

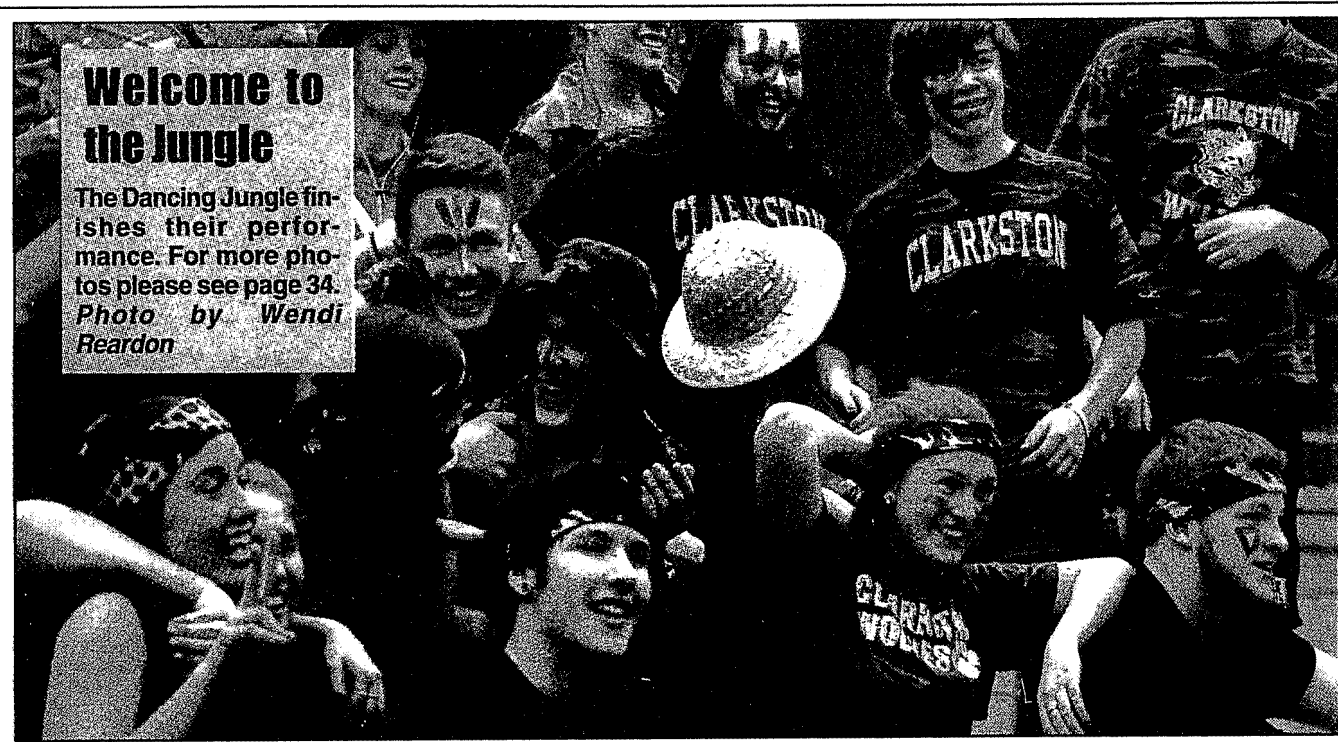
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**Welcome to the Jungle**  
The Dancing Jungle finishes their performance. For more photos please see page 34.  
Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Response heats up

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Responses are mounting to articles posted in *The Clarkston News* regarding Freedom of Information in Clarkston.

Outspoken Clarkston resident Cory Johnston said he is seeking legal advice from his attorney over accusations of mental illness and stalking by City Manager Carol Eberhardt, as reported by the *News*, "City manager breaks contact with *News*," Feb. 19.

Independence Township resident Michael Powell said he has experienced how city officials handle communications firsthand

"I've lived here 30 years and made one request to the city of Clarkston and I was shocked when I saw the M.O. they use against those who dare to question, complain to, or speak out against them," Powell said. "It's wrong, and thanks go out to your paper for finally putting their misconduct in the paper."

Councilman Mike Sabol contacted the *News* to say its articles are inaccurate. The article "BYOB Art Studio Ok'd," Feb. 12, reported an incorrect vote. Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to approve the business concept for Picasso's Grapevine on Main Street.

Sabol also pointed out he was excluded from an email requesting response for the Eberhardt article. The councilman was inadvertently left off the email.

Regarding the Feb. 19 article, Sabol said he supports the city manager.

"I expect her and any other city employees to follow the law when it comes to FOIA or other laws, but until someone

*Please see Freedom on page 32*

## Coach credits kids for 600+ wins

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

As long-time head coach Dan Fife took his spot underneath the basket to watch the Wolves warm up one by one his players revealed a surprise for him.

Underneath their long sleeved warm-up shirts they wore a navy T-shirt with stark white lettering saying "600."

It represented the 600th win Fife achieved last Wednesday in an overtime thriller against North Farmington, 47-39.

"I was totally stunned the kids came out in those shirts," his eyes sparkled. "I didn't know about it. Everyone is making a big deal about it. I have gotten so many phone calls, emails, and texts. It is humbling to have all of that. I would love to have 32 years of players

in here, in the gym, with me because without them it wouldn't have happened."

Fife added if it wasn't for those teams he wouldn't be where he is today.

"Being able to be with these kids has kept me stay young and helped with energy," he smiled.

"It revitalizes you even through the negative. You just get through it. It has been enjoyable. I have been fortunate to be raised in a great town. We have a strong community following."

Within the strong community he pointed



Fife

out great support comes from families, the teaching staff and the administration.

It also helps the players don't start playing basketball in middle school but younger as part of the McGrath League in the winter time as well as Fife Fundamentals Basketball and Dan Fife Basketball camp during the summer.

"I have watched Nick Owens, Andrew Swanson, Mitch Heaton, Jonah Newblatt, all these kids now on varsity," he smiled. "You watch them grow and now they are playing games. They used to come to games with their McGrath T-shirts down to their knees."

"To see them grow up in Clarkston, fulfill their dreams and be successful is just awesome."

*Please see Coach on page 12*

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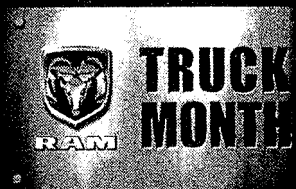
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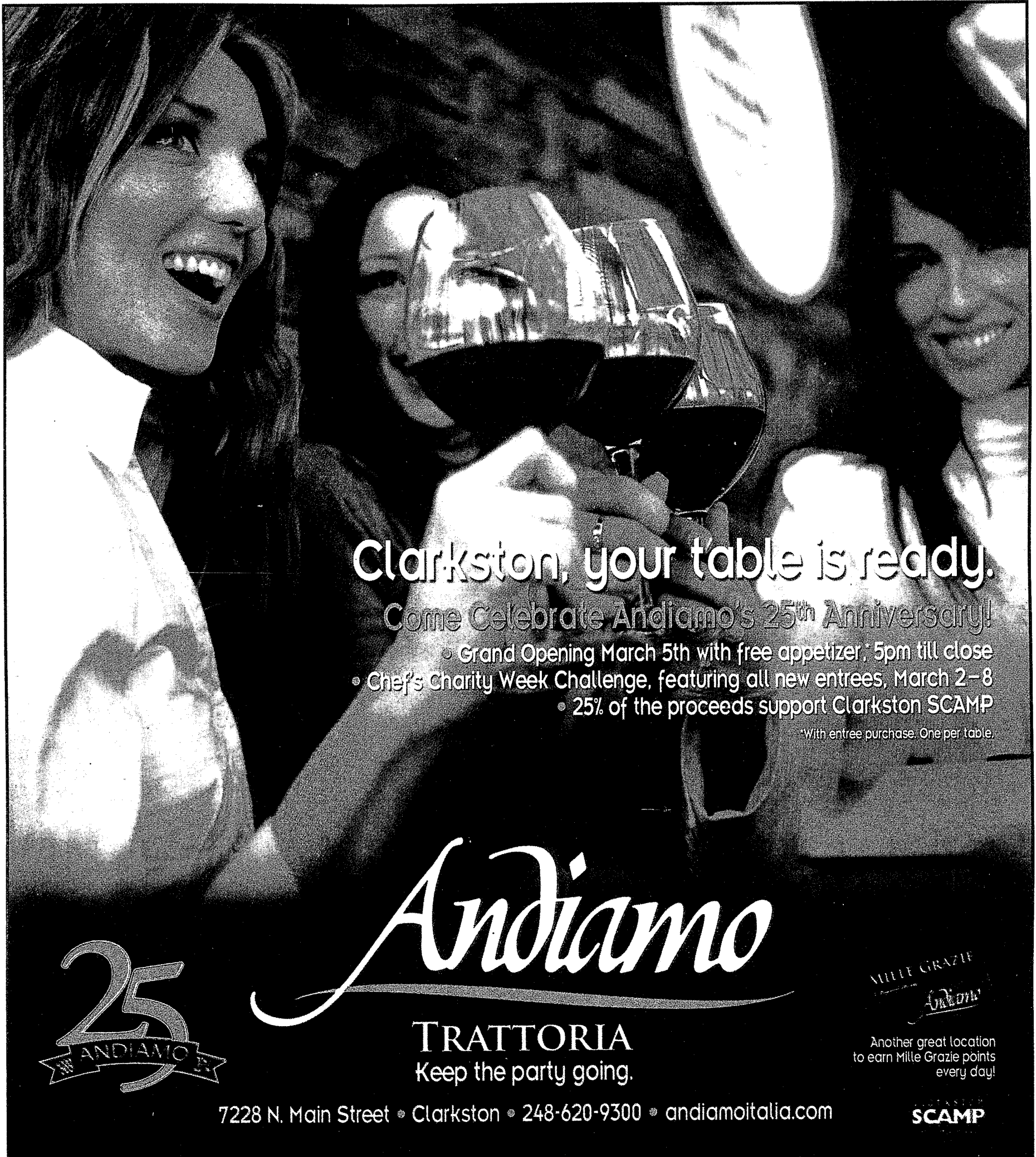
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## Township OKs 3 ambulances

Three new ambulances have been ordered for Independence Township. The township board approved their purchase at the Feb. 4 meeting for \$550,000.

The new ambulances will arrive in about six months. Independence Township Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Petterson said the ambulances will contain the same equipment, which is important because the 53 part-time and full-time personnel often work at different locations during their shifts.

"Our personnel are sometimes assigned to different stations," said Petterson.

Business Manager Renee Poole said she prepared the request for the ambulances before it was brought to the board, and they were put out to bid and purchased from the lowest bidder.

Petterson said the state of Michigan dictates what goes in ambulances. Amongst the thousands of items in the ambulances will be new state-of-the-art cardiac monitors.

"All equipment in an advanced life support ambulance is dictated by the state," Petterson said.

Each of the township's three fire stations has a primary ambulance and an ambulance on reserve. The three bigger ambulances will be rolled down to reserve, and the current reserve ambulances will be sold.

Poole said the purchase, part of long-term capital improvement planning, has been planned for the past three years. Although the ambulances were estimated to have cost about \$445,000 when first planned, the lowest bid ended up being \$550,000.

Petterson said it is important to replace the ambulances because they get a lot of use, which adds up to a lot of miles. Present ambulances have also been experiencing maintenance issues.

Petterson said the miles really add up from transporting patients to various hospitals.

"Ambulances have to be in good shape there is no room for breakdowns," said Petterson. "There is absolutely no room for failure."

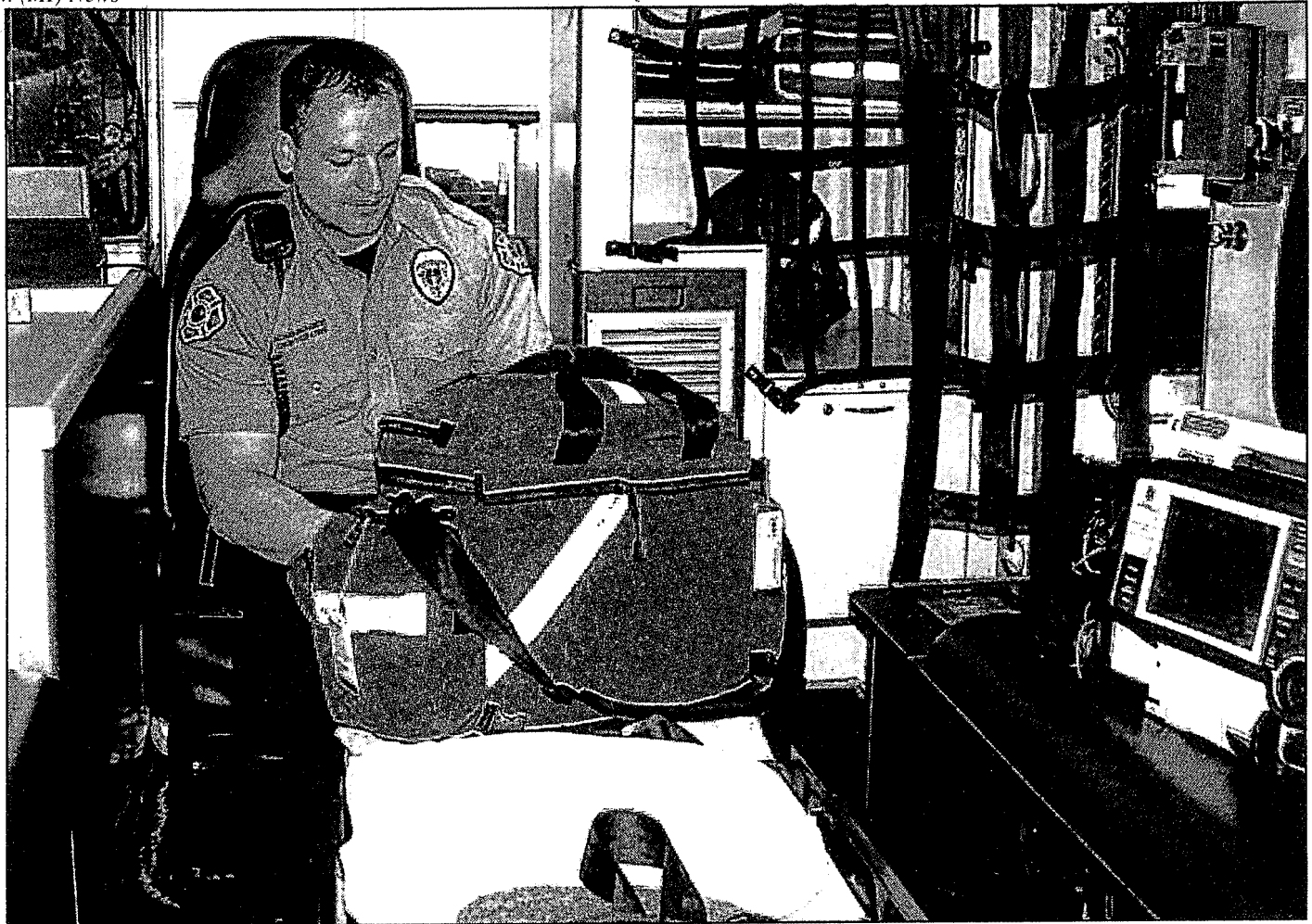
He added that 100,000 miles are a lot of miles on an ambulance.

