voted for Pallotta to be clerk after former township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen retired.

"I was quite disappointed since that happened," he said. "It's surprising to me, but he seems to be gaining back his strength at a greater rate now that he's not the one who's the brunt of all that's wrong with Independence Township."

Clark said he was approached by intermediaries five weeks ago, asking for him to take the deputy position. He said he had other things to do, like two companies to run, and twins who are sophomores at Oakland University who also help at one of

his companies. However, he felt "a sense of obligation from the standpoint of being a community servant."

"I didn't want to take it to be a joke or for any other reason than my grandfather raised me to be civic minded," he said. "I'm not receiving any compensation, don't intend to receive any compensation and in no way involved in the day to day politics of what's going on in Independence Township."

When the board voted to appoint Bart Clark, no relation to Mike, as superintendent, it also de-funded the deputy supervisor position, so Mike is not getting paid.

Mike says he likes Bart and if he ran for supervisor, he would support him. However he doesn't like that Bart, Trustee Neil Wallace and Trustee David Lohmeier all ran on a slate together in 2008, with a township manager or superintendent as their goal.

"The voters didn't want a change in government from a supervisor to superintendent," he said. "This is just overturning the will of the people, which is what bothers me most about the whole thing."

Mike disputes claims that Wagner is only concerned about getting healthcare.

"It may have come across that way in the newspaper, that he was concerned about that and he should be, but what's more important

to him is that he is physically able to get back to work and return to his job as supervisor of the township," Mike said. "That will be interesting when he does because at that point it will mean we will have five people basically filling that position. I don't know how the township board justifies the financing."

While many people question Mike's motives at meetings because he's not a township resident, Mike calls it "a distinction without a difference."

"I live in the City of the Village of Clarkston and I own five pieces of property in Independence Township," he said. "My family has continuously paid taxes here since 1929. What is it that makes the difference between being in the city of the village, which is in Independence Township, and being in Independence Township?"

Mike said he would "be happy to any point in time debate any subject with Mr. Wallace or Mr. Lohmeier and he'll take either side of the issue."

He said he is trying to get along with employees and officials.

"I'm in a position where hopefully I can do good. All I have is the best interest of the township at heart, that's all I'm here for," Mike said. "I'm not here to try and stir things up."

Briefly

Buses bought

The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education OK'd 53 new school buses for \$4,097,061, voting 6-0.

The purchase will be in July 2012 from Hoekstra Transportation, lowest bidder. The buy includes 40 77-passenger, eight 20-passenger, and five 53-passenger buses. The three year lease for current buses ends this year.

Funds come from the 2013 general fund, divided into 35 monthly payments with repurchase of the used buses at the end of the term.

Council OKs first read

Clarkston City Council voted 6-0 to approve first reading of amendment to zoning ordinance for water access for 90 N. Main. Second reading will be Dec. 12.

City's leaving 3 E. Church

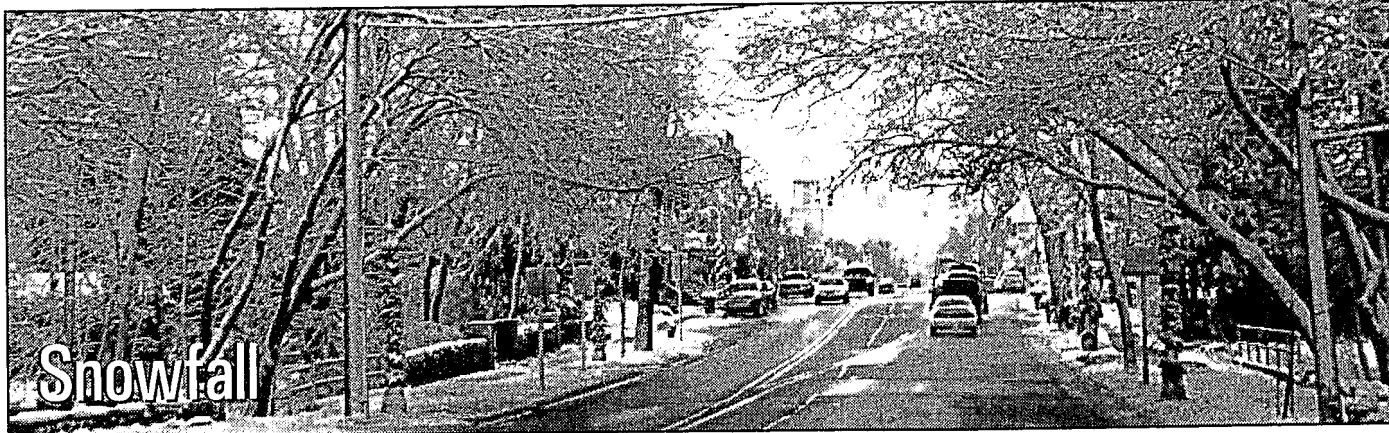
Clarkston City Council voted unanimous to solicit bids from architect/engineering firms to develop a plan for an addition to City Hall.

The addition is needed to relocated DPW operations from 3 E. Church, also the site of the former city police station.

The plan will include restrooms for the public using Depot Park, and multi-purpose meeting room for council meetings and public hearings up to 500 square feet.

The firm chosen will finalize concept drawings, develop cost estimates for building addition, groundwork/landscaping, and managing constructive phase. Total costs are not to exceed \$10,000.

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A winter scene greeted downtown drivers, Nov. 29, as the season's first snow came down. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Joel DeLong and Jason Webster put up new Christmas decoration. Photo provided.

New Rotary decorations downtown

Christmas decorations put up by Clarkston Rotary Club members last week are new – it's the Presidential Project of Clarkston Rotary President Al Avery.

Previous projects include helping to build the Depot Park bridge, and new and refurbished playground equipment by Bart Clark;

Mary Sloan's Greenhouse Building project for the area Community Garden – Rotarian Bruce Bordine donated the Green House Building; Jeff Lichty's Picnic Gazebo in Bay Court Park; and spray facilities in the Rene Przybylski Spray Park in Clintonville Park, Joel DeLong and John Halleran.



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Maddie Schaffer and Audrey Tanner smile for the camera.



Taylor Wright places another gift under the tree

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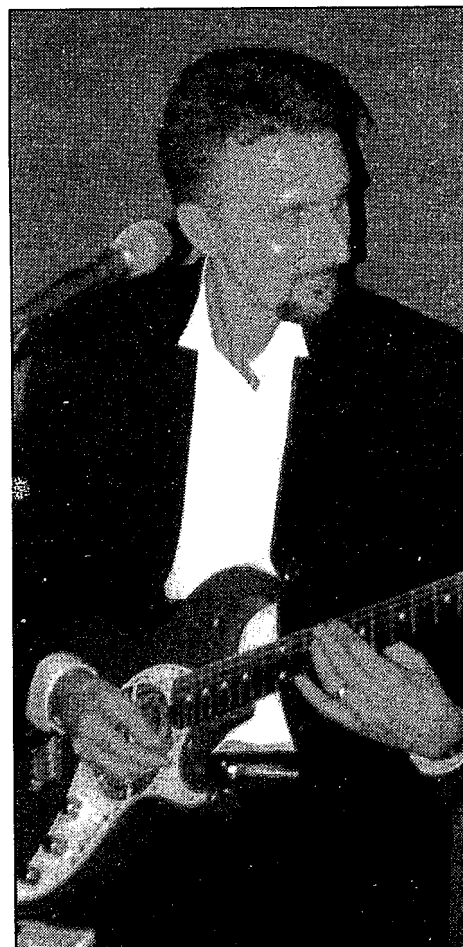
For the past twelve years, Lisa and Jim Lucas and nine other couples have hosted a private "Black Tie" party for friends known as "Tree of Dreams." The past six years the event has been at Deer Lake Athletic Club.

The night includes free food, drinks, dancing, live music and games. The only require-

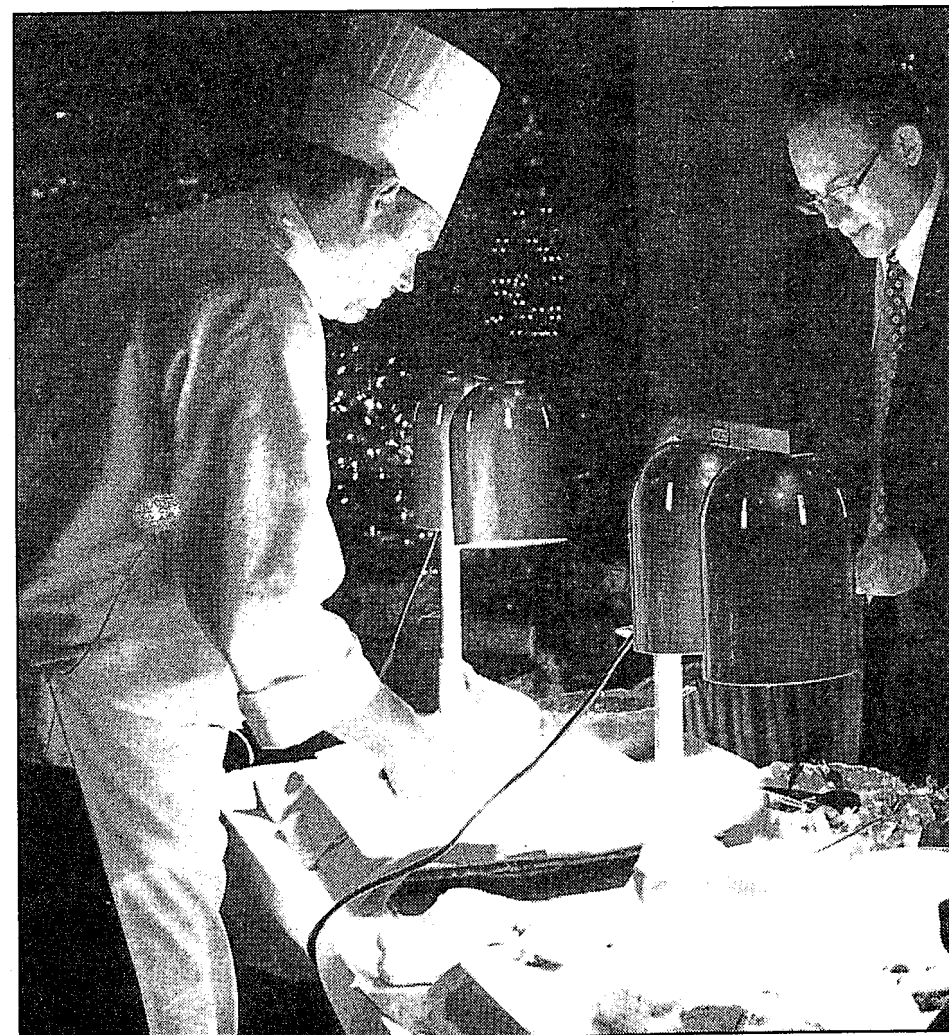
ment of the guest is to bring a new bought toy to be given to either Lighthouse or Neighbor for Neighbor

"Eleven couples donate their time, put all this together and help with the decorating. We just want our kids to see how to give back," Lisa said.

Photo story by Trevor Keiser

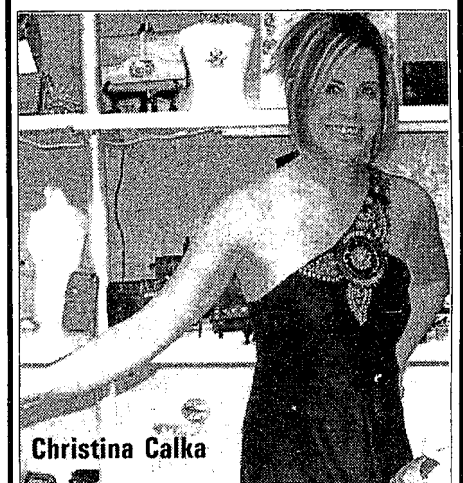


Mark Harrington gets down on guitar.



Chef Deryl, hard at work serving up some roast beef and turkey.

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Viewpoints

Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

War of words

Only 70 minutes remained for the November month long challenge. Not taking any chances with the end result I copied and pasted over 100 pages of text into the small box.

The screen on the webpage changed and a sigh of relief escaped, I had finished National Novel Writing Month (affectionately called NaNoWriMo or NaNo for the shorter version.) I had finished 101 words over the 50,000 word minimum.

I made it! I met my goal and completed my second NaNoWriMo.

Though it was writing a 50,000 word novel in 30 days (averaging 1,667 per day), most of my writing was in the last eight days for a total of 30,000 words and 14,000 of them in the last two days.

Insert long sigh here. Both relief and exhaustion took over but even though the screen had changed to winner I opened the document one more time to finish the scene.

Reflecting on my second completed NaNo I learned I am a mad typer. I could easily average 550 words during Word Wars, an online 15-minutes word sprinting challenge with writers in the region. I might take my skills to the NaNoWriMo Midway Write-in next year.

As the same with last year, my characters still respond better under pressure. This year they completely changed the plot in the last 48 hours.

Contractions still did not exist during the month, see "did not" counts as two words rather than "didn't" which is only one. It is an easy boost. Plus, editing is for going back and editing *will* happen.

Now, time to break from the story before I go back make it more concrete and go through the revisions. In the next year, I can use the time to hone the typing skills and work on an outline for the second idea I had for NaNoWriMo. There is nothing like going into NaNo with two ideas battling to be the 50,000 word novel.

Plus, now comes the time to ween off of Starbucks visits. Good-bye Pumpkin Spice Latte. As well as the Panera Bread visits - free WiFi and refills for the ideal spot for write-ins. Dangerous but very ideal.

I can also officially watch Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part Two DVD which came out on Nov. 11. When it comes to NaNo you have to make sacrifices.



Another call for clean township sweep

Dear Editor,

Kudo's to all of you with your letters and article, Nov. 30. You are all so absolutely correct, and accurate with your assessments of Independence Township.

Why doesn't the building department and code enforcement do their jobs to eliminate the blight that is happening in our township?

The board should stop the "payoff" to Wagner. If Wagner were to "man up" he would do the honorable thing and resign. It's obvi-

ous what his game plan was from day one.

