# Auditors find \$71,000 more in city budget

#### BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

City officials were happy to see an extra \$71,508 added to the general fund, making a total of \$219,134.

"Every year that figure will either increase or decrease," said City Manager Dennis Ritter. "Fortunately, it's been increasing ever since I've been here."

The general fund, which represents 31 percent of the overall budget brought in total revenues of approximately \$829,000. Of that revenue 71 percent was from property taxes, and nine percent was from state shared revenues. The total expenditures for the year were \$698,000. Of the expenditures 48 percent was for public safety, 10 percent was for public works, and 31 percent was for general government.

The increase to the general fund can be attributed to not having a city police department anymore, noted Ritter.

"If we did (have our city police department) that \$71,500 would require approximately an additional \$250,000 to keep our own budget," he said. "We'd be in a pretty significant deficit, which is what we projected anyways (if we kept the city police)."

Ritter said the city runs a "pretty skinny operation" and that there have been no major purchases other than a new lawnmower since he's been the city manager. Overall Ritter says he's "comfortable with the audit," however there is a couple items that need to be addressed, such as the city's investment

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Grethcen Diver is surprised to find a flash mob in her honor at Depot Park. Photo by Phil Custodio

# Party dance in Depot Park

Out for a walk, Gretchen Diver of birthday. Clarkston noticed a crowd gathered in Depot Park, Jan. 26.

She thought they were there to ice skate on the new rink, but then "Party Rock Anthem" started up and everyone started to

She joined right in.

"I'll dance anywhere," Diver said.

Only when a group of kids lined up with signs did she realize the truth - they were all there for her, to help her celebrate her

'She joked around one day about what to do about her 40th - she said we should have a flash mob or something," said her friend Katie Cantwell, who organized the event. "We worked on it for three weeks, and I posted it on Facebook - some people here don't even know her."

Diver said she didn't think her friends would actually do it.

"Oh my god, they are the best," she said. Phil Custodio In today's edition,

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# Burglars busted?

#### Suspects linked to up to a dozen home invasion cases

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

A couple's arrest may bring some relief to one area of Independence Township hit by numerous break-in burglaries.

Altheria Rendon, 35, of Independence Township and George Glime, 31, Brandon Township resident, were arrested, Jan. 20, and face charges in up to a dozen home invasions in southeast Independence Township over the past few months.

"There hasn't been any since," noted Det. Genefer Harvey, investigating of-

Rendon is being held in Oakland County jail on charges of home invasion, burglary, and concealing stolen property, 52-2 District Court, \$10,000 bond. She also faces shoplifting charges in 52-3 District Court in Rochester, \$10,000 bond, and traffic offenses in 52-4 District Court in Troy, \$450 bond.

Glime is a parolee, with eight convictions from 2000 and 2006, including Weapons - Felony Firearms, First Degree Home Invasion, five convictions for Second De-



Rendon

Glime

gree Home Invasion, and one for Third Degree Home Invasion.

Sentence for First Degree Home Invasion is 3-20 years. He was paroled from Michigan Department of Corrections on Feb. 10, 2011.

The couple's arrest stems from a call from Rendon's mother, reporting a break-in at her home on S. River Road, and theft of a video game system, Jan. 13.

She suspected her daughter and his boyfriend, who she was trying to evict from her

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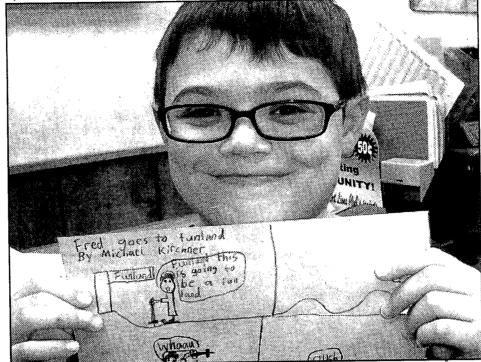
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Michael Kirchner of Independence Township displays one of his comics. Photo by Phil Custodio

# Kirchner kicks off comic career

Kirchner of Independence Township started drawing comics about a year ago.

"I feel like drawing comics sometimes - it's fun," said Kirchner, 8.

His favorite so far is "Fred goes to funland, he said. "I like what happens in the last box," he

explained. In the comic, Fred goes skiing over funland's many hills. When he falls, losing his ski poles in the process, he points out that

"funland is not fun." Other comics chronicle the adventures of

Inspired by "Calvin and Hobbes," Michael Fred, or others who look a lot like him, as he plays frisbee and robs a bank. Another has Santa falling out of his out-of-control sleigh, landing in relative safety in a handy chimney.

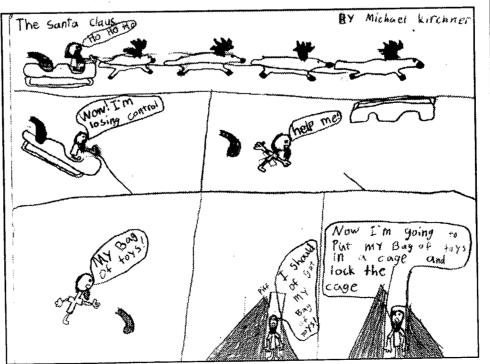
His parents Beth and Mark Kirchner, brother Mark, and grandparents love reading his comics.

"It's great, he enjoys it," Beth said.

"He keeps a journal filled with cartoons," Mark said.

He's also a fan of local author Bryan Chick, who writes the "Secret Zoo" series of children's books.

-Phil Custodio





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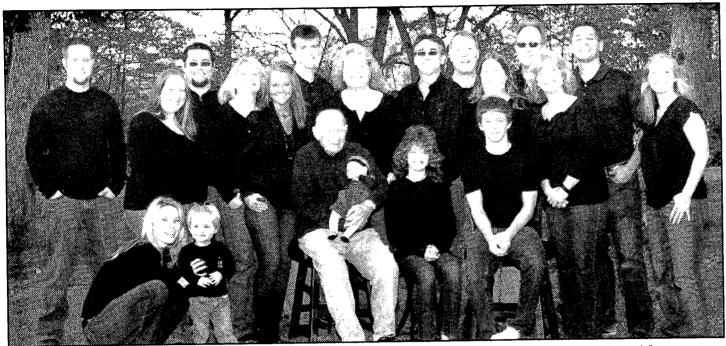
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Julie (Savoie) Woida won the Big Deal Giveaway contest sponsored by Vivos Images – she gathered four generations of her family for a photo shoot in Bay Court Park. *Photo provided* 



Trish Sinacola, left, with Pam Rush, owner of The Learning Experience, and the median High-def TV she won in The Big Deal Giveaway Contest. Photo by Phil Custodia

# Win big in *The Big Deal*

The *Clarkston News' Big Deal* was particularly big for contest winners Julie (Savoie) Woida and Trish Sinacola.

Sinacola, Clarkston resident, won a 46-inch LCD high-definition television in the latest *Big Deal* give-away contest

"I think it's great, it's awesome," Sinacola said. "I was taken totally by surprise. I forgot I had even entered it."

The contest was sponsored by The Learning Experience Child Development Center, 7210 Sashabaw Road.

"Our service is day care, which would leave out people who don't have kids," said Pam Rush, owner of The Learning Experience. "We wanted to offer something anyone can use and that would be fun to get."

Julie (Savoie) Woida of Clarkston won a photography package from Vivos Images in the *Big Deal* last May.

Four generations of the Savoie family gathered on a fall afternoon at Bay Court Park.

"The final results are truly priceless," Woida said. "I would like to send a big thanks to the *Clarkston News*, *Big Deal* and Vivos Images. Nancy Gutelius, owner of Vivos, was very accomodating to my family's needs. She gave us so many pictures to choose from."

"The paper's fabulous, we've had a lot of success with it." Rush said.

Each month, residents receive the *Big Deal* in their *Clarkston News* and Penny Stretcher. In addition to great money saving coupons from local merchants, Big Deal readers can enter the monthly contests. The next *Big Deal* hits the streets, Feb. 29.

In this month's Valentine's Day giveaway contest, the *Big Deal* and Clarkston Jewelry Outlet offer a \$600 heart pendant. Deadline to enter is Feb. 16. Find entry forms to the February *Big Deal*.

# **Briefly**

#### Nominate teachers for Teacher of the Year

Clarkston Teacher of the Year has an earlier nomination deadline this year due to April testing.

This year, the Clarkston Foundation award goes to a Clarkston teacher in grades 6-12.

Anyone may submit a nomination.

Deadline is March 28.

Application are available at Clarkston schools, and online at clarkstonfoundation.org.

The Teacher of the Year will be honored at a breakfast reception, May 24. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson is slated to speak about education, including her time as a student teacher in Clarkston schools.

#### Wild game dinner

American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, hosts a wild game dinner, 6-9 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 18,

Planned menu includes elk, venison, pheasant, walleye, lake trout, and other wild game, and plenty of desserts – all you wish to eat.

There will also be a gun raffle and booze basket. Admission is \$20 per person. Doors open at 5 p.m. at the post hall, 8047 Ortonville Road. Call 248-625-0012

# Bond info at band meeting

Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association hosts a district representative at its Feb. 6 meeting to discuss the proposed \$20 million bond in Clarkston schools.

They will discuss the bond's impact on the district's instrumental music programs, along with other issues. The meeting is open to the public.

Meeting is at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School's band room, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

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Theresa Rigato of Clarkston State Bank, left, and Olivia Packard of Clarkston are collecting boots for those in need.

# Clarkston State Bank joins boots project

The Grade 7-8 Johnson Destination ImagiNation team from St. Joseph School in Lake Orion teamed up with Clarkston State Bank, HAP and the Department of Human Services to collect new or gently used boots in their campaign StompOutColdFeet.

Sarah Falkowski, Joy Fullerton, Michael Ignagni, Ricky Johnson and Olivia Packard Lanes in Oxford; Bishop Kelley Catholic

organized the project to help Oakland County families who need help meeting basic needs, including winter attire.

Boot donations can be dropped off at Clarkston State Bank's Main Street location until Feb. 17.

Other locations collecting boots are Collier

School, Lapeer; Hollywood Markets, Lake Orion; First Baptist Church, Lake Orion; King of King Lutheran Church, Lake Orion; Orion Township Public Library, Lake Orion; and St. Joseph Catholic Church and School, Lake

For more information, check out their mission on Facebook at StompOutColdFeet.

#### Clarkston refinances bonds to save on interest

#### BYTREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

City officials figured out how to save Clarkston and residents some money by refunding bonds at a lower interest rate.

Council voted unanimously, Jan. 23, to approve the refunding.

According to City Manager Dennis Ritter, Clarkston has three series of bonds, which were taken out in 2002 for water lines and road improvements. The three series add to over a million dollars. Interest rates currently range between 3.90 to 4.40, but could mature up to as high as 5.30.

By refunding the bonds, the city could get an interest rate of 3.1 percent, said Ritter, which means the city could save around \$157,500 in interest. However, once the city pays bond counsel, the financial advisor, file with the treasury department, and the escrow trustee, the savings is closer to \$132,400 saved in

interest, which comes out to around eight percent

"A savings of eight percent from what we're currently paying, that's a big deal," Ritter said.

He also noted it helps Ritter out the homeowners as well. "What that means to the

homeowner is the savings we realize on refunding the current bonds and buying to new ones at a lower interest rate will reduce the amount of money we have to assess against each property,", he said, "It, will save the, taxes are better.", he said,

residents approximately eight percent of what they would normally pay.'

All bonds in the portfolio are expected to retire between 2022 and 2024.

"It won't be long until they're paid off," Ritter said. "I don't know what's going to happen in the future, but we'll continue to keep an eye on the rates and there may be other series (bonds) we can refund and then reissue.'

Councilman Richard Bisio agreed the bond refunding is a good thing.

"It will reduce the debt service millage for Clarkston property owners, assuming that the bids come in as predicted by the consultant," Bisio said. "Although the decrease will not be big in comparison to the total tax burden, lower



Cub Scout Pack 163 toured a manufacturing factory in Sterling Heights. Photo provided

# Clarkston scouts inspired by factory visit

Cub Scout Pack 163 Independence Elementary toured a local manufacturing facility as part of their "Go See It" initiative, Jan. 16.

Lighthouse Molding, Inc., in Sterling Heights, "overmolds" electronics components with flexible plastic materials to protect them against shock, water, and contami-

nants.

The scouts offered several thoughts and out-of-the-box suggestions during the tour.

"I should invite you guys out more often," said Scott Lowes, president of Lighthouse Molding.

Fifteen children and their families took the tour, checking out machinery used to inject

molten plastic into molds. They examined sample pieces of cured plastic and got to keep their keep their safety glasses.

"Some scouts were reported hours later still wearing their safety glasses, because they thought they were cool," said Garett Patria, pack leader.

- Phil Custodio

# City investment policy also set for updatd

Continued from page 1A investment policy.

"Ours (investment policy) is a real old one, the laws have changed, the public act has changed and it's been updated," he said. "The way it's written now is a bank really isn't able to accept public funds unless they have a copy of that policy and they have to sign for it."

Ritter noted that he is almost done with the updated policy.

The other item that needs to be addressed is a procedures manual of what the city would do in the event anyone of the "major principles" (city manager, clerk, treasurer) would be gone for some reason, especially as it relates to the treasurer's function. Ritter said the city is currently working on that.

Councilman Richard Bisio hopes there will be some follow up as it relates to the investment policy and the procedure's manual. He also noted the audit showed that the city violated the "uniform budgeting and accounting act by spending more in some categories than was appropriated."

"That is a recurrent problem that our staff is not sensitive to," he said. "It also shows that there needed to be a significant number of journal entries to reclassify certain items at the end of the year. The need to do this is caused by erroneous entries by the treasurer(s) during the course of the year."

The next regular city council meeting is Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.





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#### Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

#### Runaway tech

Hitting regular rotation on TV lately is the movie "2012," depicting the end of the world due to mutating death rays from the sun.

I went to see it in the theater in 2009. In a stroke of divine comedy, the end-ofthe-world movie ended early due to a power outage caused by the weather. It wasn't 10 minutes from the credits - the ark was in danger of colliding with Mt.

Everest because the engines wouldn't start. I got a free pass to another showing, but I never went back. I got to see the ending on TV and saw I didn't miss



The film was produced in 2008, so producers had to project into the future a bit. This was most obvious regarding technology - the main character's cell phone had a ring that was hopelessly outdated here in actual 2012. No one in the film carried I-phones or I-

pads, or anything resembling them. Four years into the future, filmmakers had no idea they were coming.

That's the nature of technology today. Today's computers are obsolete tomorrow.

So that's one of my concerns with the proposed school technology bond. If approved by voters in May, it would collect \$20 million, half earmarked for wireless Internet, handheld, mobile information devices, and other technology.

As the election draws closer, we'll discuss with Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock specific plans to deal with how quickly they'll all become obsolete.

Good job to our deputies at Independence Township substation for nabbing a couple burglary suspects.

I was a bit dismayed to read George Grimes' rap sheet - multiple convictions for home invasion, along with a felony fireams conviction.

That man should not have been out on the street, free to prey on local residents, allegedly. With sentences of 3-20 years, he should have been in prison at least until 2026.

More prison space is needed. To free up some funds, I'd start with reducing the per-prisoner expenses by cutting comfort items.

Then we can think about illegal drugs. Most if not all of the break-ins included in the weekly Public Safety page are to fund drug addictions.

# Congrats on cocktail party success

Editorial

Congratulations to Clarkston Retailers going from shop to shop.

Group for another successful Clarkston Retro Progressive Cocktail Party.

It's good to see downtown

Clarkston filled with folks enjoying local businesses, and vice versa. And it's all for a good cause. They raised \$2,042.60 for O.A.T.S., Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles.

It may have been cold enough to see your breath, but that didn't stop crowds of people,

The retail group's downtown activities brings life to downtown, along with very welcome national exposure

provided by the Clarkston Union and Woodshop restaurants.

Kudos to all the business owners and employees making it fun for all.

For information on O.A.T.S., call 248-620-0505 or check www.oatshrh.org.

#### Reader responds to defend township trustee

Letters to the editor

Everyone in the community should be bothered by Trevor Keiser's opinion story and his Jan. 25, "Resident wants apology for tractor case"

When a citizen of Independence Township calls and points something out to an employee

of the township, this is not how their call should have been handled.

I have called code enforcement numerous times about code violations. Each time I call, I'm told that the township must follow established legal procedures to address code violations.

Though I've called asking for something to be acted upon, how my call is acted upon on is entirely up to the township. I expect to hold no responsibility for the actions of the township because of my call. And I expect the township to keep my name confidential.

If I had called the department of public works and: "Asked them to have the park's guys go by the address to see if the tractor in the yard could

be the one that belonged to the township." I wouldn't expect my name to be released and then to get trashed in the local paper because a township employee didn't follow the proper pro-

Why would any resident want to report a concern, violation, etc. if they knew their name

was not going to be held confidentially and they were going to be held responsible for everything

the township did with their report?

I find it hard to believe that Neil Wallace based his call to the township on the color of the property owner's skin, and not just color of the missing tractor. Your reporter should have dug a little deeper to see if racial accusations have been made by this person in the past.

How is this the caller's fault, and why was that callers name released by the township? After reading both of these stories, it appears that Mr. Wallace is the one deserving of an apology!

