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# No own, no crime

BY TREVOR KEISER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After almost of year of time, thousands of tax dollars spent for two investigations by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, nothing has changed with Independence Township's "missing tractor" case.

After the investigation, Oakland County Prosecutor's office echoed its first sentiments when the case was brought to them: "insufficient evidence of a crime being committed."

"It makes me wonder how many tax dollars were spent on doing this investigation," Trustee Mark Petterson told the *Clarkston News* "As far as I'm concerned it was a dead duck a long time ago."

Treasurer Curt Carson agreed. "It's disappointing the county had to spend tens of thousands of dollars in taxpayer's money going through this," he said. "Nothing should have happened until we understood exactly what we had here."

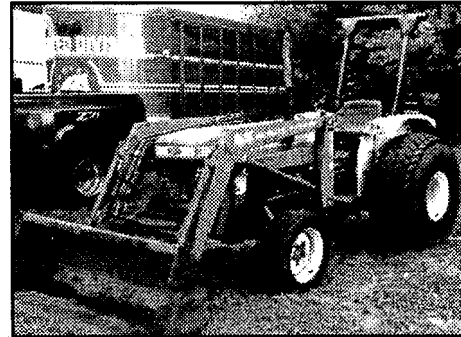
The case was first opened at the March, 1, 2011 meeting when Trustee Dave Lohmeier revealed Parks and Rec. employees told him about tractor that had gone missing the previous November. The tractor was donated to the township "sometime" in the early 1980's.

As the case unfolded, it was revealed that Supervisor Dave Wagner directed the tractor be returned to donor, Dr. James O'Neill, because it was "inoperable."

In April 201, the board voted to start an investigation to see if Wagner had committed a crime by "giving township assets away." That investigation by Oakland County Chief Warrant Officer John Slevin concluded there was "insufficient evidence of crime being committed." He submitted his conclusion in a July 5, 2011 letter to the board.

On July 21, Lohmeier, township Clerk Barb Pallotta, and Parks and Rec. Director Ken Elwert met with investigators to present more information, which reopened the case.

Based on the new information and a subsequent investigation, Slevin came to



Deputies were in search of a similar looking tractor. File photo

the same conclusion as he did the first time. His opinion was delivered to the township in a Dec. 5, 2011 letter, which also stated, the township never owned the tractor because the board "never voted on the acceptance of the proposed donation of the tractor, as required by law."

"A criminal complaint would not be authorized on this evidence," Slevin said. "This is a matter that should be resolved within the township or through the civil courts."

After reading the opinion given, Trustee Larry Rosso told the *Clarkston News*, "the outcome remains to be seen. I think if nothing at all it prompts our board to make a very precise policy regarding township assets and the inventory of those assets. I'm not sure if there is going to be a conclusion of this, the sheriff department doesn't see any reason to prosecute."

Wagner is tired of hearing about the tractor. "The statements were given before and the findings by the prosecutor's office state there was no wrongdoing, the tractor was returned to the person it should have been ... This just goes to show again all the money we've wasted and all the time that is spent over nothing."

Clerk Pallotta could not be reached for comment; Lohmeier wanted to further review the investigation, prior to comment; and Trustee Neil Wallace refused to comment.

## What are Your New Year Resolutions, Dreams, Hopes for 2012?

Our resolutions many times are reflective of what we truly feel we want for our lives. They are what we believe will make us happier, more fulfilled and bring harmony to our lives. Many reflect a desire to transform ourselves or grow. The difficulty comes when we don't know how to reach those goals, which is why many of those resolutions never are accomplished and people don't feel successful.

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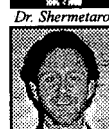
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Cory Johnston continues a drive to return Clarkston to a village. Photo by Trevor Keiser

**Effort starts with petition drive**

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 funds to pay for the expertise to even finance a basic government."

Transitioning back to a village would start with a signed petition of at least a quarter of all qualified city voters to get a petition on the ballot. Then, a two-thirds majority vote in the city as well as majority of township voters would make the change.

Johnston did the math.  
 "The 2010 population is listed at 882 with 820 registered voters," Johnston said. "So the short form is 205 to get the petition on the ballot, and 547 in favor in the city, plus 13,232 from the township to get it approved."

**Supervisor disability extended**

BY TREVOR KEISER  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township received a letter from their insurance carrier, Mutal of Omaha, on Jan. 6 stating Supervisor Dave Wagner's disability has been extended.

"The letter was pretty simple. It basically said his disability is extended through Aug. 25," said Human Resource Director Carol Gabris. "Other than that there weren't any other comments."

Wagner, who's been out since April 2011, said he didn't know why the insurance company would send that notice to the township because he's not heard anything from his doctors.

"When I go in to see the doctors I'll find out, you would think they would tell me," he said. "Why would they take it to August? That's very troubling to say the least."

Gabris said doctors and insurance companies communicate with each other.

"The insurance company is going to request information from the treating physician," she said.

Wagner expected to have a third neck surgery in December, but his doctor went

Johnston said he would move if he could, but he "can't afford to move, and can't afford to stay."

His retirement is in his house he said.  
 "Yes, I love this community, but I could live two houses away and have all the enjoyment and pleasure of the City of the Village of Clarkston at township taxes," he said. "I don't see my life being better by having city in front of our name."

Email Johnston at [OneClarkston@yahoo.com](mailto:OneClarkston@yahoo.com), or go to [bigideassmalltowns.blogspot.com](http://bigideassmalltowns.blogspot.com). Let us know what you think, too, at 248-625-3370 or [Clarkstonnews@gmail.com](mailto:Clarkstonnews@gmail.com).

on vacation, so his surgery was delayed until this month, he said.

"That was a real blow when that transpired," Wagner said.

He was scheduled to see the doctor on Jan. 10 to discuss it. He did note his meds have been reduced.

"Yesterday was finally my last day on the steroids, so that was cool," he said. "I'm happy about that."

Trustee Dave Lohmeier said he's glad the township has a superintendent in place to "keep things going."

"I'm happy we know (that the disability has been extended) and we can plan, but I'm sad he still has problems," Lohmeier said. "I wish him the best and hope he gets better."

Petterson said if Wagner is on disability until August, then he sees no reason for him to come back.

"We might as well remove the position altogether and start weaning the clerk and the treasurer into part-time," he said. "Let's just hope the township moves forward in a good direction with or without him."

Wagner said he "definitely plans on coming back."

**Briefly**

**Strolling Cocktail Party**

Clarkston Retailers Group hosts a strolling cocktail party downtown, 6 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21.

Eighteen Main Street retailers will provide free snacks, drinks, and entertainment, while collecting donations for O.A.T.S., Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles.

**Biodiversity program**

Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter, hosts Biodiversity Live, 7:30-9 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 1, at St. Daniel Church Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive.

Presenters with the Organization for Bat Conservation will discuss how plants and animals are connected, balance of natural ecosystems, human impact on biodiversity, and how to protect wildlife.

Live animals include an owl, bearded dragon, sugar glider and a large fruit bat.

Registration preferred at [annebushroe@hotmail.com](mailto:annebushroe@hotmail.com). This event is free, but donations appreciated.

Check [www.for-wild.org/chapters/northoakland](http://www.for-wild.org/chapters/northoakland).

**More hours at Wint**

The Wint Nature Center in Independence Oaks County Park is open for walk-in visits, Wednesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

The nature center is closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Advance reservations programs including group programs, field trips, birthday parties, etc. are available Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m.

The new hours are part of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission's efforts to streamline operations and reduce costs while continuing to provide high quality service to residents and guests.

For more information, visit [DestinationOakland.com](http://DestinationOakland.com).

**Fiddlers in concert**

Clarkston United Methodist Church hosts The Saline Fiddlers in concert, 3 p.m., Jan. 22.

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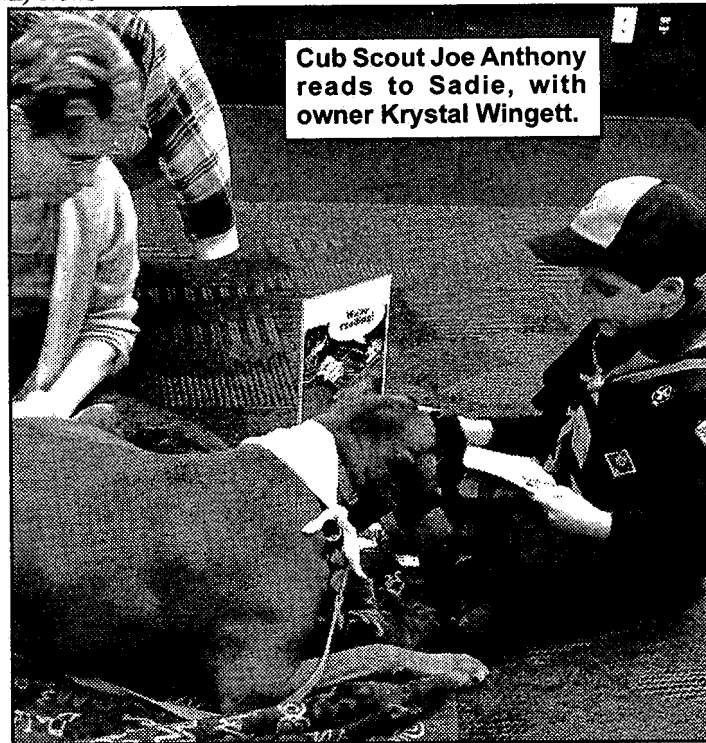
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Cub Scout Joe Anthony reads to Sadie, with owner Krystal Wingett.



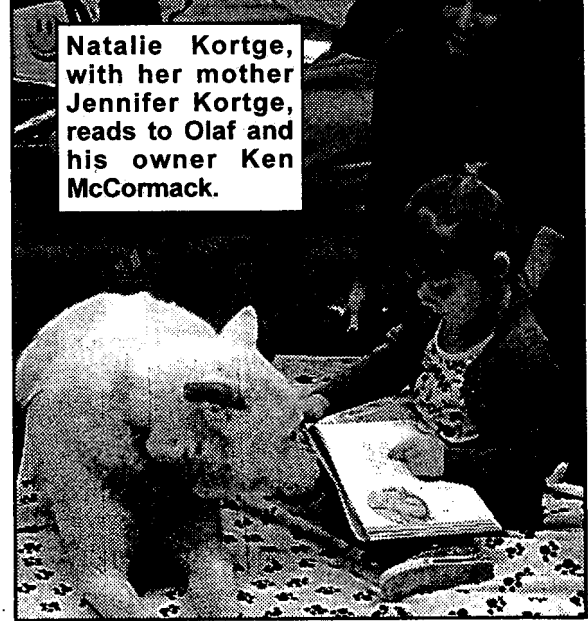
Chloe Somerville, with her mother Christine Somerville, reads to Moose, owned by Abby Whiteford.



Brook Flynn, with her mom Jessica Flynn, reads to Encore, with owner Claudia Jakus.

## Worddogs

Dogs are a reader's best friend at the Independence Township Library's R.E.A.D. to Paws program. Volunteers bring their Reading Education Assistance Dogs to the library about every month. Children of all ages practice reading aloud by reading to the registered therapy pooches. "The kids love it," said Stephanie Wotton, Children's Department intern, at the Jan. 7 R.E.A.D. session. Upcoming sessions are 1-2 p.m., Feb. 11, March 31, and May 5 at the library, 6495 Clarkston Road.



Natalie Kortge, with her mother Jennifer Kortge, reads to Olaf and his owner Ken McCormack.



Ava and Jacob Lonteen, with their mother, Adrian Lonteen, read to Deacon and Skipper, and their owner, Carol Ruby. They are also Leader Dogs. Photos by Phil Custodio

# Residents speak out against bond

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changes to state funding laws, allow for summer tax collection, and savings on interest costs.

