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Susan Reddy channels her inner Santa on Main Street during the Goodfellows newspaper fund raiser for Clarkston Rotary Club's Shoes for Kids program. She volunteered with her husband Jeff and daughter Alissa. Photo by Phil Custodio



Volunteers needed for Habitat home

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Santa and Cupid the reindeer made an early visit to Clarkston to help raise money to build a home for a family in need.

John Williamson, owner of Great Lakes Ace Hardware on Sashabaw Road, hosted the fund raiser last Friday for My Habitat Clarkston.

"Habitat is such a great organization and it does such great things for the community, I am happy to help," Williamson said.

The home on Everest Drive in Independence Township was a forfeiture and tax-foreclosure property. Volunteers are still needed to help finish the project. Various skills are needed. Volunteer Julie Nemeth said volunteers are needed to help get the home ready

before Christmas.

Volunteers can sign up at the Habitat for Humanity Oakland County site at habitatoakland.org.

Calvary Lutheran Church, Chase Plastics, Clarkston Community Church, Clarkston State Bank and Nemeth Marketing have partnered with Habitat on the project. Williamson is also collecting donations at Ace Hardware for Habitat through December at registers.

My Habitat Clarkston is a grassroots movement of Clarkston-area residents, community organizations, churches and businesses committed to building a better "habitat" for all by collaboratively and voluntarily participating in community-based service projects.



BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Rotarians and friends enjoyed sunny weather for the Goodfellow newspaper drive last weekend.

"It was fantastic," said Joel DeLong, Rotary president. "The weather was ideal for this time of year."

The Woodshop and Clarkston Union provided a place to meet and Mac and

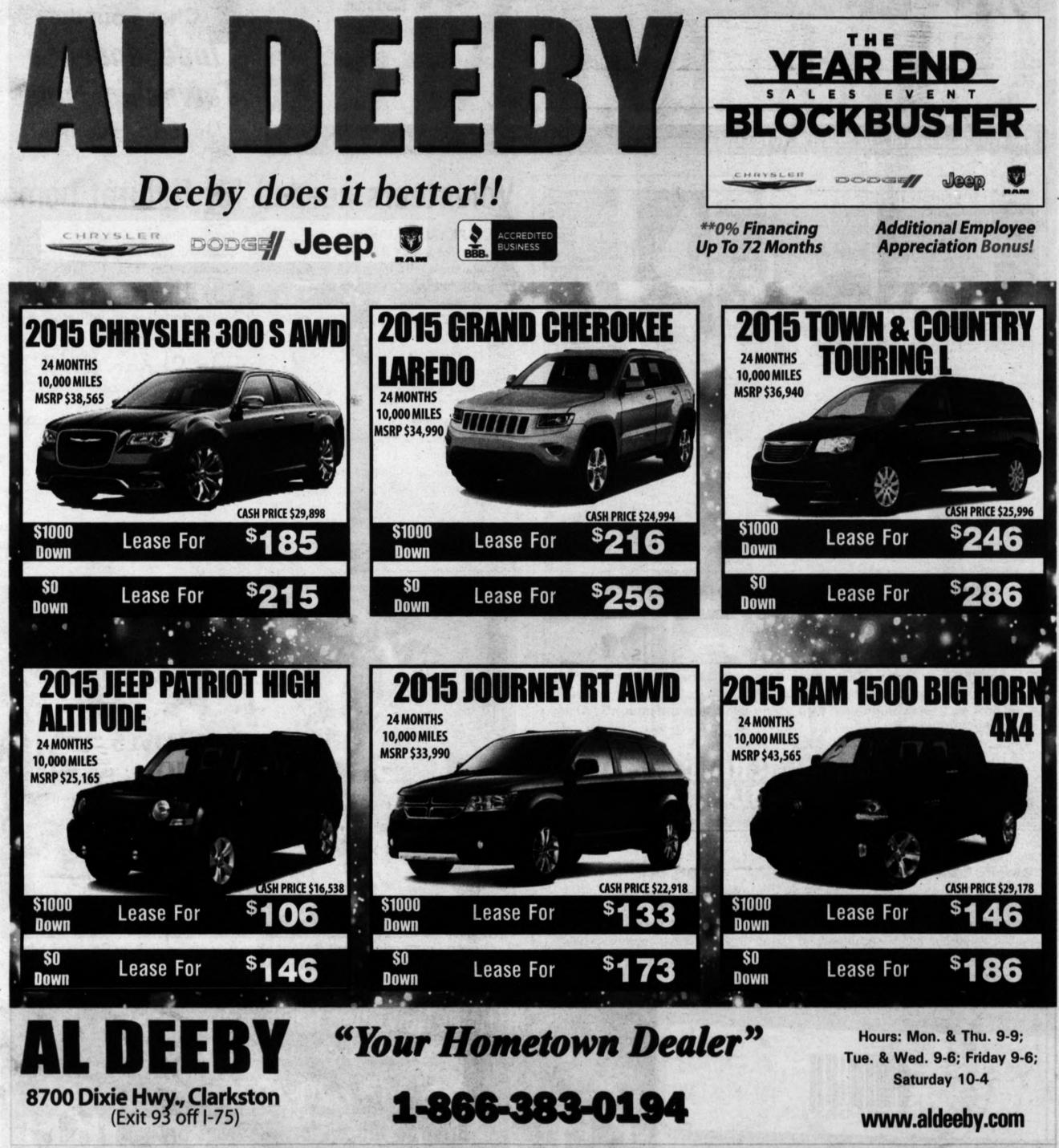
Cheese for the volunteers.

"This was their first time volunteering - they went above and beyond," DeLong said.

All proceeds from sale of the Goodfellow newspaper, which was produced by Don Rush of The Clarkston News, go to this weekend's Shoes for Kids program, providing shoes, winter Please see Sale on page 3

Santa and his reindeer visit Great Lakes Ace on Sashabaw Road for a good cause last Friday. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin





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A motorist offers a donation to volunteer Susan Reddy. Photos by Phil Custodio

Sale funds Shoes for Kids

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boots, hats, and mittens or gloves to local children in need.

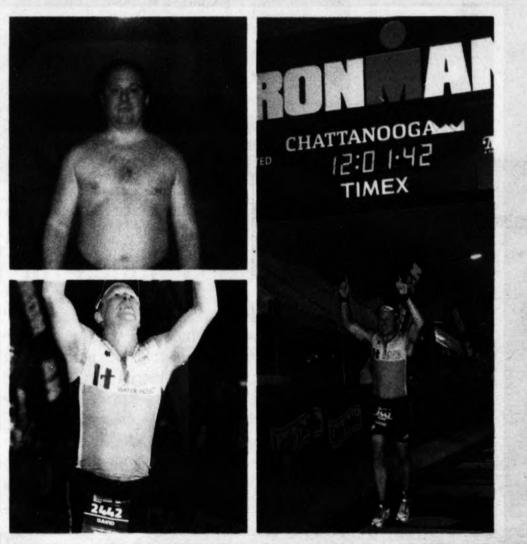
This year, more than 300 kids are signed up for the program, 9 a.m. to about 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, at Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road. During the day, food and drinks will be available for volunteers. Set-up is Friday, Dec. 11, from 5 p.m. to about 8:30 p.m.

Several two-hour shifts for volunteers are still open, especially in the afternoon. Go to Clarkstonrotary.org to sign up.



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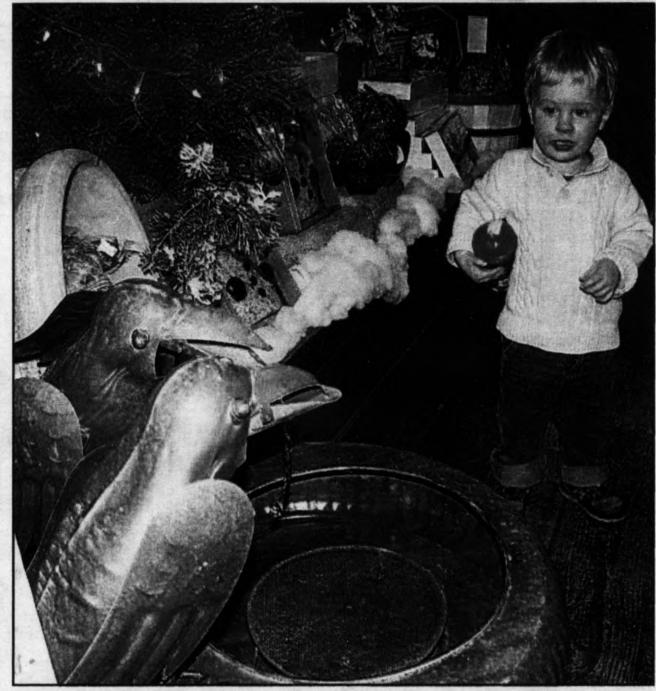
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RIVETING RAVENS: Little Nolan was intrigued by copper birds and the water flowing through them while his family was shopping at The Gateway on N. Main Street. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

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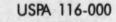
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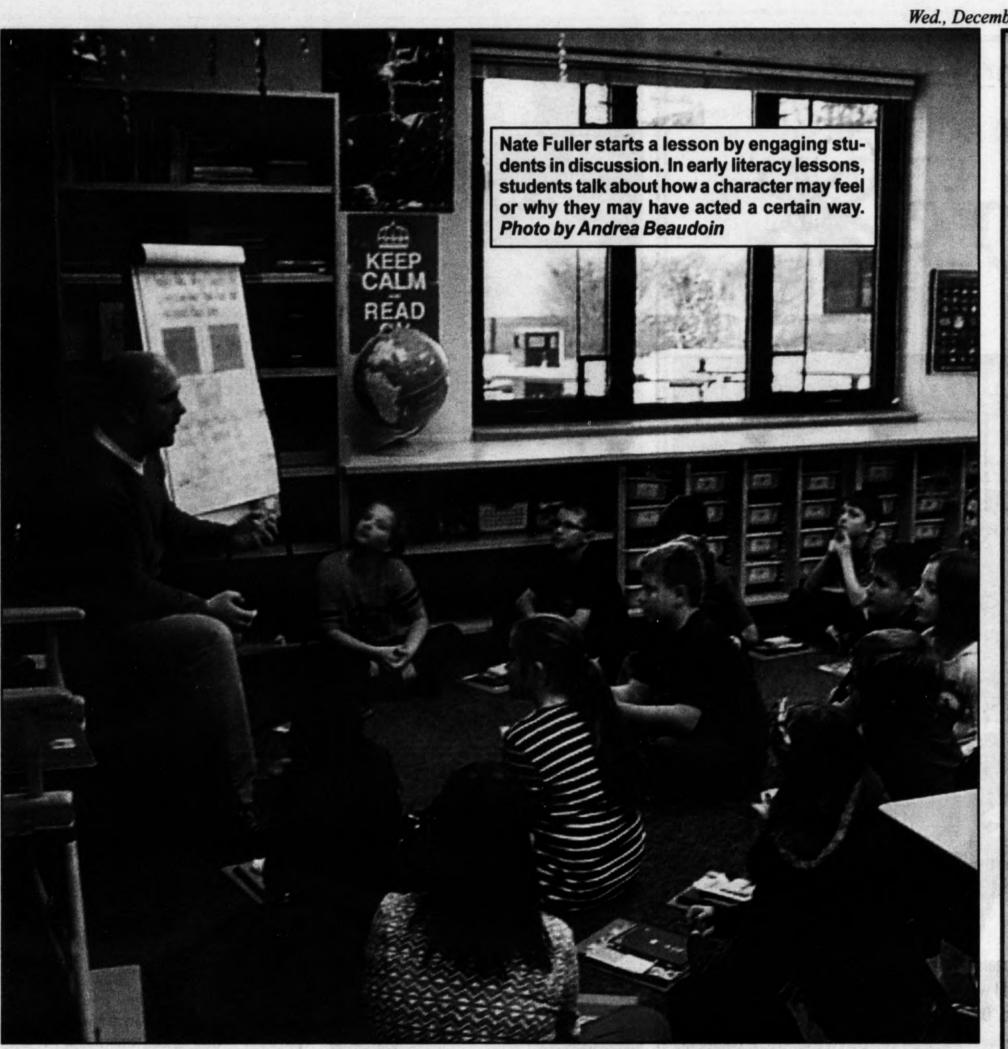
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Briefly

Holiday Lights Parade

Team RUSH hosts the 2015 Holiday Lights Parade through downtown Clarkston, this Saturday, Dec 12.

Line up at Renaissance High School on Waldon Road at 4 p.m.

Float judging is from 4:45-5:25 p.m. Award categories include Most Creative, Best Use of Theme, Best Holiday Spirit, Best of Use of Music, Best Overall Parade Entry, and Clarkston School Pride.

The theme is Robots Invade the Holiday Lights Parade

The parade starts at 6 p.m., heading north on Main Street and ending at St. Dan's church.

Lights Night

Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors hosts Holiday Lights Night 2015 after the Holiday Lights Parade, Saturday, Dec. 12.

The free event in Depot Park includes a tree lighting ceremony, special message from Santa, entertainment, Christmas carols, free hot cocoa and cookies, live reindeer, and letter writing to Santa.

Clarkston Area Optimist Club is offering hot dogs for \$2 and brats for \$3.

For more information, call 248-625-8223 or visit www.itpr.org.

Bells concert

Classical Bells and the Shoreline Sounds will perform a concert of holiday music on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m. at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

The Classical Bells are bell ringers from around southeast Michigan. They

New programs to increase reading skills

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community School's Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock has several goals this school year, and administrators like K-5 Literacy Director Phyllis Ness are working on curriculum and tools to accomplish those goals.

One of Rock's goals is to have 75 percent of third graders able to read high frequency words. Ness explained one method to teach literacy to students in grades K-5 is the "best practice" initiative, implemented this school year to increase communication skills in elementary students.

The new initiative focuses on various activities and methods used by teachers to increase students reading and writing skills.

"Teachers are monitoring and evaluating

students daily through meaningful assessment," Ness said. "It allows us to know exactly where students are for each lesson."

Students are assessed continuously by using a system known as "running records."

Teachers access a website providing teaching and assessment tools to collect student data and progress, Ness said.

The site also has various kinds of data collection teachers can use which when combined with teaching practices help tell a students whole story.

Even if they are in the same grade, students are at different literacy levels. Ness said using the tools allow teachers to take a constant snapshot of a student's progress.

