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Ice storm pics?

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## Frozen for Christmas

### Thousands without power in wake of ice storm

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

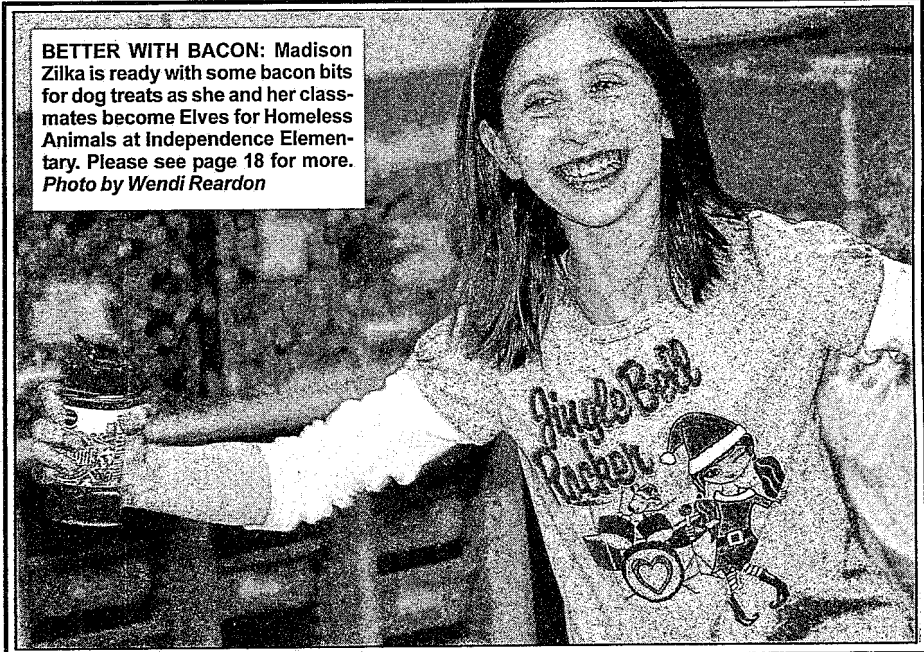
Power lines and trees were encased in ice after a winter storm walloped the area over the weekend, leaving thousands without power.

On Saturday, the National Weather Service issued a Winter Weather Advisory, forecasting freezing rain and accumulating ice. Roads started getting slick on Saturday evening and some back roads were a sheet of ice.

As of noon on Sunday, DTE estimated 7,400 homes and businesses lost power in Independence Township, 700 in Clarkston, and 3,300 were documented in Springfield Township.

Trees could be heard cracking and falling, and broken  
Please see *Ice* on page 4

**BETTER WITH BACON:** Madison Zilka is ready with some bacon bits for dog treats as she and her classmates become Elves for Homeless Animals at Independence Elementary. Please see page 18 for more. Photo by Wendi Reardon



## Package delivery grinchers sought

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

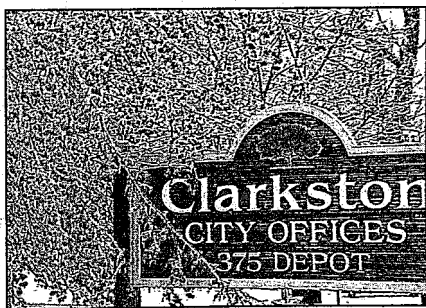
As Christmas Eve approached, deputies were still looking for two package delivery thieves in Independence Township.

Two men, one a heavy set fellow, 20-30 years old wearing an orange "Cedar Point" sweatshirt with black sweat pants, and a black knit cap, and the other, a heavy white man with darker hair, wearing a Carhartt type jacket, driving an early 2000s black Pontiac Grand Prix, are suspected in at least two thefts in the 4500 block of Ava, Dec. 17.

One of the incidents was recorded. Home owners installed the system to keep an eye on the neighborhood after previ-  
Please see *Detectives* on page 9



One of the suspects was caught on tape.



Trees weighed down by close to an inch of ice cut power for residents throughout the area.

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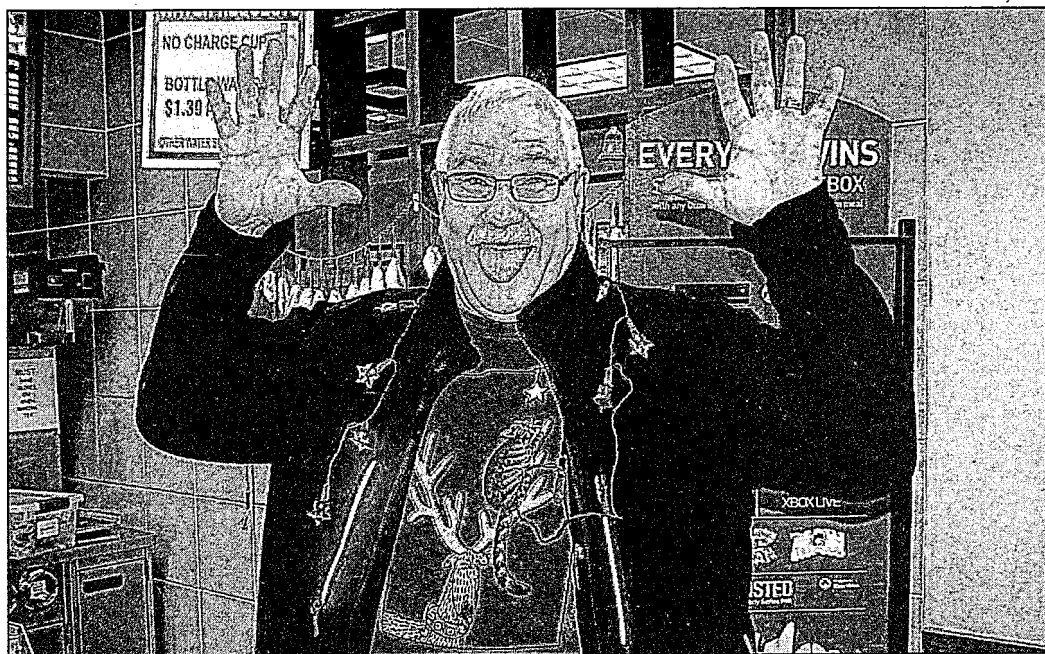
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**HOLIDAY SPIRIT:** Roy Sabo was at McDonald's in Independence Township having breakfast with his wife when he was spotted with his unique Christmas shirt complete with decorative lights. Roy said he decorated his Christmas shirt using a small strand of lights with a small battery pack. Just like his outfit, his house is also decorated to the hilt for Christmas. "He just likes attention," said his wife, Jeanene. While it may be true that Roy likes attention, he said he also just loves the holiday season. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

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## Briefly

### Half million for road repair project

Nearly \$4.9 million in road repair projects in Oakland and Genesee counties includes \$500,000 for work on Holcomb Road from Davisburg Road to Miller.

The transportation projects are funded by grants from Michigan Department of Transportation through the \$115 million state Roads and Risk Reserve Fund.

"Funding these projects is a result of hard work during the last three years to improve state efficiency and ensure we use taxpayer dollars wisely and effectively," said state Sen. Dave Robertson, R-Grand Blanc Township.

The projects also include \$650,000 for the Bristol Road bridge over Kearsley Creek; \$725,000 for the Atlas Road bridge over Kearsley Creek; and \$3 million for M-59 from Elizabeth Lake Road to State Street.

### Auditions for Players

Clarkston Village Players will audition actors for the contemporary drama/comedy "Sunset Park," 2-4 p.m., Jan. 5; and 7 p.m., Jan. 7, at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road.

Characters are Evelyn, mid 70's, widowed, acerbic, reasonably healthy; Rose, mid 70's, widowed, down-to-earth, in failing health; Carol, 50-ish, a single mother, high strung and neurotic; Roger, late 40's, married, children, ambitious yet practical; young Evelyn, mid 20's, pregnant; Benny, mid 20's, blue collar, full of dreams; and Abe, late 70's, broken down, grumpy and demanding.

Show dates are March 7-8, 14-16, 20-22. For information on set, props, costumes, make-up, lights, sound, painting, or script, call Melvin Case, 248-877-6747.

### New Year's hours

The office of *The Clarkston News* will be open New Year's Eve, next Tuesday, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and closed on New Year's day.

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# Ice outages could continue past Christmas

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trees lay in roads and yards. On Sunday, ice continued to fall from trees and power lines, making outdoor adventures treacherous.

Estimated restoration times on the online DTE Outage Map posted additional delays throughout the weekend, and DTE Energy said outages were likely to keep occurring under the weight of ice accumulation.

DTE Spokeswoman Randi Barris said power outages can continue to occur several days after the storm as ice laden trees and electric lines snap.

DTE had an estimated 119,000 total customers without power, with the hardest hit areas including Lapeer, Livingston, and Oakland counties. The communities were covered with a half-inch thick ice accumulation.

Over 2,000 customers lost power off Sashabaw and Clarkston roads, and the outage stretched north and east throughout Independence Township and into neighboring communities.

Another stretch of outages occurred just south of Fountains on Maybee Road, west to Main Street, affecting another 2,000 residents.

Outages occurred between 11:01 p.m. on Saturday night throughout the next day. Springfield Township and Ortonville residents were among the first hit by the outage.

Pockets of purple-colored zones, meaning under 100 residents were affected, dotted the DTE Outage Map in Independence Township.

Downtown Clarkston fared well after the ice storm, but other parts of the community were not so lucky. Olde Village café and other downtown businesses were packed as residents looked for places with power so they could get a bite to eat or do last minute shopping to prepare for Christmas.

## Depot Park bridge fixed, but questions remain

The south bridge in Depot Park is fixed, said City of Clarkston Manager Carol Eberhardt.

Eberhardt said the repair happened after she, Councilwoman Sharron Catalo and DPW Employee Jason Miller met with Gary Tressel from Hubbell, Roth & Clark to discuss repairing the bridge.

"It was determined the city should do a temporary fix in order to ensure the bridge will be safe this winter," said Eberhardt.

Residents, especially teens, continued to use the bridge and knock down signs informing Depot Park visitors the bridge was closed.

Eberhardt said although the bridge was fixed temporarily, in the spring work will have to be done to rebuild or possibly remove the bridge.



Julie Easterday and her furry pal Duke venture outside on Sunday for a walk. Julie and Duke had to avoid a tree which fell in Depot Park because of heavy ice accumulation after a storm Saturday and Sunday. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Ice storms differ from wind storm because the damage continues on after ice remains on trees and power lines

"The work takes longer than it would in the middle of summer," she said.

Barris said ice on power lines magnifies the impact of wind on the lines.

"When lines are coated with a quarter inch of ice, a 20-mile-per-hour wind has an impact of 80 mph wind on a coated line. A quarter inch of ice adds the equivalent of 500 pounds of weight," explained Barris.

With temperatures not expected to rise much throughout the week, the power

outages could leaving many without heat and a possible dark Christmas.

DTE said the company was expecting the outages from their staff meteorologist, so crews were already out when the storm hit.

"We knew we were going to hit hard," she said. "We had crews on standby ready to go after the storm hit."

DTE also brought in crews from other states under a mutual aid agreement.

"We had crews already in from West Virginia, Indiana, Ohio and Georgia," said Barris. "Most of the crews were already here when the storm hit."

Eberhardt told city council members that if the bridge was to be replaced, it would have to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

"This means the bridge will have to be 12 feet wide and the grade of the slope from the lift station down to the bridge will have to be changed to also be compliant," said Eberhardt.

During the meeting regarding the bridge, there was also talks about removing the bridge entirely and rerouting visitors up to Main Street.

