Next week, look for the Independence Times

Slammed by snow

BYANDREAM, BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Heavy snowfall and record breaking low temperatures caused hazardous commutes and school cancellations Monday and Tuesday, after a winter snowstorm dumped over 15 inches in Clarkston and surrounding communities.

With drifts, it was a lot deeper.

"We had drifts in areas that were four feet tall," said Autumn Brandon of Independence Township. "I have lived here for five years, never knew many of my neighbors, every one just keep to themselves. In the last two days, I have seen this community come together like no other. Coming out in shifts to help dig out the cars, even those that didn't belong to you. Some people delivering warm drinks and snacks. It was very heart warming."

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said he wants residents to know local fire stations are always open.

"If our residents need to come in and warm up, grab a hot cup of coffee or charge their cell phones they can go to any of our three fire stations which are centered around our greatest population areas," said Kittle. "Our fire stations are fully staffed and always ready to help."

In the event of a major emergency, officials will work with local churches and Clarkston Community Schools to assist residents.

Kittle said the township did receive a few calls for assistance mostly from senior citizens that needed rides to a medical appointment.

"In that case we send out transportation to take residents where they need to go."

Although the Road Commission for Oak-Please see snow on page 9



Bob Andary of Pine Valley Road works to clear his driveway of snow, Jan. 6. Photo by John Meyland

Communication, finances big township goals for 2014

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

The year 2014 is off to a cold start, but residents can expect a warm welcome at Independence Township Hall, said Supervisor Pat Kittle.

Kittle said he wants residents to know his door is always open and he would also like to hold more meetings with homeowners association presidents. "I want to do this to improve communications with residents," he said.

About 10 times a year, including next week's edition, *The Clarkston News* will includes a special section called the *Township Times*. Each special section will be written by township employees and will inform residents about important events.

"I'm looking forward to working with *The Clarkston News* to keep residents informed," said Kittle.

Another major goal for 2014 is to update and improve the township website.

Financial goals are also a big part of the 2014 plans.

Sewer and water rates must rise at least 10 percent to make up for a deficit in the funds. A raise increase is expected to be decided by the township board of trustees by mid-January.

Paying down a \$3 million loan the township borrowed when the Walton Road Township Hall was built will be important in 2014, said Kittle.

Some clerical and human relation is-Please see Goals on page 25

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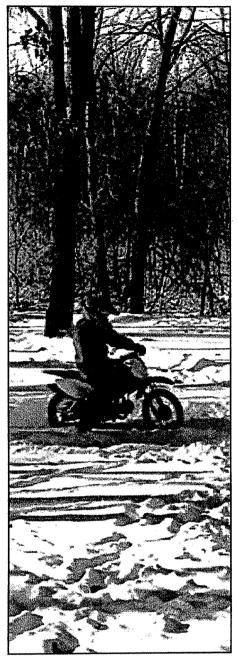
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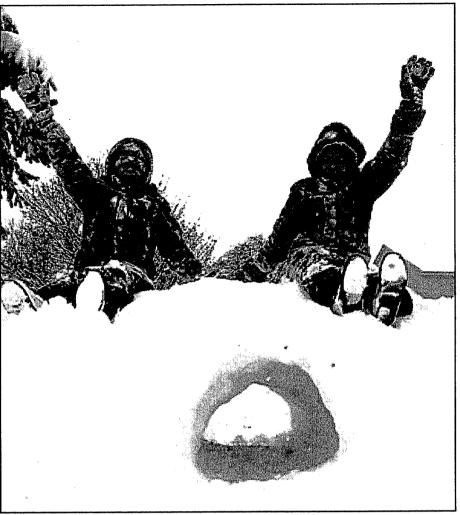
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Above, Max Powers of Independence Township, 10, spent two hours, Jan. 4, building a track with a shovel off Oakhill for him and his sister, Savannah, 6, at right. They took to the track with their bicycles, and later a motorcycle for Max. Photos provided by





Michelle and Lexie Cooper dug a tunnel in their Harbortowne Winter Wonderland in Independence Township, Jan. 5. Photo provided by Michelle Baker



Fun in the **snow**

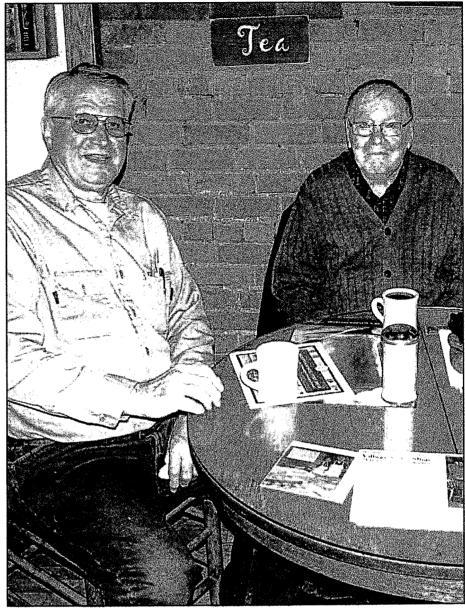
Snow is a pain to commuters, but is lots of fun for kids, especially when they have extra time because their schools are





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Charles Galbraith celebrated a pre-birthday coffee at the Village Bake Shop in Downtown Clarkston with his friend Frank Liimatta, who wrote him a poem on Christmas Day for his birthday. Photo by Andrea M. Beaudoin

A poem for his birthday

Charles Galbraith celebrated his 93rd birthday on Jan. 2. To celebrate, Galbraith, who was born in 1921, visited the Clarkston Village Bake Shop with friend Frank Liimatta to have coffee, which he does everyday.

"I like to come in and look at all the pretty girls," Galbraith said.

For over 40 years, he had an office above

the bake shop. A photo from over 30 years ago featuring him is underneath the glass on a table at the bakery.

On Christmas Day for Charles' birthday, his good friend Frank Liimatta wrote his friend a poem. Each line in the poem represents a letter in Charles name.

-Andrea Beaudoin

A Telephone Man's Calling

Communications has been my career, Headed to Hawaii with all my gear. After my service, back to Ma Bell Reuniting at home sure feels swell. Loaded the truck and wired in the country Everyone wants phones wired up promptly. Standing by one pole was mean looking bull, Gratefully removed with the farmers pull. After he's gone I'm working again,

Laughing at all the places I've been. Brought in a line to a cute gal's house, Remembered her number then made her my spouse. And no I look back and have to say, I believe everything turned out OKAY! Telephone men usually do just fine, Heaven help them, if they cross up their lines. By Frank R. Liimatta Dec. 25, 2013

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Briefly

Online banking for township bills

Independence Township Treasurer Paul Brown said residents can now use online banking to pay township bills. Brown said he recently set up the ability for the township to receive payments electronically to use when residents use their banks online bill pay system.

Paying bills through online banking as well as the availability to use a lock box to drop payments will help move the township towards becoming more paperless and allows the township the ability to electronically import payments to post on residents accounts, he said.

For more information call Independence Township at 248-625-5111. Independence Township Hall is located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive.

Brush collection

Independence Township Department of Public Works will collect tree debris from recent winter storms for chipping, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 11, at 6050 Flemings Lake Road.

For more information, call the department at 248-625-8222.

Clarification

The story "Trustees want tougher gun-carry ban in school," Dec. 18, should have explained state law prohibiting possession of firearms in banks, churches, courts, theaters, arenas, day care centers, hospitals, and bars, as well as the state capitol, does not apply to those with concealed-carry permits.

Clarkston School Board is considering a resolution to prohibit open carry of firearms in schools. The board next meets on Monday, Jan. 13.

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Writing tells the story, expert says

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Handwriting says a lot about you, according to graphology guru Dave Littmann.

Graphology, the study of handwriting, is a practice that goes back to the times of great philosopher Aristotle, and is actually very popular today in European counties.

To analyze what graphologists call a sample, a person first writes about a half page about an early childhood memory on unlined paper.

To analyze samples, graphologists look at things like slant, form, movement, spacing, margins and the way a writers letters are composed.

Although the individual traits are taken into consideration separately, the complete analysis looks at the sample as a whole unit, said Littmann.

Characteristics shown in abundance in handwriting reveals personality traits.

"With handwriting analysis we look at what are a person's strength and weakness," he said.

When graphologist first obtain a handwriting sample they simply look at it to get a feel for it. They turn the paper around, upside down and all around to gather an overall impression, something Littmann said even those with no training can do.

"Anyone can look at a sample and get an impression of someone's handwriting," he said.

How and if you dot you I's and how you cross letters like T's means something too.

Margins on the unlined paper are extremely important. Margins to the left indicate the past and fall under a mother influence. Right margins are associated with a father influence. Someone with margins that start at the edge of a paper can indicate someone is stuck in the past.

Littmann said the more research is done on the importance of handwriting, the more important the area of research becomes.

"Handwriting is brain writing," said Littmann, adding that the youth is losing the art of handwriting.

