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# Confusion in Clarkston

## Superintendent Rock contract on the line

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Dozens of Clarkston teachers, parents and students, some with "Rod Rocks" T-shirts, filled the school board meeting, Monday, in support of Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

"He is quite simply the best," said Cheryl Patterson, Clarkston High School teacher. "I'm profoundly grateful to Dr. Rock for his leadership. He is a visionary and educator who continuously strives to do what is in the best interest of children – it makes a big difference to the staff to know Dr. Rock's contract is renewed."

Patterson said she wasn't sure, when she decided to attend the meeting, if the school board was on the same page.

"The longer you all keep talking, the less I'm sure you're in the same book,"



Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock listens to comments at the meeting. Photo by Phil Custodio

she said.

The school board voted 6-1 to bring the superintendent's contract up for a vote at the next meeting, Feb. 24. At its last meeting, Jan. 27, the board tabled approval of a superintendent evaluation letter last meeting, partly because of confusion over when Rock's three-year contract would be renewed.

"I thought we would act on the contract after his evaluation (in December)," said Trustee Steve Hyer.

Delaying action on the contract sends the wrong message, Hyer said.

"A three-year contract is standard in the education industry," Hyer said. "Anything less signals maybe something's wrong."

The board changed the superintendent's evaluation schedule from May to December, based on a recommendation by Michigan Association of School Boards because school board elections were moved from May to November, said board President Rosalie Lieblang.

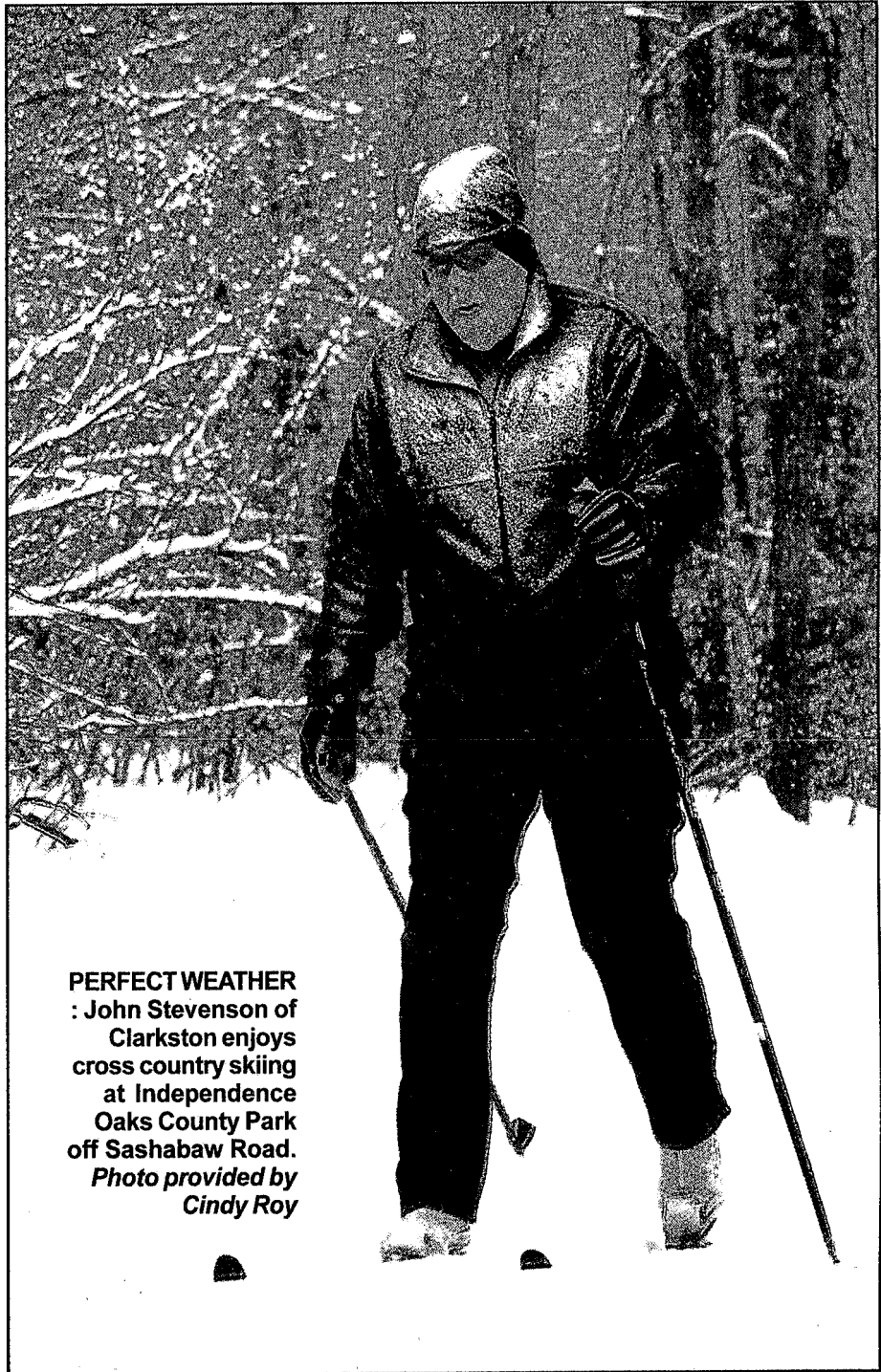
"There was certainly never any intention to send any message," Lieblang said.

No official board action was taken to change the timing of the superintendent contract from June, she said.

The letter she prepared for the Jan. 27 rated the superintendent as "effective," and the contract, which is through June 2016, could be approved anytime between now and June, she said.

"I'm not sure how maintaining the normal course of board business fostered any questions or concerns regarding Dr. Rock's employment status," Lieblang said. "We

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: John Stevenson of Clarkston enjoys cross country skiing at Independence Oaks County Park off Sashabaw Road. Photo provided by Cindy Roy

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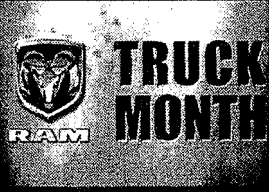


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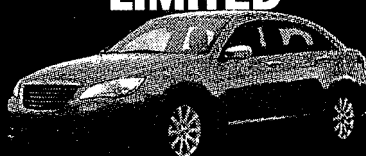
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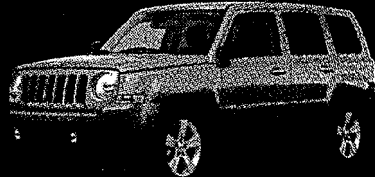
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# Crowd crashes board meeting to support Rock

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value Dr. Rock's leadership and the positive effect he has had on the administrators, teachers, staff, students and our community."

Supporters of the superintendent spread the word about the contract confusion throughout the day and weekend before Monday's meeting, including through social media with Twitter "#IsupportRodRock." Several spoke during public comment supporting the superintendent.

Leanne Moore of Independence Township said Rock knows teachers by name.

"His emails and tweets keep us going when we feel we have nothing left to give," Moore said. "Dr. Rock is leading us and preparing us so students can be successful, not only in class but in life. I hope you can see by the turn out how much we respect and support Dr. Rock."

Carol Barber of Independence Township said Rock sent a letter to her son in his first year of college.

"Dr. Rock has brought an exciting culture of learning and exploring to students and teachers," Barber said.

Kathy Noble, Bailey Lake Elementary, said Dr. Rock asked them not to attend the meeting.

"What does this tell you," Noble asked. "If you've already done a review, why do you need another one? It's clear there's not a consensus on the board. You're not operating together, you each have own little agenda, not working as a board - let's focus on the kids."

Mike Olsen, teacher at CHS, said the superintendent inspires teachers every day, and not just in Clarkston.

"He inspires teachers in other districts too," Olsen said. "They love his encouraging inspiring words - he inspires us. We'd do anything for this man."

The annual superintendent evaluation is legally required, and results are used in the superintendent contract process. Also, changes in state law meant they had to change evaluation criteria. The new laws focus on measurable student growth, progress



Mary Lynn reads a letter supporting Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock at Monday's meeting. Photo by Phil Custodio

towards School Improvement Plans, attendance and graduation rates, and surveys of parents, residents, and other stakeholders, Lieblang said.

To comply, the board used MASB tools as well as a consultant, who was an ex-superintendent, she said.

"There were some questions from board members and Dr. Rock himself, as to whether or not we would review the superintendent's contract prior to June," the board president said.

Based on consultant recommendations, she informed board members and the superintendent the contract would be addressed in June.

"The consultant specifically stated that we wouldn't want to make changes to the superintendent position in the middle of the school year, so the contract timing should

stay in the June timeframe," Lieblang said. "I was surprised that at the last board meeting, there were still some questions on the timing of the superintendent contract."

Trustee Cheryl McGinnis remembers differently.

"I never agreed with changing the timing," McGinnis said at Monday's meeting.

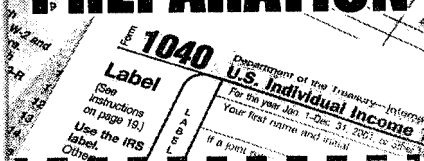
Board Secretary Craig Hamilton, who voted against bringing the contract up at next meeting, favors another full evaluation in June to get back to a normal schedule.

"I like the summer better - it seems there'd be more time available, not in middle of school year," Hamilton said.

Rock said he isn't interested in another full evaluation in June, and is seeking independent legal advice on the matter.

"I wouldn't evaluate someone twice in one year," he said.

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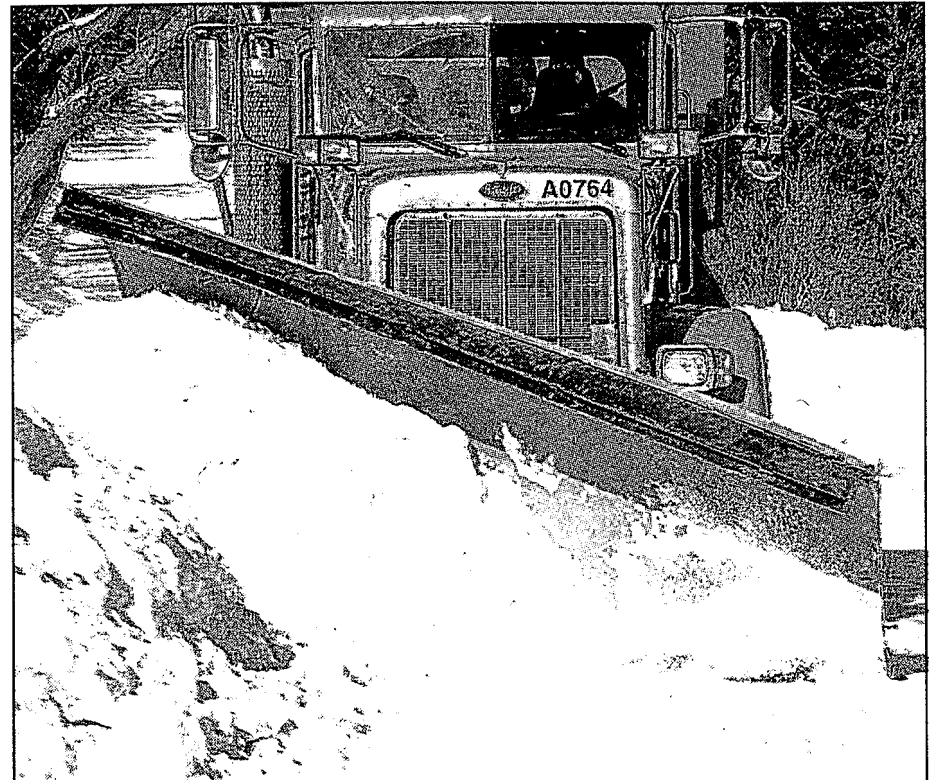
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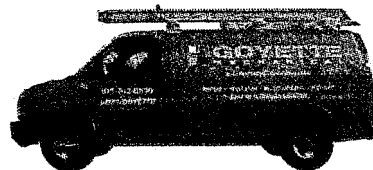
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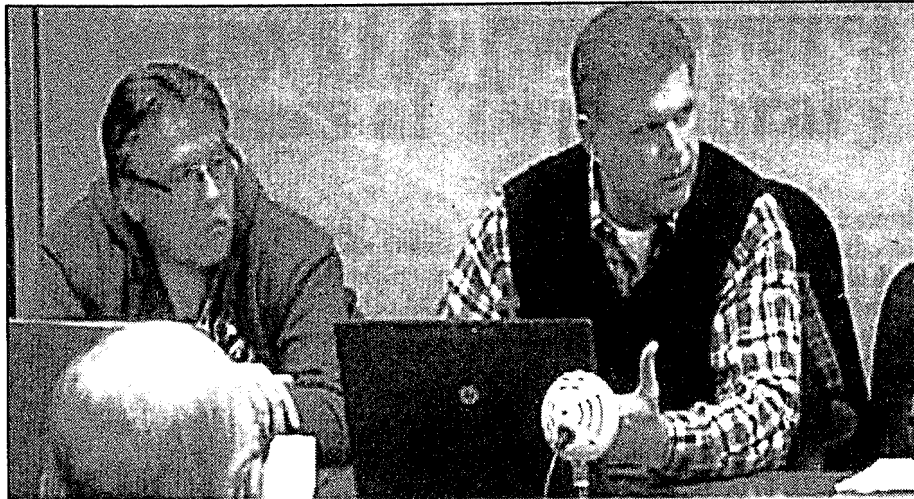
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## City of the Village of Clarkston City Council

January 27th, 2014

Clarkston Mayor Joe Luginski, at right, makes a point while Councilmember Mike Sabol listens. Photo from villageofclarkston.org

## Sabol defends sign removals

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

For City Council member Mike Sabol, leadership sometimes means action. Last fall and summer action meant patrolling Clarkston streets and removing illegal signs.

"For the record, it was me that took the signs down—I felt like I have the right," Sabol said at the Jan. 27 council meeting. "I didn't want the city to look like crap."

But Council member Sharon Catallo said some of those signs had permission, including signs for the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's annual fall fund raiser.

"The problem I have is it was done by a member of the council so it makes it look like it was a council decision," Catallo said. "You have to be so very careful when you are serving on the council when you are doing things like that."

Art Pappas, city manager at the time, gave the group a permanent green light to install the signs, Catallo added.

"They used to come every year and Art said to them, 'if you are not going to change anything, just put them up,'" said Catallo, adding the club has always removed the signs promptly after the event.

Sabol said he doesn't care what the old manager said and indulging in selective enforcement, like with signage, is not something the city should partake in.

"We either change the ordinance or say why are we here and why do we have laws," he said.

Sabol continued to defend his actions by saying the signs were in the right-of-way and one in front of a fire hydrant—all of which were wrong, he said. He added there are many other requirements, like insurance, that must

be met to installing signs.

The city has a process in place regarding the issue, he said.

