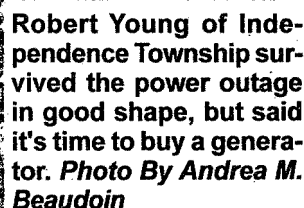


**Happy  
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**BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

He and his neighbors called Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle for help. Kittle contacted DTE and was told

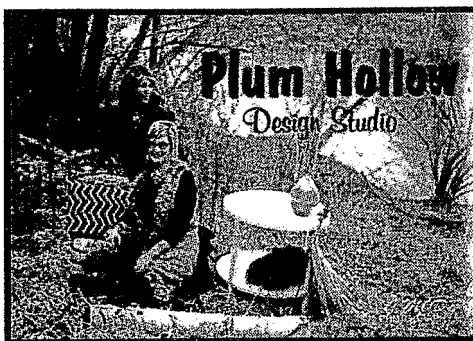
**Young's neighbor Lucian Brata said he**  
*Please see Power on page 7*

**To the community:** Thanks to everybody who stayed out on the extremely cold days like the Carman-Ainsworth game and to all the parents who supported us.

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**The Wolves hold up one of the MHSAA trophies they earned in 2013. *File photo by Larry Wright***



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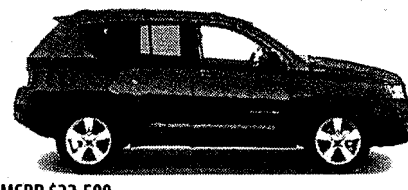
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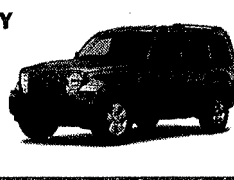


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**SNOWMAN DAY:** Classes for schools in the Clarkston area were cancelled because of snow and ice, Dec. 20, so Sarina, Daman and Kamran Nallamothe of Independence Township spent some time on outdoor activities, including building a snowman. Photo provided by Terri Nallamothe

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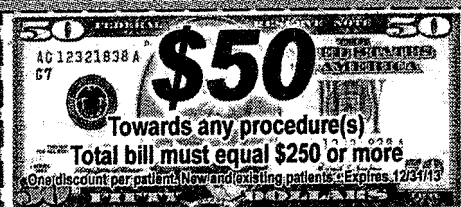
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### Community partners against hunger

Renee Klebba, treasurer for Ladies Luvin' Charity, a Lake Orion-based chapter of Woman's Life, and Lori Naseef, director of provideInc, a Lake Orion-based nonprofit, are organizing the Community Partners Against Hunger event, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, at First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Donors have already contributed \$2,800 to purchase rice, beans, and dried vegetables from Kids Against Hunger, which will deliver the supplies and instruct volunteers packing 10,000 meals.

The meals will be sent to developing countries and areas in need in the United States. For more information, check [firstcongregationalchurch.org](http://firstcongregationalchurch.org) or [womanslife.org](http://womanslife.org).

### Free eye screenings

Clarkston Area Lions Club volunteers host Project Kidsight, second Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. -12 p.m., at Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

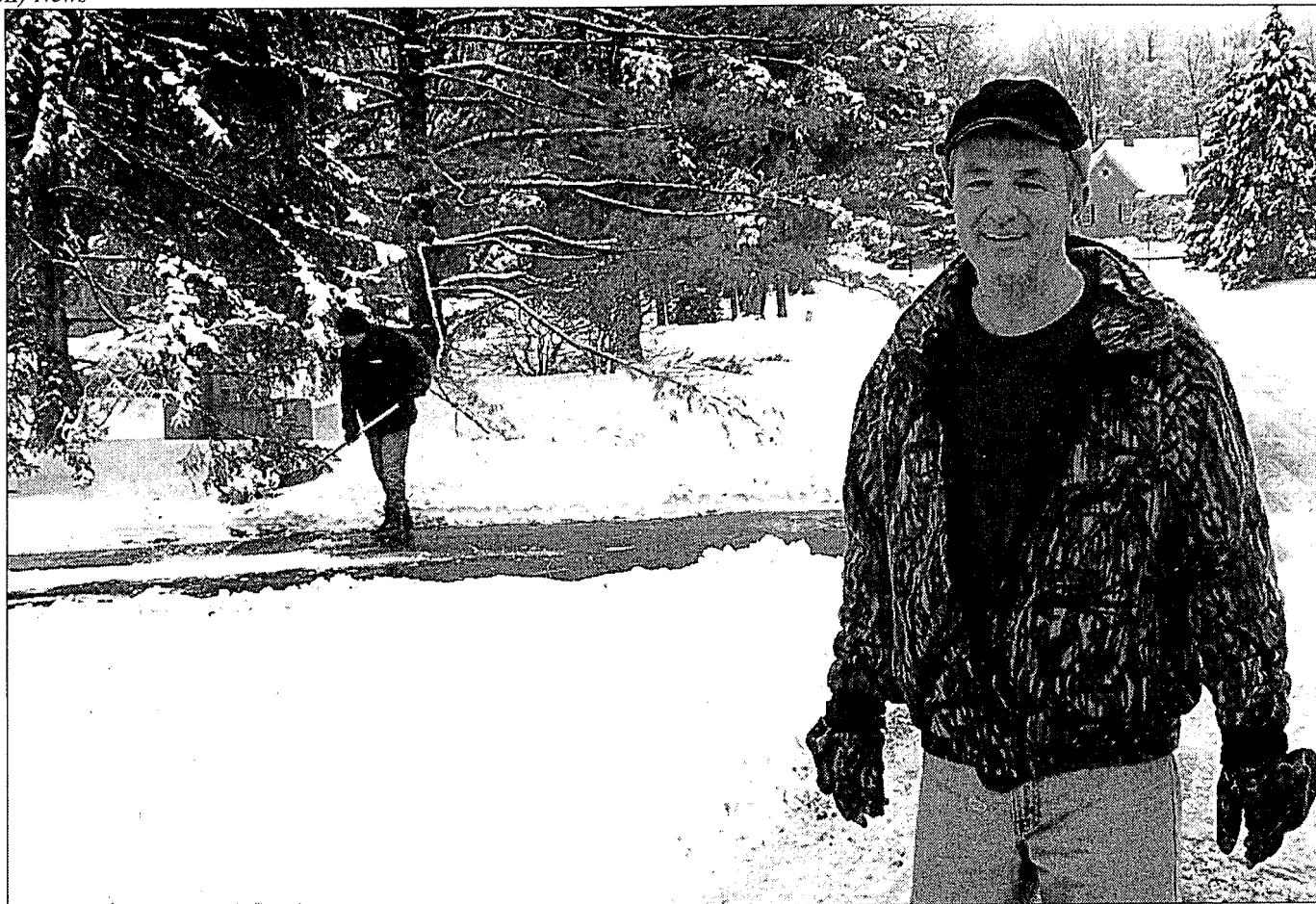
Project Kidsight is a free vision screening program for children over five months old that local Lions Club volunteers conduct throughout the year. They take photos of the child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Results are immediate and a report is provided at the screening.

Early vision screening can provide significant long-term benefits for children. Vision problems are prevalent in 25% of all school children in the U.S. Some problems that can permanently affect vision are best treated at an early age. By the time children enter school the treatment may not be as effective and can be more costly.

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Chris Little is glad power has been restored in his neighborhood.

## Emergency plan update after storm

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

After a recent major power outage that left thousands in the dark without heat nor lights, many residents may think more about being prepared for emergencies.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the township will meet with local organizations in January regarding emergency preparedness.

Kittle said during emergency planning sessions the township will put together air-tight emergency plans to address many scenarios to make sure officials are completely ready to address whatever situation arises.

Kittle said after the ice storm, the township stayed in contact with the fire, police and other officials.

"I have been in daily contact with the police and fire department, parks and recreation and the senior center coordinator," he said.

Kittle said during the emergency he spoke with Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock who said the schools could immediately open for shelter and even provide food and water.

"Rock said schools were ready to go immediately," Kittle said.

Kittle said during the emergency he received five calls asking for assistance, and the township sent help.

"The township will always offer assis-

tance during emergency situations," he added.

"We also opened up fire stations two and three so residents could get water, charge cell phones, have some hot coffee or take a shower."

Regardless of how many residents may need help in an emergency, Kittle said he wants to ensure residents are safe in future emergencies. In January an emergency planning session will include emergency personnel, township officials, local churches or community organizations.

Kittle said during the storm the United Methodist Church in Clarkston called the township and offered to open the church for residents and also be included as a shelter in future emergencies.

Independence Township is included in a special response unit called Michigan Fire Service Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS), which includes plans to summon self-sustainable firefighters from many counties and a warehouse full of supplies.

Regional Communication Officer for the American Red Cross Allison Koenigbauer said families should always be prepared with at least 72 hours of supplies to self-sustain.

Koenigbauer said the ARC always stand ready to help during an emergency, and responds to a situation based on the needs of a community.

"We also work communities to find out

what their needs are," she said adding that most communities have shelters warming centers in place.

Koenigbauer said the ARC can send supplies if a community or a county requests assistance.

"If a city or county asks for assistance opening warming shelters or warming center, we will help with that," she said. "We can also provide food if necessary."

"ARC can help set up shelters, we can also provide cots, food, staff and water," she said.

Koenigbauer said during the ice storm Independence Township did not request assistance, but there were centers set up in some communities. ARC can also send preparedness materials to communities to help families get prepared, but residents should always be prepared for an emergency.

"We do offer safety tips at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) as well as various tip sheets," he said. "People should always be prepared before during and after a storm."

Koenigbauer said the best thing families can do is build a disaster kit to sustain them for 72 hours. Kits should include things like food, blankets, water, flashlights, candles and extra medications.

"If an emergency strikes you should be prepared because never know when something will happen," said Koenigbauer.

Call ARC at 1-800-774-6066.



# McLaren hospital rejected plans get mixed reviews

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Plans to build a hospital in Independence Township have been rejected again. Officials say residents ought to be angered by the decision.

The decision was handed down by Judge Colleen O'Brien of Oakland County Circuit Court on Dec. 20 after McLaren Health Care Corp. sued the Michigan Department of Community Health. The state agency had rejected a certificate-of-need application (CON) to move 200 beds from McLaren's hospital in Pontiac to Independence Township.

MDCH rejected McLaren under the CON process, which oversees how many hospital beds are needed in the state.

McLaren filed an appeal in June after the MDCH rejected a CON application originally filed in 2012. After that appeal was rejected, another appeal was filed in March.

In May, the CON was rejected for the third time in two years when a non-profit filed suit to fight the MDHC in Oakland County Circuit Court.

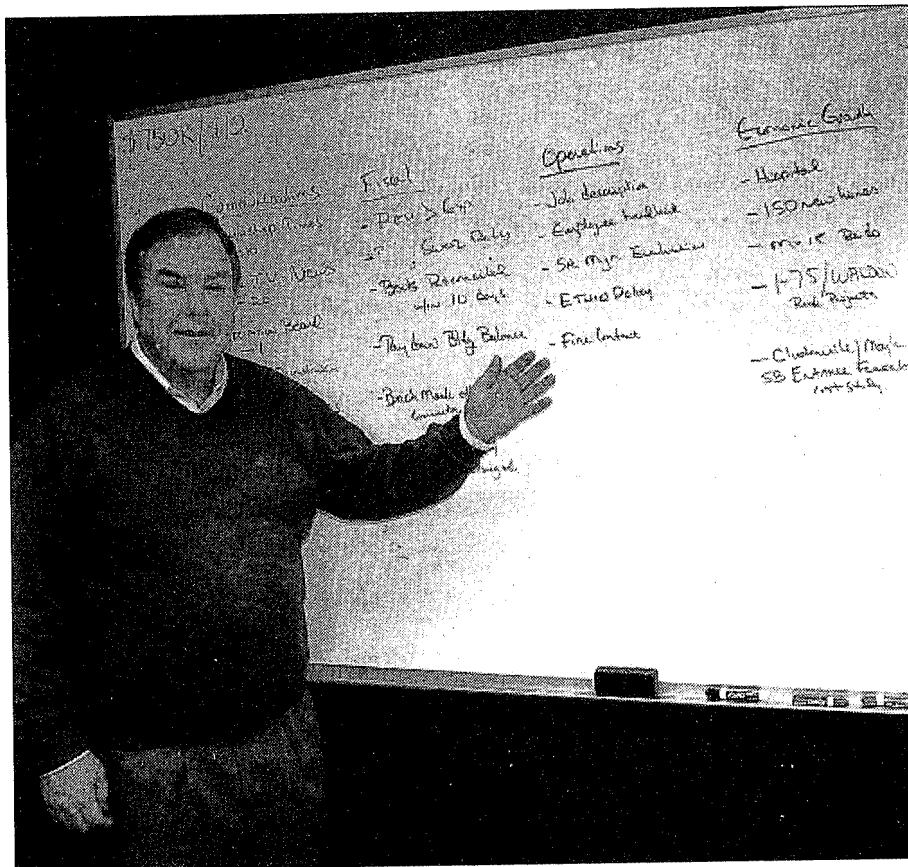
McLaren wants to build a 443,000 square foot, \$303 million hospital on the McLaren health care campus located at Sashabaw Road and Bow Pointe Drive.

During the Dec. 20 hearing, representatives for McLaren argued for the need of a hospital in the area. An attorney for Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was also present to support McLaren, while the MDCH argued against the need for a hospital in the area.

Patterson said residents should be angry with the decision. Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle agreed with Patterson and said residents need a closer hospital.

Patterson said the hospital would have greatly benefited the county and the township by investing \$700 million over a 10 year period and creating 10,000 new jobs.

Jobs in the medical field are part of his Medical Main Street Emerging Sector Plan, which aims to diversify jobs in Oakland County to step away from a dependence on jobs in the auto industry, he said.



The McLaren project is one of Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle's Economic Growth goals for 2014. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

"I'm fighting so hard because this is what we need to diversify the economy in Oakland County," said Patterson. "We have been dependent on the auto industry and if we can get a hospital with 2,000 jobs, that would be ideal."