The non-qualified bond would raise the current millage rate from 7 mills to 8 mills to bring in a \$20 million bond. The bond would be split in three parts, \$10 million in 2012, \$5 million in 2016, and \$5 million in 2020. Taxpayers will pay for the bond until 2029.

Paying off the current bonded debt with interest will cost taxpayers \$198 million by 2029, according to Clarkston's 2011 financial audit.

More than half will go to technology, \$10.5 million for upgrades to infrastructure and data electronics, installation of district-wide wireless access, replacement of outdated computers, increase network storage, and interactive technologies such as smart boards, classroom sound systems, interactive tablets like iPads and other items.

"While I agree there needs to be a technology update, there has to be a better way to fund it," said Bridget Gibbs, a parent. "You preach about technology but you are replacing some of the systems we have in place."

For example, laptops Bailey Lake Elementary PTA purchased for students to use.

"Instead of spending money we don't have, why don't we look at current budget where over 80 percent is wages and benefits," she added. "This is an economic model this community cannot continue to sustain. We need to get back to basics. Three years ago, Kindergarten teachers had seven hours in aide times. Now they have three. I do not support the bond until the board understands where their priorities need to be."

Reilly said technology is great but it would also be a distraction.

"We need to think about what it would do," she added.

A Kindle electronic book with downloaded textbooks would help reduce weight students have to carry, she said.

Kelly Horst, PTA president, said her son was part of a pilot program using technol-

ogy at Springfield Plains Elementary and he enjoyed school more.

"He now loves learning," she said, explaining he excitedly comes home to get on the internet to do more online reading and is excited to show his family and friends a Google document he created.

"I want the taxpayers to really weigh in," she said. "If we wait another year, it may be another child lost in the process."

Springfield Township Treasurer Jamie Dubres wrote in a letter to the board – she would love to support the upgrade of technology in the schools and allow site development but not as an additional burden to tax payers.

"Our community has tough decisions they have to make with declining revenue," she continued. "Asking taxpayers to put more money into homes with little or no equity is not responsible in these economic times. Families have to adjust their own budget to survive or in some cases keep their homes from being foreclosed."

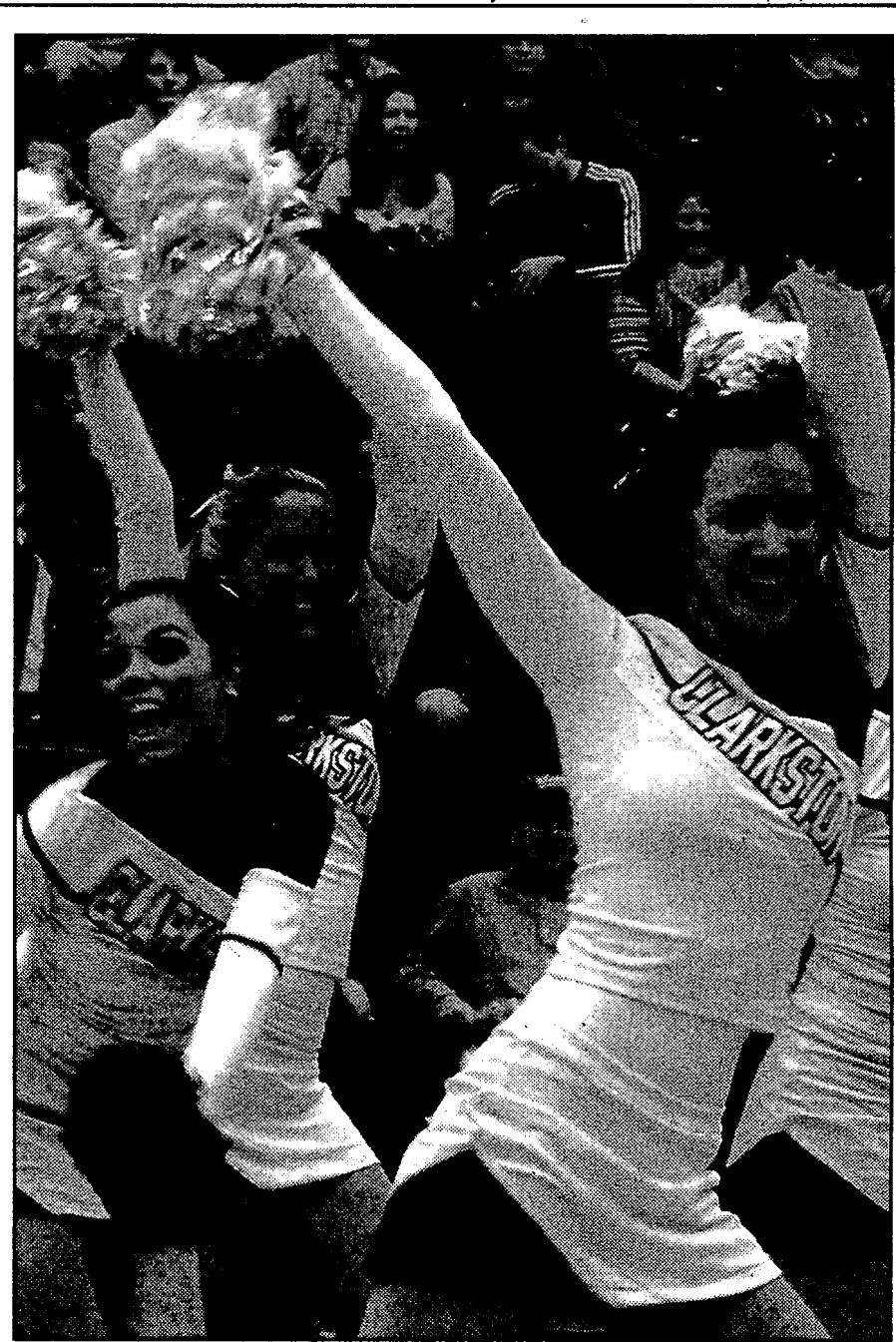
The next biggest bond project is \$3.5 million for site development for enhancement to Andersonville Elementary's parking lot, improvements to parking lots and sidewalks throughout the district, resurfacing tracks and tennis courts at Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School, and expansion of parking lot at Early Childhood Center.

Building construction would be \$3.4 million, including security improvements, handicap-accessible door at the high school, and upgrade of energy management systems.

Furnishings and equipment is \$700,000, and safety and security is \$500,000.

The next step is administration meeting with administrators, teachers, staff and community members and groups to share how learning is related to the capital and technology projects they plan to accomplish with the bond funds.

"We just want to give the kids the best opportunity and this is what we can do," said Dr. Rod Rock, superintendent.



## Dance moves on the court

Clarkston High School Varsity Dance Team performs at Friday's basketball game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Bonded blues

So Clarkston voters will decide whether the school district can take out a new \$20 million loan.

I'm sure district officials have wonderful uses in mind for the money.

I assume, then, that the "perfect storm" affecting school finances is finally over. This analogy has been used for years to describe government budget problems - a combination of increasing employee retirement and benefit costs, decreasing funding from the state, and lower tax revenues due to a slumping economy, etc.

Because no one would advocate taking on more debt in the midst of a floundering economy.

I'm not sure this is the best idea. I agree children are our future and we should do everything we can for them.

I have to say this because people might assume I'm not.

For example, I wouldn't have thought, with me being a veteran and all the stories about veterans I've written over the years, anyone would think I was anything but pro-veteran. But I was wrong!

So, again just to be clear, I am pro-children - just as I'm sure everyone who has or might speak out against the bond are.

Because the question remains, is this something the Clarkston community can do? Can we afford it?

Why does the school district need \$20 million for technology and to fix parking lots? What happened to the district's maintenance budget?

Is it going to be used to buy technology products? How many students don't have all the products they need already?

If the district wants to teach students something useful, how about teaching them how to program, how to code, HTML so they can design their own websites.

Students certainly don't have to be taught how to use high-tech products. They're designed to be easy to use. Check out what's posted on Facebook and Twitter and it's clear absolute morons have no problem with using these devices.

Why does the election have to be in May? That's \$35,000 right there. Why the rush? Would a six-month delay make that much of a difference?

Besides the lower voter turnout a May election would bring?



## Trustee questions reporter's motives

Dear Editor,

Recently I proposed that Independence Township stop spending taxpayer money to provide retirement health care benefits for the treasurer, supervisor and clerk positions. Even though I knew there would be a few who, for their own political purposes, would question my motivation merely based on timing, I took the risk and even now would again. It was the right thing to do and right time to do it.

For more than a year the board has wrestled with this very expensive unnecessary benefit that many other employees do not have.

A first step was taking the minimum service qualification from a mere eight years to sixteen years. Then recently, one board member said these benefits should be eliminated. And recently, Supervisor Wagner said he would not resign because he is waiting for these benefits, even though he has not worked since April 2011 and will be out totally disabled until at least July 2012 and more likely not return to active duty.

I did not expect *The Clarkston News* to be the one to ignore the substance of this initiative and merely examine motives. And I certainly didn't expect the column's vulgar reference inappropriate to a family publication and the seriousness of the issue (Trevor Keiser's "Bird for bird," Jan. 4 edition).

So we have to wonder about the newspaper's motives. Why would the col-

umn ignore that I have consistently opposed these benefits, including voting to lengthen the service requirement? Why would it ignore the wisdom and fairness to the taxpayer and the equity to the other employees inherent in this initiative?

Perhaps, the column writer's motivation lies in his article in the same newspaper.

The report begins with the deputy supervisor's improper invasion of a legal and necessary closed session of the board. Then oddly it morphs into discussing the retirement benefit issue (on the website, *Clarkstonnews.com*). That led to the report quoting Michael Clark questioning the motivation.

Fair and thorough journalism would have given me the opportunity to respond. But apparently that did not serve the purposes of the reporter. The reporter failed to report on the more important motivation: Deputy Supervisor Clark's true reason for invading the closed session even after the township attorney clearly explained that, by law, he was not allowed in.

As powerless as Deputy Supervisor Michael Clark is, and should be, he apparently has a disproportionate influence on the press. Our community deserves better, more objective and responsible reporting.

Neil Wallace  
Independence Township

## Reader appreciates township victory

Dear Editor,

Thanks for the informative article: "Township triumphs in court," Dec. 28 edition.

At a time when some people are criticizing everyone on the Township Board just for being elected, it is refreshing to read that the April, 2010 efforts of Larry Rosso, David Lohmeier, Neil Wallace and (retired Clerk) Shelagh VanderVeen recently resulted in our township saving at least \$100,000.

On Dec. 5, 2011, the Oakland County Circuit Court dismissed a lawsuit for \$97,000 against the township filed by Triumph Telecom. A panel appointed by the court concluded that a contract signed by Supervisor Wagner without board approval was not valid.

Township taxpayers should be thankful the previously mentioned majority of the board in April, 2010, overruled both Treasurer Curt

Carson and Supervisor Wagner, the signer of the invalid contract, who opposed renegotiating with Triumph Telecom and who wanted to continue to pay on the unapproved contract.

Since Trustee Mark Petterson was recently quoted in *The Clarkston News* as saying the township should always avoid lawsuits, we are fortunate that Ms. VanderVeen and trustees Rosso, Lohmeier and Wallace did not follow Mr. Petterson's advice and voted against caving into Triumph Telecom's demands and threats. The township avoided paying \$100,000 plus because we eventually chose to fight the lawsuit.

With township elections coming in 2012, voters will hopefully recall which candidates have best protected the interests of the taxpayers.