Mike Powell Independence Township

#### O.A.T.S. appreciation for Party patrons' help

Dear Editor,

The riders, volunteers and horses of O.A.T.S. thank the Clarkston Retailers Group, their patrons and the people of the Clarkston area for so generously supporting O.A.T.S. during the Second Annual Retro Cocktail Party.

Clarkston Retailers Group has also become the adopted parents of Telly, one of our horses and also the great grandson of the famous Secretariat. The funds generated from the party will provide Telly with veterinary and ferrier services, hay and grain for one year.

We invite the members of the Clarkston Retailers Group and the community at large to visit us and see the benefits therapeutic horseback riding provides those with special needs - check www.oatshrh.org for info.

Very truly yours,

Nancy Lee Heussner O.A.T.S. founder and executive director

P.S. It was a pleasure meeting Don Rush the other evening.

#### Thanks to shovelers for clearing Clarkston walkways

Dear Editor.

I want to thank all of those who take the responsibility of clearing snow from the walkways outside their homes. I would also like to ask those who do not to please consider doing

I am always amazed at how clear the driveways always are, but how very few take the extra minutes or seconds, with a snowblower, and make the sidewalk clear for the many pedestrians who walk around this town, especially along Clarkston Road between Clarkston High School and Main Street.

Please people, for the common good, consider clearing your walk. Isn't it your civic duty as a homeowner in the township?

Maureen Schabel Clarkston

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

#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

#### 15 years ago - 1997

"Schools find new bus driver" The dispute over bussing services for Clarkston students was resolved after the board of education voted unanimously to lease school buses from Squire Commercial Equip-

"Local Marine more than 'just a warrior" Marine Sgt. Rodney L. Dunn, a local resident, helped other marines and sailors on two projects in Malaysia. One was putting a new face on the Children's Society Building, a foster home in Singapore. The second project included delivering tons of supplies to the St. Nicholas School for the Blind on the island Penang.

"Women in sports honored at CHS" Female athletes at Clarkston High School were recognized furing the National Girls and Women in Sports day. The day included three guest speakers - Ann Boyd, Kevin Kaczmarek and Anne Doriean, the assistant principal. Doriean also shared history and led the athletes in workout stations.

#### 25 years ago - 1987

"Replacement of contaminated wells delayed" Residents with contaminated well water at the south end of Independence Township were stuck with bottled water when a project to expand the township's municipal water system was stalled. Toxic gas contamination had been found at seven individual wells.

"Center for teens next" Encouraged by the turnout of 300 students for a skiing day at Pine Knob, organizers decided to move forward with plans for a teen center in Clarkston.

"Clarkston wins thriller in 3 OTs" In an emotional, nerve-wracking, triple overtime contest the Wolves Boys Varsity Basketball team beat Lake Orion, 69-68. Jeff Tungate nailed three free throws in the last seconds for the win.

#### 50 years ago - 1962

"No parking" State Highway Department removed parking on M-15, 300 feet north of Waldon Road on the east side and 175 feet north on the west side. The restriction was the result of cooperative safety studies by the highway department, State Police, and local authorities.

4-H Leader of the Month" Mrs. Leslie Johnson of Independence Township was picked by WJR radio for the honor. She was in her sixth year as a volunteer 4-H

"Clarkston locals" Mrs. Catherine Easler and her daughter, Cindy, drove to Frankenmuth for a delicious chicken din-

# I think ma' dog Shayna lied to me

I couldn't eat all the Fettuccini Alfredo with chicken I was served at 24th St. Tavern in downtown Oxford, so I took the balance home to ma'dog Shayna.

Other than adding a color variation, I have no idea why anyone would put pieces of broccoli in anything, especially a noodle dish.

But there it was, pushed aside by my fork, and left in the carry-out box. I put it on the nose-high-to-Shayna counter.

I could take just so much of her sniffing and glancing at me, so I put the box on the floor.

Soon she came into the family room, licking here lips continuously.

I called her to me, held her head between my hands and made her look into my eyes and asked, "Shayna, did you eat the broccoli?"

Receiving no reaction, I asked louder, "SHAYNA, DID YOU EAT THE BROCCOLI?"

I felt her head nod. To verify her acknowledgment, I went to the kitchen to check the box.

Sprigs of broccoli were still there. Again I took her head in my hands and forced her to look into my eyes.

I scolded her forcefully, saying, "Shayna, you lied to me!"

She pulled away, a little, dropped her head, and while turning away gave me a glance that in dog language as a joke. said, "Yeah! Gotchya! Won another round!"

Jim's **Jottings** 



a column by Jim Sherman

We all know our electeds have established way too many bureaus, which have adopted way too many regulations.

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Governor Snyder made reference to it recently, saying, "My barber didn't know the size of a barber's wastebasket and the number of times it is emptied is in state regulations."

No one in my barbershop knew it either, and one is just out of barber school.

To make his point, Gov. Snyder said the Department of Environmental Quality has 28 regulations for outhouses.

The Gov. added, Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration has another 17 outhouse regulations, including a rule that the toilet seats not be left up.

Outhouses, in the first dozen years of my life, were holes in a wooden plank. Most had three holes, small, medium and large. And, we had a Sears catalog for paOnce in a while dad put some corn cobs in there

Proves again, that when government establishes a committee or bureau, they gotta come up with something to justify their existence. Too often I believe, that something is never read or even understood.

Gov. Snyder concluded his remarks by saying, "We need environment (regulations) that are conducive to business growth and job creation while making sure we are properly protecting our citizens."

But Governor, wasn't it a good thing that an agency made us put our "out" house "in" houses? - - - 0 - - -

• If you get the chance, listen to Steve Martin playing the banjo and singing, "Atheists Ain't Got No Song."

· Statistic: The average age of a car in the United States is nearly 11 years. Ten years ago-I think it was

· Called daughter Luan the other evening. Her husband Bob thinks that if he's home he should answer the phone.

I asked him to ask Luan what she thought of me calling eHarmony-dot-com. He said, "There is no match for you!" I hung up.

# Of mice and men and this and that and some other stuff, too

So. I have received some chilly e-mails in regards to informing the general populace of a free thinkers group forming up here in Northeast Oakland County.

For those who missed last week's gem of a column, there is a group of people starting to meet monthly in Oxford to debate, argue, discuss (openly) issues of their choosing; to question the status quo and in general seek truth.

In a nutshell, some folks are upset that I would give credence to other folks who they think, think America sucks, Christians blow and, well you get the point. They called me out.

If I were to put their words into other words (besides being my words and not theirs), they would read like this: Don what in the name of the almighty Ronald Reagan were you thinking giving those socialist, God-hating, commie-pinkos a voice?

Let me be clear, I am American. I am conservative. I am liberal. I am Republican. I am Democrat. I have faith that I don't know all, and that's all I know.

In the spirit of today's buzzword, transparency, I will share my responses... they were basically the same to everybody.

Dear Blah Blah, thanks for reading and

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I am a Reagan-type who votes across

party lines for the person with the most integrity and best ideas; I grew up in Northeast Oakland County, love Mom, the United States and all the opportunities that come with it. For the record, I pray every night and every morning and sometimes in between waking and sleeping.



A column by Don Rush

You may have fallen into the trap, it seems, that many in the area fall into . . . either you are with us lock and step or you are against us. And, if you are not with us, you must be

names, belittled, et al. That type of thinking has led to all the bleepity-bleep go-

called

stopped,

ing on locally and across the nation . . . I've only been in the area since 1971 and have only worked for the community newspaper since 1985 and have watched only since then. But, watch I have.

The problem, as I see it, is every body takes the moral authority of their opinions, versus the moral high ground.

I think the free thinkers group would welcome your discussion and I think more folks who hold differing opinions

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need to be involved. I think the whole idea of thinking freely, is not to be freely led like a sheep to the slaughter.

I admit, I could be naive.

Thing is, I don't have to agree with you to respect you. I can respectfully disagree. I have read of the Enlightenment; of the forming of this nation (more than what they teach at school or university, for nobody but myself). Since I was a wee shaver I've known that Benjamin Rush was an original signer of the Declaration of Independence and that he and I share the same last name, though I doubt we are related; and that there was one signer who was Catholic, like me (I was an alter boy at St. Dan's) and that President Kennedy was an American of IRISH Catholicness, like me!

I do not vote for those I believe will take away our freedoms, socialists-types, as I am cynical of those who say, "Vote for me cuz I am Christian."

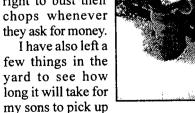
This county is wonderful, but we can never be afraid to talk and discuss the differing ideas, new discoveries and base our beliefs not only what we "feel" but, what we continue to learn.

Sincerely, etc., etc. blah, blah, blah

So, I know some people claim we're right on course to have a regular winter, but, to them I say, "balderdash!" I have this is their third winter in the same spot!

only shoveled snow a few times this year. I am guessing we have had less than a foot of snow, totally, combined this entire season. But that is not the point of what I am writing.

As a dad, I do fun stuff like leave a penny in the driveway for one of my sons to pick up and pocket. My reasoning, as the cheapest dad in town, is if they need money they can bend over and pickup the penny. Until that penny is gone, I have the right to bust their chops whenever they ask for money.





what they have left out. The accompanying pictures were taken this past Sunday. The squirt guns and the waterbottle make me smile when I see them now because



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#### Break-in

A Whipple Lake Road resident returned home, 10:19 p.m., Jan. 11, to find the back sliding door wide open, and video game system, movies, and jewelry taken. The resident said they always leave the back door un-

#### Theft from vehicle

When a visitor returned to her vehicle in a parking lot in the 5000 block of Water Tower Place, 10:30 p.m., Jan. 20, she found the front passenger window smashed and her purse taken. It had been left on the front passenger

#### Briefcase taken

A restaurant customer found the rear window of his vehicle smashed and briefcase missing, 11:50 a.m., Jan. 21, in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway.

#### Left laptop swiped

Someone took a laptop from a patron who went outside to watch her children ski, 12:40 p.m., Jan. 22, in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road. She had left the computer in the cafe.

#### Guns gone

Seven semi-automatic pistols were reported stolen from a gun store in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, Jan. 24. A metal rollup door in the rear of the business had been pried open, and a glass door broken out.

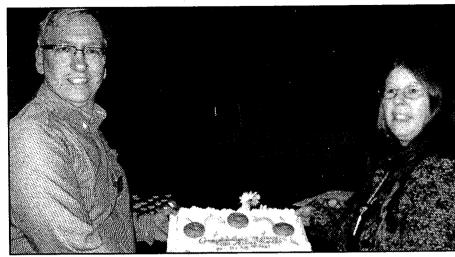
#### Warrant arrest

A 41-year-old Independence Township man was jailed on a Friend of the Court warrant after deputies were called to his home in the 5000 block of Deepwood Court, 7:14 p.m., Jan. 24. He had thrown the callers phone in an argument. After the arrest, the caller put the phone back together and found it was undamaged.

#### Suspended driver

A deputy on patrol ran the license plate of a vehicle in front and found the registered owner's license suspended, 4:51 p.m., Jan. 24, at Sashabaw and Pelton roads. The driver, a 31-year-old Davisburg man, was cited for driving with a suspended license.

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



Rotary President Al Avery and polio co-chair Virginia Barrons show off the celebratory dessert at Monday's meeting. Photo provided

#### Milestone reached in Rotary's polio fight

President Al Avery led Clarkston Rotarians in celebrating the club's worldwide success in raising \$200 million to meet the Bill and Melinda Gates' polio-fighting challenge.

In 1985, Rotary International launched PolioPlus to immunize all the world's children against polio. Since then, more than two billion children have received the oral polio vaccine. Clarkston Rotarians Mary Sloan and Jeff Lichty participated in the

effort by delivering the polio drops to children in northern India in 2005.

Since 2009, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded \$355 million to Rotary International.

Clarkston Rotarians also received an update, Monday, from District polio cochair Virginia Barrons.

"We can't quit until the job is done and no new cases have been reported in the world for three years," Barrons said.



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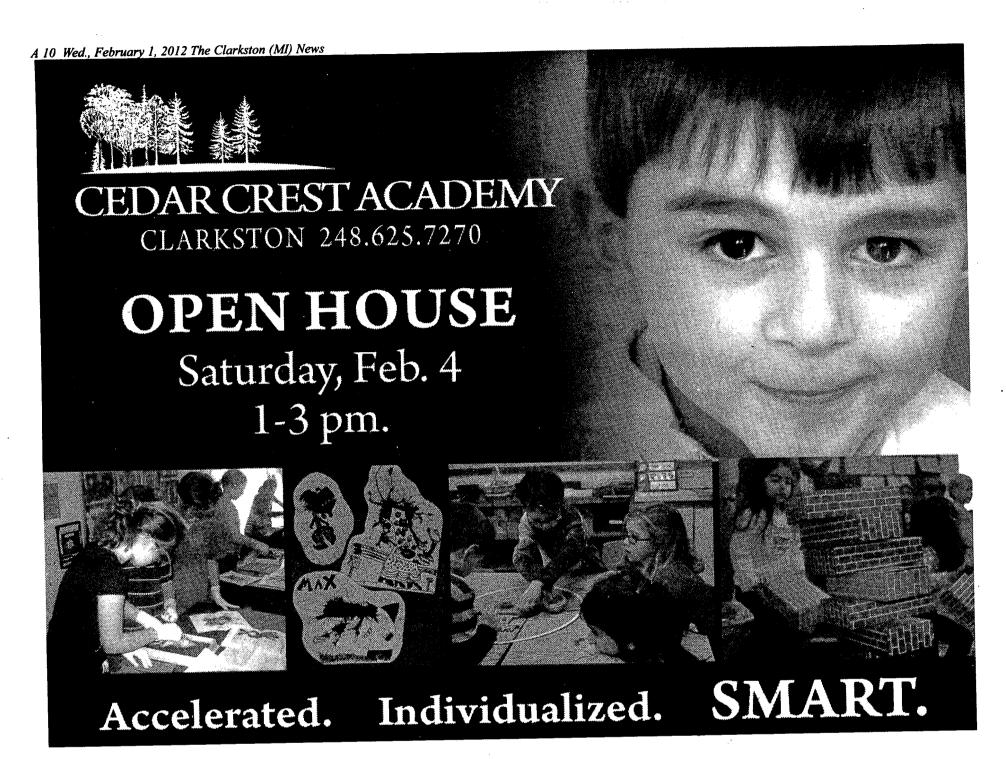
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# **Taking charge out of Lathrup**

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Fans in blue and gold erupted with cheers during the fourth quarter as the Wolves posted more points on the board against visiting Southfield-Lathrup.

Clarkston ended the OAA Red battle with their tenth win in the season with a 71-53

"It was a combination of desire and execution," said senior Tatu.

The Chargers took control of the board to open the game and held on as Clarkston attempted to match point for point.

Southfield-Lathrup gained the lead at the end of the first quarter with a a five point play. They opened the second quarter with another two points, putting the them at 18-

"We weren't very good in the first half," admitted Dan Fife, Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball head coach. "But we hung in there. It was a ping pong game. Our kids have to work for it more. I know what our kids have to be to be successful. It was just a hard fought game."

Senior Mark Tynan closed the gap with a three point shot and the Chargers fought back posting five more points to the board.

Going into the last four minutes of the quarter Zach Collins, Matt Dellinger and Mitch Baenziger fought to keep the Wolves caught up to Southfield-Lathrup.

Tatu and Dylan Hancook changed the pace before the buzzer signaled the end of the first half.

Tatu sank a two-pointer with 29 seconds left in the half and scored on his one shot at the free throw line.

Hancook made the next play after catching teammate Mitch Baenziger's rebound and put it through the rim, sending the Wolves to half time with a 30-29 lead.

"It got us a lot of momentum," said Tatu.
"We expected them to play hard and get up
on our shooters because that is what we do we shoot."

The energy sizzled in the beginning of the third quarter as Jordan Dasuqi scored nine points on the Chargers as they posted six.

Tatu followed it up with two 3-points shots to continue putting more pressure on Southfield-Lathrup.

"During the second half Dasuqi came alive and was on Jonathan Williams and letting him get tired," said Fife. "As we got tired we shot better. Sometimes you have a lot of nervous energy. It builds up and have to get rid of it. But when you are tired - you just play."

It worked as the boys ended the third quarter with a 10-point lead, 47-37.

"We didn't expect it to be that fast," said Tatu. "They play really fast for us. We adjusted the second half and did a lot better."

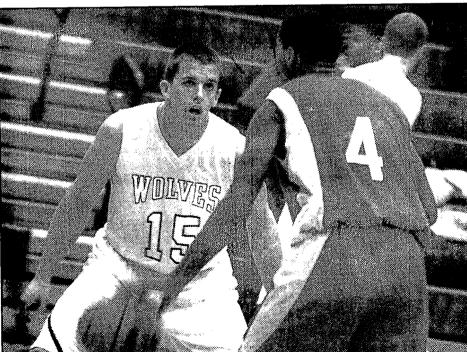
Tatu led the team with 24 points with four 3-pointers. Dasuqi added 20 points to the score and had one field goal. Baenziger had 12 points during the game.

Tatu added the win helps as they go into the next week of games.

"Lathrup was tied number one with us," he said. "It is a good statement to win. Plus, to be undefeated in the league helps a lot."

The Wolves opened the week against West Bloomfield on Tuesday. The boys host Farmington Hills on Friday before they head to Troy next Tuesday.

