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**Evan Putney and Jerry Waterson** practice while Kyle Bruder watches. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

# Arm wrestling contest draws crowd

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

An arm wrestling contest at Buckshots Bar and Grill in Clarkston was packed with competitors and fans last Saturday.

Attendees came from near and far for the Third Annual East Michigan Armwrestling Championship contest.

Competitors said although the event is testosterone packed - of the 117 entries in the contest four were women - the sport enjoys a lot of comaraderie.

Local brothers Derrick and Daren Bills competed against each other. Both said they enjoy the sport as much as they enjoy competing against each other.

Dominic Rigato, who refereed the competition, said people get the wrong idea when they see armwrestling in bars and equate it to a bar room brawl.

Armwresting is also gaining popularity thanks to a television show aired on the Discovery Channel called "Game of Arms."

"This is such am amazing turnout," said Rigato. "We even have people who traveled to be here."

Rigato added when people compete in armwrestling, they really want to beat their opponent, but inside both competitors have the same spirit.

'This is also the most adrenaline based sport you can do without getting a concus-Please see Test on page 43

In this week's edition, Spring Sports Preview Check out next week for Super News!

# Walk to help neighbor with rare disease

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A Clarkston resident is hoping to raise money to fund research to help her son, Cameron, and about 60 others across the nation afflicted with a very rare genetic malfunction.

Belinda Belcher, whose son is diagnosed with Ring 14, is planning a neighborhood walk in Clarkston on May 4. Another walk is planned in Florida, both in hopes of raising at least \$10,000 to fund research into the disease.

Ring 14 is referred to as an "orphan disease" because it strikes so rarely. Worldwide, just 150 people have been diagnosed with the disease.

Only two individuals have lived to be over 40, with most identified patients in their early 20's or younger.

Caused by an abnormality of chromosome 14, the condition occurs when the normal structure of a chromosome, which governs physical features and bodily functions, break and fuse together.

Like others with Ring 14, Cameron has severe seizures, developmental troubles and issues with muscle and body struc-

Karen Hudspeth, events director for Ring 14, said the abnormality was discovered around 1997 when genetic testing became more frequent. She said more patients probably have Ring 14, but they live in countries where genetic testing is not done as much as it is in countries like the United States.

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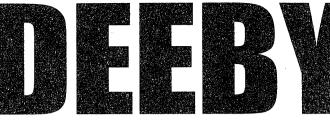
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# Dr. David Regiani: 35 years of healthcare science

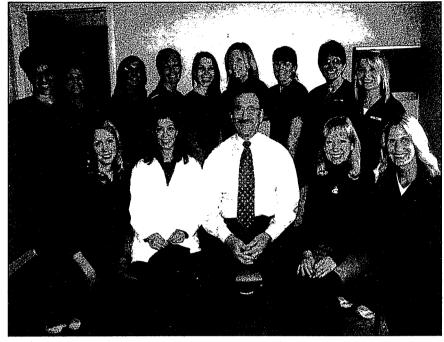
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Front row from left: Kristan Spaulding. Dr Mardi Edelheit, Dr David Regiani, Sherry Regiani and Stephanie Montague. Back row from left: Mary Schoenherr, Carrie Book, Anna Short, Vicki Brejnak, Holly Bernt, Jo Atkinson, Laurie May, Debbie Hoolihan and Beth Boggs.

right in the office). So busy, in fact, that practice. this past fall Dr. Regiani began a search for the right associate dentist to join his almost 18 years of experience. She, too,

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### Fire gear purchased

Independence Township voted, April 1, to purchase 12 sets of gear for Independence Township firefighters.

Each set costs \$2,258. The total bid was awarded to Phoenix Safety Out fitters for \$31,612.

Fire Chief Steve Ronk said the equipment will be worn to all types of events including fires, odor investigations, vehicle fuel spills and other in-

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BOOK BATTLE: From left, the Guvs with Glasses team members Aidan Hepler, Kyle Crockett, Ryan Kisser, Tyler Crockett, and Brendan Collica hold the trophy they won in the Battle of the Books between Bailey Lake and Clarkston elementary schools. Each school had its own battle, and then the winners battled each other on April 2. The two teams were The Blazing Book Blasters from Clarkston Elementary and Guys with Glasses from Bailey Lake. Photo provided

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# New show to feature local sparkle

When Clarkstonites talk about what they love to do, their eyes sparkle.

That's the spark Karey Bessett and Alan Partington want for the new Clarkston Spark show, joining Clarkston TV online, April 9.

"The show is about people in our community who have a passion and enthusiasm in a hobby, organization, collection, activity," Bessett said. "You can tell by the way they discuss the topic, their eyes sparkle, they're delighted to tell you about their hobby."

"Lot of people we know are doing interesting things," Partington said. "We're looking for those kinds of people who are so much fun to talk to, and share them with the community."

For the first show, the videographers feature Chelsea O'Brien and her Gardening Club at Independence Elementary School.

"They have a fantastic plan for the garden, and they're actually doing it," Bessett said. "The kids are working hard. It's very impressive."

Other ideas include the accountant who scuba dives, or salsa dances, she said.

"Something unexpected. These people and activities enrich our community," she said. "Sometimes it's what they do for a living, often it's something they choose to do during their free time."

The show is presented by Neiman's Family Market.

"Neiman's liked the idea and wanted to be involved because they share that same enthusiasm, and sense of fun with what they do," Bessett said. "They enjoy the community. On Fat Tuesday, they had a paczi eating contest with an accordion player...everyone had such a fun time. They like the new, fun, unexpected. They enjoy community involvement, and activites that enrich the community."

Check ClarkstonTV.com for shows starting April 9. Check Facebook.com/clarkstonspark for updates, behind the scenes posts, etc. For more info, email clarkstonspark@yahoo.com or call 248-821-1373.

- Phil Custodio

# **Briefly**

### **Fireworks**

Independence Township approved a bid from Zambelli Fireworks of Pennsylvania for \$12,000 in fireworks for the July 4 celebration. A rain date for the show is July 5

In a letter to the township, Zambelli said the company hosts many events from the Times Square New Years Eve Celebration in New York, Kentucky Derby and numerous city and fire department events across the country. The bid was awarded to Zambelli for both the 2014 and 2015 season. The fireworks show will kick off at 10:05 p.m. on July 4 or July 5 if it rains and will be 30 minutes long.

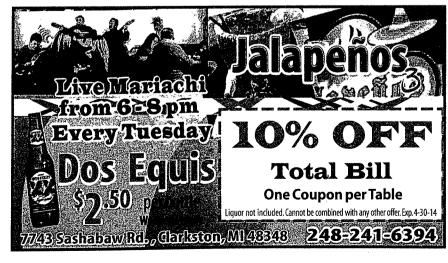
### Correction

The article "Dock ordinance amendment moves forward," March 26, incorrectly stated Independence Township Board approved first reading to amend the township's wetlands and watercourse ordinance.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said the township is working to reduce or eliminate redundant permitting processes between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the township.

"Based on public input, we have created a citizen committee to assist us in this endeavor. It is my hope that these efforts will encourage neighbors to sort outlake related issues between themselves in a common sense manner maintaining the health, safety and welfare of all parties involved," said Kittle. "If this is being unreasonable or too restrictive, we are guilty as charged. We promise to keep you informed."

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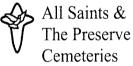
The Sherman Family took over stewardship of The Clarkston News in 1966 & started the Penny Stretcher in 1982

Jim Sherman, Sr. will be Roasted by the Oxford Rotary Club on April 12, at Boulder Pointe Banquet Center, Oxford, MI



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At 87, former Clarkston News publisher keeps smiling

# The life and times of 'Big Jim' Sherman

Born "the last and best," as he humbly put it, in a family of four children, James A. Sherman, Sr. came into this world in Owosso, Michigan on Aug. 10, 1926.

After moving around a bit during his childhood, Sherman was graduated from Vernon High School in 1943. There were a total of nine students in his class and he was the salutatorian at the age of 16.

Later that year, he entered Kalamazoo's Western State College with the intention of becoming a teacher.

His future plans changed in July 1944 when he decided to enlist in the U.S. Navy, "the only REAL military service," in his opinion.

Sherman was assigned to the U.S.S. Woodford, A.K.A. 86, which carried cargo and troops. He recalls carrying a shipload of Greisedick beer through the Panama Canal to Hawaii.

"(Beer) was very important to the war effort," Sherman said. "Without beer, we could never have won the war."

Sherman's service to his country continued through June 1946 when he was honorably discharged and returned home to Vernon.

It was there that he met his future bride, Hazel.

"She was on her horse, Trixie, and we agreed to meet at a dance that night,"



In 2011, Jim Sherman, Sr. served as Grand Marshal of Oxford's Christmas parade. Riding with him, as always, was beloved blue-eyed dog Shayna, a frequent topic in his Jim's Jottings column. *Photo by C.J. Carnacchio*.

Sherman said. "We were together forever after that."

Sherman went back to Western Michigan to play basketball and study typesetting.



During his basket-ball physical, it was discovered that he had tuberculosis. He spent the next 17 months recovering in a Lansing hospital, with Hazel visiting almost every weekend, until he was discharged in November 1948.

The two were married on Oct. 22, 1949 at the Lennon Methodist Church and spent the next 51 years together. They lived in Lennon briefly, then moved to Owosso.

Sherman spent a semester studying journalism at Michigan State University, then in January 1951, he took a job in sales at the *Gladwin County Record*.

Six months later, Sherman went to work selling ads and writing sports stories for the Clinton County Republican News in St. Johns. It was there that his first child, Jim Sherman, Jr., was born in September 1954.

In 1955, Sherman traveled to Oxford where he decided to purchase the town's weekly newspaper, *The Oxford Leader*.

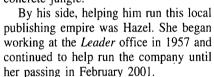
The Oxford Sherman first knew was a town in transition and he was part of a new generation of entrepreneurs who had purchased many local businesses from the Old Guard.

Sherman could relate to these new owners because they were his age and many were World War II veterans like himself.

It was during his first years in Oxford that Sherman's family expanded thanks to the births of daughter Luan in June 1957 and daughter Susan in August 1962.

After the family was done expanding, Sherman decided expand the business beyond the Gravel Capital of the World. He purchased and ran other newspapers including the Lake Orion Review (1972), Clarkston News (1966) and Davison Index (1976). He also founded two weekly shoppers, the Ad-Vertiser and Penny Stretcher.

Having been born and raised in small town Michigan, he never had any desire to work for a bigcity newspaper. He felt secure and confident in a small town. He also believed there was more opportunity to succeed outside the concrete jungle.



Highly-respected in his profession, Sherman served on the Michigan Press Association (MPA) board for 10 years and was its president in 1980. When the MPA Foundation was formed, Sherman served as both president and vice president.

Sherman continued performing the duties of a newspaper publisher until his much-deserved retirement in 1993.

Even though he's supposed to be taking it easy, Sherman still pens a regular column for SPI newspapers entitled "Jim's Jottings."

He uses his space on Page 7 to opine on a variety of topics including politics, his five grandchildren, his dog Shayna, memories of the past, doctors, golf, the loss of common sense, trout fishing, deer hunting, and of course, his absolute favorite food, bacon.

Today, the Sherman children – Jim, Luan and Susan – run the company and continue the tradition of independence, pride and community spirit established by their father.

A community-minded individual,

Sherman was never one to shy away from his commitment to helping make Oxford a better place.

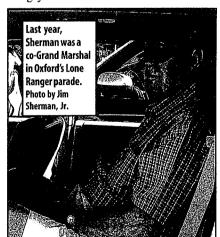
Over the years, Sherman served as president of both the Oxford Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Oxford. He remains an honorary Rotarian.

He chaired the Oxford Township Parks and Recreation Committee for nine years and served on the board of directors for the short-lived Dominican Sisters' DeLima Junior College on W. Drahner Rd. He also served on the Oxford Bank Board of Directors for 12 years, exiting in 1998.

Sherman has life memberships in the American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars and the Northeast Oakland Historical Society

Northern Oakland County is most definitely a better place because of James A. Sherman, Sr. His newspapers have informed citizens about their communities and their neighbors for decades, kept local governments honest – or at least on their toes – helped local businesses prosper and kept many individuals gainfully employed.

Most importantly, Sherman's hard work and many years of dedication have given the communities of Oxford, Lake Orion and Clarkston an identity and sense of self that towns without newspapers simply don't have. Thank you, Mr. Sherman for everything you've done.



### Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

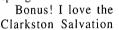
### **Spring Salvation**

With warmer weather finally here, I decided it was time to shed the liner in my coat.

I bought my new-for-me jacket during the dead of winter at Clarkston's Salvation Army on Sashabaw Road.

Over the past year, I've gone to that store many, many times to replace every article of clothing I have, as I've lost weight – minus the undergarments. Those I bought new.

When I unzipped and unbuttoned the liner out of the coat, I found the liner was actually also a coat. A light jacket, perfect for spring weather.



Army! Folks here get rid of some really nice stuff. I've picked up designer clothes, a blazer, jeans, slacks, shorts for a fraction of what it would have cost new.

Even with the warmer weather, I've found snow and ice stubbornly sticking to the sidewalk in a few spots on Clarkston Road. It should all be gone by now, though, a thought that fills this would-be runner with joy. Those crusty piles of dirt and melting snow and ice smell pretty bad. Hopefully, the rain we've received and will get through this spring will wash that away quickly.

I'm all registered for the Angel's Place Race in May, which will be here really soon. I signed up for the 10K run. After a couple weeks back on the road, I'm comfortable with my four-mile route from downtown around Clarkston High School, with some slipping and sliding on the Clarkston Road sidewalk ice.

I count that as cross training.

The Back Roads Half Marathon this November has a new location this year, moving out of downtown to Independence Oaks County Park, up on Sashabaw Road.

