

# May I have this dance?

Megan Zabinski and her father, Bradley, dance to "Butterfly Kisses" at the Daddy Daughter dance held at Clarkston High School last Saturday. For more, please see 8A. Photo by Trevor Keiser



Melissa and Adrian Aninos, with their son Aiden Christopher Aninos, are the winners of the *Clarkston News'* First Baby of 2012 Contest. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

# Prizes aplenty for 'first' baby of year

Adrian and Melissa Aninos' son Aiden Christopher Aninos was born three days too late for a 2011 tax break.

But the Independence Township couple's first child was born just in time to win the *Clarkston News'* First Baby of 2012 Contest, winning an array of prizes from local businesses.

And that's not all.

"He was born on my birthday – he's the best gift ever," Adrian said.

Aiden was born on Jan. 3, 2012, at 10:14 p.m. at Genesys Regional, Dr. Thomas Wright attending. He was 8 pounds, 3 curces at high

"It's going great - he's a good baby," Melissa said.

"He's usually pretty mellow unless he's hungry or wet,"

Adrian said.

The family received gift cards and prizes from *The Clarkston News*, The Learning Experience, Mesquite Creek. Leo's Coney Island, Oakland County Sportsman's Club. Nuview Nutrition, Smith's Disposal, Lil' People's Place, Anderson Family Financial, Pizzeria Dolce, Fountains, and Everest Academy.

"It's very nice of the community to do that," Melissa said. "It's very very cool."

"Definitely," said Adrian.

Aiden's grandparents are Lou Aninos and Deborah Myers, Trudy Mills, and Robert and Diane Carter.

– Phil Custodio

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# Talks continue on school bond

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The school bond proposal is still on the table. Clarkston School Board members discussed ballot language, specific projects, and even moving the election to August or November at the Feb. 13 regular meeting.

School board President Cheryl McGinnis said she's willing to move the election if it makes school board members and voters more comfortable.

"(But) my first option is May," McGinnis said at Monday's meeting.

A May vote would be free of partisan politics and focused on the issue, she said.

However, a later election would have a higher turnout, said Trustee Susan Boatman.

Opinions on the \$20 million bond proposal for school technology and infrastructure are also split in the community.

Carter Zielinski, ninth grader at Clarkston Junior High School, contacted *The Clarkston News* to appeal for bond support.

"I've been staying up to date on this bond issue and in my opinion this is a great thing that needs to be passed," Zielinski said. "Many people are saying that money is more important than education and test scores and I completely disagree."

Having this bond issue passed would help student performance, he said.

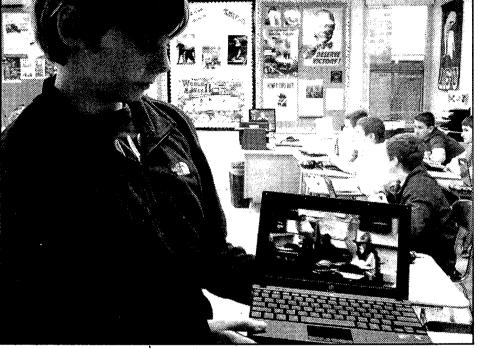
"Last year and the years before that, I've been a lower than average student. I got C's and maybe a B. Thanks to the computer class, I'm at straight A's and my parents, my teachers and I couldn't be happier," he said.

Zielinski said it is worth the price.

"Can you truly put a price on education," he asked.

He is in a technology pilot program at the junior high. Students were issued HP laptop computers for use in the classroom and at home.

The pilot-program computers have proven vulnerable to students' handling, with a few screens shattering and hard drives breaking down, but the new machines would be better.



Clarkston Junior High student Carter Zielinski displays a pilot-program computer to demonstrate how technology can be used in school. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

"The plan is to buy sturdier computers for the same price," he said.

One benefit of the technology for him will be organization.

"I can organize homework for the whole year – all my notes and assignments are right here," he said. "There's no paper to lose."

The teacher uses the technology by emailing homework assignments before theclass takes place. Students download and complete assignments, then spend class discussing it.

However, economics remains an important consideration, said Betty Reilly, who is considering joining the newly formed anti-bond group Citizens for Responsible, Intelligent, Spending In Schools, or CRISIS.

"I think in today's economy, so many in the community are still hurting – this whole idea is wrong," said Reilly, Independence Township resident who has children in the school district.

- The school district's debt is already more than \$188 million, she said.

Technology is valuable, but is only one piece of a total curriculum, said school board Trustee Joan Patterson before the meeting.

"There are different ways to reach kids — we need to keep our options open," Patterson said.

More should be done to fund the projects using existing revenue, she said.

"Money spent to pay for it can't be used for something else that comes up — we have to look to the future and keep our options open," she said. "With technology, we don't need to be first. I'd rather see us take to time to put plan in place and make sure it's right."

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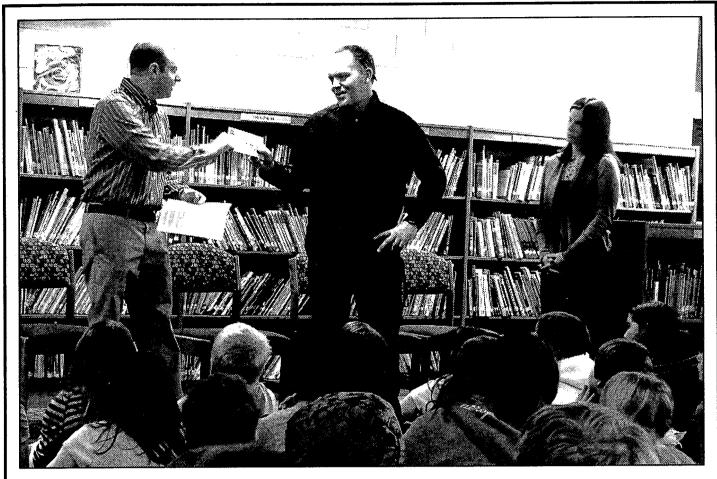
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# Science grant for North Sashabaw

Mike Macy of Meemic Insurance presents a grant to Eric Yeloushan, science teacher at North Sashabaw Elementary, and Principal Tara Ouellette. "We try to make school as fun and exciting as we can, so we write education grants," Yeloushan said. The funds will be used for solar system, virtual planetarium, and other electronics. The grant is an example of the school working with local businesses, Ouellette said. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

# Discipline delayed for Michael Clark

**BYTREVORKEISER** 

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Whether or not Independence Township Deputy Supervisor Mike Clark will be disciplined is still up in the air.

Trustees want to punish Clark for disrupting a closed session, Dec. 20. A decision will not be made until Feb. 21.

"Mr. Mike Clark is officially an employee of this township by his appointment of deputy supervisor, even though we've transferred those responsibilities and authority incumbent upon that office on to Mr. Bart Clark," Trustee David Lohmeier said at the Feb. 7 meeting. "Even though he's unpaid and even though he's technically an employee, we should follow the proper protocols."

Mike Clark is accused of refusing to allow the board to conduct a closed session meeting by not leaving, and sheriff deputies were called to the scene, Dec. 20.

Treasurer Curt Carson said he'd vote "no"

on pursuing the matter any further.

"I don't believe there was behavior here that was presented that rises to the level of public discipline," he said. "I also don't think this warrants the time we have spent on this, or the taxpayers' funds for two attorneys (opinions) to date for review."

Trustee Mark Petterson asked if Clark had given contact information in order to properly notify him. Clerk Barbara Pallotta said they were given a business card. Also, Clark has not filled out employment paperwork or signed an employment agreement as drafted by the township labor attorney.

She, too, was on the fence as to whether discipline was necessary, but she's upset it has "divided the board."

"If we keep focusing on the behavior of one person, it doesn't say much for this the six members sitting on this board," she said. "It doesn't show us in a positive light and it doesn't show the public what the work we have done."

Trustee Neil Wallace said they have "nothing short of an obligation to pursue this."

"The fact is that someone intentionally used his position to potentially gain an advantage over the township for himself personally and for someone else. And deliberately forted our effort to have a closed session to discuss those matters, that is more wrong than someone flying off the handle and doing cartwheels in the middle of a board meeting," Wallace said. "That is a significant thing and the public should demand of us that we at least examine it and determine appropriate discipline if any."

Lohmeier agreed, being prevented from having closed session and having over three deputies show up to township hall is "very, very troublesome."

"Whatever caused that needs to be dealt with," he said. "Right now, I'm looking at an individual who caused it and that's the reason for the disciplinary questions."

# **Briefly**

# Superintendent post permanent

Independence Township board voted 5-1 to make Bart Clark the permenant Township Superintendent. Clark had been a temporary for the past three months. Trustee Mark Petterson voted "no."

"Whether I think it's personally good for the township or not, doesn't matter," Petterson said. "The taxpayers already said no. That's what I'm going to uphold."

#### Clarkston history with Underground Railroad

Underground Railroad historian Rochelle E. Danquah will discuss local contributions to the Underground Railroad movement at a free event sponsored by the Clarkston Community Historical Society, 7 p.m. Feb. 22, Independence Township Library community room, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Danquah, vice-chair of the Michigan Freedom Trail Commission and an adjunct professor at Wayne County Community College will present "Northward Bound: Oakland County's Role in the Abolitionist and Underground Railroad Movement in Michigan."

The presentation will include Maj. John Knox of Clarkston, who served in the Civil War and is believed to have supported abolitionists.

For more information, call the CCHS 248-922-0270.

#### Team RUSH open house

Team RUSH, Clarkston High School's robotics team will unveil its latest robot at their open house, Monday at 6 p.m.

The robot was built in six weeks to compete in the FIRST Robotics Competition game this year, called Rebound Rumble.

The robot ships out next Tuesday for Bultimore, Md., the site of Team RUSH's first competition of the year, March 8-10.

The open house is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit their website at www.TeamRush27.net or email Coach Kyle Hughes at khhughes@clarkston.kl2.mi.us.

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From left are Clarkston Elementary Principal Brian Adams, teacher Nate Fuller, Optimist President Mark Schroeder, student of the month Lauren Pletcher, and her parents Sheri and Doug Pletcher.

## Role-model students honored

Clarkston Optimist Club presented Student Citizen of the Month awards to Bailey Lake Elementary fourth grader Lexi Ferguson and Lauren Pletcher, student at Clarkston Elementary.

"I just enjoy each day, the teachers are so nice," Pletcher said.