"The group also discussed taking out the bridge and curving the walk way up to Main Street, creating a visible Main Street entrance to the park," she said.

When the project is completed, the city will use some material from a resurfacing pro-

jected scheduled for spring along M-15.

Clarkston resident Cory Johnston, who closely monitors city meetings, said he believes there should have been documentation by a qualified engineer regarding what needed to be done for the bridge.

"I don't know how can they can say it's safe," said Johnston.

He said his biggest concern is, as far as he knows, the bridge was fixed based on opinions of people who may not know how to fix the bridge.

"There's nothing on the repair of bridge, not one record that engineers inspected the bridge," said Johnston.

"Someone with qualifications or certifications should have reviewed what was done to make sure it was safe."

- Andrea Beaudoin



# To the Community... Season's Greetings!

## From these Fine Local Businesses, Groups and Churches

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| All Saints Cemetery                  | Clarkston Independence District Library | Goldfish Swim School                          | Maxx Self Storage                             | River Rock Bar & Grill              |
| Allstate Insurance, Steve Craft      | Clarkston Medical Group                 | Golling Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram               | MBA Real Estate Services, Christopher Mersino | Robert Kostin, Atty                 |
| Andrea Larson, Real Estate One       | Clarkston State Bank                    | Gott's Auto Service                           | McLaren Health Center, Clarkston              | Ruby Tuesday Restaurant             |
| Bellezza Salon & Boutique            | Clarkston Tap                           | Gregg's Gourmet Cafe                          | Mesquite Creek Steak & Seafood                | Rudy's Market & Catering            |
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| Brose Lighting                       | Common Scents Canine Center             | Indoor Comfort Systems                        | Munk & Associates Orthodontics                | Smith's Disposal & Recycling        |
| Building Integrity                   | Creekside Salon                         | John Mathers Insurance                        | Neiman's Family Market                        | State Farm Insurance, Dave Smith    |
| Bullfrog's Restaurant                | Crooked Creek Farm                      | Keepeake Collections                          | North Oakland Ears Nose Throat Centers        | Summit Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery |
| C&J Oil Change                       | Deer Lake Athletic Club                 | Kinetic Systems Bicycles                      | NovaCare Rehabilitation                       | The Boat Bar                        |
| Canterbury Village                   | Dixie Baptist Church                    | Kingston-Pointe Condominiums, Brian Parkinson | NuView Nutrition                              | Top Hill Tree Farms                 |
| Champ's Cleaners                     | Dr. Larry Baylis                        | Klasy Klip Pet Groomer                        | Oakland County Sportsmen's Club               | Total Insurance Service             |
| Cherry Hill North Bowling            | Eastern Pearl Restaurant                | Kotz Heating & Air Conditioning               | Ofde Village Cafe                             | Town Center Auto Wash               |
| Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce   | Edward Jones, Scott Hazelton            | Lane Car Company                              | Overhead Door Company                         | Town Hall Antique Mall Cafe         |
| Clarkston Allergy & Asthma           | Elmhaven Manor                          | LaVida Massage of Clarkston                   | Planet Kids Premier Academy                   | Village Fashion Boutique            |
| Clarkston Auto Body                  | Essence on Main                         | Legal Shield, Carol Compagnoni                | Plum Hollow Design & Decor                    | Wally Edgar Chevrolet               |
| Clarkston Auto Wash                  | First Baptist Church                    | Leo's Coney Island                            | Premier Gold, Silver & Coin Association       | Water Tower Self Storage            |
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| Clarkston Community Band             | Fountains Golf & Banquet                | Lighthouse Music                              |   | Wojo's                              |

We Wish You A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beauoin

### Outage brings simpler life

I, like many others in the area, experienced a power outage from the ice storm this weekend. On Sunday night after I got back from *The Clarkston News*, we started a fire in the wood burner (which I'm grateful for) and lit about eight tall candles.

The atmosphere was peaceful and I could feel stillness in the air. It reminded me (kind of) what life was like when there was no electricity. I'm sure life was much harder and less entertaining for sure, but also a bit more peaceful.

For many experiencing a power outage, maybe they snuggled just a little closer, or interacted with each other more than usual.

I could feel all of the electricity and other "signals" missing from the air, and I was thinking about what effect all the many electronics have on us every day.

I also thought that getting a generator would be a good thing to do—especially for businesses—to handle various power outages that have or will happen in the future.

My house was literally the first area to go out of power—I checked the DTE Outage Map as soon as it went out. I was also one of the first to be restored. I was pretty impressed the power was back on because I have first-hand experience and knowledge of the sheer number of utility lines everywhere.

Much of the electrical grid was built decades ago when Americans did not have all the electronics we do today. Those in the know tell me the grid was not built to sustain such an electrical burden.

Anyways, back to the peacefulness of the power outage. I hope Christmas has a bit of this spirit.

I don't know when it happened, but in my mind Christmas has become very commercial. I know people say the spirit of Christmas is about being together, but something has happened along the way that has taken that spirit away.

If the power is still out at Christmas—perhaps it will be a blessing in disguise. Perhaps people will come face to face with each other and put down their phones, ditch the computer and spend time talking to each other.

Back in the day, if you just had a hot meal, your life was grand. Last night I was thankful for the tall candles—something simple. I hope this will be the spirit at Christmas.



# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Thanks for community support of Rotary projects

Dear Editor,

On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, members and friends of the Clarkston Rotary were on Clarkston street corners selling the club's *Goodfellow* edition to raise funds for the children of Clarkston. One hundred percent of the donations were spent to provide more than 350 Clarkston area school children with new winter boots and shoes, hats, mittens, socks, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Clarkston Rotarians, friends of Rotary, Clarkston Area Lions Club, the Clarkston Optimists, members of Oakland Woods Baptist Church, Cub Scout Pack #499, as well as Boy Scout Troop #199 all volunteered their time and energy. Over 2,000 volunteer hours are needed to complete both programs.

The Clarkston Lighthouse staff and Clarkston Community School social workers have worked to determine and sign up children on a need basis.

Mr. Alan's Sportswear of Redford and their

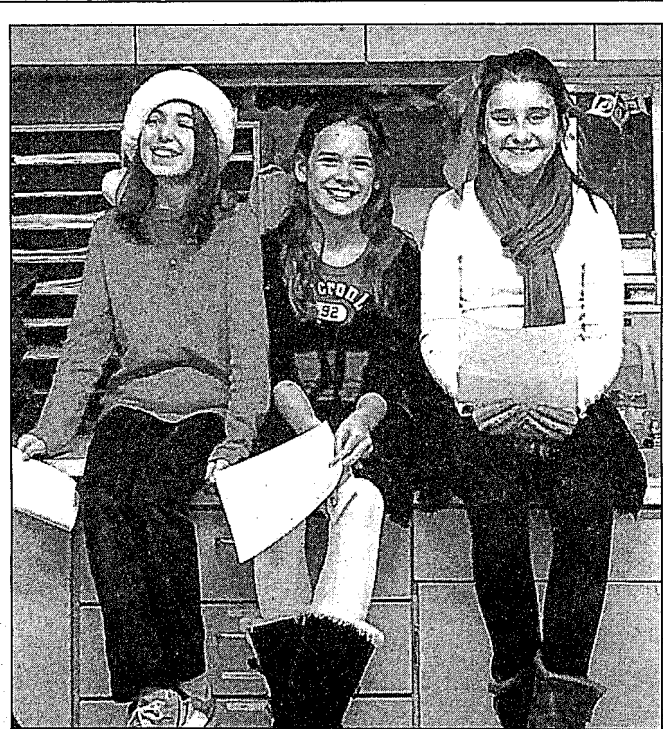
operations manager help to insure that each child's receives new shoes and boots.

A special thank you to the local dentist offices for donating toothbrushes and toothpaste, and *The Clarkston News* for publication of the *Goodfellow* paper.

Clarkston schools and local churches support the program by collecting new hat and glove donations. Oakland Woods Baptist Church provides support and use of their church on the day of the distribution. The Clarkston Lions provided Project Kidsight, a free eye examination to all of the families. The Clarkston Area Optimist Club has joined with their Opti-Socks program.

The "Shoes for Kids" program is truly a collaborative community effort. Thank you for your continued support over the past thirty-five years. The children of Clarkston are a little warmer and safer again this year.

Joel DeLong and the Clarkston Rotary Club



**SMILES OF THE WEEK:** From left, students Kate Belliveau, Samantha Moyet and Evelyn Miller enjoy their Christmas Party at Bailey Lake Elementary School. The fifth-grade class festivities also included a Poetry Jam. Photo provided

## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1998

"Clarkston gets first look at new zoning laws" The Clarkston City Council was optimistic the first reading of the new zoning ordinance would come in late January after they requested some changes in definitions as well as zoning areas mentioned which didn't exist within city limits.

"Happy New Year!" Local officials, business owners and other citizens shared their new year wishes for the local area and worldwide.

"Climbing the mountain" Kristen Atkinson's skiing career had as many ups and downs as some of the hills she has conquered. As a Clarkston High School senior entering her last year with the ski team she had one goal in mind - state title.

### 25 years ago - 1988

"Signs may slow truck traffic" The new year may bring signs directing heavy-duty truck traffic away from the village. Continuing problems by vehicles were discussed during a meeting between Independence Township, Michigan Department of Transportation, Village of Clarkston and Michigan State Police.

"New trustee ready to begin" When a position on the Clarkston Village Council opened, it didn't take long to find a replacement. Members of the village council agreed planning commission member Dom Mauti would be perfect for the position. The council approved President Sharron Catalo's appointment by a 5-0 vote.

"Teen party helps needs kids" Sisters Christy and Jenny turned their annual Christmas get together for friends at Clarkston High School into a way to help the needy. They asked friends to bring a gift for an elementary aged child as an admission to the party. Some brought more than one gift.

### 50 years ago - 1963

"Wolves make it six straight, beat West Bloomfield 74-51" Clarkston rolled over West Bloomfield for their sixth straight win, 74-51. Ken Miskin led with 26 points and Dan Craven scored 25 points in the game. It was the first time in five years the Wolves beat the Lakers on their own court.

"JC's announce winner of 'Santa' trophy" After viewing many attractive outdoor Christmas displays, judges awarded the Clarkston Jaycee's first place "Santa" trophy to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dark.

# It's a wrap ... bring on 2014

Gone before your time. Two Thousand And Thirteen, we hardly knew ye. We blinked and then you were gone.

What happened to 2013? Crap next week will be the first week of the New Year, 2014. I suppose I'm ready for the change because, I reckon what's the alternative? Aside from inventing a time machine (and everybody from HG Wells forward knows that never works out well) we can only go forward. But, as the everyman that I am, I can still live in the past -- I can harken back to those thrilling days of yesteryear, one last time.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

Here are my favorite headlines from the hallowed-halls of Don'tRushMedom, 2013: You can get the straight poop on T.P. here (January 02, 2013) Time for AARP already? (January 09, 2013)

Neato, nifty Rush turned fifty (January 30, 2013)

Glamp on, Glamp off. Glamping? (April 24, 2013)

Of hair and men. (May 8, 2013)

The weather phenomenon that is

Donemenon (May 22, 2013)

Whilst away Rush discovers another "F" word (July 3, 2013)

Some white trash we need to avoid (July 31, 2013)

The wild, wild world of cockroaches (August 7, 2013)

From the butt of critters I give you . . . (August 21, 2013)

Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder, (September 18, 2013)

The Super Secret Codeword is (ssh) toothpaste (October 16, 2013)

Thoughts whilst raking and not thinking (November 20, 2013)

It's December? Already? Yikes. Time for negativity, then. (December 4, 2013)

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While completing the research for the above task I thought of two things. One. I like most of the headlines I write, and not so much the ones that are written by the editors for space sake -- to make it fit the whole. Secondly, my column on line usually has a sub-head, which are always written by me and I think, does a lot for setting the tone for the column that follows said sub-head. For example on July 31, you read the headline **Some write trash we need to avoid** in the print edition. Online readers got the bonus subhead, *And, I ain't talkin' about my relatives in West Virginia.*

And what were my favorite three column topics of 2013? Hmm?

