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## \$678,000 deficit for township

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#### BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township's 2016 budget faces a \$678,000 deficit, but is in good shape, Budget Analyst Rick Yaeger told the Township Board at its Nov. 24 meeting.

"We have maintained integrity of local government, the highest service levels possible, community culture, security while looking for the best prices to maintain a balanced budget," Yaeger said.

Fire, police, and parks and recreation bud-

gets were balanced.

Funds with expenditures higher than revenues include safety path and capital outlay funding for the general and fire funds. The budget also includes \$339,000 in capital outlay projects for sewer projects and \$380,000 in capital outlay funding projects for water.

Budgets are prepared before the start of the fiscal year, but things can change if an emergency or something else unforeseen happens during the year, Yaeger said previ-

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## Take care and shop safely

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The holiday season is a time to be merry, but also calls for caution, warns Oakland County Sheriff's Sergeant Chris Miller.

This is the time for many "crimes of opportunity," which means thieves are looking for easy targets or things to steal, Miller said.

"People need to be especially cautious

right now," he said. "Keep safety in mind too.

No matter what time of year it is, always be aware of your surroundings, cautious of your safety, and protective of your belongings. Be careful when you are out shopping or at public places.

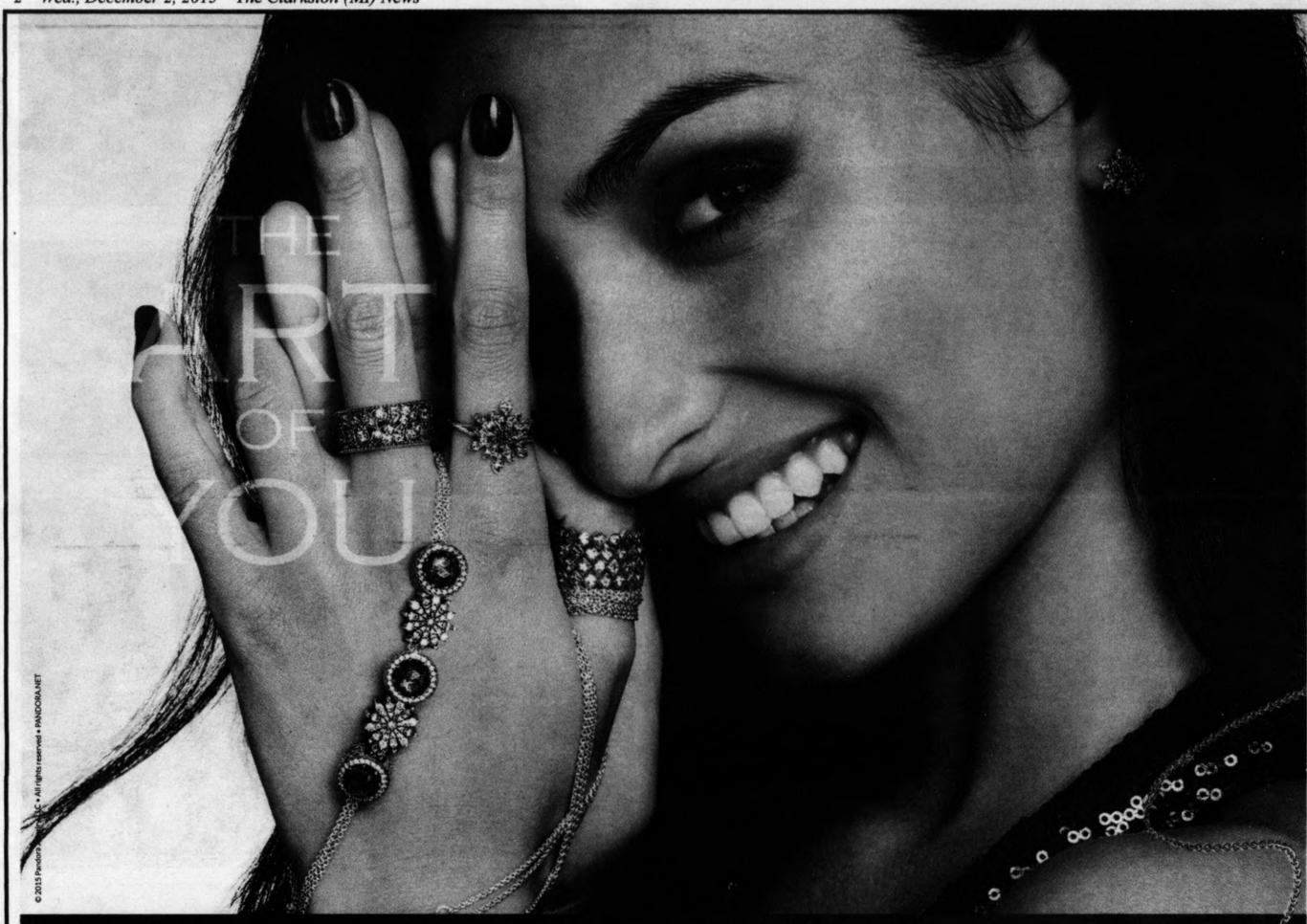
"Don't leave your valuables, such as a purse, on top of your car when your loading up after shopping," Miller said. "Don't

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CHRISTMAS CHEER: As downtown businesses get decked with boughs of holly and other holiday stuff, Clarkston News assistant office manager Keri Williams decorates a Christmas tree at the front of the 5 S. Main Street building. Photo by Phil Custodio









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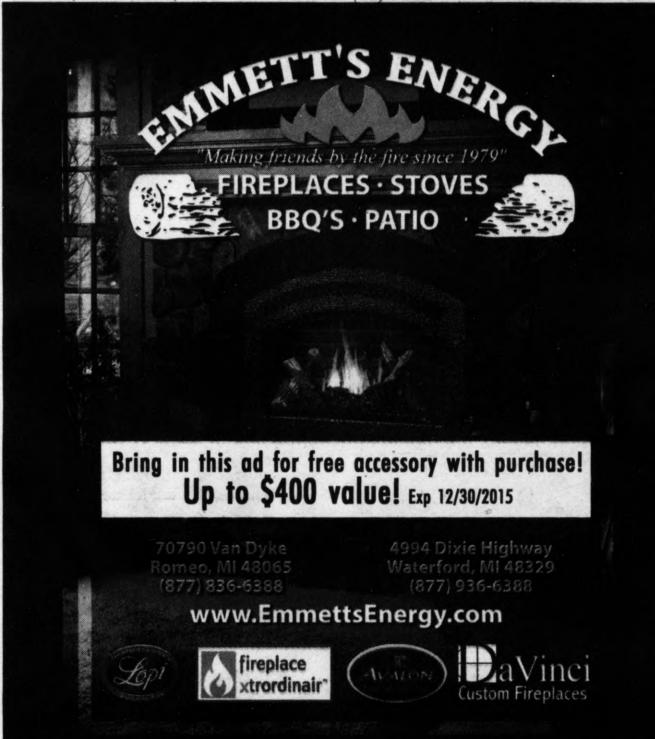
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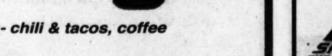


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TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS: Lisa Kwolek decorates the office in holiday colors at Transnation Title Agency on Sashabaw Road. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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## **Goals to improve** math, reading

BY ANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's goals for the 2015-16 goals include increasing students' scores in reading and math.

Rock included the two goals for consideration by the Clarkston School Board in the boards agenda packet for the board to review.

The first goal is for running records, to encourage readers to grow in their ability to read and understand texts in increasingly complex levels.

Running Records is a data collection method used to collect information about students in October and November.

"Data in the form of a range of three text complexity levels, will be put into synergy at the Dec. 9 meeting," Rock said. "High frequency word scores will also be out in this time."

**Board members Susan Boatman** and Craig Hamilton asked what "high frequency" words meant, and how the superintendent's goals would be evaluated.

The board agreed to continue discussion and the superintendent's evaluation at a later board meeting.

Rock's second goal was for fifth grade math assessment, which will be evaluated September 2015 through June 2016.

The goal is for mathematicians to "grow in their skills and understanding of mathematical application."

Board members also expressed concern about M-STEP scores from the state, which will be released later.

The goal of the Math Assessment is to increase overall math scores by three percent.

Fifth grade end of year math assessment data has been collected for 2014-2015 and showed a district average of 57 percent.

"Students will complete 2015-2016 End of Year Math assessment in May 2016, and our goal will be to have a district average of 60 percent," Rock said.

Board members are exploring ways to evaluate Rock and his performance.

More information will be discussed during Rock's evaluation in December.



MATH WORK: Independence Elementary fourth grade teacher Jessica Sorensen teaches student Luke Leienecker some multiplication work. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## Audit finds schools healthy, officials say

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The auditing firm Hungerford Nichols issued a positive financial audit report to Clarkston Board of Education, Nov. 23.

"For the past several years, the Clarkston Community Schools has maintained a balanced budget and not operated at a deficit," said Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan. "In fact, the current audit had a surplus of \$759,779. We are one of the few Michigan districts that moved our fund balance in a positive direction."

Mary Beth Rogers, executive director of Business Services, said the district must continue building fund equity, the district's savings account, so it does not have to borrow funds.

"Since 2012, CCS has doubled its fund balance to 7.5 percent and decreased cash flow borrowing by 50 percent," Ryan said.

Revenue increased by \$5.6 million due largely to an increase in operating grants and increased property tax revenue. Total revenue for 2015 is area private schools, becoming the seventh larg-\$97,614,621. Total expenditures for 2015 are est district in Oakland County," he said.

\$89,774,997.

Due to the 2015 reporting requirements of the state pension liability on all districts, the district's net position, which is the difference between total assets and liabilities, decreased by \$100 million, from negative \$11,889,923 in 2014 to negative \$110,423,820 in 2015.

"This accounting requirement does not have a direct impact on the district's finances/operating budget, but is included to illustrate in the audit the relative liability that each school district has against the state's pension fund," Ryan said.

The number of students attending the Clarkston Community Schools decreased by roughly 1 percent, about 78 students, this year, Ryan said.