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



Mett Dellinger blocks Southfield-Lathrup from getting close to the net. Photo by Wendi Reardon

#### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team with Brian Billups, Chris Gemborys, Tyler Hancsak, Kyle Kirby, Cyree Merritt, Eric Wagner and Max Wolfgang. *Photo by Wendi Reardon* 

# Taking over the lanes

The pins fall back as the bowling ball strikes them and the Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team celebrates with the teammate who made it happen.

The Wolves have been working hard after school at Cherry Hill Lanes North on their techniques and their skills to get to their 5-1 record.

They knocked Lake Orion out of a tournament during the weekend and the Dragons were out for revenge on Monday at Collier Lanes.

The Wolves fought back with Max Wolfgang leading the way with a 464 series from a 234 and a 230 game. Kyle Kirby had a 459 series, with games of 235 and 224. Eric Wagner had the high game of 255 putting his series to 455.

They ended up losing the match, 20-

Prior to their meet against Lake Orion on Monday night they were undefeated after beating Troy-Athens, 27-3 on Jan.

Tyler Hanscak had games of 225 and 214 for high series of 439. Wolfgang with close with games of 219 and 216 for a 435 set. Kirby had the high game with a 256.

The Wolves beat Troy at Cherry Hill North, Jan. 9, 28-2. Chris Gemborys had a 223 for the game high.

They also beat Oxford, 22-8, on Jan. 5. Gemborys had a 213 and 202 for a 415 game. Wagner shot a 233 and 418 for a 451 series.

The boys opened the season at the OAA Singles Meet on Dec. 5.

Wagner placed first and Gemborys placed in third.

The boys also finished in third place at the Farmington Early Bird tournament at Drakeshire Lanes. Hancsak finished in sixth place with a 654 series and Wagner in seventh with a 652 series.

They head to the Swami Invitational this Saturday at Imperial Lanes in and host Oxford next Wednesday at Cherry Hill North, 3:45 p.m.



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#### Rivalry heats up

The battle for the OAA Red league title against Lake Orion ended in defeat on Saturday night.

The Wolves lost 2-1 in an overtime battle with their cross town rivals in front of a packed house at Detroit Skating Club.

Both ended the first period tied at zero with the Wolves' defense keeping Lake Orion from scoring for most of the pe-

Goalie Jack Viazanko held off 13 shots on the net as Clarkston put six on the Dragons' goalie.

Junior Adam Larkin scored in the second period when his shot bounced back into the net after his initial shot hit bounced off the goalie, hit a defense player and went into the net.

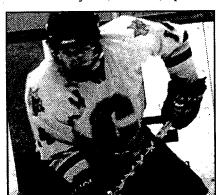
The game drew to a tie during the third period off a goal made from Lake Orion's David Otto.

Dragon Justin McKelvey scored the game clencher 1:15 into overtime.

Another loss to Howell, 3-0, last Thursday, put the boys 8-8-1 for the sea-

They head to Lakeland Ice Arena on Wednesday to take on Waterford Mott, 5:20 p.m.

They head to the OAA-MAC Showcase on Saturday to play Macomb Dakota at the Onyx in Rochester, 6 p.m.



Zach Gootee guides the puck into Dragon territory.

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### Calvano aids in victories in tournament

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers head into their last week of the regular season after posting wins and losses last week.

They ended the week with four wins and one loss at the annual Macomb-Oakland Duals at Waterford Kettering on Saturday.

"We had a nice turn out," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "They wrestled well against some good competition."

They beat Macomb Dakota, 36-32; Warren Woods, 45-22; Roseville, 61-16; Richmond 39-38 and lost to Anchor Bay 42-33.

The performance of the day came from Chris Calvano going undefeated in all five of his matches.

"He beat a kid who had beaten him - one of the top kids in the state," Moscovic added. "He did a nice job."

For the boys it was another step in the direction they want to go as they head into

"We are improving every week," said Moscovic. "Against some of the best teams in the state we are hanging in there and we are getting better. The mistakes they were making earlier in the year they aren't making anymore. Matches they were losing, they are now winning."

He added the boys made improvement in their technique and positioning after their two losses to Oxford and Rochester last Wednes-

"It helped them in key matches," he said. "Rochester and Oxford have state caliber teams so you will have state caliber kids. It prepares you because those are the type of kids you are going to wrestle at districts, regionals and the state finals."

The boys opened Wednesday night with a loss to Rochester, 32-27.

Ethan Lisewski started the meet with a win by void in the 103-pound weight class. Cameron Wilkie (119) posted the next win with a fall with 39.6 left in the first period.

Mike Cardinale (130) boosted his score in the third period after tying the score 6-6 in

the second period of the match. In the last two minutes he scored on attempts to take down his opponent, ending with a 11-8 win.

After three matches lost to the Falcons, Nick Vandermeer put more points on the score for Clarkston with a 7-0 win in the 152-pound weight class.

Ethan Frick (189) tied the score 12-12 with 12 seconds left in the third period of his match with a reversal. With 17.6 left in the overtime he scored again, this time with two points for a take down position to win, 14-12.

Scott Devos (215) scored the last win against Rochester with a fall one minute into his match.

The Wolves lost to Oxford, 44-27.

Wilkie opened the match with the first win with a fall 2:50 into the match against Anthony Moore. The next win came

from Calvano in the 171-pound weight class with a pin. Frick and Devos also won with pins over Grant Krause and Zach Wood.

Lisewski ended the night with a 8-7 win over Colin Campbell.

"We still have to improve," said Moscovic. "They are great teams, but they are beatable teams."

The Wolves host state-ranked Davison this Wednesday at Clarkston High School.

"It is another test to see where our aspirations are and if we are improving to that level," Moscovic added. "Can we compete against them, wrestle against them in every match and win against them? I think we can."

The boys end the regular season on Sat-

Ethan Frick goes for a win against Rochester. Photos by Wendi Reardon

urday at the OAA Red league meet at Rochester High School competing against teams they have already face this season.

'They are all quality teams," he added. "It doesn't get any easier."

The Wolves will use any wins and losses to build onto for the MHSAA Districts for team and individual finals next week.

"There is no time to lick the wounds," said Moscovic. "We just have to keep pulling. Our kids are working hard. If they believe in their ability next week these young men will be ready to compete against anybody in the state."

The match against Davison begins at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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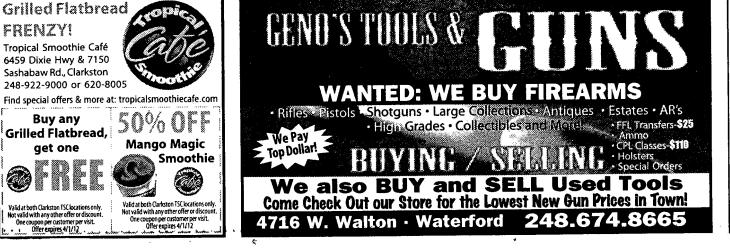
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# Remaining undefeated

The Lady Wolves held onto their undefeated record by outscoring Pontiac in the second half of their home game last Friday.

With the 55-46 win, the girls are now 13-0 overall.

Clarkston closed the first half of the game six points behind the Lady Phoenix. But after a pep talk from head coach Tim Wasilk the girls went on a 10-0 run to take the lead.

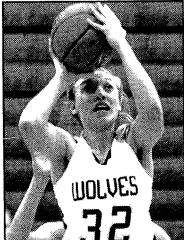
"I just told them to relax and keep doing what they have been all year," going to fall and we needed to tighten things

up defensively. They responded."

Senior Megan Hastings added the talk helped to pump the team up for the next two quarters.

"We didn't come out as tough as we wanted in the first half," she said about the 27-21 score at the end of the half.

Senior Anna Manilla opened the half with a shot from the free throw line and senior Christina Jokisch added two baskets to put the Lady Wolves one point behind. Delaney



he said. "The shots are Christina Jokisch aims for the basket. Photo by Larry Wright

Wasilk. "It was a big reason why we were doing better and our shots were falling."

Jokisch led the team, scoring 18 points during the games and shot one 3pointer.

"She did a nice job finishing tonight," said

Wasilk. "She did a nice job knocking down some free throws and rebounded pretty well. I was happy with her effort."

Hastings and Kenny finished with ten points with a 3-pointer for Hastings. Anna Manilla scored seven points.

The girls head to Southfield-Lathrup on Thursday and are back home next Tuesday against Avondale.

JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows. ~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

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#### Kyle Inch swims in his the state qualifying 500-yard freestyle race.

# Making a big splash in tri-meet

The Wolves picked up two victories last week.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Swim team won all 12 events in a tri-meet they held at the high school on Jan. 26.

They beat Berkley High School, 142-44 and Southfield, 149-29.

The relay teams scored big during the night. Landon Holloway, Isaac Young, Patrick Bemis and Eric Misteravich started the evening by winning the 200-yard medley relay. Zach Rabideau, Dalton Pokley, Misteravich and Bemis won the 200-yard free

Kyle Inch, Rabideau, Pokley and Steven Nelson closed the evening with a victory in the 400-yard free relay.

Individual wins came from Rabideau in the 200-yard free and 100-yard butterfly events; Holloway in the 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard backstroke event; Waterford

Nelson in 50-yard free; Joe Zendejas in diving; Misteravich in 100-yard freestyle; Inch in the 500-yard free; and Young in the 100yard breaststroke.

Inch's 4:56:94 in the 500-yard freestyle qualified him for the MHSSA Division 1 State Finals in March 9-10 at Eastern Michigan

The performance of the meet came from sophomore Mitch McLouth. He had never been under one minute in the 100-yard butterfly event the tri-meet. He finished the event in 56:63 - only a second off the state qualifying time for the event.

The victories put the Wolves season record to 3-5.

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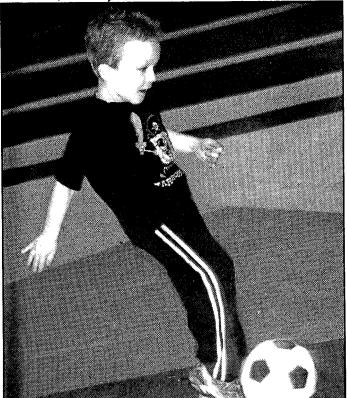
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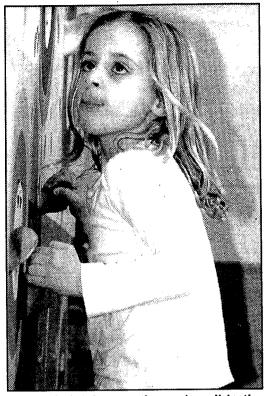
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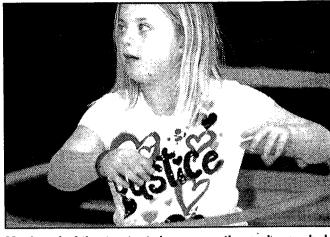
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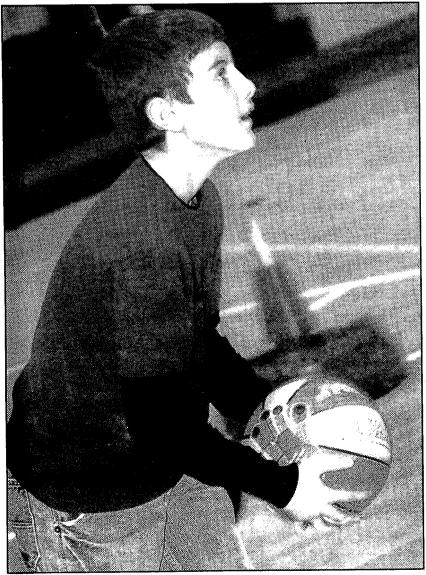
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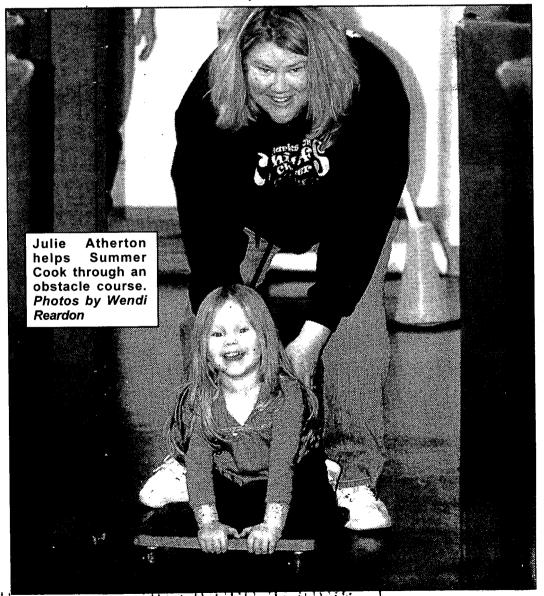
They enjoyed their favorite physical education activities like volleyball, basketball, rock

North Sashabaw Elementary climbing, jumping hurdles and udents and their families more during Family Fun and Fitness night.

They also raised money for the school. Donations during the went to the NSE PTO for new playground equipment.



Dalton Bills figures out a plan to score a basket.



# CNews People Poll February 1, 2012

What do you think about Prince Fielder with the Tigers?

"I think it's a great acquisition. It will help with selling tickets and getting folks back out to the ball park."



– Chris Cardenas

"I think it's great. We needed a big left handed bat after (Victor) Martinez went down. It also gives someone



to protect (Miguel) Cabrera." — Charlie Avery

"I think it's pretty exciting. It's cool to see him some back to Detroit. I am concerned with the third base situation



(Manager Jim) Leland will handle the rotation." — Matthew Ashlay

"I think it's great. It will help give them a better chance of going to the World Series."



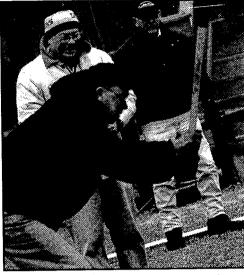
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Mike Walkowski swings the sludge hammer as Ken Ermer and Bill Cox look on. *Photo by Wendi Reardon* 



Optimist President Mark Schroeder and Optimist Treasurer Tom Middleton stand in front of the new family ice rink in Depot Park. *Photo by Trevor Keiser* 

# Optimists raise ice rink in Depot Park

#### BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rome may not have been built in a day, but the new ice skating rink in Depot Park was. The Clarkston Optimist Club along with community volunteers teamed up Jan. 24 to build the new family rink.

"It made me feel real good," said Tom Middleton, Optimist treasurer, and project manager.

Middleton said the club was approached by Clarkston resident Ginny Shultz to do the project.

"I had a couple Optimist members talk to me a few weeks ago about putting in an ice rink maybe over in Clintonwood Park, when Ginny came to do one in Depot Park it fit right in," he said. "We had to act fast because we're already part way through a winter we haven't had yet. Just in case winter set in we wanted to have it ready."

Workers began at 10 a.m. and finished around 5:30 p.m.

Frank Schoebel, a volunteer not with the club said the spirit of the men and women who put the project together is what attracted him and his wife to the community.

"I think it's one more thing we can do to make this more of a community and enhance why we live here," he said. "We can use this as another example of community oriented projects and volunteerism at its best."

Other Optimist members on the project included Ken Ermer, Bill Cox, and Mike Walkowski. Other volunteers included John Meyland and the Independence Township Fire Department, who helped pump water from the Mill Run.

Optimist President Mark Schroeder thanked all those involved.

"Special thanks to Tom Middleton for organizing the construction of the rink and special thanks to people who have contributed to the Optimist Club," Schroeder said.



Frank Schroeder hammers in another stake. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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Sock Hop, Bethany North Oakland Singles Dance, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Feb. 4, St. Dan's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park. DJ Al Pickett. \$15.248-891-8938.

Office hour with state Rep. Eileen Kowall, 12-1 p.m., Feb. 6, Pete's Coney II, 6160 Dixie-Highway. 866-334-0010.

Republican candidate forum, hosted by Independence Township Conservatives, 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9. With U.S. Senate candidates Clark Durant, Randy Hekman, and Peter Konetchy. Knights of Columbus Hall, 5660 Maybee Road. 248-625-3829.

Singing Valentines, by Big Chief Chorus, Feb. 12-14 – two love songs by a Big Chief Quartet, red rose, Valentine card, and a photo of recipient and quartet. \$45 donation to the non-profit group. 586-915-6137.

Wild game dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 18, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Menu includes elk, venison, pheasant, walleye, lake trout. All you wish to eat. \$20. 248-625-9912.

Cupids and Canines Adoption Event, 12-3 p.m., Feb. 19, Advanced Pet Care, 6374 Sashabaw Road. Proceeds benefit Canine Companions Rescue Center. 248-620-2900.

Murder Crashes the Wedding, interactive theatre presentation of Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 6 p.m., March 3, Paint Creek Country Club, 2375 Stanton Road, Lake Orion. With dinner, open bar, silent auction. \$60. www.clarkstonoptimists.org.

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

#### **Weekly meetings**

#### Sunday

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Ortouville Road. 248-310-7878.

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

#### 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.

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

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

Zumba, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Sat-

urdays, 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.

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

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

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

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

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.

