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*Independence*  
*Township Times*,  
this week



Mason Van Gieson as Peter Pan with Matthew Hart as John, Chris Pryor as Michael, and Larissa McLetchie as Wendy fly to Neverland in Clarkston High School's "Peter Pan" last week. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## City manager breaks contact with *News*

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

City of the Village of Clarkston Manager Carol Eberhardt says she is done with *The Clarkston News*.

Eberhardt's email, in part, states:

"...I have stopped reading the paper...Several people called, as well as stopped in the office voicing concern about his (Cory Johnston's) mental state after his last letter. In my opinion he has crossed the line of voicing an opinion and criticism and I am now taking all precautions to protect myself from him. I am getting nervous for my safety because his behavior is getting more and more erratic and aggressive.

"I need to tell you that I will not be available for any interviews to *The Clarkston News* whatsoever..."

"Given the history of *The Clarkston News* and the platform the paper has given him, I decided to completely remove myself from anything associated with the paper, or participate in anything that in some way encourages Cory's continued harassment through e-mail and stalking. His actions have escalated against me to the point where I have a responsibility to protect my family from harm..."

Eberhardt has not filed a police report, according to Oakland County Sheriff Office.

All City Council members were asked for comment. Only council members Peg Roth and David Marsh responded, while Mayor Joe Luginski, and council members Sharron Catallo, Eric Haven, Steven Hargis, and Mike Sabol have not responded.

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## \$35,000 for water main fix

A leaky 12-inch water main on White Lake Road near Andersonville Road will cost Independence Township more than \$35,000.

First reported on Jan. 8, the Independence Township Department of Public Works had to call a contractor to repair the leaking main because it required larger equipment than the department had.

DPW Director Linda Richardson said the work was offered to local companies. A Davisburg contractor Carnwath Excavating was selected to do the work.

Richardson said because Carnwath

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## School savings on edge, board says

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

As school administration prepares next year's budget, the plan is to fund \$9.5 million in critical-needs spending while maintaining a five-percent fund balance.

"It's looking positive right now for Clarkston," said Mary Beth Rogers, Executive Director of Business Services at the Feb. 10 school board meeting. "The governor proposed an \$83 increase per student - things are looking better."

Administration maintains a critical-needs list including more teachers to reduce class sizes, wireless technology updates, and soon-to-be-overdue building renovations. They will narrow down the list as state budget details become clearer over the next few months, said Superintendent Dr. Rod

Rock.

"We need to address these things, we believe, that are very important," Rock said. "The recommendation is to approach five percent and address critical needs as much as possible. We can't do it all, increase the fund equity and provide new computers - (but) we're in a better position than in several years, with new homes being built. I hope we're turning the corner."

Trustee Steve Hyer has looked at the budget and sees no more room to cut.

"We've eliminated everything we could have in the last 12 years," Hyer said. "We have to address critical needs - they would be critical needs if they weren't critical."

A five percent fund balance, calculated to be about \$3.8 million for the 2015 school

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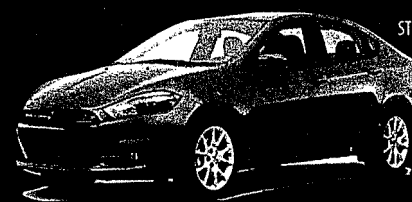
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In a play for Pine Knob Elementary fourth graders, David Major, at left, enjoys the healthy breakfast offered by Nola Richardson, at right, while Haley Buccilli, middle, does not. Will this and other poor choices have consequences for her later in the day?

## Kick off for jump rope time

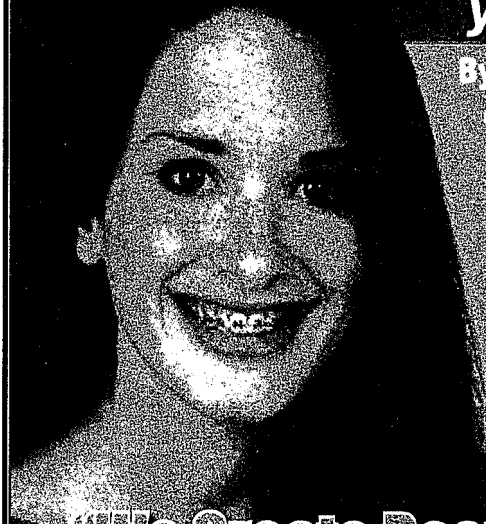
Pine Knob Elementary kicked off their annual Jump Rope for Heart exercise and service learning program with an assembly led by the school's fourth graders, Feb. 7. The students presented a play illustrating the hazards of junk food and the benefits of healthy eating and exercise.



Yes they will. Buccilli dozes in class, unlike classmates Amiley Williams, left, and Kacie Sieradski, at right. Photos by Phil Custodio

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**VALENTINE CRAFT:** Clarkston Elementary student Celia Marsden creates a butterfly Valentine with construction paper, a toilet paper roll and pipe cleaners. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

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## Briefly

### Wolves state win on ITV

Miss the Wolves' state-championship game last December?

It's on ITV, local public access television, but only for this week.

"Dr. Rod Rock (Clarkston schools superintendent) and I approached Fox Sports and the MHSAA and asked if we could air the game for a week," said Pat Kittle, Independence Township supervisor. "We need to just relish the moment. It's been a long time."

The Clarkston High School football team won the Division 1 State Football Championship, defeating Detroit Catholic Central, 32-14, at Ford Field.

It includes highlight video, recorded games and special interviews.

### No Tim Horton's on M-15 and Dixie

Independence Township Planning Commission turned down a proposal for a drive-thru Tim Horton's restaurant, convenience store, and gas station at the corner of M-15 and Dixie Highway.

Trustee Ron Ritchie, who also serves on the commission, said the prospective business owner couldn't meet traffic and parking requirements, so withdrew his petition.

"There were a number of concerns" said Trustee David Lohmeier, who added that the location will be difficult for any business to occupy.

### Nominations for Community Awards

Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors Director Ken Elwert said nominations are being accepted for the 2014 Clarkston Community Awards. Nominations are due by March 14, and the awards breakfast will be held at the Clarkston Community Church on May 13.

"Do you know someone or a group whose commitment and energy regularly makes this area a better place," said Elwert.

Nomination categories include Citizen of the year, business person of the year, community collaboration and many more.

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**FOOD FOR THOSE IN NEED:** Priscilla Perkins and Greg Louis from Light-house North gather with fifth graders at Independence Elementary to celebrate the success of their Spread the Love food drive. The students collected peanut butter and jelly donations from the community for the food pantry. Photo provided

## Sewer rates double for mobile homes

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Board of Trustees approved almost doubling sewer rates for local mobile homes residents.

The Clintonville Mobile Home Park rate increase will be applied to 180 units of both single and double wide homes. In Independence Woods, the new rate will affect double wide units only.

Township Treasurer Paul Brown said there are many regular homes in the township that are smaller than mobile homes.

Brown said there are about 1,400 homes in the township 1,200 or less in square footage—smaller than many of today's mobile homes.

The new rates as of January are \$97.37 per home unit. Previously mobile homes were paying about 60 percent of what a regular home paid, or about \$43, regardless of size of the mobile home.

The total increase will cost mobile home occupants and additional \$13 a month or about \$39 per quarter.

In 1998 when Independence Township adopted the Oakland County Schedule of Unit Assignment Factors as a guide to assigning sewer rates, the guide assigned a lower rates to manufactured homes.

Previously mobile homes were billed at 0.60 percent of an REU while regular homes were billed at 1 REI.

Brown said while the rates may have been right then—they are off now because of increasingly large mobile homes.

"The idea that mobile homes don't use as much sewer service is outdated said Brown. "Why were they getting a 400 percent subsidy when other homes were not."

Brown said there are 640 mobile homes in the Township of which about 535 are occupied. The increased rates will which will lead to a 10 percent decrease in a nearly \$1 million budget shortfall.

"Now we have some mobile homes that are as large if not larger than some normal homes in the Township, yet they were paying a lower rate," said Brown.

In January, the Township Board approved a 17 percent increase in sewer rates for 2014 in order to help curb budget shortfalls and prepare to finance maintenance projects.

Brown said 10 percent of the sewer budget shortfall was due to unfair rates applied to mobile homes. "They account for 5 percent of our customers, but 10 percent, or about \$80,000 of our shortfall."

Mobile homes will now be paying the same sewer rates as every other home in the township. In previous years, the township had subsidized sewer rates but could not continue doing so.

"We are just trying to stop the bleeding," said Township Supervisor Pat Kittle adding that even with changes the Township faces a \$700,000 net operating loss.

Kittle said rates had to be increased because of projects mandated by Oakland County as well as increased costs from Detroit Water and Sewage.

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## Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

### Death by dog

In North Korea if you disagree with the "dear leader" one execution method is death by a pack of starved dogs. Thankful you don't live in North Korea?

Although a bit of an extreme analogy, I wonder is America inching towards squashing freedom of speech. The evidence is everywhere.

Guess what America. "The leader of the free world" yes the US is now ranked 46th by Reporters Without Borders in the World Press Freedom Index. RWB cited NSA leaks and attacks on whistleblowers. America fell a whopping 13 spots in the index.

This is bad enough and does not even include attacks on the average citizen, reality star or politicians for some disagreeable remark they made.

Lately there is a definite attack on freedom of speech. Stories are abundant of individuals under attack for voicing their opinion or saying something some group doesn't like.

I say oh well. I hope people keep talking and expressing their opinions. I hope people keep being whistleblowers when they discover something is not right. This is America—not some oppressed country that you dare not speak up for fear of retribution.

If I don't like your lifestyle I have the right to an opinion—just as you have the right to keep living your lifestyle. Living whatever lifestyle you want—is another freedom American soldiers have fought for. If you start taking away freedom of speech—what's next?

If you value freedom of speech, the next time you hear how someone is under attack for something they said—even if you disagree—I hope you find value they can voice their opinion.

I hope you bold, brave Americans have the guts to stand up when someone wants to shut you up. I will. It's my job.

Since when are people perfect anyways? I'm sure each one of us has had a misstep or insert foot in mouth moment that we said something we knew we shouldn't have.

Countless men and women have fought for America's rights—one being freedom of speech. America has fought too hard to let such rights fall by the wayside. America is supposed to be the leader of the free world, and it's our job as Americans to protect such rights.

This means if someone says something you don't like—get over it!

Or move to North Korea—and if you say something they don't like—you may face death by dog.



# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Closing communication is not the answer

It's come to our attention that this newspaper has acted unfairly. We, of course, disagree.

The City of The Village of Clarkston's manager has given notice she will no longer answer questions from this newspaper or its representatives.

It is her right. The freedom of speech also means the freedom not to speak. We feel her actions are retaliatory, punitive and unbecoming of a public official. So, what is this all about?

It's about this newspaper giving voice to this community. It is about this newspaper allowing individuals -- not just elected or appointed officials -- to voice their concerns. We do this in a couple of ways, namely with letters to the editor and newstories researched and written by our reporters.

One resident continually voices his concerns about his city government. It is his city government as a taxpaying resident. His concerns are many and they appear valid. We have run this Clarkston watchdog's letters for years. Conversely, we have run letters attaching this man's claims and credibility. Two weeks ago, we ran a story (**City Spat Unresolved, Feb. 5, 2014**) with both this man and the city

manager face-to-face. Claims and counterclaims.

Last week the city manager informed our representative she doesn't read her hometown newspaper, and we quote, "I need to tell you that I will not be available for any interviews to the *Clarkston News* whatsoever."

In essence, she will no longer communicate publicly with the community. This may be acceptable to the every-day-citizen, but it is not acceptable for a person paid by the taxpayer.

It is time for this city to hire a professional administrator and not to gerrymander rules during this procedure.

This newspaper is now fully investigating all Freedom of Information requests made by the concerned citizen. We will take his claims to the state's capitol, Lansing. Here, attorneys for the Michigan Press Association will comb over all requests guaranteed by Michigan's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Locally, we will dig into the actual claims and procedures.

We encourage residents to keep reading and writing. We encourage you to attend meetings, be involved. Don't let this embarrassment continue.

-- Editorial by Don Rush



**SCOUT VISIT:** Bear Den Cub Scouts, front row from left, Jack Mayhew, Frankie Fabrizio, Logan Strong, Aiden Scott, and Collin Schroeder, and in back from left, Ryan Snudden, Reece Stachowiak, Sam Modrzynski, and Parker Sterling, visit the Clarkston News office on Main Street. The third graders visited the office, Feb. 13, as part of their handbook requirements. Photo by Phil Custodio

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1999

**"City Council resists senior living project"** Clarkston City Council members and the overflowing crowd at city hall were not receptive to a 35,000 square-foot elderly assisted-living facility at the corner of Waldon and Main Street. Council members supported the project but not on that particular property and some wanted to see it remain a single-residential.

**"New master plan steers Independence Parks and Recreation into millenium"** A five-year Parks and Recreation master plan approved by the Independence Township Board of Trustees aimed to keep pace with a growing community. Part of the five-year plan focused on Bay Court Park in which they included building the playscape structure, the beach pavilion, picnic shelter, parking areas and more.

**"League champs!"** In its third year of existence, the Clarkston Hockey team had gone from not playing in a league to winning a league title. The Wolves beat Troy for the OAA Division I title, 8-5, going 6-1-1 in the league.