Henry S. Woloson  
Independence Township

## Thanks for holiday support of local seniors

Dear Editor,

During the holiday season the following businesses prepared and donated a special meal for our homebound seniors who may not otherwise have had a home cooked meal on the holiday.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to the following Clarkston businesses: Deer Lake Athletic Club for the traditional Thanksgiving Day Feast; Autumn Ridge Assisted Living for the

wonderful Christmas Day meal; Mr. B's Roadhouse for providing the New Year's Day Celebration meal; and Jack Harrington who volunteered his time to deliver all of the holiday meals.

We are grateful to be part of such a caring community. Thanks for making our homebound seniors holiday very special.

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## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1997

"High school seeks more police help"

The Clarkston Board of Education voted to increase the time of the district's only police liaison and agreed to request to hire a second officer to conduct more classes in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. The vote came after incidents in criminal sexual conduct, carrying a concealed weapon and domestic violence in September through November.

"Theater's fate still unclear"

The state of the Depot Theater's fate was still unclear after two months after Canadian National Railroad said they would take a joint offer and after a set of complication arose.

"Fall MEAP scores take a dip"

Educators around the state and in Clarkston were shaking their heads in bewilderment to the fall in the Michigan Educational Assessment Program results for fourth- and seventh-grade reading and math. Only a few districts posted gains in the standardized test scores.

### 25 years ago - 1987

"Commission drops to 5" Following a heated discussion on Independence Township Planning Commission appointment recommendations the commission dropped from seven to five members.

"Ideas pour forth at Mill Pond dam hearing"

The Mill Pond Association planned to meet to discuss purchasing the broken Mill Pond cofferdam and the water rights after the Clarkston Village Council held a public hearing to help decide the fate of the dam on Washington Street.

"Change in smoking law creates no problems"

The new state law, the Michigan Clean Indoor Act, wouldn't affect area government workers much, according to local government officials.

### 50 years ago - 1962

"Local man receives new position"

Nicholas was appointed an Account Executive and a member of the creative staff at Wallace-Blakeslee, Inc, an advertising firm in Grand Rapids.

"Clarkston locals"

Fifth graders at Clarkston Elementary School held a surprise birthday party for their teacher Mrs. Davison. They made cake and played Happy Birthday on instruments.

"Clarkston locals"

Mrs. Norman Raedeke of Hummingbird hosted a "coffee clutch" for 20 women of the Linwood village subdivision.

# 2012, Leap Year, time to check the Almanac

It's the 184th edition of the *Old Fanner's Almanac*, which is now *Blum's Farmer's and Planter's Almanac*.

It reads, "Surprise!" 2012 is a presidential election year. These elections are always held on the Tuesday between November 2 and November 8. This year's is November 6.

If you are superstitious about a Friday the 13th being unlucky, then you have three of them to worry about in 2012.

This *Almanac* covers the sinking of the Titanic in a big way. On its charter voyage April 14, 1912, it hit an iceberg. Of the 2,223 people on board only 706 survived.

The *Almanac* has always claimed a high percent of correct weather predictions. One of the things that going to help them this year is they have expanded the

zone.

Used to be Michigan was linked with Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. Now the Zone includes Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. They did break it down to February having flurries for the Great Lakes Feb. 8-11, storm over the Great Lakes Feb. 23-29, and snow flurries for us Feb 24-29.

The *Almanac* says, "This is our 20th year that we have published this amazingly accurate method of long-range weather predicting by Philip S. Wood."

Since our son-in-law Bob and friend Tim were going fishing at Engadine on New Years, I looked up the *Almanac's* Fisherman's calendar for December 2011. It showed results being nonexistent for the last week of December. The two cut a hole-through six inches of ice in the Milliquoquin River and caught the largest pike, 38 inches, we've heard of in our 40 years of membership in the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club.

The fish were taking the bait so fast these two sportsmen took their tip-ups off the lake.

Sounds fishy to me.

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One last *Almanac* story, on religious stamps.

Marie went to the post office to buy stamps for her holiday cards. "What denomination?" the clerk asked.

"Good heavens! Have we come to this now?" she said. "Well, give me 30 Methodists and 30 Baptists."

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I know I watch way too much football, but there are just so many Simpson-type cartoons, dating game shows, soap operas, etc that my choices are few. So I've collected some observations to share:

\* The longer a football player's hair, the bigger their ego and the longer their celebration.

\* The most popular jersey number for

wearers of long hair is 1.

\* Football plays haven't changed all that much through the years. Hike the ball, block, tackle, run or catch. But nowadays players have to have plays written on their sleeves.

\* Forever, linemen had to wait for the ball to be snapped by the center before moving, yet there are more off-sides than I can ever remember. Seems to me the rules haven't changed but discipline has.

I hope my Jottings reader has noticed the new year has not diminished cynicism.

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The 2112 *Almanac's* lighter side of golf:

It takes longer to learn golf than it does brain surgery. But you can't ride on a cart, have a beer and eat hot dogs while doing brain surgery.

And, golf is the perfect thing to do on Sunday because it makes you pray a lot.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

## You say potato and I say spud -- a trip down memory lane

While Don sits on his post posterior pondering life, we have picked a "Best of Column" from his archives. Feel free to call him lazy and suggest further column ideas by e-mailing, [Don@ShermanPublications.org](mailto:Don@ShermanPublications.org)

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I like to read as much as the next guy. I also like history. So when I get to read a history book like I am currently enjoying, it's nice to notice similarities between two differing time periods.

A reporter-like-type, as I live and experience life, I am supposed to also observe, find comparisons and draw conclusions. (That's why I'm not a reporter-type, rather only reporter-like. Reporters ain't supposed to draw conclusions in their writings. A reporter-type's job is just report the facts. Which is another reason my mug appears on the opinion pages, not news -- but pardon moi, I digress . . .)

While reading Micheal Dobbs', *Saboteurs: The Nazi Raid on America*, I laughed out loud. Not because I thought it was funny that the genius of American intelligence work (infighting between the FBI and other US intel groups) gave a German sub three hours to un-stick itself off of a sandbar only a couple hundred yards off Long Island. No, I didn't laugh because eight, five-foot-six German-Americans planned on crippling America's industrial abilities as America

was getting into WW 2. No.

I laughed when I read a passage stating during WW1 Americans were so whizzed off at the Germans, that we struck them right out of our lexicon. Slash! Whack! Gone they were. So let it be written, so let it be done!

In the American vernacular of almost 100 years ago, sauerkraut became Liberty Cabbage. Frankfurters became Hot Dogs. If you were a patriotic chap when ordering ground beef on bread, you wouldn't tell the friendly fellow with the paper cap and white apron behind the counter, "Mac, give me a hamburger, medium rare."

Nope, you'd say to the dandy, "Bud, serve me up one of them Liberty Sandwiches with a little pink in the middle."

Where I am going, I believe, is obvious. This all sounds vaguely familiar.

Like New York Yankee great Yogi Berra said, "It's like deja vu all over again." Seems to me, not too many years ago we Yanks got cranked when the French were acting like -- well the French -- over our wrecking Saddam Hussein's day. In the official U.S. Congressional Menu, the listing for French Fries magically appeared one day as Liberty Fries.

The point is, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

You say potato, I say spud. You say French Kiss, and even though I am a red-blooded American of patriotic stripes, I still call it Giving The Tongue.

Hey, it's America, who cares what we call things and what folks think of us? We don't change. The world has to admit, America is great. Heck, it's only in America a

guy who was born poor and given the name Marion Morrison could one day rise to become the pop culture's icon for masculinity, toughness and good ol' American rugged individualism. (As I type, a larger-than-life, color portrait of John Wayne wearing a white cowboy hat and tan leather vest looks over my shoulder. We won't go into the smoking, drinking and womanizing of the man born Marion at this particular juncture in time and space. The Duke's still cool in my book.)

What I am wondering is why do the pointy-headed socialists of the world shake with indignant rage and call Americans intellectually inferior beings whenever we do something that upsets their snobbish sensibilities? (Wow, that was a mouthful.)

Newsflash! We are the world's spoiled-kid.

And, it just so happens we have the good fortune of geography, lots of people, jobs and big world-wrecking weapons.

We don't change. We am who we am. The world should accept us for who we are. It's part of our child-like charm that when we feel teased or belittled, we stick out our tongues, grab our balls and go home. Nanny-nanny poo-poo.

Gosh, do you think our arrogance makes other folks cringe?

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For those who enjoy a well-written piece:

- a) Why did you read this?
- b.) Pick up a copy of *Saboteurs: The Nazi Raid on America*. It's an easy read and interesting, ta'boot.

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A column by Don Rush



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Clarkston fans try to direct a North Farmington player's free throw away from the basket, at the Jan. 5 game. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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## Morphed into a U-tree

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## Vodka boxes empty

A convenience store employee in the 5000 block of S. Ortonville Road found seven vodka boxes without the bottles inside, Dec. 28. They had been hidden on the shelves.

## BB rear window

Someone used a bb or pellet gun to shoot out the rear window of a vehicle parked in the 4000 block of Oakvista Ave, Dec. 28.

## One shoe left behind

Deputies investigated an alarm at an apartment clubhouse in the 5000 block of Lancaster Hill Drive, 11:21 p.m., Dec. 30. They found tracks in the snow the clubhouse, evidence of an attempted break-in, and a single tennis shoe just outside the pool fence. The shoe was dry and had been recently left there.

## Stolen entertainment

Someone entered a S. River home through an unlocked back window, Dec. 31, and took about 300 DVDs, television, and video game system.

# Public Safety

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

## Grinchlike Christmas

An Independence Township man went online to order more than \$2,000 in computer components as Christmas presents. The delivery company said they left them in four boxes on the front porch, but they weren't there when residents returned. Upset the products were left on the porch in marked boxes, they reported it to deputies, Dec. 30.

## Not so safe

Someone broke into a restaurant in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, Jan. 1. The suspect opened a safe and took money — deputies are checking into an employee who had been fired earlier that evening.

## Pry for stereo

Someone used some kind of pry bar to break into a vehicle and take the stereo system, Jan. 1 in the 5000 block of Upland Drive.

## Chilly steal

Two air conditioning units were cut away and taken from a business in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway, Jan. 2.

## On the floor

Independence Township paramedics treated a 37-year-old Waterford woman for possible heroin overdose, 2:44 p.m., Jan. 1, in the 2000 block of Mann Road. Residents were hosting a party and had found her passed out on the floor.

## Rum talk and marijuana

A deputy on patrol checked on a vehicle parked in an undeveloped subdivision at Pine Meadow Court and Devins Ridge, 9:01 p.m., Jan. 1. He found a 20-year-old Independence Township man and his girlfriend, a 17-year-old Springfield Township girl. They said they were only talking, but smelled of marijuana and had an unopened bottle of rum. The girl had three used glass pipes, ground marijuana, and cigarettes in her purse. She said she had bought marijuana in Flint. The man was cited with person-under-21 possession of alcohol. The girl was cited with possession of marijuana, and given warnings for possession of drug paraphernalia and tobacco. They were turned over to their parents.

## Drugs don't lie

A 23-year-old Independence Township woman was pulled over for expired tags, 9:34 p.m., Jan. 1. The deputy smelled marijuana, which the driver said she couldn't explain. A pat down revealed a plastic container with marijuana in it, and the driver apologized for lying. She was cited with marijuana possession and no registration, and given a warning for possession of a marijuana pipe and no proof of insurance. The passenger, a 21-year-old Waterford woman, was advised and released on a Waterford warrant.

## Goodbye gun

A Rockcrot Boulevard resident reported a handgun stolen from his home, Jan. 4. A renter, he had kept the gun in an unlocked bag in his room, which was also unlocked.

## Oh deer

A deputy was driving south on M-15 north of Hubbard Road when a deer ran onto the roadway and hit him, causing damage to the front bumper, hood, driver side front fender, driver side headlight and spotlight, 2:55 a.m., Jan. 8. The deputy was not injured.