So that probably means no running up and down the hills in the neighborhood up around Deer Lake.

It's still plenty hilly up around Sashabaw north of Clarkston Road, though, something organizers are probably happy with. Don't want to make it any easier!

I ran up there a couple times last year as part of my half-marathon training – downtown up to the park and back is about 10 miles. Actually, those hills make the hills around Deer Lake look like speedbumps.

# Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

### A call to share in traffic solution

Dear Editor.

I agree with the people who are opposed to putting a ramp onto I-75 SB at Clintonville Road.

However, if they lived in the area of Sashabaw and Waldon they would have a different opinion.

We have all the congestion now that IRACE say they are going to have and, by the way, they are also contributing to our problem. There is a real traffic concern on

Sashabaw and I feel it's time for a change.

Just an entrance onto I-75 is not enough, the reality is there should be an entrance and exit at Clintonville which would relieve the congestion on Sashabaw.

It is only going to get worse in the next few years. So I say to the IRACE, suck it up and share in the solution with those of us that live in the Sashabaw and Waldon area.

> Ray Waechter Independence Township

# Suggestions for Sashabaw traffic relief

Dear Editor.

As I read the letter to the editor- "Support for ramp"- about the proposed I-75 entrance ramp at Clintonville Rd., I immediately got the sense this person doesn't live in the area that would be affected by the ramp, and sure enough this is true. But I did find it's possible to redirect traffic through this man's neighborhood to relieve pressure from Sashabaw Road.

So in the spirit of "development," I propose the township save money on the Clintonville Road entrance ramp idea by redirecting Sashabaw congestion through this mans neighborhood.

If this man believes residents on Clintonville Road are to blame for the development in their neighborhood and on Sashabaw Road, then in the same respect he is responsible for the developments that caused the congestion on Sashabaw Road. He knew they were coming and he didn't do anything to stop it, so he shouldn't complain if the congestion on Sashabaw starts cutting through his neighborhood.

I bet the moment the township proposed an idea that affected him, his family, and the quality of their life he would be the first one screaming "not in my backyard."

After all, if he truly believes it's okay to force business traffic from his neighborhood into our neighborhood, then it should be okay

for motorists to cut through his neighborhood when Sashabaw Rd. is congested.

The on-ramp at Clintonville to southbound I-75 hasn't been approved, but in near record time we're already hearing that "there should be a full-fledged exit at Mile Marker 87, Clintonville Road." This is an idea that has been proposed, a feasibility study already done, and the idea was shot down by all parties involved. Why? Because Clintonville Rd. is a residential area, there are no businesses in this area. If it was a bad idea 10 years ago, it's a bad idea today!

So what's wrong with this plan, and who's complaining? My family is complaining because we live in a residential neighborhood and don't want business traffic routed through our already too busy neighborhood. Building an entrance and/or exit ramp into a neighborhood because the township planned poorly isn't "development," it's poor planning.

So in the spirit of fairness, let's get on with cutting through this man's neighborhood to avoid traffic on Sashabaw Road. After all, it's because of the "development" he didn't protest against that caused this congestion, why shift it into someone else's "apple orchards and fields" when there's already a "relief valve" between Maybee and Waldon roads?

Michael Powell Independence Township

# Support for ramp opposition group

Dear Editor

I feel the proposed ramp at Sashabaw Road and I-75 is an exercise in futility. The need is marginal at best, it wastes public funds and will only aggravate the neighborhood.

Will we need an entrance every two miles to satisfy some of the rabid developers in our community. Some of us are happy to enjoy our laid back environment.

Even Troy has only three exits. Why do we need more?

I strongly support the local opposition group, IRACE.

Jim Reed Independence Township

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1999

"City stop sign will stay put" A dozen residents living on Miller and Glenburnie Streets told the Clarkston Police Chief to STOP - as in stop the request to have the stop signs removed from the intersection. They got their wish when the city council decided to keep the two stop signs on Miller Road at the intersection with Glenburnie Street.

"ZBA upholds planners' denial of Holiday Inn" It looked like developers would have to pitch another plan if they still wanted a Holiday Inn Express on M-15, off of I-75. The Independence Township Zoning Board of Appeals upheld the planning commission's decision to deny conceptual site approval.

"Aggressive Wolves sweep" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball team swept their double header against Grand Blanc, 13-7 and 7-4, in the first varsity games coached by Phil Price. He noted the boys showed aggression he wanted on the basepaths and it capitalized on their scoring chances.

### 25 years ago - 1989

"Pay hiked" Pay raises for the supervisor, treasurer and clerk of Independence Township were approved for the first time in two years. The raises were each approved in separate votes.

"Should teens, friends go to Florida?" Janet Colbrunn, family education chairperson of the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance Committee, was prompted by questions - "should a teen be allowed to go to Florida with friends" and "do parents really know what kind of parties their children attend." It led to preparing a survey for parents of high school students and for students.

"Voters face \$68.7 million bond issue in June" A \$68.8 million construction and improvement program for Clarkston schools will go before voters in the June election. The Clarkston Board of Election voted 6-0 to support the proposal of the school's architect.

### 50 years ago - 1964

"Leader dog from 4-H project" After close to a year of living with the Caverly family, Midge, a black Labrador puppy, headed to Rochester's Leader Dogs of the Blind. The family helped condition and get Midge ready to become a Leader Dog. They received a letter from the organization Midge had graduated and she would soon be a Leader Dog for someone in Iowa.

## **Just clowning** around with Pero

People who know me come in through our attached garage, rap hard on the door and wait for me to yell,

"C'mon in!"

clown.

Recently the person

He lives on Big Fish

Lake, near Ortonville.

That's the same lake son

Jim and his wife Linda

live on. Everybody

knows everybody on that

who came in was a

**Jottings** 



A column by

Jim Sherman Linda had called to tell me she and a couple of girl friends were visitin at 10 Sunday morning and she had a surprise for me.

The knock on the door came at 10, and following my call, Pero walked in, in full clown regalia: tall black hat, multiple patches of multiple colors on his jacket, pants and shirt.

His hair was long and orange; his elephant size black shoes were on the wrong feet, and his nose rosy red and

His make up was of rosy red cheeks, large black eyebrows and he was carrying a small bag. His pants were way over-

I asked him to sit, and he did. He looked around my room and asked, "Maybe I'm at the wrong address."

I gave him my address, "thirteeen something," He said maybe it's 14?"

Then I pointed to our my fireplace adorned with 19 stuffed clowns. Then the girls came in.

But, I want to tell you about my clowns. Brother-in-law Ronald Smith was into garage sales some years ago. He decided I needed some clowns in my house and he kept bringing them, plus adding some that weren't stuffed. Love

Back to my visiting clown. He was on his way to the Shriners meeting near Detroit. He told me his name was Pero. He did one of his tricks, but loused it up, probably on purpose, putting a red bandana in his small sack, and after a couple tries, pulling out a blue bandana.

I think he was "clowning around" on the first draw, because the blue bandana w a s pulled from the sack as he left my house.

# The voice of a free people

Letters to the Editor should deal with issues affecting our community. They not only criticize, but also praise. Where they point out problems, so too should they offer suggestions.

The Clarkston News reserves the right to edit for accuracy, brevity, or clarity. Letters must include the full name of the writer, home address and daytime telephone number (which will not be published). Anonymous letters will not be published.

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Any questions, call The Clarkston News at 248-625-3370.

# Rush is getting the 'scoop' on poop

While Rush is away doing of little significance to the betterment of mankind, here a favorite column from April 4, 2004. We hope you enjoy. -- The Management

We are becoming a "soft" nation. Don't An ocean of "wimps" and "hoity toitys" (whoever they are) will soon be upon us. No longer will we be a nation of beer and burgers -- everybody will want Chablis and crumpets (whatever they are).

Woe is us.

I have come to this conclusion after thorough research. The information and raw data I found, I gathered by employing investigative practices A column by only the finest muckrakers use. In Don Rush other words, I found some tidbits of

info, jumped to a conclusion and blew the whole thing out of proportion. But, hey -- that's okay, I am a trained professional. It's my job as a blowhard to make mountains out of mole hills.

Why am I predicting that our nation will be overrun by latte-drinking, pinky finger pointing snobs, you may be asking yourselves? Because of the Doggie Dooley and other "things" that make life easier for dog owners with yards.

What is a Doggie Dooley? It is a . . . well, it's a, um . . . it's a thing you dig into the ground a foot or so down that you scoop dog doo into. It is a dog waste eliminator that uses an enzyme and water to -- and I quote, "reduce waste to a liquid," that is "harmless" and that is soon "absorbed" into the soil.

The Doggie Dooley (which costs about 50 bucks)

is only the tip of the iceberg in gadgetry folks can use to clean their yard of Fido feces. There are pooper scoopers that automatically bag for you. There are spring-loaded metal scoops with jaws that clamp around Pomeranian piles. You can even add some other enzyme into your Doggie Dooley that makes it smell good . . . or at least makes it smell not bad.

All this stuff is making the job easy. It's not 'sposed to be easy. Poop scooping is a smelly, tedious job that no adult in his or her right mind wants to do . . . that's what kids are for, aren't they?

In return for giving them life, pampering them as infants, feeding them, clothing them, sheltering and protecting them, they get to de-mine the backyard so nobody (mom or dad) steps into a pile of doo, slips and loses a limb (or worse, gets some on them). It's a yucky, smelly, thankless job and that's why kids were made to do it.

It shouldn't be easy or nice. Children should be pooper scoopers because it makes them better adults. They may not know it yet, but it is for their own good. Well, that's the way it used to be. When you got old enough to handle a spade shovel, it was your job to scoop poop before dad cut the lawn. If dad stepped in something, it was best to be out of town until he got his shoes cleaned.

Taking care of Fido's business was a lesson in character building. It also sent the message that you had better get good grades in school, get a good job, find a good wife and hurry up and have your own kids so they could pick up your dog's messes. There was a beauty in the simplicity of it all.

Now, things are easy. Things have changed. Parents are buying stuff to make the job easier, doing the job themselves and some are even hiring regular people (not the neighbor kid) to come to their homes and clean up their yards of dog doo-doo.

What is the world coming to when perfectly sane adults are not letting the children do the dirty work?

What does it say to the children when adults actually hire other adults who make a living being known as the "Poop Scoopin' King," or "The Waste Terminator," or "We're Number One in The Number Two Busi-

(Not that there is anything wrong with being a Master Scooper. I am sure it is a lucrative endeavor. Call me kooky, I just believe it would be tough to pick up chicks after a hard, summer's day of excrement removal. I could be wrong.)

This pampering of our children is going to make a generation of kids who won't be able to handle anything hard or smelly. They'll swill down tea from fine china versus a cup of Joe from a mug that says, "It Sucks To Be You." They'll watch croquet championships on TV instead of the Wide World of Wrestling. They'll end up saying things like, "Cheerio, my good man" or "Smashing," instead of "Way to go, dude," or "Cool." They'll wear knickers and stockings instead of jeans and white socks.

Ahh, the humanity!

The horror of it all -- why, they'll become British!

We must stop the madness. Have your kids pick up poop, today, tomorrow and forever. We thought we won the Revolution in 1783, but maybe it's all been a ruse from across the Atlantic Ocean. Maybe the Brits are lulling us into a 221-year false sense of security before striking back for the monarchy.

(Bet you didn't see that hypothesis coming!)









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# Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

### Plate pilfered

A license plate was reported taken from a vehicle parked in the 2500 block of Mann Road, March 21.

### Car theft

A 42-year-old Independence Township woman called police to report her rental car stolen, 12:10 p.m., March 25, in the 6000 block of Tuson Boulevard. She had rented the car on March 20 while her vehicle was in the shop. She lost her purse, which contained the keys to the car, and didn't notice it gone until March 25. A record's check showed it was recovered in Pontiac at 10:03 p.m., March 24, after a car chase.

### Broken light

A 44-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for a broken tail light, 8:01 p.m., March 30, on Dixie Highway at Maybee. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and equipment violation.

### Tub taken

A resident in the 4000 block of Clinton Drive put half a cast iron bath tub close to the roadway overnight, March 30, with a sign saying "do not touch." The next day, it was gone.

### Warrant arrest

A deputy checked on a man parked at the Sashabaw Road park and ride at I-75, 9 p.m., March 31. The driver, a 38-year-old Ortonville man, said he was there because his vehicle broke down. A record's check showed he had a warrant for his arrest on a drunk driving charge out of 48th District Court. He was turned over to Bloomfield Township police.

### Sign scofflaw

A 29-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for running a stop sign on Holcomb Road, turning onto Miller Road, 11:44 a.m., March 31. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and running

### Suspended license

A deputy stopped a pickup truck for running a stop sign on Parview Drive at Balmoral, 5:40 p.m., April 2. The driver, a 55-year-old Waterford Township man, was cited with driving with a suspended license and disobeying the sign, and turned over to Livingston County police on a warrant. His passenger, a 37-year-old Independence Township man, was arrested for failure to answer summons on a misdemeanor warrant out of 52-2 District Court.

### Domestic violence

A 31-year-old Independence Township man was jailed for domestic violence, 2:52 p.m., April 1. While walking home from her bus stop, a 14-year-old girl heard a woman screaming and, when she looked towards where the screaming was coming from, saw a naked woman standing with a 1-year-old baby in a window of a home in the 6000 block of Cheshire Park Drive. The girl used her cell phone to call her mother, who then called 911. Responding deputies arrived to find the woman and a man, who was also without clothes. The man fled into the basement, and threatened officers with a large wooden coat rack. A deputy stunned him with a Taser and took him into custody. Independence Township Fire Department was called to treat the suspect, who was found to have mental health issues and had quit taking his medication. He had ripped off his and his wife's clothes during the assault. The baby was not injured. He was transported to the Oakland County Jail and held pending issuance of A Child Protective Service referral.