A few weeks before I turned 50, this . . .

**3. January 09, 2013** - When I first started typing columns back in 1986, one of the first "gems" of journalistic dribble I labeled Don't Rush Me recorded (lamented) the fact I had found my first gray hair. At that time, when I was about 22, I was sensitive of my age. Everybody always thought I looked older than I was. And, when I found that single strand of gray I pulled that sucker out and threw it away, pronto-like. Then I wrote about it. Holy sands of time, Batman, where has all that time gone? Twenty-seven years, 40 pounds and a few marriage's later I don't lament anymore about gray hair. These days I'm just happy to have hair even if it's one of the 50 shades of gray.

Spending time with my sons Shamus and Sean is important to me and so I wrote . . .

**2. February 13, 2013** - So, the other Sunday I was sitting on the couch in the living room with my sons, Shamus (15) and Sean (13 in a month). Part of our weekend ritual is to watch one Sunday morning political talk show, whilst eating breakfast so we can make observations about politics before we dive into vacuuming, washing, dusting and cleaning. (Yikes, that last sentence was pert near a run-on.) . . . I may be: A.) The world's worst dad; B.) The world's meanest dad; and; C.) The town's cheapest dad, but . . . at least I am fine-tuning their BS detectors for when they actually start having to work, pay bills and vote.

My favorite food is chili. In 2013 I again lost a chili cookoff, so I wrote . . .

**1. October 09, 2013** - There I was all alone, by myself with the 50 or so other people gathered under the big tent waiting to hear Big Tom Lowrie make the announcement . . . Women outnumbered men in the crowd two-to-one!

Let's be honest with ourselves, folks, we all know women stick together and they don't like spicy stuff and if my chili is anything, it is spicy. I smiled at them all, although inside I was burning. My chili couldn't taste that bad . . . Could it? Bah! Banish the thought! "They should never allow chicks the right to vote in a chili cookoff, dangit! Suffrage my eye. Chili eating's man stuff. Who let the womenfolk in to the club?" were my thoughts as I drove home that night. I vowed to look into chili's history and then write an award-winning essay on how women have ruined the chili world.

Once home I fired up the old Windows XP desktop computer, hopped on-line and quickly "googled" the history of chili. Oh, such was my mania, I would show how men started the whole business of chili and men should rule the chili world. Yes, I would . . .

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Thank you readers, here's to a fun 2014!



## Happy New Year 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.

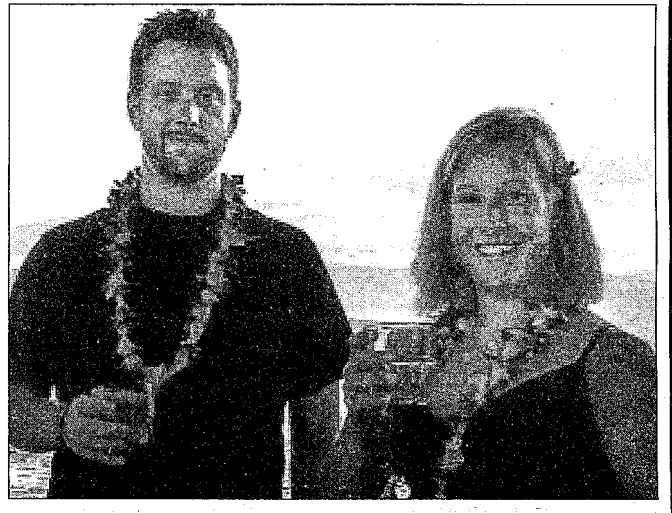
Back then, the three grandchildren standing around me, were only being dreamed of and anxiously waited for. Now, too, they are growing and becoming fine young people. The Speed sib-

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 and Happy New Year!

— Jim Sherman, Sr.



# A look back at the year 2013 in Clarkston

The first half of 2013 brought many changes to the Clarkston area, with the Dixie Highway resurfacing project gearing up, Independence Township public access joining with Clarkston Community Schools in the new Independence TV, Depot Park going up in flames as the community went to war against phragmites, and Clarkston volunteers and activists working to make a difference at home and around the world.

## January 2

### Ride to success

Sarah Palmer, Serge Dougias, Andrew Paquette and Savannah Rovelli headed off to the American Royal Horse Show in Kansas City, MO and came back with the nickname "fearsome four." The group rode as members of the Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles (OATS), and placed in the top 10 for their division in a nation equestrian championship event.

## January 9

### Leaders see good lookin' future

Dr. Rod Rock, Clarkston Schools superintendent, and Independence Township Pat Kittle were hopeful the McLaren project was moving forward, bringing thousands of new jobs and medical professionals to the community.

## Clarkston Angels

Total Nutrition in Clarkston hosted a packing party for troops overseas with Desert Angel. In addition to raising funds, the business collected enough items to send 76 care boxes to the troops, as well as three large boxes for military dogs serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

## January 16

### Local public access lacking

Independence Television (ITV) didn't hold a candle to the amount of programming on Oxford Community Television when the two were compared. Oxford's public access had all sorts of new programming from shows about local artists to musicians to shows profiling local business. Officials promised positive changes with a move to the Clarkston High School, and an \$80,000 investment in equipment in the middle of 2013.



Valentine's Day at Bailey Lake Elementary. File photo

## City Manager retires

City of the village of Clarkston manager Dennis Ritter announced his retirement—effective in April. Ritter had been on the job since June 2008.

## Independence Township switches auditor

After 20 years of using Plante Moran's auditing services, Independence Township decided to hire certified public accounting firm, UHY LLC for the 2012, 2013 and 2014 fiscal years. Switching companies the township saved \$25,000.

## Vandals spur new ordinance

Independence Township Supervisor told vandals they better watch out. A new "Breaking and entering" ordinance passed in January was created to address increased vandalism and other crime on vacant, foreclosed and abandoned buildings. Oakland Count Sheriff substation Lt. Dirk Feneley said the ordinance would make the work of local law enforcement officers easier and would help address a 52 percent increase in property crimes.

## January 23

### Raise for workers dips into savings

On Jan. 14, the city of the village of Clarkston voted to give every employee, except city manager Dennis Ritter a wage increase. All seven of the city's personnel who received a raise were employed on a part-time basis without any benefits. Ritter said the employees had not received a wage increase in the past six years although their job duties had increased. To give ever employee a raise cost the cit \$26,044 and wads to be paid out of the city's fund balance which has a \$321,000 surplus accumulation. However, for the 2013 budget a \$60,000 deficit was projected.

## Neiman's pledges community support

Neiman's Family Market would soon be calling Clarkston home. Neiman's began renovating the location in the plaza at Dixie Highway and White Lake Roads in mid January.

## January 30

### Clarkston slammed by flu season

Clarkston residents were coughing and sneezing more than normal during flu season. The most prevalent strain of the virus going around was H3N2.

## Red Tail's visit Clarkston

Clarkston High School students were treated to a visit from Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson, a "Red Tail" fighter pilot in Word War II. Jefferson told students about his 19 missions as a Tuskegee airman and his many awards including the Purple Heart and Distinguished Fling Cross. Jefferson was also in the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame.

## Clarkston traveler seeks peace in war

Clarkston resident Annette Thomas traveled to settlements in the West Bank to protest against Israeli settlements in the area. Thomas got involved in the conflict around 2002 when visiting friends in Jordan and hearing stories about Palestinian children killed in Gaza.

## February 6

### Senior Center thanks community for holiday meals

Mary Przbycian staff at the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center thanked the Deer Lake Athletic Club, the Woodshop, Autumn Ridge and Meals on Wheels deliver volunteer Jack Harrington for providing meals to seniors in Independence Township.

## Independence Township increases late fees for sewer water rates

Independence Township informed residents that bills sent in late would be subject to higher late fees after the board of trustees voted to raise the late fee penalty from five to ten percent.

## February 13

### Residents hot over burn bans

Residents of Walter's Lake were steamed when they heard Independence Township was restricting burn bans due to a fellow residents health complaint. Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the policy was created to protect people with serious medical conditions, but that the policy was in need or revisions.

## Resident wants wolf hunting banned

After the United States senate passed a bill designating the Grey Wolf a game species, Independence Township resident Eileen

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The vehicle used by the two suspects in the theft. Photos provided

## Detectives investigating leads

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ous suspicious behavior – people would go up to their house, bang on the door, and run away.

“That happened a couple times, and we knew it was time to get a video camera. We never intended to get something like this,” the home owner said. “We’re hoping it helps catch this guy and stop him from stealing people’s Christmas presents. I really hope someone recognizes him.”

They were expecting delivery of the packages, which were supplies for work and nothing of value to a thief. When they weren’t

there, they checked the video.

“I really thought we’d see one of our kids picking it up off the porch,” the homeowner said.

Detectives are running down leads provided from the public and through Crime Stoppers, said Det. Bill Baldwin, of the Independence Township substation.

Anyone with information on the identity of the suspects is asked to call the Sheriff’s Office at 248-858-4911 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP. There is a \$1,000 cash reward.

Investigation continues.

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

### Paintball shooting

Someone shot paintballs at signs and windows at Independence Elementary School on Hubbard Road, Dec. 13. Deputies looked for juveniles responsible but didn’t find them.

### Canine caper

When a dog came home with a wallet in his mouth, his owner found it belonged to a neighbor in the 9000 block of Sashabaw Road, 8:25 p.m., Dec. 13. The neighbor wasn’t home so he called police and handed it over to a deputy. The officer eventually got in touch with the wallet’s owner, who checked it and found nothing had been taken.

### Loan fraud

An Independence Township resident received several calls from an online loan service demanding repayment of a \$10,000 loan, Dec. 14, and threatening to send police to his residence and workplace. The resident said he never took out a loan. He was advised police don’t work as debt collectors.

### Reckless driver

Deputies were called to look for a dark-colored truck driving too closely behind and going around other vehicles on Clarkston Road near Pine Knob Road, 5:34 p.m., Dec. 16.

### Manger theft

A baby Jesus statue was taken from a Nativity display in the 5000 block of Meadows Drive, Dec. 16.

### Slip on ice

A 35-year-old Independence Township woman lost control on the ice, drove off the road, and hit a sign, 6:52 p.m., Dec. 15, at Maybee and Waterford roads. She was cited with driving without a license, having never applied for one after 11 years in the country, and without due care and caution.

### Drunk driver

A witness called police after seeing a 32-year-old Independence Township man throwing up outside his van, then driving off, 3:11 a.m., Dec. 16. A deputy found him in the 5000 block of Deepwood Court, slumped over the driver’s door. With a preliminary breath test of .130, he was jailed for drunk driving.

### Vehicle suspicions

In the wake of recent package thefts in the area, a resident in the 4000 block of Ava Lane called police to report a suspicious vehicle, 9:04 p.m., Dec. 18. A deputy located the vehicle and spoke to the driver, who was a process server waiting for a neighbor to come home.