"It also helps teachers know if there are

difficulties," she added.

Ness said an example of data collection is each day students come in and write down how much they read the night before.

"If the teacher sees they have read a lot of pages, it can tell us if the student is really interested in the book, and it's just right for their level," she explained. "It may even tell us if a book is too easy. We want students to have books just right for their level."

The superintendent's goals also include increasing fifth-grade, end-of-year math assessment scores. By June 2016, Rock's goal is to show a three percent increase in the overall performance. Data collected in 2014-2015 showed CCS averaged 57 percent.

Several new math initiatives are being implemented district-wide.

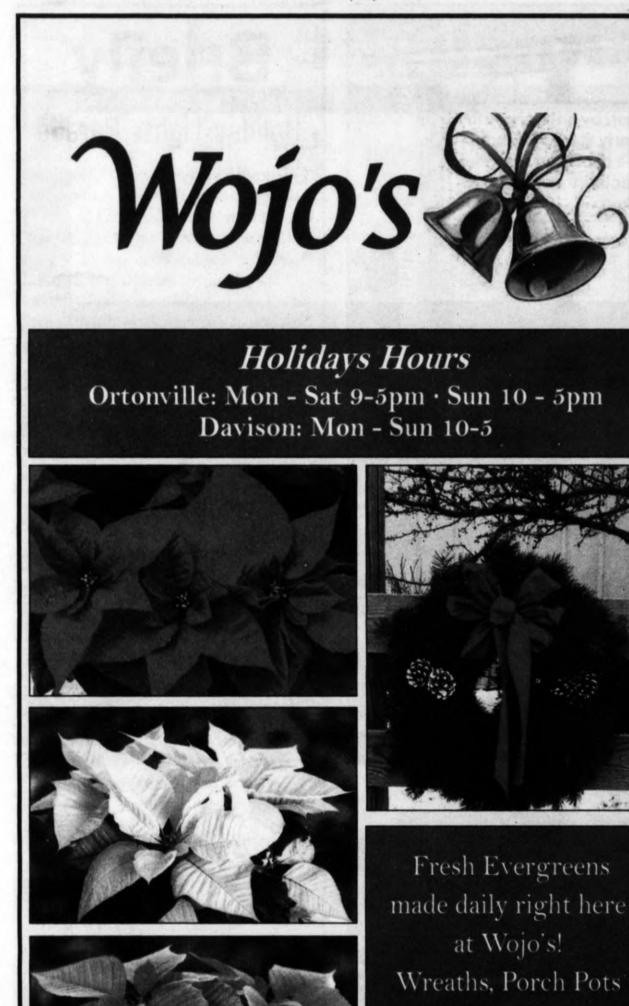
will be joined by the Shoreline Sound, which is an award winning Sweet Adelines group with a repertoire of seasonal, traditional, spiritual, and old fashioned "chord busting" barbershop music. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.

Senior lunch

Springfield Township Parks and Recreation hosts a 50+ Lunch, 12 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10, at Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway, Davisburg.

Entertainment will be provided by the Holly High School Show Choir. Cost is \$5. For more information, please call the office at 248-846-6558

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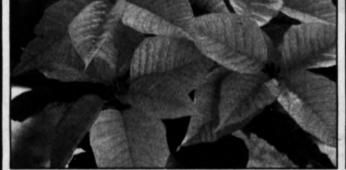
Challenge Girls' Club members from Everest Academy collected two carloads of clothes, shoes, and personal-care supplies for Lighthouse.



Girls on a mission

Everest Academy's fifth grade Challenge Girls' Club included the entire Clarkston community in a service project benefiting the Lighthouse of Oakland County.

They went around downtown Clarkston, Nov. 5-19, and asked businesses if they would put up signs promoting the clothing drive. Two businesses, Healthquest and the Real Estate One/Max Brook, agreed to be drop-off locations. In the span of one week, the community filled two large boxes with clothes and shoes. The girls then ran a toiletries drive in their school, in which they again filled two large boxes with shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, and other personal care items.



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The students deliver donations to Lighthouse. Photos provided

On Nov. 19, the girls loaded the items into two cars and brought them to Lighthouse on Sashabaw Road, and helped to unload and sort them.

Challenge Club is for girls in grades 5-8, led by high school team leaders and supported by volunteer moms and the consecrated women of Regnum Christi. The Everest Academy club is one among many within southeastern Michigan. For more information about the Challenge program, contact Yvonne Fontaine at 248-860-4158.



MAKING A LIST: Santa and his reindeer are coming to town, and they are stopping at The Gateway, Dec. 20, from 12-4 p.m. The event is free, but visitors are asked to bring an unwrapped toy donation for Toys for Tots. The Gateway is located at 7150 Main Street in Clarkston. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

Enrollment time for insurance

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

With the end of the year comes open enrollment season for health insurance.

Five years since Obamacare was created, insurance websites created by state and federal governments are getting easier to navigate and consumers are becoming more informed about choices, said Dave Smith, State Farm insurance agent in Clarkston.

But the process is still complicated. Even if you are using an insurance agent, get informed beforehand, Smith advises.

not turn the plan down and get government tax credits or help paying insurance premiums.

Those offered insurance at work can use government websites, but will pay full price unless insurance offered by their employer does not meet certain standards.

Plans vary by co-pay and deductibles and offer more coverage for specific services.

Licensed insurance agents can help clients navigate health insurance plans, but the same information is available online at healthcare.gov. There, individuals, families, and small businesses can sign up and see if they qualify for tax credits and financial assistance for help with insurance premiums.



"If consumers are not informed, the process may take hours. I recommend spending an hour or two getting up to speed and learning about health insurance. An informed consumer is more valuable to themselves," Smith said.

The government Health Market Exchange, found at healthcare.gov, was created for U.S. citizens not currently insured to sign up for health insurance. Those already enrolled in Medicaid or Medicare program cannot use the Health Insurance Marketplace to switch plans, supplement insurance, or join a dental plan.

Penalties for not enrolling in a health plan are 2.5 percent of income, or \$695 per adult and \$347 per child, whichever is greater. To avoid fines and receive credits, consumers must sign up by Jan. 31.

According to the Affordable Care Act, Obamacare, if insurance offered by your employer is considered "affordable," you canHealth insurance purchased through the government marketplace must cover certain services such as preventative care, pre-existing conditions, dental, birth control, breastfeeding and mental health services.

Low-income individuals and families can get help with insurance costs. Dec. 15 is the last day to sign up to be covered by Jan. 1, and Jan. 31 is the last day to sign up for 2016 unless you have a life change, or lose health coverage.

Those qualifying for assistance can get a Premium Tax Credit, offered in advance to help residents make premium payments, or other financial help.

For more information, check Healthcare.gov, Healthinsurance.org, and Enrollmichigan.com.

Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Books for future

I opened my Facebook account on the Sunday following Thanksgiving and was saddened by what I saw on my newsfeed.

Pictures of charred pieces of wood from the Little Free Library along with a ribbon tied to the door and a sign saying "closed."

Someone had set fire to the Little Free Library in Depot Park. The small structure burned as well as the books inside.

It's the season of giving, not taking

away. Yes, I was fired up when I saw the post. I love and enjoy books and the written word. So much adventure awaits in pages of a book.



The community outpoured with support for the library.

The responses when

we shared the post on The Clarkston News' Facebook page and the original post on the Depot Park LFL page were amazing. Many were shocked and a lot wanted to help out. Even my aunt in California volunteered to donate books.

Out of those who wanted to help, Michigan Made League reached out and on Saturday posted on Facebook their progress on making repairs to the wooden structure.

Hopefully as you come downtown this Saturday for the the Holiday Lights parade, you can stop by and visit - leave a book, take a book, but most of all enjoy the tiny library.

There are two Little Free Libraries in downtown Clarkston, in Depot Park and on Main Street, both were built and filled by Girl Scout Troop 13363 from Clarkston

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Your donation of a one-year subscription to the Clarkston News helped us in achieving operating funds for our non-profit organization. Our event was a successful undertaking on many levels, but clearly it

Many thanks again for sponsoring the

With your generosity, we not only had a

wonderful event but were also able to donate

was an opportunity for preservation minded folks to gather together and celebrate a cause for the land.

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with you again for our fourth annual race on

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Springfield Plains named a Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School" Springfield Plains Elementary parents found out their children were attending one of the 22 elementary schools selected as Blue Ribbon Exemplary Schools in the state of Michigan.

"Icers shut out Kettering" Nine Wolves registered points and Clarkston scored eight goals in an 8-0 shut out against Waterford Kettering. They scored three goals in both the second and third period.

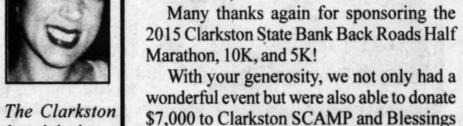
"Family history plays a big part in holiday traditions for the Smiths" The more things change, the more things stay the same around Elaine-Field Smith's Springfield Township home during the holiday season. One of the customs was the Navity scene that is a part of her home.

25 years ago - 1990

"School site tested; Feb. 11 election set" The Clarkston Board of Education took two steps toward the creation of a new Clarkston High School. They set a special election date for February and also passed a resolution calling for an examination of the proposed high school siste on the intersection of Flemings Lake and Clarkston roads.

"Life with the Springfield quintuplets" The L'Esperance family of Springfield Township shared their experience of the past three years as parents of quintuplets which included hard work but a lot of fun as well.

"CJHS take second in statewide Knowledge Bowl" A 12-person team from Clarkston Junior High School used its collective brain power for second-place honors among Michigan middle schools in the Knowledge Bowl.



Junior High School.

I have started my own little library with help from friends and family. When we had the baby shower for our future son I sent out library cards (actual library cards. I know a librarian who gave me the website for library supplies. I think the drool is still on the screen of my laptop.)

While searching on Pinterest, I found a cute poem to put on library cards. "One small request which won't be too hard, please bring a book instead of a card. Baby JD will be smart indeed. If we start early, he will learn how to read."

I did feel odd requesting a book for the baby since people were already bringing gifts, but when my best friend had her shower, she didn't get any books.

JD did get really lucky because he even received his own illustrated copy of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, with a matching onesie from his Aunt Jilly.



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SMILE OF THE WEEK: Julia Rahmin checks out gift ideas while shopping at The Gateway in Clarkston. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Write a Letter to the Editor

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50 years ago - 1965

"House severly damaged by early morning blaze" A 10 a.m. blaze caused extensive damage to a home on Stevens Road in Clarkston. It started between partitions and was blamed on an electrical wiring problem.

"Local State Police receive awards" Clarkston residents Detective Edward E. Seath and Trooper Robert W. Hagstrom of the State Police Pontiac Post received honorable mention awards for meritous service.

"Local news" Robert Swartz, son of the Rudolph Swartz's of Clarkston, returned home after serving two years in the Army.

From plowing snow to bashing government

From the Jim's Jotting Archives. This column was first published on Dec. 10, 2008

So far this fall I've got on my little John Deere tractor, snow blade in place, and pushed the snow aside twice.

It wasn't so long ago I'd complain to myself, bemoaning the task at hand . . . that of clearing the driveway, steps and sidewalk of snow.

Nowadays I've come to an understanding with Mother Nature. She provides the need for me to get off my duff, and I look favorably on the task at hand.

It's great to be at that stage in life when what used to be a chore becomes something to be enthused about, when a previously dreaded obligation turns into a time of enjoyment and when some job you were forced to do can now be looked forward to as a pleasure.

I find myself singing Christmas carols, not out loud, even as a pine tree branch lets go of its snow buildup. Being pain-free and wellrested helps set a mood, but bright snow, colorful birds and an occasional whitetail walking through elevates the feeling.

I feel for the folks who have convinced themselves to hate winter and taken to the south. For me this season is like the song that goes in part: "What a glorious time of the

this great quote in 30 years, but I love it: "You can have money piled to the ceiling, but the size of your funeral is still going to depend on the weather." Here's a quote from the

late Walter Winchell: "Hollywood is a place where they shoot too many pictures and not enough actors." - - - 0 - - -

"This country has come to feel the same when Congress is in session as when the baby gets hold of a hammer."- Will Rogers

At this writing our government has made

no decision on our auto makers request for loans. But, at this writing those elected officials in Washington have let us all know how they feel about our auto makers.

Never mind they forced fuel engineering changes on the companies without scientific proof autos were causing even an unusually high percentage of damage to our environment.

Never mind they forced changes in production to vehicles that were both unwanted by the public and unprofitable. The grandstanding electeds spent their time trying to ridicule the biggest names in the auto industry.

"You flew here in your private jets instead of crawling here, bowing before us and singing our praises. We demand respect! We are your superiors! You are peons, we are kings," they shouted.

Of course, these DC interviewers are exactly what they showed themselves to be. Arrogant, show offs, tactless, indecent and not very smart.

I was embarrassed by the actions of these

representatives of our government for the image they displayed to the rest of the world.

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I think, most of us with telephones are contacted for money by numerous organizations. Police associations, food banks, child feeders, elderly, churches, welfare providers, service clubs, etc. find ways to contact us all for donations.

Most are good, maybe they all are.

However, doubts about giving away our money arise whenever we're told of embezzlements that take place within these organizations.

How can we be sure our "hard earned money" (as politicians like to say whole campaigning) is going to the people who we wish to support?

Of course, we can't, and that doubt probably isn't very charitable on my part.

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"The time to save is now. When a dog gets a bone, he doesn't go out and make a down payment on a bigger bone. He buries the bone he's got." - Will Rogers

Lighten up, even if you don't put lights up

To all the Scrooges out there -- stop being cranky! To all the Grinches out there -- take five from your grumpiness!

To all those smarty old snooties with their beaks in the air (and you know who you are, you who are too high and mighty to enjoy a little goodwill and peace) smile some, you'll feel better.

It's time folks just lighten up. With my very own fair-to-middlin'-sized ears, I've heard way too many folks complain:

"They're playing Christmas music

Christmas, all the time radio stations to start up again. For most of the year I listen exclusively to WJR, 97.1 and NPR on my car radio presets.

All year, I also have a preset for the Christmas music station. In my office, I hook up to one of the internet Christmas music providers. Soon, I'll dust off my own collection of Christmas compact discs and start playing them.