### House not secure

A 31-year-old resident in the 6000 block of Middle Lake Road called police to report finding his front door open on March 30 and April 3. There were no signs of forced entry, and nothing appeared missing or tampered with. He told deputies he thought maybe one of two ex-girlfriends with house keys could be responsible. He was advised to change locks and consider an alarm system.

### Sweepstakes scam

A 74-year-old Independence Township resident received a call from a stranger telling her she won \$2 million and a car, April 3. The caller said they would be over at 4 p.m. She wasn't sure because she had entered sweepstakes contests, but was concerned about strangers coming over and called police. A deputy stopped by, but no one showed up. She was advised to not enter more contests, and not answer phone calls or the door to anyone she didn't know.

### Friend of the Court warrant

The owner of a business in the 4000 block of White Lake Road noticed two strangers on video using his equipment while the facility was being cleaned, and called police. 11:22 p.m., April 3. The two were not employees of the cleaning company. One of them, a 36-year-old Pontiac man, had a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County, and was arrested.

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veggies like peas, corn, or lima beans. They mold better compared to large bulky like broccoli and cauliflower. Another alternative would be to google how to make your own with a freezer bag, water, and rubbing alcohol.



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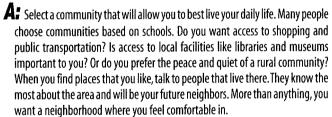


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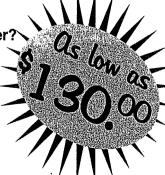
A: Purchasing a vacation home can help create memories that last a lifetime. Of course there are great places all over Michigan to consider for your "Up North" getaway. When you are financing a second home purchase, you will be required to make a minimum 10% down payment. Additionally, you may only utilize conventional financing as FHA, VA and USDA financing are intended only for the purchase of owner occupied, primary residences. Rates and fees are similar to what you would expect to pay on a primary residence purchase, so financing a second home at these low interest rates can be a very attractive proposition.

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### Q: What makes a good print ad?



Christopher A. Mersino

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# Sporting News

### Who is the next AOW?

Nominate an Athlete of the Week by emailing clarkstonnews@gmail.com or calling Wendi at 248-625-3370

# Wolves head into break strong

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves added two wins to their overall record last week by defeating Haslett and University of Detroit - Jesuit High School.

"I am very happy with the way they played and how they approached the week," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Brian Kaminskas. "The team and the program itself are coming together good. They are really starting to mesh together really well. We played as close to our standards as we could."

He added the team, as well as other spring sports teams, are still facing challenges with practices.

The boys opened the week with a home game against Haslett on April 1 to win 13-5.

Reid Kaminski led the team with four goals. Connor Ward added two to the score and Keaton Mitchell scored two goals and had one assist. Robert Hall assisted on two goals for the night.

The boys made a total of 19 shots on the net and goalie Jake Hendricks made 14 saves against Haslett.

"The ace was DJ Rogers which is nice because we are getting all these different players every week and every game stepping up and putting the team on their shoulders," Kaminskas said. "They are taking it to another level."

He added Hendricks had a great week with his two wins in the net for both nights. Hendricks had ten saves against University of Detroit - Jesuit on Thursday.

Andrew Williamson led the team in the

13-6 win over the Cubs. He scored three goals during the game. Connor Dziewit, Hall and Kaminski added two goals each during the game.

"One of the challenges we had last week was those were two teams we had never played before," Kaminskas said. "We didn't know a whole lot about them. We knew we would be tested and the guys responded quite well. We still have a young defense and teams are aware of it. Our opponents made their stops to attack us. We responded appropriately."

He added defense played well considering some of the players are out.

"They played very well going into break," he said. "Some of our guys are a little banged up so it is day to day who will play what position and where right now. Even the guys coming off the bench are stepping in and they are contributing. Defense has been very strong for us."

The boys headed south this week for spring break for not only some fun but also to practice and bond with their teammates.

"Rather than have the kids go wherever and do who knows what we take the team together every year for break," Kaminskas said. "It is an opportunity to help the guys get better with lacrosse, have some fun and enjoy the break as well."

The Wolves come back from break to play their first OAA Red game against Farmington on Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

"They are really good athletes," Kaminskas said.

# Jim McKillop and Jason Setting block their opponent from closing in on the net. Photo by Wendi Reardon

### ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



# Racing into first

### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkstonites had mixed feelings about all the snow this winter but not skier Derek Van Itallie.

All the snow meant the Clarkston High School junior could hit the slopes and help his fellow skiers on the Wolves' Boys Varsity Ski team quality for state finals.

Van Itallie finished his season on Schuss Mountain as state champion in the Giant Slalom and named All-State.

"It was pretty cool," he said. "I have finished All-State every year but it is always an honor to be part of the small group to receive such a high honor. It is such a cool experience. It lets you know how lucky you are to have the opportunity to get there."

His dad, Tom, added, the family is extremely proud of Derek's accomplishments throughout the season.

"He works really hard," he said. "He trains in the off season."

"He put a lot of hard work into the season," said Mike Foyteck, head coach. "All of these kids are getting outside training and racing during the weekends. He made a commitment this year and went up another level."

Derek even stepped away from playing football to concentrate more on training on his overall techniques and into racing.

He explained since he is getting older he wanted to put more focus into racing.

"I am racing against a bigger division of kids from all across the country," he added. "When I go out to meet and see how much focus they put into it and how it paid off for them I really wanted to compete with them. I know it will take a lot of time and concentration in a single sport to get to where I am shooting towards."

Derek finished his racing season on March 29 at the USSA Central Division race at Boyne Mountain with CUSSA, a national ski racing program. He finished

Please see Van Itallie on page 13



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### Van Itallie excels on slope, in school

Continued from page 12 with a total time of 57.77.

He finished first place for his age group in the U18, and second place overall.

"It was fun," he said. "There were a lot of people I hadn't seen all year and it is the race event I started off racing in."

Derek began skiing when he was 3-yearsold and racing four years later. His older brother, Brent, began at the same time.

"We moved to Michigan when he was one," said Tom, adding they had received a flier in the mail about ioining the Thunderbolts, program for young skiers. "It is a great program offered at Pine Knob Ski Resort for kids who want to get involved. It's how we got hooked."

"We really fell in love with it and stuck with it," Derek added.

As both Derek and Brent got better they became part of the first Pinnacle Racing team, which was created by Joe Kosik, owner of Pine Knob.

"I skied my whole life but never raced," said Tom. "I was pleasantly surprised they took to it so well.'

Both brothers were part of the team in 2012 when the Wolves won the MHSAA Division 1 Boys Ski State Championship.

"He was motivated by his older brother," Tom added. "You are motivated to be as good as your older brother and Brent was a great racer as well.

Derek added skiing is one of his favorite past times.

"I love competing in sports so it was the perfect combination for me," he said. "It

taught me a lot of life lessons and it really builds character. You have to learn to get over a bad run. There is a lot of mental game in skiing and that is what I like about it."

Derek also enjoys participating in a lot of outdoor activities like mountain biking,

traveling, hiking and water

"I like to be moving a lot," he added. "I like to be active."

Part accomplishments during his junior year was maintaining a grade point average of 3.6 as he had a courseload include Advanced Placement Psychology and APLanguage and Composition.

"He is a smart kid as well," Tom said. "He works hard in school and works hard in skiing.'

Derek admitted it wasn't easy to balance his time between school, homework, practices and races but he made it work.

"If I gave myself room and it was flexible in my schedule I could get it all done," he added. "There was a lot going on but I really enjoy my classes which helped me keep my

As of right now his goal for his final winter season in 2015 is to be the best skier he can

"I have some technical things in my skiing I need to work on but it will just take practice," Derek added. "I want to be faster next year. Making it to nationals would be awesome.'

He is also looking at colleges and would like to continue skiing.

"It is hard to get on a really good Division 1 college team," he admitted. "I hope I can make it to that level."

His advice to aspiring athletes is to set goals high and never stop working for them.



Derek Van Itallie

# **Landscaping tips from Tom**

Bulk mulch up to 10x cheaper than bagged! Knowing how much mulch to purchase for your beds or gardens

is always a bit of a guess, but if you own a pickup truck or your project requires two or more yards of mulch, buy bulk. Bulk mulch is substantially more cost effective than bagged mulch. Bulk mulch, even including a delivery fee, will almost always be less

To determine how much mulch you need, measure the square footage of your area and the desired depth, in inches, of mulch. If you want to compare pricing on bagged vs. bulk, know that bagged mulch is usually sold by either weight or cubic volume.

.There are 27 cubic feet in a cubic yard.

.The average 40 lb. bag of mulch is approximately egual to 1 cubic foot.

The only compelling reason to buy bagged mulch is ease of transportation. Bagged mulch can be up to ten times more expensive than bulk. It makes sense to pay a delivery fee and borrow a wheelbarrow if you don't have one. Further, cheap bagged mulch can sometimes contain shredded construction debris or other waste with toxic chemicals.

Bulk mulches from reputable landscape companies are likely clean and safe. Mulch is useful for preventing soil erosion and holding moisture in the ground. It helps to inhibit weed growth and gives a garden a manicured

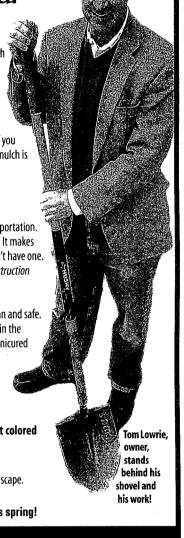
Mulches vary in makeup, color, texture and appearance. Use th following examples to help guide your selection:

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# Schedule resumes after spring break

Clarkston athletes are on spring break this week but see the Spring Sports Preview beginning on page 19. They return next week. The schedule for the Clarkston Wolves as follows:

Monday:

3 p.m. Varsity Boys Golf - OAA Red #1 at Katke Cousins

4/6 p.m. JV Baseball vs. Waterford Kettering

4/6 p.m. Varsity Baseball at Waterford Kettering

5/6:45 p.m. JV/Varsity Soccer at Waterford Mott

5:30/7 p.m. JV/Varsity Girls Lacrosse vs. Rochester Adams

Tuesday:

Adams/Rochester

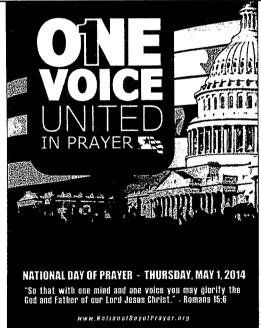
3 p.m. JV Boys Golf vs. Lake Orion 4 p.m. Varsity Girls Tennis vs. **Detroit Country Day** 

4:30 p.m. JV Baseball at Rochester Adams

4:30 p.m. Varsity Baseball vs. **Rochester Adams** 4:30 p.m. Track vs. Rochester

5:30/7 p.m. Boys Lacrosse at Farmington





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### More movement with Tai Chi

### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Staff Writer

NovaCare Rehabilitation in Clarkston is offering free Tai Chi classes to the community beginning on Monday through May 19.

The gentle and slow movements from the exercise has many benefits including reducing stress and feeling relaxed; increasing balance and coordination; helping with range of motion and flexibility; and improving overall mind, body and spirit; improve memory and concentration.

Brenda Ressler, a licensed Physical Therapist at NovaCare, was certified by the Arthritis Foundation to teach Tai Chi and is excited to teach it to the Clarkston community.

"Movement is vital to arthritis," she explained. "Even though it hurts the movement keeps joints moving. Even if it is a little bit it is important to keep them moving. Tai Chi they have found because of its slow movement it is a gentle exercise but it uses the mind, the body and the breath. It is a coordination. It has been studied it increases the flexibility, the muscle strength, balance lung function, concentration and relaxation."

She added it isn't just for people suffering from arthritis and it is also good for fibromyalogia patients.

'It can be for anyone who has any type of disability, muscle weakness, balance strength issues, pain caused by arthritis does cause stress and this helps with the relaxation by breathing properly," Ressler said.

She added anyone can do this particular Tai Chi program.

'We do it to their safety and ability level," she said. "They can sit in a chair, they can stand and then sit, and they can lean against a bar or a wall."

There are no excuses, she smiled, offering anything can be modified. If you say you can't do it and aren't comfortable, she can change it so you are able to do it and feel the benefits.

"Once you start seeing the benefits you will start incorporating it into every day life," Ressler said.

Two six-week sessions are offered this spring. The first session begins Monday,



Brenda Ressler demonstrates one of the simple Tai Chi movements. Photo by Wendi Reardon

April 14 and will meet once a week until May 19 at 5:30 p.m.

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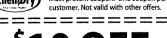
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# Lady Kickers sink win at home

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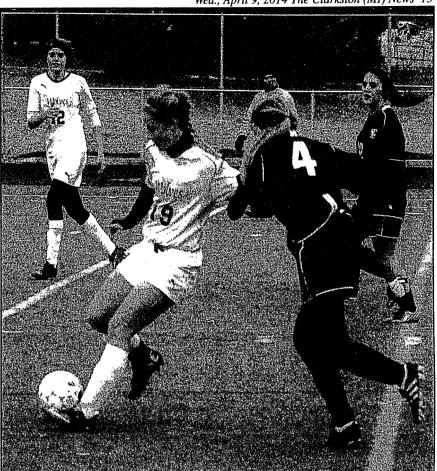
They made six shots on the goal during the night.

The Lady Wolves head to Waterford Mott on Monday, 5 p.m.; and Oxford on April 17, 5:30 p.m.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Freshman Maddy Dooling picks up speed to beat a Birmingham Groves defender to to the ball.



Sophomore Holly Cockerham grabs control of the soccer ball in the Lady Wolves' territory.