"Despite this, and the decade long trend of fewer school aged children residing in Michigan as a whole, the Clarkston Community Schools has actually increased its overall enrollment this year, via shared partnerships with

## District assessment going well, Ryan says

perintendent Sean Ryan said a school facilities needs assessment is going well.

The assessment includes evaluation of all buildings, and sites, as well as current use an anticipated needs. It also includes assessing traffic flow, parking lots, playgrounds, drainage, pavement, concrete and accessibility.

Infrastructure, such as safety and security, technology, equipment, educational program requirements, and operational efficiencies, are also being evaluated.

"In terms of buildings, everything will be accessed," Ryan said.

The district also plans to ask what the community thinks schools needs by seeking com-

Clarkston Community Schools Deputy Sumunity input through surveys and other methods.

Staff perceptions regarding facilities, operations and programming will be considered.

"A community and staff survey is being developed," Ryan said, adding the assessment is looking closely at technology and facilities.

"We want to inform the community of the process," Ryan said. "We plan on getting the surveys out to the community by December."

The assessment is being completed at no cost to the district, and takes about four months to complete. The assessment will be completed around February, Ryan said.

"We will have some preliminary results by the next meeting," Ryan added.

-Andrea Beaudoin

## Briefly

## Safety path easements

Clarkston School Board approved easements for safety paths at the Nov. 23 meeting. The approval allows Independence Township to continue building a safety path along Pine Knob Road in front of Sashabaw Middle School, and another at the northwest corner of Maybee and Pine Knob roads.

The first easement is on the south side of the middle school driveway. The second easement at Pine Knob and Maybee, is along Maybee Road, allowing the path to join an existing path on Maybee.

The school district will be responsible for snow removal on the safety paths.

"These paths are located on some of our most dangerous roads," Director of Operations Wes Goodman told the board. "It is an issue of student safety."

## \$75,000 in block grants

Independence Township will receive about \$75,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding for 2016/2017, according to a projection from Oakland County.

The funding is around \$7,000 more than previous years.

Thirty percent, \$22,639, can be used for public services. Remaining funds, \$52,825, can be used for the minor home repair program for homeowners who need help with furnaces, hot water heaters, roofs, wells, and other repairs. Income must meet qualifications, and the maximum grant to homeowners is \$5,000 a year.

The township approved \$3,000 for senior services and \$7,600 for the Independence Township senior center transportation program. Clarkston Area Youth Assistance will receive \$12,000, and \$52,000 will go to the home repair fund.

The funding was approved at the Nov. 24 meeting.

## Homework Club

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is looking for tutors to work with Clarkston students in grades 3-7, at Bridgewater Park Apartments, 5837 Upland Drive.

The "Homework Club" meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays, two sessions each day, school days only - 2:40-3:30 p.m. for grades 6-7, and 3:40-4:30 p.m. for grades 3-5, from Pine Knob Elementary.

"Students arrive after school, get a nutritious snack that we provide and sit down with their tutors," said Jan Scislowicz, Homework Club chairperson."It is a friendly environment and a wonderful experience working with kids."

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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

## Voices around me

When I first started covering Clarkston City Council meetings a couple months ago, one thing I had to get used to was the voices in back of my head.

Actually behind my head. The voices of the folks sitting behind me.

There's lots of audience participation at city council, planning commission, and other meetings of the City of the Village of Clarkston.

I previously covered Clarkston School Board meetings, where audience members would make their views known by clapping or, sometimes, booing what board members were



saying, and stepping up to say their piece during the public comment parts of the meeting.

Public comments are just the beginning for Clarkston city audience members. During the council's old and new business discussions, residents chime in with comments for and against what council members have to say, all the time (almost).

That's fine with me. City residents are the ones who will have to pay for whatever plan the council approves to expand city hall and DPW garages, as well as legal expenses and possibly settlements in lawsuits against the city, so their voices deserve to be heard.

More pieces of free speech have been delivered to the *Clarkston News* office recently – an anonymous reader has been creating bootleg Dilbert cartoons titled "The World according to Cory," with new dialogue substituted for Dilbert creator Scott Adams' original jokes.

Cory Johnston has been one of the more vocal critics of the city council, and the strips poke fun at him, as well as myself and Don Rush.

Cory is the Pointy Haired Boss in the strips, always with instructions for the newspaper staff, namely me and Don.

I get to be Wally, a Dilbert character with a bald head, glasses, and a lackadaisical attitude, perpetually carrying a coffee cup. The Phil version is kind of mouthy, and also seems to incessantly talk about his running.

I have no idea where the reader got that idea from.

Some of them are posted on the Clarkston News' Facebook page, if you want to see them.

# Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

## Reader warns against tree ordinance

Dear Editor,

Beware of a threat to your property rights! The Independence Township Board is studying a Woodlands and Tree Ordinance. From discussions, it would propose that certain trees would be "heritage trees." These trees would be protected from cutting down.

Let's look at this.

- 1. An arborist would be the one to determine which trees qualified.
  - 2. The tree would be on private property.
- 3. Taxes have been collected and would continue to be collected on this property.
- 4. Someone would have to enforce this ordinance would neighbors tell on each other? Would the taxpayers be required to pay for the arborist and the enforcement? Think about drones inspecting.

Legal fees would be incurred to develop the language. Also funds for the lawsuits which this would create.

The Planning Commission has the obligation to determine the outcome of trees on property being developed.

If we drive around the township we can see that all subdivisions have trees planted by the developer. The township was farm land in the past. There are more trees now than at any other time. If neighbors see open land around them for sale and development, they should either purchase it or go to the Planning Commission meetings and see the legalities of how land is developed and how landscaping, drainage, open spaces, trees and all are considered.

It is also the Planning Commission which develops new ordinances and regulations. The Township Board approves the final product.

We can't let the complaint of one or two persons create a knee-jerk reaction. A reaction which could cost us freedoms and additional money in taxes. Let your Township Board know your opinion.

> Joan McCrary Independence Township

## Thanks for supporting Horn of Plenty

Dear Editor,

The 24th annual St Daniel Catholic Community's Rose Mary Smith "Horn of Plenty" Auction, Raffle, Dinner, and Dance on Nov. 7 was a success due in a large part to your contribution to this event. We asked for your support for this event and you gladly gave it.

Your contribution helped make our silent

auction a success. By donating to our event, you have insured funds for our community outreach programs for this next calendar year. We thank you and your business for your support.

God bless you for your generosity. Sincerely,

The 2015 St. Daniel Rose Mary Smith Horn of Plenty Committee

## Friendly Forest help appreciated

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors and the Clarkston Area Optimist Club, I would like to thank you and The Clarkston News for sponsoring the 2015 Friendly Forest.

The event was a huge success, with almost 900 kids walking through the trail! There were 22 theme decorated stations and 38 costumed characters.

After the children collected candy from the characters, they enjoyed a hay maze, crafts, photos, wagon rides, and juice and donuts under the pavilion.

Even with so much to offer at this event, we were still able to charge an affordable ticket price. This was made possible, in large part, by your media sponsorship. Again, thank you for your support and we greatly appreciate your devotion to our programs and this community.

Sincerely,

Amy Laboissonniere Events coordinator

## Write a Letter to the Editor

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Making time to help the needy" 'Tis the season for more volunteers and Lighthouse in Clarkston needed an additional 62 volunteers to help out the regular 100 volunteers for the holiday season. Jane Carr, volunteer and special events coordinator, said they were also looking for food donations.

"Trustee combines family gatherings and community service for the holidays" For Springfield Township Trustee Margaret Bloom, Christmas is time for holiday tradition, stories and to spread joy throughout the community.

"Local Brownie Troop helps animals"
Brownie Troop 844, which is made up of second graders from Bailey Lake Elementary, donated newspapers for kennels, dog and cat treats, pet accessories and cat litter to the Michigan Humane Society in Rochester Hills.

## 25 years ago - 1990

"Palace owner buys Pine Knob Theater" Pine Knob Music Theater was purchased by the owners of the Palace of Auburn Hills, which was comprised of Detroit Piston owner William Davidson, David Hermelin and Robert Sosnick, for an undisclosed amount of money.

"Winter storm wreaks havoc" The snow and rain storm on Dec. 3 caused havoc with area roadways including 50 cases of cars running off the road and ten reported "fender benders."

"Family posts yellow ribbon for sonin-law" Truman and Carol Hammett of Independence Township wrapped a yellow ribbon around a tree in front of their home for their son-in-law, Joe Quirk. The ribbon symbolized their hope for his safe return. He was in the navy aiding on the U.S.S. Independence, one of many battle ships called to action in the Persian Gulf.

## 50 years ago - 1965

"'Junk' yard turned down" A request to rezone 15.7 acres of land for the purpose of storing "junk" cars was officially rejected by the Independence Township Board at a public meeting.

"Presents" Santa would visit many children in Vietnam via Miss Jill Winterle's third grade class at Bailey Lake Elementary. Students packed puppets, which they made out of socks, and dolls to go to need children.

"Local news" Eight guests enjoyed supper with ice cream and birthday cake at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Byers on Middle Lake Road to help Raynette celebrate her eighth birthday.

## Bring on the glow and snow – it's Christmas

Editor's Note: This Jottings vuletide classic originally ran in December 2006. Enjoy.

It's Christmas time. Joy to the world. Hip, hip Hooray! Let there be light. Not just any light. Christmas lights. Everywhere.

This is my time of year. I like the shopping (spending). I like the giving. I like the partying. I like it to be snowing, and I try to smile through the entire season.

This is a joyous season, and when you're smiling in the crowded markets sometimes it reflects on the seemingly. disgruntled shoppers.

I start the season early, like the first of November asking family members for their Christmas lists. They're still getting over Halloween, so I don't really expect any list.

I do not like buying (giving) something that may not be wanted. Part of that feeling comes from Depression-rearing

cheapness, and part from my Dad's criticism of this holiday gift giving: "Why spend money you don't want to spend on gifts someone doesn't want to re-

ceive?"

Jim's **Jottings** 



a column by Jim Sherman

Mother's influence proved stronger, then and now, so I think a lot about both practical and impractical gifts that might amuse, shock or befuddle the receiver.