The gift of Christmas is it spreads sunshine even in our darkest hours. Elvis once sang a song, "wishing every day was like Christmas." I think it would be a nicer world, were it so.

So, open up your heart and warm up to the season (if you don't it'll just be as cold inside as it is out).

Star Liquor Store in Dearborn was bought. The winning ticket numbers are 10-21-23-26-28. That ticket is worth \$50,000;

• On May 7, 2015 somebody bought a Luck for Life Ticket at Motor City Liquor in Detroit. That ticket is worth \$25,000 a year for life! Those numbers, 4-14-19-26-40, Lucky Ball 6;

 And on June 18, somebody bought a Fantasy 5 ticket from the Tyrone Party Store in Fenton, with the winning numbers 10-18-23-26-34. That ticket is worth a paultry \$243,497.

You only have a year from the drawing date to claim your prize. If you have a winning ticket, call the Lottery



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Jim's

a column by **Jim Sherman**

year." - - - 0 - - -**Jottings** I don't believe I've used

already . . . "

"I can't stand it. As soon as Halloween is over they're putting up Christmas decorations in the stores."



"I hate Christmas commercials!"

I am here to testify, brothers and sis-

ters, I like all the hustle and bustle. The earlier the better. Can I get an amen? Hallelujah, praise the Lord and pass the eggnog (which has been for sale now since October.)

I've been reborn in this sense. I used to get up on my soapbox, moan and groan about the capitalistic evil of it all. But, I have seen the light. Call me kooky, but I like the idea of Christmas.

The celebrated day of Jesus' birth -- whether you believe or not -- has the potential to bring out the best in all. I've put aside the commercialism of Christmas.

Now, I view television commercials selling their products with a smile just before I change the station. It is a nice sentiment to see somebody giving a gift to another, even if they are all actors getting paid for the gig.

I'm one of those saps who couldn't wait for the all

Speaking of Christmas at the end of this column there's an early gift for somebody -- actually several somebodies. This past weekend I went to the Michigan Lottery website to see if some slips of paper I had purchased were worth anything.

I don't gamble much, money is too hard to come by. But once in a while I'll throw in a dollar or two, because, well, it's for the children. Right? And, if it's for the children, even gambling on our children's education is okay. Isn't it?

At any rate I went to the archived section of past winning lottery numbers. My three tickets from the last three months earned me no extra income.

But I was able to find out that in the past year four winning lottery tickets were purchased locally -- and not redeemed. That means there's over \$300,000 in prize money just collecting dust.

I don't know about you, but a few extra big ones in the old bank account right about now would be nice .

Here's the info:

• On Nov. 28, 2014, a Fantasy 5 ticket bought at the Five

Public Relations office at 517-373-1237. And, then give us a call. It'd be a good story.

Readers may recall a column asking you to be nice on Dec. 4, in memory of Zach Finn. The Good Deeds for Zach movement was a success. This note from Zach's parents, Dan and Teena (gleaned from Facebook.):

"Zach left behind a legacy of light, and happiness. He's thought of with smiles. Though his time here was much too short, it was packed with so much positivity and joy, that he will live on forever in the hearts of all of us. We are never promised a tomorrow. Make every moment count, and leave behind a legacy of love.

"To everyone who participated ... I just want to take a moment to say THANK YOU! Y'all are the best friends anyone could ask for. Your kindness, generosity, compassion, and love helped turn a sad day into a beautiful one that I will remember forever. I wish I could hug every single person who took the time to honor Zach, and show you just how much it means. Thank you isn't nearly enough. I love you all."

HomeTown Experts Answer Your Questions Monthly

Orthodontics



Q. What is the purpose of the first orthodontic consultation?

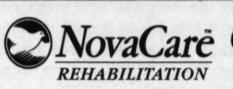
A. The goal of the first visit is to evaluate your dental condition or that of your child and to make recommendations about preventing problems from appearing, intercepting problems already developing and correcting conditions already present. We will try to answer all your

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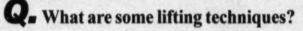
questions and tell you if treatment is indicated and if so, what are the treatment options, their duration, and cost. www.munkorthodontics.com

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Rehabilitation



A. The following are examples of different lifting techniques. The basic squat lift: stand close to object, squat down, keeping the back straight, grasp the item, tighten your stomach muscles and stand up. The 1/2 kneel lift: stand close to object, squat down on one knee, pick up item, and slide up onto thigh, tighten stomach muscles and stand cradling the object against your body. The golf pickup: keeping back straight, pivot at the hips, while extending one leg straight behind as you reach down to pick up object. Swing the straight leg back down.

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Legal

Nutrition



Q. Where can I get calcium from if I don't like milk?

A. 2% greek yogurt and cheese are high in calcium. Non-dairy options include almond milk, cashew milk both contain 50% more calcium then milk, canned sardines, Salmon with bone, ocean perch, collard greens, spinach, kale, white beans and molasses. www.NuviewNutrition.com

Cindy Crandell R.N Functional Medicine Nutritionist **Lifestyle Educator**

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Specialized Healthcare

Q: My mom just moved into a Nursing Home. Despite her decline in health she still likes to stay busy. How are the activities chosen for those living in a Care Center?

A: Activities are chosen for a number of reasons. Some are requested by the residents; we have Healthcare a session once a month where the residents sit with the activities staff and talk about what they would like on their upcoming activity calendar. The month and season plays a role as well; for example since we are in holiday season, we have activities such as cookie decorating, singing Christmas carols, and a holiday party. For summer we may have a Luau or outdoor themed activities like going for a walk or a wheelchair relay race. Some come to our Center and asked about things they enjoy doing or would like to learn how to do. Finally, activities are also chosen for the health benefits to our residents. For example playing cards, painting, or doing crafts can help our residents keep their cognitive abilities sharp, help with their fine motor skills, and it also gives them a social aspect as they can socialize while they are particiapting.



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Q. Holidays are for the kids...Have you planned for their college?

A. The gift of an education lasts a lifetime. Holidays are an ideal time to learn more about the potential benefits of a college savings plan. Call me, your neighbor in Clarkston, with guestions. We can meet here in town or at your home and talk about the best way to plan for the children in your life.

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Q: Can TMJ pain be elimnated without surgery and medication?

A: Absolutely. In most cases surgery and medication are unnecessary. In order to properly treat TMJ dysfunction and chronic pain, we must first be able to diagnose the underlying "root cause" of the problem. This may be slightly different from one individual to the next. Many patients with TMJ pain experience a multitude of complex symptoms such as: clicking or popping in their jaw, clenching, grinding, headaches, migraines, neck aches, dizziness, and unresolved ear pain. It is very important to see a qualified dentist who has comprehensive TMJ training and technology. Treating the actual problem, and not just the symptoms is essential for long term pain relief and proper jaw function.

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Marketing Q: What makes a good print ad?

A: Remember you have a nano second to catch somebody's attention ... so with that in mind you need: a strong, headline, catchy graphic, compelling, benefits ladden copy, a great offer and a call to action. Also, don't cram a phone book's worth of info onto a postage stamp size. Remember this, White space Rocks! Each month I will offer tips on your marketing questions. If you can't wait, and need help email me, Don@ShermanPublications.org



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LOOKING FOR GIFT IDEAS: John Williamson, owner of Great Lakes Ace on Sashabaw Road, shows a young lady gift ideas for Christmas. Williamson explained popular gifts for this holiday season are Craftsman tools and grills. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

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Bill Hussong

Q_ What is most important before I begin my kitchen remodel project?

A. Your kitchen is an investment in your home, your life. So spend some time educating yourself so you have a general idea of what you want before you meet with your contractor. Hire an experienced and reliable contractor with high standards. On who has an excellent track record. You should feel confident he or she will do the job that you envision.

For more information, or to set up an appointment, call Bill Hussong at Custom Millworks at 248-627-4849 or visit my website at www.custommillinc.com

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Suspended license

A 53-year-old Flint man was cited for driving with a suspended license after getting into a traffic accident on Sashabaw Road at Clarkston Road, 2:44 p.m., Nov. 25.

Intoxicated after lunch

A 50-year-old Oxford man was cited for having an open bottle of alcohol in public, 4:19 p.m., Nov. 30, in the 5000 block of Woodcreek Drive. He was part of a crew working in the subdivision on fall clean up when he was found to be intoxicated. Deputies found him yelling profanities in front of a client's residence. He was found with a half bottle of vodka in his lunch cooler.

Out of misery

A deputy used his sidearm to put an injured deer out of its misery on Sashabaw Road near Pine Knob Road, 6:51 a.m., Dec. 1.

Men injured in fall

A 47-year-old Center Line man and 49year-old Inkster man were working on a roof in the 7000 block of Devins Ridge when they fell off, 3:09 p.m., Nov. 30. The Inkster man was on a ladder resting on a 2-by-6 when it broke, causing him and the other man, who was on another 2-by-6, to fall. The Inkster man was unconscious briefly, but both men were alert and talking with paramedics when a deputy arrived. They were taken to McLaren Pontiac for treatment.

Warrant pick up

A deputy picked up a 26-year-old Detroit man at the Detroit Detention Center on a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County, 5:24 p.m., Dec .3.

Call the Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP



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Workers load up the Oakland County Sheriff's Office's M113 armored personel carrier after it was recalled by the federal government. *Photo provided* Sheriff says APC loss makes county less safe

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is short one M113 armored personnel carrier after it was recalled by the federal government.

The tracked vehicle was among surplus military equipment provided to local law enforcement agencies for emergency situations. President Barack Obama's Executive Order 13688 includes provisions to restrict distribution of the equipment, in response to concerns about "militarization" of police. The recall will leave law enforcement less prepared and at a disadvantage in active shooter, terror, and other dangerous situations, said Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

"As recent events have shown, acts of terror and active shooters in the homeland are real and tangible," Bouchard said. "We hope and pray to never have one of these situations but in our business hope is not a strategy. Preparation is."

- Phil Custodio

Sporting News **Dominant in first quarters**

Who is the next AOW? Nominate your favorite athlete by contacting Wendi at 248-625-3370 or at clarkstonnews@gmail.com

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Cagers set fire to the basketball court in their opening week as they kept their opponents to under 30 points.

"We showed off our pressure defense," said Christine Rogers, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball.

The Lady Wolves defeated Davison 60-29 in their home opener on Friday night. They took control of the scoreboard, scoring the first three buckets of the game.

After Davison scored two points, senior Kayla Russell added one more to the score with 2:09 left in the quarter.

On the defensive end, sophomore Kayla Luchenbach blocked the Cardinal's throw. Davison was blocked again as Russell grabbed possession of the ball and passed it to sophomore Molly Nicholson, who went on to score.

With four seconds remaining in the quarter, senior Kelsey Hunt attempted a long throw which made it through the rim, giving the Lady Wolves an 8-point lead, 12-4.

"When we get our defense going and we put up a lead in the first quarter we relax, and we are able to play and do the things we want," said Rogers. "We rely a lot on our defense to set the tone. From there, we start running our offense and attacking more."

Clarkston went on a 10-2 run at the beginning of the second quarter before Davison scored eight points, capping the run a second remaining off a basket and a free point throw, putting the score 27-14.

Russell led the team with 12 points and four steals. Luchenbach and Nicholson scored 10 points each. Bey had nine points and sophomore Madeleine Wiscombe had seven points, with a 3-pointer during the night.

"Everyone contributed. Everyone knew what they were supposed to do," Rogers said. "Hopefully we are showing Clarkston basketball is fun to watch and will come out and check us out."

She added the Lady Wolves game against Avondale was very similar in which they grabbed the lead from the beginning before they won, 62-13.

"Our steals, our anticipation and our team defense set the tone there as well," Rogers said. "We showed we are fun to watch and we pressure."

Russell led against Avondale with 20 points and 12 steals. Hunt had 15 points. Luchenbach scored 13 points and had 13 rebounds while senior Kailan Mehta had seven rebounds.

The Lady Wolves opened the week at Waterford Mott on Tuesday. They head to Lake Orion on Friday and West Bloomfield on Monday.

"We are coming together as a team. We are learning everyone is there to make the play and create opportunities for each other whether it be on offense and defense," said Rogers.

Freshman begins at 4 p.m., JV plays at

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Success on the field

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

When Michelle Cooper was 4-yearsold she knew what she wanted to do - she had the drive to play soccer.

"I told my mom I wanted to play soccer," she said. "She put me in gymnastics and all these other things I told her 'no, I wanted to do soccer.""

Cooper became hooked when she saw it on television and it looked like a cool sport to her.

"My mom played basketball with her hands so I chose to play with my feet," she laughed.

Cooper is now a 12-year-old seventh grader at Sashabaw Middle School and is a success in soccer.

She was top scorer on her team, the AC Milan Detroit 03 Juniors team, which recently won the Michigan Youth Soccer Association, the highest premier level fall league.

Cooper was selected over the summer to represent Michigan at the US Youth Soccer Region Olympic Development Program Camp in the 2002 age group.

"It was awesome," she said. "I felt so honored and amazed I was chosen as one of the few people in my age group to represent Michigan."



Cooper

Cooper played outside midfield and scored one goal and also assisted in five of the six goals scored.

"They play the position differently than you do and field it differently," she explained.

Cooper was also selected to participate in the US Soccer National Training Center activities which is held each month. She added so far she has learned different ways to play soccer, how to defend and how to lead the field in a defensive position rather than an offensive position.

"It will help me move up in my competitive level and my skill level," she explained. "It will definitely help me with my skills and my shots and finishing. It will help me mentally, physically and competitively."

off with a 3-pointer.

Senior Alyssa Bey ended the first half with three points for the Lady Wolves with 5:30 p.m. and varsity follows.



She added it was very fast-paced and was fun to play soccer with some of the best players in the state.

After impressing coaches with her speed, decision making and determination she was named to the US Youth Soccer Region 2 2002 Team.

Cooper competed with the team during the Thanksgiving holiday against three other regions in the 2015 US Youth Soccer Interregional Tournament, which her team won.

"It was very high level, competitive and somewhat tough because our team had to learn how to work together after only having two practices," she explained. "We figured how to play together and we pulled out a win."

During the two days of practice, Cooper and her teammates also learned how to play different positions than they normally would play.

She added she enjoys playing soccer because it is a team sport.

"You have to work together," she said. "You can learn how others play and meet new people."

Cooper also plays basketball and just finished an undefeated season with the seventh grade girls blue team.