Watching a board meeting is boring, and uninformative. Sounds as if there is no syllabus, and a total waste of time, energy, and tax payer dollars.

I agree, we need to call for a clean sweep of the board.

New blood will bring fresh ideas, and hopefully some productivity.

*Bill Hampton
Independence Township*

Reader wants citizen experts to help schools

Dear Editor,

The most recent few years have been, as you know, difficult ones for many school districts in Michigan including Clarkston Community Schools.

Revenue has continued to decline and, as a result, CCS has been required to significantly trim operating expenses, although those expenses could not be responsibly reduced quickly enough to match revenue reductions, resulting in the district having to continue to draw down its fund equity to below-recommended levels.

The district has also found itself in the position of borrowing from the state to meet repayment obligations of previously issued bonds.

Wages and benefits account for more than 85 percent of general fund expenditures. In fiscal 2012, the district will be required to borrow money to pay for its operating expenses. Technology resources are dated and, if planning for it hasn't already begun, aging school buildings will require significant capital for repairs and modernization.

With home prices depressed and many people unemployed or underemployed, increasing taxes by floating a new bond issue would be difficult at best. The administrative staff is fully occupied with the day-to-day operation of the district in what can only be described as a challenging environment. Resources are stretched and there appear to be few solutions.

While these adverse conditions present a significant challenge to the board, there exists an opportunity for the board to rise to that challenge by utilizing untapped resources it has at its disposal: involve community members and take advantage of their knowledge and experience to seek innovative solutions.

That can be accomplished by forming an advisory committee comprised of district residents along with a member of the finance department staff and led by a member of the board.

The objective of this committee would be to create a financial plan that in the short term rebuilds fund equity while in the long term supports the efforts of the district to achieve its vision.

The committee would accomplish this by searching for revenue enhancement opportunities; exploring ways to further reduce expenses without negatively impacting the classroom; and identifying any leaks, areas where money may be being spent needlessly.

This would require the committee to become thoroughly familiar with the district's policies and financials, conduct ongoing searches for additional revenue, review operations of CCS and other districts to determine best practices, then analyze that information and develop recommendations for its committee chair to bring to the full board.

While I am sure that district residents are fully engaged managing their own circumstances, I am equally positive that, given the importance of educating our students, some community members would be willing and able to volunteer time to assist the district.

There is a great deal of talent in the community waiting for its potential to be used. The board needs to take advantage of that talent and do so with a sense of urgency.

The district's vision cannot be accomplished without a viable financial plan that maintains the district's solvency and credit rating. Continuing to draw down the fund equity is neither a feasible nor a sustainable strategy.

There is a saying in business that a successful company wins in the turns. The Michigan economy has been, and continues to be, in a hairpin curve.

This is the board's opportunity to use the resources at its disposal to successfully negotiate that curve and leave a legacy of financial well-being to the school district so that future boards can continue to achieve the district's vision.

*Lawrence Matta
Independence Township*

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"More Space, equity in Monday's election" Clarkston Schools asked voters to approve a \$52.5 million bond over a period of 25 years to build a new elementary school, renovate and add on to existing elementary schools; to remodel Sashabaw Middle School and turn Clarkston Middle School into a community education building, and remodel the high school for future use as middle school.

"Goodfellows to be out this weekend"

The Clarkston Rotary Club, along with members of the Independence Township Fire Department and volunteer from Machine Engineering and Clarkston High School's Interact Club sold a special edition of Goodfellow Newspapers from dawn to dusk. It was the 56th year for Goodfellows.

"Staffing changes at sheriff's substation" Oakland County Sheriff John Nichols brought in Lt. Dale LaBair to command the new Independence Township Substation. LaBair replaced Lt. Doug Hummel.

25 years ago - 1986

"6th-graders to be moved up" To alleviate overcrowding, the Clarkston board of education approved a plan to move sixth-graders from three elementary schools into the junior highs in the fall of 1987. The board approved it on a 6-0 vote.

"49-acre park near" Independence Township received \$375,000 from the Michigan Land Trust Fund to purchase Bay Court Camp. The township only had to pay the remaining \$125,000.

"Magical party" Independence Township Library and the Clarkston Area Jaycees held a free Christmas party just for kindergartners through third graders.

50 years ago - 1961

"Local man assumes coaching duties" Roger J. Johnson of Clarkston signed as the varsity basketball coach for the new high school. He graduated from Clarkston High School in the class of 1955.

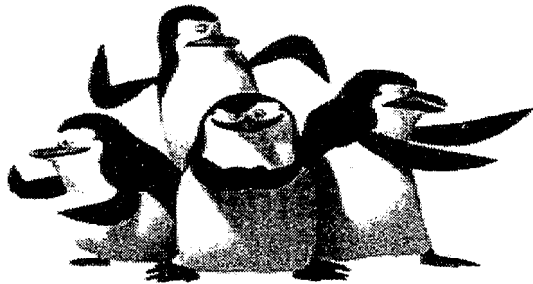
"Dixie Saddle Club" The Dixie Saddle Club held its 14th annual Christmas potluck supper at the Community Center. Guest speaker was William Craig, member of U.S Olympic Equestrian Team.

"FTA goes on exciting tour" Members of the Future Teachers Association met with sponsor Ruth Purslow to go to Flint C. Junior College where they toured the school, ate lunch and attended a special program in the planetarium.

First some penguins, then forward to Jottings

I don't do e-mails or internet, but that doesn't eliminate exposure. Friends who deliver such epistles to me know my humor, likes and dislikes. Thus; a forward from Karbginsky and Hiatt.

PENGUINS



Did you ever wonder why there are no dead penguins on the ice in Antarctica - where do they go?

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It is a known fact that the penguin is a very ritualistic bird which lives an extremely ordered and complex life.

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If a penguin is found dead on the ice surface, other members of the family and social circle have been known to dig holes in the ice, using their vestigial wings and beaks, until the hole is deep enough for the dead bird to be rolled into and buried.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Some things can be easily foreseen and planned for. Such thinking prompted me to buy another clicker for my tv. This extremely prolonged political season is getting to me.

I'm hoping someone like Dwight David Eisenhower will come along quickly and give the Republican party, and the nation, a little hope.

Current seekers of this world's highest elected office are not confidence builders. Some bill themselves

as businessmen, others are just total politicians.

All spew words like an eruption spills ash.

Thus the need for the clicker. My mute button was wearing thin before the politician started, by my silencing all the words spewed by commentators describing what I'm seeing.

I can see a guy pass the ball, tackle or foul someone, fumble shoot a basket and dribble. (That's a good word for what the announcers do.)

I've been trying to stay "up" on what's happening with our economies, various war fronts, auto industry, weather, occupiers, tea partiers and candidate forums.

But for all "ups" in keeping up on all this stuff is only possible with a very handy clicker.

In sports, I can't even click out commercials. The sponsors have made a deal with the networks to force all games to break at the same time.

Seems to me sponsors would have more viewers if networks alternated timeouts. Clickers, like me, would appreciate it.

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The United States has 5 percent of the world's population and 66 percent of the world's lawyers. It's Christmas. No further comment at this time.

## Reiki masters and Indian teachers

I reckon George Lucas had no idea that when he wrote a line for his fictional character Jedi master Obi-Wan Kenobi, that it would stick around so long and take on a universal-like quality.

"May the Force be with you," is the most quoted line from and in all the Star Wars movies. The "Force" in the movies is the living power that binds all together, to be used for good or for the "Dark" side.

Last week I had my own experience with the "Force" right in downtown Clarkston, no less. Yep. One Leslie Cirinesi paid me a visit and laid her hands about my noggin, neck and shoulders. Clarkston resident Leslie is also a Reiki master — as far as I am concerned the next best thing to being a Jedi master. She — for the lack of understanding — worked on dispelling, moving or replacing the negative energy stopped up inside me, to allow positive juices to flow.

And, what was kind of cool about it was the only things I had to take off were my shoes. I guess energy flows from the Earth.

"You store your stress right here," she said touching a spot on my neck that sure seemed tight. I answered something like,

"Yep." I think I may have mumbled.

Don't know if the vibes of my energy were straightened out, but I do know after about 10 minutes I was pretty relaxed, but focused. Mind over matter, or matter over mind, or Jedi mind-trick, whatever, I was less stressed. Yea!

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Leslie's story is kinda' cool. She's part of the corporate world (in a computer geek kinda' way). One year, she and her husband Andy were on a trip to Arizona. For fun they decided to visit that whacky world of wonderfulness, Sedona.

The couple were in some spiritualist store and somebody told her something (my words, not hers), "Strong the Force is within you. Reiki master you are?"

Bewildered, she said, no. "I didn't even know what that was," she confided to me, as she continued her tale to healing.

"Three years to the date later, we went back to Sedona and somebody said the same thing. 'Are you a Reiki master?'"

Well, her aura must have flared or

something because she started to research what the heck Reiki was.

What is it?

Here's a definition I found on-line: *Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. It is administered by "laying on hands" and is based on the idea that an unseen "life force energy" flows through us and is what causes us to be alive. If one's "life force energy" is low, then we are more likely to get sick or feel stress, and if it is high, we are more capable of being happy and healthy.*

And, that is pretty much what Leslie does. She keeps her mind open and helps folks in her little shop at 20 W. Washington Street in downtown Clarkston (in the Clarkston Mills mall building, across from the Mill Pond.) She also has some cool retail things and sponsors interesting events.

One event coming up this month caught my attention. On Dec. 16, at 7 p.m. a Choctaw American Indian, Rainbow Eagle, will be at her shop. He is a Wisdom Keeper, honored with the responsibility of an Ancient Native American Peace Shield.

What is the Peace Shield? It be, "a reminder to Native people that in the Seventh Fire it would be their responsibility to assist and help bring the Human Family back together again. These original truths of the Peace Shield are to be given to the Human Race for the last time so that each person can have what they need to decide the future of our Mother Earth. The Peace Shield teaches the value, beauty, wisdom and wonder of walking into the future with great faith and absolutely no fear. In the past the Peace Shield provided community and personal stability, it now charters for human kind a journey into the blessed future."

The wisdom is to be shared with pale faces like me, too, "... the light skinned race would be given a choice between two roads: destruction, or the lighting of the Eighth and final fire, an age of peace, love, joy and oneness."

I'm going, representing we honkey.

At any rate, if you want to hear Rainbow Eagle or know of someone who needs to be de-stressed — go to Leslie's website, [www.AdvancedEnergyTherapy.com](http://www.AdvancedEnergyTherapy.com), or call (248) 909-3700.

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## Book discussion group

At far right, Tony Hough talks about his first book, "Halcyon Fury," with Club Bookworm at the Independence Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. The book group, which has been meeting for over five years, meets on the last Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. Hough, a member of the club, published the book last summer. "We are so fortunate to have a published author as part of our active group and look forward to his next book," said Mary Melega, senior center programmer. Call 248-625-8231. *Photo provided*

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# Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Depart

## Two injured in crash

Daniel Haines, a 40-year-old Springfield Township resident, was teaching his 15-year-old daughter how to ride his snowmobile in their fenced in property behind their home on Bridge Lake Road when they crashed, 12:30 p.m., Dec. 2. They were both riding the same snowmobile when the daughter apparently panicked and pressed the throttle all the way open. They drove through and under a 6-foot-high cyclone fence and into a small stand of trees. Both riders received severe head and facial injuries. Neither were wearing a helmet. Springfield Township Fire Department responded, and both were taken to Genesis Hospital for treatment. Haines was in serious condition while his daughter was listed in critical condition with head and facial injuries. Alcohol is not a factor in this case, which remains under investigation.

## Suspended for Spice

Two 14-year-old Clarkston Junior High School students were suspended when they were caught leaving school, 9:33 a.m., Nov. 17. They had a large iced tea can with holes in it, and said they were going to smoke some Spice incense.

## Broken door

Someone broke the storm door of a home and an exterior lamp in the 6000 block of Village Court, Nov. 27.

## BB shooting

Someone shot a N. River Road home's window with a BB gun, Nov. 23.

## Suspended license

A deputy ran the plate of a car on I-75 near Sashabaw Road, 2:49 p.m., Nov. 22, and found the number and vehicle registered to it didn't match. The driver, a 22-year-old Taylor woman, was found to have a suspended license, and cited. The plate was confiscated and destroyed.

## Weblackmail

A 40-year-old Independence Township man was talking to a woman over the Internet, 2:33 p.m., Nov. 23, when she took a picture of his onscreen image. This was a problem, as he was not wearing any clothes. She tried to blackmail him, threatening to post the picture on social media unless he got her the new Windows 7 Ultimate software.

## Credit fraud attempt

An Independence Township man got a call from department store in Menomonee Falls, Nov. 29, asking if he had opened a credit account. He had not.

## Missing CPU

An Independence Township resident reported selling some music recognition software over the Internet. The deal was cancelled, Nov. 25, with the buyer saying not all software was included. The seller checked the returned item and saw the CPU chip had been removed from the device. The seller later found the software had been registered with the manufacturer to the buyer.

## Pots gone

An Independence Township resident set a new seven-piece pot set at the bottom on the stairs in the 5000 block of South Marshbank, Nov. 26. Two minutes later, it was gone.

## Fraudster defrauded

A 25-year-old Davisburg man called deputies to report his roommate used his checkbook without permission while he was in jail, writing checks for about \$1,300, Nov. 29. The 25-year-old had been incarcerated in the Isabella County Jail for fraud. Deputies knew where to find the 24-year-old roommate. He was in Isabella County Jail, serving time for fraud.

## Caught with marijuana

A deputy was stationed on Coulter Lake Boulevard at Majestic Boulevard, 5:20 p.m., Nov. 30, when a car pulled up. The driver, a 22-year-old Madison Heights man, saw the officer and ducked down as if trying to put something away. The deputy walked over and asked what he was doing, and if he had anything he shouldn't. The 22-year-old handed him a baggie of marijuana and a home-made marijuana pipe. He was cited for possession of marijuana, failure to file change of address, and no insurance, and given a warning for possession of drug paraphernalia. His vehicle was impounded.

