

The Clarkston News

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Holiday deadlines are noon, Friday, Dec. 20, for Christmas, and noon, Friday, Dec. 27, for New Year's
Merry Christmas!

Local ideas to fill your Christmas list

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Robert Eshshaki from Rudy's Market in downtown Clarkston said when invited to a Christmas party he recommends visitors come bearing a bottle of red wine, cabernet or bottle of vodka to a Christmas gathering.

"It's a great gift to bring the hostess," he said. "It will go over well at every party and every house can use it even after the party," said Eshshaki. "It never goes bad and can be used later at like a New Year's Eve party or other special occasions."

Eshshaki said Rudy's carries the widest selection of beer and wine in northern Oakland County, and if there is a product a customers looking for, Eshshaki said Rudy's will do everything they can to find the product.

"If you're a guy like me you love getting beer for Christmas," said Andrew Sutherland. "It's always a great gift most guys will love."

Rudy's customer Karen Manvel said she had a few youngsters in her life to buy for, and when she asked their mom what they would like for Christmas, she said Rudy's was their favorite place.

"The kids like coming in after school and grabbing a bite

to eat, and what they wanted was to be able to go to Rudy's," said Manvel.

Village Fashion Boutique carries a wide variety of fashion and accessories so that special friend, family member or you can look fabulous at Christmas and year-round.

"We have everything to sparkle and jazz up your wardrobe," said boutique employee Pat Easterday.

The boutique sells Brighton beads and jewelry, glasses, hats, wallets, and a variety of other fashion accessories.

Clarkston Travel sells vacation packages if you are ready to really surprise that special someone in your life. Jennifer Jaworski said the earlier you book a vacation, the better the prices are. "We also have gift certificates," she said. "You can book an all inclusive vacation which includes food and drinks," she said.

For a family Christmas present a gift of a trip to Disney World would be a present they will never forget for years to come. Call Clarkston Travel at 248-625-0325.

Any driver will appreciate a gift card for an oil change at **Sellers Renew Auto Center** located at 9603 Dixie Highway. A December oil change special for \$14.95 will be a great gift or give

Please see Gift on page 16



TREE LIGHTING: Mike Lorimer of Rattalee Lake Tree Farm dedicates the new Christmas tree in Depot Park during Holiday Lights Night, Dec. 14, with the help of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Lorimer donated the tree, planted next to the gazebo. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

Trustees want tougher gun-carry ban in schools

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

For Clarkston School Board Trustee Cheryl McGinnis, guns have no place in schools except when carried by police.

"Police officers go through advanced training - he puts himself in harm's way to protect the citizens of community, and he's trained for that," McGinnis said. "My concern is with people, especially people who recently got a concealed permit, went through one or two days of training, now they're an expert - in an emergency, if they're not truly prepared, it could be turned and used on them."

She brought to the board a resolution to prohibit open carry of firearms in schools.

The resolution, which was tabled for more discussion, would not be binding. State law allows citizens with a concealed-carry permit to carry weapons openly in public schools. It would instead urge lawmakers to amend the law to ban it.

"I can't imagine how a child would feel if they see a parent or volunteer come into a building with a pistol," McGinnis said. "I feel very concerned staff and students would have to determine if a person not in uniform is armed, is this person I can trust or

Please see Gun on page 39

Switch back to semesters OK'd

Trimesters will be history next school year for junior and senior high schoolers.

Clarkston's Board of Education voted unanimously, Dec. 9, to switch from trimesters back to semesters.

Board Treasurer Joan Patterson met with Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock and Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan regarding the change's affect on International Baccalaureate and CSM Tech students and she's comfortable they will not be adversely affected.

See Semesters on page 39

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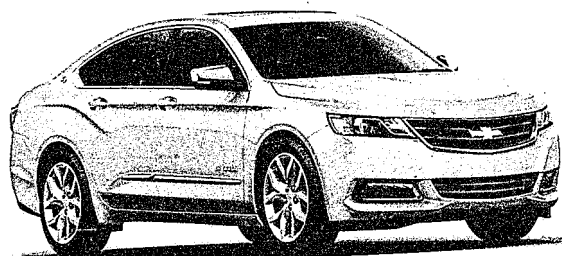
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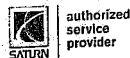
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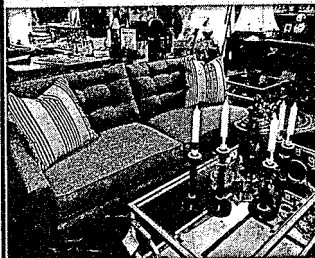
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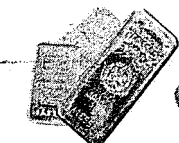
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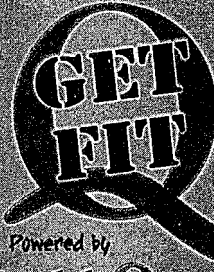
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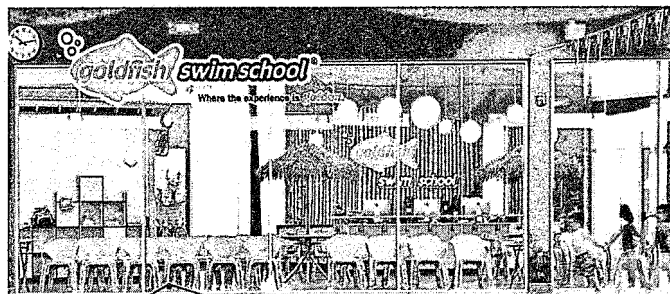
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Toy Drive for Grace Centers of Hope, through Dec. 19. New or gently used toys, games, and crafts for preschoolers to young elementary students. No stuffed toys or small pieces. Donation boxes near Clarkston Junior High School cafeteria and lobby.

Auditions, Clarkston Village Players' Sunset Park contemporary drama/comedy, 2-4 p.m., Jan. 5; and 7 p.m., Jan. 7. Roles for four women, three men. Show dates, March 7-8, 14-16, 20-22, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Info on set, props, costumes, make-up, lights, sound, painting, or script, call Melvin Case, 248-877-6747.

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.

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.

Clarkston Area Mothers & More, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third Monday. Red Knapps restaurant. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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.

Around Town



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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Belly Dance Lessons, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sashabaw Road. Low impact traditional-style workout with Naima Marina. No experience necessary. All welcome. \$10. 586-292-7750.

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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

Office hours, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

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

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

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

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.

50+ Individualized Computer Tutoring. Please see Around Town on page 39

HOLIDAY STORAGE!

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City hires new clerk

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston City Council appointed a new clerk during their Dec. 6 meeting.

Sandy Miller will retire from Independence Township at the end of December and begin her new position as city clerk on January 6th.

Miller has worked for the township in various departments for 30 years.

"I feel fortunate to have her," said Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt, adding the Miller has helped the city several times during elections.

"She has come in and helped make sure everything run smoothly during election time," she said.

Eberhardt said if she would have created a list of the person with all of the qualifications she wanted to work at the city, Miller's resume would have fit the bill.

"She's nice too," said Eberhardt. "It does not get better than that, and the city is so blessed to be getting her."

Miller said when she first started working for the township 30 years ago she was a single mother and was going through and agency that helped job seekers create and polish resumes and dress for a job.

The agency pointed to Independence Township and she was interviewed by a worker at the parks and recreation department.

She got the job because she had some experience with auditing and bookkeeping. A while later she transferred to the building department because she was skilled in that type of work too.

"Of course being a girl I had to prove myself," said Miller. "They didn't even have uniforms for women back then so had to wear men's clothes."

Miller has seen a lot of changes over the years at the township from building improvements to different supervisors.

Now she works in accounts payable at Independence Township, but at the city she will do all sorts of types of jobs.

"I'm thinking I have all of the skills to handle whatever comes my way while working at the city," she said. "I'm ready for the challenge."

Eberhardt said like every other city employee, Miller will wear many hats and do a variety of jobs every day.



Miller

Treasurer to teach finances

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Treasurer Paul Brown, a certified public accountant, will teach several classes on "Organizing your Personal Finances."

Six classes will be in January, February, March, April, July and October.

Individuals who wish to attend the series can sign up for just one of all of them. For members who belong to the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, the classes are free otherwise classes have a fee of \$60.

Each event at the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce offices will feature a one hour interactive roundtable session.

According to Brown, each work session will provide simple tools to help participants take control of finances immediately. Some topics to be covered include getting organized and learning to make your finances work for you.

During the first session, Brown will utilize Excel worksheets to help attendees learn how maintain their month's bank accounts and better forecast future bank projections.

"It's set up for personal use and it's something I've used to help people in the past that have wanted to get their hands around their personal finances," he said.

Each class has been created as a standalone session, and each class address different financial issues.

"The first class has two components," said Brown. "During the first class, participants will learn to use spreadsheets, so you can see bank projections for each month and then better figure out where your finances stand in future months."

Brown said the spreadsheets also lets users schedule monthly payments. "It helps you feel confident that things you need to handle are handled," he said.

Brown said checking accounts and the way payments are made are much different than they used to be when paper checks had to clear the bank.

"So many things are electronic now," he said. "You really can't balance your check book like you used to."

Another component of the class and an important aspect of personal security is developing strong passwords for online accounts.

Brown said he has created a system that allows users to have different passwords for each account, and the method helps you to never forget all the different passwords.

"We will develop really strong passwords for accounts and manage them so you never forget them," he said. "And you never write them down."

Brown recommends never writing passwords down anywhere.

"I have 25 accounts online, but I never write down any passwords because that is really dangerous," he said. "With my system



Independence Township Trustee Paul Brown will teach a series of six sessions on making finances work for individuals and businesses.

you will never forget passwords. It's a system I developed years ago, and have shown other people how to use it."

Brown teaches people how to utilize the "clue" that many sites allow users to have if they forget their password to keep track of passwords.

While the first class is geared towards personal finance, the other classes are aimed more towards businesses but presents useful information that anyone can use.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptop computers, but it's not necessary.

In addition to being elected in 2012 as Independence Township Trustee, Brown is a certified public accountant Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a registered CPA in the state of Michigan.

Before taking office as trustee, Brown worked as the Chief Financial Officer for Lynn Medical Instruments in Michigan. Prior to his employment at Lynn Medical, Brown worked four years as corporate controller for Form Tech Concrete Form, one of the largest companies of its kind.

Brown also spent five years with UHY, an auditing and financial firm, that ranks as one of the top 20 professional services of it's kind in the US.

The classes take place Friday mornings from 9-10 a.m. For a complete class list of dates call the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce at 248-625-8055.

Briefly

Holiday hours

The Clarkston News' office is open Christmas Eve, next Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are closed Christmas Day.

The deadline for classifieds for next week's edition is this Friday, Dec. 20, at noon.

Santa, reindeer visit

Santa Claus makes a special stop in Clarkston with two of his reindeer at The Birdfeeder and Clarkston Flower Shoppe, 7150 Main Street, 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22.

The Reindeer Feeding Area, sponsored by Clarkston Brandon Credit Union, allows attendees to meet Santa's reindeer up close and have a professional photograph taken with them.

Mrs. Claus' Kitchen will serve bagels, donuts, and cider refreshments provided courtesy of Neiman's Family Market.

The event offers free horse drawn carriage rides courtesy of John Bowman Chevrolet.

Football awards

Clarkston Varsity Football Awards Banquet is January 12, 2014 at Clarkston High School.

For the first time, the football team is extending the invitation to the community to join them for the banquet.

The awards presentation is at 4 p.m. Dinner is at 3:30 p.m. and is a pot luck. If you wish to come to the dinner, please bring two dishes to be placed on the buffet table - one being meat or a meat dish and the other dish is your choice. Please bring your own table service and beverage.

Voices in concert

Clarkston Choir Boosters host the University of Chicago a cappella group Voices in your Head in concert, 8 p.m., Dec. 19, at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

Voices in Your Head also visits Clarkston High School to provide one-on-one workshops with the Clarkston Madrigals and Detroit Voice, and perform school assemblies for students.

Admission at the door is \$5/adults, \$3/students, seniors. Reserve tickets at 866-967-8167.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Roads of snow

Last weekend's snowstorm did a thorough job on the roads, covering it with snow and ice and slowing traffic down to a crawl.

Just in time for my trip out of town. I took it slow. I learned that lesson the hard way a few years ago, spinning out my car and totaling it during a late-season show fall on I-69.

Many also need to learn from experience, based on all the cars and trucks zipping past me in a barely discernible left lane.

Some of them got that lesson. I passed at least seven cars and trucks in the ditch or crunched up against a light pole.

Some of them still had the drivers in them, sitting there with nothing to do but contemplate the magnitude of their error, watching drivers go by safely, without spinning out into the snow bank.

Clarkston Board of Education is considering a resolution against open carrying guns in school, an understandable if mostly pointless exercise in paperwork.

It's not lockdown-because-of-a-gun-shaped-poptart pointlessness, but it's getting close. It would be non-binding since state law prevails. It would make their opinion known to lawmakers, however.

What I find unfortunate is the low opinion some of the board members have of gun owners.

Based on what they've said, they're a bunch of ignorant wannabe heroes, barely qualified to be allowed to even own guns, let alone successfully defend anyone with them.

Seeking only minimum training, citizen gun owners would be hopelessly outmatched by any perp who comes by to cause mayhem, and they'd have their guns taken and used against them, they seem to think.

Anyway, my hope is decisions on this and similar issues are made not so much on feelings but on rational thought. Lots of parents and volunteers have these concealed-carry permits and are responsible. I think it would be a good thing for kids to learn that guns aren't just good when wielded by representatives of the government, but by regular citizens as well.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Congratulations for informative Times

Kudos to Independence Township for last week's inaugural *Independence Township Times*.

At a time when government is measured by how well they spin public relations, it's refreshing to see a local unit of government leveling with people.

The four-page insert in last week's *Clarkston News* had the good (property values have increased!) as well as the bad

(sewer rates are going up), and why. It also includes an informative status update from Supervisor Pat Kittle, continuing his series of columns throughout the year in the *News*, as well as needed info on winter tax bills from Treasurer Paul Brown.

And it was mailed to every residence in the Clarkston area during our *Super CNews* publication. It's good to see local government put the word out in black and white, the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Editorial

Thanks to EMS

Dear Editor,

On Wednesday evening prior to Thanksgiving, I had a major problem and Independence EMS literally saved my life.

Ross and Keith were in my home within five minutes of calling 911, I was stabilized and transported to St Joe's Hospital in Pontiac.