Whatever I come up with, even if it's cash, I never feel it is adequate. No matter how much I spend, or how many gifts I buy, on Christmas when

the family starts tearing and tossing, I shrink from a feeling of not having done enough.

It used to be the same way at work. Never did I feel the Christmas checks

were enough. I find myself repeating a former boss's remark when thanked, "I wish it could have been more."

And, while employees are always grateful and expressive, I wish I could have done more. That is my low of the season.

My highs, not in any order, are the tree, outside lights, decorated walls . . . and the parties, which really means friends and family.

It's such a great time to be with friends. Smiles and happiness abounds. You have the feeling there is real sincerity in their wishing you well, in health, good luck and freedom from worry.

Having good friends is another of God's great gifts.

Just as I urge Christmas lists from the family, they expect the same from me. Of course, I don't need anything. Hazel never needed anything and I don't need anything. That's the way it is with parents and grandparents.

However, there must be a list.

If you think about it long enough, a list can be made. Birdseed can always be used. So can the latest fishing lure. How about a banjo playing CD, jigsaw puzzle, ring of bologna, pickled herring, deodorant, ruby red grapefruit or a jar of jalapeno jelly.

But don't get me a how-to book, socks (cause mine have to be special), shovel or shorts. Or, candy, cucumbers or car polish. Or, funnel, flashlight or fastener.

And, I don't want another animal that might compete with Shayna for my attention. I haven't got any more attention time left. I would like to receive any and all anti-shedding lotion.

Right now I'm having a hard time getting her as hyped up as I am for Christmas. She just seems to go along like it's any other time of year.

Gotta go. There's lists to be filled.

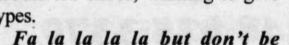
## Fa la la la but don't be scammed

Gather 'round kiddies. Huddle close together and listen up. It's December in the year of our Lord, 2015. We had a snow last month, your Detroit football Lions,

won a Thanksgiving game and the 10 day weather forecast for Southeast- Don't ern Michigan has temperatures solidly Rush Me in the 40s.

Hot damn and deck them halls with boughs of holly!

Tis the season of rosy cheeks, childrens' smiles, love rekindled, laughter, peace, joy and all that jazz. Oh, and it is also the time all the Scrooge McDucks out there pray on all us goodie-too-shoes, wanting-to-give A column by types.



Fa la la la but don't be scammed.

Yep, even us folks who think we are too clever to fall to schemes of fraud, can and do. And, when you get scammed, you feel sad, you feel mad and you feel stupid -- these feelings kinda' put a damper on the fun and good cheer we all should be sharing this month and every month.

One way not to be scammed is to donate/give to local charities by local organizations. It is easy to follow the money and see how funds are used. Another way is to watch your fingers. Don't be so click happy whilst on social media websites. I hopped on-line and discovered that 40 percent of all on-line fraud happens the last three months of the year -- these days are like a crooked Christmas to cyber criminals.

'Tis the season to be jolly!

Following are some common holiday cheer-stealing Grinch tricks.

From Cnet.com: "You downloaded an app because it advertised fantastic holiday deals. Who could resist? You open it up and it looks like a copy of Amazon, but it doesn't work very well. Frustrated, you delete it. Problem solved, right? Not so fast. The malicious app has already gotten its claws into your phone, collecting your personal information."

See the blazing vule before us . . . Strike the harp and join the chorus

PCWorld.com listed five things to be on the lookout for. The Free Ipad scam; the gift card scam; the bogus auction/classified scam; malicious websites and public Wi-Fi hackers -- adding their number one tip of the season: Avoid shopping and paying bills over a wifi public network.

Remember, cyber bad guys on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc., are trying to lure you into giving away your personal information with cool quizzes, outrageous celebrity news or other things you click regularly.

Fa la la la la but don't be scammed.

Here's a little from Foxnews.com, "What on-line site lets crooks, hucksters and scammers reach potentially more than a billion people with a single post? You guessed it, Facebook. Right now, three specific Facebook scams are rampant, and if my News Feed is any indication, normally 'smart' people are falling for them. Don't be one of those people."

The top scams are the Secret Sister Scam and The Lottery Scam. The Secret Sister Scam goes like this:

"Here's a fantastic deal: Buy a \$10 holiday gift and send it to one person. In return, you'll get up to 36 gifts back."

How to avoid scams? Remember, nothing is free and that old skeptic's mantra, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is." From the Foxnews.com article, "Keep in mind that anyone offering a huge return on any investment is probably trying to fool you."

Follow me in merry measure . . . While I tell of Yuletide treasure!

While the internet is a wonderful tool bringing much good to humans of the world, it kinda sucks, too. It can also bring the world's despots into every home connected. So, I come back to the local angle.

You wanna' donate to a worthy cause? You don't have to give for something that is halfway around the world; look in your own back yard. There are plenty of local groups that help clothe, feed and gift give to members of (yes it is hard to believe) this community. Do some due diligence, ask your neighbors, call a local church or god forbid, read your community newspaper! Our pages are usually full of awesome ways to give.

Sing we joyous all together . . . Heedless of the wind and weather!

Another way to avoid being scammed is to shop locally this holiday season. Small Business Saturday was this past week, just because that day is done and gone, doesn't mean you are now obligated to shop the big boxes or websites. Shop locally! The local shops and restaurants and spas and places welcome you and will appreciate you! And remember . . .

Fa la la la la but don't be scammed.



**Don Rush** 

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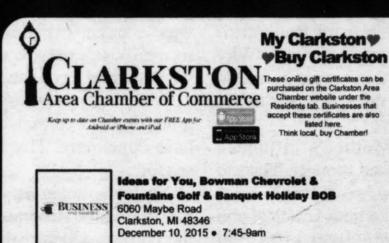


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## Doing the right thing

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

When Brett Gazetti, an employee at Fast Eddies Car Wash and Oil Change in Holly, found a large deposit dropped by an employee of a large retail store, he knew what to do.

"I saw the deposit and I quickly made sure it was deposited correctly," said Gazetti, who informed the manager of the incident.

Donna Bullard, president and CEO of Clarkston Brandon Credit Union; said he did the right thing.

"Bless people when return something," Bullard said. "I like to believe most people are honest. I know we have our troubles, but I like to think most people know right for wrong. Losing money this time of year it could be devastating for someone."

Sergeant Chris Miller Oakland County Sherif's Office said if your find a valuable, like a bank bag and must have it in your possession, call police to both protect yourself and the business.

"Getting the police involved ensures you are credible an keeps everything transparent," Miller said.

Sometimes an items owner cannot be identified, such as a \$20 bill on the street.

"If you are walking down the street and find \$100 bill, you can visit the Independence substation, so we can enter a found property report," the deputy said. "We can put a notice in the newspaper or match it up our other reports."

If you find a wallet, the police can return it to its owner.

"Returning something valuable is based on the honor system in most cases," he said.

## Safe shopping tips

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leave cars unlocked with presents, purses or items visible."

Keep your car locked at all times. Be careful in the store too, he said.

"Don't leave valuables, such as purses or wallets in unattended carts," Miller said. "Keep those items with you at all times."

President and CEO of Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union Donna Bullard said if someone finds an ATM card or money left in the ATM, it can be turned in to the institution. The bank has methods to track the transaction and contact the card owner.

"We have people that turn in money they find around the bank. We put it in an envelope with contact information for who found it. In a month if no one claims it, we give it to the person who found it," Bullard said.

Check the Michigan States Police guide at www.michigan.gov/documents/ID Theft to help prevent identity theft.



Dep. Frank Gavey, school resource officer, checks the vandalized Little Free Library in Depot Park. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Investigation into book fire

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies are looking for tips in the vandalism of the Little Free Library box in Depot Park.

"This is ridiculous - hopefully we'll find out who did this," said Sgt. Richard Cummins of Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

Someone set fire to the library box and books sometime over the weekend, said Jennifer Hermann, Girl Scout troop leader.

"We will have to take the whole thing apart, replace the back wood and shelf for sure, the door won't close, so that will need repair, sand all the blackness from the smoke and repaint," Hermann said. "I'm thinking the whole thing will need to be

taken down and worked on."

Deputies will review video surveillance, which was set up in reponse to previous vandalism in the park, Cummins said.

The community has come out to support the rebuilding effort, Hermann said.

"We are overwhelmed by everyone's support," she said. "We are working on a plan to get our LFL back up and running. In the meantime, our Main Street LFL will be open all winter. Please visit it on the corner Main and Washington streets."

Call the Independence Township substation at 248-620-4970.

- Phil Custodio

## Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Suspended license

A deputy on patrol ran the license plate of a car in front and found the owner, a 24year-old Pontiac woman, had a suspended driver's license and a warrant out of Auburn Hills for driving with a suspended license, 11:15 p.m., Nov. 15, on Dixie Highway near Waterford Road. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license, and advised and released on the warrant.

### No truck zone

A deputy on patrol followed a truck that had turned off Dixie Highway onto White Lake Road, which was posted "no trucks," 11:47 a.m., Nov. 20. He stopped it after it passed three more "no trucks" signs. The owner of the truck was cited with misdemeanor registration violation for not being registered with the state, no annual inspection on the trailer, and equipment violation for a broken tail light, and given warnings for disobeying the signs and a broken light on the trailer license plate.

### **Broken window**

When a skier returned to his SUV parked in the 7000 block of Sashabaw Road, 8:47 p.m., Nov. 23, he found the driver's side front window broken. There was a hole on the upper part of the window, but it was intact and it didn't appear anyone got into the vehicle, he said.

## Noisy snow machine

Residents called Independence Township to report excessive noise at Pine Knob Ski Resort over the weekend. Pine Knob has had a mechanical issue with one of the snow machines, said township Supervisor Pat Kittle. "They are in the process of making the repair," Kittle said. "They have not installed any new equipment in the past several years."

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# Sporting News

## Who is the next AOW?

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## **Icers** post first victory

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Ann Arbor Huron had one more period to play before they could call their visit to Detroit Skating Club a success.

