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## Reforms unwanted

### Local school officials leery about state bills

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

School officials are taking action as state legislators in Lansing consider several education bills.

Before the "lame duck" session ends this month, politicians are deliberating House Bill 6004 and Senate Bill 1358, to expand the Education Achievement Authority (EAA), and House Bill 5923. If passed, this bill would create special designation charter, or virtual, schools with open enrollment.

For Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston Community Schools superintendent, expanding the authority would affect students in the district.

"I've heard from people who work in EAA schools that they encounter gang fights, 40 kids in a class, and chaos," Rock said. "It is hard to believe this is the type of education that is best for kids and can spread across the state. To whom will the leaders of these schools be accountable?"

Dr. William Skilling, superintendent for Oxford Community Schools, said it would not affect his district or their goals. But does not think the EAA can help students.

"I still believe this will do very little if anything to really improve the education for the bottom 5 percent," he said. "In the end, it will be another waste of tax

*Please see Charter on page 33*



Jovona Manni shares some Christmas ideas with Mrs. Claus at Holiday Lights Night in Depot Park, Dec. 8. See pages 18-19 for more pictures from the park and the Holidays Lights Parade through downtown. Photo by Phil Custodio

Special this week  
Sports previews,  
rosters, portraits,  
schedules and more!

## Fewer sewer fees please

### Residents want rates reduced

BY MARY KECK  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Clarkston citizens were supposed to see their sewer rates reduced in November 2011, but they're still paying \$97 each quarter, and some residents are asking why their rates are so high.

"It's a good question," said former Councilman Richard Bisio.

In May 2009, citizens received letters in the mail saying their sewer rates would increase from \$57 to \$97.

The correspondence said the increase was due to the city's debt to Independence Township Public Works, which would require retroactive payments totaling \$52,000. Additionally, a break in the sewer on Washington Street had depleted the sewer reserve fund to \$164,634. The city eventually paid \$99,131 to fix the break.

To cover the new costs, Clarkston citizens were billed an extra \$40 each quarter for 10 quarters starting May 2009. Those 10 quarters are up and residents have been doling out \$97 for an extra five quarters.

City Manager Dennis Ritter said the city settled up the \$52,000 with the township in January of 2012, and the current sewer fund reserve is approximately \$200,000. More accurate sewer fund numbers will be available once the city receives its audit, Ritter added.

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# Santa swoops into town this weekend



Santa and a couple of his reindeer will visit Clarkston, Dec. 16, to collect Toys for Tots. Photo provided

Stop by The Birdfeeder and Clarkston Flower Shoppe, Sunday, Dec. 16, 12-4 p.m. for photos with Santa and reindeer Donner, and Blitzen.

"Santa's sleigh has already landed in Clarkston," said Steve Stroud, owner of The Birdfeeder.

Bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots of Oakland County to participate. Stroud's goal is to fill the sleigh with donations for Toys for Tots.

"We have a large goal to meet, but we know the compassionate families in the area will make it possible," he said.

The Birdfeeder & Clarkston Flower Shoppe will collect children's toys now through Dec. 16.

The Birdfeeder will sell the Classic Christmas Story, "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Children will have the opportunity to have their copy signed by Santa himself!

"We wanted to create an event where children would experience something unique, like meeting Donner and Blitzen!" said Stroud. "But didn't want to shy too far away from what the season is all about."

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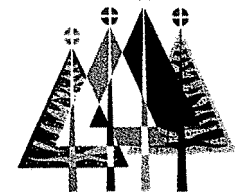
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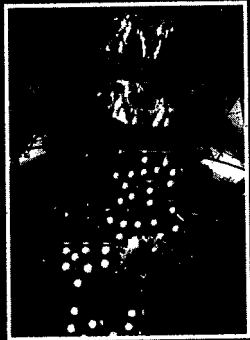
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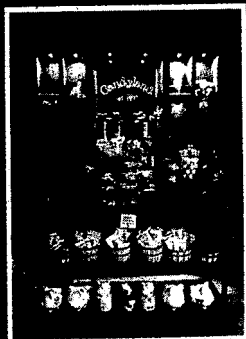


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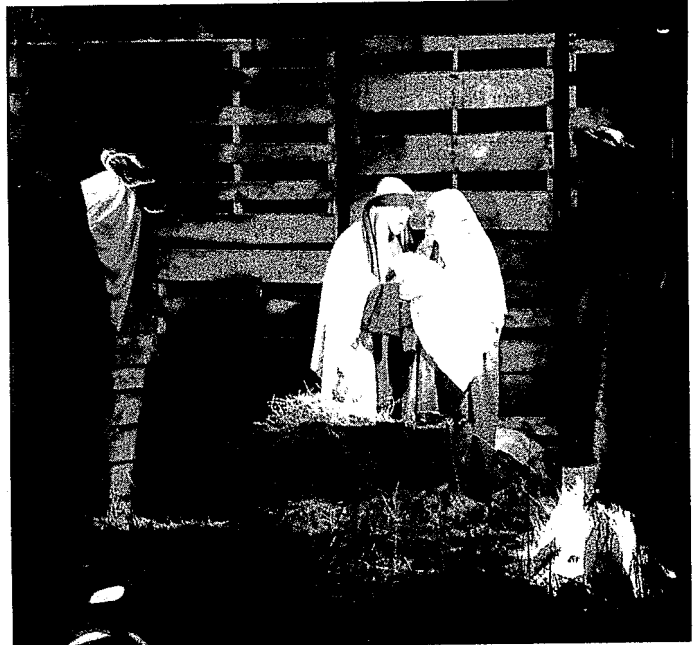


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A live Nativity scene greets visitors at the start of the Christmas Story Express.

## Story of Christmas

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# Office assistant hired fulltime

BY MARY KECK  
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

When you dial the supervisor's office, Kittle may not answer the phone, but callers likely won't go straight to voicemail.

As promised during the campaign, Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle waived his employment benefits enabling him to hire an Administrative Assistant. The benefits Kittle will forgo include his pension, healthcare, and life insurance, which total \$23,600.

On Dec. 4, Independence Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to waive the supervisor's benefits and add that \$20,000 to the \$20,000 wages of a part-time office assistant position. Thus, the township created a full time administrative assistant position.

Leanna Cole, who has been employed part-time as an office assistant for just over a year, agreed to work fulltime without medical benefits as an administrative assistant.

In her new position starting in January, Cole will meet residents at the counter, schedule meetings for the supervisor, and respond to phone calls and answer questions if Kittle isn't available.

Cole, who earned a Bachelor of Arts from

Michigan State University, said she is looking forward to the new responsibilities. As a part-time employee she "just scratched the surface," Cole said.



Leanna Cole

Kittle is enthusiastic about having Cole on board fulltime as well. From his point of view, having an administrative assistant will "help resolve problems more quickly" and aid him in staying organized.

"The best asset we have is the people working here," said Kittle and pointed out that broadening the experience base of current township employees gives them an opportunity to take on more responsibility later.

# This Week at ClarkstonTV.com

ClarkstonTV.com walked in the Holiday Lights Parade on Saturday night, Dec. 8 along with the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. You can see some of the parade from this viewpoint at show #36.

Two new "Pet Talk" shows with Dr. Robin Krieger have been added to ClarkstonTV.com, covering toxic dangers to pets. In Part 1, show #3, Dr. Krieger and Becky Taylor discuss general toxic dangers. Part 2, show #4, is more specific to the unique dangers that are encountered during the holiday season.

"The Dale Ryan Show," show #8, keeps you up to date on Clarkston High School

basketball. Check out "Phil in the Blank" with editor Phil Custodio and "Don't Rush Me" with Assistant Publisher Don Rush for community news and commentary.

"Seeing Green" with Mary Keck features Brady Lodge in Bay Court Park, and Independence Township's efforts to make the historic structure available for community use.

For more information, to host your own show, post community information or discuss advertising opportunities, contact Alan Partington at 248-821-1373 or info@clarkstonondemand.com.

# Briefly

## Holiday hours

Clarkston News offices will be closed for Christmas on Dec. 24-25, and New Year's on Dec. 30-31.

Deadlines for classifieds are 5 p.m., Dec. 20 for the Dec. 26 edition and 5 p.m. on Dec. 27 for the Jan. 2 edition.

Happy Holidays!

## Library public hearing

On Dec. 19 at 6 p.m., the Clarkston Independence District Library board will hold a public hearing on the property tax millage rate proposed for the 2013 budget. A millage rate of .691 mills is levied for library service. The public hearing will be held at the District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. View the library's 2013 budget online at [www.indeilib.org](http://www.indeilib.org).

## Supervisor promise

Supervisor Pat Kittle promised to step down from office if he is not able to achieve his responsibilities as an elected official.

Kittle presented a signed memorandum to Independence Township Board on Dec. 4, "I shall also tender my resignation immediately if I am unable to perform the duties of the supervisor."

## Junior high play

The Clarkston Junior High School performs "Archie and the Wallflower" this Friday and Saturday.

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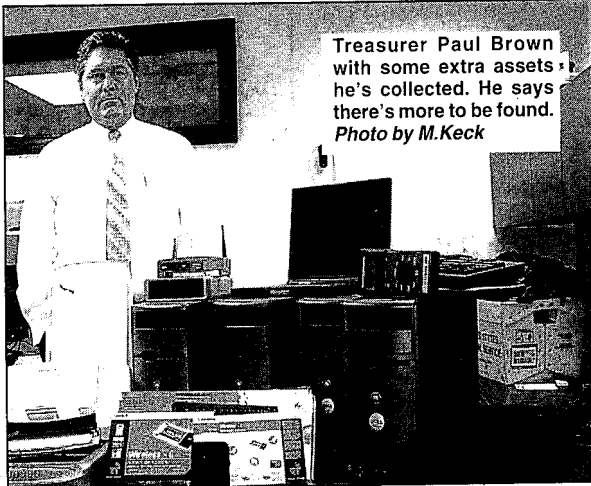
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# Township treasurer says out with the old



Treasurer Paul Brown with some extra assets he's collected. He says there's more to be found. Photo by M. Keck

From a commercial refrigerator and grill to a pickup truck and computers, Independence Township has identified items that aren't in use and could be sold or repurposed.

Currently, department directors are charged with finding ways to get rid of extra assets, but "it's hard for them to take time away from their responsibilities to try and figure out how much money I should get for this item and how should I sell it," said Treasurer Paul Brown.

The Board of Trustees authorized Brown to establish an Asset Disposal Committee (ADC) made up of township residents and one elected official. The ADC would put together an inventory of the various departments' assets and determine how the items would be sold or repurposed.

Citizens interested in joining can find an application on [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us) or contact the treasurer at [pbrown@indetwp.com](mailto:pbrown@indetwp.com).

"I'm looking for a wide range of folks," said Brown.

- Mary Keck

# New cash control policy for Independence Township

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

It won't be quite as easy for the Independence Township treasurer to spend large sums of money anymore.

At the Dec. 4 Board of Trustees meeting, Treasurer Paul Brown requested permission to develop a policy of internal cash controls, which the board granted with a 7-0 vote.

Currently, the treasurer could "wire up to \$8,400,000 to depositories of my choosing with the only additional authentication being a telephone confirmation directed to the treasurer's assistant who confirms the request at my direction," Brown explained.

He referred to instances of embezzlement in other Michigan townships as reason to add safeguards to the current township policy.

"I have no reason to believe or suspect there's been any misappropriation, but I

believe the best defense against those things is to have ultra-conservative control policies in place," said Brown. "Prevention is what we want to have."

To avert potential embezzlement or other wrongdoing, the treasurer, along with Finance Director Susan Hendricks, will create an internal cash control policy intended to prevent township officials from wiring large sums without oversight.

Brown notes any check the township writes requires two signatures, and this new policy would bring larger amounts up to the same standard.

The cash control policy coming down the pipe would require the Finance Department to initiate any movement of township funds. In addition, all transfers would need the authorization of the clerk or deputy clerk and the treasurer or deputy treasurer.

Brown's internal cash control policy

idea was popular with board members.

"We hold the public trust," Trustee Andrea Schroeder emphasized. "I wholeheartedly support this kind of an effort."

Clerk Barb Pallotta agreed.

"To have policies in place is something we owe our employees and the people who put us in these chairs tonight," Pallotta added.

"This is just the beginning of partnering with departments and making sure the checks and balances are in place. It's been absent for quite some time," she said.

"We're adding in a layer of double check, which I really like," said Trustee David Lohmeier.

The treasurer and finance director were directed to come back to the board with a draft of the new policy by Jan. 31. The board of trustees will hold their next meeting on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall on Waldon Road.

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## Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

### 2013 resolutions

My dog's been frustrated lately. I can tell by the heavy sighs and pathetic brown-eyed gazes.

"It's cold and wet out there," I plead with her, but the pup doesn't care. Wind, snow, sleet, hail, it doesn't matter; she wants to go outside and doesn't want to be out by herself.

My furry friend is right, of course. Hiking isn't just a warm weather activity, and it never hurts to get a little exercise. All her tail wagging and ear perking has inspired me to start compiling my New Year's Resolutions.

To top the checklist, I will not be defeated by cabin fever in 2013!

This winter, I'm hoping to try snowshoes on for size - only if we get that white stuff Michiganders keep telling me about, of course. Another on my list is cross-country skiing at Independence Oaks. Maybe I can just grab hold of the leash, yell mush, and my dog will take me for a spin.

Once the snow melts away, I'm checking off finding my first Michigan Morel. I missed the 2012 mushroom season, and I'm still bitter about it. With the pup in tow, I'm hitting the trails to do some foraging. No leaf will go unturned, no fallen tree unexamined, no shady spot unexplored! My bag will be full of spongy edibles or I'm not leaving the woods.

When it really warms up, I'm packing up the dog and husband - whiners get tied to the hood - and we're going camping. Last summer we were too busy to pitch a tent, but excuses won't get in my way in 2013. Now that the cool air has driven me indoors, a day of canoeing in the sunshine capped with a marshmallow toasted over a campfire under a star-filled sky sounds like heaven.

All the hiking, camping, and mushroom hunting will have me famished. So, my fall garden harvest had better be the best one yet! In 2013, I'm writing a big check mark next to a plate of root veggies (the Achilles heel of my green thumb) or my name isn't Mary Keck! I don't need too many since my dog doesn't like carrots and potatoes, but I suppose I can share one forkful with my husband.

With all this outdoor activity planned for every season of the New Year, my canine can't guilt me into more doggy biscuits, right?



## Letters to the Editor

### Lions say thanks for community support

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Area Lions want to thank everyone for supporting Project Kidsight, their free vision screening program for preschool children ages 6 months to 5 years.

Photos are taken of the child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Results are immediate and a report is provided at the screening.

We have had a very successful year with over 250 screenings performed so far, with one of our biggest of the year with the Clarkston Rotary at their annual Shoes for Kids distribution.

We are pleased to announce that we are continuing the regular monthly screenings in 2013. They are the second Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

If you would like more information about the Clarkston Area Lions or Project Kidsight, please call 248-625-2212.

*Chris Savage, coordinator  
Project Kidsight, Clarkston Area Lions*

### Celebrate the success of Bucks for Buses

Dear Editor,

Thanks to our community, Bucks for Buses has Gone Bocce II was a huge success on Sept. 27 at Palazzo di Bocce in Orion.

This event was held by the Friends of the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center to raise money for our transportation program that takes seniors and disabled adults in Clarkston, Independence and Springfield Township to and from doctor appointments, work, grocery stores and other places.

The following Platinum Level Sponsors made this event extra special Clarkston Medical Group, Gold Level Sponsors: McLaren Health Care and Waterfall Jewelers, Silver Sponsors: Clarkston Specialty Healthcare Center, Lourdes Campus, Michigan Kidney Consultants, Pallotta Heating and Cooling LLC and Smith Disposal.

Without our generous sponsors' support we would not be able to offer our clients the level of service that we currently offer them.

We had a fun filled night with fabulous food; music by Dr. Baker and bocce ball. Thanks to all of you who attended and supported this event.

