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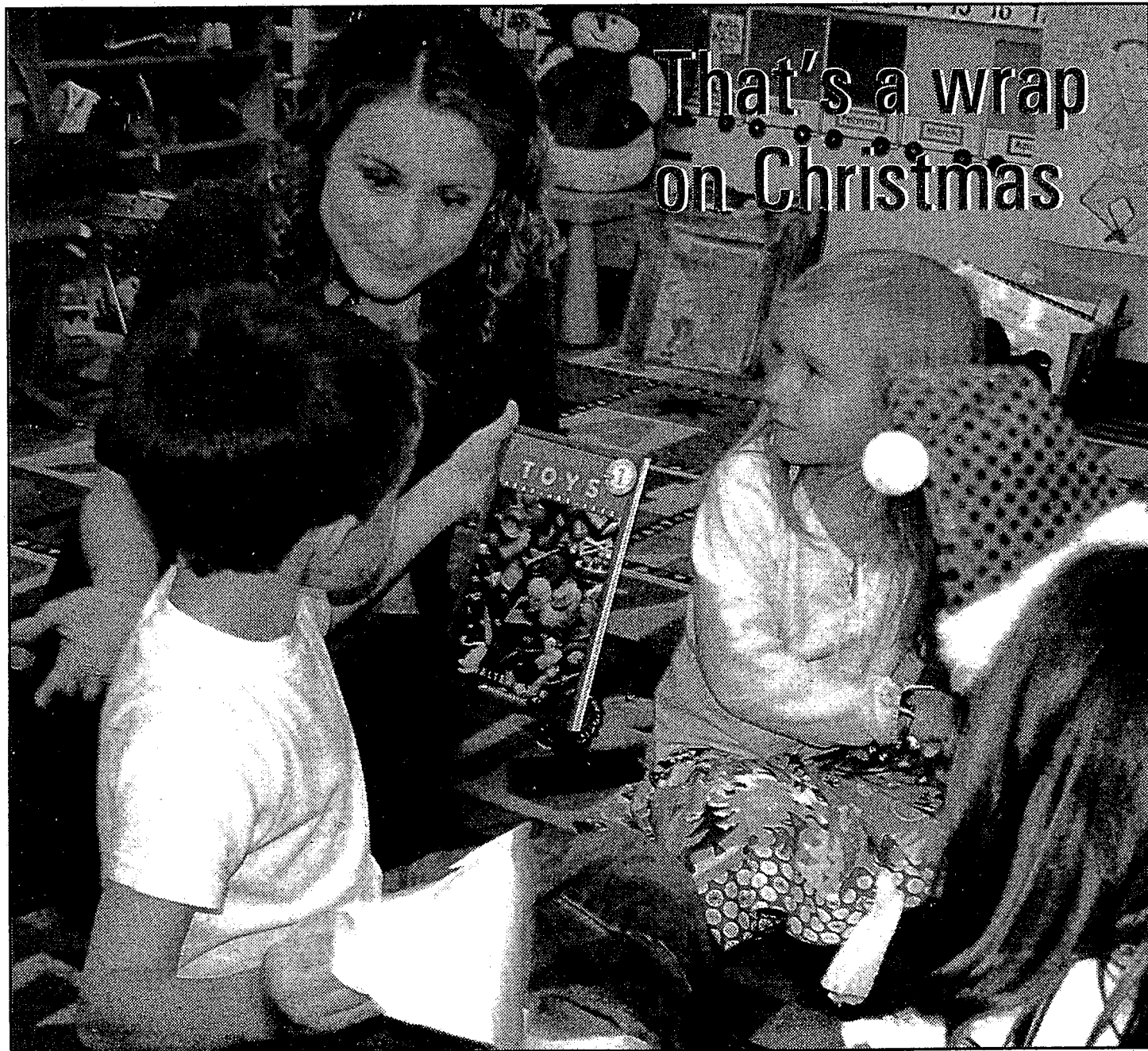
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**Welcome 2012**

Hope everyone has a  
**Happy New Year!**

Year in Review, 2011, starts page 4A



That's a wrap  
on Christmas

**Brady Melcher, with his mother Danielle Melcher and classmate Annie Alexander, unwraps a new book during his class Holiday Party, Dec. 21, at Independence Elementary School. Please see page 16B for more pictures from the parties. Photo by Phil Custodio**

## Township triumphs in court

### \$5,000 win in lawsuit against Triumph Telecom Systems

**BY TREVOR KEISER**

*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Independence Township emerged victorious in a legal fight with Triumph Telecom Systems, Inc.

Trustee David Lohmeier was very happy and said, "it's a good message."

"It tells the staff we need to do things the right way, but it also tells people who want to do business with us we're more than open, but you need to follow the rules," Lohmeier said. "There is no place for backdoor 'I know somebody so I got the deal signed and you can't do anything about it' type of mentality."

Supervisor Dave Wagner hired Triumph Telecom Systems, a telephone system consulting service, without board approval during his first term as supervisor.

In October 2009, Trustee Neil Wallace noticed a payment in the July check run for "CMC Telecom Inc." for \$2,597.27 and checked into it.

The board decided to stop the payments. In response, Triumph filed a lawsuit in Oakland County Circuit Court against the township and supervisor for \$97,000.

The township argued the contract was not valid because the board did not approve it and filed a counter suit, according to township attorney Steve Joppich.

The court dismissed Triumph's lawsuit, Dec. 5, according to court records. A panel appointed by the court ruled in favor of the township, agreeing the con

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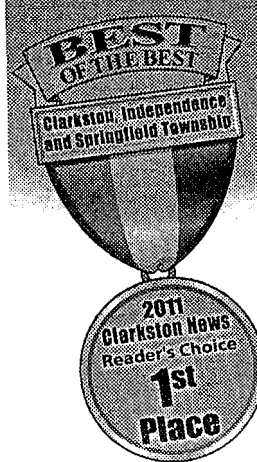
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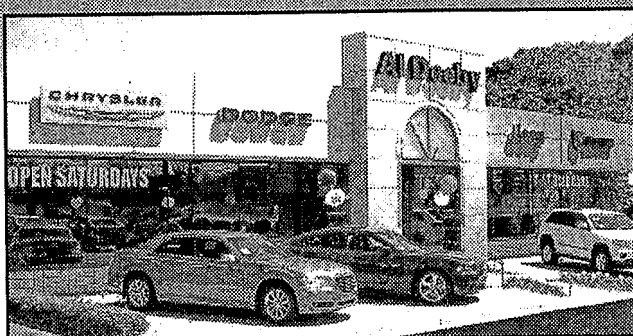




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Junior Jesse Chadwell leads the Jungle in the rollercoaster during the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball game against Troy-Athens, Dec. 22.

## Elf in the halls

When his older sister suggested he dress up like an elf, Clarkston High School student Jesse Chadwell thought it over.

He told her if she found an outfit, he would wear it. She did and on Dec. 21 during the last day of classes before break, 6'5" tall Chadwell walked through the halls as Buddy the Elf from the movie "Elf."

The response was smiles from students and high school staff.

"I thought it would be fun," he smiled. "My friends and classmates think it's fun."

He donned the outfit one more time as he sat amongst his friends in the "Jungle" during the Wolves win over Troy-Athens last Thursday.

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Jesse Chadwell dressed as "Buddy the Elf" even though he is more than 6 feet tall.



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## Briefly

### Tree recycling

Christmas tree recycling is available at Independence Oaks and Springfield Oaks county parks.

Self-serve recycling is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through Jan. 30 at Independence Oaks, 9501 Sashabaw Road. At Springfield Oaks, 12451 Andersonville Road, recycling is 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through Jan. 16.

There is no charge to drop off trees. All decorations, plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. Large quantities from commercial lots will not be accepted. The parks system processes trees to make compost and wood chips, which will be available free to the public.

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### Buddy Basketball

Independence Township Parks and Recreation offers Buddy Basketball, a non-competitive recreational league for boys and girls with special needs.

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### Heart screenings

Beaumont Hospital and Clarkston Community Schools offers free heart screenings for students, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 21, at Clarkston High School.

The Healthy Heart Check, Student Heart Screening Program is for students involved in vigorous activities and organized sports. The program includes health questionnaire, blood pressure check, electrocardiogram, evaluation by a physician, and possibly an echocardiogram.

It screens for signs of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the leading cause of sudden cardiac death in young athletes.

Paperwork must be completed and returned on the day of the screening. Forms can be found at [www.clarkstonk12.mi.us](http://www.clarkstonk12.mi.us).

Registration for the screening is required. To register, call 800-633-7377 or visit [www.heart.beaumont.edu](http://www.heart.beaumont.edu).

CNews office closed Monday.

Classifieds deadline is Friday

# Local leaders called for reforms in early 2011

This was a year of adjustment for the Clarkston area. With declining tax revenue, local governments scaled back community activities such as parades and festivals. But volunteer groups and individuals stepped up to take over, ensuring traditional activities on the Fourth of July and other holidays didn't fade away.

## January 5

**Trees for Sashabaw:** Independence Township board approved \$153,650 for Sashabaw landscaping between Waldon and Maybee roads. The authority expected to collect \$532,500 through 2011 in Tax Increment Financing funds.

**Marking the New Year:** Clarkston High School Marching Band members celebrated the New Year on Greenwich Mean Time, in London, England counting down to midnight five hours before family and friends in Clarkston. The band joined 10,000 performers representing 20 countries worldwide for the 2011 New Year's Day Parade in London.

**Tanks for (mostly) nothing:** Springfield Township firefighters bought 20 new air-tank systems with mask and extra tank with a \$114,000 grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The township's share was 5 percent, \$5,700.

## January 12



**Kirk Gibson stopped by Clarkston State Bank on Main Street with his mom to help the high school band.**

**Hope for parks and rec:** Independence Township new Parks and Recreation Director Ken Elwert was looking at new ways to save Fourth of July and other special events including Deer Lake Beach.

**Party like it's 1969:** Clarkston Retailers Group took locals back in time with the "Retro Cocktail Party" when businesses meant cocktails, ladies in flowery dresses, fedoras

and three-piece suits for the men. The event was free and all the donations went to support Lighthouse North.

**State steps in on hall plan:** Michigan Department of Treasury sent a letter to Independence Township regarding its decision to borrow \$2.7 million from water and sewer funds for the new town hall. The loan put funds in a deficit which is against state law calling for balance budgets. The township was given 90 days to file a "deficit elimination plan."

## January 19

**Gibson back in town helping kids:** Current Arizona Diamondbacks manager and Tigers legend Kirk Gibson visit Clarkston State Bank to meet with school and bank officials to setup a scholarship program for Clarkston and Waterford students. Gibson also auctioned off some of his LA Dodgers memorabilia from the 1988 World Series.

**2011 ideas for reform:** In 2011 budget remained a top priority for local government leaders, but reform was also up there. Independence Township Supervisor Dave Wagner hoped the board could look at differences and "use them more effectively and constructively." Clarkston City Councilwoman Peg Roth hoped city committees, boards and commissions would be more accountable to each other and the

city, and more fair and respectful to residents. Clarkston Community School officials wanted to continue improving transparency between the district and public, and hope for state funding reforms by the new governor (Rick Snyder) and legislators. Springfield Township was determined to provide the best services despite declining revenues.

**Clarkston grad pays off a 23-year old debt:** in 1988 Clarkston High School graduating senior Scott Poche was accused of drawing in a textbook and told to pay for it. He denied it and the matter was dropped due to lack of evidence. Forty years later Poche sent a letter and a check for \$100 to Clarkston High School to provide for the restitution of the book. Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul called to thank Poche for "being a good person and doing what is right."

## January 26

**Township hall funding revisited:** Independence Township would have filed an application with the state to issue bonds, residents would have had 45 days to file a petition to put the issue to a vote.

**Discussion delayed on budget cuts:** In 2010 school board members were stunned by a \$13 million deficit. In 2011 School board

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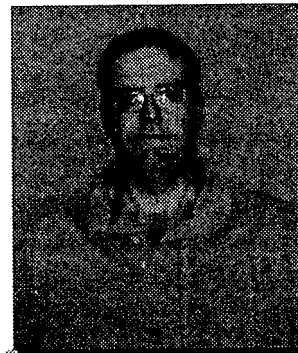
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# Last winter, groups rallied to save Fourth

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president Steve Hyer canceled the meeting stating their were no budget recommendations at the time. Board members disagreed. Hyer also stated the cancellation was because Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock was absent.

**45 clerk resumes surprise board:** After former Independence Township Clerk Shelagh VanderVeen's announcement of resignation, the township received resumes for 45 candidates. A selection committee was formed to narrow down candidates.

**February 2**

**Fairy tale finish:** The classic tale of a lost glass slipper, a scullery maid and a prince was brought to life by the Clarkston High school Drama Club in their rendition of Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella.

**3 choices for township clerk:** The township clerk selection committee met twice to narrow 45 candidates for Independence Township clerk to three. Candidates were Joan McCrary, Joan Patterson, and Barb Pallotta. McCrary served as Independence Township clerk from 1989-2004 as well as Zoning Board of Appeals for four years. Patterson currently serves on the Clarkston School Board and Pallotta worked as a deputy clerk for the City of Troy.

**February 9**

**Lasting Love:** Mike and Renee Garavaglia of Independence Township celebrated their 25 anniversary and reflected upon the importance of family.

**Township time check:** Independence Township Trustee Mark Petterson called for more supervision over Human Resource Director Carol Gabris after he received complaints from township employees that Gabris was not putting in a 40 hour work week, even though her time sheet said so.

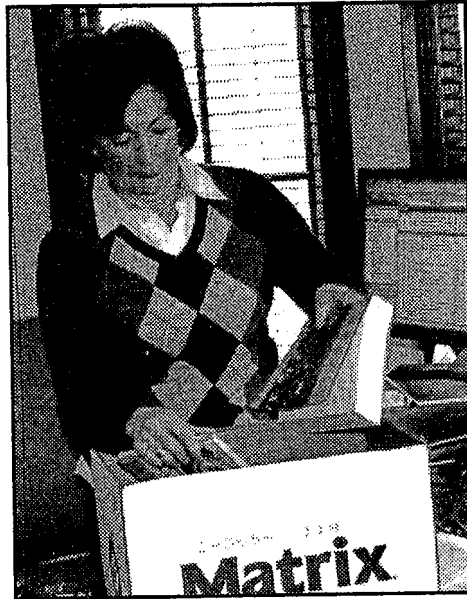
**City short on payment for township services:** City of the Village of Clarkston was behind \$72,149.56 for fire, police, and library services for the third and fourth quarter in 2010 and \$3,886.76 outstanding from the third quarter. City Manager Dennis Ritter agreed they owed the township money, but argued they only owed \$47,855,860.

**February 16**

**Opposing viewpoints under one roof:** A Sashabaw Road clinic got a new neighbor in the downstairs of their building- the pro-life Birth Choice Pregnancy Resource Center.

**Fourth reboot:** Clarkston Community Church stepped up to help save Independence Township's Fourth of July festival. The church put forth a community challenge to raise \$10,000, and the church would match every dollar raised. The event costs about \$60,000. From \$40,000-\$45,000 is raised through sponsorships, onsite parking, activity passes, and vendor fees, leaving about \$15,000.

**Building services are back:** After more than three years absence, building



**Shelagh VanderVeen resigned as Independence Township clerk, resulting in a selection-committee search for a replacement.**

department services were set to return to Springfield Township. The township board voted 7-0 to relocate building services to township hall.