## Serious looking situation

After hearing loud arguing in a Parkwood Boulevard home the night before, neighbors called police when the dog wouldn't stop barking, 8:35 p.m., Nov. 30. With no response, deputies looked inside and saw what looked like red splotches on the floor and kitchen counter. Fearing it was blood, they got permission to kick in the door. Making entry, they found deep red and purple flower petals scattered about, but no blood. The residents, who weren't home nor injured, said they would have done the same thing.

Call Crime Stoppers of Southeast Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN.

# Baby New Year Contest 2012

The date is fast approaching to see who will be the firstborn baby of 2012. Parents who are expecting on or close to January 1, 2012 may get another special delivery: a valuable bundle of prizes!

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1. Photo should be of child only. Photos of child with objects and other people will not be accepted.
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3. Birthdate and time must be verified in writing by attending physician.
4. Each eligible child entered will be featured in our First Babies special pages.
5. The parents must be residents of Clarkston, Independence or Springfield Townships.
6. Deadline for entry submission is 5 p.m. Friday, January 18, 2012.
7. Entry denotes permission to publish submitted photo in this newspaper.

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 the babies entered in our Baby  
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# Lady Wolves up rivals in opener

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers had no problem putting the heat on their crosstown rivals Lake Orion in the second half last Friday to come out with a 53-17 win in their home opener.

"Our defensive pressure gave Lake Orion some problems," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball.

The Lady Wolves knew leading with the score 23-12 going into the third quarter wouldn't mean anything if they didn't step up their game for the next 16 minutes.



Anna Manilla catches the rebound.  
Photo by Larry Wright

"Orion plays a pretty tough two-three zone," said Wasilk. "It gave us some troubles in the first half but we adjusted and did a better job in the second half overall."

Opening the third quarter junior Delaney Kenny scored on one of her two free throws.

Her next move came when she knocked the ball away from the Lady Dragons to teammate senior Anna Manilla.

Manilla hit the ground and passed the ball to senior Megan Hastings as Lake Orion closed in.

Hastings threw the ball to junior Erin Davernport to end the play with a basket. Freshman Erika Davernport added one more to put the score 28-12.

Lake Orion added one point from a free throw before Clarkston went on a nine point streak which went into the fourth quarter.

"We just wanted to wear them down and use our depth, man-to-man press and just be smart with our defense," said Wasilk. "Then, our defense would hopefully create some offense to give us some easy baskets and they did."

The Lady Wolves went on another streak this time for 11 points before Lake Orion scored on a basket.

Senior Christina Jokisch and Erika Davernport added five more points to end the game 53-17.

Jokisch led with 13 points and five rebounds.

"It was nice to have Christina back," said Wasilk. "She just came back after a few weeks off. She had a really nice game and it was nice to see her hit some shots."

Erika scored 10 points and eight rebounds and Kenny added nine points.

"Erika did a really nice job inside rebounding. All of our forwards did a nice job inside rebounding," Wasilk added. "Erin did nice job defensively."

Clarkston had six turnovers offensively and forced 18 turnovers on Lake Orion's offense.

"We took some steps forward in this game. Our first game was a little sloppy," Wasilk said about the season opener win over Davison, 47-32. "I thought this game with Lake Orion especially the second half we cleaned things up a little better."

The Lady Wolves went on a 15-0 run in the second quarter and pulled away in the third quarter.

"They were a good team, competitive," said Wasilk.

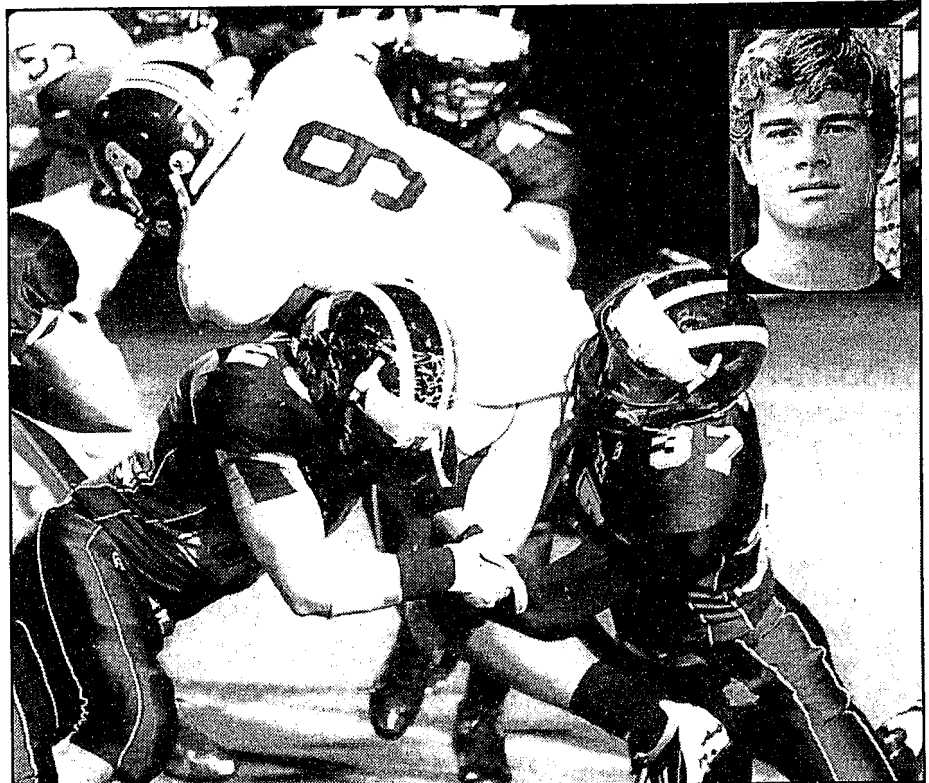
Kenny and senior Tori Trimmer led with ten points each against Davison.

The Lady Wolves head to Rochester Adams on Thursday and Pontiac next Tuesday.

"We hope to get better and gel with the new players," said Wasilk. "We need to get better at communication on the floor."

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

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Senior Ethan Frick, left, helps teammate junior Dylan Hancock with a tackle.  
Photo by Larry Wright

## School and sports success

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Ethan Frick had left a lingering impression on one of his coaches during the Clarkston Boys Varsity Football season.

"Ethan was a pleasure to coach," said Tony Miller, Wolves' defensive coordinator. "He is one of the reasons coaches want to coach for so long. He is a great and exceptional person."

Frick filled the positions as defensive tackle and fullback for the team and began the fall season as one of the 25 players receiving the Commitment to Excellence award for working the hardest in the off season.

"He is an outstanding person and a great player," Miller added.

Frick began playing football in seventh grade because someone told him to give it a try.

"I kept playing because I liked how close the team was and how it was a team effort," he said. "You didn't win by being a solo player - you worked as team."

He also joined wrestling and lacrosse when he was in seventh grade.

He opens his winter wrestling season on Wednesday against Goodrich.

Following his junior year and qualifying for the MHSAA Individual State Finals, he would like to finish in the top eight for All-State.

Frick would like to carry on the same success he had with the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team last season when they went all the way to the MHSAA Regional finals. But he would like to help the Wolves with a boost past regionals.

Frick currently has a 3.98 GPA and is in dual enrollment at Oakland University for calculus while taking AP Physics and AP Biology at Clarkston High School.

"I plan to go into engineering," he explained. "I would like to go to either Albion College or University of Michigan."

The football team ended the season with a 7-4 record and with it Frick passed on the a lesson to aspiring athletes.

"Never get too confident," he said.



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## Ice success

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team added put their first win on the boards on Dec. 1 with a 4-1 win over St. Clair Shores Unified.

The Wolves satisfied that hunger against the Lakers, who were a state-ranked team for much of last season.

Freshman Jacob LaPorte opened the game by scoring the first goal with 9:05 left in the first period with assistance from sophomore Chase Wiedemann and senior Adam Bruderick.

St. Clair Shores tied the score with less than ten minutes remaining in the second period.

The Wolves pulled into the lead with 1:13 in the same period with a goal from Bruderick with assistance from senior Joshua Sowers and junior Adam Larkin.

LaPorte and sophomore Garrett Polish clinched the game by scoring one goal each, putting the score at 4-1.

Sophomore goalie Jack Viazanko made 27 saves in the net. The Wolves put 31 shots on St. Clair Shores' net.

Clarkston tied their OAA Red league game against Birmingham Unified, 4-4.

The Wolves head to Plymouth Cultural Center on Wednesday to take on Salem, 7:30 p.m.

They are back home on Saturday when they host North Harrison, 8 p.m. The improved their overall record to 1-4-1.

## Boys are back

The Wolves open their basketball season this Friday at Orchard Lake St. Mary's, located at 3535 Indian Trail in Orchard Lake.

The boys host their home opener next Tuesday, Dec. 13 against Flint Carman-Ainsworth.

The JV team begins at 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows.

## Winter sports

Check out the full-color Wolves' Winter Sports preview in today's edition of *The Clarkston News*.

Get team photos, schedules and a peek at what expectations coaches and athletes have for their 2011-2012 season - including basketball, bowling, competitive cheer, dance, hockey, skiing, swim and dive and wrestling.

Check for updates online at [www.ClarkstonNews.com](http://www.ClarkstonNews.com) and *Clarkston News* Facebook page

# Moscovic returns as head coach

## Clarkston native plans to carry on tradition

BY WENDIREARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

A familiar face to Clarkston Wrestling is back in a new role as native Derek Moscovic takes over as head coach for the varsity team.

One of his goals in his new role is to carry on the Clarkston tradition.

"The tradition to me is to be one of the top teams in the state every year, if not state championship," said Moscovic. "Clarkston competes in everything. They have a long history of competing with the best in the state."

Another goal is to have more individuals on the wall and team state championship. He added he knows some people say it is unrealistic but he doesn't think so.

"Someone has to do it every year," Moscovic said. "Someone has to win individual and team championships - why can't it be Clarkston?"

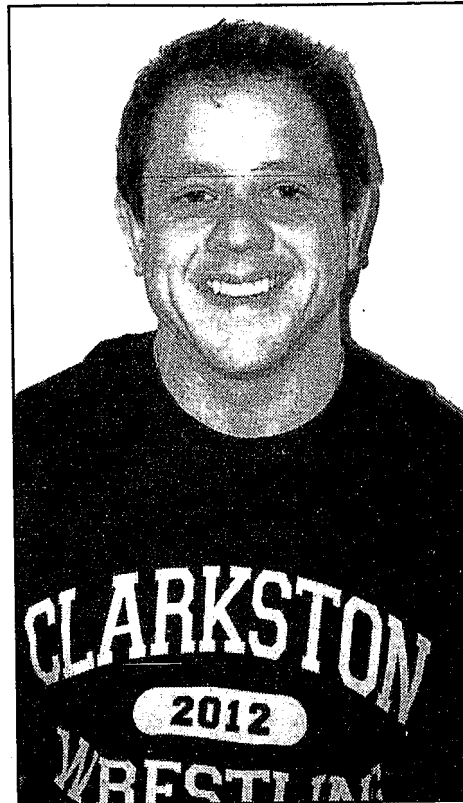
Moscovic also will continue to use his wrestling and coaching experiences to help the wrestlers with each practice and each match. It will help with his other goal to lead the wrestlers to the right path.

"When an athlete wins, it's the athlete," he said. "When the athlete loses, it's the coach's responsibility. I believe that. I know it's not always fair to the coaches but I believe it's the truth."

Moscovic spent 2002-2010 as the Clarkston High School Varsity Wrestling assistant coach. During the time the program had five state champions, over 20 state place winners and numerous state qualifiers.

He is also coach and president of Integrity Wrestling helping younger wrestlers to not only have a successful experience but a fun experience as well.

Moscovic knows about tradition. His grandfather was on the first wrestling team in Canonsburg, Penn., a small steel mill town. His father also wrestled and continued the sport in college at California University of



Moscovic

Pennsylvania. He came to Clarkston after accepting a teaching job and set the foundation for the wrestling program.

Born and raised in Clarkston, Moscovic wrestled at Clarkston Junior High School before going on to Brother Rice High School to win three state titles in 1990, 1991 and 1992.

Following his success he went to Indiana University where he was a four year varsity letter winner, Big Ten place winner and NCAA qualifier in 1996 and 1997.

He is a firefighter and paramedic for Independence Township and works with Moscovic Building.

He is also a family man spending time with his wife Shannon and three children Stone, MacieLou and Mack.

"I think we are going to have an exciting year," Moscovic said for the season. "They are eager to work hard and compete."

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## Keeping Kids in Motion

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Kids in Motion Pediatric Therapy Services has expanded their services to the Clarkston area with a facility in Waterford.

"We wanted to be able to provide a close location for families," said Mary Hydorn, P.T., owner of Kids in Motion.

She explained some families are unable to make the drive to their Highland location and are unable to receive therapy services for their children.

Kids in Motion offers speech and language therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy. They also have music therapy, massage therapy, and offer aquatic therapy at the Highland location.

"The physical therapists will work with the kids with their motor skills, exercises, stretching and working on skills they are delayed in," Hydorn explained. "The occupational therapists will work on motor skills like feeding and sensory deficits. The speech therapists will work on speech deficits, articulation disorders and speech delays."

They work with children of all ages from birth along with developmental disabled adults in their homes, at their outpatient facilities and in the schools.

Kids in Motion will provide free screenings but do need a referral from a physician.

"If a parent has a question and their child could benefit from therapy they can call and talk to a therapist," said Hydorn.



Hydorn

Hydorn became a pediatric physical therapist in 1987 and started Kids in Motion in 1993.

"We started out with just myself doing contracts with schools and home help agencies," she said.

Kids in Motion has over 50 physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech and language pathologists.

They also help parents by offering free workshops once a month during the school year. The last workshop they held was estate planning with special needs children.

For the Waterford location they are looking into a music therapy group in the afternoon for children of all abilities and ages.

They accept all major health insurances and have discounted private pay rates for \$95 an hour or \$50 for half an hour.

Kids in Motion are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday by appointment. For more information, visit [www.kimpediatrics.com](http://www.kimpediatrics.com). Appointments for the Waterford location, 4345 Meigs, Suite A, can be made by calling 248-684-9610.