*Barbara Rollin, director  
Independence Township Senior Center*

### Reader feels parades are not a place for politics

Dear Editor,

It was a festive, fun Holiday Lights Parade Saturday night, but I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw a float with the elephant of the Republican Party placed in the middle - after a year of being surrounded by posters, argumentative commercials on TV and radio, to see that "politics" placed itself in a holiday parade.

Perhaps what would have been more appropriate would have been a float wishing Jewish families and friends a Happy Hanukkah, since it began the night of the parade.

*Nancy S. Brown  
Independence Township*

### Praise for the CNews

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston News is a good paper for Clarkston and vicinity. We love to read it. Kids love their pictures in it, service club members too. You don't shy away from controversy but you don't fan it.

Thanks.

*Bill McGuire  
Independence Township*

### Kudos to Township Board of Trustees

Dear Editor,

Kudos to the new Township Board. These folks came out of the chute smokin'. They are smart, professional, involved and display a great sense of humor. Independence Twp. is in good hands.

*Dave Belch  
Lake Orion*

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1997

**"Photographer steps in front of the camera"** With his rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes and white whiskers Ken Winship, owner of Winship Studio, looked like the real deal as he continued his 20-year-old tradition as playing Santa Claus.

**"Locals plan to start a new bank"** Seven local investors hoped to start a bank for the greater Clarkston community. It was conceived by Food Town president Ed Adler with a goal to establish the state-chartered bank by summer 1998 and give the goods back to Clarkston. It came after NBD Bank leaving downtown and the disenchantment of big-bank conglomerates swallowing smaller corporations.

**"Toy story"** On the top of children's Christmas lists at Kmart were Sleep and Snore Ernie, Talking Bubba, Nintendo 64, Sony Play Station, Disney Trivial Pursuit and Tamgotchis. From Bubble Dragon the top five hits were Brio toys, Playmobil, Sanrio especially Hello Kitty, Keroppi and Badtz Maru, puppets and science items from "Educational Insights."

### 25 years ago - 1987

**"Two-time Olympic medalist awards trophy to area club"** Kiel Soon Park, who won two medals in judo for Korea and coached medal-winning teams for his native land, visited Joe Sanders Martial Arts class Saturday for an awards ceremony and belt promotions class. Park said Sanders was not one to cheat his students. After the belt promotions were announced, Park congratulated Sanders on becoming a fifth-degree black belt. Sanders has been involved in martial arts training for more than 20 years.

**"Selection process for prison continues"** Officials from eight north Oakland County communities, including Springfield Township, named possible prison sites toured the regional prison in Lapeer. By the end of the year a tentative final list for the prison was planned to be finished.

### 50 years ago - 1962

**"Vows Repeated Saturday"** Palms, candelabra, and red and white bouquets graced the altar of The First Methodist Church in Clarkston for the December 1 wedding of Gay Ann Hoffman and Larry Lee Blackett. Reverend William J. Richards performed the rites.

**"Sports corner"** Clarkston Varsity Basketball stayed undefeated with a win over Oxford, 64-38. Ken Miskin led the Wolves with 16 points.

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# This and that, therefore now and then

Ah, 'tis the season for giving and forgiving.  
'Tis the giving season and the gimme season.

Never in my extended lifetime have I been exposed to so many so-called charitable organizations. I heard the number of new organizations that were started on the East coast since Sandy blew in.

It's huge, but Scrooge that I can be, I'm sure some of the donations will get to help the needy, and a lot won't.

Someone pulled a list of charities off the internet for me. It was meant to point out the high salaries some of the top officers get, and how, in many cases, few of the donations reach the intended.

Veteran's organizations like the VFW, American Legion, Disabled Vets, Order of Purple Hearts, pay zero salaries.

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I've always looked forward to the annual Army vs. Navy football game. There's a mixture of patriotism, respect and pride brought out by the spectacle. The game itself is such a contrast from other collegiate football games.

There are no celebrations after a score. No jumping, butt banging, no ball spiking, no dancing and mocking in

the endzone after a score. They are like Barry Sanders used to be with the Detroit Lions . . . score, then hand the ball to the referee on your way off the field. Too, I saw no pigtailed or flying long hair on the Army and Navy players.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by  
Jim Sherman

• Having been diagnosed with arthritis a few weeks ago, I'm especially aware of comments thereof. Like barometer readings and weather fronts. I was told recently freezing fronts have the same pain-giving effect as rainy fronts. So now I can expand my complaining.

• Heard a new cause to support this week. PETR. People for the Equal Treatment of Rodents.

• Also heard another stupid poll. 98% of the people are in favor of rich people

paying higher taxes.

DUH! My poll shows 100% are in favor of other people paying all the taxes.

• In Sweden the hatch on a Swedish church tower apparently was left open by mistake about 30 years ago. When workmen got around to cleaning out the mess,

they faced about two tons of pigeon droppings piled up in the tower. The droppings were about 12 inch deep.

• The Brooklyn Lantern is being sold on the tube. It's a bulbous shape with a wire handle. My dad carried one like it at night on his rail road car checking job. Only his had a wick and flame. The new ones are battery operated, but said to be made with a "genuine" antique globe. If something is antique hasn't it got to be genuine?

• Going back to the Navy for a second. One of my aboard ship jobs was being posted outside our Captain's quarters at night. During that watch a sailor would come up to me and militarily announce, "The Chronometer is wound." I had to make that announcement to the Captain. I never knew (until recently) what a chronometer was. Had I known then, I'd have told the main man, "Hey, the clock's wound!"

• I'm so far behind in gadgets. Last week my son got lost taking me to a meeting in Lansing. He held a small box up to his mouth and said, "Washington Street." The machine was nicer than I would have been. It said turn left, etc. I'd have said something like, "Turn left, you #@%& idiot!"

• Important thing in life, pet your dog, or mine.

## What parents should know about 'tablets'

The bane of a parent's existence (aside from dubious folks hanging 'round kids) is technology. Now, I don't want to sound like an apostle of Ted Kaczynski, but dang it . . . technology has brought a whole new level of angst into child-rearing.

Some school districts are handing every kid a world wide (wild) web connecting device known as the tablet.

For those not in the know a tablet-like device is a little portable computer. I've done some research on these tablet-like devices and found there are no parental controls or blocks.

Any where there is free wifi internet, kids can access anything. And, I do mean anything.

As the holidays are just a few weeks away and many parents are being harangued into purchasing tablet-type devices, thought I'd share with you what the Rush children had to endure for their devices.

I wrote the following "contract" the lads had to sign before they were able to get their mitts on "their" tablets. Their mother and I also signed. It sets the ground rules and once again proves I am the meanest dad in town. Parents enjoy. Kids, cringe. Ho, ho, ho and

Merry Christmas.

### Terms of Use

With much opportunity comes much responsibility. The tablet is first and foremost a tool; it is a tool to help you organize your day, keep track of homework assignments and school projects. Your parents and teachers trust you enough to give you this opportunity, while others in your class do not have this opportunity. As such, we all need to know what the ground rules are for usage. This is also an exercise in judgment building — the better judgment you show, the more trust you build.

We have researched this, discussed this and have come up with these simple (common sense) rules.

### General:

Before using first time READ all instructions. Whenever using, wash hands before using — do not use while eating or drinking.

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2. New apps must be discussed with parents — before downloading, or first opportunity. For example, there may be an app for school that you can download to help you. We may not be there. You may download it, but when you see us, you must notify us.

3. Up to two games only will be allowed on device.

4. Ear buds — to avoid damaging your hearing, volume no higher than medium.

5. When Wi-Fi is on, all research and school work and entertainment will be done outside bedroom — in the dining or living room.

6. Wi-Fi is off at 9 p.m.

7. Put the tablet on Mom or Dad's night table by 10.

8. Do not reset the operating system or install another OS — you will void the warranty.

### Home use:

1. Work before play. School work and chores must be done before device can be used for recreation/game playing. You may use the device for homework and school projects, but nothing "fun" until chores and school work is completed.

2. Do not leave device in unsafe place. Store it in regular location at home while not in use. Keep power charger and any instructions/boxes in one place. Keep the case on.

3. This device can only be used up to two hours at a time maximum. After such time MANDATORY breaks are required. Turn off device, charge it. Get outside — do anything but stare at a screen.

4. Never run battery down to zero. This will shorten life of battery. (Again, refer to owner's manual).

### School use

1. Notify all teachers you were given permission to use device and have a plan for usage. **It may be they will not let you bring out or use during class — if so, you must respect their decision.** If this is the case, input data, reminders or calendar items after class. Remember, your classmates may not have this opportunity you have been given. Use it wisely and with discretion. It may come to pass this device is not to be used during any class.

2. Remember this is a tool for you to help organize your school work and not a toy — this device is not to be used for entertainment during school hours.

3. This device is not to be used for or by friends.

By signing this document I declare that I have been given the opportunity to ask questions regarding any of the above terms, that I will abide by the terms outlined above and that my tablet will be confiscated should any of the terms be violated or if my usage of the tablet is malicious, destructive, unhealthy, or morally questionable at any time.



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## Phone finds suspect

A resident of the 9000 block of Hadley Road discovered loose change had been taken from his unlocked vehicle, Nov. 29. He also found a cell phone on the ground next to the vehicle. As a deputy was examining it, it received a call from a 53-year-old Independence Township man, asking to speak to a 24-year-old Independence Township man. He explained he loaned his phone to the 24-year-old and wanted to know where it was. Deputies spoke to the younger man's fiancé, who said he was at work. Investigation continues.

## ID theft attempt

An Independence Township man received an email supposedly from Comcast saying there was a billing problem and asking for Social Security number, credit card number and other information, Nov. 30. He called Comcast's fraud department, who told him they would never request information like that. He cancelled his credit card as a precaution.

## Drunk and disorderly

Deputies arrested a 36-year-old Clarkston man for disorderly conduct after he made trouble at a bar in the 5000 block of S. Ortonville Road, 11:47 p.m., Dec. 2. He made lewd and threatening comments to the waitstaff, and challenged an off-duty deputy to a fight.

# Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

## Illicit photog

A customer at a tanning salon in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road was preparing to tan when she noticed a cell phone on the floor under a partition between booths, its camera pointed at her, 4:41 p.m., Nov. 30. She yelled at the customer in the other booth, who quickly retrieved the phone. She waited for someone to exit but the customer wouldn't, so she went to the front desk to report it. A man and two women made a quick exit, avoiding eye contact with the victim and staff. Staff provided information about them to detectives for investigation.

## Mailbox bombed

Residents of the 6000 block of Church Street heard an explosion and looked outside to see their mailbox on fire, 6:35 p.m., Dec. 4. A soda can rigged to explode had been placed in it. They told deputies they yelled at three boys, looking to be young teenagers, doing something with the mailbox less than a week before. Investigation continues.

## Window smashed

Some smashed the driver's window of a vehicle in a parking lot in the 6000 block of Rattalee Lake road, Dec. 2.

## Driving with marijuana

A deputy stopped a 19-year-old Independence Township man for running a red light at Maybee and Sashabaw roads, 8:10 p.m., Dec. 5. He smelled strongly of marijuana, but said he hadn't smoked any that day. He said the deputy could search but wouldn't find anything. The deputy found marijuana residue, two empty package wraps, a glass pipe, and two marijuana cigarette stubs. As he was being taken to McLaren Oakland for a blood draw, he received a text message from a friend saying he was bored and inviting the receiver to "smoke some kush" with him. "Yeah, great timing," the suspect told deputies. Deputies noted the number, jailed the 19-year-old on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs, and sent evidence to the crime lab.

## K-9 nabs underage drinker

A deputy on patrol pulled over to talk to a man walking on the sidewalk at Maybee and Sashabaw roads, 3:14 a.m., Dec. 6, and the man took off running. The deputy followed in his cruiser until the runner dashed behind a building. Then the officer pulled over, put a tracking lead on the K-9 dog with whom he had been patrolling, and they followed the man's scent to where he was hiding behind a trailer. The man, a 20-year-old Waterford resident, said he ran because he had been drinking. With a preliminary breath test of .082, he was cited for under-21 consumption of alcohol.

## Crash reveals grow lab

Deputies arrested a 26-year-old Independence Township man after firefighters found an elaborate marijuana grow operation in his basement, 10:30 a.m., Dec. 8, in the 500 block of Sunnyside Drive. Independence Township Fire Department and Consumers Energy were on scene checking for gas leaks after the house was hit by a car. Oakland County Narcotics Enforcement Team detectives got a search warrant and found 12 marijuana plants, four pounds of marijuana in 20 mason jars, two digital scales, packaging, documents, \$221 in cash, laptop computer, and a marijuana grow manual. The homeowner returned home during the search, and was jailed.

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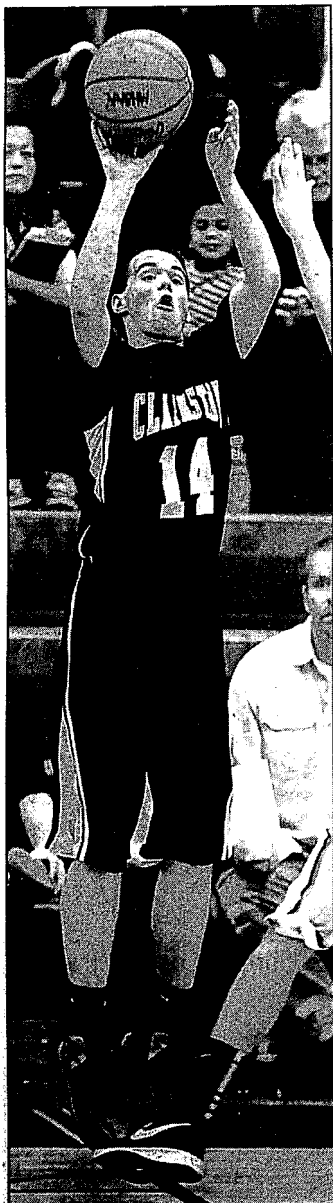
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# Undefeated into season

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

The Wolves have sunk their first two games of the season with wins over Waterford Mott and Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

They tested the waters with seniors Jordan Dasuqi and Chance Huth out with injuries, their new starting lineup and new players as they took on Mott first in a 54-48 win.



Nick Owens lines up for a 3-point shot in the first half against Lahser. Photo by Larry Wright

"It was an ugly win but I couldn't be any prouder of our kids," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife. "They know with Dasuqi and Huth out they have more knowledge and experience. It is hard to understand from life experience what you need in the first game to get where they need to be to understand varsity basketball to be quicker and stronger."

Mott opened with a basket. Nick Owens lined up for a 3-point attempt to put the Wolves into the lead. It didn't go in and went to Mott.

Clarkston got the ball back and Merrick Canada put the Wolves on the board with a basket. Press Kampe and Owens added two points a piece.

Mott came back to score seven points to take the lead 9-6 before senior Dylan Hancock scored with two points and three points from Owens eased Clarkston into the lead.

The Wolves held control of the scoreboard going into the second quarter with a four point lead.

Mason Vires and Alex Trim boosted Clarkston with two 3-pointers to put Clarkston up to 21-11. The Wolves scored eight more points before the first half closed, 29-22.

Clarkston kept up the momentum during the third quarter. They found themselves in foul trouble in the last seven minutes of the game, and Mott was sent to the line five times.

"We just had silly, lazy fouls," said Fife. "We were getting beat in transition when the floor was spread out."

Andrew Myers led with 12 points, and Owens added ten points.

Fife added the boys can take a lot from their first game as they move forward into the round of games before holiday break.

"They can take what do I do wrong, what can I do better and how physical the game is and what they will have to do," he said.

Owens was the leader against Lahser as the Wolves posted a 58-49 win. He scored eight 3-pointers helping him lead with 26 points for a game high.

The boys were behind as they ended the first quarter 21-16 and things didn't seem to get better as they struggled to score in the first seven minutes of the second quarter.

"They have really good players," Fife said going into the game. "All of their kids have experience and are back from last year. It will be tough but I am looking forward to it."