Though the Wolves only needed one more period to take the win and that is all they needed as they defeated the River Rats, 4-2.

"We started out slow and as the game progressed we picked it up," said Ralph Humphlett, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Hockey. "We cashed in on some momentum and the boys worked really hard to get their first victory of the season."

Huron led going into the second period after they scored nine minutes into the game. They added one more point to their lead with a goal at 10:46 remaining in the period.

Less than two minutes later a quick shot from sophomore Nick Terry with an assist from junior Jagar Smith put the Wolves on the board with a goal. Clarkston put pressure on the net with shots as they tried to gain control of the scoreboard.

The Wolves opened the third period with possession of the puck after winning the face off and quickly took it into the River Rats' turf.

Senior Kort Highducheck scored his first of two goals of the night 90 seconds into the final period with an assist from his brother Nik Highducheck, and Jared Harper, to tie the game.

The Wolves drove the puck to the net again as the period hit 13 minutes remaining, this time it was Terry as he made his way to the net.

He made a shot on goal and Smith finished the play with putting the puck in the net to pull Clarkston into the lead, 3-2.

"They continued to work hard," Humphlett said about the third period. "They kept working. Even in that period we started a little bit slow, but they picked up the pace, they got excited, they pressured the puck and the puck started going in the net."

Clarkston defense kept Huron out of the net before they could score before the Wolves could hit the net again.

With six minutes remaining, the Wolves broke out of their territory with the puck as Nik Highducheck came out of the penalty box. It was just in time to help Kort score the fourth and final goal for the night. Harper also assisted on the goal.

"I haven't played with my brother in a long time," Kort smiled. "I just love being on the ice with him. It's great. I thought everyone played hard and it was a great team effort from everybody. We battled through it."

The Wolves made 32 shots on the net and senior goalie Trevor Propson had 25 saves in the net for the night.

Humphlett added the teamwork was really good for the night.

"We have been stressing puck movement a lot," he said. "They moved the puck really well and pressured the net a lot."

The Wolves lost to Lake Orion on Saturday night, 6-3. Propson had 24 saves in the net and Clarkston made 26 shots on the net.

Clarkston (1-3) heads to Farmington on Thursday night, 7 p.m., and is back at Detroit Skating Club on Saturday against Stoney Creek. 8 p.m. at 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.

Kort added the win will give the team momentum against their league foes.

"It's a great boost," he said. "We came out hard in the third and really made the game ours."



## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Cross Country celebrates becoming regional champions. *Photo provided* 

## Strong finish at state

#### BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves celebrated the end of the season in early November including one of their accomplishments - becoming champions at the MHSAA Regional Cross Country meet at Anchor Bay High School.

They scored 89 points to take the top spot and qualify for the state finals.

"I am really proud of this team and really proud of their accomplishments they made throughout the season," said Kevin Breen, head coach for the Clarkton Girls Cross Country team.

Freshman Elizabeth Dalrymple led the Lady Wolves, finishing in third place at 18:25, making it into Clarkston history as one of the top ten fastest runners.

Senior Nicole Hanson finished in 12th place at 19:06. Also, finishing in the top five for Clarkston were freshman Malory Ferguson, 13th place, 19:12; sophomore Emily Gustafson, 24th place, 19:43; and senior Kailan Mehta, 37th place, 19:58.

"All the girls mentally were ready for the race," Breen added. "They showed up at the beginning of the race up front and in the positions they needed to be in. We were ahead of other teams."

The Lady Wolves finished in 11th place with 346 points at the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals, Nov. 7.

"We did well," said Breen. "It was a solid finish for us and one of the best we have had in the last couple of years. It was good to get the team out there and be in that competition and make it to states. It was my goal every year to get the team there"

Hanson led the team as she finished in 25th place at 18:39.9. Dalrymple finished as the second runner in 50th place at 19:06.9. Malory Ferguson finished at 19:39.9; sophomore Hailey Catania, 19:41.4; Gustafson, 19:48.5; Mehta, 19:56; and freshman Emily Ferguson, 19:56.6.

The team loses four seniors who helped lead the team through the last few years - Hanson, Mehta, Kaitlyn Cavallo and Kelsey Catania.

"Nicole is a very vocal leader on the team," said Breen. "Kaitlyn, Kelsey and Kailan were all focused as a team. They knew what they had to do. They knew what their own personal goals were and they were selfless in their drive towards the end of the season."

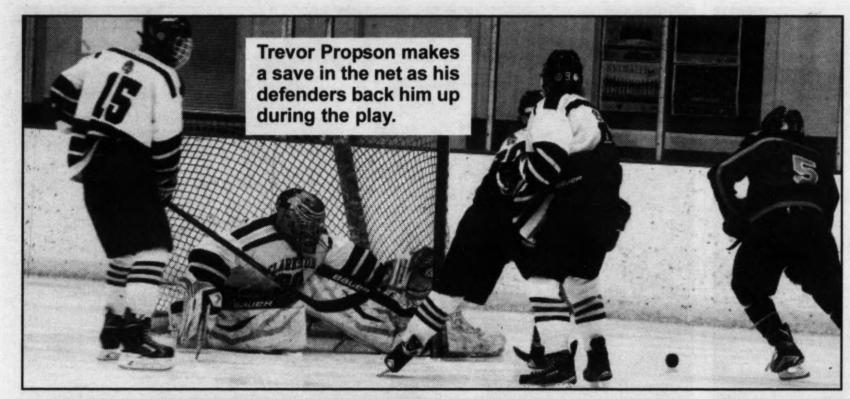
He added each senior helped the underclassmen throughout the season.

"Nicole really brought Elizabeth along in the work ethic and encourage her daily in and out of workouts and the reassurance she could do it. I know not everyone has someone they can run with. Kelsey is really good about pushing her younger sister, Hailey. She does a great job of motivating the underclassmen."

Cavallo and Mehta used their leadership and helped the Ferguson sisters.

Please see Seniors on page 12









Jared Harper faces off against a River Rat from Ann Arbor Huron. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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Friday, December 4 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Journaling

Sunday, December 6 11:00 a.m. Mass Baptisms

Monday, December 7 7:00 p.m. Rosary Cenacle

Monday, December 7 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study

Tuesday, December 8 7:00 a.m/ 9:00 p.m. Mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday, December 9 10:00 a.m. Study of Sunday Scriptures

Wednesday, December 9 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, December 9 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group

Wednesday, December 9 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study

## All-state honors

Clarkston residents received honors for their football season with Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

Clay Senerius was named Associated Press Player of the Year for Division 7-8 and was also named to the All-State First Team. He finished the season with 2,881 yards and 32 touchdowns on 150for-238 passing.

His brother Devin was also named to the All-State First Team and finished the season with 67 receptions for 1,285 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Ryan Kostich was named to the All-State First Team and Chris Cartier received Special Mention for First Team.

The quartet finished their season at the MHSAA Football Division 8 State Finals on Friday with a 7-0 loss to Muskegon Catholic Central. The Lakers made it to the finals after battling through the snow on Nov. 21 to defeat Ottaway Lake-Whiteford in the semifinals, 36-20, for their 13th consecutive win.

Clay was 11-for-16 in passing for 197 yards and one touchdown. Cartier caught six passes for 76 yards and also ran 43 yards on five carries.

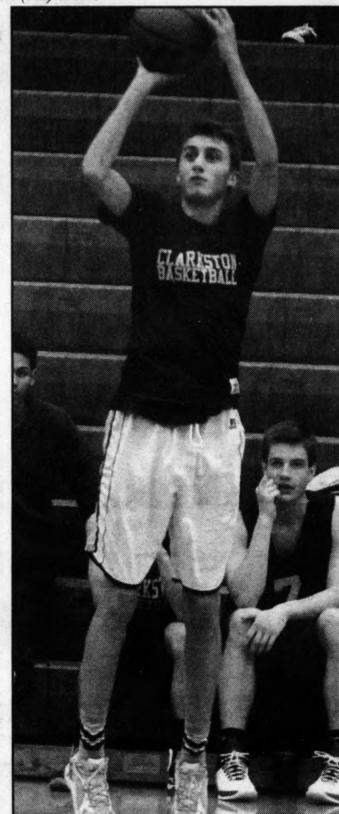
## Senior leadership

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"They were two very quiet freshman and were very apprehensive to pass early in the season," said Breen. "Towards the end of the season, they encouraged to keep the girls moving. They are both very good runners and show a lot of promise. The seniors saw that in them and nurtured that ability."

He added the seniors helped as his eyes and ears and also to promote the program and beliefs of the program.

"I look forward to seeing what this team can do in the future," Breen said. "They are extremely talented and the team can only get better from here."



Tabin Throgmorton shoots for a 3-pointer. Photos by Wendi Reardon

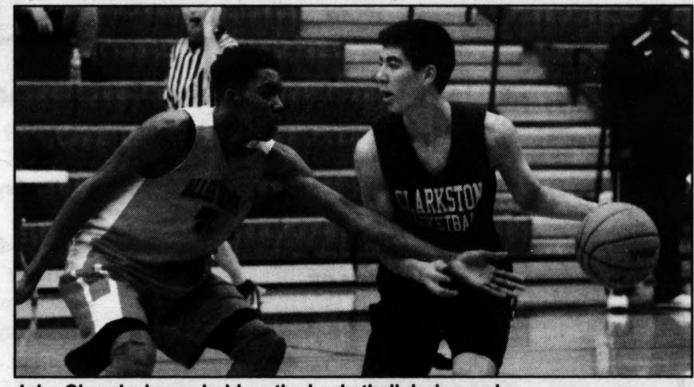
## Ready to start

While the stores and malls were battling for good deals, the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team was battling for points during their scrimmages last Friday morning.

The Wolves head to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep for their season opener next Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Ryan Holmes reaches to put the ball through the net.



John Chrenka keeps hold on the basketball during a play.