Independence Township resident Michael Powell said it's time for McLaren and township officials to give up the fight.

"Personally, I believe it's time for McLaren to give it up," said Powell. "I'm not happy with the way McLaren has bought and paid for politicians to try to change the CON law to get this hospital."

Powell said in the past 30 years he and his family have lived in this township, they have been happy with hospitals and their distance.

"Especially when we've been to many of these hospitals lately only to see them sitting with empty rooms every time we've visited," Powell said. "Fighting these rulings is making it that much easier to oppose the hospital."

Patterson and Kittle disagree.

"Residents need a closer hospital than we have here today," said Patterson. "In an emergency situation, 15 to 20 minutes can be a life or death situation."

Kittle said the safety of residents is his foremost concern and agrees with Patterson that 15-20 minutes to the hospital is way too long in an emergency.

Kittle said the senior population in Independence Township is booming, and the is-

sue he is most concerned with is the safety of residents.

"Independence Township is no longer a bedroom community," said Kittle. "We are a thriving community with an aging senior population."

Kittle said anyone in a life or death situation would agree too.

"Have you ever seen I-75 in the morning? It could take 45 minutes or more to get to hospital versus having a state-of-the-art hospital in our back yard," he said.

Besides safety concerns, the economic benefits are a huge bonus, he said.

He added in addition to the extra ability of the community to receive quality health care, it would also provide many jobs, from laborers needed to build the hospital to the medical personnel needed to staff the facility.

Patterson said Oakland County has provided a supportive role in McLaren's fight.

"We are in a supportive role (McLaren CEO Philip Incarnati) and his team are very good," said Patterson, adding the fight to build the hospital is far from over.

"This is too big of a deal and we can go to Michigan Legislature," he said. "Oakland County will continue their support to build the hospital."

Kittle said one of the methods McLaren will use is to get the CON Language changed.

Regardless if the hospital is built or not, McLaren has committed \$1.5 million in funding for a \$4 million road improvement project on the Sashabaw Road corridor at interstate I-75 ramps and the Waldon Road intersection.

McLaren's top administrative officers were on vacation and unavailable for comment.

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### Hello 2014!

The past year has had it's ups and downs but as we welcome 2014 I am excited for a new year.

I did enjoy 2013 - it had a lot of adventures. I spent my vacation in California and visited a lot of my relatives and did the complete tourist experience - Disneyland, Hollywood, Warner Brothers Studio Tour and San Diego.

I completed another National Novel Writing Month and with hiccups through the month of November I can't tell you how I did it. I didn't finish the story but I will continue working on it in the new year.

I met new friends and became closer to friends I already have in my life.

Probably my biggest adventure was the beginning of the year when I finished losing the last bulk of my 90 pounds. I spent the rest of the year trying to maintain the new weight while sadly letting go of the giant, comfortable clothes I used to hide in.

I watched a lot of great achievements made by not only Clarkston students and athletes but by those in the community. It was a great year!

Now like many I look ahead and how I can make each day in 2014 better. I don't make resolutions - I have goals. Most of the goals aren't new but having the motivation and continuing to have the motivation for 365 days in the year.

Well, like most people at the beginning of any new year I want to visit the gym more. Even if it is just a few miles to walk the weather is better to walk outside. I think the best way to achieve it is putting my gym bag in the front of the vehicle so I remember. Now just have to remember to take the gym bag out of the trunk.

Another goal is to read. I love to read. I have plenty of books to read. I just haven't read. I started a book and it isn't keeping my interest yet I continue to attempt to finish it. (It's not going to happen. Time to move on after three months. I need to finish at least a book a month.)

Adding to the list, write every day at least 15 minutes of non-work related pieces. Or at least work on five pages of writing projects. Also, photograph every day.

There are enough hours in the day so it is possible. It is about turning off the distractions. The year 2013 was great, 2014 is going to be amazing.



# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Thank for providing Christmas to kids

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Area Youth Assistance would like to give the staff and members of the Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union a huge thank you as they continue their tradition of providing Christmas for CAYA children.

One of the most rewarding presents this year was a TV that a little boy received. The family TV had been stolen in June and they couldn't afford to replace it.

Tears were also brought to a mom's eye

as she picked up her three children gifts knowing this would probably be the last one in their home.

She had just received word that day her house was being repossessed by the bank. She was so thankful for the turkey, food and gifts.

Thank you Clarkston Brandon Credit Union members for caring about CAYA children.

Joyce Bleim

CAYA Homework Club Co-leader



Springfield Plains Elementary students hold a snowball steady during a game before holiday break. School is back in session on Jan. 6. Photo by WAR

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1999

**"We get dumped on by winter, home lost to fire"** A late night fire wiped out three apartments in a house on Pine Knob Lane leaving 18 Independence Township residents, some of them children, homeless. No residents were injured in the fire but three Independence firefighters sustained minor injuries.

**"Old Man Winter drops 12 inches on Clarkston, area"** Old Man Winter finally reared his snowy white head with one of the worst one-day storms part of the century. The area received 12 inches of snow with a wind chill of 20-25 degrees below zero and temperatures in the teens.

**"Cobo good to Wolves again"** After a lack luster practice by the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team, they bounced back three days later to beat Detroit Denby 67-50 at the Detroit Public Schools Superintendent's Tip-Off Classic at Cobo Arena.

### 25 years ago - 1989

**"Economy to remain stable in '89"** Although a little fragile, the economy was predicted to continue to be stable in 1989, with a little difficulty in the first half of the year, from Clarence G. Catallo, senior vice president and director of the North Central Division of Paine Webber Inc.

**"Men charged in Dixie shooting"** Two men were arrested and charged with assault with intent to murder after they allegedly fired shots at two vehicles on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township on New Year's Eve.

**"Dixie shopping center approved in concept"** Developers of an A & P shopping center sighed in relief after the Independence Township Planning Commission approved the conceptual site plan for a 94,000-square-foot center on Dixie Highway and White Lake roads.

**"They'll go around the world in 365 days"** Tom and Carrie Wilford, recently married, set off at the end of December for a year-long trek around the world. They began by flying to London for New Year's Eve, then Scotland, followed by two weeks in Athens. The main focus was Asia, Tom said.

### 50 years ago - 1964

**"Legion distributes food and fuel"** Twenty-three families received aid from the American Legion Post No. 63 with 22 food baskets were given to families which included 131 children and 42 adults. Fuel oil was also purchased for three families. The Methodist Men of the First Methodist Church gave trees to many of the families.



# Don says, 'This year don't be stupid.'

Yep, it's official we've watched another ball drop, and I am not talking about the disappointing receiving efforts of your Detroit football Lions. I'm talking about that symbolic gizmo that mechanically, ever-so-slowly moves its way down a pole in New York every Dec. 31. Why folks say that "ball drop" is beyond me. It ain't a ball and it don't drop.

As I peer into the crystal ball that is my memory (where every thing I see and remember is as it *really* happened) -- back into the year that was I can and will say, "it wasn't all bad." And, aside from those afore mentioned Lions starting the season with six wins and three losses and then ending the season with one win and seven losses, it wasn't that disappointing either.

Aside from the assorted basement floodings in the spring, or tree limbs falling on the house the other week, Casa d'Rush still stands. There surely is a need for some improvement with the old abode -- plaster and paint being the least chores, but she's still a sturdy home -- one for which I am grateful.

Like my home, my temple, that which houses "Me" is another year older and while sturdy, could use some work. More raw fruit and vegetables and movement in general is a no-brainer, but there are other matters probably more important.

There are a number of soapboxes I climb atop of at home and from which I harp. I can do better by myself and family were I to do what I say instead of just saying what I say.

Usually, the only audience for these tirades (unfortunately for them) are the sons of Donald Rush, Shamus and Sean. (Or if you'd prefer, Shamus and Sean McDonald Rush -- Mc denoting "son of" me, Donald Rush.)

**Tirade Number 1:** *Be a positive force for good for yourself, those about you and the world in general.* This gem of a rant usually focuses on "is what you are doing right now helping the situation or hurting it?" Is what you are saying "right now" for the good or not.

Is talking about somebody behind their back or making fun of them a bad or hurtful thing if that person doesn't know you're talking about them?

Is it a good thing or bad?

Do gossip and cattiness help anybody or does it just make the insecure feel better?

**Don't  
Rush Me**



**A column by  
Don Rush**

Another example could be at any job site in the good ol' U. S. of A. when something doesn't go right. I've come to the conclusion most folks in America these days want only whine and assess blame. "It was her fault." "He didn't do this right." Around and around it goes. We can be so caught up in casting blame, we don't stop for a second and think how to solve a problem and get the job done.

We're like children, wanting everything handed to us on silver platters and when things don't go our way -- like children -- we pout and point fingers. We need to be more like a Marine: adapt, overcome.

In other words, be a positive force for good.

I often tell the boys, "Even when I am dead and gone, if you don't know what you should do, ask and I will answer. It will always be the same thing. Do what's right."

**Tirade Number 2:** *Don't be stupid.* This beaut has nothing to do with inherited intelligence quotients and has everything to do with street smarts.

If you're street smart, you are observant. And because you watch, you listen, you feel -- you can smell a con a mile away, or at least soon enough to be suckered.

"Smart men (and women) can be stupid," I shout from this soapbox. "And I don't want to be known as the dad who let his sons be stupid."

Aside from the apparent fact I need to work on selfishness, I don't want the lads to be A) sheep; and B) victims.

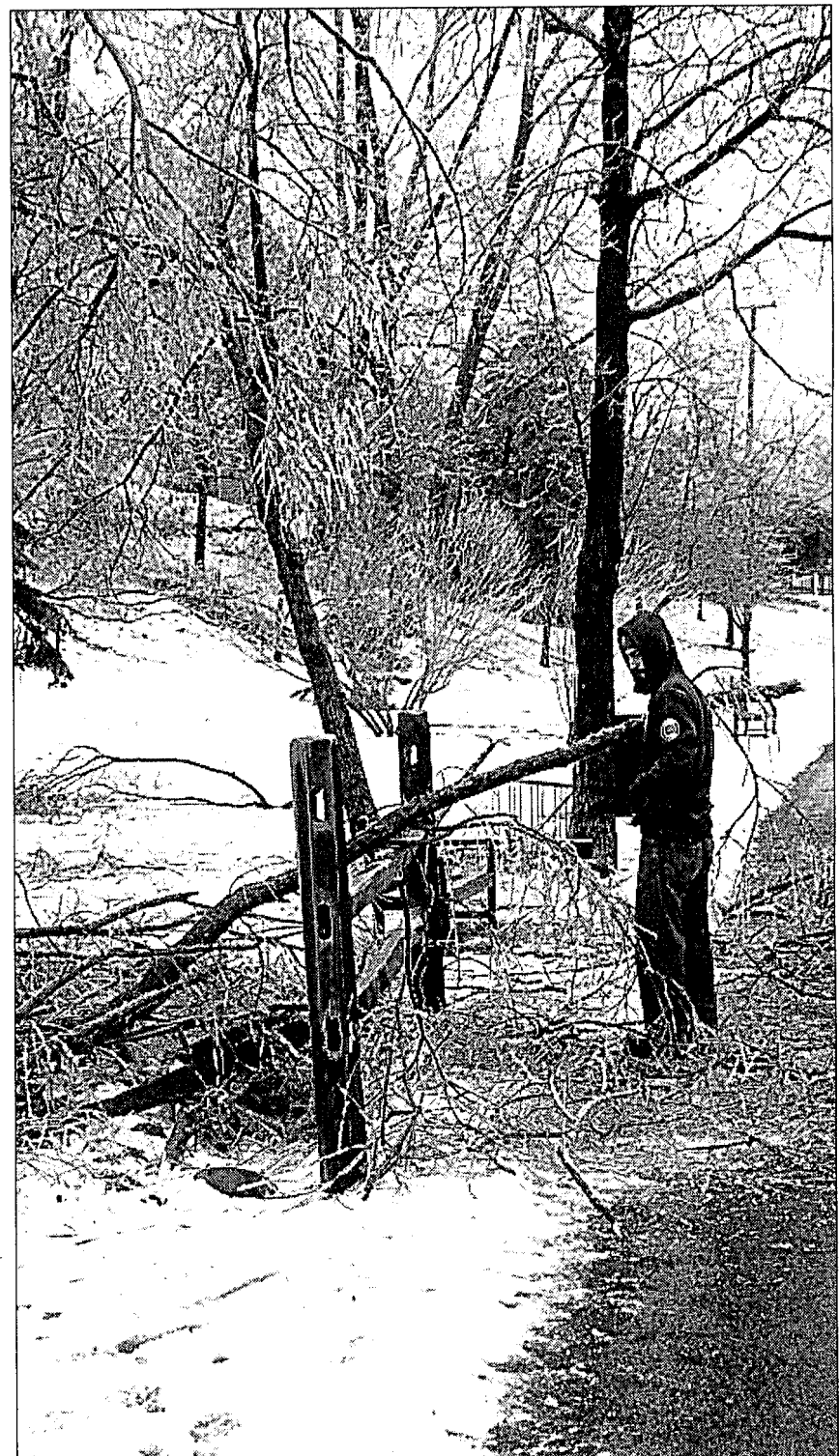
"Learn to learn. Connect the dots. Don't be so full of yourself to think you know it all," I preach. "AND, it is okay to change your mind as long as it is based on new and better information."

I try to impart the value of being critical thinkers and not to be sucked in by the loudest mouth or the easiest or most popular position to take. As they need to challenge assumptions of others, so too should they challenge themselves.

There's a quote attributed to the late actor John Wayne which sums it up quite nicely: "Life is hard. It's even harder when you're stupid."

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I know I ain't perfect, and I try and let the boys know I know that. In 2014, I should probably be a little less direct with them, a little nicer but then I keep remembering my own father's No.1 tirade. "It's a big, bad world out there and it ain't fair. The world's a bear and it's gonna' try and take what is yours. You're gonna' have to fight for what's yours, but always do what is right."



**Brett Gazetti moves a fallen tree branch off a fence in Depot Park. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin**

## Power restored

*Continued from page 1*

can take care of himself during a power outage, but he too feels it's time to buy a generator after his experience with the latest power outage.