**February 23**

**\$6.3 M coming in school cuts:** Clarkston Community School's Board of Education directed administration to cut \$6.3 million from 2012 and 2013 fiscal years to balance the budget. For 2011-2012 fiscal year they aimed at cutting \$3.5-\$4 million from human resources, staff or programs, elementary specials, secondary clerical, International Baccalaureate spending, transportation, instructional aides, and miscellaneous.

**Art of the deal:** The third time wasn't a charm in the search for a new Independence Township clerk. Clerk Candidate Joan Patterson revealed to the public and the board that she was approached by Treasurer Curt Carson and fellow Clerk Candidate Joan McCrary to consider removing her name from consideration. Instead, Patterson would get the job of a deputy clerk and McCrary would be appointed clerk. Patterson did not accept the deal.

**Funds repaid:** Sashabaw Middle School Parent Teacher Association officers found discrepancies in their financial records in 2008, volunteers spent more than a thousand hours unraveling an elaborate, multi-year embezzlement scheme. Diane Weller, former Clarkston PTA treasurer pled guilty in September 2009 to embezzling about \$27,000 from SMS and Pin Knob Elementary PTA groups.

**March 2**

**Parent urge caution in teacher-cut plan:** Clarkston teachers bore the brunt of budget cuts, with \$4.9 million out of \$6.3 million in the classroom. The plan did not take into consideration Gov. Rick Snyder's budget

plan to cut \$470 per student. With 8,085 students, the plan would mean another \$3.8 million cut for Clarkston.

**Optimistic outlook on Deer Lake:** Not only did the community step forward to help save July 4 fireworks and event, but also to keep lifeguards and swim lessons at Deer Lake Beach. Clarkston Area Optimist club offered up to \$20,000 if the township could match it.

**Community steps up to Fourth challenge:** Just a few weeks after Clarkston Community Church put other their community challenge to raise \$10,000 to save July Fourth events and fireworks, the community stepped up to the challenge. Clarkston Medical Group donated \$1,000 and Graphic Wizard joined the challenge by printing "Save Independence Township Fireworks" T-shirts.

**March 9**

**Star Blazer:** Country music Singer Justine Blazer headed to the Live Music Capital of the World, and her fans helped send her there. Blazer along with her entire band performed at Rodeo Austin for a crowd of about 25,000 people. Top prize was \$5,000 and a chance to represent Dodge Ram in advertising and promotions. Runner-up won \$2,500. She was nominated for 15 Detroit awards and won the Detroit Blues Challenge in 2007.

**Tax rolls still falling:** Even though tax revenues were still sliding to the negative, Independence Township Assessor Beverly Shaver believed "the big slide is over." Shaver projected \$1,294,424,000 taxable value for 2012, down about four percent from the 2011 estimate of \$1,349,901,940, made before the tax Board of Review.

**March 16**

**Commissioner's 'tone' strikes resident as elitist:** Historic District Commissioner Kay Robertson stood behind the commission's decision in 2010 to oppose renovation efforts to 164 N. Main by owners Jim and Debbie Cousens.

**March 23**

**Benefits cuts OK'd:** It's was the end of the line for longevity raises for Independence Township's non-union employees. The board also voted to eliminate car allowances for department heads and elected officials, in exchange for mileage reimbursement.

**March 30**

**Changing the world...:** Erica Cale made about \$400 in 2007 in her first fund raiser for Helping Hearts Helping Hands. In the 2011 Pearl Ball dinner dance fund raiser she made about \$30,000. Erica spends nine months of the year in Honduras, distributing food, water, clothing, and other items to villages, and setting up an orphanage.

**Volunteer for services:** After looking at Clarkston's budget "big picture,"

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### A year in sports

Another year gone - but what a year! For this week's edition and next week's edition *The Clarkston News* is taking one last look at 2011 and giving you the highlights of the past year.

And what a year it was for Clarkston athletics. The Lady Wolves on the girls varsity tennis team ended the season as MHSAA Division 1 State Champions - a goal every team dreams of at the beginning of the season and only one can achieve and claim.

We haven't forgotten about the boys and girls varsity basketball teams fight in the regionals after claiming their district titles or the Clarkston boys varsity ski team taking runner-up in their state finals.

All the highlights are on pages 12A and 14A.

It looks to be another great year - both the Cagers and Lady Cagers are undefeated. The ski season begins in January and as long as Mother Nature keeps the weather cold and helps Pine Knob with fresh powder it should be another great season.

As everyone makes their 2012 resolutions and goals for the new year - here is a goal you can help Clarkston athletes with. Besides packing the bleachers and showing your support, you can nominate them for Athlete of the Week. It is a weekly special nod we give to an athlete or team.

How can one become an Athlete of the Week? I am so happy you asked because I enjoy sharing. Athletes are not only nominated by coaches but by parents, guardians, relatives and friends.

If you know an athlete who has not received the honor and deserves it - contact us. You can email at [clarkstonnews@gmail.com](mailto:clarkstonnews@gmail.com), call us at 248-625-3370, send a letter or stop by our office at 5 S. Main Street in downtown Clarkston. All we ask is for a reason why you are nominating them and how we can contact them - we will take care of the rest.

Good luck on all of your goals and resolutions for 2012 and keep us updated on how you are doing.

As for me I am off to make a game plan on how to achieve my goals for 2012 and decide what my first download for the Kindle will be. Any suggestions?



## Reader has no doubt in Iraq win

Dear Editor,

I always enjoy reading your articles. However, something you wrote in "Christmas thoughts" on Dec. 21 bothers me.

You wrote "the troops get out of Iraq for Christmas this year. Whether they won or not can be discussed later..." What! Whether they won or not?

Our military are winners not losers in Iraq, sir. They helped free over 60,000,000 Iraq citizens who now have free elections. They

kicked Al Qaeda's butts, the Taliban fled, Hussein is out, Iraq is now a democracy. And you question if they won?

As a veteran, and I am certain all veterans and current warriors, I am offended by you making that comment. Our warriors sacrificed to win over there, and win they did.

Mr. Custodio, shame on you for questioning the result.

Bill Hampton  
Clarkston

## Clarkston Rotary thanks community

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to sincerely thank all of those who so generously donated during the club's recent 61st annual "Goodfellow" newspaper sales. The generosity of the donors was encouragement for those collecting in the cold winter winds. Their contributions continue to provide support for the "Goodfellow" efforts and the Clarkston Rotary's 'Shoes for Kids' program.

One hundred percent of all donations collected were used to purchase new shoes and boots, hats, mittens and gloves for community children. On December 10th, the Clarkston Rotary hosted 406 Clarkston Community School children at the Oakland Woods Baptist Church.

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to express its gratitude and appreciation by acknowledging the following for the success of this year's program:

A special thank you to *The Clarkston News*, Jim Sherman, and Don Rush and staff for preparation and publication of the Clarkston Rotary's "Goodfellow" edition. *The Clarkston News* has provided and supported the special newspaper for more than 20 years.

To Oakland Woods Baptist Church, Pastor Bob Galey and its church members for hosting the annual 'Shoes for Kids' distribution and extra volunteers needed for the projects.

Mr. Alan's Shoes of Redford, Jason Riegle, Operations Manager, for making arrangements for many of the shoes and boots available for the distribution.

To the Clarkston Area Lions Club and the Clarkston Community Women's Club for their continued support in raising additional funds.

## Thanks for assist with candle service

Dear Editor,

Approximately 175 people attended the Fourth Annual Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Service sponsored by the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. The event took place at Clarkston Community Church on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011.

Grief psychologist Dr. John Canine gave a brief informational lecture on coping through the Holidays. The service also in-

cluded music by soloist Matthew Duncan and his accompanist Rick Haines.

The funeral home wishes to thank Clarkston Community Church for their assistance in making this event a success.

Information for upcoming grief and bereavement events can be found at [www.winfuneralhome.com](http://www.winfuneralhome.com).

The Staff of Wint Funeral Home  
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Write a letter to the editor at [ClarkstonNews@gmail.com](mailto:ClarkstonNews@gmail.com)

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1996

"Brothers arraigned on cocaine distribution charges" Two Clarkston brothers were arraigned in 52-2 District Court Dec. 23 on drug charges. Jesse Covarrubias and Matthew Covarrubia were charged with possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance less than 50 grams.

"Get used to it: 248 is the new area code" Just when people had finally gotten used to who had an 810 area code and who was still 313, Ameritech changed most of Oakland County to 248.

"Tie-dye: not just for hippies anymore" The Discover Team at Clarkston Middle School spent the day before holiday break working on its identity. The 110 seventh-graders that make up the team made tie-dye T-shirts.

### 25 years ago - 1986

"Long-time planners to be ousted" Independence Township Supervisor Frank Ronk did not recommend the reappointment of Chairperson Neil Wallace and Vice Chairperson Holly Stephens to the planning commission. Ronk felt a need "the commission needed new blood."

"Post office adds early bird hours" The Clarkston post office opened at 7 a.m. weekdays, which was one hour earlier than before. The change was a result of success with earlier hours for the Christmas season, which resulted in a 47 percent increase in business.

"Clarkston coed wins state 'Make It With Wool' contest" Sarah Scott a student at Central University won a statewide competition for clothing made out of wool. She competed in the national competition in Nevada.

### 50 years ago - 1961

"Jennie Tourel to perform" Canadian-born mezzo-soprano Jennie Tourel presented a concert at Pontiac Northern High School. Educated in Russia, Switzerland and France, Miss Tourel made her stage debut in Paris in 1933 and in 1943 appeared in the United States with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

"Harbor Lights Quartet to perform this Sunday" Harbor Lights Quartet of Battle Creek presented a program of inspirational gospel music at the Drayton Heights Free Methodist Church.

"Mrs. Weber wins 4-H award" Mrs. Paul Weber was awarded the State of Michigan's Outstanding Tractor Leaders Award in the 4-H Tractor Program. Mrs. Weber was the first woman in Oakland County to be honored with the award.

# It's been an interesting year, but it's a wrap on 2011

As I sit high up in my office, overlooking the mean streets of Clarkston (that would be Main Street, from Washington to Waldon) it is December 21, 2011. The Winter Solstice and the first day of the last year of life as we know it.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Not only did Dec. 21 mark the date, days start getting longer (yeah) it was also one day closer to the Myan's calculated end of days date, December 20, 2012 (boo). So, as I sit up here in my "ivory tower" I have a good line of vision and I am reflective.

A lot of folks have presented themselves to me. From Lake Orion, Oxford, Clarkston, Goodrich, Brandon, Ortonville -- all over -- people have contacted me about something I have written, something I should write or something I need to investigate. It has been a good year

for reader involvement. It's fun when you write, call and communicate.

Except for the Orion man who only likes to call me names, and I quote, "Rush... you nasty little man" I like communicating. And, for the Orion man, I pray that one day the anger and sadness will leave your heart so you can lead a fulfilling life of happiness, peace; reaching out

to help people with joy in your, as of now, stained-with-pain heart.

For 2011 there were a few hot-button topics you readers responded to.

1. Michiganian vs. Michigander.
2. The Spandex Revolution (bicyclists and frogs on the road).
3. Complaining about shoveling snow.
4. Civics and our lack of knowing about them.
5. What happened to the skunks?
6. What if there were no community newspaper?
7. Jumping Spiders on my desk
8. Why I love pie and dog collars.

This past year I was fortunate enough to talk to and read three local author's work: Orion Township resident Madeleine Miehl's *My Teacher's Name is Grief*; Independence Township resident David Warner's *Dead Lock*; and Oxford Township resident E. Tomarke's, *Soul of a Woman, Soul of the Land*.

In 2011, I was able to meet a lot of fine folks, too. My son's were dragged to a number of events their old man was involved with. Yep, Shamus and Sean Rush will always have fond memories of seeing their father embarrass himself as MC or "special" guest at:

1. The Oxford Area Chamber of Commerce's Community Award's Gala.

2. The Ortonville Downtown Development Authority's Night At the Races.

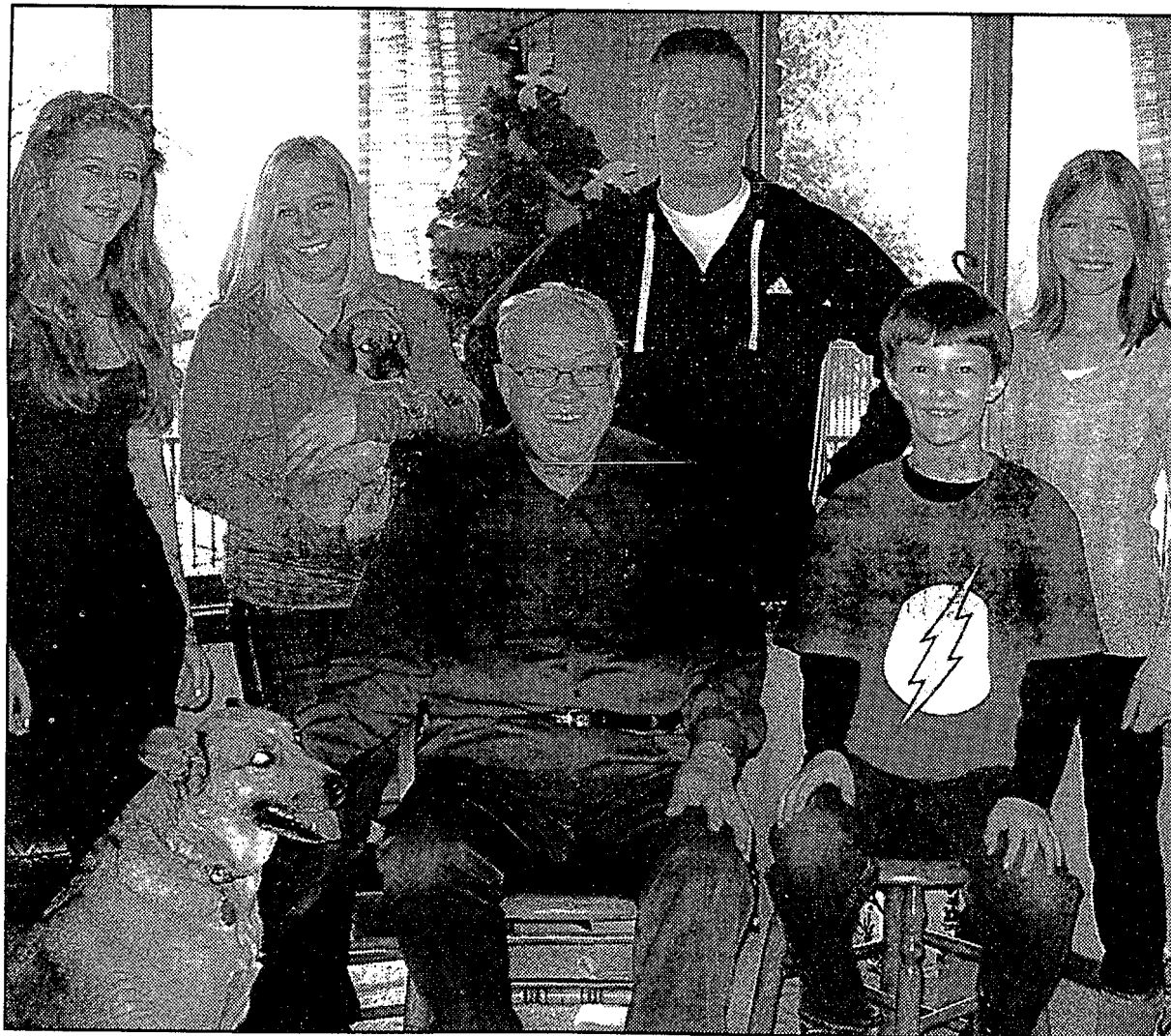
3. Weekly Coffee Club meetings in Ortonville, Clarkston and Lake Orion.