Before the half ended the Wolves added to the board with two 3-pointers to put the score 29-22 as Lahser held onto the lead.

Clarkston finished the second half but outscoring Lahser to win the game.

Myers added 15 points to the board and Vires sank two 3-pointers.

Clarkston went on to beat St. Mary's Prep, 64-58 on Monday night after being behind for most of the game.

The boys host Rochester Adams on Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Garrett Polish poises for action in his last home game against Salem last Thursday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Polishing the ice with goals

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Junior forward Garrett Polish put the Wolves into the lead against Salem last Thursday with his shot into the top right of the net.

The power play goal put the Clarkston Hockey team into the lead less than five minutes into the game.

He added one more goal and two assists during the game putting his total to six goals and four assists so far this season.

"Garrett is an excellent player," said assistant coach Roman Krygier. "He works hard. He is a very strong player on our power plays. He has one of the hardest shots on the team."

He added Polish is also a leader on the team and never quits.

Polish was very young when he first learned how to skate and remembers being 3-years-old the first time he put on

skates.

It eventually led to playing ice hockey. "My husband's best friend's son was going so they decided they would grow up and play hockey together," said mom, Sheri Drumm. "They still do. He is now a senior on Waterford Mott's team."

She smiled as she remembered her son and his teammates chasing the puck for the first time.

"I thought it was the cutest darn thing," Drumm said. "Little bumblebees when they were following a puck."

They still have the puck from his first game when he scored the only five goals.

She also remembers Polish being a good player from the moment he began playing hockey.

Another hockey playing highlight for Drumm was when he was in middle school. His team won the Belle Capital Cup in Ottawa.

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Haley Daugherty lines up the ball from the free throw line during the first half against Dakota. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

## Girls drop Dragons, fall to Dakota

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers began last week by taking down their crosstown rivals Lake Orion, 54-31.

"We did some really good things," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk. "We did a pretty good job getting steals and finishing layups throughout the course of the game. It is always nice when you beat your rivals."

Senior Erin Davenport had 17 points and her sophomore sister Erika Davenport added 16 points to the board.

Clarkston followed it up with hosting Dakota for their first loss in the season, 56-34.

Senior Kenny Delaney opened the game with two points from the free throw line and a basket off the glass to put the girls 4-3. Dakota slowly picked up the paces and caught up by sinking two field goals and three baskets before the quarter ended with them leading, 15-9.

The Lady Wolves closed the gap by scoring eight points in the last five minutes of the first half. They were within two points on the board before Dakota scored on the free throw line.

"The first half we competed and played really well," said Wasilk. "We had foul trouble during the entire game

with Delaney and Erin which made it difficult for us. They continued to hit shots and we continued to struggle on our offensive end."

Dakota opened the second half with one point from the free throw line before adding another two points before Erin slowed them down with her 3-point shot. Dakota picked up the momentum again halfway through the third quarter with an 8-point run to build up their lead to 42-28.

Another problem was Dakota shooting six 3-pointers in the game.

"We had a tough time defending it," Wasilk added. They were shooting it deep and shot it pretty well. They had us chasing all over the place. We had a tough time covering, penetrating and knocking down threes."

Erin and Erika both scored eight points during the game to lead the team.

"They were just a really good team," said Wasilk. "We are not where we need to be right now and they are. They had a good year last year and returned three starters."

The Lady Wolves took on league opponents, Avondale, on Tuesday and head to Troy on Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

## Goals scored but defense lapse leads to defeat on ice

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves opened the night against Salem with two shots on their opponents' net.

The shot finally made it past Salem's goalie while they were two men down. Junior Chase Weidemann passed to senior Adam Johns.

Johns passed it on to junior Garrett Polish who put a shot in top right of the net with 12:05 left to go in the first period.

Salem added three goals for the lead before Clarkston scored again with 1:44 left in the period. Drake Gentile's shot sent the puck straight into the net and under the goalie's leg.

Jacob LaPorte, Polish and A.J. Kowal added three more goals but Salem won the game, 8-5.

"It was an unusual game," said Clarkston

Hockey Assistant Coach Roman Krygier.

"We didn't play strong defensively. We tried to come back. We worked hard but soon as we started to get some momentum we lost it with penalties," Krygier said. "We had too many penalties. You can't be in the penalty box as much as we were. Out of their eight goals four were power plays. Usually we are strong on the penalty kills but today we just didn't get things working together for us. Each game is a learning experience. The biggest thing is the discipline. The discipline not to take the penalties and stay out of the penalty box."

"We had some rough spots getting behind defense leaving some guys open," Polish added. "We had our chances we just didn't put them all in which killed us."

The Wolves made 25 shots on the net. Junior goalies Jack Viazanko and Nick

Surovec helped the team out in the net. Viazanko had five saves and Surovec had 12 saves during the game.

"Salem had some good scores. They can move the puck pretty well on their power play," Krygier said.

The Wolves lost to Farmington on Saturday, 4-1.

Junior Shawn Cotter scored the lone goal with 5:11 left to go in the game while Farmington's Eamon Devlin and Eric Stanis struck twice a piece for their goals.

Surovec had 29 saves during the game as the Wolves made 29 shots on the net.

The Wolves host their Holiday Classic Tournament this Friday and Saturday at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.

Clarkston plays Troy on Friday at 5 p.m. and could face Novi on Saturday, 1 p.m.



The boys celebrate their first goal against Salem. Photo by WR



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Tyler Slating works on a win against Lapeer West's Adam Nichols. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Victory in season opener

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers took their opponents to the mats last Wednesday to open the winter season with two wins.

"The outcome was good," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "We need to work on our conditioning and some of our mental toughness but overall I was pleased with the end result."

First they took on Lapeer West to have ten wrestlers win their matches to put the team 48-25.

Wins came from Jake Dionne (135) void; Mike Cardinale (130) major decision, 11-3; Tyler Slating (140) major decision, 9-1; Grant Ulrich (145) pin 3:54; Nick Vandermeer (160) pin 5:32; Chris Calvano (189) pin :21; Adam Myers (215) decision, 9-5; Luis Reyes (289) major decision, 15-6; Nate Vandermeer (112) pin 2:57; and Connor Ryan (119) pin 2:29.

They went on to finish the night with a 58-12 win over Grand Blanc with wins from Ryan, pin 4:55; Cameron Wilkie (125) pin :49; Cardinale, pin 6:52; Dionne, pin 2:19; Slating, major decision, 8-7; Ulrich, major decision, 15-1; Marc Bosnack (152) decision, 9-6; Nick Vandermeer, void; Josh Cohoon (171) pin 1:50; Calvano, pin :22; Myers, pin 3:01; and

Reyes, pin.

"Cardinale wrestled really well," Moscovic added. "Calvano, Nick Vandermeer and Dionne came out with some pins when we needed them."

Clarkston went 3-1 at the Rocket Duals on Saturday. They beat Wyandotte, 58-10, John Glenn, 54-15, Livonia Franklin, 45-24 and lost to Detroit Catholic Central, 50-12.

Mitchell Nelson and Calvano were undefeated for the day, going 4-0.

Moscovic added Dionne, Myers, Cardinale and Nick Vandermeer had good performances for the day and wrestled well. Vandermeer almost went undefeated for the day and was winning one of his matches but lost in the last few seconds.

"Detroit Catholic Central is a high quality team but it shows we have guys on the team who can compete at that level," said Moscovic. "It is where they need to be by the end of the year."

The Wolves head to Horn Memorial in Holland this Saturday.

"It will be extremely tough," said Moscovic. "All teams are ranked in all four divisions. There won't be any easy matches. We start out with Rockford. They have been a power house the last few years."

## Bowlers knock over competition

Bowlers wasted no time knocking down pins as they began their season last week.

They started with the OAA Singles Championship at Collier Lanes in Oxford.

For the Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team Danielle Hopkins qualified in seventh with scores of 191, 161 and 171 for a series of 523. It took a score of 517 to make match play for the girls.

She won her first match with a score of 159 to 150. She lost her second match to eventually win the tournament with a score of 164 to 257.

Sophie Hubble had a 210 game and a series of 514. She missed the cut by three pins.

For the boys varsity team, Kyle Kirby qualified in third play with scores of 212, 205 and 227 for a series of 644. He won his first match of 256 to 233, won his second match by a score of 268 to 170 and eventually lost to the tournament winner by a score of 175 to 223.

The top five scores from qualifying won medalist honors. Kirby received medalist honors for qualifying third and finishing second, Hopkins for finishing third and Kersten for finishing fifth with a score of

234.

The teams headed off against Oxford where both varsity teams won their matches.

The girls finished with 23 out of 30 points with scores of 173 and 190 from Hubble; 192 and 159 from Hopkins; 169 and 138 from Chelsea Turk, 127 and 166 from Tess Horowitz; and 157 and 152 from Vicki Wolfgang.

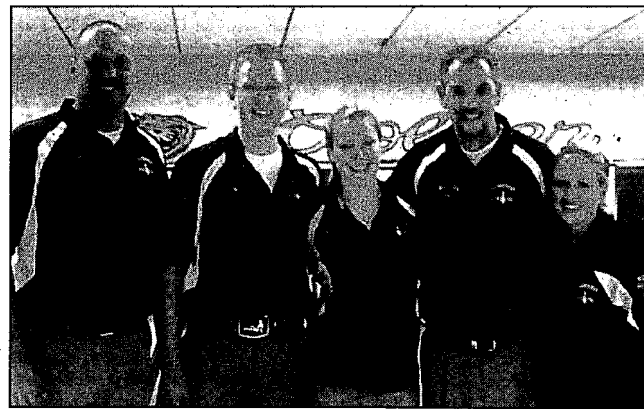
The boys won 21 out of 30 points. Kersten bowled 208 and 200; Kirby, 187 and 219; Brock Nowak, 195 and 145; Anthony Hernandez, 177; and Eric Wagner 243 and 196.

"They did really well like we expected them to," said Coach Lenny Kersten. "The first week was definitely a success. We are on our way. They are coming together as a team. They are cheering each other and helping."

The boys JV team split their points with Nick Treece, Kris Adair, Tyler DeLeary and Evan Farough bowling over 200.

The teams head to Troy on Thursday and host Lake Orion on Tuesday at Cherry Hill Lanes.

-Wendi Reardon



From left, Coach Alan Pittman, Kyle Kirby, Danielle Hopkins, Coach Lenny Kersten and Coach Elanor Hallman. Photo submitted

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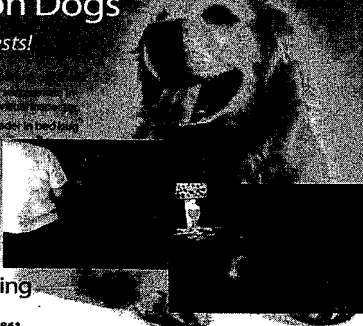
 

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# Success on the ice

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"It was an amazing ride," she said. "The games and playing other countries. It was the whole thing of life lessons. It was an awesome experience."

She added he is knowledgeable about the game.

"It is more than I can shoot a puck really hard and score," Drumm said. "If you watch him play he is always watching around where his players are and where he needs to fill in if someone is out of position. He is smart about the game and plays smart hockey."

Fans in the stands agreed and family members pointed out to watch him - he already knows what he will do with the puck before he gets it.

Polish said what he loves about hockey is hanging out with his teammates and having a bond.

His mom added she has enjoyed him playing hockey because it has taught him a lot of life lessons along the way.

"Hockey is more than just a sport to play for him," Drumm said. "It has a lot of life lessons and a lot of mentoring from the coaches and traveling coaches he had along way. It's been such a good thing for him. It's his life, and he loves it."

"It is also going out there and playing a hard and physical game," he added saying scoring goals is also why he loves hockey.

His personal goals for his junior season is to lead the team and be a leader on and off of the ice, score goals, set up his teammates and be an all around good hockey player.

He explained a good hockey player to him is "someone who back checks and fore checks, isn't afraid to take a hit to make a play, and a real team player doesn't hog the puck and passes it."

Polish said his role models are former Detroit Red Wing Steve Yzerman and current Red Wing Pavil Datsuk.

"They are great leaders on their teams they played for," he added.

For aspiring athletes looking up to Polish and his teammates he advised to not give up and keep following their dreams.

"Work through adversity," he added. "Don't ever take a day off."

He also plays golf in the spring and said hockey and golf are similar.

"Taking a golf swing is like taking a shot," Polish said, adding a difference is golf is less physical.

When he is not playing hockey he is still dedicated to the sport and practicing to get better and weightlifting. He has not decided about college but still has time. He is contemplating going to Michigan State University or Ferris State University. Polish and the Wolves host their Holiday Classic Tournament this Friday and Saturday at Detroit Skating Club.

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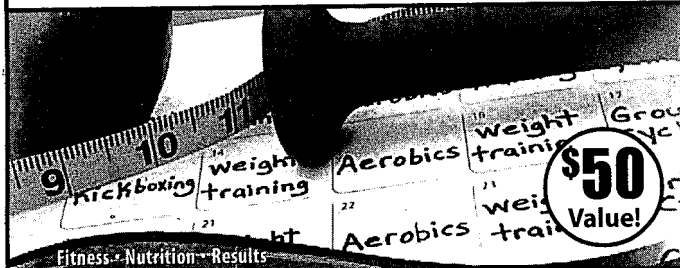
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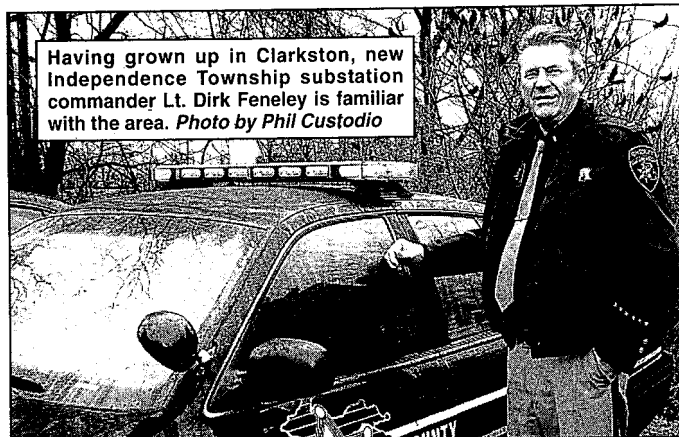


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Having grown up in Clarkston, new Independence Township substation commander Lt. Dirk Feneley is familiar with the area. Photo by Phil Custodio



## Clarkston grad takes reins at Independence substation

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

Lt. Dirk Feneley, new commander of Independence Township Substation, is back in his hometown.

"This is always what I've wanted to do, my whole career," said Feneley, in his 33rd year with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

He grew up in Clarkston, graduating from Clarkston High School in 1974 and joining Independence Township Police Services soon after as a patrolman.

"That was with Chief Jack McCall," Feneley said. "They sent me to the police academy and I joined the department in 1977."

In January 1980, he and the rest of the department were absorbed into Oakland County Sheriff's Department, where he's been ever since.

"I've worked in just about every township the county contracts with," he said.

He worked as a detective and detective sergeant in Independence Township from about 1989-2003, when he was assigned to a special investigations unit at headquarters in Pontiac.

"We worked on high-profile cases, officer shootings, homicides, internal affairs, jail deaths," he said. "It was very interesting, a lot of hours."

Then he was promoted to lieutenant and assigned to Independence.

"I've worked with the people here for years - they're all dedicated to the township," he said. "There's not one here who doesn't give their most to the township. All I have to do is mention a function or something that needs to be covered and someone steps up."

His father, Larry Feneley, is a retired police lieutenant in Pontiac. Dirk Feneley's been married for 35 years to Catherine, and they have a son, Matthew.

"I love living out here," the lieutenant said. "I've always lived here except for a couple years. The people are great. You have everything here that you need."

The township has changed considerably from when he was a patrolman in the 1970s.

"It's grown unbelievably, everything is different," he said. "It's a lot busier than when I started. As a patrolman, I might be the only one on duty in the whole township."