I'm serious when I say this, without Independence Township EMS, I would not be here to write this thank you.

Gentlemen, thanks.

Jim Carlson

Independence Township

Watch out for kids

Dear Editor,

If you drop your children off at school in the morning, please consider this. Consider how fast and how safely you are driving through the school zones where children and teachers are walking.

Most mornings I am concerned to see parents driving with a lack of concern for these young pedestrians. Having dropped off my children at the middle school, junior high and high school, I can assure you speeding and passing in the drop off zone, parking lots and exits will not get you home or to work any sooner.

Also, mornings are dark and kids are in a hurry making them more prone to make sudden moves around cars. So please consider the risk to our children and teachers compared to spending a few extra seconds in line it just isn't worth it.

Thank you,

Chris Walker

School funding response

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to letter to the editor, "Savor your championship now, because governor wants to take control of our local schools," Dec. 11.

The funny thing about government

funding is that we all want our programs funded. If my child plays football, football should be funded. If my child is special needs, special needs programs should be funded.

The reality is that the government lives with limited funds, just like we do. If the Oxford Foundation can find alternative sources for funding education, I say let them do it. If the foundation can find alternative and effective methods of teaching, let them do it.

Not all children do well in a traditional classroom setting. My son would die trying to do an online course, but I would bet you there are some children that would thrive in a computer environment.

I have often thought that our school systems could be more effective with a business/education partnership. I'm thinking of the apprentice programs common in Europe. Complex concepts like physics and calculus are better learned through application. Practical application and hands on experience do not happen in the traditional classroom.

As to the fact that football may lose state funding, I am not sympathetic. Almost all Clarkston sports, other than a select few like football and basketball, are self-funded.

Sincerely,

Denise Prock

Support for family store

Dear Editor,

We have a new family owned market that opened in 2013 in the shopping plaza at Dixie Highway and White Lake roads (Neiman's Family Market, see ad on page 3). This very large building stood vacant for about five years as we, the people of Clarkston, certainly wished for occupancy to arrive soon.

That wish came true!

Let's show our Clarkston spirit by recognizing that competition is productive and welcomed in our community.

Another chance to shop locally!

Dee Alonzi

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1998

"Clarkston angels shine bright!" 'Tis the season for happiness and cheer as well as a few generous hearts bringing a little bit of holiday cheer of happiness. Dr. Bill Dickey and Jason Eisenhower helped out a stranded motorist on I-75, who had blown out a tire and couldn't get it off to change it.

"Visions of sugar plums" When it came to finding a lucrative sideline business, Carol Kurtz was one smart cookie. Actually that's what she did - cookies. Kurtz hand-painted artwork donned each and every cookie, with characters, scenes and logos for all occasions and it was her busiest season with Christmas and Hanukkah.

"Flying high, with his feet on the ground" Mike Kelley, the newest member of the Clarkston City Council, likes the idea of looking down at things. One of his passions includes flying airplanes. He said the view from above is very appealing to him from his plane, a Piper Cherokee.

25 years ago - 1988

"SJH wins praise" Sashabaw Junior High School was chosen as one of the top 10 middle schools in the state. Principal Dave Reschke told the Clarkston School Board the school was a semi-finalist along with 24 middle schools in the Michigan Department of Education Exemplary School Program.

"Christmas light stolen from house" A Grinch was stealing Christmas in parts of Independence Township. Christmas lights valued at \$20 were taken from a tree in front of a house on Timber Ridge Trail. Detective Sgt. Doug Hummel of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department said it was just one of many other incidences reported in the area including stolen ornaments.

"M-15 congestion still a concern" Independence Township Planning Commission member Joseph Figa said he wouldn't vote on any new development along M-15 until something was done about the stretch of road. Michigan Department of Transportation reported more than 33,500 vehicles a day travel down the road and it was only going to increase.

50 years ago - 1963

"Local Junior Miss chosen" Nancy Stanquits, a senior at Clarkston High School, was selected as Clarkston's Junior Miss pageant. She designed the gown she wore for the competition.

A letter about Christmas

This weekend whilst erecting the Rush fake Christmas tree, I started to harken back to the Christmases of yore. The boys were not at home, so I had plenty of time for thoughts.

Often I fret over not gifting the correct, or good enough presents and thoughts during this past weekend's fake tree rising started to go down that old, familiar path. Then a funny thing happened, my mind wandered down a new avenue. Instead of looking to the future and possible disappointments, I went back -- way back -- to when the only gray near my hair was on my grandparents' heads.

I remembered being carried from a late-1960s Buick on a cold, clear Christmas Eve night and looking up through sleepy eyes and from my dad's arms and seeing a red light way up there near the stars. Rudolph, I thought. Santa was on his way.

I remembered one year for Christmas I got a brand new, gold-colored Huffy bike, with a banana seat and sissy bar. My first bike. When Dad assembled it, I remember he put the goose neck on backward. I don't know why I remembered that, but I didn't find out until the weather got warm enough to go outside and my buddies pointed it out to me.

One year I got a Mickey Mouse camera and I took pictures on Christmas day of all the Rush relatives (aunts, uncles, Dad and Grandma) hefting back their drinks of choice. I still have that camera. I remember one year I got a model of the Red Baron's biplane.

Every year, Grandma McDonald was always good for socks and screwdrivers. One of my aunts, and I cannot remember which one, always gave each of us kids a story book of Life Saver candies.

Thing is, I don't remember most of the gifts I received from Santa, Mom, Dad or other relatives. As I put that tree up, one fake branch after another, round and round, one at a time, I pondered on those Christmases past.

And, by the time I was done wrapping the red lights around that fake green tree, the real gifts were not the things I got each and every year. Like I said, while I have a pretty-darned-good memory, I don't remember the things. I remember the people, the places, the faces, the songs, the food, the smells and all the commotion.

On Christmas Eve, our tradition was to go to the McDonald's home. There, Grandpa McDonald would make sure to tell us no reindeer, not even Rudolph, had better land on his roof, or he'd "shoot 'em."

The front door was always opening and closing. Family members and friends would come in throughout the day and all through the night. Sooner or later somebody would start singing Christmas carols and then everybody would sing. There was lots of hugging and laughter.

After opening presents Christmas morning, it was off to Dad's side. Memories there are not as vivid. We went to Grandma's house on Wisconsin Street in Detroit, before she moved to an apartment in Westland. Some years we went to Uncle Terry's, other years to Aunt Pat's.

I do remember one Christmas at Aunt Pat's. I got scolded pretty good on greeting Uncle Terry and Aunt Dee as they entered the Kessler home. "You're having another baby!" I exclaimed to Aunt Dee . . . she was carrying around my seventh cousin who would arrive to this world via her womb, Sean. (Greasing the skids, or Clearing the way for Sean were his siblings Michael, Mark, Brian, Tim, Terry, and Kathleen.)

There are a ton of other Christmas memories and stories I could tell, but I guess the point is, this weekend I took a path less traveled in my mind and felt good about it.

Funny, on Monday morning when I opened my e-mail at work, I received this note from Lake Orion's Bill Kalmar. It just goes to show, timing is everything.

"Hi Don - wonder if you might have room for this. It is from our 11-year-old grandson. Bill"

The Real Meaning of Christmas By Jacob HARRIS

Christmas isn't about the gifts, the tree, or the lights. Christmas is about family. Being together is all you need for a perfect Christmas. A few years ago, while everyone was getting ready for Christmas, we got a call. My aunt had broken her ankle while getting ready for the holidays. That meant we couldn't go there for Christmas. We love it like we always do.

I was upset. I've always loved going there. We were still able to go to our grandparent's for Christmas, but not with the whole family. That's what we really cared about, but there was nothing we could do. We set up the tree, decorated and wrapped gifts, but it all kind of lost meaning. That was what I love about Christmas, but it wasn't the same. I wanted to be with the whole family.

Christmas Eve came, but in a different way. We went to Mass, but without our cousins. Afterwards, we went home and had fun but it was not the same.

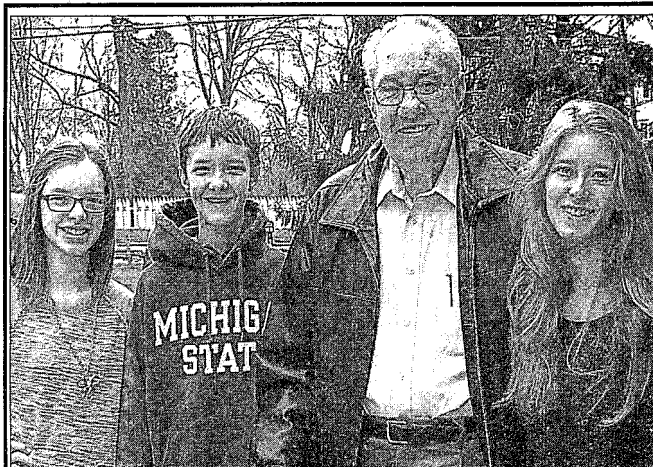
We still got gifts and had a Christmas meal. However, I realized it's not about gifts, it's about family, because family is the only thing you need for a perfect Christmas!

Merry Christmas!

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush



Merry christmas from the grandkids

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

Back then, the three grandchildren standing around me, were only being dreamed of and anxiously waited for. Now, too, they are growing and becoming fine young people. The Speed sib-

lings standing with me, from the left are Haley and then Trevor (both 14) and Savannah, 18. Their proud parents are our daughter Susan and her husband, Tim Speed.

In 1988, I wrote, "From time to time their names appear in *Jottings* and I thought you might like to see who we're writing about." These days, I sometimes mention m'dog Shayna (she didn't make the cut for this year's photo shoot).

While situations, and stations have changed in the 25 years since 1988, some things do not change. We still find more joy in giving than in receiving and me and the grandkids still wish you a Merry Christmas!

-- Jim Sherman, Sr.



Looking for rides

An off-duty Brandon firefighter stopped to check on a man flagging him down on S. Sashabaw Road at Dogwood Boulevard, 5:11 p.m., Dec. 6. Finding the man, a 59-year-old Brandon resident, wanted a ride to a local convenience store to buy lottery tickets, the firefighter notified dispatch. The responding deputy knew the man as someone who flags down passing drivers for rides, and cited him for disorderly person for impeding traffic.

Drunk out of control

A 22-year-old Davisburg man lost control of his pickup in the 6000 block of Amy Drive and drove off the road, through a ditch, and onto a driveway, hitting a parked vehicle, 3:30 a.m., Dec. 7. With a preliminary breath test of .176, he was arrested for drunk driving.

Hit a fence

Someone lost control on a snowy road, drove through a ditch, hit a fence in the 4000 block of Nelsey, then drove away, the morning of Dec. 9.

Mail theft investigation

A resident in the 5000 block of Hummingbird Lane reported possible theft of mail from her mailbox, Dec. 10. She had put mail in it for pickup, and later found it was gone before normal pickup times. She

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was advised to check on her mail delivery. **Unsuccessful doughnuts**

A 16-year-old Davisburg boy was attempting to do doughnuts in a parking lot in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road when he lost control, slid sideways a couple of hundred feet, and drove into a light pole, 5:39 p.m., Dec. 9. He was the only one in the car, and wasn't seriously injured. He was cited with malicious mischief.

No permit to sell

A deputy picked up a 20-year-old man and 42-year-old man selling windows out of Southfield City on Cramlane and Snow Apple drives without a permit, 12:25 p.m., Dec. 9. They had been dropped off, so had no transportation or phones. They were taken to a nearby store to wait, and told they would be cited if they solicited again.

Felony warrant

Jonathan Red Bonot, 29, of Independence Township was arraigned on an outstanding felony warrant for failure to comply with sex offender reporting duties, \$1,000 personal

bond, Dec. 10, in 52-2 District Court.

Delinquency of minor

Responding to a trouble call in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 4:25 a.m., Dec. 8, a deputy found a 21-year-old White Lake man and 20-year-old Highland woman, both intoxicated. The man was cited with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and the woman was cited with minor consuming alcohol.

Found with marijuana

A deputy stopped a work van for not having business identification on it, 10:02 a.m., Dec. 10, I-75 and Sashabaw Road. The driver, a 44-year-old Eastpointe man, was found with a joint, pipe, and loose marijuana. He was cited with possession of marijuana and given a warning for drug paraphernalia. The owner of the van was cited for improper identification on the van.

Theft from driveway

A resident in the 6000 block of Walters Road wanted to sell a lawn mower and snow blower for sale, so placed them unsecured at the end of his driveway. By 10:46 p.m.,

Dec. 11, they were stolen.

Home invasion arrest

A 17-year-old Pontiac boy and 31-year-old Orion Township man were arrested for home invasion and concealing stolen property, 7:22 p.m., Dec. 12. Deputies responded to an address in the 9200 block of Big Lake Road in Springfield Township for a burglary alarm. As one of the deputies was arriving, he saw a vehicle traveling away from the residence and stopped it. While the two suspects were detained, an additional deputy was at the scene and confirmed the residence was burglarized. The home owner arrived shortly after and confirmed several baseball memorabilia items were taken, and exterior surveillance cameras were damaged during the burglary. The stolen property was recovered from the suspect's vehicle. Both suspects were taken to the Springfield Substation and subsequently jailed pending arraignment.

Alcohol suspected in death

Deputies, along with the Independence Township firefighters, responded to an address in the 9000 block of Sashabaw near Sally Road for a 70-year-old Independence Township man found unconscious and not breathing, 11 a.m., Dec. 13. The caller said the subject was a chronic alcoholic and he had not seen him in a couple of days. No sign of foul play was located at the scene. The subject was pronounced deceased by medical staff from McLaren Hospital. Investigation continues.