## Why All the Household Dust?

I’m Keith Meadows, owner and operator of American Power Vac, Inc. For years, I’ve been improving our community’s health one

family at a time. By now we’ve all heard the statistics: 50% of all illness is a direct relation to dirty indoor air and our indoor air is up to 90 times more polluted than outdoor air. Yet, 90% of the calls I receive everyday are from desperate people complaining about dust. They tell me they dust the T.V. on Friday, but by Sunday they are pushing the dust out of the way again so they can watch Dancing With The Stars, and none of them know exactly where it’s coming from. Well, I’m here to tell you that it’s not because you’re a bad housekeeper, I tell people that by simply having your ducts cleaned will drastically reduce household dust, and the reason is, your cold air returns.

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Cold air returns are also the reason new homeowners are experiencing dust. While your drywall was being sanded, your cold air returns sucked all of the dust through the system and it settled on the bottom of the duct lines where a little at a time gets blown back into your home. To prove it, take a walk down into your basement, look up at the ceiling for thin sheets of tin nailed between your floor joists. These are your cold air return lines. Give them a good pounding. You’ll see puffs of dust seeping out of the edges. That my friends, is the reason you have uncontrollable dust problems!

This debris cannot be removed without a professional. Which brings me to my next point: choosing an air duct cleaning company. Most companies use truck mounted equipment, which is like a shop vac that you would vacuum

your car with and attached inside the back of a van, obviously absolutely useless.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

A look back at the sports highlights of 2013, on page 13

## Wolves' tourney win

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Less than two minutes remained in the overtime period against Novi in Clarkston's Annual Christmas tournament on Saturday with the score tied 2-2.

Senior Jacob LaPorte skated around the back of the net and to the front, swung his hockey stick, hitting the puck into the back of the net with 1:21 left in the overtime period.

The Clarkston Hockey team and fans cheered as the Wolves won their first Christmas tournament.

"He led by example," said head coach Bryan Krygier. "There is no better way to lead by example than with an overtime goal. He pushed through. He had an injury on Friday and didn't play so to come back in this game showed a lot of effort and poise out there to get that shot out."

He added he told the guys going into the extra period to push the puck towards the net.

"They kept it up," he said, with six of Clarkston's 33 shots on the net being in extra time.

The Wolves took the lead within the first few minutes after they won possession from a faceoff. Roman Reiner scored a goal at the



Roman Reiner leads the puck closer to Macomb Dakota's net in the first period. Photo by Wendi Reardon

15:36 mark with an assist from Eric Matynowski.

Novi tied the score less than six minutes later when one of their 10 shots on the goal in the period broke through. They pulled into the lead with four minutes left in the second period to put the score, 2-1.

Carter Rea kept the lead shortlived after he took advantage of the puck bouncing back onto the ice off Novi's goalie. He hit the puck and sent it into the net in the third period with 11:41 remaining.

Jack Viazanko made 34 saves during the game, blocking 13 in the third period as the Wildcats rallied for a win.

"He had a good game," Krygier said. "He had some good saves in overtime and in the third period when they had the pressure on us. Chase and Carter played well. Roman also had a good game along with Drake Gentile in the left wing. All the way around I think we played well. We scrambled a little bit to bring it into overtime."

"Novi worked hard and we worked hard," he added. "The guys responded appropriately to get the win."

Garrett Polish led the Wolves in first round of the holiday tournament scoring both goals in the 2-1 win over Macomb Dakota on Friday.

"He has been working hard in practice," said Krygier. "The scoring drill he has been doing paid off - that's exactly what we needed. He put everything towards the net. He worked hard."

Nick Surovec made 34 saves in the net. "He played excellent in the net," Krygier said. "He covered all the rebounds. He pushed everything into the corner. Hats off to him. We were short handed in the second period and the goal they scored was a 5-on-3 - can't really fault our guys or our effort. We had to overcome their effort and overcome their team."

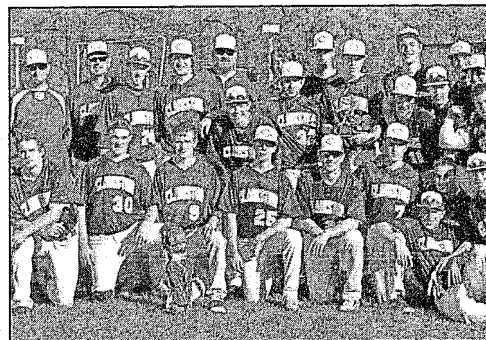
The Wolves opened the week with a 5-2 loss to Lake Orion in the Winter Classic.

Rea scored on a power play in the first period to open the game. During the second period, Wiedemann scored on a short-handed goal with an assist from LaPorte.

"The overall experience playing at Comerica Park, between first and third base with the atmosphere was excellent," Krygier said. "We had a great time down there. I really appreciate the opportunity to go down there."

Viazanko saved 8-of-13 shots on the net and Surovec saved 8-of-10. The Wolves made 23 shots on the net.

## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



### Congrats Athletes of the Week, Jan. - June

#### January

Footballer Nick Match, Hitter Abbey Barta, Icer Adam Johns, Grappler Nick Vandermeer

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#### February

Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team, Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team, Spiker Haley Howell and Kicker Ava Doesteh, Clarkston Girls Freshman Basketball team

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#### March

Notre Dame Prep Competitive Cheer team, Bowler Danielle Hopkins, Runner Bo Anderson, Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team

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#### April

Gymnast Sydney VanBuskirk; Swimmer Haley VanBuskirk; Lacrosser Anna Gray, Tennis Katie Hubregsen

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#### May

Cager Erin Davenport, Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball team, Hitter Ryan Slaughter, Hitter Sean Cooper, Lacrosser Lauren Sharkey

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#### June

Runner Ian Eriksen, Runner Erin Billette, Cager Patrice Matthews, seniors Rachel Dickerson and Nathan Yeloushan

  
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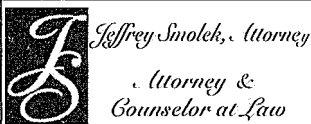
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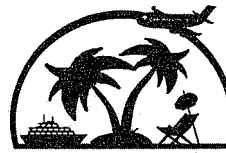
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# Strikes lead to winning streak

Bowlers are on a streak as they won their second OAA match - this time it was against Troy Athens, Dec. 16.

The Clarkston Boy JV team won 21-9, with Kris Adair leading the way with a 374 series with 161 and 213 games.

The boys varsity team also won 21-9 against the Colts with Timothy Cuthrell scoring 236 and 217 for a 453 series.

Victoria Wolfgang led the way with a 353 series with 150 and 203 games as the girls varsity team won 24-6.

All teams also beat Troy at North Cherry Hill Lanes, Dec. 12. The boys varsity team

won 16-14; boys JV, 26-4; and girls varsity, 29-1.

Cuthrell led the way for the varsity boys with 215 and 236 games for a 451 series.

Chelsea Turk led the girls team with a 380 series with games 202 and 178. Samantha Lavelly followed closely with a 378 series from 164 and 214 games.

Alex Clifford was close to a perfect 300 in his second game and had the first ten strikes in a row before throwing an eight count on the 11th ball. He finished with a 287 and a 179 in the first game for a 466 series to lead the JV team.

The bowlers opened the season in the OAA Singles Tournament at Collier Lanes, Dec. 9.

Sophie Hubble medaled for the girls for qualifying for fourth place and for second high game with a 232 and a 558 series. She won her first match then lost her second one to finish in the top four.

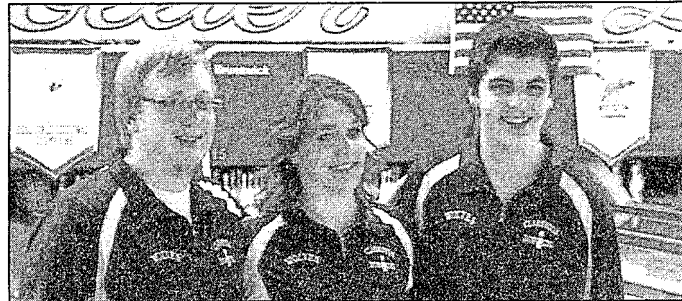
The boys had three medalists: Nick Treece, high qualifier with a 673 series; Jacob Kersten with two medals for qualifying for fifth and second high game with a 258 game and 620 series; and Eric Wagner for the last qualifying spot with a series of 609.

Wagner had to bowl Treece the first match and won the match 258-149. He won his second match with Jordan Bryant of Birmingham Unified, 260-228.

Kersten won his first match as well beating Tyler Giddey from Troy, 247-244. He won his second match as well, beating Garrett Sockow of Farmington Harrison 218-191.

With Wagner and Kersten winning both of their matches it came down to both playing the championship match between each other.

The match was close and Kersten won with a score of 225-188, giving Kersten one more medal for first and Wagner a medal for second place.



From left, Eric Wagner, Sophie Hubble and Jacob Kersten celebrate their success in the OAA Singles tournament. Photo submitted

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# Wolves' highlights from first half of 2013

## January 9

**Wolves cut Dragons at the tail:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team headed to Lake Orion's lair and came out with a few burn marks and a few lessons as they conquered in the 55-45 win over their rivals.

**Grapplers prove good man can't be kept down:** Nate Vandermeer, Bret Foltz, Nick Vandermeer, Adam Myers and Luis Reyes eased the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team into third place at the Manning Vieau Invite in Brighton. All five went undefeated for the day.

## January 30

**Wolves ice Dragons:** Garrett Polish sealed the win for Clarkston Hockey in the third period with a pair of goals to help the Wolves beat Lake Orion, 5-3.

## February 13

**Battle for finals continues:** Clarkston Varsity Wrestling continued their venture to the state finals with wins in the MHSAA Districts. They beat Waterford Kettering for the team title, 51-12. They also had seven grapplers place in the MHSAA Individual District meet.

## February 20

**Wrestlers hungry for MHSAA finals:** Chris Calvano, Adam Myers and Nick Vandermeer were getting ready for the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Finals after their success at the regional meet. Calvano finished in first while Myers and Vandermeer finished in third place.

**Hitting the final slopes:** Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team took first place at the MHSAA Regional race with 62 points.

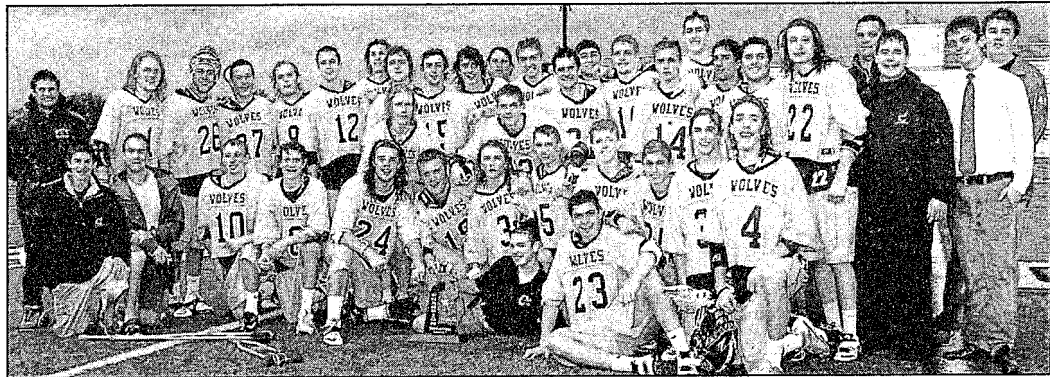
## February 27

**Slam dunk on league title:** When the excitement settled in the gym, the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team beat Pontiac, 58-29, claiming the OAA Red league title and going undefeated in the league with 14 wins.