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

#### 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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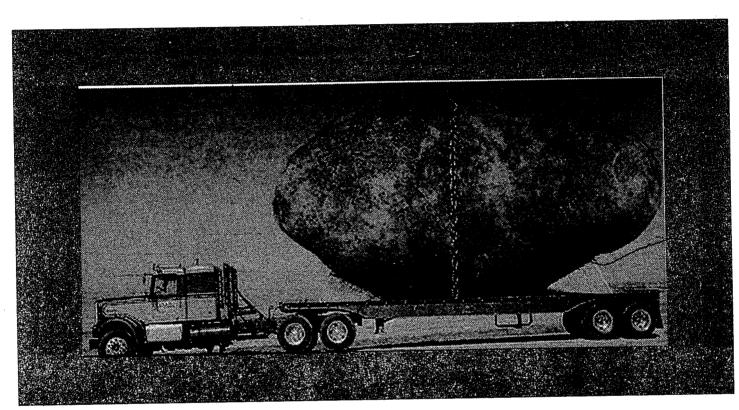
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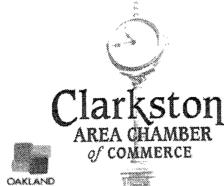
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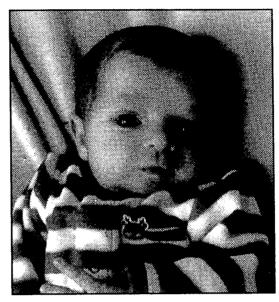
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# Milestones



Serena Kathryn Ginn

# Welcome Serena Kathryn

Jeff and Kasey Ginn of Royal Oak announce the birth of their daughter, Serena Kathryn, on Nov. 28, 2011.

Serena was 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and 18 inches in length. She is welcomed by grandparents Ted and Mickey Ginn of Clarkston, Kathy Williams of Farmington Hills, Dave and Charlotte Nedock of Southfield, and many loving aunts and uncles. Briana, Leah, and Gavin were also excited to meet their new cousin.

#### Students achieve success

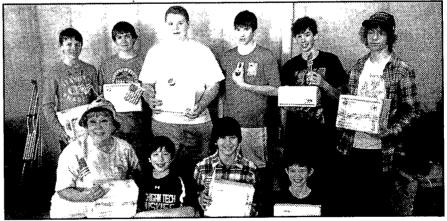
Clarkston High School students Reece Adams, Eric Beckmeyre, Madison Covault, Olivia Dunn, Justin Giola, Allyson Johnson, Stephanie Lambert, Deanna Lueck, Ian McGregor, Justice McSorley, Paige Morrison, Kelsey Riemenschnieder, Gabrielle Rodriguez, Nathan Rogers, Taylor Santo, Trevor Smith, Ashley Walton, Mallory Waring, Chloe Wilson, John Budzinski, Mitchell McCoord, Taylor Luis, Gabe Comos, Jordan Lawson and C.J. Gosder

competed in District 6 Michigan DECA competition.

Competing against more than 700 other students, they won over 35 medals, with nine honored for high test scores, eight for exceptional role play, and 18 qualifying for the State Competitions in March.

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Lynne Rene Elizabeth Swayne of Clarkston earned a Bachelor of General Studies degree at Baker College, fall quarter 2011.



#### Scouts packing for the troops

Alex Snyder of Boy Scout Troop 199 in Clarkston led a care package project for his Eagle Award, Jan. 21.

He collected items and donations from local individuals and businesses, including toothbrushes, toiletries, home made cookies, books, hats, phone cards, and donations to cover cost of shipping. Then, he organized a packing party of 100 boxes with Louise Downs of Desert Angel.

The boxes are going overseas to the armed forces, specifically troops from Michigan.

# Building a non-violent community

This is going to be an interesting year. Watching the political debate and hearing the talk of starting a new war, reading the news of another tragic death of a young person, seeing a fight break out over a minor traffic accident; I wonder when we will learn to live the principles of peace and nonvio-

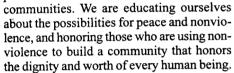
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Matthew Long

lence that are at the core of all our religious and spiritual paths?

Monday, Jan. 30 was the 64th anniversary of the death of Mahatma Ghandi and the 1st day of the 15th annual Season for Nonviolence, a national 64-day campaign dedicated to demonstrating that nonviolence is a powerful way to heal, transform, and empower our lives and our



Ghandi encouraged us to "be the change you wish to see in the world." Those of us with eyes to see know that violence is not the answer to the violence we see in the world. Violence begets violence and if we keep doing what we always done we'll keep getting what we've always gotten: more violence. The Season for Nonviolence offers the opportunity for people to learn to live the principles of nonviolence for themselves, in their daily lives and in the world.

Martin Luther King Jr, said "If we assume that mankind has a right to survive, then we must find an alternative to war and so let us explore the conditions for peace." These conditions include practicing nonviolence. Our awareness must transcend the limitations of belief, fear and hatred with an awareness of peace and unity. "We must either learn to live together as brothers, or we are all going to perish together as fools."

Buddha said, "One's mind finds no peace, neither enjoys pleasure or delight, nor goes to sleep, nor feels secure while the dart of hatred is stuck in the heart."

Compassion, love, caring, forgiveness; these are the paths to peace taught by all the world's religions.

Lao Tse said "If there is to be peace in the world, there must be peace in the nations. If there is to be peace in the nations, there must be peace in the cities. If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbors. If there is to be peace between neighbors, there must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart."

Muhammad said, "Hurt no one, so that no one may hurt you."

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives." John 14:27. The world thinks of peace as the absence of conflict. Spirit knows that peace is a transcendent consciousness that is mindful of the ultimate unity of all creation. A transcendent consciousness, such as that demonstrated by Jesus, Ghandi, Martin Luther King Jr. and others, can be in the midst of the conflict that is inherent within the world and be at peace: calm, centered, compassionate.

The Mayan Calendar in 2012 begins a new cycle. Astrologers indicate that the solar system has completed a cycle, crossing the Galactic Equator and is entering into a new phase. This can be a time of the growth of our awareness of "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" Phil. 4:7.

During the Season for Nonviolence we have daily practices designed to foster the growth of our awareness of peace and non-

For more information see www.agnt.org. Together we can be a force for positive change in our world.

Matthew E. Long is senior minister at Peace Unity Church & Holistic Center.

#### In our churches...

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

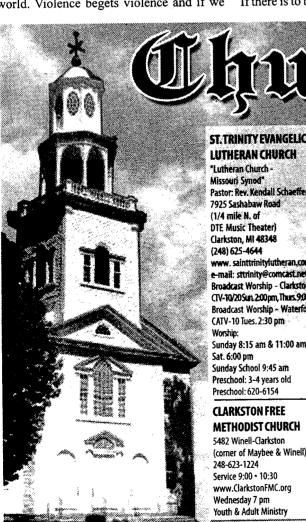
DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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

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

Discover the Power Within You book study, meditation, Thursdays, 7 p.m. Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

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#### CLARKSTON **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Oakland Christian School Pastors: Greg Henneman Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne, Dan Whiting, Geoff Black Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am Nursery Care at all services Wednesday: Children's Ministries 6:00-8:00 pm Sunday: Youth Ministries 5:00-7:00 pm

#### Laurene J. Barnes, 91 Michael Sanders, 19

Laurene J. Barnes of Davisburg passed away Jan. 23, 2012, at age 91.

She was the loving wife of Elmer for 69 years; mother of Adrian (Nancy) and Eugene (Eleonora); grandma of David (Lisa), Scott, Matthew (Elizabeth) and Samuel; great grandma of Claire and Joshua; preceded in death by her four siblings.

Visitation was Jan. 27 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Jan. 28 at Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston, Interment, Cadillac

Memorial Gardens East. Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Marlene Hoglund, 46

Marlene D. Hoglund (nee Fetz) of Davisburg passed away Jan. 27, 2012, at 46 years of age after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was the dearest wife of Chris for six years; loving mother of Adel; beloved daughter of Alfred and Heidi Fetz; sister of Marvin (Cheryl) Fetz, Ronald (Lauri) Fetz, and David (Michelle) Fetz; in laws James and Elaine Hoglund.

Mrs. Hoglund graduated from Chippewa Valley High School, Utica, and Davenport University, 2002. She was working for International Automotive Components, Southfield. Most important, Marlene loved being a wife and monimy. She enjoyed quilting, and everyone will miss her cakes and cheese cakes. Memorial service Wednesday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m., Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, 10 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Springfield Township Library. To send a private condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Michael K. Sanders of Clarkston died unexpectedly Jan. 23, 2012, at age 19.

He was the son of Nicole Sanders; loving brother of Kelsey and Jack Sanders; grandson of Michael and Laura Cantin; great grandson of Velma Cantin; nephew of Steven (Christine) Cantin; boy-



friend of Sarah Gregory. Funeral service was Jan. 27 at the Lewis Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Donations may be made to the family in Mike's memory. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Ernest Reyes Jr., 67

Ernest Reyes Jr. of Pontiac passed away Jan. 21, 2012, at age 67.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ernest and Susie and daughter Katie Dowdy. He was the father of Angie (Keith) Salisbury, Lisa (Carl) Holloway and Andrea Benitez; papa of Justin, Jared, Jordan, Jeffrey, Jenna, Brandon and Maya; great grandpa of Jaxon; brother of Elma MacLean, Sylvia Reyes, Erma Gonzales, Eddie Reyes, Norma Reyes and Elva Reyes.

Mr. Reves served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and retired from General Motors Truck and Bus. He loved to hunt and spend time

Funeral service was Jan. 24 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans or Vietnam Veterans of America.

guestbook Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Edward R. Kelley, 76 Grayce B. Warren, 68

Edward R. Kelley, "Bob," of Clarkston passed peacefully Jan. 24, 2012, at 76 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of Mary for 45 years; loving father Jon (Lesley) Kelley and Michelle (John) Campbell; special grandfather of Brandi; caring brother of Ethel Lowery, Diane Behrends, Denise Woosley, brother-in-law Harold (Judy) Goshen, and sister-in-law Pat Kelley; also survived by many nieces and nephews, and granddogs Maggie, Aspen and Hanna; preceded in death by parents Carl and Helen Kelley, and his twin brother Edwin "Bill."

Mr. Kelley loved working in his yard, bowling, and hunting, but most of all he loved his family. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, worked at A&P food stores for 25 years, and also for GM for 14 years.

A family memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston. Memorial contributions may be made out to Hospice of Michigan. To send a private condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

#### Juanita G. Rigotti

Juanita G. Rigotti of Royal Oak passed away Jan. 28, 2012.

She was preceded in death by her husband Tullio and her daughter Mona Cohoon. She was the mother of Eddie (the late Norma) Browning of California; grandmother of five, great grandmother of six and great great grandmother of



Mrs. Rigotti retired as a caterer in the Royal Oak area.

Funeral Service was Jan. 30 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Beaumont Hospice.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Gravce B. Warren of Waterford, formerly of Negaunee, passed away Jan. 28, 2012, at age 68.

She was the sister of Carlene Altman and Dorothy Warren; preceded in death by her

brother James; also survived by two nieces, six nephews and many close friends.

Ms. Warren graduated from Negaunee High School and Northern Michigan University and retired after 32 years of teaching vocal music at Clarkston Com-



munity Schools. Over the years, she kept in close contact with many of her students and recently traveled to New Zealand to visit a former student. Grayce was proud to have sung with the Rackham Choir and took her students to sing with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. She enjoyed knitting, sewing, traveling and her English garden. The family thanks the staff at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for their exceptional care.

Friends may visit at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Thursday, 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service, Friday, 1 p.m., at Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Clarkston Foundation. Online guest www.wintfuneralhome.com.

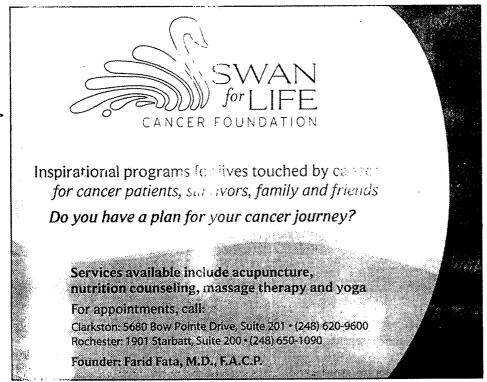
#### Sue Luichinger, 62

Sue Luichinger of Clarkston passed away Jan. 29, 2012, at age 62.

She was the wife of Mark; mother of Erich, Kyle, Sara, Ann; grandma of Ayden, Abigail, Walter, Carson; sister of MaryPat.

Funeral Mass, Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford, where friends may visit at the church. Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., until time of Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Detroit Salvation Army Bed and Bread Club www.salmich.org. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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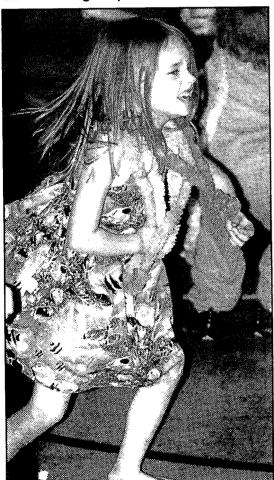




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Hannah Music and Emily Herrmann spin around during a square dance.



Sarah Music smiles as she wiggles to the beat of the music.



Kami Berman dances in the gymnasium.

# Aloha Dragons

It was cold outside but warm inside Clarkston Elementary as the students enjoyed a luau last Friday.

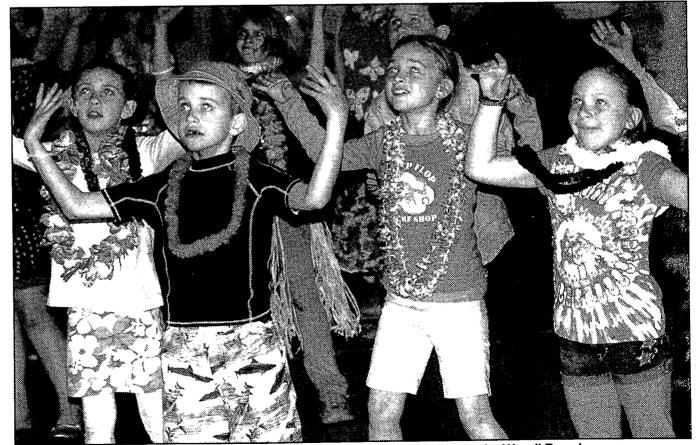
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Together with their friends, classmates and family, the students enjoyed dancing, hula hooping, getting their faces painted and games.

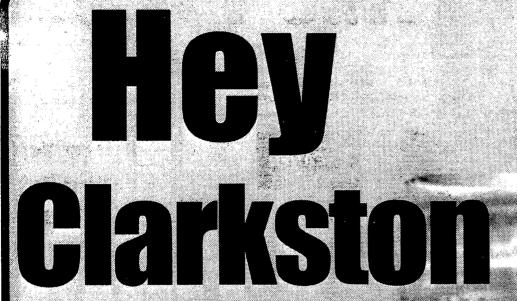
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Rhys Jahn bowls for a strike and a prize.



Students follow the dance moves on the Just Dance for Kids game. Photos by Wendi Reardon



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#### Burglars targeted electronics, jewelry

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home. On Jan. 19, the mother called deputies to report her daughter and Glime using heroin.

Deputies responded and in the course of the investigation found a receipt from a pawn shop in Rendon's purse. Jewelry listed on the receipt matched the description of items taken in a burglary of a home in the 4000 block of Whipple Lake Road.

She was arrested on outstanding warrants. According to an interview of the suspect, the break-ins were to fund her and her boyfriend's heroin use.

Her statements link Glime to break-ins on River Road since October. By the end of December, Rendon was accompanying him, acting as a lookout. Thefts were during the day, when residents were at work or school.

Favorite items for theft included televisions, video game systems, movies, and other electronics, and jewelry.

The items would be pawned, sold to friends, or traded for drugs.

Several homes were targeted specifically because they had flimsy windows and locks, according to reports.