From all of us to all of you

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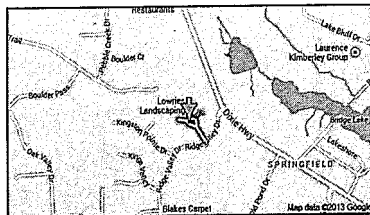


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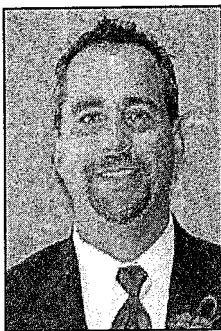


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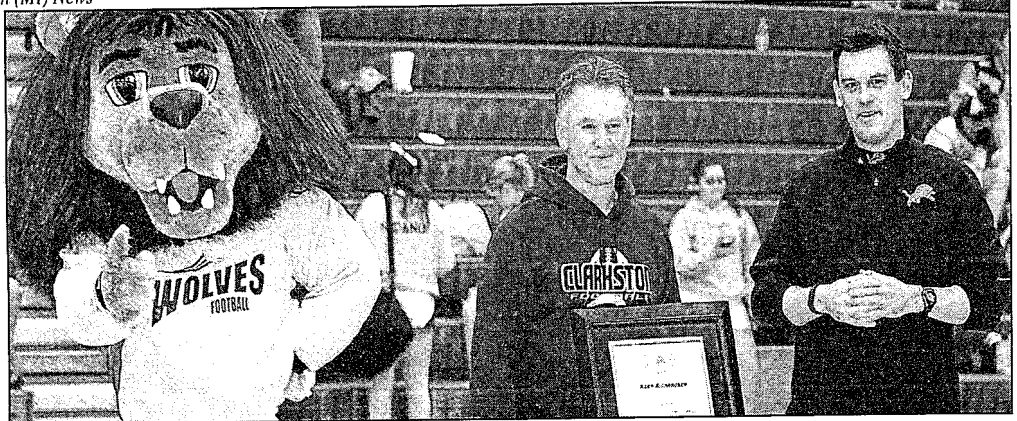
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Kurt Richardson, center, accepts Detroit Lions Coach of the Year from Chris Fritzsching, right, and Roary, left. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Coach of the Year Richardson Lion-ized

Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Football team, was called down to the basketball court on Friday night.

"I don't like the hoopla," he admitted when Dale Ryan, voice of the Wolves, called him down to the floor.

Richardson had two visitors - Chris Fritzsching, Detroit Lions Director of Youth Football, and Roary, the Detroit Lions mascot.

And it was a surprise for Richardson as they recognized him as the 2013 Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year.

"It's like any other coaching honor you get in football it should go to the staff not the individual," Richardson said. "Our staff is responsible for that - not me."

He received a Coach of the Year certificate signed by Roger Goodell, National Football League Commissioner, and Jim Swartz,

Detroit Lions' Head Coach, a commemorative NFL/Coach of the Year game ball and a Coach of the Year hat. He also received a \$2,000 donation for the football program.

"That's awesome," he said. "It's huge. Every little bit helps."

During the Lions' game this Sunday Richardson will be recognized as the 2013 Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year. -WAR

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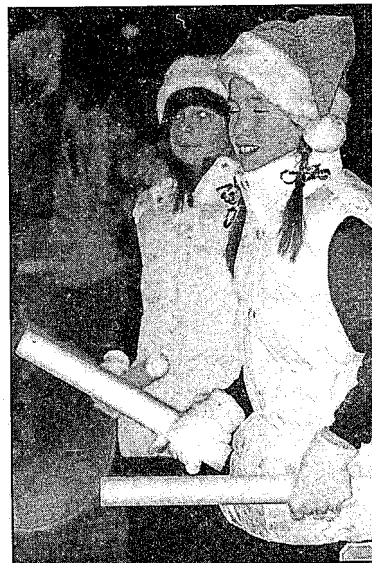
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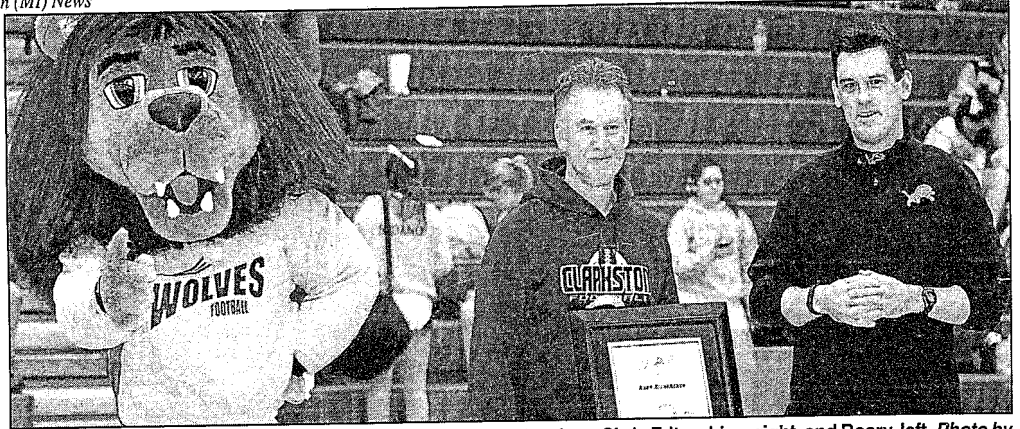
Songspeak
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Kurt Richardson, center, accepts Detroit Lions Coach of the Year from Chris Fritzsching, right, and Roary, left. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Coach of the Year Richardson Lion-ized

Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Football team, was called down to the basketball court on Friday night.

"I don't like the hoopla," he admitted when Dale Ryan, voice of the Wolves, called him down to the floor.

Richardson had two visitors - Chris Fritzsching, Detroit Lions Director of Youth Football, and Roary, the Detroit Lions mascot.

And it was a surprise for Richardson as they recognized him as the 2013 Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year.

"It's like any other coaching honor you get in football it should go to the staff not the individual," Richardson said. "Our staff is responsible for that - not me."

He received a Coach of the Year certificate signed by Roger Goodell, National Football League Commissioner, and Jim Swartz,

Detroit Lions' Head Coach, a commemorative NFL/Coach of the Year game ball and a Coach of the Year hat. He also received a \$2,000 donation for the football program.

"That's awesome," he said. "It's huge. Every little bit helps."

During the Lions' game this Sunday Richardson will be recognized as the 2013 Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year.
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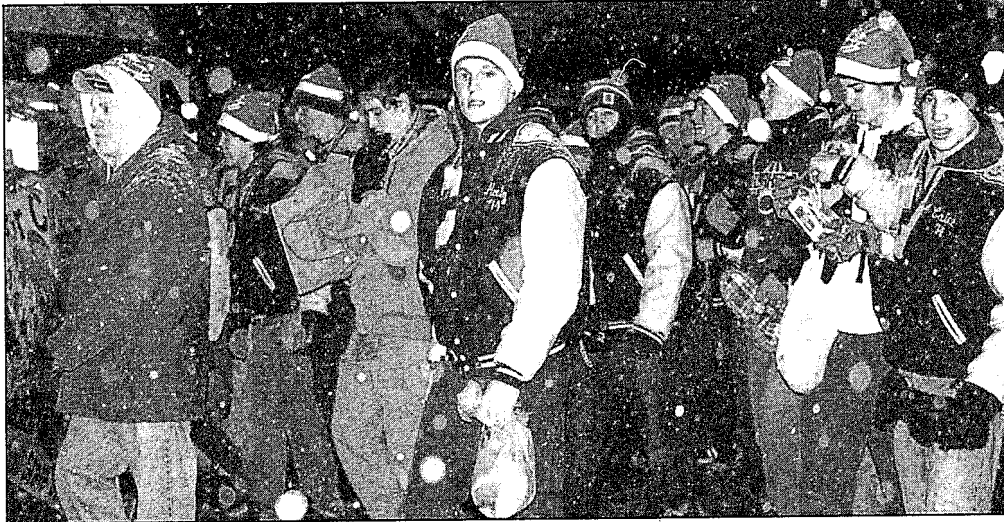
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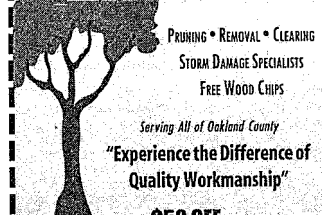
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Clarkston's Sporting News

This Weekend...
Clarkston Hockey hosts their Christmas tournament on Friday, 5 p.m., and Saturday, 12:30 p.m., at Detroit Skate Club, 888 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills.

Defense leads in court wins

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers have sealed their first two wins of the season after battling Waterford Mott and Ferndale last week.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team ended the week with Friday's home opener win against Ferndale, 55-26.

"It was a good win because they beat Brother Rice," said Dan Fife, head coach. "I think they got tired and our defense was outstanding."

Ferndale took the lead half way through the first quarter, leading 5-2. By the end the Wolves tied the score 7-7 with baskets from Nick Owens and Andrew Myers along with one-point on the free throw line from Cole Chewins.

Chewins opened the second quarter with another point on the free throw line, putting the Wolves into the lead, 8-7.

Fife added this season there won't be a lot of separation between the players. Friday proved it when the subs went in and boosted the points on the board in the second quarter, ending the half 23-13. Merrick Canada added to the lead, scoring 11 points during the quarter.

"They did a great job for us," Fife said. "I think that's how it is going to be for us all year. Ferndale's starters got tired. When it's early in the season it's a big deal when our starters get tired we can sub for them. Then, we don't lose anything. It's good when you can do that."

The Wolves continued to hold onto the

lead as Josh Bonzheim made a 3-point basket 34 seconds into the second half. They continued their tight defense around Ferndale as well, only allowing the Eagles two points, which was made in the last 33 seconds in the third quarter.

Canada led the team with 13 points. "It's remarkable," said Fife, adding Canada ended his football season only a few weeks ago and just started the basketball season. "He was really good in the second quarter. He created a lot of things. He is very athletic and he is a good player. Football is a different conditioning game. But I always thought when we played against teams with good football players they are competitors - that spirit is going to make them better."

Myers added eight points during the game while Bonzheim and Alex Trim had three points each.

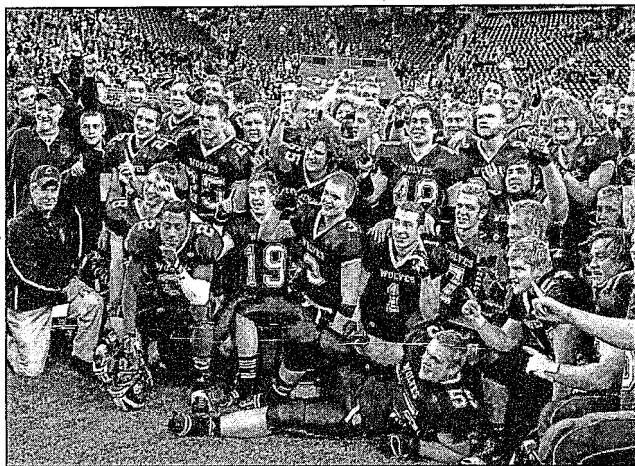
Owens led the Wolves with 16 points in the win against Waterford Mott, where the boys won 57-39.

"I really think that team is a good team," Fife said. "We just got up and they had a hard time getting up. We didn't shoot well - we didn't shoot like Clarkston. It was a good game for us. Winning is winning. The more you win, the better you feel."

Jonah Newblatt added eight points and Michael Nicholson had seven points. Myers, Chewins and Mason Vires contributed six points each.

The Wolves head to Southfield on Thursday for their first OAA Red game for the season, 5 p.m.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Clarkston Varsity Football team. Photo by Larry Wright

One more accolade

Before the year ends, we would like to honor the Clarkston Varsity Football team one more time.

Not just for winning their first MHSAA Division 1 State Championship but an overall successful season.

They opened with a loss against Rochester Adams, 12-7, and what it did was ignite a spark in all of the players.

The spark grew as they continued to improve during every practice and learned lessons against each opponent they faced on Friday nights. It was exciting to watch.

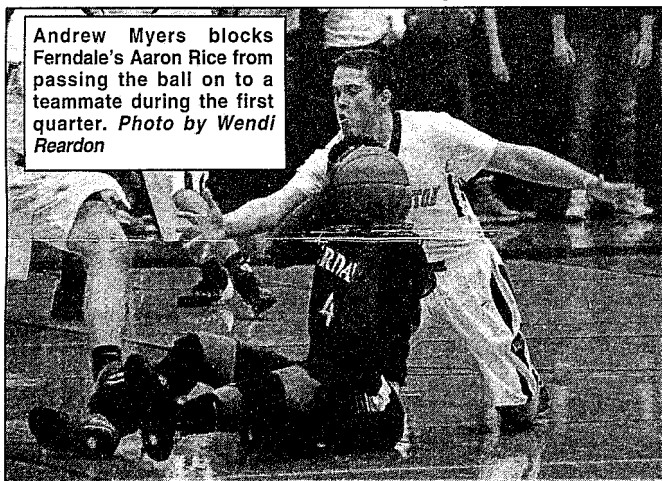
We say goodbye to the seniors: Caine Watlington, Tim Cason, Quinn Montgomery, Don Monson, Cordale Cox, Griffin Barta, Shane Hynes, Nick Matich, Shane Holler, David Beedle, Gavin Butler, Jason McCowan, Michael Yates, George Haight, Jacob Armstrong, Alex Peck, Blake Rehahn, Blake Townson, Ian Eriksen, Jacob Gozdor, Reid Kaminski, Andrew Murray, Taylor Winiger, Eric Dumas, Alex Salim and Ryan Feeley.

Returning are juniors: Matt Boczar, DJ Zezula, Centrus Williams, Jr., Chris Trimmer, Ross Manssur, Alexie Gruenberg, DJ Rogers, Sean Christie, Adam Matich, Lance Linton, Jack Selke, Jordan Oliverio, Austin Egler, Bryce Witherspoon, Trevor Laing, Merrick Canada, Denny Petersen, Andy Hutton, Mick Packard, Liam Bee, Alex Snyder, Jack McKillop, Dalton Malloy, Will Scarlett, Josh Pierce, Nick Smith, Kas Waitkus, Payton Lannon, Tristen Lewis, Cal Sielaff, Brandon Douglas, Cole Chewins, Jay Wright, Mitch Helsel, Joe Popp and Ryan Schaudt;

Sophomores: Sam Bullen, Anthony Reiner, Brandon Adams, Brendan Stokes, Jacob Fisher, Nolan Eriksen, Jonah Kopenen, Alex Kessman, Mitchell Heaton, Hayden Schoenherr, Jack Muhleck, Carter Linton, Nathan Troutvine, James Stottlemeyer, Tommy Gosley; freshmen: Nick Stalworth and Carter Gale.

We look forward to what you have planned for August!

Andrew Myers blocks Ferndale's Aaron Rice from passing the ball on to a teammate during the first quarter. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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Clarkston prepped for Winterfest Classic

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers are counting down to the Winterfest at Comerica Park on Wednesday where they will face their rivals, Lake Orion at 10:30 p.m.

"It is under the lights and will be exciting for everyone," said Clarkston Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier.