"This city right now looks absolutely beautiful with all the snowflakes and all the lights," he said, adding he does not get to see it much every day because he leaves so early for work.

But one morning, he took his wife to work and did not see any signs on the way. When he returned, the city was plastered.

"The city looked like crap, it looked terrible," he said.

City offices were closed and no one was around to address the problem, he said.

"I decided, yes I decided, to take them down," he said.

After deciding the signs had to go, Sabol said he walked city streets for three hours and yanked out about 21 signs from five different groups, including many from the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club.

Sabol said he also removed signs in the summertime, which City Manager Carol Eberhardt was aware of and since no one reprimanded him for his actions in summer, he thought nothing of removing more signs.

Sabol added the city manager asked for help and many people support his actions.

Sabol's wife, Kathy, speaking outside of public comment, said she was appalled certain council members took an oath and then breaks the rules.

Mayor Joe Luginski said the ordinance may need to be amended, but the discussion was closed with an agreement that organizations come before council for permission to install signage.

"We will make sure we follow the process of make a change," said Luginski.

## Briefly

### Spring Break deal

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## Clarkston grad chief of White Lake Police

Clarkston High School graduate Adam Kline was selected as the new police chief in White Lake.

"I think it's a great honor for me and also a good thing for the people of White Lake," said Kline, who graduated from CHS in 1982.

Already serving as a lieutenant with 26 years in the White Lake Police Department, he can continue its service oriented programs, he said.

"That's what we're about here — a small community in Oakland County, we're about the people here, taking care of them, reducing crime, and increasing the quality of life," he said.

He served in the U.S. Military, and has a bachelor's degree in community development and administration from Central Michigan University. He also graduated from Police Staff and Command Training at Northwestern University and FBI National Academy.

## Correction

The story "Sewer contract disagreement," Feb. 5, should have been headlined "Water contract disagreement."



Kline

## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### Journey of a liver

I soaked in the news calmly but inside I was bursting at the seams - last Thursday would be my last visit with Veslav Stecevic, M.D.

My liver looked good. Losing 90 pounds had reversed the Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH), also known as fatty liver. Now, don't get me wrong. It's been fun but I am sure doctors like to give the news of "you are better."

If you have missed previous columns here is how the journey began - as it usually does with being sick. (Because you aren't going to go to the doctor if you are well.) It was a weird sick - like I ate something that didn't agree with me. But



it was a different food every time. My temperature would go from normal, well normal for me, and drop down to chilly.

I went to my physician who did some tests and then was sent to Stecevic at Endoscopic Solutions, P.C. After a few more tests the fatty liver was making me sick.

NASH is a silent liver disease - some people don't even know they have it. My body just reacted differently. All I had to do was change my eating habits and exercise.

You have heard it before - that is the magic cure - change your eating habits and exercise.

I didn't and I was in the urgent care with excruciating pains in my gallbladder because what was affecting the liver was now heading to other organs.

Fortunately through *The Clarkston News* I interviewed Cindy Crandall from Nuview Nutrition for Trends, our annual special spring section. I explained what was going on and she said Nuview could help. I went through a few different plans with Nuview Nutrition and I can admit I went off the wagon a few times. It was rough but they had a lot of patience and understanding with me as they put me on a new plan - the final plan. The new plan took off 90 pounds in 11 months.

Here I am - alive and kicking because of a liver and a lot of support. I lost 90 pounds and in the journey gained my life back and a lot of perspective. I am more - myself as odd as it sounds like I was hidden away. I am signed on to participate in my third Color Run this year. I also signed up to participate in Warrior Dash at the end of July and maybe, just maybe, I will train for it this year.

# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Reader says 'let good people do good things'

Dear Editor,

When will you stop? Seriously, haven't we heard enough from Mr. Johnston?

For years all he has offered is criticism of everyone and everything without a single REASONABLE solution.

It has to be clear by now that he is not as smart as he thinks he is. You must be able to realize that Mr. Johnston only deals in "Cory Facts" which frequently have little or no basis in reality.

While on city council, Mr. Johnston frequently made statements as if they were factual only to be found to be boldly inaccurate.

If he is so smart, why doesn't he do some-

thing rather than just complain. It makes me think that those who can, do and those who can't, complain. Enough already. Let good people do good things.

Please shut this water torture off. We have had enough. Stop giving him a platform.

As for all of those that serve our communities in a manner of trying to do something good, I say thank you very much for your service.

I am sorry that a few people choose to get in the way and make it so hard to get anything accomplished.

Steve Arkwright  
Clarkston



**SNOW AND SAFETY CONCERN:** The snow keeps piling higher and readers of *The Clarkston News* are noticing the effects on everyone. Here is a picture from one of our readers, included was "our students do not get the sidewalks cleared any longer. This is right after Clarkston High School lets out - students climbing snowbanks and dodging cars." This picture was taken on Flemings Lake Road heading towards Clarkston Road. Photo submitted

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## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1999

**"Holiday Inn proposed for M-15"** A new hotel was proposed for property on M-15 north of the City of Clarkston - but the future of the project hung in limbo due to a proposed zoning of the site. The 80-room Holiday Inn Express Suites, which would be north of I-75 and south of Amy Drive, was tabled by the Independence Township Planning Commission.

**"Just ask someone who's been there"** Independence Township senior citizens shared their memories with students from Clarkston Middle School. Virginia Rotta recalled a lot of dancing during the World War II era and John Zarzycki built tank engines during the war.

**"Wrestlers take second in OAA"** Clarkston Varsity Wrestlers took second place overall in the league with 156 points after having to void in three of the weight classes during the league tournament. A boost came from league champions A.J. Grant, Pat DeGain and Jon Robinson.

### 25 years ago - 1989

**"Suspicious calls reported again"** Residents of Independence and Springfield townships were reporting suspicious calls soliciting - again. Some residents received calls for the Clarkston Fire Department and Davisburg Fire Department - which doesn't exist in either townships. Others received calls soliciting funds for Clarkston High School's Just Say No club, which the club did not make any phone calls to solicit donations or funds.

**"Wolves rally for first place"** The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team was down 13-9 in their third game against Lake Orion which would determine who would take first place in the Greater Oakland Activities League. They came to beat the Dragons, 16-14, and finished the first two games 15-9 and 15-7.

**"Dad host to seven at dance"** Vincent Rauth went to a daddy-daughter dance with his daughter Alicia...and Ellen, Catherine, Mary, Cecilia and Veronica. All seven daughters accompanied him to the dance at Marion High School - it was a culmination of 19 years of attendance for the family.

### 50 years ago - 1964

**"Randy Armstrong wins championships"** Randy Armstrong won the Flint Golden Gloves novice middleweight boxing championship. He decided on Bill Brown from Flint. At the time Armstrong was a junior at Clarkston High School.

## Backyard fun on ice

Clarkston resident Chris Cross got the idea for a backyard hockey rink from his brother, who started a rink in his backyard five years ago.

"I know of at least four backyard hockey rinks in Clarkston," said Cross.

The large sheet of ice serves as a place to have a lot of fun for Cross's family.

His 84-by-44-foot rink features 3,000 watts of electricity for nighttime play and a fire pit with warming area. Cross said it took him about eight hours to install it.

"I have five kids, four boys, who use the rink constantly," he said. "My brother has eight kids and my sister has five kids that use the rink all weekend. On top of that I have three first cousins that have a total of 18 kids that come over frequently to play hockey."

Cross encourages everyone to join in the fun and install some backyard ice.

"It's a big thing in Michigan," he smiled.

It can also be relatively inexpensive. A few hundred bucks will get you years worth of fun on ice, he said.

For more on how to build an outdoor hockey rink visit: [howtohockey.com/how-to-build-a-backyard-hockey-rink](http://howtohockey.com/how-to-build-a-backyard-hockey-rink)

— Andrea Beaudoin



Clarkston resident Chris Cross said his large family, friends and coworkers have had a blast playing hockey on the homemade ice rink he created in his backyard. Submitted photo

## Back to the basics for yours truly

In case you didn't know this newspaper hosts a few business networking groups. We call 'em Coffee Clubs and you can find out more about these local business groups by liking and following our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/coffeeclubmi](http://www.facebook.com/coffeeclubmi)). But that is not what I'm writing about today.

Nope.

Today I am writing about our theme for this year at the Coffee Clubs yours truly heads up (the clubs in Ortonville and Clarkston - I haven't the foggiest idea of what the Orion Coffee Club is doing.) and that theme is *getting back to the basics*. At the Coffee Club this means, getting back to presenting an elevator speech; a quick, concise one minute presentation of who you are, what you do, what you're looking for and a tagline (if you got one). I suppose "getting back to the basics," however, can mean different things to different people.

To an educator it might mean putting more emphasis on the basics of reading, writing and 'rhythmic. To a parent it might be less about smothering little Johnnie and Suzie's teachers with how wonderful their own kid is, and more about smothering little Johnnie and Suzie with love and yes, sometimes that means tough love.

To some in business, it might mean doing things "the way we always do." But, I don't think that's what it's supposed to mean. In the business world, getting back to the basics means getting back to doing stuff entrepreneurially versus managerially.

A manager has his or her place, but managerially they

try to produce the same or more, with less (we all know the manager who's penny wise and dollar dumb). Their job is tied into the status quo.

An entrepreneur on the other hand, will take risks, try different approaches, products and ideas all to make more money and profit; and with more money and profit comes more ability to provide for his or her family and the community at large. Of course, an entrepreneur knows every endeavor has a risk of not succeeding and that failure is just another part of learning how to succeed. That can hurt financially.

In local government, Independence Township is getting back to the basics, by thinking outside of the box. Their electeds (Pat Kittle, Barb Pallotta, Paul Brown, David Lohmeier, Andrea Schroeder, Jose Aliaga and Ron Ritchie) have come to the conclusion the best way to govern is to govern an educated constituency. They are continually reviewing what has been done in the past and working on a better future -- and they are keeping their community in the know each step of the way.

Each month they send out *The Independence Times* to nearly every single address in the township, residential and business. They are getting back to basics by communicating and being open. I think all townships and villages and cities should try this.

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It's my belief a good newspaper not only reports on what is happening (good and bad, triumphs and tragedies, everything -- warts and all) but it also needs to engage its readers.

A newspaper needs to ask questions not only of officials, but of the common folk. One of the things I've tried to do this year is to use Facebook to generate conversation in the community. As a starting point, I've asked, "what

is the downside of dissolving the local city/village government in favor of just one local governing body, like Oxford Township, Clarkston Township, or Lake Orion Township or Goodrich Township?"

I usually get answers like, "That's a stupid idea! Don't do it, we'll lose our identity!"

I don't understand how that would be. I think in Goodrich, Oxford and Clarkston, the schools are already known by their name, as are the post offices. The unique towns wouldn't -- POOF! -- disappear. And, residents would still be represented by their neighbors of the same community. How is that losing an identity? Or is it more of just doing what's always been done because it's what they know and what they're comfortable with? Isn't that the classic contempt prior to investigation mentality?

For me -- personally -- "getting back to the basics" means all of the above. I think I need to be more entrepreneurial, more giving, less confrontational authoritative and more mentoring. While I should hold fewer grudges and be more forgiving, I should also go into every endeavor with eyes open and not blindly naive.

It is time to get back into the communities, reach out to classrooms and service groups, do more talking, make more presentations. Shake more hands and shake more things up. It's time to use what I know to better myself and my future (for a small fee I coach up any locals writing). What? Think about retirement? Yep, I reckon at 51 it's about time I think about putting more into savings and that means getting back to the basics of self reliance.

What does "getting back to the basics" mean to you? I'd like to know. E-mail me your thoughts to: [Don@ShermanPublications.org](mailto:Don@ShermanPublications.org)

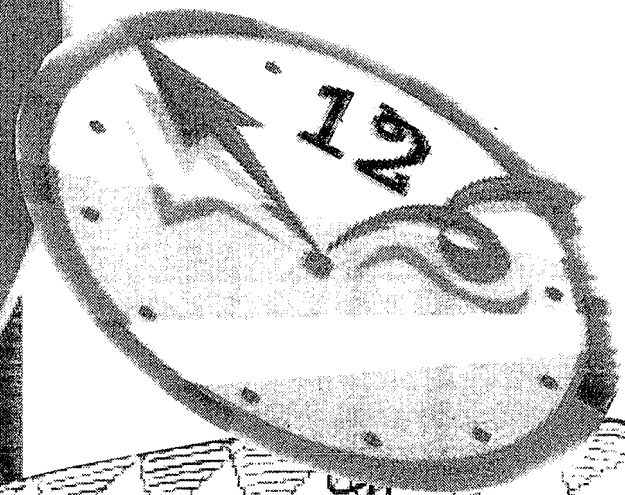
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# Public Safety

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## Dog distraction

A barking German shepherd kept firefighters and deputies from checking on a resident, 12:04 p.m., Jan. 31, in the 5000 block of Woodstone Court. The resident was injured from falling off an exercise machine, crawled to a bedroom, and called 911. The deputy found some dog treats in the kitchen and kept the pet distracted while paramedics treated the resident. She was taken to the hospital for leg and ankle injuries.

## Plate taken

The license plate was taken from a car parked in a driveway in the 7000 block of Felix Drive, Feb. 1.

## Contempt of court order

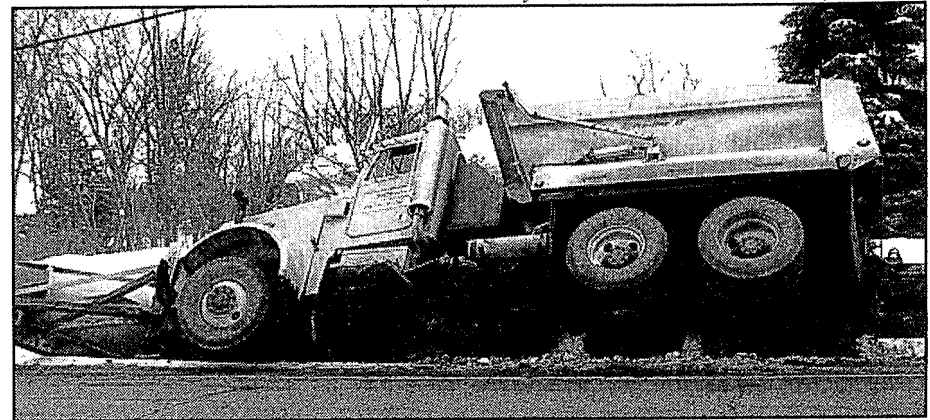
A 19-year-old Independence Township man was arrested and jailed for violating a personal protection order, contempt of court order, and possession of drug paraphernalia, 4:26 p.m., Feb. 2, in the 5000 block of Dvorak Street. The suspect's father called police after the son refused to leave the house. A deputy found on him a pipe, spoon, and two needles in his coat he said he used heroin.