## Credit card relief

Recent economic reports have observed that Americans reverted back to the credit-dependent trends of the eighties. Apparently, the nation's populace hasn't heeded the warnings regarding carrying too much debt.

Unfortunately, this statement could be applied to the federal government as well.

For families grappling with swollen credit card balances, professional financial advisors offer a three-step strategy for coping with year-end bills and avoiding future troubles. The International Association for Financial Planning (IAFP) recommends understanding the credit terms of card issuers; learning how, and whether, cards should be used; and developing an aggressive plan for paying off debts.

Consumers should find out the conditions and policies of their lenders, such as length of grace period, whether the interest rate is fixed or variable, and how much is charged for cash advances.

Most consumers only need one major credit card that is universally accepted. For people who have the cash flow to pay off balances each month, a charge card – rather than a credit card – is a better choice. If credit is needed, choose a card with the lowest available interest rate. Often, people with one or more credit cards should look for a card that charges less interest and transfer all of their

debt to that one card.

Ultimately, the way to bring credit card debt under control is with an aggressive play to pay off existing balances. After consolidating as many credit card bills as possible,

tackle the card with the highest interest rate first. Pay as much as possible toward the principal each month, while paying the minimum required on any other cards. As you eliminate the balance, begin paying more toward the principal on the others.

Credit cards sometimes make sense for smaller or short-term needs, but for major purchases, a home equity line of credit might

be a better choice since the interest is lower and is usually tax deductible. Understanding the proper use of credit cards is an important part of the overall financial planning process. Be sure to check with your financial advisor to see what alternatives are available to you.

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## Christmas pageantry



From left are the Three Wisemen, Andrew Hayosh, Paul Bradley, and Mauricio Talayero, David Echevarria as Joseph, Emily Hampel and Dominik Dziekonski as Mary and Jesus, and shepherds Enrique Garza and Javier Villalobos in Everest's "The Light Come Down" Christmas Show, Dec. 1. Photo by Phil Custodio

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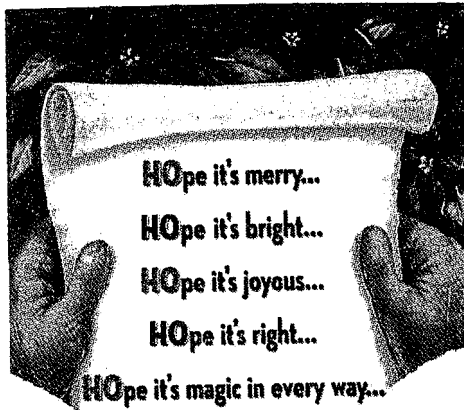
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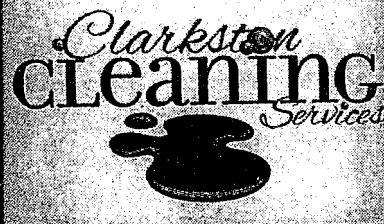


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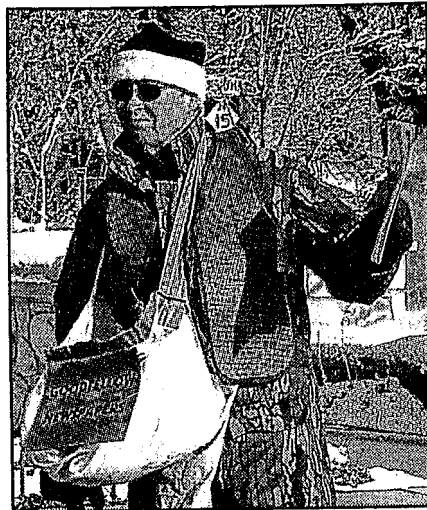
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Ken Barks, a volunteer for Rotary's Goodfellows the last 4-5 years, collects funds in downtown Clarkston, Dec. 2, for Rotary's Shoes for Kids program. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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## People Poll

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### Why Christmas shop downtown?

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- Christina Calka,

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Friends and volunteers assist Lawrence Jasinski III with his Eagle Scout project.  
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## Eagle project livens space with color

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Lawrence Jasinski III of Independence Township organized a three-day painting project for Clarkston Co-op Preschool for his Eagle Scout project.

The scout with Troop 185 led the project to paint the meeting hall and preschool at Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"I was looking for a project for a while," he said. "I went to Clarkston Co-op Preschool, and my brother and sister go there. They told me they needed some painting done."

He had to prepare a plan, raise funds, recruit volunteers, and manage the work. The group of about 30 volunteers painted the preschool classrooms in green, blue, purple, and other colors,

as well as a mural.

"The colors liven up the atmosphere," he said. "I learned that with enough patience and time, something that big can come to life, and if you ask, people will come through for you."

He raised funds with family, friends, and local businesses including Lowe's in White Lake and Sherman Williams in Clarkston.

"There was a tremendous response," he said. "It was definitely something new for me. The volunteers worked well.



Jasinski

They did all I asked plus some."

"He stepped it up," said Stacey Jasinski, his mother. "With his friends there, he got them to not slack off while maintaining their friendship. He did it really well. I was really impressed."

Lawrence has been in scouting since he was about 7 years old at Our Lady of the Lakes.

"It sounded fun so I tried it out," he said. "It's been good - all the friends I made is huge."

He grew up in Independence Township with his parents Larry and Stacey Jasinski, and siblings John, Luke, Emily and Matilda. He is a junior at Orchard Lake High School, where he plays football and lacrosse.

After high school, he plans to look into studying writing or English, perhaps at the U.S. Naval Academy.



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**Christmas Cheer** Miracle Box Packing Party, 4-7 p.m., Dec. 8, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. 248-623-0444.

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**Joyous Sounds of the Season** concert, Clarkston Community Band, Bellissima! Handbell Choir, and special guest, Santa, 7 p.m., Dec. 9. Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Free.

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**Salute to veterans** luncheon, 12 p.m., Dec. 10, Amerian Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Sons of the American Legion will serve SOS, fried spam and powdered eggs followed by the Army-Navy football game. Prizes at the end of each quarter. 248-625-9912

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**Breakfast with Santa**, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Dec. 10, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Visit with Santa, pancake breakfast, children's gift. Adults, \$5; Children, \$3; Photos, \$3. 248-394-0200.

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**Blood Drive**, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Dec. 16, Independence Township Fire Department, 6500 Citation.

# Around Town



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

## Weekly meetings

### Sunday

**Adult Basketball League**, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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**Pony Basketball League**, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

### Monday

**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027.

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**Job Ministry** presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580.

### Tuesday

**Breast Cancer Support Group**, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841

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**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313.

### Wednesday

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

### Thursday

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

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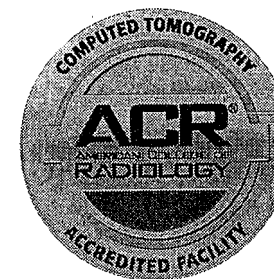


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But just as is the case every other year, we awoke the next morning to growling stomachs, reminding us that we needed to eat once again.

Somehow all of the sweet potatoes with melted marshmallows on top, the stuffing and mashed potatoes, and all of the turkey (not to mention the desserts!) did not fill us up to the point of never needing to eat again. Why? Because we need food – we need nourishment.

The same was the case as Jesus sat down with a Samaritan woman during the daytime as she had come to a well to draw water for her family.

Knowing her situation as only Jesus could, he asked if she could give him a drink from the well; an odd question for a Jewish

man to ask a Samaritan woman for many reasons.

First of all, Jews and Samaritans did not associate with one another; the Jews believed the Samaritans to be a lesser important group of people and therefore did their best to stay away from them at all cost.

Secondly, it was against the custom of the day for a Jewish man to associate alone with a woman; after all, what would people think if they were to see this encounter play out from afar?

But Jesus had a bigger purpose. When the Samaritan woman questioned her qualifications to even associate with Jesus, he simply tells her that if she knew who he was, she would ask him for a drink and "he would have given [her] living water" (John 4:10b)

In other words, if she had any idea who Jesus was, she would seek out what he had to offer her – life giving water that quenches thirst to the point of never needing anything else. Jesus would have offered her a life that was more fulfilling and enriching than anything she could have ever dreamed of.

You see unlike Thanksgiving meals and family get-togethers that hold the possibility of leaving you depressed and uncomfortably full, only to be hungry again in a few hours, Jesus offers something that fills eternally the need in our life for relationship with God.

In verse 13 Jesus responds saying, "Ev-

eryone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Are you left "hungry" this week after Thanksgiving? Are you left with a pit in your stomach after a day of dining and sharing life with family?

Jesus has the solution – him! Whether it is a relationship in your life that is leaving you wanting more, a failed attempt at success after a life of climbing the corporate ladder, or the bottle at the bar that ultimately leaves you wanting more, Jesus offers life-giving "water" that will never leave you thirsty...never leave you wanting anything else.

My question is, are you hungry/thirsty today? If you don't have a church home, I would like to personally invite you to worship with us at Lake Louise Church of the Nazarene, 2300 S. Ortonville Road just south of Bullfrogs.

During this Advent season, we are preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ and I would love the opportunity to share that time with you and your family. May God richly bless you and your family this Christmas and New Year!

*The Rev. Matt Bailey is pastor of Lake Louise Church of the Nazarene.*

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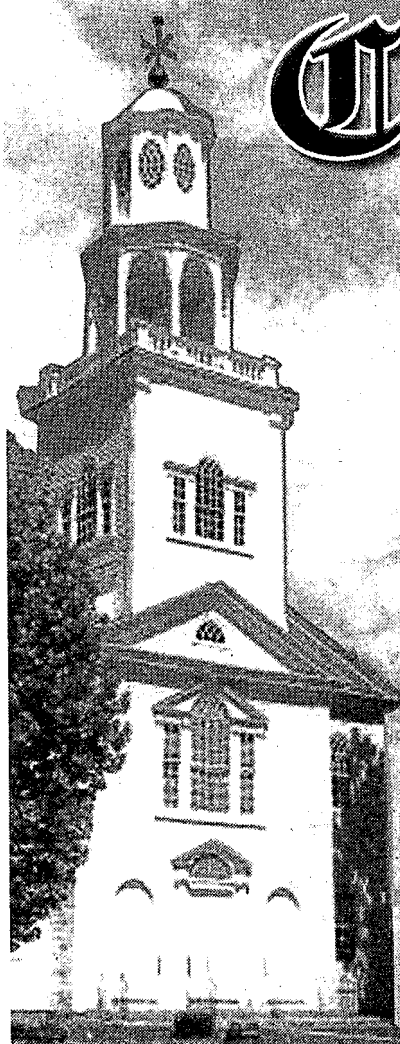
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# Trustees unsurprised

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new Deputy Supervisor Mike Clark.

"It's not even about Mike Clark, it's about appointing somebody," she said. "Especially since he said he'd be back the first of the year. It just seems contradictory to me."

Treasurer Curt Carson said Bart Clark was "jumping right in."

"He's going to have a learning curve just like anybody else," Carson said. "But I think it's positive at this point."

Trustee David Lohmeier said he was "indifferent" whether Wagner gave an answer or not.

"I was OK with putting it out there as a courtesy to him, but at this point it doesn't really matter now," Lohmeier said. "I talked to Bart last week and I think we're going to be good until the end of the year."

Trustee Larry Rosso wasn't surprised Wagner didn't respond.

"After his appointment of the alleged deputy supervisor, that was his decision right there," Rosso said.

Trustee Mark Petterson agreed the appointment of Mike Clark as deputy supervisor was "a response to the township."

Petterson said he had no issue with the township asking Wagner to resign, but he was against them asking him "to permanently retire from Independence Township government."

"I said no to the vocabulary for a specific reason, that reason is to prevent our township from being sued. It's very possible we're going to get sued over it," Petterson said. "Always avoid a lawsuit at all cost because nobody wins but the board's attorneys. They don't care, all they want to do is get paid."

Long time and former Independence Township Attorney Jerry Fisher said it was "making a deal."

"My assumption is they're giving him something he's not entitled to and therefore that's the tradeoff," Fisher said. "If he accepted it you could always make that deal."

Trustee Neil Wallace said the board voted to give him his benefits so Wagner could focus on his health and the board focus on the township "with some certainty of leadership."

"His apparent rejection shows there is some other motivation or someone else influencing this outcome," Wallace said. "Our dedicated township employees, community volunteers and the board will all continue to work hard to fulfill our responsibility to make township government work."





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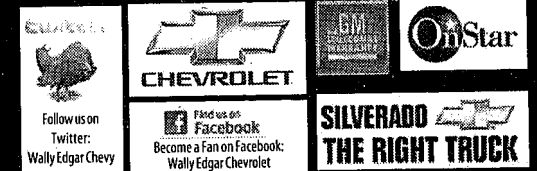
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Estate of MARJORIE C. WAITE, DECEASED. Date of birth: 08/02/1919

TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARJORIE C. WAITE, who lived at 1850 W. PREDMORE, OAKLAND, Michigan died 08/04/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to ROSS A. WAITE and DENNIS R. WAITE, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Decedent's Estate

Estate of Maryellen A. Jones. Date of birth: 4/11/1931

TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Maryellen A. Jones, who lived at 5924 Bay Pointe, Clarkston, Michigan died 10/29/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robery McCurry and Sherri W. Minard, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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SUMMARY MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2011

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

Oath of Office was given by Clerk Richter to the newly Elected Council Members

Roll: Present - Mayor Luginski, Bisio, Hunter, Hargis, Inabnit, Roth and Haven  
Others Present - City Manager Ritter and Attorney Ryan

Moved by Bisio, supported by Inabnit, to approve the Agenda as presented.  
Motion carried.

Moved by Roth with support by Hargis to approve the consent agenda subject to correction to the agenda minutes to read October 10, 2011 and October 24, 2011 instead of September 12, 2011 and September 26, 2011.

Treasurer Report as follows:  
Cash Disbursements - 10/10/2011 thru 11/9/2011  
General Fund - \$ 32,115.11  
Sewer Funds - \$ 54,011.63  
Mill Pond - \$ 1,693.00  
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Motion carried. Bisio voting No.  
Moved by Hunter, supported by Hargis to open up Resolution FY12-016 - Amendment to Zoning Ordinance 129-2 for discussion.