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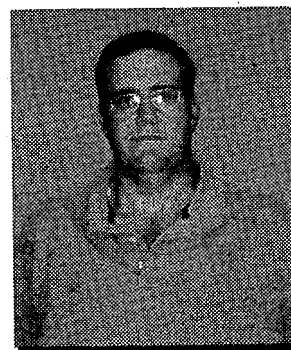
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# Looking strong after break

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers made an impact coming back from their holiday break ready for action – taking down two teams last week.

The boys opened their OAA Red match up against North Farmington last Thursday with three field goals, courtesy of seniors Mitch Baenziger and Nick Tatu.

They continued the ride to a 66-32 win over the Raiders to remain unbeaten.

"It is win number seven in a long season," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. "I am happy with the win. I am proud of the way we played defensively."

Aiding to the boost in the score, the Wolves scored 13 shots behind the 3-point arc with junior Jordan Dasuqi scoring six and Baenziger and Tatu made three each.

"It just worked out that way," said Fife. "Our kids shot the ball well. They caught us on an odd night. If it was another night it could have been a different story."

The boys continued to hold onto the lead going into the second quarter ahead 18-6. North Farmington scored a three pointer to push them more ahead. Dasuqi responded with his own field goal.

North Farmington added one point from the free throw line before the Wolves boosted the score with two more 3-point shots from Baenziger and Mark Tynan, putting the score 27-12. They added six more points to the board before the first half closed.

"We have a few kids with experience that have played with us for a long time," said Fife, pointing to Tatu, who has been on the team for four years along with Baenziger, Dasuqi, Matt Dellinger and Zach Collins, on

the team for three years. "Those kids should be playing like this because they have experience and they understand what it is all about."

Baenziger led the team with 21 points during the night.

"I was happy with Mitch," Fife added. "He didn't play very good the other night and played better tonight. His effort was the difference, how he took care of the team and the passes he made. He orchestrated the night as point guard."

Dasuqi scored a game high of 20 points and Tatu added 12 points to the board.

"On any given night if you don't shoot well you have to stay with it defensively," said Fife. "Defensively the keys to our game are always Dellinger and Collins. They spearhead what we do up front and it has really worked out well. We couldn't be where we are at without those two."

The Wolves beat rivals Lake Orion in a OAA crossover game on Jan. 3, 58-40.

Dasuqi led the team with 19 points and Tatu added 16 points to the score. Dellinger had ten points, seven rebounds, four steals and three assists.

The Wolves head to Pontiac on Thursday, located at 1051 Arlene in Pontiac.

"Anytime we play Pontiac it is going to be a good game," said Fife. "You don't know what's going to happen but it's going to be a wild game. It's going to be exciting and hard played by both teams."

The boys open next week against Detroit Community at home on Tuesday.

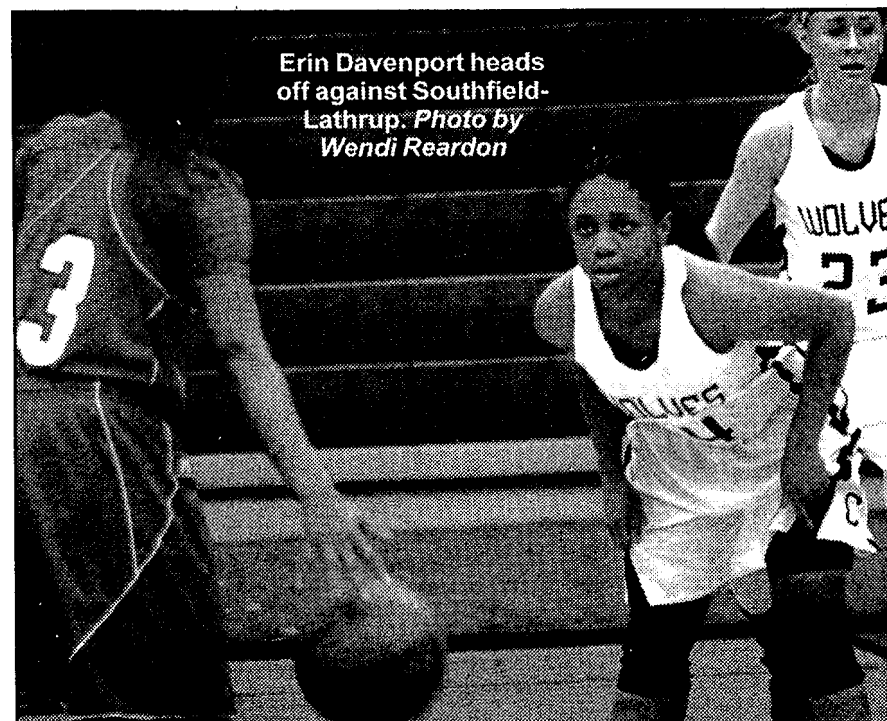
"It is still too early to say where we are at," Fife added. "We have some things to overcome and height is one of them."

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



Chance Huth guards against North Farmington. Photo by Larry Wright

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Erin Davenport heads off against Southfield-Lathrup. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Ruling the court

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Erin Davenport has a plan every time she steps onto the court - play her hardest every minute and do what is best for the team.

"She has really stepped up as a leader," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team. "She has had a lot of good games for us and is scoring well. She has defensively been really good and offensively she has created a lot for us."

The passion for basketball began when she would go to her older brother's basketball games. After the first game - she was hooked.

"I loved the tempo," she said.

She began in the backyard and found herself in the midst of playing with teenagers and learning from them not only techniques but what to do in any situation.

"My brother, my dad and a lot of people helped me out," Davenport added.

It helped her as the Lady Wolves made their path to the playoffs last season - conquering the districts championship and playing for the MHSAA Regional title.

"It was something I didn't expect," she admitted. "I am glad we went that far. No one

expected us to go that far and we showed them."

Davenport works on her goals every day as the team continues their path on their successful season.

"My goals are to get better each game and treat every practice like it is a game," she said. "Just because we are winning does not mean we are good. We want to be great so we keep pushing ourselves harder and harder."

When she is not playing basketball or doing homework, she is going to the mall, going to the movies or hanging out with her teammate and little sister, Erika.

"She is my best friend," Erin said. "We do everything together. It is fun to have her on the team. We play so good together. It is fun to have her there and I get to play with her again next year in my senior year."

Erin has set her goal to continue playing basketball in college and at the professional level.

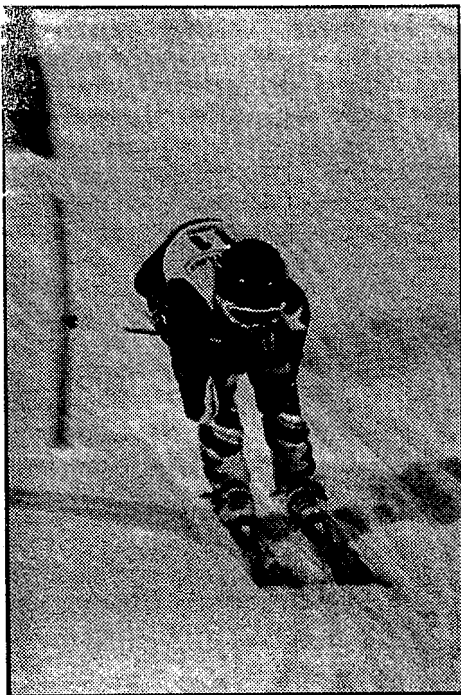
For aspiring athletes she gives the advice to never settle for less.

"Keep pushing yourself to be the best player you can be," she added. "Nothing is given to you. You have to work for everything - that goes for basketball and life."

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# No snow? No problem for skiers



Alex McIntosh clears the last gate in his race on Thursday. Photo by Wend/ Reardon

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The sunshine and 50 degrees forecasted last week did not slow deter the Clarkston Ski teams from beginning their season.

They opened with their first wins - the boys team went 2-0 for the week. They beat Cranbrook, 14-25, and Detroit Country Day, 10-33.

The girls team lost to Cranbrook, 12-24.5, and beat Detroit Country Day, 13.5 to no score, putting their record at 1-1.

"They were good considering we didn't have a lot of training time," said Clarkston Ski Head Coach Mike Foyteck. "It's been 50 degrees every day. It has been really tough for game time. It is state wide because I know there is no snow up north, either."

He added fortunately Pine Knob Ski Resort had snow, while other places didn't.

"I was getting nervous we wouldn't be able to race because it was raining and 50 degrees," Foyteck continued. "Pine Knob has by far done a tremendous job getting us up on the hill with the weather. My hat off to Rob Schick, the general manager, and his crew for doing that."

Grant Huber led the team, finishing in first

place overall with a combined time of 36.29.

Derek VanItallie finished fifth overall with a combined race times for 36.84; Ryan Callahan, sixth place, 37.03; Lance Holsbeke, 12th place, 37.74; and Alex McIntosh, 17th place, 38.05.

"Derek is doing quite well," said Foyteck. "The boys team is the same team I had last year with the addition of Derek."

Olivia Dunn led the girls team, finishing in eighth place with a combined time of her two races of 39.65. Karoline Holsbeke, 11th place, 39.85; and Lauren Martion and Caroline Spytman tied for 19th place, both with 41.13.

The teams opened this week on Tuesday with a Slalom against Notre Dame Prep and Rochester Adams.

They were able to train during the week-end with Pinnacle Racing and Thunderbolt Racing and get extra gate time to prepare.

"It should be a competitive race for both teams," said Foyteck. "It is suppose to get cold this week and Pine Knob blew snow on Sunday. Unless we get 50 degrees and rain, we will be racing. We haven't missed a beat."

They have their Giant Slalom against the same two teams on Wednesday at Pine Knob, 4:30 p.m.

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## Victory on ice

Defenseman Adam Larkin led Icers on Saturday as they defeated Rochester United, 8-0. Larkin scored a hat trick to give the Wolves a boost.

"It is always good when a defenseman scores a hat trick," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Hockey Head Coach Bryan Krygier. "It was good to see Adam jump up in the play and pull the lead for us."

The boys finished the first period with five goals and scored three more in the second period. It activated the running clock and ended the game at the end of the period.

"We were mentally ready for the game," said Krygier. "We were ready to play. We had a good week in practice."

Adam Bruderick scored two goals and had an assist. Jacob Laporte, Josh Sowers and Gabe Comos scored one goal each. The boys made 35 shots on the net and Jack Viazanko had 20 saves for the night. The Wolves head to Farmington on Thursday.

"They are a good team," said Krygier. "They were struggling like we were and has a similar team. Whoever stays out of the penalty box and is mentally ready will win."

The boys host Stoney Creek on Saturday at Detroit Skate Club.

"If we are not ready to play it is not going to be a very good game for us," said Krygier.

The Wolves play at 8 p.m. against the Cougars. The Wolves improved their record 5-5-1, 2-0-1 in the OAA Red.

## Ladies back on the court

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers were down four points and had 40 seconds to make a difference in their game at Avondale last Thursday.

Christina Jokisch scored a three-point shot to close the gap. They were able to get the ball back into their possession and Delaney Kenny scored on both her two free throw opportunities.

Avondale struck back making a baseline jump shot with six seconds to go.

Megan Hastings threw the ball to teammate Erin Davenport who scored with 1.6 seconds to go, ending the game with a 41-40 win for Clarkston.

"We had some luck on our side," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk. "We played with a lot of toughness and we found a way to win. We found a way to make plays down the stretch. The game was really sloppy with a lot of fouls."

Both teams never made it the lead more than four points and ended each quarter with a tie, going into the final quarter tied 29-29.

Jokisch led with 10 points. Anna Manilla added eight points to the board and Kenny had six points. Hastings and Breanca Cantrell aided scored a field goal each.