"I know it is a late game but it is still worth going to. The guys are looking forward to it. The parents are looking forward to it. Plus, it is an outdoor game. It is like a structured pond game. Plus, we are playing our big rival. It steps it up to a bigger level for us."

The boys are planning to use their two wins from last week to add fuel to the game against Lake Orion.

The most recent win occurred Saturday when the Wolves shut out Grand Haven, 6-0.

Jacob LaPorte began the scoring just 34 seconds into the game when he took a shot on the net to the left of the goalie and snuck it in.

"It was big," Krygier smiled. "He beat the guy to the ice. He beat the guy to the puck. He put a pretty hard shot on the net and it went in. It is always a good start when

you get the first goal."

Eric Matynowski assisted on the goal and on the second goal which was made with 1:10 left in the first period by Garrett Polish.

They opened the second period with a goal from Roman Reiner. Carter Rea passed the puck behind him to Reiner in which he took a shot on the net. It bounced back out and Reiner took another shot, this time putting it in with 95 seconds into the period. Polish also assisted on the goal.

The boys added two more goals before the period closed with one from Drew Terry with an assist from Dane Pipia with 9:44 remaining. Another one came from LaPorte with an assist from Chase Wiedemann with 22 seconds left.

"We kept the pressure on them," Krygier added.

The final goal for the night came from Drake Gentile who scored with just two minutes remaining with help from Wiedemann and LaPorte.

Goalie Jack Viazanko made 25 saves in the shut out.

"He played well in the net," Krygier. "He made some pretty big saves. It helped us in the defensive zone. We worked hard, we played well and we deserved to win."

The boys first win in the week was against Waterford United where the boys closed the game a few minutes early when Weidemann scored the ninth goal putting the score 9-1, Dec. 11.

Weidemann and Polish led the scoring with two goals each. Polish assisted on three goals during the night.

Kyle Cuthrell, Rea, LaPorte, Reiner and Matynowski each scored one goal. LaPorte, Rea and Joe Popp had two assists during the

game.

"We pressured them, we got a lot of shots and once we got our first goal they all started going in," Krygier added.

Goalie Nick Surovec made 14 saves in the net.

The Wolves host their Christmas Tournament this Friday and Saturday at Detroit Skate Club. Clarkston opens against Macomb Dakota at 5 p.m. followed by Novi against Davison at 7 p.m.

"Dakota is a pretty good team," Krygier added. "They have a solid team. Novi has a solid team. Davison has a decent team as well. They have a goaltender and a few forwards who can put the puck in a net. Anything can happen but hopefully we can get past Dakota."

The hockey action continues on Saturday with the consolation game at 12:30 p.m. and the championship game at 3 p.m. at 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.



Eric Matynowski heads into Grand Haven's defensive zone in the first period. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Win over Orion, Chicago

Lady Cagers are on a roll after scoring two more wins on their opponents last week.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team beat Chicago Bogan in the Best of Michigan Holiday Classic at Dearborn Heights Robichaud on Saturday, 65-62.

Junior Erika Davenport led in the overtime win with 34 points and 16 rebounds.

Davenport also led the Lady Wolves in their 35-25 win over Lake Orion, Dec. 10. She scored 21 points during the game.

"She is pretty tough," said Tim Wasilk. "She finishes well and rebounds really well. She did some good things. She was battling a little bit of a sickness but she came out and played pretty hard."

The Wolves took the lead in the first quarter when Davenport when on a 7-1 run, putting the girls ahead 11-4.

Lake Orion held on by outscoring Clarkston 8-7 in the second quarter but they

couldn't pull ahead.

The Lady Dragons were close in the fourth quarter when they hit a 3-point shot to close the score 25-21.

Davenport and Kacy Robinson created more distance on the board scoring a total of eight points between them.

Robinson added 11 points in the game.

"Lake Orion did a nice job," Wasilk added.

"It was a rivalry game and we knew it was going to be a ball game. We were pretty patient and moved the ball around. We have some work to do on the offensive end -- no doubt about it. We found a way to claw and fight and take care of business."

The Lady Wolves begin their OAA Red play this week as they hosted Southfield-Lathrup on Tuesday and head to Pontiac on Friday.


JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows at 1051 Arlene in Pontiac. ~WAR



Erika Davenport prepares to score.

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Gift ideas

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A massage can be a great gift to de-stress from the daily grind.

During the holiday season, LaVida Massage has a special buy, three gift cards and get a \$50 gift card free.

LaVida's Andrea Ryeson said the benefits of massage are plentiful and has the power to lower blood pressure, promote better sleep and help with better circulation. "Stress causes many diseases," she said. "Massage also helps lift the mood and helps with relaxation."

Ryeson said massage helps with rehabilitation after an injury to get blood, nutrients and oxygen to heal injured areas faster.

LaVida also offers many other services from facials to body wraps. To find out more give them a call at 248-625-7300.

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Another gift to help distress can be the gift of a clean home, especially after the holidays.

What better way to take some stress away from the holiday season than to give someone the gift of a clean home.

Clarkston Cleaning Services offers gift cards to get a house in tip-top shape. To get more information on giving the gift of a clean home gift cards can be purchased online or by calling 248-620-9410.

Other unique ideas include the gift of good health at **Fitness Quest Training and Nutrition Centers** or a one hour healing touch treatment from **Wellness Enhancement, LLC**.

Give the gift of information like community events, community news and special features and deals by purchasing a friend, loved one or coworkers a subscription to *The Clarkston News*.

Lunch and dinners are always great ideas. Get a gift card to your favorite sit down establishment or fast food restaurant. A nice night out may be a welcome reprieve from the daily grind and foster the creation of everlasting memories. Most restaurants sell gift cards and you may even get a special deal on your dinner too.



Jennifer Jaworski, left, and Tammy Darr decorated Clarkston Travel for the Christmas season.



Karen Manvel, at right, selects some snacks at Rudy's Market, with the help of Mary Shefferly. Photos by Phil Custodio

Gift giving while thrifty

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Creating handmade and thrifty Christmas gifts can remove the stress of the holiday season. *The Clarkston News* found a few ideas anyone will appreciate from family members and friends to coworkers.

Scented Scrubs - mason jars can be picked up by the dozen, and on the cheap. Mason jars are also handy because they can be used to create many gifts this holiday season. The nifty gift requires is a mix of salt or sugar, a scented fragrance and a dab of food coloring.

Dollar stores have inexpensive and decorative jars or spend a few extra bucks to get a fancy jar. Wrap a decorative ribbon around the mouth of the jar and you have wonderful Christmas gift for special someone!

Choose any color of food coloring just to add a dab and give the scrub a bit of color.

Bath Scrub Recipe: to begin mix salt or sugar with a moisturizing oil like almond or olive oil in a bowl. To make sure the mix will not dry out add enough oil in the mixture. This will make it moist and spread on skin easily. Then, mix together oil and salt or sugar. You can also add a dab or two of your choice of food coloring for color.

Find a little scooper to attach to the side of the jar or just grab a body loofah and attach to the gift.

Hot Chocolate Fun: a snowman made from baby food jars. Start with three sanitized jars of empty baby food glass containers. Fill top jar with marshmallows, middle with hot chocolate mix, and bottom with peppermint candies or small candy canes. Decorate the snowman with paper buttons and a piece of clothing around the top for a scarf, and use glue to make the jars stick together.

Cookie Fun: Begin by filling a mason jar with cookie or brownie mix. Take a sanitized medium or large mason jar, mix teaspoon together 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour, 1 teaspoon of baking powder, 1 teaspoon of salt, 2/3 cups of unsweetened cocoa powder, 2 1/4 white sugar, 1/2 cup of your favorite nuts or chocolate chips. Add together in a jar and layer to provide and interesting look. Attach a "Merry Christmas" tag with baking instructions. A bow on top adds a little decoration, if you please.

Tins of goodies: pick up a few tins at the dollar store and fill with cookie or baking mix. Hold an all day bake session and fill the tins with all kinds of cookies. Place a few chocolates in with the cooled cookies and place a bow on top.

For your significant other, create a coupon book with "coupons" with fun activities for both to enjoy.

Trustee nominated for award

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Trustee Jose Aliaga has been nominated for Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson award recognizing the class of 2014 Elite 40 under 40 award.

On Dec. 6, Aliaga was notified of the nomination. Finalist for the award will be announced on Feb. 10.

"The Elite 40 Under 40 represent where Oakland County is headed tomorrow: charging into the knowledge-based economy, providing strong leadership, and engaged in improving the quality of life in our region," Patterson said.

"I was not expecting it at all," said Aliaga. "I am happy to be a young leader helping the community and working to make sure the community is provided for well. I am glad to be a positive example for young people."

Aliaga earned two associates degrees in Liberal Arts and general studies at Oakland Community College and a bachelors degree at the U of M in political science with minor in Spanish.

Aliaga said he has been involved in many good causes and committees both locally and internationally.

"I have been involved on the safety paths committees and also served on committee for the public access channel in Independence television," he said.

Aliaga also has a show on ITV called The Jose Aliaga show where he promotes local business, health care and many more issues.

"The show is a great opportunity and service I do to help the community," he said. "I do it to help businesses so Independence Township can get more businesses and more tax revenue. I do it for the people in the community."

Aliaga said he is proud of his work on a disbanded ITV committee that worked to improve the public access station.

"We made many changes and improvements to the public access channel," he said. "Now we produce programs and shows and made ITV more efficient."



Jose Aliaga

Aliaga said he is happy to volunteer his time for many causes, and has been recognized on several occasions.

"I am very humbled and happy to be recognized for my work," he said.

In 2008, as Aliaga was working on the Michigan Hispanic Republican Assembly when he was invited to the White House Invited by President George Bush to celebrate National Hispanic month, which recognizes great contributions made to the US by Hispanic Americans.

In 2012 Aliaga was also inducted as an honorary member of APO fraternity for his work as founder of the Jose Aliaga Foundation.

"I also could not believe that they recognized my work for helping underprivileged kids in South America," he said.

Other awards include a State of Michigan Tribute from The Governor in 2005, a PhD Honorary Degree, Universidad Federico Villarreal 2007, recognition from US Congressmn Thaddeus McCotter in 2007 and a

PhD Honorary Degree from the Universidad National Enrique Guzman y Valle in 2010.

"I am honored and happy to be a representing Independence Township," he said. Aliaga is 36 years-old.



City Manager Carol Eberhardt is a technology geek. Photo by Andrea M. Beaudoin

Geek campaign

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Nancy Grimmer was in Clarkston Independence District Library one day when she saw posters of friends and neighbors on the wall and wondered why.

Told about the "What do you Geek?" campaign, she found she could participate as well. She brought her dog Bailey, who participates in the Read to Paws program in the library, in for the photo.

"I also wanted to promote Read to Paws," said Grimmer.

Photographer Mari Latozas takes the pictures, which are made into posters and displayed in the library. Visitors can also buy "What do you Geek?" posters and t-shirts.

Bailey is in the photo with the statement, "I geek Read to Paws."

What do you Geek is part of a nationwide campaign spearheaded by a grant from Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The campaign started at the Clarkston-Independence Library in the beginning of November and will run until the beginning of April. Future photo sessions are being scheduled, said Library Director Julie Meredith.

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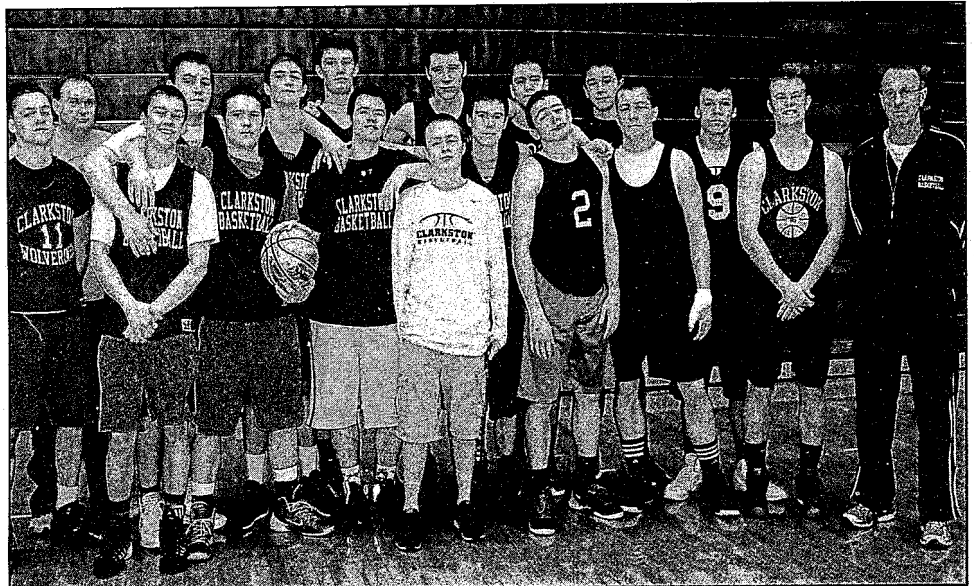
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 Dec. 26, Thurs. 5 p.m. Holiday Hoops at Cass Tech High School
 Jan. 3, Fri., 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Prep
 Jan. 10, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Pontiac
 Jan. 14, Tues., 7 p.m. at Rochester Adams
 Jan. 17, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. North Farmington
 Jan. 21, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Lake Orion
 Jan. 24, Fri., 5:30 p.m. at Southfield-Lathrup
 Jan. 27, Mon., 7 p.m. vs. Caman-Ainsworth
 Jan. 28, Tues., 7 p.m. at Bloomfield Hills
 Jan. 31, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Rochester
 Feb. 7, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Southfield
 Feb. 11, Tues., 7 p.m. at Pontiac
 Feb. 14, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Rochester Adams
 Feb. 19, Wed., 7 p.m. at North Farmington
 Feb. 21, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Southfield-Lathrup
 Feb. 25, Tues. 7 p.m. vs. Bloomfield Hills
 Feb. 27, Thurs., 7 p.m. at Rochester
 March 3-7, TBA MHSAA Districts
 March 10-12, TBD MHSAA Regionals
 March 18, TBD MHSAA Quarterfinals
 March 20-21, TBD MHSAA Semi-finals
 March 22, TBD MHSAA Finals



The Clarkston Varsity Boys Basketball team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Team's depth to assist in successful season

Cagers defense has led to the Wolves first two wins of the season and it is only going to get better as the team continues the season.