Moved by Hunter, supported by Hargis to approve the Tri-Party Paving Project at Holcomb and Valley View Drive.

Roll Call: Ayes: Haven, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Roth & Inabnit  
Nays: Bisio

Resolution Approved.  
Moved by Hunter, supported by Inabnit to table until next meeting.

Motion Carried  
Moved by Roth, supported by Inabnit to approve Sandra Barlass as a signer on all City Bank Accounts.

Motion Carried.  
Moved by Inabnit, supported by Haven to extend the meeting pass 9:00 p.m.

Motion Carried.  
Moved by Haven, support by Hargis to Adjourn at 9:30 PM

Motion Carried  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Richter

# Obituaries

## Maurice J. Hart, 80

Maurice J. Hart, "Morey," of Clarkston, formerly of Sterling Heights, passed away Nov. 30, 2011, age 80.

He was the loving husband of Betty for 61 years; beloved father of Kathy (Paul) Hart, Tim (Susette) Hart, Jim (Caroline) Hart, Karen (Randy) Peck and Debbie (Charlie) Caine; also survived by 19 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren;



brother of Rita (the late Arthur) Stieber, Marcella (Stephen) Grajek, Joyce (Robert) Austin and the late Thomas Hart.

Mr. Hart worked at Michigan Special Machine Company and retired from Giddings & Lewis Company after 45 years as a tool maker.

Scripture Service was Dec. 4 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 5 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

Obituaries posted at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)

## William Foster, 76

William K. Foster of Clarkston passed away Dec. 2, 2011, at 76 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Nancy for 56 years; beloved father of Teresa (Mark) Morris, LaVone (Ken Stecker) Foster, Galea Darbe, the late William Keneth Foster "Kenny", and Loretta Nims; dear brother of Charlene (Clarence) Christ; also survived by 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren; preceded in death by four siblings.

Mr. Foster worked for Fisher Body and retired from the Orion Plant in 1990. He also plowed snow in the Clarkston area for many years.

Funeral service was Dec. 5 at **Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston**. Interment was at Hillview Memorial Cemetery. Visitation was Dec. 4. To send a private condolence go to [www.coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries).

## Carmen Villarreal, 66

Carmen I. Villarreal of St. Clair with her sister Susie Hughes, formerly of Waterford, passed away suddenly Dec. 2, 2011, at age 66.

She was the mother of Paula Gomez and Arthur Hernandez; daughter of Selsa (the late Nicholas) Villarreal; also survived by five grandchildren, one great granddaughter and nine siblings.

Funeral Service was Dec. 5 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Dorothy Schwartz, 94

Dorothy Schwartz (Pittenturf) of Gaines, formerly of Waterford, passed away Dec. 2, 2011, at age 94.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Mary Beth Tersigni. She was the mother of Linda Beckman, Paul Pittenturf, David (Patricia) Pittenturf, Donna (Richard) Retzlaff and George (Donna) Pittenturf; also survived by 24 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.



Visitation was Dec. 5 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 6 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Catholic Indian Mission. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Linda Townsend, 64

Linda Lou Townsend of Auburn Hills passed away Nov. 29, 2011, at age 64.

She was preceded in death by her parents Edward and Mabel Townsend and brother Russell. She was the loving sister of Charlene Townsend, Larry, Alvin and Dale (Penney) Townsend; special niece of Helen DeNoyer; "Aunt La" to many nieces and nephews. Linda Lou was employed with Answering Service Inc. for 44 years.



Funeral service was Dec. 3 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment White Chapel Cemetery. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Shirley Caswell, 83

Shirley W. Caswell of Clarkston passed away Dec. 4, 2011, at age 83.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Dale. She was the mother of Donna King and Dennis (Marie) Darrow; grandmother of Ian (Lulu) King, Nadia (Jeremy) Richards, Lee, Tyler and Cameron Darrow; also survived by four great grandchildren; dear friend of John Reabe.



Mrs. Caswell retired from General Motors as a computer processor. She enjoyed golfing and especially spending time with family.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 1 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Wednesday, noon until time of service. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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## Looking for the shot

Tori Trimmer looks for an opportunity to score a basket in the Lady Wolves home opener win against Lake Orion on Dec. 2. Photo by Larry Wright

## Musical happenings

Clarkston Community Band performs a Holiday Concert, 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 9, at Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center. The band will perform a variety of Christmas music from around the world, and will also feature the Bellissima Bell Choir. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. Very special guest Santa will direct the band on "Christmas Festival" and the perennial favorite, "Sleighride."

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Raffle tickets for a 2012 Chevy Camaro will

be available through Dec. 12. Tickets are \$50, proceeds benefiting Clarkston Bands and Orchestras. Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association is sponsoring the raffle.

If the goal of 750 tickets is reached, the winner of the bright red Camaro from Bowman Chevrolet will be announced Dec. 13. If the goal is not reached, all money reverts to a 50/50 drawing. Purchase tickets at the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, Bowman Chevrolet or, for your convenience, send an email to lizpiper@att.net.

## Tips for safety

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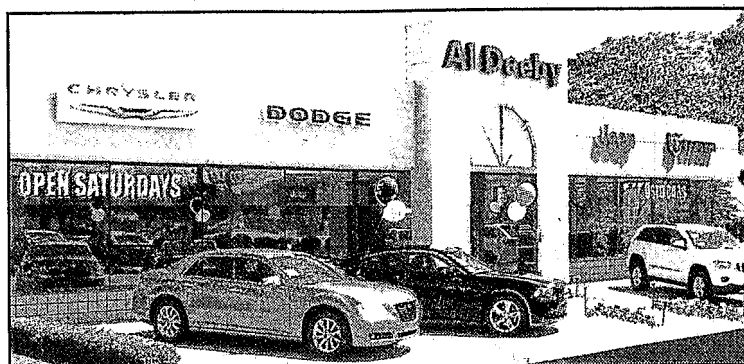
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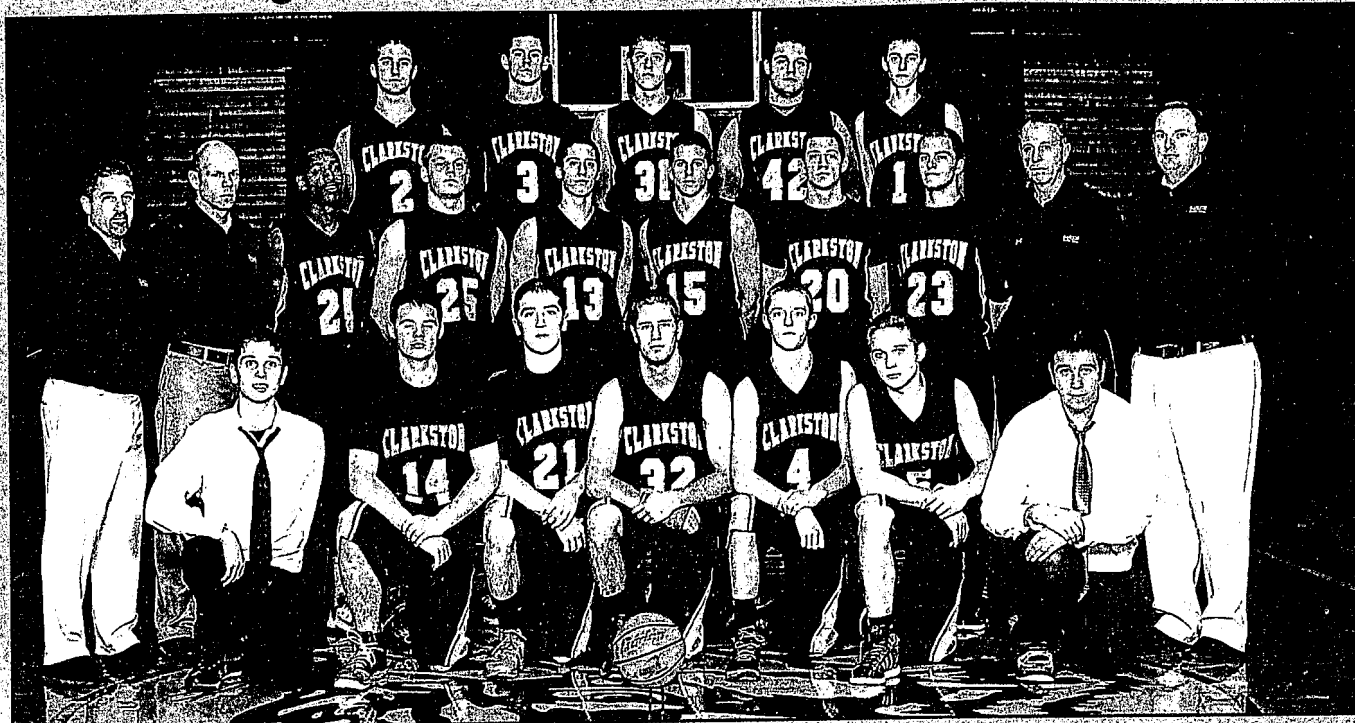
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# Clarkston High School Winter Sports Preview Wed., Dec. 7, 2011

## 2011-12 Schedule

Dec. 9, Fri, 7 p.m., at St. Mary Prep  
 Dec. 13, Tues, 7 p.m., vs. Carman-Ainsworth  
 Dec. 15, Thurs, 7 p.m., at HHS (Farm Hills)  
 Dec. 20, Tues, TBA, at Flint Northern  
 Dec. 22, Thurs, 7 p.m., vs. Troy Athens  
 Jan. 3, Tues, 7 p.m., vs. Lake Orion  
 Jan. 6, Fri, 7 p.m., vs. North Farmington  
 Jan. 12, Thurs, 7 p.m., at Pontiac  
 Jan. 17, Tues, 7 p.m., vs. Detroit Comm.  
 Jan. 20, Fri, 4:30 p.m., at Southfield  
 Jan. 26, Thurs, 7 p.m., vs. Southfield-Lathrup  
 Jan. 31, Tues, 7 p.m., at West Bloomfield  
 Feb. 3, Fri, 7 p.m., vs. Harrison (Farm Hills)  
 Feb. 7, Tues, 7 p.m., at Troy  
 Feb. 9, Thurs, 7 p.m., at North Farmington  
 Feb. 14, Tues, 7 p.m., vs. Pontiac  
 Feb. 21, Tues, 7 p.m., at Adams  
 Feb. 24, Fri, 7 p.m., vs. Southfield  
 Feb. 28, Tues, 4 p.m., at Southfield-Lathrup  
 March 1, Thurs, 7 p.m., vs. West Bloomfield  
 March 5, 7, 9, TBA, MHSAA Districts at Swartz Creek  
 March 12, 14, TBA, MHSAA Regionals at Dow High School  
 March 20, TBA, MHSAA Quarterfinal at Davison  
 March 22-23, TBA, MHSAA Semi-finals at



The Varsity Boys Basketball Team

## Jungle is back for Wolves basketball

Cagers are prepping for the winter season and focusing their attention on defense.

"We are going back to old Clarkston basketball," said Dan Fife, going into his 29th year as head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball.

"We don't have a lot of height," he continued. "We have to do a lot of things right on defense to get stops. The game is much easier when you can throw it inside. Everybody has to be on the same page. We need five guys working together."

Seniors Mitch Baenziger, Matt Dellinger and Nick Tatu agreed.

"Our strengths are in our guards," Baenziger added. "We don't have much height so it is important our guards are playing good."

The team has nine returners coming back for the season including seniors Baenziger, Dellinger, Tatu, Zach Collins, Nick Dahl,

Alan Kamieniecki, Travis Smith, Mark Tynan and junior Jordan Dasuqi.

The seniors have been playing basketball since seventh and eighth grade.

"We have been waiting for this season to prove how good we are," Baenziger added.

"They bring the knowledge and understanding of what we do," said Fife.

Additions to this year's team are seven new players - juniors Dylan Hancock, Chance Huth, Nathan Yeloushan; sophomores Timothy Cason, Nick Match, Nicholas Owens and freshman Andrew Myers.

"The new players will bring unbridled enthusiasm," Fife added. "It will take them a while to understand the quickness, the strengths and the intensity level of varsity basketball."

They open the season with the same goals as any other season, to capture the OAA Red league title as well as win their 19th consecutive MHSAA District title.

"We are always the bullseye," Fife said about the league, adding teams have changed over the years. "I always expect to be the bullseye and wouldn't want it to change."

The Wolves home opener is Dec. 13 against Carman-Ainsworth. They will host Troy Athens on Dec. 22 before going on winter break. Once they are back the players look forward to playing Pontiac and Lake Orion.

"You can expect the same thing from last year if not better," said Baenziger. "We have just as much experience if not more. We have a lot of good shooters and players on the team. It is traditional Clarkston basketball."

"We need to play hard and play smart," Fife said. "If we do that we will be competitive with anyone we play. If we do that I won't have a problem losing."