## Shooting investigation

Investigation continues into an adult suicide at a gun range in the 6500 block of Dixie Highway, Accurate Gun Range, 12:34 p.m., Feb. 4. According to Oakland County Sheriff's Office, the 28-year-old Waterford Township woman purchased three boxes of 9mm ammunition, most of which she fired on the range with a rented pistol. When employees checked on her later, they found her on the floor. A detective reviewed the range surveillance video, which showed no one else was involved. The OCSO Forensic Lab responded to process the scene. Crisis services are available with Common Ground at 800-231-1127 or 810-456-0909.

## Unattended children

Responding to calls about two unattended children in a car in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 4:39 p.m., Feb. 3, deputies tracked the license plate to a residence in Waterford. They spoke to the mother of the children, ages 5 and 7, reminding her the boys were too young to be left alone. She said it was only for a few minutes and it wouldn't happen again.



**DITCHED PLOW:** A Road Commission for Oakland County plow was clearing the shoulder of Clarkston Road, Monday, when he got too close to the ditch and fell in. "It has happened a few times," said Brock Gritzinger, RCOC foreman. "He was just trying to push snow back from the shoulder of the road as far as he could and got sucked in the ditch." Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Heroin user

A 19-year-old Orion Township woman called police after suspecting her boyfriend, a 19-year-old Oxford man, of using heroin in the bathroom of a residence in the 7000 block of Valley Park Drive, 12:23 a.m., Feb. 6. She had confronted him after hearing him in the bathroom, they argued, and he threatened to hit her and hid her purse. She called police from her truck. Deputies found him asleep in a chair, and as he put his pants on, a spoon, burnt and covered in heroin residue, fell out. He was turned over to Narcotics Enforcement.

## No license

A 35-year-old Pontiac woman was jailed for driving with an expired license and expired plate, 10:43 a.m., Feb. 6, on I-75. A deputy stopped her because of an expired sticker on her license plate, and found she had no driver's license, registration, or proof of insurance. She had two warrants for her arrest, out of 52-2 District County for failure to appear on a second driving with suspended license charge and 48th District Court for failure to appear on another driving with suspended license charge.

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## A Baker's Dozen of Important Health Practices By: Dr. Michael Baker

As you the patient become your personal healthcare decision maker it is important to be knowledgeable and mindful of these items as you make your day to day lifestyle choices.

### My Top 13 List:

- 1. Discontinue (or don't start) tobacco usage.** Cigarette smoking is the single most harmful thing you can do to adversely affect your health. Cigars, chew and pipe smoking are unhealthy as well. No tobacco!
- 2. Lose weight.** Obesity is epidemic and has negative effects on every aspect of health. Burn off more calories than you take in. Weight Watcher's, medically supervised programs and even weight loss surgery for the very obese are on the short list of tools at your disposal.
- 3. Increase Your Physical Activity.** 30-60 minutes of moderate to vigorous activity 5 times weekly will aid in your weight loss, increase your heart and lung function, relieve stress and improve your overall health status. Yoga is a healthy alternative. Get up and move!
- 4. Reduce Alcohol.** Up to 2 drinks/day especially red wine can reduce your heart risk. More than that definitely reduces your health status. Resveratrol supplements seem to provide the red wine benefit without the alcohol risk or calories.
- 5. Consume good fats.** Monounsaturated fats, olive oil, small amounts of nuts such as walnuts and almonds and foods or supplements containing Omega-3 fatty acids have a multitude of health benefits.
- 6. Eat smaller amounts of locally produced (preferably organic) foods.** Increase green leafy vegetables, beans, whole grains. Grow your own. Avoid products sweetened with high fructose corn syrup.
- 7. Eat Chocolate.** Dark chocolate with >70% cacao has been shown to have a multitude of beneficial health effects. Avoid highly sweetened and milk chocolate.
- 8. Drink Black Coffee.** Many studies have demonstrated superior health status in moderate coffee drinkers. Avoid the sugar and fat rich lattes and mocha drinks. If you are caffeine intolerant green tea is an excellent alternative.
- 9. Take Vitamin D.** Almost all people residing in the Great Lakes region are vitamin D deficient.

Exposure to the sun is our primary source. Vitamin D is important for many aspects of health.

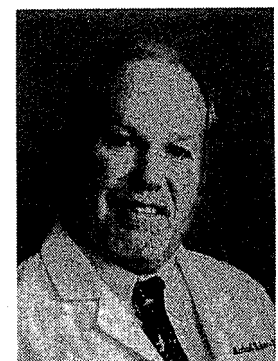
**10. Get Enough Sleep.** Requirements vary by age and individual. Find your need and get a little extra.

**11. Be in a Monogamous Long Term Relationship.** Married people live longer than unmarried. This is especially true for men.

**12. Have a Hobby.** Gardening, woodworking, sewing, music, art etc. Good for the body, mind and soul. Life is good!

**13. Maintain Regular Follow up with your Primary Care Physician.** Age related checkups for testing, monitoring, and vaccinations are all key to health improvement and maintenance.

No rocket science here, although these suggestions have been well distributed, it never hurts to review and reinforce.



# Clarkston's Sporting News

**Camo Out...**  
Clarkston Girls Basketball hosts Hoops for Troops on Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

## Cagers climb for victory

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

If it was up to Southfield, they would have gladly finished the game against the Wolves last Friday in the first quarter while they were up by 14 points.

But for the Wolves having three more quarters gave them the opportunity to boost themselves into the lead for a 69-52 win.

"To come back was just incredible," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "Defense and character won that game - to stay in it mentally and believe in the system, believe in themselves and believe in the program. It was just a great win."

Within the first few minutes of the game Southfield put seven points on the board off a basket from Khary Fanning and two field goals from Howard McInnis as Clarkston's Mike Nicholson scored one point from the free throw line.

The Bluejays continued to hit 3-pointers to hold the lead 22-8 by the time the first quarter finished.

Southfield opened the second quarter with a 3-pointer from McInnis before Clarkston scored on a pair of baskets from Andrew Myers and Nicholson.

The scoring continued for the Wolves as they brought in Press Kampe and Andrew Swanson to help the boys out. By the time the buzzer signaled the end of the first half, Southfield's lead had cut down to 34-29.

"We grinded it out, started getting stops

and making some baskets," said Fife. "Press and Andrew did a great job in the second quarter getting us back in the game. It was just incredible to go into halftime five points down. If we go into half down at 20 it is hard to come back in 16 minutes."

Myers started the second half with a basket with Southfield coming back with a 3-pointer. But Myers struck again when Southfield turned over the ball and made a steal at half court before passing it to Nicholson, who scored.

Merrick Canada kept it going as he scored next before Southfield scored one more 3-pointer to put the score 40-35.

"They made them all," Fife added about the Bluejays 3-pointers. "It was frustrating but hopefully some wouldn't work and they would get tired of shooting."

Merrick followed had two assists including one to Nicholson when he tied the score 40-40 with 3:25 left in the third quarter.

The Wolves put 13 points on the board before the quarter finished with the last three points from Merrick with four seconds remaining with cheers from Clarkston fans.

"In the second half it came back down to our starters," said Fife. "They did a pretty good job."

He added the close games are good for the team.

"It shows if you can handle it mentally," he said. "We don't need blowouts we need games we have to fight for everything we get and that's good for us. It makes us better and we learn from those."

Nicholson led with 20 points. Owens scored 18 points with four 3-pointers and Myers added 12 points.

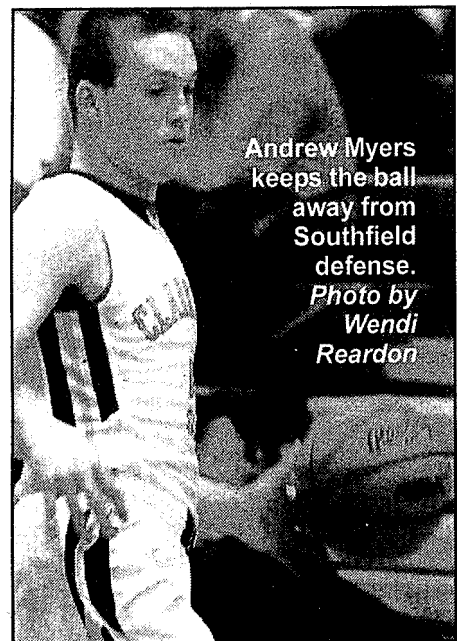
Clarkston defeated Southfield-Lathrup, 55-52. Owens led with 19 points with two 3-pointers and Nicholson added 13 points. Myers and Throgmorton scored eight points each and Throgmorton had a 3-pointer.

"These last two games and getting beat by Carman-Ainsworth (71-53) was good for us," Fife added. "If we fight back - and we fought back the other day against Lathrup - it showed we could come back."

The Wolves host Rochester Adams on Friday before heading to North Farmington next Wednesday.

"The league is so tough and everyone is gunning for us," Fife added. "You have to be ready to play every game. We can't look past anybody."

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



Andrew Myers keeps the ball away from Southfield defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



From left Ian Eriksen, Caine Watlington, Tim Cason, David Beedle, Nick Matich and Shane Hynes celebrate signing their letters of intent last Wednesday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Six sign for future

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

They used their skills to help their team win Clarkston's first MHSAA Division 1 Football State Championship and now six gridiron heroes are ready to use their skills on the collegiate level.

Seniors David Beedle, Tim Cason, Ian Eriksen, Shane Hynes, Nick Matich and Caine Watlington signed their letters of intent and celebrated the moment with friends and family last Wednesday.

Beedle, a lineman who has always been a Michigan State University fan, signed to be a Spartan.

"It's exciting," he said. "I have been waiting for this day for a while ever since junior year."

It wasn't being a fan which drew him in but visits to the campus where he enjoyed the campus and the family atmosphere.

"I could just tell that's where I wanted to go," he said, adding he is leaning towards studying kinesiology and becoming a physical therapist.

Cason, wide receiver and defensive back, is heading to Purdue, where he will follow in his dad's footsteps and study electrical engineering.

"I am happy to start my new journey,"

he smiled as he explained why he chose Purdue. "It was the academics, athletics and I always wanted to play for the Big Ten. My parents loved it."

Eriksen was also smiling as he became a runningback for Eastern Michigan University, which was the first college he received an offer.

"After visiting and seeing the campus, feeling the community and the school I really liked the campus and what EMU football had going on," he added. "I am excited to see how we are going to do in a couple of years."

He plans to study economics and possibly business.

Kicker Hynes is heading to Kent State to study nursing and will join Clarkston alumni Matt Dellinger.

"It's awesome," he said about signing. "I really liked the college and the staff. It felt like they were part of my family and knowing Matt is also at Kent was a good support. It's good to have someone there and I can always ask him for advice."

Matich will become a linebacker for Western Michigan University where he will study pharmaceutical sales.

"It's good to have the recruiting process Please see Gridiron on page 14

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# Lady Wolves sink two

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers remain in the lead for the OAA Red title after defeating two league foes last week.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team opened the week with a close match-up against Stoney Creek to pull ahead for a 46-41 victory, Feb. 4

The girls were down 11 points as they headed into the second half and came back to turn the game around.

"We created a lot of energy from our press and got the ball where we wanted to offensively against their depth," said Tim Wasilk, head coach. "I think that is what helped them to take the lead."

Junior Erika Davenport led the girls with 31 points with 11 rebounds and four steals as senior Kacy Robinson helped with 11 points and one 3-pointer.

They followed it with a win over West Bloomfield on Friday, 40-23. They opened the first quarter by outscoring the home team 10-4 and kept the Lady Lakers to only one point in the second quarter as they scored 16 points.

Davenport led with 15 points and had ten rebounds and six assists. Robinson added 11 points with seven rebound and four steals. Junior Jessica Altene added seven points to the board.

The wins put the Lady Wolves 13-2 overall and 8-1 in the league and in first place.

Wasilk added they are one game ahead of Southfield-Lathrup, who they play on Wednesday, and Farmington Hills Harrison,

where they head to next Tuesday.

"There are five games left in the league and they are all going to be tightly contested battles," said Wasilk. "We are excited to go after it."

The girls head to Southfield-Lathrup on Wednesday and host North Farmington on Thursday.

"We have already played back-to-back games in the last few weeks," Wasilk said, adding it is a strength. "Our girls already have a feel for it which helps."

The Lady Wolves will also host Hoops for Troops on Thursday in honor of Jenna Beno, a 2006 Clarkston graduate and an army veteran who died of injuries sustained while serving in Iraq in October 2012.

"Jenna had a great personality," Wasilk recalled about Beno who was the team manager in 2006. "She was fun to be around and had a passion for Clarkston Athletics. She did an excellent job and had a great work ethic."

Megan Goldberg, assistant coach for the JV Lady Wolves team has been putting the event together and proceeds for the night are donated to Luke's Wings, a non-profit organization uniting wounded warriors, veterans and heroes with their loved ones.

"It is definitely going to be a neat event," Wasilk added. "It is a good event to bring people together, honor Jenna in that regard and raise money for a good cause at the same time."

The Lady Wolves invite the community to come at 5:30 p.m. as JV begins the night with their game against North Farmington.

# Wolves split showcase

Icers ended their trip to the Michigan Public High School Showcase with a 3-0 win over Canton on Sunday.

Roman Reiner led with two goals while Austin Fullmer scored one goal and had one assist. Chase Weidemann had three assists for the game. Jack Viazanko made 25 saves in the shutout.

"It was a good win," said Bryan Krygier, head coach for Clarkston Hockey. "Jack played well. He made a lot of good saves. Chase has been playing pretty well. He is leading our team with points and he contributes every night and every game for us."

"We were on them and we beat them to the puck," he added. "We had a lot more energy and we made their defense turnover the puck in their defensive zone by being on them a little bit more quicker."

The Wolves lost to Reeths-Puffer on Thursday, 3-2, with a goal from Reiner and Garrett Polish. Weidemann, Jacob LaPorte and Drake Gentile had one assist each while Nick Surovec made 25 saves in the net. The

Wolves put a total of 29 shots on Reeths-Puffer's net.

"We didn't start playing until the middle of the second period," said Krygier. "We were down quick in the second period. We were flat and basically we weren't ready to play. When you play half a game and already dug yourself in a hole in the first period it is hard to come back."

The boys host Farmington United on Thursday at Detroit Skating Club, 6 p.m.

"We beat them last time," Krygier added. "They have a good team. It was a close game so I think it should be a competitive game. Hopefully we are prepared and ready to play when we hit the ice."

He added strengths going into the game are the Wolves' goal scoring and goaltending. They will have Surovec in the net for the night.

"He has been playing pretty well," Krygier said. "He has been consistent and goals against us have come down the last 4-5 games." ~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

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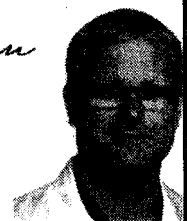
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Clarkston Varsity Wrestling win MHSAA Team Districts. Photo by WAR

## Grapplers bring home district honors

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

The grapplers are gearing up for their next step in the post season as they head into the MHSAA Wrestling Regional competitions this week.