### 25 years ago - 1989

**"Deputies calm angry gunman"** Residents living on Eastlawn in Independence Township were confined in their homes for several hours as police attempted to calm a neighbor who had barricaded himself in his home with a gun. He had threatened to kill himself and anyone who tried to stop him. He confessed to deputies he had cancer, believed he was dying and was in a lot of pain.

**"Photography career takes off with the birds"** The Michigan Natural Resource magazine editors sifted through 1,000 photographs before they selected 60 for their photo edition. Two of the photos selected were sent by George Stewart of Clarkston. Stewart talked about being chosen and photographing birds.

**"Wolves are winners in thriller"** Waterford Mott players fell to the hardwood in disbelief as Clarkston Varsity Boys Basketball celebrated a close and exhausting game. The Wolves won 59-58 after Mott's leading scorer's shot hit the glass too hard in the last second. Kevin McCormick led the boys with 20 points.

### 50 years ago - 1964

**"Burglars dynamite township safe"** Dynamite was used to gain entrance to the treasurer's safe in the Independence Township offices and \$160 was taken. The burglars overlooked \$4,500 in cash and checks.

# Planning, collaboration keys to school success

Great things continue to happen in the Clarkston Community Schools. The district is experiencing positive trends in achievement, finance, planning, curriculars, and professional development. It is truly a great time to work, live, and learn in Clarkston.

After achieving an all time high in ACT scores at Clarkston High School last year, the district continues to work very hard to improve student achievement in all areas of the curriculum.

We realize fully that student achievement is a prime indicator of a quality education and we expect all of our students to perform at the highest levels. The State of Michigan will soon release our most recent MEAP scores and we look forward to reporting the positive results.

As our district continues to work through funding cuts from the State of Michigan, we anticipate a positive financial forecast, due to the sacrifices made by our employee groups, the fiscal con-

servatism of our board of education and administration, and the oversight of our finances by all decision makers.

## Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

Our priorities remain student learning, class sizes, academic programming, creating the best possible learning and working environments for our employees and students, bringing our technology up to standard, maintaining the community's resources, and preparing our students for the future.

The administration looks forward to working collaboratively with our board of education to meet these priorities as we move through the budget process over the next few months.

The board of education is in the final stages of completing its five-year strategic plan. Focus areas include student learn-

ing, technology, operations, communications, human resources, and finance. The district has hosted a community meeting and sought additional feedback through its Website. We look forward to finalizing this plan and moving forward toward full implementation.

The CHS Drama Club just completed a resoundingly successful presentation of Peter Pan. The performing arts center was full for each performance. The music, choreography, singing, flying, sets and costumes, and special effects were incredible.

Our wrestling, basketball, cheer, swim, dance, hockey, bowling, RUSH Robotics team, Lead classes, and other co-curricular groups continue to perform at the highest levels.

Academic Service Learning and many other community service activities thrive. The Clarkston Foundation recently recognized our students in the areas of arts, science, and mathematics. Our students,

staff, and community are the very best.

Ongoing professional learning is the key ingredient in an excellent school system. Clarkston sets the standard, regionally, across the state, and across the nation.

Our literacy, math, and Cultures of Thinking work provide the very best, research-based ongoing learning for our teachers. Our teachers have time to collaborate, which is vital. Our principals serve as instructional leaders, which is their first responsibility, ensuring that every child experiences education according to her/his unique needs and interests.

Clarkston thrives because of our outstanding staff, board of education, leadership, parents, community, and students. We set the highest standards for achievement in academics, finances, human resources, and professional learning.

We will continue to work as hard as we can to meet our ongoing challenges and priorities because our children deserve the very best. Nothing less will do.

## Faith In Action, Ike McKinnon and L. Brooks Patterson

Last week in these parts was -- well, newflash -- it was cold and snowy. Aside from that, I attended my first State of the (Oakland) County address and my first Oakland County Economic Development & Community Affairs Quality of Life committee meeting. And, I will get to them later.

\* \* \*

First I was approached by Jackie Smiertka, she's a registered nurse and owner of Quality of Life Adult Day Health Care. Which is all fine and dandy . . . she's also sits on the board of a program called Faith In Action. Jackie needs some introductions for this group.

Faith In Action works with area houses of worship (off all faiths and beliefs) to match "community volunteers with seniors and the homebound who need help with everyday activities."

It's only been around locally since 2012 and since Oakland County is kinda big and has a lot of preachers, priests, rabbis and imams running around who need to be reached -- she needs help. Some knuckle head thought Jackie's job might be easier if somebody (wink, wink) could just blast out some information (wink, wink) to everybody in our community. (Wink, wink) and wouldn't you feel good, Don (wink, wink) if it was you?

According to Jackie, Faith in Action provides "transportation to doctor appointments, shopping, and worship services; runs errands such as grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions; relief to caregivers, including

friendly visits and phone calls; home repairs, light house-keeping, and yard work. These services are provided by screened, trained and insured volunteers."

If there are church types reading this column today (and I know there are), please contact Jackie to see if her program matches or can help what your church does. The phone to call is 248-820-3767 or e-mail FaithInActionOakland@gmail.com, and tell 'em Don sent ya.

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So, aside from the theatrics from last week's State of the County presentation by Oakland County Executive and Independence Township resident L. Brooks Patterson, I heard and saw some interesting things.

### An almost unfortunate situation

It was quite awkward during the rush to finally sit down so the program could begin. There was a mass of humanity clamoring for their seats. There -- with his back to me, standing tall and proud -- was Detroit Deputy Mayor Isaiah "Ike" McKinnon. In slow motion, I watched a small, pink hand politely touch the small of his back to move him out of the way.

(Let me stop here and say this: Ike McKinnon is about 9 feet tall, former cop and former Detroit Police Chief. He's a tough-looking dude.)

There, the small, pink hand of a north Oakland County man felt the hard and unmistakable butt of a holstered handgun. And, in that nanosecond it took to move one step from behind to one step next to Ike, the big man's head turned with a look that made my blood turn cold.

Gulp.

I think I meekly said something akin to, "I enjoyed your book, Ike." and quickly found a place to sit.

### From ye old reporter's notebook

In L. Brook's estimation the Detroit Water and Sewer department has suffered from "decades" of mismanagement and "corruption." And, folks' water bills around here will probably go up two to three times the current rate. Lucky you. I'm on a well.

At any given time in Oakland County there are 632 homeless people and 2,000 kids "couch hopping." Never knew there were that many kids either not welcome in, or not having their own beds.

Science fiction to reality. L Brooks is pushing to make Oakland the first county in the nation to have a "Connected Cars Ecosystem." And, that means lights, vehicles and computers will all be linked for safer, faster and more efficient local traveling.

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The Quality of Life folks at the county have deduced they need to attract and retain two demographic groups: 25-35 year-olds and retired folk. They are working hard to figure out how to reach and connect with these folks. They want a young person to intern and maintain social networking sites to make this happen. If you know of a young, area person who wants a paid internship gig, contact me.

Of course, I say if they want to reach those two groups they need to contact moms, aged 35-55, because these women look out not only for their children but their parents and the parents of their husbands. And, moms are community newspapers biggest group of readers. Hmm? Who woulda thunk it?

Comments, concerns and suggestions to: Don@ShermanPublications.org

### Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

# THANK YOU

(let us explain)

## Lowrie's Landscape

A huge thanks to Lowrie's Landscape, who partnered with DRAW to provide equipment to help in the aftermath of the tornado in Washington, IL in November, 2013.

We have only been around for 20 months, but in that short of amount of time, we've had a major impact on the lives of thousands of disaster survivors around the country. This only happened because so many of you in Clarkston, along with the rest of Southeast Michigan, were willing to serve those who had lost everything.

## Clarkston Retailers Group

A huge thanks to all of the participating retailers (and the consumers) who took part in this year's Roving Cocktail Party in the Village.

## Clarkston Community Church

A huge thanks to CCC, one of our partner churches. CCC has provided supplies, funds, space, and volunteers (far too many to count) for a number of DRAW activities.

You believed that, together, we could help these people, one bucket at a time.

So we wanted to stop and say thanks.

## Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce

A huge thanks to the Clarkston Area COC, who have included DRAW's bucket drumline in multiple community events, helping to spread awareness of DRAW's mission.

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## Bob Schaffer & Karl Gleiss

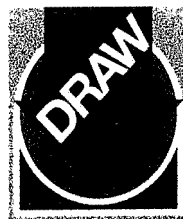
A huge thanks to Bob (IMS) and Karl (Molder Services), who, from the beginning, have provided donated space at DRAW's HQ. That donated space has seen more than 6000 buckets of supplies come and go, along with another 2000+ DRAW volunteers.

## Clarkston United Methodist Church

A huge thanks to CUMC, one of our partner churches. CUMC has provided their members to be DRAW volunteers, with ages ranging between 4 and 84 years old, and has supported first response efforts in a number of ways

## Clarkston Schools

A huge thanks to the faculty, leadership, and students at Clarkston High School, who have raised more than \$4000 and truckloads (literally) of supplies for DRAW over the course of their last two Charity Weeks. Also, a shoutout to both Pine Knob & Springfield Plains Elementary, who collected supplies as well.



PS: For everyone else we didn't have enough ink to list, we want to say thanks to you too!

PPS: We will always need more help. If you want to be a part of what we do, we will be sure your efforts, energy, and support continues to impact disaster survivors. So give us a buzz if you're interested.

## Union Joins

A huge thanks to the Union Joins family, who, in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, collected more than 100 lbs of crayons, and other school supplies, so that displaced elementary school students along the East Coast would have one less thing to worry about less than a month after the storm.

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## School budget parameters

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budget, is right at the edge, said board Treasurer Joan Patterson.

"This scares me," Patterson said. "I'd like to do little more research to firm up numbers."

The state is considering recommendations from a Financial Accountability for Schools' Workgroup, which met last year, to take note of districts' fund balances – "green lights" for districts with at least 15 percent fund balances, "yellow lights" for fund balances of 10-15 percent, and "red lights" for fund balances of less than five percent.

"I don't want someone from outside the district saying we're not running it wisely, so we're stepping in," Patterson said.

Patterson said they should be open to ideas from the community.

"There are really great ideas out there," she said.

Hyer said increased revenue could come from partnerships with other districts.

"I think we need to explore what avenues are out there," he said. "The way to get to these critical needs doesn't mean more taxes – it means getting creative. Administration has been exploring every good idea and every bad idea."

Trustee Cheryl McGinnis said they should not focus too much on increasing the fund balance.

"I feel we have students right now in classroom seats we need to educate – I feel an obligation to provide students the best education we possibly can without spending every dollar," McGinnis said.

The two-year budget's parameters also assume a loss of 70 students in 2015 and 50 students in 2016; cost for employee benefits to increase by 10 percent in 2016; per-pupil state funding increases of \$83 in 2015 as well as 2016; and one percent increases in retirement costs for 2015 and 2016. According to the parameters, fund equity would be \$3.8 million in 2015 and 2016.

The \$9.5 million in critical needs would include \$1.44 million to reduce class sizes, \$4.2 million in other personnel costs, \$2.357 million for technology, and \$1.5 million for operations.

The administration will present budget recommendations at upcoming meetings, Rock said.

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Domestic abuse

Doctors at a Bow Pointe Drive clinic called police to report a domestic abuse victim, 2:44 p.m., Feb. 3. The woman, an Independence Township resident, said her ex-boyfriend pushed her into a wall during an argument about her cell phone, but refused to provide more information or press charges.

## Credit fraud

An Independence Township woman's credit card company called her to check on a request to change her address, and send two new credit cards to the new address, Feb. 4. She cancelled the request and notified police.

## Overheated furnace

Firefighters and deputies responded to smoke pouring from the front door of a home in the 5000 block of Mary Sue Street, 11:46 a.m., Feb. 6. They found the furnace room to be about 400 degrees and filled with smoke, caused by overheated lint in the furnace. They shut the furnace off.

## Donation theft

An Oakland Technical Center Northwest employee was collecting donations for a fellow employee in need, keeping them in a desk. Someone reportedly took the cash from the envelope, Feb. 6.

## Parking lot chaos

Pine Knob Elementary administrators asked deputies to monitor parking lot traffic, Feb. 7, after a minor accident and several near misses. With nearly 200 cars moving through the lot in the 20 minutes before school, administrators ask parents to drive cautiously, not back out of spaces haphazardly, and drop students off at the sidewalk near the playground.

## Caught with marijuana

Administrators searched a student's locker at Clarkston High School after a classmate told a teacher he was asking if anyone wanted to smoke weed with him, 8:43 a.m., Feb. 7. The search turned up a pill containing marijuana and two pain-killer pills. He said he took the pills from his father. He was turned over to Narcotics Enforcement.

## Break in

Someone broke into a vacant E. Washington Street home, Feb. 7. Nothing was reported taken.

## Friend suspected

A resident in the 6000 block of Cherrylawn Avenue had a friend stop by with a second acquaintance, 10:01 p.m., Feb. 8. When they left, he noticed a lockbox containing medicine and cash was gone.