-WAR

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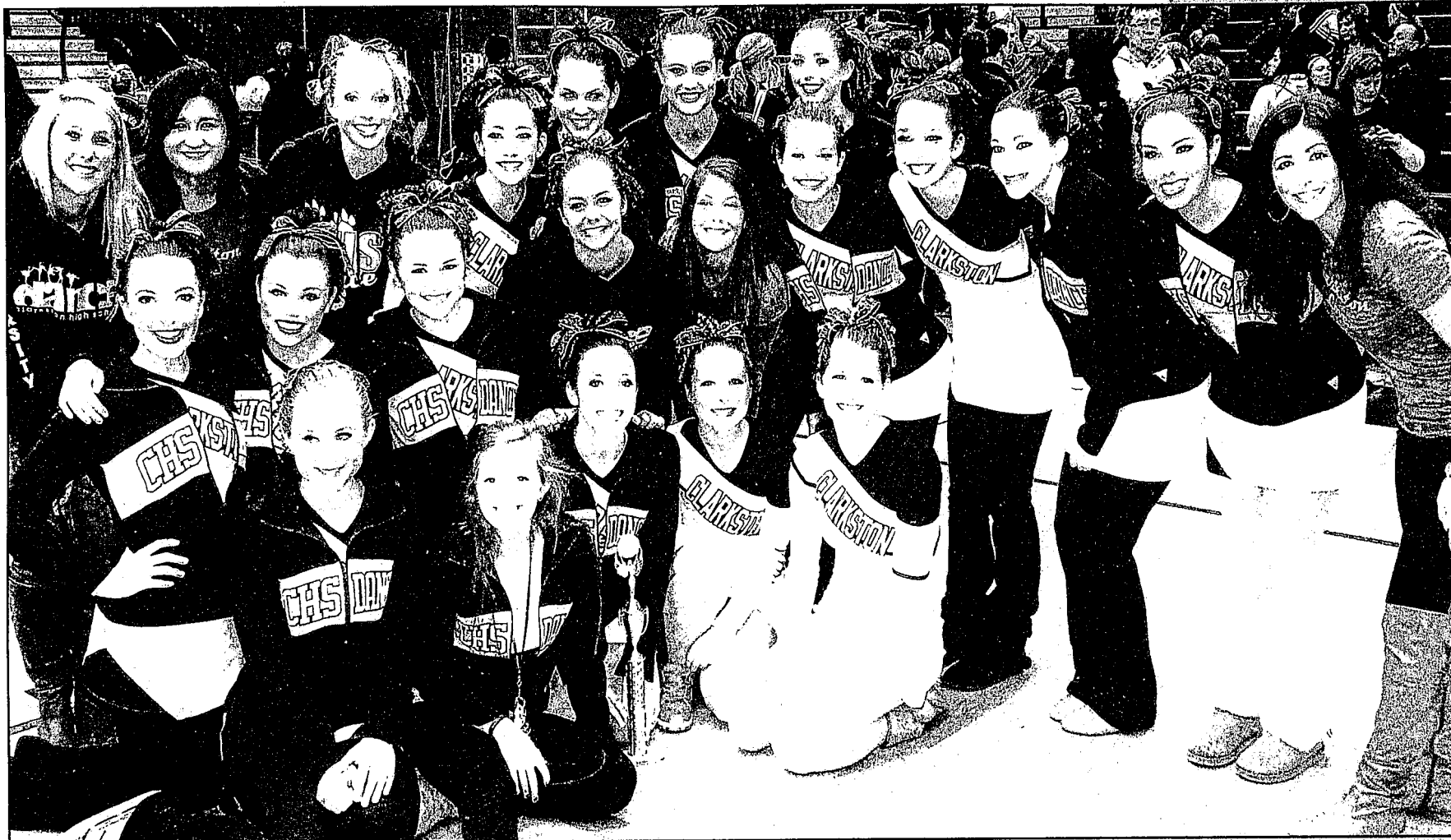
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The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pon team celebrates their third place finish. Photo provided

## Dancing to the beat

The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pon team began their new season with a bang - they took third place at the Great Lakes Championship they hosted, Nov. 19.

"I am proud of my girls," said Coach Emily Jackson about the girls' placement in the large varsity division.

The next competition for the team is Jan. 21 at the Palace of Auburn Hills, the Palace Pom Classic. The dancers also perform during every boys varsity basketball game dur-

ing half time. The JV team performs during the JV boys basketball games.

The team is McKenna Bachusz, Lindsay Bice, Mackenzie Boston, Jenna Cruz, Katie Gipe, Mackenza Landis, Bridget Lindsay, Allison Lindsey, Paige Lucas, Kelsey Kolich, Emily Kreilach, Maddy McEntee Tara Mecham, Sammi Moraw, Samantha Otman, Kelly Piscopink, Kaitlin Pitts, Jessica Poland, Kaitlyn Smith, Megan Ward and Anna Wozniak.



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## 2011-2012 Schedule

Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m., at Salem High (at Plymouth Cult. Ctr.)  
 Dec. 10, 8 p.m., vs. Harrison High, Farm Hills, North Harrison  
 Dec. 16, Fri, 5 p.m., vs. Hartland High, Christmas Tournament  
 Dec. 17, Sat, 12 p.m., Christmas Tournament Consolation Game  
 Dec. 17, Sat, 2:30 p.m., Christmas Tournament Championship  
 Jan. 7, Sat, 8 p.m., at Rochester United at Onyx  
 Jan. 12, Thurs, 7 p.m., at Farmington High School at Farmington  
 Jan. 14, Sat, 8 p.m., vs. Stoney Creek High School  
 Jan. 18, Wed, 7:30 p.m., at Oxford High School at Troy Arena  
 Jan. 21, Sat, 6:15 p.m., at Utica Eisenhower High at Macomb Suburban  
 Jan. 26, Thurs, 7:45 p.m., vs. Howell High School  
 Jan. 28, Sat, 8 p.m., vs. Lake Orion High School  
 Feb. 1, Wed, 5:20 p.m., at Mott High, Waterford, at Lakeland Arena  
 Feb. 4, Sat, MAC/OAA Day at Troy Arena  
 Feb. 10-11, HS Showcase, Chelsea  
 Feb. 17, Fri, OAA at Onyx  
 Feb. 18, Sat, OAA at Farmington  
 Feb. 25, Sat, OAA Championship at Birmingham  
 Feb. 28, Tues, MHSAA Pre-Regional  
 March 1, Thurs, MHSAA Pre-Regional  
 March 2, Fri, MHSAA Regional  
 March 3, Sat, MHSAA Regional  
 March 6, Tues, MHSAA Quarterfinal  
 March 7, Wed, MHSAA Quarterfinal  
 March 8, Thurs, MHSAA Semi-final  
 March 9, Fri, MHSAA Semi-final  
 March 10, Sat, MHSAA Final



The Clarkston Boys Hockey team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

# Looking to make a winning season

Icers are looking at their first four games of this season as lessons for any team they face.

They opened the season with two losses at the Metro Invite tournament against Livonia Churchill, 9-2, and Novi, 4-3, before taking on Brighton and South Lyon United in the Wolves' Thanksgiving Showcase.

The icers controlled the first two periods against South Lyon United, scoring six goals and keeping their opponents to three.

But the momentum changed against the Wolves as South Lyon scored five, ending with a 8-6 win.

"The first two periods we played well," said Clarkston Boys Hockey Coach Bryan Krygir. "The third period - we gave the game away."

The boys finished the showcase with a scoreless game against Brighton, 8-0.

Krygir said how the rest of the season goes from now will be up to the players.

"It could be a miserable season," he added. "I can't play the game for them. I can't make them go out there and play hard. All I can do is work hard with them at practice. They need to

go out there and do it. The coach can't play the game for them."

This season goaltenders are sophomores Zack Viazanko and Nick Surovec. Defenders include freshman Joe Popp; sophomores Shawn Cotter, Eric Matynowski; juniors, Adam Johns, Adam Larkin; seniors, Kyle Lamberti and Matt Harrington.

The forwards this year are: freshman Jacob Laporte; sophomores, Garrett Polish, Chase Wiedemann, Carter Rea; juniors, Zach Gootee, Nate Lowell; seniors, Adam Bruderick, Adam Seel, Josh Sowers, Gabe Comos and Jordan Henney.

The team has 10 returners to bring experience and leadership to the team, Viazanko, Larkin, Harrington, Seel, Gootee, Johns, Bruderick, Lowell, and Henney.

Krygir added some of the players will have to continue to hone their skills on the ice.

"They need to learn how to make proper decisions with the puck," he continued. "We have to continue to work hard in practice so it translates into the game."

The team's strengths lie within goaltending and defense. Krygir added they will have to continue to work on that as well after having 29 goals scored against them in the first four games.


He said the season could go one of two ways - either continue to play like they have and win zero games during the season or turn things around.

"We could build momentum and go into playoffs," he said, hopefully. "Plus, try to advance to playoffs."

Turning the momentum around would bring them closer to their goal of being one of the top two teams in the OAA Red league.

"The league is a little more different than it has been in previous years," he added. "We are usually on the top and would like to stay there. Oxford is the newest team to the league and they are good."


Besides league games they are also looking forward to playing Lake Orion, who they only play once in the regular season but might see again in the pre-regionals.



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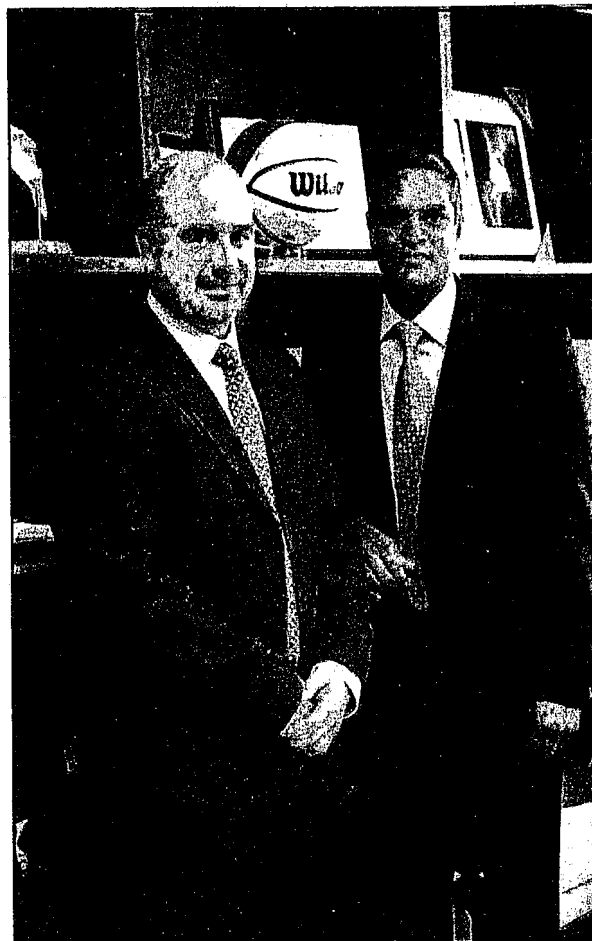
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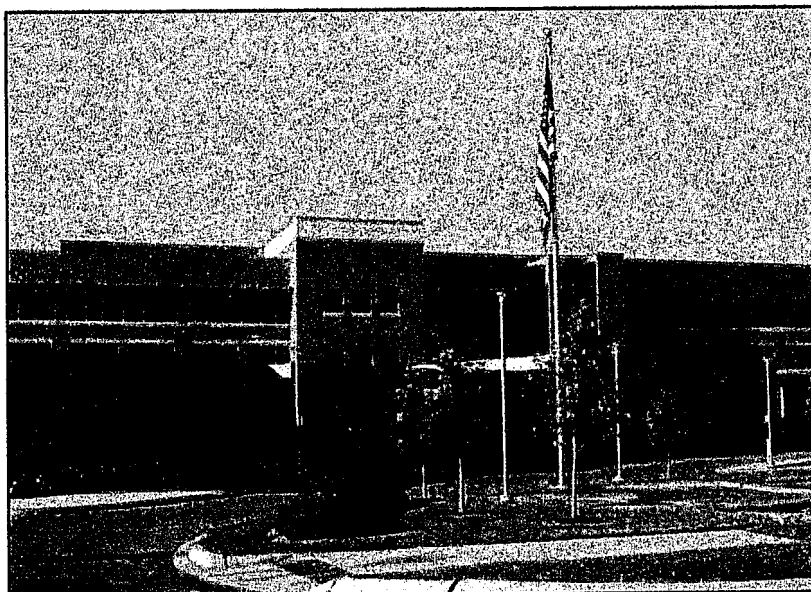


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Jan. 5, Thursday, Varsity,  
Giant Slalom  
Clarkston vs. Cranbrook,  
Detroit Country Day

Jan. 10, Tuesday, Varsity, Slalom  
Jan. 11, Wednesday,  
Varsity, Giant Slalom  
Clarkston, Notre Dame,  
Rochester Adams

Jan. 17, Tuesday, Varsity, Slalom  
Jan. 18, Wednesday,  
Varsity, Giant Slalom  
Clarkston vs. Bloomfield Hills  
Andover, Rochester

Jan. 23, Monday, 9 a.m., at  
Traverse City Central Inv.

Jan. 24, Tuesday, Varsity, Slalom  
Jan. 25, Wednesday,  
Varsity, Giant Slalom  
Clarkston vs. Bloomfield Hills  
Lahser, Waterford

Jan. 31, Tues, Varsity, Slalom  
Wednesday, Feb. 1,  
Varsity, Giant Slalom  
Clarkston vs. Lake Orion

**DIVISIONAL**  
Feb. 9, Wednesday, Varsity,  
Slalom, Giant Slalom & Awards

**REGIONALS**  
Feb. 16, Thursday,  
Region 2, Pine Knob  
Varsity Invitational  
Feb. 22, Tuesday, Pine Knob  
Feb. 17, Friday, TBA, at  
MHSAA Regional 16 or 17  
**STATE MEET**  
Feb. 27, Monday, Division 1, Nubs  
Nov; Division 2, Boyne Highlands  
Feb. 27, Monday,  
TBA, at MHSAA Final

# Ski teams ready to hit the slopes



Boys and girls teams include Ryan Callahan, Arianna Cross, Madeleine DeClercq, Riley Dixon, Olivia Dunn, Karoline Holsbeke, Grant Huber, Rebecca Gorz, Lauren Martin, Alex McIntosh, Ian McClaughry, Nathan Rogers, Ben Schuster, Siuhaun Sera, Nick Smart, Caroline Spymann, Jake Streng, Evan Tout, Brent VanTallie, Derek VanTallie, Amy Wozniak, and Tommy Wozniak.



Clarkston racers were full of anticipation as the snow blanketed the slopes at Pine Knob Ski Resort on Nov. 29 – it marked the beginning of a new season.

Wolves Head Coach Mike Foyteck is ready with both varsity girls and boys teams.

Having lost only one senior, the Lady Wolves are looking solid and strong, he said.

“The team has brought in three girls who all have racing experience,” Foyteck said. “We’re looking for way better results than what they had last year. They have a lot more depth than they did the year before.”

Some of the new girls haven’t yet raced but he expects Laura Martin to step up to the plate. “I’m looking for her to do some good things,” he said.