"Things happen," said Brata. "I believe DTE did the best they could."

Chris Little, who lives in a different part of the subdivision, said he has no complaints about how DTE handled the huge outage because his power was restored

shortly after it went out.

DTE Energy estimated most customers who last power in last week's ice storm would be restored by Thursday, but some had to wait until the weekend.

DTE spokeswoman Randi Berris said lineman from several states responded to work on restoring power. About 98 percent, 147,000 of the 150,000 residents who lost power, had been restored by last Friday.

# Summer in Clarkston means downtown parades

**Clarkston's Year in Review for 2013 continues:**

**June 19**

**Stranger saves Clarkston businessman:** Pete Berishaj, owner of Old Village Café in downtown Clarkston, was lucky to be alive after being struck by a car on Walton Blvd. in Waterford. A good Samaritan stopped to help him.

**Fund raisers for local girl next week:**

While many eight graders were enjoying the beach, sleepovers or hanging out with friends during the summer, Clarkston resident Bailey Condron was lying in the hospital with pins in her skull. She was born with a type of dwarfism called Spondyloepiphyseal Dysplasia Congenita and local businesses were helping to raise fund for financial support.

**June 26**

**Job fair draws hundreds:** More than 600 job seekers stopped by Neiman's Family Market during their job fair, vying for 150 jobs at the Dixie Highway grocery store.

**Combining cable talks continue:** Officials continued to push a public access television consolidation plan, but others were pushing back. Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle, who presented the plan, said moving Independence TV public access program to Clarkston High School would be a win-win for the township and school district.

**Teen artists develop skills:** The art room at Clarkston Junior High School was quiet as the creativity soared during the annual Teen Art Camp.

**July 3**

**Big raises for city workers:** Several city employees would receive raises in 2013 including clerk, treasurer, grounds and clerical staff while the city faced a \$38,500 budget deficit.

**Family friendly competition at county fair:** When crowds filled Springfield Oaks for the Oakland County Fair later in the week, the Ervin family of Brandon Township would be there with something new - Red Rangers, a new kind of meat chicken.

**RUSH set to sink or swim:** Students from Team RUSH had a lot to do in less than a



**Karen Newman, voice of the Detroit Red Wings, kicks off Clarkston's Fourth of July Parade with the National Anthem. File photo**

month as they prepared for their sixth annual Rush Regatta, where eight teams of 3-4 people raced in boats on Deer Lake made out of cardboard and duct tape.

**July 10**

**PEG'd :** Despite objections of the committee overseeing local cable operations, Clarkston Board of Education voted unanimously to approve a media lease agreement with Independence Township, July 8.

**Half marathon coming to town:** Runners and walkers can face the challenge of Clarkston's hills in the first-ever Clarkston State Bank Backroads Half Marathon and 10K, planned for Nov. 10.

**Salute to vets:** Independence Fest 2013 in Clintonwood Park kicked off with a Veteran's Celebration with a Military Museum in the Carriage House and ceremony on stage in the park, it was hosted by the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center.

**July 17**

**\$300,000 for safety path extension:** A new safety path connecting north and south entrances to Independence Oaks County Park could cost Independence Township up to \$300,000.

**Hire or face state fines:** Good news for Independence Township was new construction permits were up. The bad news was the township was in danger of state sanction due to property assessment shortfalls.

**Neiman's Family Market offers new place to shop:** Clarkston welcomed family-owned Neiman's Family Market to the community. The grocery store opened on July 17 at 9 a.m. on the corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

**July 24**

**Businesses, hotel and more cars:** A \$4 million project to improve Sashabaw Road and I-75 interchange as well as the intersec-

tion of Waldon Road was a top priority for Independence Township, according to officials.

**RUSHers ready to race:** TEAM Rush students were putting the final touches on their cardboard boats in the last week of preparation for the sixth annual Rush Regatta at Deer Lake Beach.

**Costly copier at City Hall:** A single copy machine in Clarkston City Hall has cost taxpayers \$14,000 by July 24 and the end wasn't in sight.

**Clarkston singers wins Idol:** Oakland County Fair Idol's first-place ribbon stayed close in 2013 after Clarkston's Dana Pangori won the \$500 prize with her rendition of "Skinny Love."

**July 31**

**State test scores up:** Clarkston High School students' proficiency scores were slightly up compared to the previous year in math, social studies, and writing. They remained the same in reading and science. Students who took the Michigan Merit Exam scored better than Oakland County and state averages, by double digits compared to the state.

**Teacher assists in battle:** Laura Khoury and her family planned to sit in the stands at Clarkston High School stadium supporting the gridiron gang in their fifth annual Football for a Cure. She planned to go to not only support the students playing but because she was cancer free after her own battle with endometriosis cancer.

**Outdoor writing:** Students in the Oakland Summer Writing Camp took put their pencils, pens and notebooks after finding a spot to sit in Depot Park and wrote ideas.

**August 7**

**Concern about Deer Lake safety prompt safety guide:** A group of homeowners on Deer Lake issued a Boaters Safety Guide to all members on the board because they were concerned about the safety of people and property.

**Volunteers face pies for good cause:** It was all for a fun time and a good cause as

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# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Truck taken

A pickup truck was stolen from a driveway in the 5000 block of Pine Knob Road, Dec. 19. It had been parked unlocked with the keys in the center console.

## Gas pump rage

A 26-year-old Pontiac woman and a 39-year-old Independence Township man found themselves vying for the same gas pump at a service station in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 9:11 a.m., Dec. 19. The Independence Township man got out of his vehicle, ran over to the woman's car, opened the driver's door, and yelled at her about taking his spot. He then went back to his car and motioned as if he were cocking a gun. The woman left and called police. Deputies found the man, spoke to him, and, with permission, searched his vehicle for firearms. None were found.

## Lost boy

An Independence Township woman couldn't find any adult supervision of a 2-year-old boy in the parking lot of a hardware store in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, 11:44 a.m., Dec. 21. She took the boy home and called police. Friends of the mother who were looking for the child saw him with the woman and also called police. Deputies straightened the matter out, and reunited mother and son. The mother said he wandered out of their home while she was in the bathroom. Deputies reported the incident to Child Protective Services.

## Stranger come calling

A stranger knocked at a home in the 6000 block of Pine Valley Road, 6:42 p.m., Dec. 22. He said he was in love with a woman in a neighboring house, and wanted to use their phone to call her. The residents declined, and, thinking he was acting strangely and seemed to be in distress, called police.

## Uninvited

Residents watching television in their home in the 6000 block of Amy Drive, 2:46 a.m., Dec. 23, were startled when they heard someone pulling and shaking their back door. When they got up to look, they found footprints in the snow on their deck, leading to the front of the house to the sidewalk.

## Generator trouble

Residents in the 9000 block of Michigamme Road called 911 when a computer shorted out an outlet with a flash, pop, and smoke, 11:25 p.m., Dec. 24. They were using a generator due to a power outage. Firefighters tested the generator and found it was not working properly.

## Tire eating pothole

A Pine Knob Road resident called police to report vehicles blowing out their tires on a large pothole, 7:43 a.m., Dec. 23. Deputies notified the road commission and positioned a car near the pothole, with emergency lights flashing and a spotlight on the road hazard. Several vehicles continued to pass at full speed, however, and one hit the pothole, blowing out a tire. The deputy checked on the driver, who was laughing about it on her cellphone until advised she could be ticketed for operating a vehicle without due care. The deputy then returned to the pothole until road commission workers arrived.

## Mail box vandals

A Deerwood Road resident was out at 11:30 p.m. gassing up his generator, Dec. 23, when he heard a loud bang and saw four teenagers smashing his mail box. He gave chase but lost them at Perry Lake and Cranberry Lake roads.

## Santa grinch

Someone impaled a six-foot inflated Santa with a wood stick in the 8000 block of Caribou Trail, Dec. 23. Footprints led from the deflated yard decoration to the street.

## Holiday fires

Independence Township firefighters put out a fire confined to the northwest corner of a house in the 9000 block of Hadley Road, 11:38 p.m., Dec. 25. No one was inside the home at the time. The fire is under investigation.

Springfield Township firefighters and deputies responded to a duplex residential structure fire in the 10800 block of Big Lake Road, 3:45 p.m., Dec. 27. Firefighters contained the fire in the laundry room. Investigation continues.

## Icy road toll

A 52-year-old Saginaw man swerved to avoid another vehicle swerving at him, 6:17 a.m., Dec. 26, on I-75 at Holcomb. He lost control in the snow and hit a guardrail.

A 34-year-old Independence Township man tried to change lanes on Dixie Highway at White Lake, 11:24 a.m., Dec. 26, spun out in the snow, and hit another vehicle.

A 40-year-old Linden man couldn't stop in the snow at a red light on Sashabaw Road, 11:45 a.m., Dec. 26, and hit the car in front.

A 53-year-old Independence Township man tried to turn onto Waterford Hill Terrace but lost traction in the snow, running into a stop sign, 3:12 a.m., Dec. 26.

A 21-year-old Ortonville man turning right on Lingor Drive from Dixie lost control and hit a car, 10:03 p.m., Dec. 26.

## Supervisor says sewer rates must increase

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle has been busy making big plans for 2014.

The bad news is sewer rates will likely be increased in the new year.

"I know where the township will end up unless the sewer and water rates are increased," said Kittle. "It's going to be close to a \$1 million loss in the sewer department in 2013 that the township has subsidizing out of the township's general fund. We have not been passing the expenses onto the residents.

"I also have a \$300,000 bad guy coming at me in uncontrollable expenses between Detroit sewage treatment costs and other projects," he said.

Kittle said the \$300,000 represents just 10 percent of the revenue the township takes in from sewer bills, and any rate increase still does not even address the \$1 million dollar deficit.

Kittle said costs include infrastructure projects that cannot be avoided, and at the minimum rates must be increased by 10 percent.

Sewer rates are billed quarterly, or every three months, and cost about \$83.

A five percent rate increase will amount

to about \$4 every three months while residents will pay \$8.30 for a 10 percent increase. If rates are increased by 20 percent residents will pay a little over \$16 more every three months or just over \$5 a month.

At a Jan. 7 township trustee meeting, the findings from an analysis of the township's water and sewer department studies are planned to be discussed.

Kittle said recommendations will be presented to discuss what needs to be done to address the deficits.

"We need to start to get some air under our wings and tighten the tourniquet to stop some of the financial bleeding occurring with the fund," he said.

"They will have all the projections to show us where the funds are dipping to where the township starts to violate its own reserve policy."

Kittle said during the Jan. 7 meeting, officials will come up with a consensus, and he expects a vote to raise rates will occur at a second meeting in January.

"We take the vote to raise rates as to how much the rates will go up," he said. "We can't keep subsidizing. We have to have money in cash reserves to deal with a major breakdown in the system or other unforeseen emergencies so that the township would not have to borrow for repairs."

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

## This Friday ...

Clarkston Girls Basketball hosts Stoney Creek in OAA Red playoff game. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

## Nine grapplers finish in top eight

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves started the holidays by taking their opponents to the mat and finishing in third place at the Oakland County Wrestling Tournament, Dec. 21.

"We had a good performance," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Coach Derek Moscovic. "Oakland County is pretty tough. You have some competitive teams with some great individual wrestlers. After some disappointing losses in the semis, we pulled together as a team to come back and took third. We are proud of them."

Clarkston finished with 177.5 points and nine wrestlers placing in the top eight in their respective weight classes. Novi Detroit Catholic Central took first place with 307 points and Oxford finished in second with 247.

Senior Cameron Wilkie led the Wolves taking third place in the 125-pound weight class with a 6-0 win over Collin Campbell from Oxford.

Fourth place finishers were: Bret Foltz (130) after a 5-1 loss against Waterford Kettering's Brandon Conrad; senior Jake Dionne (135) after a 7-4 loss against West Bloomfield's Matt Gudeneau; and sophomore Nate Troutvine after a 8-0 loss to Oxford's Ben Line.

Senior Greg Miller (112) took fifth place with a pin on Walled Lake Central's Kaleb Marion with four seconds left in the first period.

Connor Ryan (119) finished in sixth place after a 8-1 loss to Detroit Catholic Central's Parker O'Brien.

Sophomore Nolan Eriksen (152) took seventh place with a 16-1 technical fall

against Birmingham Seaholm's Reed Cortright.

For eight place, sophomore Kyle Masters (145) lost to Troy Athens' John Staron, 10-0; and junior Kas Waitkus (171) lost to Waterford Kettering's Zak Carter, 2-0.

"Everyone wrestled extremely well and competitive," Moscovic said. "Kyle, Nolan and Nathan stepped up and it was a pretty big thing to do as a sophomore to place in Oakland County. Bret, Cameron, Greg, Connor and Kas performed very well. They might not have placed where they wanted to but they came back and wrestled well to help their team out."

The boys return from holiday break this Saturday as they head to Brighton for the Manning Vieau Invitational.

"This is the first time we haven't had a holiday tournament because of our schedule," Moscovic said. "We gave them a couple of days to recover for a holiday rest and have them ready to go for the second half of the season with tough competition with the DCC Super Duals and the Oakland County/Macomb County duals."

He added the Oakland County tournament helped the team out with seeing where they are at as well as what they need to work on.

"It is a great gage," Moscovic said. "Oakland County has a lot of state champs and a lot of returning state placers. If you want to be in the state tournament those are the kids you will see and need to beat. It makes it a great gage this early in the season. It lets you know right away what you have to work on to get there."

The tournament begins at 9:30 a.m. at Brighton High School, 7878 Brighton Rd in Brighton.