Right now, the department has two 2003 models and three 2007 models, but the new ambulances basically look the same.

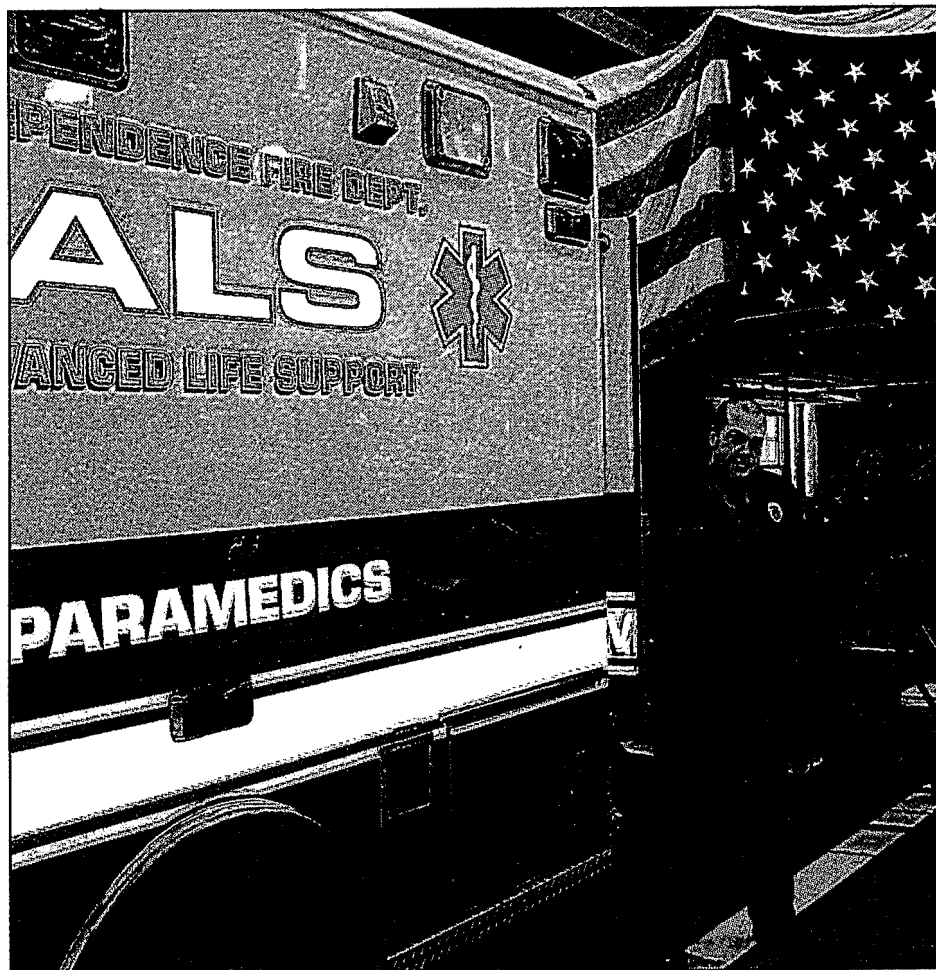
"Although they are basically the same the new ambulances will look more heavy duty," he said.

Sales of the old ambulances will offset costs of the new ambulances.

— Andrea Beaudoin



Paramedic Shaun Fitzpatrick makes sure everything is in order inside an ambulance at the Independence Township Fire Department. Photos By Andrea M. Beaudoin



Deputy Fire Chief Mitch Petterson is ready to receive the new ambulances.

## School incentive funding from state

A resolution approved by the school board means \$52 more for each Clarkston student.

Clarkston Board of Education voted unanimously, Feb. 24, to approve a Best Practices Incentive Resolution. To qualify, the district has to comply with at least seven of eight "best practice criteria," as established by the state. With 8,100 students, the incentive means \$421,200 for the district.

The criteria includes medical benefit plan, competitive bid for grounds and snow removal, open-enrollment applications, postsecondary credit opportunities for high schoolers, online courses, website link to state internet sites, and physical education.

Clarkston Schools did not meet a criteria for electronic assessments, said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

"The district has chosen other technology priorities at this point," Rock said.

The state approved the incentive on a one-time-only basis, but has offered it before, the superintendent said.

Deadline to apply is June 1, 2014.

— Phil Custodio



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From left, Keri Taverna, Marianna Kilbourn, Heather Roeser, Kristen Polopski, Bridget Evans, and Shaine Schindler enjoy the Open Your Heart fund raiser, Feb. 7. Photo provided

## Help for community at Open Your Heart

More than 120 family, friends, and neighbors gathered at the home of John & Shaine Schindler in Independence Township, Feb. 7, for Open Your Heart fund raiser for Lighthouse.

"It was a great time," said Priscilla Perkins, chief development officer for Lighthouse of Oakland County.

They donated more than \$25,000 with more

donations coming in, Perkins added.

"They do a great deal of good," she said. "The past two months we've had 100 new families sign up at the Clarkston office."

Lighthouse provides food, help with utilities and prescription medicine, and other emergency assistance.

"This winter has been brutal on utility bills," Perkins said.



From left are John Ziraldo, Priscilla Perkins, Greg Louis, and Kaleena Regina of Lighthouse at Open Your Heart. Photos provided

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## Briefly

### New trucks for Parks and Rec

Independence Township officials approved Township, Parks Recreation and Seniors Director Ken Elwert's request to replace two trucks at Clintonwood Park. A third truck was also scheduled to be replaced, but was postponed until 2015.

Elwert said bids were obtained through the Oakland County Bid Process with Red Holman Buick/GMC and Signature Ford. The trucks need to have towing capabilities to haul various materials when needed and to haul a small tractor owned by the township.

The existing trucks regularly suffered performance issues, he said.

Trustees approved a quote from Red Holman to purchase a 2014 GMC Sierra 2500 HD 4 wheel drive regular cab truck for \$23,500. Officials also approved purchasing a 2014 GMC Sierra 2500 4 WD Crew Cab truck for \$25,827.

### Contract delayed

Renewal of Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's contract was not placed on the agenda at Monday's school board meeting.

The contract, which was a concern for dozens of school employees and residents at the Feb. 10 school board meeting, was left off at Rock's request.

"I wanted all seven board members at the meeting to act on my contract," the superintendent said. "Since not all seven could be there, I asked them to delay the action until the next meeting."

Board President Rosalie Lieblang and Trustee Elizabeth Egan were absent from the Feb. 24 meeting.

### Charity Challenge

Andiamo Trattoria, 7228 N. Main Street, kicks off Chef's Charity Challenge Week this Sunday through March 8 to benefit Clarkston SCAMP. They will also host their grand opening March 5, 5 p.m. to close. For more information, please call 248-620-9300.

### Correction

The story "BYOB Art Studio Ok'd," Feb. 12, should have reported the Clarkston City Council vote approving the business concept for Picasso's Grapevine on Main Street, Jan. 27, was unanimous, not 4-3.

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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

### Everything is awesome?

When I go to the movies, it's to escape the world in which I live and work. Catching a 3D screening of "The Lego Movie," however, left me with a sense of *deja vu*.

That feeling was strongest the third or fourth time the plastic minifigs broke out into their hit song "Everything is Awesome!"

"Everything is awesome!" they'd sing. "Everything is cool when you're part of a team! Everything is awesome! When you're living the dream."



That could be the theme song for some local leaders nowadays.

It's the attitude of Clarkston's embattled city manager, especially with her Positively Clarkston campaign, something she launched when she became manager. It's also a regular refrain from people stopping by the newsroom.

"Why are you so negative," we've been asked. "You should report on everything positive in Clarkston."

That we do, of course, but not enough for folks like this.

This view was also shared by a former Clarkston Schools superintendent a few years ago. We, the school district and newspaper, should be team, I was told. Report good news to attract people to Clarkston, increase home sales, more school funding, tax revenue, etc.

"Everything is better when we stick together," as the song goes. "Side by side, you and I gonna win forever, let's party forever! We're the same, I'm like you, you're like me, we're all working in harmony!"

It's all enticing stuff, as is all good propaganda. But in the movie, the song is used as a tool of the state, to distract ordinary people from what's really happening behind the scenes. No spoilers about the movie, but it's more than is immediately apparent.

Same here in Clarkston. None of us got into the business to sing about how awesome everything is. For one thing, it would be really boring, to write as well as to read.

Fortunately, Sunshine Week is on its way. After the January and February we've had, my hope is actual sunshine that week, March 16-22, but I'll take the shining light of government transparency.

# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Reader calls for city manager to step down

Dear Editor,

Regarding your stories "City spat unresolved despite many letters" and "City Manager breaks contact with the News," (Feb. 19), it should be quite clear to your readers and the Clarkston City Council by now that the Clarkston city manager's erratic behavior presents a negative image for the city. Her actions of late are an embarrassing black eye for the entire Clarkston community, not just the city.

Now that the city manager has said that she "won't participate in anything that in some way encourages continued harassment" when those who employ her ask her questions, then she has unquestionably resigned her position as the city manager. Insubordination of the duties that the city council hired her for clearly demands that the city council hold her accountable for failing to do her job. It's past time for those who hired the city manager to step up to the plate and to do their job.

In one breath the city manager says that she "doesn't mind when residents have criticisms for her or the city," especially when they "get the facts straight if they want to complain," and in another she says that she is done with the *Clarkston News* and refuses

to speak because they have done so. And the citizen(s) asking questions are "erratic," really? The parties involved are simply exercising their first amendment right to question and demand answers from their government, why the silence?

It's time for the city of Clarkston and it's residents to be "done" with this city manager. If she's allowed to ignore the public, and now refuses to talk to the *News*, then she has become a dictator.

The city council and the people of Clarkston deserve a better representative. Any public employee who considers it "harassment" for those who exercise their first amendment right to ask questions and speak out is no longer a "servant," they have become their "master." The likes of the dictatorial "masters" with whom millions of Americans died defending us from!

It's time for the Clarkston city manager to listen to the advice of ex-mayor Steve Arkwright's in his Feb. 12 letter to the editor, "Let good people do good things." Stepping down from a job that she clearly doesn't want to be "harassed" by would be a good start.

Michael L. Powell  
Independence Township

## Appreciation for Freedom of Speech coverage

Dear Editor,

We are proud we subscribe to a paper that stands up for the First Amendment and the Freedom of Information Act that is always being challenged, especially lately.

The Clarkston official should be challenged for refusing to be part of our main voice of freedom here, *The Clarkston News*. It is part of her job to answer to the public.

We appreciate the public officials who also voiced support for our paper and con-

cern that public officials have a responsibility to answer to the public, it is part of their job.

We also look forward to reading the "passionate" articles by Andrea Beaudoin. Her latest article "Death by Dog," Feb. 19, about losing our Freedom of Speech was appreciated by many of our peers.

God Bless America and this newspaper  
Mike and Debbie Detling  
Independence Township

## Reader disappointed with negative news coverage

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed the *News* gave so much space to the whiny Cory Johnston man. However, I am glad he has resigned from whatever "community organization" he was involved in.

I really don't believe any community, most especially ours, needs anyone with such negative views. I wonder, does this man have nothing else to do but nitpick,

complain, and endlessly write letters?

I love my village and I love all the folks who work, doing the best job they can. These people make my life here in Clarkston very happy and I am pleased with all they do.

Thank you, Carol Eberhardt, and the rest of the crew.

Judy McConnell  
Clarkston

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## A Look Back

From The *CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 1999

**"Joint board meeting sparks ideas for future"** Members of Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, Independence and Springfield townships and City of Clarkston met to share thoughts and discuss common goals and problems. During the meeting five initiatives were discussed including development, mentorships, natural resources, uses of community buildings and libraries.

**"Camelot' casts a spell"** Clarkston High School Drama Club members enchanted audiences as they brought the legendary tale of "Camelot" to life in the school's new Performing Arts Center.

**"Five are goin' to the Joe"** The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team's A.J. Grant, Andy Auten, Jon Robinson, Ryan L'Amoreaux and Pat DeGain were taking their skills to the biggest stage of all - Joe Louis Arena for the individual state finals.

### 25 years ago - 1989

**"Stove to blame for Springfield fire"** Firefighters from four townships were called to battle a blaze believed to have started in a wood burning stove. They fire started just after noon in the basement of a home on Giroux in Springfield Township and caused about \$50,000 worth of damage. A member of the family living there escaped the fire with the family dog and suffered no injuries.

**"Clarkston schools buy \$400,000 computer system"** The Clarkston Board of Education voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the administration and approve the purchase of an in-house computer system for business and student services. The IBM/CMT system Clarkston is looking at will cost about \$400,000 to set up and possibly another \$10,000 a year in annual maintenance costs.

**"Teen earns national award for work on wetlands"** At the age of 18, Ronald Keen II of Springfield Township had an enviable resume, awards too numerous to list, four scholarships, and a desire to preserve whar precious land remains unspoiled by man. He earned another distinction - the William T. Hornady Bronze Medal Award from the Boy Scouts.

### 50 years ago - 1964

**"Hal Newhouser visits Clarkston Junior High"** Students at Clarkston Junior High School were honored with the presence of Hal Newhouser, former Detroit Tigers pitcher, who showed them film highlights of the 1963 World Series.

# My daddy died at 93: 94 if he'd sanitized

A big percent of Americans can be talked, or sold into anything.

Like hand sanitizers, but only if they are used correctly, according to an article I read a few Sunday's ago. Of course, the only reason I read it was to confirm my belief that I should have died years ago from shaking hands and using door-knobs.

Those are the only two instances emphasized in the story. "But only if you follow tips suggested by your doctor."

The picture accompanying the story is a of a salesman for Purell. I guess the writer didn't have time to go to a grocery store where bottles of the stuff are next to the carts

I don't believe I need to buy Purell to sanitize my hands. Purell has the necessary 60-percent alcohol to sanitize. All the whiskies in my house have at least that much alcohol, so why buy Purell? I even spill enough on the floor to sanitize m' dog

Shanyna's paws.

I like this suggestion, though, "Build up a stash. Keep small bottles of it in your bag as well as at work." In my case that golf bag and desk drawer.

Then I read, "Don't think sanitizer is a replacement for soap, especially if you've come into contact with someone who has diarrhea. In that case, you have to use soap and water."

I've already put these sanitizer pushers in the same category as everything Al Gore promotes. \* \* \*

For many years my arising routine started with turning the preset radio on to WOMC-FM, Dick Purtan. A few minutes of news, weather and sports is all I

need in the morning when it's followed by humor. His skits, comments and interviews were great day-starters.

I said "were" because not too long ago he signed off after 45 years in radio-land. His name will continue to be heard through some of his six daughters on radio and television, his charity work, especially the Salvation Army, and he plans to stay in touch with this audience.

Thanks, Dick, for the hours we were able to spend together. \* \* \*

If I was 50 years younger I'd have volunteered to join the volunteers who spread out across Michigan to count frogs. Not too long ago was the 15th annual frog count that used 200 survey routes.

In our early married days, Hazel and I joined George and Ardie Talbot some evenings to "count" frogs. We covered lowlands around Bancroft and Morrice hoplands to find enough for dinner.