To make homes more burglar resistant, Det. Harvey suggested stronger locks, alarm system, dogs, and neighbors looking out for each

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- Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace

Absent: Wagner There was a quorum present

Also Present: Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Steven P. Joppich, Secrest

- Approval to appoint Acting Chair APPROVAL OF AGENDA as presented
- AGENDA ITEMS AS STATED IN THE CALL OF THE MEETING:
  - Open Burning Ordinance Board and public dis cussion took place
- **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**
- CLOSED SESSION: Attorney-Client Privileged Legal Opinion, as permitted by 15.268(h)

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- **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None**
- ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at

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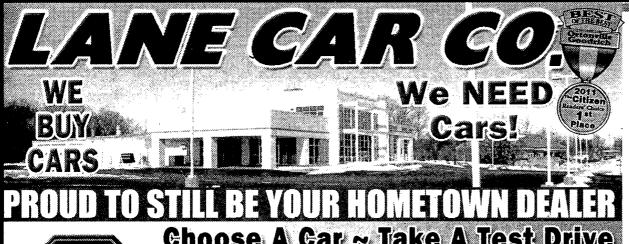
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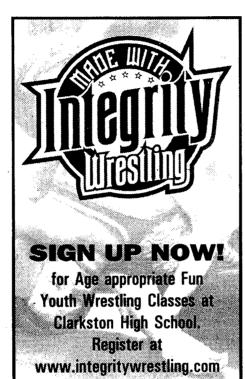
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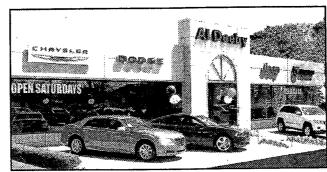
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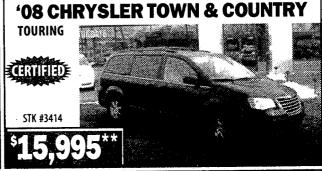
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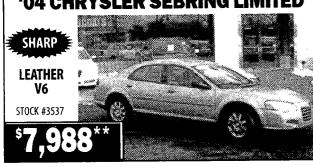
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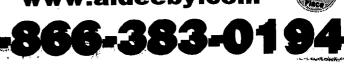
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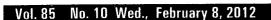
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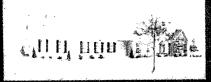
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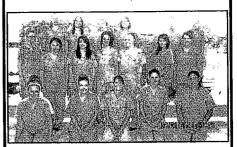


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Clarkston Junior High student Matt Bur thanks World War II Marine veteran Harry Gooch. Photos by Phil Custodio

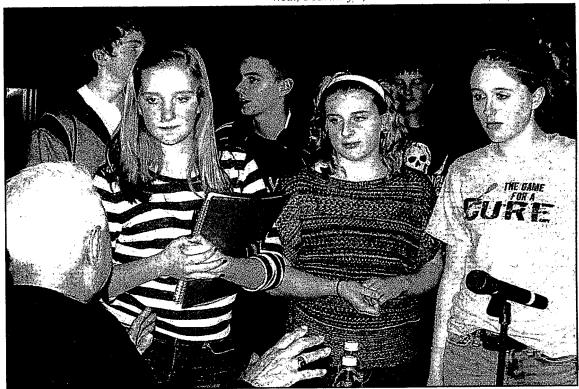
# Living history lesson

spent a day learning about World War II, Feb. 1, talking to veterans who fought and civilians who just

"The kids asked many questions - they wanted to know who I was afraid of more, the Americans or

Clarkston Junior High students Germans," said Maria Rotondo-Mark, who was a child in war-torn Italy. "I was afraid of the whole entire thing. I just wanted to stay al ive."

> Joseph Cromwell fought with the U.S. Army at Normandy and in the Battle of the Bulge.



From right, Maddie Declercq, Katie Clements, and Sarah Head listen to Archie Hovsepian talk about his experiences as a Marine in the Pacific during World War II.

Sherman said 'war is hell,' and it is, believe me, "Cromwell said.

McGlinnen and Laura Murray led II veterans as well as provide our

"Gen. William Tecumseh the junior high USO Celebration, an annual event.

"The USO Celebration has been History teachers Thomas away for us to honor our World War

ninth grade students with the privilege and opportunity to hear reallife stories from veterans," McGl innen said.

-PhilCustodio



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Brett LaRaia hits the drums for Twist of Fate.



Maggie Husher belts out Bon Jovi's "Always."

# Song to help

Over 20 acts performed during the first annual C Factor, Jan. 31 at Clarkston Junior High School Performing Arts Center.

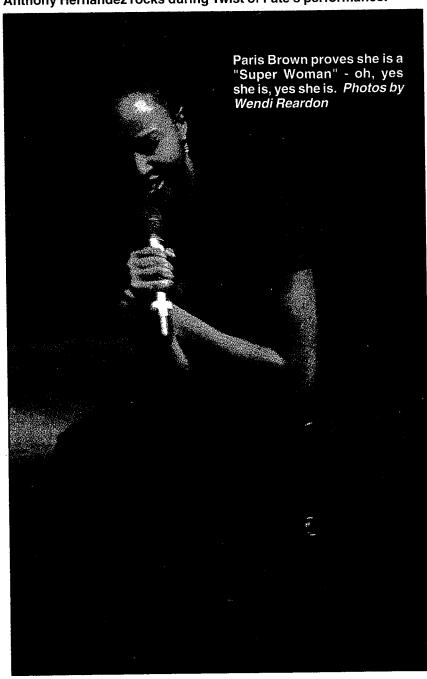
They sang, danced and rocked with their bands to not only show off their talent but also raise money for The Rainbow Connection, Oakland Care House, and Jimmy V Foundation.



Ryleigh Kuhn and Alexis Fox perform a medley of Taylor Swift songs.



Anthony Hernandez rocks during Twist of Fate's performance.





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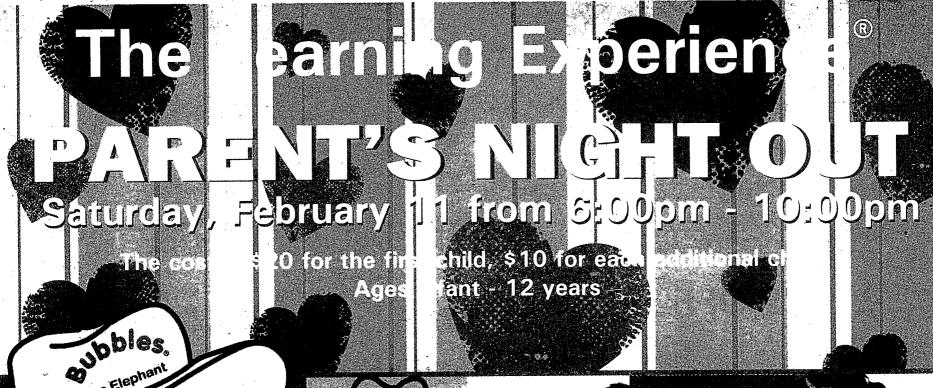


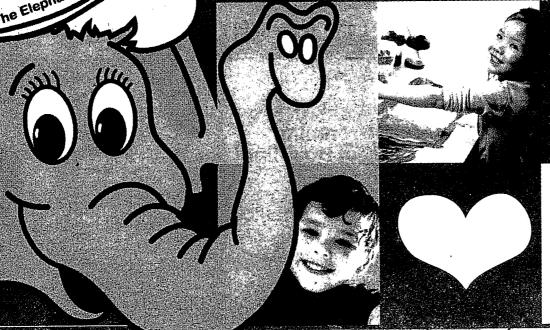
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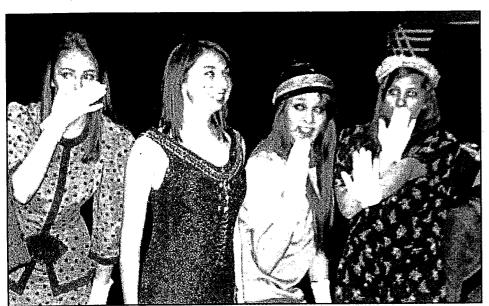
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From left, Rebecca Turner, Mason Van Gieson, Sarah Milano and Katie Hokanson perform "Forget About the Boy." Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Chasing dreams with 'Millie'

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Millie Dillmount follows her dreams to New York City in "Thoroughly Modern Millie," presented by the Clarkston High School Drama Club, Feb. 16-18.

"Millie is the classic, strong 1920s new woman," said Mason Van Gieson, stepping into the role as Millie. "She does have a vulnerable side. She is from a small town and just wants to do something more in life."

The cast describes the performance as energetic, suspenseful, comical, entertaining and heartwarming.

The audience joins Millis as she adjusts to her new life while problems arise when she checks into the Hotel Priscilla for Single Women - where young women are disappearing.

"There are bad people," said Joe Sharkey, playing Bun Foo, along with his brother Ching Ho, are two immigrants behind the residents missing in order to bring their mother to America from Hong Kong. "I am not bad. I just want my mom to come to America so I am working in a bad business."

Along the way Millie also finds following her dreams isn't easy as she thought it would be. She wanted to marry for fame and fortune, a choice she thought was logical, but finds her heart pulling her in another direc-

"There is an internal struggle to go with her gut feeling and go with true love," Van Gieson said. "Or marry a business man and have a nice, comfy life. She is very determined and is very set on following her dreams."

Helping her to decide are her friends -Dorothy Brown who she meets at Hotel Priscilla, played by Taylor Brown, and Muzzy, played by Eileen Plunkett.

"My character is kind of above everybody else," said Plunkett. "She is older and has gone through life and has traveled a lot of places. She knows about love and she secretly guides Millie."

Jimmy Smith, played by Conor Foley, also helps guide Millie.

"Jimmy is a city boy through and through. He is a fast talker, fast thinker, fast actor," said Foley. "He does what he wants when he wants to do them – sometimes that involves meeting some girls."

"Until he meets Millie of course," said Van Gieson, giving Foley a stern look. "Right?"

Foley coughed, pointing out the audience will have to come to the show to find out.

"You will leave with a smile," said Smith.

"There are some twist along the way so a couple of surprise," said Van Gieson. "The music is definitely my favorite part. The show is really well written and is great. It is really high energy and the tap numbers are fun."

Smith added her favorite part is being a part of the production in her senior year at Clarkston.

"It is so bittersweet," she said about her third year. "It is so cool meeting new people. It is seeing everyone coming together and being so close.'

Foley added every song is great.

"There is not a bad song," he said. "The set is amazing, too."

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" is being performed at 7 p.m. on Feb. 16 and 17 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 18.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. They are sale at the high school box office and can be reserved by calling 248-623-4024 or in person during lunch on weekdays from 10:45 a.m. to

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" is performed in cooperation with Music Theatre International. The "Thoroughly Modern Millie" book is by Richard Henry Morris. Music is by Jeanine Tesori and lyrics by Dick Scanlan.

#### Compare local pre-schools at fair

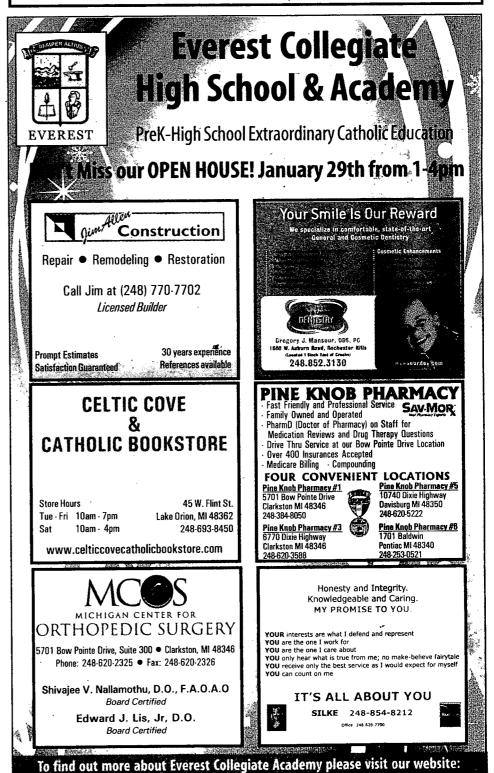
The Clarkston Area chapter of Mothers & More hosts a Pre-School Meet and Greet, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Oakland Christian School, Clarkston Campus, 6300 Clarkston Road.

"As parents, making choices regarding which preschool programs are best for our children can be difficult," said Jessica Hale, treasurer. "This fair-style event allows families to do one-stop comparing of area preschools.'

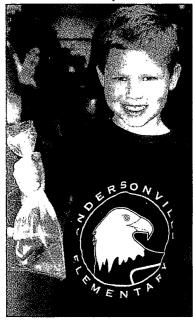
Admission is free and all are invited.

Mothers & More is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers, and promotes the value of the work that mothers do. The Clarkston Area Chapter of Mothers & More offers support and encouragement to local mothers. The chapter meets twice a month for Moms' Nights Out, book discussions, playgroups, and other social activities.

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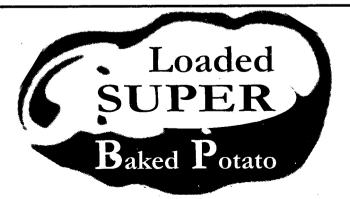
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Kelsey Kolich leans to the right during the performance.

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- Amy Giannini



Rebecca Walker



"I love it. I don't miss winter at all. I wish it would stay like this the rest of the year."

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By Phil Custodio

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# 'Belly Button Love': a children's book

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The humble belly button finally gets some respect, in local author Kelly Hagen's new book, "Belly Button Love."

"People don't think usually about it - my publisher said this will change how people look at their belly button," said Hagen, Independence Township resident.

Inspiration for the book came after abdominal surgery in 2006, which required her surgeon to reconstruct her belly button.

"I was really struck by a sense of loss," she said. "I couldn't understand it. But as I thought about it, I realized it's not just a belly button, it's the place where I was connected to my mom."

The children's picture book is written as a dialogue between a mother and her young child. She wrote it in memory of her mother, who has passed away.

She started "Belly Button Love" in 2008, she

"It was New Year's Eve," she said. "It was a ho-hum week – 10 at night, I decided I wanted to bring in the new year by creating something."

Her son Landon, who was about 7 years old at the time, helped her write it.

"We spent six days side by side at the computer - it was a pajama week," she said. "He had veto power. He'd tell me if something didn't work. He was in the perfect age group.

She also wrote "Miscarriage: The Recovery Process and One Woman's Journey," a book based on personal experience.

"After my miscarriage, I was in mourning," she said. "I went to the bookstore and found the books on it were all thick and medical. I thought there should be something nice and concise, about the emotional journey.'

Books she's working on include "Pinky Swear," about conflict and love between brother and sisters and a children's book featuring Mr. Know Know.



Kelly Hagen of Independence Township, at right, wrote the book "Belly Button Love" with illustrator Maria Rodriguez. Photo provided

"It was my son's idea - it's a little boy's book," she said. "He's a guy who knows everything, people seek him out for wisdom."

She works closely with her books' illustrator, Maria Rodriguez of Grosse Point.

"I was looking for a partnership," Hagen said. "Most of the artists I spoke to approached it as a project. I wanted more."

When she met Rodriguez and saw all the mother-daughter art throughout her home, she knew she was the one.

"She's been terrific, a powerhouse," Hagen

Hagen got the idea to become a writer when she took a college writing class years ago.

'The teacher wrote a note that I was creative I never really thought of myself as a writer, but I have things to say," she said.

She lives in Independence Township with her husband, Joseph, and their children Nancy and Landon.

"My husband loves it. He's my biggest fan," she said. "He's very business minded, while I'm an artist. I like the creative part of the process. When I'm done, he deals with printing. There's a lot to it. The easy part is writing it."

"Belly Button Love" is available online, and at Essence on Main, 4 S. Main Street, and Great Turtle Toys, 5530 Sashabaw Road. She hosts a book signing at Great Turtle Toys, 11 a.m., Feb. 11.



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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.

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

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

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

#### Tuesday

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

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

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.

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

Wednesday

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

Tell Us About Your Travels, third Wednesday through October, 6-7:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

#### Thursday

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

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., madefrom-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., Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch.248-846-6558.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Feb. 16: Bob McGowen, local author of "A Year on the River." Refreshments served. All welcome. 248-625-1326

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

#### 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, Clarkston 6495 www.clarkstonlions.org.

## **Briefly**

#### Community awards

Nominations are open for this year's Clarkston Community Awards.

Categories are Citizen of the Year, Youth of the Year, Adult-Youth Volunteer, Business Person of the Year, Community Beautification/Preservation, Community Enhancement, and Community Collabo-

The awards will be presented during Michigan Week, Thursday, May 17, 7:30-9 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Nominations must be received by March 30. Call 248-625-1323 or check www.clarkstoncommunity.com.

#### Kindergarten info

Parent are invited to attend Kindergarten Information Night on Feb. 15, 7 p.m., Community Room at the Administration Office, 6389 Clarkston Road.

Children turning 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2012, are eligible to attend Kindergarten in fall 2012.

Clarkston offers two options, Traditional Full-Day Kindergarten or Young Fives Kindergarten.

Registration packets are available at each elementary school, Administration Building, Early Childhood Center, and online at www.clarkston.k12.mi.us.

#### New tractor buy

Independence Township Board voted 4-1 for Parks and Recreation to purchase a new tractor with a front-end loader from Carleton Equipment for approximately \$16,000. Trustee Mark Petterson voted "no." The tractor is to replace the Ford 1910 tractor that went missing in 2010.

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# Elections season starts for clerk

#### BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It was standing room only at Election Inspector Training, Jan. 28 in Township Hall.

"Training took about one hour and half," said Independence Township Clerk Barbara Pallotta. "Some of the inspectors stayed afterward to play with equipment and become comfortable with it.'

Additional training will be Feb. 15-16, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

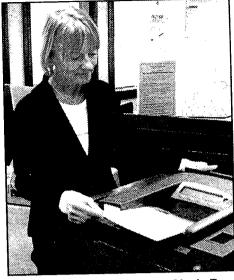
"People can sit down there as long as they want to become comfortable with the electronic poll books," she said. "I'm just really looking forward to Feb. 28 to take my first shot at an election."

The township mailed over 2,100 absentee ballots and, for the first time in her career and in the township, they balanced on the first count, which means every ballot was issued correctly.

"The staff all pitched in and did a really good job," she said.

Also preparing for the upcoming elections, Pallotta visited all precinct locations and staff members working there. One change this year is combining precincts 12 and 15 at Bailey Lake Elementary.

"Precinct 12 only had 800 voters in it, so I couldn't justify keeping it open," she said. "That will be effective in August and I will send out the appropriate notices, but it will become known as precinct 12."



Independence Township Clerk Barbara Pallotta does test ballot practice on both the AutoMARK and M-100 voting machines.