Nate Troutvine wrestles Waterford Kettering on the second day of the Oakland County Tournament at Oxford Middle School. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



## Congrats Athletes of the Week, July - Dec.

### July

Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team, Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team, hitter Rachel Vieira, grappler Nick Vandermeer, Butler CPA & Associates PLLC baseball team

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### August

Ice Silver 10U team, runner Blake Sutherland, Alex Siegfried, Clarkston High School Equestrian team

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### September

Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team, kickers Jared D'Autremont, Mitch McCord and Jack O'Rilley, Clarkston Cycling Team, tennis Ian Stuart

### October

Gridiron wide receiver and defensive back Caine Watlington, Swimmers Kathryn Culver, Natalie Vela, Sami Stelpflug, Sivhaun Sera and Jessica Moster, Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team, kicker Brad Schultz

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### November

Kicker Grant Gotaas, spiker Katie Chadwell, runner Mackenzie Proper, Clarkston Lions

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### December

Quarterback- DJ Zezula, icer Jack Viazanko, Clarkston Varsity Football team

  
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**Ask the Lawyer**  
Held at the Chamber  
5856 S. Main St.  
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**Luncheon Mixer**  
January 16 11:45-1 pm  
**Outback Steakhouse**  
Speaker: Doug Scott,  
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# Athletes fulfill goals in 2013

*A Year in Review in sports continues:*

**July 17**

**Honors for Lady Hitters:** Rachel Vieira and Sydney Hasselbach earned All-State honors from the Michigan High School Softball Coaches' Association and Candace Kitchen earned honorable mention for all-state.

**August 14**

**Anderson's trip to junior olympics:** Ten-year-old Bo Anderson finished his outdoor track season with Waza Track Club and finished 32nd place in the 1,500-meter run in the AAU Junior Olympics Junior Championship Track meet. He finished in 54th place in the 800-meter run.

**August 28**

**Gotaas, Wilson first season shutouts:** Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team opened the season with their first wins in the Traverse City Central Invitational - shutting out Petoskey and Traverse City West.

**Wolves medal in first tournament:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team finished in first place in four courts at the Northville Invitational and in second place in two courts.

**September 4**

**Warriors fall to Wolves:** The Clarkston Varsity Soccer team's control in the second half against Brother Rice turned into a 2-1 win.

**September 11**

**Eriksen rushes Wolves to win:** The gridiron heroes put their first win of the season in the books by beating West Bloomfield, 41-18. Ian Eriksen was the leading rusher on 17 carries for 111 yards and three touchdowns.

**DeFinis tops Adams in shutout:** Six minutes was all the Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team needed to build a lead in their home opener against Rochester Adams when Joey DeFinis scored both goals in the 2-0 win.

**Mountaineers climb to new heights:** When the Mountaineers of Everest Collegiate High School hit the gridiron for home games, it was on their own turf for the first year for the football team.

**September 18**

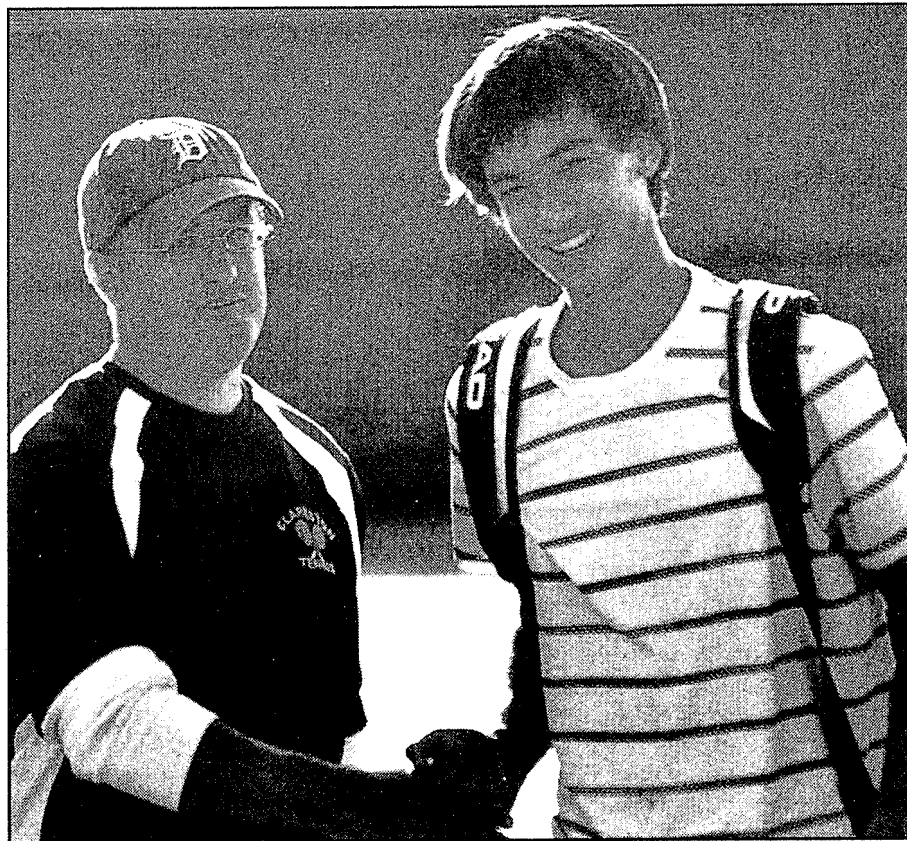
**Victory in Flushing:** The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team went undefeated and won the Flushing Invitational after beating Davison in the final game.

**Falcons down on home turf:** Gridiron heroes left the field with smiles after they beat the second team of the season with a 34-13 win over Rochester.

**September 25**

**Homecoming victory, 51-0:** Gridiron heroes beat Troy Athens 51-0 in the Wolves' Homecoming game. Centrus Williams, Jr. was the leading rusher with 81 yards on ten carries with two touchdowns. Blake Rehahn and Jason McCowan scored their first touchdowns of the season.

**Wolves set golden history:** It was a day not many people would forget in Clarkston



**Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis Coach Chas Claus, left, congratulates Alexis Haselwanter on his gooden match. File photo**

Boys Varsity Tennis as sophomore Alexis Haselwanter didn't lose a single point against Farmington and earned Golden Match accolades.

**October 2**

**Back on track with shutout:** Senior Max Mansour set the tone for the kickers when they hosted Birmingham Groves. He scored the first goal in the game with 2:44 left in the first half. The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team beat Groves, 4-0.

**October 9**

**Wolves clinch league:** Twelve long years had passed since Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis had won the league title and they broke the streak when they earned a share of the OAA White title. They went 5-0 in the league and finished the OAA White meet in second place with 45 points.

**Spikers score first win in OAA Red:** Emily Malinowski and Katie Chadwell blocked the incoming volleyball from North Farmington sending it back over the net for the girls' sixth straight point. The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team ended up with a 3-0 win.

**October 16**

**Shutou kicks off playoffs:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team won the first round of MHSAA District playoffs with a 6-0 win over Carman-Ainsworth.

**Wolves break streak to head to state finals:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team checked off one more item on their Fall 2013 goal list as they scored 19 points at the

MHSAA Tennis Regionals - qualifying them for the state finals. The last time the team headed to the state finals was 1982 - when head coach Chas Claus was 3-years-old.

**October 23**

**Third time Dragon slayers:** Seniors Jacob Gozdzor and Andrew Murray hoisted up the water jug and dumped it in celebration after the gridiron heroes beat Lake Orion 49-28 and claimed their third consecutive OAA Red Championship.

**Clarkston finishes season as ninth:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team tied for ninth place out of 22 teams at the state finals.

**Kickers claim district title with shutouts:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team became district champions for the first time since 2007 after they beat Grand Blanc with a lone goal from Jared D'Autremont.

**October 30**

**Swimmers finish meets undefeated, 10-0:** The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team finished their dual meet season with an undefeated record, 10-0.

**Ready for a run at finals:** The Clarkston Girls Cross Country team finished the MHSAA Regionals in second place to move on to the state finals and the boys team ended the season in fourth place.

**Seven league titles in a row:** The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team took down seven teams to claim their seventh OAA Red league title. They beat the final team in the league 3-

*Please see Wolves on page 13*

## Holiday hoops

Cagers added their fourth win of the season during holiday break as they beat Detroit Western last Thursday, 47-33.

Nick Owens led the Clarkston Boys Varsity basketball team with 20 points during the game.

The boys outscored Western 15-2 in the fourth quarter, finishing with a 21-3 run.

The Wolves also beat Southfield before they headed into the break in their OAA Red league game, 65-44.

They opened with a 24-4 lead to get the boost and held onto it to take the win in the Bluejays' gym.

Owens led the Wolves with 27 points, scoring five 3-pointers during the night. Michael Nicholson added 18 points to the board and Merrick Canada had eight points.

They head to Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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The Lady Wolves lost to Southfield-Lathrup in their OAA Red battle before break, 45-39.

Erika Davenport led the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team with 22 points during the game. Kacy Robinson added eight points and Carly Giroux shot a field goal.

The Lady Wolves (4-1, 0-1) host Stoney Creek on Friday and host West Bloomfield on Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

## Wins for Everest

Clarkston Everest Collegiate beat Novi Franklin Road Christian before going on break for their first win of the season, 51-48.

Noah Beauchamp led the Mountaineers with 13 points. Steven Scott scored 12 points with two 3-pointers and Lucas Nemi had nine points with one field goal shot. Owen McMahon shot two 3-pointers and was 2-for-3 at the line for a total of eight points.

The Lady Mountaineers beat Lansing Christian, 36-35. They opened the game with a 14-4 lead by the end of the first quarter which helped them as Lansing battled back to score 26 points in the next two quarters.

Everest outscored them in the fourth quarter by one point to take the win.

Mary Jo Allen, Claire Lasceski and Ashley Lowney each scored nine point during the game.

Lasceski scored two 3-point shots during the game and Allen had one.



# Wolves make fall season fun and memorable

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0 against Oxford, 27-25, 25-15, 25-15.

## November 6

**Football team keeps winning streak going:** With 29 points not only did the Clarkston Junior Varsity Football team seal a win over Southfield but they finished the season undefeated. They also finished 27-0 for the past three seasons.

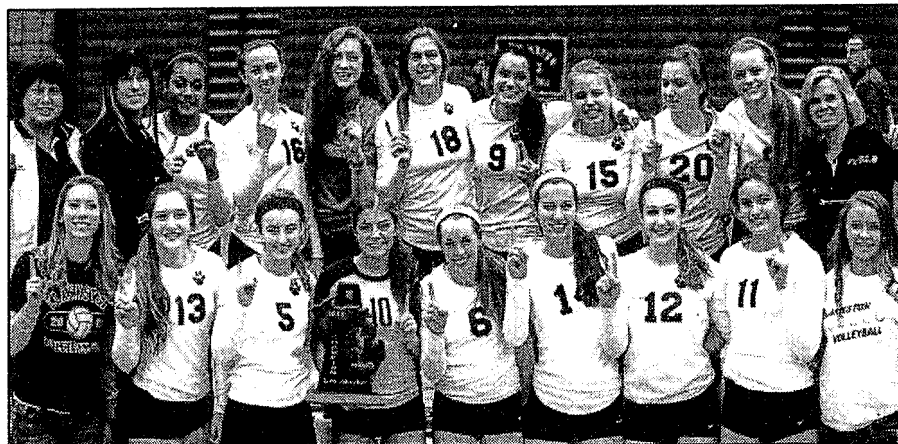
**Spikers cage Cougars in first round, 3-1:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team won the first round of the MHSAA Districts against Stoney Creek, 3-1.

## November 13

**District champs:** The Clarkston Varsity Football team celebrated after they won their second consecutive district title with a 42-10 win over Romeo. It was also the 200th win for long-time head coach Kurt Richardson.

**Swim takes over OAA meet:** Clarkston Girls Swim & Dive completed a perfect league season becoming OAA Red Championships by scoring 400 points at the league meet.

**Spikers block Orion, Oxford from championship:** A hit from Katie Chadwell and Emily Malinowski ended the third game against Oxford, 26-24. It was the third win the Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team needed to win their seventh consecutive district title, 3-0.



Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team wins their seventh consecutive MHSAA District title.

## November 20

**Regional champs:** The Clarkston Varsity Football team only had one loss during the season - in the season opener against Rochester Adams. They struck back by beating the Highlanders in the regional game, 56-28, sending the Wolves to the semi-finals for the first time since 2009.

## November 27

**Ford Field bound:** Clarkston's gridiron heroes fought through snow and the cold to

make history as they sealed their first trip to Ford Field for the MHSAA Division 1 State Finals when they beat Carman-Ainsworth, 61-26.

**Top in the state:** Clarkston Girls Swim & Dive team took eighth place at the Division 1 swim championships.

## December 4

**'Great day for C-Town':** Long-time head coach Kurt Richardson hoisted up the trophy while Clarkston's gridiron heroes and

coaches surrounded him. The Wolves successfully achieved their dream by becoming MHSAA Division 1 Football State Champion, beating Detroit Catholic Central, 32-14.

## December 11

**Lady Cagers sink win:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team won their first two games of the season with a 57-9 win over Walled Lake Western, and 44-33 win over Macomb Dakota.

**Overtime goal for win:** Eric Matynowski scored the tie breaking goal against Farmington with 6:03 remaining in overtime. The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team won the game 3-2.

## December 18

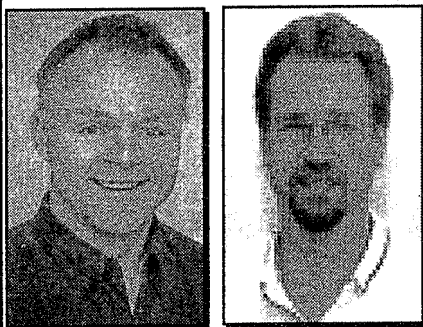
**Coach of the Year Richardson Lion-ized:** Clarkston Varsity Football Head Coach Kurt Richardson was recognized as the Detroit Lions High School Football Coach of the Year during half time during the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball game, Dec. 13.

## December 24

**Wolves' tourney win:** The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team went 2-0 during their annual Christmas tournament to win the weekend - their first since they started it.

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# Wolves thank community for continued support

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Carman-Ainsworth I knew going to state finals.

*To the community:* Thanks for everybody coming out and supporting us. It means a lot.

**Junior Kas Waitkus** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It is really great because we have worked hard for it all year. It means a lot to the community and the coaches especially a lot of the ones who have been around for a while.

*Favorite moment:* Just the experience of going to Ford Field.