Littmann said students today are losing a

connection to handwriting. "Kids today are missing a lot," he said adding that MRI'S show that parts of the brain used to connect handwriting strokes are not lit up. "They will figure it out in about 20 years after research shows what types of deficits people have developed without using handwriting."

Littmann said the more that is discovered

about handwriting, the more important researchers are discovering handwriting is.

"All handwriting is mental brain writing," he said. Graphologists pay careful attention to traits that appear multiple times in writing, and need the trait to

show up a certain number of times to render a decision on personality traits.

Littmann

Handwriting can reveal both positive and negative traits. Handwriting from everyone from of seriously scary serial killers to free spirited artists have been analyzed.

Those artists types, their handwriting can be hysterical.

"Artists often have hysterical writing," said Littmann adding that creativity show's up in unique strokes.

Pressure placed by the writer with the pen while the subject is writing can reveal the emotional intensity of the writer.

Sometimes writers will have a variety of types of handwriting in a sample such as garland, arcade, angle and thread styles. A combination of more than one handwriting style shows very high intelligence," he said.

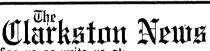
If you try to isolate or smother someone's larger writing, there will be problems.

"They need room to expand," said

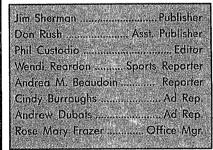
More and more companies are using handwriting analysis to screen applicants. For job screenings, employees that get their handwriting analyzed have to be made aware that the writing will be analyzed and must accept it as a condition of employment, he said.

Littmann said he performs handwriting analysis at many corporate parties and events.





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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

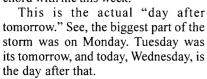
Polar vortex

With all the talk of "polar vortexes" and almost record breaking snow and ice, I felt the need to check out Roland Emmerich's movie "The Day After Tomorrow." The disaster movie, in which global warming launches an ice age attack on the United States, is celebrating its 10 year anniversary this year.

It was a big hit, though beat by "Shrek 2" in the box

office. I didn't rewatch it, but saw it on television a few years ago and reviewed its plot online.

It's described as lousy science at best, and propaganda at worst, but it sure hit a chord with me this week.



No tidal waves through New York City, super-cold air stalking people through libraries like an Al Goreapproved avenging angel, or badly animated wolves to run from, but I did see sheets of rink quality ice on I-75 as I was trying to drive on it.

That was bad enough. What was worse was the ice road rage that went with it. People want to drive fast and get mad at sensible folks who go slower. Not so much at me, because I camp out in the right lane. But anyone who lingers left of that had better be going at least as fast as the vehicle behind or they get tailgated, even in snow and ice.

No one has particularly good traction in this stuff. I've seen plenty of cars and trucks spin out or almost spin out right in front of me.

And it was also Blue Monday this past week, the most depressing day of the year (so they say). Yes, as I was trundling down the highway as braver/stupider drivers zipped by, I was depressed.

Also, no running until this clears up. I was doing so well with it, too, heading out there twice a week even through December. It was fine with 2-3 inches of snow. Half a foot of snow last week in places was starting to slow me down. Two to three feet on the sidewalks, though, that's about enough to put a temporary hold on things.

This is going to be a long winter.

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Thanks for community support of Goodfellows

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to extend special recognition to following groups, organizations and businesses for their exemplary support and dedication during this year's Goodfellow newspaper sales and the subsequent "Shoes for Kids."

"Shoes for Kids" has been the Clarkston Rotary's signature community project for the past thirty-five years. It takes the collaborative efforts of not only club members but the community to bring each year's project to fruition.

The Clarkston Rotary would like to recognize the following:

The Clarkston News and Sherman Publications for printing the Goodfellow newspaper each year.

Don Rush, assistant publisher, and Rotarian Mary Sloan for their efforts in compiling and editing this year's paper.

The Clarkston Community Women's Club for their annual gift of time and financial support in providing for many Clarkston Community school children.

Boy Scout Troop #199 for organizing troop members in collecting donations at three different locations. The troop has provided continuous support to this service project for the past fifteen years.

Cub Scout Pack #499 for their first year of selling newspapers at Neiman's Family Market. The enthusiasm and efforts of the scouts didn't go unnoticed.

Oakland Woods Baptist Church for opening their doors for use of their church annually for the shoe distribution. Their church members support the endeavors in so many ways.

Neiman's Family Market for permitting cub scouts to learn community service by selling newspapers at their new Clarkston store. This is the first time in seven years that the Clarkston Rotary has been allowed to use a local grocery store for a community service project. Remember that Neiman's is family owned, committed to supporting the community and doesn't have the big corporate, big box mentality.

Tim Horton's on Maybee Road, Hungary Howie's on Sashabaw Road, Blazing Bagels in Waterfall Plaza, and Hamlin Pub on Sashabaw Road for their support and helping to provide for the many volunteers.

Finally, to the many volunteers who gave willingly of their time, money and efforts to again make this year's event a complete success

Joel DeLong, club president Clarkston Rotary Club



PLAYGROUND OF SNOW: Monday's snowfall and drifts buried Depot Park's playground in feet of snow and ice. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1999

"Clark gas held-up" An Independence Township gas station, whose clerk was trying to close the doors early for New Year's Eve, was robbed of \$325 in cash by a man wielding an unknown black firearm.

"City council finds humor in zoning ordinance draft" The Clarkston City Council found things that just didn't jive in their secon look at a proposed zoning ordinance. They plowed through several more chapters of the 25-section ordinance and had a little fun with some of the contradictions, unapplicable terms and definitions used in the draft. One included provisions for airports located in the city in which Councilman Walt Gamble asked, "where's the taxi lane for that?"

"Students help out fire victims" After a fire on Pine Knob Lane destroyed a home of several families including a family with children attending North Sashabaw Elementary who lost everything, Sheree Sommers a secretary at the elementary sprang into action. She sent out fliers throughout the district to see if anyone could donate household goods, clothing, money and more. Everyone got on board to help as elementary students brought in box after box, parents donated and local businesses helped as well.

25 years ago - 1989

"Pine Knob ski lift entangles girl" A 15-year-old from Orion Township prepared to get off the ski lift at Pine Knob Ski Resort like she had done many times before but this time her ski coat was tangled in the lift, dangling her back down the ski hill for 15 minutes by a mere nylon drawstring.

"New program to promote fitness for teachers" It was CGIF at the Clarkston schools, which stood for Clarkston Gets Into Fitness. It was the theme for a new employee wellness program in the district.

"CHS grad has starring role in DIA production" Since elementary school Cory Goodrich had one eye on the stage and hoped one day she would stand under the spotlight. After graduating from Michigan State University, she found herself playing Alice in a children's musical "Alice in Wonderland," based on Lewis Carroll's book at the Detroit Youtheatre, a part of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

50 years ago - 1964

"Newly appointed commission meets"
The Independence Township Planning
Commission held its first, yet informal
meeting since its establishment in Dec.,
1963

The pessimist, the optimist and Kalohn

I think it was the mid-70's when I first learned there was a Pete Kalohn.

He cooked and talked in his father's restaurant in Lake Orion, Gus' Steak House until he opened his own Restaurant, Pete's Roadhaus in Lake Orion.

During all these years his only attempt at silence was when he swallowed.

He's an authority on everything. Yet during one of his sipping moments he said something that never left my mind.

It's so vivid, especially during these Obama years. Pete stood as straight as he could in front of me, pointed his finger to my face and said very sternly, "Cheat me if you want to, BUT DON'T LIE TO ME!"

Oh, hell, Barrack's lying is unstoppable.

I gotta get back to something more Jottings "topical."

And that would be toilet paper and its decreasing. The first documented use of toilet paper was in the 6th century. By whom? Of course, Chinese.

It was promoted as, "The greatest necessity of the age! Gayetty's medicated paper for the water closet."

The average American uses 50 pounds of toilet paper a year, and about 8 sheets per trip. (I don't make this stuff up.)

Twenty-six billion rolls of toilet paper, worth about \$2.4 billion are sold yearly in America.

Perforated toilet paper was patented in February 13, 1883.

Scott has now reduced the sheet size in sheet rolls to 4.1 inch wide to 3.7

They say they also increased the strength, so I reduced my regular usage from 4 to 3 leafs.

to the doctor. Their physician took the pessimist into a room brimming with mountains of new toys.

"The doctor said, 'These are all yours!' The pessimist boy burst into tears. 'What's wrong?' his parents asked, 'If I play with these toys surely one will break and be ruined.'

"The parents of two boys, one an incurable pessi-

mist and the other an incurable optimist took their sons

"Next the doctor tried his hand with the young optimist. Instead of toys the doctor took him into a room filled with horse dung. 'This is for you,' the doctor told

"With that, the boy smiled, so wide he could have eaten a banana sideways. Excited, he raced to the top of the mountain of manure and started digging with his bare hands.