"We have a lot of depth," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "We should expect a typical Clarkston team. We are going to work hard. We are going to try to get them to play hard and smart. We have a lot of kids, young and old, who have been with me for a while because we brought them up at the end of the season. They know who I am. They know my expectations."

This year's team includes seniors Press Kampe, Michael Nicholson, Nick Owens, Andrew Swanson, Alex Trim; juniors Josh Bonzheim, Merrick Canada, Cole Chewins, Andrew Myers, Jonah Newblatt, Will Scarlett, Mason Vires, Dayton Wallis; sophomores

Mitch Heaton and Tabin Throgmorton.

"They have done a good job during the summer and they worked hard in the fall," Fife added. "I am excited but it will all come down to how they can handle the negatives during the season. It could be they didn't get the minutes they thought and the attitudes that come along from not playing a lot, not scoring as much, or not playing as well as they thought they should. I have found over the years they never get upset when they play good defense."

Fife added one of the strengths of this year's team is they are tall - with ten players six feet or taller - Nicholson and Chewins are the tallest at 6'8". Another strength is they can rebound.

Nicholson pointed out the win against Waterford Mott in the season opener has already helped the team out for the season.

"It got everyone used to the speed the varsity goes because some of the guys came up from JV," he said. "It also helped we played against other people and not just our teammates."

As the Wolves continue to improve and strengthen their skills they want to get back to establishing Clarkston Basketball.

Another goal for the boys is to bring home the eighth consecutive OAA Red title.

"It looks tough," said Fife, adding Bloomfield is new to the division. "Bloomfield, North Farmington and Southfield are good. They will be coming after us."

"Bloomfield is probably the best team and the best competition," Owens added. "They want us and we want them."

He said it will help them play not only having a target on them from Bloomfield but other teams as well.

"It helps us motivation wise," Owens added. "Because you want a piece of us, then come and get it. We are going to give you everything we've got."

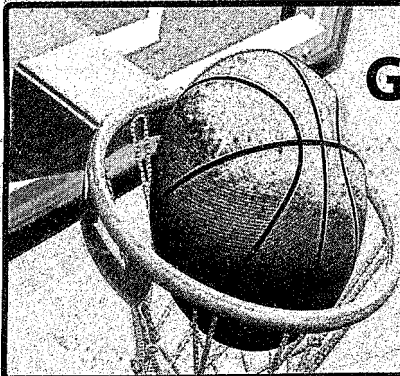
Nicholson pointed out the league championship is the starting point for the Wolves, then they will aim higher as they get into the post-season.

"Somewhere down the line we will work for the state championship which is the ultimate goal for the team."

"It is a good group of kids," Fife said. They have been working hard. They play hard and they can run."

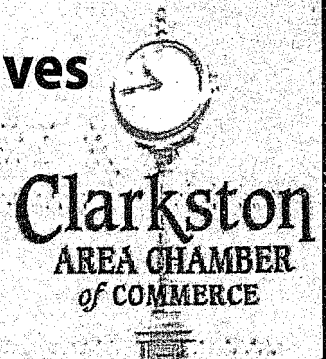
"You can expect a lot of hard work," Owens agreed. "Working hard every game and better execution. We had some pre-season jitters but I think we are okay. We have a good team chemistry."

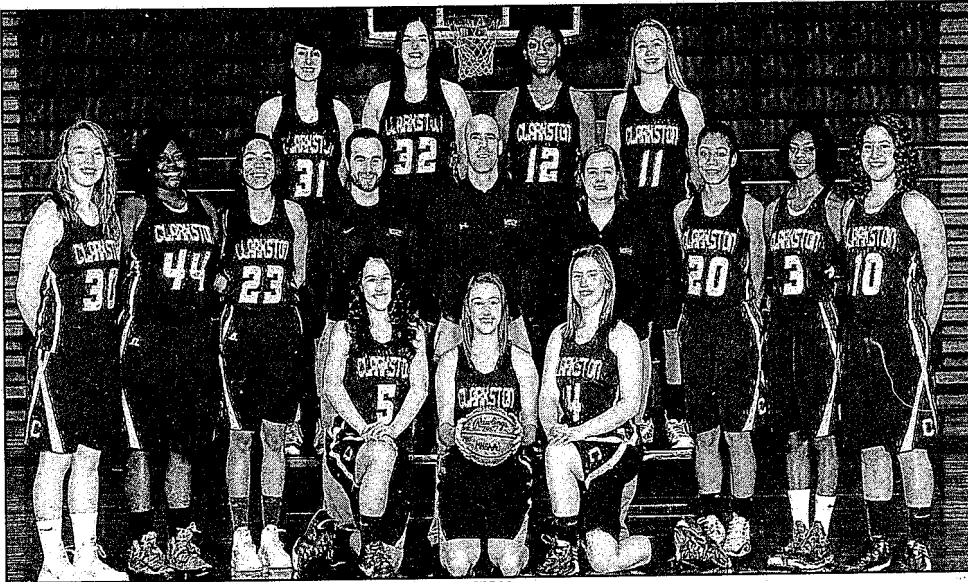
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The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team. Photo by VSN

2013-2014 Schedule

Dec. 20, Fri., 7 p.m. at Pontiac
 Jan. 3, Fri., 7 p.m. vs. Stoney Creek
 Jan. 7, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. West Bloomfield
 Jan. 10, Fri., 7 p.m. at North Farmington
 Jan. 14, Tues., 7 p.m. vs. Caman-Ainsworth
 Jan. 16, Thurs., 7 p.m. vs. Harrison
 Jan. 21, Tues., 7 p.m. at Avondale
 Jan. 24, Fri., 7 p.m. at Southfield-Lathrup
 Jan. 27, Mon., 7 p.m. at Huron
 Jan. 30, Thurs., 7 p.m. vs. Pontiac
 Feb. 4, Tues., 7 p.m. at Stoney Creek
 Feb. 7, Fri., 7 p.m. at West Bloomfield
 Feb. 13, Thurs., 7 p.m. vs. North Farmington
 Feb. 18, Tues., 7 p.m. at Harrison
 Feb. 20, Thurs., 7 p.m. vs. Avondale
 Feb. 24, 26, 28, TBD MHSAA Districts at home
 March 3, 6, TBD MHSAA Regionals at Orion
 March 11, TBD MHSAA Quarterfinals
 March 13, 14 TBD MHSAA Semi-Finals
 March 15, TBD MHSAA Finals

Lady Cagers' defense and rebounds for winning season

With the first three wins in the books, the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team is looking forward to another exciting year.

"They had a good summer and a good fall," said Tim Wasilk, head coach. "A lot of our kids played travel basketball and AAU during off the season. This is probably the most amount of players we have had play in the off season in quite some time since I have been here."

The team has six players returning - sophomore Mariah Hood; juniors Erika Davenport, Jessica Altene; seniors Alaina Cook, Carly Giroux, Kacy Robinson and Remia Bryant.

Wasilk said expect big things from their returners this season and a lot of players will be looking to fill the roles left behind from last year's three starters - Delaney Kenny, Erin Davenport and Patrice Matthews, who graduated in June.

"We have a 4-year player in Kacy, who is a solid guard for us," Wasilk added. "We have a 3-year guard in Carly. She will play big minutes for us. Erika and Jessica gave us big minutes last year. Mariah came in as freshman last year. She will play a lot of minutes for us. Alaina didn't play a lot of minutes for us last year but has the potential to step in and do things for us."

"The returners will help teach the newcomers for the future," Giroux said.

New players on the team are sophomores Kayla Russell, Lauren Tait; juniors Taylor Mullins, Ashley Skaggs, Emmalee Peck; senior and Katelyn Kuenzel.

"They have a good attitude, athleticism and are working hard," said Wasilk. "We have seen a lot of quickness with our press. They are pretty athletic."

Captains Giroux and Robinson added to expect a lot of energy, teamwork and speed

on the court this season.

"We have a very strong defense," Giroux said.

"I always believe defense leads to offense," Robinson added.

"And offense works off of the defense," Giroux agreed. "If we do something good on defense good things will happen on offense."

Both, as well as the rest of the team, are excited to be back and for the competition they will have.

"I am excited to be back," Giroux smiled, who missed some of last season after a ACL injury.

The girls' goals include meshing offensively and getting different line ups on the floor to get the girls comfortable playing.

"Also, just find out who we are on the offensive end of the ball," said Wasilk. "I have talked of them about playing defense

and rebounding."

Another goal includes winning the OAA Red league again. The Lady Wolves finished last year undefeated in the league.

"Our goal is always the league," Giroux added. "It's a marathon."

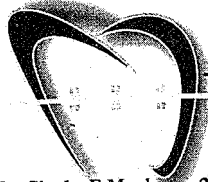
"You have to think about what is the closest," Robinson said.

"It's going to be really tough," Wasilk said. "It is as strong as ever. Southfield-Lathrup is going to be strong this year. Stoney Creek is going to be solid. We know each other well and it is going to be tough. Farmington Hills is coming up from a lower division."

The girls are looking forward to the match ups against Harrison and Southfield-Lathrup.

"I am interested to see how we start and mix with new players. We are excited to go," Wasilk added.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



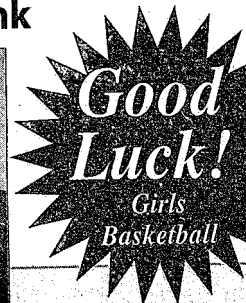
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Clarkston Hockey team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

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Dec. 18, Wed., 10:30 p.m. at Comerica Winter Fest vs. Lake Orion
 Dec. 20, Fri., 5 p.m. vs. Dakota - Christmas Tournament
 Dec. 21, Sat., TBD vs. Novi - Christmas Tournament
 Jan. 9, Thurs., 7:30 p.m. at Birmingham Consolidated
 Jan. 17, Fri., 6 p.m. at East Kentwood
 Jan. 18, Sat., 1 p.m. at Kenowa Hills
 Jan. 23, Thurs., 5:45 p.m. vs. Stoney Creek
 Jan. 25, Sat., 8 p.m. vs. Lake Orion
 Jan. 30, Thurs., 7 p.m. at Farmington
 Feb. 1, Sat., TBD at Rochester United
 Feb. 6, Thurs., TBA Public Showcase
 Feb. 8, Sat., TBA Public Showcase
 Feb. 13, Thurs., TBD vs. Farmington Hills
 Feb. 19, Wed. 6 p.m. at Berkley at Onyx
 Feb. 22, Sat. 6 p.m. vs. Howell
 Feb. 24 - 28, TBA MHSAA Regionals
 March 4, Tues., TBD MHSAA Quarterfinals
 March 6 - 7, TBD MHSAA Semi-finals
 March 8, Sat. TBD MHSAA Finals

Wolves aim for long playoff run

Icers are off to a winning season and plan for more with a team full of experienced players.

"We should have a good competitive team who goes out there and battles," said Clarkston Hockey Head Coach Bryan Krygier. "We are all junior and senior team who has seen pretty much every team we will play."

He added with the experience the amount of mistakes in the defensive and offensive zone should decrease.

"It should decrease the amount of mistakes because they have been in those situations in those positions prior," Krygier pointed out. "Hopefully they can react and not make a mistake which will cost us the goal."

The Wolves has 15 returners: juniors Austin Fullmer, Drake Gentile Maxwell Palese, Joe Popp; seniors Shawn Cotter, Kyle Hogarth, Jacob LaPorte, Eric Matynowski, Garrett Polish, Alex Propson, Carter Rea, Roman Reiner, Nick Surovec, Jack Viazanko, and Chase Wiedemann.

"They are stronger physically," Krygier

said about the returners. "They are sharper mentally. Hopefully it will translate to more wins than we had last year."

"I can see as we continue on it gets better and better as a team," Viazanko added. "The depth is something we haven't had in a while and it will allow us to get better than we have the last two years."

Polish, Weidemann and Matynowski will use their experience and skills as they help lead the team as captains this season. Other key returners include LaPorte and Viazanko and Surovec, both in the net.

The team has eight new players to the ice with juniors Shayn Lindquist, Dane Pipia, Jack Selke, Justin Selke, Dylan Smith; seniors Kyle Cuthrell, Kamren Huizenga and Drew Terry.

"Hopefully they will add more defense," Krygier said. "They will add a little more depth for us. They should be up there for more physical play and add to the offensive scoring."

Krygier added the OAA Red league looks good for this year. They are 1-1-1 with a win over North Farmington, tie against Berkley

and loss to Rochester.

"Berkley came up from the white division," he said. "They are a good team and they are competitive. We tied them in our first league game. It gave us experience."

The goal for the Wolves is to win the league and to play consistent so they can make it further into playoffs this year.

"We want to make a good run in playoffs and not have a quick ending," Viazanko added. "We want to get through regionals and see how close we come to Compuware Arena for the state playoffs."


The Wolves will be fun to watch this winter because the goal is to score 4-5 points per night.

"It should be exciting," Krygier said, adding with the returning offensive players they have, they will be able to do it.

"It just means we have to work that much harder in the defensive zone. We should be attacking the net and scoring some goals."

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Young talent for exciting year



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team: in back from left, Coach Lenny Kersten, Nick Treece, Eric Wagner, Timothy Cuthrell, Coach Alan Pittman; in front, Evan Farough and Jacob Kersten. Photo by Wendi Reardon

After last year's successful finish, Clarkston bowlers are rolling in a new year with excitement.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity team have three returners - Timothy Cuthrell, Jacob Kersten and Eric Wagner.

"We are going to be good. They are going to be strong this year," said Lenny Kersten, boys coach. "Eric and Jacob should have a phenomenal year and have a good possibility to earn high school honors."

He added all of the boys on the team have their own different ways of bringing different component to the game. Including the newest to the varsity team: Nick Treece and Evan Farough.

"They have bowled on JV for a couple of years," Kersten added. "They are ready to take the next step to the next level. They are really competitive and have that competitive edge about them. They know what it takes to win."

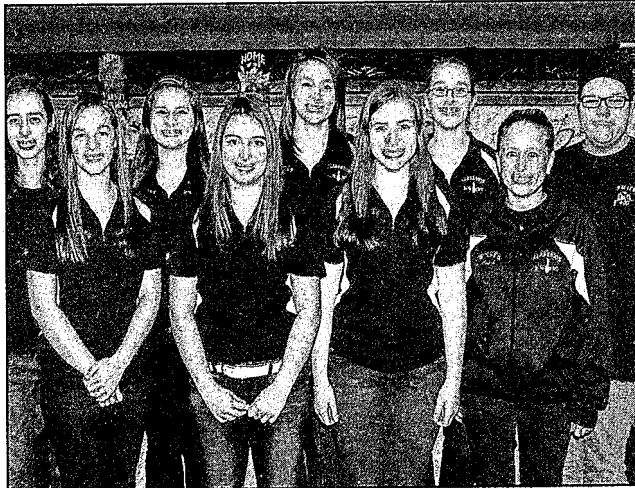
The Oakland Activities Association league will be tough this year and competitive.