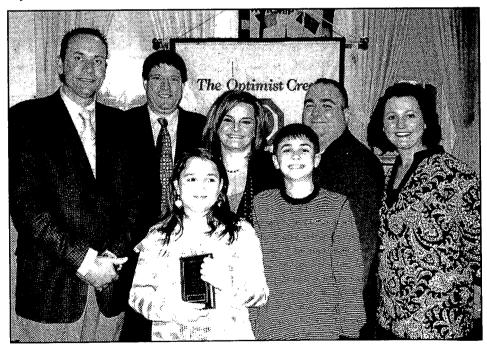
"She shows concern for her fellow students every day," said Principal Brian Adams, Clarkston Elementary. "She is an inspiration, with her compassion, kindness, and love. She's driven to do best and brightens each day with her smile."

Ferguson wants to helps her school be better.

"I always try to do my best to try to influence other kids so they can learn how to be good citizens," Ferguson said.

"She is a perfect model student, an example of what great parents can do," said Principal Glenn Gualtieri, Bailey Lake Elementary. "Before, during and after school, you can find her here volunteering with her family – she's honest, caring, kind hearted, a role model."

- Phil Custodio



From left, Bailey Lake Elementary Principal Glenn Gualtieri, Mark Schroeder, student of the month Lexi Ferguson, her parents Shelly and Keith Ferguson and brother Zach, and teacher Blagica Taseski. *Photos by Phil Custodio* 



# Family fun at library

Charley, Mark and Eva Bousho paint walruses at the Independence Township Library's Scaredy Squirrel party, Jan. 30. Children enjoyed making various crafts with their parents. The library has children's programs every week, including Friday Friends, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Young Fives from the Early Childhood Center visit to check out books and hear stories. *Photo provided* 





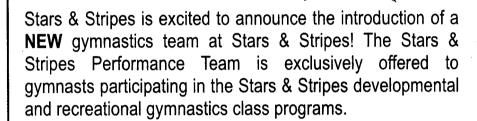
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#### Keiser's Role

A column by Trevor Keiser

#### 11 days too much

After three days of wife Noell not being able to eat or drink anything without throwing it back up, I began to realize normal flu remedies weren't working and took her to a doctor.

He did the normal open up and say "ahhh," "take a deep breath in, now let it

out," but then when he got to the "does it hurt when I push here" that a problem was discovered. When he pushed on her stomach and she said "owwww that hurts" and he asked on a scale of 1-10 and she said 7, that he



looked at me and said "take her across the street to ER at the hospital."

I rushed her to the emergency room. After an ultra-sound it was determined that my wife may have to have her appendix taken out. When a surgeron finally came in the next morning it was confirmed that a surgery was needed.

This was all new to Noell, as she had not even had her blood drawn prior to this. The only other surgery she had was her adenoids taken out when she was a little kid. I was trying to be strong and encouraging, but I'll admit I shed a few tears, because I hated seeing her in so much pain.

The surgery went well and the doctors thought she'd probably feel better and ready to go home "the next day."

The next day came and Noell was still nauseated and not able to hold food or liquids down, with a fever spiking above 100 degrees. Once they took her off the morphine and put her on a different pain killer her stomach started to settle a little. However, she still wasn't getting better. CAT scans, X-rays, and more blood draws were ordered.

The infectious disease doctor thought she might have a bacterial virus known as Yersimia enterocolitica, which is mainly from eating raw pork. They also drained fluid from her lungs, thinking it was possible pneumonia setting in. After a scope down the throat, it was determined she has stomach ulcers,

After 11 days in the hospital they finally discharged her last Monday, diagnosed with stomach ulcers, appendicitis, and mononucleosis. After many prayers, tears, and sleepless nights of worry, I am so happy to finally have my lovely wife back home. Thanks all to those who prayed, visited in the hospital, sent cards and gifts and gave encouraging words.

# Disagreement on township view

Dear Editor

I found Michael Tynan's comments on Township Board actions and the deputy supervisor very misleading and inaccurate ("A call for consequences in township actions," Feb. 8).

Supervisor David Wagner did a stealth appointment of Mike Clark, telling no one prior to the board meeting while the board had already previously discussed a superintendent and had it on the agenda.

In addition, Mike Clark has been a disruptive persona for years and certainly it ap-

pears that Wagner appointed him to spite the board.

Tynan also infers that this board has purchased buildings, which I believe refers to the controversial purchase of Township Hall, which was done by Wagner and the previous board. I also take issue with the slur on Bart Clark who has been active in our township for years and was a very reasonable choice for temporary superintendent.

Jim Reed Independence Township

# Support for Wallace candidacy

Dear Editor

I am pleased with Trustee Neil Wallace's decision to run for supervisor ("Wallace sets sight on supervisor seat," Feb. 8). I find his opinions to very knowledgeable and insightful

Trustee Mark Petterson, on the other hand, hasn't a simple clue as to what is the correct procedure about most anything I have watched at the meetings. He seems to think

that his little temper tantrums and testosterone filled humphs are a sign of his being knowledgeable and they truly just come off as riduclous most of the time.

It seems he thinks he is the working mans champion, when in the light of day it truly comes off as him not doing his do diligence.

Thank you,

Susan Stillman Independence Township

# Burn ordinance needs alternatives

Dear Editor,

Restricting the current burning privileges of the entire Independence Township community on account of the activism of one individual seems undemocratic.

If we didn't subscribe to the *Clarkston News* we would not be aware of the possibility that burning was going to be severely curtailed.

Such a drastic action should not be taken without the involvement of the entire community through a public vote.

Independence Township encompasses a

broad range of land usage over many square miles and further global restrictions would be burdensome with little or no corresponding benefit.

Providing alternative means for the removal of leaves and brush is not practical or economical for our community.

There are many great alternative places to live with more restrictive ordinances – we have all chosen to live in this community with its balanced approach well suited to this area.

John and Ellie Williams Independence Township

# Disagrees with schools' May election

Dear Editor

It was just a few years ago that the board decided to move to a November election cycle to avoid the costs of a May election.

May has traditionally been the month of choice for many school district elections because a low turnout typically ends in favorable election results for the district. The cost to the school district for this special election is \$35,000. The cost to add this proposal to a November ballot is zero.

It is unfortunate that the same four members of the board continue to make poor decisions, but this one can be corrected by the voters on May 8.

Voting "no" does not mean that our students won't receive the technology upgrade they ought to have; it simply means that the

administration and board members who approved this proposal will have to come back to the voters in November with a much more modest and reasoned proposal, one that does not include wasteful and unnecessary spending in a poor economic and financial environment, and that focuses more dollars on the classroom and the excellent education our students need and deserve.

And when you go to the polls in November, keep in mind that two of the four board members who voted for this proposal are up for reelection.

With your vote you can let them know how you feel about their track record of poor stewardship.

Larry Matta Independence Township

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

#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Architects hired for Phase III" The project was to build a new elementary school, additions and renovations at existing schools, moving adult education to the current Clarkston Middle School, renovations at Sashabaw Middle School, and moving Clarkston Middle School to the current high school.

"Strength in numbers" Several community groups put their heads together in response to substance abuse among Clarkston children. They formed the Community Task Force, organizing a series of workshops for parents.

"More retail coming to I-75 corridor"
Malls and retail centers under construction off I-75 in north Oakland County promised many more options for Clarkston shoppers.

25 years: ago - 1987

"Springfield undergoes growth spurt"
The Springfield Township Board unanimously final plats for two subdivisions and site plans for two new businesses in the township.

"Independence man dies in fire." An Independence Township man died from smoke inhalation when his house on Eastlawn Avenue caught fire. A neighbor called the fire department, but the house had been burning one two hours before they were notified. Exact cause of the fire was unknown.

"McCormick comes home again" Clarkston graduate and professional basketball player Tim McCormick came home when the Philidelphia Sixers faced off against the Detroit Pistons. Despite McCormick scoring 23 points, the Sixers still lost to the Pistons 125-107.

#### 50 years ago - 1962

"Rotarian's host Schuler representatives" Michael E. Hurst Executive Vice President of Win Schuler's Restaurants, and Fred Graczyk, manager of Jackson Schuler Restaurant, were guests of the Clarkston Rotary Club. Graczyk was the newest manager in the Schuler family.

"Friends of Art sponsor lecture" The Village Friends of Art presented Adele Thomas, who lectured on "The History of Opera." Thomas was the organist and director of music at the First Methodist Church in Clarkston as well as an accompanyist at the Detroit Institute of Musical Arts.

"Jim Sinclair buys own drug store"
James E. Sinclair, registered pharmacist formally of O'Dells Drug Store, 10 S. Main Street, announced he would be practicing pharmacy at Main Drugs in Hazel Park.

# Rambling prose goes with jottin' Jottings

tirement communities are making plans to change their ways.

A Time magazine article by Joel Stein opines, such senior living places have two choices: separate spaces, or build surroundings for retiring boomers or super-

Stein wrote, "Boomers who started turning 65 last year, are moving into retirement communities and driving the Greatest Generation crazy with their rock music and pot smoking, again."

Lawrence Welk move over, make room for Beatles

And if super-olds want to communicate they better learn texting.

And forget growing peonies, tulips and mums -- this generation's pots are for growing pot.

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My friend Joe is looking to hire some mechanicalminded young men to work in his machine factory shop. They cut gears, among other things, and only degreed engineers apply.

Joe wants men with math logic.

Toward that end, he's campaigning in his own way

If you believe what you read, especially here, re- to have high schools start teaching mechanics again.

Fat chance, Joe. Today's academics are so intent on growing their own schools they believe they must convince we normals the only way to

**Jottings** 



a column by Jim Sherman

Put shop back in high schools! We don't want or need Ph.D.'s to

riches and happiness is spending four

years under their persuasion.

adjust a carburetor, wire our homes or fix our flushers.

Apparently, I didn't wait until I enlisted in the Navy before I learned a curse word. I thought about that recently when I was looking over a store's soap offerings.

The cure my mother liked best, and practiced, was washing our mouths out with soap. I was maybe 5 when Mom gave me my first taste. I remember it because of what happened later.

I liked the taste so well I took a bite and chewed it up. I don't remember the brand, but Mom changed it. She bought colorful Lifebuoy.

It was was awful!

I probably didn't abstain from cursing altogether, but when I got aboard ship that vernacular was our main means of communicating.

\* Way too often a question is answered: "It depends." Of course it does, but it still has an answer.

\* If you think nobodys cares whether you live or die, try missing a couple payments.

\* We were born naked, wet and hungry, and get slapped on our butt . . . then things just keep getting

\* If ignorance is bliss, why aren't there more happy

Ever feel you just can't win?

If a man runs after money, he's money mad.

If he keeps it, he's a capitalist.

If he spends it, he's a playboy.