Usually we did. Then the fun of skinning the legs and salting them to watch the legs twitch before tossing them into the frying pan.

We did count them, of course. And, of course, this was before the Al Gores and other do-gooders decided they could make a fortune by lying to us. I probably won't get to 93 like my daddy. \* \* \*

You'll neve see me in a light blue necktie. I don't want to even give a hint of being a politician.

Law firms are advertising, "We'll deal with the insurance companies for you." Hey, guys, insurance companies have lawyers, too.

Don't you love the way American junk dealers handled the "clunkers" program. People got their clunker money, junk dealers got the clunkers, took the salable parts off and put other clunkers back on the road. Look to D.C. for more great ideas.

## Jim's Jottings



A column by Jim Sherman, Sr.

## What do Shakespeare, Gates, Plato & Ed Adler have in common?

Not too long ago -- on one of those subzero, Polar Blast Days we experienced -- area business man Ed Adler called me. Before answering said call, I first doubled checked my schedule to make sure I had the time to converse with Ed. I'm not saying he's long-winded, but -- oh hell -- yes, I am saying Ed Adler has been known to bend a few ears in his day. I say this affectionately because I like Ed, but the man can surely talk.

Anyway . . .

"Don, Adler here," his distinct voice reached me through the land-lined phone next to my ear. "I hear what's happening up there in Clarkston with some officials thinking it is not fair your newspaper does its job.

"Let me tell you a story from when I was a younger man. I would go with my dad into some labor negotiations against the union president. (For decades in these parts, Ed's family owned and operated grocery stores -- some may remember FoodTown, that was theirs.)

"First, the union president called me 'Sonny' because he knew I didn't like it. Well, one time, I complained that their proposal was not fair. He looked at me and said, 'Sonny, we're talking about peoples' wages and working conditions. If you want fair, it's at 8 Mile and Woodward.'

"Government officials gotta understand newspapers do what they have to do and it has nothing to do

with being fair," Ed said.

(And, for readers not old enough to know, for over 100 years, the Michigan State Fair was located on Woodward Avenue, just south of 8 Mile Road.)

Of course, what Ed told me was something I was quite familiar with. My dear old (now dead) pappy always lectured on what was fair and what was not. Life, he would say, is not fair. I would add onto his statement, neither is death fair. Dad died in 1996 at the age of 60 and I've missed him every day since.

I went on-line and looked up some stuff on "fair" and its opposite, "unfair."

First, I went to the Merriam-Webster on-line dictionary and looked up "unfair." Here's what I got: "1: marked by injustice, partiality, or deception; unjust; 2: not equitable in business dealings."

I think I thought something like, "duh." \* \* \*

Okay, I wanted to see if Ed's, my dad's, the union president's and my opinion of "fair" was off the mark. So, I dug deeper and found these quotes.

"I mean, I really do think that love is the best thing in the world, except for cough drops. But I also have to say, for the umpty-umph time, that life isn't fair. It's just fairer than death, that's all."

-- William Goldman

"I will never deny that life isn't fair. It seems as though when a woman leaves a man she is strong and independent, but when a man leaves a woman he is a pig and a jerk."

-- Criss Jami

"...it's better in fact to be guilty of manslaughter

than of fraud about what is fair and just."

-- Plato

"Life is never fair, and perhaps it is a good thing for most of us that it is not." -- Oscar Wilde

"Fair is foul, and foul is fair: Hover through the fog and filthy air." -- William Shakespeare

"Life is not fair; get used to it." -- Bill Gates

"I know the world isn't fair, but why isn't it ever unfair in my favor?" -- Bill Watterson

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Let's get one thing straight: I like to be fair. I like to think I think pretty-darned impartial-like. I am fond of giving everybody their due, their shot for justice. I weigh pros and cons every day of the year, just like every other sane person on this spinning mass of rock and gas we call Earth. The problem, these days I think, is when folks think they are "owed" something for nothing (unfairly, I might add).

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Back to Ed's story.

So before we said our good-byes (the conversation actually lasted something shy of five minutes), Ed's voice got a little lighter, a little brighter. I could hear he was smiling.

"Don, I just wanted to let you know I'm calling from the pool," I think he was in Florida. "And, this young girl just came by and is taking off her jeans and now her shirt. She's wearing a bikini that if you take all of the fabric it took to make, wouldn't make up a handkerchief. Bye, Don."

Totally, not fair, Ed. Not fair at all.

## Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush



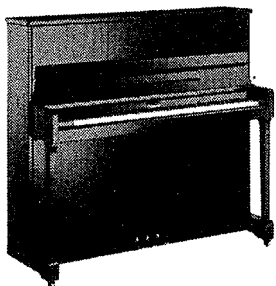
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# Death notices & Obituaries

## Paul F. Bennett, 71

Paul F. Bennett of Clarkston passed away suddenly, Feb. 19, 2014, at age 71.

She was the husband of Marjorie for 50 years; father of Joshua Bennett; brother of John Bennett and Harold (Susan) Bennett.

Paul graduated from Clarkston High School and was active with Habitat for Humanity. He enjoyed being owner of Woodworkers Network and was self-employed for 50 years as a woodworker, furniture maker and wood turner.

Memorial Visitation was Feb. 21 at **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Joyce R. Burns, 78

Joyce R. Burns (Clements) of White Lake, formerly of Waterford, passed away Feb. 16, 2014, at age 78.

He was the wife of Robert for 54 years; mother of Deborah (John) Bankes, Jeff Burns and Brian (Lynette) Burns; grandma of Lauren and Tom Bankes, Carly and Riley Burns; sister of Roger (Nancy) Clements.

Devoted to her family, Joyce will be sorely missed by them. She will also be missed by her childhood friends, "the Kindergarten Girls." She was a member of the Red Hat Society.

Cemetery Service was Feb. 19 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

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

## Robert Hinsberg, 81

Robert S. Hiasberg of Clarkston passed away Feb. 19, 2014, at age 81.

He was the father of Robert (Lori), Karie, MariJo, Paula, James (Cheryl), Colleen (Jeff) and Adrian (Amy); grandfather of Katrina, Nicholas, Cory, Sean, Meaghan, Matthew, Anna, Sara, Jason, Jared, Steffen, Logan and Dylan; brother of Thomas (Connie), William (Sue), Donald and Kay (Charles); preceded in death by his brother Joseph (Hilda.)

Robert proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and retired from Ford Motor Company.

Private family services have been held. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

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for more obituaries

## Glennis Miracle, 65

Glennis R. Miracle, "Glenn," of Ortonville passed away unexpectedly Feb. 17, 2014, at age 65.

He was the husband of Judy for 44 years; father of Jeanette (Brian) Leshan, Julie (Matthew) Joneson, Christine (Ryan) Sharber, Keith Miracle, Anne (Jamie) Dalton and Douglas Miracle; preceded in death by his parents Glen and Gertrude Miracle and sons Brian and Joseph; also survived by eight grandchildren; brother of Linda (John) Howe, Darlene (Johnny) Bridges, Frances (Richard) McClelland, Larry (Kim) Miracle and Donna (Gene) Wood; son in law of Roger and Mary Weeks.

Glenn graduated from Clarkston High School, Class of 1966. Glenn retired from General Motors after 42 years as a Millwright.

Visitation was Feb. 25 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Feb. 25 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Interment All Saints Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Desert Angels or the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

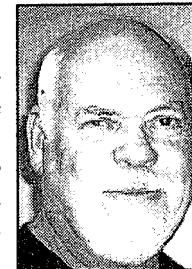
## Edith M. Partlo, 88

Edith M. Partlo of Clarkston passed away Feb. 21, 2014, at age 88.

She was preceded in death by her husband George and siblings Victor, James, and Dorothy McCrea. She was the loving mother of David, Stephen, Timothy and Joel Partlo; proud grandma of Amber (Christopher) Singleton, Ashley (Benjamin) Irwin, Meagan Carver and Abigail Krug; great grandma of Ryker Irwin; dear sister of Sarah "Reta" Bell.

Edith emigrated from Belfast, Northern Ireland, in 1952. She worked as an LPN for many years. Edith was very devoted to her children, grandchildren and great grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the U.S.O. Private arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook





Independence Township firefighters Cody Bridger, at left, and Josh Herrera clear snow from one of the Township's 1,400 fire hydrants. Some hydrants were buried under two feet of snow. Photo provided

## Help needed to clear snow from hydrants

It took more than two weeks of work for Independence Township firefighters and Department of Public Works to clear up to several feet of snow and ice from the township's 1,400 fire hydrants.

They have detailed maps pin-pointing the exact locations of hydrants, but it can take up to 10 minutes to dig them out in an emergency.

Residents with buried hydrants in front of their houses are asked to clearing at least a foot of snow from around the outlet caps. If unable to dig it out, call 248-625-5468, and leave a message with the address or location of the hydrant. The fire department will send a crew.

Homeowners association residents and businesses should arrange for their contractors to remove snow and ice from hydrants, as well as sprinklers, standpipes, and other fire systems.

The fire department's general line is 248-625-1924.

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Friend of the Court

A 29-year-old Independence Township man called authorities, Feb. 7, to report the mother of his daughter, with whom he had joint custody, not returning the girl after the holidays. The mother wouldn't provide her or her daughter's location when called. The case was referred to Friend of the Court.

## Impounded vehicle

A 20-year-old Durand man was stopped on I-75 near Clarkston Road for not having an outside driver's mirror, 4:40 p.m., Feb. 10. He was cited for improper license plate, no insurance, and no mirror, and the vehicle was impounded.

## Domestic violence

A 36-year-old Independence Township man was arrested for domestic violence, 8:38 p.m., Feb. 10. The man's step-son called 911 after he saw his mother thrown against a basement wall in their home, 5000 block of Chickadee Lane. He told deputies they fight all the time but never violently.

## Not licensed to drive

A deputy stopped a vehicle with a broken tail light, 3:20 p.m., Feb. 11, in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway. The driver, a 58-year-old Flint man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to maintain equipment.

Independence Township firefighters were blocked by a vehicle parked in a fire lane in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road, 5:41 p.m., Feb. 13. The driver, a 44-year-old Independence Township woman, was cited for parking in a fire lane and driving with an expired license.

## Road rage

An 18-year-old Independence Township man was impatient with a slower driver on Waldon Road near Clarkston Junior High and decided to pass at about 60 mph, almost hitting an SUV head on, 1:47 p.m., Feb. 15. The SUV driver got his license plate number and called police. A deputy visited the 18 year old at his home, and spoke to him and his parents.

## Foot run over

The resident of a home in the 5000 block of Ennismore Drive went to check on a car parked in his driveway, 3:15 p.m., Feb. 19. The driver was waiting for the school bus. He drove away when the bus arrived, and the resident said he ran over his foot. He wasn't injured, though. A deputy spoke to the driver, who said he was unaware he hit his neighbor, but said he would apologize.

## Alcohol bad mix with guns

Investigation continues into the death of a 36-year-old Independence Township man, 9 p.m., Feb. 23. The victim's live in girlfriend said he had been drinking most of the day when he began instructing her on how to use his three handguns. She told police he "demonstrated" how safe they were when they are empty by placing the weapons against his head and pulling the trigger. After doing this twice, the subject was demonstrating a third handgun when it went off, striking him in the head. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Three children, not related to the victim, were in the home at the time. They were not injured nor did they witness the shooting. A detective, Oakland County Sheriff's Office Forensic Lab and an investigator from the Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene in the 4400 block of Pinedale.

## Alcohol sting

Oakland County sheriff's deputies ran a decoy operation, testing to see if Clarkston area stores would sell alcoholic beverages to teenagers, Feb. 13. The teenage decoys, with their parents' permission and with an undercover deputy nearby, were provided a \$20 bill and sent to try to buy some beer or other alcoholic beverage. They were instructed not to lie about their age, and present their own vertical-format driver's licenses if requested.

They tested 21 Clarkston area stores and shops. The underage decoys were turned away at 18 of them, and bought alcohol at three. An employee at a S. Main Street shop, a 24-year-old Ortonville woman, sold a six-pack of pale ale to the decoy, 7:35 p.m., Feb. 13. In a store in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway, a 57-year-old Ortonville woman checked ID but sold alcohol to the decoy, after calling for a manager to override the register, 6:15 p.m., Feb. 13. At a gas station in the 5000 block of Sashabaw Road, 9:23 p.m., Feb. 13, an employee, a 54-year-old Independence Township man, asked how old the decoy was. She said she was 17 years old, he responded, "no you're not," and sold her the beverage. The employees received misdemeanor citations for selling alcohol to minors, and violation forms for the businesses were forwarded to Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Deputies run alcohol stings periodically, said Lt. Dirk Feneley, Independence Township substation commander.

Call Crime Stoppers of Southeast Michigan at 1-800-SPEAK UP, or Oakland County Sheriff's Office CRIME TIPLINE, 888-TURN-1-IN OR 1-888-887-6146.



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# Clarkston's Sporting News

**This Friday . . .**

Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball hosts the MHSAA District finals at 7 p.m. The winner moves on to regionals next week.

## Sights on winning championship

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Four grapplers are taking all of their hard work and preparation to the biggest stage of all - the MHSAA Individual Wrestling State Finals this week at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

"It is really exciting," said senior Tyler Slating, who is competing in the 145-pound weight class. "It is something I have been working towards for awhile. I made a promise to my mom last year I would go to states. It is really important to fulfill it."

He made the promise after he hurt his neck in the district finals.

"My mom was scared and didn't want me to go back to wrestling in fear I would get hurt again," Slating explained. "I made her the promise I wouldn't get hurt again. It would be worth it."

He added it helped with motivation as he worked to cut weight during the season and went into practice every day.

He shares the goal with his teammates seniors Jake Dionne (130), Greg Miller (112) and Cameron Wilkie (119) to place as state champion or take a spot in the top eight as an All-State finisher.

"I want to place to prove myself and show everyone how good I am," said Miller. "Also to show how far I have come from being on the B team."

He added it is a little nervous going to the state finals but is confident.

"I have come so far already - why stop now," he smiled.

Dionne added he also feels confident for this week and so does Wilkie on his second trip. The last time he went was two years ago when he was a sophomore.

"I feel a lot better," he admitted. "I have a lot of my nerves out of the way."

Since it is a return trip Wilkie expects a lot of good matches over the three day tournament and a lot of big upsets.

"It will be a good tough tournament," Miller added. "I am just going to wrestle how I have been. I have been preparing by just going out there, getting better and not worrying about all the little things from throughout the year."

All four said they went into practice the last week training and working hard. They added having one of the toughest schedules in the state and extra tournaments have helped to get them prepared throughout the season.