"The observing father asked, 'Son, what in heaven's name do you think you are doing?

"'Well,' the boy replied, 'with all this horse dung, I figured there's got to be a pony in there somewhere!""

Jim's

Jottings

a column by Jim Sherman

Two quotes from two goad man.

Winston Churchill: "Never engage in a battle of wits with an unarmed man.'

Ronald Reagan often told the following story:

Camo Out supports 'Hoops for the Troops'

We are a fickle lot, we humans of game, Goldberg plans to present a gift American descent.

I think we forget sometimes how hard the world can be. We live in an area that is fare to middlin' to high rent

and bad things can't happen here, to us, Don't the privileged. Can it? Rush Me

Of course bad things happen every day, all around us. I know, we report on them, and then I hear how this world has gone all wrong. Fickle, I say. Fickle.

It's just life and one A column by of life's most wonder- Don Rush

ful gifts comes out of the hard times, life's cruel twists of fate. And, if you haven't guessed by now I like sharing those precious moments when after learning we can nod our heads and say, "It'll be all right."

"Hoops for the Troops" is one such bright spot in our little part of the spinning rock we call Earth. It's organized by 2006 Clarkston High School graduate Megan Goldberg.

During half time ceremonies at the February 13 CHS girls basketball

on behave of the first person who friended her when her family moved to Clarkston in 2000, Jenna Beno.

United States Army Specialist Beno, also a 2006 CHS grad, died in 2012 from injuries she sustained while serving our country in Iraq. I can find no good in her death unless it is to inspire others to give more of themselves.

"I wanted to do something to remember Jenna," Megan said. "Something different, that can show our community cares and to support our troops."

She is hoping for a show of support by having a "Camo-out." A what? A

camo-out, for those not in the know, is when everybody wear's something camouflage -- shirts, hats, leggins, whatever. If you have something camo, bring it!

She has found blue and gold camouflage warm up

suits for the girls to wear before the

Throughout the gymnasium, there will

Hoops for the Troops

logo designed by Megan





The late Jenna Beno, left, and organizer Megan Goldberg

be donation cans; also folks will be able to purchase Hoops for the Troops tshirts. All funds raised will go to the charity Luke's Wings. I did a quick reference check on Luke's Wings and here's their mission statement, from their website (www.LukesWings.org): Our mission is to bring together veterans and wounded warriors that otherwise would not be able to be with their friends and family in their time of

According to Megan, Luke's Wings was one of Jenna's three favorite charities. "They flew her mom to visit her when she was in the hospital (Walter

Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, D.C.)," Megan said.

Megan would like to do this again in the future and then rotate in the other two charities to receive donations.

One of the neat things about this story is Megan has never planned something like this. She has no goals and doesn't know what to expect, or how much will be raised.

"The girls basketball doesn't draw too big of a crowd like the boys team," she said.

And, that's where I, your humble scribe comes into play. Let's change that. If you have no plans for February 13 come to the Clarkston High School gym . . . even if you're not from Clarkston. Come even if you're from Lake Orion or Oxford or Ortonville and you hate the blue and gold Wolves. Wear your camo -- you'll slip in under the radar and be there supporting the troops.

There are business sponsorships available where you'll be recognized. If you can't make it to the game and still want to donate or help (now or in the future), contact Megan via e-mail, HoopsForTheTroops@gamil.com

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Thousands of these injuries are related to falls. Simple changes to the inside of your house - such as in furniture arrangements or lighting - can cut your risk

For an extensive list of tips on helping to prevent injuries at home go to: www.orthoinfo.org/falls



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Rehabilitation

Q: It's a new year and my resolution is to start working out and lose some weight, does my heart rate matter when I work out?

A: Yes, first off knowing how to take your heart rate is very important or even better get a heart rate monitor. Second, know your "Max Heart Rate": this is 220 minus your age. Third, get a calculator to help determine your "Target Heart Rate" Zone'This is where you get the most benefits and lessen the risk with a workout. This is 50-85% of your max heart rate.

You'll want to exercise in this range and do not exceed 85% of your max heart rate.

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Loan fraud

An Independence Township woman received a letter from a collections agency about a loan for \$1,950, Dec. 20. She said she didn't take out the loan.

Suspended driver

A deputy stopped a 49-year-old Independence Township man for driving a truck with a commercial plate but without identification on the sides, as well as tinted windows, 10:57 a.m., Dec. 20, on I-75. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license. The company was cited for no ID, and given a warning for the tint.

No red flag

A 34-year-old Flint man was pulled over, 11:54 a.m., Dec. 20, on S. Main Street for driving a pickup with a ladder sticking out seven feet behind without a red flag. He was cited with driving with a suspended license and no identification on the vehicle, and given warnings for the flag and no proof of insurance.

Car theft

A motorist left his car unlocked with the engine running when he went to pay for a tankful of gas at a service station in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, 7:36 p.m., Dec. 28, and someone took it. A deputy noticed a vehicle matching its description on Maybee Road at Sashabaw but lost it in traffic.

Domestic violence

A 40-year-old Carleton man was under investigation for domestic violence and interfering with a 911 call after an argument with his girlfriend turned violent, 1:31 a.m., Dec. 21. in the 5000 block of Clintonville Pines Drive. He allegedly threw things at her, hit her, took her cell phone, credit cards, car keys, and other items, ripped out the phone cord when she tried to call police, and threatened her. She fled to a friend's house and called 911.

Phone theft

Someone took a cell phone from a vehicle parked in the 6000 block of Timberstone Way. Dec. 25. There was no sign of forced entry.

Careless driver

A 21-year-old Walled Lake man fell asleep at the wheel, hitting a street lamp at Dixie and Stonewood and flipping over, 1:06 a.m., Dec. 27. The driver, who was not injured, was cited with careless and negligent

Stolen car recovered

A resident in the 5000 block of Briarwood Court started his car and left it to warm up, 11:24 a.m., Dec. 25. Within 10 minutes, he saw a man get into it and drive away. The resident gave chase, but lost him off Maybee Road. Deputies found it at 12:20 p.m. in a parking lot at Bridgewater apartments. Keys had been taken from a purse in the vehicle, so deputies recommended rekeying their vehicle and house.

Hide and seek

Responding to a report of suspicious activity in an unoccupied, model home on Williamsbury Circle, deputies found four teenagers playing hide and seek, 3:47 a.m., Dec. 28. The teens, a 17-year-old Independence Township girl, 16-year-old Oakland Township girl, 18-year-old Independence Township man, and 19-yearold Independence Township man, were turned over to their parents. The 19-yearold's father owned the model home and he had the pass code.

Running red

A 28-year-old Waterford woman was stopped for running a red light at Dixie and Maybee Road, 5:56 p.m., Dec. 27. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, expired license plate, and disobeying the traffic signal.

Call the Sheriff's tipline, 888-887-6146.

Storm breaks record low temp

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land County plows streets, township DPW workers make sure things like fire stations, the police department and other township facilities are plowed out.

Kittle said a planning session with local officials, churches, schools and emergency response officials will be held this month to begin preliminary emergency response planning.

In addition to emergency preparedness, Kittle said everyone should try to help others when times get tough.

"Make sure your neighbors are OK," said Kittle. "Especially the elderly."

Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt agreed. Some homes in the city have no street parking, and in times of massive snowfall, the city DPW workers need to be able to plow city streets.

Eberhardt said when cars are parked in the street it can really have a negative impact on city workers ability to plow thoroughly.

"It's best to band together with a neighbor and maybe share parking when you need to get your car off the street," said Eherhardt.

Besides clearing city streets of cars another thing residents must do is clear sidewalks even if it's just a small path.

"There is an ordinance that residents must keep their sidewalks clean and if not they can be ticketed for failure to keep sidewalks clean," she said.

Sara Schultz, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in White Lake, said the storm, Jan. 4-5, was the third snowiest on record in the area since 1921.

"A low pressure system traveled south and through the Ohio Valley," said Schultz.

Michigan received the brunt of the storm, with an area from Flint to Howell receiving the heaviest snowfall. Total snowfall in the Clarkston area was recorded at 15.3 inches after the 30-hour snowstorm.

NWA also issued a wind chill warning through Wednesday morning when temperatures dipped to -14, which shattered previous low temperature records set in 1942 and 1986. Wind chills were expected to be 15 to 25 below zero on Tuesday through Wednesday morning.

Schultz said for the rest of the week temperatures were expected to get back up to normal which is about 30 degrees during January months.

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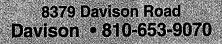
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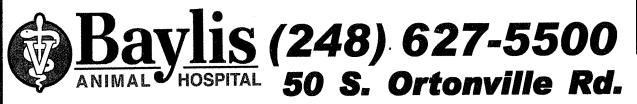
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Last push for Cagers' win

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Junior Erika Davenport and senior Kacy Robinson each put three points on the board with less than two minutes left in the third quarter as the Lady Wolves hosted Stoney Creek last Friday.