If he doesn't get it, he's a ne'er-do-well.

If he doesn't try to get it, he lacks ambition.

If he gets it without working for it, he's a parasite.

If he accumulates it after a life-time of hard work, people call him a fool who never got anything out of

# I think being cheap is paying off. Maybe.

dad in town (and the meanest) has ben-

Aside from not spoiling the lads Shamus and Sean with tons of electronic crap they'll forget as soon as the newest and coolest electronic crap hits the streets, it sometimes saves us from broadcast media feeding frenzies.

See, I don't subscribe to any cable, satellite, dish, nor internet television programming. I get the free stuff -- which means I sometimes get an ABC, NBC, CBS, FOX and PBS affiliate station. It's a toss up on whether I will get a signal to watch TV as it depends on whether or not there are leaves on the trees, clouds in the sky, wind and if there is traffic on the street in front of my

This past weekend, like most weekends, on Sunday we watched the national "news" shows -- I write of the plural shows, because depending on the afore mentioned signal-ruining distractions, we may watch ABC, NBC or CBS Sunday morning broadcasts. We have no favorites, nor network loyalty.

Once in a while being the cheapest This past Sunday, however the stars were aligned perfect, all the stations were elecontrically piped into our living

And, on all the "news" shows all we

were able to learn is that singer Whitney Houston died at the age of 48, the day before. After the first 15 minutes of her life's story and commentary by those who knew her and some that didn't, we started changing the channel.

A column by **Don Rush** 

Don't

**Rush Me** 

Same on ABC. Same on NBC. Same on CBS. Different

"news" personnel, same story. Same archived film footage. Same no news. It got to the point, some 10 minutes after the first 15 minutes, that we started just clicking the clicker from station to station to station, in a round-robin fash-

After 35 minutes, we turned the TV off. And, it afforded we three the op-

portunity to talk about drugs, relationships and the favorite topic of this skinflint, "Money can't buy you happiness."

At least we didn't have to talk about sex again.

I've noticed a couple of trends in "news" coverage of the last few years.

1. The "royals" of England get more news coverage in America than I thought possible. Why don't we cover other countries' tapped-by-the hand-of-God types? Even the lads Shamus (14) and Sean (to be 12 on St. Patrick's Day) openly wonder why there is so much news coverage of the Brit's divinely approved family?

Who cares what they do?

We have problems here that need fixing. Let's spend more resources covering our country and less on the beautiful existences of the living royalty who live in a country that men and women from this side of the pond died liberating us from.

It's only been 220 some-odd years. Cut the strings already!

2. The other trend I've noticed is herd mentality among broadcast "news" shows, especially when someone of notoriety kicks the bucket. And, each time some celebrity dies, the coverage

Why is that? And, is that a reason why the average American viewers are so not informed about the world around us or issues that affect us -- have we been trained to only want celebrity news? The movie quote, "Please ignore the man behind the curtain" comes to

Is it, plain and simple a matter of economics we don't get more better news?

Is the reason there are not more independent news stories out there only because it's cheaper to have a ton of people talk about a dead person (because you can only say nice things about the dead) than to go look for news?

I admit it. I'm internally conflicted. While I think it's a good thing for me to be cheap, why am I casting stones at the "media" for doing the same thing? ARRG!

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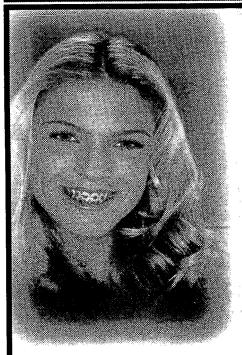
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# Time to cut a rug

Jennifer Chipinsky and her dad, Steve, show off their swing moves during the Daddy Daughter Dance last Saturday. The annual dance is held by Clarkston Community Education. This year over 500 attended their two sessions. *Photo by Trevor Keiser* 



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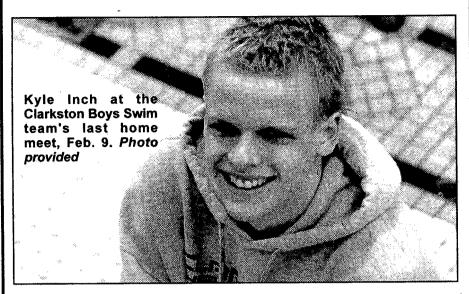
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#### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



# Inch making a splash

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kyle Inch hit the pool before his winter season on the Clarkston Boys Swim team, wanting to be in shape and ready when it began.

The preparation has worked - he qualified for the MHSAA State Finals, March 9-10, in 500-yard freestyle and the 400-yard freestyle relay with teammates Steven Nelson, Zach Rabideau and Eric Misteravich.

He competed in the finals last year and he said the experience helped him.

"It was one of the biggest meets I have every swam at so I got to see how the competition was," said Inch.

Inch is in his fourth season with the Wolves and is leading and guiding his teammates as one of the co-captains.

He began swimming eight years ago because his brothers swam and he wanted to try it. Plus, his dad swam in college and his mom also swims.

He participated in cross country and football for a while but found he enjoyed swimming more.

"I was always a swimmer," Inch said, adding other sports did help him with conditioning.

Inch currently holds a 3.95 grade point average and will be named Academic All-American.

He admitted it is pretty tough to balance school and athletics because of the

schedule. He is currently taking Advanced Accounting, Advanced Placement Statistics and computer classes for his second trimester.

"I want to become an engineer or computer science engineer," he said about his array of math and computer courses.

Adding to his extracurricular activities, Inch is a member of the National Honor Society and Business Professionals of America. He qualified for the state level for advanced accounting and will take his test for the event scheduled in March after the MHSAA Swim Finals.

He is also an Eagle Scout and completed his project which was creating and building 20 wooden fish habitats for the Clinton Rivershed project.

"With the Michigan run off and erosion, it ruins the shelters the fish create," Inch said. "It will promote the ecology. I wasn't sure what to do for my project but then received an email. I talked to someone and asked what he needed help with."

His advice for aspiring swimmers and athletes is to give 100 percent in every practice.

"If you train consistently you will see results," Inch added.

He is currently undecided about swimming in college but is looking at attending Michigan State University.

"I have already been accepted," Inch added. "I am 99.99 percent sure I am going there."

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# Wolves bounce back

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior guard Nick Tatu was on a shooting streak against Troy on Feb. 7, scoring a new personal record of 47 points.

Out of his shooting, he scored 12 three-pointers, breaking the school record.

"It was outstanding," said Dan Fife, Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball head coach. "He had to work a lot harder for his 47 points then James Young (from Troy, scoring 49 points during the same game.)"

Though Tatu was also close to breaking school history for points in a single game, set by Dugan Fife with 50 points against Waterford Mott, the Wolves lost the game 79-74

"Troy was a sight to behold," said Fife.
"We were taken to task. We just didn't play well in the game from top to bottom. Young played good against us. They deserved to win. They outplayed us and we just struggled. It was a tough loss."

Troy led by four points at the end of the first quarter but the Wolves outscored them to bring the game to a 30-30 tie before half-time

The Colts came back to outshoot the next 16 minutes to put the game to an end with a 5-point lead.

"It was a test and we failed," Fife added.
"It should help through the season. It is a good game I can remind them of. It won't leave my mind."

Senior Mitch Baenziger added 15 points to the board.

The Wolves bounced back to beat North Farmington in an OAA Red match last Thursday, 64-44.

"It was a big win for us," Fife said, adding seniors Matt Dellinger and Zach Collins weren't playing in the game due to injuries. "Everyone else came out and played really well. We played really well defensively against North Farmington. I was proud of the way they responded to the negative with a positive." "

Stepping in, junior Dylan Hancook started and senior Alan Kamieniecki made another appearance after spending most of the season injured.

"He is starting to get in shape so he could play a lot," Fife added.

The boys outscored the Raiders during the second quarter 19-9 to take the lead and continued on the momentum to end the game with a win

"Athletics is always how you deal with negatives so after the game I don't know how the team is going to respond and react," said Fife. "You don't think that of a Clarkston kid but you don't know. The two games they were beat in we just weren't there mentally as we needed to be."

Tatu led the team with 19 points and scored



Jordan Dasuqi reaches past defense to score. Photo by Larry Wright

five 3-pointers. Junior Jordan Dasuqi added 17 points to the score and Baenziger had seven points.

"Motivation comes within," Fife added.
"We can't keep complaining to them to play all the time. It was left up to them."

The boys played Tuesday against Pontiac.

"Pontiac is always a challenge," Fife added. "It should be an exciting game. Being home is always helpful."

The JV team were undefeated for the week, beating Troy 53-47 and North Farmington 50-25.

They are back on the court next Tuesday when they head to Rochester Adams. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



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# Road to state finals continues with pit stop at Regionals

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The road to finals continues as grapplers move on to the MHSAA Regional tournament this week.

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team opened the week by capturing the MHSAA District crown after defeating Waterford Kettering, 58-15.

"We beat them by more than we did last year," said senior Ethan Frick. "It means we are improving."

"It was a good tournament," senior Scott DeVos added.

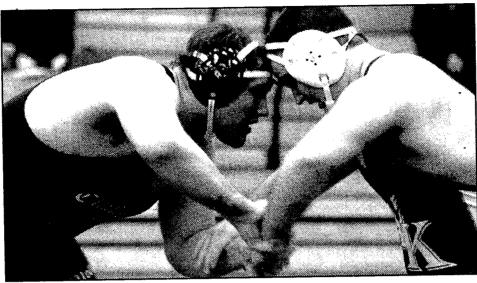
The boys started the night against Waterford Mott and succeeded in a quick match for a 78-6 win as Kettering went against Pontiac for a 47-24 win.

"Mott didn't have a full team but they came out," said Coach Derek Moscovic. "We had some of our starters out from injuries. Guys stepped up."

The boys also had nine qualify for MHSAA Individual Regionals, with DeVos leading as champion for the 285-pound weight class

"It was a big day," said Moscovic. "I am proud of how the guys wrestled. DeVos wrestled well throughout the day."

Nick Vandermeer (152) finished in second



Scott DeVos gets the upper hand on Kettering before pinning for the win. Photo by Wendi Reardon

place after a close 5-4 battle with Hartland's Michael Thomas. Chris Calvano (171) also took second after a lost to Justin Charneski from Hartland, 5-3.

Grant Ulrich (140) defeated Davge Dolehanty from Kettering, 3-1, for a third place finish. Frick defeated Walled Lake Central's Charles Sovel in the 189-pound

weight class, 4-2.

"Ethan got beat but came back and wrestled well," said Moscovic.