Pallotta also has been in touch with Clarkston Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock and Clarkston High Schools Principal Gary Kaul. She will talk to high school students students this week and ask for help at the Feb. 28 election

"Not only to have them be behind the scenes and learn about the voting process and elections, but also to operate our e- Poll

books for us," Pallotta said.

She enjoys working with election inspectors.

"They have a long day and they're very enthusiastic about it," she said. "Clarkston State Bank and Rudy's supplies lunch to all of our inspectors. I've never worked anywhere where anybody did that."

Not all election inspectors are Republican or Democrat, she said.

"There are a lot of independents out there now declaring they're independent," she said. "I thought that was pretty interesting."

New to the polls this year are two separate ballots, one for Republican and one for Democrat. Pallotta also said voters need to have their photo ID. If they don't, there is an affidavit on the back of the application and they'll be able to sign that to vote.

Overall Pallotta is enthusiastic about the election season.

"I love elections, there is lots of work, but it's exciting," she said. "It's exciting to be part of a process."

Elections this year:

• Feb. 28, Presidential Primary;

- May 8, Clarkston Schools \$20 million bond issue;
- Aug. 7, state primary for township boards:

Nov. 6, general election.

For more information, call the clerk's office at 248-625-3370.

# Officials still see need for cityhood

#### BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When disussing the dissolution of the City of the Village of Clarkston, City Councilman Richard Bisio and Mayor Joe Luginski stand for local control.

"That, I think, is the bottom line," Bisio said. "Do we want, as Clarkston residents, to control what's going to happen to our downtown area, our historic district, or do we want Independence Township to control

Bisio is not confident in the township's "abilities and sensitivity to the needs of Clarkston." Luginski agreed and called it a "slippery slope." His important issues are preserve, protect, and progress.

"I think the three can live together, but you have to do it in the right manner," he said. "The reasons we became a city 20 years ago are still very valid today. To protect the village, protect the historic district and the zoning we have."

They would also lose the city's Department of Public Works.

"Our DPW guys are out on a moment's notice, plowing all of our streets, parking lots, and subdivisions. You're not going to get that with any other entity," he said.

"There are services we do provide that go above and beyond the zoning and the historic district that are important."

One of Cory Johnston's main arguments is the city pays 65 percent more in taxes than the township. Bisio said nobody should think they would get a 65 percent reduction in taxes if they moved out of the city.

"Mathematically you can look at the operating millage for Clarkston versus the operating millage for the township. Add up police, fire, library, safety path and administrative millage, the difference is about five mills," Bisio said "For a house that's worth \$200,000 and a taxable value of \$100,000, that's \$500."

Luginski said numbers can be slanted. He is still working to firm up the numbers, but believes the difference is as little as five percent, a few hundred dollars a year for most.

"You break that down by month and by day, it's couple dollars a week. What does that get you? It preserves what we are, what we have been for 180 years and what we want to continue to be," he said. "That's huge."

Bisio said they have a voice regarding services offered by Independence

"Indirectly we get to vote on this because we vote for the representatives on city council, which approves contracts," he said. "Those contracts are not written in stone, they are renegotiated."

Luginski said many communities share services, which is something the state promotes.

We were maybe ahead of the curve for a little bit on that, but it still comes down to the numbers," he said. "At the end of the day, it's going to be a very minimal dollar amount per year, per month, per week, per day. It's going to come down to what is acceptable as a resident to protect what we have, protect our historic district."

For Luginski, staying a city is a "nobrainer."

"This should be a moot issue, but it's not so we're going to deal with it and resolve it,"

Bisio agrees being a city is worth the extra taxes and "nobody has convinced him otherwise yet." However, it's a good discussion to have.

"I think it's worthwhile having the discussion and emphasizing why we are a city and what we can do as a city," he said. "That should guide us in going forward."

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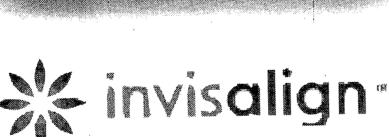
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#### Darlene Beck, 63

Darlene Beck of Clarkston, formerly of **Pon**tiac, passed away Feb. 2, 2012, age 63.

She was the wife of Rodney for 24 years; mother of Michelle Bruske; grandma of Katie; sister of Norbert (Cheryl) Capistrant and Jim (Pam) Capistrant.

Mrs. Beck worked at Farmer Jack for 38 years. She will be missed by family and many friends.

Funeral service was Feb. 4 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Inurnment White Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Carl M. Chewins, 74

Carl M. Chewins, "Toby," of Clarkston passed away Feb. 2, 2012, at age 74.

He was the loving husband of Betsy "Liza

Jane" for 56 years; beloved father of Karen (Bill) Turnbull, Christine (Kevin) Coventry, Kathryn (the late Dale) Manneback and Paul (Stacey) Chewins; G-PA of Brett Turnbull, Eric (Deana) Turnbull, Kristen (Patrick) Dasilva, Kelsey and



Cole Chewins. Brother of Thomas (Ellen) Chewins, Patricia Leach, Brenda Chewins and Joan (Donald) Quinn; preceded in death by his siblings Margaret Tscherne and Richard Chewens; also survived by many nieces, nephews and extended family) and friends.

Mr. Chewins owned and operated Carl's Tax Accounting for the last 36 years. He enjoyed all sports especially attending his grandchildren's events. He enjoyed every moment, spent with family and friends, traveling and enjoying life to the fullest.

Funeral Service was Feb. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston Boosters Building Fund. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Sylvia Harvey, 85

Sylvia Harvey of Clarkston died Feb. 1, 2012, at 85 years of age.

She was the beloved wife of the late Wendell; loving mother of Gary (Cindy Chittick) Harvey and Jeff (Nancy) Harvey; dearest grandmother of Stephanie Harvey, Cary (Brian) DeWitte, Steven Harvey and Kyle Harvey; she is preceded in death by her two sisters.



Mrs. Harvey worked for Mr. G's Salon for 10 years. A private family service will take place at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorial donations may be sent to 9081 Tartan, Clarkston, MI 48348 in c/oClarkston Athletic Boosters. Arrangements entrusted to **Coats Funeral Home** – **Waterford**. To send a private condolence go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

#### Julius Vermeulen, 86

Julius Louis Vermeulen, "Al," of Clarkston passed away Feb. 2, 2012, at age 86.

He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley. He was the father of Bill (Teresa), Mike (Denise), Richard (Adrienne), Judi (Dave) Peterson and Jim; grandpa of Maria, Alyssa, Justin (Haley), Matthew (Zoe), Rick, Joe, Nicole, Jill, Danielle (Jamie), Ryan and David James; brother of Georgette Joyner, Rose-



mary (Micky) Hessen, Mary Jane (Nelson) Dowe and Robert (Carol) Bollenberghe; preceded in death by his brother George.

Mr. Vermeulen served in the U.S. Marines during World War II and retired as a Detroit fireman. He enjoyed traveling and was dedicated to his family. Visitation and Rosary was Feb. 6 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Feb. 7 at St. Daniel Catholic Church. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Alya Martin, 82

Alya Martin, "Dean," of Ortonville went to be with the Lord, Jan. 30, 2012, to be re-

united with the love of her life, Harry, at the age of 82.

She was the beloved mother of Sandi O'Connor, Sue (Jeff) Harnack, Shirley (Joe) Beseau, Barb (Frank) Biehl and Keith (Julie) Martin; also survived by 14 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.



Dean retired from General Motors. She was devoted to her family and her church.

Funeral Service was Feb. 3 at Maranatha Baptist Church, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Maranatha Baptist Church. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston.

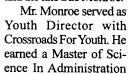
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#### David W. Monroe, 61

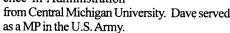
David William Monroe of Oxford passed away unexpectedly Jan. 30, 2012, at age 61.

He was the loving father of Danielle (Linoy)

Monroe and Aaron Monroe; beloved brother of Sharron (the late Ed) Santala, Albert (Gari) Monroe, Nancy Monroe and the late Sue Monroe.



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Visitation was Feb. 1 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Feb. 2 at the Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Crossroads for Youth. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Kimberly Lobenstein, 51

Kimberly L. Lobenstein of Waterford passed away Feb. 2, 2012, at age 51.

She was the loving wife of Randy for 32

years; mother of Daniel (Kelli) and Lacy; daughter of Solomon "Paul" and Carol Wood; grandmother of Anthony, Elijah, Aleah, Aubrey and Cruz; sister of Deborah Jones; preceded in death by her brothers Rick and Paul Kitchen; step-sister of



Annita Abner and Russell Gwinn; also survived by special Aunt Imogene Carpenter.

Funeral service was Feb. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Marcella Verbeck, 95

Marcella O. Verbeck, "Sally," of Clarkston passed away Feb. 4, 2012, at age 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alphonse. She was the mother of Dennis L. (Estelle) Verbeck and Judith Ann (David) Semenas; loving grandma of Deanna (Don) Egler, David (Donna) Semenas, Kristin (Paul) Bernard



and Cindy Verbeck; great grandma of Alexis and Austin Egler, Kennedy and Chase Bernard; sister of Maurice Baeckeroot; preceded in death by her parents, Marcel and Minnie, and her siblings: Gabrielle Locke, Catherine Havercamp, Leon Baeckeroot, and Helen Wilk.

Graveside service was Fb. 7 at Cadillac Memorial East Cemetery, Clinton Township. Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Church, Lexington, Mich. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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# gination Error

# I missed being son Jim's age (38 years ago)

(Here's a Re-run of this Jim's Jottings which first appeared in print on June 14, 1973.)

I sometimes feel like I was cheated out of being 18and 19-years-old.

This feeling is especially prevalent now that our son is nearing 19. It's not that I want to be 18 or 19 again, someone might start another war and I'd be right back where I was in the mid 40's.

My life was regimented. Some guy with his hand on the light switch and another with a horn or whistle covered both ends of my day, while in between we followed the rules of ALNAV 101. For you landlubbers, ALNAV is "All Navy," and their rules covered everything.

Son Jim sort of comes and goes, checking in for showers and change (clothes change, not money change). He does leave the house for work. I'd have to talk to his boss to see if he actually works when he gets there.

Like many others in his age bracket, he'd much rather not work or at least not get up. I think he'd like to work, between 1 and 4 p.m. for a day's pay, if his 3 hours counted as overtime.

I feel I've accepted his being legal age more than he has. Whatever trouble he gets into is legally his trouble.

He might like to have a crutch or place to reach for help, but the law says he has the responsibility.

We can give help and guidance, Jim's maybe even suffer with him, but the **Jottings** majority decided 18 was an adult age.

Starting a month before I was 18, I didn't have to reach for guidance. It was spelled out in an ALNAV bulletin. Son Jim, at 18-19, accepts guidance about the way I would have, begrudgingly.

It's an age when both boys and girls have all the answers already.

At 18-19 our son does what we used to call carousing around, and our parents called it sowing wild oats. We seldom see him for meals, evenings bring

traffic jams as plans are made and we only hear him at night when those great, huge heels hit the steps leading to his room.

Too big to spank, too old to discipline, too mature to sweet talk, too immature to make "right" decisions, lacks desire, enthusiasm and willingness to work at the things I know are good for him.

Probably a little of what I feel for the 18-19-year-old boys is envy. Imagine being able to goof off in college for six months, then live it up with only minor restrictions at home for six months?

A beer. A gal. And, a car at 18-19. Wow! What I missed!

Doggone that Hitler and those Japs.

\* I know exercising, like walking, is supposed to be good for me, so why do I park as close as I can to entrances to whatever?

\* A talking head on television said technology, more than anything else, has created most of the unemployment. When I mentioned that to friend, he asked, "So I guess inventing the steam engine was a bad thing?"

Same idea. A car company is telling us to buy their car because over time it will save us money.

\* Postage stamps put on envelopes upside down during WWII meant "I love you!" I never got any of those.

This ain't right. Some are raising burial costs because of the rising cost of living.

\* Some Uppers think fast food is hitting a deer at 65 miles an hour.

## It's almost all about locals in business this week

in six weeks), I needed to mention a good deed. Michael White works in our press room in Oxford. On the payday before Christmas he cashed his check at the Oxford Branch of Oxford Bank.

Well, seems he was short-changed, by about a quarter. Teller Jennifer C., figured out her error by the end of the day knew whom she owed the money and knew he worked here at the paper. She didn't know how to contact Mike. She called us, we called him, he got his quarter and all was right with the world.

Mike didn't care about the quarter, but he did want to make sure Jennifer was recognized.

Good job, Jennifer!

Speaking of local businesses . . . one of my favorites is Critter Catchers (they are the local vermin take-care-of'ers). David Kugler, Critter Catchers president, is a local dude raised in the area, went to college, came back, started his business, got married, grew his business and his family. And, now he's trying to give back to the community.

Last week, Dave emailed me about a grant he set up for local 4-H'ers. The

Lest I forget (again, for the 5th time Agricultural and Social Entrepreneurship Grant is for 4-H'ers who aspire to be successful entrepreneurial types when they grow up.

a column by

Jim Sherman

In his e-mail he harkened back to the day when, as a lad in Oxford, he raised

ringneck pheasants to help replenish the population. Said he, "The program really helped me understand the importance project management at a young age. After investing in the pens and putting in all that hard work to raise the pheasants, I developed

A column by Don Rush

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a deep sense of accomplishment."

And, lo-and-behold, he successfully went into critter management. For more information about Critter Catchers Agricultural and Social Entrepreneurship Grant, contact Patricia Waugh at Lapeer County Extension, 810-667-0343 or waughpat@anr.msu.edu.

And, if you have problems bats, rats, mice, 'coons, moles and more call Dave at Critter Catchers.

Then I got another e-mail from another local, about another business I am very familiar with. Debbie Barnowsky (who used to be Debbie Walden when she lived down the hill from me as we grew up and went to school in Clarkston) e-mailed me about her business . . . well Snelling Staffing Services in Auburn Hills, isn't her business . . . it's actually owned by another of our classmates from the Class of '81, Sheila Ryan (now Shelia Ryan-Felker, who still lives in Clarkston).

Snelling also employs a couple of other Clarkston grads, Terri Blome-Etter and my very own sister Barbara Felker. Yep, if that name looks familiar, it should -- you just read it four lines ago. Clarkston kids Shelia Ryan and Barb Rush married the Felker brothers (Ortonvillans) Kurt and Jeffy, respectively.

All this leads to the e-mail from Debbie (and I can connect her to another Oxford business another Clarkston business, but that would take too long and I am running out of space). Seems Snelling is cosponsoring a program called Talent Town. It's geared to senior level management and HR professionals with hard-to-fill, skilled positions. "A variety of experts will discuss issues critical to work force development - the attraction, development and reten-

tion of talent in our region." Program dates are Thursday (Feb 9), April 12, Sept. 27 and Nov. 8. For more info call 248-373-7500.

AND, I have yet to visit Blackthorne Pub in Holly, but I hear they have a wonderful menu . . . and is owned and operated by Clarkston resident, Rory Kelly.

And, AND . . . this week is the deadline for our 41st annual Progress edition, where business owners can purchase an ad, and get a half page story and photo. It's a great deal as the business folks can tell their story, why they are excited about doing business locally, what's new and put themselves and workers in the picture.

This is important because locals do business with people, not buildings. If you have not yet signed up, for this section, which runs in mid-March, give me a call.

Finally, a sad so-long to Gracye Warren, longtime Clarkston music teacher. Gracye died last week, at the age of 68. She always made me smile, even when she tried to teach me how to play the piano, which I sucked at.

#### Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

#### Back on track

I admit, I jumped off the wagon last summer. Not only did I jump off the "eating healthy" wagon, I watched it drive away and waved to it.

My phrases "I don't want..." slowly turned into "I can't have..." and the frustration mounted. Not only frustration but my life changed and so did the food choices, too.

But here I am...again on the wagon,

wheeling towards my goal. This time I am tackling a yeast free lifestyle - no sugar, no starch, no yeast. It is a lot of no, no, no, but it really changes your perspective. As with anything else, there are



good days and there are bad days - oh yes, I had chocolate and it was gooooood.

But I haven't had any fast food for a month and my pop intake has died down. I am back on track. I just need to wake up earlier to get to the gym or go for a walk.

Among my many, many goals is to increase my walking. At first it was just to walk 30-40 minutes a day, now it is to walk at least five miles in one day once a week.

I am participating in the March for Babies for March for Dimes event in Lapeer on April 18 on Team Thor's Strength. I am walking for my nephew, Jackson, or as I affectionately call him, "Jet," because of his initials. One day he will be a great linebacker with an awesome nickname from his aunt.

Jackson turns 9-months-old next week. It is hard to believe the adorable, bright, brown-eyed wonder spent his first week in the NICU.

He was born one month too early and needed help from an oxygen machine to keep him breathing.

Luckily it was only one month early, He did try to come three months early but his doctors and mom were able to keep him from coming out.

What can I say, I am the proud aunt. I have one niece and four nephews - all adorable and under the age of 6-1 would happily help out as much as I can.

In a way, they are helping me. With the March for Babies, I am preparing for a long 5-mile walk and in life I want to have enough energy to keep up with them.

If you are interested in March for Babies, see www.marchforbabies.org. We invite you to join us if you want to join us or support us. The more the merrier.

Until next time enjoy "winter."