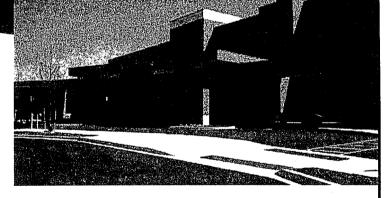
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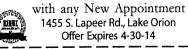
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### Clarkston boy faces rare disease

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Belcher said she believes it is important to spread the word about Ring 14 because there may be other people unaware of the disease and un-diagnosed.

Such a rare condition adds to complications. Hudspeth said funding is hard to come by because Ring 14 is so uncommon and not as well known as diseases like cancer or diabetes

Because it is such a new disease, Hudpeth said the group has to work very hard for patients and their families.

"All we can do is support patients and families, raise awareness, and research to discover more treatments for Ring 14," said

In 2012, the group paid a scientist to conduct two years of research, but the time is almost up and more research still needed.

Doctors are only able to treat complications from the disease rather than treating the disease itself. Some individuals are effected more severely than others, but medical professionals are unsure why.

Belcher said the research is also important to discover the cause.

"Any research that is done is helpful," remarked Belcher. "Raising money is important to the organization to help find out what causes Ring 14. There has to be a reason

In addition to paying for important research, any funds raised will be used for a special annual event in Kentucky called the Camp for Courageous Kids. Patients and their entire families can attend the three day camp to participate in a variety of activities.

The camp provides respite and activities they cannot normally do," said Hudspeth. "Our kids can't go to most camps so we have a three day camp each year to do things like indoor bowling and go in a wheelchair friendly

Belcher said Cameron loves going to the camp, and it makes him happy.

Despite everything, Belcher said Cameron is usually a happy guy.

Hudspeth, who knows Cameron, agrees with his mom.

"Cameron is such a sweet boy and for everything he goes through he still smiles," said Hudspeth.

He also likes to laugh.

"He thinks things are funny and he loves



Cameron Belcher is the only person in Michigan to be diagnosed with Ring 14, a very rare disease.

his family," she said. "There is nothing he likes more than if you just sit beside him."

Belcher found out when she was pregnant that Cameron, 13, had Ring 14 after her doctor noticed an abnormality in an ultrasound and suggested she have an amnio-

Although having a child with such a challenging condition is very difficult, Belcher said she appreciates all the support she gets from family and friends. She also thanked the Ring 14 USA organization for their support.

She added the Ring 14 USA organization has been a huge help especially connecting her with other parents who go through many of the same things.

Belcher said she is still planning out all the details of the walk, and is hoping to get some donations for prizes to give away at the walkathon.

For more information www.ring14usa.org or call Belcher at 248-342-

The Walk Circles Around Ring 14 is at 5705 Dvorak Drive, Clarkston, 1 p.m., May 4.

### Race for the Kids at junior high

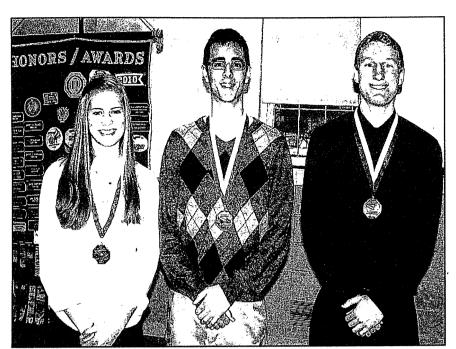
The Sixth Annual Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids starts at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 3, at Clarkston Junior High School.

This event, co-sponsored by Clarkston Junior High and Clarkston Foundation, is in honor of the late Chuck Keegan, who was a Clarkston Junior High teacher and track coach.

Events include a 3K Walk, a 5K Run, and

activities for children, including races, face painting, and a bounce house. Proceeds from this event provide scholarships for Clarkston

Registration begins at 8 a.m. Registration forms are available on the Clarkston Foundation web site, www.clarkstonfoundation.org, e-mail by contacting via djsabo@clarkston.k12.mi.us.



From left are Erin McNeil, first place; Sean McNeil, second; and Blake Pokley, third. *Photos by Phil Custodio* 

# Young writers honored

in their International Essay Contest. The Clarkston High School students wrote about "How dreams lead to success," and read them to the Optimists, family, and friends at their March 19 breakfast meeting.

First place winner Erin McNeil wrote about how setting new goals and dreams lead to future success.

"My idea of success is changing as I grow and so have my dreams," she said. "Whereas the younger me dreamt of recognition and awards, I now dream of all the possibilities different colleges have to offer and the person I want to become. Just as I have worked hard to achieve previous dreams, I will continue to work hard in order to achieve the new ones."

For Sean McNeil, second place, his dream of earning a car led to success in unexpected

"Not only did the childhood dream of owning my own car lead to success in attaining that particular goal, but I now realize

Clarkston Optimists honored top writers the character traits I developed along the way have also enabled my success in school, in the workplace, and in my interactions with others," he said. "Attaining these secondary successes was not part of the original dream of owning a car, yet they are far more valuable. I am proud of the independent responsible person I have become... and I love every minute spent driving my car."

Blake Pokley, third place, said dreams are the beginning of a long process leading to success.

"Although some say it is physically not possible for everyone to be a professional athlete or genius, I would argue that everyone has potential to be great at something, if they genuinely work at it," he said. "For dreams to lead to success, there needs to be a first experience of the activity, that experience needs to spark an interest in the activity, the interest needs to become a deep passion, and that passion needs to be worked at to become reality."

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# Author explores stories 'Behind the Mask'

### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Three years after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, Lavonne Upton continues to struggle with symptoms like tremors and fatigue, but she hasn't let the neuromuscular disease slow her down too much

"It isn't stopping my life," said Upton, former Clarkston resident whose children, including stepson Dave Reschke, former Clarkston schools administrator, still live in the area.

She is a member of the Rochester Parkinson's Disease Support Group, where she lives. She turned to her passion for writing to tell her and her friends' stories dealing with the disease in her new book, Behind the Mask of Parkinson's Disease: Personal Conversations with Parkinson's Patients and Their Loved Ones.

"The book is a chance for people to tell their story. It's the first time someone really listened to many of them," she said. "I'm pleased with it."

Having two brothers with Parkinson's, one of whom died from complications of the disease, further motivated Upton to write and publish this book.

She conducted interviews, edited, and wrote the book to capture as complete a picture as possible of what the Parkinson's patient and caregiver experience, both physically and emotionally.

"It was like a marathon – for 10 months, I was so into it," she said.

She based the title on the face characteristic of most Parkinson's patients, due to the disease's neurological effect on facial muscles.

Local author Lavonne Upton's new book is about her and other's experiences with Parkinson's Disease.

"A vacant look, like a mask," she said.
"This expressionless facade belies the personality of the real person you will discover as you look beyond their appearance."

Parkinson's patients are bright, witty, and humorous, demonstrating an enormous amount of perseverance, courage, wisdom, and willingness to participate in this project, she said.

"It has been my privilege to have them

share with me their everyday struggles and victories in living with, suffering with, and surviving with, the aggravating, though maybe not life-threatening, incurable, and degenerative disease," she said. "After reading these stories, other patients, doctors, families, caregivers, and the population at large will certainly better understand what it feels like to live with the debilitating effects of this degenerative disease."

She met with more than 50 people with Parkinson's, relatives and caregivers at their homes or at a restaurant.

"Sometimes we met at a coffee shop, and I was so engrossed in their story, I hardly noticed the smoothie machine loudly whirring in the background," Upton said. "The interviews always lasted longer than planned. Instead of 1 1/2 hours, they effortlessly lasted from 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Even then, most people continued to sit there, not really in a hurry to leave. Some mentioned that it was the first time anyone had heard their entire story."

Upton is a mother of two and grandmother of five. She has been a secretary, fashion model, photographic model, movie extra, fashion consultant, make-up artist, teacher, seminar leader, business owner, designer, journalist, real estate investor, volunteer, author, and speaker, and was diagnosed with Parkinson's two years ago.

"The tremors are still extremely annoying, but it has only hampered my lifestyle a little," she said. "I get restless when I go out socially for any length of time because I'm tremoring and jittery, or because I get tired. None of this is enough to stop me except when extremely fatigued. Then I give myself permission to lie down if I need to."

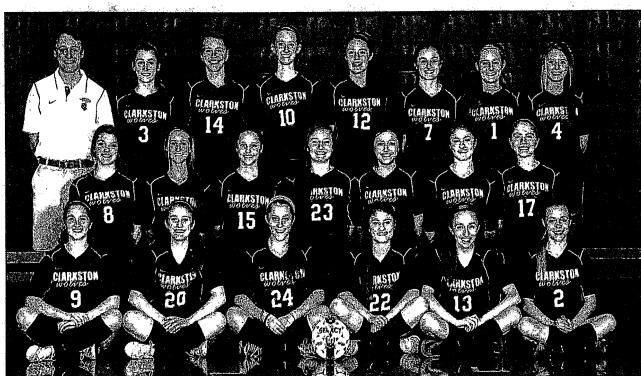
Behind the Mask is her second book. She wrote her first, "What Would this Granny Do," in 2012.

Michigan Parkinson's disease support groups can be found at www.parkinsonsmi.org. Profits from the sale of books will go to the education and awareness of Parkinson's disease.



The author interviewed members of her Parkinson's support group for her new book. *Photo provided* 





Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

### Soccer

### Kickers' fire sparked to win first district title for program

The weather slowed down the start of the season for the Lady Kickers but it hasn't slowed down their spirits or their speed as they head into a new year.

"I expect to have a pretty solid season," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach Mike Nelson. "We have a young team. We are really deep on defense and we have a really solid midfield as well."

The team has four seniors coming back as captains - Andrea Dean, Meghan Gruebnau, Shelby Hopper and Sam Messer to lead the team.

Nelson added they want to help the team bring home the first district title for the girls' soccer program.

"They have never done it," he said, adding a fire has been sparked in the team. "You can tell the seniors and underclassmen know what to do. They have their goal."

They have 15 players returning from last season and all have grown during off-season conditioning and playing in leagues.

'We are a lot stronger on the ball especially in midfield," Nelson added. "They play a lot quicker and faster. Our biggest asset is going to be our speed. We have a lot of fast girls.'

They added five new players to the roster - four from junior varsity and one is freshman Kristen Page, who is stepping into the

"They are probably some of the best underclassmen I have seen come through since I have coached here for seven years as a JV coach," Nelson added.

The sophomores have been playing at a high level for such a long time the transition to varsity was just natural. They fit in right away."

The first goal for the Lady Wolves is to win the OAA White league this year before they go for the district crown.

'We have a good chance at the league with the team we have this year," Nelson said. "North Farmington is always good. We haven't heard much about Berkley or Oxford yet."

The Lady Wolves will take on Oxford when they return from spring break for the 7 p.m. game on April 17. They will open from break at Waterford Mott on Monday.

"The girls are really excited and when they are excited the atmosphere is contagious," Nelson added about the season. They are all competitive. No one wants to lose. I am the same way. We are all on the same page - we want to win. We have fun trying to get there."

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

### **Varsity Roster**

#1 Maddy Herbert, junior

#2 Veronica Hill, junior

#3 Parker Menard, junior

#4 Olivia Montgomery, junior

#5 Kelly Moltmaker, sophomore

#7 Lindsay Runft, junior

#8 Lea Ferer, sophomore #9 Shelby Hopper, senior

#10 Alison Loch, junior

#12 Ashley Miles, sophomore

#13 Morgan Halligan, junior

#14 Andrea Dean, senior

#15 Sam Messer, senior

#17 Kristen Page, freshman

#18 Brooke Henney, junior

#20 Meghan Gruebnau, senior

#21 Gabbie Bright, sophomore

#22 Maddie Bright, sophomore

#23 Hannah Siegfried, junior #24 Courtney Hughes, junior

### 2014 Schedule

April 14, Waterford Mott, away, 6:45 p.m.

April 17, Oxford, away, 7 p.m.

April 21, North Farmington, away, 7 p.m.

April 22, Berkley, home, 7 p.m.

April 24, North Farmington, home, 7 p.m.

April 28, Stoney Creek, home, 7 p.m. May 1, Bloomfield Hills, away, TBA

May 2, Waterford Kettering, home, 7 p.m.

May 6, Lake Orion, home, 7 p.m.

May 8, Groves, away, TBA

May 10, Sunrise Side Cup, away, 11 a.m.

May 13, Oxford, home, 5:30 p.m.

May 19, Berkley, away, 5 p.m.

May 22, Lapeer West, home, 7 p.m.

May 27 - 31, MHSAA Districts, TBA

June 3 - 7, MHSAA Regionals, TBD

June 11, MHSAA Semi-Final, TBD June 14, MHSAA Finals, TBD

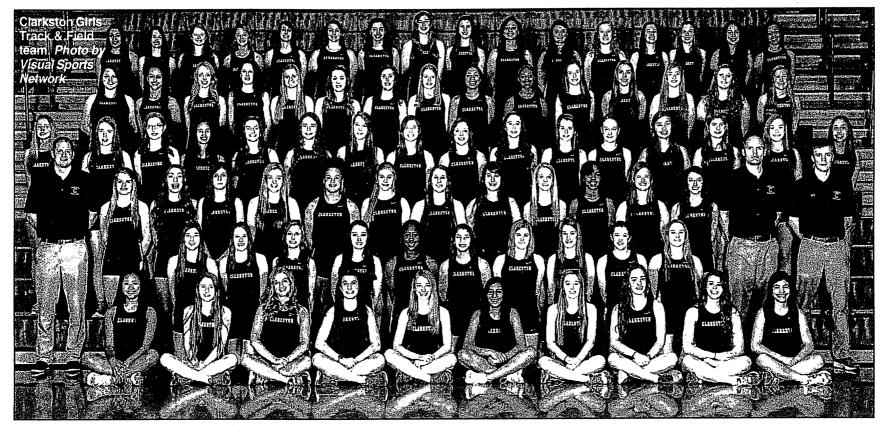


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### 2014 Schedule

April 15, Rochester Adams and Rochester, home, 4:30 p.m.