Greg Miller and Ethan Lisewski both qualified for the 103-pound weight class after wrestling each other for the third place finish. Miller succeeded with a pin on his teammate 59 seconds into the match.

"Sometimes as competitive as you are it makes it awkward to wrestle each other on the district level, twice," Moscovic added. "If they qualify this weekend it will be a different story because the winner will move on to state finals. Emotions will probably run high. I am proud of both of them for being regional qualifiers."

Cameron Wilkie (119) and Jake Dionne (125) finished in fourth place securing their spot for the next tournament.

"Jake has had an up and down season," Moscovic added. "He really did well and took fourth."

The Wolves head to Waterford Mott this Wednesday to take on Birmingham Seaholm, 5:30 p.m. The winner moves on to battle Hartland or Farmington Hills Harrison.

"Hartland is ranked in state and have All-State wrestlers on their team," said Moscovic. "For us to do it we will have to win some matches and some close matches. We can do it "

"We are going to have to wrestle our best to beat Hartland but it possible," Frick added.

The nine wrestlers head to the MHSAA Individual Regionals on Saturday at Davison, 10 a.m. where they will face Hartland again along with wrestlers from Davison, starting weight is 135 pounds.

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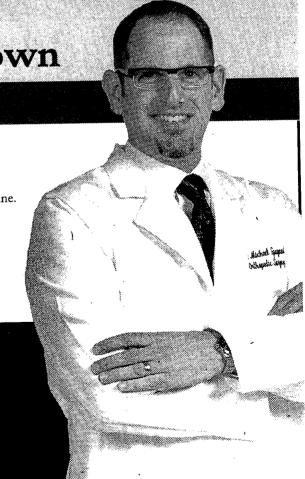
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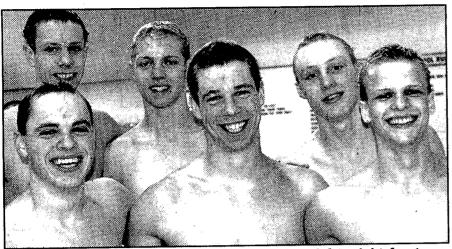


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Seniors from the Clarkston Boys Swim team, from left to right, front row, Patrick Bemis, Zach Rabideau, Kyle Inch; back row, Isaac Young, Nathan Ross and Steven Nelson. Photo submitted

# **Nelson tops Lake Orion**

Swimmers celebrated Senior Night last Thursday as they hosted Lake Orion for their last duel meet of the season.

The Clarkston Boys Swim team lost Lake Orion and took first place in three events for the night.

Senior Steven Nelson took first in the 50-yard freestyle event, 22.32, and the 100yard freestyle event, 50.25. The relay team of Eric Misteravich, Patrick Bemis, Zach Rabideau and Nelson took first in the 200yard freestyle relay, 1:30.95.

The Wolves took second place in eight 25 at Lake Orion High School.

events. Misteravich took second in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle; Rabideau in the 200-yard freestyle; Joe Zendejas, 1 meter diving; Kyle Inch, 500-yard freestyle; Landon Holloway, 100-yard backstroke; 100-yard breaststroke.

The relay team of Isaac Young, Nelson, Inch and Bemis took second in the 200yard medley relay, 1:43.65.

The Wolves next swim meet is the OAA League Championship next week, Feb. 23-

# Wolves add wins

Avondale, 49-42, and a win over West Bloomfield,

Megan Hastings led against Avondale, scoring six of her seven 3-point attempts to put towards her 21 points in the game. Erika Davenport added 11 points.

Tory Trimmer and Davenport scored 12 points each against West Bloomfield.

The Lady Wolves host Stoney Creek on

Lady Cagers split last week with a loss to Thursday to improve their 13-2 record. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

> The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team opened the week with a 4-4 tie against Northville on Feb. 8. They finished on Saturday with a win over Bay Area Thunder, 8-2, putting their record to 10-9-3.

> They play Stoney Creek in the first round of OAA Red playoffs, Friday at Onyx Ice Arena, 6

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# Victory on the lanes

Wolves have claimed the OAA Red division title.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity and JV bowling teams defeated Oxford on Feb. 8 at Cherry Hill North to take the titles.

The varsity team had an almost perfect game, scoring 28 points out of the possible 30 points.

Tyler Hancsak led the way with a 441 set with games 221 and 220. Chris Gemborys was right behind him with games of 234 and 203 for a 437 set. Brian Billups had the high game for the day with a 243 game.

For the JV team it came down to the final game to decide the winner. They prevailed scoring 18 to Oxford's 12. Evan Farough had the high game with 201.

The Lady Wolves had to sweep their to beat Oxford. They did it scoring 19 points to the Lady Wildcats' 11.

The first game was led by Erika Nowak with a 253 game followed by Stephanie Lavely with a 232 game.

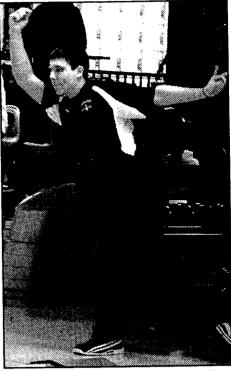
They finished fifth out of the top eight teams at the Swami Team Challenge, Feb. 4.

Gina Setter had the high set with 634 from her games of 197, 193 and 244. She finished as a medalist with her sixth place overall performance for her second high game set of

In qualifying Nowak had games of 213, 191 and a 184 for a set of 588.

The varsity boys team finished in ninth place out of 16. All five averaged over 200 for qualifying. The high game was Gemborys with a 671 series. Hancsak had a 607 series; Billups had a 621 series; Max Wolfgang had a 625 series; and Kyle Kirby had a 643 series.

The JV team boys team did well for their Regionals next week.



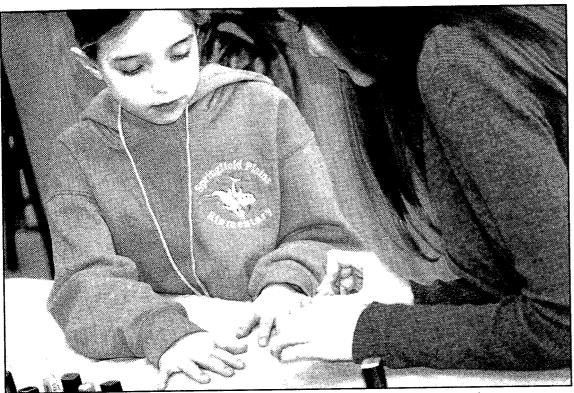
Tyler Hancsak practice his bowling techniques. Photo by Wendi Reardon

first tournament of the year, finishing fifth in the top eight.

Brock Nowak had a series of 555. High on the team went to Anthony Hernandez with games of 192, 186 and a 233 game for a series of 611. He also received a medal for his tenth place overall finish.

The teams head to the OAA meet on Saturday before they prepare for MHSAA

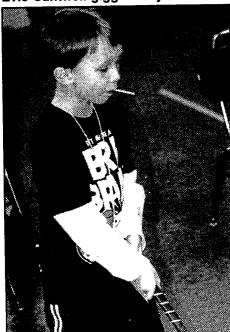




Alivia Johnson pampers herself by getting her nails done.



Evie Cantwell giggles in jail.



Jesse John eyes a hole in one in golf

# To the fair, to the fair

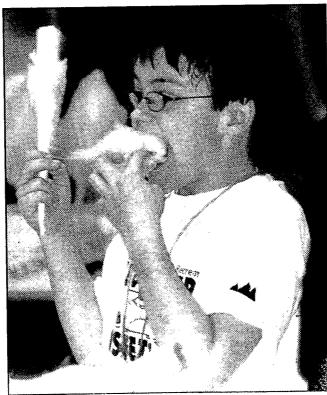
Slushy and snowy roads could not deter Springfield Plains Elementary students and their families from enjoying the school fair, Feb. 11.

They played games and

football and if they could conquer several challenges in a minute.

The students also had to sing their way out of the Oak-land County Jail and take a showed off their skills in golf, chance for a cake or a fish.

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Joey Grossi energizes with cotton candy.



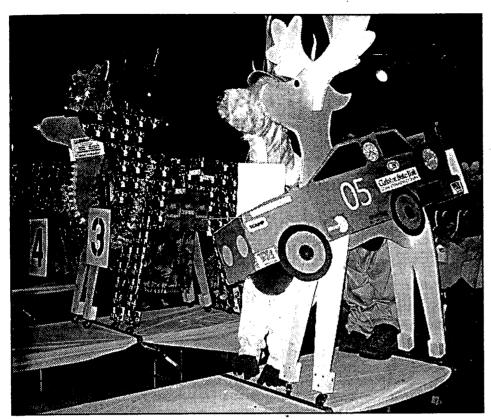
Jed Horst pulls back his arm for a powerful throw in a football game.

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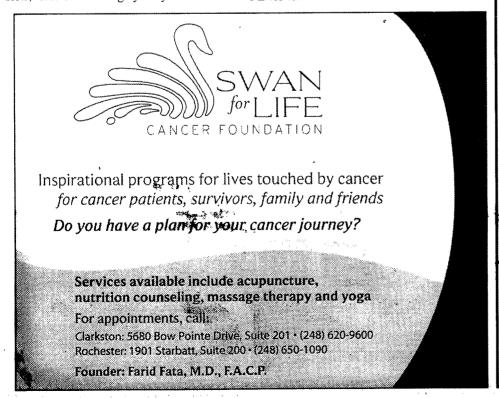
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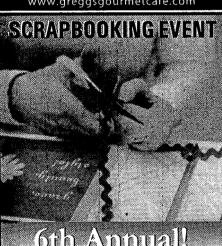
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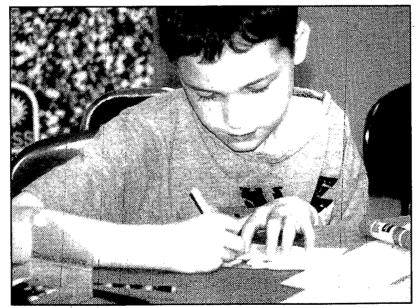
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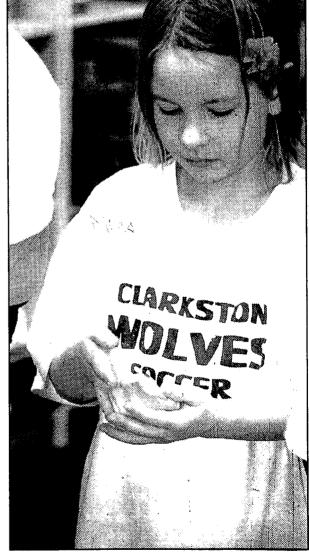
Each grade level made something different during their Academic Service Learning project, called Kids Caring for

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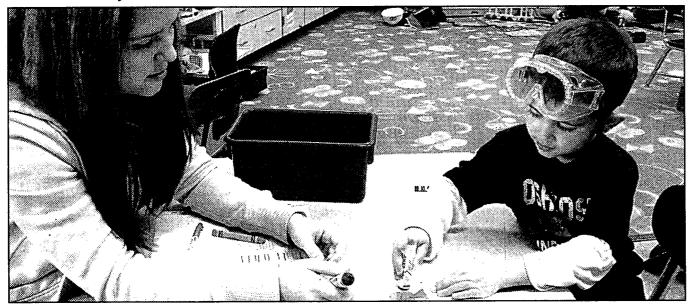


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Rachel Henderson helps Aaryn Smith learn at Funshine. Photos provided

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# Students learn, teach at Funshine

#### BYCOLLEENNAPIER

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Did you know Funshine's Early Childhood Center has a location at Clarkston High School?