## March 6

**State victory for Vandermeer:** Nick Vandermeer flipped opponent Jordan Atienza onto his back 4:17 into the match and it was over. Vandermeer had won the 2013 state title in the 153-weight class in the MHSAA Wrestling Individual State Finals.

**Claim on third district title:** Clarkston Girls



Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team finished undefeated in the OAA Red for the second consecutive year.

Varsity Basketball team beat Oxford for their third MHSAA District title, 36-17.

**Wolves crush Raiders:** Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team beat North Farmington, 37-33 for the last home game in the season. They won their seventh consecutive OAA Red league title, finishing 11-1 in the league.

## March 13

**Wolves make splash in state finals:** Swimmers brought home medals after their trip to the MHSAA Division 1 State Championship. The Clarkston Boys Swim team qualified for eight events and finished in the top 16 in four of the events.

**Bowlers finish in finals:** Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling took first place in the MHSAA Regionals and finished the season at state finals.

## March 27

**Skiers make lasting impression at season's end:** Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team made a lasting impression for three years at the state finals by finishing in the top two spots. For 2013 they finished in second place.

## April 3

**Success in home opener:** Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team put three shots on Farmington's net in the home opener. All shots went in for the 3-1 win.

**Lady Lacrossers open season with a bang:**

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team opened the season with their first three wins and zero losses.

## April 24

**Three wins for batters:** The weather slightly lifted for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball team, allowing them to get onto the field and play for three wins against Rochester Adams and Bloomfield Hills.

## May 15

**Fight for finals begins:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team finished the regular season claiming the OAA Red league title. They finished the tournament with 43 points, beating Birmingham Seaholm by one point.

**Top 3 finish for track teams:** The Clarkston Boys Track & Field team finished in second place in the OAA Red league meet while the girls team finished in third place.

**Second half surge leads to win:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team smiled and cheered as they finished their last home game during Game for a Cure. They came back from a 5-point deficit in the first half against Oxford to win the game 10-8.

## May 22

**Wolves put reins on Colts:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team finished the regular

season with a win over Troy, 18-5. With the win they finished undefeated in the OAA Red for the second consecutive year and remained undefeated at home for three years.

**Record-breaking day at regionals:** It was close as Blake Sutherland and Rochester Adams' runner Jordan Shive were inches away from the finishing line for the MHSAA Track & Field Regionals. Sutherland crossed the finish line in the 1,600-meter relay, .54 seconds before Shive to win the regional championship. The boys finished in fourth place and the girls broke three school records.

## May 29

**3-peat on the court:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team continued their winning tradition on the court with their third consecutive win in the regionals.

## June 5

**Wolves rewrite history:** When the running clock started in the third quarter, the celebration had begun for friends and families in the stands as the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team was about to win their first regional title, which they did beating Holt 18-3.

**Kickers shut out Kettering in first round:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team opened district playoffs with a 3-0 win over Waterford Kettering. They lost to Grand Blanc, 2-0.

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# Strategic plan's goal for school board

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

As 2013 comes to a close, Clarkston Community Schools are in good shape, said school board President Rosalie Lieblang.

"I think it's been a good year so far — we've been able to stay on track and keep a balanced budget," Lieblang said. "I appreciate all the support and assistance other board members provide."

The school board closed a \$3.8 million budget deficit earlier this year by cutting \$2.7 million through 31 teacher lay-offs and other reductions, and adding revenue.

"The hope is not to continue cutting — we need more than cuts. We're looking at more shared services to help balance the budget," she said. "We'll keep looking for creative revenue instead of making cuts."

Lieblang has been on the school board for almost five years.

"This is my first opportunity to be president," she said. "It's been a learning experience, helping to set the agenda. It's been helpful to work with the superintendent and the board."

The board's role is to provide an overall vision and direction for the district, she said.

"We try to rotate offices every year or so often so we serve in each role," she said. "That's a great experience for every member. It provides a great perspective."

The role of the board is to set operational goals for the year, working with administration to determine goals and best solutions, and implement those goals, she



Rosalie Lieblang is president of Clarkston Board of Education.

"Last year as a board, we agreed we wanted to have a strategic plan," she said. "My contribution as president is to make sure we have time scheduled, and understand how to implement it so we can determine goals before we approve the budget — this is something that will be a great accomplishment once we vote on it."

This year's focus on creating a strategic plan will help increase student achievement, long-term budgeting, and technology upgrades.

"The focus of the strategic plan is on being one of top districts in Oakland County and the state," she said. "There are a million good ideas, but we can't do all of them. The strategic plan will help keep us focused, help the board and

administration work together, and help sift through a plethora of good ideas that could be done, to focus on what can be done."

Switching Clarkston High School and Junior High scheduling from trimesters to semesters is one way to improve student performance, and long-term budget planning would allow the district to tackle more multi-year initiatives, she said.

As president, she intends to allow as much communication by school board members as possible.

"Individual board members can't speak on behalf of the board, but they are entitled to their individual opinions," she said. "It's reasonable to have positions, that's why they were elected."

Board members can also go into schools and talk to the press, she said.

"It's good for board members to be involved in the schools," she said. "My view is that as long as you indicate you're not speaking on behalf of the board, communicating with parents, PTA, and administration is fine."

Along with the strategic plan, she hopes to change the school budget process, she said.

"School improvement plans are due in spring and the budget is approved in June — we're trying to change that," she said.

"One way would be to approve the strategic plan in December or January, then work on the budget, then school improvement plans — it would flip the cycle a bit."

This would allow the school board to analyze the budget before deciding on spending plans for the schools, she said.

# Burn ban was a hot issue in 2013

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Drenikowski began a petition drive to collect signatures to keep wolves protected. Drenikowski had hoped to collect enough signatures of voters against would hunting to protect the almost 700 wolves in the state of Michigan.

## February 20

### Clarkston Optimists honor students

Clarkston Optimists honored students from Independence and Springfield Plains schools. Students Seth Curtis, Kate Gualtieri were honored with Optimist Students Citizen Awards. Student Corrin Gualtieri was also recognized during the ceremony.

## Cupid in Clarkston

Fountains Banquet Hall in Clarkston welcomed messenger of love, Cupid during a shindig with 200 area senior citizens during their Valentine's Day celebration. Seniors celebrated the love-filled day with lunch and expo while donning the red and pink colors of love. During the event Dan and Nan Nisbett celebrated their seven year anniversary while Charles and Marge Benson celebrated 59 ears together.

## February 27

### Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce gets revamped digs

Along with a new look for their Clarkston Office, the Chamber also revamped their mission. Office renovations included removing paisley wallpapered walls, and opening up the office space to a more open space. Other improvements included improvements to office furniture and computers. Executive Director Penn Shanks and Moll Shamma were excited to show off their updated space to the Clarkston News.

### Memorial Playground planned for Ryan Kennedy

Friends of Ryan Kennedy worked to honor the memory of Ryan Kennedy, a 10-year-old who passed away two days after his birthday of brain cancer. Kennedy has battled the disease for five-years before his passing. friends planned to raise enough funds to build a 13,000-square-foot playground at Clintonwood Park for children of all ages. The cost for the equipment was \$300,000 and construction for the project was projected to begin in Spring 2014.

### Farm, garden club offer scholarships

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club offered four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating students from Clarkston. The scholarships offered are available to all Clarkston Community School students with applications available through the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce, Clarkston

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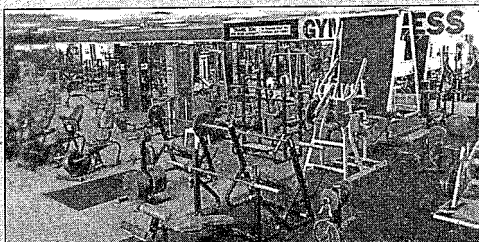
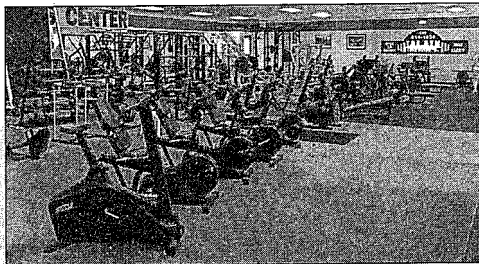
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# GOOD LUCK!

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# Springtime brought oil drilling, road projects

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High School, Everest Collegiate High School, Renaissance High School and Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest.

### March 6

#### City plans to fix budget

Auditors suggesting more oversight and the state of Michigan asking for a Corrective Action Plan caused the city of the village of Clarkston council to take action.

### March 13

#### Family finds home through My Habitat Clarkston work

The Mefford family found a home through their work with My Habitat Clarkston. Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County and the community worked for months to find a Clarkston property for the family of four. Although the family could not find a home in Clarkston the eventually found one in neighboring Waterford. My Habitat Clarkston includes Calvary Lutheran Evangelical Church, Clarkston Community Church, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and many other groups and schools.

### Clarkston graduates become Marines

Ty Vandersteene and Ryan Butterfield, both 2012 graduates of Clarkston High School graduated from Platoon 2020 Company E Marine Corps Bootcamp on March 1. The new marines were headed to Camp Geiger in North Carolina for combat training then onto advanced training at Pensacola, Florida. Butterfield was specializing in aviation electronics and Vandesteene in aviation mechanics.

### March 20

#### Township weighs drilling option

An agreement to drill for oil was on the agenda for



Lt. Col. Alexander Jefferson, a "Red Tail" fighter pilot in World War II, visited Clarkston High School in February. File photo

Independence Township. To prepare for the board of Trustees meeting, township officials met with Jim Nash, water resources commissioner for Oakland County to discuss the possible impact of drilling on water resources in the township.

### March 27

#### 1-75 resurfacing on the way

A project to resurface 14.5 miles of southbound I-75 from the Genesee, Oakland County line was slated to begin in May. Another resurfacing project was approved to resurface 14.5 miles of southbound Interstate I-75. Michigan Department of Transportation considered the \$4.5 million project part of their asset management strategy and the work was to take place in evening hours.

### April 3

### \$2.7 million in cuts coming for Clarkston Community Schools

About \$2.7 million in budget cuts were slated for Clarkston Community Schools after the district faced a budget shortfall of \$3.983 million in the 2013-2014 budget. Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said the district would make up the difference through staff reductions, spending cuts and more revenue.

### April 10

#### City hires new manager

City of the village of Clarkston hired Carol Eberhardt to serve as the new city manager. Eberhardt, who replaced Dennis Ritter, was serving on the city council before she was hired. Council members changed the City Charter, a body of laws which govern the city, to hire Eberhardt. Some residents disagreed with the change of the City Charter which stated elected official cannot be employed by the city.

### April 17

#### Independence Township outsources HR

Independence Township board of Trustees voted to outsource their Human Resource and payroll work which resulted in the need to lay off an employee. The cost to hire the firm Human Capital to perform the work cost \$62,280 a year, the previous cost being \$177,514, a net savings of \$115,234.

### April 24

#### Layoff for 31 teachers

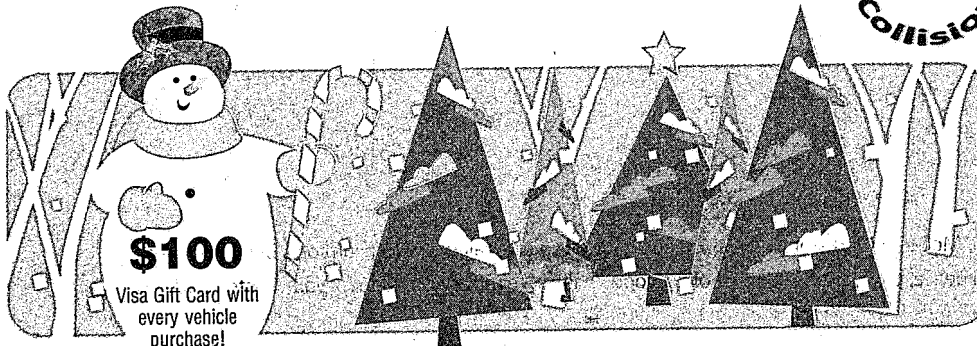
Clarkston Community Schools faced layoff in the spring after the Clarkston Board of Education voted unanimously to approve laying off 31 teachers.