The boys team welcomes two new racers, freshman Tommy Wozniak and Derek VanTallie, who Foyteck expects to step up and be a varsity racer.

“I did not lose any of my varsity racers,” he said. “I have the same team as last year, so the expectation for that boys team is extremely high.”

After taking the runner-up place at the MHSAA State Finals last year, Foyteck expects them to be first this year.

“The goal is set high for the boys team,” he said. “They know what needs to be done.”

For the Lady Wolves, he hopes they will finish no less than third in the region and to have a strong showing at the state meet. “I think they can all achieve those goals if the effort is put forth,” Foyteck said.

The expectations for the league are high since, as always, all the teams are good, he added. “Southeastern Michigan racers are always strong and always have been from Pine Knob division to the Mount Holly Division to the Alpine Division,” he said. “Dual meets are always good with the teams that race at Pine Knob.”

The teams are looking forward to the Traverse City Invitational at Shuss Mountain. “It will be a good gauge to see how we’re racing there,” Foyteck said. “It will be interesting to watch the teams progress once we get on the snow.”



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# Hard work to lead on the winter court

The Lady Cagers are ready for another exciting season following last season's run for the MHSAA Regional title.

"We only lost a few people," said senior Megan Hastings. "A lot of us have more confidence because we went so far. We should come out strong we have a lot of returning seniors and they have played on varsity."

Returning for this year's season are seniors Anna Manilla, Breanca Cantrell, Tori Trimmer, Jessica Ming, Christina Jokisch, Hastings; juniors, Erin Davenport and Delaney Kenny and sophomore Kacy Robinson.

"We had some success last year. At the same time, we have players with 3-4 years experience on varsity," added Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk.

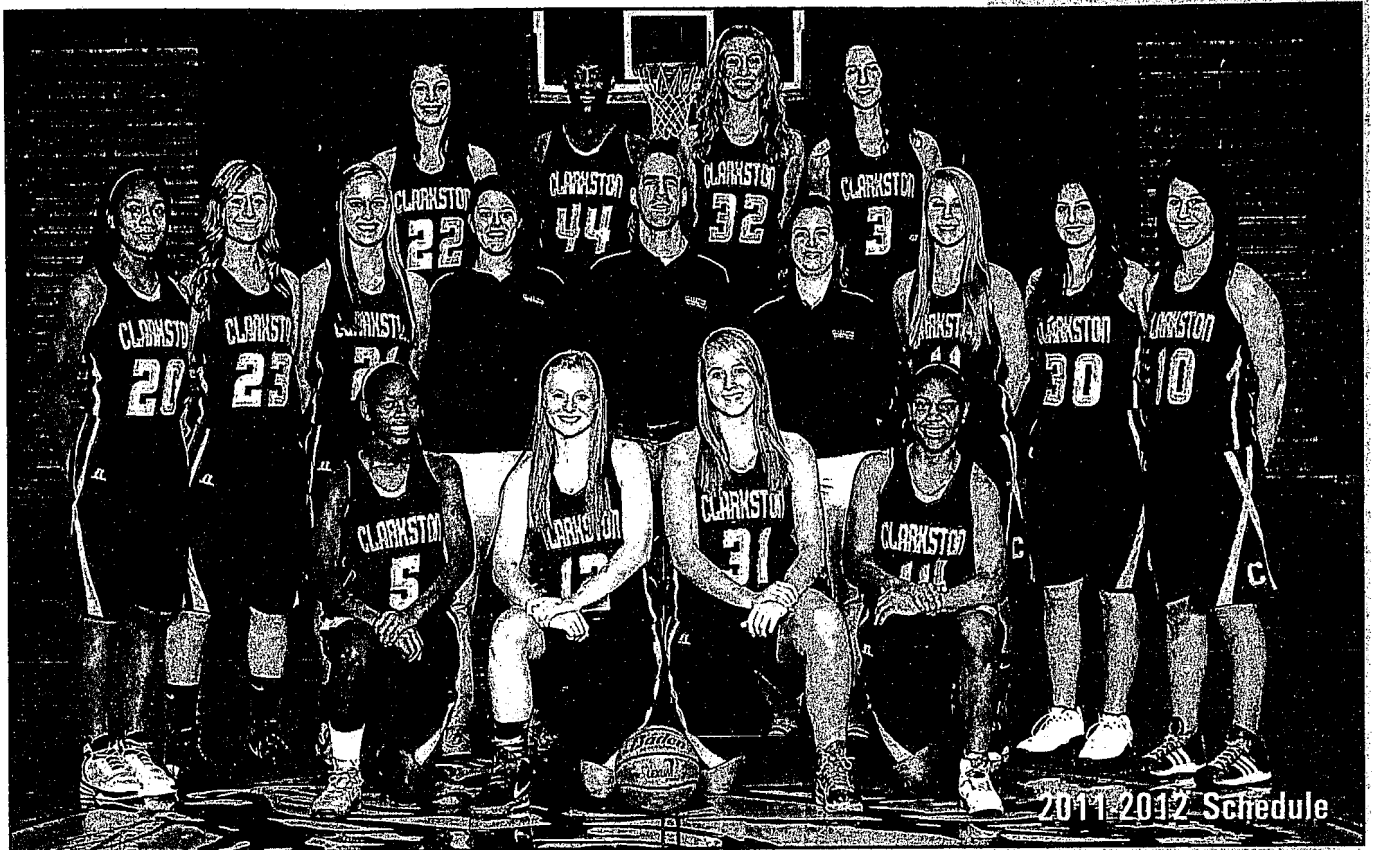
"It makes a big difference and hopefully it will result with a lot of good things happening on the floor."

The players built onto their experience and skills by playing in a fall league in Rochester and on a summer league in Rochester while also attending two camps.

The Lady Wolves have five new players for this season - juniors Haley Durrant, Jordyn Hutchinson; sophomores, Haley Daugherty, Carly Giroux and freshman Erika Davenport.

"They are eager to win," said Manilla. "They fit in really well."

"They are really smart players," Wasilk added. "They are talented kids. It will be a challenge to them, too. They have a lot of



2011-2012 Schedule

kids ahead of them. They will have to fight and work hard for minutes. It is a competitive atmosphere."

Adding the competitive atmosphere is battling for the OAA Red title after finishing in second place last year.

"There are kids throughout the league that have already signed for college hoops," said Wasilk. "There are some returners that are going to be good. We will have to work."

"It is going to be tough," Manilla agreed. "We are focusing more on our game than others."

While many teams are focused on making it to the Breslin Center in East Lansing for the state finals, the Lady Wolves are taking it day by day in practice and at every game.

"If we bring focus every day to practice and not just the game, the rest will take care of itself," said Wasilk. "We need to take care of the little things, then good things will happen."

He added he has told the team nothing will happen by using shortcuts and they will have to work hard and keep reaching for what they want.

But most of all they will bring experience and fun to the court, making it the season to watch for Clarkston Girls Basketball.

"We have some kids that are pretty exciting on the offensive end of the floor," Wasilk added. "We hope to speed up the game a little bit with our defensive pressure and pass great. Our kids have gotten stronger. They have hit the weight room."

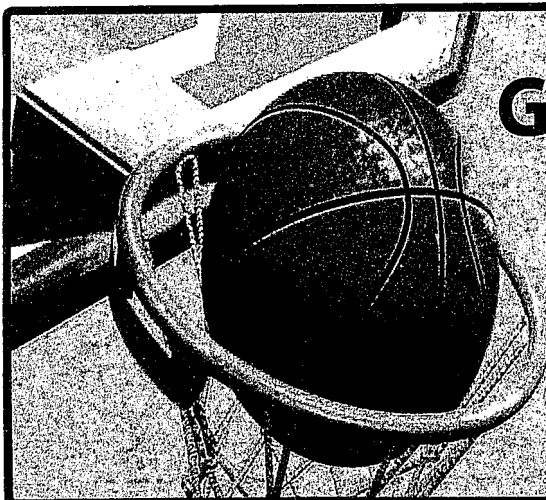
The girls were anxious to start the season against Davison and Lake Orion - the season opener and home opener.

They are on the road and home again on Dec. 16 when they host Southfield-Lathrup before going on winter break.

"I am expecting good things," said Manilla. "We will be a good defensive team. Plus, we work hard. We have played together for a long time so we know each other's style."

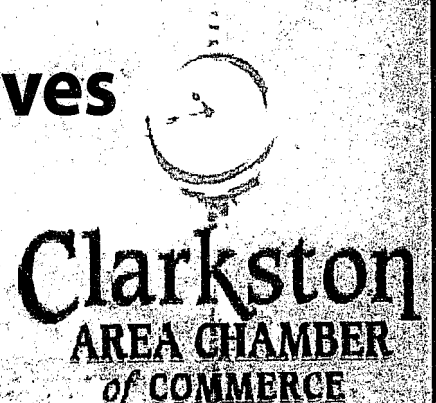
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Dec. 8, Thurs, 7 p.m., Adams  
 Dec. 13, Tues, 7 p.m., Pontiac  
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 Jan. 5, Thurs, 7 p.m., Avondale  
 Jan. 10, Tues, 7 p.m., vs. West Bloomfield  
 Jan. 13, Fri, 7 p.m., Stoney Creek  
 Jan. 16, Mon, 7 p.m., vs. Troy  
 Jan. 19, Thurs, 7 p.m., vs. North Farmington  
 Jan. 27, Fri, 7 p.m., vs. Pontiac  
 Jan. 31, Tues, 7 p.m., vs. Rochester  
 Feb. 2, Thurs, 7 p.m., Southfield-Lathrup  
 Feb. 7, Tues, 7 p.m., vs. Avondale  
 Feb. 10, Fri, 7 p.m., West Bloomfield  
 Feb. 16, Thurs, 7 p.m., vs. Stoney Creek  
 Feb. 21, Tues, 7 p.m., North Farmington  
 Feb. 24, Fri, 7 p.m., Troy  
 Feb. 27, 29, March 2, TBA,  
 MHSAA Districts at Holly  
 March 6, 8, TBA, MHSAA Regionals  
 March 13, Tuesday, TBA, MHSAA  
 March 15-16, TBA  
 March 17, Saturday, TBA



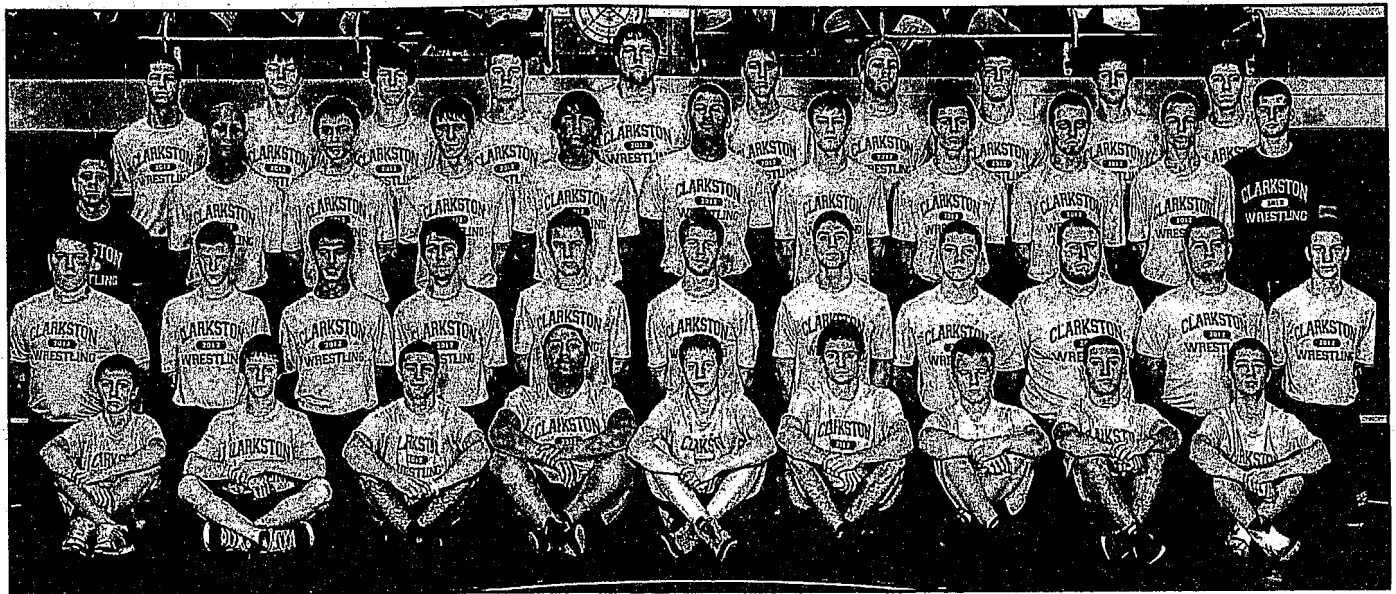
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### 2011-2012 Schedule

- Dec. 7, Wed 5 p.m., at Goodrich High School
- Dec. 10, Sat, 9 a.m., at Rocket Duals at John Glenn
- Dec. 14, Wed 5:30 p.m., at Kettering HS (Waterford)
- Dec. 16, Fri 4p.m., at Oakland County Tournament
- Dec. 17, Sat 10 a.m., at Oakland Co. Meet
- Dec. 30, Fri 9:30 a.m., at Goodrich Tournament
- Jan. 7, Sat 9:30 a.m., at Manning Vieau Inv. at Brighton
- Jan. 11, Wed, 5:30 p.m., at Double Dual at Avondale w/ LO
- Jan. 14, Sat 10 a.m., at Catholic Central Super Duals
- Jan. 18, Wed 5:30 p.m., at Double Dual at Adams w/ N Farmington
- Jan. 25, Wed 5:30 p.m., vs. Double Dual w/ Rochester, Oxford
- Jan. 28, Sat 9 a.m., at Macomb Oakland Duals at Kettering
- Feb. 1, Wed 5:30 p.m., vs. Dual w/ Lapeer West & Davison
- Feb. 4, Saturday, OAA League at Adams
- Feb. 8, Wed, MHSAA Team Dist 8 & 9
- Feb. 9, Thurs, MHSAA Team Dist 8 & 9
- Feb. 11, Sat, MHSAA Individual District
- Feb. 15, Wed, MHSAA Team Regional
- Feb. 18, Sat, MHSAA Ind Regional
- Feb. 24, Fri, MHSAA Team Final
- Feb. 25, Sat, MHSAA Team Final
- March 1, MHSAA Individual Final 1-3
- March 2, Fri, MHSAA Individual Final 1-3
- March 3, Sat, MHSAA Individual Final 1-3



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Wrestling team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

## Wolves take to the mats for season

Grapplers are getting into position for another great season this year with a mix of returners, new faces and a new head coach.