This unique program allows high students enrolled in Child Development classes to interact and be part of the preschool students' day. Lead teacher Carrie Oda oversees all projects and learning centers in the classroom.

"We are able to expose the preschool students to so many different learning opportunities because of the extra help the high school students provide," Oda said.

This multi-aged Funshine classroom at Clarkston High School runs from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Enrollment options for the class are based on need, as students are welcome to attend 2-5 days a week.

A typical day in Oda's classroom is certainly busy. Learning is hands on and individualized. Preschool students are engaged at different learning centers, such as the math center, art center, ABC center, drama center, or writing center.

A high school student serves as a facilitator at each center, assisting with conversation, pencil grips, or simply playing with the preschool age students.

In one class, a preschooler could be seen sitting in Oda's chair "reading" a story to the class, who watches in admiration as he explains the pictures to them. Sitting alongside each preschooler are the high school students in child development.

"What a terrific learning environment, which provides hands-on experiences working with children," said child development teacher Lisa Donley.

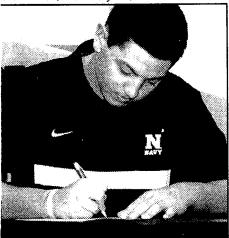
The program is naturally rewarding to the preschoolers and the high school students.

"The child development program is especially a great stepping stone for students who want to go into teaching. Additionally, bonds are formed, and it puts a smile on everyone's face. It's just an all around great program," Oda said.

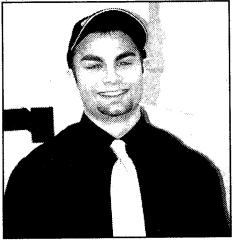
"I love working with the preschool children, and getting to know them," said senior Taylor Smith, a child development student. "We get to know not just their names, but their personalities, their interests, and how they learn."

Fall registration materials will be available soon at The Early Childhood Center.

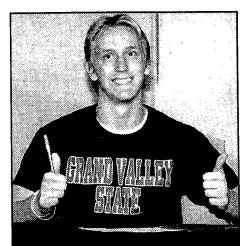




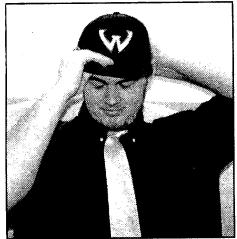
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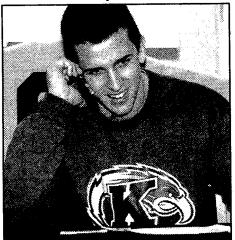
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#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Matt Dellinger smiled as the cell phone was handed to him after he signed his letter of intent to play football at Kent State University.

It was his dad, Matt, stationed in Afghanistan and couldn't make it.

"He was like good job," Dellinger grinned.
"I love you. Give the phone to mom.' Normally he calls and talks to my mom."

Dellinger, along with five other Clarkston High School athletes signed their letters of intent in the first week of February. Dellinger and his teammates from the football team, Alex Barta, Navy; Joey Goss, Ohio Dominican; and Lucas Sanders, Wayne State University, signed on Feb. 1.

Andrew Heuerman could have also been signing for football but after choosing tennis over football over four years ago, he signed to Grand State State University for tennis on Feb. 7. Classmate Lindsey Adams signed to University of Indianapolis for soccer.

"I am really excited," Adams said, surrounded by friends and family. "I have played soccer my entire life. To move on to the college level is really exciting."

"It is a day I have been waiting for since I

have been playing Clarkston Chiefs in sixth and seventh grade with these guys," Barta added. "It is something we have all been working for and all of my hard work has paid off. We have been working at it hard every summer."

The excitement was felt from all of the athletes as well as the sense of relief - after debating and visiting different campuses to find the right one to make their next home.

"I feel great," Goss smiled. "Just to get the burden of having to worry about it off my shoulders and seeing all my friends come out and support the whole thing really feels good."

Along with finding the right fit with coaches and teammates they searched for their fields of study.

Adams is currently split between secondary education and a history major or study health to become a nutritionist or dietitian.

Heuerman is unsure but knows it will be something in the science or medical field, in physical therapy and chiropractics. Sanders is leaning towards science as well but more in exercise science and biology to become a biology teacher.

Dellinger is looking at aeronautics as a major and criminal justice as a minor while Goss is leaning to sports management with a

minor in business.

In addition to his training and prep school with the Navy, Barta will study engineering or something in the sciences.

Amongst the crowded media center were their coaches who spent years watching them grow, learn and continue to improve over the years.

"It is awesome," said Kurt Richardson, head coach for the Wolves Varsity Football team. "They have all matured and have become great players. They have become better leaders. They are all great kids. They all paid the price. They picked good schools. I think they will be fun to watch on Saturdays. It is a nice day for Clarkston."

Though Goss and his fellow athletes put a lot of hard work into their sports and training over the years, Goss said for upcoming Wolves to have fun.

"A lot of kids worry about recruiting, where they are going to go and get tense," he added. "Just have fun and don't worry about it. If you are good enough, it will come to you."

The seasons are done for Dellinger, Goss, Barta, Sanders and Heuerman, Adams can be seen on the field this spring on the Clarkston Lady Wolves Varsity Soccer team. Hopefully with no snow on the field.

#### No re-election for Rosso

Larry Rosso said at the Feb. 7 meeting, he would step down from the Independence Township Board of Trustees after 16 years,

"There is a time for everything and this time I think it's time to kind of retire

from a township elected office and get some new people filling in on this board," he said. "It's been fun at times and at other times not so fun, but it's been an incredible experience. I appreciate all the people I've served with."



Rosso

Trustee Mark Petterson said Russo had done a wonderful job being a representative.

"When new people step up to the board I certainly hope they take a lesson from you and your wonderful ambition and deep care for our township," he said.

Trustee Neil Wallace was first elected to board with Rosso in 1996.

"I commend you for your service," Wallace said. "More people should understand and step up to the civic responsibility as a part of their life in this community as you've done."

- Trevor Keiser



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# Investigation continues in crash

Carol Ann Malear of Springfield Township was killed when her minivan crashed with a school bus, 7:30 a.m., Feb. 9.

"She was a wonderful lady - she was always there to help out on anything, no matter what," said Carol Evans, owner of Smith's Disposal who worked with Malear for the past 15 years. "This is pretty tragic. She is very missed by all of us."

According to sheriff's reports, Malear's minivan was entering the intersection near Big Lake Road, and the bus driver was in the left turn lane on northbound Dixie Highway. The bus driver was attempting to turn left onto westbound Big Lake Road.

The bus driver started her turn and was struck by the minivan.

The Waterford School Bus had about 26 high school students on board. All students were removed from the bus and were transported to OTC by Waterford Schools. They were checked by Springfield Township paramedics, who took one student to a local hospital as a precaution. The bus driver had a minor injury and was treated at a local clinic.



A traffic crash on Dixie Highway, Feb. 9, resulted in the death of a Springfield Township woman. Photo by Phil Custodio

Alcohol does not appear to have been a factor and seat belts were used.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction Unit's investigation continues.

- Phil Custodio

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

#### Headlight points the way

A 26-year-old Independence Township man was stopped due to a burnt-out headlight, 10:12 p.m., Jan. 31, at Maybee and Dixie Highway. He was cited with defective equipment, as well as providing false identification, driving with a suspended license, and no proof of insurance. The county impounded his car and confiscated a marijuana grinder found in the vehicle.

#### Theft from garage

Several sporting goods items were taken from a garage in the 6000 block of Trillium Village Lane, Feb. 2. The lock appears to have been tampered with.

#### Thief leaves a clue

An Independence Township resident in the 5000 block of N. Marshbank found someone had been through her vehicle, which had been left unlocked, Feb.3. Nothing was missing, but she did find a cell phone there that wasn't hers. She redialed the last number called, and the man who answered said it belonged to a friend and had been stolen a day or two before. She turned it over to sheriff's deputies, who traced the phone to a neighbor - a 21-year-old Independence Township man. He was found to have outstanding warrants on dangerous drugs and narcotics paraphematia charges, and was arrested. ...

#### Muddy plate

A deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle because its license plate was covered in mud, 6:20 p.m., Feb. 4, at Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. The driver, a 27-year-old Davisburg man, was cited with driving with a suspended license.

#### **Drunk driver**

A deputy stopped a 51-year-old Independence Township man for driving 36 mph in a 25 mph zone, 6:23 p.m., Feb. 4. The driver, who smelled strongly of alcohol, said he just went out for a pizza. With a preliminary breath test of .125, he was arrested for drunk driv-

#### Vehicle theft

An iPod and GPS were taken from a vehicle parked in the 8000 block of Lakeview Boulevard, Feb. 6. There were no signs of forced entry.

#### Home invasion

Someone broke into a home in the 6000 block of Church Street W in Clarkston by smashing through a rear sliding glass door, Feb. 6. The home was ransacked and jewelry

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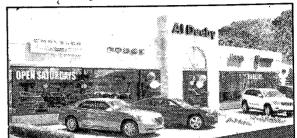
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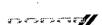


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## Thoughts on Red Wings' winning streak?

The Wings won their 20th consecutive game at home against Philadelphia Flyers, 4-3, on Sunday



"They are a good team. They work hard and deserve it. Wings rock!" – Leia and Rachel Bleim

"It's awesome to see a Detroit team kicking butt especially in a sport we pride ourselves in.At the end of the day just want to see the



Stanley Cup come back home" - Rick Harding



"It's cool."