April 22, Oxford High School, away, 4:30

April 22, Oxford Invitational, 9 a.m. April 29, Lake Orion High School, home, 4:30

May 1, Falcon Freshman/Sophomore Invite at Rochester, 3 p.m.

May 2, Saline Invitational, 11:30 a.m. May 5, Stoney Creek High School, away, 4:30 p.m

May 8, OAA Red League at Rochester Adams, away, 3 p.m.

May 14, Breen JV Relays at Troy High School, away, 4 p.m.

May 16 or 17, MHSAA Regionals at Bloomfield Hills, TBA

May 23, Oakland County Meet at Waterford Mott, 1:30 p.m.

May 24, 9th Grade Oakland County Meet at Milford, 9 a.m.

May 31, MHSAA State Finals, TBA

### Track & Field

### Lady Wolves go the distance in track and field season

in the spring season.

"We have been first and second in the Yorke. "We will be right in that range again us out down the line." if we stay healthy. The league looks pretty good this year year. I don't know if there new girls will contribute to this season. is a true favorite."

Hawkins, Haleigh Orr, Clara Zeder, Mackenzie Proper, Sage Beauregard and May 16 or 17. Morgan Martin to finish their high school career strong in distance.

Other key returners include Lynsie placing in four events, March 22. Gram and Nicole Hanson, distance; Franzi

Lady Wolves are ready to run, jump and Loetzner, Madi Wilson, Kayla Russell, Taylor used it as a scrimmage. Out of 40 throw their way for the OAA Red crown Mullins, Kortni Roland, sprints; Megan Nicholson, jump; and Alissa Gray, throws.

"We have some of the best sprinters we league for the past ten years," said Clark- have had in 30 years," Yorke said. "We have ston Girls Track & Field Head Coach John young talent coming up which should help

He added it was too early to tell how the

The girls goals include winning the league He added he expects seniors Hannah championship as well as the MHSAA Regionals at Bloomfield Hills, scheduled for

> The girls started the season with a practice run with the Huron Relays with athletes

"They did pretty well," said Yorke. "We

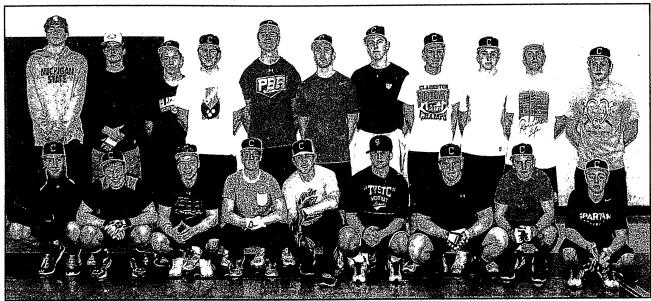
schools we had six girls place in the top eight."

Nicholson placed in the high jump; Roland, hurdles; Gram, mile; and Gram, Proper, Helen Jeffers and Jessica Altene, distance medley relay.

'It was a way for them to compete," Yorke added. "They have been competing all winter so way for them to keep competing and carry into our regular season. We had some new girls run as well. It was good to see what some of our new kids could do in the other events."

The Lady Wolves host Rochester Adams and Rochester on Tuesday. ~WR





Clarkston Varsity Baseball team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

### Baseball

# Pitching crew strong as Wolves hit the field

The slow start to the season is nothing strength. The Wolves have David Stewart, new for the veteran Wolves coming back to the baseball field this season.

"We are lucky," said Clarkston Varsity Baseball Head Coach Phil Price. "We have a veteran team with a lot of experience. The kids have been there before so even though we are inside so much. It has been very frustrating, but everyone is in the same boat. We will be at an advantage over some of the teams because of our strengths."

The team has 11 players returning from last season.

"The kids had a great off season in terms of conditioning, getting stronger and staying in shape," Price said.

They add nine new players to the team and he noted they will bring more depth to

"We really have 20 guys on the team who compete," he said. "We have a lot of competition. We have guys fighting for playing time."

He noted in addition to the experience of the players pitching will be a huge DJ Zezula, Alex Peck, Ryan Rea and Blake Rehahn returning.

"David was a stud for us last year," Price said. "DJ was outstanding for us. Then, you have Alex who is also outstanding and Ryan, who is a leftie."

Also to help in pitching is Nathan Morris, who transferred from Oxford and is set to play at Michigan State University. They also have newbies Jake Velisek and Andrew Dalrymple on the mound.

"We have a lot of good arms," Price

He added the pitching is one of the reasons this season will be exciting to watch.

"We have the arms to compete with anybody," he noted.

The competition heats up when the go against teams in the OAA Red especially against Lake Orion, Stoney Creek and Oxford.

"The OAA Red is a strong program," Price added. "We are fortunate to have a strong program. Lake Orion will be very strong and

they have two outstanding pitchers. They are always well-coached. Stoney Creek is good. Oxford will be good again.'

The main goals for the season is to keep getting better and better and compete every game.

We might not always have our best effort but we are going to compete," Price

"I went to a clinic with Eastern Michigan University football coaches. They said some things that really made sense to me to do with our program - 'winning is not enough.' We want to play to our ability. We want to win but winning is not enough we want to strive to get better and better."

He added throughout the season the guys will take each game one at a time and they will try to play to their ability.

"The other thing we are trying to do is to the next thing right," Price noted.

The boys come back from spring break to take on Waterford Kettering and Roch-

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

### Varsity Roster

#2 Alex Peck

#3 Ryan Rea

#4 Mitch Smith

#5 DJ Zezula

#6 Peyton Lannon

#7 Drew Stewart

#9 Jake Velisek

#10 Kevin Miller

#11 Eric Uhlia

#14 Joe Popp

#15 Andrew Dalrymple

#18 Jacob Armstrong

#20 Jordan Oliverio

#21 Jacob LaPorte

#23 David Steward

#24 Blake Rehahn

#25 Adam Klebba

#28 Max Bain

#30 Nick Morey #32 Nate Morris

### 2014 Schedule

April 14, Waterford Kettering, away 4 & 6 p.m. April 15, Rochester Adams, home, 4:30 p.m.

April 16, Brandon, home, 4 & 6 p.m.

April 17, Rochester Adams, away, 4 & 6 p.m.

April 21, Davison, away, 4 & 6 p.m.

April 22, Stoney Creek, away, 4:30 p.m.

April 24, Stoney Creek, home, 4 & 6 p.m.

April 28, Lake Orion, away, 4:30 p.m.

April 30, Lake Orion, home, 4 & 6 p.m.

May 3, Roy Warner Classic, home, 10 a.m.

May 5, Oxford, home, 4:30 p.m.

May 7, Oxford, away, 4 & 6 p.m.

May 12, Rochester, home, 4:30 p.m.

May 14, Rochester, away, 4 & 6 p.m.

May 17, Nathan Manuel Memorial, 10 a.m.

May 23, Flint Tournament, away, 3:45 p.m.

May 24, Flint Tournament, away 11 a.m.

May 27, MHSSA District at Lake Orion, TBA

May 30, MHSAA District at Lake Orion, TBA

May 31, MHSAA District at Lake Orion, TBA

June 7, MHSAA Regional, TBD June 10, MHSAA Quarterfinal, TBD

June 13, MHSAA State Finals, TBD

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Lexi Baylis, senior Olivia Baylis, sophomore Isabella Bender, freshman Amy Brozovich, sophomore Riley Budzinski, sophomore Rebecca Gorz, senior Katie Hubregsen, junior Caitlin McCaghy, junior Dana Olsen, senior Paige Olsen, senior Meghan Piana, freshman Emily Ross, junior Mackenzie Sowers, junior Dominique Spindler, senior Isabella Spindler, sophomore Alex Whall, sophomore

### 2014 Schedule

April 15, Detroit Country Day, home, 4 n.m.

April 16, Seaholm, home, 4 p.m.

April 17, Groves, away, 4 p.m.

April 19, Pioneer Invite, away, 8 a.m.

April 22, Bloomfield Hills, home, 4 p.m.

April 24, Rochester Adams, home, 4

April 25, Holly Quad, 3 p.m.

April 26, Ann Arbor Huron Invite, away, 8

April 29, Troy, away, 4 p.m.

May 1, North Farmington, home, 4 p.m.

May 3, Holly Invite, 8 a.m.

May 6, West Bloomfield, away, 4 p.m.

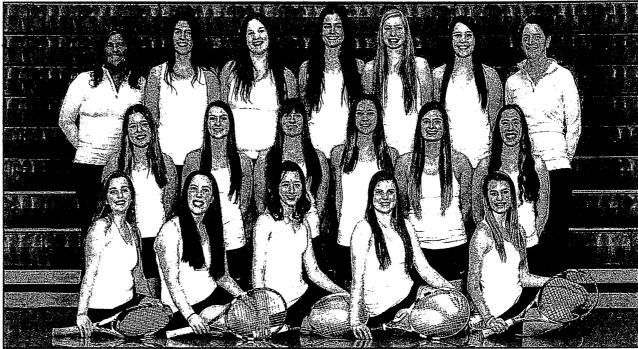
May 8, Northville, home, 4 p.m.

May 10, OAA League at North Farmington,

May 13, Utica Eisenhower, away, 3 p.m. May 15, 16, or 17, MHSAA Regionals at Rochester, TBA

May 20, Cranbrook/Kingswood, home, 4

May 30 and 31, MHSAA Finals, TBD



Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis Team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

### **Tennis**

# Lady Wolves aiming for fourth trip to state finals

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team has visited the state finals for the past three consecutive seasons, finishing in the top three every time. This year the Lady Wolves plan to travel to Midland once again.

"We have to have a successful season," said senior Lexi Baylis. "State finals is the goal and we want to be at our peak at that time"

Baylis as well as teammates seniors Dana and Paige Olsen were part of the 2011 team to win the state championship and want to bring it home again.

"We want to win as a team that is how we want to go out," Dana added. "Marian did it last year - their senior girls won last year and their freshman year. It was cool to see."

Baylis and Dana pointed out they can help the returners and the new players as they aim for finals since they have been there three times.

"It is definitely a huge advantage," Dana

said. "It is hard to describe in words."

"The pressure is something different," Baylis added. "But being there and experiencing it is something you can't explain."

The team lost four seniors to graduation last season but are still deep with their line up as they begin a new year. They have 11 returning and have added five new players.

Becky Freeman, head coach, noted the new varsity Lady Wolves bring excitement to the team and the court.

"They have an eagerness," she said, adding they have been working on their game during winter just like the returners.

"The girls have been working hard over the winter and really put in a lot of time," Baylis said. "Hard work will translate to success."

"I see improvement in all of them," Freeman noted. "We just have to play with the line up a little bit."

The Lady Wolves are also looking at winning the OAA Red crown and know they

will face tough opposition from West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills.

"The league is good," Freeman said. "Bloomfield combined schools and they are very good in tennis. They created a powerhouse by combining Lahser and Andover. West Bloomfield has a nice team."

The Lady Wolves goals for the season include going to state finals but also improving during each meet.

"It is working hard every day trying to get better," Baylis said.

The Lady Wolves host their first home meet against Detroit Country Day on April 15, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

"We are going to bring our 'A' game," Dana added. "You can expect good things from this team this season."

"We want to do well for ourselves and the Clarkston community," said Baylis. "This is our senior season - the last hoorah for us. We want to do the best we can. We are excited." ~Wendi Reardon



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Clarkston Varsity Softball team. Photo by Wendi Reardon

### Softball

### Defense will lead put a stop on opponents for wins

Clarkston Varsity Softball Head Coach Don Peters smiled as he took a moment to think about the spring season.

"You can expect good things," he said, naming off winning tournaments, playing for the OAA Red league championship, and going deep into playoffs.

He added, "but our focus is to get better and play at the highest level these girls can play at."

The team has 11 returners including juniors Madeline Maday, Candace Kitchen and Rachel Vieria, who have all received All-State honors in past seasons. Two returners have verbally committed to college - Vieria, Central Michigan University; and senior Mackenzie King, Adrian College.

Peters added it is will help to have a lot of returners coming back after losing only three players last year.

"Because of all the circumstances with all of the injuries last year the girls didn't really get done what they wanted to get done," he said. "They are really hungry this

Also hungry are newcomers Maddy Scarsella, Ashley Skaggs, Savannah Spring, Brooklyn Williams and Victoria Wycoff.

"They add depth," Peters said. "Maddy is only a freshman and she has a lot of talent."

The girls strength begins with defense starting with the pitching all the way to the back field.

"We are a defensive team," Peters said.
"They have tremendous defensive and offensive talent. They are fast."

The Lady Wolves are looking forward to playing in tournaments like Michigan Stars and University of Michigan as well as going against their tough opponents in the OAA Red - Troy, Lake Orion and North Farmington.

"They should all be competitive games," Peters said, adding all of the good teams are in the good teams are in their league. "At least three are ranked in the state."

Seeing tough opponents in the league will prepare the girls for playoffs, beginning May 27.

"They know what level they have to play to beat those teams," he added.

The girls are home on April 19 as they host their annual Girls in Pink Classic tournament, beginning at 10 a.m.

"I am excited about the season," Peters said. "We have a lot of good girls. They worked hard all year in the weight room and in conditioning working on their skills."