"I have talked to Lake Orion," Kersten said. "They are really young. League wise we should be competitive. I am looking for really good things. Not only will we be competitive but one of the top competitors for the league championship."

He added only having five on the team this season will be rough but they will be good for the winter.

"They have the skill, attitude and willingness to work hard and to win," Kersten said.

The girls team has five returners - Chelsea Turk, Sophie Hubble, Tess Horowitz, Victoria Wolfgang and Hailey Paull.



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team: in back from left, Jillian Ritchey, Chelsea Turk, Sophie Hubble, Victoria Wolfgang, Emily Frasa; in front, Hailey Paull, Samantha Lavelly, Tess Horowitz and Coach Elenor Hallman. Photo by Wendi Reardon

"We have veteran leadership," said Kersten. "They know what it takes to win and hopefully they will instill that into the new girls. They have a winning attitude. They look good. They are as talented as they have been in a long time and all of the girls will make an impact."

The team has three new bowlers - Sam Lavelly, Jillian Ritchey and Emily Frasa, a transfer student from Oxford.

"Lavelly is going to be good," Kersten added. "She is coming in as a freshman and has a ton of talent."

"They are all underclassman," said Elenor Hallman, girls coach. "Next year they will be that much stronger. Not only are they good bowlers but they have spunk. They are entertaining."

Kersten noted the girls team is very close and welcomed the new bowlers right away.

"If they can keep each other up, they are going to be a good team," he said.

For the league, the Lady Wolves have the ability to go far according to Hallman.

"I have seen the other teams and these girls are good," said Kersten. "I know what they are capable of doing - they are capable of being awesome."

"We have a good group of kids and it looks like good teams this year," Kersten said. "We are looking for to teach kids not only respect for each other but team comradery. One of our biggest goals is to be cohesive as a team."

Both teams play their home meets at Cherry Hill Lanes North in Clarkston, 6697 Dixie Highway.

-Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

2013-2014 Schedule

- Jan. 2, Thurs., 3:15 p.m. at Oxford
- Jan. 6, Mon., 3:15 p.m. vs. Lake Orion
- Jan. 9, Thurs., 3:15 p.m. at Bloomfield
- Jan. 16, Thurs., 3:15 p.m. vs. Oxford
- Jan. 18, Sat. Girls Oakland County Meet
- Jan. 19, Sun. Boys Oakland County Meet
- Jan. 27, Mon., 3:15 p.m. vs. Bloomfield

- Jan. 28, Tues., 3:45 at Troy
- Jan. 30, Thurs., 3:15 p.m. at Lake Orion
- Feb. 1, Sat. OAA Conference
- Feb. 6, Thurs. 3:30 p.m. at Troy Athens
- Feb. 21, 22. MHSAA Regionals
- Feb. 28, March 1. MHSAA State Finals

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Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Wrestlers excited for new season on the mat

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Dec. 20, Fri., 4 p.m. Oakland County Tournament at Oxford
 Dec. 21, Sat., 10 a.m. Oakland County Tournament at Oxford
 Jan. 4, Sat., 9:30 a.m. Vieau Invite
 Jan. 8, Wed., 5 p.m. at Lake Orion Dual
 Jan. 11, Sat., 10 a.m. Super Dual at Detroit Catholic Central
 Jan. 15, Wed., 5:30 p.m. vs. Stoney Creek and Harrison
 Jan. 18, Sat., Brandon Invitational
 Jan. 22, Wed., TBA at Oxford Double Dual
 Jan. 25, Sat., 9 a.m. Oakland/Macomb Duals at Waterford Kettering
 Jan. 29, Wed., 5:30 p.m. vs. Avondale, Garman Ainsworth, Warren Woods
 Jan. 31, TBA OAA League at Oxford
 Feb. 5, Wed., MHSAA Team District
 Feb. 8, Sat., MHSAA Individual District
 Feb. 12, Wed., MHSAA Team Regionals
 Feb. 15, Sat., MHSAA Individual Regionals
 Feb. 21-22, MHSAA Team State Finals
 Feb. 27- March 1, MHSAA Individual Finals

Grapplers opened the season taking first place at the John Glenn tournament and are looking forward to taking down more opponents on the mat this winter.

"They are anxious to compete," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "We are excited. We are going to have an exciting season."

The team has seven seniors this year to lead - Marc Bosnack, Jack Dionne, Bret Foltz, Stevan Franco, Gregory Miller, Tyler Slating and Cameron Wilkie.

"It is always fun when you have a lot of seniors," Moscovic added. "When you have seniors you have a level of maturity and anxiousness because it is their last year. They want to go out with the best of their ability which raises the level of competition in the room. It sets a good example for all the athletes."

The team only lost four wrestlers from their starting line up.

"Pretty much out entire line up are returners," he said. "We will have to have guys to compete which is good when you have freshman coming up. They have to prove themselves."

Also, on the team are juniors Joshua Cohoon, Austin Dishmon, Devon Landry, Zachary Lehoczky, Scott Shelton, Chris Trimmer, Kasimir Waitkus; sophomores Dakota Bills, Nolan Eriksen, Nathan Hayes, Kyle Morgan, Mitchell Nelson, Gavin Pelle, Kyle Seibert, Harley Susalla III, Nathan Troutvine, Trevor Ulrich, Nathan Vandermeer; freshmen Brandon Baker, Jacob Blaska, Justin Bleim, Jacob Calvano, Percy Fowler, Alexander Minuth, Tyler Retford, Lucas Russell, Jacob Rygielski, David Stover, Nevin Strayer, Griffin Wilkie and Nathan Zimmie.

"It is a good freshman class," Moscovic added. "They work hard and they are real positive. It's nice when you have talented wrestlers coming in the room looking to compete. They competed in the off season they will be a part of our success this year."

The boys are looking forward to their individual dual meets in the OAA Red where they hope to finish higher than last year's third place finish.

"Our league is always tough," added Moscovic. "We have some of the top teams in the state again - Rochester, Oxford and us. We will be competing not only against

the best teams from around the state in tournaments but also competing in our league against the best teams in the state."

He added the league duals are great preparation for the tournaments and also for the end of the season when they start their road to the finals in February.

"The level of caliber wrestling in the OAA is extremely high," Moscovic said. "It's the kind of caliber you will see in the state. We will prepare like that in week in and week out not only in the OAA but with our schedule which is a tough schedule. It prepares you for those kind of kids."

The Wolves will see some of the tough teams this week as they head to the Oakland County tournament in Oxford. They come back from holiday break to head to the Vieau Invite in Brighton, Jan. 4. Then, they have the Super Duals at Detroit Catholic Central, Jan. 11. They end the month with the Brandon Invitational, Jan. 18, and the Oakland/Macomb Duals at Waterford Kettering, Jan. 25.

"There are a lot of expectations on these guys and a lot of goals for the final hooray," Moscovic said.

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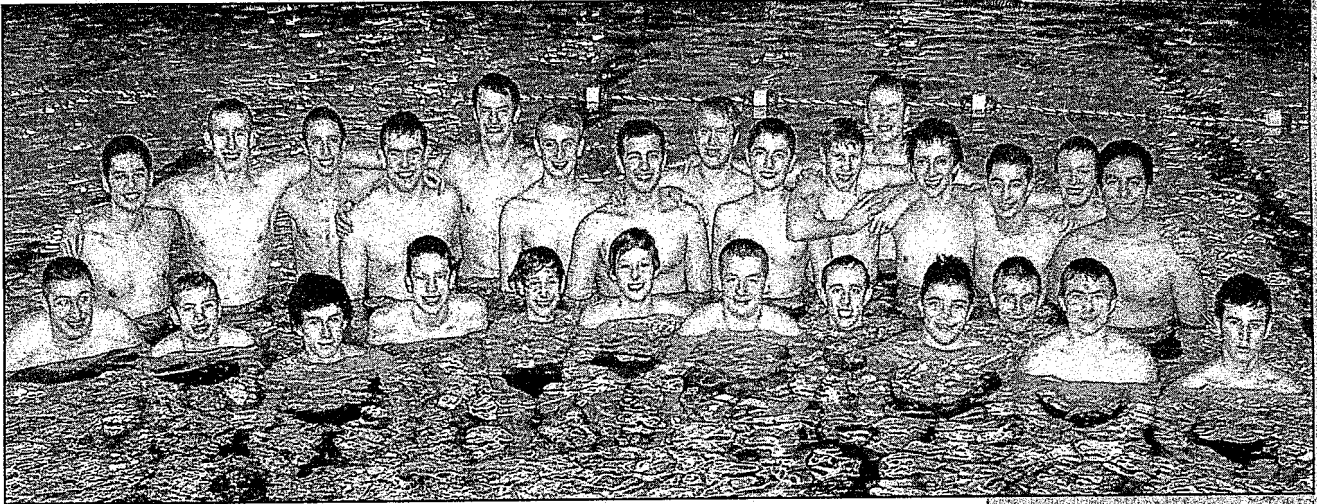
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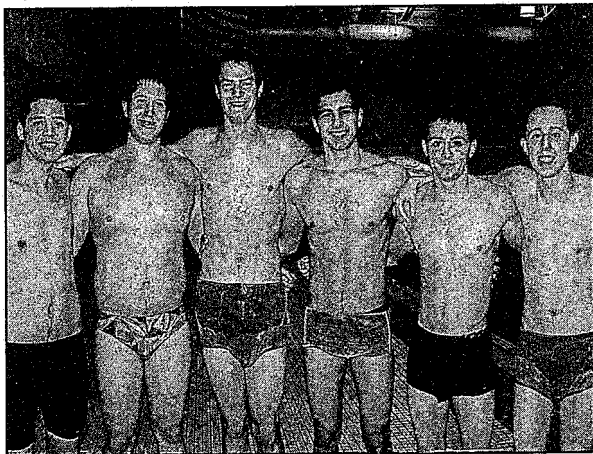
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Seniors Ryan Geisler, Mitch Tozer, David Keer, Mitch McLouth, Joey Zendejas, Troy Carnwath, Robert Szilagyi, and Brian Lorimer are ready to lead the team to victory.

Ready to swim

Clarkston High School Varsity Swim is seeing red this year – they're back in Division 1, OAA Red, this year after a year in OAA White.

"They moved up a division – they're looking good," said Varsity Swim Coach Kenwyn Chock. "The seniors coming back are very good, and we have a really nice group of first year swimmers."

The team's goal is sending swimmers to states and breaking pool records, said senior Mitch Tozer, team captain along with Ryan Geisler and David Keer.

"It'll be a lot more challenging," Tozer said. "The team is out, practicing hard."

"The team's looking great this year – we have a lot of new faces," Keer said. "I'm looking forward to seeing what this year has to offer. We're putting in a lot of hard work."

"I'm excited to see how the season plays out, with the team back in Division One," said Geisler.

2013-2014 Schedule

- Dec. 19, Thurs., 6 p.m. vs. Bloomfield Hills
- Jan. 4, Sat., 11 a.m. at Waterford Mott
- Jan. 9, Thurs., 6 p.m. vs. North Farmington
- Jan. 16, Thurs., TBA at Groves
- Jan. 23, Thurs., 6 p.m. vs. Troy
- Jan. 31, Fri., 6 p.m., at Waterford Kettering
- Feb. 4, Tues., 6 p.m. vs. Lake Orion
- Feb. 6, Thurs., 6 p.m. at Tri-Meet in Holly
- Feb. 19, Wed., 5 p.m., OAA Prelims at Seaholm
- Feb. 20, Thurs., 5 p.m. OAA Diving at Seaholm
- Feb. 21, Fri., 5 p.m., OAA Championship at Seaholm
- March 4, Tues., TBA MHSAA Diving Regional
- March 7, Fri., TBA MHSAA Finals
- March 8, Sat., TBA MHSAA Finals

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The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pom Dance team. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Dancing away

The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pom team is dancing their way into the winter season. They open 2014 with the Palace Classic at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Jan. 11.

The Lady Wolves will perform during half time at the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team home games during the season. The games are as follows: Jan. 10, Fri., vs. Pontiac; Jan. 17, Fri. vs. North Farmington; Jan. 21, Tues. vs. Lake Orion; Jan. 27, Mon. vs. Carman-Ainsworth; Jan. 31, Fri. vs. Rochester; Feb. 7, Fri., vs. Southfield; Feb. 14, Fri., vs. Rochester Adams; Feb. 21, Fri. vs. Southfield-Lathrup; and Feb. 25, Tues. vs. Bloomfield Hills.

The team is sophomores Emily Comos, Claire Foley, Sydney Foley, Shelby Geisler, Taylor McKay, Maria Steger, Abigail Wilson; juniors Elise Cameron, Megan Frick, Ange Kerr, Angela Sedano, Mikaela Smith; seniors Casey Baetens, Lyndsey Bice, Jillian Buttino, Gina Garavaglia, Stacey Goebel, Bridget Lindsay, Shannon Napier, Jessica Poland, Samantha Steger and Megan Vondette.



The Lady Wolves perform during half time at the Boys Varsity Basketball team's home opener, Dec. 13.