## Suspect dead in burglary case

Detectives travelled to Taylorsville, Ind., Monday, to interview a suspect connected to a home invasion in Springfield Township. Two armed men broke into a residence in the 10000 block of Clark Road near Ridgewood Road, 10:22 a.m., Feb. 12, tying up the residents and stealing a wallet and jewelry. The residents managed to free themselves and called police, after which the suspects fled. Responding to a tip, Indiana state and local police located what is believed to be the two suspects at a Red Roof Inn in Taylorsville, 8 p.m., Feb. 17, according to media reports. One of the suspects, a 26-year-old Waterford man, surrendered shortly after. The second suspect would not surrender. After an all-night standoff, at about 8:30 a.m., police heard a gunshot from the motel room and found the suspect dead from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. Springfield Township detectives will interview the surviving suspect to confirm the connection to the local home invasion, said Det. Matt Howe.

## Drunk driver

A 38-year-old Independence Township woman drove into a snowbank on Depot Road at White Lake Road after leaving a Main Street restaurant, 12:17 a.m., Feb. 11. A plow driver pulled up to check on her, and she hit his vehicle as she drove away. She was located and arrested for drunk driving.

## Vehicle fire

A minivan was in a parking lot in the 5000 block of Water Tower Place when it caught on fire, 7:26 a.m., Feb. 11. The driver tried to put it out with a fire extinguisher, but it grew too quickly. Independence Township firefighters put it out.

## Handicap skofflaw

A deputy watched as two men parked an SUV in handicap parking at a grocery store on Sashabaw Road at Maybee Road, and run inside, 7:20 p.m., Feb. 11. The officer waited for them to come back out, then stopped them. The driver, a 46-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and improper parking in a handicap space.

## Trumpet taken

A 12-year-old Independence Township boy said he left his rented trumpet on the ground near the road to visit a friend in the 7000 block of Snow Apple Drive, 5:40 p.m., Feb. 12. When he returned, the instrument was gone.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

**This Monday ..**

Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball  
hosts district playoffs against  
Rochester Adams, 7 p.m.

## Battle for finals continues

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Cagers added two more to the win column last week – not only for their season but for long-time head coach Dan Fife's overall record as he reached 599 wins on Friday night.

Fife reflected on the past wins including the Wolves' most recent victory over Rochester Adams, 67-56, and added it is the impact of the program left on the players and not the wins.

"Maybe those are the bigger victories than whatever number wins," he said. "For 32 years I have been blessed in a great community, great administration, great staff and great players. It is fulfilling to be able to do that for everyone involved because it isn't Dan Fife 600 wins, it's Clarkston Basketball 600 wins. It is great for our community and our kids."

The boys most recent win with the Highlanders was hard fought and physical as Adams opened with two quick baskets.

"It was sloppy on our part," Fife added. "But we didn't let them get out to a big run."

The Wolves came back with three points from Mike Nicholson off a basket and one from the free throw line. Nick Owens brought the boys into the lead with another basket.

The first half closed with Clarkston leading 31-27. The score continued to remain close in the third quarter.

Nicholson created more distance in the last two minutes when he was sent to the free throw line twice and completed all four

attempts. A basket from Tabin Throgmorton in the last minute ended the quarter 48-43.

With four minutes left in the game the Highlanders closed in within two points on the board. Nicholson scored five points to put more distance between the two teams as the Wolves' defense kept the visiting team from scoring.

"That is how an OAA game is supposed to be played," Fife said. "It was a great game for everybody to watch. It was just kids competing."

"It was a tough game," Fife added. "Everything about it was good. It was physical with kids competing. It is fun to watch kids compete that hard. If you lose you can at least know you gave everything you had."

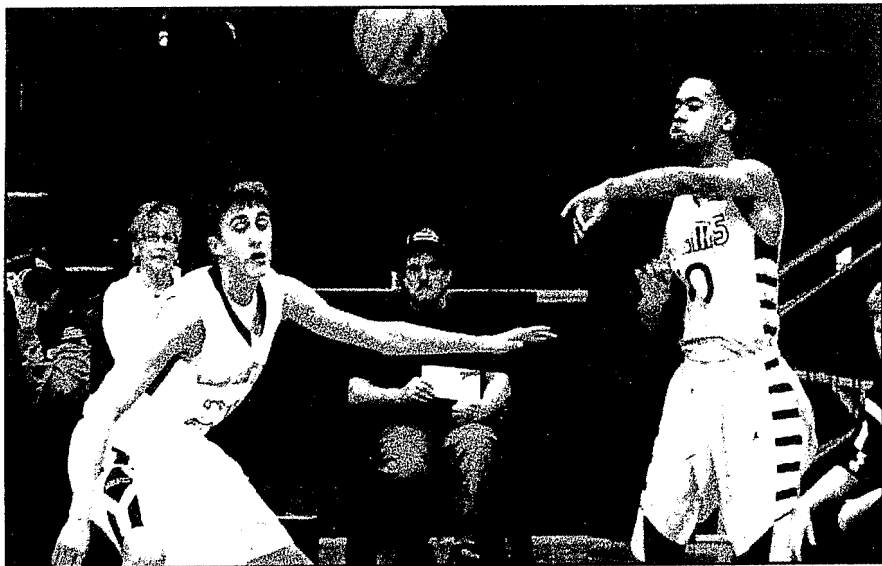
Nicholson led with 33 points against the Highlanders. Owens and Throgmorton added 11 points each. Owens scored two field goals in the game.

The Wolves outscored Pontiac in the first half on Feb. 11, 36-12. They continued to reign by putting 25 points on the board in the third quarter. The game finished with a 70-25 win for Clarkston.

Owens led the team with 16 points and scored four field goals. Nicholson added 15 points and Throgmorton had 11 points.

The boys head to North Farmington on Wednesday with a 13-3 overall record, leading the OAA Red 9-1. They are home on Friday when they host Southfield-Lathrup and on Tuesday as they host Bloomfield Hills for the Wolves last home game for the season.

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



Tabin Throgmorton's defense press keeps Rochester Adams from scoring.  
Photo by Wendi Reardon

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



From left Jacob Kersten, Sophie Hubble, Eric Wagner, Chelsea Turk and Timothy Cuthrell. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Ready for regionals

BY WENDI REARDON  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

The Wolves are ready as they head into the MHSAA Bowling Regionals this week after a successful run in Regina's Bowl Swami Heart Breaker Bakers, Feb. 8.

"We did really good," said Lenny Kersten, assistant bowling coach. "One team qualified third and we got knocked out in the first round. The other team qualified sixth and got knocked out in the first round. We had individual standouts who did really well."

The standouts for the tournament were Timothy Cuthrell, Sophie Hubble, Jacob Kersten, Chelsea Turk and Eric Wagner.

"We did well but we know we could have done better," said Jacob. "We had a fun day."

They added it was a tough tournament because the teams are blended with boys and girls.

"Usually it is just the girls team and the boys team," Hubble said.

"There is a different chemistry," Jacob added.

With regionals beginning this week the five reflected on their favorite moments of the season so far. For Cuthrell and Wagner it was going against Oxford.

"We lost by eight pins," Wagner added. "It was a fun one. The team was very energetic and loud. It seemed like everyone came together."

Turk enjoyed finishing in the top ten in her series during the OAA tournament.

Kersten and Hubble enjoyed the singles tournament at Collier Lanes, which was the first tournament of the year.

"It came down to Eric and me in the finals," Jacob said. "It was cool to have Clarkston with a sure win no matter what happened."

"It qualified third for series and second for high game," Hubble said about her playing. "I was a finalist. I thought it was cool for my only third year of bowling."

Hubble began playing only years ago while her teammate Turk has 13 years experience. Wagner has played for 16 years while Jacob and Cuthrell have played for 12 years each.

"One of my favorite moments is still yet to come because we have a lot of potential for regionals this year," Jacob said. "As long as we can pick up spares and if we can come out on top – individually and as a team – we have a really good shot at

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# Victory in overtime

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers let out a sigh of relief as North Farmington missed their last four shots in the final 27 seconds in the overtime period last Thursday.

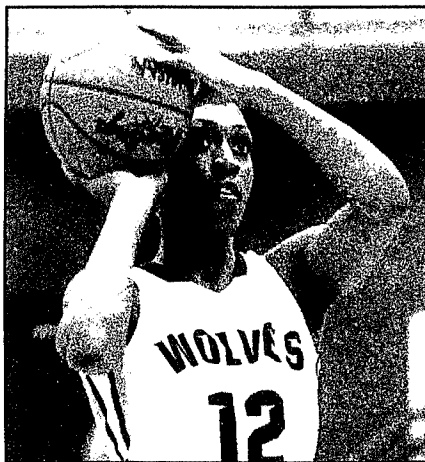
The missed shots kept the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team in the lead and walking away with the 54-50 win.

"We played with a lot of toughness," said head coach Tim Wasilk. "We made some mistakes but we found a way to win. We made some free throws along the stretch and I was proud of the kids."

It was those free throws which helped the Lady Wolves in the final minute as Erika Davenport with 3-for-3 on the line and Kayla Russell hit one of her two with 27 seconds remaining.

It was a close match throughout the entire game. The Wolves took the lead with 1:54 remaining in the third quarter off a basket from Davenport putting the score to 29-28. Jessica Altene ended the quarter with two more points.

They continued to match points in the last quarter. With 29 seconds remaining in the game Davenport put the lead up by two points.



Erika Davenport aims in a free throw attempt in the first quarter. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Before the Wolves could celebrate North Farmington's Lauren Tait was sent to the line for two attempts with nine seconds left. She scored both and tied the game 46-46, sending it into overtime.

Davenport led with 27 points and was 11-for-16 from the free throw line.

"She did a good job," said Wasilk. "She did a good job inside being patient. When we got the ball we were pretty successful. They were good putting players on her and down below but she stayed composed and made free throws along the stretch."

Robinson scored 16 points for the Lady Wolves during the game.

They opened the week the night before with another close game against Southfield-Lathrup and lost, 54-51.

"We had a chance to win in the fourth quarter. We missed some free throws and didn't make big plays," Wasilk said. "But against North Farmington we just did. We have played a lot of close games and it shows togetherness and didn't lose our cool."

The Lady Wolves host their last home game on Thursday against Avondale with JV beginning at 5:30 p.m. and varsity following.

The varsity team begins the post-season in the MHSAA Girls Basketball Districts on Monday against Rochester Adams.

"It will be a competitive battle," Wasilk said. "They are a well-coached team and their starters are above 5'10" in length. It should be a good ball game. We will take it one game at a time."

The game against North Farmington wasn't the first close game the girls had during the season and Wasilk added all the close games will help heading into the playoff season.

"They are great because we really don't get rattled because we have had so many close games this year," he said. "At least ten of our games have been down to the last final minutes. It should help us out in the future."

The Lady Wolves host districts beginning on Monday. They play at 7 p.m.



Chris Trimmer gets a hold on his opponent. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Four heading to finals

Four grapplers are heading to the MHSAA Wrestling Individual State Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills next week.

Tyler Slating (145), Cameron Wilkie (119) and Jake Dionne (130) finished in third place at the MHSAA Wrestling Individual Regional on Saturday at Oxford and Greg Miller (112) finished in fourth place.

Slating beat Carman-Ainsworth's Lucas Schutt in a major decision, 10-9, to begin the day. He went on to lose against another Cavalier in the next round, Milik Dawkins, 12-3.

Slating came back with a 5-2 win over John Staron from Troy-Athens before moving on to take third place with a 7-4 win over Waterford Mott's Corbin Moorer.

Wilkie opened the tournament with an 8-6 win over Chase Davis from Port Huron and beat Davis one more time for the third place finish with a 10-0 win.

He lost the next match against Grand Blanc's Nathaniel Fleming, 9-2. He went on to win the next match with a 2-0 win over Oxford's Collin Campbell.

Dionne also began the day with a win. His was over Port Huron Northern's Jason Reid, 16-9. He lost to Carman-Ainsworth's Darien Vaughn, 7-3, before moving on to his next two wins. The wins were over Grand Blanc's Tyler Butterfield, 9-5; and Stoney Creek's Aidan Pierobon, 9-5.

Miller had two wins during the day with

a pin on Chris Miller from Saginaw-Heritage at 1:23 and a major decision over JT Mullins from Swartz Creek, 10-2. He lost two matches both against Davison with one against Max Johnson, 16-0; and Devon Perez with a fall at 56 seconds.

Nate Troutvine (215) won his first match of the day with a fall over Saginaw-Heritage's Anthony Whytea at 3:36. He lost the next two matches to finish the season 33-12.

Five Wolves ended the season after two losses at the regional meet. Kyle Masters (140) finishing the season with an overall 25-17 record; Nolan Eriksen (152) with a 34-15 record; Mitchell Nelson (112) with a 14-7 record; Connor Ryan (119) with a 37-10 record; Bret Foltz (125) with 35-13 record.


The boys lost the MHSAA Wrestling Team Regional in the finals against Oxford 45-16 on Wednesday. Posting wins for the Wolves were Wilkie with a fall, 1:42; Foltz, 10-1; Nate Vandermeer (135), 4-0; and Kas Waitkus, 7-6.

The boys won the semifinals over Utica Ford II, 41-25. Winning their matches with pins were Nate Troutvine (215) at 3:30; Ruan (125), 54 seconds; Foltz (130), 2:32; and Slating, 1:48.

Chris Trimmer (285) won his close match with an 8-7 victory as Miller won with a technical fall, 15-0; and Dionne won, 7-2. Wilkie won with a void.