#### City council thanks Ritter

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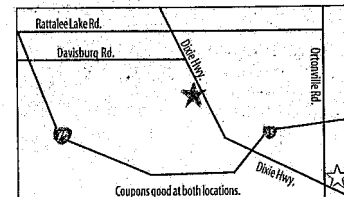
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Rachel Raupe and Olivia Ritchie measure out the flour needed for the first batch of cat treats.



Maddie Blomberg works on a dog toy.



Adri Daigle cuts a sock for a cat toy.

## Christmas treats for homeless pets

Fourth graders in Dr. Kristen Gretka's class at Independence Elementary had a wish for the holidays as they got to work on Dec. 13.

They wanted homeless animals in the area to wake up to treats and toys on Christmas morning.

"The kids chose it," Gretka explained, calling the students Elves for Homeless Animals. "They raised all the money for it."

The fourth graders designed and sold T-shirts to buy what they needed to make treats and toys for homeless cats and dogs for their academic ser-

vice learning project. The students also researched and planned what they were going to make for the animals.

The class partnered with K-9 Stray Rescue League in Oxford, Oakland County Animal Shelter and Adopt-a-Pet in Fenton.

"They really wanted to help the homeless animals," Gretka said.

In the spring the students will be working at Grace Centers of Hope.

~Staff Writer Wendi Reardon



Ivan Olevenick opens a can of tuna fish for the cat treats. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Gabby Botello rolls the dough.



Andrew Sesti scoops cat nip into a cat toy.

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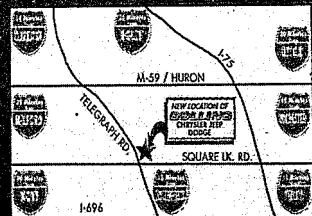
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# Dixie work, phragmites fire as summer started

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An open house was held for Dennis Ritter who had served as city of the village of Clarkston manager since 2008. Ritter decided to retire from the position and said it was time for a new person to take the helm.

May 1

**Raises for city workers:** A budget amendment placing Clarkston's budget in deficit included raises for several city employees. City Manager Carol Eberhardt explained they deserved it and no one had a raise in eight years.

**Doing it on Dixie:** About a minute up the road from I-75, local business folk were banding together to get the word out about the businesses on north Dixie Highway. They called themselves Dixie North.

May 8

**Vote soon on Choice, cuts:** After a last call for questions, decision time was coming soon for Clarkston Schools of Choice proposal to open grades Kindergarten through second to 100 more students from outside the district. They planned to vote on it May 20.

**Teachers honored:** The excitement spread quickly through Fountains as Clarkston Foundation announced the Teacher of the Year for Clarkston Community Schools was Beth Rogers, a fifth grade teacher from Springfield Plains Elementary.

May 15



Phragmites were put to the torch last spring in an effort to control the invasive species. File photo

**Phragmites all fired up:** Flames raged and temperatures soared as phragmites burned off of White Lake Road. The prescribed burn was part of a combined effort to fight the invasive plants.

**Dixie work smooth so far:** Crews resurfacing Dixie Highway said work was running smoothly and local businesses agreed.

**Bisio back on council:** Richard Bisio was sworn in to serve on Clarkston City Council,

May 13, and replaced Carol Eberhardt, who left the council to serve as city manager.

May 22

**School board holds off on open enrollment vote:** Open enrollment for Clarkston Schools was off the table for the time being as school board president Cheryl McGinnis cancelled the vote at the board's meeting. She explained she had received feedback from a majority of the board they had a problem supporting it at

this time.

May 29

**Clarkston remembers 2006 grad for service to country:** Army specialist Jenna Bono was witty and smart. She loved animals and reading and was tiny with a mighty spirit. Her spirit lives on in the Clarkston Junior High School courtyard after the school dedicated it in her memory on May 23.

June 5

**Fired up on FOIA:** Local residents fear the First Amendment was under fire — Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt wanted to change the way the city charges for Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

**Grads make the grade:** From learning the alphabet to using letters in words and in math problems and beyond, Clarkston High School seniors closed the chapter of a 13-year journey as they graduated on June 3 at DTE.

**School budget deadline looms:** It was coming down to the wire for Clarkston Board of Education, with two regular meetings left before deadline to approve the district's budget.

June 12

**'No' on schools-of-choice in Clarkston:** Clarkston was taking a pass on Schools of Choice as the board of education voted 4-2 against the limited enrollment program proposed by administration to help close a \$3.8 million budget deficit.

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"I'm just going to stay home and watch the ball drop."  
- Mary Schroeder



"I'm going to Grayling to hang out at my brother-in-laws house and we are going to play cards."  
- Craig Strong



"I'm going to Sharks Club in Waterford."  
- Heidi Martz



"I'm just hanging out with friends and family."  
- Connor Smythe



"I'm going to watch fireworks in Detroit."  
- Sarah Dysart

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

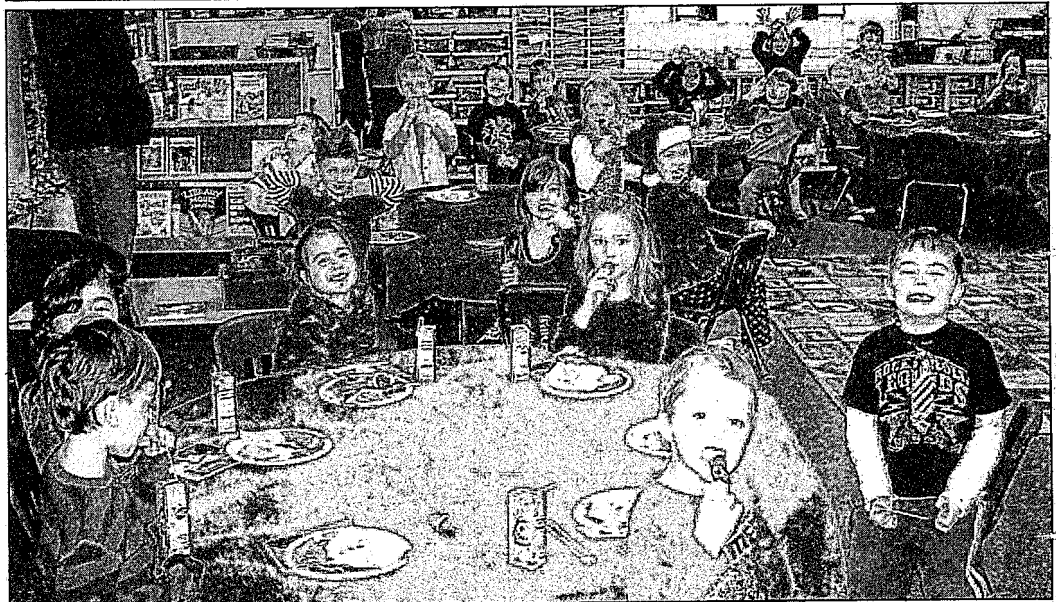
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Clarkston Elementary students are ready for some Christmas party fun.



The students are dressed for their reindeer themed party.

## Reindeer party

Mrs. Gabbard's class at Clarkston Elementary School spent the day making reindeer hats, cookies, and Christmas presents for family during their holiday party last Thursday.

Debbie Wertz, aide to Mrs. Gabbard, helped the kids line up for reindeer games - all were welcome to participate, red noses or otherwise.

- Andrea Beaudoin



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**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.

**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.

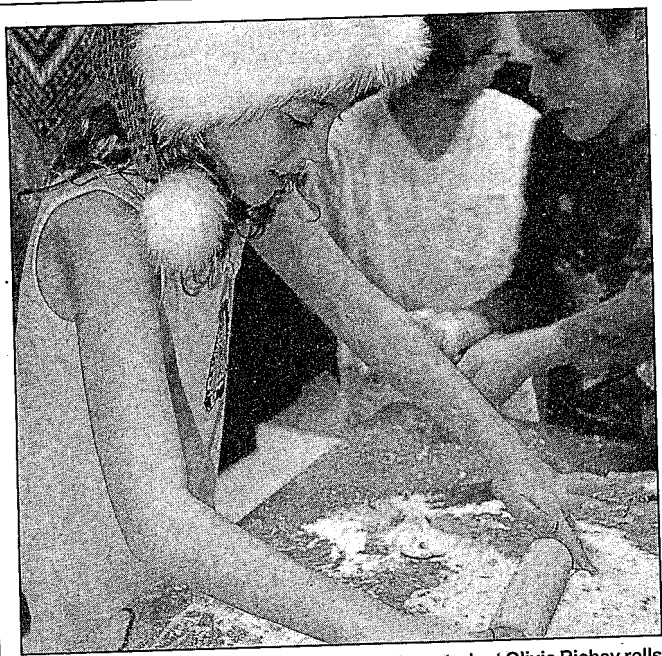
**Clarkston Community Band rehearsals**, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

**Needlework Night**, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome.

# Around Town

Clarkston TV Your Local TV Station

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



**TREATS FOR CATS:** Independence Elementary student Olivia Richey rolls out dough for some cat treats. Photo by Wendi Reardon

**Springfield Township Library**, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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

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

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

**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.

**Tell Us About Your Travels**, third Wednesday of each month, February through October 2014, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Feb. 19, Alcatraz Island: 1769 to the Present. 248-625-2212.

**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**, 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 Kidsight**, 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.

**Volunteer opportunities**  
**Avalon Hospice**, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; **McLaren Hospice**, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County**, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 5435.

# Religion

Events Preaching

## Love comes down at Christmas

While getting ready for Christmas this year at Calvary we have been reflecting each week on the figures of the familiar manger scene and what significant role they played in the Christmas story. Before Christmas we explored Jesus' family tree, Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. After Christmas we will talk about the angels and the magi or wise men.

I have been particularly moved by the story of the shepherds, who were on the very edge of society as they tended the sheep in the wilderness away from home and outside the towns.

There was very little respect or prestige for this job, important as it was, and the shepherds were considered "unclean" since they were not able to keep all of the "rules" of proper society or proper religion.

Yet these are precisely the ones who received the first birth announcement about Jesus from the angels in Luke 2. They, not the religious leaders or the wealthy or powerful people, were the ones who were invited to come and see the baby and Mary and Joseph that first Christmas Day.

Since he was born in a stable, they were welcome to come as they really were for a visit, sheep and all.

This tells us a lot about God and those whom God will make sure are invited to get to know him. If the lowly shepherds were given this special privilege, then those who feel on the outside of things in our world today are also given a special invitation. And when we find ourselves lost and alone and afraid, Jesus is there for us too.

Love comes down at Christmas. The God of the universe born as a baby in Bethlehem. God stepping out of the heavens and taking on flesh so he can walk with us on earth as

one of us.

Love comes down at Christmas. This baby is especially Good News to those who are hurting or in need or outcast or who have made big mistakes. God cares...deeply.

Many of us know the beginning of Psalm 23. "The Lord is my shepherd..." It is very interesting that even though it was such a lowly profession, shepherding is nevertheless frequently used as an example of how God cares for us.