"Christina played a lot of good minutes," added Wasilk. "The whole team played solid minutes defensively for us. Defense

was key."

The girls opened the new year with a win over Troy Athens on Jan. 2, 69-26.

They posted 20 points in the first quarter and kept the Lady Redhawks to four points. They continued to keep up the pressure adding 23 points before the first half ended.

"We shot the ball well," said Wasilk. "Our press was very effective in the first half. A lot of kids played and did a lot of good things."

Davenport led the team with 15 points. Kenny added 14 points to the board. Manilla had 12 points and Hastings had eight points.

"It was a bigger point game," said Wasilk. "But I think the league game against Avondale was a bigger game."

The Lady Wolves opened this week on Tuesday against West Bloomfield and head to Stoney Creek for a OAA Red matchup.

"With the scheduling there aren't any games you sit back and think it is going to be an easy one," said Wasilk. "Every week we look at as a two game week and take it a game at a time. I know they have a few special players. It is going to be competitive."

The Lady Wolves will also be going into the games to keep their undefeated record in the OAA Red and improve their 8-0 overall record. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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# Seniors lead the way in academic honors

## SENIORS

### GPA 4.0

Ballough, Kristina  
Cole, Julie  
Covault, Madison  
Culver, Michael  
D'Andrea, Alyssa  
Dahl, Nicholas  
DeCoster, Tyler  
Fitzgerald, Andrew  
Frick, Ethan  
Giola, Justin  
Gorgas, Evan  
Harrison, Brian  
Henke, Christina  
Hickey, Samantha  
Holcombe, Ashley  
Holmes, Kayla  
Hubregsen, Agibail  
Hughes, Troy  
Kociszewski, Hailey  
Kuhn, Ellen  
McCallum, Sarah  
McClaughry, Ian  
Mick, Kayla  
Minando, Michael  
Ming, Jessica  
Motsinger, Abbey  
Murawski, Jamie  
Nido, Alaina  
Pawlik, Spencer  
Peers, Brienne  
Petku, Gregory  
Rayford, Saaja  
Redman III, John  
Rodewald, Lauren  
Roeding, Sarah  
Ross, Nathaniel  
Rowland, Lauren  
Salada, Andrew  
Skowronski, Hanna  
Snoeyink, Erika  
Stawara, Allison  
Stevenson, Kelsey  
Torres, Nadia  
Toth, Samantha  
Walker, Michael  
Wrubel, Jacob

### GPA 3.9-3.7

Adams, Lindsey  
Adams, Reece  
Addis, Morgan  
Anderson, Erika

Barta, Alexander  
Beckmeyer, Eric  
Belevender, Bradley  
Bemis, Patrick  
Billups, Brian  
Binno, Matthew  
Bradley, Justina  
Bridger, Cody  
Brisse, Shannon  
Brozovich, Kaitlin  
Budrow, Chelsea  
Burnham, Stephanie  
Byrne, Daniel  
Campbell, Ashley  
Campbell, Christie  
Castillo, Erin  
Chase, Chelsea  
Cooley, Kellianne  
Cornell, Bradley  
Currao, Alyssa  
Demattia, Nicholas  
Diemert, Jennifer  
Dodd, Nicole  
Dumais, Andrea  
Dunn, Danielle  
Ferer, Mikayla  
Frame, Hannah  
Francis, Megan  
Gozdor, Christopher  
Grant, Megan  
Hubble, Stefan  
Inch, Kyle  
Jarvis, Amelia  
Jenkins, Caleb  
Jones, Jaren  
Keller, Sarah  
Kelley, Whitney  
Kessman, Nicole  
Keusch, Amanda  
Kornas, Jacob  
Kurowski, Eric  
Kyles, Bre'ana  
Lambert, Stephanie  
Leichtnam, Megan  
Lewis, Morgan  
Lightfoot, Madison  
Lueck, Deanna  
Lussenhop, Madeline  
Lyons, Lisa  
Mahoney, Rebekah  
Manssur, Rachel  
Mantz, Keaton  
Marani, Stephanie  
McCallum, Kelli

McSorley, Justice  
Miller, Aingeal  
Miller, Paige  
Moore, Samuel  
Morency, Renee  
Moreno, Jessica  
Morin, Lindsay  
Napier, Colleen  
Niezgoda, Angela  
Nowak, Erika  
Ogi, Minori  
Pavlik, Melissa  
Perry, Tara  
Pierce, Rachel  
Pipitone, Jennie  
Plont, Stephen  
Plummer, Christine  
Pokrefky, Joshua  
Prastitis, Rachel  
Pytel, Rachel  
Rajala, Matthew  
Reitz, Clara  
Riggs, Andrew  
Robins, Emily  
Rolka, Kathryn  
Rumbold, Tyler  
Santo, Taylor  
Schultz, Eric  
Schwartz Jr, Michael  
Sensoli, Katherine  
Setting, Alyssa  
Shahly, Eric  
Sherwood, Kayle  
Shutty, Jacob  
Skinner, Zachary  
Sloan, Miranda  
Smith, Grace  
Smith, Kelsey  
Smith, Trevor  
Sowers, Joshua  
Spytman, Alyssa  
Stesney, Brenna  
Sulecki, Thomas  
Tack, Erik  
Teneyck, Austin  
Trimmer, Victoria  
Trout, Evan  
Vanderheyden, Jaclyn  
Vedrody, Andrea  
Walker Jr, James  
Waller, Caylin  
Waring, Mallory  
Weightman, Kara  
White, Ross

Wicks, Trevor  
Wilson, Allyson  
Wolfe, Dustin  
Wood, Chelsea  
Wright, Matthew  
Zeder, Hanna

### GPA 3.6-3.0

Allard, Anthony  
Altman, Joshua  
Anderson, Matthew  
Arner, Edward  
Austin, Joshua  
Ayers, Brendon  
Ayoub, Laura  
Bacher, Jessica  
Baenziger, Mitchell  
Baker, Kelly  
Bale, Melanie  
Barrett, Jeremy  
Bedell, Melanie  
Bedenis, Logan  
Berquist, Jeremy  
Berti, Eric  
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Blevins, Tevin  
Blust, Kathleen  
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Brand, Jake  
Braunschweig, Kaitlin  
Broaddus, Ashley  
Brown, Mary  
Brown, Mitchell  
Brown, Shavanta  
Bruderick, Adam  
Budzinski, John  
Buesching, Adam  
Bunting, Spencer  
Bush, Davis  
Buttino, Allison  
Campbell, Sueann  
Cantrell, Breanca  
Checkowsky, Chad  
Choi, Ji  
Clark, Ian  
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Collins, Zachary  
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Compagnoni, Christo-  
pher  
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Corbin, Connor  
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Devos, Scott  
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Ferguson, Madison  
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Flaishans, Zachary  
Flynn, Cody  
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Frost, Chad  
Garbe, Denise  
Garland, Allison  
Geimer, Zachary  
Gemborys, Christopher  
Genoa, Joseph  
Giroux, Connor  
Gleiss, Mende  
Glowiski, Rachel  
Gohl, Adam  
Goldberg, Julie  
Goss, Joseph  
Gotaas, Garret  
Gott, Aaron  
Green, Alexis  
Greene, Sean  
Grohs, Emily  
Guevara, Ana  
Gustafson, Amber  
Haines, Justin  
Hall, Abbey  
Hamilton, Jeffrey  
Hamlin, Hannah  
Handley, Donovan  
Hardy, Stephanie  
Harrington, Matthew  
Harris, Jill  
Harris, Kyle  
Hart, Michael

Havens, Rachel  
Hawkins, Emily  
Hawkins, Stephan  
Hefty, Taylor  
Helmkay, Tawnee  
Henke, Jessica  
Henny, Jordan  
Hensley, Destinie  
Herkness, Jenna  
Higgins, Paige  
Hoekstra, Mark  
Hokanson, Katherine  
Horton, Kevin  
Huber, Grant  
Hurd, Sarah  
Hyduk, Gregory  
Jacobs, Samantha  
Jochum, Sam  
Johnston, Dakota  
Jokisch, Christina  
Jones, Ryne  
Kamieniecki, Alan  
Kerr, Geena  
Kilmer, Jenna  
Kincaid, Jordan  
Kirby, Caitlin  
Kirkwood, Joseph  
Klebba, Austin  
Kolic, Kelsey  
Kotcher, Kendall  
Kotz, Racheal  
Kritzman, Amy  
Landgraf, Matthew  
Larson, Alexandria  
Lavelly, Stephanie  
Lawson, Ashley  
Lawson, Tanner  
Leaym, Dylan  
Lee, Nicholas  
Leek, Riana  
Lemanski, Kelci  
Leuenhagen, Bradley  
Linehan, Nathan  
Lobo, Christian  
Locricchio, Gianna  
Lucas, Samantha  
Luis, Taylor  
Macuga, Adam  
Manilla, Anna  
Mann, Kyle  
Marchelletta, Anthony  
Martin, Alan  
Martin, Joseph  
Matisse, Katherine

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McGregor, Ian  
Mee, Stephen  
Mehki, Chad  
Messer, Katie  
Michalak, Thomas  
Milano, Sarah  
Milkey, Jessica  
Miller, Dakota  
Miller, Jordan  
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Myers, Lindsay  
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Ottman, Samantha  
Ottman, Sarah  
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Peck, Graydon  
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Piper, Ashley  
Pitts, Kaitlin  
Pizzey, Bradley  
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Pokriefka, Ian  
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Punches, Joshua  
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Robertson, Megan  
Rodriguez, Gabriella  
Rogers, Nathaniel  
Rogers, Taylor  
Rohn, Traviss  
Runft, Kelsey  
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Schapf, Trevor  
Schnitker, Rylee  
Schulte, Tanner  
Schultz, Blake  
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Seel, Adam

Seguin, Bryan  
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Shepard, Jenna  
Sikowski, Mckenzie  
Sim, Jacob  
Simon, Julianna  
Skaggs, Emily  
Smith, Derek  
Smith, Kevin  
Smith, Taylor  
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Solmen, Forrester  
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Stiles, Kevin  
Stokes, Jordan  
Stone, Forrest  
Stover, Jordan  
Strange, Sarah  
Stubbe, Ashtyn  
Studebaker, John  
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Huhta, Nathaniel  
Huisman, Brooke  
Johnson, Mitchell  
Johnson, Sean  
Lohmeier, Olivia  
Mantz, Kendra  
Murawski, Allison  
Osstyn, Sara  
Patel, Sharvil  
Ruiz, Rosa  
Sese, Jonas  
Thompson, Jason  
Trask, Tyler  
Whitmore, Michelle  
Williams, Jennifer  
Witherspoon, Brenna  
Wung, Alexis

### GPA 3.9-3.7

Asmus, JacobAzzopardi,  
Nicholas  
Baker, Sierra  
Beauregard, Nash  
Bedor, Mackenzie  
Bittick, Joshua  
Blankenship, Creed  
Brockman, Andrew  
Burns, Kelsey  
Canada, Drew  
Chandler, Mia  
Chaney, Elizabeth  
Crist, Clarissa  
Cruz, Jenna  
Daly-Seiler, Conor  
Diemert, Michael  
Durrant, Haley  
Ebbeling, Amanda  
Eriksen, Emma  
Fleming, Shelby  
Foos, Haley  
Freeman, Destanee  
Fritz, Adam  
Gertz, Samantha  
Gibson, Morgan  
Gipe, Katheryn  
Grindling, Wyatt