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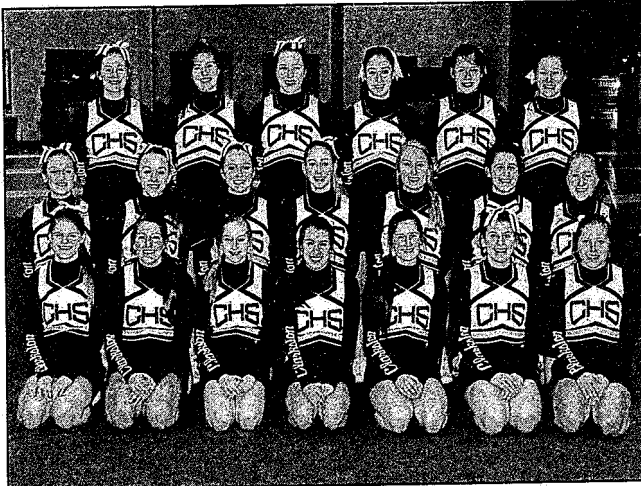
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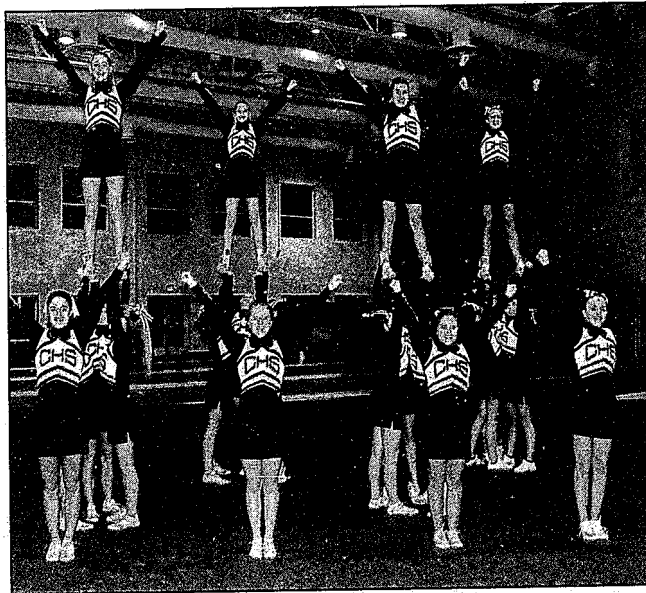
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The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team. Photos by Wendi Reardon



The Lady Wolves practice for their first meet.

Vision on league title

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer made an impact last season winning the OAA White league and are looking to repeat the success this winter.

"This season is really exciting," said Coach Beth Ann Markey. "Last year was my first year taking over as the head coach. Now that we have spent the whole year together the team is really sharp. They are talented. We are performing hard stunt sequences and incorporating some high gymnastics skills. It is really exciting to have the total package ready to go."

She added the Lady Wolves are ready to try anything new.

"They want to go after anything," Markey smiled. "I will say 'try this' and it ends up looking great. It is really fun to create material with them because they are so open to whatever and it ends up being a great performance with the cheers we use."

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team is: sophomores Brianna Callahan, Marielle Hand, Alyse Richards, Lauren Scott, Elizabeth Sheill, Halley Sosnowski, Hannah Wilson; juniors Samantha Bitzer, Gabrielle Carusello, Rachel Christensen, Molly Johnson, Tyler Pearce, Rachel Rooks, Shelby Weiler; seniors Danielle Goodloe, Courtney Kennedy, Haley Layson, Alexis Rouse and Megan Sullivan.

From last year's team they have 90 per-

cent returning including five seniors and a lot of juniors and seniors.

They also have five new Lady Wolves on the team.

"They are spunky," Markey smiled. "They have the mentality which they haven't experienced varsity and everything they do is fresh. It's fun for the older kids to share their knowledge with them. It is a great mix. They love each other. They are like a bunch of sisters."

Besides winning their second consecutive league title they have another goal to be one of the top four teams at the MHSAA District meet, Feb. 15.

"We want to be a force to be reckoned with as well," Markey said. "It is a really tough district. There are a lot of solid teams so our goal is to hang and be one of the teams who goes to regionals."

"With this team I believe in them and they are strong," Markey added. "They are such a great team to coach."

The Lady Wolves head to their first OAA White league meet on Jan. 9 when they go to Hazel Park. The next two are at West Bloomfield, Jan. 22, and Troy Athens, Feb. 1.

The points are added up from each meet. The team with the most points at the end of the last meet wins the title.

-Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

2013-2014 Schedule


- Jan. 4, Sat., at Allen Park
- Jan. 9, Thurs., League Meet at Hazel Park
- Jan. 11, Sat., Oxford Invite
- Jan. 18, Sat., Rochester Royal Rumber at Rochester
- Jan. 22, Wed., League Meet at West Bloomfield
- Jan. 25, Sat., Bobcat Invite at Grand Blanc High School
- Feb. 1, Sat., League Championship at Troy Athens
- Feb. 8, Sat., Fenton Invite
- Feb. 15, Sat., TBA MHSAA District at Lake Orion
- Feb. 22, Sat., TBD MHSAA Regionals at Hartland
- March 1, Sat., TBD MHSAA Finals at Delta Plex at Grand Rapids



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The Clarkston Girls Ski team is freshman Micah Angus; sophomore Amanda Casetti; juniors Madeline DeClercq, Megan Gasser, Lauren Martin, Caroline Spytman; and senior Karoline Holsbeke. Photos by Wendi Reardon



The Clarkston Boys Ski team is freshmen Sean Lemieux, Jacob McIntosh; sophomores John Bland, Brett Cooper, Robert Dixon, James Haven, Brandon Imirowicz, Jack Muhleck, Jacob Shook, Reis Weidemann; juniors Peter Gustafson, James Klein, Luke Smoger, Derek VanItallie; seniors Ryan Callahan, Benjamin Schuster and Nicholas Smart.

Racers plan to take over the snowy mountains

The nip in the air and snow piling on each day at Pine Knob Ski Resort means one thing for the Wolves - racing season is just around the corner.

The Clarkston Boys and Girls Ski teams open the season the week of Jan. 8 with a Slalom and Giant Slalom against Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook and Detroit Country Day.

"The boys and girls teams will have a solid year," said Coach Mike Foyteck.

He added the girls are really strong this year and they have gotten stronger and faster each year in training as well as races.

"I am expecting big things from the girls this year," he said.

The Lady Wolves have six racers returning and one new freshman racer.

"I am really excited for a good comeback and blow everyone away," said Madeline DeClercq. "We have a solid team. Last year was a building year so we were able to figure out what we were good at and what we weren't."

"We have been together for a long time even before high school," Karoline Holsbeke added. "We know each others' strengths and weaknesses and we can help each other out. We are going to try to work together as a team and try to be the fastest girls team at Pine Knob."

The boys team has five racers returning after losing two to graduation last year. They finished last year in second place at the state championship.

"They have to ability to have a great year. I am looking for a better finish," Foyteck said.

"We have a good team," said Ryan Callahan from the boys varsity team. "We lost some seniors but we have some good replacements coming in. We are hoping for another state title."

"You can expect dedicated racers who are in it to win it," Derek VanItallie added about the season. "It will be a lot of tactic and learning things as much as we can."

Foyteck added this season will be fun to watch because they will see a lot of good competition at Pine Knob Ski Resort, where all their home races occur.

"It is a good place to have that competition on the hill every day," he said. "The funnest thing to watch is the schools race each other."

Clarkston has rejoined the Southeastern Michigan Ski League, SEMSL, and is in the Pine Knob Division with Andover, Lahser, Cranbrook, Detroit Country Day, Lake Orion, Notre Dame Prep, Rochester, Rochester-Adams and Waterford United.

"Our division at Pine Knob looks very strong in SEMSL," Foyteck added. "It is going to be the biggest it has been for a while."

The racers are looking forward to every meet at Pine Knob as well as the Traverse City Invitational at Schuss Mountain, Jan. 27.

"I am looking forward for it because aside from states that is one of the most competitive meets we have," Callahan said.

"I have never raced in it," Ben Schuster added. "It has been rained out."

VanItallie added he enjoys it because he gets to race schools they normally don't during the regular season.

Each week of races gets them closer to the end of February when the state championship takes place. The boys are aiming to take first place after their second place finish last year.

"We have a lot of kids who have raced in states," Schuster added. "They have state experience so we won't be as nervous as usual."

The girls team are focusing on sending the whole team after only sending two racers last winter.

"Last year we struggled at the regionals," Holsbeke said. "This year we are really looking forward to winning it as a team."

"Our goal is to stay healthy and win the state title," said Foyteck.

-Sports Writer Wendi Reardon



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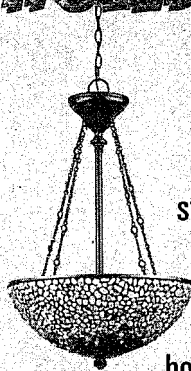
The former Elizabeth Hardy and Dr. Gauthier are both 2004 Clarkston High School graduates.

The bride, daughter of Joanne Hardy and Patrick Hardy, was attended by Megan

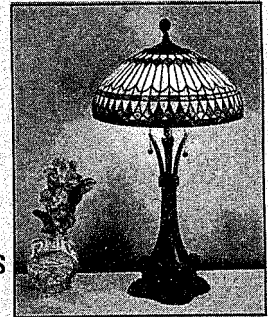
Cantay, Lisa Scott, Rachel Young, and Jessica Gaisor. Attendants for the groom, son of Dan and Kathy Gauthier of Clarkston, were Michael Rowden, Steven Hardy, Alex Hardy, Jeff Scott, and Dan Spencer.

The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica and reside in Mt. Arlington, N.J.

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-Jennifer Jaworski



"Family, friends, good food, good companionship, peace and prosperity that comes with the holiday season. That's all the things that come to mind."
-Pat Easterday



"I think my favorite thing about Christmas is that people are nicer and more cheerful."
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The Clarkston Area Optimists worked to install an ice skating rink in Depot Park. Skaters can now visit Depot Park and skate.
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Optimists get rink ready for skaters

BY ANDREAM.BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Area Optimists were busy installing the ice skating rink in Depot Park on Monday.

Optimist John Marz was one of the laborers working to install the ice rink. He said the rink is pretty large and measures 64 x 37.

The ice rink will stay up in Depot Park through the winter season until about March, and anyone can come ice skating for free.

On the day the rink was being installed, Bill Kunse said after the rink was installed, filled with water and iced over it would be ready for skaters. "It takes teamwork and willingness to install the rink," said Kunse.

Betty Reilly said the Optimists work to-

gether and install the rink for the community. "It's for the kids and it's for the adults too," she said. "It's for everybody."

Oakland County Commissioner and Optimist Tom Middleton said 2013 marks the third year the Optimists have paid for and installed the rink in the park.

Middleton said a few years ago resident Ginny Shultz approached the optimists and asked about installing a rink, and that is when the idea was born. Middleton and the rest of the Optimists were on board with the idea, and the rink was born shortly after.

"The popularity of the ice rink is unbelievable," said Middleton. "I come out at 10 at night and there are people skating. I come at 8 in the morning and people are skating.

It's popularity is more than I could have ever believed."

City Manager Carol Eberhardt said she spoke with Middleton several times, and he is very concerned with keeping the ice smooth in the rink.

Middleton said he keeps the ice smooth by visiting the rink and pumping more water on it.

On the day they installed the rink, a coffee donation from the Old Village Café in Clarkston made the work a little warmer and easier. Eberhardt said there is no set hours for the rink.

"People can come and skate in the evening or whenever they are brave enough to face the cold," she said



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Christmas has an eternal truth to it. It comes always to a changing world and changing lives.

We celebrate Christmas traditions as if they are timeless.

But the only timeless thing about Christmas is the simple truth that it comes to us wherever we are and whatever we are going through. It comes to all people and is often celebrated in the least likely places.

Christmas comes continually, whether you want it or not, believe in it or not. Christmas comes and comes back again until it surrounds you and brings our life and our world into holy focus.

I pray you have a blessed Christmas. Whatever your situation or expectation, know this Christmas is given for you and for all.

It is your free gift of divine grace calling you to new horizons and giving to us a way of seeing the joy, hope, peace and love that you, we and all were always intended to share. Merry Christmas.

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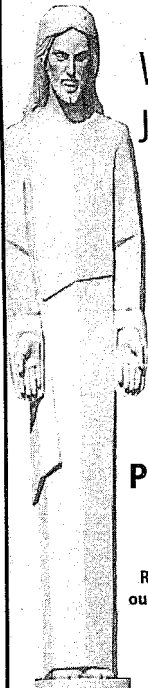
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William Armour, 82

William J. Armour of Ortonville, formerly of Royal Oak, passed away Dec. 9, 2013, at age 82.

He was the beloved husband of Grete; loving father of Robert (Mary Lou), John (Maureen), Linda (John) Burleson; loving stepfather of Anita Strand, Eva (Ford) Sutton; grandpa of Brian Nicholson, John Armour Jr., and Marko Armour; step grandpa of Robert (Amanda) Solwold and Alicia Haynes; great grandpa of Sheyann, William Cody, Katie, Sophia and Ella; preceded in death by his first wife Barbara and son Jim; also survived by many cousins and loving friends.

Bill was a former partner of VanHorn Brothers Concrete Company. Memorial Service was Dec. 13 at Christ Lutheran Church, Waterford. Inurnment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, 300 Galleria Officecentre, Suite 111, Southfield, MI 48034. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Gail A. Batterbee, 63

Gail A. Batterbee of Grand Blanc passed away in her home surrounded by her family, Dec. 9, 2013, at age 63.

She was the loving wife of Ken; beloved mother of Todd (Cassie), William (Joni) and Melissa (Brian) King; grandmother of Ally, Corey, Jesse, Brandon, Melanie, Spencer, Kierstynn and Emma; sister of Larry (Dorothy) Drenth, Lynda (Neil) Olstrom, Billie Sue Drenth, Jackie (John) Nachazel and Vicki Lanning.

Ken and Gail moved to Goodrich from their hometown of East Jordan in 1973. Each of the past seven years she and Ken wintered in Punta Gorda, where she was socially active in the community at Water's Edge, and where she lived on a sunny spot on a small pond with her husband of 47 years.

Gail especially loved her grandchildren, who gathered around her the night prior to her death and sang Christmas Carols, Christmas was her favorite holiday. Gail owned Easy Tone & Tan in Goodrich.

Funeral Mass was Dec. 13 at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Goodrich. Scripture service was Dec. 12 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities or St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church or Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



Death notices & Obituaries

Alice V. McCrum, 90 George Reed III, 57

Alice V. McCrum of Clarkston went to be with the Lord, Dec. 9, 2013, at age 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth A. McCrum. She was the loving mother of Kenneth L. (Donnie L.) McCrum and Rial Ray (Debby) McCrum; grandmother of Sheila (Don) Dao and Christopher (Rachelle) McCrum; great grandmother of Colby, Haleigh and Isabella; preceded in death by her daughter in law Kathryn McCrum and great grandson Alexander.

Alice liked sewing, gardening and taking long walks with her husband. Alice and her husband were founding members of the First Baptist Church of Clarkston.

Funeral Service was Dec. 14 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment White Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 112 W. Chisholm Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



George A. Reed III of Waterford passed away Dec. 13, 2013, at age 57.