The Sashabaw Road corridor is looking good, he said.

"The businesses there - it's a long-term project that will draw more people here," he said. "We have to grow along with it."

Issues for the substation include public safety, traffic around school buses, and keeping things safe at DTE Music Theater, which he used to patrol when it was Pine Knob.

"I look forward to working with the township board and meeting village council to get to know their wants and needs," Feneley said.

Issues also include recent bomb threats at a Main Street restaurant and junior high, as well as a homemade incendiary device found in a downtown mailbox.

"This is a safe community, but that's not to say it can't happen - something can happen anywhere," he said. "You can research this so easily on the internet. It doesn't take a lot."

They will do what is needed to keep everybody safe, but parents can help by staying involved with their children, knowing here they are and what they're doing, he said.

"Parents, pay attention to what your kids are surfing for on the internet," he said.

Contact the lieutenant at the substation, 6560 Citation Drive, at 248-620-4968 or [feneleyd@oakgov.com](mailto:feneleyd@oakgov.com).

"Call or email anytime with questions," he said.



Township Board meetings and other area events are now available for residents to view on the web, Comcast channels 10 and 20, and on AT&T U-Verse channel 99. Photo by Mary Keck

## Watch Independence TV with a click

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

It isn't just Comcast costumers who can watch Independence Township meetings and events anymore. Independence TV productions can now be viewed on channels 10 and 20 for Comcast costumers and on channel 99 for AT&T U-Verse costumers.

Not only can residents watch the goings on around the township from their living rooms, but anyone with an Internet connection can now tune in too.

"As part of our recent equipment upgrade, one of the things we can now offer is a video on demand service on the Internet," said Cable Access Program Manager Joe Barnhart.

"The service is free to users," he pointed out. "It's available to anyone with an Internet connection whether they have cable television or not, whether they live in the township or not."

With a click of your mouse, township board of trustees, planning commission, zoning board of appeals, and district library board meetings are accessible to anyone to watch within about 48 hours of their recording date. "Every meeting since August is available," Barnhart said.

Like other media players, you can pause videos, increase or decrease the volume, and move forward or backward in time to view a particular section.

Besides watching township meetings and events on

the Internet, accessing Independence TV productions on the web offers other perks.

Those who want updates on when a new video is available can subscribe to get notifications; the site is searchable, and the video can be embedded and shared on social networks like Facebook too.

"I also like that the agenda [is] listed with the video," said Trustee Ron Ritchie.

While watching a meeting or event, users can look to the right of the video, see the agenda, and click on the particular item they are most interested in viewing.

"So, if you don't want to watch two hours and twenty-two minutes to see the ten minutes you really wanted to see, you can jump right to it," said Barnhart.

What's the catch? While the township won't pay a cent for the online service now, around this time next year they'll have to start paying \$3,000 annually if they want to offer on demand web viewing of township meetings and events.

"I hope we get feedback from the public to make additional improvements as we go along," said Ritchie.

At the township board of trustees meeting on Dec. 4, the board had suggestions of their own on how to strengthen the on demand option such as adding a comment function or posting an email address, so viewers know who to contact if they have trouble watching videos. Check out Independence TV on demand at [independencetelevision.pegcentral.com](http://independencetelevision.pegcentral.com).

## City delayed lowering sewer bill

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the Township currently charges the City \$88 per home each quarter. The City does its own billing and charges an extra \$9, which "continues to go into building the sewer fund," said Ritter.

According to Mayor Joe Luginiski, residents will likely never see their rates return to \$57.

"The odds of that happening are zero based on the new rates we are being charged by the township," said Luginiski. "What was thought might happen a few years ago, unfortunately, with changes in the economy and rates and everything else, it just didn't turn out to be that way."

Although the subject of lowering the sewer rates came up in a council meeting on April 9, 2012, city officials did not vote on the matter. During the discussion, Bisio asked Ritter for a timeframe on a decision about the sewer rates to which he answered, "at the end of this month."

"I don't want to rush into a decision on this," said

Luginiski at the meeting. "I want to make sure we look into it."

Since lowering the sewer rates appeared on the council's agenda in April, it has not shown up on any subsequent agendas. Should the city reduce its rates from \$97 as promised?

"That question was never answered," said Bisio.

While letters were sent to residents informing them of the rate increase in 2009, there has been no correspondence with citizens about what they currently pay for sewer.

"The letter that went out [in May 2009] may have misguided a lot of people," said Ritter, whose signature was at the bottom of the correspondence three years ago. "In retrospect, it was worded improperly."

Ritter said he intends to talk the matter over with the City's attorney, and "if a refund is necessary, that's what we'll do," he said.

The next City Council meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the City Hall on Depot Road.

## Obituary

### Marion Linenger, 90

Marion R. Linenger of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Clarkston and East Detroit, passed away Dec. 8, 2012, at age 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul. She was the mother of Richard (Sue), Marilyn (Richard) Morris, James (Theresa) and Robert (Debra); also survived by seven grandchildren, five step grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren.

Scripture service, Thursday, 6 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Thursday from 3-8 p.m. Funeral Mass, Friday, 10:30 a.m. at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, with visitation directly at the church, Friday, 9:30 a.m. until time of mass. Rite of Committal Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to The Pines of Sarasota. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



### John P. Plautz, 69

John P. Plautz, "Butch," of Clarkston passed away Dec. 8, 2012, at 69 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Pat for 48 1/2 years; beloved father of Lori (Brian) Groch, John E. (Tina) Plautz, Brian P. Plautz and Mark (Cheryl) Plautz; dear brother of MaryAnn (the late Sonny) Lochner, Michael (Donna) Plautz, Ceceila Hosner, Frances Delgado, Renee (Archie) Plautz-Taylor, David (Carol) Plautz and the late Earla Laswell; cherished grandfather of John, Jacob, Brooke, Hannah, Nicholas and the late Katie; also survived by his canine companion Zeke.

Butch was an avid golfer. He was the lead vocalist and bassist for the band called El Dorados. John played at Dells Inn, in Waterford, for many years. John also owned his own insurance agency from 1980-2009, and Mr. Plautz also worked alongside his brothers at Crest Homes for 12 years. John served as the treasurer for 10 years and was a committee member for over 20 years for Ducks Unlimited in Clarkston.

Funeral service will be Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, 11 a.m. at Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston, 8909 Dixie Highway. The family will receive friends Wednesday, 4-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to the family. To send a private condolence go to [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries).

### Anne J. Tinning, 80

Anne J. Tinning of Davisburg passed away Dec. 4, 2012, at age 80.

She was preceded in death by her husband John, brother Billy Miller, niece Alison and parents William and Isabella Miller. She was the loving sister of Colin Miller; also survived by her brother in law Fred (Janet) Tinning and their family and sister in law Nancy Miller, and nephews, Billy and Paul and their families. Some of Anne's happiest times were working in the garden.

Funeral Service was Dec. 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Private Inurnment, Roseland Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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**JUNGLE NOISE:** Clarkston fans came out in droves to support the Wolves at their first basketball game of the season. CHS fans had a lot to cheer about when the Wolves scored a 54-48 win against Waterford Mott. Photo by Larry Wright

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First step: Start out with a budget for what you are to spend. Then determine how much you will spend on families, friends, and your immediate family. Be sure to STICK TO IT: Make your spending reasonable and keep track as you go.

### Shelly Says



Second step: Make your list of who, what, and where you're going to find your gift. Be sure to stick to it and keep track.

Third step: There's nothing like the act of giving, so be creative, be thoughtful and have fun buying or creating the perfect gift!

### Shelly Kovach

Sounds easy right? How do we know the etiquette for what to spend on people? Remember this is YOUR budget; spend what is comfortable for you and your family. You can give a meaningful gift without breaking the bank. I recently conducted a survey on Facebook for my friends to give me material to write my article/blog. The question was, "what was the best gift you've ever received and why?" I was trying to get actual gift ideas.

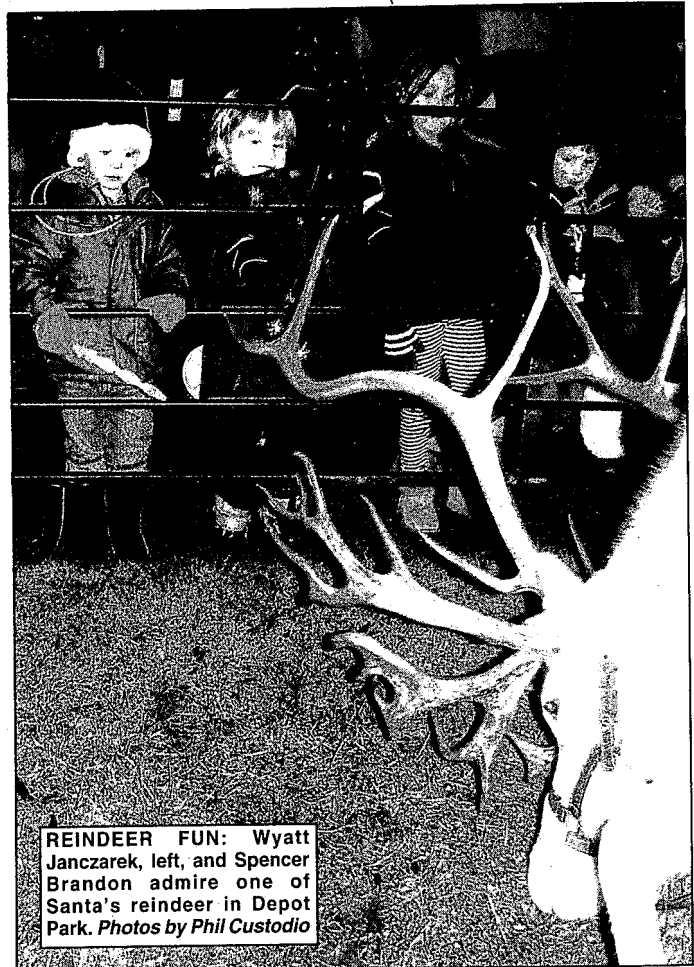
What I learned from this survey is that people liked the homemade gifts, acts of service gifts, gifts where they were personalized.

Let's think about the actual act of giving a gift. Let's ask ourselves, are we giving it because we think we have to? I hope not. Are we giving a gift to show appreciation? To show someone we love them or think they are special? These reasons are good but let's be honest we also give because it's a good feeling. What if we put some thought and effort into our gifts while staying within a budget.

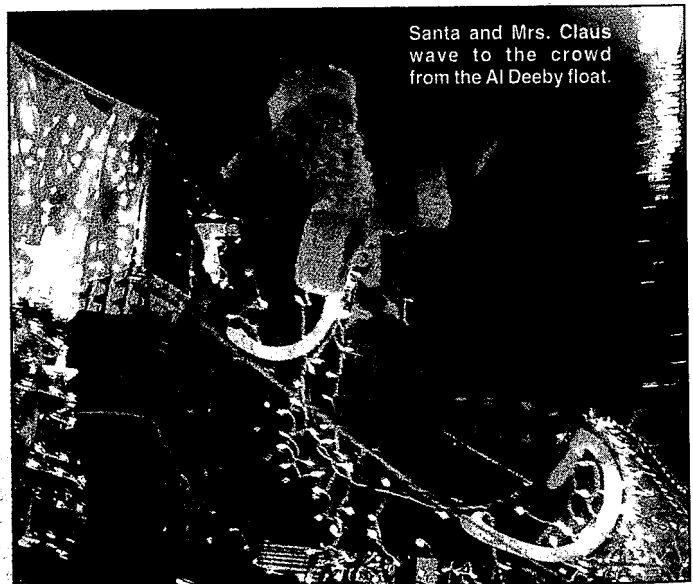
One year I wanted to practice my cartoon drawing, so I bought what my family put on their list, (even though I don't like to buy off their list) the good thing about "their list" is it helps me stay within my budget. I wanted to make it special; I bought white wrapping paper and drew cartoon pictures of the person that the gift was for. This was really fun to do while watching Christmas movies & drinking a hot cocktail; I took my time and really enjoyed doing it.

I didn't use tags; everyone had to find their gift based on their picture on the gift. I have to admit I got really good at cartooning that year. It made it fun and they still talk about that year's gift. I don't even remember what I bought them! I bet they don't either!

*Shelly Kovach is a long time resident of Clarkston offering fashion-advice- solutions for everyday situations.*



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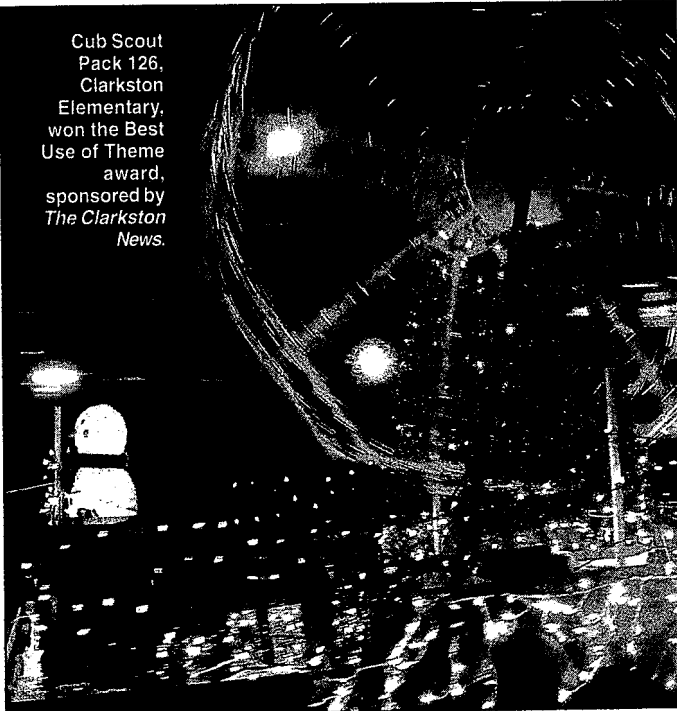
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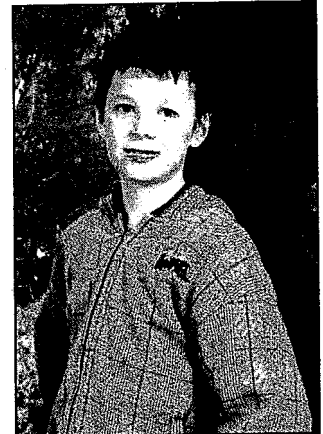
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**LOTS OF 12:** Shaun Keller of White Lake is celebrating his 12th birthday on Dec. 12, 2012. "He was born in 2000, so we knew this would be happening, but it's pretty amazing," said Don Keller, his father. "I don't think it happens very often." Shaun is the son of Don and Tracey Keller of White Lake, and grandson of Bill and Midge Keller of Davisburg. He is a sixth grader at Huron Valley Middle School. *Photo provided*

## Toy donations

Bowman Chevrolet, 6750 Dixie Highway at M-15, is accepting donations for Toys for Tots Lighthouse of Oakland County - Lighthouse Emergency Services until Dec. 21 at noon.

## Oak Hill Road work

Enbridge Energy is set to close Oak Hill Road between Holly Road and Dixie Highway in Springfield Township from Dec. 14-19 to replace a section of petroleum pipeline under the road.

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## What would you like for Christmas?



"A remote control airplane."  
 - Zachary Burman  
 "An American Girl doll."  
 - Abigail Burman, with their mom Stacey Burman



"Crocodile Stompeez (plush toy slippers), wind up airplane, and a pogo stick."  
 - Grayson Swayne, and his mom Danielle Swayne



"A Kindle."  
 - Lisa and Hayley Frick



"American Girl doll."  
 - Anabelle Zielke and her dad Andrew Zielke

By Phil Custodio

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## Clarkston grows Tree of Dreams

A holiday tradition for the Clarkston Wolves Hockey is loading trucks with all the toys gathered during Tree of Dreams.

This year was no different as they loaded the toys to deliver to Neighbor for Neighbor and Lighthouse of Clarkston.