*To the community:* We are really grateful to the community for supporting us week in and week out. It was the team who went out and played, but through the support of the entire community we were able to win.

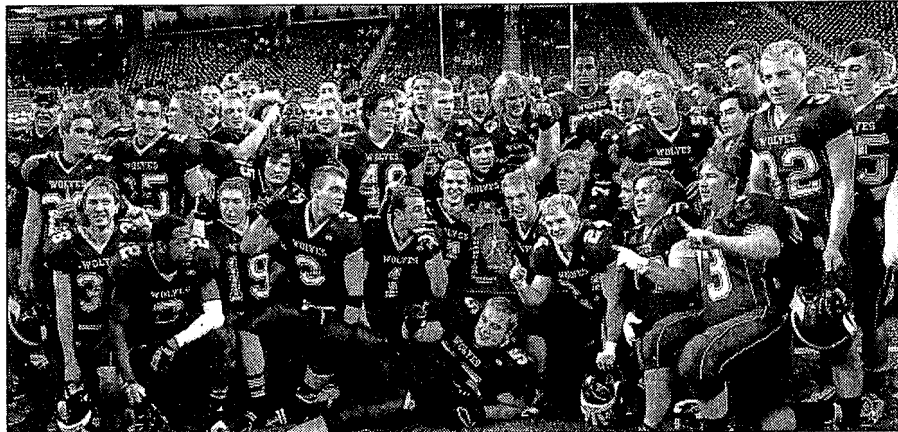
**Junior Bryce Witherspoon** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means everything. It has been a dream since playing youth football.

*Favorite game:* Being there at the state championship and being around all the people.

*To the community:* Thanks for the support, coming out to Ford Field and being there for every game even in the cold.

**Senior Blake Rehahn** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It was always a dream I had since I was a little kid. I have been working hard for four years and was able to do it. (For his first year with Clarkston) It makes me feel good to help them because last year I was on a team that was 1-8 and this year I was on a team that won the state championship. It was really exciting to me.

*Favorite moment:* The look on the coaches' faces when we won the state cham-



Clarkston wins state championship at Ford Field.

pionship. All of the hard work paid off and that was really important.

*To the community:* It is a great community. If you are looking to play football here it is a great place to play and they have a heck of a coaching staff. I would like to say thank you to all the coaches for making this the best season.

**Senior Shane Hynes** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means a whole lot because I have had family come through the program and I look up to my uncle, who went through the program. I have been around Clarkston Football since the age of two. To go through the program and to finish it how it should have been finished a long time ago it feels pretty good. It is something I will remember for the rest of my life.

*Favorite game:* Pontiac because I was perfect on field goals and I had a long punt. It was the best game I played.

*To the community:* Thank you for com-

ing out and supporting us especially during the Carman-Ainsworth game. It was cold and just to see everyone out there and all of the blue and gold at Ford Field it was comforting.

**Sophomore Alex Kessman** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It was really special and it was a good way to start my high school career.

*Favorite game:* State championship.

*To the community:* Best fans and best community. It was really cool seeing everyone there to support us. It was by far the best fan section.

**Junior Ross Manssur** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It was the chance to be something bigger.

*Favorite game:* Carman-Ainsworth.

*To the community:* Thanks for the support.

**Senior Reid Kaminski** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It is something we have talked about every year since third grade. I think winning the state

championship is really important especially in my senior year. It is big going out on top.

*Favorite moment:* My pick six against Rochester Adams is probably the most memorable besides the state championship.

*To the community:* Thanks for the support. It was fun.

**Senior Dom Monson** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It is probably one of the biggest accomplishments I have had in a long time. It means a lot because we were the first team to ever do this in Clarkston history. I am still in shock.

*Favorite moment:* During the state championship game I made a huge stop in the backfield. I stopped one of the runs. Right after I stopped it I ran and I cheered to the crowd. I saw the crowd get hyped up.

*To the community:* Thank you for all of the support. It means the most to us.

**Senior David Beedle** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means a lot. It is a big step for the program. They have been close many times and we broke the trend to start something new.

*Favorite game:* State championship. It was a big moment for all of us. It capped off our high school career for some of us.

*To the community:* They definitely gave a ton of support this year more than I have noticed in my three years on varsity. It helped out a lot from the boosters and the family dinners.

**Senior Jacob Armstrong** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It is special. It is a big step for the program and something Clarkston has never done before. It is awesome to be a part of history.

*Favorite game:* State championship

*To the community:* Thanks for the support.

**Senior Caine Watlington** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means accomplishing something our community has never had before.

*Favorite game:* Lake Orion because it is always good to beat the rival.

*To the community:* "FDB - For da boys." Please see Players on page 15

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# Gridiron heroes reflect on favorite moments of season

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**Senior Taylor Winiger** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means no matter how hard you work you can always achieve your dreams.

*Favorite moment:* Beating Rochester Adams in the playoffs. It was amazing. It flipped the playoffs around for us.

*To the community:* Thanks!

**Senior Ryan Feeley** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means accomplishing our goals and dreams we have always preached at practice.

*Favorite moment:* First time walked out onto Ford Field.

*To the community:* We won it for them.

**Junior Cole Chewins** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It is a big goal, not just for the football team, but for the community they have tried to accomplish and we made come true. It was a great achievement.

*Favorite game:* The final game. There is no better feeling.

*To the community:* Thanks for all of the support. Every week someone was always doing something whether it was parents or local restaurants or the stores in the community. Everybody was helping us out.

**Junior Centrus Williams, Jr.** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It mean a lot. We play together as a team and

we got the job done.

*Favorite game:* Stoney Creek because I played a great game.

*To the community:* Thanks for the support.

**Junior Shane Holler** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means a lot just the expectations the last few years have been high.

*Favorite moment:* Ford Field and the last play of the game everyone just went crazy.

*To the community:* Thank you for all of the support. The first game at Adams we were down and they brought us back up.

**Senior Jason McCowan** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means we accomplished something as a family. It solidified us. We were a family before but now I will remember everybody on this team for the rest of my life.

*Favorite game:* Carman-Ainsworth. It was cold. It was really fun. They were the best hyped up opponents we had besides Detroit Catholic Central. It felt really good to score a touchdown.

*To the community:* Thank you for all of the support and everything they did for us from Leo's Coney Island and letting us take up all their spots for breakfast to the fans coming out to Ford Field.

**Junior Blake Townson** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:*

It is incredible. It is incredible to see the whole town come alive. I can't count the amount of times people have come up to shake my hand. Just seeing their whole faces light up.

*Favorite game:* State finals.

*To the community:* Go Wolves!

**Junior Jack Selke** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means a lot. It has been a dream of mine since I started playing football.

*Favorite game:* State championship game.

*To the community:* Go Wolves!

**Junior DJ Rogers** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* Amazing.

*Favorite moment:* Coach Kurt Richardson holding up the trophy in the locker room after the game.

*To the community:* Thanks for all of the support.

**Junior Joe Popp** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means preparation does pay off.

*Favorite moment:* When the clock hit zero at the state championship. It was the most amazing moment.

*To the community:* The support the football program gets and the support all the sports programs get is incredible. It is like no other. The fans really make a difference.

**Junior Lance Linton** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means

all of the hard work in the off season and in practice paid off.

*Favorite moment:* Celebrating on the field after we won the state championship.

*To the community:* Thanks for the support.

**Senior Ian Eriksen** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It means everything. All these years we have been playing football from youth to high school it is the ultimate award for all the time we have given.

*Favorite moment:* When time ran out at the state championship game. That was it - we won all the games they let us play. It was a good feeling to know we were the best team this year.

*To the community:* I love you all. Thank you for being there for the boys. Thank you.

**Junior Nick Smith** - *What does winning the state championship mean to you:* It's amazing. It's such a great opportunity we were able to go there. It is such a great thing Clarkston could accomplish this year. We hope in years to come they can accomplish it again.

*Favorite moment:* Being at Ford Field and being able to play there.

*To the community:* Don't stop believing in Clarkston Wolves.

*More in next week's edition!*

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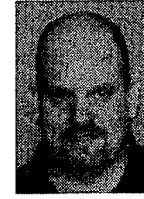
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From left, Whittney Laderoute, Callie Skene, and George Skene III lead the pack along White Lake Road.

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Wolfpack runners braved the cold Christmas Eve morning for their annual caroling trot through town. Photos by Phil Custodio

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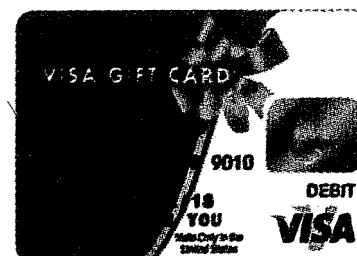


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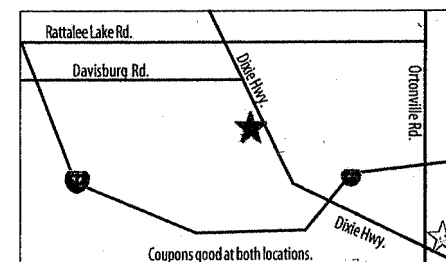
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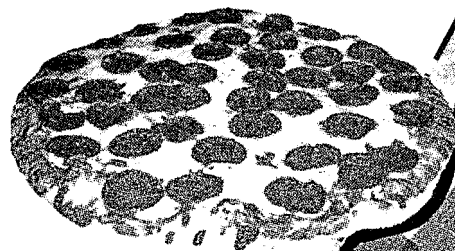
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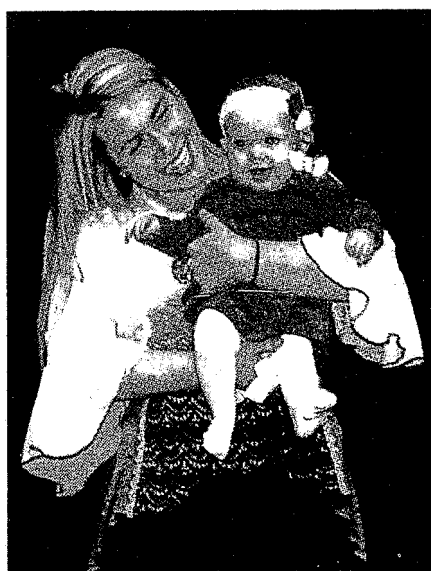
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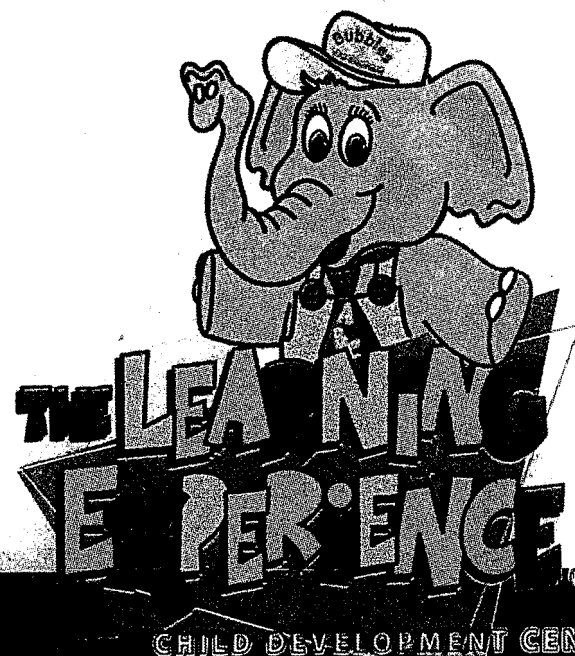