We -- you readers and I -- were able to do some good and help North Oakland Animal Husbandry 4-H Club raise some fundage for local mom, Sharon Bergman; as well as raise money for soldiers who come home missing body parts, thanks to Shari Schulz and the ladies at Bonnie & Clyde Boutique in Clarkston. It only took sitting in a dunk tank and getting pies thrown in my face.

This past year (2011) was good. I suspect 2012 (our last year on the planet as we know it) will be a grand one, too. All the best I wish for you. I hope our relationships continue to grow. I will close with a reader's comment from 2011 that I hope will bring smiles to your faces. Keep reading and writing!

Rush,

... It will be nice to have a news group that actually reports the news rather than hearing a (I don't know what to call you) person beg for community support. Let us not forget your laughable "Don't Rush Me... The Show." ... Certainly a normal manager would be ashamed of this point... well, Rush, enjoy your throne for now til AOL gets here. Hey maybe you can apply for a job...



## Happy New Year from the Grandkids

When we first started this Jim's Jottings holiday tradition, the two grandchildren Dan and Karen Offer (Karen is holding the pooch named Relish and Big Dan is next to her) were small enough to fit on my knees. It was 1988. Dan was 3-years-old and Karen was four-months-old. In that first picture, Karen had no hair, I had more and I still wore a suit and tie to work every day. Now they are grown and living out west and I only wear a tie if the occasion arises. They are the children of our daughter Luan and her husband, Bob Offer. The Offer children both live in Colorado.

Back then, the three grandchildren standing around me, were only being dreamed of and anxiously waited for. Now, too, they are growing and becoming fine young people. The Speed siblings are from the left Savannah, 16, Trevor (next to me) and Haley, both 12. Their proud parents are our daughter Susan and her husband, Tim Speed.

In 1988, I wrote, "From time to time their names appear in Jottings and I thought you might like to see who we're writing about." These days, I sometimes mention m'dog Shayna (that's her in front).

While situations, and stations have changed in the 23 years since 1988, some things do not change. We still find more joy in giving than in receiving and me and the grandkids still wish you a loving and prosperous 2012!

— Jim Sherman, Sr.


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# Public Safety

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

## Burglary in the family

A homeowner in the 8000 block of Beachwood Avenue found his home ransacked, 1:51 p.m., Dec. 17. A ladder was up against the house leading to an unlocked window, with footprints on a bed inside. Suspecting his estranged daughter might be involved, the resident went by where her boyfriend worked, saw some stolen items in his car, and called police. They told deputies they wanted furnishings for their new apartment. The homeowner declined prosecution.

## Driving while suspended

A deputy stopped a 33-year-old Flint man with an expired license plate on I-75 near M-15, 9:01 p.m., Dec. 18. The driver had warrants for his arrest out of Grand Blanc Township, Flint Township, and Michigan State Police for driving with a suspended license, but none of them wanted to pick him up. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and expired plates and released.

## Warrant for arrest

A 27-year-old Grand Blanc man was stopped for making a left turn at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road without signaling, 3:14 p.m., Dec. 18. He was found with a warrant for his arrest for drunk driving, second offence, out of Holly. Holly police picked him up.

## Broken windows

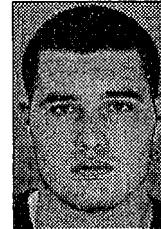
The driver's side window of a vehicle was broken out in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, Dec. 19.

The driver's side window of a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Sun Valley Drive was smashed out, Dec. 22.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN OR 1-888-887-6146.

## Arraignment in assault

Marcus Reis, 19, of Waterford was arraigned on domestic assault and other charges, Dec. 17. He is accused of beating up his girlfriend, a 19-year-old Ortonville woman, at 1:31 a.m., Dec. 17, at a restaurant drive-through in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway. According to witness and victim statements to deputies, he got mad when she mentioned dating other people, grabbed her by the throat and hair, hit her head against the dash, drove to a side street, dragged her from the vehicle, choked her again, then left her there. She went back to the restaurant where employees called police. She declined medical treatment. Deputies found Reis at his apartment and brought him to Independence Township substation. With a .035 blood alcohol level, he said he had been drinking but denied choking the woman. He was arrested and jailed for domestic assault and battery, under 21 with alcohol, probation violations for two other assault cases in Waterford and Chelsea, and a marijuana case out of Mt. Pleasant.



Reis

## break-in

A resident in the 8000 block of Michigamme road returned home, 8:07 p.m., Dec. 20, to find the back door kicked in and jewelry taken.

## Hit by truck

A 21-year-old Springfield Township man was hit by a semi-truck near Dixie Highway and Norman Road, 10:39 a.m., Dec. 14. The victim reportedly jumped from the shoulder into traffic in front of the truck. In critical condition, he was taken to Genesys for treatment. Investigation continues.

## Thefts from vehicles

An Independence Township woman left her purse in her SUV while shopping for 20 minutes at a Sashabaw Road store and the purse was taken, about 1:30 p.m., Dec. 16. The vehicle had a broken latch and couldn't be locked.

Someone took a purse and cell phone left in an unlocked vehicle in a parking lot in the 6000 block of Clarkston Road, about 1 p.m., Dec. 17.

## Domestic assault

A 22-year-old Flint man was arrested after a domestic assault, 10:01 a.m., Dec. 16, on Davon Street in Springfield Township. He reportedly got into an argument with his girlfriend while driving, started hitting her, then pulled the rearview mirror off the windshield and hit her in the head with it. When he got to his parents' house, she grabbed the keys and ran away, got a ride from a stranger to her grandparents, who called her parents. She was treated at Genesys. The suspect had warrants out of 67th District Court in Flint for possession of heroin and misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

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Councilman James Brueck and other finance committee members called for more volunteerism. The city had about \$425,000 out of \$830,000 not tied up in police, fire, and library contracts with Independence Township. Of that, about \$125,000 is spent on services such as greens keeping and slow plowing. Brueck didn't think that amount passed "the sniff test" and thought more residents should volunteer to help with services.

**Crusade continues for school information:** After a year of citizen investigation and boxes of documents acquired under the Freedom of Information Act, Dawn Schaller of Independence Township still had questions. Many of the documents Schaller sought involved use of school district credit cards and funding account codes.

April 6

**Funding drops with population for city:**

While Independence and Springfield township saw a population increase over the past 10 years, according to the 2010 census. Clarkston declined. The City of the Village of Clarkston had 962 residents in 2000, falling to 882 in 2010 - a loss of 80 residents, 8.3 percent. City Manager Dennis Ritter wanted a recount.

**Japanese students learn lots in Clarkston:** Ten teenagers from Japan visited Clarkston march 20-27. They attended classes at Clarkston High school. Besides enjoying food from the high school cafeteria, the 10 visitors also enjoyed eating at local restaurants in the area. The students talked about differences between Japanese and American schools.

April 13

**Development plan for 90 N. Main goes to city council:** After four drafts and public hearing, Clarkston planners hammered out a

proposal for 90 N. Main Street. Proposed amendments to zoning ordinances would allow "Limited Use Overlays" for any property like 90 N. Main.

**Clartucky races coming downtown:** Clarkston Retailers Group held their first annual Clartucky Derby April 30. The event included food, races, games, and other activities in downtown Clarkston shops.

**Cuts OK'd:** When Clarkston Community School Board's agenda was posted at 3:40 p.m. on a Monday, the same day of their meeting with one addition to approve the next year's budget board Vice-President Susan Boatman argued it wasn't enough time, a motion to make the item a "discussion" item instead of approval was defeated by a 4-2 vote.

April 20

**Community groups step forward to save parade:** Clarkston Area Optimist Club, Mount

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Drive Alive

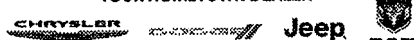


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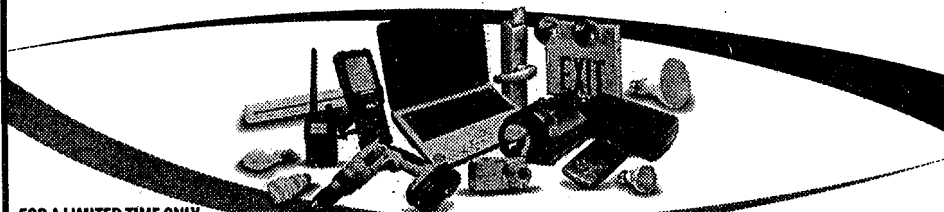
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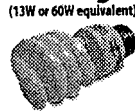


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## Obituaries

### Lucy Abbonizio, 87

Lucy E. Abbonizio (Alfonsi) of Lake Orion passed away suddenly, Dec. 23, 2011, at age 87.

She was the mother of Charles (Diane Allen) Abbonizio, Antoinette (Joseph) Clifford and Michele (Marty) Blair; preceded in death by her son Nicholas III; grandma of David, Maria, Nicholas IV, Andrea, Amber and Ashley; great grandma of Laila Mae; sister of Natalie Pence, Ida (Louis) Morelli, the late Larry (Barb) Alfonsi.

Lucy loved spending time with family, cooking and reading romance novels. Funeral Service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



### Donald E. Cooper, 76

Donald Eugene Cooper age 76, of Greenville, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 at his home with his family at his side.

He was born March 16, 1935, in Springfield, Ohio, the son of Lloyd A. and Estelle M. (Bannen) Cooper.

Mr. Cooper was a graduate of Greenville High School, and received his masters at Michigan State University

He was a diehard Spartan fan, taught and coached in Clarkston, taught at Greenville Senior High School and at Montcalm Community College.

He owned the former Office Store in Greenville, was a former mayor of Clarkston, served on many boards and commissions.

He was a founding member of Baldwin Lake Association, former member of the Greenville Country Club, was boat captain for the Danish Festival Queen and Court for many years in the Lumination of Lights on Baldwin Lake during the festival.

He was a banner carrier for the Danish Festival Band, member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and served on council, former member of the Jaycees, member of Sigma Theta and a delegate for the Republican National Convention.

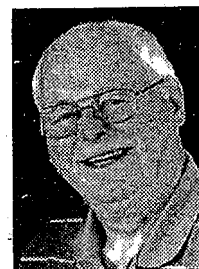
Mr. Cooper wintered in Texas, enjoyed tennis, traveling, RVing, and all activities in, on or around Baldwin Lake.

He was always a loving husband, devoting father and grandfather enjoying and cherishing each moment with his family and many friends.

He is survived by his wife Sharon (Bidstrup); daughters and son in law Lynn Cooper of Greenville, Nancy Forton of Dunwoody, Georgia and Sue and (Craig) McGee of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren Korina and (David) Keating, Brad and his wife (Florence Breslin), Cara and Sierra McGee and Audrey Martinez; great grandchildren Eva Keating, Lukacs and Aidan Acker; sisters and brother in law Janice Tice, Barbara Lutz, Marilyn Cooper and Carolyn and (Gaylord) Brothers; many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Lloyd and Estelle Cooper.

Memorial Services were Nov. 30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in Don's name to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Building Fund or Montcalm Area Reading Council and mailed to Marshall Funeral Home, 420 W. Grove St. Greenville, MI 48838.



### Beverly Armstrong, 80

Beverly Ann Armstrong of Waterford passed away suddenly Dec. 21, 2011, at age 80.

She was the wife of Alex; mother of Terry (Wendy) Woehlke, David (Janice) Woehlke, Brian (Laura) Woehlke, Richard (Lori) Woehlke, Donna Woehlke-Hall and Nancy (Tim Milko) Woehlke; grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of four; sister of Dee Yates.

Visitation was Dec. 26 at Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Dec. 27 at the Orchard Lake Community Church. Interment Lakeview/All Saint Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Orchard Lake Community Church.

Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### John W. Stojek, 52

John W. Stojek of Clarkston passed away Dec. 21, 2011, at age 52.

He was the loving father of Jennifer (Wyatt) Shea and Kristy (Matt) Safarik; beloved son of Ted and the late Felice Stojek; dear brother of Karen Stojek.

Memorial Service, 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, 2012, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Saturday, 2 p.m., until time of service. Memorials may be made to Havenwyck. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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## 2011 in review

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Zion Church and Knights of Columbus teamed up to save the Independence Township Fourth of July parade. Independence Township Fire Chief Steve Ronk said the fire department, which previously organized the parade, could no longer do so.

**Pay freeze for teachers:** Teachers and school employees accepted a pay freeze in their new contract. The one year 2011-2012 fiscal year contracts were for Clarkston Education Association, Clarkston Office Personnel Association, and Clarkston Paraeducator Association.

**Township hires part-time administrator:** After rejecting a full-time office administrator in the supervisor's office earlier in the year Independence Township trustees approved a part-timer at \$15.40 an hour.

**April 27**

**Almost there:** After raising \$13,400, Independence Township's July 4 Festival of Fun and fireworks was almost entirely funded.

**Pink slips for 20 teachers:** Twenty Clarkston teachers and support staff received pink slips in 2011. The board required administration to cut \$6 million from the 2011-2012 budget.

**Combat vet returns home after year in Afghanistan:** After a year in Afghanistan U.S. Army Spec. Ariel Gruenberg came home to Clarkston for 30 days of leave.

**May 4**

**City OKS \$10,000 for new clerk hire:** The proposal to hire a new city clerk for salary \$9,802 for 11-13 hours per week pass, 4-3.

Please see Spring on page 18A

## Michael L. Turner, 79

Michael L. Turner of Davisburg passed away Dec. 24, 2011, at age 79.

He was the husband of Sharon; father of Kimberly (Richard) Biese, David (Bonnie Thompson) Turner, and Michelle (Larry) Grabowski; preceded in death by his daughter Gyla, brother Patrick and sister Ena Murphy; papa of Jennifer and Paul Turner, Rachelle, Jewels and Evan Jr. Herdman; great grandpa of Danny Huntoon III and Cameron Turner; brother of Jimmy (Joyce) Turner and Anna Turner; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mike served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He retired from General Motor and will be remembered as a great storyteller.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Thursday 6-8 p.m.** Private family funeral service and cemetery service at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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# 2011 meant success for school sports

Many memories marked the first part of 2011 for Clarkston athletes and their family, friends and fans. History was also made as the Clarkston High School Girls Varsity tennis team won the MHSAA Division 1 State Championship and the Lady Mountaineers girls basketball team became league champs in their first year at Everest Collegiate High School.

We could go on, but here are some of the highlights from January - June 2011. Great job to all of the Clarkston area athletes - we can't wait to watch you achieve your goals in 2012.

**January 5**

**Eight Grapplers place at Tournament of Champs:** Jeff Sloney and Matt Vandermeer led the wrestlers taking over second place in their respective weight classes, in the Tournament of Champs in Goodrich.

**Lady Cagers on fire with three-win streak:** The Lady Wolves opened the new year with wins over Pontiac and Chippewa Valley.

**January 19**

**3-year drought against Dragons broken:** The Lady Wolves defeated Lake Orion in a back and forth battle for a 39-38 win.

**February 2**

**Sweet defeat adds to Dragons rivalry:** Icers made Lake Orion's senior night memorable by defeating them, 5-2.

**Icers represent the best:** Mitch Lewandowski, Roman Kinal and Paul Washe along with their teammates from the Little Caesars '98 hockey team prepared to compete in the 52nd Quebec International Pee-Wee Hockey tournament.

**February 16**

**Wolves capture crown:** Grapplers sent Waterford Kettering and Waterford Mott teams back to their locker rooms after the Wolves captured the MHSAA District title.