"The boys carried more toys than they ever have," said Wendy Schaffer, one of the sponsors for the event.

Tree of Dreams was started 12 years ago by Jim and Lisa Lucas.

"It started out as guests who came to a holiday party would bring gifts for Toys for Tots," Schaffer explained. "It has transformed into a big event that goes on every year at Deer Lake Athletic Club."

The toys as well as gift cards and monetary donations now go to local charities for children in the area. This year they had over \$40,000 with cash donations, gift cards, toys and money raised from the raffle.

Schaffer added the event has a community feel, not only with the hockey team helping but local restaurants and stores donated gift cards for their raffles.

"Thanks to the community and their support," she said. "Everyone is involved, and it is really fun on top of it."

The first year Schaffer and her husband helped with the event their son, Cole, was on the hockey team.

"We thought it would be fun some big strong boys come in,

take out the toys we all brought, load them on the trucks and take to the organizations," she said.

"It has been a fun thing for everyone to see and for the hockey team to be involved. It is a highlight of our evening to see all the boys come in in their letter jackets and supporting an event like that especially on a Friday night."

For more information about the event, visit [www.treeofdreams.us](http://www.treeofdreams.us) or Tree of Dreams on Facebook.

For more information on the organizations, please call Lighthouse 248-620-6116 or Neighbor for Neighbor at 248-634-0900.

-Wendi Reardon



The Clarkston Hockey team gets ready to load the trucks. Photos provided



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**Ye Olde Madrigal Dinner**, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 14-15, Harvestland Church, 5848 Clintonville Road. Renaissance inspired dinner theater by CHS Vocal Music, catered by Rudy's. \$35. 248-875-7849.

**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.

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**Line Dancing**, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

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**Mothers & More**, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 6:30 p.m., third Monday, Deer Lake Back Court Restaurant, 6167 White Lake Road. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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**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.

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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

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**Slow Flow Yoga** with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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

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**Bingo games**, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway. Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

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# Around Town



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

fore, 248-625-8231.

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

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

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**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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**DivorceCare** facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

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**General Support Group** for anyone with a cancer diagnosis, fourth Thursday, 2-3 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All welcome. 248-625-1326.

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

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

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**Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient**, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

**Fit Club Walks**, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Divine Nutrition, 7743 Sashabaw Road. Free. 248-393-08989 or 248-625-6551.

**Tuesday**

**50+ Pickleball**, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. \$3. Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4.

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

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**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Wednesday**

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

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**Senior volleyball league**, 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, St. Trinity Lutheran Church. Previous experience desired by not required. \$40, through April, trherh7966@comcast.net. 248-625-3881.

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**Women's Cancer Support Group**, second Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

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**CrossTowne Kids' Club**, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Learn about God and Bible through lessons, application, activities, for grades 1-5.

**Thursday**

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

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

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

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

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# Aliaga out for 30 days, will waive pay

BY MARY KECK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Township Trustee Jose Aliaga plans to spend the holidays in Peru. He flew South on Monday and will not be back to Independence Township until Jan. 11.

Aliaga, who hasn't seen his family for a year and a half, said he is most excited about spending the 30 days with his mother and 90-year-old grandmother. It isn't just for pleasure that he's traveling, however.

As the founder of the Aliaga Foundation, he intends to throw a Christmas party for under privileged children in Lima, Peru's capital city.

"The kids will be really happy to see me," he said.

At the event, children will receive donated presents and school supplies. Aliaga will also award scholarships to high school students from his alma mater.

Doctors and students from Michigan State University Medical School are making the trip to Peru too, said Aliaga.

"They're going to the Children's Hospital of Lima to help the kids for free," he explained.

Aliaga hopes to explore the possibility of opening a medical clinic connected to MSU while in Peru as well. He said, he



Trustee Jose Aliaga meets with Lisa Ilitch-Murray at his Aliaga Foundation Benefit dinner, Nov. 28. Photo provided

would like to see the medical clinic host MSU students who can gain experience while offering health care services to needy children in his home country.

"I think it's good for both sides, for [MSU] and for Peru," Aliaga said.

Although Aliaga is looking forward to traveling back home, he realizes that he'll be missing two Township Board meetings while he's gone. As a result, he has agreed

to opt out of his pay for the month.

Trustees are paid \$4,868 annually, \$405 each month. They are compensated \$106 for attending special meetings.

"He'll be missed," said Supervisor Pat Kittle who feels Aliaga's agreement to waive his pay shows integrity. "He asked to be kept informed, and if I know Jose, he'll be on the phone."

Check [www.aliagafoundation.org](http://www.aliagafoundation.org).

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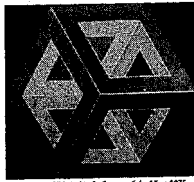
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Important Pair Of Paulanship Bronze Sculptures Lot #106



William Mason Brown Oil Painting On Canvas Lot #101



Alluring Oil Painting On Canvas - Cube # Two 1975 Lot #107



Marc Chagall Lithograph in Color on Wove Paper Titled "Day In May" Lot #100

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## Business notes

Laura Pryor of Clarkston recently joined Brogan & Partners advertising and marketing agency as senior copywriter.

She will be responsible for creative concepts and copy for television, print, radio and digital advertising.

Pryor graduated with a master's degree in English from Oakland University and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The University of Michigan. She has been awarded a Detroit Emmy, a first place Mobius Award and numerous Caddy Awards, among other industry recognitions.



Pryor

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North Oakland Home Health Care of Clarkston was named to the Top 100 of the 2012 HomeCare Elite, a compilation of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States.

Winners are ranked by quality outcomes, process measure implementation, patient experience, quality improvement, and financial performance.

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Mahmoud Gasama of Keller Williams Realty, Clarkston, a certified distressed property expert, recently developed the report "Need a Helping Hand?"

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# Keep golf skills sharp with Marc White

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Winter break can let skills on the links get rusty, but PGA pro Marc L. White can help.

"You can learn a lot indoors," said White, PGA supervisor of instruction at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club who set up shop for the winter at 7151 N. Main Street.

The main studio includes full-swing, chipping, and putting stations, with extra rooms set up for club repair, chipping, and fitness - White is a Titleist Performance Institute certified golf fitness instructor.

"Bob Roth showed me three spaces in this building," White said. "This one is perfect. If I could design my own indoor training studio, I don't know if I could do better."

Nets permit full power swings, and computers, Golf Achiever software, video cameras, and monitors provide a virtual golf simulation.

"It's a tremendous learning tool," he said. "You can see your swing from different angles. It connects what you feel with what's correct."

White has lived in Clarkston since 1998, and has been with the PGA since 1987.

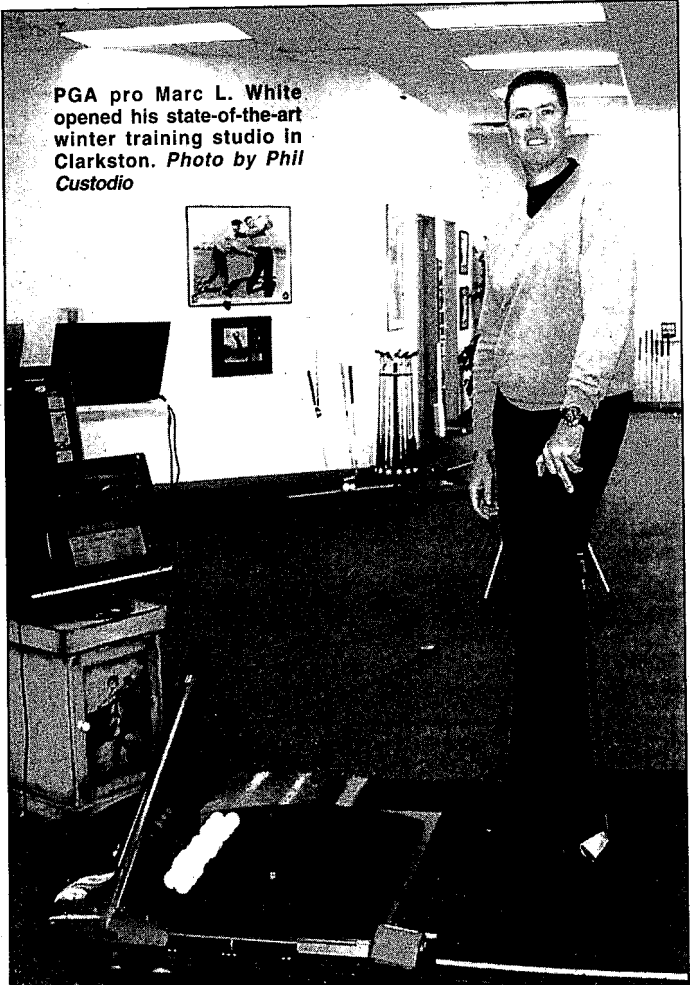
He started playing golf when he was 11 years old.

"I've always been around golf," he said.

He earned a degree in biology at Central Michigan University in 1981. He wanted to work for the DNR, but hiring was slow at the time. Working his way through college at UPS, he was considering a promotion offer when he had an epiphany.

"I was thinking about what I like, what I'm good at, and it came back to golf," he said.

He enrolled in Ferris State's professional golf management program, and took a job at Mt. Pleasant Country Club as an assistant golf professional. That led to the PGA of America's apprentice program and a career as a golf professional.



PGA pro Marc L. White opened his state-of-the-art winter training studio in Clarkston. Photo by Phil Custodio

"I never did go to Ferris," he said. He will work at the N. Main Street location through the winter.

"On May 1 or when the weather breaks, I'll go back to Oakhurst," he said.

He has been supervisor of instruction at Oakhurst for 12 years.

Call 248-891-3321, email [mlwpga@yahoo.com](mailto:mlwpga@yahoo.com), or check [marcwhitegolf.com](http://marcwhitegolf.com).

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# Religion

## Getting ready for Christmas

Christmas is coming! Christmas is coming! Can't you hear it in the voices of children and feel the excitement in the air?

Wait a minute. It's not Christmas yet.

We have so commercialized and secularized Christmas that, by the time it arrives, we are ready to pack away the gifts, take down the tree, put away the decorations and get back to life as normal instead of celebrating the 12 days.

Is that how it should be? It takes time and preparation to be ready to celebrate properly.

Would we marry someone the day we met them? We need to get to know them and spend time getting ready for the big day. Would we build a house for our child to grow up in the day they were born? So, also, we need to prepare, get ready, to celebrate Christmas.

That is what Advent is all about.

Like someone getting ready to welcome a baby into their home, so we prepare to welcome Jesus into our home and into our world at the second advent, the second coming. St. Paul tells us about how the timing for the first coming of Jesus was perfect.

In Galatians 4 he writes, "But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law."

What fullness of time? God's time in His plan. Why did He send His Son? To redeem us, to buy us back from the debt of sin that we could never have paid.

But it took planning and preparation. In Genesis 3:15, "God promises to Adam and Eve that He would send a Savior who would crush the head of the serpent, Satan." The people waited and planned for this fulfillment for hundreds and hundreds of years. The Old Testament prophets spoke of Him.

Then, in Luke 1 the prophet Zechariah is told that he and his wife, Elizabeth, would have a son. They had no children because

Elizabeth was barren, unable to have any children and both of them were advanced in age. But it happens just as the angel says. "This child is to be the forerunner, the one to announce the way and prepare the world for the coming King."

We read later in Luke 1 that Mary, a young virgin woman was told by an angel that she, too, would bear a child. This Child would be the Son of God, conceived by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her betrothed (like our engagement but more seriously understood), thought she was unfaithful until he was assured by an angel that this was not the case.

Wow! That is a lot of angels and a lot of preparing! God did not mind at all. He was preparing for more than His Son's birth. He was preparing for your forgiveness. He was sharing His love with you. He wants you to be in heaven with Him!

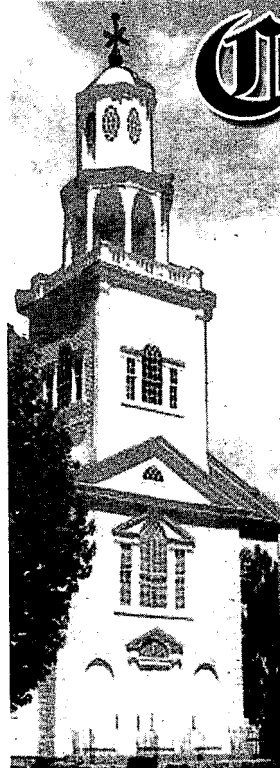
So, Christmas may have to wait, just a little, while we prepare. Happy Advent!

*The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.*

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Pastor Kendall Schaeffer



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# Springfield plans

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Springfield Township heads into the new year with a new three-year budget.

"Revenue is down a little and state share revenue is higher than projected - overall, revenue is up a little," said Supervisor Collin Walls. "The board continues to be a good group, individuals working for the common good with the ability to work together. We've worked together before. We're lucky. There's little to no politics, we work hard to work together."

Budget projections are based on revenue increasing by three percent in 2014 and another three percent in 2015.

"We're very comfortable with 2014," he said. "For 2015, we're still comfortable but it's far enough away, it's hard to tell in this economy."

## Springfield Township budget

### Revenue

2012 - \$2,128,700  
2013 - \$1,998,800  
2014 - \$1,819,400  
2015 - \$1,835,400

### Expenses

2012 - \$2,107,150  
2013 - \$1,998,880  
2014 - \$1,819,345  
2015 - \$1,781,480

are coming in. People are talking about possibilities."

The board plans to review Dixie Highway renovation plans from 2010, he said.

"We'll look at sanitary sewer systems and the impacts of options and various development potentials," he said. "Storm water, sanitary, water service for fire could allow development and impact land use decisions."

He won't automatically be in favor of new development, however.

"SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) population projection over the next 40 years for this community is stagnant, mostly," he said. "We shouldn't keep building throwaway complexes and infrastructure."

Long-term projects also include replacement or upgrade of fire station one, and replacement of an old fire truck.

"Next year we'll have a vehicle that's 20 years old," he said. "We'll save up for that. You can't just reach into your pocket to replace something like that."

The Township Board meets Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m., at Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Road.



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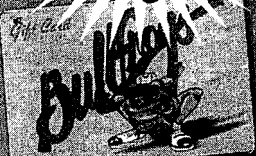
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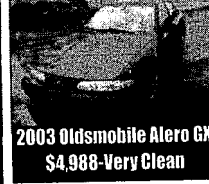
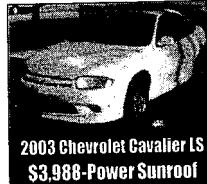
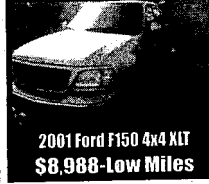
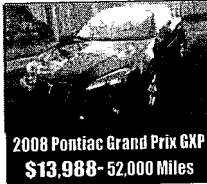
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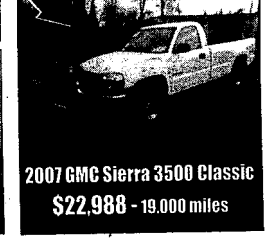
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# Charter expansion not needed locally, officials say

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payers' money. They fail to understand the problem. Politicians continue to apply simple solutions to complex problems. A governor-appointed chancellor sounds great. But now it will just perpetuate the failure of these students from the state level. Without quality measures, accountability, and laws that govern public schools, what do we know if they are being successful? It's nonsensical, local communities should be supported to turn around their schools."

If Senate Bill 1358 and House Bill 6004 are passed, neither the state superintendent nor Michigan Board of Education would oversee it, said Oakland Schools Superintendent Dr. Vickie Markavitch at an informational public meeting at Clarkston Junior High School, Dec. 4.

The bills will create a separate and state-wide school district overseen by a governor-appointed chancellor.

Michael Van Beek, director of education policy for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy, pointed out it is already in operation with an agreement between Detroit Public Schools and Eastern Michigan University.