"It was awesome because I go to school with all of those girls," she said about the successful season especially when some of her teammates hadn't played before. "It was amazing to see how they developed, how they learned to play, play with other people and how to score. They learned new things and went outside their comfort zone."

Wolves seal win with last-minute goal

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers on the Clarkston bench cheered as senior forward Kort Highducheck sent the puck into Stoney Creek's net six minutes into the third period on Saturday night at Detroit Skating Club.

The goal to Highducheck from senior forward Jared Harper broke the tie between the Cougars and the Clarkston Hockey team.

It wouldn't be the last for the Wolves. With 32 seconds remaining in the game senior forward Jagar Smith grabbed control of the puck and swung his hockey stick towards the Cougars' net.

The puck slid down the middle of the ice and into the empty net, ending the game 3-1.

"We played with a lot of energy," said Ralph Humphlett, head coach. "We played with three lines and they all played well. I am happy with the win. It was a division win and that is one of our goals is to win the division."

The first period was scoreless with lots of energy from both teams which carried over into the second period. It was at the beginning of the period one of the teams would take control of the board. Clarkston senior forward Justin Stasevich stormed down the ice from Stoney Creek territory and took a shot into the corner of the net.

The Wolves held onto the lead until the Cougars scored on a power play with 26.6 seconds remaining in the period.

Humphlett shared the pep talk the Wolves received in the locker room between periods.

"We tried to impress upon them to stay out of the penalty box," he said. "We tried to impress upon them to continue to work hard because it was a 1-1 game, whoever wins this period wins the game. 'If you guys want it, you can have it, just take it away from them.'"

Senior goalie Trevor Propson had 21 saves in the net and the Wolves had five penalties.

"I was not happy with the number of penalties," Humphlett admitted. "It makes it too nerve-wracking."

He pointed out it was an improvement from the 6-3 loss against Lake Orion, Nov. 28, where the boys had 12 penalties.

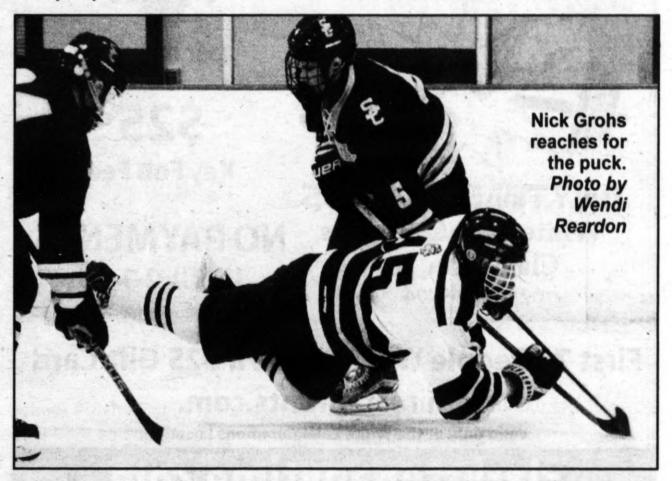
"It was an improvement," he added.

The Wolves play Farmington Hills United this Thursday at Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 7 p.m. They head to Hartland Sports Center on Monday where they will compete against Milford, 6 p.m.

Humphlett added the win helps going into the games.

"Every time you win it's a confidence booster and it is always good to win," he said. "Everybody feels better." They are back home on Friday, Dec. 18 for their annual Christmas tournament and will play Jackson at 7:30 p.m. The tournament continues on Saturday at 12 p.m. with the championship game at 2:30 p.m.

Both games are at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills.





Hitting the mat

Grapplers head to the first meet this week with a quad at Walled Lake Central on Wednesday.

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team will take on South Lyon, Woodhaven and Walled Lake Central. Then, they head to the John Glenn Invite on Saturday.

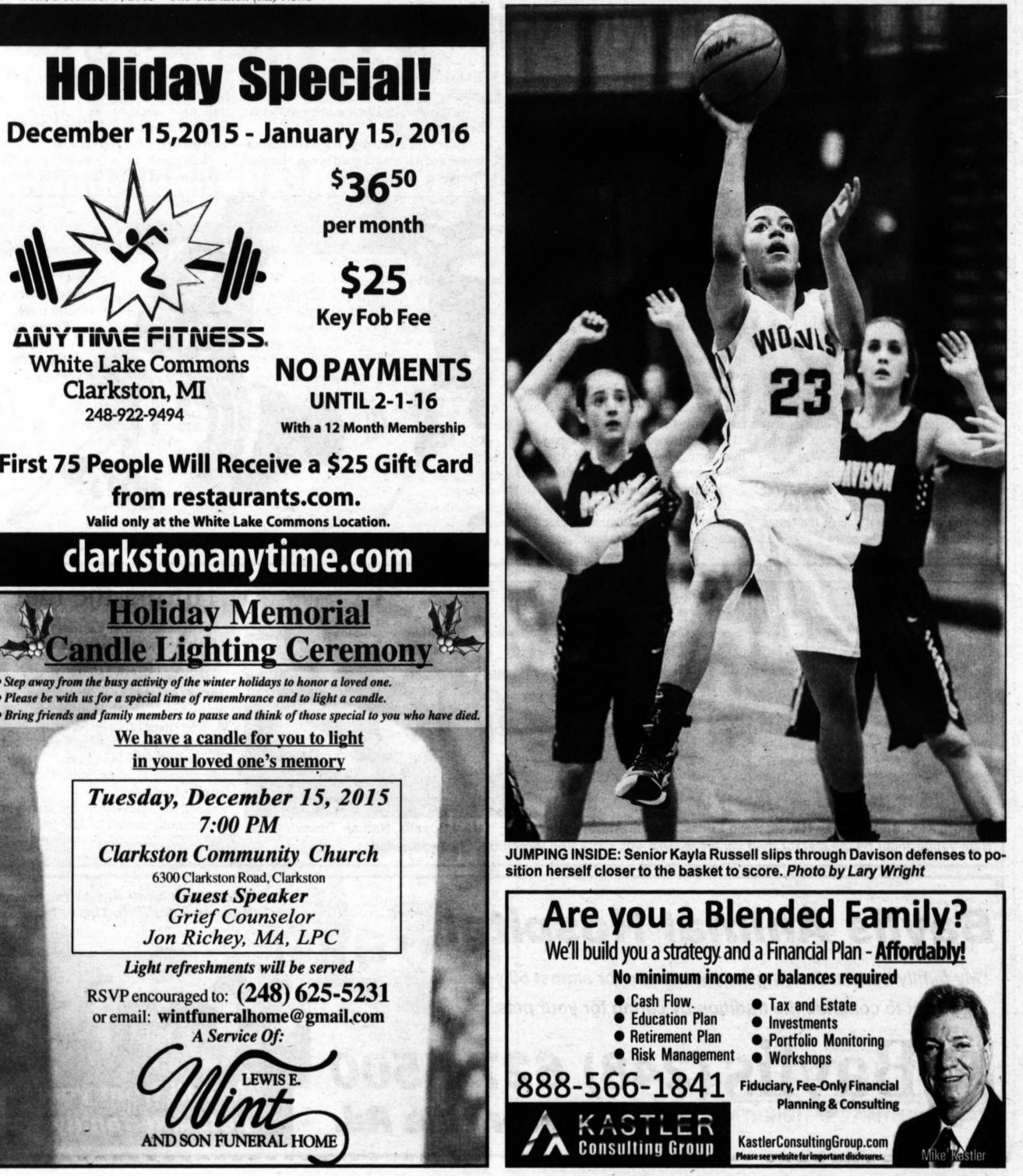
"You can expect a lot of intensity," said Freddie DeRamus, head coach. "The attitude is going to be different. They will have a lot to show."

Look for a preview for the season in an upcoming edition of *The Clarkston News*.

Seniors Alec Bills, Nathan Hayes, Sean Lucas, Kyle Masters, Gavin Pelle, Harley Susalla, Nathan Troutvine and Nate Vandermeer hit the mat for their winter season with Clarkston Wrestling. Photo provided

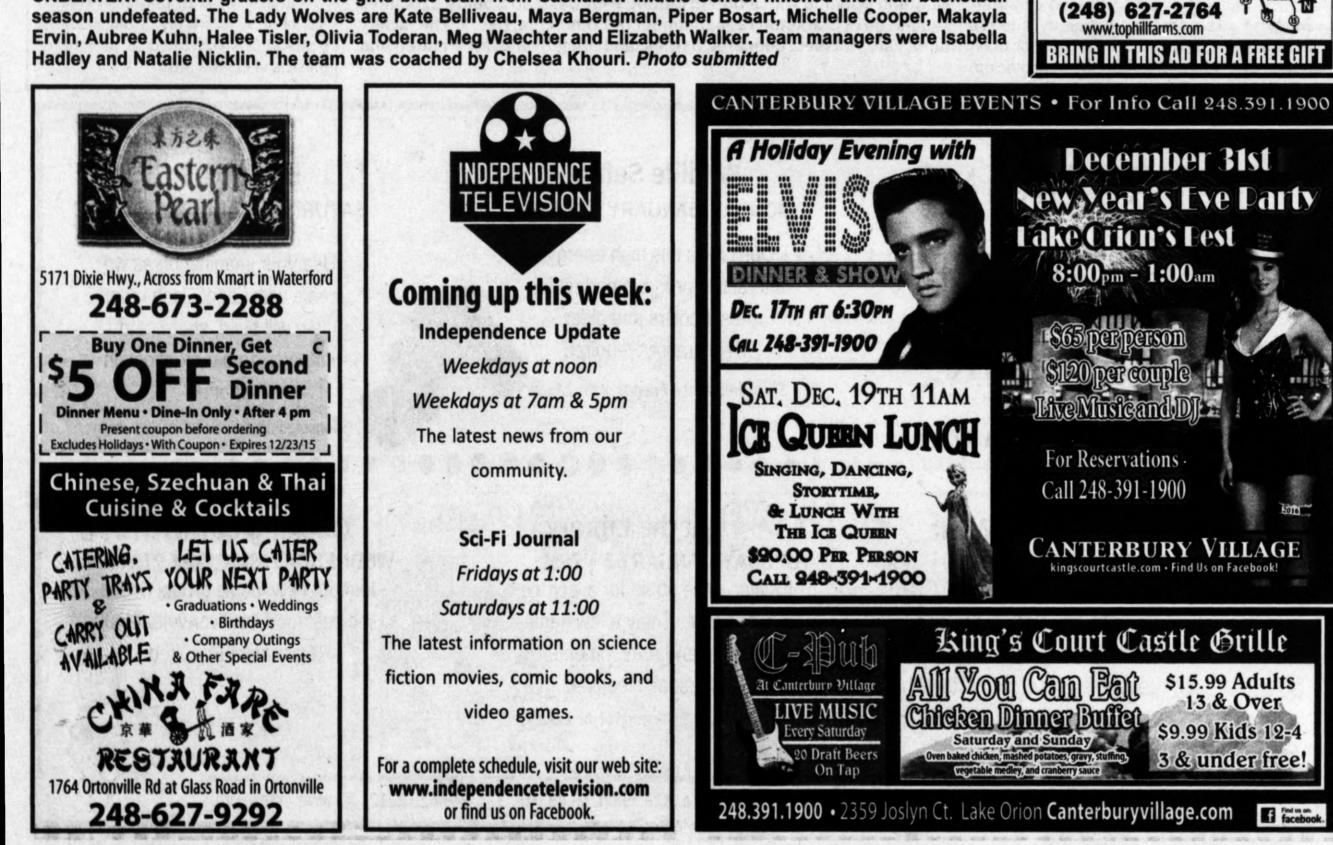








UNBEATEN: Seventh graders on the girls blue team from Sashabaw Middle School finished their fall basketball





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RIBBON CUTTING: Fort Clarkston celebrates its grand opening with a ribbon cutting with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, friends, family, and representatives of Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Dec. 2. The facility at 7127 Dixie Highway offers an indoor playground, cafe, classes, concerts, parties, and other events for children and families. Call 248-297-5453. Photo provided

Funds available for music students

Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac is offering monetary 2015-2016 Dora Dawson Music and Rosamond Haeberle awards to music students.

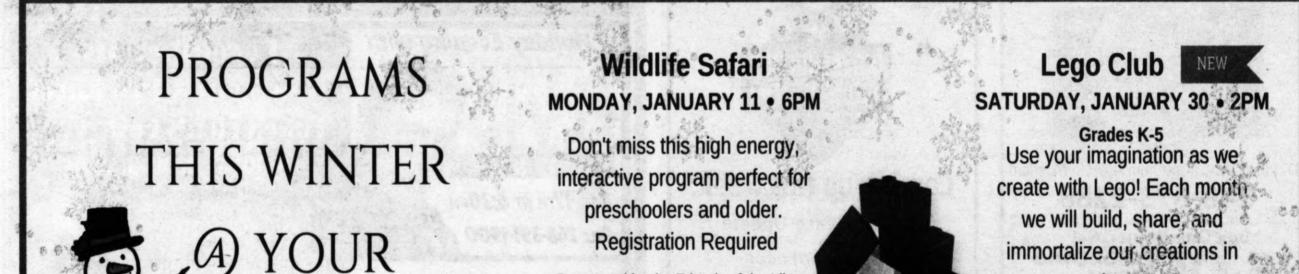
Students must be a U.S. citizen, resident of Oakland County, and no older than 24 years old.

To qualify for the Dora Dawson award, the applicant must be a current university student enrolled as a music major or minor. A high school senior whose college application to study music is already in process may also apply. The monetary amounts vary due to how many awards are given.

The Rosamond Haeberle Award is only open to college age piano students. The monetary award is \$4,000-\$5,000 yearly.

For application forms, go to tuesdaymusicaleofgreaterpontiac.org. Application deadline is Dec. 18. For information about the Dora Dawson Award, call Mary Ann LaMonte at 248-673-8187 and the Rosamond Haeberle Award, Liz Spry at 248-673-5759.