- Blake Charles

""It is definitely proof they are a great veteran team with good new players. am proud of them'



- Jill Lubas

By Wendi Reardon

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# Community rallies around local boy

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The community's continued support for local student Ryan Kennedy stuns his mother Kimberly.

"I am incredibly honored," she said. "To witness not only North Sashabaw Elementary, but the entire Clarkston School District and community step in and help has been overwhelming. The spirit of giving and community you inspire in all of your students is a gift that will serve them well throughout life."

Ryan, fourth grader at North Sashabaw, was diagnosed with cancer in March 2007. Since then, he has had seven surgeries and eighth recurrences.

Teachers, staff, and students at Springfield Plains and North Sashabaw elementary schools, Sashabaw Middle School, Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School have organized fund raisers over the past five

Springfield Elementary students raised \$2,600 for Ryan, a two-day school bake sale by fourth graders at North Sashabaw raised \$1,027, and a live music fund raiser at Buckshots organized by North Sashabaw Elementary teachers raised more than \$10.000.

"In these economic times, I think that's neat," said Jill Santola, teacher. "Teachers at all levels have been very supportive."

Santola and Alena Hall, both NSE teachers, organized the event with teacher Eric Yeloushan, who plays in the band "The Locals."

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North Sashabaw Elementary teachers Jill Santola, Katie Woodworth, Alena Hall, Carrie Stephenson and Natalie Vanas have fun at the fund raiser at Buckshots.

"I asked the guys in the band if they wanted to donate proceeds, and they were all for it. They're a good group," Yeloushan said.

They asked Jim Mellema, owner of Buckshots in Independence Township, if his restaurant could host the event.

"Why wouldn't I," Mellema said. "We do quite a bit for different things – this was a pretty good fit. It was nice to be part of it.'

The Jan. 28 fund raiser was very successful, Hall said.

"It was awesome, the place was

packed," she said. "The highlight was when Ryan walked in. He looked at the crowd and was like, whoa."

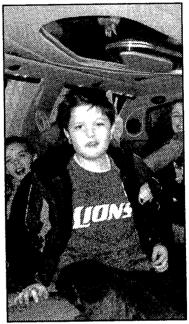
Ryan rode in a limousine decorated inside in red, donated by 24-7 Limousine.

"Red is his favorite color," Kimberly said.

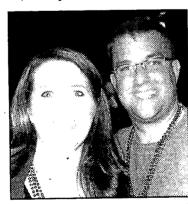
The funds will be used to help pay for out-of-state hospital care, at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, a CERN Foundation member.

We don't know what's down the road," she said. "You have no

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Ryan Kennedy rides to his music-filled fund raiser, Jan. 28, in style.



Ryan's mother Kimberly and her husband Rob Karp are thankful for the community support.

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#### **Special Events**

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

Open House grand opening, 4-8 p.m., Feb. 16, Ross Mortgage Corporation, 7151 N. Main Street. Wine, cocktails and hot hors d' oeuvres catered by Brioni Café. 248-658-2529.

Wild game dinner, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 18, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Menu includes elk, venison, pheasant, walleve. 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.

Fund raiser for Preston Brooks of Clarkston, candidate for Eighth District, U.S. Congress, 3-5 p.m., Feb. 19, 7255 Oak Forest, 248-613-

Open auditions for Clarkston Village Players" Moon Over Buffalo," 4 p.m., Feb. 19; 7 p.m., Feb. 20, Depot Theater, 4817 White Lake Road. 248-373-6438.

Angels' Place Race fund raiser, 5-10 p.m., March 1, Mr. B's Roadhouse, 6761 S. Dixie Highway. Portion of bill goes to the 5K and 10K race on May 19. 248-625-4600.

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.

Anyone Can Paint, 9-11 a.m., March 19, step by step instruction. \$23, \$25 for non-members. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248tround Town

625-8231.

Titanic, the Musical, April 29, ticket to musical at Royal Oak Theatre, lunch at Lilly's Seafood, transportation, \$79, \$84 for non-members. Register at Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

#### Weekly meetings

#### Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8

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.

Creative Writing Workshop, Mondays, April 2 - May 7, 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m., \$15, \$20 for non-members. Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. 248-625-8231.

50+ Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Dance to country, salsa, chacha and rock and roll rhythms with Rosemary Hall to exercise your body and mind! Ongoing @\$3.00 pp. drop in fee.

#### Tuesday

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

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

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

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

p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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From left, Jill Mitchell, Norm Pardo, George Romney, Jose Aliaga, and Terri and Dr. Shivajee Nallamothu gather with friends to kick off Aliaga's campaign.



From left, state Sen. Jim Marleau, Mryrna Hirn, and Joan McCrary share their views.

# Ready to run

Jose Aliaga kicked off his candidacy for Independence Township trustee with a swanky fund raiser at the home of his friends, Dr. Shivajee and Terri Nallamothu, Jan. 26.

Guests included local and state-level government and business leaders. George Romney, nephew of presidential candidate Mitt Romney, was also in attendance.

"I've known Jose for a while," George said. "He's the right kind of guy for the job. I had to come here and help in any way I can.'



Nancy Anderson-Bereznicki and Rod Bereznicki enjoy the party.



SCOUTS IN THE OFFICE: From left, Pack 131 of Waterford Cub Scouts Collin Rush, Hunter Bentley, and Joey Denne check out some Clarkston News archive books during a recent tour. The visit was to help earn some Go See It beads for the scouts. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Megan and Eric

# McGeogh -Briggson

Megan McGeogh and Eric Briggson were married on Sept. 3, 2011, in Denver, Colo., in a beautiful outdoor ceremony attended by family and

Megan is the daughter of Mary and Frank McGeogh of Clarkston. She is a 2002 graduate of Clarkston High School and a graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently employed as an HR professional in the greater Denver area.

The groom is the son of Barbara and Al. Briggson of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. Eric attended Michigan State University and is employed as an IT systems specialist in Denver.

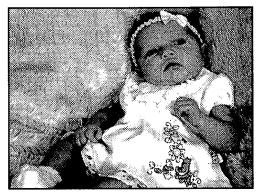
The bride and groom met while living in the Royal Oak area and now reside in Denver with their cat Ted.

#### Welcome Jianna!

James Hart and Jessica Lynn (Doty) Snyder of Goodyear, Ariz., announce the birth of their daughter, Jianna Hartlynn

Jianna was born, Dec. 29, 2011, in Glendale, Ariz. She weighted 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 19 1/4 inches long. She joins big sister Jaelynn Renee, 3.

Grandparents are Douglas and Sharry Doty of Clarkston, and James and Barbara Snyder of Goodyear.



Jianna Hartlynn

### Students achieve success

Eric and Tracey Grishkevich are very pleased to announce that their son, Brian

Grishkevich, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Information Systems from Walsh College. Brian is a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School and is currently working at Volkswagen Group of America in Auburn Hills.



Emily McIntosh of

Where you come first.

Clarkston was named to Denison University's 2011 fall semester Dean's List. McIntosh is a member of the Denison class of 2012.

Dominica Rhein of Clarkston was named to the Walsh University Fall Dean's List.

Lindsey Reppuhn, Clarkston High School 2011 Graduate, made the Dean's List for the fall trimester at Kalamazoo College. She is majoring in Biology and plans to be a Doctor someday. She is also playing basketball at Kalamazoo College.

Ashley Reppuhn, Clarkston High School 2007 graduate, made the President's List at Kendall College of Art and Design for the fall 2011 semester. Ashley will graduate in the spring with a Graphics Design Degree.

Lindsey and Ashley's parents are Greg and Robyn Reppuhn of Clarkston.

Allison Reis of Clarkston was named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the fall 2011 semester.

Three Clarkston High School students received awards for their art work in the Scholastic Art Exhibit: Alyssa Spytman won a Gold Key for her art portfolio; Erika Snoevink won a Silver Key for her painting; and Allison Stawara won a Silver Key for her self por-

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# The wonder of a dandelion in winter

As I was preparing for the morning worship service at Lakeview Church one Sunday, a man from the congregation walked up and offered me something he held in his hand.

I held out my own hand, and in my palm he carefully placed a small yellow blossom with a short green stem attached. A dandelion. A weed.

Normally, I wouldn't give a little yellow dandelion a second thought. But this time was different. It wasn't because the dandelion itself was so remarkable, either. In fact, it was much smaller than any one of the million or so that I've seen in my own yard, and nearly every other yard in Michigan.

Even the stem seemed too frail and thin to offer much of a future for the little yellow flower. Still I looked at this little blossom with a sense of wonder.

It wasn't the size or perfection of the flower that amazed me. It was the date of the discovery that made me stop and notice.

See, what makes this event so remarkable is that the Sunday I'm talking about was February 5th, 2012. The man who brought it to me said he found it growing next to the mail box on his way in that morning.

I was so impressed by this little dandelion blossom that I held it up in front of the entire congregation so they could see it too.

I think they all recognized the significance of a dandelion in bloom in February in Michigan. After all, we all know that doesn't hap-





Pastor Jon Grimshaw

I've lived here all my life, and I've never seen a dandelion in February. But does that mean it's impossible? Is my ability to see something the ultimate test of whether or not it is possible? I sure hope not!

As I looked at that little flower, I wondered how it was that a single blossom appeared on that frail stem.

I thought of all the dandelions I had noticed on the front lawn of the church last year. How many must certainly be waiting in all of our yards, content to sit the winter out, with all of its gray, blustery days and its frigid nights.

I'm amazed that in the middle of all the gray, lifeless vegetation, one little plant per-

sisted through the freezing temperatures, and gave the world a real, yellow, living flower.

Now, I don't want to give the plant too much credit in affecting the outcome of this

However, I do think that it's worth noting that the flicker of life in that plant is what brought that blossom into being. It's part of that God-given desire to not just survive and preserve life, but to celebrate life, and live

That little plant could have simply kept one green leaf and it would still be living. But instead, God chose to bless it with a yellow blossom, the part of the plant that develops into seeds and preserves its DNA in another generation of dandelions. That's the wonder of the February dandelion!

Jesus taught that we are not to worry about everything. He asked, "Who, by worrying, can add a single day to his life?"

He then suggested that his followers consider the lilies of the field, who neither work or plant or harvest, yet God blesses them with attire that is more beautiful than the robes of kings

God blessed that little dandelion plant

with a yellow blossom, and He has blessings in store for your life if you'll give Him the opportunity.

See, He won't force his way into your life. He's been aware of you since before you were, and He knows everything there is to know about you. He knows the situations in your life, and just what it is that you're wor-

If you're reading this, and you find yourself in the chilly days and nights of a winter season in your own life - maybe a time when it seems that all the greenness of life has turned to the gray of disappointment and despair, take hope in God's own promises.