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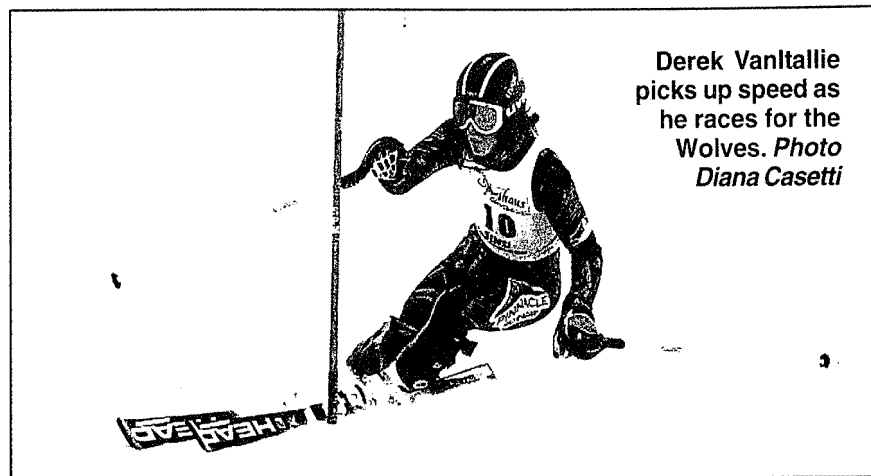
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Derek VanTallie picks up speed as he races for the Wolves. Photo Diana Casetti

## Skiers slide to state finals

BY WENDIREARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Skiers are heading north as both girls and boys teams qualified for the MHSAA State Finals at Schuss Mountain.

The boys finished in first place at regionals last week as the girls finished in second place.

"It was a good day," said Coach Mike Foyteck.

Derek VanTallie led the boys as they finished in first place in the giant slalom race. He placed in second at 36.99. Finishing in the top 15 spots were Ryan Callahan, sixth; Ben Schuster, 12th; Reis Weidemann, 14th; and Jacon McIntosh, 15.

The boys finished second in the slalom race. VanTallie finished in second place at 41.68 closely following in third place was Callahan at 41.93. Weidemann finished in tenth place as McIntosh finished in 19th.

"The boys had problems," Foyteck added. "We didn't ski clean. We haven't had a clean race all year long. They have some work to do there. I don't think we have seen the best out of them yet. Hopefully we see that in the states."

The girls finished in third place in the giant slalom. Madeline DeClercq led the team with her second place finish at 39.21. Amanda Casetti closely followed finishing in third place at 39.40. Caroline Spytman finished in 17th place.

They finished in second place in the slalom. Spytman led with a second place finish at 47.88 as DeClercq finished in third. Casetti finished in 12th place.

Foyteck added Karoline Holsbeke was hurt and wasn't able to ski for the race.

"It was a big hit for the girls team but they made it on their own," he said. "She will be able to race in the state meet."

The state meet is Monday beginning at 8 a.m. and Clarkston is hosting at Schuss Mountain. Foyteck is expecting fast competition.

"This is probably one of the toughest state meets I can remember as far as the competition goes," he said, adding it is the caliber of the teams. "It seems like a lot of good teams have a lot of good racers all at the same time. There are four teams on the boys side who could probably win just depending on who has a good day and who has a bad day."

He added a strength for the boys is they have been there before - in the last three years they have finished as state champion and two runner-up spots.

"They are used to the pressure," he said. "If they ski a clean day they should have a good day. The girls are skiing strong. Traverse City West and Traverse City Central are both really good as far as the girls go. They will have their hands full there."

## Bowlers prepare for finals

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states this year."

"I think we have potential," Turk added.

Hubble pointed out a bonus is the closeness of the team and there is more potential next year as well since all of the bowlers on the girls team are returning.

"No matter what the outcome we have grown closer as a team," Jacob said. "I have had more chemistry this year with my team than I have in the past. Having really good chemistry helps you bowling because you are a lot more confident and you know if you throw a bad shot your team is there to pick you up. They will help you."

"We are just one big happy family," Turk smiled.

Hubble added they have bonded a lot more with their coaches as well.

The girls and boys teams play in Region 3 this week at 300 Bowl in Waterford.

"We have learned a lot this year and we were able to fix a lot of our errors we made early on," Jacob said. "Now we are ready for regionals."

"For the girls last year we did pretty good and took third," Turk added. "I think this year we will pull through and take first."

The finals are next week at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.



## Remember the troops

The Clarkston Girls Basketball teams remembered Clarkston High School graduate Army Specialist Jenna Beno during their first annual Hoops for Troops last Thursday.

The Lady Wolves raised \$3,701 with help from the community and sponsors during the event for Luke's Wings.

Beno was a sports enthusiast and team manager for the Lady Wolves in 2006, the year she graduated. She passed away October 2012 from injuries sustained in Iraq.

Before she passed away she spent two and a half years at Walter Reed Army Medical Center trying to recover from her injuries and battling Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome.

Luke's Wings made it possible for Beno's mom, Kristi, to fly out to WRAMC for a few days before accompanying Jenna on the long drive road.

Luke's Wings is an organization dedicated to support of service member who have been wounded in battle. They provide families with the means to visit during the service member's hospitalization and rehabilitation.



Hoops for the Troops Organizer Megan Goldberg talks about Jenna Beno and Luke's Wings.



Megan Goldberg hugs Kristi and Bill Beno, Jenna's parents. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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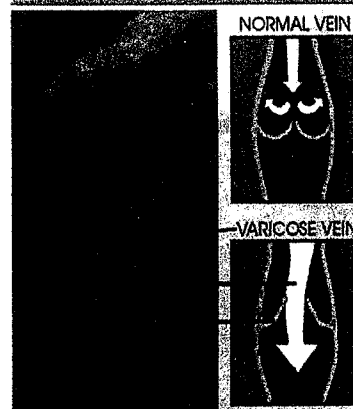
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Dave Rooney from Davisburg Pet and Feed in downtown Davisburg gets prepared to deliver some feed. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

**Winter tough on wildlife too**

If you think winter has been rough for you, just imagine living like an animal outside. With deep snow and extreme temperatures, the well-below-zero winter has buried grass and other food sources in heavy drifts of snow.

Like humans, animals need to eat more when it gets cold, but unlike humans they can't get to the grocery store to nab dinner.

"I have seen deer wading in snow up to their chest," said Connie Rooney new business owner of Davisburg Pet and Feed in downtown Davisburg.

Rooney said she is happy to feed the wildlife. That's why she made it her business.

"You can see the deer pawing at the snow trying to reach grass," she said.

With such deep snowdrifts—pawing down to reach grass is a great task for animals—especially when hungry.

Michigan is home to many species of wildlife including White-tailed deer, groundhogs, squirrels and birds. Rooney said a few bags of corn mixed with molasses would be a sweet blessing for the starving animals and for just \$10 you can feed 20 deer and many other critters.

Feeding the wildlife comes with rewards—particularly the beauty you see when witnessing them feed and knowing you have made their cold and hungry journey a bit more bearable, she added.

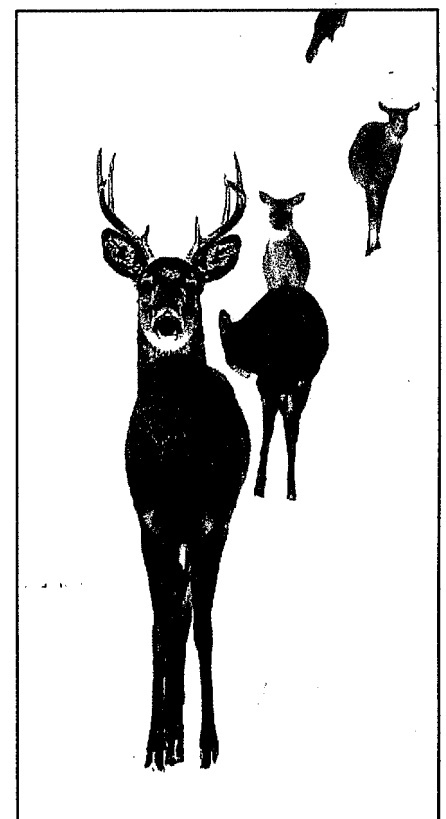
Rooney said after feeding the deer and the food is gone, animals of all types can be seen pawing at the ground. Rooney also said she feeds them a certain way.

"If you put it all in one pile they fight over it," she said. "They are desperate in this cold and snowy weather. The snow is just so deep they have trouble finding food."

Michigan Department of Natural Resources

rules for recreational deer feeding include no more than two gallons of grain, mineral, salt, fruit, vegetable, hay or other feed, no more than 100 yards from a residence on land owned by the resident; feed must be scattered on the ground; and at least 100 yards from any area accessible to cattle, goats, sheep, and other domestic animals. For more information visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

-Andrea Beaudoin



Deer gather off White Lake Road. Photo provided

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# Residents, officials dismayed at manager's decision

Continued from page 1

Roth said she is shocked the city manager would think she has the right to no longer speak to the local newspaper.

"To be saying something negative towards any business in town goes against everything the city manager should represent," Roth said.

Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt said she will no longer be available "whatsoever" to the newspaper, after an inquiry by the *News* about a Freedom of Information Act request by city resident Cory Johnston.

Council member David Marsh said,

rather than taking their issues to *The Clarkston News*, residents should attend council meetings.

"It is unfortunate that the city manager is not comfortable working with our newspaper," Marsh said. "In my opinion it would be more productive for residents to attend council meetings and express their concerns. The city manager, city council and residents should share a goal of working together to resolve issues rather than confronting one another via the *Clarkston News*."

The next meeting of the city council is Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m.

*The Clarkston News* has given Eberhardt and others in the city opportunities to speak to the community with guest columns of their own.

In contrast with the city manager's beliefs, Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said residents' opinions deserve respect.

"Last I checked, the elected officials and, for that matter, every township employee works for township residents," said Kittle. "Every resident deserves nothing but the utmost respect and to have their opinion heard."

A resident's criticism means the township did not take something into consideration or effectively communicate, he said.

"I know it impossible to make everyone happy, but if you run by the basic principle and make your decisions on what is best for the township, most of the time you will be OK and the residents will respect the decision and the evaluative process that went into it," he said.

Johnston, a former city councilman, emails letters to the city and *The Clarkston News* about local issues, citing law

and ordinances to back up why he thinks issues are handled incorrectly.

He recently expressed concern about a bridge in Depot Park, the city's repair of it, and its compliance with Americans with Disability Act requirements.



Eberhardt

Eberhardt, as well as all council members, were asked to respond to Eberhardt's decision saying she will no longer work with *The Clarkston News*.

Eberhardt did not respond. In response to his complaints, she penned a letter to Johnston in January explaining her views.

Eberhardt said Johnston has been critical of every city manager and council and that while he is good at criticizing officials, he never gives positive suggestions to problems.

Johnston said it is not his job to fix problems because he does not have the resources the city does and it is their job to fix issues correctly and if the city does not want to deal with his complaints they should just follow the rules and do their job correctly.

Johnston added his complaints are never addressed by the city, and he has even been personally attacked in an anonymous letter in the mail.

"I'm thinking something might be wrong with you, used to be nice, now you're like goofy of something, people are starting to talk, like, worried you have a health issue, you've gotten so irrational, please for your sake, get checked by a doctor," the anonymous letter said.

Johnston said he has never been diagnosed with mental illness.

He also said the only communication he has had with Eberhardt is via email—and does not think he has not done anything he feels would make Eberhardt fear for her safety or feel as if she is being stalked.

Johnston said he has no criminal record,

but does in fact have a long history of volunteer work and a resume full of professional accomplishments.

Roth said she believes Johnston has the city's best interests at heart and he cares deeply for the community.

"He is very vocal," she said.

Kittle said he hears from concerned residents every day, and he considers it just another part of his job.

He added that some residents are more vocal than others, but he considers it is necessary to always address any resident concerns.

A downtown business employee who asked not to be identified said businesses need to support each other and she believes it is just bad business for a public official to no longer communicate with the newspaper.

She said *The Clarkston News* is very supportive of local businesses, and supported the Clarkston Retailers Group since it formed in 2009.

Another businessman said he believes the media has a right to have access to public officials.

"I can't imagine any public figure denying access in any town to any source of media," said local real estate agent Kevin McCort, also Council member Roth's brother.

Clarkston Community Chamber of Commerce Penny Shanks said critical residents are just another part of the job.

"I do not support anonymous attacks or lies and slander," said Penny Shanks Director of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I do support freedom of speech and if you are going to be in government it behooves you to listen to people who don't agree with you. Even if you don't agree with someone chances are you will still have to work with them sometime in the future."

Shanks said residents who express concern over issues are important in America. "You need people that provide a cross check that's what makes America-America," she said.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**FILE NO: 2013-353, 947-DE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Catherine Shivers. Date of Birth: September 23, 1931  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Catherine Shivers, died January 5, 2013

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

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**OFFICIAL PUBLIC NOTICE**

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/14035f\\_2658\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/14035f_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

Publish: 2/12, 19, 26/2014

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March 2: 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at the above address. If applications exceed spaces available in a grade, a random selection drawing will be held at the above address on March 12, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Questions concerning open enrollment should be directed to 248-674-2400.

**STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**FILE NO: 2014-354, 901-DE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Virginia Doyle aka Virginia Erma Doyle. Date of birth: 6/8/1923.  
**TO ALL CREDITORS:** And/or All Interested Persons including Pamela Jean Cain

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Virginia Doyle aka Virginia Erma Doyle, died October 25, 2013.  
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Shane Turner, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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# Budget amendment requested

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had a yard on Andersonville Road, the work crews were able to mobilize quickly to begin repair work.