#### Reader wants health emphasis in smoke vote

The Independence Township Board of Trustees is updating the township's open burning ordinance. As a longtime township resident, I'm very concerned about the health impact of open burning in our community. The smoke from the open burning of leaves, brush, and wood pollutes the air and can affect the health and comfort of everyone in range of the drifting smoke.

According to many health and govern-

mental agencies, including the American Letters to the editor sions, I encourage the Lung Association, Michigan Department

of Environmental Quality, and Environmental Protection Agency, smoke from the open burning of wood and leaves contains tiny particles which carry harmful toxins, carcinogens, and gases that can scar the lungs, exacerbate existing health problems, and even lead to early death in some individuals.

Those most at risk are children and babies, the elderly, and those with existing health conditions such as cardiopulmonary disease, emphysema, asthma, diabetes, and hypertension.

Smoke can also be irritating to the eyes, noses, throats, and lungs of otherwise healthy people.

In addition to the numerous health risks, many residents simply wish to enjoy their own homes and yards without being annoved by drifting smoke from their neigh-

bors' open fires. Drifting smoke is particularly onerous in densely populated neighborhoods where homes are close together. Even with closed windows, smoke can seep in through tiny cracks and openings and circulate in a home for many hours (per MI

Updating the open burning ordinance will be no easy task for the board, but I firmly believe the health and welfare of our community should be their main goal. To reduce

harmful smoke emisburning well below cur-

rently permitted levels (e.g., by prohibiting the burning of leaves entirely, allowing fewer burning dates and hours, and imposing strict limitations on all open burning including campfires in densely populated neighborhoods) and to increase penalties for illegal burning. It is also important to find practical alternatives to open burning as done in other communities our size.

Please voice your opinion too! Contact our township board members to let them know what you think - e-mail addresses are available at www.twp.independence.mi.us. Please act quickly because the board is planning to make a decision on this matter very soon. Your input is vital—speak up now for clean air!

Andrea Hirsch Independence Township

#### A call for consequences in township actions

Dear Editor,

In regards to the appointment of Michael Clark as deputy supervisor and hiring of Bart Clark as superintendent ("Competing Clarks," Nov. 23 edition).

Since the appointment of Michael Clark was made as an emergency measure due to the prolonged illness of David Wagner, the creation, and subsequent stopgap hiring of Bart Clark was not an emergency. So what's the hurry? They had been without a supervisor for 7-8 months. Wagner had just appointed a deputy supervisor in accordance with statute 41.61 and now out of the blue, Larry Rosso and company decided to use Statute 42.10 to create a superintendent position. This position is normally used to assist and/or relieve a township supervisor from some of day to day activities. Statute 41.61, on the other hand, is to be used as a result of absence, sickness and/or death.

This actions appears to be a retaliatory and mutinous action by the township board to prevent an action that had already been taken by duly elected township Supervisor Wagner. This rebellious action was led by the designated and duly elected President Pro Tem Rosso, trustee, and his accomplices, township Clerk Barbara Pollotta, Treasurer

Curt Carson, and trustees David Lohmeier, Mark Petterson, and Neil Wallace. It appears they disobeyed the decision of the legally elected supervisor and violated the trust of

I don't condone any elected officials' behavior, including Wagner. I don't know Michael Clark and it really doesn't matter how good or bad he is, he was legitimately appointed. The current board and its most vocal members, Wallace and Lohmeier, apparently do not like him and were so desperate they hired a person they had not considered before, who just happened to be sitting in the audience.

These people cannot continue to conduct marathon meetings, purchase buildings, hire contractors, lose equipment, fight with their subordinates, hire personnel and make false claim of accomplishments and so on ... without consequences.

Accordingly, this situation needs to be investigated and if laws have been broken, these individual need to be prosecuted and/ or removed from office. If you broke the law they should prosecute you.

What do you think?

Michael G. Tynan Independence Township

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

#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

#### 15 years ago - 1997

"Some good news on new high school" When bids opened on the new high school, to be built on Flemings Lake Road, one major package came in \$800,000 under budget. The board of education approved bids totalling \$2,748,419 and some change orders on the project.

"Where the heart is" Geri Ilg, Kay Koby, Rose Juzswik, and Vonda Ruth, four members of Excel, a ladies' barbershop quartet prepared for their annual Val-Grams for Valentine's Day.

"Salary committee approved" A new salary compensation committee was approved to advise the Independence Township board in setting its own salarire for the seven election positions: supervisor, clerk, treasurer and four

#### 25 years ago - 1987

"Cave-in at bank" A customer using the ATM at Pontiac State Bank on Main Street saw the ceiling fall down. The cave in created a 3-foot high pile of rubble and insulation in the lobby and teller areas.

"Bank closed indefinitely" The ceiling at Main Street's Pontiac State Bank collapsed, closing it temporarily as repairs were made. Engineers said it was because of fatigue - the 70-year-odl building held too much weight for too

"Village doesn't sign contract" Clarkston Village Council decided not to sign a police contract with Independence Township to double police coverage. It would have cost 150 percent more, which council members said they couldn't justify.

#### 50 years ago - 1962

"Village president interviewed on coming election" Keith Hallman, President of the Business Men's Association, interviewed Village President Roberts Waters on the upcoming election. Waters included a statement about the general election regarding voting on one item - liquor by the glass in Clarkston.

"Dawley - Bonner vows first to be spoken in new church" Sharon and James Bonner were the first couple to be married at the First Methodist Church. They were married on Jan. 20.

"Clarkston locals" Mr. and Mrs. John Glass and family of Canada were dinner guests of the Harold Hoffmans of Independence Township.

#### Wallace sets sight on supervisor seat

Wallace denied a request to resign and instead will run for supervisor in 2012.

"I've given it some thought and as a result of that call. I've made the determination and I intend to win to be the next township supervisor," Wallace said at the Jan. 31 township meeting.

Trustee Mark Petterson asked for Wallace's resignation because he felt Wallace "exceeded his authority" when police reports revealed he made calls to township employees asking them to search

Independence Township Trustee Neil a resident's property for the township's missing tractor (Resident wants apology for tractor case, Jan 25).

"I made the request iof the least intrusive means possible," Wallace said. "I did this with all the very best intentions and frankly even knowing all of what I know now, I would do it again."

Wallace said he doesn't have the authority to give orders, which is the same as other trustees. To date, Wallace is the only person to make public his candidacy for supervisor.





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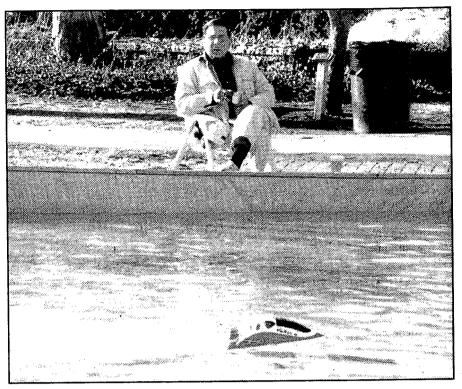




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#### Boat on the ice rink

Roger Diederich takes his radio controlled boat out for a spin on the new ice rink in Depot Park, rendered a bit watery in the recent thaw. He is a member of the Clarkston Optimists Club, which installed the rink a couple weeks ago in cooler weather. Photo by Phil Custodio



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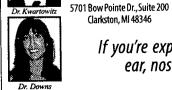
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#### Cautionary tale

A 19-year-old Independence Township resident posted a picture of herself in a bikini on Facebook for one day, then later learned from her brother it had been reposted on an adult website. Jan. 18. She contacted the domain server, who referred her to the site owner, who emailed her back with insults and refusal to take it down. She found another site administrator to do so.

#### Snowboard steal

A local resident found an ad on Craig's List for a snowboard stolen from his wife, Jan. 23. The ad said the seller received the snowboard as a gift and needed to sell it right away. The information was turned over to detectives.

#### Crash under investigation

John Gene Flack, an 83-year-old Clarkston resident, died of injuries suffered during a traffic crash on southbound Ortonville Road north of Cranberry Lake Road, 6:41 p.m., Jan. 23. According to police reports, he rear ended a truck stopped in the roadway. Independence Township firefighters took him to McLaren-Oakland Hospital, but pronounced him dead from his injuries on Jan. 30 at 11:38 a.m. The other driver, a 43-year-old Holly resident, was not injured in the crash. The incident remains under investigation.

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

#### 'Screw'ed over

A man approached a diner at a Dixie Highway restaurant and told her he noticed a screw stuck in one of her car's tires, 3 p.m., Jan. 25. She went to check on it, but forgot her purse. When she came back, it was gone.

#### Car Karma

A deputy responded to a parking complaint in the 6000 block of Lancasterlake Court, 5:20 p.m., Jan. 27. The officer found a car blocking another in a parking spot - the blocking car owner said the other was parked in her spot. The deputy cited the blocker for improper parking, then pulled a short distance away and waited. On her way out, the blocked-in driver stopped in the roadway and told the other driver, "I'm glad you got a ticket - I hope you enjoy your ticket." The deputy then stopped that driver and cited her for impeding traffic, as well as driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance, and failure to file change of address. And her vehicle was impounded.

#### Three glasses too many

After three glasses of wine at a Clarkston restaurant, a 62-year-old Davison woman hit a car on M-15 and drove away, 7:31 p.m., Jan. 28. She stopped only when her vehicle broke down on Dixie Highway at Holly Road. With a .11 preliminary breath test, she was arrested for drunk driving. She was also cited for failure to stop after an accident and failure to stop assured clear distance.

#### Goodbye cell phone

A diner left her cell phone in the restroom of a restaurant in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, 12:23 p.m., Jan. 28. When she went back, it was gone.

#### Warrant arrest

Deputies went to the 5000 block of Parview Drive, 5:26 p.m., Jan. 28, looking for a 46-year-old resident on a misdemeanor warrant arrest. He wasn't home, but as they were leaving, he arrived in the parking lot. They recognized him and made the arrest.

#### Rings missing

A resident moving out of the 5000 block of Parview Drive noticed two of her rings missing, Jan. 29. The apartment was locked, but her ex-boyfriend, ex-roommate, and about five of their friends as well as the leaseholder had keys to it.

#### Can't buy it, just steal it

A 27-year-old Waterford man found he couldn't buy a bottle of wine at 2:09 a.m., Jan. 30, and decided to run off with it without paying. The clerk in the convenience store. 6000 block of Sashabaw Road, recorded the license plate and called police. Deputies tracked it to a home in the 6000 block of S. Main Street, where the homeowner gave permission to search. They found the suspect hiding in a downstairs laundry room, as well as the wine. The homeowner said she didn't know he had stolen the bottle. He was on probation for drunk driving.

#### Vehicle break-in

Someone forced a vehicle's window down in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, Jan. 31, and took a pair of sunglasses and a child car

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# Two foes down

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Opening their game with a 15-point run set the gym on fire Friday night when the Wolves hosted Harrison.

By the time the buzzer ended the game, Clarkston tacked on another win to their record to the tune of 89-49.

"It is a win," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. "We will take it. I am happy with the way our boys competed. We didn't get sloppy."

"It was a good game to build up from," said senior Nick Tatu. "We just have to keep building up. We are on the second leg of league play so we just have to keep getting better."

Harrison started the game in the lead after they scored on two free throws.

Tatu put the Wolves on the boards moments later with a 3-point shot. The Hawks brought themselves back into the lead with another basket.

Senior Mitch Baenziger brought the Wolves back up on the board with two free

Chance Huth jumps for a shot against Harrison. Photo by Larry Wright

throw shots and a basket, putting the boys at 7-4 and starting the momentum for the team to score.

They closed the half with a 51-21 lead.

The Hawks came back with some fire and opened the have with a 11-2 run.

Tatu and Baenziger slowed their streak with shots of their own as defense began putting more pressure on the Hawks."

"We did get sloppy at the beginning of the second half," said Fife. "We have been talking about it. We haven't been practicing as hard as I would like or competing as hard as I would like. We talked about it before the game. I even had my oldest boy, Dugan, who played at Michigan come in and talk to them."

The boost in score allowed the Wolves to try different things during the game, Tatu pointed out.

"This game helped us run the ball a lot more," he added. "It gave us an option since we were up by 40 points and we could practice it a littl more."

Junior Jordan Dasuqi added they have been working on getting the point guard to one side of the court.

"Everyone got to work on it even our subs," he said. "We try to keep making improvements for when it is big game time we will be able to execute."

Tatu led the boys with 23 points and scored five 3-point shots during the night. Baenziger added 17 points to the board with one field goal. Dasuqi scored 16 points and Chance Huth and Nick Owens contributed 11 points. Huth scored one 3-pointer.

"I was happy with all of our kids," Fife added. "Baenziger played very well tonight. He has been fighting to learn the point guard position and he did a great job."

The boys beat West Bloomfield on Jan. 31, 70-41. They opened the first half with a 35-25 lead and kept the Lakers to 16 points in the next half.

Dasuqi led the game with 22 points and had one 3-point shot. Baenziger and Tatu scored ten points each to the score, with six of them from Tatu's two field goals.

The boys head to North Farmington in Thursday to improve on their current 14-1 record. The Wolves already know it will be a tough game because the Raiders beat Southfield-Lathrup on Friday night.

"It sets us alone by ourselves in the league," said Fife. "Now it is in our hands to finish it up."

"Now we have a tougher schedule,"
Dasuqi added. "We have a target on our back
now. We need to come out in games and keep
building our confidence for the playoffs."

The Wolves are back home on Tuesday when they host Pontiac.

"It will be a tough week for us," said Dasuqi.

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

#### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Dylan Peck and teammate Jake Forsten, at last season's home game against Lake Orion. Photo by Wendi Reardon

#### Peck plays in All American Game

#### **BY GABE COMOS**

Special to The Clarkston News

All high school athletes dream about playing in an All-American game for their respective sport.

Dylan Peck, a senior at Clarkston High School, lived the dream as he was elected to play in the 2011-2012 Under Armour Preseason All-American Showcase.

Peck, well-known prep baseball player in the metro area, was first invited to attend a regional tryout at Adrian College for the showcase at the end of last summer

Regional tryouts were scheduled all over the country, and the top players were invited to attend the national showcase, Jan. 12-15, 2012 in Tucson, Arizona.

"I was confident going into the regional tryout but I really had no idea if I was going to be chosen. I just thought I would give it a shot," said Peck.

Out of the 100 participants who attended the regional tryout, Peck was the only one chosen to go to Tucson.

"I was pretty amazed at first. I thought to myself, 'really? I was the only one?' It was a great honor but an even better opportunity. The best baseball players in the country were all going to play together for a weekend and I was chosen as one of them. It was pretty exciting for me," he said.

According to Peck, the showcase not only featured the top players in the coun-

try, but also some of the top players in the world.

The roster included players from Costa Rica, Venezuela, and several other Latin American countries. The weekend itinerary included training sessions where players could showcase their skills to scouts, games between different teams, and to top the weekend off an All-American, East vs. West All-star game.

"It was probably the best experience of my baseball career. I faced the toughest competition I've ever seen, played with players I will probably see in the majors in the next couple of years. I got to participate in an 'All-American' game, which is something pretty rare," said Peck.

Peck claimed the best part about attending the Under Armour All-American showcase was the presence of professional scouts from almost every major league.

The fact Peck is in the category as a possible future major leaguer is incredible, and places him in a special category among local high school baseball players.

"I spoke to several scouts but I was approached by scouts from the Philadelphia Phillies and the Detroit Tigers, who sat down and talked to me for awhile," stated Peck.

Peck is a four-year varsity starter at the catcher position and plans to play college baseball for a Division 1 school but has not decided where yet.



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# Wolves take third in OAA

#### Frick, Vandermeer tops in their weight

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Ethan Frick and Nick Vandermeer conguered the OAA Red/White tournament on Saturday, finishing as champions in their respective weight classes.

Wolves from the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team finished overall in third place in the 12-team tournament behind foes Oxford and Rochester.

"They wrestled really well," Coach Derek Moscovic said about their effort. "The kids that were in the finals wrestled really well. They avenged some losses."

Vandermeer beat Jacob Peasley from Oxford with a pin in the 152-pound weight class. He lost to Peasley earlier in the season.

"He is starting to wrestle at a higher level than he did before," said Moscovic. "He is correcting a lot of things that cost him points

before. He is correcting it and using it to his advantage. As soon as he starts doing that he can be dangerous."

Frick (189) de-North feated Farmington's Kevin Miller, 8-5.

"Ethan did a nice job," Moscovic added. "He lost to a kid a couple weeks ago from North Farmington, who is ranked high in the state. He wrestled a smart match and beat him."

Taking second place were Cameron

Wilkie with a 7-2 loss against Ross Bahro from West Bloomfield in 119-pound weight class; Chris Calvano to Cody DeVoe from Rochester in 171-pound weight class, 5-2; and Scott Devos to Nick Gajdzik from Stoney Creek in 285-pound weight class, 7-4.

"Even the kids who lost kept wrestling," said Moscovic. "Chris lost but he did a nice job of competing until the end of the whistle. That is where we want to be at this time of year and compete all the way to the final. Everybody did that. Cameron and Scott did a great job."

Adam Myers (215) defeated Cody Badgero from Avondale with a pin for a third place

Greg Miller pinned Farmington Harrison's Michael Volyanyuk in the 103-pound weight class for a fifth place finish.

Lucas Carroll (125) and Jake Dionne (130) also finished in fifth place. Carroll won his 

round by a forfeit and Dionne defeated Mike Williams from North Farmington, 8-1.