For Davenport it was a basket and onepoint from the free throw line to put the score 22-23. For Robinson it was a 3-pointer with seven seconds left in the quarter to put the girls in the lead, 25-23.

"The three at the end of the third quarter was good momentum into the fourth quarter," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team.

It was just what they needed to gain the lead over Stoney Creek for the second time.

They continued the spark in the fourth quarter starting with a basket from Davenport with a another from Kayla Russell off Robinson's rebound.

A foul against Clarkston gave Stoney Creek the opportunity to close the gap by two points. Taylor Mullins made up for it seven seconds later, scoring on a layup.

They finished with the last three points from Robinson from the free throw line, putting the score 41-31.

"It was a good win for us," Wasilk added. "Stoney Creek played heck of a game. They are well-coached and knocked down some

The Lady Wolves opened the game with a 3-point attempt from senior Carly Giroux, but it missed it's mark. Lady Cougar Natalie

Voss put Stoney Creek on the board with her following field goal attempt making it - the first of four for Stoney Creek.

"It was tough contesting those threes," said Wasilk. "It is something we have to adjust and do a better job defending. If they would have knocked down more threes it would have been a different game."

He added the Lady Wolves struggled offensively in the first half, especially after Davenport got into foul trouble.

"We had to pull her out early in the second quarter," he said. "Our team did a really good job of playing and making up for our presence inside. In the second half I thought we really stepped up our intensity with our press. We got some traps and got the ball moving. It helped us offensively to pick up the pace of the game."

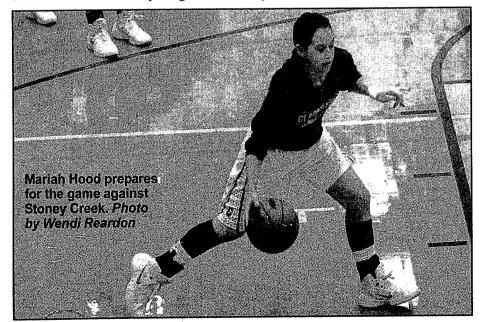
Davenport led with 18 points and Robinson scored 15 points, with two 3-

"Kacy had a heck of a game," said Wasilk. "She had a lot of composure. She drove the ball to the basket really well. She had some big jumpers. I was really happy with her effort."

The Lady Wolves (5-1) head to North Farmington on Friday, 32900 W, 13 Mile Road.

They host Carman-Ainsworth on Tuesday with JV beginning at 5:30 p.m., varsity following.

"We just need more work offensively to clean things up," Wasilk said going into this week. "We have some young kids. They have to just continue to gain the experience.'



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Robinson boosts score

BY WENDI REARDON

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Senior Kacy Robinson took her shot quickly with seven seconds left in the third quarter against Stoney Creek last Friday.

The basketball swished through the net for three points, giving the Lady Wolves the lead, 25-23.

Robinson finished the game with 15 points as the girls defeated the Cougars, 41-

"Kacy is doing a really excellent job handling point guard responsibilities," said Tim Wasilk, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team. "She is doing a good job distributing the basketball and has become much more of a scorer for us this year. She has been a really good leader for us and is really solid defensively for us."

Robinson began playing basketball eight

"My dad coached my sister when she was younger," she explained. "I would go to her practices and just mess around with her team. Then, I started playing."

Robinson added having family members with knowledge and experience of the game helped her.

She also played with Lady Wolves Varsity Volleyball team during the fall and added the agility helped as she transitioned into the winter season for basketball.

They have different conditioning and work different muscles but coming into the basketball season I was already warm," she

Robinson would like to continue playing basketball in college after she graduates this June. She plans to become a pre-med student and focus on becoming a pediatrician.

"Ever since I was really young I would always go to my family doctor," she explained. "I just fell in love with the job. I also job shadowed her when I was younger, too."

Robinson currently has a 3.0 grade point average and is currently taking Anatomy, Human Relations, Statistics, Child Development 2 and Civics in her second trimester.

Her advice to aspiring Lady Wolves is to always work hard.

"Know that good isn't good enough," she added.



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Lessons to learn on the court

BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Cagers did not have on their list of goals for 2014 to lose their first game back from

But after a physical battle against Orchard Lake St. Mary's last Friday the Clarkston Varsity Boys Basketball began the new year with their first loss of the season, 59-51.

"The game was really physical," said longtime head coach Dan Fife. "I don't think we responded to the physical part of the game. When in Rome you have to do what the Romans do. They were physical and I don't think we adjusted. They just out competed us. They out toughed us - physically and mentally."

The Wolves opened the game putting 17 points on the board in the first quarter and keeping the Eaglets down to 12 points.

The tides turned in the second quarter as St. Mary's outscored Clarkston 11-4 to take the lead and head into half-time with a 3pointer from Jalen Watts-Jackson, 23-21.

"We had chances," said Fife. "It wasn't like we weren't playing - they just out toughed

The Wolves cut the lead and tied the game with three minutes left to go, putting the score 45-45. The Eaglets fought back with baskets and free throws to take back the lead.

Fife added the boys missed a lot of shots and would have won if they would have scored on those baskets.

"It was a great basketball game in a small

setting," Fife added. "It was a small compact gym and a great atmosphere. They took care of their own court."

Senior Nick Owens led with 16 points, with three 3-pointers during the game. Senior Michael Nicholson and junior Andrew Myers scored 11 points for the night. Juniors Josh Bonzheim and Merrick Canada scored a field goal each.

As the boys head into the next stretch of games. Fife hopes the boys reflect on the loss and learn from it.

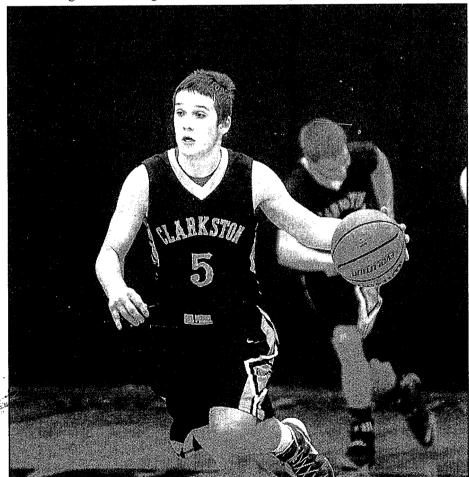
"Anytime anyone out competes you, you better learn from it otherwise you can only be so good," he said. "If that is a measuring stick to winning then you better be able to match it otherwise you aren't going to be that good. The good teams are going to play hard and you have to be able to respond."

The Wolves host Pontiac this Friday before heading to Rochester Adams next Tues-

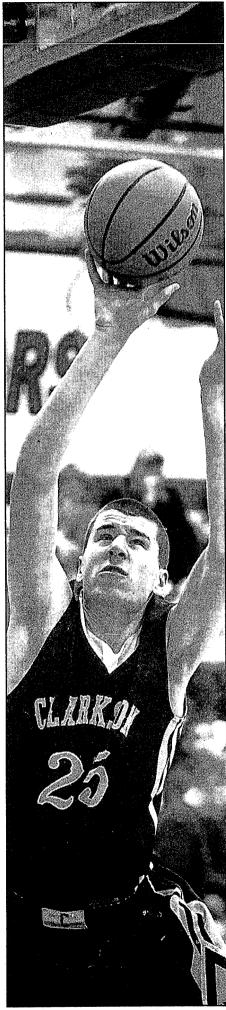
Fife added anything could happen going into the two games.

"It depends on how they take this loss," he said. "From every loss, they should learn something. From every mistake, they should learn something. Otherwise you are not getting better. Coaches as well - what aren't we doing in in practice that the kids can't match that intensity level? In order to help yourself you have to refocus on why and what you can do to change it."

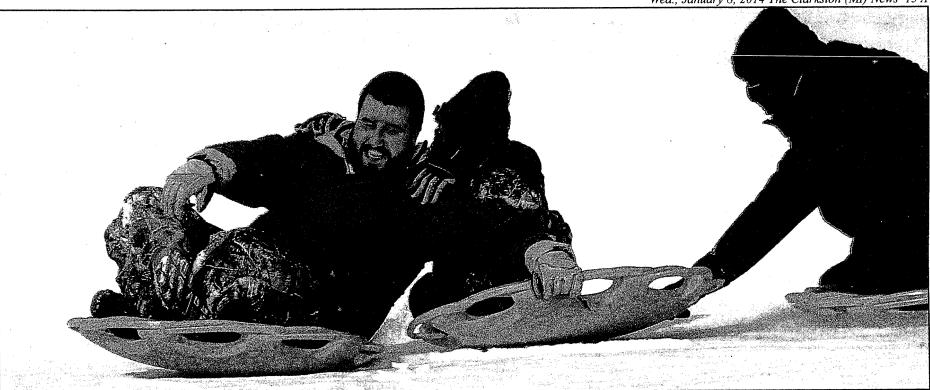
JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Andrew Myers dribbles down the court.