**March 2**

**Grapplers ready to dominate state finals this week:** Six grapplers are counting down the hours until they stepped onto the mats at the Palace of Auburn Hills for the MHSAA Individual State Finals, beginning March 3.



Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Basketball team took the MHSAA District crown with a 42-40 win over Grand Blanc. File photos

**Mountaineers league champs in first year:** In its first year, Everest Collegiate High School girls basketball team won its Sectional Championship for the 2011 season.

**March 9**

**Wolves win league title, head into playoffs:** Cagers closed their regular season claiming the OAA Red league title after scoring two more win in the league after their 66-24 win over West Bloomfield.

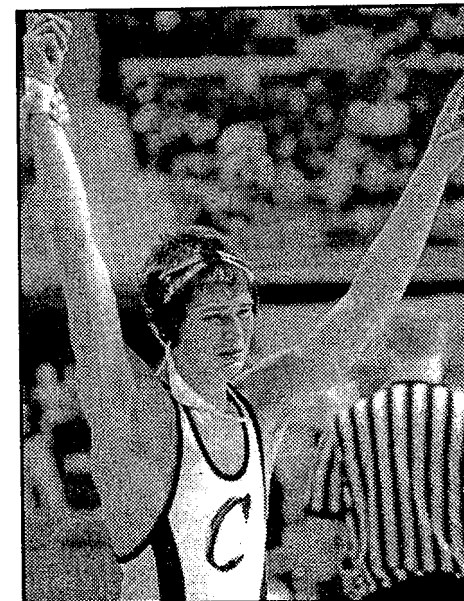
**Five grapplers finish All-State at state finals:** Matt Vandermeer captured the state championship while teammates Jeff Sloney, Mike Henige, Soct Devos and Nick Vandermeer finished at All-Staters.

**Racers top state finals with second place:** With a score of 81 points the Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team took the runner-up spot in the MHSAA State Finals on Feb. 28.

**Wolves rule Regionals:** Icers hoisted their MHSAA Regional trophy in the air at Perani Arena in Flint after defeating Bay City 5-4.

**District domination:** Lindsey Reppuhn

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Mike Henige celebrates finishing All-State during the MHSAA Wrestling Individual finals.

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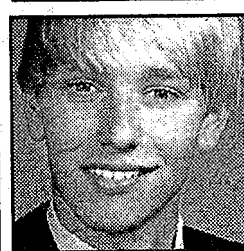
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# ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



## Congrats Athletes of the Week, Jan.-June

### January

Grappler Jeff Sloney, Cager Lindsey Reppuhn, Clarkston Girls JV Basketball team

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### February

Cager Nick Tatu, Cager Megan Hastings, Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team, Cager Mitch Baenziger

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### March

Swimmer Ashleigh Allen, Footballer Nick McNally, Grapplers Scott Devos, Mike Henige, Jeff Sloney, Matt Vandermeer and Nick Vandermeer, Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team, Clarkston Boys Varsity Hockey team

### April

Swimmer Ken Stelpflug, Lacrossers Travis Craft and Kevin O'Grady, Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team, Icer Gabe Comos

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### May

Bowler Nick Cooper, Hitter Megan Hastings, Clarkston Girls Varsity Softball team, Hitter Allie Reeves

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### June

Lacrosser Jordan Kincaid, Golfer Paul Klemme, Icer Caitlyn Post, Runner Adam Bruderick, Kickers Michigan ImpactU9 team

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# Undefeated out of break

BY WENDI REARDON  
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

Going into the holiday break with five wins Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball knew the team still had a long way to go once they returned to the court.

"We can't get too happy or overconfident," he said. "There's 20 games and it's a long season."

The Wolves most recently defeated Troy Athens last Thursday night, 81-40, avenging their loss by one point in 2010.

Senior Mitch Baenziger opened the game with a two-point basket and junior Jordan Dasuqi added his first 3-point shot less than 30 seconds later.

The Red Hawks took the lead a few minutes later after scoring off a pair of baskets and a field goal but after Dasuqi scored again on a 2-pointer with two minutes left in the first quarter putting the Wolves ahead 15-13 it would be the last time Athens would be in the lead again.

The Wolves closed the first quarter with a 21-17 score and opened the next quarter with a 3-point shot from senior Nick Tatu. The motion started Clarkston's 16-2 run.

With 52 seconds left in the first half, Dasuqi scored one more time to inch the Wolves more ahead for 44-22.

"I was really proud of our kids effort on defense tonight," said Fife. "Our conditioning and our presence made it tough for them to score."

The Wolves' offense and defense continued to play in sync for the next 16 minutes as they continued to widen the gap on the scoreboard.

Dasuqi led with 20 points, adding three field goals to the score. Tatu scored four 3-pointers to his 16 total points. Senior Matt Dellinger added 12 points and Baenziger had 11 points.

"We have a lot of kids that can shoot the ball," said Fife, adding the gap on the scoreboard allowed him to put 11 of the 14 players on the roster in from off the bench. "They gave us some good minutes. The kids understand and know what they are doing in that kind of atmosphere."

Caleb McIntosh led Troy Athens with 13 points during the game. Wolves' defense kept Red Hawks' leading scorer Marcarius Coakley to only four points for the entire game.

The boys opened the week with a win at Flint Northern on Dec. 20, 75-59.

"We didn't play very well," Fife admitted. "We pulled ahead in the last quarter. They had a hard time pressing."

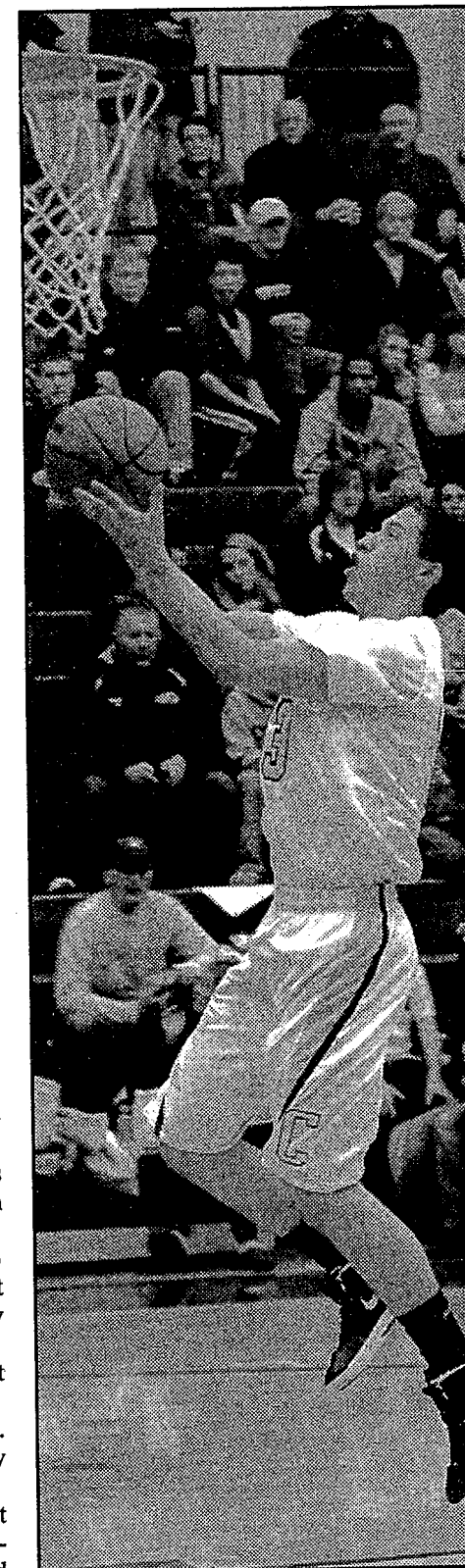
He noted the difference between the Flint Northern and Troy Athens game was the execution and the boys were mentally and physically better against the Red Hawks.

The boys spend the remainder of their break playing against Wolves alumni in a scrimmage battle and practicing to get better

for the bulk of the remaining season.

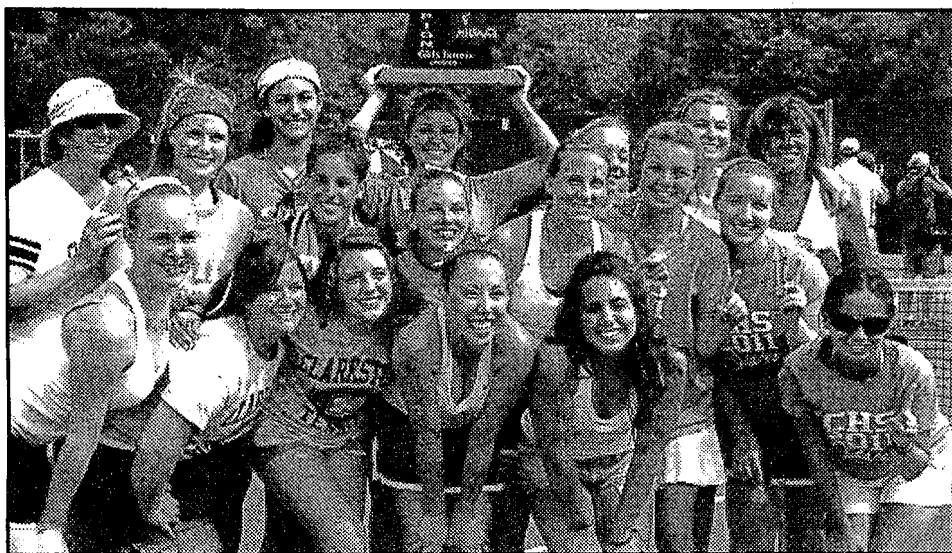
"I told them I congratulated them for 2011, now 2012 kicks off," Fife said.

The boys return from break to host Lake Orion on Jan. 3 and North Farmington on Jan. 9. For both games JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Jordan Dasuqi adds another basket to the Wolves' lead in the first half against Troy Athens. Photo by Larry Wright

# Victory during spring sports seasons



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team become state champions. *File photo*

Continued from page 12A

and Megan Hastings boosted the Lady Cagers against Grand Blanc, each scored on their two free throws grabbing the win and MHSAA District crown in girls varsity basketball with a 42-40 win.

**March 16**

**Wolves set for intense regional battle:** Cagers won their 18th consecutive MHSAA

District Championship after defeating Grand Blanc, 64-45.

**Lady Wolves' road to Breslin ends:** The Lady Cagers lost in the MHSAA Regional finals to Midland, 40-24. The season ended 18-6 and as district champions.

**Sports in a Flash:** The Clarkston Boys Swim team finished in 19th at the MHSAA Boys Swim Finals. Ken Stelpflug won four

medals during the meet and All-State honors for finishing in eighth in the 200-yard freestyle and ninth in the 500-yard freestyle.

**March 23**

**Vandermeer goes All-Star:** Matt Vandermeer joined fellow grapplers to form the Michigan All-Stars team and competed in the Dapper Dan tournament.

**April 13**

**Defense key:** Lady Wolves opened with their first win in the girls varsity lacrosse spring season against Rochester Adams.

**April 27**

**Dane Fife gears up in Spartan green after stint in Indiana:** Clarkston grad Dane Fife signed on to head back to Michigan, accepting the assistant coach position with the Michigan Men's Basketball team.

**Victory on the court:** Lady Wolves won the Ann Arbor Pioneer tournament scoring 22 of 24 possible points.

**May 18**

**Cancer fight one game at a time:** Clarkston Boys and Girls Lacrosse teams hosted their seventh annual Game for a Cure, raising \$8,000 for St. Joseph Health Care Cancer Research Center.

**Lady Lacrossers roll out wins on foes:** The Lady Wolves beat Rochester Adams for the second time, 17-7, and cross-town rivals Lake Orion, 19-4, as they prepared for regionals.

**May 25**

**Next stop - state finals:** The Lady Wolves took charge of the tennis courts, scoring their first MHSAA Division 1 Regional title, May 19. They scored 30 points to take the top spot out of ten teams.

**June 1**

**Goodbye Cardinals:** Preston Haven will remember his first goal against Davison as he and his teammates would remember winning the MHSAA Regional championship game, 15-1.

**June 8**

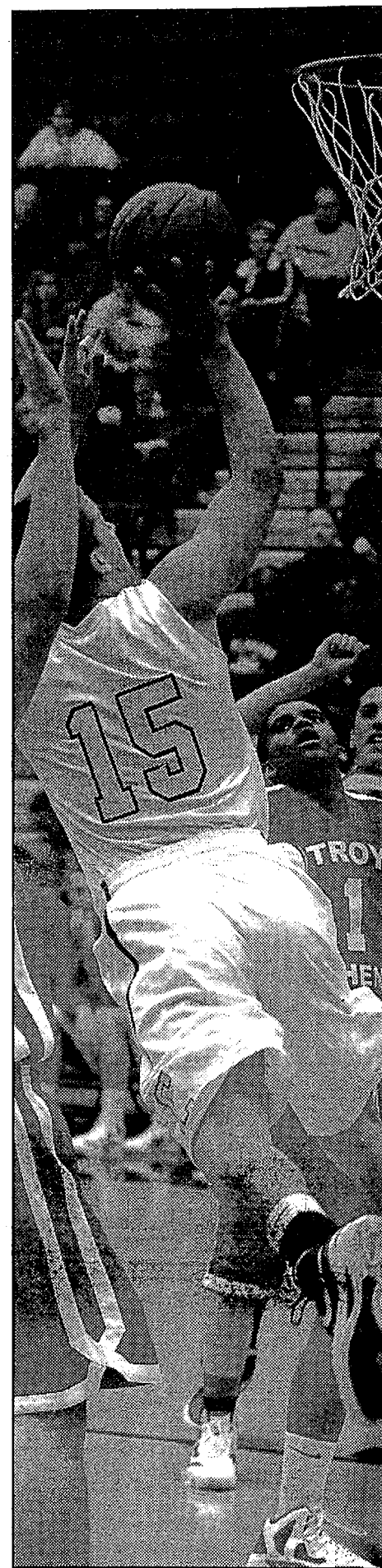
**Queens of the court turn goal into reality:** The Lady Wolves made history during the first weekend in June by winning the MHSAA Division 1 Tennis State Championship for the first time.

**Wolves take sting out of Avondale Yellowjackets:** The Wolves won their second consecutive district title after beating Avondale in the MHSAA Baseball District Finals, 12-9.

**June 15**

**Clarkston soccer finishes winning season:** Lady Kickers ended their season in the final round of the MHSAA District playoffs with a loss to Rochester Adams. They finished the season with an overall 9-8-3 record.

**Wolves hold on in ending:** The Wolves lost 18-5 to Brother Rice in the MHSAA Regional finals for boys varsity lacrosse. The boys finished with 18 wins - the most they have had since the program was established.



Going for the basket

Matt Dellinger takes a shot against Troy Athens. *Photo by Larry Wright*

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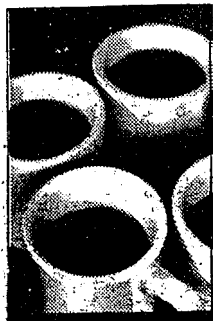
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Eric Ross shows off the personal training side.



Michael Robinson, with a sword.

## Personal training and martial arts

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whether it's through personal training or martial arts, Eric Ross and his partner Michael Robinson at Better Bodies is hoping to make you a better person.

One on one training offers being able to "cater to personal needs" said Ross.

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"We set goals, we achieve the goals and we reset goals, along with nutritional consultation," Ross said.

Robinson noted they recently added Yoga as well.

On the martial arts side Better Bodies offers three basic programs including Korean style Tung Soo Do, Japanese Ninjutsu, and Brazilian Jujitsu. According to Robinson Ninjutsu is a "modern ninja art."