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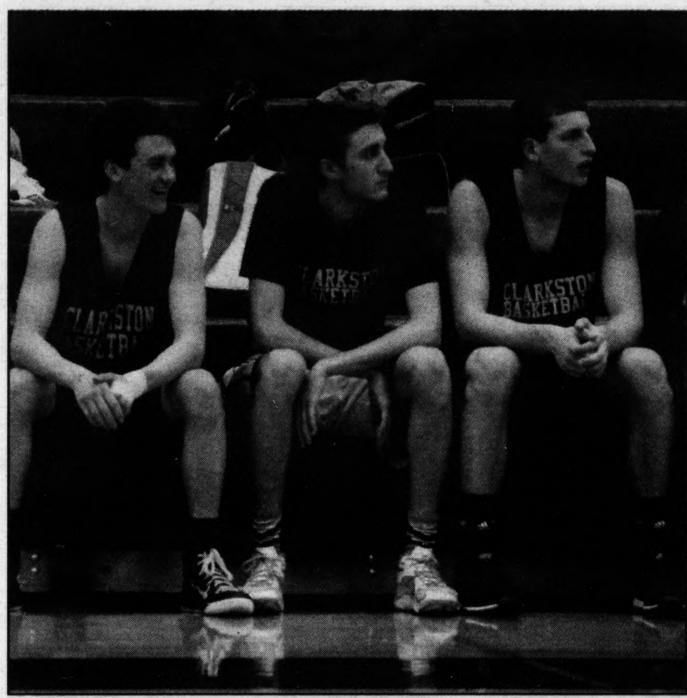
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Wolves on the bench watch their teammates during the third quarter of the scrimmage against Allen Academy last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## Swim finish

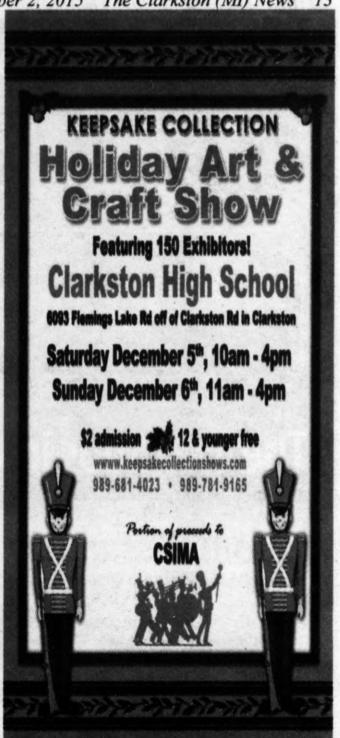
The Lady Wolves Swim and Dive team finished their season at the MHSAA Division 1 State Finals, Nov. 21.

The girls finished in the preliminary round. Kate Rogowski tied for 18th place in the 100-yard freestyle at 53.52 and 25th place in the 50-yard freestyle at 24.94.

Caroline Hughes finished in 25th place in the 100-yard backstroke at 59.78 and in 29th place in the 200-yard freestyle event, 1:57.97. The 200-yard medley relay team of Rogowski, Hughes, Hannah Benson and Shannon Seguin finished in 33rd place at 1:56.26.



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#### What's new with high cholesterol? By Erica Harding MD

**Clarkston Medical Group** 

As we age, we hear more and more about our cholesterol levels and that we need to control it before it harms us. Cholesterol can be confusing to many individuals because high levels do not cause observable everyday symptoms. There's also lots of negative press about the most used drug category, the 'statins'. To add to the complexity, there also exists a multitude of products claiming to lower cholesterol. You might have heard about cholesterol treatment everywhere from your primary care doctor, your chiropractor, your naturopath, TV and the internet. What is one to do with all of the information presented to them about cholesterol?

As physicians, we pay close attention to cholesterol levels. This information helps us to identify patients at risk for heart attack and stroke and hopefully prevent these diseases and the extremely negative effect they can have on your quality of life. It is for this reason that it is also important that you have the information you need to make decisions and lifestyle changes related to high cholesterol.

A set of new guidelines were released in 2013 by a panel of primary care doctors, cardiologists and endocrinologists who reviewed multiple studies involving thousands of patients. There are 4 groups that benefit from drug therapy to lower cholesterol:

- Those patients who have already had a stroke or heart attack
- 2. Patients with diabetes type 2
- Patients with an LDL level (bad cholesterol) greater than 190
- 4. Patients with an estimated risk of vascular disease of greater than 7% using a risk calculator (can be found online on the American Heart Association website https://www.heart.org/gglRisk/main\_en\_US.html)

It's also important to realize that most patients should have a trial of diet and exercise and quit smoking, if applicable, prior to starting drug therapy, especially those in groups 3 and 4.

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So, why are statins considered the most recommended medications? The answer is because they have the most medical evidence supporting reduction of risk in medical trials. Do statins have side effects? Of course. You may have heard about muscle pain and liver enzyme issues. In my experience, which is supported by the literature, liver enzyme abnormalities are rare and can usually be avoided by carefully selecting the right medication for the right person. Muscle pain can be a side effect, but more often than not, this can be mitigated by making sure there are no medication interactions and switching to a different statin if possible. These side effects are uncommon, only rarely causing permanent damage. You also may have heard that statins can affect your blood sugar. These medications can raise blood sugars, however, usually only in patients who are pre-diabetic. These individuals generally progress on to diabetes even off statin medications and are usually at high risk for heart disease.

If your physician recommends a statin to control your cholesterol levels, it is important to ask about any drug interactions that may occur with pre existing medications you are taking. While other drugs are available to treat cholesterol, they do not come with the supporting data that they reduce your risk for heart attack and stroke.

In conclusion, these guidelines can help you and your physician make decisions about actively lowering your risk for heart attack and stroke. If your cholesterol remains high after making lifestyle changes, if you have already had a heart attack or stroke or if you have diabetes, these drugs can be part of an effective preventative medicine regimen.

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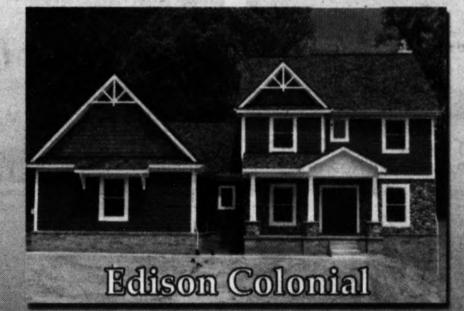
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## New location, more merchandise for Greens Market

The Holiday Greens Market moves to a new location, doubles its merchandise selection and welcomes credit cards for the first time at the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club's 24th annual greens market, its major fund-raiser of the year.

This year's Greens Market, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, will be at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, off M-15 behind the Oxford Bank.

Anita Andes, chair of the annual sale, said the club had been looking for a larger place to showcase the more than 200 fresh greens arrangements, wreaths, roping, loose greens, swags, small gift items, birch reindeer, luminaries, mini-trees and plants, birch candle and plant holders, holiday place and picture holders, and stocking stuffers for pets.

A "Think Tank" of club designers was put to work this year to bring new ideas and fresh insights in products offered. Members have been designing and assembling items for weeks, Andes said.

"Look for metal and natural containers embellished in more than the regular Christmas colors," she said. "We've researched and groomed to the Nth degree."

Custom arrangement in your own container can be ordered by calling 248-459-9026.

The Garden Club, a 501c3, uses profits from the annual sale to fund literary programs for Clarkston area residents, including second graders introduced to literary treasures; fourth graders flock to touch relics, pet snakeskins and even hug Michigan mammal pelts under the watchful eye of a trained naturalist; Project Learning Tree helps train nearly 30 pre-school teachers and early childhood educators how to better teach science and horticulture; mini-grants for elementary and secondary teachers district-wide to help fund projects educating youngsters about horticulture, conservation, earth sciences, and the environment; and 30 graduating seniors are considered for college scholarships. Add to that the flowerbeds at the Clarkston Independence District Library and the 26 natural stone planters downtown that are re-planted seasonally and watered, sometimes daily, through the warmer months.

The club will accept Discover, Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Mail tax deductible contributions to the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, P.O. Box 1011, Clarkston, Michigan 48347.

For additional information on the sale, more club details, see www.clarkstongardenclub.org



Garden Club members, from left, Gail Reading, Victoria Rigato, and Judy Hespen display items for sale at the 24th Annual Greens Market, this year at a new location, Calvary Lutheran Church on Bluegrass Drive. Photo provided



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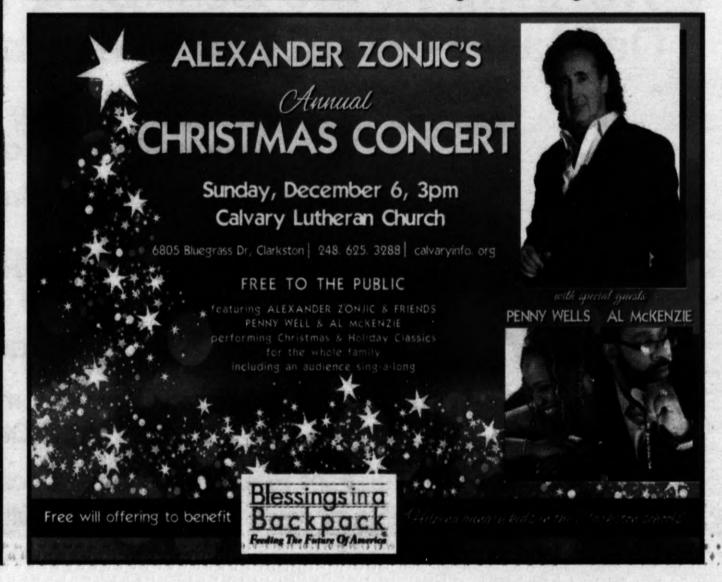
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## Dodge ball tournament

Sashabaw Middle School hosts a Dodge Ball Tournament, 7-9:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 4.