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon

### **Varsity Roster**

#2 Abby Skvarce, sophomore #3 Rachel Alli, senior #4 Ashley Skaggs, junior #6 Savannah Spring, sophomore #7 Rachel Vieria, junior #8 Mariah Hood, sophomore #12 Mikavla Blaska, junior #13 Madeline Maday, junior #19 Mackenzie King, senior #20 Katelyn Kuenzel, junior #22 Victoria Wycoff, junior #23 Maddy Scarsella, freshman #26 Brooklyn Williams, junior #31 Candace Kitchen, junior #88 Alex Favazza, junior #97 Victoria Sharkey, junior

### 2014 Schedule

April 16, Stoney Creek, away, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. April 19, Girls in Pink Classic, home, 10 a.m. April 23, Troy, home, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. April 26, Reeths-Puffer Tournament, 12:30 p.m. April 30, North Farmington, home, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. May 3 & 4, Michigan Stars, away, 8 a.m. May 5, Oxford, home, home, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. May 7, Lake Orion, away, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. May 8, Davison, away, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. May 12, Swartz Creek, away, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. May 14, Groves, away, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. May 16 & 17, Huron Tournament, TBA May 19, Troy Athens, home, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m. May 27, MHSSA District at Lake Orion, TBA May 30, MHSAA District at Lake Orion, TBA May 31, MHSAA District at Lake Orion, TBA June 7, MHSAA Regional, TBD June 10, MHSAA Quarterfinal, TBD June 13, MHSAA State Finals, TBD



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### 2014 Schedule

April 14, Rochester Adams, home, 7 p.m. April 16, Troy, home, 7 p.m. April 21, Rochester, away, 7 p.m. April 21, Rochester, away, 7 p.m. April 28, Birmingham Consolidated, away, TBA April 30, Bloomfield Hills, home, 7 p.m. May 3, Lake Orion, home, 2 p.m. May 5, Crossover game, away, TBA May 12, Troy Athens, away, TBA May 14, Marion, home, 7 p.m. May 15-31, MHSAA Regional, TBA June 4, MHSAA Semi-Finals, TBD June 7, MHSAA Finals



Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

### Lacrosse

# Teamwork to give boost during tough games

Lady Lacrossers are ready to net wins as they head into the bulk of their season coming back from spring break.

especially on offense. Their passing is getting really good. It isn't just one girl running down the whole field and shooting. It

"We can expect a lot," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse Head Coach Stephanie Dellinger. "We are a lot of good players. They all play really well together. They know each other's strengths and weaknesses and they work with it. They will be good this year."

The Lady Wolves have 13 players coming back this season including Ryleigh McGregor and goalie Sarah Pass.

"They will be a big help," Dellinger added. "I am really looking forward to watching them play."

They have added six new players to the team

"The new girls add a lot of good offense," Dellinger noted. "The girls play so well together. There will be a lot of good passing especially on offense. Their passing is getting really good. It isn't just one girl running down the whole field and shooting. It is a lot of passing work, getting where they need to be and playing tough - and that is the fun of lacrosse to watch."

The Lady Wolves are counting down to the annual Game for a Cure, set for May 3 when they will play crosstown rivals Lake Orion.

"It is always a fun game no matter what," Dellinger smiled. "It is a fun day. Plus, the girls get a new uniform for the game. They enjoy it."

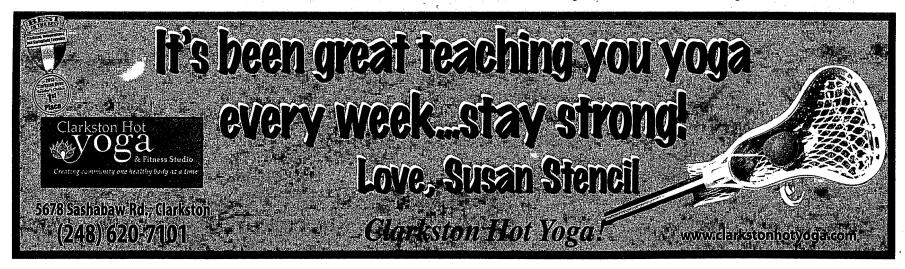
She added the team will play most of the same teams they competed against last year and she is excited to see how they do.

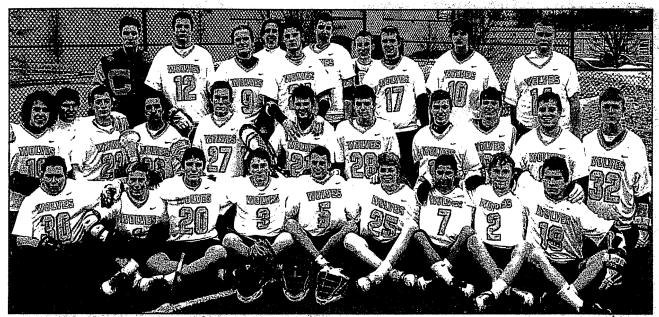
"There will not be a lot of easy games," Dellinger said, adding they will play a lot of good teams in the OAA as well. "We will be able to hold our own against them." Goals for the season include working on keeping the score as close as they can as well as get every player into the game.

"I would like to keep all the games as close as possible," she said. "They are going to be tough but I know we could win. Also, I want everyone to focus on their positions and get strong in their position. I know a lot of the girls want to play in college so I want to get them prepared to play in college."

She added she can help them with it since she played for Clarkston until she graduated in 2012 and assisted last season. She noteded her experience as a player will help.

"I know what it is like to be a player," she said. "When I coach them I can help them work towards what they need. I know how to coach them in a way they will be most willing to learn." ~Wendi Reardon





Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team. Photo provided

### Lacrosse

# Wolves' confidence strong for new season

Winning the regional crown and going to the state finals last year was just the beginning for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team.

This season they plan to continue the momentum and make their appearance at the finals again.

"We had a really good season last year," said Brian Kaminskas, head coach. "We are at the point year in and year out we have a self expectation we will be in that game or be in the hunt for that game. With all the hard work, planning and if ball drops our way a couple of times we can make it a reality."

The team has 22 returners who played lacrosse during summer and fall leagues.

"They are more together and their confidence is considerably stronger," Kaminskas added. "Last year they were hesitant against the bigger teams, the stronger teams. This year they aren't backing down from anyone. They will play anyone, anywhere. They just want to get out there and show they are one of the elite in the area."

The Wolves have added eight new players to the team this season

"We were able to bring up some guys and prepare them for the future," Kaminskas added. "What we brought up are eight very good athletes who have a good amount of skill. We are going to work on their lacrosse skills for them to step in and pick up the reigns next year. We are very excited to have them. They have a deep skill set."

The strengths of the team include their offense and ability to push through their opponent's defense.

"Our transition is going to do extremely well for us," Kaminskas added. "We haven't really changed our plan of attack. We are going to try to out run and gun our opponents."

The boys return from spring break to take on Farmington in their first OAA Red match-up for the season as they plan to win the league title again.

Kaminskas added the league-looks stronger this year and Lake Orion has moved up into the Red.

"It will put a nice spin on the crosstown rivalry," he said. "They have won the White division for the last two years. Troy Athens is considerably stronger this year. They have always been a long time rival for us. We have the athletes and have the experience to push through."

Besides winning the league title the boys have set their other goal to compete for the state title.

"They have been working on it since the fall," Kaminskas said. "We are really bringing in the big hitters which will help us out going into playoffs and prepare us,"

This season will be as fun to watch as the previous years as the boys continue to be fast-paced and bring high energy to each game.

"These guys are passionate about their lacrosse," Kaminskas noted. "They still feel they have something to prove. This season will be fun because we are going to take the ball and move it as fast as we possibly can. We are going to do everything to live up to that."

"Sports Writer Wendi Reardon"

### **Varsity Roster**

#1 Scott Fisher, freshman #2 Jim McKillop, senior #3 Connor Ward, senior #4 Conner Dziewit, senior #5 Cooper Parks, senior #6 Mitch Prock, junior #7 John McLennen, junior #8 DJ Rogers, junior #9 Robert Hall, senior #10 Ian Phillips, sophomore #11 Andrew Williamson, junior #12 Austin Egler, junior #13 Shane Noble, junior #14 Cole Phillips, junior #15 Matt Dargay, junior #17 Ross Mansurr, junior #18 Jim Trombley, junior #19 Chris Toro, junior #20 Nick Bowman, sophomore #21 Jake Hendricks, senior #22 Nick Werner, senior #23 Brent Farrugia, sophomore #24 Scott Allen, senior #25 Liam Stickle, sophomore #26 Ethan Kurolovech, senior #27 Reid Kaminski, senior #28 Jason Setting, junior #30 David Taylor, sophomore #31 Gaven Bertram, senior

### 2014 Schedule

#32 Keaton Mitchell, sophomore

April 15, Farmington, away, 7 p.m.
April 18, Western Reserve, away, 4:30 p.m.
April 19, Solon High School, away, 1 p.m.
April 29, Bloomfield Hills, away, 7 p.m.
April 29, Bloomfield Hills, away, 7 p.m.
May 1, Troy Athens, home, 7 p.m.
May 3, Holland Christian, home, 7 p.m.
May 6, Detroit Country Day, away, 5 p.m.
May 8, Stoney Creek, away, 5 p.m.
May 10, Lake Orion, home, 12 p.m.
May 12, Troy, away, 7 p.m.
May 15-31, MHSAA Regional, TBA
June 4, MHSAA Semi-Finals, TBD
June 7, MHSAA Finals, TBD





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# What's on the agenda for spring?



"We are going to get out and try to have some fun. I want to play some golf."

- Kimberly Pistonetti



"Play with my friends."

- Tony Pistonetti



"I just want to get outside and play on swings." — **Joey Piston**etti



"Play basketball with friends."

– Raymond Pistonetti

"To do some spring cleanup, get the pontoon boat in the water and just get things done."

– Dennis Kline

"Get the yard cleaned up and go golfing."

- Mary Kline

By Andrea Beaudoin

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# Actor overcomes injuries to return to stage

#### BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

For Vincent Rutley of Clarkston, a traffic accident on I-75 in 2011 broke his back but not his spirit.

"Rehabilitation is going great," said Rutley, 29. "A lot of work on my core – that's the hardest to get back."

After the accident, he was told by doctors he would never again walk, sit up, or even move his arms. After three years of intensive rehabilitation at the DMC Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan (RIM), he can sit up, push his own chair, brush his teeth, and is working hard on the standing frame.

"I plan to walk again, I really do," he said. An actor, producer, and director, he's back on the stage, too. He's the lead role in the play "The Street Corner," which opened March 22, at Eastern Michigan University.

"It was 10 times better than I expected – mind blowing," he said. "The response was overwhelming."

Rutley plays a homeless man on the corner in the stage dramedy.

"It's a very good show – urban theater meets Broadway," he said. "The cast is 100 percent professional."

He and his wife, Larice, moved to Clarkston two years ago after their wedding inside RIM's chapel.

"We got married and moved to this apartment, our first residence together," he said.

"Married life is going great. She is definitely my angel. There are challenges, of course. There wasn't a lot of time together before the accident. But just being together, makes it all worth it."

"I don't see him as disabled – I see him as Vincent, the man I met before the accident," Larice said.

Vincent's perseverance earned him the RIM Foundation Courage Award. He



Vincent Rutley and his wife Larice. Photos provided

received this recognition during the foundation's annual gala at the Fox Theatre, March 20.

"It was an honor to be honored. I didn't see it coming," Vincent Rutley said.

Plans also include sharing his experiences as a motivational speaker, and starting a family here in Clarkston.

"We really like it here," he said.

"This is an awesome community with awesome schools and a nice downtown," Larice said.

The next presentation of "The Street Corner" is on April 19 at Wayne State University in Detroit. Along with it, he plans to continue acting, writing, and producing.

"I'd love to venture from the stage into TV and film, just let it grow," he said.

"No matter what the obstacles, God sees us through these things. If I put my heart in it and stay focused, I'll get back in the game."



Vincent Rutley works on his rehabilitation after his accident.

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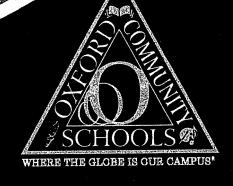
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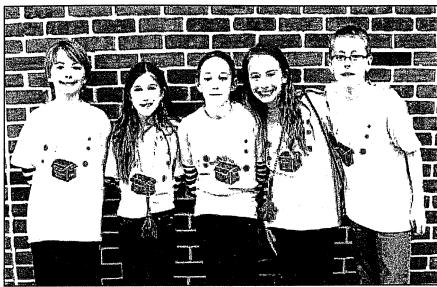
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The Pine Knob Elementary School team members, Brady Bergman, Maya Bergman, Sydnee McLennan, Kevin Petkus, and Grace Schroeder. Photo provided

# Imagination teams earn honors

ingenuity and tenacity to the Region 1 Destination Imagination tournament at Waterford Mott High School, March 1.

Three Clarkston Creativity Crew Destination ImagiNation teams also advanced to the Affiliate Finals competition in Mount Pleasant, April 5.

The Clarkston High School team participated in the ASL Project Outreach challenge. They designed a series of fundraising activities, raising \$1,356 for Charity: water, a global organization.

They also received a Torchbearer Award which is awarded to an ASL team that has impacted their local community and extended themselves to the global community as well.

Team members from Clarkston Junior High School chose the Improvisational based challenge. They had to research eight time periods from 200 B.C. to the 1970s. As part of their research, the team had to identify one occupation from each time period as well as the skills and tools the worker would have used as part of his trade/occupation.

The Pine Knob Elementary team chose

Clarkston teams brought their creativity, to create a skit based upon an extreme environment that they'd researched.