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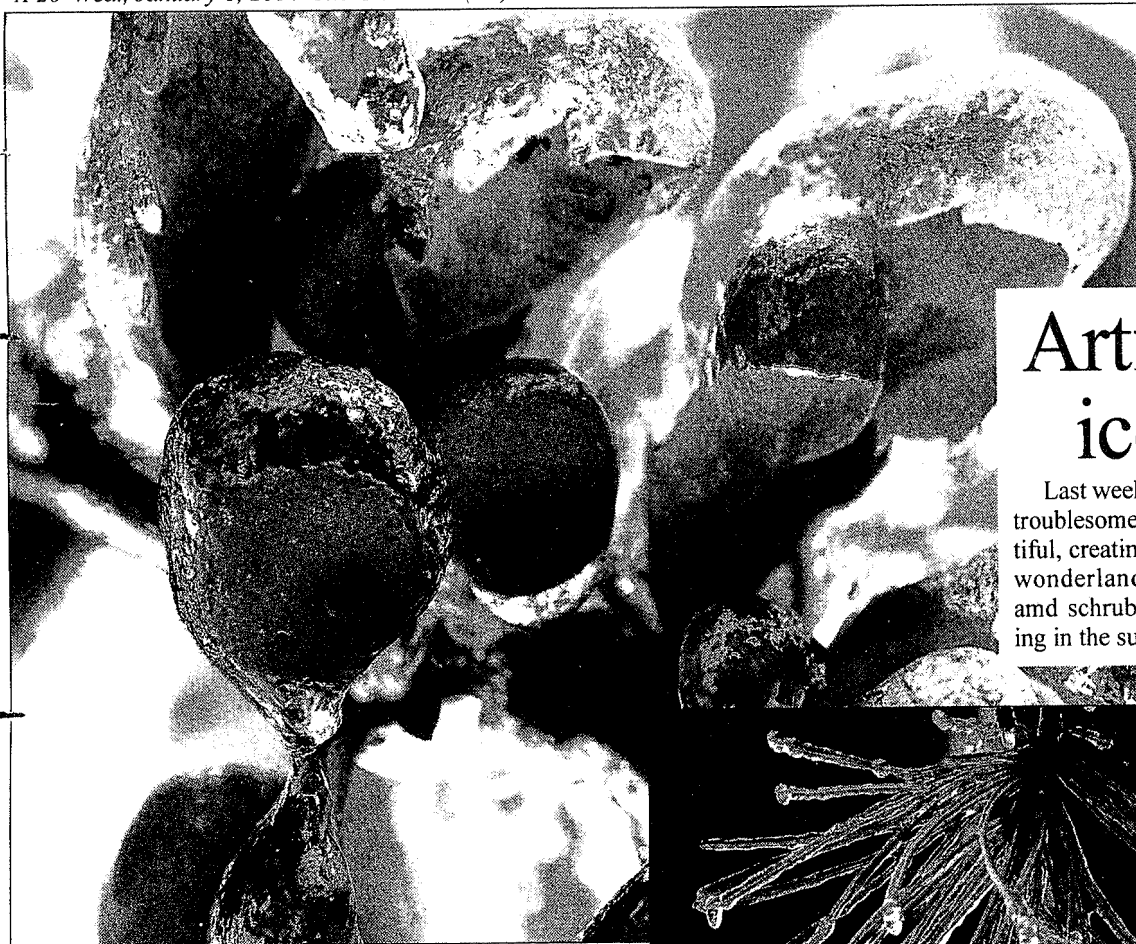
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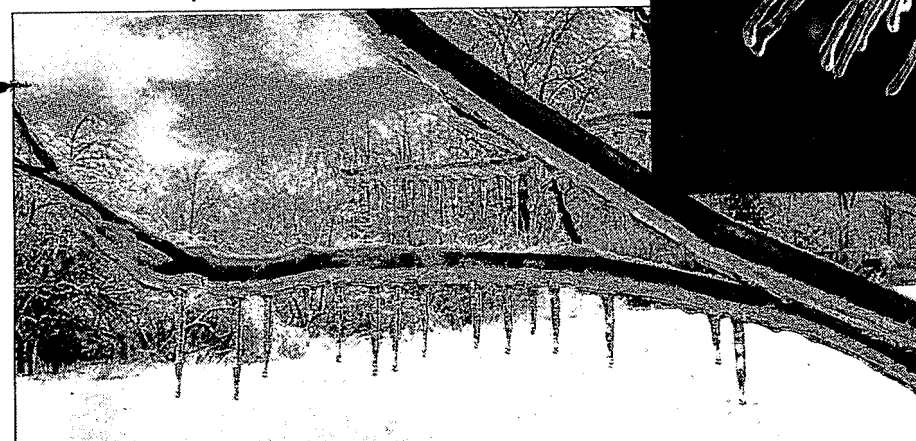
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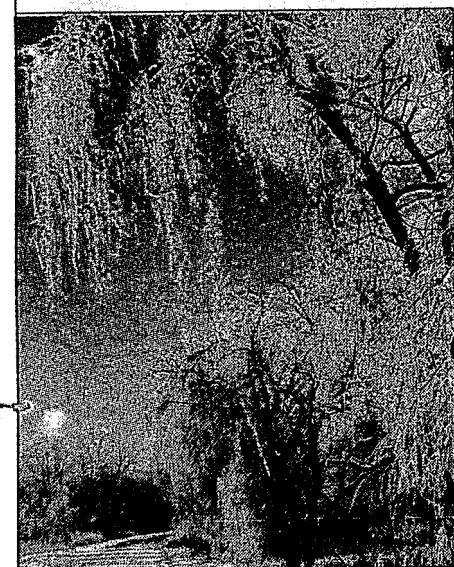
Sedona the dog isn't sure what to think of the ice. Photos provided by Michael J. Damone

## Artful ice

Last week's ice was troublesome but beautiful, creating a winter wonderland of trees and shrubs, glistening in the sun.



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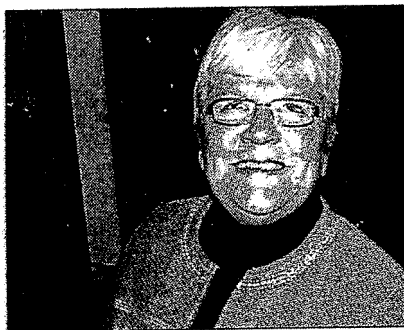
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# What is your fondest Christmas memory?



"Waking up as a kid on Christmas morning, but now I love watching the kids wake up in the morning to open presents."

"Playing games with my family."  
— Salina and Matt Rodda



"Getting my first bike when I was 7-years-old. My parents could not afford it, but they got me a used bike. It was everything to me."

— Judy Blakemore



"When my family was all together."  
— Mary Swartz

By Andrea Beaudoin

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Challenge Day speakers lead Renaissance High School students in a workshop during the two-day event.

## Students meet the Challenge

Renaissance High School students learned skills for a successful life during Challenge Day, Dec. 11-12.

Professional leadership speakers flew in from Concord, Calif., to teach the students about tolerance and appreciation with seminars on anti-violence, anti-bullying, school unity, diversity and openness, and other topics.

Clarkston Area Optimists provided \$8,000 for the program through a two-year community grant to the school. Several

Clarkston Area Optimist members also acted as adult facilitators during the program.

The 22 adult volunteers also included members from Clarkston Free Methodist Church.

"The Challenge Day mission is to provide youth and their communities with experiential programs that demonstrate the possibility of love and connection through the celebration of diversity, truth, and full expression," said Vicky Petrouneas-Mantzios, teacher and organizer of the event.



Students learn skills for life with the help of leaders and volunteers. Photos provided



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## Events

**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.

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

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**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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Tuesday

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

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

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

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

# Around Town

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



**A LITTLE...OR A LOT?:** That was the question many Clarkston students asked themselves during holiday parties as they decorated sugar cookies with frosting. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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

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

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

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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**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.

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

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

## 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.

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

# Religion

Events Preaching

## Time for a fresh start

You may have seen these billboards while driving around the country. The billboards are a simple black background with white text. They are supposedly messages from God...

Tell the kids I love them. - God

Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game. - God

What part of "Thou Shalt Not..." didn't you understand? - God

We need to talk. - God  
Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer. - God

Loved the wedding; invite me to the marriage. - God

That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing... I meant it. - God

(And my personal favorite...)

Don't make me come down there. - God

God has in fact given us many "messages." Messages of truth and love and hope and warning. The question is, are we listening?

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Greg Henneman

Maybe you are making some New Year Resolutions—to lose weight, to join a health club, to save more money—whatever.

How about this... "I resolve to get to know God better?"

Maybe you're not sure God even exists. Maybe you're skeptical because everyone seems to have a different "version" of God. Maybe you have all kinds of questions and doubts. That's ok.

Here's the deal: Either God exists and deserves our utmost attention, or he does not exist, and we are fools for paying him any attention.

How can we get to know God better? How can we decide if he even exists?

By reading the greatest message of all, the Bible.

Our church is currently reading through the Bible together—at all levels—our children, teens, and adults. If you don't already have a home church, I encourage you to check us out.

We are a safe place for you to explore and ask questions. Isn't it time for a fresh start?

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church.



**SNOWMAN:** Before the snow hit on Dec. 19, students were making their snowmen inside during holiday parties. *Photo by WAR*

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6:00 pm Evening Service  
Wed: 7:00 pm Awana Club  
6:30 pm Teen Ministry  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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April Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Youth Ministries:  
September thru April  
Sunday, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Tuesday,  
Wednesday and Thursday, 3:00-8:00 p.m.  
www.clarkstoncommunity.com

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Nursery, Children & Youth at 9:30  
& 11:00 am  
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Fax: (248) 394-1212  
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www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org

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6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
248-625-1611  
Website: clarkstonumc.org  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
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Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
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11:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Clubs &  
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Nursery available for all services.

### CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston  
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248-623-1224  
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www.ClarkstonFMC.org  
Wednesday 6:30 pm  
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6765 Rattalee Lake Road  
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- Nature Center (birth-4)  
- Kids Life (K-5th)  
- Grave Students (6th-8th)  
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- Velocity (College & Twenty-Somethings)  
Wednesday at 6:45pm  
- Journey ON Adult Focus Studies  
- Nature Center (birth-4)  
- Kids Life (K-5th)  
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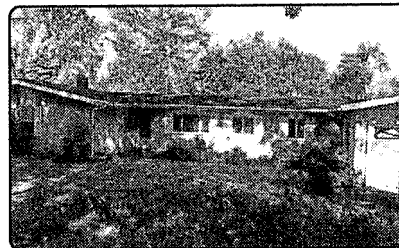
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- Deck, waterfall, Near I-75 **\$338,000**



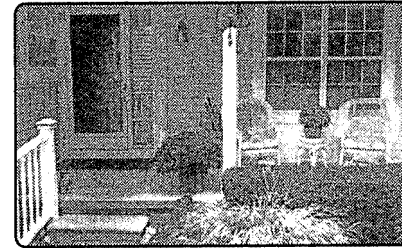
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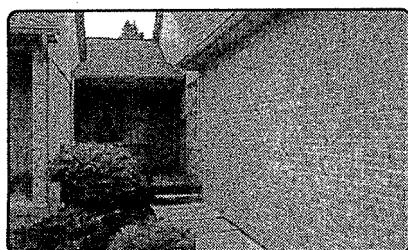
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- Sprawling 1,600+ sq. ft., 4 bedroom
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- Large fenced backyard **\$145,000**



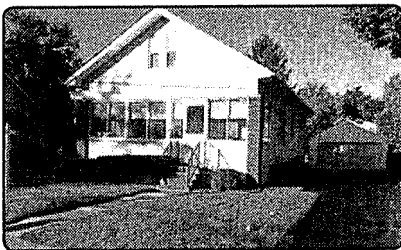
**Condo - Park Like, w/Privacy**

- Enjoy pathways and nature trails
- 2-3 bedrooms, first floor master suite
- Eat-in kitchen, walkout LL **\$209,000**



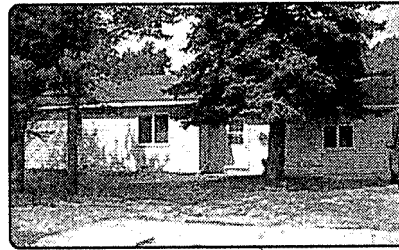
**Baypointe Village Estates Condo**

- A rare to find 2 bedroom condo
- Freshly painted and new carpet with appliances
- Partially fin. bsmt & 2 car garage **\$84,900**



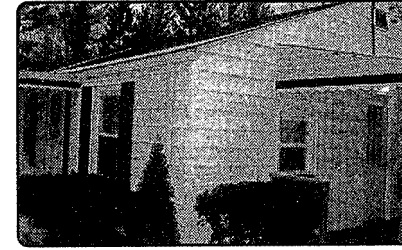
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## Obituaries

### Cora C. Hunt, 70

Cora C. Hunt, "Cathy," of Ortonville passed away Dec. 25, 2013, at age 70.

She was the loving wife of Donnie for 43 years; beloved mother of Staci (Todd) McKenna, Eric, Donnie (Amy) Jr., Dennis; Roger (Chantel), Benjamin, Dirk, Danny and Cassie Hunt; proud grandmother of nine; dear sister of Charles (Wanda) White and Patricia (Dennis) Maupin.



Memorial Service was Dec. 30 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

### Maria O'Neill, 92

Maria Lida O'Neill of Clarkston, formerly of Grosse Pointe and Ann Arbor, passed away Dec. 25, 2013, at age 92.

She was preceded in death by her husband Cesar. She was the loving mother of Patrick (Kathleen) O'Neill, William (Carol) O'Neill M.D., Alfonso (Judy) O'Neill M.D., Edward (Mary) O'Neill, Maria (Brian) Callaghan and Ruth (Mike) Fisher; also survived by 24 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Lida greatly loved and was very dedicated to her family.

Rosary Service, Monday, Jan. 6, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit Sunday, 6-9 p.m., and Monday, 3-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford.

Memorials may be made to Scholarship Fund at Father Gabriel Richard High School of Ann Arbor. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Obituaries

posted daily at  
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Clarkston celebrates Memorial Day every year with a downtown parade. *File photo*

## Community events in summer

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Independence Township Parks and Rec day campers put shaving cream pies in their counselors' faces. All proceeds went to the Ryan Kennedy Memorial Playground.

**High tech to fight head injuries:** The fall sports season was right around the corner with practices and tryouts and Clarkston High School Athletic Department was starting early with ImPACT. It is a computer based assessment tool for concussion testing and they were having returning athletes come in for their baseline measurements.

### August 14

**Tim Hortons' sights on Dixie, M-15:** After three years, the corner of M-15 and Dixie Highway might be getting a new business. Independence Township Planning Commission was considering a special land use permit by Tim Horton's.

**Butterfly Fest fluttering to Springfield:** Monarch butterflies need people's help more than ever. Debbie Jackson of Springfield Township and other conservationists were getting ready to show people how at the Monarch Festival in Davisburg.

**Local cancer doc accused of fraud:** The Federal Bureau of Investigation accused Dr. Farid Fata, a blood and cancer doctor with six offices including one in Independence Township, of defrauding Medicare and having patients undergo unnecessary health treatments.

### August 21

**New cameras, upgrades for public access:** The local public access channel bought six new cameras for \$13,000 at overstockdigital.com as they prepared for the move to Clarkston High School. Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle explained they wanted to get some less technical cameras for students and for the public to use.

**Township aces financial audit:** Independence Township is healthy, financially, ac-

cording the auditing firm UHY. UHY representative James Buckley said the township fared better financially than the previous years.

**Donations needed for overseas troops:** American troops are still serving overseas and Crystal Cockerham of Clarkston was working to make sure they were being taken care of by collecting supplies for troops in Afghanistan.

### August 28

**Family picnic after Labor Day parade:** An Old Fashioned Community Picnic featuring food and fun was set in Depot Park in downtown Clarkston, following the Labor Day Parade.

**Wolves collect over three tons of food:** The 16th Annual Rush for Food started with a bang with 10 bags of food from Jay Wright and 80 pounds of canned food from Andrew Murray before football players on the freshman, JV and varsity level collected food from the neighborhoods. By the end of the event the Wolves had collected 6,397 pounds of food for Lighthouse Emergency Services.

**Counselor helps patients beat video game addiction:** Jon Richey sees plenty of problems associated with video game addiction and spoke about signs of addiction and what can be done about it.

### September 4

#### Summer send off

Labor Day marked the symbolic end to summertime. About 40 groups marched in Clarkston's Labor Day Parade through downtown. Karen Newman kicked off the parade with the National Anthem, followed by American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard's 21-gun salute.