"Its operational goal or mission is to take over the worst performing schools in the state and run those schools," he said. "Right now it is operating 15 schools that are amongst the lowest schools in the state

—all in Detroit. The idea is it will eventually take control of more schools in the lower five percent of schools in the state."

He added the bill had additional provisions in it beyond the EAA. One would require school districts to maintain a list of their empty buildings and have to maintain the buildings to keep them school ready.

"I think that portion of it was thought of being threatening to local districts, that the EAA could come into their districts and take over the operation of one of the school buildings," Van Beek said. "From my understanding, that provision has been taken out of the bill as it exists now."

Van Beek hasn't seen a lot of movement on House Bill 5923 but does see the bill making a local impact.

"If students choose and parents choose to enroll them in the new form of school instead of their local district school, it could have an impact," he said.

But he expects no impact, explaining most parents are happy with the school districts their children are in and will stay where they are.

"House Bill 5923 could have the potential to create more options," he added.

Van Beek also explained, in order for a charter or virtual school to come to a school district, three things would have to happen.

The first step is local interest in running

a charter or virtual school.

"Then, someone authorizing that type of school like a local university or school district," he added. "Third, there has to be parents who are interested, to enroll their kids in that school. All three needs to happen."

Markavitch pointed out during the informational meeting, the charter schools can specify who they want to serve and students could be selected by test scores, ethnicity, gender, as well as sponsored by municipalities, employers and cultural organizations.

"It is un-American," she stated, adding it was a separation of students, creating discrimination among students and taking money away from public schools. "It's not a choice for all. It's not equal access. How will this help reduce the achievement gaps?"

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### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### SYNOPSIS

#### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

#### DECEMBER 4, 2012

- A. A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Aliaga, Brown, Kittle, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Ritchie, Schroeder

Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Joe Barnhart, Cable Access Program Manager; Susan Hendricks, Finance Director

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented

E. CLOSED SESSION: None requested

F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Wauldron, Holiday Parade and Shoes for Tots

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Presentation: Independence Television On-line Video Presentation (Joe Barnhart, Cable Access Program Manager)

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of 2013-2015 Law Enforcement Services Agreement with Oakland County Sheriff's Office

2. Request to Restore Budgetary Responsibilities to Township Supervisor - Removed

3. Approval of Budget Amendment for Elections

4. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run in the Amount of \$588,862.42

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Request to Restore Budgetary Responsibilities to Township Supervisor

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Amended 2013 General Appropriations Act Resolution

2. Approval of Request to Update Internal Cash Control Policies

3. Approval of Request to Establish an Asset Disposal Committee

4. Acceptance of Supervisor's Waiver of Benefits

5. Approval to Elevate Part-Time Office Assistant Position to Administrative Assistant for Supervisor's Office

N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Board members discussed various topics

O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: Area Agency on the Aging - Barb Rollin Senior Coordinator

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 8: 28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, December 12, 2012

"As school funding is diluted to charters and corporations, public school districts will see decreases," said Rock. "As a result, I would expect fewer people to desire the teaching profession. Teachers and other school employees are the heartbeats of our schools. They are our coaches, band directors, mentors, and inspirations. We have to do all we can to continue to attract excellent people into the education profession."

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Estate of Jill S. Van Fliteren a/k/a Van Fliteren

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Respectfully Submitted,

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**GRINCH ON ICE:** From left are Clarkston skaters Madison Dryden, Erica Murrell, and Isabel Holloway in costume for "The Grinch on Ice," Dec. 10 at Lakeland Arena in Waterford. Dryden played the Grinch's Heart, Murrell was Cindy Lou Who, and Holloway was the Little Grinch. Photo provided

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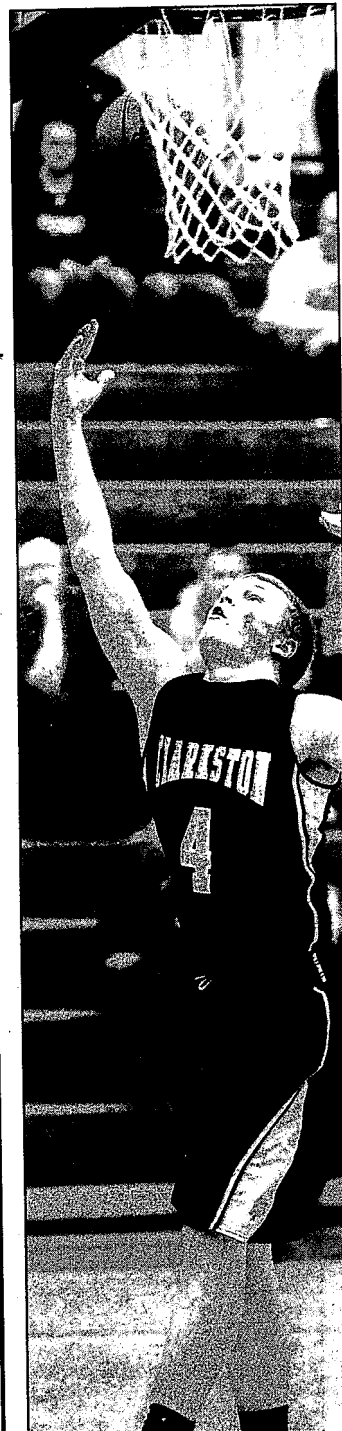
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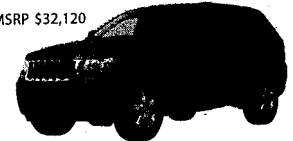
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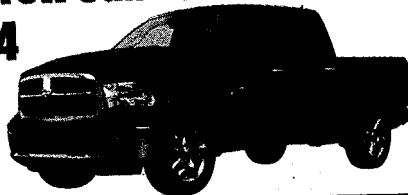
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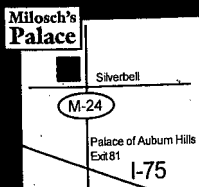
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# Clarkston High School Sports Winter Preview Wed, Dec. 12, 2012



The Varsity Boys Basketball team. Photo by VSN

## Clarkston Cagers start season with a twist

Dan Fife begins his 30th season as head coach for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team facing a new challenge - four injuries.

"I have never started a season with four kids hurt," he said. "I am excited to see how our kids respond. They are Clarkston kids and it is a great opportunity for them and a great experience."

Senior forward Jordan Dasuqi, who recently signed to Lake Superior State University, is one of the four starters injured. Seniors Chance Huth, guard; Nathan Yeloushan, forward; and Dylan Hancock, forward, also start the season injured.

Fife said four of his starters are out, but no one will be feeling sorry for Clarkston.

"Like they said in 'Hoosiers', this is my team and we will do the best we can," he said. "I am excited for the kids and it is exciting for me."

"We have players who want to learn

right now and who are really excited for the opportunity to play," said Dasuqi. "We will be full of energy."

It is also a rebuilding year for the team after they lost eight seniors last year. Fife added the team has new talented players with less varsity experience.

"As the season goes on we will get better as the kids grow, mature and understand the speed and intensity of the game," he said.

The Wolves continue their battle in the tough OAA Red and the teams look ready to go.

Southfield-Lathrup has two returners and they are ready," Fife said. "They have probably the best player in the league. North Farmington has a great sophomore coming up. Pontiac is always good."

The strengths of the team are still being determined as they get their feet wet with their first month of games, though scrim-

mages helped the coaches a lot about each player and what they need to work on.

"Our strength is these kids want to live up to the legacy," said Fife. "They are taking ownership and want to be just like the teams they have watched. When you have teams that won a lot of games, there is the expectation of winning."

Dasuqi, Hancock, Huth and Yeloushan, sophomore guard Andrew Myers and junior guard Nick Owens are also returning with Dasuqi, Hancock, Huth and Yeloushan.

New to the team are senior forward Blake Sutherland, junior center Michael Nicholson, junior guards Alex Trim, Press Kampe, junior forwards Andrew Swanson, sophomore center Cole Chewins, sophomore guards Merrick Canada, Mason Vires, Dayton Wallis, and sophomore forward Adam Kline.

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### 2012-2013 Schedule

- Dec. 18, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Rochester Adams
- Dec. 21, Fri., 7 p.m. at Troy
- Jan. 4, Fri., TBA p.m. at Lake Orion
- Jan. 11, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. West Bloomfield
- Jan. 15, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Pontiac
- Jan. 18, Fri., 4 p.m. at Southfield
- Jan. 22, Tues., 7 p.m. at Oxford
- Jan. 25, Fri., 7 p.m. at North Farmington
- Jan. 29, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Southfield-Lathrup
- Feb. 5, Tues., TBA at Carman-Ainsworth
- Feb. 8, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Troy
- Feb. 12, Tues., 7 p.m. at West Bloomfield
- Feb. 15, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Southfield
- Feb. 19, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Flint Northern
- Feb. 22, Fri., TBA at Pontiac
- Feb. 26, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. North Farmington
- Feb. 28, Thurs., 4 p.m. at Southfield-Lathrup
- March 4, 6, 8, TBA MHSAA District at Lake Orion
- March 11, 13, TBA MHSAA Regional at West Bloomfield
- March 19, TBA MHSAA Quarterfinal at Mercy
- March 21, 22, TBA MHSAA Semi-Final at Breslin
- March 23, TBA MHSAA Final at Breslin

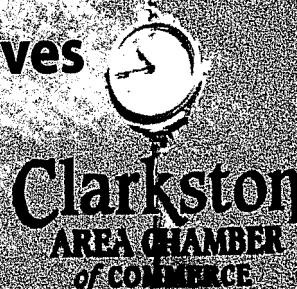
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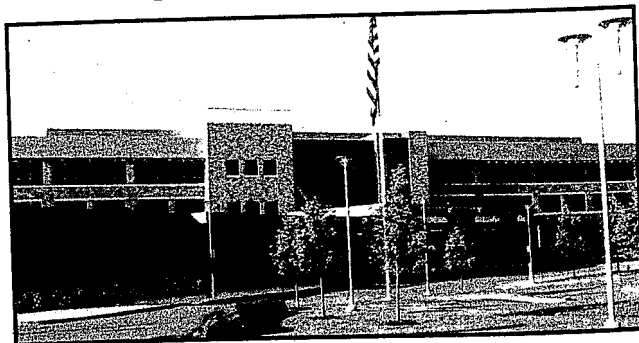


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- Andover/Cranbrook

Jan. 15, 16, 4:30  
p.m. Slalom/Giant  
Slalom - Rochester/  
Notre Dame Prep

Jan. 23, 24, 4:30  
p.m. Slalom/Giant  
Slalom - Waterford/  
Rochester Adams

Jan. 28, Mon., 9 a.m.  
Traverse City Central  
Invite

Jan. 28, Mon., TBA  
Lake Orion Invite at  
Mt. Holly

Jan. 29, 30, 4:30  
p.m. Slalom/Giant -  
Lahser/Lake Orion

Feb. 6, Wed., 4:30  
p.m. Slalom Divi-  
sional

Feb. 7, Thurs., 4:30  
p.m. Giant Slalom  
Divisional

Feb. 14, 15, TBA  
MHSAA Regionals  
Feb. 25, Mon., TBA  
MHSAA Finals



The Clarkston Boys Ski team is freshmen John Bland, Brett Cooper, Robert Dixon, James Haven, Jack Muhleck, Brandon Imirowicz, Jacob Shook, Reis Weidemann; sophomores Peter Gustafson, James Klein, Luke Smoger, Derek Vantallie; juniors Ryan Callahan, Ben Schuster, Nick Smart; seniors Lance Holsbeke and Alex McIntosh.



The Clarkston Girls Ski Team is freshman Amanda Casetti; sophomores Madeleine Declercq, Megan Gasser, Lauren Martin, Natasha Oldford, Caroline Spytman; juniors Arianna Cross, captain Karoline Holsbeke, Jessica Mosler and Suvhaun Sera. Photos by Wendi Reardon

# Mountain reign

Every day more snow is added to the hill at Pine Knob Ski Resort and the racers from the Clarkston Ski teams are anticipating a great season.

"The season looks pretty good," said senior Alex McIntosh. "We have been working out and training, lifting weights and getting ready for the season. We just got back from a training camp in Colorado for a week. We are prepared."

McIntosh and his teammates are aiming to repeat last season's success and bring home their second consecutive state championship.

"We have to live up to what we did last year," added junior Ryan Callahan. "There are teams gunning for the state championship."

The team lost one senior from last year's team and have seven freshman to aid them to get to the state finals.

"It is going to be really fun," smiled freshman Reis Weidemann. "We are going to do really good this year. It will be a good experience."

They will start with their first goal to be undefeated in the Southeastern Michigan Ski League.

"We always have a really good division," said boys coach Mike Foyteck. "Out of the whole state the Pine Knob division always has good competition and good teams that come out of there."

For the state competition they have to keep their eyes on Marquette and the schools

in Traverse City.

The girls team finished in fifth place in the state finals and are determined to finish stronger.

"We had falls," captain Karoline Holsbeke explained. "We didn't do perfectly as individuals. I think we will do better this year."

Clarkston Girls Ski Coach John Sych added an advantage for the team is it's a young team with a roster mainly of sophomores and juniors.

"We had a big freshman class last year and they all returned this year," he added. "The advantage is they've got a tremendous amount of experience last year. They all came up through junior development programs at Pine Knob. We have a wealth of experience in racers. They are all confident, which is really good. Nothing scares them. It's a good thing. They approach races with confidence and a lot of solid focus."

A goal for the Lady Wolves is also to be undefeated in the SEMSL and the teams they face are solid.

The teams open their season on Jan. 9 against Andover and Cranbrook.

"The Clarkston ski team is successful because we try to have as much fun with a sport we love the most," said sophomore Derek Vantallie. "It is so easy when you have great coaches and teammates surrounding you with positive vibes."

-Wendi Reardon



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The Clarkston Girls Bowling team, top row from left, Coach Elanor Hallman, Chelsea Turk, Victoria Wolfgang, Jessica Benedict, Sophie Hubble; front row, Danielle Hopkins, Theresa Horowitz and Hailey Paull. Not pictured Katie McMorran. Photos by Wendi Reardon



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team, top row from left, Coach Alan Pittman, Brock Nowak, Kyle Kirby, Jacob Kersten, Coach Lenny Kersten; front row, Anthony Hernandez, Eric Wagner and Timothy Cuthrell.

## Leading with strikes on the lanes

The Wolves Bowling teams are back with a mix of returners and newcomers to help them in the winter season.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling have three returners, Anthony Hernandez, Kyle Kirby and Eric Wagner, and are adding Brock Nowak who was on JV last year, and two freshmen, Timothy Cuthrell and Jacob Kersten.

"We had a good team last year but we will exceed expectations this year," said Coach Lenny Kersten. "Most were bowling since they were young and came up through the youth leagues at Cherry Hills. Not only does it mean they are good bowlers but they developed friendships. On Saturday mornings you come up here and they are all bowling together."

They are trying to succeed in more tournaments this season along with winning the OAA league title once again for the second consecutive year.

"The league is going to be strong," said Kersten. "Our competition as always is Lake Orion that's how we look at it. It's not only a rivalry in football and basketball but even in bowling. They look forward to bowling each other. The

teams are pretty well developed."

The girls have three returners, Sophie Hubble, Chelsea Turk, and Danielle Hopkins. They are adding five new bowlers this season, Hailey Paull, Victoria Wolfgang, Theresa Horowitz, Jessica Benedict, and Katie McMorran.

"The girls team will be presented really well this year," said Kersten. "We are looking for real good things out of them this year and they should be real competitive."

They are also looking to be the top of their league and expect their opponents to be competitive.

"Having three girls return from last year helps," Kersten added. "They have the experience. They have been there and done it. It is always a huge advantage."

The teams have their first home meet against Lake Orion on Dec. 18. All games are played at Cherry Hill North.

"This year will be big," said Kersten. "We have great teams. I am looking forward to us being bigger and better than we were last year."