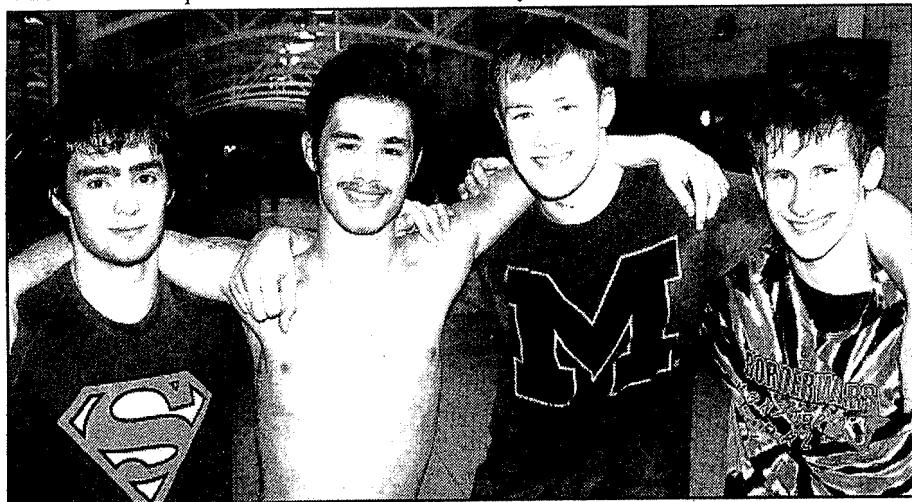
The competition begins on Thursday with the 112-pound weight class and Miller will go against Michael Volyanyuk from Farmington Hills Harrison.

For the first round Wilkie will take on Rockford's Stephen Jendritz; Dionne will compete against Anchor Bay's Joe Dombrowski; and Slating against Walled Lake Northern's Christian Lauderback.

The state final competition begins on Thursday with the Grand March at 1:45 p.m. and the first round at 2 p.m.

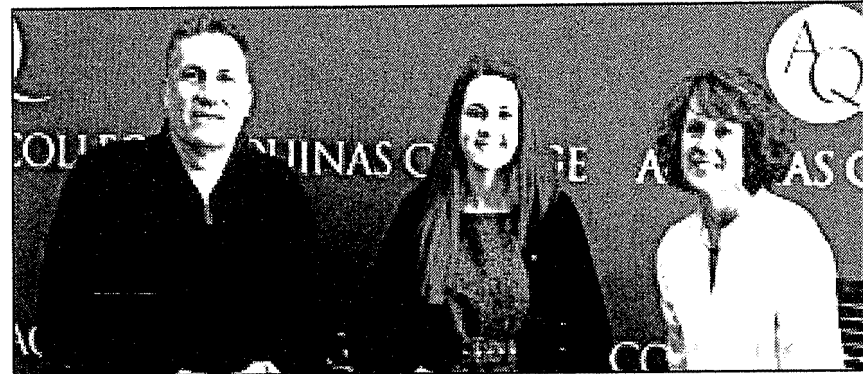
The competition continues on Friday and Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The final round for first place finish begins at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday. For tickets, visit [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com) or call 248-377-0100.

"My main goal was just to make it," said Slating. "However far I go or don't go won't be disappointing but my goal is to be state champ. If I don't succeed in it it won't be disappointing. I am proud of what I have done this year."



From left Jake Dionne, Cameron Wilkie, Tyler Slating and Greg Miller finish practice at they prepare for the state finals this week. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Morgan Martin, center, signs her letter of intent to Aquinas College with support from her dad, Roy, on the left, and her mom, Bethany, on the right. Photo submitted

## Martin follows passion

**BY WENDI REARDON**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Morgan Martin is continuing her cross country career as she heads to college in the fall.

The Clarkston High School senior signed her national letter of intent on Feb. 16 to become a Saint and attend Aquinas College.

"It felt like a perfect fit," she said. "It has everything I was looking for. I liked the feel of the campus and I loved the team."

Martin will major in Special Education and focus on the Physical or Other Health Impairment program, which was another reason she chose Aquinas. They are one of the few colleges across the nation to have the POHI program.

"She was always interested in helping kids," said mom, Bethany, adding Morgan volunteered in the youth program at Brandon Public Library from sixth grade through ninth grade.

Morgan is in the POHI program at the high school and was put into the program a few years ago by accident to help her classmates. She ended up falling in love with helping the special needs students with their classes.

"The kids are special to me and I have become friends with them," she said. "It is fun to see them interact with other people and to teach them new things."

Morgan added the program is great and she is glad to be a part of it.

She admitted she changed her major four times before deciding to continue with special education and POHI.

"We told her 'you need to follow your passion in college,'" said Bethany.

"It might be hard in college," Morgan admitted. "I might struggle and things like that, but you have to keep going with your passion. I feel like it is my passion. I am going to pursue it and see where it takes me."

Morgan began running in seventh grade while she was still living in Ortonville.

"I wanted to participate in a sport," she said. "I found out early in life I wasn't good at a lot of sports. Then, there was cross country. I like running. Why don't I try it?"

Morgan earned her varsity letter in her freshman year at Brandon High School. Her family moved to Clarkston when the season was over and she became a Lady Wolf where they helped her more.

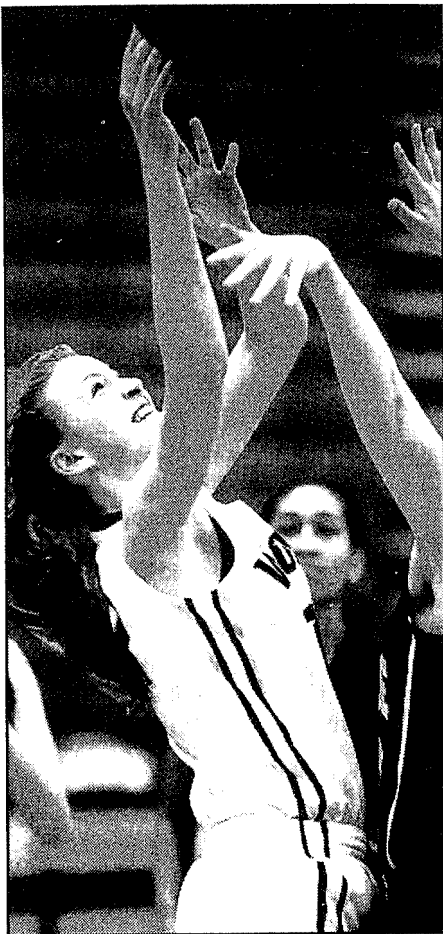
"My team and my coach are wonderful," she said. "They just keep pushing me to do better every day. I try my hardest at practice and my coach helps me to reach my goals."

Her career best in cross country was 20:21 and she went to the state finals as an alternate. Morgan added it was important for her to keep running in college and asked herself - why stop now?

  
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Alaina Cook shoots against Avondale in the girls last game of the regular season. Photo by Larry Wright

## Lady Cagers move past Highlander in double overtime

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

With less than three seconds remaining in the second overtime junior Erika Davenport caught Rochester Adams' rebound and ran down the court.

Going with her instinct she shot the ball, breaking the tie with the Lady Highlanders and putting Clarkston at 67-65 to win the first round of MHSAA Girls Basketball Districts on Monday night.

"Coach always told me if I get the rebound and I have the opportunity to push it," she said.

Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk added they give her the green light if she ever gets the rebound.

"She knew how much time was left and she had the green light to take it," he said. "It was a great drive."

"I pushed it," Davenport said. "I saw two defenders and I didn't think for a moment. It was just an instinct and I did it. I am glad I did it and glad it went in."

Her teammates were also glad as they shared hugs with her after the game and celebrated as the Clarkston crowd cheered.

Davenport finished the game with a game high of 48 points and 23 rebounds. Four of those points came with a minute left in the

first overtime as she tied the score at 60 points.

It ended as a close game for both teams but when they headed to the locker room for half time Rochester Adams was leading 31-21.

"We saw a box and one defense," Wasilk said. "It took a little time to adjust to it. We just played a little bit on our heels and it was first game jitters of the playoffs. Once we were relaxed we started pressing a little bit it was a very competitive game."

Davenport admitted she started out the game slow.

"My team picked me up and I got energized," she said.

The Lady Wolves opened the third quarter with four points from Davenport. The Highlanders also found themselves in foul trouble and pulled two of their best players Olivia Argeros and Amber Jamison off the floor.

"Their two top post players were out. We just had to get the ball inside and we did that," said Wasilk. "The kids were unselfish and Davenport got the ball and she finished. That was a huge turning point in the third quarter on how we executed offensively on the floor."

"When Amber had three fouls and she went out it was an up for me," Davenport

said about Jamison, who is her friend off the court. "After that I thought to myself if I was a senior I want to win this game. I don't want my season to end. I kicked it into gear."

The Lady Wolves built off of it and with 1:29 left in the third quarter Davenport tied the score at 40 points. Kacy Robinson pushed the girls into the lead with four points and Ashley Skaggs added one more basket with eight seconds to get to end the quarter, 46-42.

"This game has brought us together," Davenport added. "We have been working hard. From this game I feel like I learned a lot about myself and my team. It has made me a better basketball player. I am always going to push it. I am never going to settle. I can always do more."

Robinson added 11 points to the board. The Lady Wolves move on the semi-finals on Wednesday against Oxford.

"Oxford is a heck of a team," Wasilk said. "They are 14-6 and they could have been a better record if they were healthy all year. We played them last year in district finals. It should be a good one."

The winner moves on to the district finals on Friday and will play the Rochester/Stoney Creek winner. Both games are at Clarkston High School and begin at 7 p.m.

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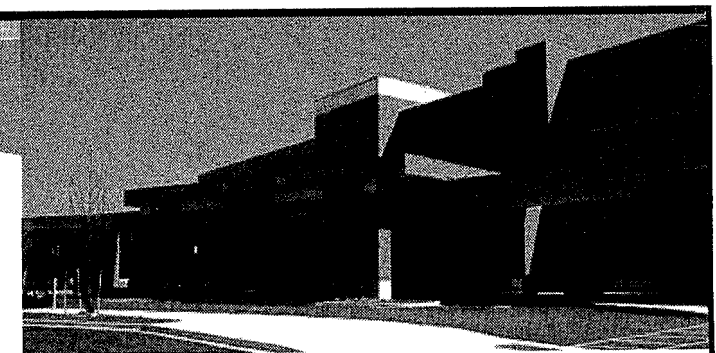
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### A Baker's Dozen of Important Health Practices By: Dr. Michael Baker

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

#### My Top 13 List:

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



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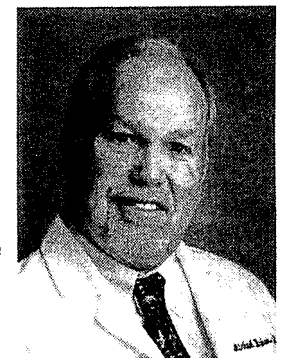
10. **Get Enough Sleep.** Requirements vary by age and individual. Find your need and get a little extra.

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

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

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

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



## Wolves head into playoffs

Icers headed into the post season this week after splitting last week.

For Clarkston Hockey's last game of the regular season they lost to Howell on Saturday, 5-4.

The boys led the game with two goals from Carter Rea and Drake Gentile until Howell made five consecutive shots into the net to pull into the lead to win.

Rea led the team with two goals. Gentile opened the game with his goal scored with 6:13 remaining in the first period with an assist from Roman Reiner and Kyle Hogarth.

Hogarth scored his own goal with 7:46 left in the game with an assist from Drew Terry and Alex Propson.

Jack Viazanko and Nick Surovec each made eight saves in the net. The Wolves had 27 shots on the goal.

The Wolves opened the week with a 3-1 victory over Berkley last Wednesday.

LaPorte led the team with two goals with an assist from Kyle Cuthrell and Shawn Cotter on each of them. Drake Gentile scored the third goal with an assist from Hogarth.

They made 28 shots on the net and Surovec had 21 saves.

The Wolves also beat Farmington on Feb. 15, 2-1. Gentile and Garrett Polish scores a goal each for the boys while Viazanko made 18 saves in the net.

They made 28 shots on the net. Reiner, Hogarth, Kamren Huizenga and Joe Popp had one assist each in the game.

They beat another Farmington team on Feb. 13 when they posted a 4-2 victory over Farmington Hills United.

Kyle Cuthrell scored a goal and had two assists in the game. LaPorte, Chase Wiedemann and Carter Rea scored one goal each.

Austin Fullmer, Popp, Polish and Huizenga also helped with one assist each during the game.

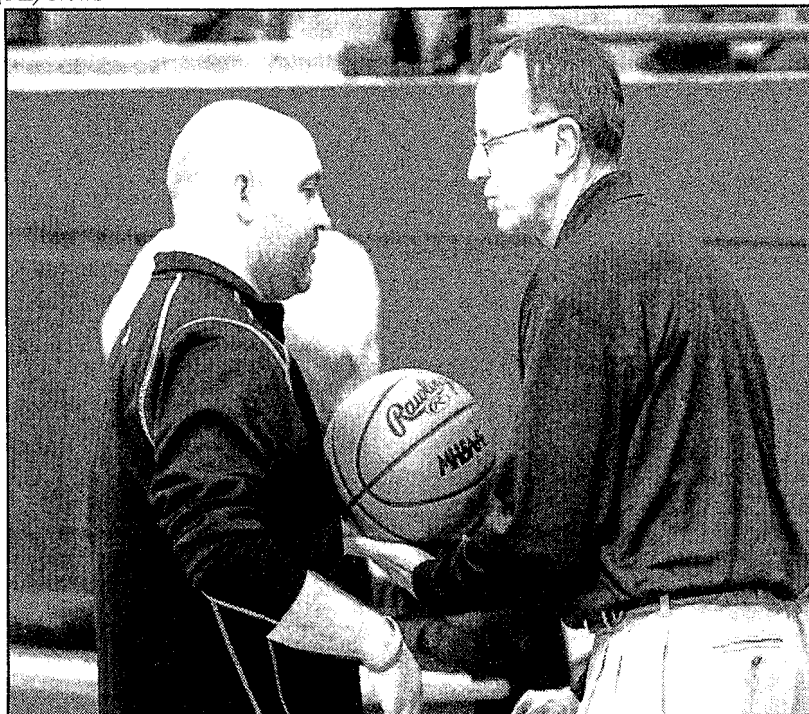
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The boys played Grand Blanc on Tuesday in the first round of the Pre-Regional playoff and head in with a 16-7-2.