Hartley, Eden  
Hartman, Abby  
Helgeson, Benjamin  
Hensel, Jacklyn  
Hernandez, Anthony  
Hundzinski, Courtney  
Jackson, Daniel  
Jeffers, Molly  
Jenkins, Bailey  
Johnson, Lauryn  
Joseph, Catherine  
Kamp, Kendall  
Kesteloot, Sarah  
Kojima, Bridget  
Kuhn, Shelby  
Linehan, Mallory  
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Mitevski, Avery  
Moltmaker, Steven  
Moore, Brandon  
Morse, Mandy  
Nellis, Holly  
Oldford, Kendall  
Orminski, Nicole  
Payton, Alisha  
Ray, Michael  
Richards, Joshua  
Riemenschneider,  
Kelsey  
Roberts, Allison  
Robinson, Laney  
Rock, Katherine  
Rogers, Markus  
Runyan, Lucas  
Savoie, Kyle  
Shellnut, Nicole  
Siecinski, Madison  
Sigmon, Destin  
Slaughter, Ryan  
Smith, Harrison  
Streng, Jacob  
Stuart, Jordan  
Sullivan, Katheryn  
Tekiele, Taylor  
Tonks, Samantha  
Vinstra, Adam  
Weller, Bethany  
Witzke, Harrison  
Woodworth, Savanna  
Worsley, Haley  
Wozniak, Anna

### GPA 3.6-3.0

Allen, Mitchel  
Anderson, Robert  
Arden, James  
Armstrong, Alyssa  
Arnold, Haley  
Bachus, McKenna  
Baran, Kaeleigh  
Bargy, Lacey  
Barker, Bradley  
Barkey, Clare  
Barr, Tina  
Bauman, Garrett  
Beach, Taylor  
Beethem, Chelsea  
Bentler, Paige  
Bigger, Gary  
Billette, Erin  
Boggess III, David  
Boston, Mackenzie  
Bourdeau, Trevor  
Bradley, Angela  
Brantley, Annette  
Bright, Conor  
Brown, Riley  
Brown, Tessa  
Buckbee, Kathryn  
Bullen, Sarah  
Caine, Alexander  
Calvano, Christopher  
Cardinale, Michael  
Carter, Logan  
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Champion, Alexis  
Chrisman, Colten  
Cisneros, Estephany  
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Compagnoni, Katlyn  
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Cousino, Scott  
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Dasuqi, Jordan  
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Davis, Nicole  
Davis, Stevie  
Deatherage, Joshua  
Delia, Nathan  
Dhir, Ekta  
Dicea, Alex

Dickerson, Rachel  
Draving, Austin  
Drumb, Natalie  
Dunn, Michael  
Ewald, Dustin  
Fallis, Charles  
Farough, Tristan  
Fenton, Tyler  
Finall, Jessica  
Fox, Alexis  
Frank, Nicole  
Genter, Alec  
Giampetroni, Gabriella  
Gieske, Michelle  
Gill, Ryley  
Giola, Adam  
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Glomstead, Grant  
Graham, Molly  
Green, Lee  
Grego, Mary  
Grogan, Jennifer  
Grush, Jacob  
Guigar, Adam  
Gupta, Natasha  
Hacker, Jamie  
Hahne, Erika  
Hall, Christian  
Hamann, Matthew  
Hancock, Dylan  
Harton, Tyler  
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Hayes, Ciara  
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Holloway, Landon  
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Jacobs, Austin  
Jaynes, Brittney  
Johns, Adam  
Johnson, Arianna  
Joyce, Tyler  
Kelly, Catherine  
Kenny, Delaney  
Keydel, Stacy  
Kirby, Kyle  
Kneisel, Evan  
Knotts, Jacob  
Kojima, Abbey  
Kostin, Shay  
Kowal, Alexander

Krausman, Cameron  
Kuruvilla, Joshua  
Landis, Mackenzea  
Larkin, Adam  
Linseman, Ryleigh  
Linton, Rachel  
Lowry, Jessica  
Lucas, Paige  
Lunsford, Shawna  
Mann, James  
Mark, Alec  
Matthews, Alexis  
Mazzone, Nicholas  
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Sophia  
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McGuire, Madison  
McIntosh, Alex  
McKean, Amanda  
McLatcher, Andrew  
McMichael, Jordan  
Melekian, Rachel  
Mileski, Thomas  
Miller, Jonathan  
Miller, Stephanie  
Misteravich, Eric  
Mitchell, Cameron  
Moore, Kelli  
Moore, Michael  
Moore, Nicholas  
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Morrison, Paige  
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Norton, Kyle  
O'Connell, Kady  
O'Connor, Colin  
Orr, Lloyd  
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Pacheco, Nelson  
Page, Elaina  
Pankey, Paige  
Parker, Elizabeth  
Peickert, Destiny  
Peterson, Maisey  
Piscopink, Kelly  
Polito, Courtney  
Polito, Stephanie  
Popp, Emily  
Quinn, Rachel  
Renkiewicz, Lindsey  
Reyes, Luis  
Robertson, Travis  
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Roy, Brian  
Ruelas, Raven  
Sanders, Jordan  
Saplala, Jenna  
Savino, Vincent  
Scarsella, Tyler  
Schenten, Lindsey  
Schick, Jason  
Schooley, Jessica  
Schwab, Weston  
Scott, Christopher  
Seelbinder, Blake  
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Sharkey, Rex  
Siegrist, Miranda  
Sielaff, Weston  
Skene, Callie  
Slavov, Genadi  
Smith, Ryan  
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Snider, William  
Sperry, Kaitlin  
Sprague, Jordan  
Stevens, Paul  
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Ward, Gillian  
Weiler, Chelsea  
Wesley, Patrick  
Whittenberg, Kory  
Wightman, Daniel  
Wilcox, Kendyl  
Wilson, April  
Wilson, Chloe  
Winship, Alyx  
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Fitzpatrick, Kelley  
Gorz, Rebecca  
Hartman, Gabriel  
Hetzel, Kristen  
Huizenga, Kendall  
Kenwell, Drew  
Krueger, Ashton  
Losee, Taylor  
Luebbert, Trevor  
Manger, Samantha  
Massar, Robert  
McGinn, Mackenzie  
McNeil, Sean  
Mehta, Sejal  
Morris, Phoebe  
O'Riley, Jack  
Opel, Brett  
Pawlowski, Benjamin  
Raue, Kristin  
Ross, Emily  
Shepherd, Mckenzie  
Sikowski, Savannah  
Steger, Samantha  
Torres, Trevor  
Van Gieson, Mason  
Vela, Natalie  
Wolfert, Evan

## GPA 3.9-3.7

Agnew, Daniel  
Alalouf, Manny  
Arpoika, Daniel  
Barnes, Madison  
Beauregard, Sage  
Bell, Courtney  
Bice, Lyndsey  
Biondo, Haley  
Bourdon, Chelsea  
Bowles, Leah  
Brown, Charlotte  
Callahan, Ryan  
Carie, Aaron  
Clark, Caelah

Cook, Alaina  
Dagostino, Ashley  
Darga, Mariah  
Daugherty, Haley  
Dean, Andrea  
Devitt, Paige  
Dokic, Kristijan  
Douglas, Sierra  
Eisert, Mekenna  
Emerson, Emilia  
English, Bethany  
Ferer, Haley  
Frakes, Brianna  
Fricks, Sabrina  
Galik, Sara  
Giroux, Carly  
Goodloe, Danielle  
Gozdor, Jacob  
Gruebnaue, Meghan  
Hall, Robert  
Hall, Sara  
Hampton, Amanda  
Hawkins, Hannah  
Hendricks, Jacob  
Hill, Sarah  
Hopper, Shelby  
Hudson, Tiffany  
Hyde, Emily  
Jacobs, Hannah  
Jones, Wyatt  
Kaminski, Reid  
Keener, Jordan  
Kolka, Alyssa  
Lawson, Ariel  
Lazar, Olivia  
Mann, Connor  
Matynowski, Eric  
McDaniel, Dakota  
McGregor, Ryleigh  
McKinley, Alexa  
McKnee, Katie  
McLetchie, Larissa  
Messer, Samantha  
Mick, Emily  
Moore, Miranda  
Moraw, Samantha  
Moster, Jessica  
Napier, Shannon  
Olsen, Dana  
Parks, Cooper  
Pass, Sierra

Patel, Sonam  
Petrimoulx, Mitchell  
Poland, Jessica  
Proper, Mackenzie  
Pyscher, Liliane  
Raymo, Alyssa  
Razdar, Darian  
Rienke, Abbey  
Robin, Preston  
Rogers, Rebecca  
Rozwadowski, Michelle  
Schapf, Krista  
Shefferly, Claire  
Sitar, Mason  
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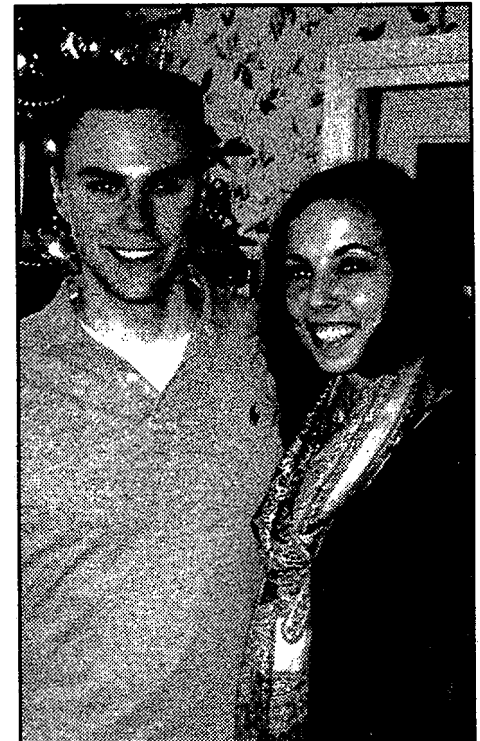
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Daniel and Margaret

## Clarkston grad engaged

Dan and Pam Walsh of Clarkston are happy to announce the engagement of their son Daniel Jr., Clarkston High School Class of 2005, to Margaret Leither of Farmington Hills, daughter of Mike and Jane Leither.

Dan and Marge graduated from the University of Michigan Ann Arbor in 2009 with Bachelor of Science degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Architecture, respectively. Dan is working as a Flight Test Engineer at Patuxent River Naval Base in Lexington Park, MD. Marge is working as a Project Designer at OTJ Architects in Washington, D.C. while also completing her master's degree in Architecture.

A 2013 summer wedding is being planned.

## Student success

Clarkston students named to the Michigan Technological University Dean's List for the 2011 fall semester include **Brent Cousino**, Environmental Engineering; **Bryan Haslinger**, Electrical Engineering; **Kathryn Miyamoto**, Scientific and Technical Communication; **Jarret Pesola**, Mechanical Engineering Technology; **Timothy Stolzenfeld**, Electrical Engineering; **Miranda Thompson**, Civil Engineering; and **Bradley Villeneuve**, Materials Science and Engineering.

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**John DuShaw** made the Dean's List, Fall 2011 semester, at Grand Valley State University.



# People Poll

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## Thoughts on the Lions' playoff loss?

"They gave the game away. The second half they didn't try. Now they're all done with the season."



- Leonard Baker

"The defense broke down at the end."



- Marge Chartier

"I am proud of the Lions. They have a top notch quarterback."



- Tom Owen

"I was really disappointed."



- Lori Konzon

By Trevor Keiser

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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



Hairdresser Barbie Hensel prepares to make the big cut. Photos provided

## Making a difference with her hair

Katie Carnacchi, 11, gave the gift of confidence and care for Christmas, donating 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love.

"She only knows long hair and wears a permanent ponytail," said Mary Carnacchi, her mother.

Katie, a student at Andersonville Elementary School, hasn't stopped smiling since, said Barbie Hensel, her hair dresser.