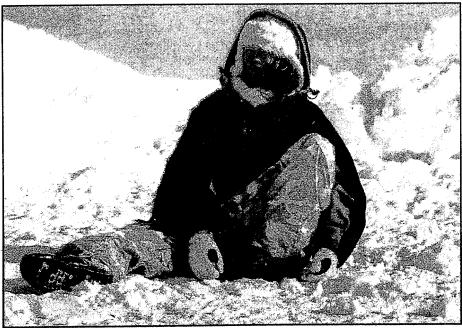
Michael Nicholson reaches to score on the Eaglets. Photos by Larry Wright



From left, Derek Burns, Andrew Ferguson and Matt Ferguson hold on to each others' sleds.



Jacob Forsten checks how much quicker he can go if he lays down.



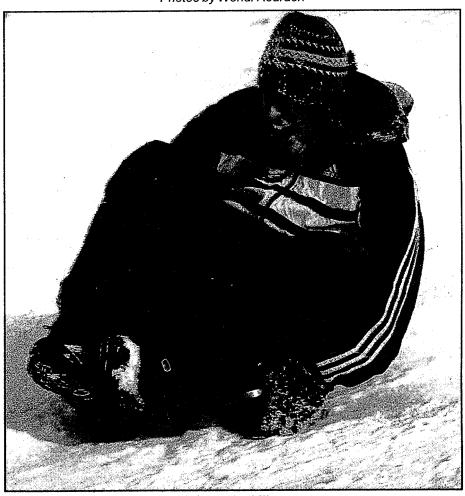
Danielle Garlow overlooks all of the snow.

Snowy Saturday on the hills

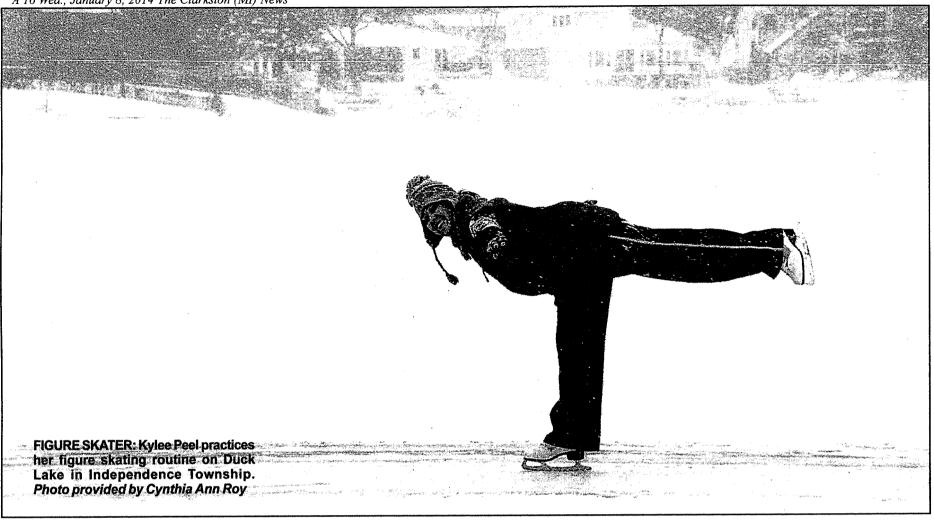
Before Old Man Winter added another layer of snow to the ground last weekend, Clarkston area residents put on their warm gear and grabbed their sleds on Saturday.

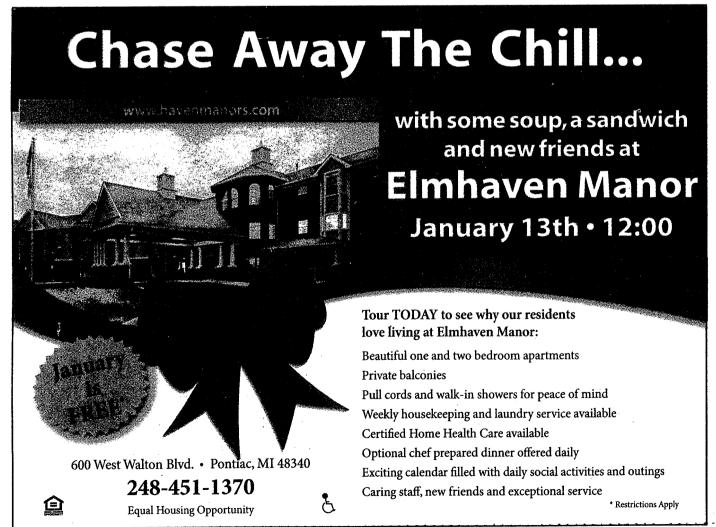
One of the popular spots was the hill at Clarkston High School next to the baseball and softball fields where many were smiling and enjoying the fresh air.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Patrick Lansky picks up speed down the hill.





Business News

Jon Richey, MA, LPC joined the staff of the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home on

Jan. 1 as grief counselor for the Wint Healing Hearts Grief Support Group.

The group's first meeting of the year is Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Senior Center Complex in Clintonwood.

He received his Bachelor's degree and his M.A. in counseling from Richey Cornerstone University,



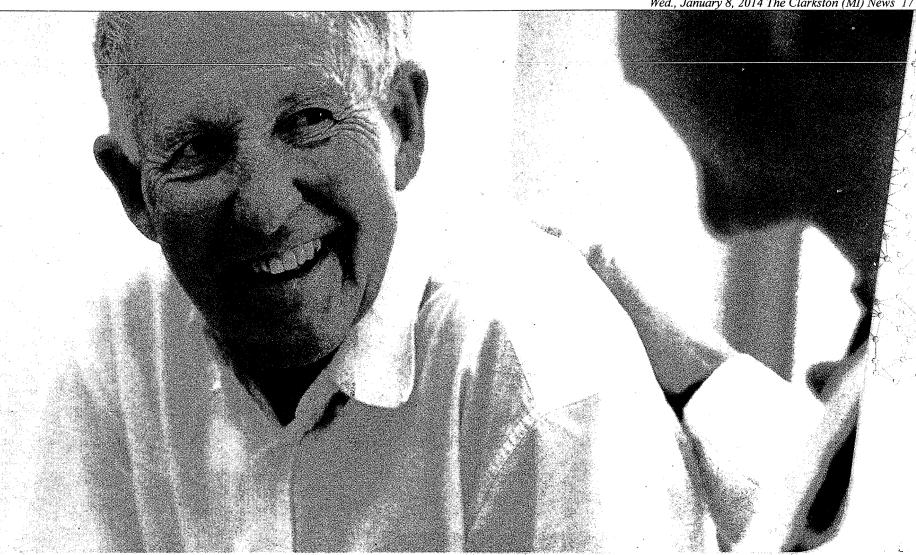
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Kelly and Tony

Avenall - Pinner

Kelly Avenall and Tony Pinner are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

Kelly is the daughter of John and Jeanette Avenall of Gaylord, Mich., formerly of Clarkston. She is a 1989 graduate of Clarkston High School and a teacher at Clarkston Jun-

Tony is the son of Gary and Cindy Pinner of Clarkston. He is a 1980 graduate of Waterford Kettering High School and is employed by Collex Corporation.

An April 2014 wedding in Mexico is





Lauren and Andrew

Heitzer -Crane

William and Lorie Heitzer of Troy are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lauren Heitzer to Andrew Crane, son of Jeffrey and Gail Crane of Clarkston.

The future bride graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and is employed as a patents examiner for the United States Patent and Trademark Office in Washington DC.

The future groom is a 2004 Clarkston High School grad and received his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Kettering University in Flint. He is employed as a sales and systems engineer/territorial manager with K.W. Associates based in Chicago.

A June 2014 wedding is planned at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit. The couple with reside in Ann Arbor.

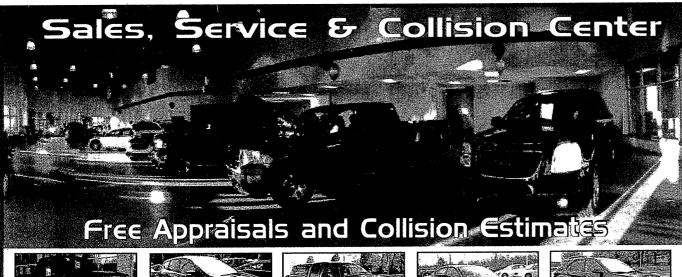


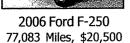
Jonathon Redker and Kassie (Brown) Redker, and big sister Elizabeth welcome Sarah Jean.

Welcome Sarah Jean

Jonathon Redker and Kassie (Brown) Redker of Independence Township are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Sarah Jean, born Nov. 15, 2013. She weighed 7 pounds and was 19 ½ inches long.