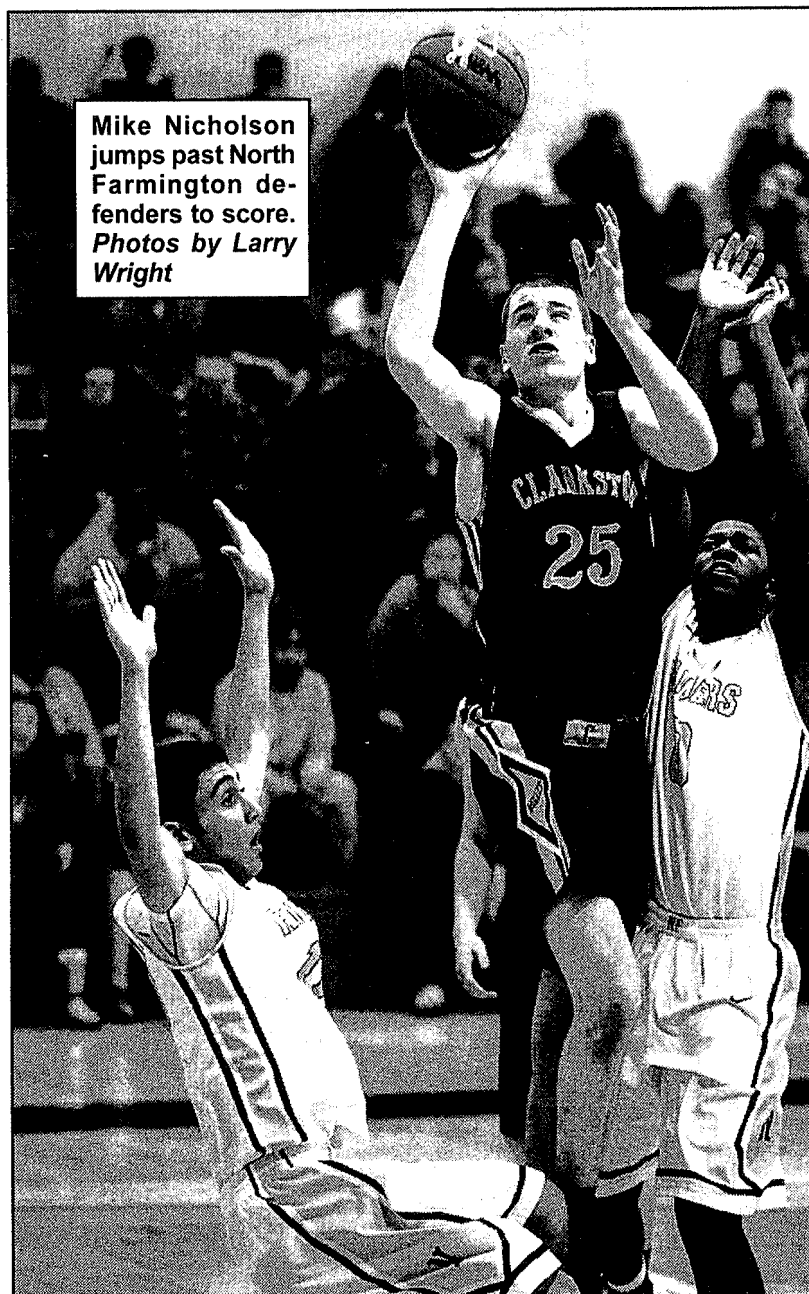
The winner moves on to the MHSAA Hockey Pre-Regional Final game against the Lake Orion/Fenton winner. The game is Thursday at Detroit Skate Club, 7:30 p.m.

The regional final is Saturday at Onyx Ice Arena, 52999 Dequindre Road in Rochester Hills. The game begins at 6 p.m.

Check how the boys did in the first round of playoffs on Twitter - @CNewsWRSports.



North Farmington Coach Todd Negoshian gives the game ball to Dan Fife after his 600th win.



Mike Nicholson jumps past North Farmington defenders to score. Photos by Larry Wright

## Coach Fife's record in top ten

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He added it has been great to spend his 32 years coaching at one school and one community.

"Very few people can say that," he said.

So few that he is the third coach to accomplish 600 victories at one school. Fife's record is in the top ten of the MHSAA Varsity Basketball victories. He hit the milestone of 500 wins just four years ago in the Wolves' played thier last game ever against Pontiac Central.

"I owe all this to everyone," he said. "It is not Dan Fife it is this community. I have been very blessed."

The Wolves gave Fife his 601st win last Friday when they hosted Southfield-Lathrup as students in the Jungle waved signs saying "601."

They beat the Chargers, 58-42, with senior Michael Nicholson leading the team with 13 points.

Junior Andrew Myers was first to get on the board and the Chargers tied on with two shots from the free throw line. They built off of it to take the lead by four points.

But baskets from sophomore Tabin Throgmorton and junior Jonah Newblatt held Southfield-Lathrup at bay as the Wolves finished the first quarter ahead 14-10.

Both teams kept close on the board through the next quarter and the Wolves were without Nicholson due to foul trouble. Throgmorton kept the Wolves in the lead as the first half finished and the boys led 26-22.

"We dodged a bullet in the first half," Fife said. "We had 10 turnovers. It was from lack of concentration and focus on our part. You can't have 10 turnovers at the top."

He added Newblatt added a boost in those eight minutes.

"He has gone through some tough times so it was good to see him score those points," Fife said. "Jonah has started a lot of games so he is used to game conditions and those guys work hard in practice. He is getting his confidence back from being hurt for a year and a half. He is getting to feel better and move better. I am proud of how he came in and how he played. He was the difference in the game because if we don't get those baskets we are in trouble. He really kept us in the game."

Nicholson was back in the second half and made his presence felt in the third quarter by scoring six points in a span of a few minutes and help the Wolves continue their lead.

"He was better," Fife said. "With Mike a lot of times he doesn't have to score to be a factor in the game because he is so long and changes shots so well. He gets a lot of rebounds."

He added during the second half the boys were more concise.

"We made a couple of baskets which helped us."

The win put Fife's overall record at 601-162 and the Wolves overall season record at 15-3 and 11-1 in OAA Red.

The Wolves held their last home game on Tuesday against Bloomfield Hills. They head to Rochester on Thursday before beginning the post season.

They open MHSAA Districts on Monday against Rochester Adams at Lake Orion High School, 7 p.m.



Clarkston Bowlers celebrate their success in regionals. Photo provided

## Rolling into state finals

It could have been the bright, yellow pants or the skills the Clarkston Varsity Boys Bowling team took with them to MHSAA Regionals last week.

Whatever it was - it worked as the Wolves took first place in Division 1 Region 3 after scoring 3,778 after six Bakers and two games.

Walled Lake Central finished in second with 3,753 and Oxford took third with 3,745 to complete the top three teams to head to states this Friday in Sterling Heights.

The Lady Wolves will also making the trip after scoring 3,462 and securing the third place. Farmington finished in first place with

3,573 and Walled Lake Central took second with 3,518.

The Wolves will also have bowlers head to the MHSAA Individual State Finals as Jacob Kersten, Eric Wagner and Victoria Wolfgang finished in the top ten in the individual regional match.

Kersten took third place with 1,183 in six games with two high games of 257 and 237. Wagner finished in fifth place with 1,168 with high games of 200 and 212.

Wolfgang finished in fifth place for the girls with 1,104 with two high games of 233 and 201.

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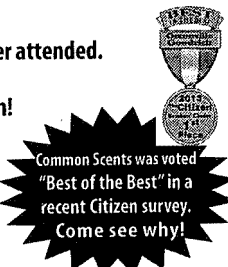
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## Caitlyn Brewer, 22

Caitlyn Alexandra-Marie Brewer, age 22, of Newport, Mich., passed away on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014. Arrangements have been entrusted to **Merkle Funeral Service North**, Monroe, Mich.

## Bryston L. Pabst, 28

Bryston L. Pabst passed away, Feb. 19, 2014, at age 28.

He was the loving husband of Jennirey; beloved father of Carrie, Ricky and Bryleigh; son of G.L. and Kris Pabst; brother of Jon (Heidi), David (Alees), Jacob, Spencer (Jeni), Monica (Stewart) Reich and Camille (Brent) Wyckstandt; son in law of Rick and April Reynolds; grandson of Sam B. McKell and Kathleen H. McKell; also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.



Bryston retired from the United States Air Force. He was a firefighter for Springfield and Groveland townships.

Visitation was Feb. 21 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Feb. 22 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Clarkston. Burial with full military honors at National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Deborah Yingling, 51

Deborah Ann Yingling of Clarkston passed away Feb. 19, 2014, at age 51.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Loren K. and Irene P. (Roach) Yingling. She was the special big sister to, Larry (Flora), Michael (Dawn), Steven (Trish), Margaret (Joe) Nealer and Cheryl Rabideau; Deb-Deb was an aunt who was loved by many nieces and nephews.



A special thank you from our family to everyone who loved and cared for Debbie while she resided at The Dunham Home New Life Services, she was so blessed to have all of you in her life. Everyone who knew Debbie was blessed to have been touched by our own special angel. A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again.

Funeral Service was Feb. 22 at **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Donations may be made to Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care, 27355 John R. Road, Madison Heights, MI, 48071. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

## Zane Pryomski, 79

Zane M. Pryomski of Clarkston passed away Feb. 22, 2014, at age 79.

He was the husband of Sora; father of Gary (Kristi), Dr. Michael (Pam) and Laurie (Ranjit) Mugve; grandfather of Ryan, Danna, Nicholas, Ross, Robert, Neal and Nikhil; and brother of Daniel Pryomski.



Zane graduated from Clarkston High in 1953. He retired from General Motors after 30 years as a Tinsmith. Zane loved spending time with his grandchildren on Pontiac Lake.

Memorial Service, Saturday, 3 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Saturday, 2 p.m., until the time of service. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to Humane Society. Online [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com) guestbook

## Business achievements

**Kristi Wiegand** of Clarkston joined Farm Bureau Insurance as a new agent, serving this area from 7608 Dixie Highway, Suite 200.

Wiegand recently completed a career development program for new agents, which prepared her for the state licensing examination and provided instruction in all areas of property/casualty and life/health insurance.

Wiegand also attended training at the Farm Bureau Insurance home office in Lansing. Prior to joining Farm Bureau Insurance as an agent, she had an extensive career in insurance sales and service.



Wiegand

The American Heart Association re-

cently named **Catherine Smith** of Clarkston executive director for the southeast Michigan American Heart Association.

Smith joined the American Heart Association in 2008 as the Heart Walk Director in Flint. She was then promoted to senior director of Go Red For Women and Washtenaw County Campaigns in 2011 where she has since secured three City Goes Red cause partners and the first director in the Midwest Affiliate to secure three years of chairs.

In her new role, Smith will supervise all fundraising efforts in southeast Michigan.

"Cat's distinctive style and holistic team approach has also positioned her as a top integrator in the Detroit office," said Kathy Kauffmann, senior vice president of Major Metro Markets. "She is an outstanding, passionate, committed leader for the American Heart Association."

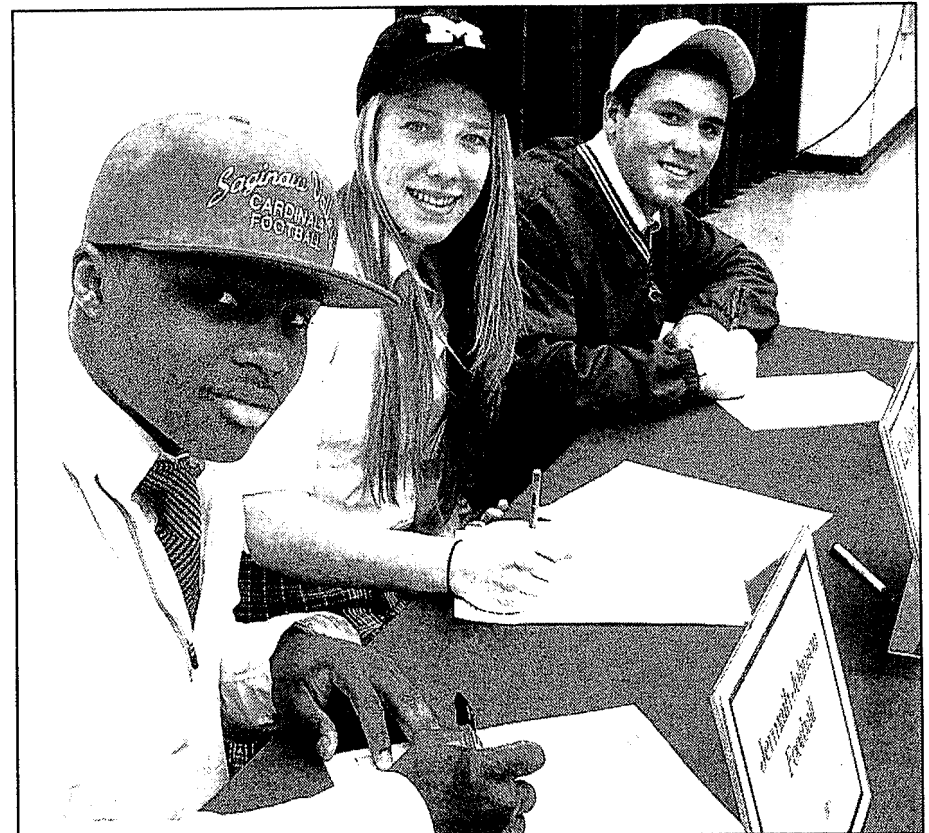
## Student success in academics, sports

Clarkston students named to the Grand Valley State University dean's list for the Fall 2013 semester include **Blake R. Andersen; Laura L. Ayoub; Melissa M. Bemis; Christopher D. Benedict; Paige C. Bentler; Shannon L. Brisse; Jacob A. Brokenshaw; Alexis J. Champion; Angela J. Connop; Christopher S. Davenport; Rachel R. Dickerson; Macy A. Dobliske; Jessica N. Drews; Kelsey L. Ferrand; Denise J. Garbe; Katheryn M. Gipe; Julia V. Gjebic; Shannon M. Goebel; Weston A. Lee; Kristina L. Lucas; Travis L. Makidon; Kasey M. Mckay; Brianna M. Miskowski; Nicholas D. Moore; Max A. Morell; Hannah E. Phillips; Carson T. Ratliff; Adriane M. Reinelt; Zachary W. Skinner; Erika E. Snoeyink; Bradley G. Stencil; Brenna C. Stesney; Kaitlyn M. Stone; Samantha J. Tonks; Brandon A. Toth; Tyler J. Vandenvond; Wesley E. Vaughn; Lindsay R. Viviano; John D. Wilks; Grace K. Wittbold; John R. Wozniak; Evan J. Young; and Alayna K. Zielinski.**

Clarkston students named to the University of Dayton's Dean's List for the 2013 fall semester include **Quinn Dabrowski, Paige Morrison, and Michael Settle.**

Michigan Technological University honored Clarkston graduates **Robert Damico** with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology; **Kathryn Miyamoto**, Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Culture, and Media; and **Jillian Schwab**, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, Dec. 14 at Midyear Commencement.

**Spencer McIntyre** of Clarkston received



From left, Notre Dame Prep seniors **Jermiah Johnson** of Pontiac, **Taylor Timko** of Rochester, and **Brenden Newvine** of Clarkston signed to play athletics at the university level next year. Newvine signed to play football at Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio. Photo provided

academic honors from the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University by making the University's Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester.

**Brandon Moore** of Clarkston made the Dean's List at The University of Akron for the fall 2013 semester.



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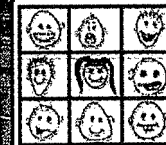


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Casey Baetens dips her shoulder in the routine.

## Some hip, some hop

The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pom team added hip-hop to their routine for the half-time performance last Friday.

The girls had their last dance on Tuesday as the boys hosted their final home game of the season.

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Sam Steger moves with the rhythm of the music.