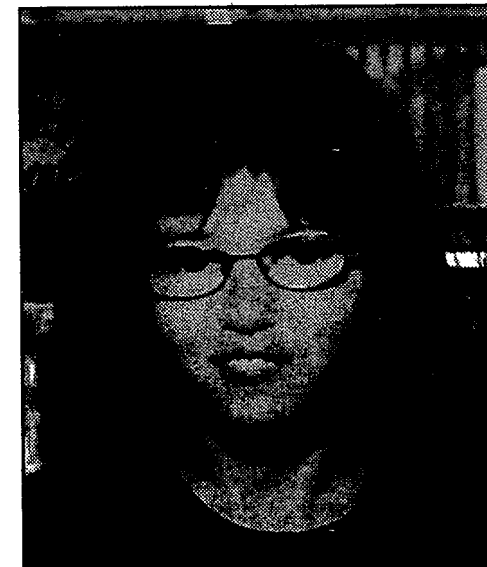
"It's a really big change for a girl who's only known very long hair," Hensel said. "With encouragement from her mom and me, plus some Swedish Fish, she agreed."

The non-profit Locks of Love provides hair-pieces and other services to children suffering hair loss due to medical conditions.

For more information or to arrange a donation, visit [www.lockoflove.org](http://www.lockoflove.org).



Katie Carnacchi donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love.



Carnacchi, with her new 'do.

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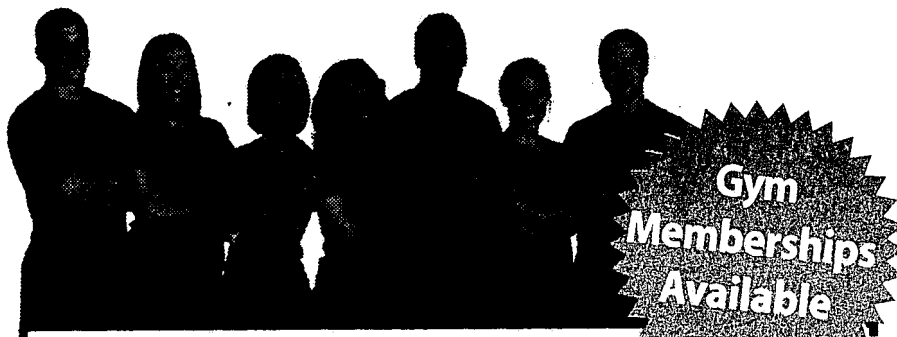
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# Around Town



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

## Special Events

**Christmas tree recycling**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through Jan. 30 at Independence Oaks, 9501 Sashabaw Road; Springfield Oaks, 12451 Andersonville Road, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. through Jan. 16. Free. DestinationOakland.com.

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**Square Dance**, 7 p.m., Jan. 14, St. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. All welcome. 248-625-4644.

\*\*\*

**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.

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**Heart screenings** for students, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Jan. 21, Clarkson High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Free. Registration required, 800-633-7377.

## Weekly meetings

### Sunday

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

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**Pony Basketball League**, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/

non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223.

### Monday

**Buddy Basketball** non-competitive recreational league for boys and girls with special needs, Mondays, Feb. 6-March 19. Players, ages 7-13, paired with buddies, ages 7-17. Registration deadline, Jan. 13. Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

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**Girls Softball Pitching Clinic**, Mondays, Jan. 23-March 5. Conducted by Clarkston Varsity Softball coaching staff and other softball personalities for girls ages 8-13. Independence Township Parks and Rec, 248-625-8223.

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**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.

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**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.

\*\*\*

**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.

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**Pilates and Sculpt**, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay  
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**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.

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

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**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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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**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.

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

\*\*\*

**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.

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**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 Meth-

odist 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.

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

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**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.

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Jan. 19: all

member birthday party, White Elephant gift exchange. All welcome. 248-625-1326.

\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*

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

\*\*\*

**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.

## Saturday

**Preschool Vision Screening** for children 6 months-5 year, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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**Kid's Camp Yoga**, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.



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## Religion

# A calender and year for the soul

2012 is here and we usher in a new year, but did you know that when it comes to spiritual matters, for many, the year began weeks ago?

As we change calendars and begin a New Year I thought it might be helpful to explain a little bit about a different type of calendar and year, one for the soul.

Many people all over the world follow a calendar called the liturgical year. The whole point of the year is to celebrate the life of Jesus Christ.

It all starts four weeks prior to Christmas, with the season known as Advent.

This first period of the year is named from a Latin word that we can basically translate as "coming".

As you might expect, during the season of Advent, Christians prepare for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day. His birth is a time of such joy that it would be impossible to celebrate it for only a single day.

The celebration of God coming to earth is so momentous that Christmas has its own season within the liturgical year. The Christmas season continues into the first week of January, usually ending on Jan. 6, the feast of the Epiphany.

On this day, Christians recall the day when the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the child Jesus, recognizing him as the Savior of the world. With this celebration the Christmas season draws to a close.

The next part of the liturgical year begins with the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus. This inaugurates the part of the year known as "ordinary time."

Ordinary here doesn't mean that during that time we have to be ordinary and nonchalant about spiritual growth.

The word ordinary is used because during the weeks of ordinary time, no one particular event in the life of Jesus is highlighted. Ordinary time is the longest period of the liturgical year, lasting for 33 or 34 weeks.

This series of weeks is not continuous, however, because it is broken up by the

period called the season of Lent.

Lent is a period of forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, the followers of Christ devote themselves in a special way to prayer, sacrifice, and good works.

This time reminds Christians of the forty days Jesus spent in the desert praying and fasting.

Lent is a preparation for the most important events of the whole liturgical year: Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and his Resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Although the time of preparation is long, the period of celebration is even longer. The Easter celebration lasts for fifty days and ends on Pentecost Sunday when Christians celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginnings of the Church.

You might have noticed that there's no vacation time on this liturgical calendar. That's because when it comes to spiritual matters we save our vacation days for heaven.

*Fr. Daniel Pajerski, LC, is Formation Director for Everest Academy.*

### Spiritual Matters



Father Daniel Pajerski

## 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

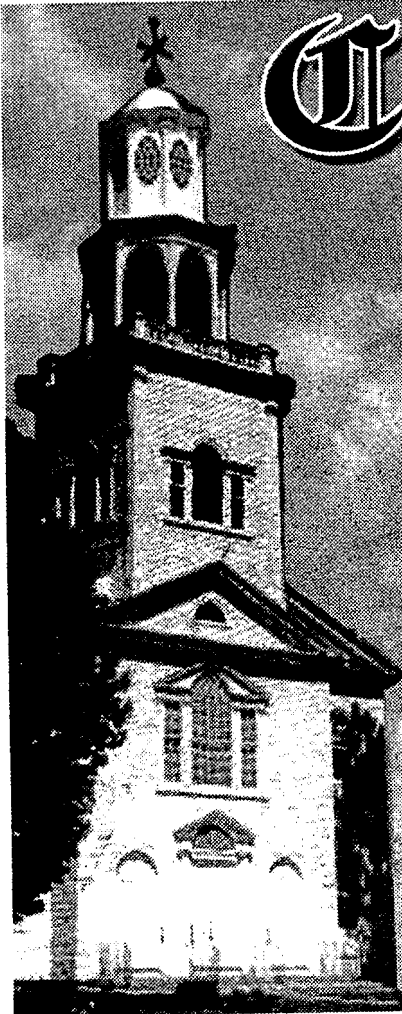
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**Divorce Care**, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Jan. 12-April 5. One-time fee.

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**Celebrate Recovery**, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

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www.bridgewoodchurch.com

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
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Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne,  
Dan Whiting, Geoff Black  
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Nursery Care at all services  
Wednesday: Children's Ministries  
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# Crown your tooth in one day - it's easy with Dr. Greenfield

...ing a little down in the tooth about multiple trips to the dentist for a crown or other restorative work?

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In the past, he explained, that a crown, onlay or inlay would require two visits to the dentist—not to mention the hassle of wearing a temporary crown in the interim.

"They fall out all the time," said Dr. Greenfield. "But, of course, they don't fall out at the dentist. They fall out at dinner, they fall out during the family vacation. They're hard to deal with."

CEREC, he said, is a better option. So how does it work?

An acronym for "Chairside Economical Restoration of Esthetic Ceramics," CEREC is a state-of-the-art dental system used to produce ceramic restorations through digital imaging. Images are loaded into a computer and processed with specialized software to create a model.

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"It's a very conservative restoration, but it can make



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the tooth almost as strong as it used to be," said Dr. Greenfield, noting the tooth-colored ceramic used in CEREC has properties similar to human enamel.

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For example, more conservation of tooth structure. Often, a partial-coverage restoration can be completed rather than a full conventional crown.

"We prepare only the damaged portion of the tooth,"

Dr. Greenfield said. "Others prepare the whole tooth, cutting it down to a nub, even though a significant portion is still good. It can be quite uncomfortable."

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"It's also great if you don't like goo, or have a gag reflex," Dr. Greenfield said. "With CEREC, you don't have to sit there with that goo in your mouth like when you get a regular crown."

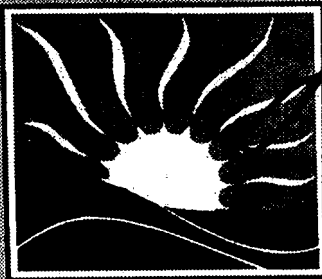
Dr. Greenfield also has the expertise and technology to safely remove old mercury fillings.

"This is where CEREC really shines," he said, noting a staunch advocacy against the use of mercury. "The metal-free restoration is very beautiful and feels good in your mouth."

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## Obituaries

### Raymond Larkins, 90

Raymond J. Larkins, "Ray," of Waterford passed away Jan. 4, 2012, at age 90.

He was the loving brother of Frances (late David) Tait; preceded in death by his siblings Al, John, Nellie and Violet; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Mr. Larkins was the former proprietor of Moon Lake Catering. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Memorial Mass was Jan. 10 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Inurnment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Hospital or the charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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



### Nickolas Loridas, 91

Nickolas W. Loridas of Clarkston passed away Jan. 4, 2012, at age 91.

He was the loving husband of Violet; beloved father of Chris (Lisa) Loridas and Sharron (Bob) Scholz; brother of Dorothy (late George) Kindred, Helen (late Bob) Wood and Mary (John) Shusnowski; preceded in death by his siblings Frances (late Bud) Jones, George, Lula, Peter (late Lois) and Paul (Maggie).

Military Honors, Wednesday, 12 p.m., Jan. 11, at Great Lakes National Cemetery 4200 Belford Drive, Holly. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



From left, Joy Oetjens, Angela Roberts, Sean Harbert, and Johana Bell rehearse a scene from *Drinking Alone*.

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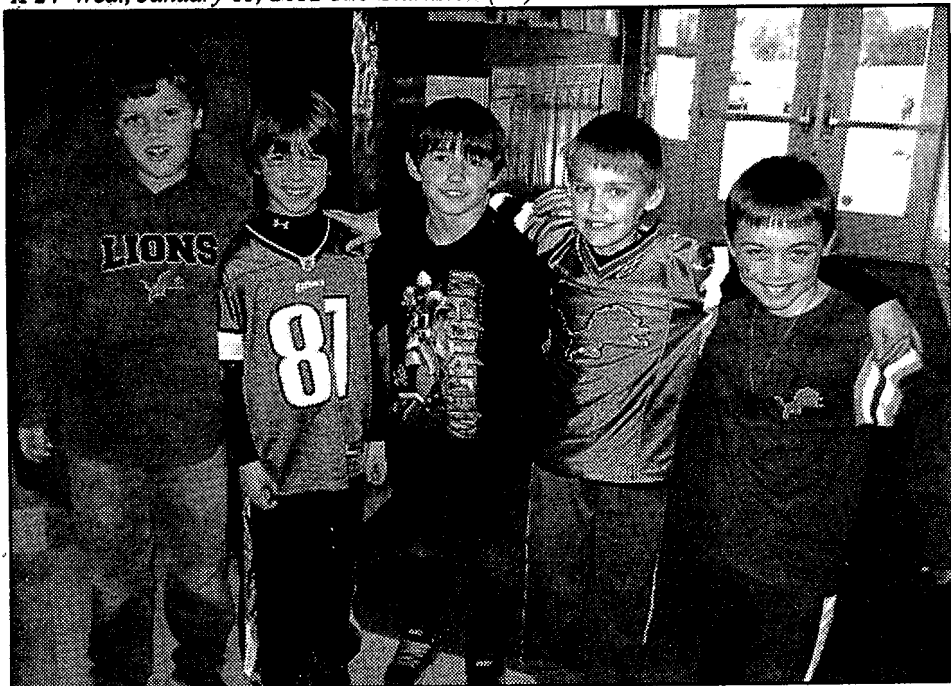
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From left, Ben Kornas, Robby Elliot, Jake Seaman, Keegan Miller and Ryan Anderson get roaring for the Lions' playoff game.