The Wolves ended the week with the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Districts at Rochester last Saturday where they finished with three champions Cameron Wilkie (119), Jake Dionne (130) and Tyler Slating (145).

They also had seven more qualifiers with second place finishers Greg Miller (112) and Nate Troutvine (215); third place finisher Mitchell Nelson (112) and fourth place finishers were Connor Ryan (119), Brett Foltz (125), Kyle Masters (140) and Nolan Eriksen (152).

Wilkie won the championship round with a major decision over Oxford's Collin Campbell, 16-5, for his third win for the day. He also defeated Lake Orion's David Moore, 7-0, and teammate Ryan, 7-0.

Dionne also went undefeated for the day for 3-0 beginning with a win over Rochester's Nicholas Maier with a fall 2:54. He defeated Bloomfield Hills' Angelo Yousef with a fall 1:32 before going into the championship round for a 7-4 victory over Aiden Pierobon from Stoney Creek.

Slating won his championship match with a pin against Waterford Mott's Corbin Moorer at 1:57. Before the last round he defeated Oxford's Peter Economou, 4-0; and Rochester Adams' Sam Addy, 9-5.

Miller went 3-1 for the day for second place with a win against Stoney Creek's Drew Larson with a fall :22; another fall over Oxford's Bailey Kammerer, 2:57; and a fall against his teammate Nelson, :24. Miller lost to Oxford's Alex Hrisopoulos on a pin, 1:07.

Troutvine also went 3-1 for second place with win over Rochester's Richard Hamilton, 15-0; Oxford's Jamal Pettiford, 16-4; and Utica's Kyle Walker, 5-3. He lost to Oxford's Ben Line, 11-1.

Nelson went 4-1 for the day with a wins over Troy's Nicholas Gee, a fall :59; Rochester Adams' Dylan Howcroft in two rounds, 14-5 and 11-1; and Rochester's Noah Temes, fall 4:01. His lone loss was against teammate Miller.

Ryan finished 2-2 for the day with wins over Romeo's Brett Peterson, 16-2; and Utica Eisenhower's Vince Marceau, 10-3. He lost to Wilkie, 7-0, and Bloomfield Hills' Kajuan Caldwell, 5-1.

Foltz also finished with a 2-2 record for the day beginning with a win over Utica's Nick Mason, 13-3, and a fall over Cody Martin from Romeo, 2:10 during the consolation semi-final. He lost to Rochester Adams' Jake Anderson, 5-0; and Utica Eisenhower's Carlo Marceau, 2-1.

Masters started his 3-2 journey with a win over Waterford Mott's Mat Schneider, 6-4. He went on to defeat Utica Eisenhower's Alex Franks, 24-14, and his Clarkston teammate Nate Vandermeer, 7-0. Masters lost to Tevin Machart from Utica Ford II, 16-0; and Andrew Ellicott from Troy, 9-3.

Eriksen was 2-2 for the day with wins over Stoney Creek's Jon Quigley, with a fall at 4:51; and Utica's Peter Gjini, 5-0. He lost to Romeo's Seth Decent, 4-2; and Utica Ford II's Viktor Gegic, 7-2.

The Wolves began the week with a night of celebration last Wednesday as the grapplers honored their seniors and captured the MHSAA Wrestling Team District title.

"It was good," said Derek Moscovic, head coach. "It was a great accomplishment. They

work extremely hard during the year and deserve to be district champs."

The Wolves began the night with a 57-12 win over Bloomfield Hills. They continued with beating Waterford Mott, 58-6, with wins from Eriksen with a void, Kas Waitkus (160) on a fall with :56 left in the first period; Stevan Franco (171), 12-6; Nevin Strayer (189), 6-2; Troutvine, void; Miller, a fall with ten seconds left in the first period; and Ryan, 15-1.

The boys won the next three rounds with voids for Wilkie, Foltz and Dionne.

Masters added six more points with a fall with 56 seconds remaining in the first period before Slater finished the night with a 10-5 win.

"Overall the whole team performance stood out - up and down the line," Moscovic said.

The team heads to Rochester High School, 180 S. Livernois Road in Rochester, for the MHSAA Wrestling Team Regionals on Wednesday where they will take on Utica Ford in semi-finals.

The winner moves on to the final round against the Rochester/Oxford winner for an opportunity to go to the state championship.

The individual district qualifiers head to Oxford, 745 N. Oxford Road, on Saturday where they will go against district champions from Rochester and Alpena. For live results, visit [www.trackwrestling.com](http://www.trackwrestling.com).

Tickets for the MHSAA Wrestling Individual State Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills, Feb. 27 - March 1, are on sale now for general reserved seats through the box office at the Palace. Only all-session reserved seat tickets are sold at a cost of \$45 each, plus applicable Palace Box Office handling charges. For more information, please call 248-377-0100.

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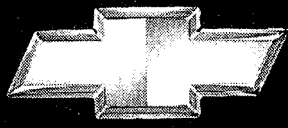
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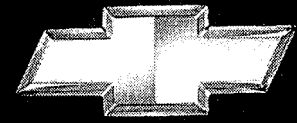
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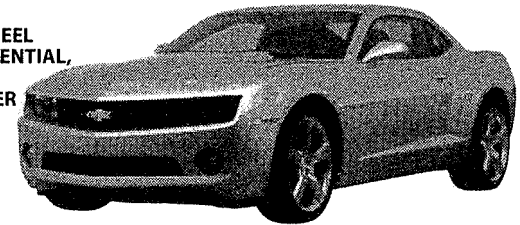
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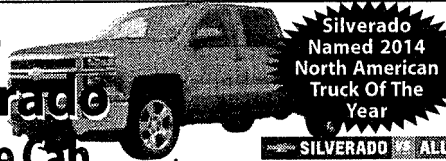
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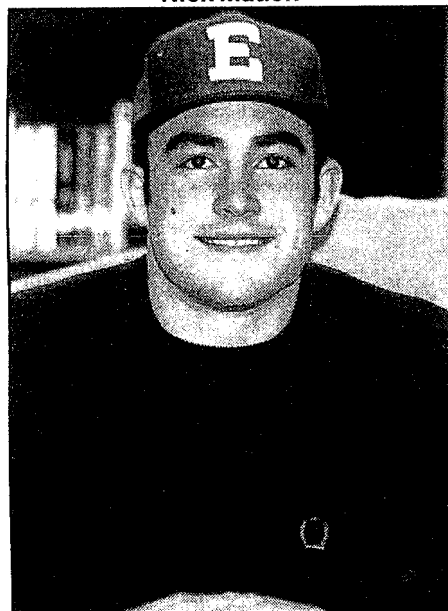


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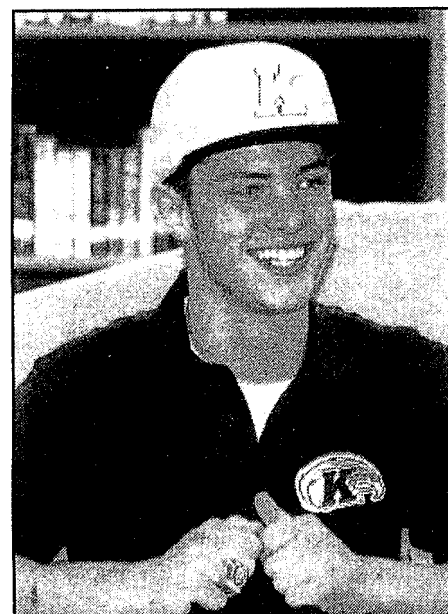
# Gridiron heroes draw from Clarkston experience



Nick Matich



Ian Eriksen



Shane Hynes

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finally over," he said. "It's a big relief off my chest. The class we are bringing in is just ridiculous. I got to know them and met the guys since I committed in the summer. They are the guys I want to be around. I know we will do something special."

The draw for Matich was the coaching staff with head coach P.J. Fleck and assistant defensive line coach Vinson Reynolds.

"Fleck is hands down one of the best coaches I have ever met," he said. "He definitely knows what he is talking about. I think Western and the coaching staff will give me the best shot to do what I need to do."

He added another reason Western was a good pick for him is because he would be a starter his freshman year.

"I am proud of him," said sister, Amber Matich. "I am proud to be his big sister."

Watlington, wide receiver and defensive back, was the last to sign and had the biggest smile as he joined the Air Force Academy to study finance.

"It feels good to finally be committed to a school and it is a great school," he said. "It was the academics and the athletics - basically the things I hold for the future which can't be measured."

A draw to the Air Force Academy was he always thought about going into to the military.

"The Air Force presented an option with football, school and military all into one," he added.

Beedle began playing football in fifth grade when his dad convinced him to try it.

"I was always a baseball kid growing up," he admitted before he tried football ended sticking with the sport. "I was always an aggressive, physical kid when I was younger - football was a place to take it out."

Through the years and learning from the Clarkston Football Program, Beedle feels the coaches have prepared him for college.

"They especially prepared me this year they worked me harder," he said. "Normally if you have a Division 1 kid they would be the centerpiece of the team. They did a good job of keeping everyone level-headed and looking at the bigger picture instead of just the college aspect of it."

Cason began playing when he was nine-years-old when his dad also got him into it. He stuck with it because he developed a passion for it.

"I was never good at it but once I started hitting I got better," he said, adding being part of the Wolves' program also helped him.

"It will help out academic wise and also

football because of the work ethic I learned from KR (Head Coach Kurt Richardson)."

Eriksen had the drive for football since he was in third grade when he told his dad he wanted to play.

"He wasn't going to have me play until seventh grade," he said. "But I said I wanted to play so he let me."

The draw for him was the high impact and intensity of the game

"Every play is a chance to do something amazing," Eriksen smiled. "Not many games are like it."

As he heads to Eastern the Clarkston program in a number of ways.

"There has always been a winning mentality in Clarkston," Eriksen said. "There is a good sense of family and great coaches with a winning mindset. It has helped me to have a winner's mentality."

Hynes started off with soccer but started playing football with encouragement from his uncle, who once played for Clarkston.

"He wanted to see me play football," he said. "I don't think my mom was too happy about the first time I switched over but I think she is happy it paid off now."

For Hynes, the Clarkston coaching staff has helped him out to play on the college level.

"The coaching staff is unlike anyone else," he said. "They expect the most of you and it will help because college coaches expect more work out of you than high school. The coaching staff we have always pushes you and wants to see you reach your full potential."

Matich began playing football when he was eight-years-old explaining he was a big kid and always watched the varsity games.

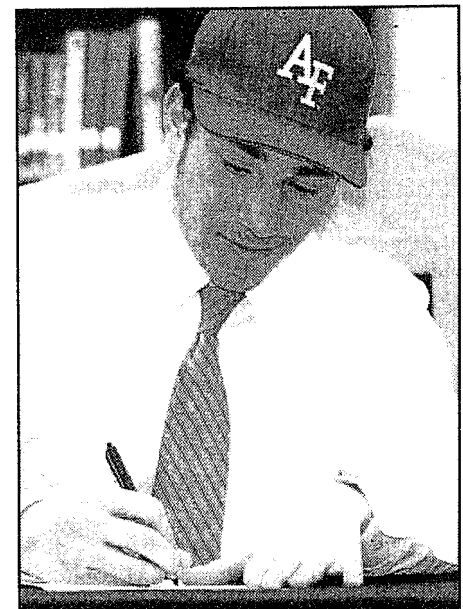
"Seeing those guys play while I played for the Clarkston Chiefs was the best thing ever," he smiled. "Then, playing for varsity, winning the state championship and having those younger guys look up to us is crazy to think about."

Matich added being part of the Clarkston program and playing for a Division 1 school definitely will help because of the level of competition he has seen.

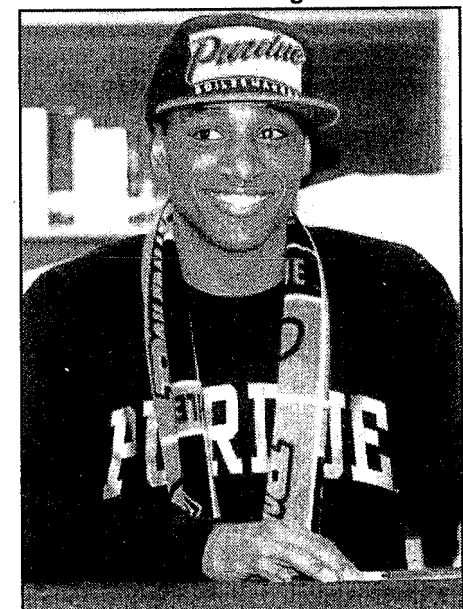
"The competition is the best in the state," he said.

Watlington began playing football with the Clarkston Chiefs when he was eight-years-old. He added growing up with the Clarkston program has taught him not only the fundamentals of the game but the fundamentals of life.

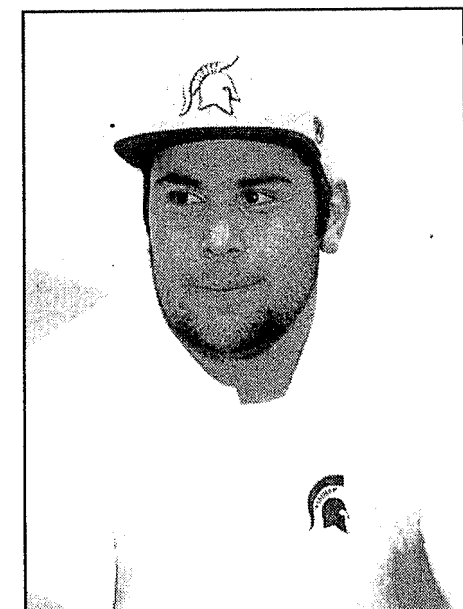
"It taught me how to bounce back from big negatives and taught me how to stand up and be one as a team," Watlington added. "It taught me more cooperation with people around me and also taught me how to balance school and football."