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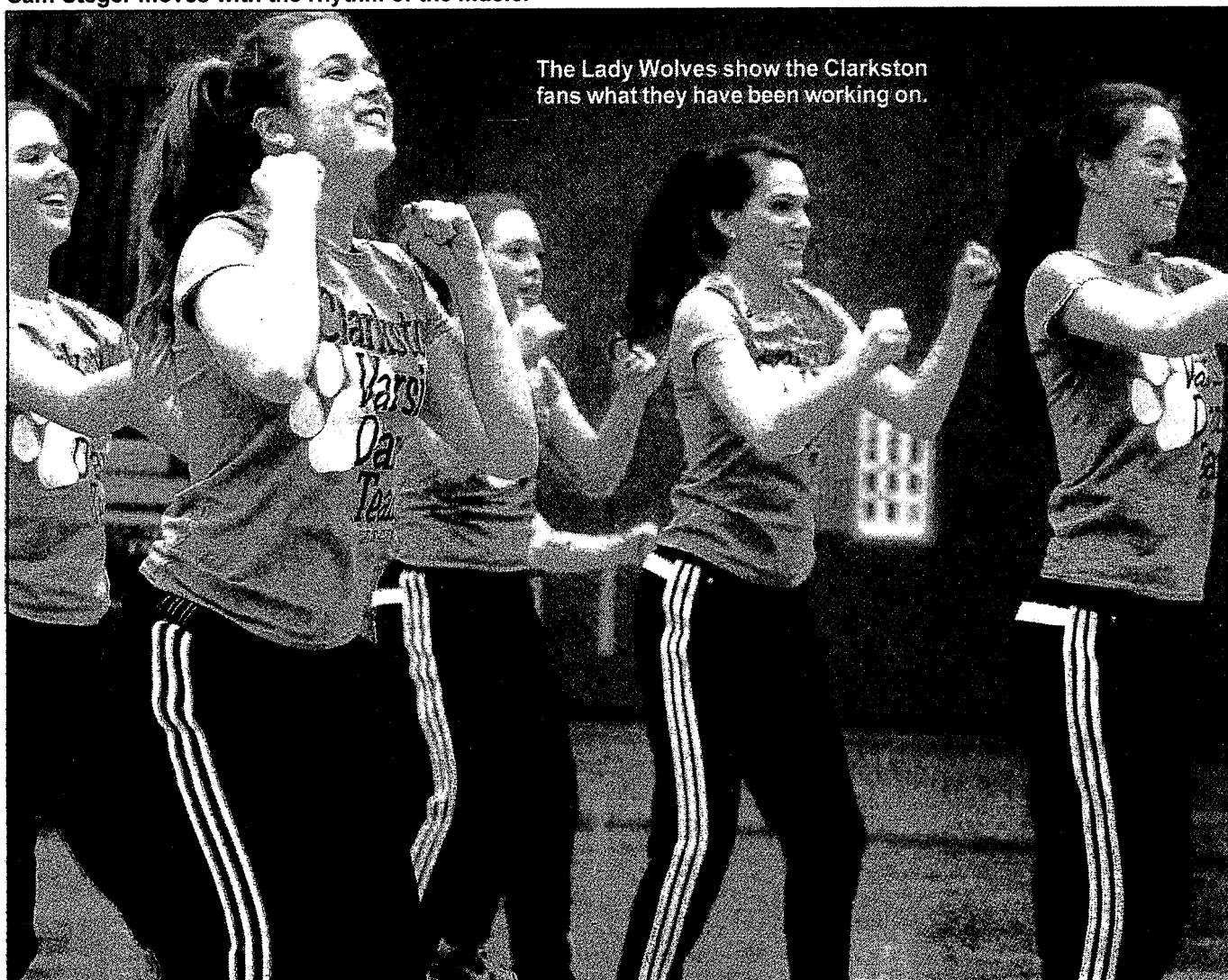
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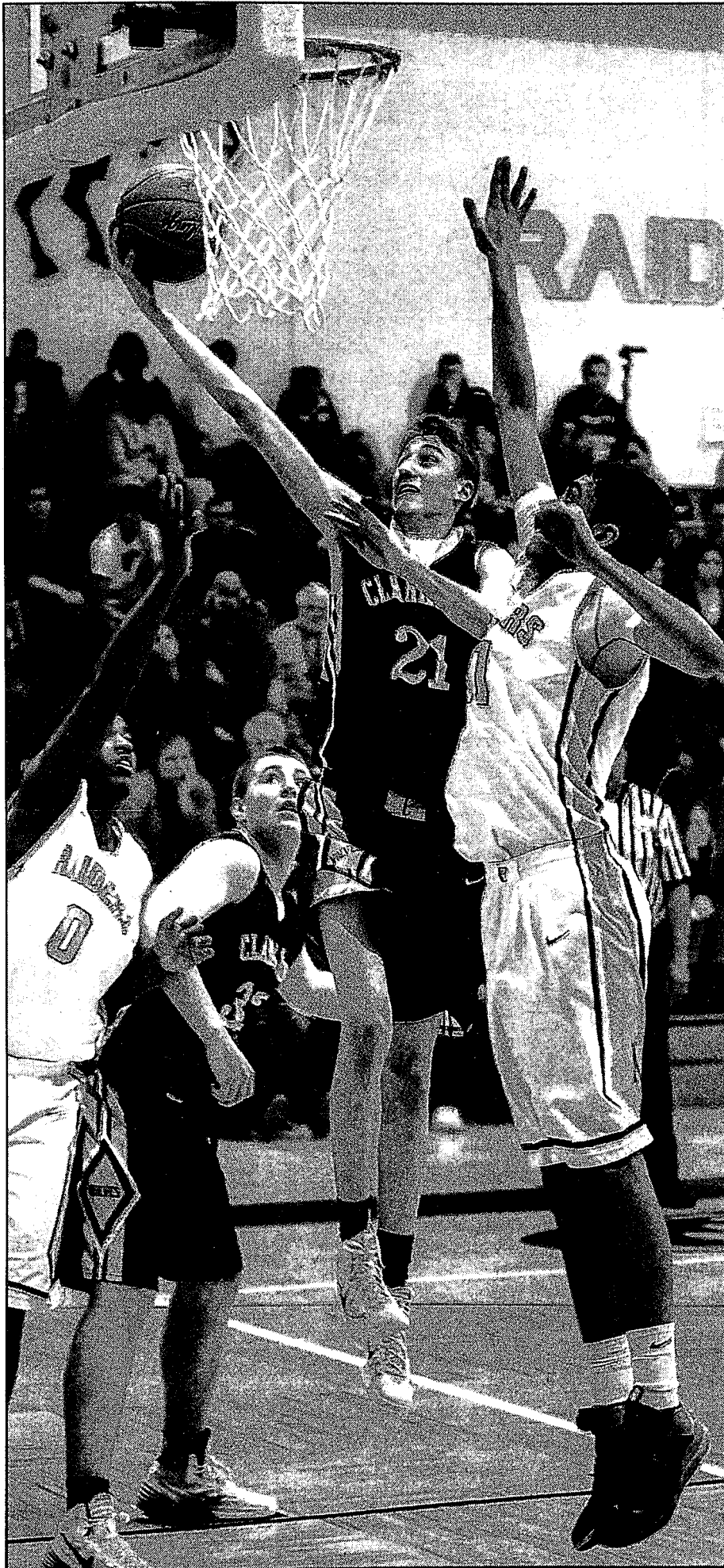
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**SOARING HIGH:** Sophomore Tabin Throgmorton leaps to score on North Farmington in the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball overtime victory over the Raiders. Photo by Larry Wright

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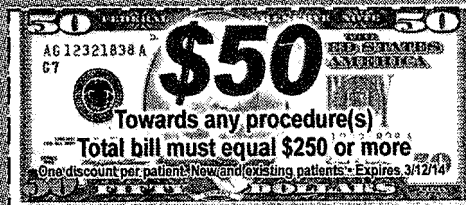
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# New home for church in former Saturn dealership

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Someone new is moving into the former Saturn/Nissan building at 8400 Dixie Highway, but not to sell or service cars.

Clarkston Free Methodist Church bought the buildings and property.

"We're excited to be relocating here to continue serving our community," said Dale Woods, lead pastor.

Dozens of church volunteers are working to clean and make the building ready for construction.

"We were looking to expand," said Kyle Gerrild, children's pastor. "The current property is land locked, with no room to add parking."

Located next to an interchange with I-75, accessibility is great, Horvath said.

"There's no room for growth at the Maybee Road location," he said.

They considered several properties before selecting the Dixie Highway location.

"We wanted to have a good location in the community," said Chris Horvath, youth pastor. "This has big possibilities."

The church, which has about 350 members, partnered with consultants Building God's Way and the design/build firm of F.E.D from Gladwin, Mich., to help create the design.

Construction and renovation will begin as soon as necessary permits are obtained.

"It's centrally located and it's in pretty good shape," Woods said. "We anticipate moving to the new location sometime in the summer of 2014."

"It's a lot of work – people really rose to the occasion," Horvath said. "It's a huge encouragement."

They plan to sell the current location and move the entire church to the Dixie Highway site, making use of the two buildings already there. The plan is to keep the framework while they rehabilitate, update, and redo the interiors, Woods said.

"The team has been phenomenal – there's a lot of excitement from our people," he said.

The main worship area is to be the former showroom and office area of the dealership. Maintenance bays will be converted to space for church ministries, and the parts department will be converted into nursery, kindergarten space, and restrooms.

They plan to use a glassed-in area up front for displays, such as a Christmas manger scene, Woods said.

"It would be a very pretty spot for a small wedding," he said.

"It's a very visible spot – the creative people in church are looking forward to it," Horvath said.

Overhead doors to the vehicle maintenance bays will be removed, and replaced by a glass wall and pedestrian entryway.



From left, Kyle Gerrild, Pastor Dale Woods, and Chris Horvath are in the soon-to-be-renovated former Saturn dealership on Dixie Highway. Photo by Phil Custodio

The site's second building will be used for community ministries, including Blessings in a Backpack and Love in the Name of Christ.

"We're excited about the possibilities it provides," Horvath said. "This enables us to touch more lives."

The next step is approval of permits by Springfield Township. Because minimal changes are requested, the township can grant administrative approval, said Collin Walls, Springfield Township supervisor.

"I was sorry to see Saturn go," Walls said. "But what's most important is it's going to be used, get a fresh coat of paint and new life."

"They have been wonderful, very helpful," Woods said. "It's good for the community to have someone in the building instead of just sitting empty."

The new facility will offer the church children's ministry much more flexibility, a space for kids to stretch, and be an inviting place for families and kids, Gerrild said.

"A lot of opportunity and excitement to teach teens and families, a place for great events and great programming," agreed Horvath.



The church plans to renovate existing buildings on the site, as shown in this artist's impression.

"A lot of space for ministry, families, kids and teens," Woods said. "Not only transformation of the building, but a new place to call home."

They're planning to host their Vacation Bible School there this summer. Plans for the future includes more expansion, he said.

"We have the space to expand," he said. "It's an opportunity to change how we do

things."

"It's an opportunity to help people in the community," Horvath said.

"We hope the community uses the facilities," Woods said. "It offers open activity space we can't offer in our current space."

For more information, check [www.clarkstonfmc.org](http://www.clarkstonfmc.org).



# Colombiere comes through for Davisburg churchgoers

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

When Our Church Divine Mercy in Davisburg closed last June, parishioners faced the end of their faith community.

"The community was saddened to disband," said church member Carol Compagnoni.

The Humphreys family were going to church in Highland. But then they learned there was another option.

Colombiere Conference and Retreat Center, 9075 Big Lake Road in Springfield Township, offered to let them worship there.

"It is with grateful hearts that we thank the priests at Colombiere Center for taking us under their wings," said Nancy Humphreys. "We are blessed to be able to celebrate Mass with them each Sunday morning at 9 a.m. and want to welcome all to join us in our celebration."

Her family decided to stay with Divine Mercy Catholic Community after a vote.

"I didn't think they would want to go to a 9 a.m. Mass, but they did," she said. "It works out really well. We are also very thankful for the Arch Diocese of Detroit for allowing us to continue meeting as a community of faith."

"It's fabulous, how worshipers living in three different school districts can come together," Compagnoni said. "Our hearts



The Rev. Robert Ytsen celebrates Mass with Divine Mercy Catholic Community at Colombiere. Photo provided

were broken when we lost the parish. This helps fill the need."

The people in the community like to be together in worship, and continue to work hard to serve the community, said Fr. John Libens at Colombiere.

"It's great to worship with them," Libens said.

About 130 worshipers donate over \$1,000 a month to Colombiere and Neighbor to Neighbor, organize activities for youth, and set up a Giving Tree during Christmas for

families in need through Lighthouse North, Humphreys said.

"Now we're working on Easter baskets," she said.

The community fills a niche, allowing them to maintain their roots in the community and focus on helping others, she said.

"It's very rewarding," Compagnoni said.

"There's a joy in the community - we're there because we want to be," Humphreys said.

Divine Mercy's Knights of Columbus also

continues its community service, Compagnoni said.

"We feel at home," she said. "We plan to continue to build connections and keep the ball rolling."

"The church is people - this verifies that fact," Libens said.

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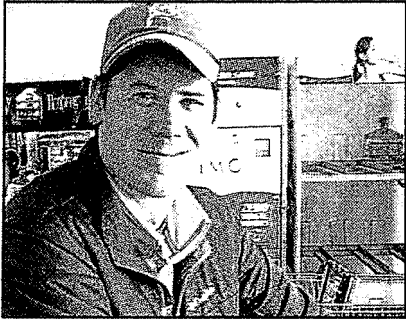
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- Brian Wightman



"I don't know about under attack per se, but Americans need to know their rights and be aware what could happen."

- Renee Wightman



"Yes. I think that we aren't as free as we once were. People are not as free to say what they feel for fear it will offend certain groups."

- Anna Pliska



"No. I pick and choose what I want to hear and if you listen to someone on reality television you're a bigger idiot than they are. Everyone has the right to say whatever they want to."

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By Andrea Beaudoin

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## Ready for Reading Month

Local author Martha Swanson visited Andersonville Elementary, Feb. 19, helping students get ready for March Reading Month.

The author of the picture book "Milly and Roxy," about two dogs and their adventures in Clarkston, led an assembly about the writing process. Capping the assembly was a visit by the titular canines.

The assembly also included an interview of the author by fifth grader Kayla Stark.

"I really enjoyed it - I enjoy writing," Stark said.

Swanson's second book, about the pups' antics around Michigan, is due to arrive in late spring.



Fifth grader Kayla Stark interviews author Martha Swanson at the Andersonville Elementary event. Photos by Phil Custodio



Milly and Roxy visit the students.

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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.

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**Mom-to-Mom Sale**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., March 8, American Legion Unit 63, 8047 Ortonville Rad. \$1 admission, \$2 early bird at 8 a.m. All proceeds to support troops. 248-425-1034.

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**Genealogy Workshop**, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., March 15, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Focus on women in the family tree and military information. Free. Register at 248-625-2212.

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**Behind the Scenes at the Zoo**, 6 p.m., March 8, Clarkston Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Picture walk of Potawatomi Zoo in South Bend, Ind., with zookeeper Gretchen Pitser. 248-625-1611.

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**The Young Americans performance**, 7 p.m., March 29, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. \$10/adults, \$8/students. Local workshop participants sing, dance, theater with national group. 248-623-4326.