Back row from left, Matthew Bautel, Evan Wright, Logan Golub; front row, Brooke Cicero, Evelyn Ramos and Mya Brown show their ferocious Lion faces.

## Roaring for the Lions

Students from Bailey Lake Elementary showed NFL Detroit Lion support by wearing Lions shirts, Friday, Jan. 6.

The Lions played their first playoff game since 1999 but were defeated by the New Orleans Saints on Jan. 7, 45-28.

# 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.

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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

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 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Clinics are for beginners through experienced skiers. Ski trail etiquette is included and Wint Nature Center's heated restrooms will be open.

"This is great opportunity to get out of the house and try a new sport during the winter months," Recreation Supervisor Rachel Boyd said. "Cross-country skiing is a heart-healthy activity that the family can enjoy together."

Cost is \$10/person and includes ski rental, or participants may bring their own gear. Programs are for all abilities and adaptive equipment is available. Call ahead to reserve.

Pre-registration is required. Minimum age required for cross-country skiing is 7 years. A 2012 annual vehicle permit or daily park pass is required for park entry and can be purchased online or at the park.

Independence Oaks County Park is located at 9501 Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. Visit DestinationOakland.com for details.

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To the qualified electors of the City of the Village of Clarkston, County of Oakland, State of Michigan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, 375 DEPOT ROAD, CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN, 48346 WILL BE OPEN:

**MONDAY, January 30, 2012**

**FROM 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER**

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS IN SAID CITY NOT ALREADY REGISTERED.

THE FEBRUARY 28, 2012 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN VOTING PRECINCT 1 OF THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON, FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICE:

**PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

**KELLY RICHTER**

**CITY CLERK**

**CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON**

**375 DEPOT ROAD**

**CLARKSTON, MI 48346**

**248-625-1559**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:**

**PROBATE COURT 2012-340, 852-DE**

**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of GEORGE E. MARKS, DECEASED. Date of birth: 2/17/1942

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GEORGE E. MARKS, DECEASED, who lived at 4524 Oakesia Street, Commerce Township, Michigan died December 9, 2011.

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

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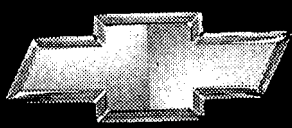
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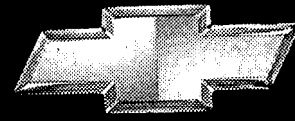






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**2012 Silverado 4x4** **Extended Cab**  
**36 Month 12K Lease**  
**\$274\*†**  
\$807 Total Due At Signing



**2012 Equinox**  
**\$279\*†**  
\$447 Total Due At Signing  
**36 Month 10K Lease**



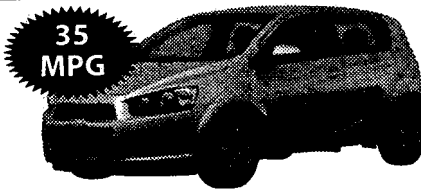
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## Ordinary or extra-ordinary?

Who are the Ordinary People and who are the Extra-Ordinary People?

Would it be evident to others who the ordinary people are; or who the extra-ordinary people may be? Those who have accomplished success; are they ordinary people, or are they simply people doing extra-ordinary things that make themselves and the world a better place?

Most humans have been pre-programmed by creation to strive and produce extra-ordinary results. It is within us to do so in spite of challenges we face. Most often, the 'hardships conquered' produce extra-ordinary results.

We are created in God's image and likeness. There are many ways this is evident, especially the wonders of nature. Nature is fully programmed to sustain itself, in spite of human interventions. From the trees that provide oxygen for humans, to the waterways, the mountains, the streams, the waterfalls, the fresh water fish, ocean life, the grasses and much more. Just look around on a splendid summer day in Michigan.

A cherry tree does not challenge an oak tree for position and rite of passage. A cherry tree produces cherries once per year if cared for by humans and fed by nature; an oak tree provides shade, acorns for animals and most of all, oxygen.

Each of us human beings is capable of

extra-ordinary accomplishments for self and the world around us.

Outsiders can share in another individual's good works; yet others cannot choose good works for others. This brings it all back to the innate gift in all life; choice and consequences. We can praise another for good works and if that encourages good behavior it's a bonus that benefits all. We can criticize and punish another for in-appropriate behavior who is the beneficiary of this if anyone? All in all, choice is a built-in consciousness granted to all humans and all living things.

It is everyone's responsibility to develop a sense of well-being or self-assurance, better known as self-esteem from inside out. To be that, is to recognize it in others; thus fostering one-another respectfully. To ignore this crucial step in human development is to encourage jealousy and bullying to prevail in our midst.

Ordinary people accomplishing extra-ordinary results or extra-ordinary people accomplishing ordinary results; it is the process of learning, growing, experiencing individually and collectively in honor of self and all life.

Words have power; yet they have no more power than humans who choose them. If chosen to build understanding and communication, we all benefit. We have the responsibility as human beings to respect ourselves and one-another for our individual 'human worth.'

I will always be humble and forever a respectful, caring, human being. Pay it forward!

*Maria Rotondo Mark lives in Independence Township*

### Guest viewpoint



Maria Rotondo-Mark

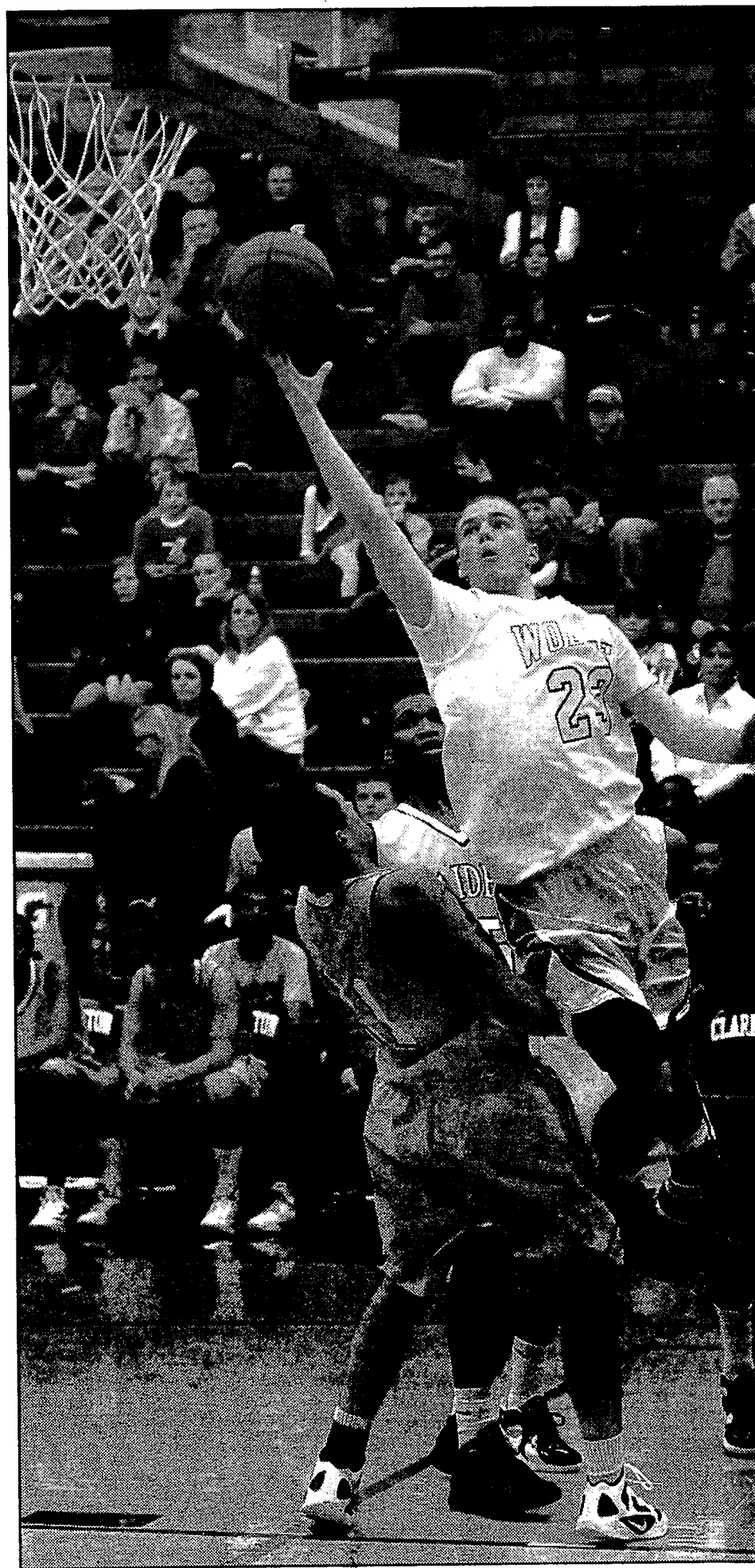


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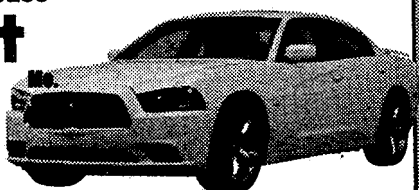
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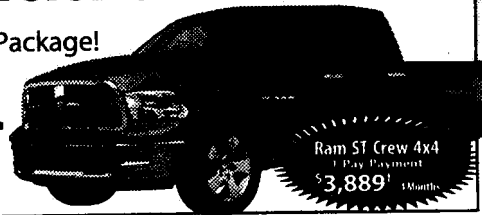
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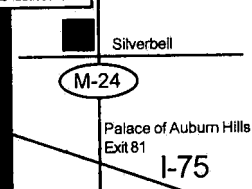
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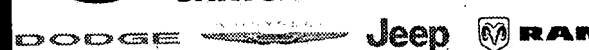
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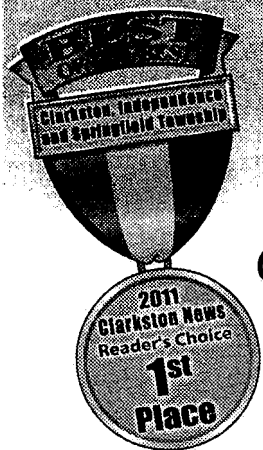


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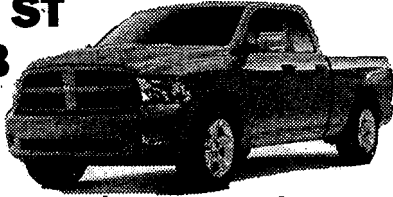


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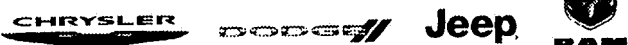
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