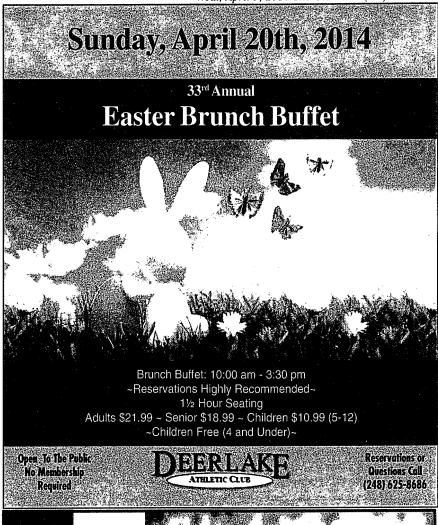
> After several weeks of preliminary research, they decided their team's extreme environment would be found in a whale's stomach. They built a backdrop replicating the acidic environment of the whale's stomach and a prototype device to help them

The team won a Renaissance Award for the second year in a row for their presentation. The Renaissance Award recognizes a team that demonstrated an extraordinary amount of effort and preparation in their solutions or outstanding skill in engineering, design or performance.

Each team also had to perform in an Instant Challenge. The teams did not know what they were going to have to do ahead of time for this challenge. They had to rely on their creativity, problem-solving skills and teamwork in order to successfully solve the Instant Challenge.

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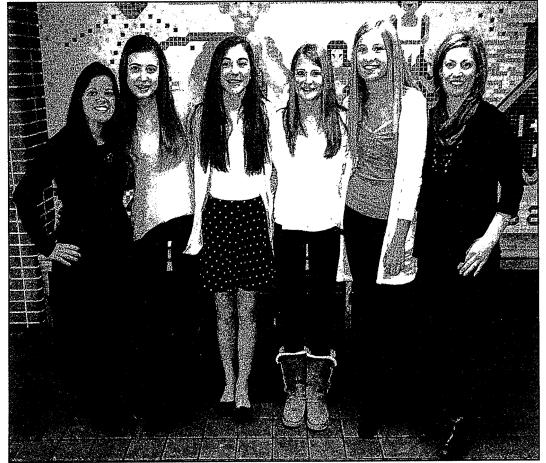
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# Green Expo at high School

Body Mind Green Expo, a showcase of the Best of the Best Health and Wellness Resources in the Clarkston area, is at Clarkston High School, 5-8 p.m., Thursday, April 17.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce event at the high school, located at 6093 Flemings Lake Road, features exhibitors, demonstrations, and speakers, concurrently with the Clarkston Community Schools educational development keynote speaker and breakout sessions.

For more information, visit clarkston.org/Events/ BodyMindGreenEXPO.aspx.



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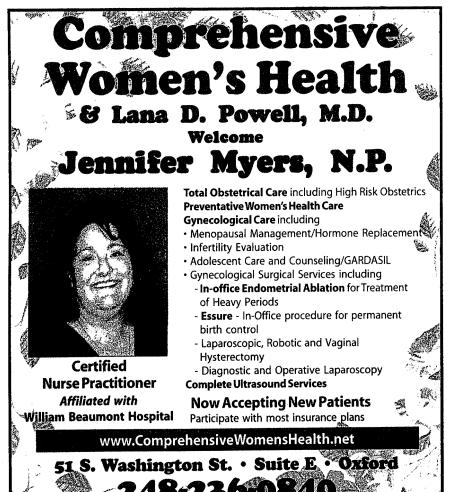
Clarkston Junior High Leadership students chose SCAMP as their charity of choice for Charity Week activities at the school and earned \$125 to donate to the Walk & Roll for SCAMP.

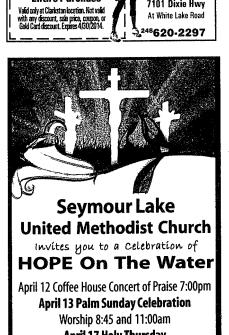
The annual fund-raiser walk is on Sunday, May 4. The event supports the five-week summer camp experience for individuals with special needs.

Walkers, bikers and wheel chair participants of all ages, family pets welcome, will complete 1-, 2- and 5-mile routes starting from a new location this year, Clarkston Junior High School, 6595 Waldon Road.

There will be hotdogs, refreshments, and a live D.J. Open registration is from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. The event is 12-2 p.m.

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#### Events

The Truth about Global Warming, with Paul Gross, Local 4 NBC meteorologist, 7:30 p.m., April 11, Clarkston United Methodist Church. Free, freewill offering.

**60th Anniversary Tea**, Clarkston Community Women's Club, 2-4 p.m., April 12, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. RSVP, 248-623-9462.

**Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt**, 8-9:30 p.m., April 17, Mill Pond Park in Davisburg. For ages 10-18. Door prizes, pizza, drinks. Bring flashlight.

Easter Egg Hunt, 3 p.m., April 19, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Easter Bunny, crafts, snacks. 248-625-1611.

The Onyx Ball, for Helping Hearts Helping Hands, 5 p.m.-1 a.m., April 26, Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Road. Appetizers, dinner, silent auction, live auction, cash bar, music, dancing. 248-980-5090.

**Spring tree and shrub sale**, Oakland Conservation District, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., April 26, Waterford Oaks Greenhouse, 1702 Scott Lake Road. 248-922-7822.

Chuck Keegan Race for the Kids, 9 a.m., May 3, Clarkston Junior High track, 6595 Middle Lake Road. 3K walk, 5K run, activities for kids, www.clarkstonfoundation.org.

Michigan Antique Festival, May 3-4, Springfield Oaks County Park. Furniture, accessories, architectural salvage, vintage jewelers, crafters, artisans, Shabby Experience and Industrial Way, KH Home consultants.

**Peacefest** outdoor art and music festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., June 7-8, 5815 Dixie Highway. 248-623-1648.

### Monday

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

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

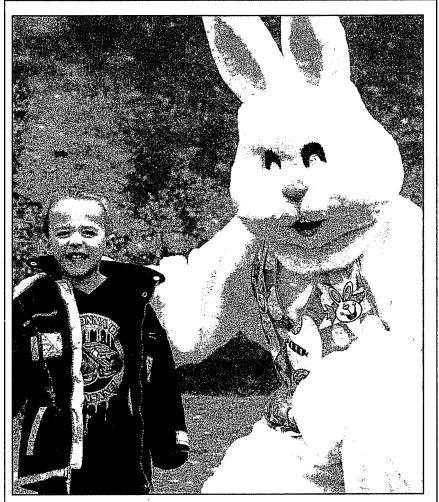
Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

**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.

# Around Town

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



EASTER EGG HUNT: Brandon Houston thanks the Easter Bunny at last year's Easter egg hunt at Clarkston United Methodist Church. This year's event is April 19. *File photo* 

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

### Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

**Tell Us About Your Travels**, third Wednesday through October, 7-8:30 p.m., Library Community Meeting Room, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212.

#### Thursday

Independence Township Conservatives, 6 p.m., April 10, King's Court Castle, Canterbury Village, 2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion. Speaker: Robert Muise, senior counsel, American Freedom Law Center, on "Fight for Faith & Freedom in America." ITCCinfo.com.

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

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

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

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

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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.

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

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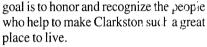
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place?

I've lived in Clarkston now for 20 years. My wife and I were so impressed when we moved here.

We loved the small town feel and how friendly everyone was around town. After all these years, we still feel the same way.

I have the privilege of being on the Clarkston Community Awards Committee. We plan the Awards Breakfast that happens every May. The



Because really - and we dare not take this for granted – what makes Clarkston a great place is the people.

I am excited for this year's Awards Breakfast on May 13. Here are the people we will honor:

Citizen of the Year (tie): Jeanne Molzon and Jim Evans;

Do you know why Clarkston is a great Schulz, owner of Birdfeeder/Clarkston Flower Shoppe/Bonnie & Clyde;

Adult-Youth Volunteer: John Coleman, cubmaster for Cub Pack 192:

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We will enjoy a nice breakfast together, and then have a brief program where we recognize these beautiful people for helping to make Clarkston a great place to live.

I encourage you to join us. It's open the community. Go to www.clarkstoncommunity.com to purchase tickets.

Let's not take what we have for granted. Let's celebrate it, and let's work together to make it even better.

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor Business Person of the Year: Shari of Clarkston Community Church

### Gerald A. Gdula, 49

Gerald A. Gdula, "Jerry," of Waterford passed away April 3, 2014, at age 49.

He was the father of Heather. Jeremy, Cassandra Samantha; grandpa of Harper; son of Sandra; brother of Greg, Charlie (Kathy) and Maggie Gdula; preceded in death by his father Gerald.

Jerry served in the U.S. Army. He owned and operated Wolf's Construction, Waterford. Service was April 8 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Assarian Cancer Center.

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### In our local churches

Requiem performance by John Rutter, Chancel Choir, flute, oboe, cello, harp, glockenspiel, timpani, organ, 7 p.m., April 18, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

3D Vision Youth Group for grades 6-12. Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., North Oaks Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Pizza Party Kick-off. Sept. 4. 248-922-3515.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org

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

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



# Medical mission for Clarkston doctor

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

"We knew it was cancer," that is what Clarkston physician Maria Livieratos said of one woman who came to see a team of doctors visiting Guatemala on a medical mission trip in March.

She had all the signs of cancer, a belly ache and a large mass growing in her stomach.

"We told her she needed to go to a hospital," said Livieratos. "She had no way to get there and all we could do was prescribe her antibiotics."

Livieratos traveled almost 2,000 miles with a team of 28 medical professionals on a medical humanitarian mission from March 8-15 to help 1,200 strangers. She traveled with volunteers from Farmington Hills based Botsford Hospital to four villages in Guatemala. Doctors traveled with vitamins, antibiotics and lots of anti-parasitic medication.

Volunteers stayed in the main city of Antigua and were bussed to villages.

In many parts of the world parasites run rampant in the population and are common because many people drink unclean water. Livieratos taught villagers to boil the water and remove the parasites that contribute to their poor nutrition during her visit.

Poor nutrition is a common problem. Kids are riddled with Rickets, a disease caused by poor nutrition. "Their bones are weak from a lack nutrition. Teeth are missing. They are always hungry," she said.

Life in America is much different than life in the villages of Guatemala.

Girls marry very young, and soon have children. Many work in fields with babies in tow wrapped up in slings. Farm fields are tended to with an ox and plow.

In America, if you need medical care, you just go to the doctor.

During their visit, the doctors treated everything from rashes to infections to completing pelvic exams.

Livieratos diagnosed pregnancies in mothers, who already had lots of babies. Even when she showed the expectant mothers an ultrasound, they remained unfazed.

Finding a stillborn baby inside a woman was one of the saddest things she diagnosed, she said. An ultrasound revealed the unborn baby had a mass growing on its head.

"It was so sad to tell her baby was not alive and she needed to go to the hospital to have the baby evacuated to prevent an infection," she said.

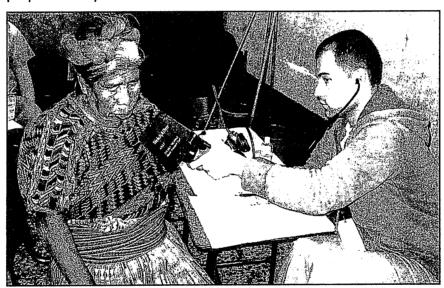
One woman, who never had a menstrual cycle was brought to doctors by her mother. Doctors discovered the woman had no ovaries, no uterus and no vagina.

"To tell someone they will never have children or ever be able to have intercourse is very heartbreaking," she said.

Another patient, an elderly woman afflicted with a bone disorder that caused her



Clarkston Doctor Maria Livieratos traveled to Guatemala with a team from Farmington Hills based Botsford Hospital to provide medical care to 1,200 people. *Photos provided* 



A volunteer provides treatment in as villager.

to have a hunchback, came in and was using an old rickety chair as a cane.

Despite their condition patients were happy to see the medical professionals.

"We got so many hugs and so many thank

"We got so many hugs and so many thank you's," she said.

For many it would be the only chance to see a doctor.

"You tell them to go to hospital, but they can't because they will be turned away," she added. "They don't have the money so they stay sick or they don't even have the means of travel. It's heartbreaking because you know there's nothing you can do."

A week before the team arrived a volcano erupted and clouds hung close to village tops.

"It was breathtaking," she remembered.
When she arrived back in America,
Livieratos said the patients she left behind

stayed on her mind and in her heart.

"On Sunday, I went to church and prayed, 'God, please help these people,'" she said.

"I came home very worried for some of them"

In addition to providing medical care, Livieratos also left something in those villages she knows will be cherished. They set up medical clinics were set up at schools.

"Schools were very archaic, with wooden desks and old books," she said. "Those villages have old books with 30 year-old information still being taught."

Livieratos is a member of The Daughter's of Penelope, a philanthropic Hellenic women's organization.

"The ladies of the organization donated a suitcase full of school supplies I took with me to Guatemala," she added. "I distributed to each of the schools in the various villages."

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# Obituaries Obituaries

### John Burnell, 88

John Burnell of Clarkston died March 29, 2014

He was born on Aug, 30, 1925, and was the son of the late John and Eleanor Burnell. He was the beloved husband of the late Ruth Burnell; caring father of John (Gaye) Burnell, Janette (Bill) Marsh, Julie Taylor and Joel (Joni) Burnell; dear grandfather of John (Pam) Burnell, Luke (Shelly) Marsh, Matthew (Samantha) Marsh, Benjamin (Jenny) Taylor, Gabriel (Sarah) Marsh, Nichole (Joe) Perry and Sieri (Jason) LaLonde; great grandfather of 19; preceded in death by his sisters Caroline Stockwell and Dora Pifer.

John was a Merchant Marine in World War II and retired from Ironworkers Union Local #25. He loved game farming and hunting.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Coats Funeral Home-Waterford. Private burial has taken place. To send a condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries.

### John R. Davis, 61

John R. Davis of Clarkston, formerly of Lake Orion, passed away April 5, 2014, at age 61.