#### Good ole' fun in the sun

Food, ice cream and fun created happy faces in Depot Park during Clarkston's first annual Old Fashioned Picnic. The event was sponsored and planned by Think Positive

*Please see Fall on page 26*

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# Fall brings changes for Clarkston school programs

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Clarkston.

## Grad spends summer with science

Anna Gray spent her summer exploring the outdoors and meeting people at a month-long National Youth Science Camp.

## September 11

### Police for Clarkston?

City Councilman Richard Bisio recommended study of how to increase police service in Clarkston. Issues included parking enforcement, vandalism in Depot Park, and a recent home invasion.

## Century celebration in her hometown

Virginia Walter came home to Clarkston to celebrate her 100th birthday with friends and family. She and her husband, Ronald Addis Walter, ran a dry goods business in the 5 S. Main Street building downtown, now home to *The Clarkston News*.

## 300-mile birthday bike ride for milestone

Jim Meloche of Clarkston celebrated his 70th birthday with a five-day bicycle event up the state of Michigan.

## September 18

### Clarkston was tasty!

A rainy day didn't stop visitors from filling the streets of downtown Clarkston during the 16th annual Taste of Clarkston. The event included entrees and treats from 38 local restaurants and shops.

## Downtown heritage attracts conference

Community leaders from throughout Oakland County converged on Clarkston to learn from the city's downtown success during the Oakland County Heritage Conference.

## Summer study of monarch migration

Clarkston resident John Meyland spent the summer catching butterflies for Monarch Watch. The tagging effort was to help improve understanding of the migrating insects.

## September 25

### Crack down on illegal truck loads

Oakland County Sheriff's Office assigned a deputy to the Clarkston area to check truckers for proper load and certifications. Overweight trucks were an issue because truckers were diverting through the city to avoid a weigh station on I-75 and tearing up local roads, Supervisor Pat Kittle said.

## New cameras for video center

Independence Township spent approved \$100,000 for six new cameras and equipment for the new Independence Television studio in Clarkston High School.

## Rhymester records ode to working man

Ryan Scott of Independence Township recorded "Blue Collar" to support his home community and state.

## October 2

### Armed robbery at downtown bank

Staff and customers at Oxford Bank in Clarkston were shaken up but unhurt after two men pulled an armed robbery. Two suspects matching the descriptions were



Friendly Forest is an annual event in Clintonwood Park. File photo

arrested later that week near Ann Arbor.

## 70 new factory jobs

Italian automotive supplier Magneti Marelli set up shop in Independence Township. The township offered tax incentives to attract the new factory.

## Santas find Christmas spirit all year long

Two Santas visited Clarkston and found lots of stories of residents organizing events and efforts to help people locally and around the world.

## October 9

### ITV move ready to go

With new management, Independence Television was ready to move into its new studio at Clarkston High School.

## Citizen, officials find light lacking

A pedestrian crosswalk on Sashabaw Road at Bow Pointe was cause for concern for residents. They found the light, which activated on demand, was being disregarded by drivers.

## A passion for music and medicine

Corrinne Sanger of Clarkston traveled to Uganda in Africa to help improve the health of young mothers.

## October 16

### Trimesters on trial

Clarkston school administration recommended switching scheduling at the junior and senior high schools from trimesters to semesters. The recommendation was

based on a scheduling study since 2008, when the district switched to trimesters.

## Puppets more than child's play

Timothy Selberg of Independence Township and his team of designers and engineers created the latest in puppets for ventriloquists and collectors around the world.

## Longtime fan does his part in Tigers win

Mark Beauchamp of Independence Township found himself in the national spotlight when he grabbed for a flyball in what turned out to be a key homerun in the Detroit Tigers' drive towards the World Series.

## October 23

### M-15 's turn for repaving in 2014

An 8.6 mile Capital Preventative Maintenance project was planned for M-15 from Dixie Highway to Wolf Road in Ortonville. The milling and resurfacing project will cost an estimated \$4.1 million and will be completed in one construction season.

## Five candidates for four city council seats

Former Clarkston Mayor Sharron Catallo ran unopposed for a one-year partial term on Clarkston City Council. Incumbents Richard Bisio, Eric Haven, and Thomas Hunter, and challenger David Marsh ran for three, two-year seats on the council.

High schooler on international stage with Optimists

Sean Mueller of Clarkston took office as regional director for the International Board of Junior Optimist Octagon International.

## October 30

### Clarkston Haunts on Halloween

Clarkston residents had spooky stories to tell of spirits lingering amongst the world of the living, just in time for Halloween.

## Right-to-work lawsuit could include local

A Clarkston paraeducator was considering joining a lawsuit against the Michigan Educational Association regarding its opt-out policy.

## Trains meant new life for orphans

Clarkston residents learned about the history of orphan trains at an Clarkston-Independence Library presentation. The trains delivered orphans from big east-coast cities to local communities back in the 1800s.

## November 6

### Eyes on traffic

A reader was concerned with recently installed cameras at several intersections in Independence Township. The Road Commission for Oakland County said the cameras are for traffic control and will not be used for spying on people or issuing tickets.

## Trimesters up for recall

Clarkston Board of Education considered switching from trimesters to semesters next September to increase focus on core curriculum, class continuity, connections between students and teachers, and opportunities for cross curricular collaboration.

## High winds wipe out power overnight

A power outage caused by heavy winds left some customers in the dark in Springfield and Independence Townships.

## 3 decades in Navy for Clarkston grad

Clarkston grad Mark Doolin retired as a Command Master Chief after 30 years in the U.S. Navy, with a diverse career in peacetime and war around the world, including frigates, aircraft carriers, and the Pentagon.

## November 13

### Photo finish

More than 1,000 runners and walkers filled downtown and backroads of Independence Township during the inaugural Clarkston State Bank Backroads Half Marathon race.

## McLaren plans still a go

McLaren Health Care System recently acquired the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, but officials say the hospital system is still committed to expanding in Independence Township. Michigan's Department of Community Health denied their request for a Certificate of Need to transfer 200 beds from Pontiac to Independence Township, but McLaren continued to work to get approval for the hospital through the state legislature.

## Learning from vets

For about 30 ninth-graders, Veterans Day  
Please see Semester on page 33

## Students' success

**Danielle Guldi**, a nursing major from Clarkston, has been selected as an orientation leader for Saginaw Valley State University during the 2014 season. Orientation leaders assist new students and families in their transition to SVSU during orientation events.

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**Brett Opel** from Clarkston Senior High School is a finalist for Michigan Technological University's Leading Scholar Award. The competitive scholarship is offered to new students with exemplary leadership attributes and outstanding scholarly achievement.

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Marietta College student **Madison Moreno** of Clarkston has been named to the Fall 2013 Dean's List. Moreno, a graduate of Notre Dame Preparatory High School, is majoring in Studio Art and International Leadership at Marietta.

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Clarkston Junior High School Eighth Grade Band and Orchestra students performed at the MSBOA District 4 Solo/Ensemble Festival, Dec. 7 at Brighton Scranton Middle School.

Students earning a 1st Division (Excellent) rating included **Joseph Deschane**, Alto Sax Solo; **Wes Hutchison**, Baritone Sax Solo; **Kayla Daly-Seiler**, Clarinet Solo; **Parker Daly-Seiler**, Horn Solo; **Ryan Snyder**, Piano Solo; **Catherine Laube**, Piano Solo; **Tad Koehler**, Tenor Sax Solo; **Jeremy Janik**, Trombone Solo; **Andrew Bradford**, Trombone Solo; **Conor Woodward**, Trombone Solo; **Charlie Lussenhop**, Trumpet Solo; **Austin Schmitz**, Trumpet Solo; **Hank Whitmore**, Trumpet Solo; **Tom Silvey**, Tuba Solo; **Sebastian Salcedo**, Tuba Solo; **Raegan Lyons**, Tuba Solo; **Shane McArthur**, **Joseph Deschaine**, Mixed Duet; **Donovan Wolfgang**, **Andrew Bradford**, Mixed Duet; **Casey Quigley**, **Kristen Marani**, Clarinet Duet; **Helen Josephson**, **Catherine Laube**, Clarinet Duet; **Ryan Snyder**, **Parker Daly-Seiler**, Horn Duet; **Lindsey Czopek**, **Hannah Wyrick**, Flute Duet; **Chaise Cook**, **Corey Cook**, Percussion Duet; **Zachary Aldrich**, **Tim Gerst**, Percussion Duet; **Joe Harker**, **John Selwocki**, Brass Duet; **Stone Maguire**, **Cole Manilla**, Trombone Duet; **Hank Whitmore**, **Scott Girard**, Brass Duet; **Claire Morawski**, **Raegan Lyons**, Brass Duet; **Hank Whitmore**, **Charlie Lussenhop**, Trumpet Duet; **Eric Owczarzak**, **Justin Bell**, **Jason Richards**, Saxophone Trio; **Carter Kochanski**, **Tom Silvey**, **Conor Woodward**, Brass Trio; **Joseph Deschaine**, **Justin Bell**, **Jason Richards**, **Eric Owczarzak**, Saxophone Quartet; **Kylie Kalinowski**, violin solo; **Madigan Eppink**, violin solo; **Zachariah Smith**, **Nadia Smith**, viola/bass duet; **Nadia Smith**, violin solo; **Ben Neal**, violin solo; **Ben Neal**, **Chris Thweatt**, violin duet; **Zachariah Smith**, bass solo; **Chris Thweatt**, **Jacob Traschenko Pochmara**, **Zachariah Smith**, string trio; **Angel Morrison**, **Haley Morrell**, violin/viola duet; **Rebecca Snyder**, **Madigan Eppink**, **Emily Gustafson**, **Molly Nicholson**, string quartet; **Kylie Kalinowski**, **Beatriz Pfeiffer**, viola/cello duet.



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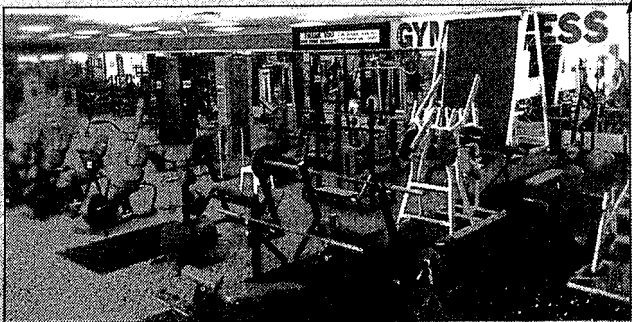
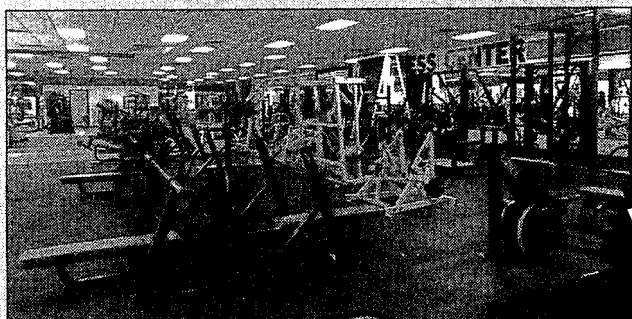
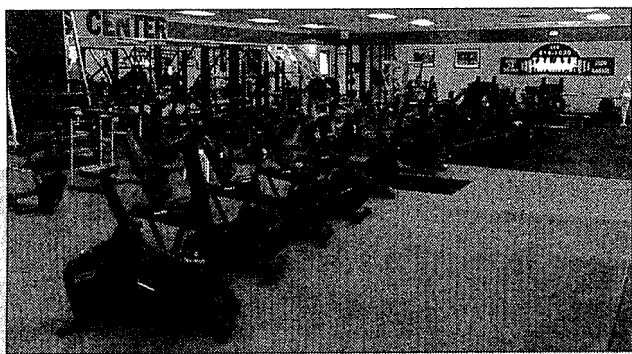
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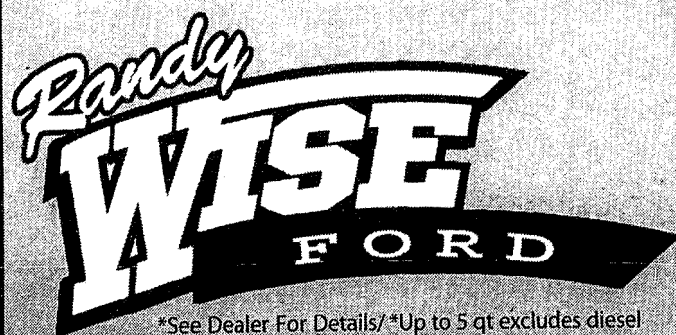
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# Semester switch approved, Wolves score state win

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lessons included talking to veterans at the American Legion Post 63's veterans' luncheon.

## Vet alumni honored

Clarkston Junior High School students honored alumni Ari Gruenberg, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, with a Veterans Day ceremony. Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4th SBCT in Ft. Lewis, Washington, Gruenberg couldn't make the event, but his family was there.

## November 20

### Winds put 4,500 in the dark

Storms ripping through the area Sunday night knocked out power for about 4,500 residents in the Clarkston area. About 500 houses lost power in Clarkston while Independence Township had about 4,000 outages.

### More input sought for semester switch

School officials sought more parental input on a proposed switch from trimesters to semesters, setting up an online survey.

### Kids come through for Army food bank

Military families in need had a bountiful Thanksgiving thanks to Clarkston Junior High students. They collected \$1,000 in donations and about 5,500 items in the Operation Homefront food drive with the 919th Army Reserve Transportation Company's food pantry in Saginaw.

### Long road to teaching for Clarkston grad

Molly Goss was only a few months into being part of Teach for America and every day was still exciting. The Clarkston High School 2008 graduate was teaching Spanish



A wind storm in November caused damage across the area. File photo

I to high school students in Nashville, Tenn.

## November 27

### Water and sewer funds face deficits

Residents may be tapped to pay for a \$2.3 million water-budget shortage in Independence Township. That's one solution considered by Township Board to make up the deficit in the 2014 water budget.