The repair was completed on Jan. 13 at total costs of just over \$20,000 to Carnwath, but Richardson said the total cost of the project will be more in the long run after bills come in for other work associated with the project.

Items from the works that still needs to be paid for include traffic signs and cones,

backfill, soil removal and a temporary road repair.

In order to cover the cost of the repairs Richardson requested a budget amendment of \$40,000 because a repair budget was not included in the 2014 budget.

Richardson said in previous years the DPW budgeted for repairs, but doing so created an "over budget" situation so emergency contingencies were not included in the latest budget.

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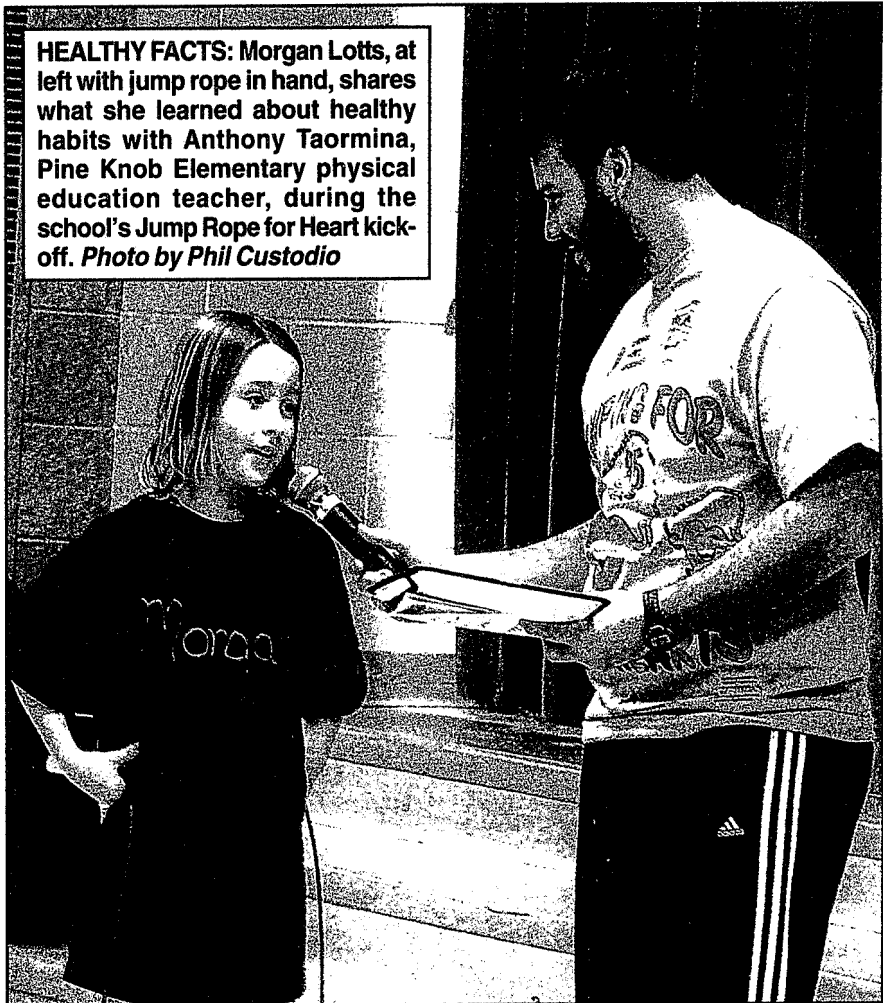
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**HEALTHY FACTS:** Morgan Lotts, at left with jump rope in hand, shares what she learned about healthy habits with Anthony Taormina, Pine Knob Elementary physical education teacher, during the school's Jump Rope for Heart kick-off. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Caroline Fletcher adds tissue paper to her craft.

## Parties for Valentine's

Clarkston Elementary students celebrated Valentine's Day last Friday with treats, games and crafts.

The fifth graders added something differently to the festivities by celebrating the unsung heroes from throughout the district including teachers and staff members.

They shared stories about the people they chose and also had ice cream sundaes to show their appreciation.

Photos by  
Wendi Reardon



Brett Busyn catches marshmallows.



VanPatrick Ottman bites into a cookie he decorated with frosting and sprinkles.



Cameron Staley finishes making his Valentine.

## Independence Television

### Coming up this week:

#### Independence Update

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 8:00pm

Saturday, Feb. 22, 6:00pm

Monday, Feb. 24, 7:00pm

Join Justine Morris for a look at what's happening in our community.

#### The Folklorist

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 10:00pm

Saturday, Feb. 22, 5:30pm

Sunday, Feb. 23, 9:00am

This new show takes a look at the stories from history that have forever inspired us.

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Anna Reineck adds a dab of more frosting.

# Independence Township Times

Everybody's favorite five letter word:



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

## TAXES

By Patrick Kittle,  
Independence Supervisor

One of the most frequently asked questions we get at Township Hall is . . .

. . . "Where do my tax dollars go?"

To help answer this question, we put a chart together to explain how taxes are generated and where your tax dollars are spent for an average priced home in Independence. In this example, we looked at a primary residence in Independence Township with an average market value of \$212,344 and a taxable value of \$106,172. The taxable value of this residence generates an annual property tax bill of \$3,341 that is collected by the Township in two installments: Summer and Winter Tax Bills.

Of the \$3,341 annual property tax amount, \$981 is the Winter Tax portion and covers the following

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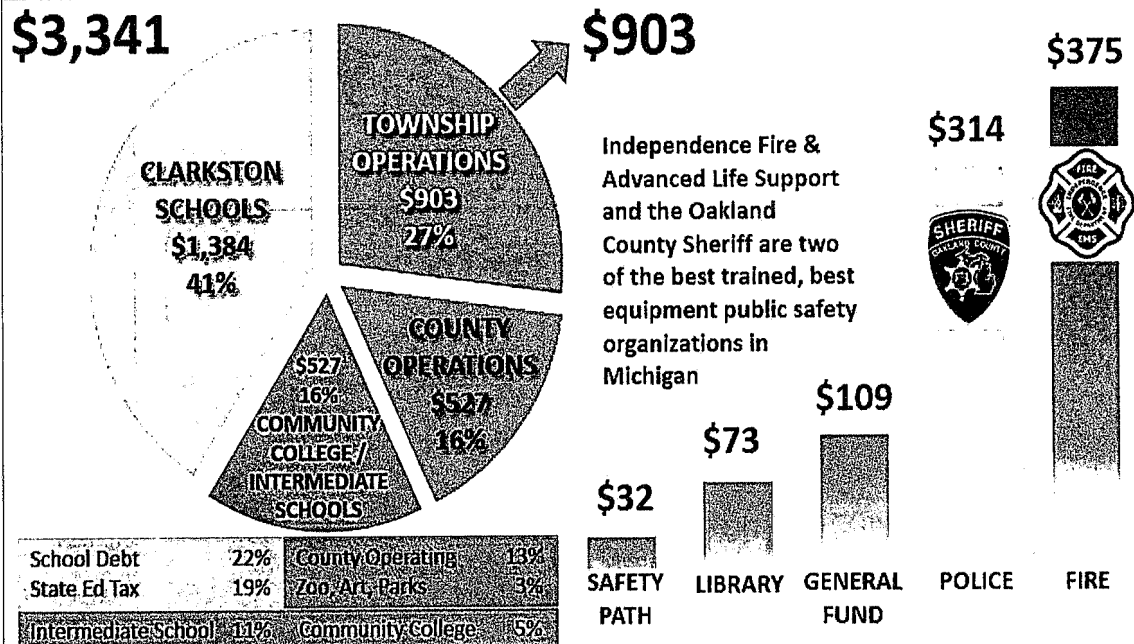
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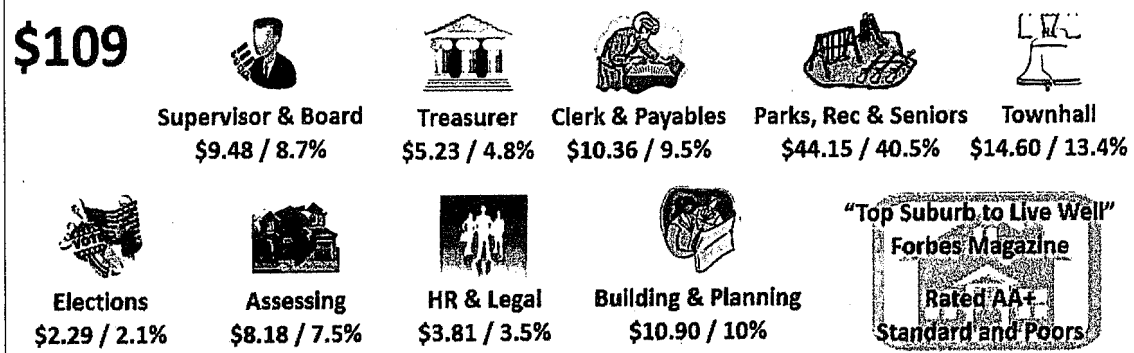
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Township Supervisor Pat Kittle and Township Treasurer Paul Brown

## Cutting costs: you can help!

By Patrick Kittle,  
Independence Supervisor

Over the holidays, there was a bad flu bug going thru the Treasury Department and I volunteered to help open and sort the mail during the end-of-year tax crunch. Wow. I'm going to think twice before I put my hand up for that project again!

Tax time is a huge undertaking. Opening thousands of envelopes from property owners making payments. Making sure check amounts match with the bill. Calling residents who mailed checks unsigned or with amounts that did not match what the bill called for. Ensuring the written amounts on the check match the numerical amounts. And then having to manually enter every check amount into the computer. Lots of time. Lots of headaches.

And lots of expense for a job that can be dramatically streamlined utilizing on-line bill payments!

It's not just tax payments. The DPW also receives roughly 10,000 Water and Sewer bills quarterly from residents mailing in their payments. That's a lot of stamps and envelopes, not to mention a lot of man hours and paper cuts. The current Townhall process to pay tax and utility bills has been in place almost forever ... and in the interest of looking for efficiencies *really needs to change*.

So what can you do to help? Consider on-line bill payments with your bank.

My family has been using on-line bill paying for the better part of a year and I

can attest firsthand the process is simple, easy, secure and best of all ... free. You jump on your bank's website, enter your ID and password, go to Bill Paying, click on the individual or company you want to pay, enter the amount, select the day-to-pay and hit enter. With just a couple of quick key strokes ... you're done.

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**For those who use the US Mail:** No more running to the post office to purchase stamps. No more "hoping and praying" your check gets to Townhall before the tax deadline. No more phone calls from the Township asking, "Can you please stop by Townhall. You forgot to sign your check."

**For those who like to drive:** No more wasted gas. No more risking the elements driving to Townhall in a snow storm. No more waiting in line. No more getting to Townhall at 5:15 only to find out the office is closed.

Finally, a way to pay tax and utility bills designed for you that is simple, easy, secure and cheap. We understand there is no way we will ever get 100% of the residents to use electronic bill payments. But even a 50% or 60% take rate will save countless labor hours to complete a task that could be done in minutes electronically with today's computers.

If you're not familiar with the electronic bill paying services your bank offers, give 'em a call and ask them to explain their system and benefits to you. We believe it will be well worth your time.

Check it out!

## From your Assessing Department

Some Independence Township residents may be exempt from property taxes. The following are exemptions available.

**Hardship Exemption:** Persons meeting Township income standards and other established guidelines may qualify for an exemption from property taxes pursuant to MCL 211.7u. This exemption is for current year only. Applications are available in the Assessing Department and will be brought before the Board of Review for consideration at their next scheduled session.

**Veterans Exemption:** A "disabled" veteran who was discharged from the armed forces of the U.S. under honorable conditions (or their unremarried surviving spouse), may be eligible for exemption from property taxes for the current year only pursuant to MCL 211.7b if they are a resident of this state, and meet one of the following criteria:

a) The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has determined this person to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100% rate;

b) Has a certificate from the U.S. Veterans Administration certifying that they are receiving or has received financial assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing;

### Important Upcoming Dates:

**February 20, 2014:** Personal Property Statement filing deadline

**End of February:** Assessment Notices are mailed to property owners

#### March Board of Review:

Wednesday, March 5, 1 to 4:30 pm

Thursday, March 6, 5 to 8:30 pm

Friday, March 7, 9 am to 12:30 pm  
(please call to make an appointment)

c) Has been rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable.

**NOTE:** The Board of Review has been granted the authority to process veteran's exemptions at their 2014 July session for the 2013 tax. **This is the only time a prior year will be allowed consideration.**

For more information regarding any of the above dates or property exemptions, please visit the Assessing Department page of the Township website: [www.IndeTwp.com](http://www.IndeTwp.com), or contact the Assessing Department at (248) 625-8114.

### Taxes, continued

items: \$903 for Township Operations (8.481 mills), and \$78 to cover the Zoo Authority (.1000 mills), Art Institute (.2000 mills), Oakland County Parks and Recreation (.2415 mills) and the Huron Clinton Metro Authority (.2146 mills).