Caine Watlington



Tim Cason



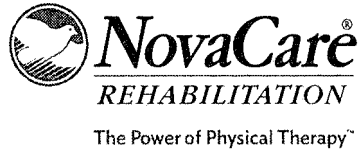
David Beedle

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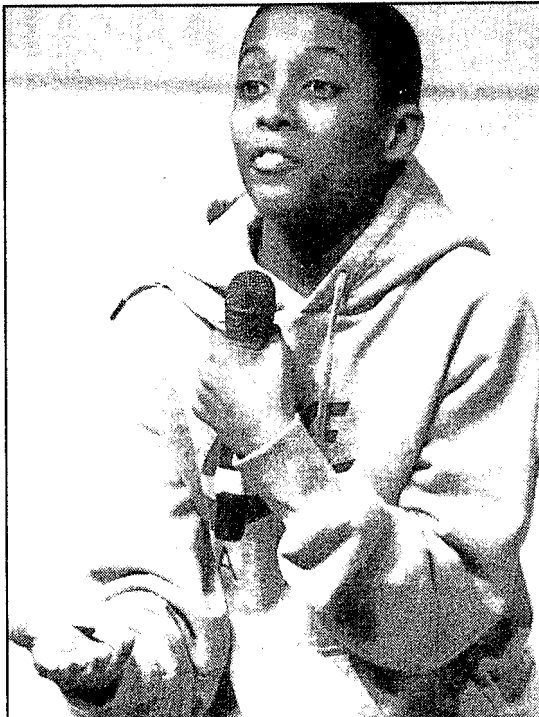


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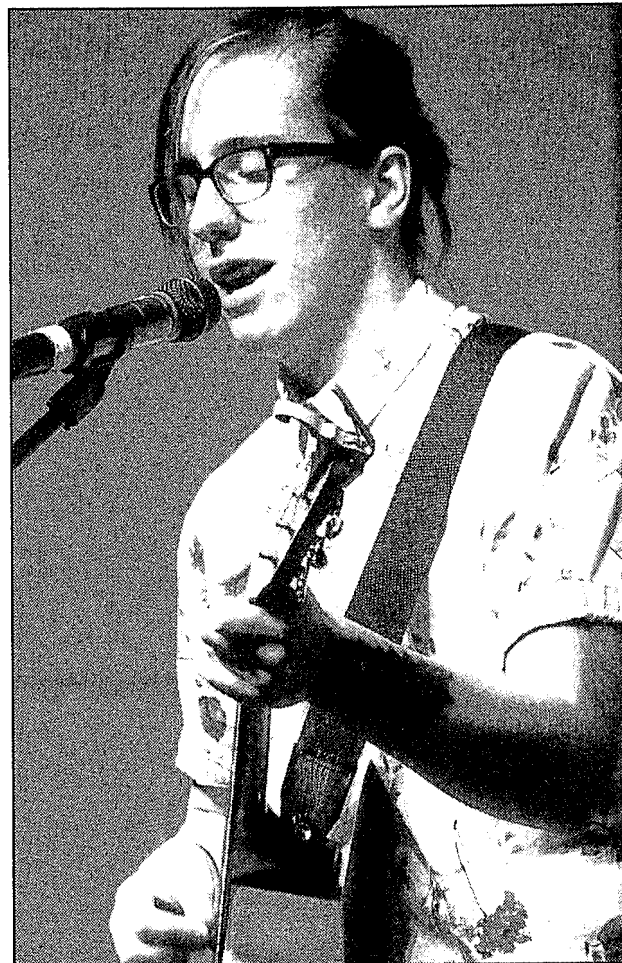
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Tommy Hickey performs Coldplay's "Strawberry Swing." Photos by Wendi Reardon



Nathan Knotts raps for the crowd.

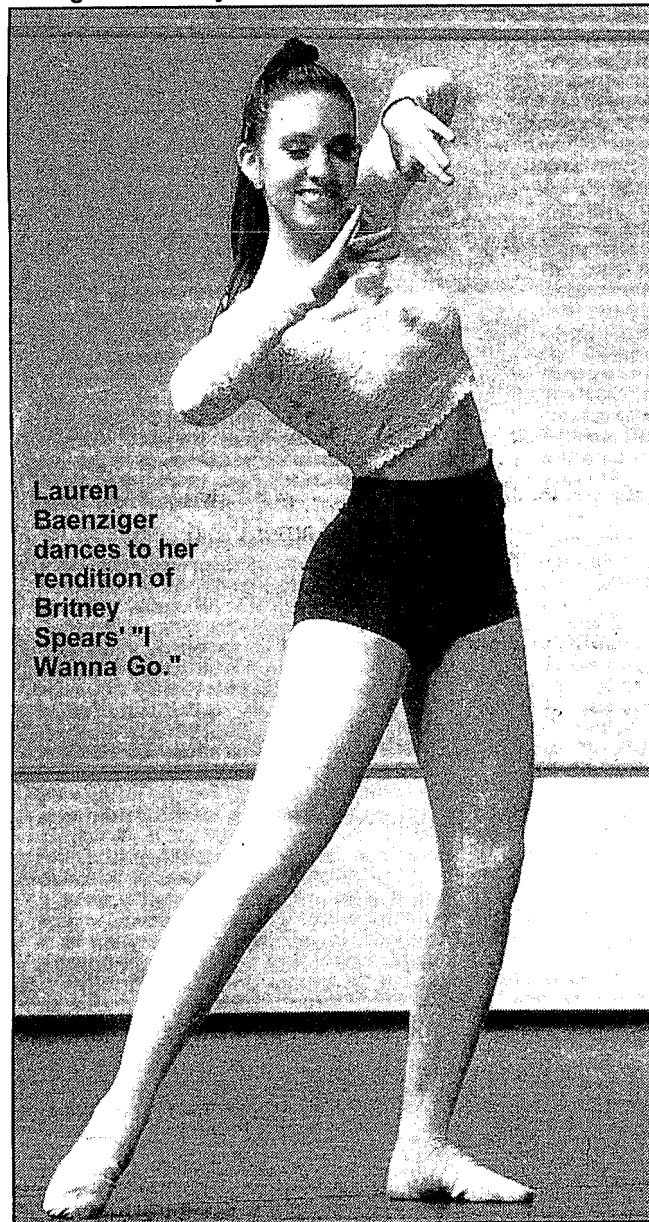


Drew Biggs has the audience assist him with parts of The Lumineers "Ho Hey" as he sings.

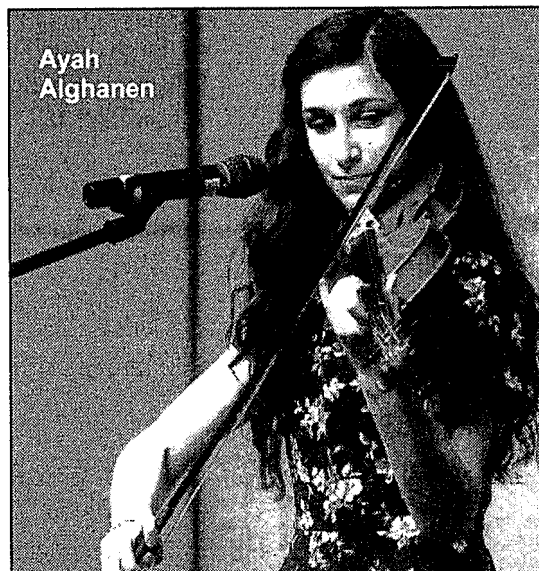
## Music and dance

Students from Clarkston High School and Clarkston Junior High School lent their talents for C Factor Talent on Feb. 4.

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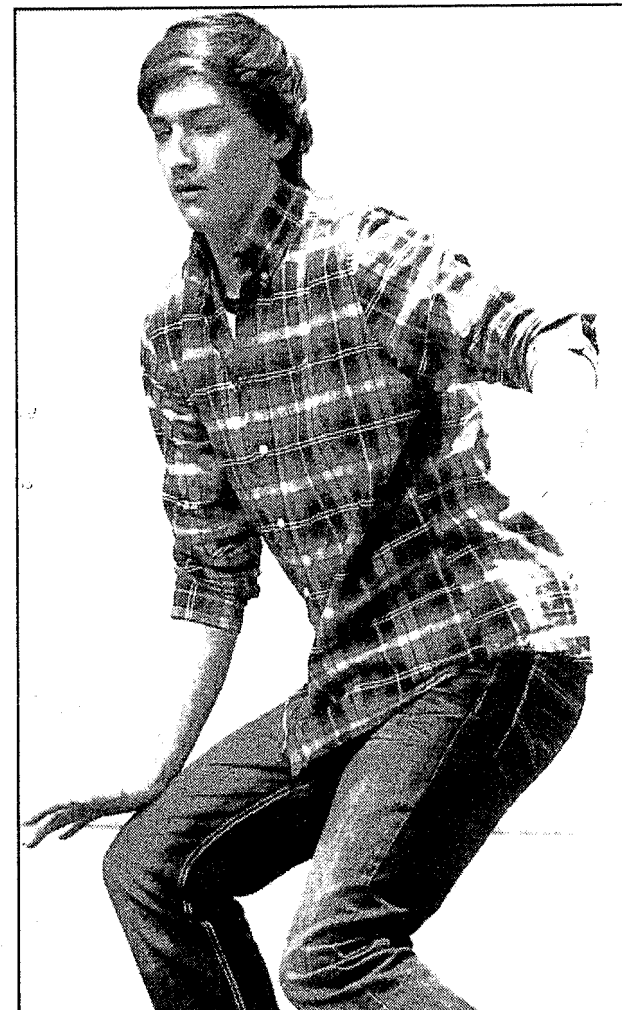
Lauren Baenziger dances to her rendition of Britney Spears' "I Wanna Go."



Ayah Alghanen



Hannah Boissonneault sings Pat Benatar's "Heart-breaker" with the Last Minute Replacements.



Garrett Tozzi with Breaking Animations dances.





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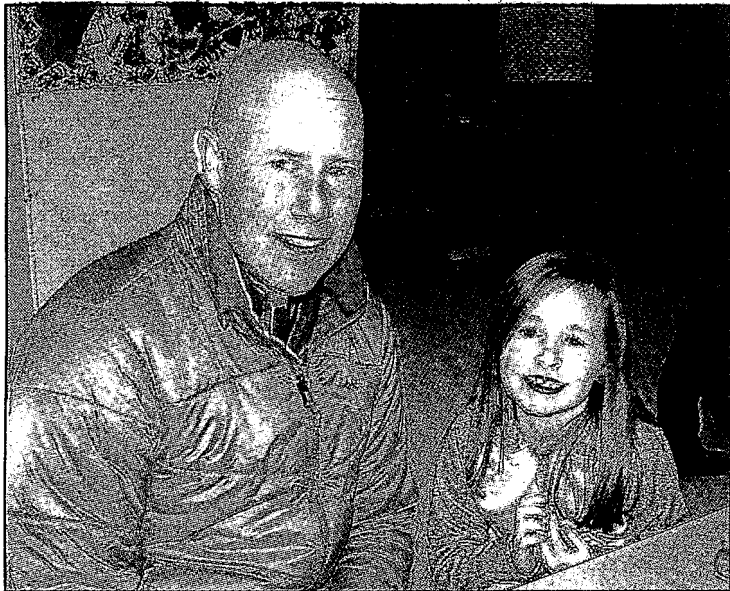
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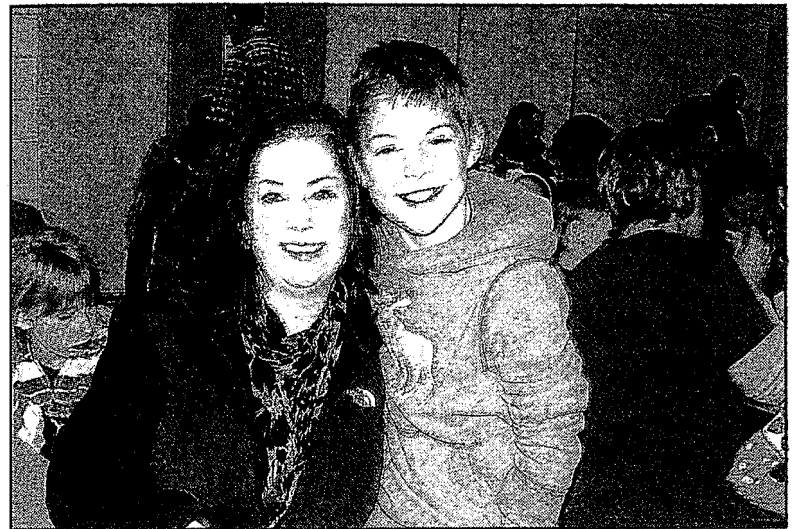
Dads were invited too, like Matt Phillips, with Riley Phillips.



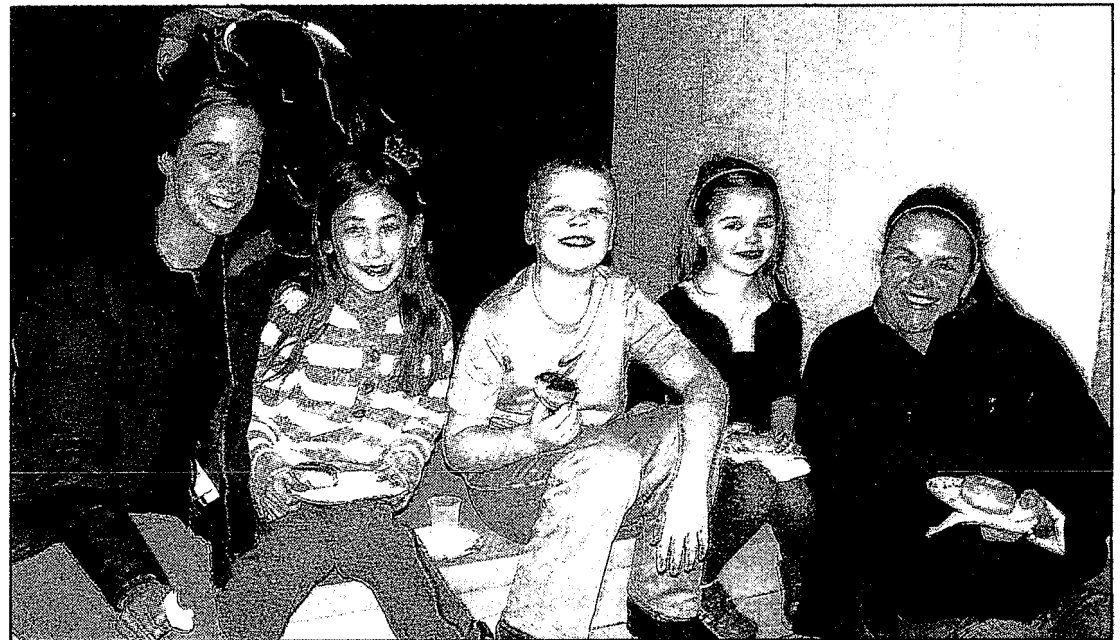
Nicole and Joseph Thornberry enjoyed donuts and apples.

## School breakfast with kids

Bailey Lake Elementary PTA hosted Morning for Mom, as well as other parents and caregivers, Feb. 7, with donuts, juice, coffee, and quality time with their kids. The group hosts several events during the year in order to reach all the school's parents.



Christine and Andrew Ferguson, at Morning for Mom.