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Trish Lewis creates a bow for a custom arrangement. Photos by Phil Custodio

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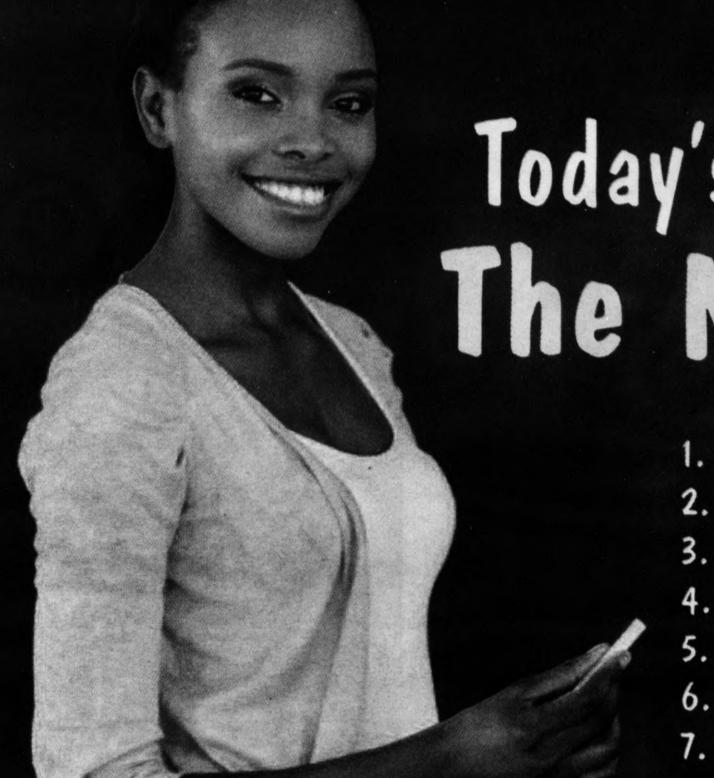
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- Diego Garcia



"It was great. We went to my cousin's house, and it took us 45 minutes to get there. We were just in time for dinner. After that we played a game. It was so fun I did not want to leave and go home."



"It was different this year. We decided to have Thanksgiving at our house instead of my grandparents' and rather than traveling."

- Keagan Olevenick



"It was good. I had to wake up at 4 a.m. and my sister played a clown in the Detroit Thanksgiving Parade. I got to be on TV."

- Sean Alnaraie

By Andrea Beaudoin

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From left, Sons of the American Legion representatives Carvin Chapman, Randy Jackson, and David Mennel presented 41 American flags to Clarkston School Board, Nov. 23. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

## American Legion donates flags to schools

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Oakland County Chapter of Sons of the American Legion representatives stopped by the Clarkston School Board meeting, Nov. 23, with several American flags.

"We want to put American flags back in every classroom," said Sons of the American Legion representative Randy Jackson.

Jackson, along with Carvin Chapman and David Mennel, attended the meeting to present 41 American flags for several schools in the district.

"We also want to let schools know we can provide funding to replace the big flags outside of schools," Mennel said.

Several years ago, the stars and stripes were removed from classrooms for various reasons, and Gov. Rick Snyder recently said they need to go back, Jackson said.

American Legion Oakland County Chapter has donated hundreds of flags for class-

rooms in numerous districts in Oakland County. They plan to continue the program to place flags in every classroom. The project to replace the flags started in 2006.

"These flags are all made in America too," Mennel said. "When we started this project they wanted to have us buy American flags made in China, and we said 'no way."

The initial donation of 2-by-3-foot flags was \$450. Anyone wishing to make a donation can call Mensel at 248-890-6396.

#### **Events**

Blood drive, American Red Cross, 9 a.m.-2:45 n.m., Dec. 2, McLaren Cancer Institute Clarkston, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Holiday Green's Market, hosted by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Purchase natural green arrangements, fresh cut greens, swags, wreaths, roping, gift items, holiday creations. 248-459-9026.

Christmas Bake Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 5, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-3038.

Holiday Book Sale, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Dec. 5; 1-5:30 p.m., Dec. 6, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, 248-625-2212.

Alexander Zonjic Holiday Concert featuring Penny Wells and Al McKenzie to benefit Clarkston's Blessing in a Backpack, 3 p.m., Dec. 6, Calvary Lutheran Evangelical Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Donations accepted.

Alternative Christmas Gift Fair and Cookies-by-the-Pound sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 5; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 6, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-<u>6</u>25-5141.

Christmas Bells are Swingin', Boston Brass, 7 p.m., Dec. 10, Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. \$25/advance, \$30/at the door, csima.band@gmail.com.

Holiday Lights Parade, 6 p.m., Dec. 12, downtown Main Street, followed by Holiday Lights Night in Depot Park. Tree lighting and message from Santa. 248-625-8223.

Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony, Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 7 p.m., Dec. 15, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-5231.

#### Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3.

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

## Around Jown

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



LIGHTS ON MAIN: The Holiday Lights Parade marches down Main Street starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12. Holiday Lights Night follows the parade in Depot Park, with a Christmas Tree lighting and message from Santa. Call 248-625-8223 for more information. File photo

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

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

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

FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road.

Fitness 4 You classes, \$5 walk-in, New Hope Bible Church, 8673 Sashabaw Road. Call Patty, 248-520-3297.

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9-11:30 a.m., \$3 drop in fee; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4 drop in fee. First Con-

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Friday, December 25

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gregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

#### Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. Dec. 8: "I Disagree!" How to Have a Healthy Argument." Free. 810-694-9351.

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

Grief Share, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, The Gathering Place, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

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.

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

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

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Eric, 248-224-2214.

## Wednesday Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Genealogical Research, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Dec. 16, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$10 per hour donation. Appointment at 248-625-8231.

#### Thursday

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

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

Individualized Computer Tutoring, second and fourth Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. 248-625-8231.

**Grief Support Group** with Coats Funeral Homes, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4301 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-Please see Around Town on page 30

## Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library? Holiday Hours Thursday, December 24

## Remember Hudson's

Tuesday, December 8 7:00 pm

Take a trip down memory lane of the iconic store. Presented by Michael Hauser. Sponsored by the Clarkston Historical Society.

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# Religion Events Preaching

## In anticipation of Christmas day

It seems to come earlier and earlier every year, doesn't it? While growing up I can remember the anticipation!

The day after Thanksgiving was the day we put up the Christmas tree,

decorated the house and baked all the cookies for the holiday season. It seemed like there were hundreds of cookies to decorate and several other varieties that would be enjoyed throughout the season.

Then, when it was all done, we would walk down to town and meet Pastor Kendall with Santa.



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What has happened? It seems like the anticipation is gone. Stores began decorating this year back in October!

Many in my neighborhood have had the lights on for several weeks. Artificial trees make it easier to set them up early and leave them up later. If you turn to the right channel on television or the right station on the radio you would have been able to listen the Christmas music for quite some time.

We have just begun a season in the Church year called Advent. It is a time of preparation and anticipation.

We are getting ready for a celebration, for a birth. It is not just any birth, be a remembrance of the birth of God's Son, love and share His hope as we look a Savior for us.

We will hear the words spoken by the angel, For to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord; and the angels, Glory tor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.

to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth! (Luke 2)

But until then we wait. We anticipate. We get ready. We don't want to hold the party before the day, do we? Too often, by the day Christmas is here, people say they are ready to take down the tree, put the decorations away and they are glad the Christmas music is done.

The truth is we should just be starting the celebration and rejoicing in God's gift to us.

So what might we do to get ready? A few suggestions would include:

· Spend extra time in worship, hearing the Word of God read and proclaimed and singing hymns and songs that focus on preparing for the Word made flesh;

· Take some time each day for family devotions. You might use four candles, lighting one each week to show that we are getting closer to the day of celebration. On Christmas day light a white candle to show that the joy and celebration has arrived!;

· Pick an Advent hymn and focus on how the words are preparing for Jesus' first (and second) coming;

Decorate a little each week.

Whatever you might do to prepare, keep the focus on preparing. And then, on Christmas day, join your voice with those around the world in celebrating God's gift, as Son, for us. Celebrate His forward to that day. As we do, to quote Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol": God bless us, everyone.

The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pas-

## In our local churches...

Christmas Story Express, A Drive-thru Christmas Experience, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Dec. 4-6, Bridgewood Church, 6765 Rattalee Lake Road. 248-625-1344. Free.

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

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. For mor einformation, call 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. Call 248-625-4644 for information.

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#### **CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston (W. of M-15, just S. of I-75) 248-625-3288 Pastor Jonathan Heierman Sunday Worship: 8:15 am, 9:30 & 11:00 am Nursery, Children & Youth at 9:30 Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-8:00 pm

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5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston (248) 394-0200 Rev. Dr. Mark Jensen Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Dream Keepers Youth Group Sunday's 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm March - May and Sept. - Nov.

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6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston 248-625-1611 Website: clarkstonumc.org Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am Nursery available for all services

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## Richard E. Brelin, 83

Richard E. Brelin of Clarkston, formerly of Mt. Clemens, passed away Nov. 30, 2015, at age 83.

He was the husband and high school sweetheart of Mary for 62 years; father of Elizabeth Berlin, Paula Perelman, Janet (Tom) Brelin-Fornari; preceded in death by daughter Donna; grandpa "Bubba" of Brandon (Sarah), Blain



(Nicole), Britney, Stephanie (David), Sara, Peter, Tessa; survived by four great grandchildren; brother of Carol Oldani, Roger (Charlene) Brelinski, Ronald (Rhonella) Brelinski.

Richard retired as an engineer after a 42 year career with Detroit Edison. His children and grandchildren could always count on him being their biggest fan.

Memorial visitation, Thursday 4-8 p.m. at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, with Rosary Service at 7 p.m. Memorial Mass Friday, Dec. 4, 2015, at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to "Our Lady of the Lakes High School" to support science labs.

Online book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

## Obituaries & . Obituaries

## Ronald LePere, 82

Ronald Roy LePere D.O., 82, formerly of Clarkston, Mich., and Marco Island, Fla., died Nov. 20, 2015, at home in Naples, Fla. He was a physician in Clarkston for 38 years, retiring in 1997.