The Summer Tax Bill is the big one, and that is mainly to provide for the schools – both local and county — and Oakland County Operations. In our example, the Summer Tax Bill would be \$2,360 and covers the following items: Clarkston School Debt (7.000 mills), State Education Tax (6.000 mills), Oakland Community College (1.5844 mills), Oakland Intermediate Schools (3.3687 mills) and Oakland County Operations (4.1900 mills). If your Independence property is not your primary residence, that is, is not eligible for the Homestead Exemption, the

school millage would increase to maximum allowed by law, 18.000 mills.

If you would like the exact detail of what drives *your* tax bill, visit the township website at [www.IndeTwp.com](http://www.IndeTwp.com) and click on the Pie Chart under the **Property Tax** tab. In the top section called *Search Municipal Records By: Address*, simply enter your street address and click *Search*. Find your name and address in the box provided. Click on your name and your complete tax history will be provided with full detailed breakdown going back to the year 2000. You can also review your utility bills here.

If you have any questions about your taxes, contact the Treasurer's Office at 248 625 5115. We will be happy to address any concerns you may have.

# Sewer rates to jump

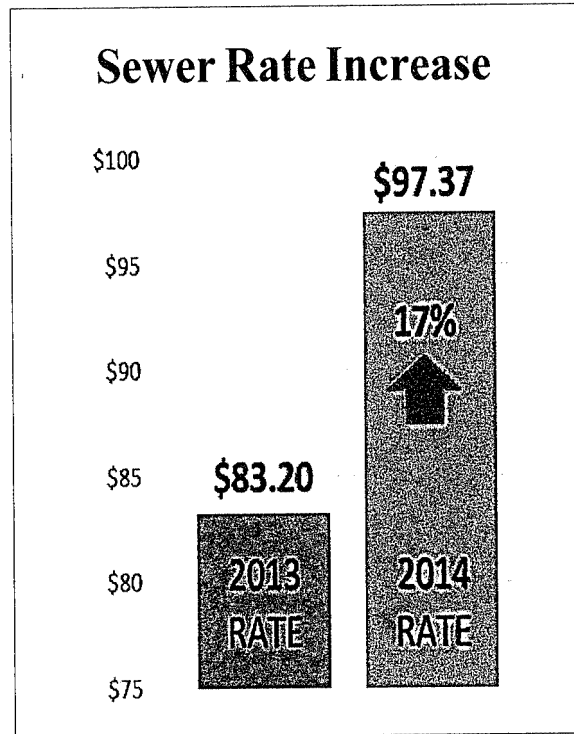
By Patrick Kittle,  
Independence Township Supervisor

The Township Board voted to immediately increase sewer rates by 17% at their meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

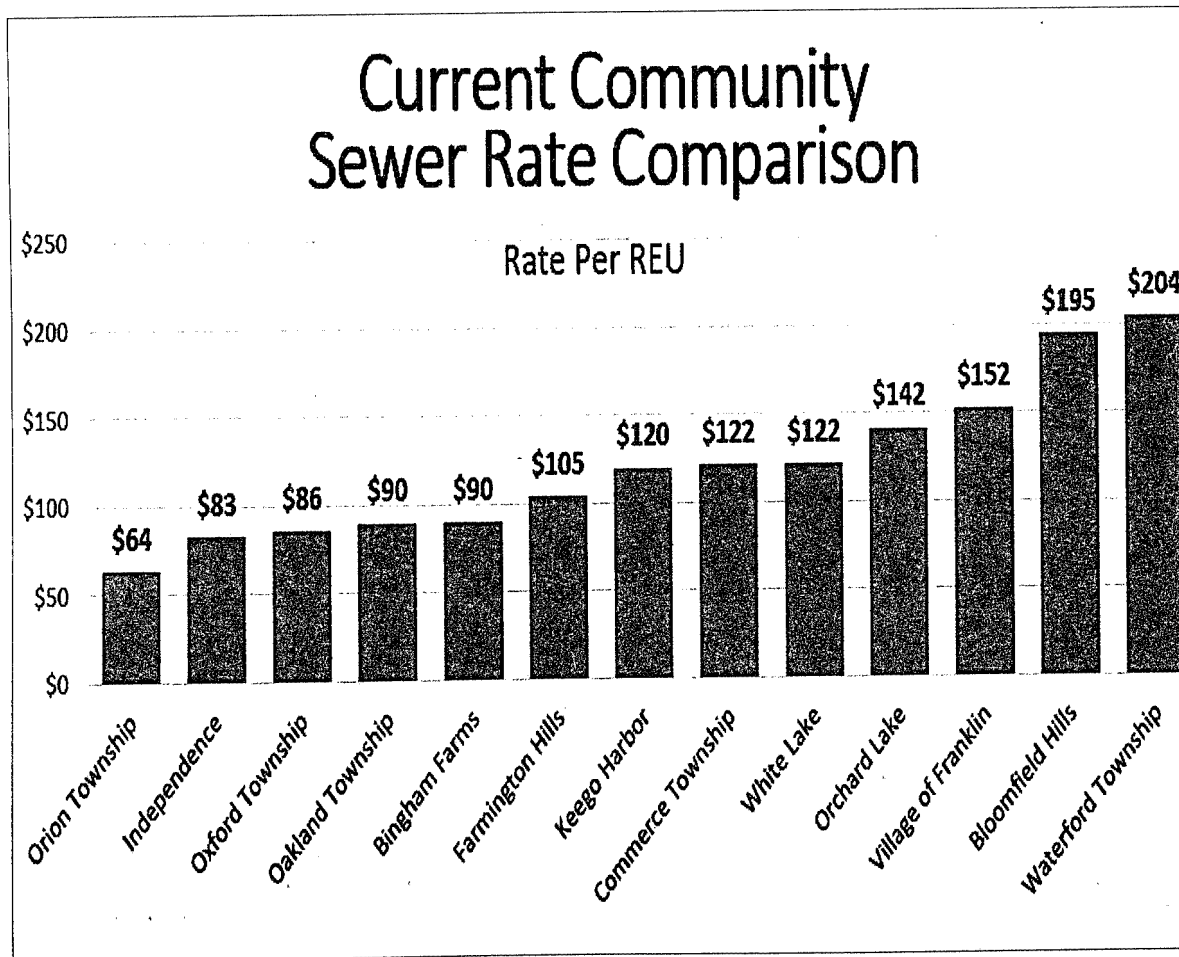
While never an easy decision to raise costs to residents, the Township has been subsidizing sewer rates for the past couple of years and had to take immediate action before the Sewer Fund Balance went broke. Average payments per resident will increase from \$83.20 to \$97.37 per quarter ... a \$14.17 quarterly jump or \$4.72 per month.

Subsidizing rates was a good idea during the recent economic downturn when the Township had adequate sewer fund reserves. However, expenses outside the control of the Township for Detroit sewage treatment (up \$113,000 in 2014) and the Oakland Macomb Interceptor project (up \$204,000 in 2014) have increased at an unprecedented rate.

The first 10% of the rate increase will offset the combined \$317,000 jump in 2014 sewage treatment and infrastructure uncontrollables. The remaining 7% will be used to slow the drain on the sewer fund balance ... down an estimated \$890,000 in 2013. The Board will watch sewer budgets like a hawk (revenues, expenses and outside costs) and closely monitoring base assumptions as we progress through 2014.



The chart below shows how Independence sewer rates stack up to neighboring communities. We will keep you posted throughout the year.



## Emergency Plan Update

Who to call and what the Township can do to help in an emergency

By Pat Kittle,  
Independence Township Supervisor

Having provisions established in the Township to aid residents during an emergency does no good if the folks who need help don't know what's available or who to call.

For instance, did you know our three Fire Stations are staffed 24/7 to act as warming centers if needed, locations to charge cell phones and act as distribution centers (water, food, etc.) if designated. Also, emergency assistance with critical emergency medical needs (oxygen, life support devices) can be coordinated through the Fire Department.

Did you know that the staff of our Senior Center can place daily calls to check on the status of Senior Citizens affected by the emergency and arrange necessary assistance if needed?

The recent snow and ice emergency has unified several local churches, Clarkston Schools, the City of the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township to plan together to best meet the needs of the community during future emergencies. And one thing that is certain in Michigan, there will be another one.

We are going to be using the *Township Times* as one of the ways to help spread the word as our *Emergency Activation and Communication* plans firm up.

### Things you can do right now

1. Keep the fire department non-emergency number (248-625-1924) handy.
2. Put an emergency kit together with flashlight, spare batteries, an emergency weather radio, bottled water and some non-perishable food stuffs to tide you over and stay connected. Include blankets and a first aid kit just in case.

*Reminder: Keep your medications with you if you are evacuated or relocated into a shelter due to the emergency. This holds true for the "chargers" for your portable devices (cell phones, computers, etc.)*

3. Make sure you test start your auxiliary generator at least once a month to ensure it is in top running condition.

**Do not operate any gasoline powered equipment like a generator indoors (including the garage).**

Pretty basic stuff, but it's always better to plan for the worst and hope for the best. "You" need to prepare for your family's needs in the event of an emergency -- we will be there to lend support with the unexpected and long term issues.

Stay tuned. More will follow.

# From your Clarkston Independence District Library

**Clarkston Independence District Library**  
6495 Clarkston Road  
www.IndeLib.org  
248-625-2212

Everyone has something that they are passionate about – something that they geek. Maybe you geek computers or travel. Maybe you're passionate about movies or spending time with your kids. Whatever you geek, serious or fun, the library supports you! Share what you geek and find out more about it at your library!

**Lost Detroit**  
Tuesday, February 25, at 7pm.  
Discover the architecture of Detroit with photographer Sean Doerr.

**Caring for an Aging Parent**  
Monday, March 3, 7-8 pm. This is a valuable workshop for those caring for a spouse, relative or friend.

**Winthrop Wind Quintet**  
Tuesday, March 4, 7-8 pm. Join us at the library for this entertaining concert. (Sponsored by the Friends of the Library)

**Ming the Magnificent Magician**  
All ages with caregiver March 10, 7-8 pm. Love magic? Then come see the magic of Ming the Magician. (Sponsored by the Friends of the Library)

**Teen Creative Confections: Push-up Pops**  
6th to 12th Grade Wednesday, March 12, 7-8:15 pm. Come experiment with

push-up pops. Space is limited. Registration required.

**Poison Prevention presented by Bob Cesario**  
Tuesday, March 18, 7-8 pm. 45-minute presentation on how to recognize poisoning situations

**BollyFit Dance**  
Saturday March 22, 12-1 pm. We invite mothers and their daughters (Ages 6-up) to come to the library to learn BollyFit (Sponsored by the Friends of the Library)

**Every River Tells a Story**  
Tuesday, March 25, 7-8 pm. Doc Fletcher from Canoeing Michigan Rivers will tell stories about local rivers. (Sponsored by the Friends of the Library)

**Michigan and the Titanic**  
Saturday, March 29, 1-2 pm. Jay Follis will present on this interesting fact about Michigan and the Titanic. (Sponsored by the Friends of the Library)



## Exciting things are happening in February at the Senior Center!

By Mary Melega,  
Senior Center Programmer

Are you interested in finding out what your treasures and family heirlooms are worth? You'll get your chance on Thursday, February 20 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm at the Senior Adult Activity Center during our own **Antiques Roadshow**. Have one item appraised for \$3.00 or two items

for \$5.00. The size of the item is limited to what you are able to carry into the center by yourself. Please **DO NOT** bring in more than six items. All proceeds for these appraisals will be donated to our Senior Adult Activity Center.

How about an afternoon at the theater? **"We Will Rock You" The Music of Queen** is a worldwide



Mary Melega, Senior Center Programmer.

smash hit musical featuring the greatest hits of the legendary British rock group, Queen. This hilarious, multi-award winning phenomenon promises to be memorable. The program features songs such as "Another One Bites the Dust", "Crazy Little Thing Called Love", "We are the Champions" and of course "We Will Rock

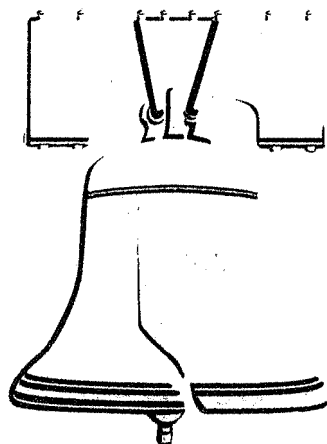
You." This trip will also include a lunch prior to the matinee performance at the Hard Rock Café and balcony seating in the Fisher Theatre.

For more information or to register for these two events, please contact the Senior Adult Activity Center at (248) 625-8231.

### Contact Independence Township

6483 Waldon Center Drive

- General Directory ..... 625-5111
- Assessing ..... 625-8114
- Building ..... 625-8111
- Clerk/Finance ..... 625-5114
- Dispatch ..... 858-4950
- Elections ..... 625-5113
- Emergency ..... 911 (Fire or Police)
- Fire ..... 625-1924
- Independence Television ..... 623-3661
- Parks, Recreation & Seniors ..... 625-8223
- Police Non-Emergency ..... 620-4968
- Public Works ..... 625-8222
- Public Works Emergency ..... 866-4844
- Treasurer ..... 625-5115



You can also find us online at:  
[www.IndeTwp.com](http://www.IndeTwp.com)

# Thoughts on a public official shutting out the media?



"I can't imagine any public figure in any town denying access to any source of media."  
- Kevin McCort



"Very unprofessional."  
- Peg Roth



"It's unfortunate the city manager is not comfortable working with our local newspaper. I don't believe it has to be all or nothing at all."  
- David Marsh

"Isn't that part of the job description—to speak with the media?"  
- Bob Roth

"Being in government it behooves you to listen to people who do not agree with you,"  
- Penny Shanks

"It's bad business."  
- Stephanie Harmon.