Also welcoming Sarah are big sister Elizabeth, 3; grandparents Kenneth and Karen Brown of Clarkston, and Rick Redker and Lori Taylor of Waterford; great grandparents George Firman, Harold Ford, Norm and Audrey Brown, Jack and Bernadine Taylor; and aunts and uncles Kary (Brown) Passmore, Andrew Redker, and Todd Taylor.







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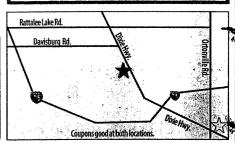
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Specialist eye care keeps shooters on target

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Bill Olds, a member of Oakland County Sportsmen's Club in Independence Township, has enjoyed archery and shooting all his life, but nowadays has more difficulty focusing on the sights.

Keeping them sharp is Dr. Todd Staniszewski, an eye doctor at Advanced Eye Care of Michigan.

The doctor offers eye care specifically targeted at shooters.

"When guys who have been shooters their whole life, target shooting and hunting over open sights without a scope, reach 50 years old and beyond, they have trouble focusing on the sights and the target, and their scores go down," Staniszewski said. "Your vision changes as you get older. This enables them to see the sights better, improve their scores, and enjoy shooting for longer."

They enjoy the shooting sports and don't want to give it up, he said.

"But they don't have their vision where it needs to be," he said. "It's a relatively inexpensive fix to get their scores where they need to be, one more tool they can use."

He asks patients to first come in to the office at 7117 Dixie Highway in Independence Township for a regular eye exam to check for cataracts and make sure the eyes are healthy. Then they return for a shooter's examination, bringing their pistol or rifle to the office where the doctor can test different lenses to determine which are clearest and most comfortable.

"Especially so they can see the front sight," Staniszewki said. "No one can focus on three things at the same time,



Dr. Todd Staniszewski adjusts a lens for Bill Olds. Photo by Phil Custodio

but younger eyes can refocus faster. If you can't focus back on the sights quickly, that's the trouble."

It's one of many specialist applications they offer, he said.

"I do this all the time for people working on the computer, organists in church, in the band, working on quilts, miniature trains. Hobbies have different vision requirements," he said.

Staniszewski is a hunter and target shooter, and saw the need for this service.

"It can be frustrating," he said. "They tell me other doctors tell them to use their reading glasses. That doesn't work. I have experience. I know what is needed, and what works in different situations."

No one lens can do the job for all circumstances – a lot of eye doctors don't understand that, he said.

Staniszewki lives in Clarkston with his wife and sons, all hunters. For more information, call Advanced Eye Care of Michigan at 248-620-1100.





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– Jean Heron



"To lose weight."

– Alaina Blakemore



"To make money and maybe get a babysitting job."

- Ethan Blakemore



"I honestly don't know. To pick up up more chicks."

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By Andrea Beaudoin

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Black belt before 10

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Ryan Berry of Davisburg finished the year 2013 by achieving a long-time goal, earning his Black Belt in karate after four years of work.

"I'm very proud of him," said Hayme Serrato, his teacher and Seventh Degree Black Belt. "He's actually very good. He's worked hard. I'd like to get him on the competitive team if I could."

Berry, 9, received his Black Belt in Tang Soo Do, a Korean style martial art, on Dec. 14 at Hayme Serrato Martial Arts in Ortonville.

With him were his parents, Julie and Kurt Berry, and his brother, Blake, who will receive his Black Belt in June. Ryan is a fourth grade student at Springfield Plains Elementary.

"His father and I are so proud," Julie said.
"He has done this for four continuous years and accomplished this, learning karate and Korean terminology. He likes being real physical, and it helps with his balance, power, and focus in school."

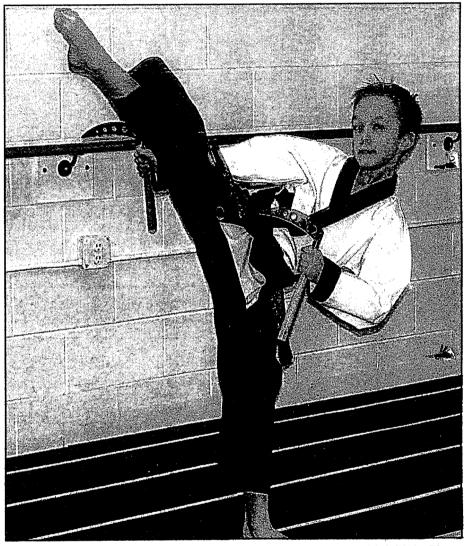
Ryan trains three times a week at the studio, and up to every day in the summer. Training includes more than what to do and how to do it.

"When to use techniques is a very important part of the training," Serrato said.

It's never for use against the helpless, Ryan said.

"It's to defend people," he said. "He teaches us right way, showing us how to do it. He's taught me a lot of discipline. I enjoy it. I'm never bored."

Ryan learns techniques and forms for blocking, punching, and kicking against up to three opponents, as well as weapons. He likes learning to wield a set of kama, a



Ryan Berry, wielding a set of kama weapons, demonstrates a high kick. Photo by Phil Custodio

traditional martial arts, sickle-type weapon.

"I chose these because I like how there are two of them – in case I lose one, I have another," he said.

His goals include continuing to train for more advanced Black Belts and helping others learn karate.

"Maybe until I'm at least 30, I think," he

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His awards include first place in forms, 2011 HSMA Invitational; third place in forms and sparring, 012 HSMA Invitations; Academic Excellence Award for all A's in school for 2011, 2012, and 2013; and second place for 8-9 year olds, 2013 HSMA 5K race for Team USA.



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Individualized Computer Tutoring, 2-5 p.m., Jan. 23, senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. One-hour personal computer tutoring session. Bring laptop or Ipad. \$30/member, \$35/non-membre. 248-625-8231 for appointment.

Antique Roadshow, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Feb. 20, Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$3/one item, \$5/two items, limit 6 items per person. 248-625-8231.

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway.

Tuesday

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

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

Around Jown

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



ICY FISH: One thing the cold is good for is ice fishing, like these hardy folks are doing off Sashabaw Road. Photo provided by Cynthia Ann Roy

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310.

Belly Dance Lessons, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sashabaw Road. Low impact traditional-style workout with Naima Marina. No experience necessary. All welcome. \$10.586-292-7750.

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

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

Saturday

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

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

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

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Religion Preaching

Mark new year with renewed faith

I listened to a conversation on the radio the other day where a woman was talking about a new friend of hers, "I knew she was enlightened when I saw her drinking coconut water and holding a yoga mat."

It was my first good laugh of the day. I have nothing against coconut water, I understand it is one of the new healthier

drinks, and I love yoga but these do not necessarily evidence enlightenment. The superficial level of spirituality pervades all the world's religions and spiritual paths.

I have my own theory about enlightenment. When I was a teenager I knew everything. As I gain experience (my way of saying 'getting older'), the more I know I don't know.



Spiritual

Eventually I will know that I know nothing and that will truly be enlightening. I believe Sgt. Shultz (think Hogan's Heroes) had it right all along, "I know nothing." As they say, the reason angels can fly is because they take themselves lightly.

Just because you have your plastic Jesus on your dashboard, or Buddha, or Moses, or Mohammad, or Krishna, or fill-in-theblank: that doesn't make you a true Christian, or Buddhist, or Jew, or Moslem, or Hindu, or whatever. It is living the teachings of the master; it is putting them into practice in your daily life that makes you a true believer.

We are at the end of the first week of a new year. This is a new year, a new beginning, with new opportunities to be and do and achieve. For many our resolutions have already begun to waiver if not completely abandoned. Each day is a new opportunity to begin again, to be born anew.

'Unless one is born anew (from above), he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John

3:3) The new birth is a change that comes here and now. It is not a once and done experience. It is a continual awakening to the Son of God, the anointed one (Christ) within, the enlightened one (Buddha), the divine nature (Spirit) that we made in the image and likeness of.

Epiphany, January 6th, celebrates the Wise Men's visit to the baby Jesus. (Matthew 2:1-12) Epiphany means 'to show forth' or 'to appear', it is also a term to describe those 'Eureka' moments when the veil is lifted and we see beyond the surface level to the Truth within. The new birth is a present day epiphany that opens the door ever wider to a realization of the kingdom of God within. "I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts." (Jeremiah

"The kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed... yeast... a treasure hidden in a field... a merchant in search of pearls... a net... ' (Matthew 13), it is a here and now experience of the blessings that opening our minds and hearts to the presence and power of a greater reality (God) have to offer.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone which no one knows except him who receives it." (Revelations 2:17)

To us who have the ability to see beyond the appearances of separation and can overcome our beliefs in lack and limitation, all we need and desire will be provided.

We will know our true nature as Sons and Daughters of the most high God and live in the awareness of our unity with God and all of God's expression in earth as it is in heaven.