He was born March 22, 1933, in Gonzales, Texas, and moved to Stockton, Mo., in 1936, where he worked on his family's farm and graduated from Stockton High School. He attended Central Methodist University, Fayette, Mo.,



where he played football and was graduated in 1954. He held many jobs to pay for college, including putting out forest fires in Alaska one summer. He earned his doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery degree from Kansas City College of Osteopathy and Surgery (now known as the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences - College of Osteopathic Medicine) in Kansas City, Mo., and completed his residency at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital (now known as McLaren-North Oakland) in Pontiac, Mich., where he later served as chief

of staff. He and Alfred S. Hamilton D.O. opened their general medical and surgical practice, the Clarkston Village Clinic, in Clarkston in 1959. Dr. LePere was active in the community, from co-chairing March-of-Dimes fundraising to serving in the Clarkston Rotary Club, for which he and Dr. Hamilton sometimes worked the shovel brigade, following horses in local parades. Dr. LePere also served as team physician for the Clarkston Chiefs youth football team and the Clarkston High School Wolves football team. As a community teaching faculty member for the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, he enjoyed training many medical students and resident physicians; and as a community physician, cared for nursing-home residents and made house calls. In his spare time, he obtained a pilot's license and also enjoyed carpentry, vegetable-gardening, orchid-growing, cooking, and spending time with his fam-

Dr. LePere was a member of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians, Michigan Osteopathic Association, American Osteopathic Association, the Florida Osteopathic Medicine Association, and the Oakland County (Mich.) Osteopathic Medical Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob Henry LePere D.O. and Lorine Marie (nee Taylor); brother, Roger Dick, who died of whooping cough at age 2; and nephew James Alan Groves.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Peggy Romaine (nee Angaran) LePere; children, Ronald Stephen LePere and his wife Pamela Sue (nee Pauley) of Port St Lucie, Fla., Julie LePere and her husband Christopher Francis Campe (and their daughters Miranda Josephine LePere Campe and Eleanor Rose LePere Campe) of Groveland Township, Mich., Andrew Jon LePere and his wife Michele Marie (nee Vaughan) of Sutton's Bay, Mich.; stepchildren, Dennis Dewayne Cole and his wife Patrice Maureen (nee Harvey) of Waterford, Mich., Debbie Lee Cole of Tallahassee, Fla., and Robin Lynn (nee Cole) and her husband Kelso Huffman of Naples, Fla., (and their children Matthew Mark Denison and Mitchell Davis Huffman). He also is survived by his sister, Jacqueline Marie and her husband James Groves of Naples, Fla., nephew Jack Warren (and wife Rachael) Groves of Hawaii, niece Jill Marie Groves of Marco Island, Fla., and nephew Ronald Bryan (and wife Michelle) Groves of Naples, Fla.; sister-in-law Penny Sue and her husband Denis Dudley of Naples, Fla.; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

A family service is to be scheduled in 2016. Memorial tributes may be made to AVOW Hospice, 1095 Whipporwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105 (www.avowcares.org) or to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018 (http:// support.pdf.org/).

## Ruth C. Kresge, 90

Ruth Claus Kresge of Clarkston passed away Nov. 26, 2015 at 90 years of age.

She was the loving wife of the late Walter Kresge, Sr. and the late Rev. Ralph Claus; beloved mother of Julie (the late Hugh) Ryan, Laura (Mark) Altemann, Chuck (Kerry) Claus, the late Michael Claus, Walt (Joyce) Kresge, Jr. and the late Carol DeArment;

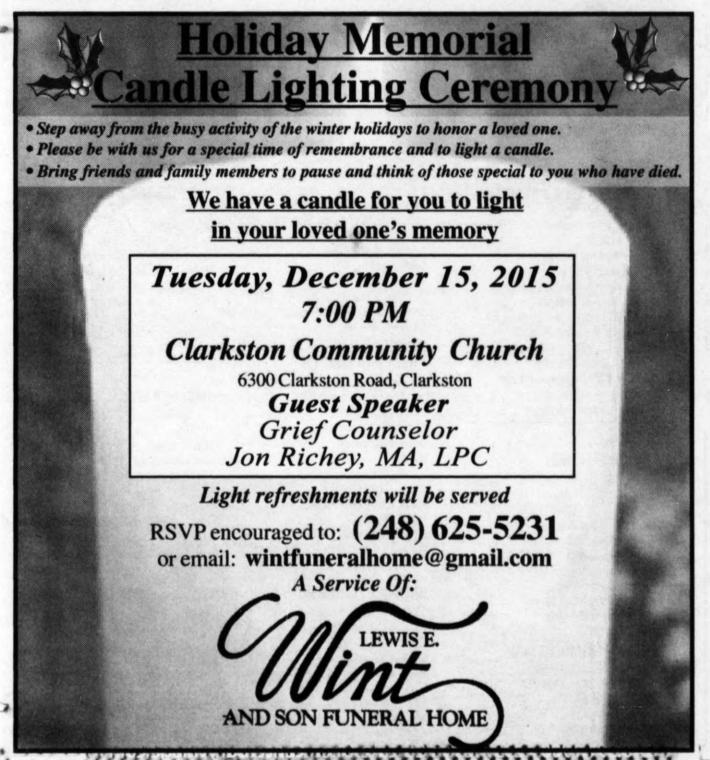


grandmother of 12; great grandmother of many; sister of the late Lillian Wahrow.

Ruth was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She was a Godly woman who was a blessing to her family and friends, and an active member of St. Trinity Church for 63

Funeral service, Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015, at 11 a.m. at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw, Clarkston. Burial follows at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Visitation was Tuesday at Coats Funeral Home -Waterford and Wednesday, 10 a.m., at the church. Memorial donations may be made to St. Trinity Lutheran Church. To send a private condolence

visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.



guest



## Music fest, concerts this weekend

Nick Lowe of Clarkston hosts the Dragonbyte Music Festival, 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, at Airway Lanes Banquet Hall.

Entry will be \$8/person, and food and beverage will be available for purchase.

The festival has been a dream of Lowe. who has his own band, The Midwestern Sky, for quite some time.

"In Oakland County, local musicians are very limited with their choice of venues," he said "I want to give bands of all sizes a chance to play."

This festival will hopefully be the first of many, he said.

The line up for Dec. 5 includes The Reckless Scamps, Underground

Arcade, Anonymous Hooligans, Stevie Frank, Conway, Sail, Stroller Coaster, Vernon, Marco Aziel, Daisy, Mike Baker, Leah and The Troublemakers, the 2015 DBS Youth Challenge Winners. There will be two stages, acoustic and amped, with performers doing at least 40-minute sets.

For more information go to : http:// dragonbyteapp.com/dbfest. Volunteers can sign up at htt://dragonbyteapp.com/dbfest/

volunteer-signup/.

The Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association hosts the Boston Brass in concert in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road, 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10.

The concert Christmas Bells are Swingin' will feature Jose Sibja on Trumpet, Jeff Conner on Trumpet, Chris Castellanos on French Horn, Domingo Pagliuca on Trombone, and Sam Pilafian on Tuba.

Boston Brass will perform classical arrangements, jazz standards, and brass quintet originals.

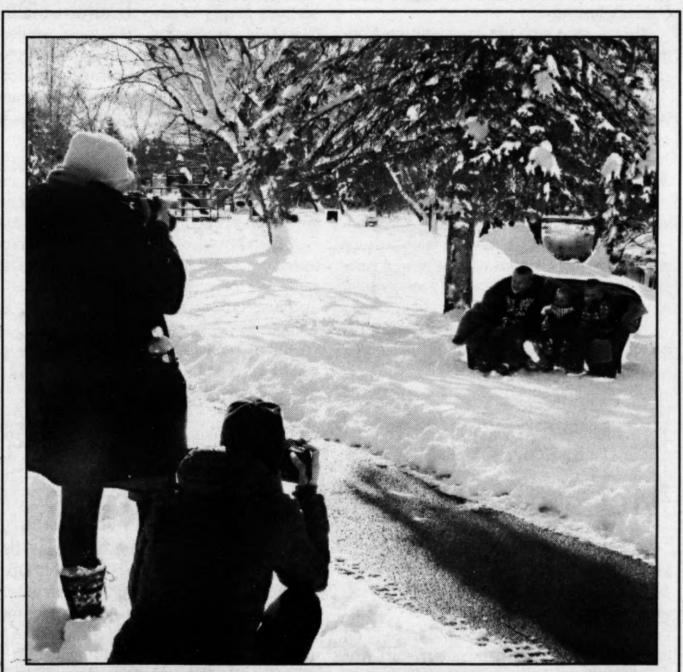
Tickets are \$25 each, and are available at www.clarkstonbandorchesta.org. Tickets the night of the concert will be \$30.

For more information, contact csima.band@gmail.com.

Jazz flute player Alexander Zonjic performs a Holiday Concert with Penny Wells and Al McKenzie, Sunday, Dec. 6, at 3 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Evangelical Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive.

All proceeds, taken as a free will offering, will benefit Clarkston's Blessing in a Backpack program.

Call 248-625-3288.



WINTER PORTRAITS: Dante and Karen Delbeke and their children Daegan, Max, and Bennet Delbeke took advantage of last week's snow for some winter family pictures in Depot Park with Birds of a Feather Photography. "Depot Park is gorgeous. We love coming here in the summer, but it's beautiful in winter as well," Karen said. Photo by Phil Custodio



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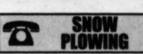
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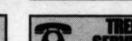
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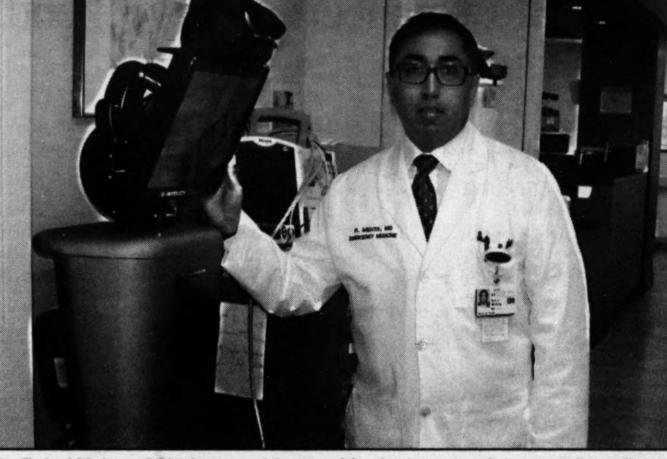




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Dr. Rahul Mehta of Clarkston, with one of St. Joe's state-of-the-art telemedicine "robots," is the new chairman of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland's Department of Emergency Medicine. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

## Local doc heads St. Joe's emergency room

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Dr. Rahul Mehta of Clarkston, MD, was named chairman of the Department of Emergency Medicine at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland last July.