**Monday**

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

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

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

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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

# Around Town



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



**Sunny Anam and Katie Hendrickson** rehearse a scene from Clarkston Village Players' "Sunset Park." In the comedy drama by Sims and Shoenman, which runs from March 7-22, 70-year-old widow Evelyn Horowitz's Brooklyn apartment is going co-op and she can't afford to buy-in alone. Her middle-aged children want in on the investment so they can sell it later for a sizeable profit, and it isn't long before conflicts and old family secrets arise. For tickets, call 248-575-4104 or email: [tickets@clarkstonvillageplayers.org](mailto:tickets@clarkstonvillageplayers.org). Photo provided by Nicole Sanger

**Buck Shots Bar and Grill**, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

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

**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](mailto:clarkstonband@gmail.com).

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**Widowers and Widows On With Life Group**, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Din-

ners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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**Belly Dance Lessons**, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Sashabaw Road. Low impact traditional-style workout with Naima Marina. No experience necessary. All welcome. \$10. 586-292-7750.

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

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

**Wednesday**

**Clarkston Area Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30

a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096.

**Thursday**

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

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

**Saturday**

**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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# Religion

Events Preaching

## Finding peace in every season

As I look out my office window, I see a snowdrift that is over three feet tall. In a 24-hour period recently, our region experienced snow, rain, ice and even "thundersnow." It seems this winter has dished-out every conceivable scenario for bad weather. Whether record-breaking snowfall or extremely cold weather, we have been hammered!

As a pastor of a local church, it seems the worst comes on Sunday (or Saturday night), but I am sure it is only my perspective. I often think about the warm winter of two years ago and reminisce about the "good old days." I also contemplate how nice it would be if the global warming I have heard about throughout my life would finally take place. I know it would not be good for polar bears, but it would be good for me!

At this point in time, I can only hope. It is hard to believe that spring could actually arrive in four weeks. Having lived in Michigan all my life, I know that anything is possible when it comes to the weather.

The Bible tells us, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1 NKJV). The Scripture goes on to teach about those seasons. It says there is "a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted."

It also says there is "a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance." These are but a few of the seasons of life mentioned. As you study the list, similar to the four seasons we experience in Michigan, I am sure that you can say, "I like this season" or "I don't like that season."

The problem is that every season will eventually come. Our attitude in each season can be to merely endure or we can choose to flourish no matter what comes our way. Either way, we must always understand that every season is temporary. When we understand this concept, we can be prepared

for the seasons as they come. In doing so, we will receive the best that season has to offer. This perspective will also cause us to seek out the good that season has to offer, even when it might seem to offer nothing of benefit.

I have always disliked the winter. Growing up, people would say, "You need to find something you like to do in the winter." I finally took up the advice and used it as a time to vacation in warm-weather destinations.

Recently, I heard that winter seasons are good for killing off insects and make our summer season more enjoyable. Now I encourage myself by looking out the window, saying, "Die bugs, die." However, no matter how hard I try, I am still just anticipating spring.

As a Christian, I have found that the best antidote for the seasons of life is to look for God's purpose. After Solomon (the author of Ecclesiastes) teaches about the seasons, he mentions the "time for every purpose under heaven."

I have found that in every season of life, there is evidence of the Lord's purpose if I am willing to look for it. It is not just a comfort to know that God's Kingdom reigns over the affairs of mankind; I have also found that God has made each and every one of us for a specific purpose.

When we take time to see and engage ourselves with His plan, we can find an inner compass steering us through the difficulties and giving us peace and strength to help us through. Do you know the Scripture declares that we are chosen and created with God's purpose in mind?

Ephesians 1:11-12 (NKJV) proclaims, "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory."

Let's take a step today to embrace the season of our life and operate in the fullness of His purpose!

The Rev. Loren Covarubbias is pastor of Mt. Zion Temple.

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Pastor Loren Covarubbias

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# Keep storm drains cleared

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Cleaning ice off storm drains is important to help prevent flooding when the snow melts.

Independence Township Department of Public Works Director Linda Richardson said while the township does have maps on storm drain locations in some neighborhoods—it is not guaranteed.

Richardson said most homeowners are aware of where the drains are located on their property.

Although some drains on public roads are maintained by municipalities, private roads are another story, and is the responsibility of homeowners to keep them clear.

Richardson said it is also in a homeowners best interest to keep drains clear.

"Drains can get clogged unless you clear them," said Richardson.

In addition to the ice and snow this time of year, the drains can also get clogged by leaves and other debris in the other seasons.

If drains get clogged, and water does not have a place to go. Major flooding can occur which can result in extensive damage to homes and buildings.

Richardson said this time of year with all the snow it is important to keep drains clear so when all the snow melts it has someplace to go.

She added water from drains is released into waterways such as a retention ponds or another type of wetland. It is important to make sure the outlet near the waterway is cleared too.

If homeowners are facing a major flooding problem they should find the discharge point and ensure it is clear of any ice or debris.

Richardson said many times it is the subdivisions, or homeowners associations, that are in charge of things drains clean.

"Homeowners really need to be aware of this because it is their responsibility," added Richardson. "If water has no place to go it will just pool right there are could flood the road," she said.

— Andrea Beaudoin

## Steps to clean a drain

- Use protective gear, such as gloves
- Remove any ice and snow covering the drain
- Use a screwdriver to open the drain
- Try to remove any impacted snow from the drain using a small shovel and place in a safe location away from the street
- Clear the area around the drain and apply salt to the area to reduce freezing around the drain
- In the fall if you need to clean out any leaf debris, remove any debris such as leaves, scrub and rinse with water.
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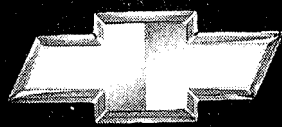
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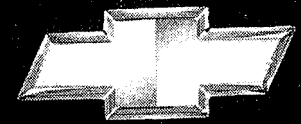
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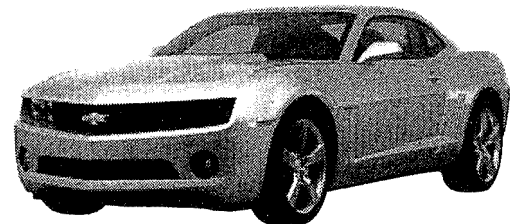
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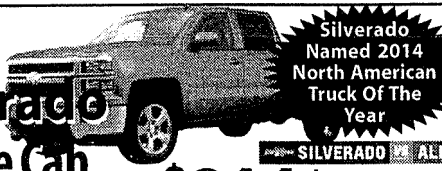
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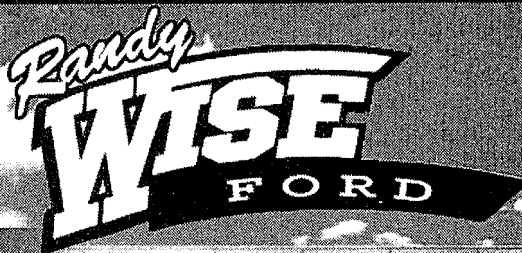
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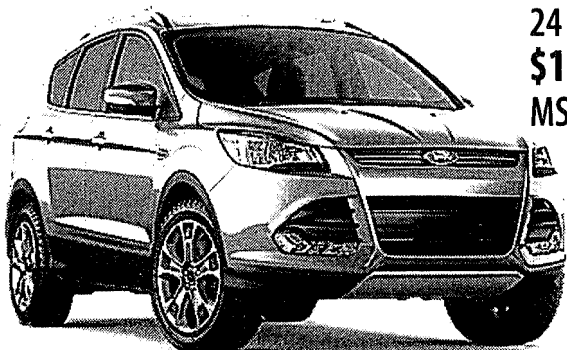
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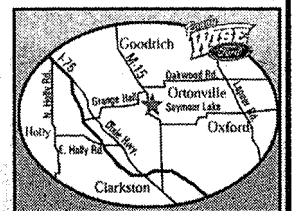
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**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 13, 2014**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginiski followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Luginiski, Hunter, Sabol, Catalo, Haven, Marsh  
Absent - Roth

Oath was given to Sandy Miller for the new City Clerk by Mayor Luginiski.

Motion to approve change in order of agenda item by Marsh 12a from After old business to after public hearing and 12g after that and table item 12e until next meeting supported by Haven. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Thank you to the City's DPW for all their hard work with the most recent snow storms.

Concern of deep potholes on M-15 along with the upcoming spring construction on M-15.

Shiver on the river activities explained for participation on Saturday January 18, 2014. Committee would like to ask for volunteers and volunteer funds.

Sabol will have his office hours on Jan 23 at the Village Bakery from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Catalo had a concern of a car parked on Buffalo St.

**PUBLIC HEARING CDBG ALLOCATION**

Open CDBG Public Hearing at 7:15 a Motion by Haven and Support by Catalo to rescind from the meeting on December 09, 2013 See attached minutes. Close public hearing at 7:20.

Resolution to allocate \$5,000.00 to CDBG minor home repair.

Role: Present - Marsh, Catalo, Hunter, Sabol, Haven, Luginiski Absent: Roth.

Resolution Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Foreclosure Prevention information presentation given by Soyini Boyer. Community Housing Network, Inc. Nonprofit organization located in Troy. Free Foreclosure Prevention Counseling serving Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne Counties. Website is [www.StepForwardMichigan.org](http://www.StepForwardMichigan.org).

Picasso's Grapevine business plan Mike Sabol gave review of planning meeting.

Leanna Haun presented general overview of her new proposed business of painting classes that customers may bring with them beer and or wine that the customer may consume while painting.

Approval concept of use discussion. Motion by Sabol to approve business plan support by Catalo. Roll Call Luginiski, No Marsh, No Catalo, No Sabol, Yes Hunter, Yes Haven, Yes Motion to table until next meeting by Sabol Support by Catalo. All in favor Aye. Opposed No. Absent Roth.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Appointments to Committee reports No Committee Chairpersons have reported to City Manager Eberhardt. We need an update list of all Committee and their Chairpersons. Council needs feedback from all our Committee as to what topics are being covered.

Finance committee needs information for a three year budget. Would we need the expense of an outside consultant for Planning or Streets and Roads or LED Street Lighting Conversion or any major projects like welcome packets, and Ordinance Publications. Schedule quarterly reports for each committee to report cost projection. First report due April 1, 2014.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved by Hunter, supported by Sabol to accept the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion Carried. Absent: Roth

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Marsh asked about bump outs - we need cross walk at Church and Depot. Eberhardt has asked MDOT to do bump outs at no cost to the City. The waiver letters are trickling in.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Proposed budget for Sewer fund in regards to install a clean out or retention basin near W Washington toward Depot. Gary Tressel needs to be consulted in regards to the structure. According to Eberhardt no one is willing to bid the options at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Appointments to SEMCOG. Two people to be appointed on the committee, Carol Eberhardt and David Marsh appointed to be the representatives.

Motion by Luginiski supported by Sabol Motion carried. Absent Roth.

Appointment of Ordinance Committee Chairperson.

Tom Hunter will be chair of Ordinance Committee. Richard Bisio will continue to be on the committee.

Motion by Luginiski supported by Haven Motion carried. Absent Roth.

Appointment of Finance Committee. Catalo will be appointed to the Finance Committee.

Motion by Luginiski supported by Haven motion carried. Absent Roth.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2014 Bank Depository Chase Bank, Clarkston State Bank, Oxford Bank and Oakland County Treasurers investment fund. Resolved by Catalo supported by Hunter.

Role Call Vote: Ayes: Hunter, Sabol, Marsh, Catalo, Haven, Luginiski Nays: None Absent: Roth Resolution Approved.

FY14 Budget Amendment by Department Resolved by Haven Supported by Hunter.

Role Call Vote: Ayes: Luginiski, Hunter, Marsh, Sabol, Haven, Catalo Nays: None

Absent: Roth Resolution Approved.

Resolution to Appoint Jason Miller as Street Administrator

Resolved by Catalo Supported by Sabol.

Role Call Vote: Ayes: Marsh, Luginiski, Haven, Hunter, Catalo, Sabol Nays: None Absent: Roth

Table Temporary signs until next meeting. Video tape council meetings.

No cost video council meetings would be allowed. Eberhardt will look into no cost audio/video taping Council meetings.

Motion made by Sabol Supported by Marsh to extend the meeting past 9 P.M.

Motion Carried.

Discussion and Motion Code Enforcement/Parking Enforcement Officer

Moved by Catalo, supported by Hunter. Person to be proposed is Ralph Dagel to be the person to start writing notices and tickets for Code Enforcement/Parking Enforcement.

Role Call Vote: Ayes: Marsh, Luginiski, Sabol, Hunter, Catalo, Haven Nays: None Absent: Roth

Moved by Marsh, supported by Catalo to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Independence Township Assessor  
Publish: 2/12, 19, 26/2014



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**INDEPENDENCE TWP.**  
**SYNOPSIS**

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder (Arrived at 7:06)

Absent: None  
There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Linda Richardson, DPW Director

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended

E. CLOSED SESSION: None

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk; Jose Aliaga, Trustee; Linda Richardson, DPW Director

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None scheduled.

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Presentation: Proposal for Township Website Redevelopment (Joseph J. Nagrant, Revize, LLC)
2. Report: Planning Commission Update (Ronald A. Ritchie, Board of Trustees Planning Commission Representative)

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2014
2. Approval of Payroll of February 14, 2014; and Check Run of February 12, 2014 for a Total Amount of \$1,633,936.54
3. Approval of Budget Amendment for Fire Department
4. Approval to Dispose of Township Assets with a Cost Basis Exceeding \$5,000.00
5. Approval to Amend Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee By-laws

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Acceptance of Proposal for Professional Services for Catholic Protection for Water & Sewer Sites
2. Appointment of Board and Committee Member to the Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee
3. Reconsideration of Motion #2014-02-026-02 to Correct Payroll Amount
4. Adoption of Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement between Oakland County and Independence Twp for Election Services
5. Acceptance of Petition for Special Assessment District (SAD): Private Road Improvements; Avington Park Condominium Subdivision
6. Acceptance of Proposal for Professional Services for Township Website Redevelopment

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Communications: Certificate of Recognition from Knights of Columbus, Council 5436
2. Minutes: Water & Sewer Ad-Hoc Committee of January 13, 2014
3. Report: Building Department Monthly Report for December 2013
4. Report: Building Department Monthly Report for January 2014

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Comments were made by various Board Members

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, February 26, 2014

**STATE OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO:  
**PROBATE COURT** 2014-354, 271-DE  
**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Valentino Colantoni, date of birth: January 19, 1930  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Valentino Colantoni, died November 8, 2012

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

February 21, 2014

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COUNTY OF OAKLAND**  
**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE**  
**AVINGTON PARK**  
**CONDOMINIUM SUBDIVISION**  
**PRIVATE ROAD IMPROVEMENT**  
**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**  
**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Charter Township of Independence ("Township") has received a petition requesting a special assessment district for improvements to the following private roads in the Avington Park Condominium Subdivision in the Township: Avington Parkway, Avington Court, Rosebud Lane, Boulderwood Ridge Drive, and Forest Valley Drive within the borders of the condominium subdivision (the "Road Improvement Project"). Having received such petition from the record owners of land constituting more than 50% of the total frontage upon such roads (not including land that is not subject to special assessment), and based upon the request in that petition, the Township Board of Trustees has tentatively declared its intent to proceed with the Road Improvement Project and has tentatively decided to establish a special assessment district to defray all or a portion of the costs of such improvements by special assessment against the benefited properties. The improvements are intended to provide special benefits to the properties identified on the attachment to this Notice, which properties together tentatively constitute the "Special Assessment District." The cost estimate, plans, and petition relating to this matter are on file and available for public inspection at the Township Clerk's Office, which is located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence Township, Michigan.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at 7:00 p.m. on March 18, 2014, the Township Board of Trustees shall meet at the Township Hall, located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence Township, Michigan, for the purpose of hearing statements and objections by any interested person with respect to the petitions, proposed Road Improvement Project and proposed Special Assessment District. Appearance and protest at the hearing is required in order to appeal the matters to be considered at the hearing to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter at or before the hearing and his or her personal appearance in such case shall not be required.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk  
Charter Township of Independence  
Dated: February 18, 2014  
Published: February 26, 2014  
Mailed: February 26, 2014





Taylor University Chorale performs, March 8, at Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell Street. Photo provided

## Chorale in concert

Taylor University Chorale from Upland, Ind., performs in concert, Saturday, March 8, 7 p.m., at Clarkston Free Methodist Church, 5482 Winell Street. Admission is free.