May the new year treat you kindly; blessings of peace, joy & love

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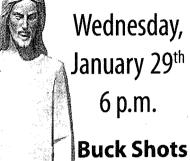
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Juanita L. Roselli, 92 Nancy Wyzgoski, 58

Juanita L. Roselli, nee Bailey, of Clarkston passed away Dec. 31, 2013, at age 92.

She was preceded in death by her husband Carl, daughter Lynn Dakroub and son Ronald Tarlton, sister Betty Ann Bird, and brothers Wallace Bailey and Ronald Bailey. She was the grandmother of Jennifer (John) Fulton and Joseph (Christina)



Dakroub Jr.: great grandmother of Jack and Kate Fulton; sister of Ila (Roy) Murphy (Surre); beloved sister-in-law and aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Juanita was the Vice President of Pontiac State Bank. She was President of the Pontiac State Bank Subsidiaries and was the American Business Women's Association's Woman of the Year in 1968. She enjoyed golf, bowling, ceramics, needlepoint and cross stitching.

Funeral Service was Jan. 7 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Clarkston. Private Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene. Online guestbook

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Nancy K. Wyzgoski of Ortonville, formerly of Waterford, passed away Dec. 31, 2013, at age 58.

She was the wife of Thomas; mother of Bryan (Lisa) and Scott (Abby); "Nana" of Emerson and Keane; daughter of Rosella (the late William) Treanor; sister of Ken (Mary) Treanor, Don (Michele) Treanor, Rich (Kathy) Treanor, Janet (Peter)



Schmidt, Susan Treanor; Sister-in-law of James (Faith) Wyzgoski, Phil (Gloria) Wyzgoski and Mike (Sandi) Wyzgoski; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Nancy was devoted to her loving family and friends. She was a dedicated nurse and clinical leader at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Pontiac.

Rosary service was Jan. 3 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Jan. 4 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville. Rite of Committal All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or Dan's Coffee

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Francis W. Macco, 68

Francis W. Macco, "Frank," of Clarkston passed away Jan. 5, 2014, at age 68.

He was the husband of Kathie; father of

Vincent (the late Britta) Young and Jason (Kelly) Macco; "Papa Frank" of Kelsey, Rachel, Emily, Landen and Parker: brother of Margaret (Richard) Kalishek, Jean (Jerry) Chapman, Linda (Eric Burley) Hurtado, Dale (Nancy) Macco and Rena (Ralph) Rott.

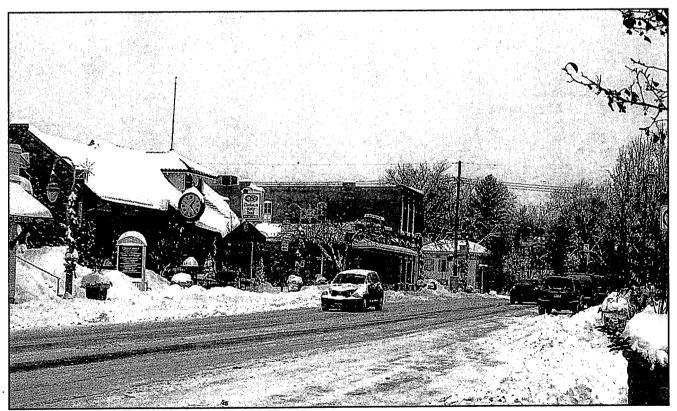


Frank served in the U.S. Army with the Army Corps of Engineers. He retired as a quality control engineer and enjoyed golfing and spending time with his family.

Memorial service on his birthday, Friday, Jan. 10, at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit at 4:30 p.m., concluding with a service at 5:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, any donations to the family will be used toward the future education of his grandchildren.

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Drivers faced a snowy downtown Clarkston, Monday, after two waves of winter storm dumped a foot and a half of snow on the area. Photo by Phil Custodio

Goals for 2014

Continued from page 1 sued also need to be addressed.

Tasks like ensuring job descriptions are clear are in the process of being completed.

Making jobs easier for township employees is also among the goals for 2014.

"We have a new software that allows our departments to complete end of the month summaries," he said adding that no job descriptions were previously in place.

"There was also no employee handbook or policies in place, and we need a good ethics policy," he said.

Kittle said the township officials are always on the lookout for ways to improve.

"We also look to other communities for ideas when we see something that works well. We will benchmark other communities where we find things we feel are effective," he said.

Working with other communities to share resources may also be among the 2014 changes.

One asset that can be shared is fire resources.

Kittle said at the end of the 2013, the contract with the fire department expired, and 3years of budgets have been laid out.

With the new software budgets details are easier to monitor because it allows officials to click on various expenditures or revenue.

"It's a nice tool because it allows us to add notes and explainations under each line of the budget," he said.

Kittle said 2014 will be a year for the township to focus on economic growth to ensure future prosperity.

Several new developments including a hotel are planned for the area, and Kittle said growth will continue despite a recent setback with proposed hospital.

Kittle said he is disappointed by Dec. 20 decision by Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Colleen O'Brien to reject a McLaren Health Care Corp. plea under a certificate-ofneed which was denied to the hospital by the Michigan Department of Community

"We are still pushing for the hospital," he said adding that resident should be angered by the decision and encouraged citizens to write lawmakers.

McLaren, a non-profit hospital made a request to move 200 hospital beds from Pontiac and build a new \$303 hospital near the present McLaren Health Campus located at Sashabaw and Bow Pointe Drive.

Kittle as well as Oakland County will continue to support McLaren's fight to build the hospital.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said Oakland County will also continue to provide support to McLaren.

Kittle said the 35,000 residents in Independence Township need access to a closer

Our needs are changing and we have an aging-population," he said: -----



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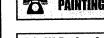
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7:00 PM

Township Hall Meeting Room 6483 Waldon Center Drive Clarkston, Michigan, 48346 (248) 625-5111

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPEN-DENCE **DECEMBER 17, 2013**

- A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga,

Ritchie, Schroeder

Absent: Lohmeier There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation and Seniors Director; Lt. Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Mitch Petterson, Deputy Fire Chief; Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Barbara Rollin, Senior Center Coordinator; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief, Kristen Sieloff, Assessor; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Richard Carlisle

Carlisle/Wortman Associates; Randy Ford, Hubbell, Roth

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended CLOSED SESSION: None

- BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder: Supervisor Kittle
- PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Richardson, DPW Direc-

H. PUBLIC HEARING:

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

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

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

- Presentation: Fiscal 2013 Actual to Budget Comments for Period Ending November 30, 2013 (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)
 CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDAITEMS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Certificates of Appreciation:

- Certificate of Service Recognizing 19 Years of Service as a Member on the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA); B. Jill Palulian
- Certificate of Service Recognizing 30 Years of Employment with the Charter Township of Independence; Sandy Miller
- Approval of Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for the Pur-
- Request to Approve Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for Pump Repairs; Removed to be considered under L., Items removed from the Consent Agenda
- Approval of Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for Drilling of Test Wells
- Approval of Budget Amendments/Amendments: Approval to Transfer FY 2013 Deer Lake Beach Donation to FY 2014
- Approval to Transfer Balance of FY 2013 Senior Center Architect Funds to FY 2014 Approval of Budget Amendment for Seniors
- Approval of Transfer FY 2013 Funds to FY 2014 for Flat Roof Repair at Fire Department Station #1
- Approval of 2013 Budget Amendment #12A Approval of 2014 Budget Amendment #1A Approval of Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Min-
- utes of December 3, 2013 Approval of Payroll of December 6, 2013 and Check Run of December 11, 2013 for a Total Amount of \$480,321.32
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: Postpone of Request to Approve Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for Pump Repairs; January 7, 2014 Regular
- Meeting
 M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
- Adoption of Resolution for Submittal of Application for Category A. Funds - Economic Development Fund
- Postponement of Second Reading and Adoption of Amendment to Concept Development Plan for Eagle Ridge at Morgan Lake Planned Residential Develop-ment (PRD); January 7, 2014 Regular Meeting

- Authorization to Circulate Information Related to Amending the Master Plan-Sashabaw Corridor
- Appointment of Independence Township Representative Members to the Clarkston Independence District
- Approval to Post and Hire Full-time AFSCME Position
- for the Assessing Department
 Approval of Agreement for 2014 Electronics Recycling Collection
- Approval to Purchase a Mini Push Camera for Sewer System
- Approval to Waive Recapture of 2011 Community Development Block Grant Funds Approval to Post and Hire Full-time Non Union Posi-
- tion for the Senior Division Approval to Create New Full-time Non-Union Position
- / Reclassify Non-Union Employee in the Senior Division / Eliminate Senior Coordinator Position
- Approval of Phase II of Brady Lodge Restoration Project
- Approval of Capital Improvement Plan Funding and Authorization of Solicitation of Bids for Tennis Court Reconstruction Project at Clintonwood Park
- 13. Approval to Purchase Laptops and Docking Stations
- Approval of Amendment to Special Rules of Procedure for the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees
- 15. Approval of Wage Increase for Administrative Assistant in the Supervisor's Office
- 16. Approval of Reappointments for Board and Committee Members
 - a. Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA)
 - b. Planning Commission c. Zoning Board of Appeals

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

- COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
 - Minutes: Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee of November 13, 2013
 - Report: Liquor License Transfer-Lakes Grill, LLC; 6722 Dixie Hwy. Report: Fiscal 2013 Actual to Budget Comments
 - for Period Ending November 30, 2013 (Relocated as agenda item 1. under I. Presentations and Re-
 - Report: November 10, 2013 High Five Races Back Roads Half Marathon and 10K / Clarkston State Bank – Lt. Dirk Feneley provided an oral report BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Treasurer Brown,
- Clerk Pallotta, Trustee Aliaga, Supervisor Kittle ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Township Clerk Published: Wednesday, December 25, 2013

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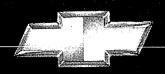
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Wolves reflect on football state championship

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This week *The Clarkston News* continues with part two as the Wolves' reflect on their big year as they finished as MHSAA Division I Football State Championships for the first time in history.