Shepherds live with the sheep to lead them and protect them. Shepherds aren't afraid to face dangers or to get dirty doing whatever needs to be done to keep the sheep safe and sound.

The shepherd could recognize each unique sheep and "calls his own sheep by name and leads them." When one was lost, the shepherd would leave the others in a safe place to go and try to find the lost one to bring it home. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10)

That is the Christmas Story: Love comes down at Christmas...to shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night. And into our world, into our lives. Once we realize that the birth announcement for Jesus went first to the shepherds and that they found God in a stable, a barn, we can never again be quite sure where God will appear next.

God's holiness is found in the lowliest and least likely places, like among shepherds, in a stable...and on a cross. The real Christmas story assures us that God is with us in the messiness and real stuff of our lives today. In our joys and in our challenges there is God with us and for us as a Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep and knows each one by name.

Love comes down at Christmas. This is the real gift of Christmas.

*The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

## In our local churches...

**3D Vision Youth Group** for grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., North Oaks Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Pizza Party Kick-off, Sept. 4. 248-922-3515.

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**Wednesday Evening Feast**, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. [www.calvaryinfo.org](http://www.calvaryinfo.org)

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**DivorceCare** 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

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**First Friday Family Fun**, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. 248-625-4644.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
Sunday 10 am  
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[www.clarkstonepiscopal.org](http://www.clarkstonepiscopal.org)  
248-625-2325

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-3380  
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15)  
Pastor: Russell Reemtsma  
Sun. 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
Wed. 7:00 pm Awana Club  
6:30 pm Teen Ministry  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston  
(248) 625-1323  
Home of Oakland Christian School  
Pastor: Greg Henneman  
**Sunday Worship:**  
9:15 and 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care at both services  
**Children's Ministries:** September thru April  
Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Youth Ministries:**  
September thru April  
Sunday, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 3:00-8:00 p.m.  
[www.clarkstoncommunity.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunity.com)

### CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston  
(W. of M-15, just S. of I-75)  
248-625-3288  
Pastor: Jonathan Heierman  
**Sunday Worship:**  
8:15 am, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Nursery, Children & Youth at 9:30 & 11:00 am  
**Wednesday Evenings:**  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Dinner & groups of all ages  
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[www.calvaryinfo.org](http://www.calvaryinfo.org)

### ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston  
(W. of M-15, S. of I-75)  
625-4580  
Rev. Christopher Maus  
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm  
Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
Religious Education: 6:25-17:50  
Mother's Group, RCIA, Scripture Study, Youth Group

### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
(248) 394-0200  
Fax: (248) 394-1212  
Rev. Dr. Matthew Webster  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School 10:00 am  
Dream Keepers Youth Group  
Sunday's 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  
Bible Study  
March - May and Sept. - Nov.  
[www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org](http://www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org)

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611  
Website: [clarkstonumc.org](http://clarkstonumc.org)  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:30 am  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
Nursery available for all services

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell, Clarkston  
(corner of Maybee & Winell)  
248-623-1224  
Service 9:00 - 10:30  
[www.ClarkstonFMC.org](http://www.ClarkstonFMC.org)  
Wednesday 6:30 pm  
Children, Youth & Adult Ministry

### BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

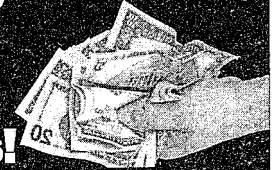
[www.bridgewoodchurch.com](http://www.bridgewoodchurch.com)  
6765 Rattalee Lake Road  
Clarkston, 48348 (248) 625-1344  
Sundays at 9:30am & 11:00am  
- Adult experience  
- Nurture Center (birth-4)  
- Kids Life (K-5th)  
- Crave Students (6th-8th)  
Sunday at 6:30am  
- Velocity (College & Twenty-Somethings)  
Wednesday at 6:45pm  
- Journey On Adult Focus Studies  
- Nurture Center (birth-4)  
- Kids Life (K-5th)  
- Crave Students (6th-8th)  
check out all BWC has  
To offer you online at [bridgewoodchurch.com](http://bridgewoodchurch.com)

### SASHABAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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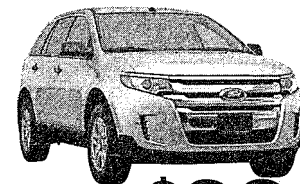
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# Death notices & Obituaries

## Martin H. Bakken, 69 Marguerite Easley, 95

Martin H. Bakken of Clarkston passed away Dec. 13, 2013, at 69 years of age.

He was the loving father of Julie (Bryan Jesky) Bakken; dearest grandfather of Alexandria; former husband and friend of Cindy.

Martin taught for many years with the Royal Oak Schools and in later years substitute teaching in Clarkston.

A Memorial Service was Dec. 20 at Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston. To send a condolence to the family go to [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com)



## Patrick Cadwallader, 54

Patrick Michael Cadwallader, born Jan. 27, 1959, passed away Dec. 15, 2013.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years Johnna Cadwallader, children Patrick M. Cadwallader Jr., Lisette, Patrick M. Cadwallader III; Daniel A. Cadwallader, Gracie, and Sophie and Elle; and Sabrina Cadwallader; parents Joseph D. and Warrennetta H. Cadwallader; siblings Mary Boucard and the late Joseph D. Cadwallader III; Chris Praksti of Harrison, Ellen Jackson of Coumbiaville, Dawn Rich of Waterford, and Richard Cadwallader of Grand Blanc; loving aunts Wanda Brake of Ortonville and Juanita Frasier of Goodrich; fatherly like Uncle Chris Cadwallader of Adrian; and in laws Larry and Tracy Nicol of Clarkston, Linda and Butch Chapman of Clarkston, Claudia and Gary Sanders of LaMirada, Calif., Deanna and Gillette Warden of Fullerton, Calif., and Rodney and Kim Nicol of Swartz Creek.

Mr. Cadwallader graduated with the Class of 1977 of Clarkston High School, and lived in California for 30 years. He was Assistant Director of Facilities at Harbor UCLA Medical Center for Los Angeles County, and a respected top level wrestling official for the state of California and USA Wrestling for 25 Years. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2012 for his dedication and contributions to the sport. He was a mentor to many young men and women. He was a great man to many and will be missed until we see him again.

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

Marguerite L. Easley of Clarkston passed away peacefully at her daughter's home on Dec. 15, 2013. She was 95 years old.

She was the beloved wife of the late Clark Easley; dear mother of Chris Easley, Mark (Joy) Easley, Tina Easley and the late Gary Easley; also survived by grandchildren Maria (David) Parasczkey, David (Theresa) Easley, Michelle (Kevin)

Funston, Jade (Gary) Robb, Mark Jackson, along with seven great grandchildren.

Marguerite and her husband, Clark, had numerous business ventures in the Waterford and Clarkston area. She was a life member of the Eastern Stars and a Delegate of the Republican Party. She volunteered for many local charities including the United Way.

A Celebration of Marguerite's Life will be Friday, Jan. 3, 2014, 11 a.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pontiac. Her family will receive friends the hour prior to the service. Her ashes will be interred at All Saints Cemetery in Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston. To send a condolence go to [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries). Memorial donations may be made to All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike St., Pontiac, 48341 or Banbury Cross Therapeutic Equestrian Center, 1223 Brauer Rd., Oxford, 48371.

## Roy E. Locke, 86

Roy E. Locke of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, passed away Dec. 21, 2013, at age 86.

He was the husband of Henretta for 59 years; father of Lyndia (Jose) Loza and Jason Locke; preceded in death by sons Joseph, Richard, and Gary and grandson Roy; also survived by 13 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Roy retired from General Motors and was past president of Pontiac Township (Auburn Hills) Firefighters Association where he served as a volunteer fireman. He enjoyed reading, camping and being an assistant Boy Scout leader.

Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Thursday, 3-5 p.m., concluding with a service. Private interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Waterford Township Church of Christ. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Ready Holcombe, 76

Ready Holcombe, "Earlean," of Clarkston passed away Dec. 17, 2013, at age 76.

She was preceded in death by her husband Adrian. She was the mother of Renee (Norm) Dehnke, Brian (Jing), Jim, Bob, Randy and Paul (Laurie) Holcombe; also survived by 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; sister of Dempsey Slinkard and Thelma Wilson. Earlean enjoyed cooking and spending time with her grandchildren.

Funeral service was Dec. 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Melita Lieblang, 94

Melita E. Lieblang of Clarkston passed away Dec. 22, 2013, at age 94.

She was born Oct. 19, 1919, in Tarxien, Malta. She was the loving wife of the late Joseph; dearest mother of Lorraine (Leo) Boudreau, Joanne (Tom) Manatine, Bob (Kathy), Joseph (Cheryl) and John (Rosalie); also survived by 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Friends may visit, Thursday, 5-9 p.m., and Friday, 3-9 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Scripture service, Friday, 7 p.m. In state, Saturday, 9 a.m., with Funeral Mass, 10 a.m., at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, Lake Orion. Rite of committal Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Twp. Memorials may be made to Lourdes Senior Community, Waterford or Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church.

Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Velva M. Yovich, 76

Velva M. Yovich of Waterford passed away Dec. 16, 2013, at age 76.

She was the mother of David (Terri), Mark (Sandy), and Michael (Mary); grandmother of eight and great grandmother of four; sister of Crystal (Zane) Ivory, Dorothy (Robert) Munger, Bernita (James) Hawes and the late Norma (late Ray) Conley.

Velva retired from General Motors. Visitation was Dec. 19 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Dec. 20 at Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



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# 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

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

1. Case #13-021, Northern Sign Company, Petitioner, Requesting: Interpretation of Section 12.02(F)(2) of the Zoning Ordinance to permit an LED gas price sign, 6889 Sashabaw Road, Parcel #08-22-326-011, MS Motor Vehicle Service Station.
2. 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 #08-12-376-028, R-1A Single Family Residential.
3. 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

#### 1. 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.

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## INDEPENDENCE TWP.

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

#### CLERK'S OFFICE

#### JOB POSTING

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

DATE OF POSTING: December 19, 2013  
LAST DAY OF POSTING: January 3, 2014

FLSA STATUS: Non-Exempt  
SALARY & BENEFITS: This is a full-time position represented by the AFSCME union. Pay rate for this position is \$14.55 per hour and includes a full benefit package.

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## INDEPENDENCE TWP.