"Our ninjutsu program is traditional, but we also have a modern eclectic blend," he said. "We take from a lot of different sources in our background."

They also teach and work with a lot of weaponry from traditional swords and nunchucks to modern day knife fighting including Personal Combat Systems, featuring JKD/Filipino Kali, which is a knife, stick, and unarmed class.

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## Emergency fund savings

Have you assessed your emergency savings fund lately? Do you have six to 24 months of living expenses set aside in case an unforeseen emergency arises?

In these uncertain economic times, many find it difficult to routinely save for an emergency that has yet to happen. What starts out being a great savings plan idea usually dissipates while trying to make ends meet month to month.

Here are ideas to help you develop a routine and to build an emergency savings fund:

**Be Honest About Your Finances.** Take a long hard look at your financial health. Know what income you have coming in on a month to month basis and know what expenses you have going out on a month to month basis.

**Identify Your Discretionary Cash Out Flow.** Know where your everyday cash is going. How often do you go out to lunch during the work week? How often do you start the day with a latte from Starbucks?

**Pay Yourself First.** Make saving a priority. Think of your emergency fund savings account as a monthly bill that must be paid.

**Use Cash.** A cash-only spending plan can be extremely beneficial for a variety of reasons.

Some studies indicate people spend less when paying with cash. Discretionary spending changes for the better.

**Don't Spend "Found" Money.** Sometime in one's lifetime, money turns up unexpectedly. It's found in the pocket of a seldom worn coat or in a purse that is only used seasonally. When cash appears unexpectedly, don't spend it; deposit it to your emergency savings fund.

**Raymond James**



A column by  
**James Kruzan**

**Direct Deposit.** Set up your paycheck, tax return and/or other income as Direct Deposit to your savings account then transfer only what you need to your checking account in order to pay your monthly living expenses. Excess cash stays in savings and is not inadvertently spent.

**Reduce Spending.** Always look at ways to reduce spending. Not all expenses are fixed. There is always a way to reduce or even eliminate expense.

Any of these ideas can help create, preserve and build an emergency savings fund. What is important is that it gets started. The results down the road may be notable.

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wear his uniform or insignia or display his badge in an attempt to exercise his authority except during the performance of actual authorized police duty or extraordinary police services as directed by the township superintendent/supervisor or during authorized drill and training sessions.

- (h) **Refusal to respond to duty.** It shall be unlawful for any auxiliary police officer to knowingly and willfully and without proper excuse neglect and refuse to respond to assignment or duty when called by the township superintendent/supervisor or by the head of the police department.
- (i) **Enforcement responsibilities.** Auxiliary police officers shall be used for the enforcement of township ordinances only, and shall not be used for enforcement of state law unless such officers have been trained in accordance with the minimum standards set forth in Act. No. 17 of the Public Acts of 1969 (MCL 41.181).
- (j) **Considered employees while on duty.** While on actual police duty all auxiliary police officers shall be considered to be employees of the township and shall be entitled to the same rights and immunities as regular members of the police department, including rights to benefits under the state workmen's compensation laws.

**Section 10 of Ordinance**

Chapter 24, Article III, Section 24-60 of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 24-60. Police officers, public servants authorized to issue, serve.**

- (a) **Appearance tickets.** In addition to police officers, the following persons, being public servants of the township, are hereby authorized to issue and service upon persons, appearance tickets and other citations with respect to alleged violation of ordinances and codes of the township in such cases as the designated public servant has reasonable cause to believe that persons have committed violations of an ordinance or code of the township:

- (1) The township supervisor and township superintendent;
- (2) [Unchanged].
- (3) [Unchanged].
- (4) [Unchanged].
- (5) [Unchanged].

- (b) [Unchanged].

**Section 11 of Ordinance**

Chapter 26, Sections 26-12, 26-13, 26-14 and 26-22 of the Independence Charter Township Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-12. Application to obtain license; investigation fee.**

- (a) Any person desiring to obtain a license to operate a massage facility, massage school, or similar business or to perform massage services shall make application to the township clerk. The township clerk shall refer all such applications to the township superintendent/supervisor for an investigation. An application to obtain a license to operate a massage facility, massage school, or similar business shall be accompanied by an investigation fee in an amount established by resolution of the township board of trustees. No part of such fee will be refundable.

- (b) [Unchanged].

- (c) [Unchanged].

**Sec. 26-13. Application; contents.**

- (a) Any applicant for a license required in this chapter shall submit the following information:

- (1) [Unchanged].
- (2) [Unchanged].
- (3) [Unchanged].
- (4) [Unchanged].
- (5) [Unchanged].
- (6) [Unchanged].
- (7) [Unchanged].
- (8) [Unchanged].
- (9) One portrait photograph of at least two inches by two inches and a complete set of the applicant's fingerprints, which shall be taken by the township superintendent/supervisor or his agent;
- (10) [Unchanged].
- (11) [Unchanged].
- (12) [Unchanged].
- (13) [Unchanged].
- (14) [Unchanged].

- (b) [Unchanged].

- (c) [Unchanged].

**Sec. 26-14. Review; investigation; inspection of premises; issuance of denial; appeals.**

- (a) Any applicant for a license under this chapter shall present to the township clerk the application containing the required information. The application shall be referred to the township superintendent/supervisor who shall have a reasonable time in which to investigate the application and the background of the appli-

cant. Based on such investigation, the township superintendent/supervisor shall render a recommendation to the township clerk as to the approval or denial of the license.

- (b) The township superintendent/supervisor shall recommend denial of an application for a license if the character, reputation, moral integrity, or physical or mental condition of the applicant or his employees is found to be detrimental to the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare. The superintendent/supervisor's recommendation shall be based on appropriate and competent evidence available to the superintendent/supervisor. In making such a determination, the superintendent/supervisor shall consider:

- (1) [Unchanged].
  - (2) [Unchanged].
- (c) [Unchanged].
- (d) [Unchanged].
- (e) [Unchanged].
- (f) [Unchanged].

**Sec. 26-22. Revocation and suspension procedure.**

- (a) No license under this chapter shall be revoked until after a hearing before the township board to determine just cause for such revocation. The township superintendent/supervisor or his designee may order any license suspended pending such hearing if it appears that a threat to the public health, safety and/or welfare will result (or continue) if the suspension is not imposed. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry on the business of a massagist or to operate as a massage facility, massage school, or similar business, depending upon the particular type of license which has been suspended, until the suspended license has been reinstated by the township board. Notice of such hearing shall be given in writing and served at least five days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall state the grounds of the complaint against the holder of the license or against the business carried on by the licensee at the establishment and shall state the time of the hearing and the place where the hearing will be held.

- (b) [Unchanged].

**Section 12 of Ordinance**

Chapter 36, Article II, Section 36-22 of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 36-22. License.**

- (a) [Unchanged].
- (b) **Exception; advanced notice.** The superintendent/supervisor may permit an application to be presented less than 14 days in advance upon good cause shown for the inability to comply with such advance notice requirement, and if there is time to scrutinize the application materials.

- (c) [Unchanged].

- (d) [Unchanged].

**Section 13 of Ordinance**

Chapter 36, Article III, Division 1, Section 36-56 of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 36-56. Solicitation in public streets and roads prohibited; exceptions.**

It shall be unlawful, and shall constitute a nuisance for any person, whether registered under this article or not, to engage in soliciting activities in public streets and/or roads, except recognized nonprofit charitable or religious organizations that have provided prior written notification to the clerk at least 30 days prior to the date of commencing soliciting activities including verifiable proof that the sponsoring organization is a legitimate nonprofit charitable or religious organization, shall be permitted to engage in soliciting within designated intersections in the township, subject to all of the following specific requirements and regulations:

- (1) [Unchanged].
- (2) [Unchanged].
- (3) [Unchanged].
- (4) [Unchanged].
- (5) [Unchanged].
- (6) [Unchanged].
- (7) [Unchanged].
- (8) [Unchanged].
- (9) [Unchanged].
- (10) [Unchanged].

- (11) The proposed soliciting at intersections under this section shall be reviewed and reported upon by the township law enforcement agency in terms of safety issues, traffic congestion and conflicts with other events or previously approved soliciting affecting traffic in the township, and soliciting shall only occur at such intersections, at such times and upon such conditions as have been approved and identified in writing by the township superintendent/supervisor based upon the information contained in applications submitted pursuant to this section and section 36-87; the rec-

ommendations contained in the report of the township law enforcement agency, and information otherwise known to the superintendent/supervisor concerning safety issues, traffic congestion and conflicts with other events or previously approved soliciting affecting traffic;

- (12) [Unchanged].

- (13) [Unchanged].

- (14) [Unchanged].

**Section 14 of Ordinance**

Chapter 42, Article III, Division 2, Section 42-80 of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 42-80. Disruption permit required.**

- (a) [Unchanged].

- (b) **Exceptions.** This section shall not prohibit those temporary obstructions which are incidental to the expeditious movement of articles and things to and from abutting premises, the lawful operation and parking of vehicles within the part of the township's right-of-way, nor the lawful and customary use of property by adjoining homeowners for such things as landscaping. In the event of a disruption emergency, including, but not limited to, a natural disaster, war and/or severe weather condition, a person and/or a permittee may disrupt the township's right-of-way without first receiving a disruption permit from the township; provided, that the township superintendent/supervisor and/or his designee has approved the emergency disruption before the emergency disruption takes place.

- (c) [Unchanged].

**Section 15 of Ordinance**

Chapter 46, Article III, Division 2, Section 46-134 of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 46-134. Failure to pay; issuance of citation.**

- (a) [Unchanged].

- (b) Following the due date, the payment of a fine for a parking violation notice where such fine has not been paid in a timely manner, the township treasurer shall transmit to the township superintendent/supervisor or directly to the police officers serving the township if so directed by the superintendent/supervisor a copy of the violation notice accompanied by a statement that a citation may be filed with the 52nd District Court, Second Division, with a copy served by first class mail upon the registered owner of the vehicle at the owner's last known address, in accordance with MCL 257.742.

- (c) [Unchanged].

**Section 16 of Ordinance**

Chapter 48, Article I, Section 48-31 of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 48-31. Water usage regulations; water supply emergencies; alternate day lawn watering.**

- (a) A water supply emergency shall be deemed to exist whenever the township superintendent/supervisor finds on the basis of drought conditions, depletion of water supply, reduction in water pressure or other reasons, that there is a threat of loss of water supply to the community or any portion of the community, and the township superintendent/supervisor causes a declaration of such water supply emergency to be publicly posted and announced, published or mailed in the manner set forth in subsection (c) of this section. A water supply emergency may be declared when the superintendent/supervisor receives notification from the township's department of public works director or the offices of the county drain commissioner or the state department of environmental quality that the supply or pressure demand for water cannot be satisfactorily accommodated and general welfare is likely to be endangered in the community or in any portion of the community.

- (b) [Unchanged].

- (c) The township superintendent/supervisor shall cause such declaration to be posted at the township hall. Additionally, the township superintendent/supervisor shall, to the extent feasible, cause such declaration to be publicly announced by broadcast from a radio or television station with a normal operating range covering the township, published in a newspaper of general circulation throughout the township or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to all property owners within the area identified in the declaration as being affected by the water supply emergency at the address listed on the township tax rolls for such properties.

- (d) The township superintendent/supervisor shall make or cause to be made a record of each time

and date when any declaration is announced to the public in accordance with this section.

- (e) [Unchanged].

- (f) It shall be unlawful for any person to utilize water from the township water supply system for any type of outdoor use, in contravention of a declared water supply emergency, other than responding to a fire emergency. The prohibition shall remain in effect 24 hours per day, seven days per week until the water supply emergency is declared ended by the township superintendent/supervisor. The township superintendent/supervisor may, if requested in advance, provide exceptions to the restrictions of this section in cases of new lawn or landscaping installations, or where necessary to prevent imminent financial loss to the water user.

- (g) [Unchanged].

- (h) [Unchanged].

**Section 17 of Ordinance**

Chapter 48, Article III, Division 1, Section 48-53 of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended to delete the following definition of the term "Supervisor" as follows:

**Section 48-53. Definitions.**

**Supervisor** means the township supervisor of the township or his authorized representative.

**Section 18 of Ordinance**

Any prior ordinances or terms of ordinances in direct conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**Section 19 of Ordinance**

If one or more sections, provisions, phrases or words of this ordinance are declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases and words of this ordinance, which shall continue in full force and effect, and to this end, this ordinance is declared to be severable.

**Section 20 of Ordinance**

All proceedings pending and all rights and the liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced.

**Section 21 of Ordinance**

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the manner prescribed by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

By: Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk

Published: 12/28/2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Charter Township of Springfield  
**NOTICE OF CHANGE**

Effective January 1, 2012 the Oakland Press will be the official publication of legal notices for the Charter Township of Springfield.

Laura, Moreau, Clerk

Published: December 28, 2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
**SYNOPSIS**

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**DECEMBER 14, 2011**

- A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:15 PM at the Independence Township Hall.

- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace

- Absent: Carson, Lohmeier, Petterson, Wagner

- There was not a quorum present.

- H. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

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**SYNOPSIS**  
TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
DECEMBER 20, 2011

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:02 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace  
Absent: Wagner

There was a quorum present.  
Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Susan Hendricks, Finance Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Ken Elwert, Parks & Recreation Director; Julie Meredith, Library Director; Kristen Sieloff, Assessor; Barbara Rollin, Senior Coordinator; Steven Joppich, Secrest Wardle; Gregg Schultz, Schultz & Young

Approval to appoint Acting Chair  
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of Agenda as amended

Approval to suspend the rules to discuss an item not appearing on the agenda.

E. CLOSED SESSION: Attorney-Client Privileged Legal Opinions as permitted by MCL 5.268(h): Approval to enter into Closed Session  
The Regular Meeting recessed at 6:06 PM to enter into Closed Session.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:30 PM.  
CLOSED SESSION: Attorney-Client Privileged Legal Opinions as permitted by MCL 5.268(h): Approval to enter into Closed Session

The Regular Meeting recessed at 7:01 PM to enter into Closed Session.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:40 PM.  
Approval to remove Regular Business Item #10

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None  
G. PUBLIC HEARING: None

H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:  
1. Superintendent's Report (Bart Clark, Superintendent)

I. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:  
1. Failed-Elimination of Elected Officials' Retirement Medical Benefits

J. CONSENT AGENDA: Approved as amended  
1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2011

2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2011  
3. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2011

4. Approval of Library Closing Dates

K. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:  
4. Approval of Blanket Requisitions for 2012 as amended

L. REGULAR BUSINESS:  
1. No Action-Public Act 152 of 2011, Public Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act

2. Adoption of Drug and Alcohol Policy for SMART Bus Operators

3. Approval of Request to Purchase 2012 Soccer Shirts as Amended

4. Approval of Budget Adjustments for Parks and Recreation

5. Approval of 2011 Budget Adjustments

6. Approval of Asset Management Policy

The Regular Meeting recessed at 9:00 PM  
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:20 PM

8. Approval of Recommendations Received from Citizens Public TV Access Committee

9. Approval of Zoning Board of Appeal Appointments

10. Approval of Amendments to the 2012 General Appropriations Act

11. Adoption of the 2012 Budget - Public Comment: Craig Richardson

7. Approval of Reclassification and Wage Increase for Nedra Lambert, Secretary - Building Department

12. Approval of the 2012 Board of Trustees' Meeting Schedule as amended

13. Approval of Special Meetings:  
a. Cable Access Program Manager Interviews: Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 6:00 PM

b. Open Burning Ordinance Study Session: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:00 PM

Approval to suspend the rules to discuss and take action on an item not appearing on the agenda.