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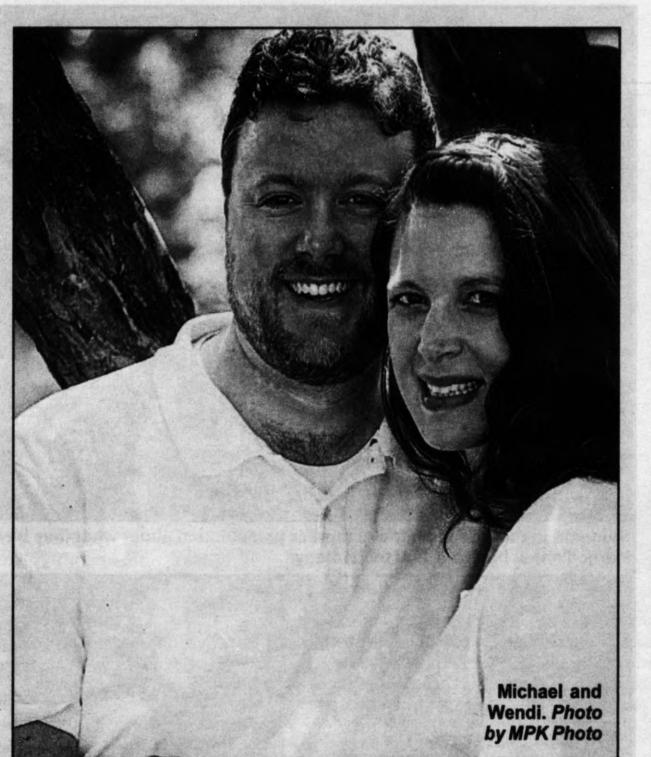
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Reardon - Price

During an early spring trip to Chicago, Illinois, Michael Price dropped to one knee and proposed to Wendi Reardon. She said yes!

The bride-to-be is a 1998 Oxford High School graduate with a bachelor's degree in Media Communications with a minor in Technical Writing from University of Michigan - Flint. She is a sports writer for The Clarkston News. Wendi is the

daughter of Terry Reardon of Oxford and Joy Reardon of Oakland Township.

The groom-to-be is a 1997 Lake Orion High School graduate before attending Oakland University. He currently works for Landry's Restaurants in hospitality. Michael is the son of Ronald and the late Judith Price of Lake Orion. Michael and Wendi reside in Lake Orion. A 2016 wedding is planned.

Megan and Nathan Clarkston woman marries

Daniel Tylenda, son of Kelly Longo of Farmington Hills and Daniel Tylenda of Fraser, were married on Aug. 22, 2015, in Troy, Mich. Megan is a 2007 graduate of Clarkston High School, a 2012 graduate of the University of Michigan and 2013 graduate

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Megan Elizabeth Valley, daughter of David of the University of Wisconsin- Lacrosse. and Kay Valley of Clarkston, and Nathan Nathan is a 2007 graduate of Kimball High School and 2011 graduate of the University of Michigan.

> The couple resides in Arlington, Virginia, where Megan is an adapted physical education teacher and Nathan is an IT analyst.







Gift Cards for the Holiday Season

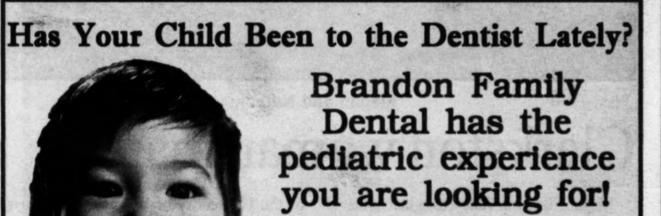


Open house at tech school

Oakland Schools Technical students demonstrated what they're learning at Career Night 2015, Dec. 3 at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northwest, 8211 Big Lake Road in Springfield Township.

Visiting students and families at the four technical campuses around Oakland County learned about high-tech internships and careers, with displays and presentations offered by instructors and current students.

The Culinary Arts department offered samples of assorted culinary creations; Cosmetology, fantasy hair and makeup demonstrations and competition; Engineering and Emerging Technologies, mechatronics, welding and fabrication, machining technology, CNC, robots, and microbots; Robotics, live demonstration of OCCRA and FIRST robots; Health Sciences, mini health screenings; Agriscience, propogation, food tasting, watershed elevation, dog breed ID; iTEAM, label computer components, virtual business simulation; Transportation, paint panel, inspection, bench test, engine starter; and Visual Imaging, vinyl stickers and PhotoShop. College, military, and industry representatives were also on hand. For more information, check ostconline.com.





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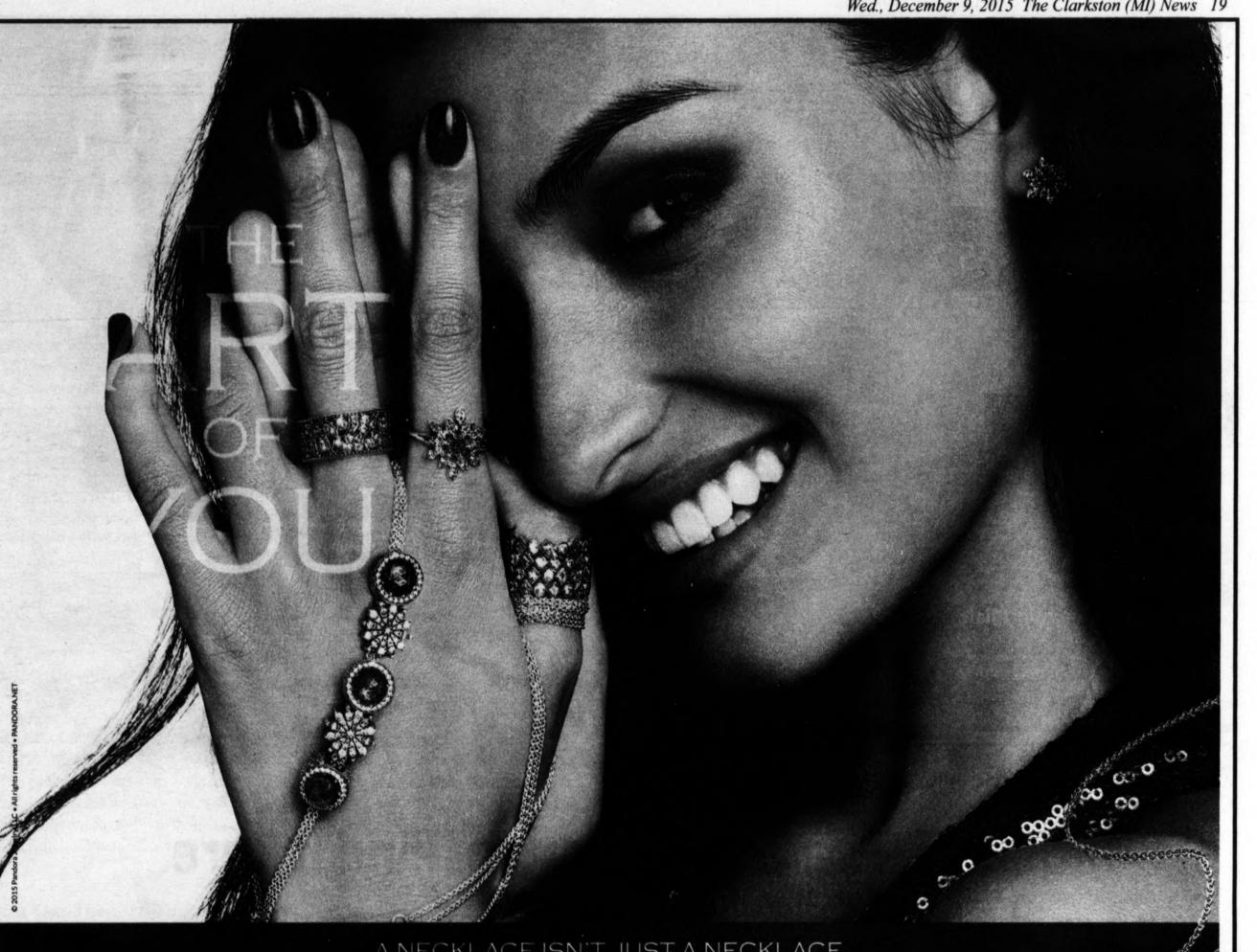
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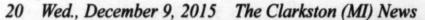
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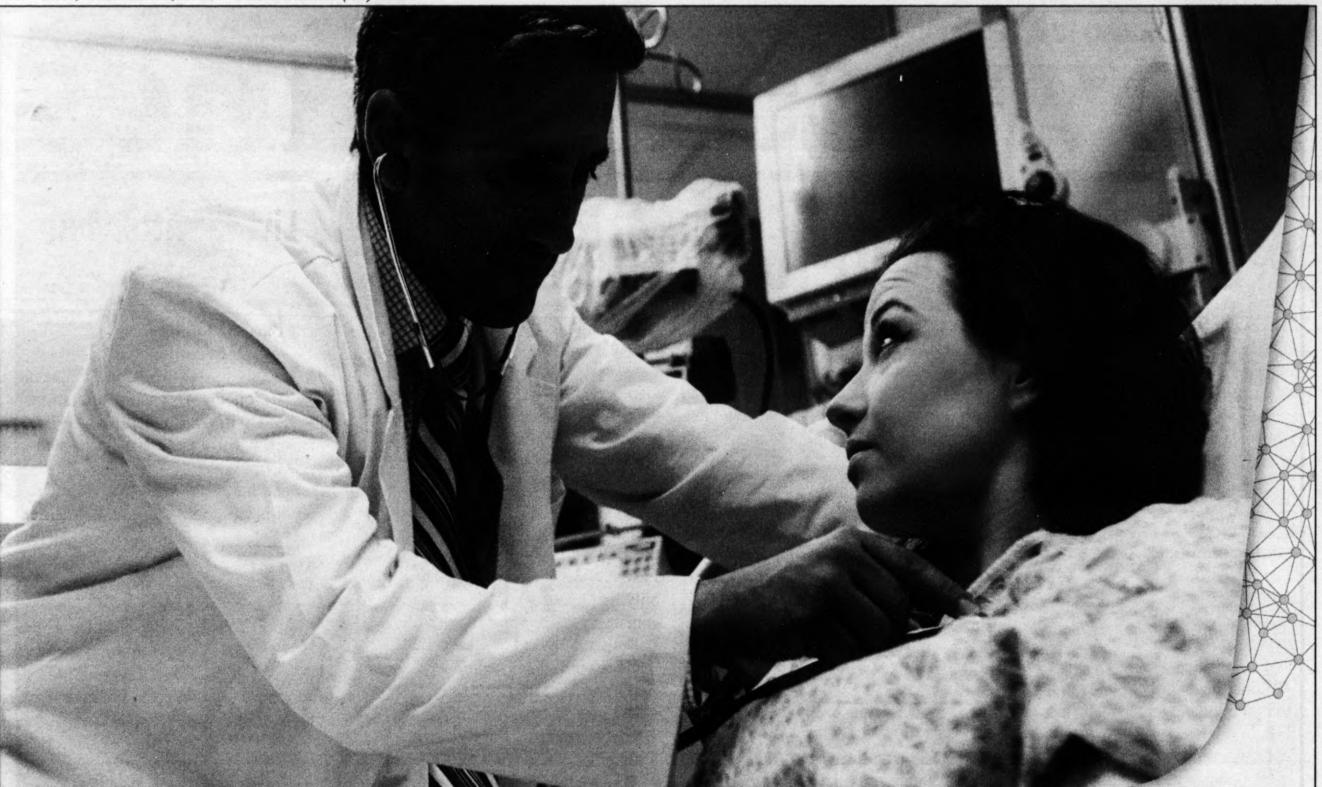


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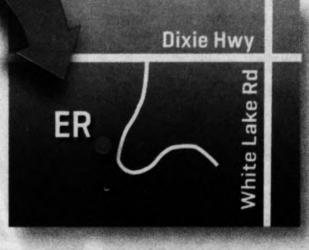


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About next year's elections

News From The Clerk Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

All Precincts will be open from 7 a.m.

to 8 p.m. on Election Day: Tuesday, March 8 for the Presidential Primary.

There are 3 Elections in 2016! The first election is the Presidential Primary scheduled for Tuesday, March 8. Voters in Precincts 1-11 and 13 will select from only one of the fol-

lowing two ballot styles:

Republican Party Presidential Primary ballot and any local proposals; OR

Township Clerk

Barb Pallotta

Democratic Party Presidential Primary ballot and any local proposals

Precinct 12 voters will have a third ballot style to choose from: Ballot without Presidential Primary which will only include the Waterford School District Bond Proposal.

Check Out The Election Page www.indtwp.com

The Election page under the Clerk's Department on the Township's website is a great source of voting information for voters, election workers and candidates. The Clerk's Election page includes information regarding upcoming elections, voter registration deadlines, sample ballots and election results. Residents can print forms required to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and even apply to become a paid Election Inspector. Candidates for local office are able to

connect to links regarding filing requirements, campaign finance, deadlines, laws and ordinances that may be pertinent to them during their campaigns. Voters can also connect to numerous links available to access FAQs and training videos from the Secretary of State and County websites.

Attention Precincts 12 & 13 Voters! Precincts formerly located at the **Clarkston Community Schools Administra-**

tion Building are now located at the Senior Community Center, Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road.

Updated Voter ID Cards will be mailed in January 2016 to all voters assigned to these precincts.

these precincts.

Voter Registration Deadline

All voters must be registered in the community in which they permanently reside by Monday, February 8 to be eligible to vote in the March 8 Presidential Primary. Residents may register to vote at the Township Clerk's Office or at any Secretary of State's Office.

Attention Permanent Absent Voters!

The Clerk's Office expects to mail Ap-

To be eligible to receive Presidential Primary ballot, all voters must disclose his/her party preference, Republican or Democrat, on the application before a ballot will be issued. REMEMBER: This requirement applies to Presidential Primary Elections ONLY! Additionally, Michigan law requires voters to complete the application in its entirety by signing, inserting the date of birth and include the date the application was signed. Lastly, absent voter ballots are issued only if at least one of the following circumstances apply:

I am 60 years of age or older

I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another I have been appointed an election

precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside

I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day

I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion

I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

Voters expecting to be absent from the community who wish to have their ballot mailed to an address that is different from their registered address and outside of the Township's legislative boundaries must include the temporary address at the bottom of the application. Military/Overseas Civilians for Independence Township voters living outside of the United States are eligible to vote if their voter registration is current OR if their last registered address was Independence Township. A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) form to register to vote (if applicable) and/or a request for an Absent Voter Ballot are available online through the Federal Voting Assistance Program at www.fvap.gov or a

Living within our

means, Part 2

By Patrick Kittle, **Township Supervisor**

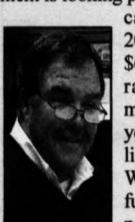
Last month we provided a financial update on the Township operations funded with millage dollars. This month we'll focus on the two enterprise funds - Water and Sewer.