From left, Amy Terrazas, Kaya Mathews, Aidan Nelson, Rylin Nelson, and Lindsay Nelson find seats on the stage in the crowded cafeteria. Photos by Phil Custodio



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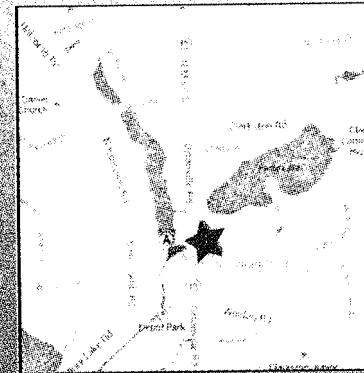
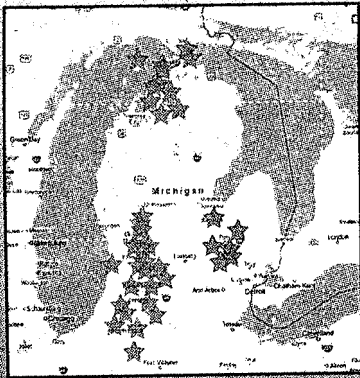


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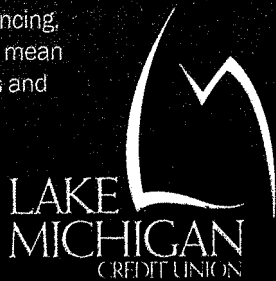
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**FUND RAISING:** From left, Donna Miller, Barbara Rollin, Lee Kuczanski and Carolyn Morrison of Friends of the Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center have been working for the last one-and-a-half years to raise funds for a 2,400-square-foot addition to the senior center on 6000 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Donations from the community, fundraisers, grants and a trust have brought in about \$200,000 of the \$300,000 goal. Construction is planned to start in late summer or fall. Call Rollin, senior center supervisor, at 248-625-8231. *Photo provided*



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**Team RUSH set to reveal this year's robot**

Team RUSH Robotics will unveil its latest robot creation at its Open House, Monday, Feb. 17, 6 p.m., at Clarkston High School, in the CSMTech Department.

Team RUSH had six weeks to design and build their robot in the FIRST, For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology, Robotics Competition game this year, called Aerial Assist.

The 35 students and 23 adult mentors have accumulated over 4,000 hours in the first five weeks of build season. Competition starts March 5 in Duluth, Minn., followed by tournaments in Howell, Mich., March 14-15 and St. Joseph, Mich., March 28-29. If they qualify, the team then moves on to the State Championship at Eastern Michigan University, April 10-12, and the World Championship in St. Louis, Missouri, April 24-26.

The Open House is free and open to the public. Register at [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/RUSHOpenHouse](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/RUSHOpenHouse).

For more information, visit their website at [www.TeamRush27.net](http://www.TeamRush27.net).



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Rich Pollman, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in White Lake, keeps track of the weather. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Near record snow on tap

BY ANDREA BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

So far in 2014, the Detroit area is heading towards one the snowiest winters in recorded history.

Seventy inches of snow has fallen, as measured at the NOAA office in White Lake, said Rich Pollman, warning coordination meteorologist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in White Lake.

Detroit is sitting in the fifth snowiest winter at this point. The record stands at 93.6 inches over the winter of 1880-1881.

While the earliest snowfall ever recorded in Detroit was on Oct. 12, 2006, the first measurable snowfall this winter season was on Nov. 7.

Detroit also had colder temperatures, well below zero, in the winters of 1976-77 and 1977-78. However the coldest recorded temperatures were recorded in 1903 and 1904.

"At this point in the season, compared to other winters, I would say it compares most closely to some winters Michigan had in the late 70s. One of the worst winters was in 1978," Pollman said.

This year, the United States is stuck in a weather pattern with a jet stream of arctic air coming straight out of Canada and traveling along a jet stream into our state, which causes the storms, he said, adding colliding pressure systems cause bad weather, particularly strong high and low pressure systems mixing and mingling.

Pollman added we still have the rest of February, and there is still a chance to break more records.

"We also have to face March, which is usually a pretty snowy month, too," he said.

If the snow melts too quickly, the state could also face severe flooding closer to spring.

"If we suddenly get weather in the 60 degree temperature range, it would be a potential disaster," said Pollman. "Yet our area is more fortunate than other areas due to plentiful waterways like lakes and swamps."

Several rivers begin near Clarkston, including the Shiawasee, Huron, Clinton and the Flint rivers. Seasonal flooding is natural.

"There will be flood warnings assigned," Pollman said. "We expect flooding and usually begin issuing warnings near the end of February and into March."

Great Lakes ice is expected to lead to a cooler spring start, he said.

Pollman said all NOAA centers work together to share information on the ebbs and flows, waterways and weather cycles.

NOAA's staff of 24 includes meteorologists, technical support, computer experts and a hydrologist.

They have a 100-foot-tall, 28-foot-wide Doppler Radar constantly scanning the atmosphere for signs of precipitation. New computer technology as well as better communication has helped greatly increase forecasting accuracy and warnings.

Each day, the NOAA releases a four-foot latex like balloon filled with hydrogen gas to gather information for meteorologists.

The balloon is equipped with infrastructure that sends back information. The balloon reaches 100,000 feet into the atmosphere sending back a wealth of data before it pops.

Lake levels are expected to be up this summer, and increased moisture will make it harder for a drought to develop.

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# Plans for Valentine's Day?



"Probably dinner and flowers."  
- Thomas Lowe



"No because I don't have a valentine."  
- Kellie Gilchrist



"Oh yes. Whatever my wife wants. Longhorn Steakhouse for dinner for two. Then, I am trying to find Shari's Berries for some chocolate covered strawberries. If you are a mother or father you also have to get your kids something. You also have to get your sister and grandchildren something, too."

- David Chiappelli

"Well, David is my husband, so whatever we do we do together. I always send my kids and grandchildren something, too."

- Janet Chiappelli

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

Dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!

## Decades of service with sheriff

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

When Deputy Thomas Cavalier joined Oakland County Sheriff's Office, Sashabaw was a two lane road and many others were made of dirt.

"Independence Township was a lot less crowded, lot less traffic," said Cavalier, getting ready to retire after 35 years with the department.

His career in law enforcement is even longer - he patrolled the township in the 1970s with Independence Township Police Services, along with Dirk Feneley, current Independence Township substation commander.

"Dirk and I were there through the 80s," Cavalier said.

He was a Waterford Police cadet out of high school, and served in the U.S. Army in Germany in the 1970s.

He went directly into law enforcement after his enlistment, joining Keego Harbor Police Department as a reserve officer while a student at Oakland Community College.

"I got lucky, knowing what I wanted to do when I got out," he said. "My brother in law was a deputy, a neighbor was a Pontiac police officer, I saw people there to look up to."

He was with Oakland County



Deputy Thomas Cavalier, at left, with Sandy Cole and Lt. Dirk Feneley of Independence Township substation.  
Photo by Phil Custodio

Safety Division for a year, then joined the sheriff's department when it took over. He was assigned to every unit in the department over the decades, including patrol, Honor Guard, K9, motor unit, escorting presidential motorcades, detective, county jail, and warrants, chasing down probation absconders.

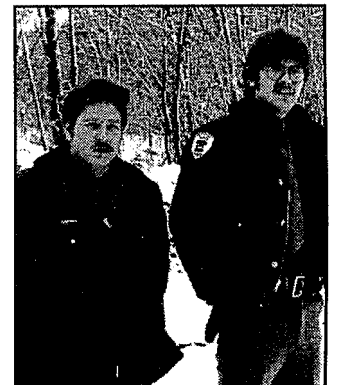
"It was a great career, a full career," he said. "It's a great department, with more opportunity than any other

police agency as far as I'm concerned."

He's retiring to part time, continuing to serve at circuit court and the courthouse.

"It's a good way to ease out," he said.

He plans to stay in the area with his wife, Anne, though plans to visit Florida in the winter. They have a son and daughter in law in Ft. Lauderdale, both police officers, as well as another son and a granddaughter.



Cavalier, at left, and Feneley, set to patrol Independence Township about 30 years ago. Photo provided

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**Events**

**Valentine Dance**, 1-3:30 p.m., Feb. 14, Hart Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg. \$10, includes appetizers, desserts, entertainment, dancing. Pre- Register at Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, 248-625-8231.

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**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.

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**Wild Game Dinner**, 6-9 p.m., Feb. 22, American Legion Campbell-Richmond Post 63, at 8047 Ortonville Road. Elk, white tail deer, duck, walleye, salmon, domestic turkey, samples of other wild game. \$20. 248-625-9912

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**Hummingbirds**, with Allen Chartier, 7:30-9 p.m., March 5, St. Daniel Catholic Church Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. Free. Wild Ones, North Oakland Chapter.

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**Denim & Diamonds**, 6 p.m., March 8, Sellers Renew Auto Center Showroom, 9603 Dixie Highway. Glittering western event, raffle sponsored by Clarkston Optimist Club. \$50. 248-922-5616.

**Monday**

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

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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.

# Around Town



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



**ALL FOR LOVE:** Neiman's Market Assistant Store Director Therese Cooper said the store is happy to help with "Spread the Love," collecting peanut butter and jelly to donate to Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston. Neiman's has several bags with jars of peanut butter and jelly that can be purchased for donation. Neiman's will also deliver all donations made by customers. Clarkston elementary schools are also collecting jars of peanut butter and jelly through the end of February. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

**Tuesday**

**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, 7 p.m., Feb. 18, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Topic: What Women Really Need to Help with Retirement Savings. Refreshments served. All welcome, www.ClarkstonWomensClub.org.

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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 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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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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**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.

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**LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield** information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays 12:15-1:30 p.m., Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive, 248-420-3126.

**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 through October, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Feb. 19: Alcatraz Island, from Before 1769 through the Present Day. 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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**Independence Township Conservatives Club**, 6 p.m., Feb. 13, Big Boy Restaurant, 6440 Dixie Highway. Speakers: Ray Norton, Ph.D., Canadian Consul General, "International Trade Crossing" and Frank J. Grannett, R.Ph, founder, Coalition Against Overmedicating Our Youth, "Over Medicating Our Youth."

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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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**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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# Religion

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## With love should come action

With Valentine's Day near our thoughts turn to love. I remember falling in love with my wife - oh what a feeling such romantic love is. And now 35 years later I still feel that love, but I have learned that lasting love in marriage is commitment and action more than a feeling. Such love takes intentional time and energy to grow and maintain.

Love means a lot of other things too. We say everything from "we love pizza" to "we love our kids" to "we love God." The Bible has a lot to say about love. Here are a few of my favorites:

"God is love.... since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another... By this we know that we abide in him and he in us." 1 John 1

"God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." 1 Corinthians 12:4-8

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor...Contribute to the needs of others; extend hospitality to strangers...Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are... so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Romans 12

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:44

There is a wonderful story of a young boy late getting home from school. His mom was anxious and met him at the door to ask where he had been. The boy replied, "On my way home I saw a little girl crying because a wheel had come off of her tricycle, so I stopped to help her." His mom replied, "But you don't know how to fix your own bike so how could you help her?" And he said, "I know Mom, I couldn't fix her trike, but I could stop and help her cry - I know how to do that."

Another story illustrating love as action comes from the life of Jackie Robinson, the first African-American to play Major League baseball. While the exact timing and details of this event are unclear the power of the story is not. For crossing the "baseball color line" Robinson frequently faced intense racism. Pitchers threw fastballs at his head. Runners spiked him on the bases. Brutal things were said. As the story goes, during one game the taunts and racial slurs seemed to reach a peak.

To make matters worse Robinson committed an error and stood at second base humiliated while the fans hurled insults at him. Another Dodger, a Southern white man by the name Pee Wee Reese, called timeout. He walked from his position at shortstop toward Robinson at second base, and with the crowds looking on, he simply put his arm around Robinson's shoulder. The fans grew quiet. Both men showed great love and courage that day.

Feelings of love are wonderful, but commitments and actions of love keep relationships strong and can even change the world!

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

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman

## In our local churches...

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

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

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# Farewell to a longtime friend

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

John Cesarz was a great husband, father, grandfather, veteran, and friend according to all who knew him.

Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center hosted a Memorial Service at the Carriage House on Feb. 7 to honor Cesarz, a long-time employee of 17 years providing bus transportation for seniors.

The memorial featured a lunch buffet, followed by a 21-gun salute and folding of the American flag, which was presented to Cesarz's family by American Legion Post 377.

He loved his family, said his son John Jr., as he spoke about his dad.

John Jr. added his dad was a great father who gave him and his siblings a wonderful childhood. From the trips he planned with the kids to weekend bike trips to Stony Creek Metro Park equipped with hot chocolate and brownies - the fond memories were plentiful.

John, an Ortonville resident, was deeply loved by his family and many friends, a big kid at heart, a family man who was always grateful to the brave souls serving his country.

John Jr. said his father loved his country and was very patriotic. At 18-years-old, he joined the Army and served two years. John's appreciation for those who served their country never wavered and he always appreciated their sacrifice.

"He never honored a veteran without a tear in his eye," recalled John Jr.

As a young man, he served as an altar boy at St. Anne's in Ortonville. When he drove the bus, he liked to share stories of youth. He also liked to pick special names for everyone at the center.

"He called me 'hair,'" said one woman laughing.

Amy Laboissonniere, a co-worker of John's, said he taught her a great deal and showed her the ropes.

"When it came time to go to John's funeral I did not want to attend because I did not want to say goodbye," she said.

Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors is accepting donations in John's honor for a flagpole to be raised on July 4th in front of the senior center. Director of Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors Ken Elwert said donations are also being accepted for Wounded Warriors.

"We will get any donation where it needs to go," said Elwert.

A flag will be raised in his honor on Independence Day, something John long envisioned for the center. He deserves the honor, say his friends.

John loved to make people laugh, and he was generous.

"Dad was cheap. He counted every penny, but if someone needed something he was the first one there with his checkbook of you needed to pay off a loan or needed a down payment on a house," John Jr. told the crowd.

John was married 51 years to his wife Mary.

"That's over 18,000 meals and he loved my mom's cooking—all except for one meal, Chicken Divan, he asked she never make again."

John Jr. had a special message for his dad.

"Don't worry dad we're helping mom," he said. "Thanks for taking good care of us."



American Legion Post 377 in Clarkston presents John Cesarz' family with a flag in honor of his service to the US Army. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



John Cesarz was proud of his service. American Legion Honor Guard folds the flag.



Friends and family bid farewell with a rendition of Taps.

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## Lawrence Clem, 85

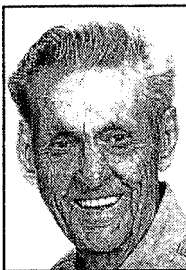
Lawrence Harold Clem, 85, of Suwanee, Georgia, died on Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2014, at Cumming Manor in Cumming, Georgia.

Born Tuesday, Oct. 30, 1928, in Elkmont, Alabama, he was the son of the late Eugene Clem and the late Lara Powers Clem. He loved Alabama football, gardening, and especially his family. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Betty Stephens Clem.