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### Varsity Boys and Girls 2012-2013 Schedule

Dec. 13, Thurs, 3:30 p.m. at Troy  
Dec. 17, Mon., 3:30 p.m. at Troy-Athens  
Dec. 18, Tues., 3:30 p.m. vs. Lake Orion  
Jan. 7, Mon., 3:30 p.m. vs. Berkley  
Jan. 10, Thurs., 3:30 p.m. vs. Harrison  
Jan. 11, Fri., 3:30 p.m. at Hazel Park  
Jan. 14, Mon., 3:30 p.m. at Ferndale  
Jan. 17, Thurs., 3:30 p.m. at North Farmington  
Jan. 19, Sat., Boys at Oakland County Meet  
Jan. 20, Sun., Girls at Oakland County Meet

Jan. 22, Tues., 3:30 p.m. vs. Royal Oak  
Jan. 24, Thurs., 3:30 p.m. at Oxford  
Jan. 29, Tues., 3:30 p.m. vs. Troy-Athens  
Jan. 31, Thurs., 3:30 p.m. vs. Troy  
Feb. 4, Mon., 3:30 p.m. at Lake Orion  
Feb. 9, Sat., OAA Districts at Thunderbird Lanes  
Feb. 23, Sat., MHSAA Regionals  
March 2, Sat., TBA MHSAA State Finals



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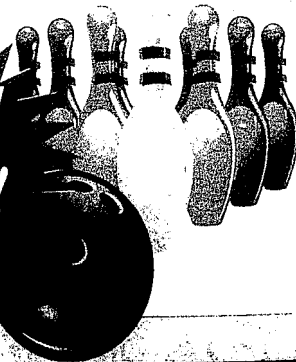
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The Clarkston Varsity Girls Basketball team. Photo by VSN

## 2012-2013 Schedule

Dec. 14, Fri. 7 p.m. at Troy  
 Dec. 20, Thurs. 7 p.m. vs. Stoney Creek  
 Jan. 4, Fri. 7:30 p.m. at Stevenson  
 Jan. 8, Tues. 7 p.m. vs. North Farmington  
 Jan. 11, Fri. 7 p.m. at Southfield-Lathrup  
 Jan. 14, Mon. 7 p.m. at Carman-Ainsworth  
 Jan. 17, Thurs. 7 p.m. vs. West Bloomfield  
 Jan. 22, Tues. 7 p.m. at Pontiac  
 Jan. 25, Fri. TBA at Avondale  
 Jan. 31, Thurs. 7 p.m. vs. Troy  
 Feb. 5, Tues. 7 p.m. at Stoney Creek  
 Feb. 8, Fri. 7 p.m. at North Farmington  
 Feb. 12, Tues. 8 p.m. vs. Huron  
 Feb. 14, Thurs. 7 p.m. vs. Southfield-Lathrup  
 Feb. 19, Tues. 7 p.m. at West Bloomfield  
 Feb. 21, Thurs. 7 p.m. vs. Pontiac  
 Feb. 25, 27, March 1, TBA MHSAA Districts at Oxford  
 March 5, 7, TBA MHSAA Regionals at Waterford Kettering  
 March 12, TBA MHSAA Quarterfinal at Mercy  
 March 14, 15, TBA MHSAA Semi-Final at Breslin  
 March 16, TBA MHSAA Final at Breslin

## Lady Wolves defense to lead to court reign

The Lady Wolves are itching for a successful season as they did last year and will take it one game at a time to get there.

"We have talented kids and they are working hard," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Girls Basketball team. "I am excited to see them step into their new roles. Some have been waiting to play."

The team lost six seniors from last year and have experienced returners coming back. It was one of his biggest concerns as he tried replacing four of his starters from last year.

"With our eight returners you can see the extra year underneath their belt," said Wasilk. "They understand the system and have become leaders for the newcomers. They get things going at practice and they understand the game and what we need from

them."

The team has five new players this year and they are finding out the difference quickly about their role and the quicker pace of the game on the varsity level.

"It is a big thing to understand within the first few weeks," added Wasilk. "They are doing a nice job. Hopefully as we continue to move along through Christmas, they will start to pick up."

Senior guard Delaney Kenny returns for her fourth and final season before she heads to Northwood University for college basketball and added so far the season looks good.

"We are all working really hard," she said. "We all have good chemistry already. You can tell we are going to have more chemistry as the year goes on."

One of the goals for the season is getting the players to fit into their roles. It includes getting them to play defensively and get used to the jump from their last season's eighth grade, freshman or JV team.

"We will win games with our defense," said Kenny. "Clarkston Basketball prides themselves on their defense, that is what we will work on first."

She added they will play the best they can and will go from there to see what they need to do for the season.

For games, the OAA looks as competitive as it does every year, with eight teams in the league and they will continue to not overlook any of their competition. Wasilk noted a lot of the teams are young.

"I don't think we are young," he added. "It's the on-court experience we don't have."



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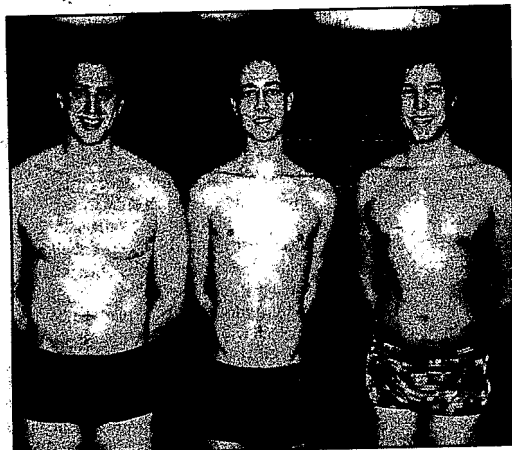


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Clarkston High School Varsity Swim team, seniors Eric Misteravich, Landon Halloway, Joe Ottenbaker, and Mitch Allen, diver; juniors Allen Gray, David Keer, Mitch Mcclouth, Matt Zurek, Ryan Geisler, Mitch Tozer, Joe Zendejas, diver, and Brian Lorimer, diver; sophomores Christian Keer, Mike Flory, Dalton Pokley, Jake Topham, James McGinty, Jake Lewelling, Patrick McGinty; and freshmen Andrew Vassilkos, Matthew Culver, Mitchell Biggs, Jack Bacon, Josh Kuczera, Isaac Keer, Alejandro Cordoba, James Nelson, and Ian Benson, diver.



From left, seniors Eric Misteravich, Joe Ottenbaker, and Landon Halloway, and Mitch Allen, not pictured, are ready to lead the team this year.

## Swim team young but ready to compete

Clarkston High School Varsity Swim Coach Kenwyn Chock expects at least a league win this year.

"And to send relays and individuals to states," Chock said during the swim team's first week of practice. "They're working hard."

With only three seniors on a team of 28, they will compete in Division 2, Blue, in OAA.

"Last year we lost some state swimmers, but they should be competitive," the coach said. "There's a large freshmen class, with eight freshmen, a nice group with some potential state swimmers."

Team captain Eric Misteravich is a senior and the team's only returning state swimmer.

"Eric is a good leader," Chock said. "He's excited to make captain this year. He's looking forward to it. The other swimmers look up to him. He's a strong leader in and out of the pool, a good role model for the first-year swimmers."

## 2012-2013 Schedule

- Dec. 13, Thurs. 6 p.m., vs. Oxford
- Dec. 18, Tues. 6 p.m., vs. Royal Oak
- Dec. 20, Thurs. 8 p.m., vs. Avondale
- Jan. 10, Thurs. TBA, at Adams
- Jan. 17, Thurs. 6 p.m., vs. Stoney Creek
- Jan. 24, Thurs. TBS, at Rochester
- Jan. 29, Tues. 6 p.m., vs. Andover
- Feb. 2, Sat. TBA, at Oakland Co Meet
- Feb. 7, Thurs. TBA, at West Bloomfield
- Feb. 20, Wed. TBA, at OAA Prelims, W. Bloomfield
- Feb. 21, Thurs. TBA, at OAA Diving, W. Bloomfield
- Feb. 22, Fri. TBA, at OAA Championship, W. Bloomfield
- March 5, Tues. TBA, at MHSAA Dive Regional
- March 8, Fri. TBA, at MHSAA Prelims
- March 9, Sat. TBA, at MHSAA Finals

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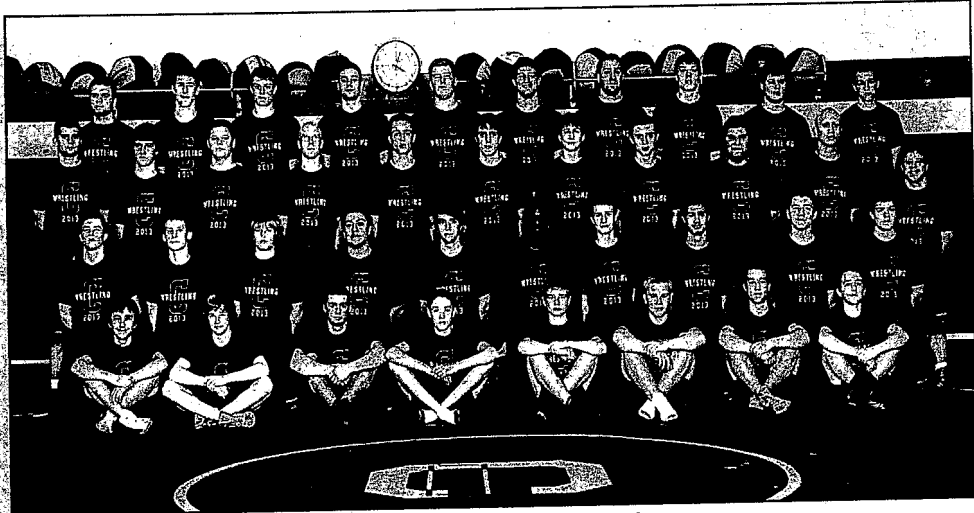
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## 2012-2013 Schedule

Dec. 5, Wed.: 5:30 p.m. vs Lapeer West and Grand Blanc  
 Dec. 6, Sat.: 9 a.m. Rocket Duels at Westland  
 Dec. 15, Sat.: 9 a.m. Horn Memorial at Holland  
 Dec. 21, Fri.: 4 p.m. Oakland County Tournament at Lake Orion  
 Dec. 22, Sat.: TBA Oakland County Tournament at Lake Orion  
 Dec. 29, Sat.: 9:30 a.m. Goodrich Tournament of Champions  
 Jan. 5, Sat.: 9:30 a.m. Manning Vieau Invite at Brighton  
 Jan. 9, Wed.: TBA Lake Orion and Harrison Double Dual at Harrison  
 Jan. 12, Sat.: 10 a.m. Catholic Central Super Duels  
 Jan. 16, Wed.: TBA Rochester Adams and Seaholm Double Dual at Adams  
 Jan. 23, Wed.: 5:30 p.m. Rochester and Oxford Double Dual at home  
 Jan. 30, Wed.: TBA Stoney Creek and Sterling Heights Double Dual at Lake Orion  
 Feb. 2, Sat.: 9 a.m. OAA League at TBD  
 Feb. 6, Wed.: TBA MHSAA Team Districts  
 Feb. 9, Sat.: TBA MHSAA Individual Districts  
 Feb. 13, Wed.: TBA MHSAA Team Regionals  
 Feb. 16, Sat.: MHSAA Individual Regionals  
 Feb. 22, 23, TBA MHSAA Team Finals at Battle Creek  
 Feb. 28 - March 2, TBA MHSAA Individual Finals at Palace of Auburn Hills

The 2012-2013 roster includes freshmen Marvin Chambers, Nolan Enksen, Nathan Hayes, Sean Lucas, Jaylen Martin, Kyle Masters, Mitchell Nelson, Gavin Pelle, Kyle Seibert, Harley Susalita III, Nathan Truitt, Trevor Ulrich, Nathan Vandermeer, sophomores Lucas Brandel, Josh Cohoon, Devon Landry, Zachary Lenoczky, Ross Manssur, Brian Mendiola, Kasimir Waitkus, Bryce Witherspoon, Christopher Immer, Scott Shelton, juniors Mark Bosnac, Jake Dionne, Foltz, Stevan Franco, Greg Miller, Connor Ryan, Tyler Slating, seniors Chris Calvano, Mike Cardinale, Julio Dominguez, Cal Heady, Adam Myers, Luis Reyes, Grant Ulrich, Nick Vandermeer and Matt Wright.



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

# Wolves pinning for takedown

Grapplers are unrolling the mats for the winter season and looking ahead to great competition from their rivals.

"The season look good," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "We are going to have a good year. We have a lot of seniors coming back. Plus we are going to have a lot of other guys coming in with a lot of potential."

He added this season will be more competitive as they go against the state powerhouses.

"We will have an even lineup," said Moscovic. "Everyone will have a good shot of winning each match."

He pointed out it comes from having more experience throughout the entire lineup and being more prepared.

Returning seniors to help lead the team to success are Chris Calvano, Mike Cardinale, Cal Heady, Adam Myers, Grant Ulrich, Nick Vandermeer and Matt Wright.

"We have a great set of senior leadership

this year that I am really proud of," Moscovic added. "From the kids starting every week to the kids who aren't starting every week, I can walk out of the room and our senior leaders are something to be proud of. They are great young men."

Vandermeer and Calvano finished last year at the MHSAA Individual State Finals as All-Staters - a goal for every wrestler to achieve as they go through the season.

"They are both good role models and great leaders," said Moscovic. "They are a little different in the way they lead. Chris is more quiet and Nick is a little more laugh and takes things light hearted. When the whistle blows they are both extremely competitive. That kind of attitude is good for all kinds of kids. They can relate to both of them to see how successful they have been and also see how they work in the room."

Also returning are juniors Jake Dionne, Bret Foltz, Greg Miller, Cameron Wilkie, and sophomore Josh Cohoon.

Moscovic said it looks like a good season with extremely tough competition in the OAA league, as always.

"We have Oxford, Rochester and Clarkston all ranked high in the state," he added. "You are looking at some of the best kids in the state in our league. It is something to be proud of. All of the coaches are working extremely hard to get these teams prepared."

Preparing leads to the ultimate goal of building a successful program and having great meets to be proud of during the season.

Before getting to the ultimate goal, Moscovic added the team's first goal is to get better every week. As they get better they will set different goals for each upcoming challenge.

"One goal one week is to win our dual meets. One goal to win a tournament," he said. "We take it one week at a time, like eating one piece of the pie at a time."