The Old Testament prophet Jeremiah wrote that God has plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and

When you start to feel like all hope is gone, and there's nothing left to even hope for, remember the wonder of the February dande-

If you have questions or comments, or if you would like to receive special prayer consideration, please contact Pastor Jon Grimshaw at blueboss302@charter.net .



#### **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod" Pastor: Rev. Kendall Schaeffer (1/4 mile N. of DTE Music Theater Clarkston MI 48348 (248) 625-4644 www. sainttrinitylutheran.com e-mail: sttrinity@comcast.net Broadcast Worship - Clarkston CTV-10/20Sun.200pm Thurs.900pm Broadcast Worship - Waterford CATV-10 Tues. 2:30 pm Worship: Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am Sat. 6:00 pm unday School 9:45 am Preschool: 3-4 years old

#### **CALVARY MISSIONARY CHURCH**

Preschool: 620-6154

"A Place to Worship & Grow" 1361 Giddings Rd., Pontiac MI 48340 248-373-0311 Services: Sunday - 10 am & 6 pm Contemporary Worship Children's Ministry 10:30 am Tues. — 10 am Morning Prayer Wed. — 7 pm Bible Study New Series - "Relentless" Senior Pastors: Dan & Debbie Burges:

Worth the Living Here to help those concerned about life and circinus about the God who made us. Currently meeting at Mt.Zion Center 4453 Clintonville Road at Mann Rd. Waterford, MI 48329 Worship Service each Sunday @ 10:30 am Children's Worship@ 10:30 am Other Opportunities: Call Church for times of followin meetings: Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study Mid Week Bible Study Oakland EPC is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church with offices located at 7205 Clintonville Rd., Phone (248) 858-2577

#### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

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

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

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

#### **CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH**

5487 Winell-Clarkston (corner of Maybee & Winell) 248-623-1224 Service 9:00 · 10:30 www.GarkstonFMC.org Wednesday 7 pm Youth & Adult Ministry ST. DANIEL

#### **CATHOLIC CHURCH** 7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston

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

#### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

#### **DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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

#### **CLARKSTON UNITED** METHODIST CHURCH

PETO

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

#### **BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH** 6765 Rattalee Lake Road

Clarkston, 48348 (248)625-1344 Services: Sunday 9:00am & 10:45am Morning Worship Service Exploration Station -Children's Ministry Wed. 6:45pm Fit For Life Adult Life Ministry c.r.a.v.e.-Student Life Ministry Ozone - Children's Life Ministry Nurture Center/Wonderland available for all services A Church For Life www.bridgewoodchurch.com

#### CACHARAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

#### **CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkstor (W of M-15, just 5, of I-75) 248-625-3288 Pastor Jonathan Heierman Sunday Worship: 8:15 am (traditional), 9:30 & 11:00 am Also at both 9:30 & 11:00: Nursery, Children & Youth Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-8:30 pm Dinner, worship, small groups Nursery, Children & Youth Programming www.calvaryinfo.org

#### CLARKSTON **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

6300 Clarkston Road • Clarks (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 5:00-7:00 pm

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN** NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST FOR THE

#### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION -TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Independence will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the computer equipment to be used for the tabulation of absentee and precinct ballots for the Presidential Primary Election to be held Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

The test will take place at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, February 21, 2012 in the Township Hall Board Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr. – Clarkston, Michigan 48346.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

PUBLISHED & POSTED: Wednesday, February 15, 2012

### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

#### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### **SYNOPSIS** TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

- **FEBRUARY 7, 2012** A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:31
- PM at the Independence Township Hall.
  The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Petterson, Rosso, Wallace

#### Absent: Wagner

There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Ken Elwert, Parks & Recreation Director; Barbara Rollin, Senior Center Coordinator; Gregg Schultz, Schultz & Young

Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA as amended CLOSED SESSION: None Requested
- BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
  PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- PUBLIC HEARING: Request to Reprogram 2006-2007-2008 CDBG Funds

The Public Hearing opened at 7:35 PM The Public Hearing closed at 7:35 PM

- Request to Reprogram 2066-2007-2008 CDBG Funds - Approved
- H. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- Superintendent Report (Bart Clark, Superinten-
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- CONSENT AGENDA:
  - Board of Trustees Regular General Meeting Min-- January 17, 2012 - Removed
- 2012 Water Tower Maintenance Removed ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- Board of Trustees Regular General Meeting Min-utes January 17, 2012 Approved as Amended 2012 Water Tower Maintenance - Approved
- REGULAR BUSINESS:
  - First Reading-Implementing State Law: Contractor Registration Requirements Approved
  - AC Pipe Condition Assessment Pilot Program Approved
  - Request to Post Parks Superintendent Position Approved
  - Employment Agreement for Township Superintendent - Approved
- Request to Extend Contract for IT Support Services - Approved
- Discussion and Decision for Appropriate Disciplinary Action for Deputy Supervisor, Mike Clark Postponed to the Regular General Meeting of February 21, 2012
- 7. Request to Approve the Accounts Payable Check Run in the amount of \$355,387.01 – Approved
  M. PUBLIC COMMENT: Moved to beginning of agenda
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members dis-
- cussed various topics COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
- REPORTS: REPORT: Supplemental Report for 2011 Sewer
- Budget Amendments for Payments to Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.
- Published: Wednesday, February 15, 2012,

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** NOTICE TO CREDITORS

#### **Decedent's Revocable Trust**

Revocable Trust of Dorothy A. Robbins, De TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Settlor, Dorothy A. Robbins, who lived at 41140 Fox Run Road, CC219, Novi, Michigan, born November 27, 1915, died on January 27, 2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified 27, 1915, died on January 27, 2012. Creators of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Dorothy A. Robbins Trust under Declaration of Trust dated September 28, 2000, as amended, will be forever barred unless presented to Laura Ann VenDerkfolk, 15408 New Holland Street, Holland, Michigan 49424. Trustee, within four months after the date of publication of this notice. Which date is February 15, 2012.

Thomas R. Reinsma (P19337) Grand Haven, MI 49417 (616) 842-3030

Laura Ann VanDerKolk, Trustee 15408 New Holland Street Holland, Michigan 49424 (616) 403-9302

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2012-341, 344-DE **COUNTY OF OAKLAND** 

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate** 

Estate of Edward Daniel Savers, Date of birth: 1/26/50 TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Edward Sayers, died 10/

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

> Susanne Marie Sears 1437 West North Street 269-615-5018 Kalamazoo, MI 49006

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND** 

19/2012.

FILE NO: 2012-341, 337-DE

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#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Fuad A. Muhtadi, Dece NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Fuad A. Muhtadi, died 01/

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

Jon M. Gaskell P24559 20 W. Washington, Ste 11 Clarkston, MI 48346 (248) 625-8010

Thomas B. Taylor 9616 Round Lake Blvd

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### **NOTICE OF**

## PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012

IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Election will be held CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

County of Oakland, State of Michigan TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012 The polls will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m.

ALL POLLING PLACES ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BRAILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

At the polling places listed below:

- PRECINCT # & POLLING LOCATION Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church -
- North Sashabaw Elementary School -
- 5290 Maybee Rd
- St. Trinity Lutheran Church 7925 Sashabaw Rd. Free Methodist Church --
- 5482 Winell St. at Maybee Rd.
- Pine Knob Elementary School 6020 Sashabaw Rd.
- North Sashabaw Elementary School -5290 Maybe Rd.
- Independence Elementary School -
- 6850 Hubbard Rd. Clarkston Elementary School - 6595 Waldon Rd.
- Clarkston United Methodist Church -6600 Waldon Rd.
- 10 Clarkston Community Church 6300 Clarkston Rd.

- 11 First Congregational Church 5449 Clarkston Rd. 12 & 15 Bailey Lake Elementary School 8051 Pine Knob Rd
- Maranatha Baptist Church 5790 Flemings Lake Rd. Oakland Woods Baptist Church - 5628 Maybee Rd

The Tuesday, February 28, 2012 Presidential Primary Election will be conducted in all voting precincts of the Charter Township of Independence, for the purpose of nominating candidates of all participating political parties for the following offices

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES Republican Candidates:

Michele Bachmann Herman Cain Newt Gingrich Jon Huntsman Gary Johnson Fred Karger Rick Perry Buddy Roemer

Mitt Romney

Rick Santorum

Democratic Candidates:

Uncommitted Absent voter ballots may be obtained from: Township Clerk

6483 Waldon Center Dr. P.O. Box 69

Clarkston, Michigan 48347

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Townshin Clerk PUBLISHED & POSTED: Wednesday, February 15, 2012



Looking to sell your used car, television, sofa, baseball card collection or anything else under the sun? Place an ad in the Classifieds! It's a fast, easy and profitable way to get rid of your unwanted merchandise. Call 248-625-3370.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

#### **CLARKSTON**

#### NOTICE OF ELECTION PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION **FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

IN THE CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Presidential Primary

City of the Village of Clarkston County of Oakland, State of Michigan TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012 THE POLLS will be open

7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m. ALL POLLING PLACES ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE BRAILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

City Hall 375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346
FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF

Precinct #1

ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

ENTIAL: President of the United States
INFORMATION ON OBTAINING AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION Is available at City Hall located at 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan

City Hall Offices will be open
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday For electors to receive an ABSENT VOTER BALLOT

FINAL DEADLINE TO RECEIVE AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT February 27, 2012 until 4 p.m.

Kelly Richter, Clerk City of the Village of Clarkston 375 Depot Road Clarkston MI 48346

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence 2012 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 6, 2011 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear 2012 year assessment appeals of value, classification and hardship exemption requests on March 9, 12, 13 & 16 from 9:00 am through 12 noon, on March 8 & 15 from 1:00 pm through 4:00 pm, and on March 7 & 14 from 5 pm through 8 pm.

If you wish to appear in person to appeal your assessed value, it is required that you have an appointment with the March Board of Review. The Assessed Value represents 50% of market value. Appeals are for the 2012 tax year only. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 een 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f">www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f</a> 2658 7.pdf and at the Township Assessing Department at the address indicated above. This form should be mailed to the Independence Township Assessing Department, PO Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347 It must be received prior to the close of the March Board of Review and documentation supporting your opinion of value should be attached

The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2012 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Sincerely Kristen Sieloff, MAAO

Independence Township Assessor Publish: 2/15, 2/22, 2/29/12

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know **CLARKSTON**

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL 375 DEPOT ROAD CLARKSTON MI 48346 **SUMMARY MINUTES** CITY COUNCIL MEETING **JANUARY 23, 2012** 

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

Roll: Present - Mayor Luginski, Brueck, Inabnit, Roth, Hunter, Hargis, Bisio

Others Present - City Manager Ritte

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to Approve the Agenda, but pull item 9e under new business from the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Haven supported Hargis to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.