The budget for the Water Department is looking pretty good. The net cash position from

> 2015 to 2016 is up by \$60,000. The water rate adjustments made a couple of years ago have stabilized the drain on the Water Department fund balance. Another positive indicator is "Cash as a percent of **Operating Expenses**"

Township Supervisor **Pat Kittle**

and that is also up from 89% to 91%. The general maintenance and emergency repair line items are funded with enough cash to allow for some pump upgrades and still provide a little nest egg for broken mains that always seem to creep up in the winter months. One unknown is the total cost to bring the Pine Knob wellhead back



ELECTION 2016

plications for Absent Voter's Ballots for the March 8 Presidential Primary to voters on the permanent absent voter list no later than the last week of December. Ballots for the Presidential Primary are expected to be mailed on January 26 to any voter who has submitted an application prior to that date.

Voters requesting an Absent Voter Ballot after January 26 must first complete an Application for Absent Voter's Ballot and submit it to the Clerk's Office. Applications are available for pick-up at the Township Clerk's office or may be mailed by contacting the Election's office at 248-625-5114, ext. 233. An application may also be printed from Independence Township's website: www.indtwp.com.

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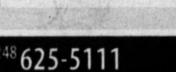
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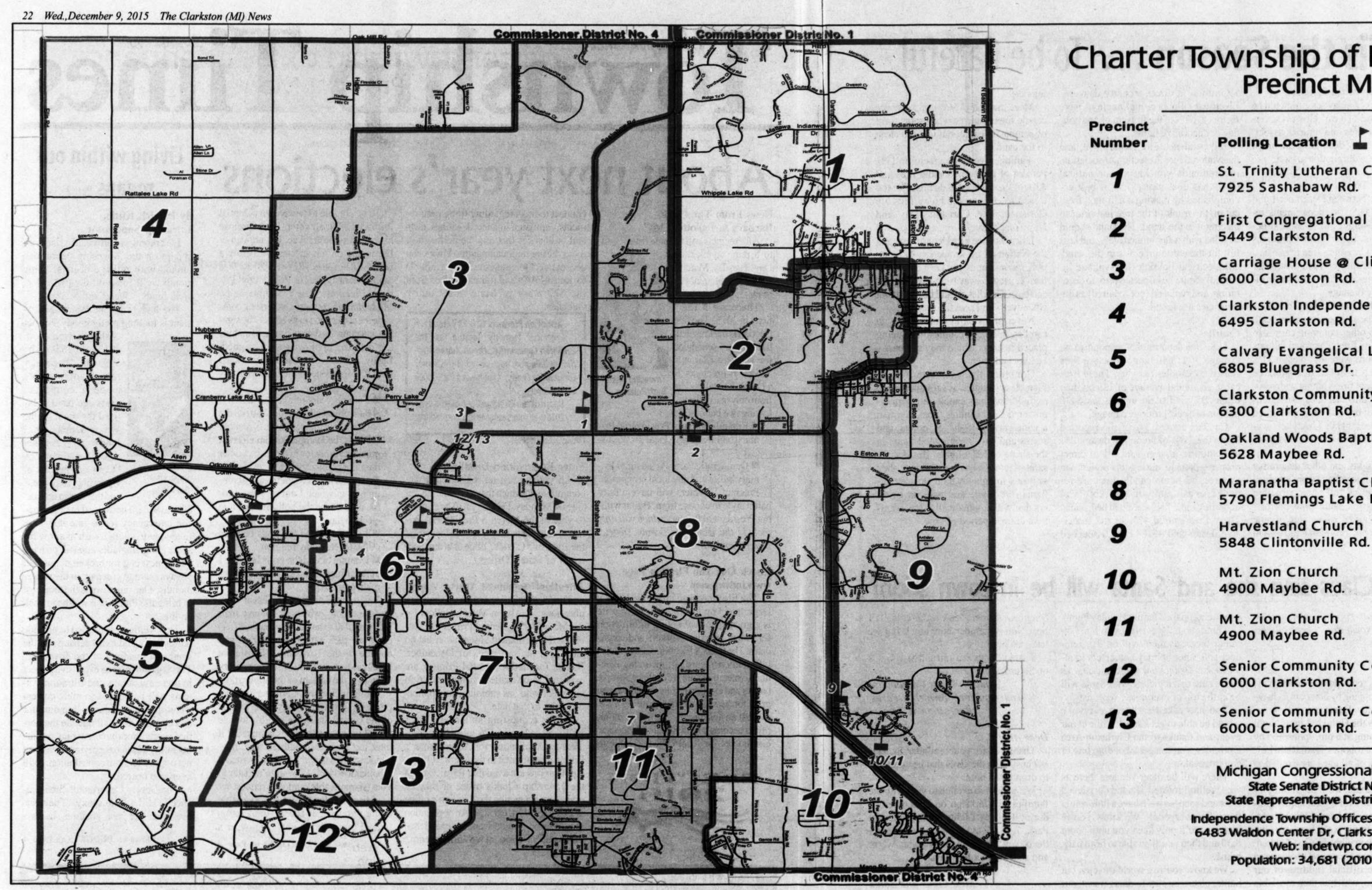
This wellhead is needed to provide redundancy and extra capacity in the southeast quadrant of the Township. This is going to be an expensive project in that new pumps and filtration systems will be needed to meet current water quality standards. Funding for this upgrade will fall outside the normal capital improvement plan requiring either a loan or applying for a bond net of the McLaren contribution. Will keep you posted.

The Sewer Department fund balance is still a little shaky. The yearover-year net cash position shows a

Please see BUDGETS on Page 4

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Charter Township of Independence Precinct Map

St. Trinity Lutheran Church

First Congregational Church

Carriage House @ Clintonwood Park

Clarkston Independence District Library

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

Clarkston Community Church

Oakland Woods Baptist Church

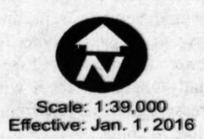
Maranatha Baptist Church 5790 Flemings Lake Rd.

Senior Community Center @ Clintonwood Park

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Michigan Congressional Districts State Senate District No. 12 State Representative District No. 43

Independence Township Offices, (248) 625-5111 6483 Waldon Center Dr, Clarkston, MI 48346 Web: indetwp.com Population: 34,681 (2010 Census)



Elections, continued

link is available on the Elections page of the Township's website; forms are also distributed by the U.S. embassies and military bases.

A former Michigan resident who moves and registers to vote in another state may NOT re-register to vote in Michigan until he/she establishes residency. Military and civilian voters, and their spouses and dependents meeting Michigan residency requirement are eligible to receive an absent voter ballot. The law permits such voters to receive their ballot electronically via email or fax. Military/Overseas ballots are commonly referred to as MOVE ballots.

MOVE ballots for the March 8 Presidential Primary are required to be sent out by January 23. MOVE ballots received by a voter electronically must be printed, voted and physically mailed back. All MOVE ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office before the close of polls on Election Day in order to be counted.

The last day to submit an application to receive an absent voter ballot by mail is: Saturday, March 5 at 2 PM.

Ballots must be received by the Clerk's Office by 8 PM on Election Day in order to be counted. Ballots may be returned by USPS mail or in person; a 24/7 drop box is available at the west door of Township Hall.

Budgets, continued

\$500,000 drop from 2015 to 2016.

Tis the Season ... To be Careful

By Fire Chief Mitch Petterson

The winter Holiday season should be a joyous time of year. However, certain types of fires and injuries associated with holiday decorating are much more common during this season.

Christmas Trees

Annually, between December 1 and January 15, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 230 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees. Home Christmas tree fires cause an average of four civilian deaths, 21 civilian injuries, and \$17.3 million in direct property damage.

House fires started by Christmas trees are twice as likely to cause death compared to other common causes of home structure fires. Electrical failures or malfunctions were involved in 31% of the home Christmas tree structure fires. The risk of fire is higher with natural trees than artificial ones. Researchers found that dry natural trees burned easily, but trees that had been kept watered are unlikely to catch fire unintentionally.

Holiday lights and other decorative lighting with line voltage were involved in an average of 160 home structure fires during this same time period. These fires caused an average of nine civilian deaths, 13 civilian injuries, and \$9 million in direct property damage. Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in 69% of the fires involving holiday or decorative lights.

Independence Fire Department, and the National Fire Protection Association, recommends you keep your natural Christmas trees moist. This is best accomplished by making a half inch fresh cut on the trunk of the tree just prior to placing it in the stand. The stand should be filled with water immediately, and kept full for the entire time it is in the stand. All electrical lighting (low-voltage included) should be inspected prior to decorating, and replaced (not repaired) as deficiencies are found.

Candles

U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 11,640 home structure fires started by candles per year. These fires cause an annual average of 126 civilian deaths, 953 civilian fire injuries, and \$438 million in direct property damage.

Candles caused 3% of the reported home fires, 5% of home fire deaths, 7% of home fire injuries, and 6% of direct property damage during this period. On average, 32 home candle fires are reported per day. Thirty-five percent (35%) of home candle fires started in bedrooms. These fires caused 42% of the associated deaths and 45% of the associated

injuries.

• More than half (56%) of the home candle fires occurred when some form of combustible material was too close to the candle.

Falling asleep was a factor in 11% percent of the home candle fires and 43% of the associated deaths. The top three days for candle home fires are Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve.

Independence Fire Department, and the National Fire Protection Association, recommends you keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn. Candles should be blown out whenever you leave the room.

Never allow children to play with candles, and keep candles from being placed in areas where they can easily be knocked over.

Consider the safe alternative; Flameless Candles. A safe alternative to traditional wax candles are batterypowered LED candles. They come in a wide variety of shapes, colors, and scents and have a simulated flame in the shape of LED lights. Besides the safety factor of having no flame, they only cost marginally more than a traditional wax candle, and many have timers that will automatically shut off after a defined period of time.

Mrs. Claus says she and Santa will be in town soon!

\$300,000 of this reduction is due to the construction of a new vehicle storage facility to house DPW trucks and specialized equipment that have been stored outside for the past several years.

This new facility will be located in the DPW yard located on Flemings Lake Road. And while the reduction in net cash is concerning, "Cash as a percent of Operating Expenses" is 93% for 2016 ... up one percent over 2015. Increases in future waste disposal fees from the Detroit Water and Sewage Department will have to be passed onto Township sewer customers. And we can virtually guarantee there will be increases again this year from Detroit. More to come.

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A letter was recently sent to our friend in the North Pole, check out this exchange.

Dear Santa,

Just a quick reminder to you and Mrs. Claus about stopping by downtown Clarkston on Saturday, December 12.

First there's the Holiday Lights Night Parade beginning at 6 pm, sponsored by our high school robotics Team RUSH 27. We know kids of all ages are excited to see you!

After the parade, we'll be waiting for you in Depot Park for a great family holiday celebration, Holiday Lights Night. During the evening, we'll have our own elves to assist you with greeting children, getting some free cocoa and cookies and of course, the official lighting of our Christmas Tree, which is then available

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as a backdrop for a family Holiday Photo.

Throughout the evening you'll see familiar faces, as there will be live reindeer and other holiday characters in attendance. Bring your smile muscles, as we're sure that a picture with Santa will be at the top of everyone's wish list!

You had asked earlier if everyone would be able to get a snack while at our event and thanks to the Clarkston Area Optimists, you can get a hot dog, brat or combo meal.

There will be other vendors there as well, selling roasted almonds or spiced cider and soup, so we'll have a little something for everyone! We know you're busy, so we'll only keep you until about 8:30 and then you'll be able to head back home.

We know you're a world traveler, but Santa, please be sure to dress warm, our

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Michigan winters tend to be cold!!! I hope you remember how much fun we had last year!

Thanks Santa, see you and Mrs. Claus on Saturday the 12th!

Amy L, Event Coordinator Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors

Dear Amy L,

Thank you for your reminder, Santa is SO busy with the elves that he asked me to drop you a note.

We are just so excited to visit with the families in Clarkston on December 12 during Holiday Lights Nights in Depot Park. It IS always such a fun time and I thank you for the pictures! Stay warm and see you in a few days!

> Sincerely, Mrs. Claus and Santa

Learning is the goal of all school work

As I serve on the SCAMP, Chamber of Commerce, and Independence TV boards ~ work with the members of our board of education ~ and engage with educators, parents, and students, I marvel at

their commitment to Words from Clarkston. the Sup't

It is very clear the people here take great pride in the community. I thank you for all you give.

As our children observe adults engaged in the selfless service of

others, it is easy for Dr. Rod Rock them to focus only on the work being done.

After all, it takes great effort for members of our Garden Club to trim greens and create holiday items to decorate homes. It takes time as a volunteer stands in the cold, ringing a bell to raise money so others can have gifts at Christmas.

It takes collective effort for several of our local businesses, schools, and churches to display giving trees in their vestibules, offering opportunities to help those in need. If we only focus on the work, we miss the joy and learning associated with giving.

Similarly, children have school work to do. If we only focus on the work, the joy of learning is lost.

Please remember the completion of work is never the goal of an assignment. Rather, learning is the goal, and reflection on learning is where knowledge grows.

Parents, you can help by making time to ask your children what the purpose of each school assignment is, what they think the teacher wants them to learn and get better at as a result of the assignment, and what they have learned in the process (Ritchhart, 10).

As children engage in their work, help them understand practice, whether in ballet, writing, or piano, leads to expertise. Help them develop the joy of learning and the dedication to pursue a passion.

As we complete another calendar Community Schools

year, here are some reasons to celebrate the excellence of the Clarkston Community Schools:

• CJHS students performed their first ever musical, Seussical.

• CCS became one of the few districts in Michigan to increase fund equity, for the second consecutive year, thus cutting our cash flow borrowing in half.

• CHS's Clarinet Choir was selected as the top woodwind ensemble in the state and invited to perform at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

• Four elementary students demonstrated their coding skills at the State Capitol and were introduced by Representative Jim Tedder, along with their leaders, Lori Banaszak and Lisa Drew, to the entire Michigan House of Representatives.

I wish every Clarkston family a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season.