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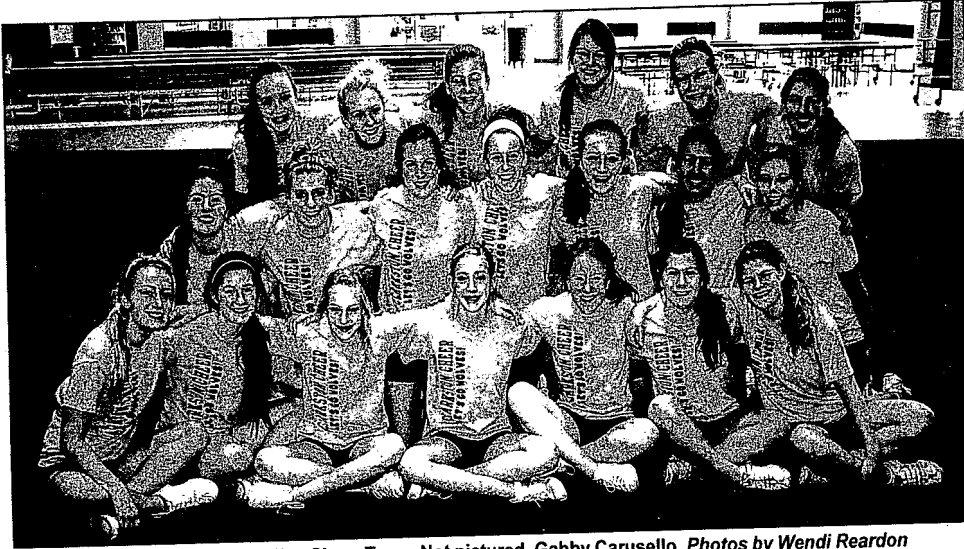
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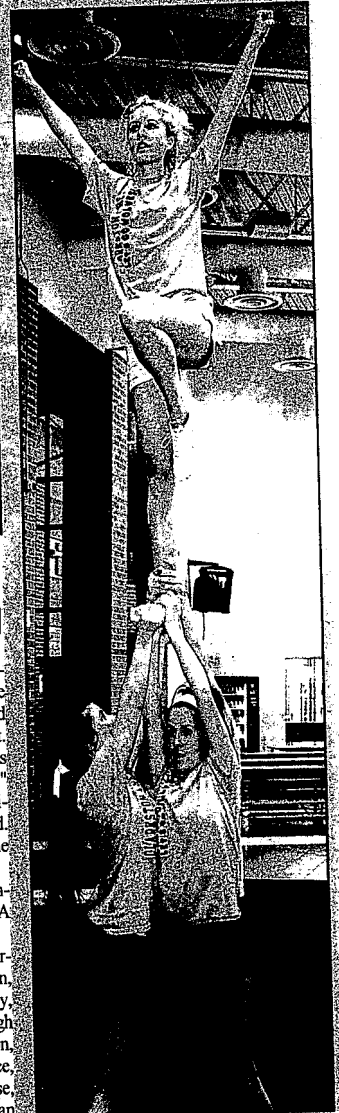
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The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer Team. Not pictured, Gabby Carusello. Photos by Wendi Reardon



The Lady Wolves practice

### 2012-2013 Schedule

- Dec. 15, Sat., CCCAM Scholarship Invite at Brandon
- Jan. 5, Sat., Bronco Bash at Holly
- Jan. 9, Wed., OAA League Meet #1 at Hazel Park
- Jan. 12, Sat., Linden Invite at Linden
- Jan. 19, Sat., Davison Invite at Davison
- Jan. 23, Wed., OAA League Meet #2 at West Bloomfield
- Jan. 26, Sat., Bobcat Cheer Classic at Grand Blanc
- Feb. 2, Sat., OAA League Meet #3 at Troy Athens
- Feb. 9, Sat., North Farmington Invite at North Farmington
- Feb. 15, 16, TBA MHSAA Districts
- Feb. 23, Sat., TBA MHSAA Regionals
- March 1, 2, TBA MHSAA Finals

The Lady Wolves also cheer the boys basketball team during every home. Please see page 1 for the basketball schedule.

## Tumbling into an exciting season

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team is preparing for their first meet and ready for their winter season.

"It is looking really good," said Coach Beth Ann Markey. "A lot of the girls have competed before. I have five freshman who have not done high school competitive cheer but they have in junior high and middle school."

The strengths of the team lie within their tumbling and strong centers as well as the drive to do their very best.

"We have been working really hard to create a vision for this season," said Markey. "A lot of it is based on giving 110 percent, letting past seasons go and looking forward to achieve the goals to work together as a team and do well in competition."

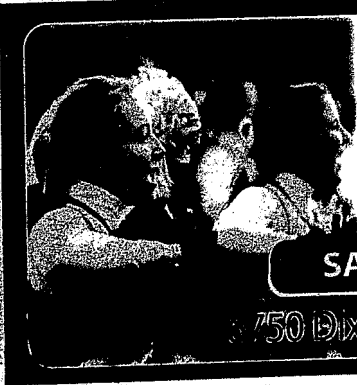
She added they are really focused on their vision and having fun at the same time. They also created a list of expectations for themselves and their teammates for the year.

The schedule this year includes competing 10 times including districts. The league meet is divided into three meets scheduled for Jan. 9 and 23 and Feb. 2 for the final meet.

"We are looking forward to league meets because we'll go against teams at our level," Markey added. "It is an ongoing competition and the scores are all totaled at the end. It's having three great days to place in the league. It is exciting that way."

The Lady Wolves look forward to competing against Lake Orion in the MHSAA Districts and the Davison Invite, Jan. 19.

The Clarkston Competitive Cheer is Jordan Ames, Lexi Anastasi, Brianna Callahan, Gabby Carusello, Jennife Checkowsky, Rachel Christensen, Katie Clements, Kayleigh Goodrich, Courtney Kennedy, Haley Layson, Kaitlyn Milano, Paige Morrison, Tyler Pearce, Alyse Richards, Rachel Rooks, Alexis Rouse, Lauren Scott, Katheryn Sullivan, Megan Sullivan, Hannah Wilson and Shelby Weiler.



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The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pon team is, bottom row from left to right, Anna Wozniak, McKenna Bachusz, Paige Lucas, Marissa Van Horn, Claire Foley; middle row, Gina Garvagalia, Tara Mecham, Gillian Ward, Allison Lindsey, Bridget Lindsey, Lyndsey Bice; top row, Coach Emily Grammatico, Jessica Poland, Jillian Buttino, Katie Gipe, Mackenzie Boston, Katlyn Smith, Kristen Collins, Megan Vondette, Kelly Piscoink, Kaeleigh Baran, Jenna Cruz and Sam Steger. Not pictured, Sydney Foley. Photo provided

## Dancing to their own beat in the winter season

The Clarkston High School Varsity Pom Pon team has begun their competition with their first dance when they hosted the UDA Great Lakes Dance Competition, Nov. 17.

The team won the Best Choreography Award and placed second in the large varsity category.

The girls next competition is Jan. 6 in Royal Oak followed by their dance on Jan. 12 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

The Lady Wolves will perform during the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball home games during half time. The games are: Dec. 18, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Rochester Adams; Jan.

11 against West Bloomfield; Jan. 15 against Pontiac; Jan. 29 against Southfield-Lathrup; Feb. 8 against Troy; Feb. 15 against Southfield; Feb. 19 against Flint Northern; and Feb. 26 against North Farmington.

The team is McKenna Bachusz, Kaeleigh Baran, Lyndsey Bice, Mackenzie Boston,

Jillian Buttino, Kristen Collins, Jenna Cruz, Claire Foley, Sydney Foley, Gina Garvagalia, Katie Gipe, Allison Lindsey, Bridget Lindsey, Paige Lucas, Tara Mecham, Kelly Piscoink, Jessica Poland, Katlyn Smith, Same Steger, Marissa Van Horn, Megan Vondette, Gillian Ward.



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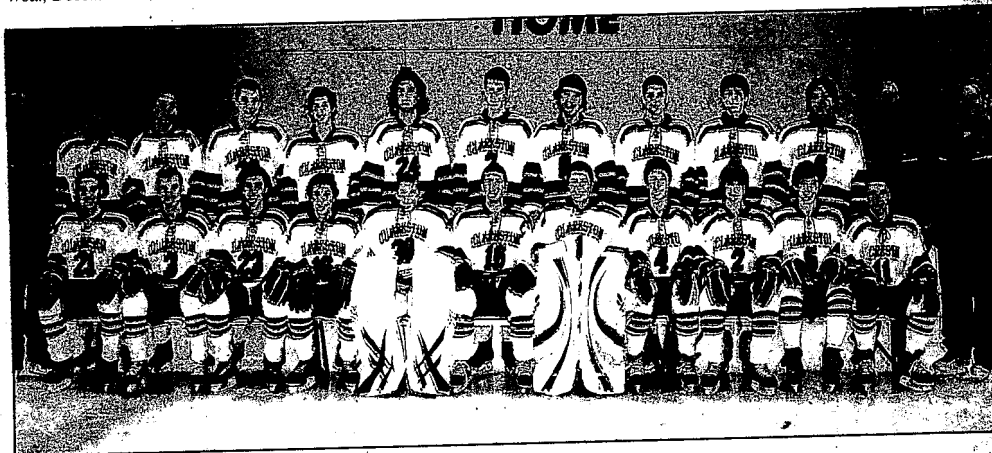
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The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Netting more wins for winter

Icers are already a few weeks into their winter season and showing off their strengths from their returners and new players.

"We have a lot of potential as a team," said senior Adam Johns. "Fans can expect all players to work hard on the ice at all times and score a lot of goals."

"We've got some real stability coming back with our defense," said Roman Krygier, Clarkston Varsity Hockey assistant coach. "We have three strong players, Eric Matynowski, Adam Johns and Shawn Cotter. We have three sophomore defensemen who will mature as the season grows. We should have a good defense."

The offense is strong as well with four returning forwards with centers Chase Wiedemann and Carter Rea and Garrett Polish and Jacob LaPorte in the wing position.

"Chase and Carter will give us that needed strength through the middle of the ice. Garrett and Jacob are giving us very strong speed and ability to score goals," Krygier said.

He added the team has added more size and strength with this year's new players.

"It is a real positive when it comes to the

aspects of the game," he said.

Back a key area for the team are goalies juniors Jack Viazanko and Nick Surovec already blocking shots.

"Both goaltenders will give us an opportunity to win the tight games and make us really competitive," said Krygier. "We will be depending on them to make the critical save and give us that big win when it's needed."

The team has 11 new players for this season - sophomores Austin Fullmer, Maxwell Palese, Drake Gentile, Alex Tanielian; juniors Roman Reiner, Alex Propson, Kyle Hogarth; seniors John Foust, A.J. Kowal, Matt Denny and Joe Smith.

"They add a lot of energy," said Wiedemann. "All of them want to try to get up and help as much as they can. They work hard in practice and in games."

"Our new players, as they mature, pick up the systems and adjust to this level of competition will give us strength across to balance our lines," Krygier added. "They are strong skaters and very competitive. They play the game with good intensity."

The team opened their first seven games

with a 4-3 record and lost to last year's state champion, Brighton, 5-3.

"The indication of the first five games is very positive for us," he said. "The team has played and worked hard. They are a very responsive group. They don't give up - they are always working. They don't seem to be bothered when a goal or two down. They are just out there worrying about getting the next goal so they can move ahead."

The Wolves ended last year as OAA champions and aim to repeat winning the title.

"The OAA league is a highly competitive league," Krygier added. "With the teams in the league, anybody can win at any time. We are going to focus on making sure we are doing everything we can to make it happen."

Their focus begins the moment they skate onto the ice for practice and continues into their next game.

"Our intent is to focus on practices because what you do in practice is what happens in the game," Krygier added. "Practices are critical to success. You have to play in the now and put all your energy in the game you have coming at you."

## 2012-2013 Schedule

- Dec. 14, Fri., 5 p.m. vs. Hartland - Christmas Tournament
- Dec. 15, Sat., 1 p.m. vs. TBA - Christmas Tournament
- Dec. 20, Thurs., 7:30 p.m. vs. Rochester United
- Jan. 5, Sat., 8 p.m. vs. Farmington
- Jan. 11, Fri., 7 p.m. at East Kenwood at Kenwood
- Jan. 12, Sat., 1 p.m. at Grand Haven at Edge Ice Arena
- Jan. 17, Thurs., 5:30 p.m. vs. Oxford
- Jan. 24, Thurs., 6:50 p.m. at Howell at Grand Oaks
- Jan. 26, Sat., 8 p.m. at Lake Orion
- Jan. 30, Wed., 8:30 p.m. at Stoney Creek
- Feb. 2, Sat., TBA at MAG/OAA Day
- Feb. 8, 9, TBA Public High School Showcase at Chelsea
- Feb. 15, Fri., TBA OAA Playoffs at Farmington
- Feb. 16, Sat., TBA OAA Playoffs at Onyx
- Feb. 23, Sat., TBA OAA Championships at Detroit Skating Club
- Feb. 25 - March 2, TBA MHSAA Regionals
- March 5, 6, TBA MHSAA Quarterfinals
- March 7, 8, TBA MHSAA Semi-Finals
- March 9, TBA MHSAA Finals

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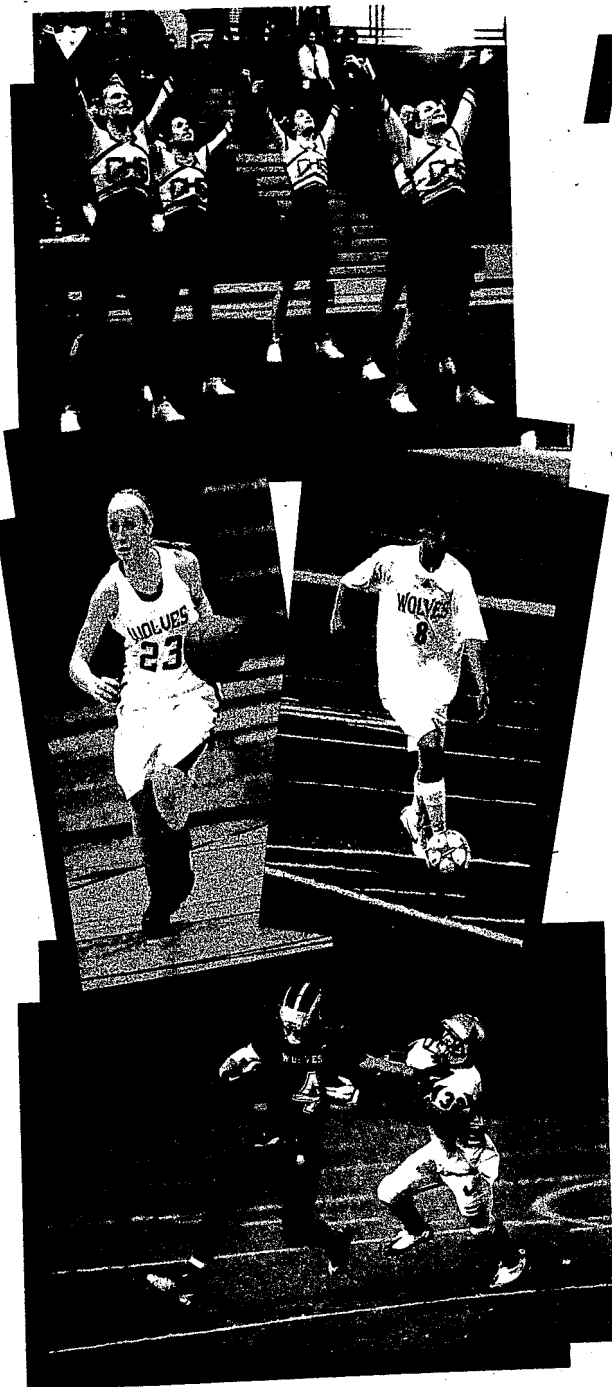
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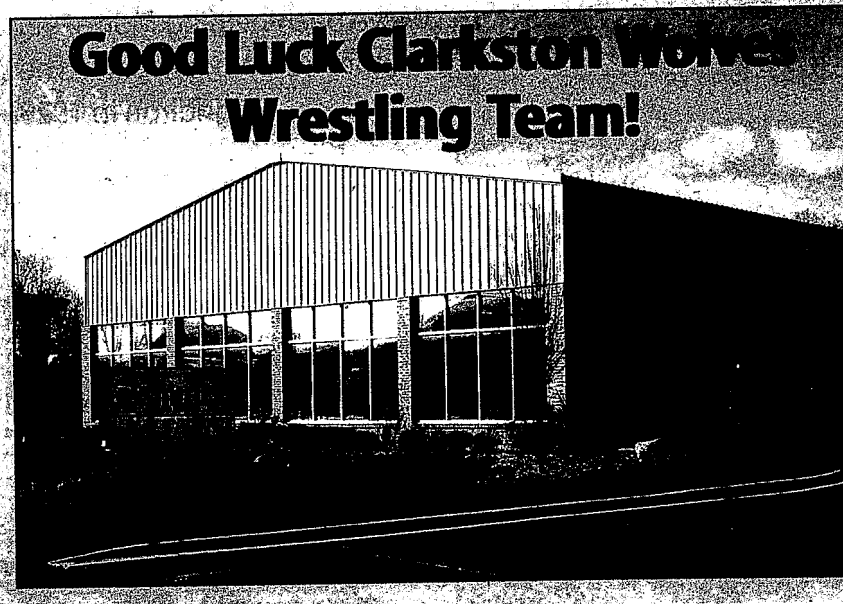
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