### SYNOPSIS

### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

### DECEMBER 17, 2013

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Ritchie, Schmeider  
Absent: Lohmeier  
There was a quorum present.
- D. Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation and Seniors Director; Lt. Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Mitch Petterson, Deputy Fire Chief; Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Barbara Rollin, Senior Center Coordinator; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Kristen Sietoff, Assessor; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Richard Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman Associates; Randy Ford, Hubbell, Roth & Clark;
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Supervisor Kittle
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Richardson, DPW Director

#### H. PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing opened at 7:07 PM  
After receiving no public comment, the Public Hearing closed at 7:07 PM

1. Program Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Application and Subrecipient Agreement
  - a. Approval of Program Year 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Application and Subrecipient Agreement
  - b. Allocation of 2014 CDBG Funding for Battered and Abused Spouses (HAVEN)
  - c. Allocation of 2014 CDBG Funding for Youth Services (Clarkston Area Youth Assistance)
  - d. Allocation of 2014 CDBG Funding for Transportation Services (Senior Center)

- e. Allocation of 2014 CDBG Funding for Other (Senior Centers)

#### I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Presentation: Fiscal 2013 Actual to Budget Comments for Period Ending November 30, 2013 (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)

#### J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

#### K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Certificates of Appreciation:
  - a. Certificate of Service Recognizing 19 Years of Service as a Member on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA); B. Jill Palulian
  - b. Certificate of Service Recognizing 30 Years of Employment with the Charter Township of Independence; Sandy Miller
2. Approval of Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for the Purchase of Fuel
3. Request to Approve Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for Pump Repairs; Removed to be considered under L. Items removed from the Consent Agenda
4. Approval of Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for Drilling of Test Wells
5. Approval of Budget Amendments/Amendments:
  - a. Approval to Transfer FY 2013 Deer Lake Beach Donation to FY 2014
  - b. Approval to Transfer Balance of FY 2013 Senior Center Architect Funds to FY 2014
  - c. Approval of Budget Amendment for Seniors Division
  - d. Approval of Transfer FY 2013 Funds to FY 2014 for Flat Roof Repair at Fire Department Station #1
  - e. Approval of 2013 Budget Amendment #12A
  - f. Approval of 2014 Budget Amendment #1A
6. Approval of Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2013
7. Approval of Payroll of December 6, 2013 and Check Run of December 11, 2013 for a Total Amount of \$480,321.32

#### L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Postpone of Request to Approve Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for Pump Repairs; January 7, 2014 Regular Meeting

#### M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Adoption of Resolution for Submittal of Application for Category A. Funds - Economic Development Fund
2. Postponement of Second Reading and Adoption of Amendment to Concept Development Plan for Eagle Ridge at Morgan Lake Planned Residential Development (PRD); January 7, 2014 Regular Meeting
3. Authorization to Circulate Information Related to Amending the Master Plan-Sashabaw Corridor
4. Appointment of Independence Township Representative Members to the Clarkston Independence District Library Board
5. Approval to Post and Hire Full-time AFSCME Position for the Assessing Department
6. Approval of Agreement for 2014 Electronics Recycling Collection
7. Approval to Purchase a Mini Push Camera for Sewer System
8. Approval to Waive Recapture of 2011 Community Development Block Grant Funds
9. Approval to Post and Hire Full-time Non Union Position for the Senior Division
10. Approval to Create New Full-time Non-Union Position / Reclassify Non-Union Employee in the Senior Division / Eliminate Senior Coordinator Position
11. Approval of Phase II of Brady Lodge Restoration Project
12. Approval of Capital Improvement Plan Funding and Authorization of Solicitation of Bids for Tennis Court Reconstruction Project at Clintonwood Park
13. Approval to Purchase Laptops and Docking Stations
14. Approval of Amendment to Special Rules of Procedure for the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees
15. Approval of Wage Increase for Administrative Assistant in the Supervisor's Office
16. Approval of Reappointments for Board and Committee Members
  - a. Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA)
  - b. Planning Commission
  - c. Zoning Board of Appeals

There was a consensus of Township Board members present to move forward O. Communications/ Future Agenda Items / Reports before N. Board Member Comments

#### O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Minutes: Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee of November 13, 2013
2. Report: Liquor License Transfer-Lakes Chill, LLC;

- 6722 Dixie Hwy.
3. Report: Fiscal 2013 Actual to Budget Comments for Period Ending November 30, 2013 (Relocated as agenda item 1, under I. Presentations and Reports)
4. Report: November 10, 2013 High Five Races Back Roads Half Marathon and 10K / Clarkston State Bank - Lt. Dirk Feneley provided an oral report
- N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Treasurer Brown, Clerk Pallotta, Trustee Aliaga, Supervisor Kittle
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, December 25, 2013

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

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#### Decedent's Estate

Estate of Eleanor Rojek, Deceased. Date of Birth: 08/04/1925  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
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Estate of Louis Golden. Date of Birth: 3/8/1920.  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Louis Golden, who lived at 535 N. Main Street, Clawson, MI 48017 died 9/26/2013.  
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Estate of Jason William Sprague. Date of Birth: August 9, 1987.  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Jason William Sprague, died August 9, 2012.  
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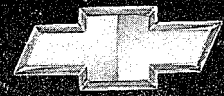
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Robert Hannah and Paul Hannah whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: The estate of Janice Hannah was commenced December 6, 2013, and the nominated personal representative, Rebecca Pierce, was appointed Personal Representative, and decedent's Last Will and Testament was admitted to probate.

12-18-13  
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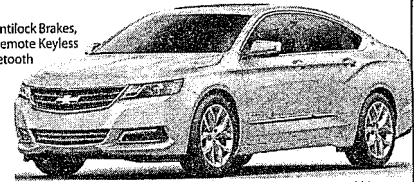
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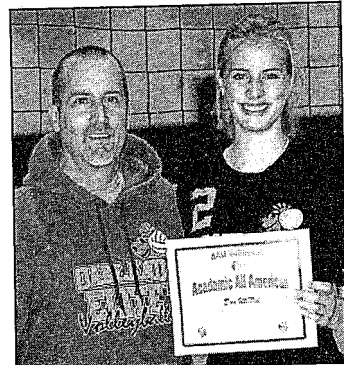
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Erin McNeil was named Academic All American.

# Students' success

Erin McNeil, a member of the Oakland Elite Volleyball Club and current sophomore at Clarkston High School, was named a 2013 AAU Volleyball Academic All American by the AAU National Volleyball Executive Committee. The award recognizes athletes of the AAU Volleyball program for their excellence in academics as well as athletics. All recipients participated in the 40th AAU Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships and were selected from nominations received during the event.

McNeil was one of the youngest of sixty athletes chosen for this national award amongst an eligible pool of 15,000 players. The nomination was submitted by her coach, Tony Scavarda.

Clarkston students qualified as finalists in the 57th Annual Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition include Delaney Brown, 10th grade; Nate Gipe, 10th grade; Andrew Luchenbach, 11th grade; Diana Marsala, 10th grade; Matthew Pasco, 12th grade; Cameron Razdar, 11th grade; Damon Rothrock, 9th grade; and Noah Sampson, 9th grade.

They are among the top 1,200 of 6,300 students in Part I of the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition. The top 50 will be presented with scholarships ranging from bronze awards of \$250 to \$2,500 for first place gold.

Kayla Bell, a Saginaw Valley State University applied mathematics major from Clarkston, participated in the Sustaining Our Community project, Dec. 13-16, at the Habitat For Humanity of Kent County in Grand Rapids. The project involves help with existing projects in the area.

The initiative is one of five opportunities being organized through SVSU's Alternative Breaks program, a student-led group that advocates volunteer work during traditional break periods from school.

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## 010 HOLIDAY ITEMS

"CANDLES & CAROLS" Christmas Eve Service at Immanuel Church, Oxford, 8:00pm Christmas Eve. 248-628-1610. ILL32

## 020 GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! From the Classified Ad Dept. at Sherman Publications. We appreciate your business and wish you a wonderful holiday! Call to place a holiday greeting to your loved ones at 248-628-4801 L24

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
**JORDAN  
CONNOR  
CAIDAN**

I just wanted you to know that you're in my thoughts and in my heart with every day that passes. I miss you and love you with all my heart.

Love, Dad L41

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## MONDAY

## NOON

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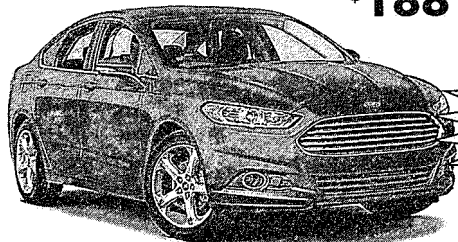
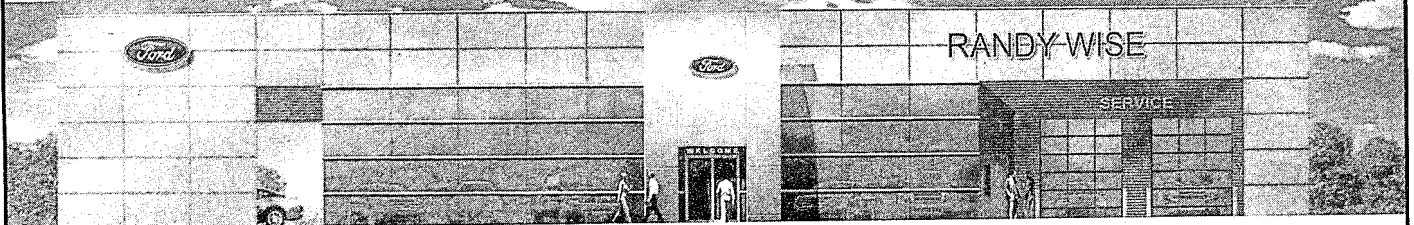


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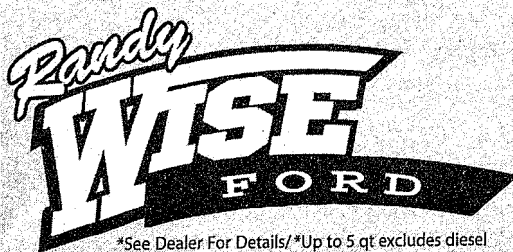


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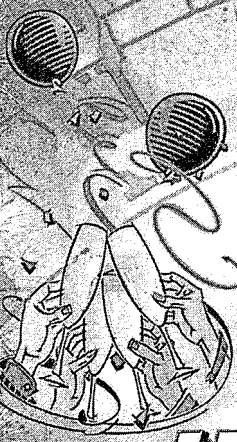
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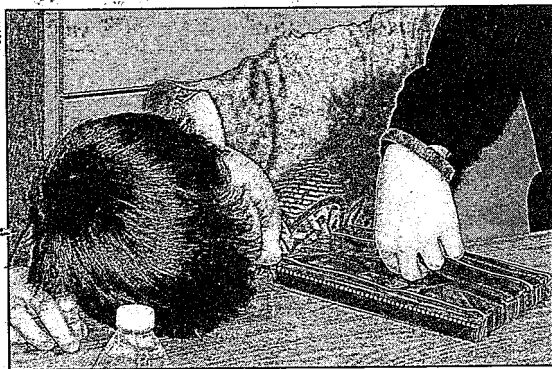
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Megan Zabinski, sixth grader, and her brother Noah Zabinski, second grader, enjoy some tasty treats during the party.



Ella Hugging opens her present.



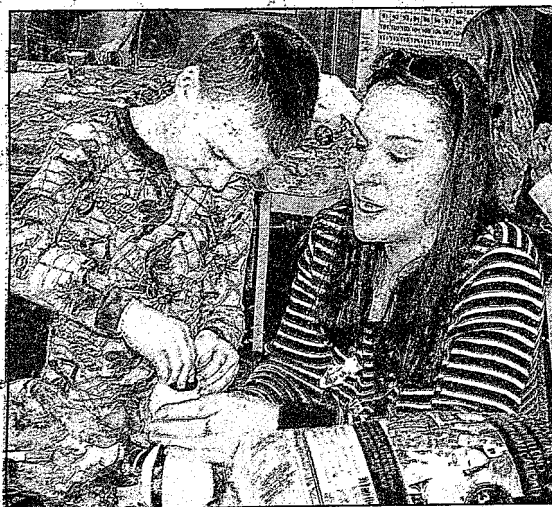
Andrew Clark, fourth grader, sneaks a peek at his present. As suspected, it's the latest *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* novel.

## Celebration at North Sashabaw

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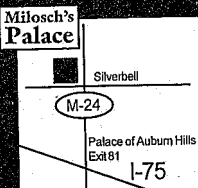
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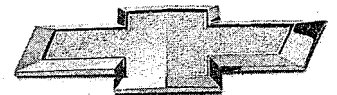




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