Approval to schedule an agenda item regarding employee discipline at the Regular General Meeting on Tuesday, January 31, 2012

14. Approval of Check Run in the Amount of

- \$198,596.16
- 15. Approval of the Finance Clerk Appointment  
Approval of the Deputy Clerk Appointment
- 16. Approval of Budget Adjustment - Payments to the Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal as Amended
- M. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members commented on various topics.
- O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:  
1. Monthly Report from Building, Planning and Zoning  
2. Summary of Lawsuit Results for Triumph Telecom Systems, Inc. v Charter Township of Independence and David Wagner - Steven Joppich, Secrest Wardle
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 12:19 AM on Wednesday, December 21, 2011  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: December 28, 2011

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

*Charter Township of Springfield*  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, January 16, 2012, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE**

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

**SECTION ONE—Amendments**

ARTICLE IX - C-1 LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, Sub-section 9.01-Principal Uses Permitted is amended as follows:

**Add:**  
9. Public utility buildings, such as telephone exchanges, electronic transformer stations, and similar uses, excluding outdoor storage.

ARTICLE X - C-2 GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, Sub-section 10.01-Principal Uses Permitted is amended as follows:

**Add:**  
12. Public utility buildings, such as telephone exchanges, electronic transformer stations, and similar uses, excluding outdoor storage.

**SECTION TWO—Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect**

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

**SECTION THREE—Repealer**

All ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FOUR—Savings Clause**

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section Three of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

**SECTION FIVE—Sovereignty**

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION SIX—Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

Laura Moreau, Clerk  
Charter Township of Springfield  
Publish 12/28/11

# Spring meant school decisions

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**Off to the races:** Children, as well as, adults enjoyed downtown Clarkston for the first annual Clartucky Derby, April 30.

**Networking at the Expo:** Folks filled Clarkston United Methodist Church for the Clarkston Coffee Club Expo, April 30, for networking at meet more people from local businesses.

**May 11**  
**Cuts too deep, schools say:** Clarkston Community Schools would lose \$3.86 million as part of Gov. Rick Snyder's two year plan to cut \$1.8 million from the state budget.

**Township threatens court action to recover bonus:** After two years Independence Township was going after Building Director Dave Belcher for \$3,000. The board voted 4-2 to direct the township attorney to pursue civil action.

**May 18**  
**History alive:** Clarkston residents prepared for the Clarkston Community Historical Society's fifth annual Cemetery Walk.

**Residents give input on city services:** About 30 residents attended a town hall

meeting, May 11, to talk about how to reduce Clarkston's budget.

**May 25**  
**Building director suspended 60 days for bonus payments:** Independence Township Building Director Dave Belcher was suspended 60 days with out pay for refusing to repay a \$3,000 bonus.

**June 1**  
**River Day birds the word:** Extravagantly decorated birds were popping up throughout downtown, heralding the arrival of this year's River Day.

**Teacher of the Year honors:** Katherine Lamay, this year's Clarkston Teacher of the Year, joined the district after a summer helping out with SCAMP.

**June 8**  
**Grant could relight Main St.:** Independence Township and Clarkston were hoping to light to Light Emitting Diodes (LED) using a grant.

**Senior celebrations:** The Clarkston High School Class of 2011 took their last exam on June 1 and made their final walk through the high school.

**June 15**  
**Trout posts resignation:** Mike Trout, elected supervisor for Springfield Township, emailed a resignation letter to board official and community members, June 14.

**What to do about absent supervisor?:** After missing four meetings in a row due to medical reasons with no set return, Independence Township officials were trying to figure out how to conduct business without a supervisor.

**Clarkston grad sees green:** When Hal Jordan put on his power ring for the first time in movie theaters on June 17, he had Clarkston grad Geoff Johns to thank.

See next week's edition for more Year in Review.

## Township wins case

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tract was not valid and proposing a \$5,000 award to the township. Triumph and the township accepted the agreement, Dec. 22.

According to Wallace, this is an example of the supervisor exceeding his authority and acting without board approval.

"Fortunately this time it was discovered and stopped, although not before it cost the township almost \$20,000 in payments to Triumph Telecom and the expense of more than \$10,000 in attorney's fees to successfully defend the lawsuit," Wallace said. "This meant the township did not have to pay an estimated \$100,000 in improper and unnecessary charges."

The actual amount the township paid in attorney fees has not yet been determined.

Treasurer Curt Carson and Trustee Mark Petterson did not return calls seeking comment.

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**SUMMARY MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 1, 2011**

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

Roll: Present - Mayor Luginiski, Bisio, Hunter, Hargis, Inabnit, Roth and Haven

Others Present - City Manager Ritter  
Moved by Haven, supported by Hargis, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried.  
Moved by Hargis with support by Hunter to approve the consent agenda. Treasurer's Report: I Trial Balance (by fund) as of 10/31/2011 II Income Statement - G/ F Actual vs. Budget as of 10/31/2011

Motion carried. Bisio voting no.  
Moved by Bisio to approve revised version that Mr. Bisio submitted after Mr. Ryan's.

Motion failed lack of support.  
Moved by Hargis, supported by Haven to make a resolution to have Mr. Ryan's amended version on the table first, he is our representative for the City, use that as the foundation. Use Mr. Bisio's as the modifier.

Support by Hunter to put Mr. Ryan's amended version on the table.  
Motion Carried.

Moved by Haven, support by Hargis to amend the Ryan version and except with changes as First Reading.  
Motion Carried.

Resolved by Inabnit, support by Roth to adopt the proposed CDBG 2012 allocation.  
Roll Call: Ayes: Bisio, Haven, Hargis, Hunter, Luginiski, Inabnit and Roth

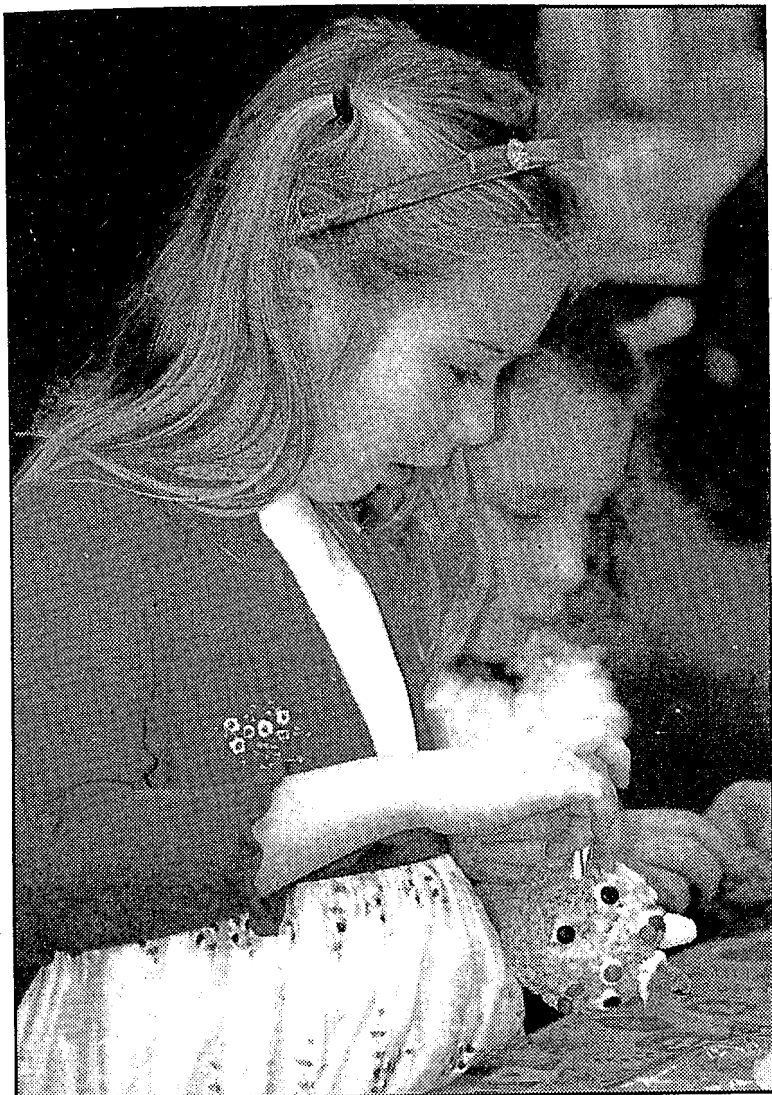
Nays: None  
Resolution Passed.

Moved by Roth, support by Hunter to approve the request to solicit bids for the purpose of selecting a firm to provide architectural and engineering services.  
Motion Carried.

Moved by Inabnit, support by Hargis to extend meeting pass 9:00 p.m.  
Motion Carried.

Moved by Roth support by Inabnit to Adjourn at 9:30 PM  
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kelly Richter, Clerk



From left, second-graders Grace Delasko and Lauryn Sajan create edible decorations.

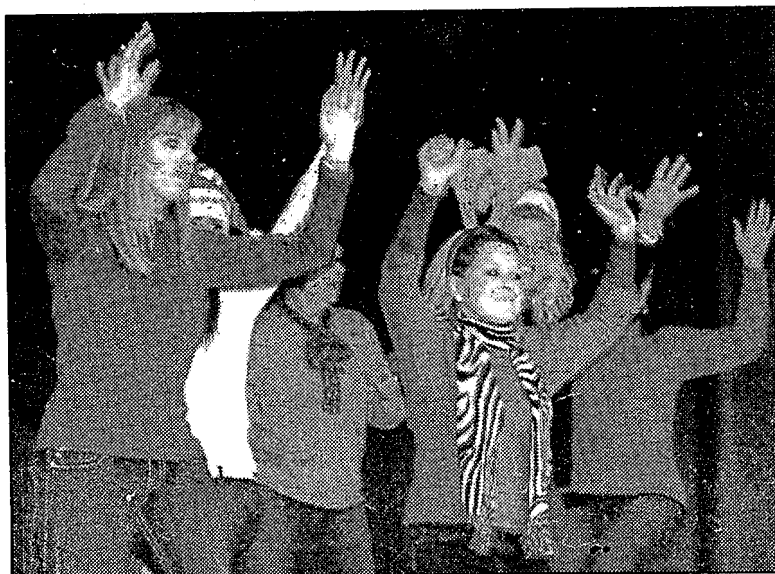
## Oh, what fun it is to celebrate

Bailey Lake Elementary students couldn't wait one more day until break as they celebrated the holidays, Dec. 20.

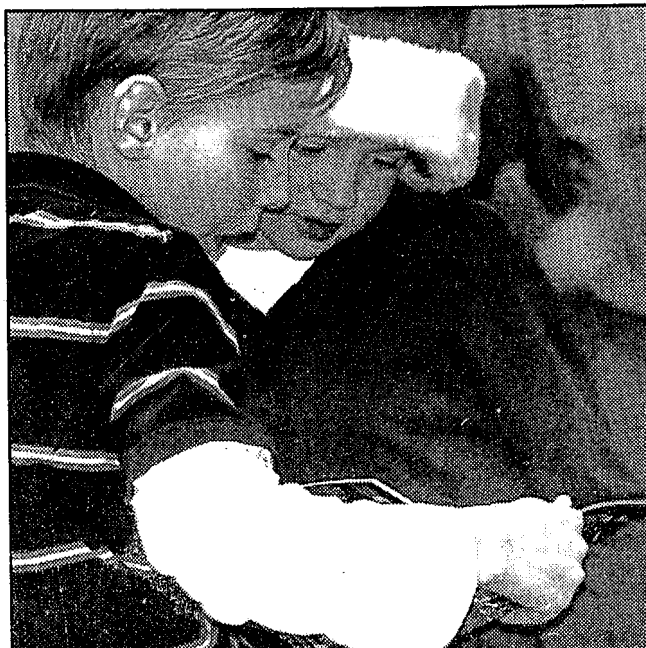
After the school sing-along students went back to their class-

rooms for fun activities, crafts and eating a mix of healthy and sugary treats.

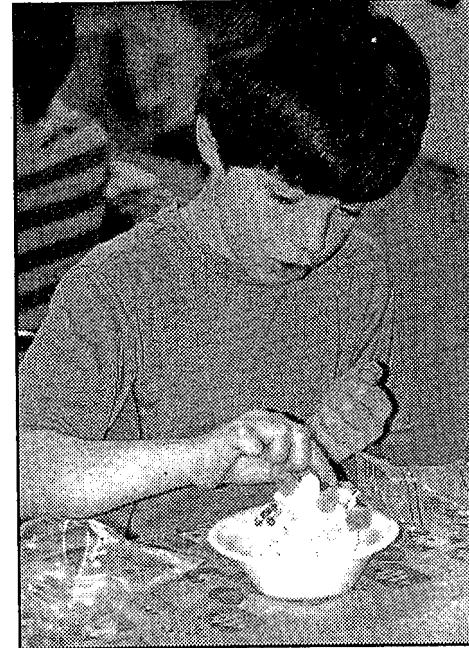
The holiday break began on Dec. 22 - they will be back to school on Jan. 3.



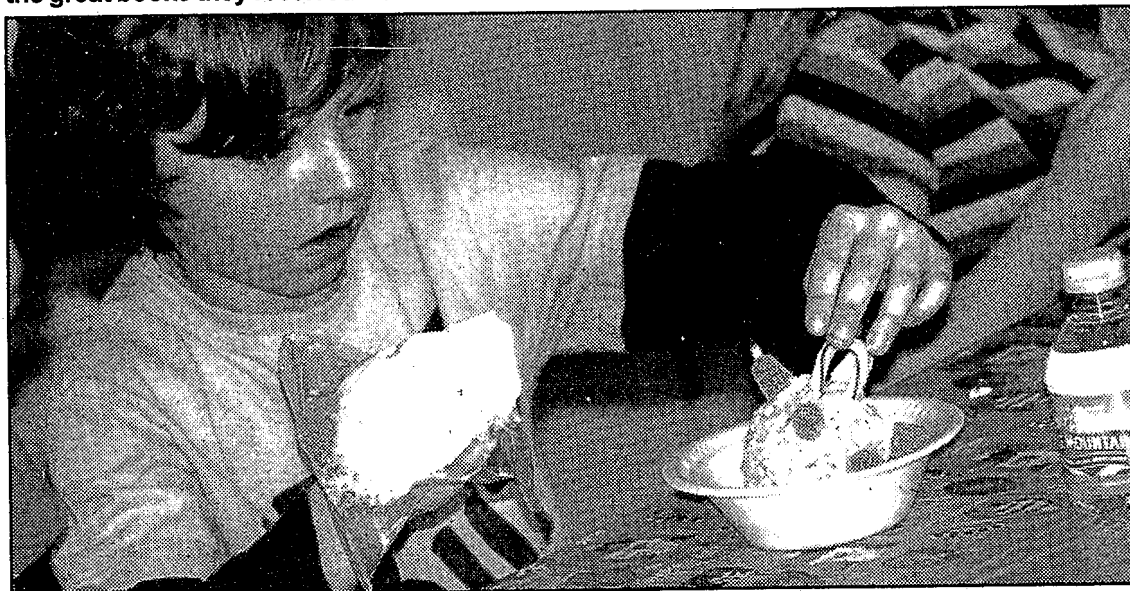
Teachers dance to "Jingle Bell Rock."



Fifth-graders Jay Fordyce and Noah Juuhl compare the great books they received from their secret Santas.



Second-grader Owen Tanielian adds more detail to his krispy decoration.



Second-grader A.J. Fiori looks for the perfect spot for more icing in Mrs. Copland's class.



Fifth-graders perform Christmas songs on their recorders during the sing-along before the Christmas parties begin. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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# People Poll

December 28, 2011

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## What's your resolution for the new year?