"It's a good step up – recognition from the community and fellow physicians," he said. "It's something I've strived to achieve."

In his new role, Dr. Mehta is tasked with developing, implementing, and evaluating the delivery of care inside the St. Joe's emergency room, which treats more than 62,000 patients each year.

"My goal is always to strive to be better and continue to push the envelope," he said.

New, state-of-the-art technology contributes to the stroke, cardiac, senior care, and emergency services at St. Joe's, which is a Level 2 trauma center.

New emergency room designs improve patient care by offering more privacy, quiet, and efficiencies, he said.

"It's all about make the patient experience better," he said.

Dr. Mehta is also Deputy Medical Director of the Oakland County Medical authority

that oversees EMS direction and control in Oakland County. In addition, he was named president of the Oakland County Medical Society, a position he will hold for two years.

In addition to his medical career, Dr. Mehta's family is actively involved in the Clarkston community. His wife, Melissa Mehta, is a stay at home mother and director of operations at the non-profit "Choices Detroit," whose mission it is to unite and support women as they fulfill their roles in the family and society.

Together, Dr. Mehta and his wife have three children, Hannah 15, Sophie 13, and Aidan, 11. His children have been students at Everest Academy for more than a decade.

"Both my wife and I wanted our children to have a Catholic education," Dr. Mehta said. "We interviewed them and never left."

They have lived in Oakhurst in Independence Township since 2009.

"It has been a wonderful community for us. It's close to lots of things. Everything is right here, Rudy's, Kroger's, Brioni's," he said. "If we're looking for a gift, we go to Essence on Main in downtown. If you love local, buy local."

## McGrath, Winter Horizon leagues

Clarkston High School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Fife, his coaching staff, and players' **McGrath League** starts this Saturday for boys in grades 3-8.

Cost is \$115 for the first child and \$90 for an additional child from the same family. The cost includes a league basketball T-shirt.

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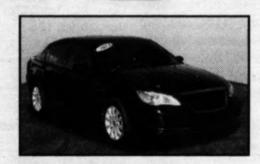
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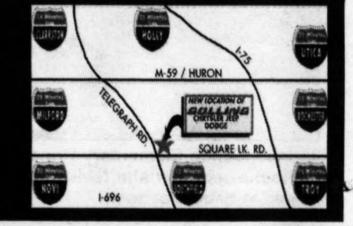
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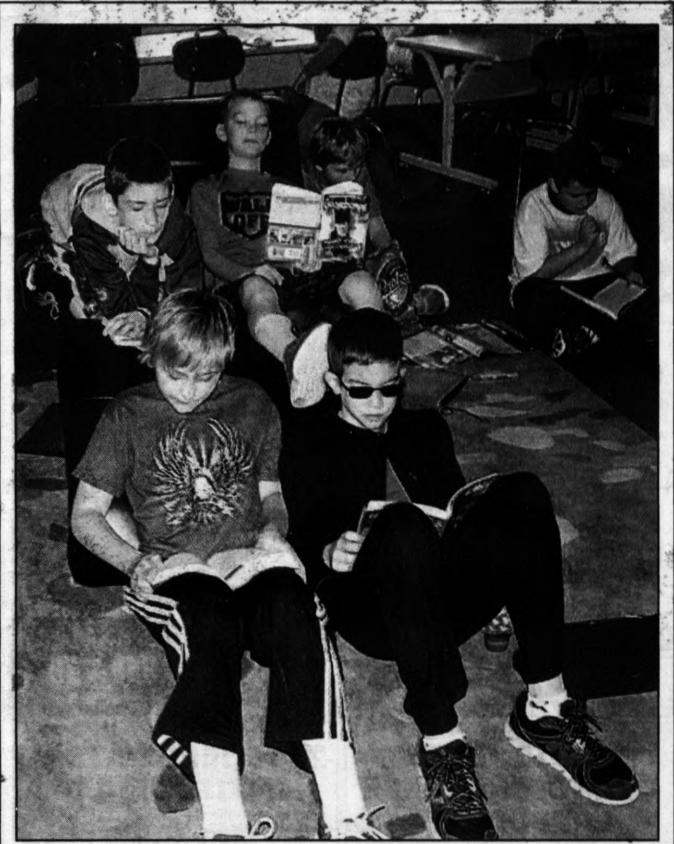
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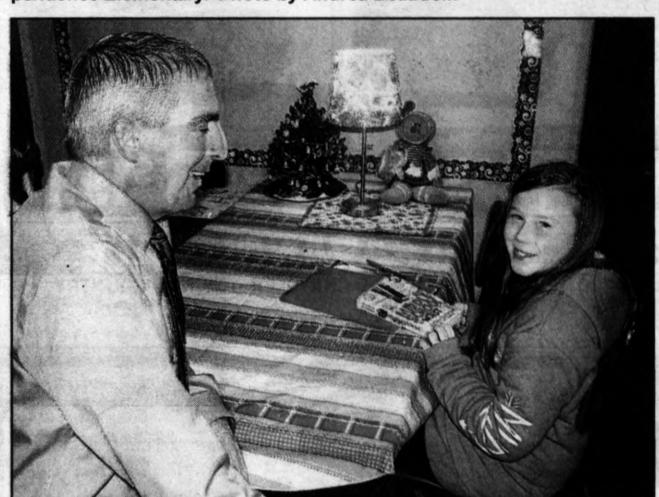
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Independence Elementary Principal Chris Turner asks student Madison Schoeneweg how she feels about a book she is reading about experiences in middle school.

## Deficit due to capital projects

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Yeager noted several positive changes in the 2016 budget including increased property values, tax collection, and building activity.

Property tax revenue increased \$45,082, state revenue sharing increased \$54,830, parks and recreation increased \$66,178 and cable fees increased \$75,000. A revenue decrease of \$203,609 was due to special assessment districts no longer active.

In total, revenues increased \$37,541 in 2016.

"We have money in the budget to fight phragmites and invasive species, we put money in the budget for spring clean-up, gravel projects and we have also put in additional money for capital projects," Yeager said.

Expenditures for administrative departments, funded by the general fund, increased a total of \$10,067 in 2016. The funding increase was allocated for every township department except the clerk, supervisor, treasurer and board of review.

Yaeger noted a \$53,000 decrease in the clerk's department. The township building department funding decreased over \$90,000, because the department had more staff budgeted in 2015 budget than needed.

The elections budget will increase \$91,000 in 2016 due to more elections, Yaeger said.

Expenditures in total are up over \$715,000. Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said some of those expenses are for loans for water and sewer projects.

"In 2016 we are going to be coming in with a deficit (of \$678,000)," Yaeger said, due to funding budgeted for capital projects.

"I know it's hard to come up with all the right answers here, but we have \$355,000 for extra capital for the Capital Improvement Plan, \$50,000 budgeted for roads, \$7,500 for cemetery equipment we need to purchase," he said.

Yaeger presented financial reports for each department.

"In 2016, we are seeing a reduction in our fund balance, but the year following, the fund balance is slated to grow," he said.

However, that money is already earmarked, said Trustee Andrea Schroeder.

"Our fund balance is growing because we have not plugged in the cost of planned projects," Schroeder said.

A \$600,000 project for a safety path near Independence Oaks is included in the 2016 budget, which accounts for a major part of the deficit.

"We have to start picking off bigger projects," trustee Ron Ritchie said.

Under state law, the budget must be adopted by the end of the year. The final 2016 budget will be adopted at a township meeting in December.

## **Around Town**

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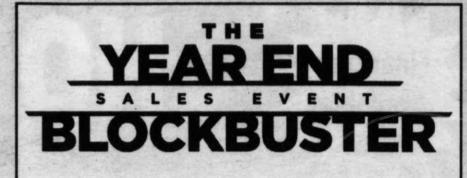
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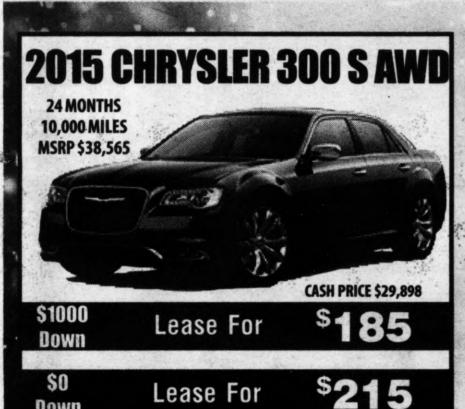




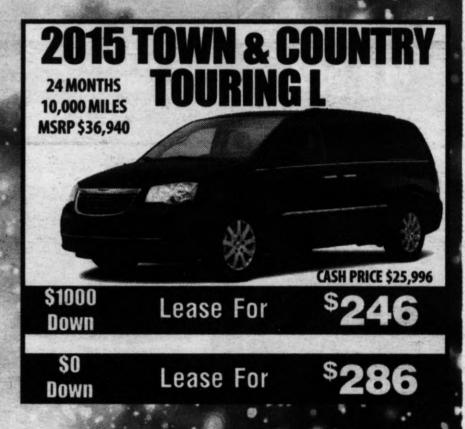
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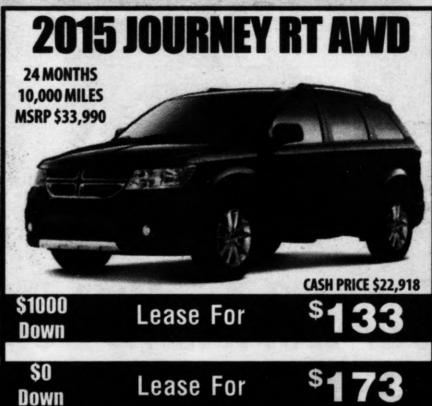
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