"We are going to have an exciting year," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Head Coach Derek Moscovic. "The boys are working hard. Their pre-season conditioning was good. They are eager to work hard and compete."

The Wolves have three state qualifiers back from last season - Ethan Frick, Scott Devos and Nick Vandermeer. Devos and Vandermeer finished their season as All-State at the final tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Moscovic said it boosts the other wrestlers to obtain their goals with the team and individually.

"It is always good to have that leadership and experience in the room," Moscovic added. "When your picture is on the wall and you are still in the room - it says something. You are not that ghost yet. You are in the room working hard. They look at them. They look at the way they work and mimic it in order to have the same success."

The team added 20 new wrestlers, all

young and enthusiastic for the season.

"We have some good wrestlers coming into the room ready to challenge in competition," said Moscovic. "They raise the level of competition. Their experience is a little higher than it has been in the past."

The Wolves opened that season at Goodrich High School on Dec. 7 before going to the Rocket Duals on Dec. 10.

"We have some great tournaments and dual meets

They head to the Oakland County Tournament, Dec. 16-17, which Moscovic said will have tough teams like every year.

The boys are looking forward to the Detroit Catholic Central Double Duals in early January to take on some of the best teams in the state.

They host Rochester and Oxford, the state champions from last year at the end of January.

"It will be exciting," said Moscovic, adding the Wolves can see how they match up against the Wildcats especially when the goals for the season is to win a team state title and have more grapplers achieve All-

State at the individual finals.

"Some say it is unrealistic in both," Moscovic said. "But someone has to do it every year. Someone has to win individual and team titles. Why can't it be Clarkston?"

Moscovic was an assistant coach for the Wolves for eight years beginning in 2002. Upon returning to the program and to his new position, he plans to carry on the Clarkston tradition.

"The tradition is to be one of the top teams in the state every year," he said, adding he will help lead them in the right direction. "When an athlete wins - it's the athlete. When the athlete loses - it's the the coach's responsibility. I believe that. I know it's not always fair for coaches but I believe it's the truth."

Moscovic also said it will be a fun season to watch because Clarkston always competes in everything.

"It will be fun to watch," he added.

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# Strike down the lanes

Rolling into the winter season are the Clarkston High School bowling teams.

The girls varsity team have three returning and four eager to contribute to another successful season, after finishing as league champs last year. "The one thing they all have in common is their team spirit," said coach Elanor Hallman. "They are the most spirited team in the league. There is never a dull moment with them on the lanes. They know how to have fun and how to step up under pressure and they work well together as a team."

The boys varsity team lost one senior last year, Nick Cooper. "He was an incredible talent," said Lenny Kersten, new coach for the Clarkston Bowling program. "We have four seniors that I know can step up. We can expect good things from all seven on varsity. We have a lot of talent and are solid"

Kersten and Al Pittman lead the

boys JV and varsity team, and are knowledgeable about the game and how to respect it. "I want to teach the kids how to have respect for the game, how to have respect for teammates and have a lot of fun," said Kersten.

The season began on Dec. 5 at the OAA Singles Tournament at Collier Lanes in Oxford.

It gave the players a look at their competition for the season as well as how their skills compare to others.

Hallman and Kersten said they want the players to work as a team. "Bowling can be a very mental game and they need to support each other to make it a successful season," Hallman added.

"I want everyone to contribute," Kersten said. "There will be lots of practice and they will work hard but we will have a fun time."

He added the JV team looks solid, too, and will feed the program for the next few years. "I want to put Clarkston on the map for bowling," he continued.



Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team is Brian Billups, Chris Gemborys, Tyler Hancsak, Kyle Kirby, Cyree Merritt, Eric Wagner and Maximilian Wolfgang. Photo by Trevor Keiser



Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team is Danielle Hopkins, Sophie Hubble, Stephanie Lavelly, Erika Nowak, Gina Setter, Hopkins, Chelsea Turk and Megan Worden. Photo by Trevor Keiser

## 2011-2012 Schedule

### Boys Team

Dec. 5, Mon, 3:30 p.m., at OAA Singles Championship  
 Dec. 10, Sat, 9 a.m. at Farmington Early Bird  
 Jan. 22, Sun, TBA, at County Meet at Thunderbird  
 Feb. 24, Fri, TBA, MHSAA Regional  
 Feb. 25, Sat, TBA, t MHSAA Regional  
 March 2, Fri, TBA, at MHSAA Final  
 March 3, Sat, TBA, at MHSAA Final

### Girls Team

Dec. 5, Mon, 3:30 p.m., at OAA Singles Championship  
 Dec. 10, Sat 9 a.m., at Farmington Early Bird  
 Jan. 21, Sat, TBA, County Meet @ Fairlanes  
 Feb. 24, Fri, TBA, MHSAA Regional  
 Feb. 25, Sat, TBA, MHSAA Regional  
 March 2, Fri TBA, MHSAA Final  
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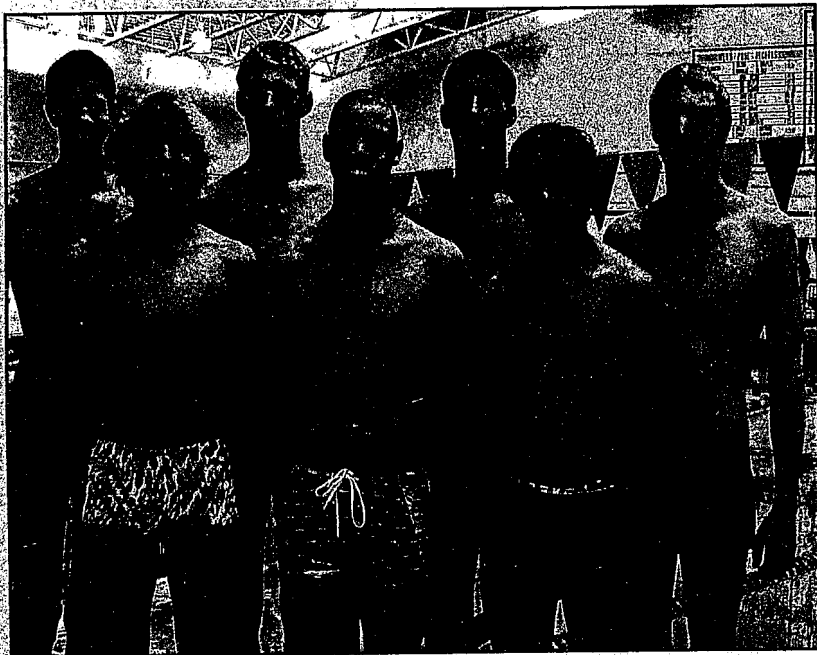
# Good Luck Bowlers!

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The team includes seniors Patrick Bemis, Michael Culver, captain Kyle Inch, Steven Nelson, captain Zachary Rabideau, Nathan Ross, and Isaac Young; juniors Lee Green, diver, Landon Halloway, Paul Jordan, Eric Misteravich, Joseph Otenbaker, and David Rash; sophomores Ryan Geisler, Allen Gray, David Keer, Brian Lorimer, diver, Mitchell McLouth, Mitch Tozer, and Joey Zendejas, diver; and freshmen Michael Flory, Casey Johnson, Christian Keer, Patrick McGinty, James McTighe, Dalton Pokley, and Jake Topham.



Seniors Patrick Bemis, Michael Culver, captain Kyle Inch, Steven Nelson, captain Zachary Rabideau, Nathan Ross, and Isaac Young hope to lead the team to victory.

## Sea Wolves set to swim, win

The Clarkston Sea Wolves hit the water in competition this week, for the first time this season.

Coach Kenwyn Chock has high hopes for the 27-man team.

"They look great," Chock said. "With 27 boys, that's the largest team we've had in several years. It's a big team with a lot of depth."

Several swimmers have competed at the state level, including seniors Steven Nelson, Zachary Rabideau, and Kyle Inch.

"We'll be competitive - that's what counts," Chock said. "We'll spend the next couple months getting into shape."

Seven freshmen are on board, putting the team in good shape for the future, she said.

"They'll get used to swimming at the high school level, how to juggle academics with swimming," she said.

### 2011-2012 Schedule

- Dec. 8, Thurs, 6:30 p.m., at Lahser
- Dec. 13, Tues, 6:30 p.m., at Royal Oak
- Dec. 15, Thurs, 6:30 p.m., at Groves
- Jan. 5, Thurs, 6 p.m., vs. Troy
- Jan. 12, Thurs, 6:30 p.m., at Seaholm
- Jan. 19, Thurs TBA, at North Farmington
- Jan. 26, Thurs, 6 p.m., vs. Berkley
- Feb. 3, Fri, TBA, at Oakland County Diving Finals
- Feb. 4, Sat, TBA, at Oakland Co Meet
- Feb. 9, Thurs, 6 p.m., vs. Lake Orion
- Feb. 22, Wed, TBA, at OAA Prelims at Lake Orion
- Feb. 23, Thurs, TBA, at OAA Division Diving at Lake Orion
- Feb. 24, Fri, TBA, at OAA Championship at Lake Orion
- March 6, Tues, TBA, at MHSAA Dive Regional
- March 9, Fri, TBA, at MHSAA Prelims
- March 10, Sat, TBA, at MHSAA Finals



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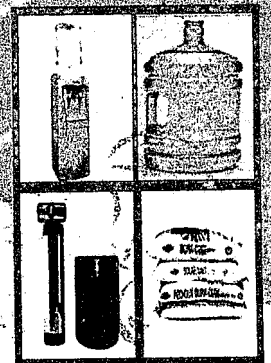
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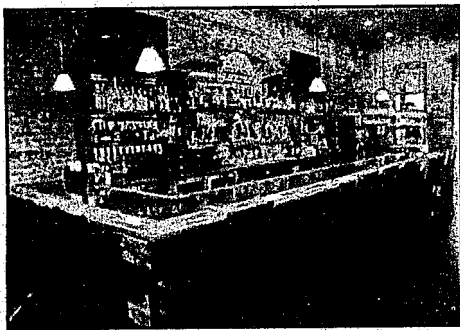
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The Clarkston Competitive Cheer team. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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## 2011-2012 Schedule

- Feb. 4, Sat, 2 p.m. at OAA Tournament at Oxford
- Feb. 17, Fri, TBA, MHSAA District 17, 18
- Feb. 18, Sat, MHSAA District 17, 18
- Feb. 25, Sat, MHSAA Regional
- March 2, Fri, MHSAA Final 2-3
- March 3, Sat, MHSAA Final 2-3

Clarkston's favorite spirited team is heading into their winter Competitive Cheer season.

"The season looks really good," said Chandra Price, head coach. "This group of girls has a lot of heart and wants to be here. Attitude speaks volumes so I think they will do well just because they want it."

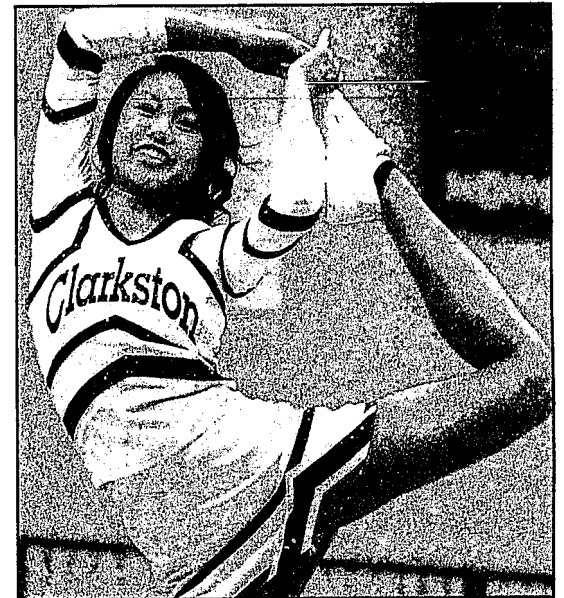
The team lost six seniors last year and is comprised of Lexi Anastasi, Kathryn Buckbee, Cameron Carey, Gabby Carusello, Rachel Christensen, Katie Clements, Jennifer Godlew, Danielle Goodloe, Kayleigh Goodrich, Kaitlyn Milano, Tyler Pearce, Lauren Perry, Rachel Rooks, Alexis Rouse, Jenna Saplala and Megan Sullivan.

"My returners are strong," said Price. "They know what to expect and can help guide. They all accept each other as a teammate. They are really getting along in the first couple of weeks."

The OAA White competition still is good but the Lady Wolves are ready for the fight to place first.

"North Farmington and West Bloomfield are always contenders," added Price. "Of course in our whole division and region it is always going to be Rochester and Stoney Creek. We live in the area highly concentrated with the top teams."

"We are not settling," she said.



Jenny Sapala during last year's season.

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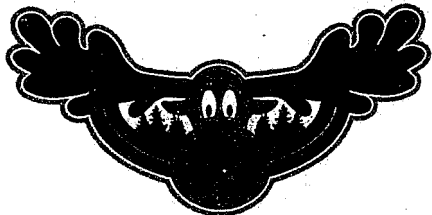


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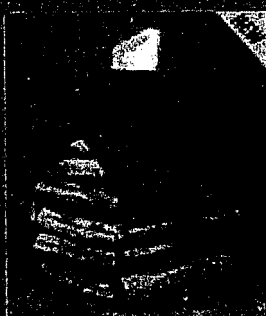
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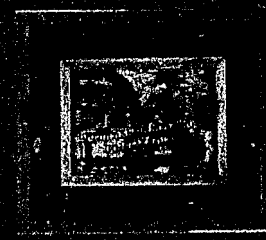
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