The chorale includes Jocelyn Moore, 2011 graduate of Clarkston High School who was a member of the CHS Madrigal Choir.

Repertoire includes sacred choral works, from Renaissance to Contemporary periods, including Mozart's Coronation Mass, Chichester Psalms by Bernstein, Faure's Requiem, Messiah by Handel, Beethoven's Choral Fantasia and Symphony No. 9, Gloria by Poulenc, Brahms' A German Requiem, and Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Because the People Want to Know **INDEPENDENCE TWP.**

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 13, 2014 INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:  
**Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.**

At Independence Township Hall Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston MI, 48347-0069, to consider the following:

**PC File # 2013-009**

Petitioner: JRJ Independence LLC, Joe Locricchio  
Project Name: Ardmore PUD

**PETITIONER REQUESTS FINAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A 27 UNIT SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Parcel # 08-15-351-002,  
part of 08-15-351-003 & 08-15-351-004

13.21 Acres

R-1B & R-1R Zoning

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347-0069 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting.

For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Barbara A Pallotta, Clerk

The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111.

## Benefit for Ryan

Friends of Ryan Kennedy hosts the third annual Dinner Benefit at Overtyme Grill & Tap Room, 3 p.m., March 1.

Live entertainment will include Raft, a local high school group in Clarkston, as well as Cosmic Groove. There will also be a special auction for kids, \$30 game room tokens will be for \$20, and a photo booth will be going all evening. There is also a special buffet menu planned, for \$9.99/person.

The goal is to raise \$25,000 for a 6,000-square-foot memorial playground in Clintonwood Park.

Kennedy passed away in June of 2012 after a 5-year battle with brain cancer. The Clarkston community supported him and his family through many grass-roots initiatives

For more information, check [www.friendsofryankennedy.com](http://www.friendsofryankennedy.com).

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## Freedom of information in city

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to Freedom of Information Act or other laws, but until someone shows me a law that says the city administration is required to talk or respond to any media, I support and respect their discretion to speak or not speak as appropriate," Sabol said.

Eberhardt said she would no longer talk to the newspaper because it gives Johnston a "platform" to voice his concerns and opinions.

Assistant Publisher Don Rush said *The Clarkston News* gives a platform to all local residents and officials.

"The idea is to get concerns out in the open," Rush said. "When a government official closes those doors of communication, newspapers generally think, 'what are you trying to hide?'"

Powell said he has noticed a pattern in the way the city responds to anyone expressing concern or asking questions.

"First, expect to be read the riot act and not receive information; second, receive lies, but no information; third, a city 'attack dog' writes a letter to the paper for daring to 'meddle'; fourth, an anonymous letter in the mail that tries to intimidate you; and finally, stone cold silence, and still no information," he said. "Welcome to the club - your paper is now on step five, right where everyone else ends up. I'm noticing a disturbing pattern here."

Powell and Johnston both received an anonymous letter filled with personal attacks. "Thanks for turning the screws. This type of conduct shouldn't be tolerated against anyone," said Powell.

Over the next few weeks, the *News* will review issues that have been featured in articles since 2013. During this research, *The Clarkston News* editorial staff is investigating all Freedom of Information Act requests as well as digging into claims and procedures.

Accusations have been made that the city council and its officials have ignored rules beginning last April with violating the City Charter.

### **Council Overrules City Charter**

Carol Eberhardt began working as city manager in April 2013. Controversy swirled when city council members hired Eberhardt.

In order to hire Eberhardt, council voted to override City Charter section 4.18, which states, "except where authorized by law or five members of the council, elected officers

shall not hold any appointed city office or city employment until one year after the expiration of their term in office."

During a Jan. 14, 2013, Clarkston City Council meeting, Luginski told council, "We formed a kind of behind the scenes, small committee, search committee if you will. Luginski then passed out a packet of information containing a job description, interview questions and a timeline for the process of hiring a new city manager.

At the time of the manager search, Eberhardt was on the city council. She would excuse herself when discussions about the city manager position arose.

Former city council member Chuck Inabnit said Eberhardt's candidacy was clearly a conflict of interest and the council should not have accepted her resume.

At the time, Inabnit said because Eberhardt was on the city council he believed the hiring process was stacked from the get go in favor of Eberhardt.

Other residents, besides Johnston, expressed their dismay at the hiring of Eberhardt in letters to *The Clarkston News*.

In a letter to the editor, Independence Township resident Hillary Scott said she believed the 4.18 section of the city charter existed to prevent "an egregious elected official from cherry picking compensated appointed positions," such as the position of city manager.

Scott added she also felt it was obvious the Clarkston City Council had no intention of hiring anyone but Eberhardt for the position.

"It is apparent councilwoman Eberhardt's competitor for the city manager's position was an unknowing participant in a cleverly orchestrated dog and pony show to validate the council's choice for city manager," said Scott.

"Councilwoman Eberhardt's acceptance of the position displays her selfish sense of entitlement, her lack of regard for the citizens of Clarkston, and her lack of regard jurisprudence involving city governance. Councilwoman's acceptance of being appointed to the city manager contrary to section 4.18 of the City Charter will insure the status quo of mediocrity within her tenure as the city manager."

In next week's edition, we discuss how other candidates for city manager stacked up against Eberhardt.

## Acappella semifinals at Clarkston High

Clarkston High School hosts the International Championship of High School Acappella - Michigan Semifinals, Saturday, March 1 at 7 p.m., in the high school performing arts center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

Competing will be Brighton High School Chicappella, Clarkston High School Detroit

Voice, Clarkston High School Madrigals, Novi High School Major VI, Ann Arbor Skyline High School Skyline Blues, Niles West High School Echo Effect, and Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School Vocal Point.

The winning group will move on to the ICHSA Final in New York city. Admission is \$10/students, \$15/general.

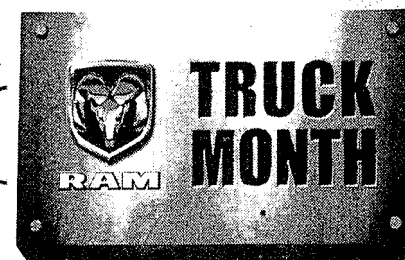
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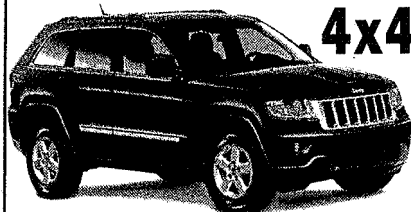
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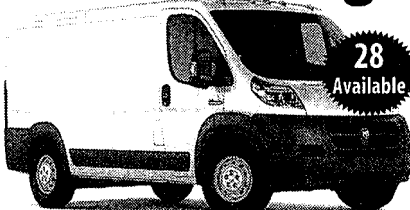
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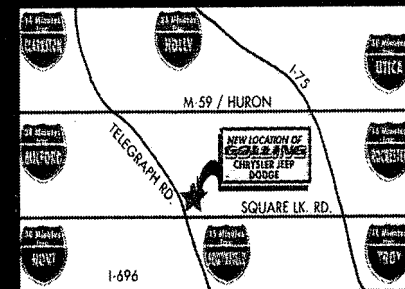
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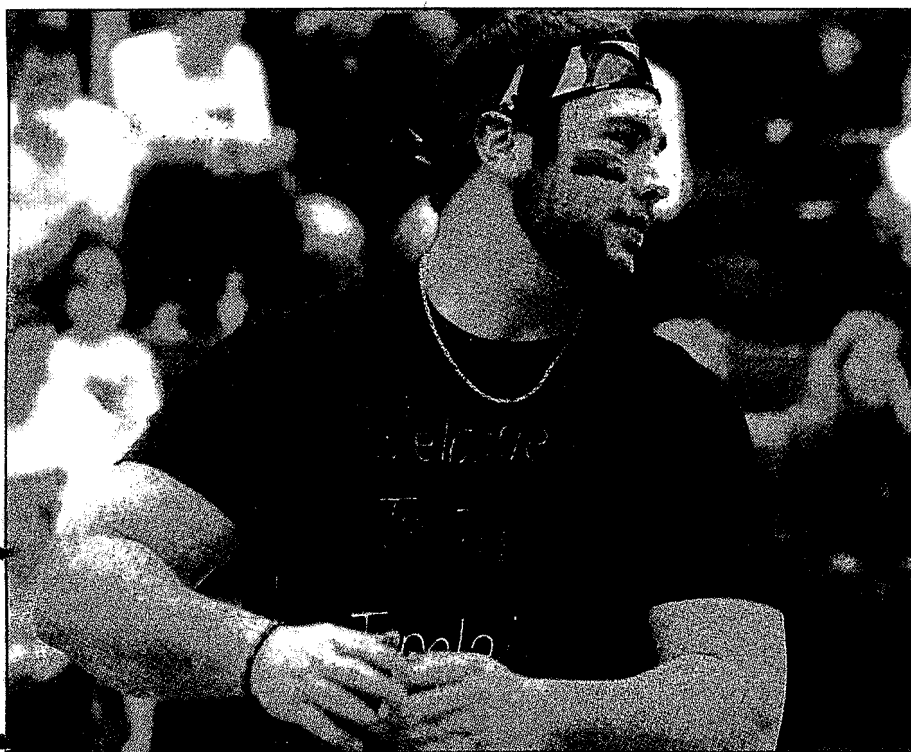
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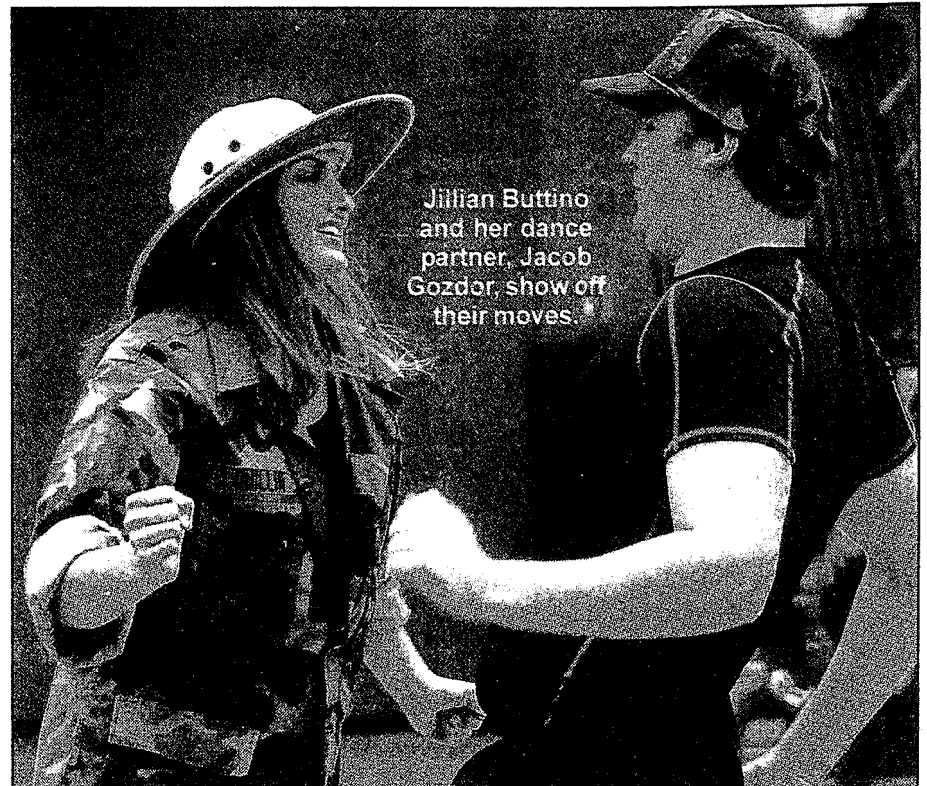
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Gina Garavaglia dances.



David Beedle shows off his dancing skills.



Jillian Buttino and her dance partner, Jacob Gozdar, show off their moves.

## Moving and grooving in the jungle

The Clarkston Varsity Pom Pom team had held their annual Boy/Girl dance and this special dance partners join them, Feb. 14. year's theme was the jungle as they decked out in camo. During their half-time performance they

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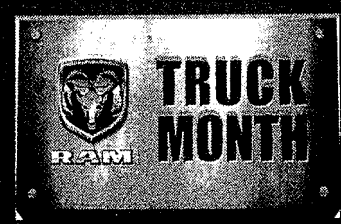
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**\$179\*** mo.

Sale Price  
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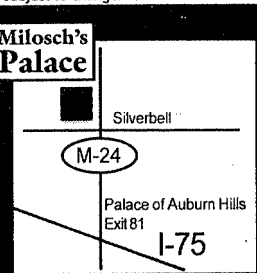
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2014 Chevrolet Cruze LTZ	14,000	\$20,900
2014 Chevrolet Cruze	14,227	\$18,500
2013 Buick Encore Convenience	18,938	\$22,500
2011 GMC Sierra 1500	26,626	\$24,800
2011 Chevrolet Equinox LT 1LT	30,868	\$18,800
2008 Chevrolet Suburban 1500	96,797	\$24,700
2007 Saturn OUTLOOK	93,830	\$11,500
2012 Lincoln Navigator Base	35,821	\$45,500
2011 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT	31,464	\$25,000
2011 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE	41,936	\$23,700
2003 Chevrolet Corvette Conv 50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION	43,110	\$29,500
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2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo 4X4	19,065	\$25,800
2013 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE	14,961	\$26,600
2012 Dodge Journey SXT	15,214	\$17,600
2013 GMC Sierra 1500 SLE	2,905	\$29,899
2011 Chrysler Town & Country Touring	6,743	\$19,299
2012 Chevrolet Malibu LS	5,599	\$15,300
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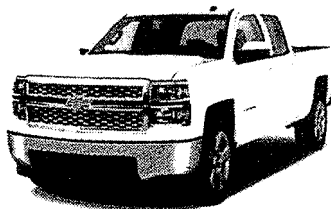
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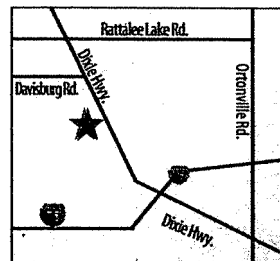
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