Resolved by Inabnit, supported by Roth, to grant permission to the Clarkston Optimist Club to construct an ice skating Rink in Depot Park near the Gazebo at the Club's expense. Resolution Adopted Amendment to original Resolution

Amendment approved by roll-call vote with no objec-

The amendment Adopted.
The Original Resolution was approved by a roll-call

vote with no objection Resolution Adopted. Moved by Roth, support by Hargis to approve the

Lions Club request to sell white canes

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Roth to extend the meeting past 9:00pm.

Motion Carried Moved by Hargis, Support by Roth to adjourn at 9:29

Motion carried Respectfully Submitted

Dennis Ritter, City Manager

# Community in support

Continued from page 1B

idea what it means to me to be a mother who can be there for her children, in this difficult situation, without having to worry about how we are going to be able to afford the cost. Thank you all so very much."

Tropical Smoothie Cafe, 6459 Dixie Highway, will donate 15 percent of sales, Feb. 19-25. Call 248-922-9000. This fund raiser was set up by Springfield Plains Elementary School. Diners need to bring an event flyer or be sure to mention they are there for Ryan's fundraiser.

For more information, check www.carepages.com, RyanKennedy52402.

"I update this page with details of how things are going," Karp said. "God has truly and richly blessed our family with a community that is amazing, especially in times of difficulty.'

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on February 7, 2012, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Certain Provisions of the Charter

Township Code as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02 **ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING** STATE LAW CONTRACTOR
REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

An Ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Independence Ordinance Code. Chapter 10. Article II, to implement requirements under state laws for the registration of contractor's licenses at the Township and for the payment of registra-

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS AS FOLLOWS FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE TOWNSHIP CODE:

Section 1 of Ordinance

Chapter 10, Article II, Construction Codes, shall be amended to add a new Section 10-21a to read as follows: Sec. 10-21. Registration of contractor's licenses.

Each electrical mechanical and plumbing contractor who performs work in the Township shall register his or her electrical, mechanical or plumbing license, as applicable, with the Township Building Department. The registration shall be valid until the expiration date of the contractor's license. The registration shall be granted to a contractor licensed under this act upon payment of a fee of \$15.00. <u>Section 2 of Ordinance</u>

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

Section 3 of Ordinance

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

Section 4 of Ordinance

All proceedings pending and all rights and the liabili-ties existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they are commenced Section 6 of Ordinance

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

#### **Around Town**

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Thursday

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

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

Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of

Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., 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., 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.

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

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

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



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Raymond Michael "Mike" Baird, age 49, of Olive Hill, Ky., formerly of Chattanooga, Tenn., passed away peacefully Thursday morning, Feb. 9, 2012, in his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Baird was born April 16, 1962, in Pontiac, Mich., the son of the late James Westley and Wanda Lee Fields Baird.

Mike graduated from Clarkston High School in Clarkston. He was a member of the Rose Ridge Apostolic Church and attended Cornerstone Apostolic Church in Chattanooga. He served his country in the U.S. Navy as a Machinist Mate on the USS Roark. Mike enjoyed his life



and loved his family and friends. He was loved by all who met him and will be forever in our hearts. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, James Douglas Baird, and a nephew, Bill Douglas Kilgore.

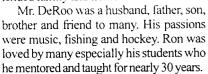
Mike is survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Granville Kilgore of Olive Hill, Ky., and Nancy and Ted Johnson of Santa Clarita, Calif.; sister-in-law, Eva Baird of Olive Hill; and his longtime best friend, Michael Isbell of Chattanooga, Tenn. He is also survived by four nieces, Wanda, Tracy, Jamie and Laura; two nephews, Len and Joe; ten great nieces; four great nephews; his two dogs, Lucy and Ethel; and a host of extended family and friends.

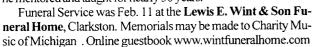
Upon Mike's request, there will be no funeral services at this time. A memorial service will be held at the Rose Ridge Apostolic Church in Olive Hill in April to celebrate his 50 years of life. **Globe Funeral Chapel** in Olive Hill, Ky., is in charge of all arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.globefc.com.

#### Ron DeRoo, 59

Ron DeRoo of Waterford passed away unexpectedly Feb. 6, 2012, at age 59.

He was the loving husband of Katie; beloved father of Jeremiah, Collin and Lauren; son of Marion and Raymond DeRoo; brother of Don (Jane) DeRoo; also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



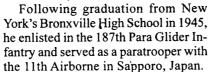


#### **Obituaries**

#### John Gene Flack, 83

John Gene Flack died, Jan. 30, 2012, aged 83, of injuries in an auto accident.

He was the loving husband of Ann W.; proud father of Kimberly Jean Duir, Carey Lynn Morning, Laurel Ann Davis, and John Chapman Flack; delighted grandfather of Irina, Anya, Jack, Amos, and Sophie; preceded in death by parents Eugene Wesley and Esther Joan, and sister June.



He graduated from Northwestern University and was a long term member of Beta Theta Pi. His sales career began with office equipment in New York where, with first wife Jeanne, three daughters were born.

A position with Look Magazine brought him in 1963, with second wife Ann, to Michigan, where the two were enthusiastic volunteers for the start up of Sesame Street for WTVS. John would later hold sales positions in television (WWJ, now WDIV) and newspapers including The Oakland Press, and a venture of his own using a newly-developed Kodak technology to bring television commercial production within the budgets of small retailers.

He loved the outdoors and any excuse to enjoy it: target shooting, archery, canoeing, camping, hiking, water skiing and photography could all serve the purpose. Instead of retiring, John embarked on the second career for which he is probably most remembered, evening manager and greeter for 15 enjoyable years with the Clarkston Café.

He then followed his love for this convivial work to The Duck Blind and finally to Joe Bologna's restaurants in Clarkston, Orion, and Sterling Heights. When, at 82, he could no longer comfortably stand and greet the many "friends" these years had brought, he deeply missed their familiar faces, and his restaurant families as well.

Interment to be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, on Friday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m. Memorial service Saturday, March 3, 2012, 1 p.m., at Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston, 8909 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston. Family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. until time of service. Private condolences may be sent at www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

Wed., February 15, 2012 The Clarkston (MI) News 9 B

#### Jeanene M. Carter, 49

Jeanene M. Carter (Dunn), "Jeannie," of Holly, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Feb. 11, 2012, after a brave battle with lung cancer, at age 49.

She was the wife of Mike; daughter of Judy and Jim Dunn; daughter in law of Rio (the late H.C.) Carter; sister of Janette (James) Harrison, Jimmy (Rey) Dunn and Jonathon (Erin) Dunn; sister in law of Janeece (Tom) Morris, Randy (Leanne) Carter and Chris (Melinda) Carter.



Mrs. Carter was formerly employed at V.S.I. and Kelly Services. She enjoyed scrapbooking and especially spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice or American Cancer Society.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Mary Ellen Zynda, 78

Mary Ellen Zynda of Clarkston passed away Feb. 12, 2012, at age 78.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald; be-

loved mother of Elaine (Byron) Babbish, Leah Ann Lamb, Joseph Schirle III, Matthew Schirle, Christopher Schirle, Mark (Barb Clark) Schirle, Mari (Mike) Gabos and their father Joseph Schirle Jr., M.D.; also survived by 17 grandchildren; sister of Margaret Stott, Patrick (Barbara) Brunett, Janie (Pete) Burns, Denise \*(George) Ross, James (Kathy) Brunett, Terry (Victor) Sochocki and Brian (Peggy) Brunett.



Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Thursday, 3-8 p.m., with a prayer service at 6 p.m.

Funeral mass Friday 10 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Missionaries of Charity, 1917 Cabot, Detroit, MI 48209.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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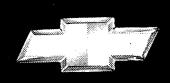
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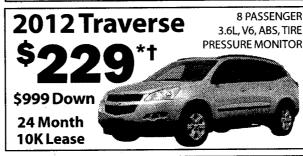
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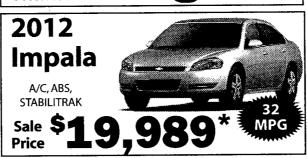


















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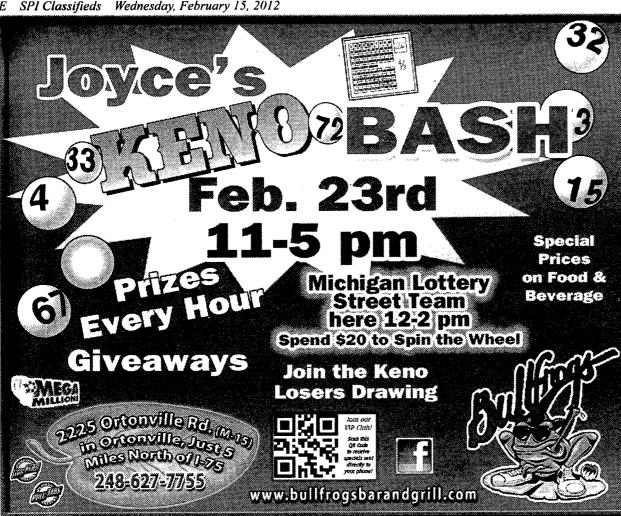






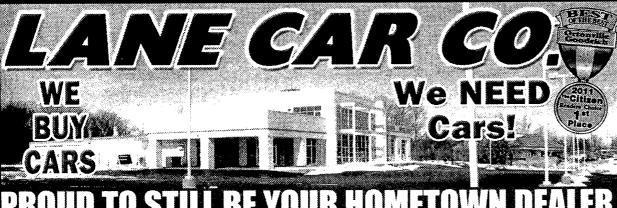
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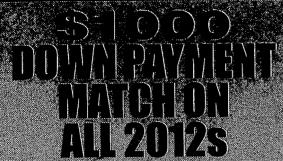
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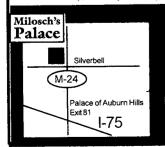
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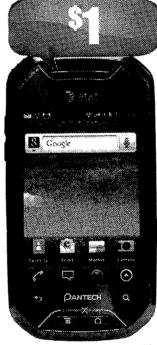
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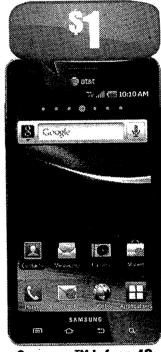
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