By Andrea Beaudoin

# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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## Shoe collection for SADD memorial

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Students Against Destructive Decisions is collecting shoes for donation to people in need in the community. First, though, the footwear is needed for another purpose.

They will represent the 259 men, women, and children lost due to drunk driving accidents in Michigan in 2012 at SADD's Walk to Remember Memorial Walk, Thursday, Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m. at Clarkston High School.

Clarkston SADD member Meghan Gruebnaue witnessed the activity when she was younger, and the memory stuck with her.

"My aunt was a member of MADD, and I went to a bunch of walks and activities," Gruebnaue said. "I remember they had shoes out as a memorial, and I thought it was a really great idea. It's impactful to see how many have died."

"It's something where, when someone tells me about drunk driving, I wouldn't necessarily understand, but to actually see it, you realize that's a lot of shoes – you see how many have died," said fellow SADD member Sonam Patel.

"The shoes are very visual, almost visceral representation of the lives lost to making bad choices," said club member Evan Wolfert. "How many men, women, and children lost to drunk driving – it's more personal than just a number."

The club is collecting any size gently used shoes, sandals, slippers and boots, said Patricia Carter, teacher advisor.

The club was awarded a grant from Ford Motor Company, AAA, and Office of Highway and Safety, to help promote teen safe driving. Last year, the topic of their club project, for which they earned a second-place award, was texting and driving.

The SADD program includes a visit to Ford Proving Ground.



From left, Students Against Destructive Decisions members Sonam Patel, Meghan Gruebnaue, Evan Wolfert, and teacher advisor Patricia Carter. Photo by Phil Custodio

"We drove a course with a bunch of curves and cones," Gruebnaue said. "Then you would try texting messages, and see the little cones getting hit everywhere."

This year, they take on underage drinking, and drinking and driving.

"Part of the grant program is to increase awareness and help teens and community members make good choices while behind the wheel of a car," Carter said.

The project includes a presurvey of students, video for the entire school, and teacher led discussion on Feb. 26; second hour senior assembly with a MADD representative and the Walk to Remember,

Feb. 27; and lunch discussion and banner to sign, Feb. 28.

The Feb. 27 evening event, which is open to the public, will include a driver simulation of what it's like to drive drunk, information from AAA and Ford, Memorial Walk, and other activities.

Drop off gently used footwear in the box marked "CHS SADD Shoe Drive" at Clarkston schools. After the walk, the shoes will be donated to Lighthouse North and Salvation Army.

For more information, contact Carter at [pacarter@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:pacarter@clarkston.k12.mi.us) or 248-623-4025, or check Twitter, "#BeTheChoice."

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**Events**

**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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**Pre-Festival Concert**, Clarkston Community Band, 7-8:30 p.m., Feb. 21, Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center. Galop and The Walking Frog by Karl King marches, West Side Story's Mambo, Courtly Airs and Dances medieval dance tunes, Leroy Anderson's Fiddle-Fiddle with special guest xylophonist.

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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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**Relay for Life** of Clarkston kickoff tailgate party, 6 p.m., Feb. 25, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call Megan, 989-666-1191.

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

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

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**Bingo games**, Community Singles, Mondays,

# Around Town



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



**WINTER VISIT:** Kylee Peel, at left, and Savannah Roy stop to visit horses on Clarkston Road. Photo provided by Cindy Roy

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

**Tuesday**

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

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**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 Meth-

odist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

**Thursday**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Saturday**

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

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

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



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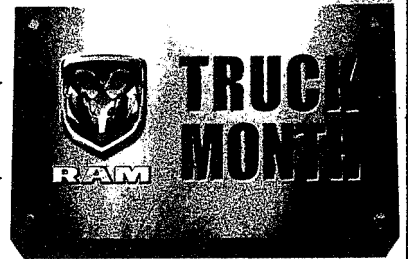
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## 2014 Chrysler 200 Sedan

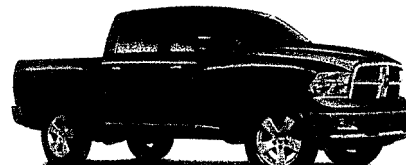


Customer Preferred 27V Pkg., 3.6L V6 24 Valve VVT Engine, 6 Speed Auto., Trans, Wheel Locks, Sun & Sound Group.

MSRP \$29,125 Stk. #141449

1 Pay - 24 Month Lease	Employee 24 Mo. Lease
<b>\$4199**</b> \$1605 DUE	<b>\$155*</b> 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.
<b>\$4999**</b> \$1605 DUE	<b>\$179*</b> Mo.

## 2014 Dodge Charger R/T AWD



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

MSRP \$34,540 Stk. #T142793

Employee 24 Mo. Lease	Friends & Family 24 Mo. Lease
<b>\$199**</b> Mo.	<b>\$219*</b> Mo.

## 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4x4



Customer Preferred 23E Pkg., 8 Speed Trans, Flex Fuel Vehicle, Trailer Tow Group IV, 3.6L V-6 24 Valve VVT Engine

MSRP \$34,285 Stk. #149322

Employee 24 Mo. Lease	Friends & Family 24 Mo. Lease
<b>\$299**</b> Mo.	<b>\$339*</b> 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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## 2014 Chrysler Town & Country Touring

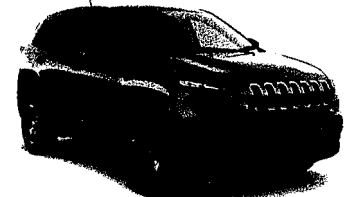


Customer Preferred 29K Pkg., 3.6L V6 VVT Engine, 6 Speed Auto. Trans

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Employee 24 Mo. Lease	Friends & Family 24 Mo. Lease
<b>\$289**</b> Mo.	<b>\$309*</b> Mo.

## 2014 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4



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MSRP \$29,680 Stk. #141717

Employee 24 Mo. Lease	Friends & Family 24 Mo. Lease
<b>\$259**</b> Mo.	<b>\$299*</b> Mo.

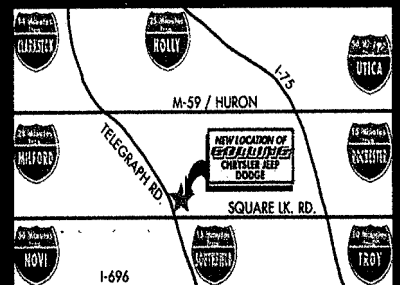
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 Tues. 2:30 pm  
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 Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
 Sat. 6:00 pm  
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 Children's Worship @ 10:30 am  
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 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

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 248-625-3288  
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# Religion

Events Preaching

## God's law can't be broken

"One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'" Mark 2:23-28

We love to make rules, some we call laws or regulations or codes or guidelines, legislation, commandments, etc.; but rules are made to be broken, otherwise there would be no rules. Someone is doing something you don't like so you make a rule to stop them or to punish them if they don't stop.

Some of this is necessary in a civilized society. We define the boundaries of civilized behavior. Lying, cheating, stealing, etc., are not to be tolerated; unless, of course, you are a talk show host or politician or religious leader and you are telling us what we want to hear.

The other day I heard someone attacking a political leader and a program they instituted. Having studied the issue, I knew that their comments had no factual basis. I asked if they knew whether what they were saying was true or not. They informed me that they had heard it on TV so, of course, it must be true.

Politics and religion are two areas where we are always going to have disagreement. They are inventions of man, constantly changing and evolving. They are reflections of our personalities and our understandings of reality which are constantly changing and evolving. What doesn't change is God.

God doesn't make rules, God's absolute laws cannot be broken. Like gravity, we cannot break the law of gravity, we can learn to

work with it to fly above the worldly limitations we have set for ourselves. God, by whatever name you choose to call it, is ever propelling us upward when we open ourselves up to it.

Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, once wrote, "We are not punished for our sins, but by our sins."

If you step off the roof of a ten story building you are going to suffer the consequences of your action. If you lie, cheat and steal you will reap the rewards of that action which includes guilt and fear. If you are angry with another you will feel the burning waste this life consuming emotion brings. If you choose to be patient, loving and kind you will realize the peace, wholeness and abundance that is ours to experience.

Jesus repeatedly challenged the religious authorities of his day: regarding the Sabbath in the example above as well as in the healing of the man born blind, etc.; the healing of the official's son, a non-Jew; the cleansing of the Temple; cavorting with harlots and tax collectors; etc.

Moses, Mohammed, Buddha, Lao Tse, Confucious, Luther, Calvin, Smith, etc., all challenged the religious authorities of their day. For, religion is a poor substitute for spiritual awakening. And rules are a poor substitute for Spiritual Law.

It is just as illegal for a rich man to sleep on a park bench as it is for a poor man; we all have an equal right to petition a politician or religious leader, but a sizeable donation will get you a personal audience; the golden rule: whoever has the gold rules, is all too true in our republican democracy. And, Spirit has a better idea.

Spiritual Law transcends, or rises above, man-made laws. As Abraham Lincoln once said, "Most people are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Outer circumstances do not dictate our happiness and satisfaction with living. Our inner awareness does.

Conscious contact with the Divine aligns us with Spiritual Law allowing us to soar above the inevitable conflict of worldly existence to realize peace, wholeness and abundance as our ever present reality. So it is and so it shall be.

The Rev. Matthew E. Long, Peace Unity Community

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor Matthew Long

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# • Death notices & • Obituaries

## Elizabeth Darby, 89

Elizabeth Darby, "Betty," of Clarkston died Feb. 9, 2014, at 89 years of age.

She was the beloved wife of the late Elbert Darby; loving mother of E. "Jane" Darby, Susan (Chuck) Nehonsky, Kelly (Mark) Bruff, Barbara (Dan) Lewis and Wendy (Steve) Navin; step children Beverly (Charlie) Gibeaut, Jerry and Chuck Darby; dearest grandmother of eight and great grandmother of five; dear sister of Mary (Duane) Wood and preceded in death by three sisters and three brothers.

Betty was a Registered Nurse working for many years at McLaren Hospital in Flint. She was also a faithful member of North Oaks Community Church in Clarkston.

A funeral service was Feb. 13 at **Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston**. Pastor Steve Brown officiating. Private burial, Flint Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to North Oaks Community Church or American Cancer Society. To send a condolence to the family go to [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/obituaries).



## Mary J. Fries, 85

Mary Joan Fries, "Jo," suddenly and peacefully passed away with her loving family at her side, Feb. 11, 2014, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Glenn. She was the loving mother of Derrick (Katie) Fries, Mark (Becky) Fries and Kurt Fries; proud grandmother of Drew, Liam, Aidan and the late Meredith; dear sister of John Green and the late David Green; special aunt of Alec David Popp.

Jo earned a Bachelor's Degree from Oakland University. She was a longtime volunteer at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital starting in 1975 and retiring in 2012. Jo loved to sail, swim, and taking long walks. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Funeral Service was Feb. 14 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Drayton Plains Nature Center. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## James R. Emblen, 45

James R. Emblen of Oak Park, formerly of Ortonville, passed away unexpectedly Feb. 15, 2014, on his 45<sup>th</sup> birthday.

He was the fiancé of Nikki Brainin; father of Ashley, Danielle and Alexandria; son of Dawn (Howard) Lovett; preceded in death by his father Jim and sister Tammy; brother of Buffy (Jon) Frank and Kailynn Dawn Lovett; also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Jim graduated from Brandon High School in 1987 and will be remembered for his enthusiasm for life.

Memorial service, Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, 11:30 a.m. until time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com)



## Donald Gellish, 65

Donald A. Gellish, "Don," passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family, after a heroic 10 year battle with cancer, Feb. 10, 2014, at age 65.

He was the loving husband of Sandy (Tischler) for 43 years; beloved father of Alvah (Barb) Gellish and Lorretta (Derek) Robinson; proud grandpa of Jezi, Carolyn, Bradley, Michael, David, Logan, Austin Nicholas, Austin Jack, Allisun, Wyatt and Sierra; great grandpa of Annalisa and Jaxson; dear brother of Karen (Dennis) Wichlacz and Jim (Sarita) Gellish; dear Brother-in-law of Sheryl Hinsdale, Sue (Doug) Baker and Ludwig (Natalie) Tischler; loved Son in law of Ludwig "Bud" Tischler; caring mentor of Steven; preceded in death by his parents Art and Gert Gellish.

Memorial Service was Feb. 18 at the Clarkston United Methodist Church. Memorials may be made to the Clarkston United Methodist Church PET Project. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Clarkston ranks in top third

Clarkston Schools ranked 162 out of 540 districts in the state in Bridge Magazine's Achievement Exceeding Predicted Proficiency study.

Bridge Magazine and Public Sector Consultants used test scores and socioeconomic status to determine school performance, with 2011-2013 state standardized tests including fourth and eighth-grade Michigan Educational Assessment Program tests, eleventh-grade Michigan Merit Examination, and ACT (American College Testing) scores for both public and charter schools.

Clarkston, which has 7,921 students and 20.4 percent free and reduced lunch eligibility, scored an Academic Champs Score of 103.07.