### Flu season descending on Clarkston area

Although cases reported in Oakland County have been sporadic and minimal, Dr. Tim O'Neill said in addition to flu cases, Clarkston Medical Group has also seen some patients with hand, foot and mouth disease. The highly contagious viral infection often strikes young children, under 10 years of age, and most often spreads in places children gather like day care centers.

### Office contest helps food pantry

Movement Search and Delivery, a

headhunting firm in downtown Clarkston, dropped off over 3,000 pieces of food to benefit the food pantry at Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston. Movement's crew of over 30 employees gathered the food to be donated while holding a contest to see which of two teams in the office could collect the most food.

## December 4

### 'Great day for C-Town'

Long-time head coach Kurt Richardson hoisted up the trophy while Clarkston's gridiron heroes and coaches surrounded him. The Wolves successfully achieved their dream by becoming MHSAA Division 1 Football State Champion, defeating Detroit Catholic Central, 32-14.

### Survey shows support for semester switch

School semester/trimester survey results are in — most respondents support switching back to semesters. Administration offered the survey online through November, and met with PTAs around the district, said Shawn Ryan, deputy superintendent. Of the 374 parents who responded to the survey, 227, 60.7 percent, agreed with the proposed switch; 60, 16 percent, were neutral, no opinion; and 87, 23.3 percent, disagreed.

### Middle schooler learned lots earning black belt

Four years of training paid off for Kaley Moyet, seventh grader at Sashabaw Middle School. She earned her black belt in Ryu Kyu Kempo karate at Clarkston Self Defense.

## December 11

### Mission to help kids with Key of Hope

Key of Hope brought 22 kids to America to perform concerts around Michigan in a performance called "Sound of Hope," including a visit to the 1st Congressional Church in Clarkston.

### Sashabaw work on the way, officials say

A \$4 million project to improve Sashabaw Road at I-75 and Waldon Road is a top priority for Independence Township, according to officials. Plans to improve traffic in the area are being made to prepare for new growth, like a proposed \$300 million McLaren hospital on Sashabaw Road and Bow Point Drive near the McLaren health park.

### Burleson brings Lionblood to Clarkston

Detroit Lions wide receiver Nate Burleson visited Bonnie & Clyde in Clarkston to meet residents and introduce his clothing line, Lionblood Clothing Company.

## December 18

### Switch back to semesters OK'd

Trimesters will be history next school year for junior and senior high schoolers. Clarkston's Board of Education voted unanimously, Dec. 9, to switch from trimesters back to semesters.

### Tree lighting

Mike Lorimer of Rattalee Lake Tree Farm dedicated a new Christmas tree in Depot Park during Holiday Lights Night, Dec. 14, with the help of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Lorimer donated the tree, planted next to the gazebo.

### Optimists get rink ready for skaters

Clarkston Area Optimists installed the ice skating rink in Depot Park. The 64 x 37 rink will stay up in Depot Park through the winter season until about March, and anyone can come ice skating for free.

## December 25

### Frozen for Christmas

Power lines and trees were encased in ice after a winter storm walloped the area over the weekend, leaving thousands without power. DTE estimated 7,400 homes and businesses lost power in Independence Township.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** **FILE NO:**  
**PROBATE COURT** **2013-348, 351-DE**  
**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION**  
**PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING**

In the matter of Marie Rodman, Protected Individual  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS including: Gregory Nichols  
whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the matter  
may be barred or affected by the following:

**TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on January 8, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.  
at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge Daniel A.  
O'Brien for the following purpose: 1st/Final Account of Conservator and  
Petition for Fees.

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN** **FILE NO:**  
**PROBATE COURT** **2013-353, 033-DE**  
**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

### Decedent's Estate

Estate of JOSEPH GORDON JONES. Date of birth: June 19, 1950.  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, JOSEPH GORDON  
JONES, died October 2, 2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate  
will be forever barred unless presented to Edward A. Hutton III/Christine  
A. Waid, Attorneys for James Gregory Jones, personal representative or  
to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and  
the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of  
publication of this notice.

December 20 2013

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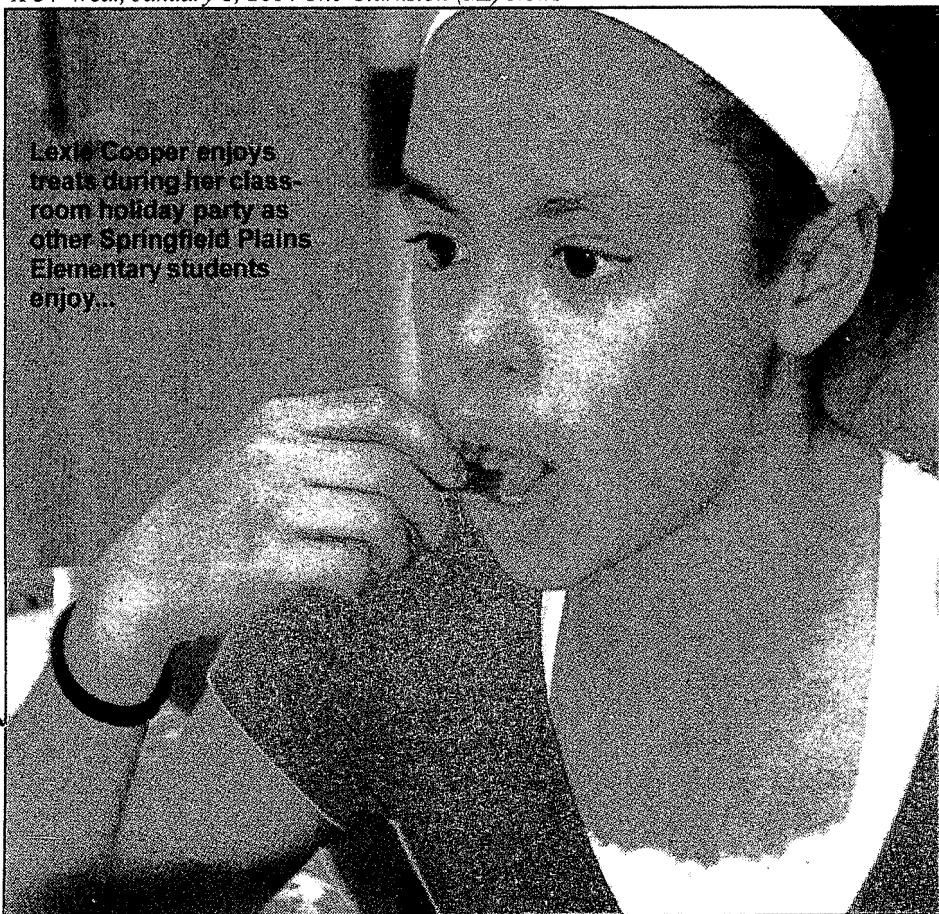
### CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of the  
Village of Clarkston will hold a public hearing on the use  
of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The  
Hearing will be held on **January 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at  
the City Offices located at 375 Depot Rd., Clarkston,  
MI 48346** for the purpose of hearing public comments on  
the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Pro-  
gram Year 2014 application in the approximate amount of  
\$5,000 to fund eligible projects. **All interested citizens  
are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will  
also be received in writing or in person at 375 Depot  
Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346 up until January 13, 2014  
7:00 p.m.** Arrangements to reasonably accommodate  
special needs, including handicap accessibility or inter-  
preter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance  
notice. Contact **City Manager Carol Eberhardt** at 248-  
625-1559, 375 Depot Rd for special services.

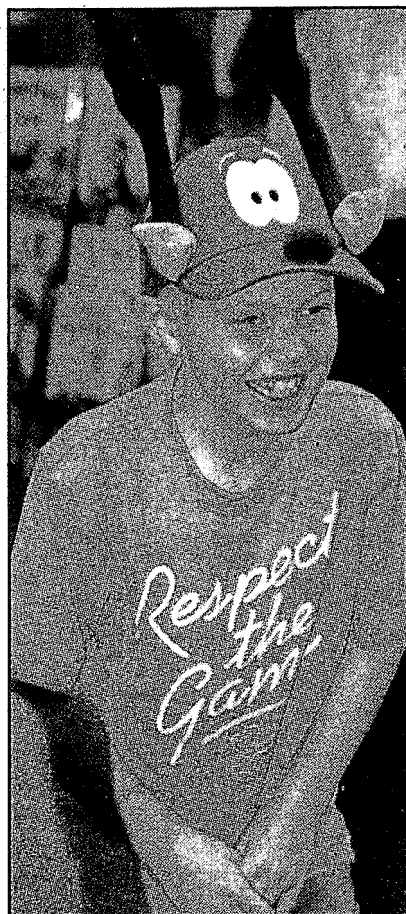
Janet C. Gillespie, Acting City Clerk  
City of the Village of Clarkston

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Lexie Cooper enjoys treats during her classroom holiday party as other Springfield Plains Elementary students enjoy...



...reindeer games...



...tasting sprinkles...

## Dolphins last holiday party for 2013



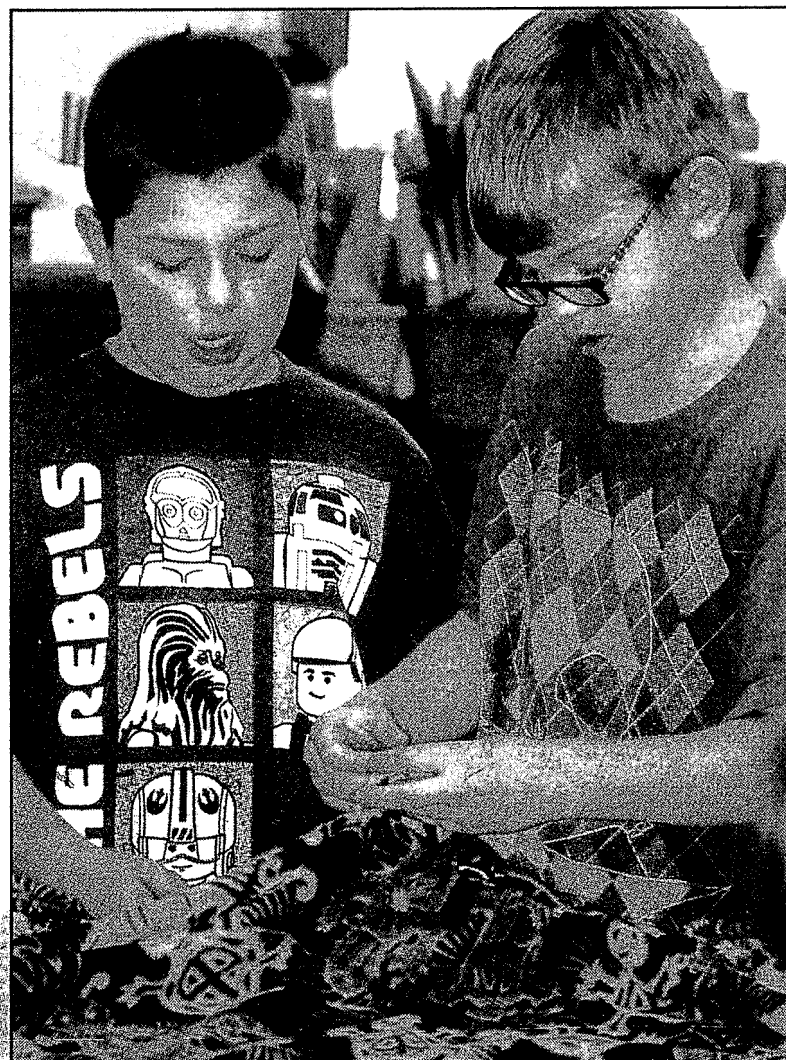
...build a gingerbread house...



...decorating sugar cookies...



...add fluff to make a snowman...



...working on Academic Service Learning projects as they work on blankets. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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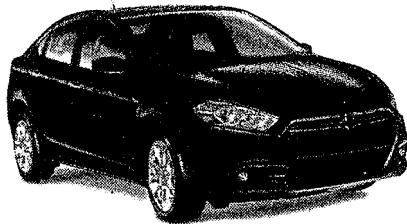
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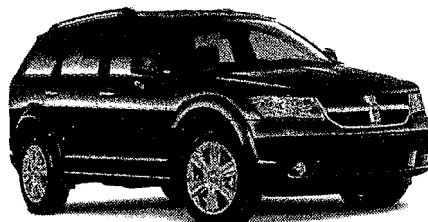
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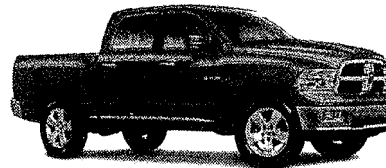
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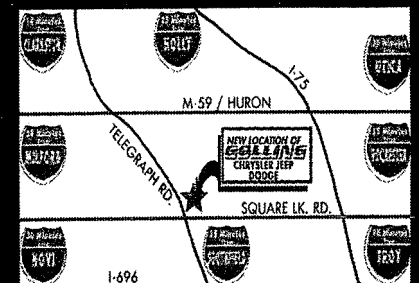
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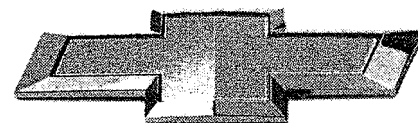


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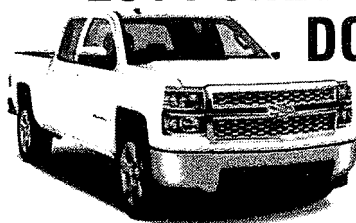
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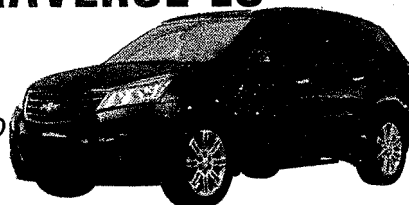
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2009 GMC Acadia SLT-2	82,201	\$18,900
2007 Chevrolet Equinox LT	94,112	\$9,300
2006 Pontiac G6 GT	98,396	\$9,300
2007 Chevrolet TrailBlazer	96,062	\$8,200
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