"Stay healthy."

— John Currie



"Start painting. My kitchen needs a nice piece of art. I'm going to get my own canvas and do it myself."

— Michele Daniels



"To have my Christmas shopping done by Dec. 1 next year."

— Vicky Mattson



"To make time to help others in need."

— Cristina Strong

By Phil Custodio

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!



## Millstream faces, 2011

The Clarkston News spotlighted dozens of Clarkston-area authors, activists, artists, volunteers, and other residents in the Millstream feature – here they are once more, from January-June.



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**Special Events**

Open auditions for Clarkston Village Players' "At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin," 7:30 p.m., Jan. 8-9, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-666-3094.

**Free Body Fat Testing**, 2-5 p.m., Jan. 15, Anytime Fitness, 9685 Dixie Highway. Open to the public. Call to schedule, 248-625-3002.

**Clarkston Village Players**, "Drinking Alone," comedy, Jan. 20-21, 27-29, Feb. 3-4; "At the Sign of the Crippled Harlequin," murder mystery, March 9-10, 16-18, 23-24; "Moon Over Buffalo," comedy farce, May 11-12, 18-20, 25-26. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., \$11; Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m., \$13; Sundays, 2 p.m., \$11. 248-625-8811.

**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.

**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**

**Exercise program for all ages**, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445.

**Afternoon Line Dancing**, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$3. Drop In.

**Mothers & More**, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839.

# Around Town



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

**Therapeutic Yoga classes**, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270.

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

**Pilates and Sculpt**, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

**Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly**, 5:45 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays. Beginning, intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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

**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.

**Slow Flow Yoga** Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. Beginning and intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

**Tuesday**

**Pickleball**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 5449 Clarkston Road, \$3, drop in, all levels welcome; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, drop in. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

**Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Bring practice mat or towel. Free-will offerings. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road, 248-891-4365.

**Clarkston Community Band rehearsals**, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

**Needlework Night**, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

**Belly Dancing**, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

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

**Widowed Friends**, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692.

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

**Got Beads**, share love of beads and beading. second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

**Town Hall Quilt Guild**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston

Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

**Zumba**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101.

**Adult Acting Classes**, Clarkston Village Players, for new and established actors. Those under 18 need parents' permission and approval of the facilitator. Section 2: Tuesdays, Jan 3-Feb 14, 6-9 p.m. Call Bob Gerics, 248-891-9279.

**Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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

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

**Local Business Network**, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

**Lunches for 50+**, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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

Please see Around Town on page 10B

**NEED A VET?**  
**Pet Authority**  
 Animal Hospital & Boarding  
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 Any Vaccine or Medical Exam  
 4588 Walton • Waterford  
 248-673-1288  
 Exp Jan 11, 2012

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**December 31st**

**NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!**

**LAKE ORION'S BEST!**

**FOR RESERVATIONS**

**CALL 248-391-1900**



John and Jan Merz, and Kelsey volunteer to ring the Salvation Army bells.



Bob and Rob Hoff brought their pets to help.



Jeremy and Rachel Bleim, with Devin, Leia, and Justin, all came out to volunteer.

## Ring the bells for those in need

This was the 25th year of Salvation Army. A total of 150 volunteers helped out at three Clarkston area Krogers stores, working in one-hour shifts. They collected a three-day total of \$5,452.93 for the Salvation Army.

# Restaurant Directory

Taste test these local restaurants for a variety of great food.

## CONEY ISLAND



6325 Sashabaw Road  
Clarkston  
248-620-5122  
leosconeyisland.com  
Let us cater your next event!  
Lake Orion location Opening Soon!

## BREWERY

### Clarkston Union

54 S. Main Street • Clarkston  
248.620-6101 Find us on Facebook

## STEAKS/SEAFOOD

### Mesquite Creek

steaks & seafood  
7228 North Main Street • Clarkston  
248-620-9300 • mesquitecreek.com

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## IRISH PUB



**BlackThorn Pub**  
105 S. Saginaw St  
Historical Downtown Holly, MI  
248-369-8714  
www.blackthornpubholy.com  
Visit us at WWW.BLACKTHORNHOLLYPUB.NET

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## MIDDLE EASTERN



**PITA WAY**  
6315 Sashabaw Rd.  
248-620-5000  
www.pita-way.com

## FRESH FOOD



Visit Us!  
6325 Sashabaw Rd.  
Clarkston  
(248) 625-6314  
Fax: (248) 625-6409

## CATERING



**Gregg's  
Gourmet Cafe**  
5914 Ortonville Rd. • Clarkston  
248-625-6612

## PIZZA



**GUIDO'S**  
Pizzeria  
5960 Sashabaw Rd.  
(248) 620-9999  
www.guidospizza.com

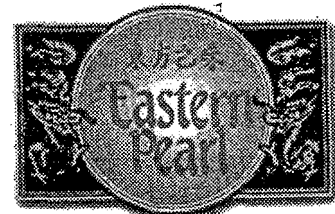
## FAMILY DINING



**Union Wood Shop**  
18 S. Main St  
Clarkston  
248.625.5660

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5171 Dixie Hwy., Across from Kmart in Waterford  
248-673-2288

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**\$6 OFF** Second Dinner  
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Cuisine & Cocktails

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LET US CATER YOUR NEXT PARTY  
• Graduations • Weddings  
• Birthdays  
• Company Outings  
& Other Special Events

**CHINA FAIR RESTAURANT**  
京華酒家

1764 Ortonville Rd at Glass Road in Ortonville  
248-627-9292

## Students' success

Julie Powers of Clarkston was awarded a \$5,000 2011 UCB Family Epilepsy Scholarship, which will assist with her studies at Central Michigan University.

Powers is one of 40 winners selected from over 800 applicants from across the country. The scholarship is awarded each year to inspiring people whose lives have been affected by epilepsy, and who seek personal growth through higher learning.

Recipients were chosen based on personal excellence, dedication to their community, and determination to live beyond the boundaries of epilepsy.

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Zachary Keener graduated from Professional Golfers Career College in Bluffton, S.C., Dec. 10, 2011.

He is the son of Jerry Keener of Clarkston.

Send your milestones to  
5 S. Main St. or e-mail  
Clarkstonnews@gmail.com



Zachary and Megan

## Clarkston graduate married

Megan Renda of Clarkston and Zachary Zenz of Grass Lake, Mich., were joined in marriage on Sept. 24, 2011, in Jackson, Mich.

The bride graduated from Clarkston High School in 2003, and from Oakland University Nursing Program in 2008.

Megan is employed as an Emergency Room Registered Nurse at Northside Hospital in St Pete, Fla.

The groom graduated of Western Michigan Aeronautical Engineering in 2006. He currently works at Cobham Mission Systems as an Aerospace Engineer

The couple resides in Seminole, Fla.

# 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!*

## The Parents of Clarkston's First Baby of 2012 Will Receive Prizes!

### Steps to Enter:

1. Photo should be of child only. Photos of child with objects and other people will not be accepted.
2. Birthday must be on or after January 1, 2012.
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.

**Look for Our  
1st Baby Announcement  
This January**

This special announcement feature will include photos of all the babies entered in our Baby New Year 2012 Contest

### Baby New Year 2012 Contest Entry Form

Mother's/Parent's Full Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Baby's Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exact Time of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother's/Parent's Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed entry form, photo and proof of birthdate to:

**The Clarkston News**  
5 S. Main St., Clarkston 48346  
248-625-3370



# Today's crisis calls for long-term reformation

The New Year is already upon us. It always amazes me how fast the time goes. Wasn't it just a short time ago that we were being warned of an impending disaster in our technology—when we went from 1999 to 2000?

Now we are coming into 2012. Have you heard all the disaster scenarios? The Mayan calendar predicts the end of the world in 2012 and many other sources are confirming disaster is just around the corner.

It is amazing to me how people love to warn of the end, but so few take a realistic long-term view. I am never motivated by any information that encourages short-term thinking. Panic is definitely a motivator for immediate action.

As a person who loves history, I am always motivated to view events from a historical perspective, and as a Christian, I take the long-term view of the future. I do see trends that are leading our nation down a road of disaster.

The contributors to this scenario have been long-term and varied in their influence. The good

thing about a long-term view of a disaster is, it gives us the opportunity to do something about the future, and either change it altogether, or at least prevent a "worse case" scenario.

By nature, I am an optimist rather than a pessimist, but in the end I am a rationalist.

In other words, we must have a rational explanation of our problems and realistic efforts to change them.

A big part of the problem our country is facing is generational and it will take a generational turn to change it.

I am part of what many have called the "baby boomer" generation. As a generation, we have always questioned authority and institutions.

The upheavals of the late 1960's were the result of a desire to fight against these things because they were often seen as purveyors of in-

justice.

The end result is a crisis of leadership in our nation and a crisis of function in our government as well as other institutions. To change this situation, we need to have a change in the basic premise of our thoughts and motivations.

We are confronting a moral dilemma. To reverse this crisis, we need to make immediate choices, but we also need a long-range plan of reformation. It would not be the first time that we have done this as a nation.

In the early 1800's, America was facing many problems that seemed like they would overwhelm our country. Alcohol abuse, family breakdowns, crime, and a general sense of pessimism invaded the land. The problems seemed so great that most people saw them as irreversible and did not hold much hope.

Along came a preacher named "Lyman Beecher." Motivated by his love for the country and his fervent faith, he began a call for reformation.

He said that it had to start in the

church and it would be a force to turn the nation around.

His call was generational and his children carried on the burden through various reform efforts. He believed that if we were willing, God was able.

Beecher wasn't the only voice, but a major voice in those days. There is credible evidence that this spiritual renewal changed our country and had a profound impact on society. A country is not an impersonal thing, but a gathering of people under a single banner. I say, we must once again build our faith and say—God, you can turn our nation around. We must recognize in our prayers that we need to be the vehicles God will use to bring this change.

*"The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth."* (Psalm 110:2-3 NKJV)

The Rev. Loren Covarubbias is pastor of Mt. Zion Temple.

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor Loren Covarubbias

# Church Directory

### ST. TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod"  
Pastor: Rev. Kendall Schaeffer  
7925 Sashabaw Road  
(1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater)  
Clarkston, MI 48348  
(248) 625-4644  
www.sainttrinitylutheran.com  
e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net  
Broadcast Worship - Clarkston  
CTV-10/20 Sun. 2:00pm, Thurs. 9:00pm  
Broadcast Worship - Waterford  
CATV-10 Tues. 2:30pm  
Worship:  
Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
Sat. 6:00 pm  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Preschool: 3-4 years old  
Preschool: 620-6154

### CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston  
(former of Maybee & Winell)  
248-623-1224  
Service 9:00 - 10:30  
www.ClarkstonFMC.org  
Wednesday 7 pm  
Youth & Adult Ministry

### CALVARY MISSIONARY CHURCH & DESTINY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

1361 Giddings Rd., Pontiac MI 48340  
248-373-0311  
Sunday Service: 10 am & 6pm  
Tues. - 10 am Prayer Service  
Wed. - 7 pm Bible Study  
www.calvarymissionarychurchpontiac.org  
Senior Pastors: Dan & Debbie Burgess

### BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

6765 Battablee Lake Road  
Clarkston, 48348  
(248) 625-1144  
Services:  
Sunday 9:00am & 10:45am  
Morning Worship Service  
Exploration Station - Children's Ministry  
Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life - Adult Life Ministry  
c.r.a.v.e. - Student Life Ministry  
Ozone - Children's Life Ministry  
Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services  
A Church For Life  
www.bridgewoodchurch.com

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611  
Website: clarkstonumc.org  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
6:00pm Evening Service  
Nursery available for all services

### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
(248) 394-0200  
Fax: (248) 394-2142  
Interim: Rev. William Lange  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am  
Dream Keepers Youth Group  
Bible Study  
Wednesday 7:00 pm  
Youth Groups 6-12  
Wednesday 6:30 pm  
www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
Sunday 10 am  
Holy Eucharist  
Sunday School 9:55 am  
Nursery Provided  
www.clarkstonepiscopal.org  
248-625-2325

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-3380  
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15)  
Pastor: Russell Reemtsma  
Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
Wed: 7:00 pm Awana Club  
6:30 pm Teen Ministry  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### OAKLAND EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Pastor Wayne Uppendahl  
Services held at Mount Zion Center  
4453 Clintonville Rd. at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI  
Sunday School at 9:15 am  
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 am  
Bible Study Wed. Eve., 6:30 pm  
at Church Offices - Yellow House  
7205 Clintonville Rd., Clarkston, MI  
Phone: (248) 858-2577  
Fax: (248) 858-7706

### ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston  
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75)  
625-4580  
Rev. Christopher Maus  
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Religious Education: 625-1750  
Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

### SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Little Church with a BIG Heart"  
5300 Maybee Road, Clarkston  
Worship 11:00 am  
Nursery Provided  
Phone (248) 673-3101

## In our churches...

**Holistic Sampler Health Fair, Open House, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Jan. 14.** Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-807-8511.

**Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.**

**DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently.** Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

**Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free nursery.** Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

**Divorce Care, Thursdays, 7- In Our Churches, page 10B**

# Congratulations to eighth graders on first trimester success

## 8th Grade

### GPA 4.0

Abraham, Kristen  
Agnew, Hannah  
Baker, Michael  
Baylis, Olivia  
Beaune, Amanda  
Beck, Alexis  
Boissonneault, Hannah  
Brown, Delaney  
Brozovich, Amy  
Burch, Brittany  
Cahn, Jeffrey  
Carlson, Allyson  
Cavallo, Kaitlyn  
Chamberlain, Trevor  
Checkowsky, Jennifer  
Collins, Margaret  
Cooper, Brett  
Covert, Matthew  
Daros, Costandina  
Davis, Anna  
Doran, Rebecca  
Dunlap, Kyle  
Ehrhard, Benjamin  
Engdahl, Timothy  
Eriksen, Nolan  
Evans, Zachary  
Ferer, Lea  
Foley, Sydney  
Fox, Alexis  
Galligan, Claire  
Geisler, Shelby  
Giolitti, Jon  
Gipe, Nathaniel  
Grindling, Hannah  
Grindling, Joshua  
Hamilton, Ricquel  
Hampton, Elizabeth  
Hanson, Nicole  
Hedden, Nathan  
Henley, Grant  
Hibbard, Kelsey  
Horton, Rachel  
Hughes, Catherine  
Jokisch, Daniel  
Keer, Isaac  
Knavish, Mia  
Knill, Sadie  
Koleber, Sierra  
Laubstein, Melvin  
Lynch, Collin  
Marsala, Diana  
Mathews, Jonathan  
McCarty, Michael  
McNeil, Erin  
Mehta, Kailan

Miller, Mackenzie  
Netherland, James  
Parks, Sabrina  
Price, Caylee  
Quigley, Kiera  
Richards, Alyse  
Riera Rodriguez, Fidia  
Ritchey, Jillian  
Rosche, Joshua  
Rosswurm, Courtney  
Russell, Hanson  
Schleusener, Claire  
Scott, Evan  
Shutty, Rachel  
Sien, Danielle  
Slayton, Crystal  
Snider, Adam  
Sprague, Nicholas  
Stauffer, Serena  
Stiles, Rebecca  
Stout, Mark  
Walsh, Kyle  
Williams, Simone  
Wilson, Abigail  
Wilson, Hannah