Rod Rock, Ed.D., is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

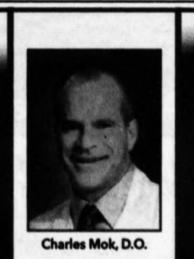


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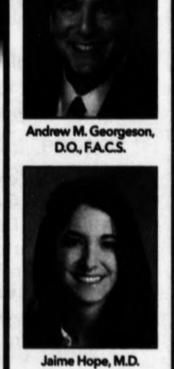
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²⁶ Wed., December 9, 2015 The Clarkston (MI) News Give the gift of health this holiday

Health should never be taken for granted. Good health depends on the effort you put in. This issue of Thriving will discuss how you can prevent as well as discover the underlying causes of behavioral conditions including ADHD.

ADHD is one of the most frequently diagnosed neurobehavioral condition afflicting children and adults in the United States.

Currently, over 12 percent of US children and five percent of adults are diagnosed with ADHD.

The ADHD diagnosing process involving inconclusive behavioral assessments as the sole criteria is steadfastly gaining resistance.

The business model of assessing and treating ADHD in the US is adapting due to concerns of long term health risks associated with premature stimulant drug therapy in young children.

Prominent physicians are demanding the addition of bio-assessments to the ADHD diagnosing protocol to rule out underlying causes of the condition.

Comprehensive assessments involving nutritional, physiological and environmental risk factors help rule out causes of ADHDlike symptoms.

Attention-deficit drugs may provide short term relief of ADHD-like symptoms, including hyperactivity, lack of focus and anxiety. However, the long term effects are now known, and warned by the FDA. Long term side effects may include anxiety, depression,

paranoia as well as addiction.

Solutions to uncover the underlying risk factors causing ADHD in adults as well as children can be found in the Action Plan for Behavioral Conditions as described in *The American Epidemic: Solutions for Over-Medicating Our Youth*

Many critical health risk factor assessments are necessary for the advancement of a healthy focused mind as a child proceeds in their developmental stages of life. A child must develop efficient digestive and toxin elimination organ systems including the liver, kidney, gallbladder, small and large intestine. Additionally, the cervical spine must be assessed to rule out impingement of the brain stem and spinal cord as well as decreased microvascular blood flow to this region.

Visual and auditory perception disorders must also be added to the assessment protocol in addition to effective cognitive behavioral therapy intervention.

In today's America, due to cost constraints, physicians are forced to provide an immediate solution to ADHD-like symptoms.

Unfortunately, stimulant amphetamine drug therapy as a first line therapeutic treatment becomes the primary option. Children in America deserve a voice to help determine the underlying cause of their symptoms prior to premature drug therapy.

This new vison in the ADHD assessment and treatment process will unite parents, educators, healthcare professionals, business leaders and public health policymakers.

The Coalition Against Overmedicating Our Youth (CAOOY) represents this new vision of assessing ADHD-like symptoms in children providing free educational consultation as a 501 c3 non-profit Educational Public Charity.

Visit www.CAOOY.org and open the "Ask the Pharmacist" tab. Learn how to uncover the underlying causes of ADHD symptoms. Learn the nutritional supplementation necessary to help achieve a healthy focused mind – give the gift of health this holiday season.

Email FrankGranett@CAOOY.org or message Frank Granett R.ph. on facebook.



Yuri Karpushenkoff leans down to grab possession of the puck. Photo by Wendi Reardon

CMG Personalized Adult Medicine A New Practice Option Affiliated with Clarkston Medical Group and MDVIP

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By Frank J.

Granett R.ph.

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Dr. Michael Baker MD Dr. Robert Barnes DO Board Certified Internal Medicine Physicians

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December 20th 9:15 & 11:00 **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services** December 24th 5pm & 7pm

All

Childcare

4:30 pm Family Service

w/Children's Chiors & Candle Lighting

7:00 pm Candle Lighting

with Youth Choir, Hand Bells & Carols

9:00 pm Candle Lighting

with Adult Choir & Carols

11:00 pm Candle Lighting

with Communion, Special Music & Carols

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Christmas Eve, Candlelight Services 7:00 pm Traditional Service Normal Sunday Worship is at 10:00am



6600 Waldon Rd. • 248.625.1611 BRIDGEWOODCHURCH.COM **Christmas Eve Worship Services** nistras Services envice **Closed** by **Candlelight** 1:30PM 3:00PM Available at 4:30 & 7 pm 3 SERVICES 4:30PM 6765 RATTALEE LK / M-15 248 625-1344

Clarkston United Methodist Church **Sunday Services at** 9:00am & 11:00am childcare available

Events

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 Nature Crafting, 2-3:30 p.m., Dec. 12, Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Participants will use some of nature's beautiful creations to make holiday cards and ornaments. Enjoy hot cider around the campfire while learning how some native Michigan animals prepare for winter, weather permitting. \$5/person. Pre-register, 248-858-0916.

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. ***

Blood drives, American Red Cross, 9 a.m.-7:45 p.m., Dec. 17, Independence Twp Fire Dept, 6500 Citation; 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Dec. 20, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road; 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Dec. 29, Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, 8055 Ortonville Road. 800-RED CROSS, 800-• 733-2767.

Christmas Bird Count Tally Rally, Oakland Audubon Society, 4-7 p.m., Dec. 19, Wint Nature Center, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Pre-register, 248-858-0916.

Kindermusik Open House, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jan. 7, Clarkston Conservatory of Music, 49 S Main Street, 248-625-3640.

Around Jown

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



CAFETERIA OF CRAFTS: Food, arts, and crafts filled the cafeteria and halls of Clarkston High School over the weekend for its annual Christmas Art and Craft Show. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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. ***

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 Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

nity Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street 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. ***

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.

Office hours, Clarkston City Councilman

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. 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, Commu-

Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. Dec. 15: "Pursuing an Audacious Life: Inspiration From a Man Who's Traveled to Every Country," filmed interview with author Chris Guillebeau. Free. 810-694-9351.

Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second

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

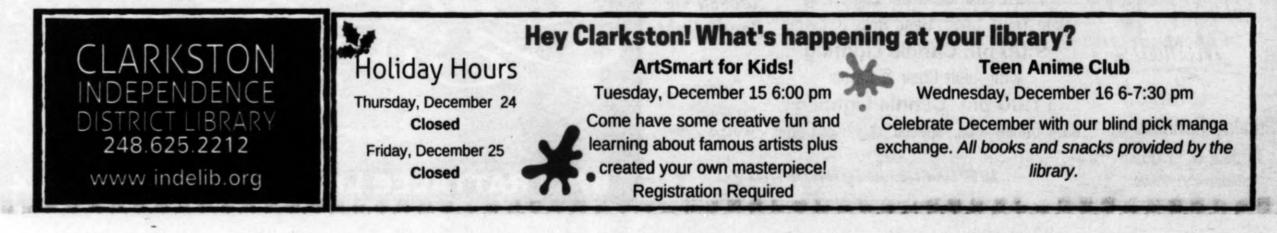
Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m.,

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.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., madefrom-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Please see Around Town on page 31





TASTY SNACKS: Rick Barber enjoys a bag of roasted nuts made by Eric Christrup during the Christmas Art and Craft Show at Clarkston High School. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Through Word and Sacrament, Committed to joyfully serve our neighbors as Disciples of Christ.

Mass Schedule Sunday 7:30, 9 & 11 a.m. Saturday 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday

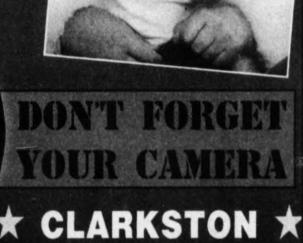


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8:30 a.m. Thursday 11 a.m.

In the event of a Funeral Mass, weekday Masses will be cancelled.

St. Daniel Catholic Church 7010 Valley Park Drive in Clarkston, MI 48346 Two blocks west of Main Street 248-625-4580 www.StDanielClarkston.org

Rev. Ronald J. Babich, Pastor

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This Week:

Thursday, December 10 9:30 a.m. **Scripture Study**

Monday, December 14 7:00 p.m. **Mass of Reconciliation**

Monday, December 14 7:00 p.m. Scripture Study

Wednesday, December 16 10:00 a.m. Study of Sunday Scriptures

Wednesday, December 16 6:30 p.m. **Evening Prayer**

Wednesday, December 16 6:30 p.m. **HS Youth Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 16 7:00 p.m. Scripture

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

OF CLARKSTON 5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-3380 Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E.of M-15) Pastor: Russell Reemtsma Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Wed: 6:15-8:00 pm AWANA (Pre-school-Gr.6) Semper Fi (Teens, Gr. 7-12)

CLARKSTON **COMMUNITY CHURCH**

6300 Clarkston Road • Clarkston (248) 625-1323 Home of Oakland Christian School Pastor: Greg Henneman **Sunday Worship:** 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. Nursery Care at both services Children's Ministries: September thru April Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Student Ministries:** September thru April Sunday, 12:30-2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 3:00-8:00 p.m. www.clarkstoncommunity.com

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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 Bible Study March - May and Sept. - Nov. www.fcclarkston.com

CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highwy, Clarkston, MI (248) 625-2311 website: www.dixiebaptist.org Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman

Religion Events Preaching

Was Nativity 'event' or 'beginning?'

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:13-14

The verses in Luke 2 are well known among Christians who Spiritual celebrate Christmas.

Matters

For us, Christmas is about the "Christ" child born in the city of Bethlehem of Judea. This was no ordinary child. He was a child promised through prophetic words spoken many years prior. The prophet Isaiah

declared, "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a

Pastor Loren Covarrubias

Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

This child was a gift from heaven. He was the "Son" of the almighty God, destined to greatness!

These verses do not just tell of who He would be, but they imply a progression. The following verse of Isaiah says, "Of the increase of His government and peace there would be no end ... "

The ultimate end is His designation as the "Prince of Peace." If there is one thing our present world needs, it is the Prince of Peace.

they were announcing God's intervention in the affairs of man.

Since the time of Adam, man had rebelled against God's government. The results were immediate, not only in the consequences suffered by Adam and Eve, but the ensuing battle that resulted within the family when Cain killed his brother Abel.

Violence was an ongoing problem that was actually a result of the alienation from God. God reached out to man with the olive branch of peace, His only begotten Son.

He demonstrates to us a very important principle of reconciliation. If you want peace, you do not offer it from your world or vantage point, you must go to the source of the problem and offer yourself as a necessary part of the solution.

True peace can only come when you are willing to give of yourself as God has given us the example. He could have sat on the throne of heaven and demanded our compliance; instead, God came up with the plan for peace that would bring us out of our captivity and into His family!

Christmas is a season for families to gather. For some, it will be a very traumatic time as they face conflicts and hurts from the past.

The greatest gift we can offer is the gift of peace. As you gather this year, remember the words of Jesus Christ, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God." Don't let your Christmas just be an event; make your Christmas the beginning of something. Don't merely take another white elephant gift; take the gift that will cost you something-go as a "son of God."

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Phone (248) 858-2577

Violence is prevailing in the earth among the nations, ethnic groups, and individuals. As Christians in this season, we must remember not only the occasion of the Nativity, but also the purpose. It was not just a happening-it was a beginning!

Let's Go Forth as His Peacemakers! When the angels announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds in the fields,

The Rev. Loren Covarrubias is pastor of Mt. Zion

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Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. For more information, 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 more information, 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.

Obituaries & . Obituaries

James T. Davis, 92

James T. Davis, "J.T.," of Clarkston died Dec. 1, 2015, at 92 years of age.

He was the beloved husband of the late

Pauline Davis; dear father of Larry Thomas (Jolene) Davis of Springhill, Tenn., and Jerry (Debbie) Davis of Ft. Worth, Texas; grandfather of Brooke (Laura) Davis and KayLee (Scott) Blanchard; great grandfather of Amanda,

Brooke, Evan, Abigail and Ethan; also survived by his brother Bill Davis and brother in law John Jones.

J.T. was a veteran of the U.S. Army, World War II.

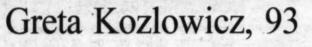
He had retired after 32 years from Pontiac Motors. He also devoted many years of service as a Deacon at Columbia Avenue Baptist Church where he had been a member since 1952.

A Celebration of J.T.'s Life, with military honors, was Dec. 6 at Coats Funeral Home-Waterford. Pastor Brad Adams officiating. Burial, Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Columbia Avenue Baptist Church or Grace Hospice, 4444 W. Bristol Rd., Ste. 320, Flint 48507. To send Condolences visitwww.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

Elizabeth Skolnik, 94

Elizabeth J. Skolnik, "Betty," of Clarkston passed away Dec. 3, 2015, at age 94.

She was the loving wife of Elmer for 69 years; mother of Joan



Greta T. Kozlowicz of Simpsonville, Kentucky, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Dec. 1, 2015, at age 93.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Marion. She was the mother of Charlotte Kay and Floyd (Joyce) Kozlowicz; grandma of Kevin, Shawn and Shannon.

Scripture Service was Dec. 4 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 5 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Daniel Catholic Church for masses. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

William W. Rolling, 74

William W. Rolling, "Bill," of Waterford passed away Dec. 5, 2015, at age 74.

He was the husband

of Kathleen; father of Kenneth (Tina) Rolling, Steven Rolling, (Mary) Timothy Rolling, William Rolling and Jennifer (Micah) Terry; grandfather of Luke, Kyle, Allie, Caitlin, Micah, Zachary, Kelsey, Claire and Emma.

Scripture service was Dec. 8 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass with Rev. Jack Baker officiating on Wednesday, 10 a.m., at St. Perpetua Catholic Church, Waterford, where friends may visit at 9:30 a.m. Rite of Committal Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation or St. Perpetua Catholic Church for Mass/Family Online wishes. guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Volunteer Charlotte Cooper sewed a guilt for the Victorian Open House auction. Photo provided

Quilter helps out Victorian Open House

Charlotte Cooper of Clarkston made a quilt by hand for the Victorian Open House, Dec. 6 at Pine Grove, the headquarters of the Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society.

Centerpiece of the event was the decorations of Gov. Moses Wisner's 1850 stately home. Wisner was one of

Michigan's first governors, and his majestic home maintains the flavor of the 1850s.

The estate, which includes the carriage house, now containing the OCPHS museum, the one-room school house, and several other buildings. For more information, go to wwwocphs.org.