He was the loving husband of Norma for 35 years; beloved father of Elizabeth (Brian) Connor; proud papa of Reed; son of George A. and the late Eileen Reed; brother of Sheryl (Jim) High; son in law of Myrtle Wren; also survived by many extended family and friends.

Funeral Service was Dec. 17 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or American Cancer Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



Beverly Smith, 66

Beverly Ann Smith of Highland passed away Dec. 13, 2013, at age 66.

She was the loving wife of Edmond for 48 years; mother of Darryl (Sakiba); preceded in death by her son Shane; grandma of Sadrir and Amila; sister of Clayton (Shirley) Cole, Ellene Fisher, Nancy (Earl) Pillion and Carol Hall; also survived by many other family members and friends.

Funeral Service was Dec. 16 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**. Interment Ortonville Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



Virginia Wilberg, 93

Virginia Wilberg, 93, of Alpena, passed away Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013, at her home in Turning Brook.

Virginia Beverly Kalb was born on April 16, 1920, to the late Daniel and Amalia (Berkes) Kalb in Chicago, Illinois. On May 17, 1941, she married Walter Wilberg. He preceded her in death on July 26, 2010.

Virginia was a library assistant for the Clarkston Schools for 10 years before moving to New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and in 2008 moved to Alpena.

Surviving are two sons, Dr. Carl and Mary Margaret Wilberg of Manistee, John and Rita Wilberg of Ossineke; five grandsons, Michael (Genny Nesslage) Wilberg, Eric Wilberg, Brian (Nicole) Wilberg, Bradley (Christina) Wilberg, Robert Wilberg; and one great grandson, Grayson Wilberg.

A memorial service will take place on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, at Turning Brook at 10:30 a.m. with Rev. Paul Lance officiating. Cremation arrangements have been handled by the **Bannan Funeral Home** in Alpena.

Memorials, Hospice of Michigan or The Salvation Army.



Cherylyn Spencer, 51

Cherylyn Spencer, "Subbie," of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, passed away Dec. 7, 2013, at age 51.

She was the daughter of Harry and the late Sharon; sister of her twin Carolyn and her brother Matthew; preceded in death by brother Mark; aunt of Alyssa.

Visitation was Dec. 12 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



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Dorothy Dalgleish, 89

Dorothy M. Dalgleish, "Grandma Frog," of Waterford, formerly of Carp Lake, passed away Dec. 9, 2013, at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank. She was the mother of Ron (Alyce) Riggs, Rena VanHorn, Danny (Pat) Riggs, Rick (Tara) Riggs, Wayne (Linda) Dalgleish and Larry (Patricia) Dalgleish; survived by 23 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren; sister of Dave (Corine) Ruelle, Richard (Charlotte) Ruelle and Ralph (Ilene) Ruelle.

Funeral service was Dec. 14 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Drayton Plains Cemetery. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

Euvon M. Foster, 81

Euvon M. Foster of Clarkston passed away Dec. 12, 2013, at 81 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of Barbara Foster; loving father of Ron (Sandy) Foster; brother of the late Kathleen Runyan.

Euvon retired from GM Truck and Bus after 32 years of service. He was a member of the First General Baptist Church.

Funeral Service was Dec. 16 at Coats Funeral Home-Waterford. Burial at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorial donations may be made out to First General Baptist Church, Waterford. Envelopes available at the funeral home. To send a condolence message go to www.coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries.

Emma E. Ogle, 85

Emma Elizabeth Ogle, "Liz," of Clarkston passed away Dec. 13, 2013, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond. She was the mother of Gary (Cheri), Larry (Kim) and Laurie MacCready; "Bammaw" of Courtney and Bayley Ogle, Jacob and Collin MacCready and Michelle (Mike) Reid; GG of Kyley, Kendall, McKenley and Brady; sister of Leon Carter; preceded by brothers Bill and Bob Carter and stepson Ronald Lock; loving friend of Art.

Funeral service, Thursday, 1 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit one hour prior to service. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Foundation or Multiple Sclerosis Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



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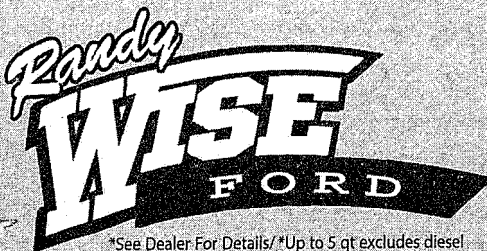
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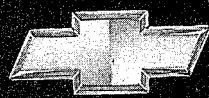
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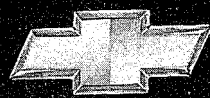
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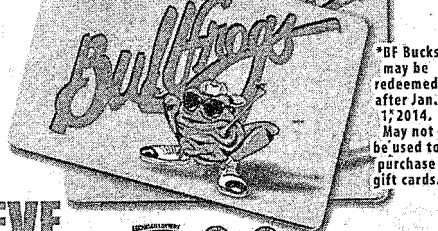
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Semesters OK'd

Continued from page 1

"I was also concerned with juniors and seniors, they already plotted out their four years and made decisions based on the trimester schedule," Patterson said. "I was assured by Mr. Ryan that the counselors will meet with juniors and seniors to make sure they will not be hurt by this change."

The semester switch for Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School begins with the 2014-15 school year. The change does not affect Clarkston elementary schools or Sashabaw Middle School.

The change in format is the result of a two-year analysis. The study concluded in November with surveys of parents and teachers in grades 8-12, Ryan said.

"When asked if they were in support of the shift to semesters, 77% of parents and 78% of staff responded as 'agree' or 'neutral,'" he said.

"In January, a comprehensive timeline will be shared with all stakeholders to provide a clear path for the move to the semester format. We appreciate your support through this process and look forward to a successful scheduling transition and a great 2014-15 school year."

For more information, call 248-623-5400.

Gun resolution proposed

Continued from page 1
a perpetrator?"

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said he is also very concerned about it.

"You can't take a gun into banks, church, courts, theaters, sports arenas, day care centers, hospitals, and bars, but you can into school? I have a real problem with that," he said.

Board Treasurer Joan Patterson proposed tabling the measure.

"A resolution with no teeth behind it may not be the best way to handle it," Patterson said. "I'd like, when we do something, to have some end result."

Tabling would allow them to check with board Secretary Charles Hamilton, who was absent from the meeting, Michigan Association of School Board, and parents, she said.

Trustee Elizabeth Egan supports the resolution, but said she doesn't mind taking more time.

"I'm very comfortable with sending a resolution to the legislature saying we don't think this is a good idea," Egan said. "You can't carry in state legislature. If that's good for them, why not for students?"

The board voted 5-1 to table to resolution, which was modeled after one recently adopted by the West Bloomfield School Board. Egan, McGinnis, Patterson, board President Rosalie Lieblang, and Vice President Susan Boatman voted "yes." Trustee Stephen Hyer voted "no."

Around Town

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Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$30/member, \$35.00/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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

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

Saturday

Project Kindsight, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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.

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 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

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IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

WELLS FARGO BANK, A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as successor by merger with WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,

Plaintiff,

SUMMONS
CARMINE CORNELIO

VS.

JEFFREY C. MYERS AND CYNTHIA L. JONES; JOHN DOES I-X; JANE DOES I-X; BLACK CORPORATIONS I-X; WHITE COMPANIES I-X; BLUE PARTNERSHIPS I-X; and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE AFORESAID DEFENDANTS, if deceased,

Defendants.

THE STATE OF ARIZONA
TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS:
JEFFREY C. MYERS AND CYNTHIA L. JONES
1601 East Hedrick Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85719

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend, within the time applicable, to this action in this Court. If served within Arizona, you shall appear and defend within 20 days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If served out of the State of Arizona, whether by direct service, by registered or certified mail, or by publication, you shall appear and defend within 30 days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you is complete; exclusive of the date of service. Where process is served upon the Arizona Director of Insurance as an insurer's attorney to receive service upon the Director, Service by publication is complete when made. Service upon the Arizona Motor Vehicle Superintendent is complete 30 days after filing the Affidavit of Compliance and return receipt or Officer's Return. Ariz. R. Civ. P. 4 A.R.S. §§ 20-222, 28-502 and 28-503. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in case of your failure to appear and defend within the time applicable, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the division assigned to the case by parties at least 3 judicial days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.

YOU ARE CAUTIONED that in order to appear and defend, you must file an Answer or proper response in writing with the Clerk of this Court, accompanied by the necessary filing fee, within the time required, and you are required to serve a copy of any Answer or response upon the Plaintiff's attorney. Ariz. R. Civ. P. 5, 10(D); A.R.S. § 12-311.

The name and address of Plaintiff's attorney is:

Leonard J. McDonald, Jr.
Natalya Ter-Gigoryan
TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A.
Third Floor Camelback Esplanade II
2525 East Camelback Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85016-9240

SIGNED AND SEAL this date: Aug 29, 2013
PIMA SUPERIOR COURT
BY SCOTT V. PETERSEN,
Deputy Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2013-353, 262-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Rose Mary Smith, Date of Birth: July 26, 1940.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Rose Mary Smith, died November 3, 2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, named personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 9, 2013
Munger & Associates, P.C.
Jon B. Munger P54736
4545 Clawson Tank Drive, Suite 100
Clarkston, MI 48346
248.618.1200

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2013-353, 947-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND - FAMILY DIVISION - CIRUIT COURT

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of Lillian Mae Bolkins, Deceased.
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Unknown Heirs whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
take notice: A hearing will be held on January 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge DANIEL A. O'BRIEN for the following purpose: Petition for Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative and determination of heirs.

12/11/2013
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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2013-353, 947-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND - FAMILY DIVISION - CIRUIT COURT

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING

In the matter of Catherine Shivers, Deceased
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Unknown Heirs whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
take notice: A hearing will be held on January 15, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge LINDA S. HALLMARK for the following purpose: Petition for Probate and Appointment of Personal Representative and determination of heirs.

12/11/2013
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248.618.1200

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 2013-353, 838-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Janice Hannah. Date of birth: 10/27/1938.

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Janice Hannah, died 11/07/2012.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Rebecca Pierson, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

12-9-13
Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) Rebecca Pierson
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Clarkston, MI 48346 Oxford, MI 48371
248-625-0600 248.891.1248

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
PROBATE COURT 201353, 578-DE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND - FAMILY DIVISION - CIRCUIT COURT

PUBLICATION NOTICE OF HEARING
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Cathy Lee Farms. Date of birth: 8-10-1953.

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Cathy Lee Farms, who lived at 2440 Kiddletown Rd., West Bloomfield, MI 48303 died Nov. 13, 2013.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Richard B. Farms, named personal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

December 19, 2013
Richard B. Farms
9978 Pebble Creek Ct
Davisburg, MI 48350-2532
248-620-7102

PUBLIC NOTICE

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346

- CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- ROLL CALL
- REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Commission Members present.
- PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
- CASES TO BE UNTABLED:
- NEW BUSINESS:

- Case #13-021, Northern Sign Company, Petitioner, Requesting: Interpretation of Section 12.02(F)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit an LED price sign, 6889 Sashabaw Road, Parcel #08-22-226-011, MS Motor Vehicle Service Station.
- Case #13-022, Penny Sawyer, Petitioner, Requesting: A variance from Section 5.06(4), Table 5.06-2 to construct a new garage, 8753 Lakeview, Parcel #08-12-378-028, R-1A Single Family Residential.
- Case #13-023, Mesquite Creek/Andiamo Express (Joe & Aldo's), Petitioner, Requesting: A variance from Section 12.04(A)(1), Table 12.0413-1 to construct additional wall signage, 7228 N. Main St, Parcel #08-20227-007, PUD Planned Unit Development.

4. Approval of the 2014 ZBA Meeting Dates.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
1. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2013

I. DISCUSSION:
J. ADJOURNMENT:
NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Building Department at (248) 625-8111 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt shall be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

NOTICE: The above requests may be examined at the Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the attention of the Planning Commission, c/o Charter Township of Independence - Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, Michigan 48346 prior to the Meeting / Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.
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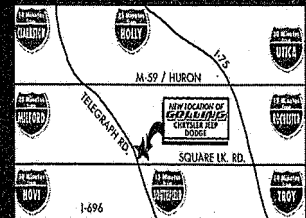
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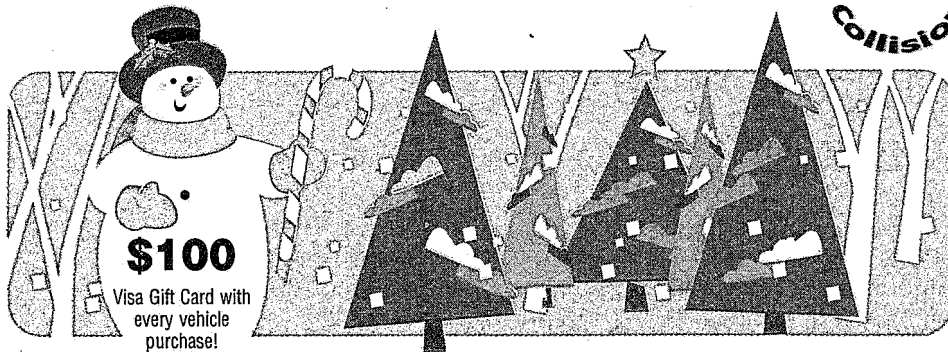
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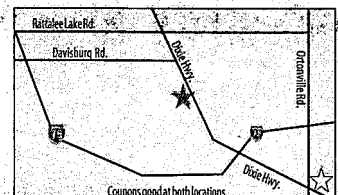
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2014 Chrysler 200 Limited

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- V-6

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2014 Dodge Journey SXT

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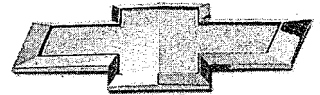
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2011 Chevrolet Malibu LS	4,300	\$14,900
2012 Chevrolet Cruz LS	11,603	\$15,000
2012 Chrysler 200 Touring	5,330	\$16,300
2012 Chevrolet Malibu LS	8,100	\$15,300
2010 Chrysler Town & Country Touring	14,190	\$18,500
2013 Chevrolet Malibu LT 1LT	5,300	\$19,000
2010 Chevrolet Equinox LS	68,725	\$14,000
2007 Buick Lucerne CX	47,575	\$11,900
2008 Saturn Aura XE	78,879	\$9,000
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