He was the husband of Edith for 36 years; father of Jennifer (Brian) O'Neil; son of Delmer (the late Betty) Davis; brother of Linda (the late Dorence) Galloway; special brother in law of Freda (Roger) Moore; special



uncle of Ramona (Aaron) French and Leslie (Gilbert) Martinez.

John retired from General Motors. He enjoyed watching sports and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan.

Cemetery service was April 8 at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Donations may be made to Make A Wish Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

The Obituary for Gerald A. Gdula is on Page 32

### Charleen Frost-Fahrner, 86

Charleen F. Frost-Fahrner, "Char," of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston and Show Low, Ariz., passed away April 3, 2014, at age 86.

She was the wife of Harry Fahrner; preceded in death by her first husband Jack Frost; mother of Jack Frost and Gary (Hazel) Frost; step-mother of Marcia (Ben) Hubbard, Mike (Rene) Fahrner, Mary (Tom) Hall and



Sharon Fahrner; also survived by 13 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren; sister in law of Don Frost and Leona Hess.

Char was an active member of Living Water Community Church, Ariz. She formerly worked at Hickory Farms, Calif., Clarkston United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Clarkston Village Players.

Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Donations may be made to Living Water Community Church, P.O. Box 805, Lakeside, AZ 85929. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

### Urban A. Kaltz, 76

Urban Albert Kaltz, "Sonny," of Lake Orion passed away April 1, 2014, at age 76.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Joanne. He was the

Joanne. He was the father of Darrell (Laura), Doug (Toni) and Terry (Loree); grandpa of Crystal Kaltz, Doug Kaltz, Amanda (Nate) Tromley, Jacqueline Kaltz, Jessica Kaltz and Jordan Kaltz; great grandpa of Matthew Krupa; brother of Carol (Joe) Hine and the late Marvin (Mary) Kaltz.



Sonny founded and operated Kaltz Excavating, Auburn Hills.

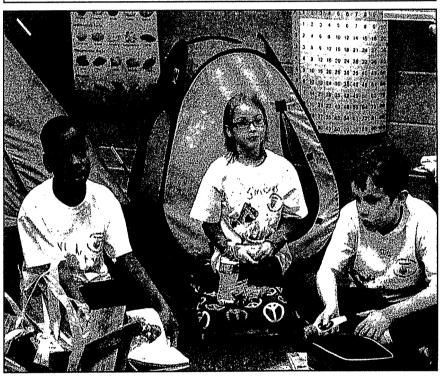
Funeral service was April 5 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Seasons Hospice.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com



LOOKING FOR A SIGN: Kevin Goebel and a few of his coworkers recently received a ticket for violating the two hour parking rule in downtown Clarkston. "Where is the sign that tells me I can't park here," asked Goebel. No two-hour sign could be found nearby, but Clarkston City Manager Carol Eberhardt said the area, and most others downtown, is limited to two hours only. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin* 





From left, Ryan Sumler, Mackenzie Brady, and Dylan Sayre camp out in the classroom.

### Reading s'more

Students in third grade teacher Danielle Compton's class at Pine Knob Elementary celebrated March is Reading Month recently with books along with some sweet treats in tents set up in the classroom during S'More Reading Day.

Mackenzie Brady, at left, reads with Camryn Keough. *Photos provided* 

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FILE NO: 2014-355, 325-DE

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7/10/1957. TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, STACY NICHOLE GOOD, DECEASED, died January 8, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever harred unless presented to JUDY TURNER. personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 after the date of publication of this notice. JUDY TURNER BORERT G ISGRIGG JR P-24924

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: 2014-354, 965-DE **PROBATE COURT** COUNTY OF OAKLAND **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

Decedent's Estate Estate of KEITH ALFRED HAMMER, DECEASED, Date of birth: 3/30/ 1956

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, KEITH ALFRED HAM-MER, DECEASED, died February 11, 2014.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2014-355, 813-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND **CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING** 

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: PROBATE COURT 2014-355, 820-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

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whose address(es) is/are unknown and whose interest in the mat-ter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: A hearing will be heldo on April 30, 2014 at 10:00
a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 before Judge
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### FILE NO: STATE OF MICHIGAN 2014-355, 747-DE PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING**

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### STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** 2014-355, 745-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

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## INDEPENDENCE TWP.

**SYNOPSIS** 

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPEN-DENCE

**APRIL 1, 2014** 

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

Absent: Brown

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Dave Belcher, Building Department Director: Ken Flwert Parks, Recreation & Seniors, Director: Lt. Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff's Department; Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager: Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Stephen Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, P.C.; Matthew Gibb, Deputy Oakland County Executive, Economic Development and Community Affairs; Linda Zabik, Public Relations/Community Involvement Manager for Genisys Credit Union

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented

- CLOSED SESSION: None
  BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
- PUBLIC COMMENT: Darwin Moore, Patrick J. Kittle. G Supervisor
- PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
  - Presentation: Award Presentation for the Family Snowman Building Challenge (Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Linda Zabik, Public Relations/Community Involvement Manager
  - for Genisys Credit Union) Presentation: One Stop Ready Program (Mat-thew Gibb, Deputy Oakland County Executive, Economic Development and Community Affairs) Report: Update on Citizens Lake Advisory Panel Meeting (Dave Belcher, Building Department Director)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDAITEMS: None
  - CONSENT AGENDA: 1. Approval of Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2014
- Approval of Payroll of March 28, 2014; and Check Run of March 26, 2014 for a Total Amount of
- \$905.534.52 Approval of Sound Variance for Waterford Hills Road Racing Track
- Award Bid and Authorize Agreement for 2014 and 2015 July 4th Fireworks
- Approval of Budget Amendment Elections ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS: 1. Approval of Request to Reclassify AFSCME Union Employee
  - Approval of Request to Accept Grant and Approve Agreement for Polling Place Accessibility Improvements (Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk)
  - Approval of Request to Award Bid and Approve Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Parking Lot Improvement Project at Clintonwood Park Approval of Request to Abolish Polling Place;
  - Establish Polling Place and Relocate Voters 5. Acceptance of Grant and Approval of Agreement with the Bureau of Elections for Upgrade to QVF Replica Servers
  - Award Bid for the Purchase of Structural Firefighting Protective Clothing

    7. Adoption of Resolution Authorizing the Char-
- ter Township of Independence to Participate in Oakland County's One Stop Ready Program COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
  - 1. Report: Charter Township of Independence Investment Analysis for Quarters Ending September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2013
  - 2. Minutes: Election Commission of November 12.2013 3. Minutes: Video Center Administrative Board of
- February 19, 2014 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Schroeder, Supervisor Kittle

ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:46 PM

> Respectfully Submitted. Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

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Clarkston 7:00 pm Worship w/ First Communion
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White Lake 12:00 pm Worship

# Team RUSH at states

Clarkston High School's Team RUSH has a busy spring break. They're competing at the Michigan State Tournament at Eastern Michigan University.

The robotics matches are set for Friday and Saturday, April 11-12. For schedule and information. www.firstinmichigan.org/FRC\_2014/ State\_Championship/agenda.pdf.

# Flashlight egg hunt

Independence Township Parks and Recreation hosts a Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt, 8-9:30 p.m., Thuhursday, April 17, at Mill Pond Park in Davisburg.

Participants ages 10-17 or 18-year-olds who are currently attending high school are required to bring a flashlight and something to put their eggs in. Door prizes, pizza and a beverage will be provided. Awards will also be given. Egg hunt will be rain or shine, so dress for the weather.

Pre-registration is encouraged but will be accepted at the door if minimum is met and tickets are available.

# Conservatives club

The April meeting of the Independence Township Conservatives will be on Thursday, April 10, in King's Court Castle, Canterbury Village, 2369 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion.

Dinner starts at 6 p.m., with speaker at 6:30 p.m. Robert Muise, JD, senior counsel for American Freedom Law Center, will discuss "Fight for Faith & Freedom in America".

information, check For more ITCCinfo.com.

# Sound OK'd for race

Independence Township Board of Trustees approved a request by James Dopirak, president of Waterford Hills Racing for a sound variance for the upcoming Historical Vintage Auto Race, July 25, 26 and 27 at Waterford Hills in Clarkston.

Submitted in February, the request was approved on April 1 and will allow the races to go ahead as planned. Waterford Hills is located at 4770 Waterford Road.

# Donation deadline

Deadline to donate items for auction at the Onyx Ball fund raiser for Helping Hearts Helping Hands is Saturday, April 12.

Ideas for donation include new items, gift baskets, gift certificates/cards, vacation stays, sports/music lessons, hand crafted items, certificates for services or goods, ,and sports or entertainment memorabilia.

For more information, contact Nancy or Cale HelpingHeartsHelpingHands@hotmail.com or call 248-980-5090 or 248-830-6871.





Top: Arm wrestling fans fill Buckshots to watch a match.

# Test of strength, character

Continued from page 1 sion," he said.

MC Steve Pettis welcomed the crowd and had a message.

"We are not here to see who the strongest man is we are here to find the best com-

Winners were awarded trophies at the end of the competition.

At left, Dominic Rigato shows his mom Victoria Rigato the ropes of armwrestling before she completed. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin



# **Smile of the Month**

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# More letters to the editor Support for library

Dear Editor

For over 20 years I have been involved behind the scenes working to help our library become a District Library, not under the direction of Independence Township Board. I grew up in Ohio with a wonderful District Library governed by an appointed board of people whose primary concern was for the library.

Two years ago we separated from Independence Township and I was appointed to Independence District Library Board where we set up policies and procedures for our library. However, with only .69l mills, we had to lay off one full-time staff member, cut back programs and reduce hours the library is open, as well as cutting budget for books, movies and music by 43 percent.

This is the 60 year anniversary of the start

of library by the Womans' Club. Our millage rate has never risen above .691mills. Could you live off a salary you made in 60s? I couldn't!

Julie Meredith, our exemplary director, has made cuts for years trying not to impact the public with help from Friends of Library, Womens' Club, Lions Club, etc., but it is no longer possible as this .691 millage expires on Aug. 5.

Please vote "yes" on Aug. 5 for the Independence District Library.

Jeanne Molzon Independence Township

# Vote for library future

Dear Editor,

Restoring funding or eliminating the library: that is the decision we face as voters in Clarkston and Independence Township on Aug. 5, 2014!

In 1999 our community library received its money from the Township general fund, State funds, gifts and grants, and a "supplemental" library millage passed by us in 1965. Since

1999 the "effective" library funding has dropped by 41 percent, due to decreases in funding from other sources and the effect of inflation. Now, the library operates solely on the funding provided by that supplemental millage. Significant decreases in operation, programs, equipment, and services have resulted. This millage of .75 mills (adjusted to .691 by state law) has not changed in over 35 years.

If we want our library to survive, be restored to appropriate operation, and be properly equipped and staffed, then we need to approve the Aug. 4 millage proposal. It is a request for 1.25 mills. Yes, this is greater than what we approved in 1965, but other funding has disappeared over the years and the value

of a dollar has gone down. Yes, this is an "increase" as defined by law, but it is the minimum of what is needed to restore our library. Yes, the proposal includes funds for the Sashabaw Road corridor, but this is required by law and is less than "one-half of one percent" of the money collected; 99.7 percent of the millage proposal will go to fund the library, if passed. If not passed, the library will be totally unfunded.

Mark the date of Aug. 5 on your calendar, as if you were ear marking a page in a book (printed or digital), and plan to vote in favor of retaining and restoring an essential service. Our community's future depends on it!

Tom Stone Clarkston



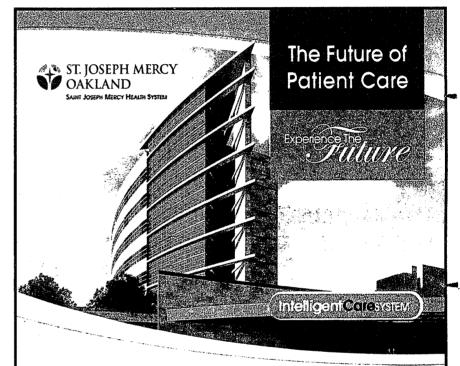
# Party for pups

Friends and family of two or four legs gathered to celebrate the birthday of Mollie Ann and Muldoon, March 2, at a party at Canine Resolution in Waterford.

Organized by their owner, Cindy Matusko of Clarkston, the Irish terriers collected donations for the Humane Society and TEAR Foundation, The Emergency Animal Relief, instead of gifts.



From left, Sandy Sipher, and Chris and James Miller of Clarkston celebrate with their dogs. *Photos by Phil Custodio* 



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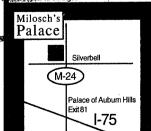
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# Students' classroom success

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**Kari McAvoy** of Clarkston recently received a Master of Science in Nursing degree from Spring Arbor University.

Clarkston students Robert McCoy and

Clarkston students named to the Fall 2013 Katie Smith of Clarkston earned degrees from Saginaw Valley State University in December.

**Drew Schupbach**, a senior from Clarkston attending University of Detroit Mercy, was recently recognized at the university's Honors Convocation for academic excellence in the College of Engineering and Science.

Clarkston students **Brandon Beauregard**, **Alexis Doetsch**, and **Mary Eicher** were recently recognized at the University of Detroit Mercy College of Business Administration's Honors Convocation.

# Road work in Clarkston area

Road Commission for Oakland County plans to complete nearly \$50 million worth of road improvements this year include local projects:

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new asphalt, on Holcomb Road from, Davisburg Road to Miller Road in Springfield and Independence townships, and Clarkston, \$500,000. Part of this project is paid for through the state legislature's Roads and Risk Reserve Fund with dollars allocated from the state's surplus.

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**Madeline Dishon** 

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The Showcase Award is based on agent growth, average monthly and yearly commission per agent, percentage of productive agents, and other criteria.

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