### GPA 3.9 - 3.5

Abel, Nicholas  
Abraira, Matthew  
Adams, Brandon  
Aguilar, Alyssa  
Anderson, Codi  
Arnold, Madeline  
Asmus, Victoria  
Atchison, Thomas  
Bacher, Michelle  
Bacon, Jack  
Bauer, Hailey  
Bentler, Brady  
Bertolini, Steven  
Bethke, Cameron  
Bey, Alyssa  
Biggs, Andrew  
Blade, Keegan  
Blaga, Kierstin  
Bland, John  
Bojanowski, Rachel  
Booher, Catelyn  
Bunting, Anna  
Butcher, Jamson  
Calhoun, Caitlyn  
Calhoun, Zachary  
Callahan, Brianna  
Campbell, Rachel  
Catania, Kelsey  
Clifton, Haile  
Comos, Emily

Cooper, Jack  
Coyle, Brendan  
Culver, Matthew  
Cumming, Deanna  
Czopek, Madison  
Dalby, Olivia  
Daniel, John  
Davies, Heather  
Davis, Madalyn  
Dickerson, Justin  
Dixon, Robert  
Drobot, Zachary  
Edwards, Austin  
Ege, Ceren  
Exelby, Kendal  
Farkas, Jacqueline  
Farrugia, Brent  
Fleming, Tyler  
Foley, Claire  
Ford, Sarah  
Frait, Anna  
Frame, Andreas  
Frasa, Emily  
Fries, Liam  
Fulcher, Paige  
Gardner, Cody  
Geisler, Hannah  
Gergle, Natalia  
Gill, Brian  
Gilmer, Emily  
Girschner, Megan  
Gosen, Brenna  
Graham, Brandon  
Gravelle, Katherine  
Gray, Alissa  
Gray, Dylan  
Grush, Emily  
Hall, Angel  
Hall, Lydia  
Hamelin, Kayla  
Haneckow, Halle  
Harper, Jared  
Hart, Matthew  
Harvey, Kyle  
Haselwanter, Alexis  
Haven, James  
Herron, Jordan  
Hodgson, Luke  
Holloway, Dawson  
Holmes, Ryan  
Horowitz, Theresa  
Hossack, Sara  
Hunt, Alexa  
Hunt, Kelsey  
Hyde, Nathaniel  
Imirowicz, Brandon  
Jackson, Matthew

Jeung, Johanna  
Kaufman, Michael  
Keith, Aidan  
Kelley, Caleb  
Kersten, Jacob  
Keusch, Danielle  
King, Lindsey  
Klein, Carl  
Kline, Andrew  
Kornas, Connor  
Kuczanski, Jack  
Kusky, Lyric  
Lee, Michaela  
Lee, Vanessa  
Lemieux, Andrew  
Lenk, Hayley  
Linton, Carter  
Long, Tiffany  
Luebbert, Corey  
Lysa, Alona  
Mallory, Lucille  
Mangapora, Alyssa  
Manger, Madeleine  
Mantz, Karas  
Martin, Joshua  
Masters, Kyle  
Mattise, Dustin  
McCarty, Kevin  
McKay, Taylor  
McKenzie, Maura  
Mead, Samuel  
Milano, Rebecca  
Miles, Ashley  
Miller, Setr  
Mills, Preston  
Moltnaker, Kelly  
Moore, Colleen  
Muhleck, Jack  
Murdoch, Mackenzie  
Nelson, David  
Nicholson, Justin  
Nicholson, Megan  
Nofar, Abigail  
Olechowski, James  
Opel, Derek  
Ortiz, Trinity  
Paredes, Anna  
Patel, Akshar  
Patel, Dhiral  
Pawlik, Cameron  
Pawlowski, Claire  
Pelle, Gavin  
Pelton, Holly  
Peterson, Madeline  
Peterson, Zachary  
Phillips, Jacob  
Pinter, Lucas

Pocock, Austin  
Polish, Lynnsey  
Price, Ethan  
Puertas, Maria  
Pytel, Samantha  
Raymo, Jr., John  
Regan, Victoria Lyn  
Roberts, Clayton  
Robinson, Chad  
Roland, Courtney  
Rosario, Marco  
Rothwell, Jessica  
Ruiz, Rafael  
Russell, Kayla  
Sajan, Conner  
Saplala, Kayla  
Schapf, Daniel  
Schick, Natalie  
Scott, Lauren  
Sebring, Jack  
Seguin, Shannon  
Sheill, Elizabeth  
Sikowski, Allison  
Simmons, Austin  
Simpson, Shelby  
Skinner, Mason  
Slunick, Carter  
Smith, Eric  
Smith, Hayden  
Sosnowski, Halley  
Starr, Samantha  
Stawara, Ryan  
Stebbins, Julia  
Stokes, Brendan  
Suddon, Jared  
Swartzmiller, Lukas  
Tackabury, Evan  
Tait, Lauren  
Taylor, Alex  
Thompson, Mitchel  
Turner, Jessica  
Turner, Mason  
Ulrich, Trevor  
Vandermeer, Nathan  
Vanheulen, Joseph  
Verhelle, Joseph  
Wendt, Alec  
Whall, Alexandra  
White, Shannon  
Whiting, Michael  
Wiedemann, Reis  
Williams, Donte  
Wolfgang, Victoria  
Woodham, David  
Ylvisaker, Christian  
Zabel, Brenden  
Zahner, Lawrence

Zelinsky, Tucker

### GPA 3.49 - 3.0

Adams, Keegan  
Aleman, Jacob  
Alexander, Courtney  
Allen, Stephen  
Ashbaugh, Desire  
Auchterlonie, Keith  
Baranyai, Alexandra  
Baylis, Nathan  
Bechtell, Emma  
Beeler, Grace  
Benson, Ian  
Bigger, Erin  
Biggs, Mitchell  
Blust, David  
Bobbitt, Brianna  
Bosley, Bryson  
Bowman, Nicolas  
Britting, Simeon  
Bryer, Megan  
Bullen, Diana  
Butler, Airiana  
Cantu, Gabrielle  
Carter, Bailey  
Cascone, Haley  
Choi, John  
Cordoba, Alejandro  
Creger, Logan  
Crothers, Anna  
Cutean, Deaven  
Dawes, Nicholas  
Diemer, Eric  
Dixson, Dylan  
Dobrzelewski, Ian  
Dolan, Bret  
Egli, Derrick  
Fahr, Sydney  
Fairman, Tyler  
Fisher, Jacob  
Flewelling, Zachary  
Frank, Sarah  
Gabbard, Stephanie  
Graham, Cassie  
Gram, Mollie  
Grenke, Alexander  
Hadley, Camden  
Hallberg, Jacob  
Hallett, Hannah  
Hansen, Liam  
Heaton, Mitchell  
Hoben, Evan  
Hood, Mariah  
Huhtasaari, Audrey  
Jacobs, Marisa  
Jaroneski, Jordan

Jensen, Bradley  
Johnson, Matthew  
Keener, Alex  
Kelterborn, Madison  
Kessman, Alexander  
Kirkland, Kordell  
Knotts, Nathan  
Koponen, Jonah  
Kosarek, Jazmyn  
Kuhn, Ryleigh  
Lederman, Devin  
Letchworth, Kelsey  
Lindquist, Alison  
Loetzner, Merlin  
Lucas, Ethan  
Maguire, Kirkland  
Mark, Nathan  
Matthews, Megan  
Milka, Kyra  
Minuth, Austin  
Monahan, Taylor  
Moonen, Brandon  
Moore, Lauren  
Morey, Jordyn  
Morris, Emma  
Morton, Zoiecorinne  
Moscovic, Cole  
Moss, Andrew  
Moster, Craig  
Nelson, Mitchell  
Nevels, Zariah  
Niewoit, Daniel  
Oliverio, Kelsey  
Peickert, Riley  
Peterson, Paige  
Phillips, Teagan  
Pinner, Jacob  
Piper, Jeremy  
Porter, Alisen  
Prasil, Drew  
Rachel, Holly  
Reiner, Anthony  
Robin, Ashley  
Scane, James  
Schaldenbrand, Nicholas  
Schrei, Connor  
Schroeder, Keaton  
Schwartz, Ashley  
Seibert, Kyle  
Seibert, Mckenna  
Skene, George  
Smail, Julia  
Smith, Matthew  
Snider, Sara  
Spindler, Isabella  
Stamper, Brittany  
Steger, Sydney

# The Clarkston News



Congratulate's all of the  
Honor Roll Students



# Freshmen excel in classroom at Clarkston Junior High

Stickney, Ryan  
Stuart, Ian  
Susalla III, Harley  
Trombley, Emily  
Vangilder, Nicholas  
Wagner, Kevin  
Watson, Matthew  
Weber, Lynox  
West, Tyler  
Whitehead, Madeline  
Whittenberg, Kody  
Woods, Holly  
Yamanoha, Ashley  
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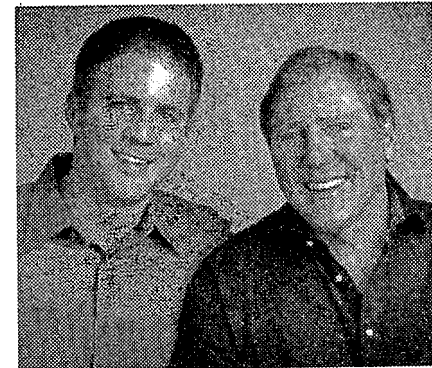


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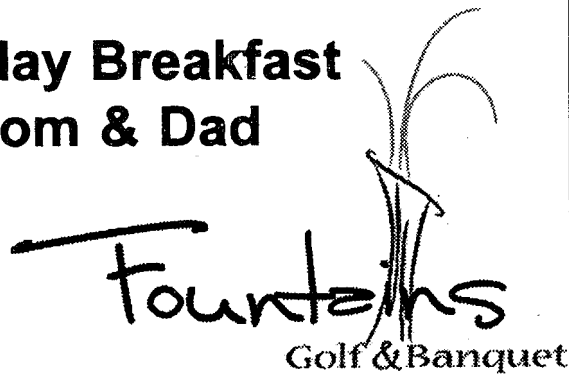
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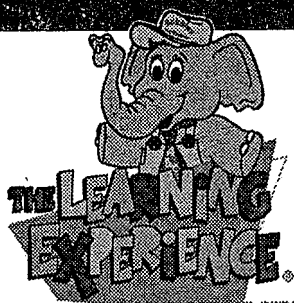
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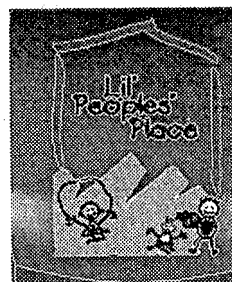
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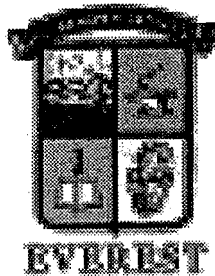
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Divorce Care, Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. through Jan. 5; Jan. 12-April 5; April 26-July 19. Weekly video presentation with small group discussion. \$15 for workbook. Join any time. Childcare provided. at 248-620-8420.

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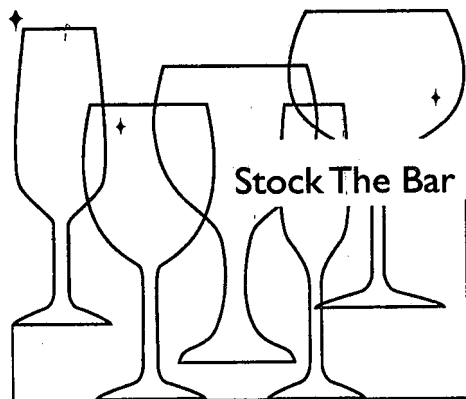
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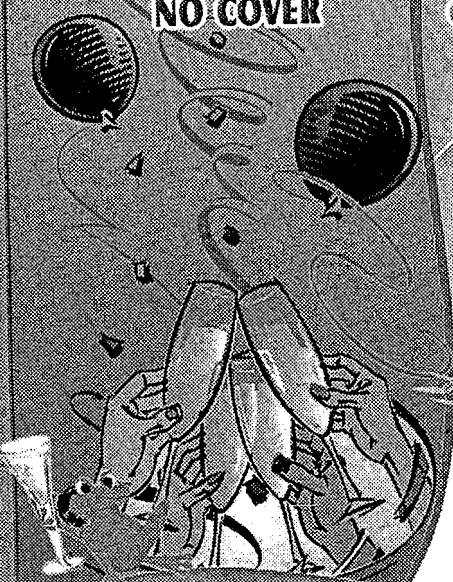
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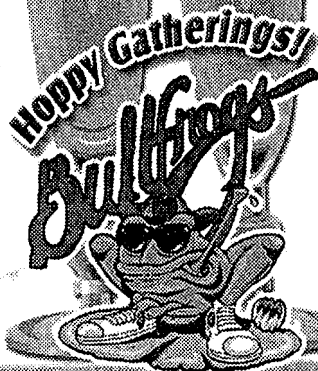


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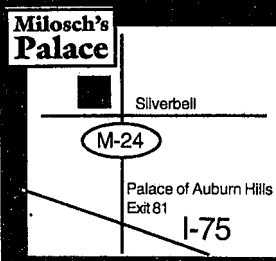


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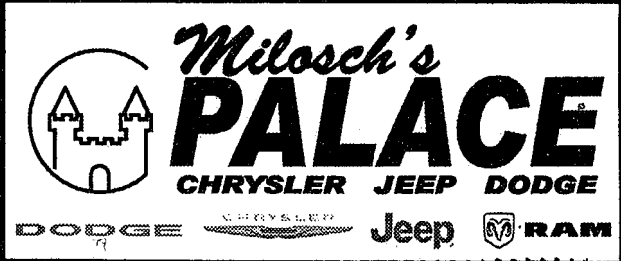


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Bethany Royse aims to toss a ball through a wreath.



From left, Abby Bridgeman, Anna Hanna, and Jake Carusello fill their plates with snacks.

## Holly, jolly class parties

Music, games and food filled the classrooms of Independence Elementary, Dec. 21, as students celebrated their holiday parties. Classes resume Jan. 3.

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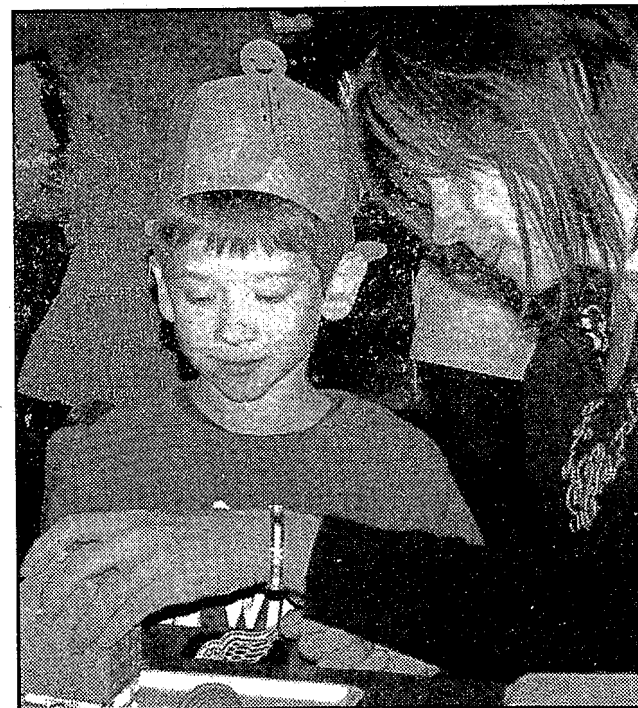
Students sing a Christmas-season tune.



Brandon Massey runs to fill his team's stocking in a relay race.



Aiyun Lanker and Michael VanGilder play a Christmas tree game.



Damian and his mom Adrienne Kostadina make a gingerbread house.