Surviving are sons, Michael Scott (Holli) Clem of Suwanee, Ga., and Brian Gene Clem of Clarkston, Mich., sister, Ozell Ruth Qualls of Elkmont, Ala., and four grandchildren: Jordyn Clem, Hunter Clem, Megan Clem, and Jonathan Clem.

Graveside services were Feb. 8 at Sylone Cemetery, Elkmont, Ala., with Bro. Rex Kilpatrick officiating.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.ardmorechapel.com](http://www.ardmorechapel.com).



## James H. Cowen, 87

James H. Cowen of Chelsea, Mich., formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, Clarkston, and Bradenton, Fla., age 87, died Monday, Feb. 3, 2014, at the Chelsea Retirement Community. He was born Aug. 12, 1926, in Greensburg, Penn., the son of James and Ethel (McBride) Cowen.

Jim was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church in Drayton Plains, Westminster Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, and Palma Sola Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, Fla. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church. Jim was a Senior Engineer, Account Manager, and Plant Superintendent while working for General Motors and Rockwell International, and was a lifetime member of the Society of Automotive Engineers. Jim was an Aviation Cadet in the US Navy Reserves during World War II. On July 17, 1948, he married Barbara L. Krem in Waterford, Mich., and she survives. Other survivors include two sons, Dr. Mark (Ginny) Cowen of Chelsea, Eric (Tami) Cowen of Dexter; a daughter, Elizabeth Cowen of Dexter; eight grandchildren, Joshua (Jocelyn) Cowen, Stephen (Jennifer) Cowen, David Cowen, Caroline Cowen, Laura (Andy) Indieke, John (Becky) Cowen, Anne Cowen, and Jenny (Mike) Rodgers; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Doris (Jack) McElwain of Florida; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Phil in 1984.

Funeral services was Feb. 7 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor, with Rev. Stephen Carl officiating. Private burial at Oak Grove East Cemetery in Chelsea. The family received friends at **Cole Funeral Chapel**, Feb. 6. Memorial contributions may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1500 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI. 48103, or Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, 6510 3rd Avenue West, Bradenton, FL. 34209.



# Death notices & Obituaries

## Marvin Hawkins, 82

Marvin Ray Hawkins, "Tex," of Edmore, formerly of Pontiac/Clarkston, passed away Feb. 8, 2014, at age 82.

He was preceded in death by his wife Shirley; father of Connie (John) Rederstorf and Linda (Keith) Nelson; grandpa of Tamara (Jim) Roy, Melisa (Adam) Parry and Tonia (Lupe) Montano; great grandpa of Jaydn, James, Caitlyn and Alex. "Tex" retired from Consumers Energy.

Memorial Service Saturday, Feb. 22, at 4 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, 3 p.m. until time of service. Inurnment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Daniel J. Joumas, 87

Daniel J. Joumas of Clarkston, formerly of Ferndale, passed away Feb. 9, 2014, at age 87.

He was the husband of Betty; preceded in death by his daughter Dawn Cullimore; father of Brian (Cora) Cullimore; grandfather of Dylan, Adriana and Makenna; brother of Richard Joumas; preceded in death by siblings James Joumas, Helen Hughes, Irene Peterson, and Virginia Joumas.

Memorial Mass, Saturday, 11 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit at the church after 10 a.m. Memorials may be made to the family. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**. Online, [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



## Docia Rolfe-Wallace, 93

Docia I. Rolfe-Wallace of Clarkston passed away Feb. 4, 2014, at age 93.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Dale Rolfe, second husband Bill Wallace and son in law Michael Morgan. She was the mother of Connie (Bill Sclesky) Morgan and Theresa (Terry) Harp; grandma of Lisa (Hassan) Salim, Christopher (Carolyn) Morgan and Andrew (Katie) Harp; great grandma of Alex, Nick, Josh, Sophie and Ryan; sister of Samuel Lee Rains, Del (George) Rogers and Dorie (John) Rorich.

Docia was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Clarkston United Methodist Church and the Red Hat Society.

Funeral service was Feb. 8 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Alzheimers Association or Clarkston United Methodist Church. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



## Shane Tomlinson, 47

Shane Michael Tomlinson, age 47, of Monroe, Mich., passed away on Feb. 6, 2014, at his home. Arrangements have been entrusted to **Merkle Funeral Service**, Monroe Mich.

## BYOB art studio OK'd

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Councilwoman Peg Roth broke a tie vote, approving a bring-your-own-booze art studio on Main Street.

"The activity is a lot of fun," said Roth, who has been to similar establishments in other areas.

Leanna Haun, proprietor of the proposed Picasso's Grapevine, agreed.

"I just want to reassure everyone here that this is my livelihood, this is where I am investing my money, my time, my family, my passion," Haun said. "I want to create a business that is fruitful and I don't want to create situations. This is a priority for me. I want it to be successful and I don't want to have a problem. It's my commitment to make sure the situation is monitored and managed."

Clarkston City Council voted 4-3, Jan. 27, to approve the business concept after previously denying it.

At an earlier meeting, the council was split 3-3. Haun revisited the council to address concerns in hopes for approval.

Haun explained the studio will provide paint, canvas, paintbrushes and other supplies while offering art sessions in which customers can bring their own beer and wine.

"It's painting with a twist," she said.

Haun, who will do business as an independent company and not a franchise, said the BYOB concept adds to marketing value of the business.

"It's a really fun activity to do with friends while you enjoy music," she said.

Similar businesses have been approved in many communities like Rochester and Rochester Hills, she said.

"It's growing and very popular," she said.

Haun said the whole painting process may look intimidating, but it's not and it's geared towards customers with no experience.

Council members remained concerned about the BYOB concept.

"I think the idea is fun, but I'm not so sure about combining it with alcohol unless you have people that are trained to deal with alcohol consumption," said Councilwoman Sharon Catallo.

Haun said she will check identification, carry commercial liability insurance, reserve the right to refuse service to anyone, and will only allow beer and wine in the establishment. She added classes do not always involve alcohol.

Catallo asked who is to stop customers from polishing off a lot of alcohol and over serving themselves.

Haun said customers are so busy painting they barely have time to drink a whole lot.

"Hands are kept very busy during the painting sessions," she said.

Mayor Joe Luginski said he is concerned with making sure customers are old enough to drink, and also mixing groups like bachelorette parties and with youth groups like the Girl Scouts.

Haun addressed the concern and said different groups will use different rooms and parties with children will be held earlier in the day.

She added she is also committed to having fundraisers for local events, like SCAMP, or other groups.

The planning commission recommended approval, as did city attorney Tom Ryan. City council approved the concept unanimously. The exact date of the opening is still being determined.

## Obituaries

posted daily at

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## Prudential Great Lakes Realty merging with Berkshire Hathaway

Prudential Great Lakes Realty, part of the Prudential Preferred, REALTORS Family of Companies, will join Berkshire Hathaway as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan Real Estate, Feb. 18.

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The Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices brokerage network was built by Warren Buffet. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Michigan Real Estate is investing significant resources to equip its agents with cutting edge technology to distinguish them in the industry statewide.

Celebrating 60 years in real estate, the brokerage surpassed a billion dollars in closed sales volume for the first time in its history—only the third brokerage in Michigan to reach this level. Fase is eager to build on this momentum and begin 2014 by growing stronger with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices.

"The storied Berkshire Hathaway name stands for financial prowess and is respected world-wide," said Fase. "We believe our clients and sales professionals will be proud to represent this revolutionary brand."

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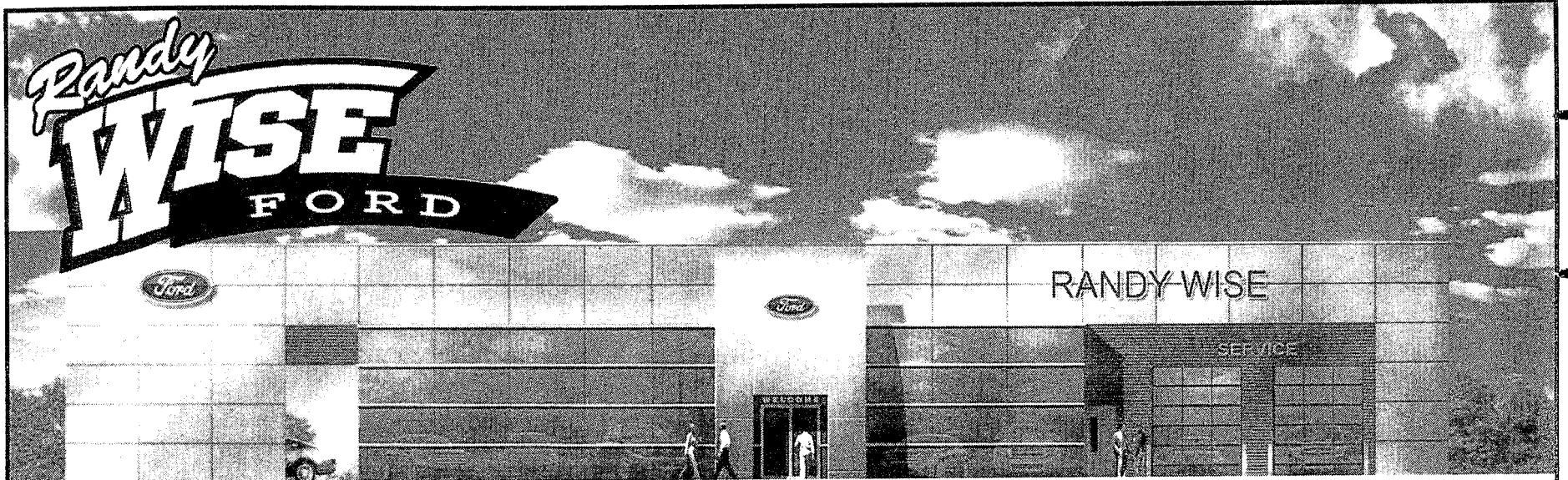
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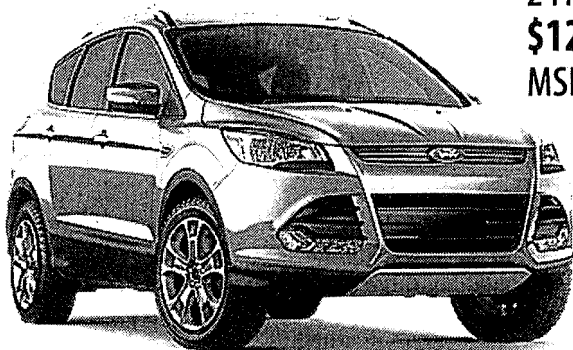
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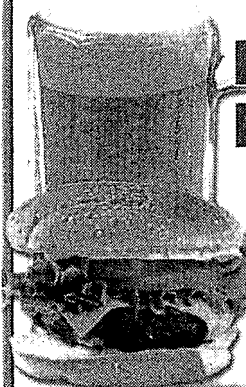
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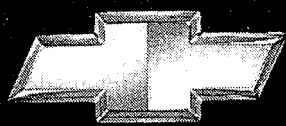
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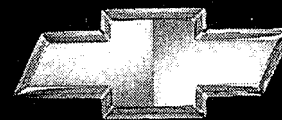
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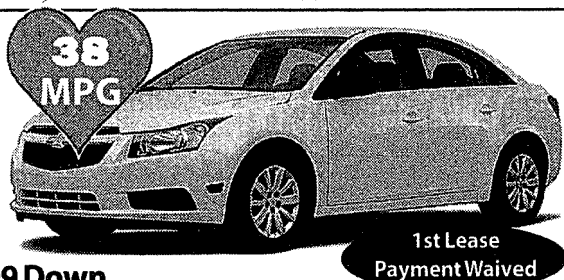


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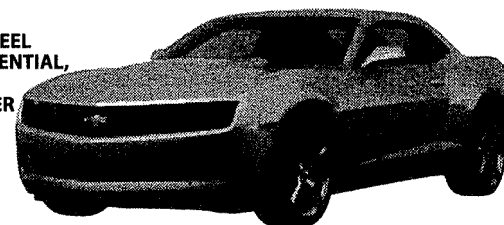


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**SYNOPSIS**

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder  
Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation and Seniors, Director; Mitch Petterson, Deputy Fire Chief; Renee Poole, Fire Department Business Manager; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. CLOSED SESSION: Approval to enter into Closed Session for the Consideration of a Personnel Performance Matter as permitted by MCL 15.268(a)

The Meeting recessed at 7:02 p.m.  
The Meeting reconvened at 7:24 p.m.

- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta; Trustee Aliaga; Trustee Schroeder; Supervisor Kittle
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

**PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:**

- 1. Presentation: Planning Commission Update (Ronald A. Ritchie, Board of Trustees Planning Commission Representative)

- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

**K. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. Approval of Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2014
- 2. Approval of Payroll of January 31, 2014; and Check Runs of January 30, 2014 and January 31, 2014 for a Total Amount of \$664,034.62
- 3. Budget Amendment for DPW, Emergency Water Main Repair
  - a. Approval of Budget Amendment
  - b. Authorized additional costs not to exceed \$40,000

- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

**M. REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- 1. Approval of Increase in the REU Assignment Factor for Mobile Home Parks and Approval of Budget Amendment (no action taken on Budget Amendment)
- 2. Acceptance of Quote and Approval of Budget Amendment for the Purchase of Replacement Vehicles for the Parks Division the 2013
- 3. Adoption of Resolution for the Oakland County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- 4. Adoption of Resolution for the Township's Emergency Operations Plan and Designation of Liaison to the Oakland County Emergency Management Coordinator
- 5. Acceptance of Quote and Approval of Budget Amendment for the Purchase of Fire Hose
  - a. Acceptance of quote and approval of purchase of 4-inch supply hose
  - b. Acceptance of quote and approval of purchase of 1.75-inch fire hose
  - c. Approval of budget amendment

- 6. Award Bid and Approval of Budget Amendment for the Purchase of Ambulances for the EMS Division; Authorized the disposal of vehicles in accordance with The Township's Asset Management Policy
- 7. Acceptance of Quote and Approval of Budget Amendment for the Purchase of Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator Units
  - a. Acceptance of quote for the Purchase of seven (7) Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator Units
  - b. Approval of Budget Amendment
  - c. Approval of six (6) year extended warranty/service plan for seven (7) cardiac monitor/defibrillator units
  - d. Authorized the disposal of five (5) cardiac monitors at in accordance with the Township's Asset Management Policy

- 8. Appointment of Board and Committee Member to Assume Unexpired Term for Alternate Position on the Zoning Board of Appeals

**N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:**

- 1. Minutes: Video Center Administrative Board of November 20, 2013
- 2. Report: 2013 Annual Senior Transportation Statistics

# Andiamo Trattoria opens to rave reviews

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The exterior has a new black and white awning beckons the community to see what is new at Andiamo Trattoria, 7228 N. Main Street.