They are mentally where we want to be right now for this upcoming push into the state tournament," said Moscovic.

The boys lost to Davison in their last home match for the season, 45-28.

"Davison is a good team," Moscovic noted. "They have some really incredible wrestlers. Having said that our guys went out there and competed. We didn't let them come in and intimidate us at all. Guys went after it and a few guys got pins. They were behind in the match but found a way to get ahead and pin those kids. A lot of teams will put their shoulders up around their ears and be intimidated and we weren't. It is something to be proud of."

Vandermeer was the first to score for Clarkston and put them one point behind the Cardinals after his 14-5

Davison won the next match with a pin in the 160-pound weight class but Calvano kept the Wolves close by winning the next match with a pin with:50.6 left to go.

Frick brought the boys into the lead, 16-11, with his pin with 32 second left in his match.

Myers also won with a pin with 1:06 remaining in the second period after already capturing a 4-0 lead. Devos fin-

ished the streak with a win by void.

Cameron Wilkie puts a hold on Davison.

Photo by Wendi Reardon

Davison fought back and won the next seven matches to take the win.

The boys head to Waterford Kettering on Thursday for the MHSAA Team District competition, they start at 5:30 p.m. against Waterford Mott. The winner moves on to the final round against the Kettering/Pontiac

"We look good," added Moscovic. "If everyone wrestles to their potential we should have a good night."

The boys head to Hartland on Saturday for MHSAA Individual District match, the top four wrestlers from each weight class will move on to regionals next week.

"The level of competition always takes a step up no matter what," said Moscovic. "People wrestle to keep wrestling and it makes a huge difference. We are ready. Our guys are focused. They are excited to compete." consider which we be a clike



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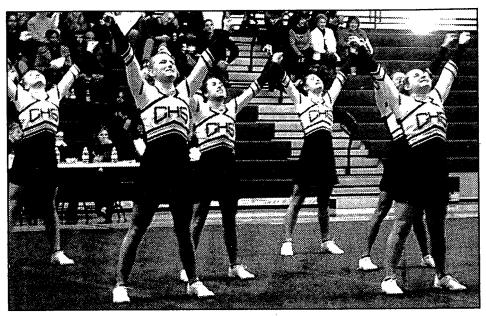
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#### Girls Basketball

Lady Cagers lost their first game of the season last week to Southfield-Lathrup in an overtime thriller.

The Lady Chargers put nine points on the board during the extra period and the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team was only able to score one point on the home team to end the game, 52-44.

Clarkston finished three quarters 19 points behind Lathrup, 40-21. They rallied 12 points on the team and defense kept them to only three points to send the OAA Red game into a tie.

Megan Hastings and Delaney Kenny scored 14 points each and boosted the Lady Wolves with 3-pointers. Kenny scored one and Hastings had three for the game.

Anna Manilla added six points.

The Lady Wolves beat Rochester on Jan. 31, 54-14.

Erin Davenport led the team with 13 points and one 3-pointer. Kenny added 12 points to the board and Hastings had 11 points and two 3-point shots. Christina Jokisch had seven points and one field goal.

The girls open this week with a 14-1 record as they faced Avondale on Tuesday. They head to West Bloomfield on Friday

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

#### Hockey

Icers scored five goals in the last two periods against Waterford Mott on Feb. 1.

It wasn't enough to get ahead of the Corsairs, who scored two goals before Clarkston was on the board.

Adam Larkin scored two goals during the game. Adam Bruderick, Josh Sowers and Jacob LaPorte added a goal each in the game.

The Wolves finished their game against Macomb Dakota on Saturday with a 2-2 draw, putting their record, 9-9-2.

They play Northville on Wednesday and Bay Area Thunder on Saturday. Both games are at Chelsea Artic Coliseum.

#### Bowl for wrestlers

Clarkston High School Boys Wrestling teams host their First Annual Bowling Fundraiser at Cherry Hill Lanes, Feb. 12.

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# Clarkston grads to wed

Mike and Renee Garavaglia along with Jim and Rita Avery are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Tom Garavaglia and Kristina Avery.

The bride to be is a 2006 graduate of Clarkston High School. She received her degree in nursing from University of Michigan-Flint in 2010.

The groom to be is a 2005 graduate of Clarkston High School. He obtained a marketing degree from UM-Flint in 2009.

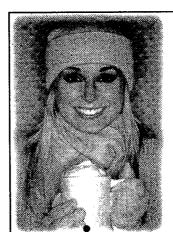
The engaged couple currently resides in Tampa, Fla., where Tom works for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Kristina is working as a Registered Nurse at Florida Hospital Tampa.

A July 2012 wedding is planned.



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## Seminars look to bring Good Girls back

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

In the face of media celebration of bad girls stands local resident Chelsea Gheesling.

She recently started Good Girl Comeback, a series of conferences for teenage girls, emphasizing self esteem, modesty, and morality

"It's today's counter-cultural event," said Gheesling, who is also marketing and communications director at Everest Collegiate High School and Everest Academy in Independence Township.

"What the world gives girls through TV and magazines doesn't make them fulfilled and happy – the partying, drinking, sleeping around," she said. "There are better ways to become fulfilled girls. I didn't have to do those things and I'm happy."

More than 100 middle and high school girls have gone through the program since it started last November. The all-day forums include discussion on character and self-worth, giving spirit, faith and morality, and intellect

At middle school conferences, they discuss changing friendships, how to handle gossip, and ways to dress cute but modestly. At the high school level, topics also include how to date in a respectful way.

At the end of the day is a 90-minute ses-



Chelsea Gheesling, in middle, with participants at a Good Girl Comeback meeting. *Photo provided* 

sion for parents.

"We talk about different ways to raise good girls," she said.

The idea came from a year-long volunteer project, when she and her group went around the country talking about growing up according to moral convictions.

"I wanted to continue when I got home," she said. "Every time I talked to girls, they would ask what's the next thing they can come to. I could tell there's really a thirst for information."

Goals include as many conferences as possible, as well as building a general goodgirl movement.

"These are challenging times," she said.
"I want to do what I can to help girls hear what they don't hear on TV and movies, about faith, respect for self and others, and strong friendships."

A counterpart program for teenage boys is a good idea, but she'd need help.

"It would be better if it's from a guy. What do I know? I'm a girl," she said.

Upcoming Good Girl Comeback events include: Middle School, Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; and High School, April 28, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., both at St. Mary's Prep, Orchard Lake.

For more information, check www.goodgirlcomeback.com.

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# Jesus gives sinners a new face

I was watching the episode "The Boy in the Bush" from the first season "Bones". A six year old boy is murdered. As the team tries to find out who committed this murder, Angela Montenegro (Michaela Conlin) is

questioning her ability to continue working at the Jeffersonian. She is disturbed by the horror and sorrow of the situations she deals with on a regular basis. At the end of the episode, she is asked how she sees her job.

Angela Montenegro: [sighs] "I draw death masks.

Dr. Daniel Goodman: "Is that really how you see it?"

Angela Montenegro: "Don't you?"

Dr. Daniel Goodman: "You are the best of us, Miss Montenegro. You discern humanity in the wreck of a ruined human body. You give victims back their faces, their identities. You remind us all of why we're here in the first place - because we treasure human life."

His words give her a new way to look at

her work. They give her the strength to continue working in the midst of so much sorrow and chaos. Why? Dr. Goodman's words reframed her work for her. She could see that she is bringing dignity and beauty into these situations instead of simply chronicling death. It is a pretty cool scene.

When I look at how a lot of evangelism is done. I think we could use a bit of re-framing as well. Instead of focusing on people as 'sinners', we could focus on people as people. We could look at them and discern our shared humanity and our value to God. That is the beauty of the Incarnation.

The Incarnation – the doctrine that the second person of the Trinity assumed human form in the person of Jesus Christ and is completely both God and man - gives us a new way to look at how we live and talk about the Good News.

Jesus became one of us. Jesus/God put on the limits and frailties of our humanity and lived among us, with us, and like us. While we got to learn about God in an up close and personal way, God also learned about our desires, fears, anxieties, and dreams from firsthand experience. Jesus touched us at our greatest needs and heals us of our greatest hurts.

I don't see Jesus going around and telling everyone that they are sinners. I see Jesus recognizing people for who they were created to be and not the sins they committed (she's a prostitute; he's an adulterer, etc). I see Jesus loving people that were dismissed as 'sinners' and 'unworthy' of a different way of life. His birth says that God believes we are valuable and loved even though we are marred by sin and its consequences. In short, Jesus gave us our faces back.

What if our evangelistic efforts were more like the Incarnation of Christ? Hopefully, we would see humanity in the wreckage of sin and its consequences. We would give people back their faces, faces that reflect the Image and Likeness of God. We would remind people why Jesus came to earth all those many vears ago - Because God treasured human

What lessons would you apply from the life of Jesus and his birth in your efforts to share the Good News?

The Rev. Dave Gerber is pastor of Skin Ministries

#### In our churches...

Art of Marriage, Family Life, Feb. 10-11, Oakwood Community Church, 5791 Ortonville, Oakwood Road, www.oakwoodcc.org.

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#### Linda W. Glover, 67

Linda Wallis Glover of Clarkston passed away on Jan. 28, 2012, at the age of 67, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1944, to Wallace

B. and Ida (nee Clawson) Dobbs in San Antonio, Texas. She was the beloved wife of the late Bobbie Joe Glover; loving mother of Robert (Karie) Glover and Jessica Glover; loving grandmother of Brendan Robert Glover and Christian Joseph



Glover; dear sister of Sherrie Dobbs and Wally Dobbs; dear companion of Bill Alcini; predeceased by her parents Wallis B. and Ida Dobbs.

Linda was known for managing, and eventually taking over Bob Glover Inc, a local sign company founded in the early 70s with her late husband.

Linda also spent some time working in the cafeteria at Bailey Lake Elementary School, and was adored by many of the children she served there. Linda was a brilliant, beautiful woman who had a thirst for knowledge, selfless love of her family and friends, and thoroughly enjoyed her favorite things by living in her lifelong home she built with Bob. It was full of books and surrounded by lush gardens and clean, clear ponds.

Linda's chose her final resting place, Seymour Lake Cemetery because of its serene natural setting.

#### Councilman resigns

to resign.

"I had to concentrate more on my family," he said. "It wouldn't be fair to the taxpayers because I couldn't be there."

"It was a pleasure working with you (Chuck)," said former Councilman Cory Johnston. "Your observations and knowledge of the city will be missed."

Councilman Richard Bisio said he will

Inabnit said comments make him feel his "time was well spent," but described

"There were a lot of issues while I was on there," he said. "I did what I thought was my best for the taxpayers

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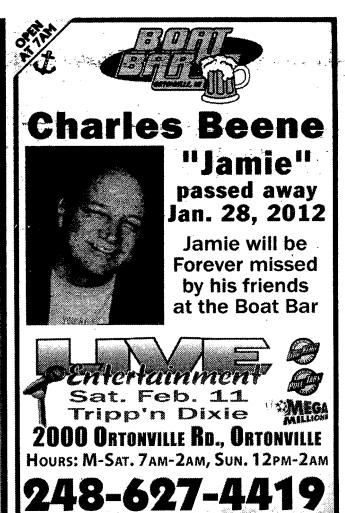
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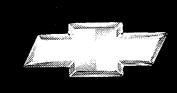
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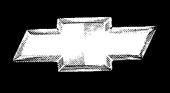
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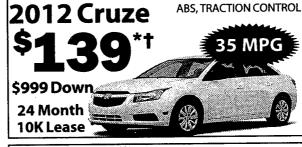
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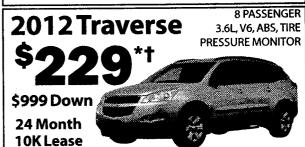














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#### **SYNOPSIS** TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **JANUARY 31, 2012**

- A. A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:30 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Wallace

Absent: Rosso, Wagner

There was a quorum present. Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Carol Gabris, Human Resources Director; Ken Elwert, Parks & Recreation Director; Barbara Rollin, Senior Center Coordinator: Steven P. Joppich, Secrest/Wardle; Gregg Schultz, Schultz & Young

Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved
D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA as amended

CLOSED SESSION: Attorney-Client Privileged Legal Opinion, as permitted by 15.268(h) - FAILED

The meeting recessed at 6:32 PM

The meeting reconvened at 6:42 PM M. PUBLIC COMMENT: Forrest Milzow

Regular Business: L-4 Selection of Superintendent - No action taken

- PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
  - Proposed Senior Center Project (John Lowell, Friends of the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center)
  - 2. Superintendent Report (Bart Clark, Superinten-

Motion to suspend rules - Approved

Motion to authorize funding for clerical support for the **Building Department - Approved** 

- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:
- CONSENT AGENDA: None
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- Roard of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes December 20, 2011 - Approved as amended
- Board of Trustees Regular Budget Meeting Minutes - January 10, 2012 -Approved as amended
- L. REGULAR BUSINESS:
  - 1. Request from James Dopriak for Sound Variance for Waterford Hills Road Racing - Approved
  - Request from Kruse's Deer Lake Inn Transfer of 2011 Resort Class C with
  - Dance-Entertainment Permit Approved Appointment of Cable Access Program Manager
  - Approved Selection of Superintendent - Removed and
  - placed earlier on the agenda. Reconvening of the Employees Benefit Resolution Committee - No action taken
  - Resolution Regarding Township's Publication of 6. Notices - Approved
  - 7. Request to Change Parks and Recreations Department Name - Approved
  - Request to Approve Parks, Recreation and Seniors Advisory Committee By-Laws - Approved Public Comment: Joette Kunse; Carolyn Morrison
  - Request to Purchase New Tractor, Parks and Recreation - Approved 10. Request to Grant Pricing Authority by Category.
  - Parks and Recreation Approved 11. Request to Direct the Parks and Recreation Di-
  - rector to Present an Annual Year- End Cost Recover Summary Report - Approved
  - 12. Request to Authorize Change in Cost Recover Policy for 2014 Pricing - Approved
  - 13. Request to Waive Recapture of 2009 CDBG Funds – Approved 14 Request to Authorize the Issuance of Motor Ve-
  - hicle Permits Approved 15. Request to Approve the Accounts Payable Check
- Run in the amount of \$355,443.01 Approved PUBLIC COMMENT. Joette Kunse
- CLOSED SESSION: Attorney-Client Privileged Le
- gal Opinion, as permitted by 15.268(h) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members dis-
- cussed various topics ADJOURNMENT The Regular General Meeting ad-

journed at 10:30 PM. Published: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

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#### CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**JANUARY 9, 2012** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski

followed by the pledge of allegiance.
Roll: Present - Mayor Luginski, Bisio, Hunter, Hargis, Inabnit, Roth and Haven

Others Present - City Manager Ritter & Attorney Ryan Moved by Haven, supported by Hargis, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunter, support by Haven to approve the consent agenda.

Treasurer's Report: Cash Disbursements - 12/8/2011 thru 1/5/2012

General Fund: \$105,951.20

Moved by Hunter, supported by Haven to amend the motion on the floor to read approve consent agenda with the exception to exclude those items discussed. Motion

Moved by Hargis, support by Roth to move forward with the DIA presentation and proposed Inside/Out Program. Motion Carried.

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

Resolved by Inabnit, support by Hunter to ease the burden on taxpavers, the Assessor and the Board of review and to ensure that all taxpayers have an equal opportunity to be heard by the Board of Review, the City of Clarkston hereby resolves, according to provisions of MCL 211.30(7) of the General Property Tax Act, that the Board of Review shall receive letters of protest regarding assessments from resident taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March until it adjourns from the public hearings for which it meets to hear such protests. All notices of assessment change and all advertisements of Board of Review meet are to include a statement that the resident taxpayers may protest by letter to the Board. Roll Call Vote:

Luginski Haven Bisio Hargis Inabnit Hunter Roth Yes Yes Yes Yes Resolution Adopted.

Moved by Haven, support by Inabnit to approve a letter of support to allow the North Oakland Wild Ones Chapter pursue a grant for purpose of develop ing the property west of the Main Street parking lot.
The projects intent is to stabilize the Mill Pond

shoreline, infiltration of storm water runoff from parking lot, and create access and park benches for enjoyment of this area. Motion Carried

Moved by Roth support by Inabnit to Adjourn at 9:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted. Kelly Richter, Clerk STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND** 

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Casey and Alex Kruse stood before the township board, Jan 31, to request transfer of ownership.

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Alex agreed.

"If you guys approve us we make a pledge to Independence Township to really own and operate this like all our family businesses previous," he said. "It will be fresh bread, pizza, sea food, everything you know and love about Kruse and Muer, that's what we're hoping to

The 100 seat restaurant will be called Kruse's Deer Lake Inn. It will be their sixth location, and should open in late spring.

- Trevor Keiser

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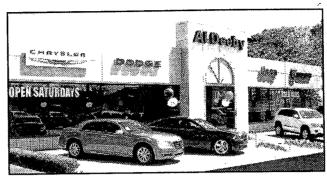
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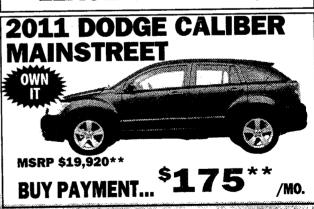












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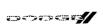
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