(late Richard) Fox, Elaine Skolnik, Susan Draving and Amy (Frank) Rabbio; grandma of seven; great grandma of six; sister of Arlene Clymer.

Rosary Service was Dec. 6 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral

Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 7 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Interment New Calvary Cemetery, Flint. Memorials may be made Our Lady of Lakes Catholic Church for the masses. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Raj Saigal, 77

Raj Saigal of Clarkston, formerly of New York, passed away Dec. 5, 2015, at age 77.

She was preceded in

death by her husband Ved. She was the mother of Anu (Dinesh) Mehta and Atul (Seema) Saigal; ninima/dadi of Sejal, Kailan, Niki, Aman and Kaashvi; survived by one sister and one brother.

Visitation was Dec. 6

at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Independence Township Senior Center.

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Online book www.wintfuneralhome.com. **Around Town**

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Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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.

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3

p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610. ***

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.

TOPS 1093 Clarkston, Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

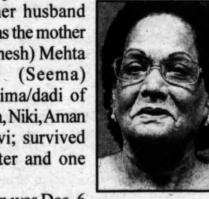
Friday

Line dance class, Fridays, 2-4 p.m., Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road. \$4, all levels. 248-682-9450.

Saturday

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

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





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SYNOPSIS P. TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **NOVEMBER 24, 2015** A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:02 PM at Independence Township Hall The Pledge of Allegiance was given. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: None There was a quorum present. Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Barbara Rollin, Senior Center Supervisor; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Greg Schultz, Shultz & Young, PC D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented. E. CLOSED SESSION: Approval to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion pertaining to union negotiations as permitted by MCL 15.268(c) The Meeting recessed at 7:03 PM The Meeting reconvened at 7:25 PM F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None H. PUBLIC HEARING: 1. 2016 Annual Budget The Public Hearing opened at 8:02 pm. 248-693-4080 There was no public comment. The Public Hearing closed at 8:02 pm. 2. PY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application The Public Hearing opened at 8:12 PM There was no public comment. The Public Hearing closed at 8:12 PM PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: None CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None K. CONSENT AGENDA: Approval of the November 24, 2015 Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 4. Request to Approve 2015 Budget Amendment 11b - General, CIA. Sewer and Water Funds which will be considered under L. Items Removed from the Consent Agenda 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015 Approval of Payroll of November 20, 2015 and Check Run of November 18, 2015 for a Total Amount of \$398,768.52 Approval of 2015 Budget Amendment #11 - Po-

- lice Fund-DTE
- Approval of 2015 Budget Amendment #11c General and PRS Funds Adoption of Resolution for Round-Up (Capture)
- and Hold, and Nest Destruction of Canada Geese - Lake Oakland
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: 4. Approval of 2015 Budget Amendment #11b - Gen-
- eral, CIA, Sewer and Water Funds M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
- Adoption of the 2016 General Appropriations Act

- 5. Minutes: Safety Path Advisory Committee, October 14, 2015
- Minutes: Lake Improvement Board for Van Norman Lake, August 26, 2015
- BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

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ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

> **Respectfully Submitted**, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

> > **Township Clerk**

Published: Wednesday, December 9, 2015

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** 2015-366, 717-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** Estate of DOROTHY M. ANTIS a/k/a DOROTHY MARGARET ANTIS. Date of birth: 12/08/1918 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dorothy M. Antis a/k/a Dorothy Margaret Antis, died 07/16/2015.

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

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11-10-15 RENEEL. BOKA 54 PARK COURT LAKE ORION, MI 48362 248-693-4476

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know CLARKSTON **CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL** 375 DEPOT ROAD **CLARKSTON MI 48346** MINUTES **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 26, 2015** Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski, followed by the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call: Present-Mayor Luginski, Catallo, Sabol, Hunter, Avery, Haven, Marsh.

- Approval of agenda moved by Sabol, Supported by Marsh to approve the Agenda with the addition of a presentation of Erin Kroll, a Life Scout after the consent agenda. Motion Carried. Thank You to Thomas Hunter for his years of service!
- Motion by Avery, Supported by Catallo to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion Carried.
- Motion by Haven, Supported by Hunter to approve the project "a mile in their shoes" is a charity sidewalk walk proposal. New and gently used boots and shoes will be collected on Sunday November 22, 2015 between 1:30 and 4 pm. Aren Kroll, a future Eagle



SEPTIC

Scout, wants to bring the community together to collect shoes and boots. Clarkston Independence District Library has a Drop Box. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hunter, Supported by Haven to recommend

the adoption of the Code of Ordinances minus Zoning Ordinances as the City of the Village of Clarkston. **Resolution is Adopted**

Motion by Avery Supported by Catallo to approve Halloween hours for Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6pm to 7 pm. Motion Carried.

The City was contacted by Oakland County to participate in the NO HAZ program next year. The program must be decided on and turned back in to Oakland County before January 31, 2016 The Council requested a rep from the program to come to a council meeting. No action was taken.

Moved by Avery, Supported by Haven to hold a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday February 2, 2016 at 7 pm in the Fire Station Training Room located at 6500 Citation Drive. The meeting is to help the citizens of Clarkston how to navigate our new web site and learn about other city programs and services. Motion Carried.

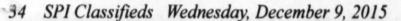
Moved by Sabol, Supported by Avery to change the way we publish CDBG Public Hearing Notices. Federal Law allows the City to publish all CDBG public hearings on the internet. Resolution is Adopted.

Moved by Sabol, Supported by Avery to adjourn the meeting at 7:58. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Miller City Clerk













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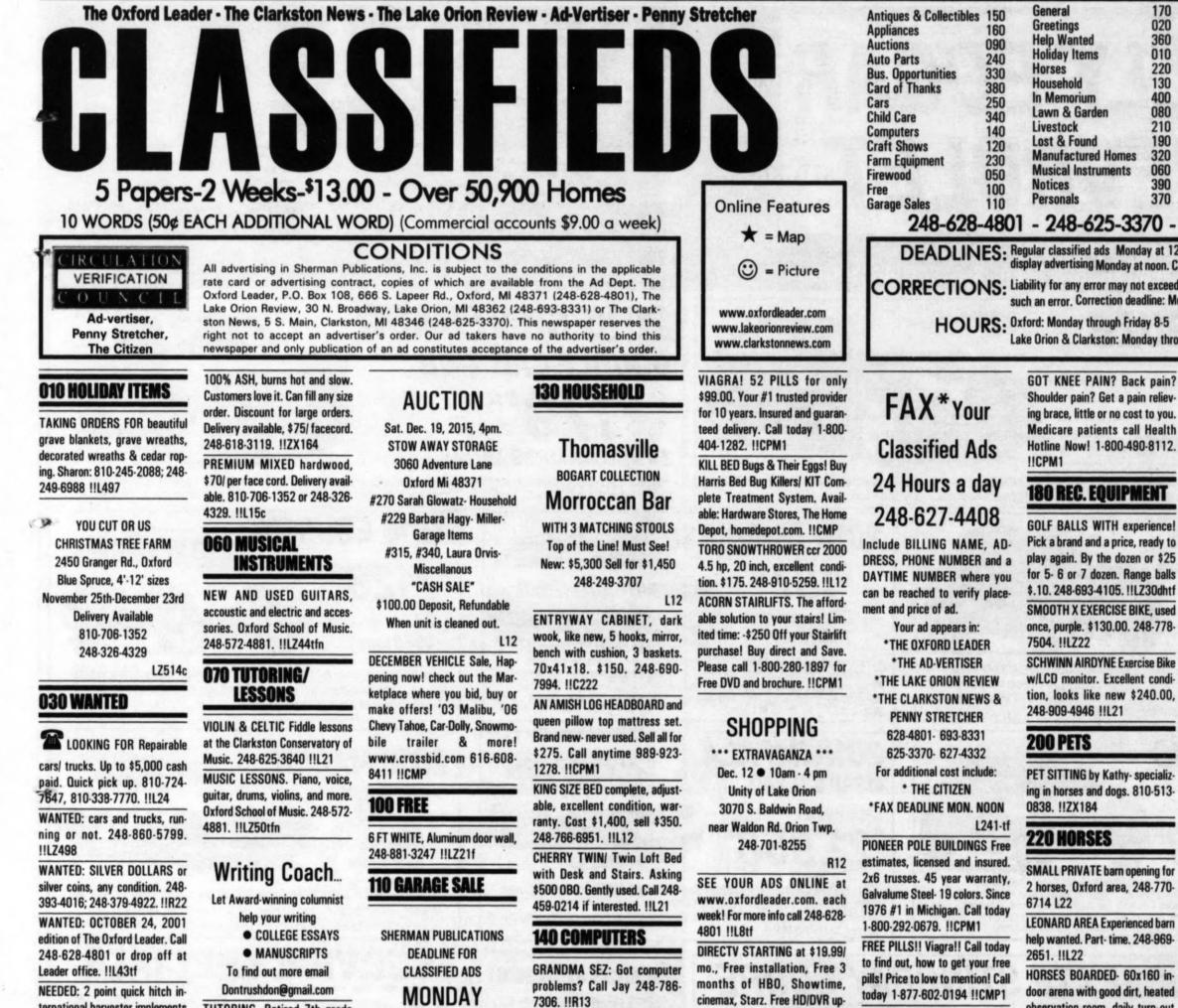
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There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Daniel J. Kelly, Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, PC; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC; Peter M. Keenan, Karlstrom Cooney, LLP; Gregory T. Schultz, Schultz & Young, PC; Derk Beckerleg, Esq., Secrest Wardle

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented D.
- BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None E.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**
- AGENDA ITEMS AS INDICATED IN MOTION #2015-G 11-211:
- 1. Legal Services Presentations
- Gregory T. Schultz, Schultz & Young, PC
- b) Peter M. Keenan, Karlstrom Cooney, LLP
- Daniel J. Kelly, Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, PC
- d) Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC
- Derk Beckerleg, Esq., Secrest Wardle
- ITEMS NOT INDICATED IN THE MOTION: None
- **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None** L.
- ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at J. 9:38 PM

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

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Visitors were also able to make a donation in a loved one's name during the event.



Mary Gilhuly sells decorative tiles for Song For Spirit.



Jim Degan and Julie Bleim say hello to visitors at their booth Pal Craftaid, which helps with educational expenses for people in Palestine.

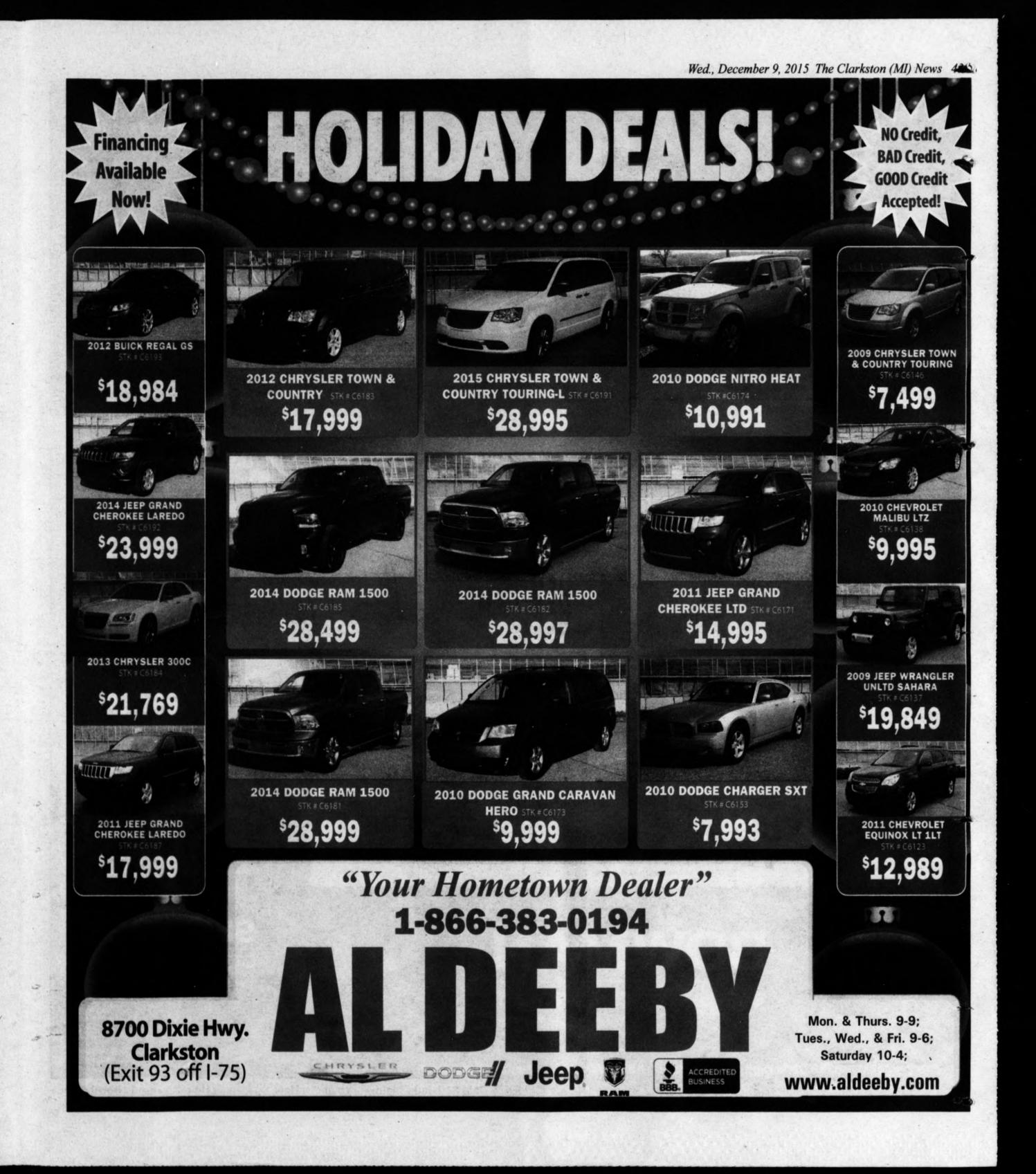






Sidney Bonvallett asks her daughter C.J. Christopher about the hand-crafted items available at her table. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

Nancy and Erica Cale and Jaun Maldonado at the Helping Hearts Helping Hands booth. Erica started the non-profit, which helps children and families in Honduras, in 2007.





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