Here are a few more players who took the time to answer three questions as they turned in their football jerseys and equipment, some for the last time.

Sophomore Jack Muhleck - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It means a lot. I was JV so coming up and helping them prepare for their upcoming games was my main goal. I was just trying to help them win.

Favorite moment: Being at Ford Field was really cool.

To the community: Go Wolves!

Sophomore Anthony Reiner - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It was a great experience. I got moved up from JV as well. I learned a lot from going to the playoffs and winning the championship.

Favorite game: State championship. To the community: Go Wolves!

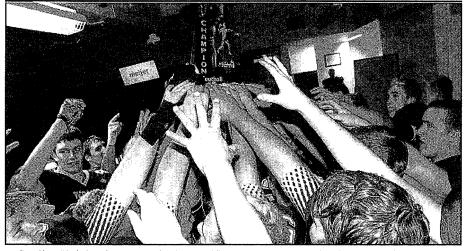
Sophomore Brendan Stokes - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It means a lot. While growing up I have always wanted to be in the state championship and have been watching on TV.

Favorite game: State championship and being on Ford Field.

To the community: Thank you for the support every game.



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to Sterling Heights Stevenson in the semifinals. It felt good to play and win it.

Favorite game: The entire season was fun. To the community: Thank you.

Sophomore Jacob Fisher - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It means a lot. It will be a great memory and I will cherish that moment forever.

Favorite game: State championship.

To the community: Thank you for supporting us during the whole season.

Sophomore Carter Linton - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It is like a dream come true.

Favorite game: State championship. Playing at Ford Field was awesome.

To the community: Thanks for the support and coming to the games.

Junior Matt Boczar - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It is awesome. It is something you will never forget.

Favorite moment: Celebrating in the locker room afterwards.

To the community: Thanks for the support.

Junior Tristen Lewis - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It was an amazing experience. It was something I always wanted to do since I was a little kid.

Favorite game: The rematch against Adams.

To the community: Thank you for the support.

Junior Alex Snyder - What does winning
the state championship mean to you: It
means a lot to me. It was a dream I have had
since I was young.

Favorite game: The rematch against Adams as well.

To the community: Looking forward to next season.

Junior Trevor Laing - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It is something we have been trying to do as a team for a long time. I am proud to be part of the team able to do it.

Favorite game: Rematch against Adams. To the community: Thank you,

Junior Cal Sielaff - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It means a lot. It was really cool. We made history. It was cool to be a part of that.

Favorite game: Definitely getting the revenge on Adams.

To the community: Thanks for the support and coming out in the cold weather.

Junior Denny Petersen - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It means a lot because we have been dreaming about this moment since we were in third grade.

Favorite game: Pontiac was fun. I had a nice punt snap that turned into a 81-yard punt. It was pretty magnificent.

To the community: Thanks for all the support and all the fundraisers.

Junior Sean Christie - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It is pretty awesome and it is pretty surreal to think we are the first team to do it.

Favorite game: Stoney Creek. It was our first big win.

To the community: Thank you for all the support.

Junior Austin Egler - What does winning the state championship mean to you: We have been working at it since we were really young - since Clarkston Chiefs. We have worked hard enough to reach this level it is the best reward of all.

Favorite moment: Beginning of playoffs when I started contributing as a starter.

To the community: Thank you for the support and helping us out.

Junior Mick Packard - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It is a dream come true. It is something all of us have thought about since we started playing football.

Favorite moment: Walking out onto Ford Field. I was injured for the majority of the season so being able to dress and contribute and see the support of the community behind us was amazing.

To the community: Thank you for being one of the best supporting fans for the team.

Senior Gavin Butler - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It represents everything we have been working since we started playing football.

Favorite moment: I don't normally play

defense but one of the games I got in a sack. I was not expecting that moment.

To the community: Thanks for supporting us and everything we have accomplished possible by being there.

Junior Brandon Douglas - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It's a dream come true. Just seeing the Detroit Lions play on that field it is a whole new aspect plus it is what we have worked for.

Favorite moment: When we ran out onto Ford Field and ran offensive and defensive. It was just us. It was nice.

To the community: Thank you. It wasn't all us that took us there. You helped us. Hopefully we will get that support next year, too.

Junior Will Scarlett - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It means a lot. It means a lot for our town. It means a lot to our school. It is big.

Favorite moment: Whenever I made a big tackle or play.

To the community: Thank you for coming out and all the support.

Senior Griffin Barta - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It means the pride of going to practice every day and sticking it out with my friends. It has been a pleasure playing with all of these guys. It was our dream come true.

Favorite game: Carman-Ainsworth. It was really cold. We played our best football. What we needed to do, we got done.

To the community: Thank you for going to all the football games.

Senior Quinn Montgomery - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It means a lot especially doing it your senior year. It makes it all that much better. It is great to come out as a team and make it happen.

Favorite game: Carman-Ainsworth. It was fun playing in the snow. We played well and things started coming together at the end.

To the community: Thanks for coming to all the games and for all the support.

Junior Mitch Helsel - What does winning the state championship mean to you: It meant a lot to me. It was great to have the sense of comraderie with everyone through the season and all the hard work leading up to it. I was glad it paid off.

Favorite moment: When I got to dress in my pads for the state game because I had a season ending injury and hadn't dressed since the scrimmage.

To the community: Thank you for all the support and thanks for sticking with us through all the close calls.

The Wolves hold their football banquet on Jan. 12 at Clarkston High School, 4 p.m. and for the first time it is open to the community.

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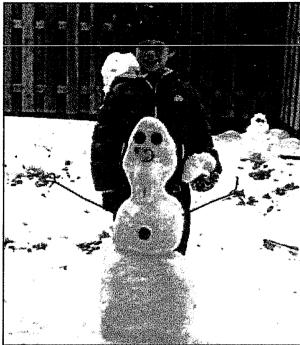
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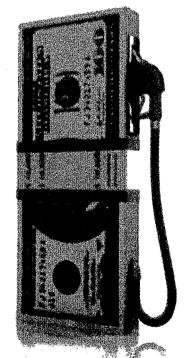


Jonas poses with a snowman they made, Olaf from the movie *Frozen*. *Photos by Danielle McLean*

Playing in the snow

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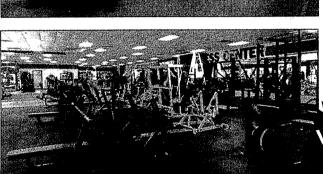
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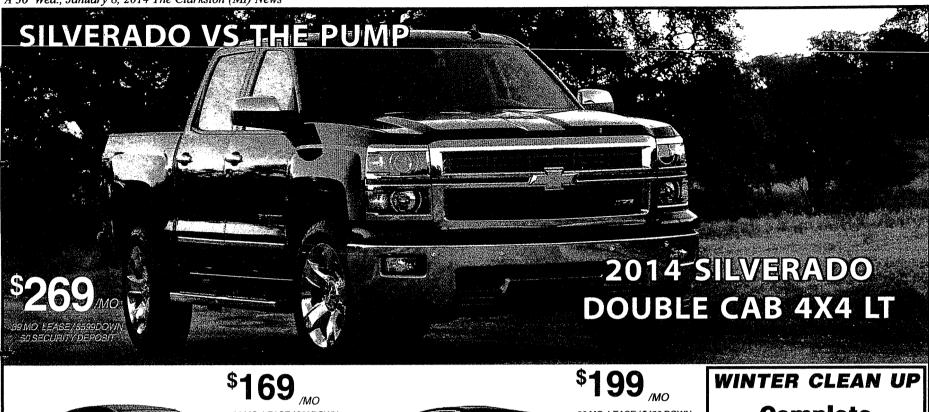
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