General Manager Tony Vitale describes what is new at the location in one word - "everything," as Mesquite Creek changed to Andiamo Trattoria on Jan. 17, along with Andiamo celebrating their 25th anniversary.

"From when you come in, it is the colors, the feeling, the vibe," Vitale said. "We have an open feeling to the restaurant. It has a fun family feel - Trattoria means family in Italian."

The feedback they have received from the community within the first few weeks have been positive. The most frequent things people have said is how affordable everything is on the menu and the variety of options from appetizers to entrees.

"They get excited about it," Vitale smiled. He added the interesting aspect of the menu is Andiamo Trattoria has taken the favorites of Andiamo over the years and put it on the family friendly menu.

"They have created a menu with families in mind," he said. "This is a very fun and casual version Andiamo."

They have what you want - maybe you are craving a sandwich like a Meatball Sandwich with house-made meatballs, tomato sauce, three chese blend on a toasted baguette. Or leaning towards being healthier with a salad like the Mediterrean Kale with grilled chicken, shaved carrots, red onion, dried cranberries and toasted almonds in raspberry vinaigrette. Or maybe you are craving a pasta dish from Chef Alda's Pasta Specialities menu with a variety of options, you will find what you find something to make your tastebuds zing to life.

Maybe you just want to enjoy a glass of wine with friends and share a Margherita pizza

- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Comments were made by various Board Members
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, February 12, 2014

**STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT 2013-354, 151-DE  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Sally Ann Grow. Date of Birth: January 17, 1954

**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sally Ann Grow, died October 16, 2012

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Tony Vitale

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"We have the traditional items," Vitale said. "We have a lasagna that just melts in your mouth with the homemade noodles, the sausage and the handmade sauce. On the appetizer menu we have a Andiamo Giant Meatball with veal, pork, veal and stuffed with ricotta cheese."

He added it isn't just the menu items but the ingredients they use like the herbs and vegetables and the attention to detail. One of the details is using San Marzano toma-

atoes.

"San Marzano tomatoes are special because they are grown at the foot of Mount Vesuvius in Italy," Vitale said. "It is the only place in the world you have volcanic ground where you grow tomatoes. The flavor is different. The flavor is what is important. The herbs we bring in we source locally. We get all the vegetables and herbs we can while they are in season. The attention to detail and ingredients makes all the difference when it comes to the flavors you get. For that reason it is the handmade specialty flavors which set us apart from any other restaurant I know of."

Vitale and the staff invite the community to visit Sunday, Feb. 23 to Friday, Feb. 28 when it is Andiamo Restaurant week. During the week new menu items are discounted to give you an opportunity to try it to see if you enjoy it. Also, during the week they will select a charity to donate a portion of the proceeds.

Andiamo Trattoria is open for lunch from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Mondays through Saturday. They are open for dinner 4 - 10 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; 4 - 11 p.m., Thursday through Saturday; and 4 - 9 p.m. on Sunday. Please visit [www.andiamoitatia.com](http://www.andiamoitatia.com) or call 248-620-9300.

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**INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP  
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The Charter Township of Independence 2014 March Board of Review will meet for its organizational session, MCL 211.29(1), at the Township Hall's Office of the Assessor on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9:00 am.

The Board of Review will meet for public hearings at the Township Hall Board Room located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan to hear 2014 year assessment appeals of value, classification and hardship exemption requests on March 5<sup>th</sup> with appointment times between 1:00pm and 4:30pm, on March 6<sup>th</sup> with appointment times between 5:00pm and 8:30pm, and on March 7<sup>th</sup> with appointment times between 9:00am and 12:30pm. \*\*\*\*The latest you can call to set up an appointment is Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup> by 4pm.\*\*\*\*

If you wish to appear in person to appeal your assessed value, it is required that you have an appointment with the March Board of Review. The Assessed Value represents 50% of market value. Appeals are for the 2014 tax year only. An appointment can be made through the Assessor's Office by calling (248) 625-8114 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm weekdays.

A resident or nonresident may also protest to the Board of Review by mail by submitting a completed and signed "Petition to Board of Review" (Form L-4035). This form is available on line at [www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f\\_2658\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/l4035f_2658_7.pdf) and at the Township Assessing Department at the address indicated above. This form should be mailed to the Independence Township Assessing Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr, Clarkston, MI 48346. It must be received prior to the close of the March Board of Review and documentation supporting your opinion of value should be attached.

The Board of Review is an appeal process to review property values, not tax bills. The Board of Review has no jurisdiction over the millage rates that are multiplied against taxable values in order to calculate the tax bill. The year 2014 tentative equalization ratio is 50%, and the estimated multiplier is 1.0000 for all property classifications.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Sieloff, MMAO (4)  
Independence Township Assessor

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**ZONING ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
REGULAR MEETING  
AGENDA**

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, March 5, 2014  
at 7:00 p.m.

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

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- C. ROLL CALL:
- D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: *Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.*
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
- G. NEW BUSINESS:
  - 1. Election of Officers
  - 2. Case #14-001, Sam Kesto, Petitioner, Requesting: A variance from Section 4.19(D), Table 4.19, 50 foot lot width variance, and Section 10.06(G) Site Landscaping, 3% variance, 6450 Dixie Highway, Parcel #08-32-226-013, C-3 Highway Commercial.

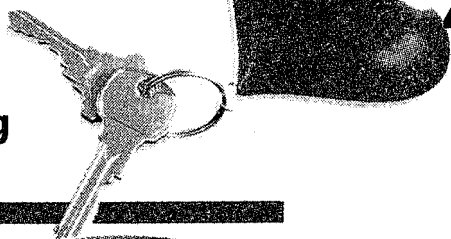
- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2014
- I. DISCUSSION:
- J. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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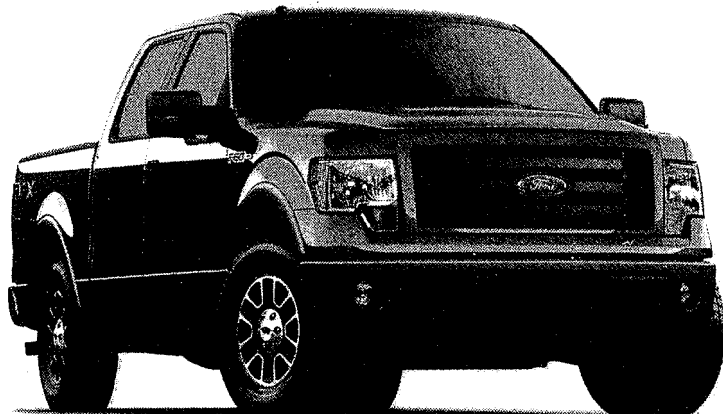
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**\$8,815**

2010 Chrysler  
Town & Country Touring  
FWD, 3.8L V6, 53,768 miles  
**\$13,610**



Jennifer Nagle saw the Clarkston News' posting on Facebook about Valentine's Day. "I don't have any outlandish cutsey story, but I think we are pretty cute couple nonetheless," she said. Nagle and Justin Thrift have been together almost a year, and they met through Bowman Chevrolet.



Clarkston High School student Dan Arpoika and his girlfriend Alissa Burdess pose for a senior picture at the railroad tracks off from Ware Road. Arpoika is a senior at Clarkston High School and Burdess is a Walled Lake Northern senior. They have been together just over two years.



Daniel Marsac, 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School, and Karine Ma, 2007 graduate of Waterford Mott High School, are engaged to marry this August at Castle Farms in Charlevoix, Mich.

*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day!*



Anna T. Kerr of Clarkston is engaged to Cory M. Howes of Irons, Mich. Anna and Cory are 2009 graduates of Northern Michigan University. They were engaged in Patagonia and will be married August 2014 at the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore.



Kristina and Daniel

## Clarkston grad engaged

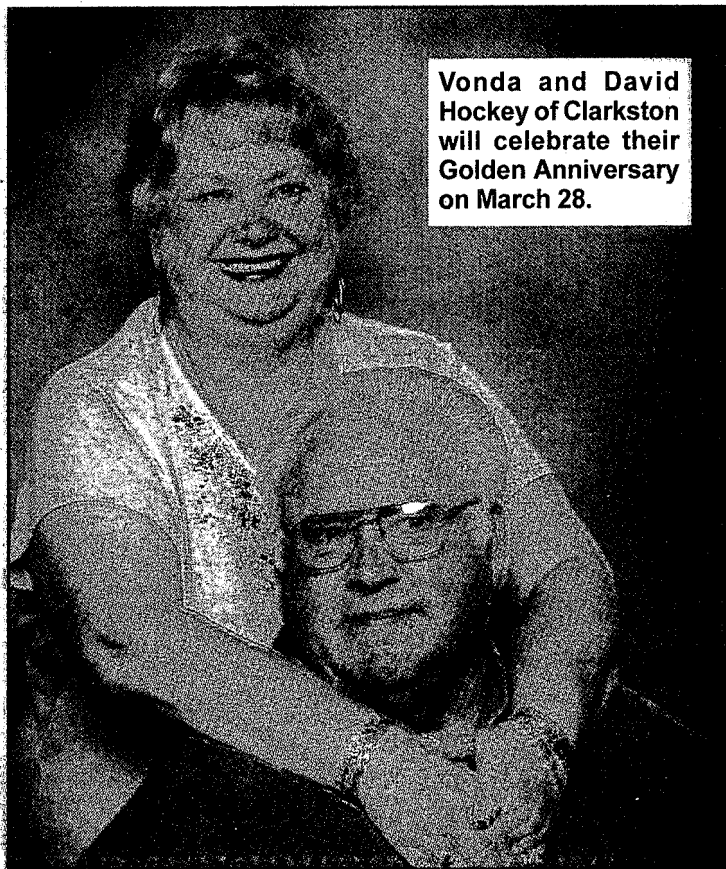
Mr. and Mrs. Andy Work, of Clarkston and Mr. & Mrs. Mark Alty of King George, Va., formally of Clarkston, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Kristina and Daniel.

The future bride is a 2009 graduate of Clarkston High School and a 2013 graduate of Central Michigan

University with a degree in Health Fitness and minor in Nutrition.

The future groom is also a 2009 CHS graduate and 2013 graduate of CMU, with a double major in Broadcasting and Sports Management.

A September 2014 wedding at North Oaks Community Church in Clarkston is planned.



Vonda and David Hockey of Clarkston will celebrate their Golden Anniversary on March 28.



Allison Prudhomme and Jeff Hazlett were joined in marriage, Saturday, Sept. 14, 2013, at Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, Mich.

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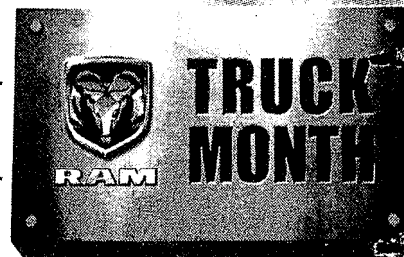
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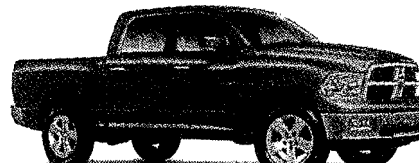
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Employee 24 Mo. Lease

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**\$155** Mo.

## 2014 Ram 1500 4x4 Crew Cab



5.7L V-8 Hemi MDS Engine, 20" Alum. Chrome Wheels, Popular Equipment Group

MSRP \$39,385

Stk. #141681

1 Pay - 24 Months

Employee 24 Mo.

**\$4999** <sup>††</sup> <sub>\$1605 DUE</sub>

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## 2014 Dodge Charger R/T AWD



Customer Preferred 29N Pkg., 5 Speed Auto. Trans., 5.7L V8 HEMI MDS Engine, Rear Body Color Spoiler

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Stk. #T142793

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## 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4x4



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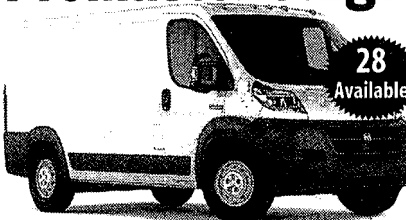
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**\$299** Mo.

**\$339** Mo.

## 2014 Ram Promaster Cargo



Customer Preferred 21A Pkg., 3.6L 24 Valve VVT Engine, 6 Speed Auto trans, Lower Side Wall Paneling, Power Folding/Heated Mirrors, Speed Control, 16x6" Alum Wheels, Rear Hinged Doors w/Fixed Glass, Rear Window Defroster & More.

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Customer Preferred 29K Pkg., 3.6L V6 VVT Engine, 6 Speed Auto. Trans

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Stk. #T142766

Employee 24 Mo. Lease

Friends & Family 24 Mo. Lease

**\$289** Mo.

**\$309** Mo.

## 2014 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4



Customer Preferred 26J Pkg., 3.2L V6 Engine, Uconnect 8.4 AM/FM/BT/Access, 9 Speed 948TE FWD/AWD Auto Trans

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Stk. #141717

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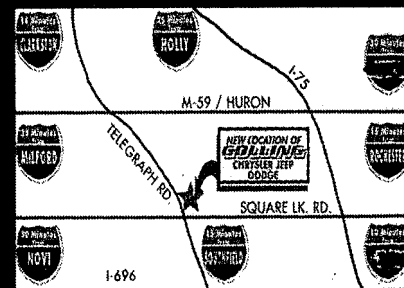


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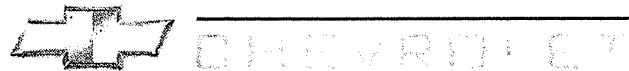
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2012 Dodge Journey SXT	\$17,900
2013 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE	\$27,000
2013 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE	\$30,000
2012 Chevrolet Malibu LT	\$17,139
2010 Chrysler Town & Country Touring	\$18,000
2012 Chevrolet Malibu LS	\$15,000
2010 Chevrolet Malibu LT 1LT	\$13,900
2012 Chevrolet Camaro	\$22,988
2010 Chrysler Town & Country Touring	\$17,500
2011 Chrysler Town & Country Touring	\$19,200
2007 Chevrolet Impala LS	\$7,600
2009 GMC Sierra 2500HD	\$25,000

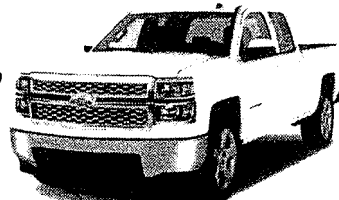
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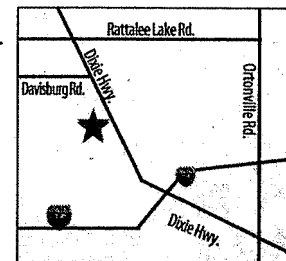
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2010 GMC Sierra Denali ..... \$32,000	2009 GMC Acadia SLE ..... \$17,500	
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