An Academic Champs score of 100 indicates a school's students are achieving at expected levels for their income level; the higher the score, the better the school's students are performing on stan-

dardized tests.

"We've reached a new high for achievement on the ACT," said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "Our improvement in all areas is an indicator of quality professional learning, excellent teaching, and hard work by our students. We will continue every day to prepare our students for the future."

Clarkston High School students scored a 21.1 composite ACT average in 2013

Lake Orion Schools, which has 7,576 students and 19.2 percent free and reduced lunch eligibility, was ranked 81 in the state. It scored an Academic Champs Score of 105.63. Brandon Schools has 3,168 students and 37.5 percent free and reduced lunch eligibility, was ranked 300 in the state. It scored an Academic Champs Score of 99.18. Oxford, which has 5,321 students and a free/reduced lunch percentage of 22.5, received a 97.7 Academic Champs Score.

- Phil Custodio

## Academic achievements

**Mason Van Gieson** of Clarkston and **John Mullins** of Davisburg were honored by Sashabaw Plains Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution with Good Citizen awards.

Van Gieson, representing Clarkston High School, is an All A student, member of the National Honor Society, International Baccalaureate, National Merit Scholarship with a Letter of Commendation, and Madrigals Choir in the ICHSA Competition.

She earned a Superior rating in State Solo and Ensemble, recorded a CD with Detroit Voice acapella group, and represented Michigan at the National High School Theater awards in New York City. Plans include earning a BFA degree in musical theatre and history or women's rights



Van Gieson



Mullins

Mullins, chosen to represent Our Lady of the Lakes High School, is a member of football, hockey, and track teams, mentoring young players and helping establish the new Power-Lifting team. He is a member of Right to Life and Oakland County Sheriff's Fishing Derby, and raised funds for injured police officers, soup kitchens, and assisted nursing home residents. Goals include studying criminal justice at Northern Michigan University, joining the Marines as an officer, and then becoming a police officer.

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**Allison Reis** of Clarkston was named to the Niagara University academic dean's list for the fall 2013 semester.

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**Gabrielle Anderson** of Clarkston earned a spot on the Loyola Marymount University Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester.

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**Ryne Drogemuller** of Clarkston graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from the College of Health Solutions at Arizona State University, last December.

## In our local churches...

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## Master plan update

Dixie Highway and Sashabaw Road, Independence Township's main corridors, have been the main focus of work while reviewing the township's Master Plan, said township Trustee, Ron Richie, who also serves on the Planning Commission.

The commission and Zoning Board of Appeals are updating the Master plan, which must be reviewed and updated every five years.

Richie said the north Sashabaw district will include larger setbacks to help preserve scenic features, so when commercial development occurs, it will not destroy the scenery.

On Dixie Highway, the ZBA and Planning Commission has been working to improve aesthetics and increase traffic flow.

Ritchie said township officials welcome public comment on the master plan. Enter comments at [www.micommunityremarks.com/independence](http://www.micommunityremarks.com/independence).

## Grants for youth

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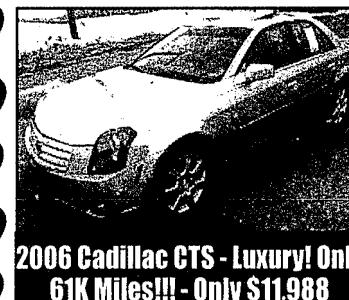


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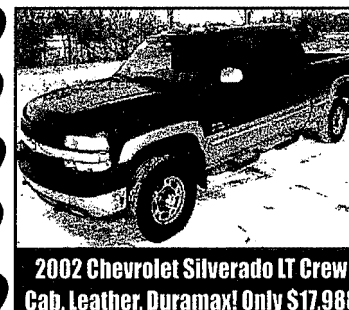
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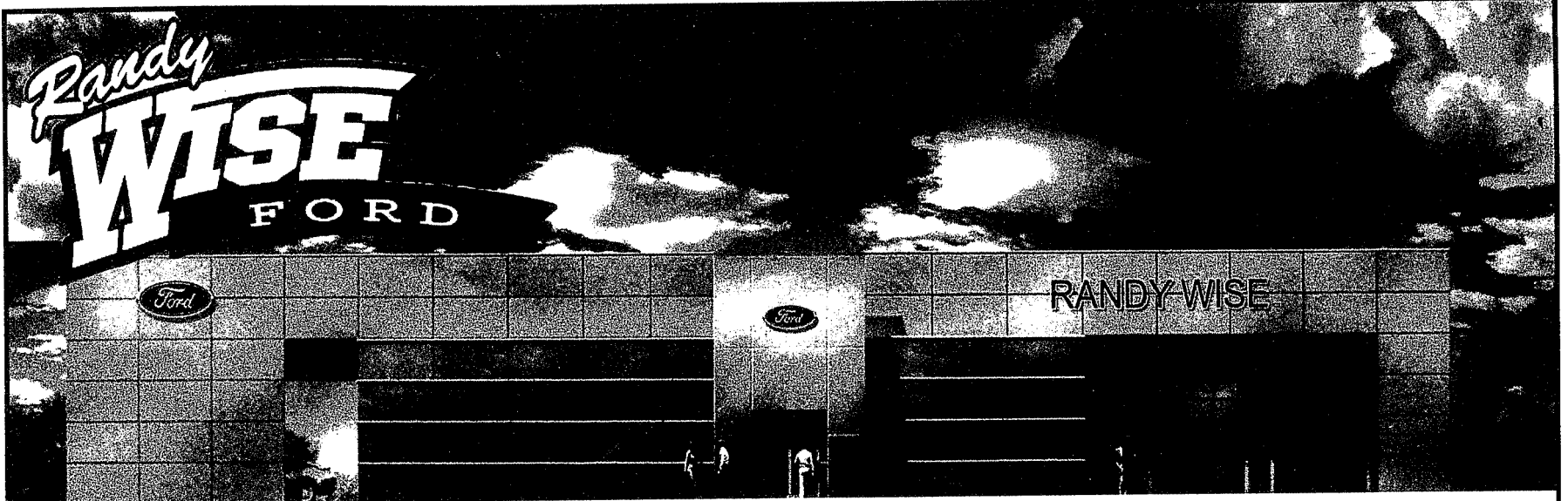
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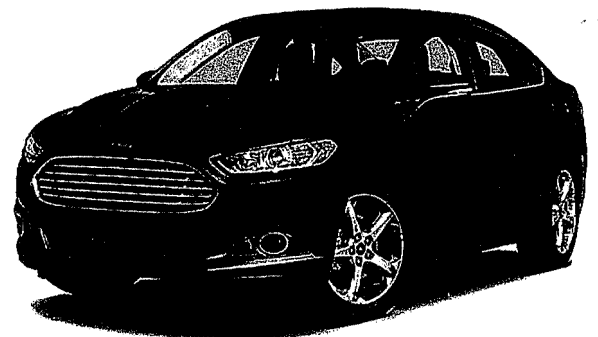
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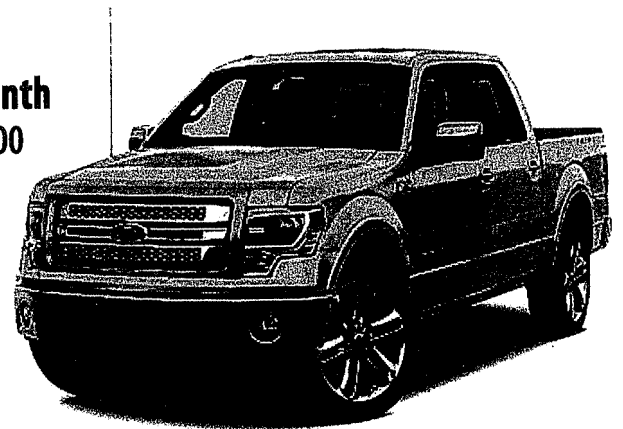
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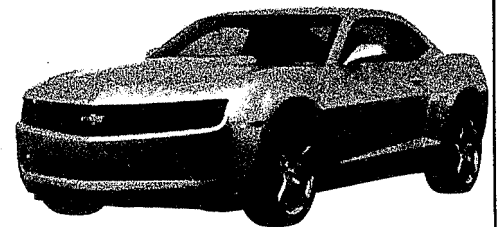


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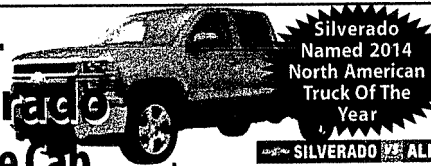
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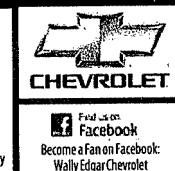
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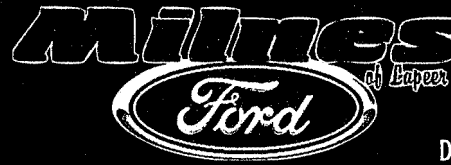
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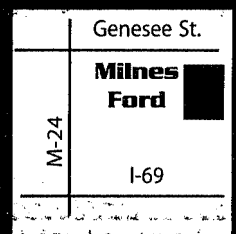
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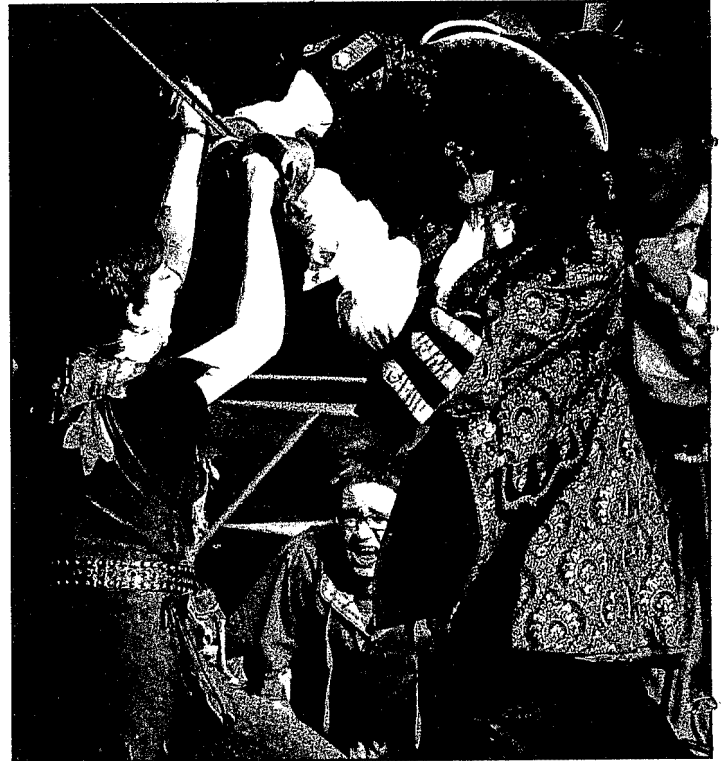




Mason Van Gleason as Peter Pan teaches the Darling children to fly.



Matthew Hart as John and Larissa McLetchie as Wendy think happy thoughts as they prepare to go to Neverland.



Peter Pan and Captain Hook battle for the last time.

## Wonders of flight

Audiences filled Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center last week for the Drama Club's latest production of "Peter Pan."

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Peter Pan explains to Wendy he visits the Darling family to listen to the stories.



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Carl Meyer as Captain Hook prepares for battle.



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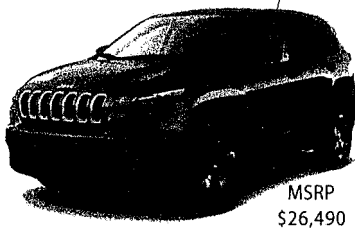


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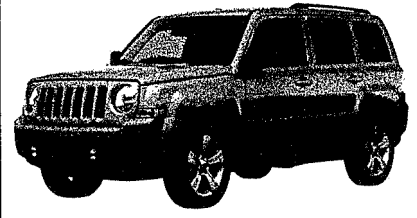
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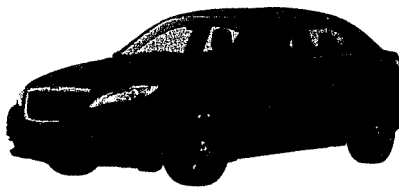


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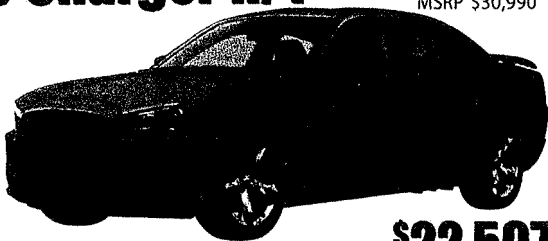


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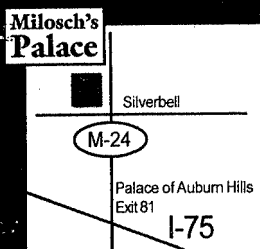
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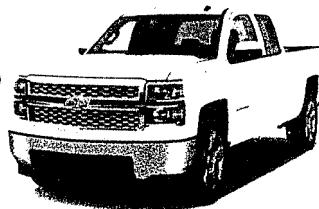
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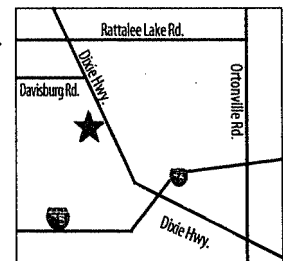
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