

Water woes Independence Township residents struggle with gas contamination

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Options are limited for Maple Drive residents suffering from water contaminated by gasoline, officials say.

Christine Robinson's family has dealt with the issue for over a year. They cannot drink water from the tap, give it to their pets, cook with it, nor use it for showers.

Every 20 days, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) delivers eight cases of water to the family of four.

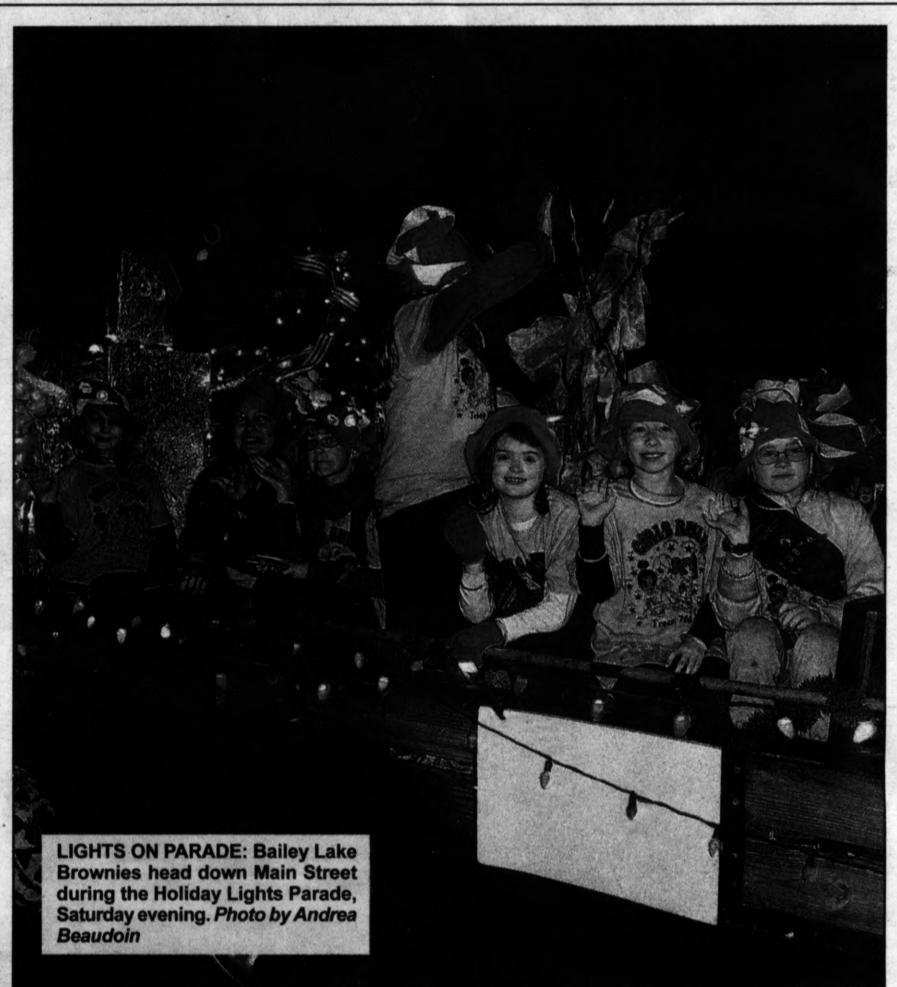
"It's not enough for us," she said. "When you go to the store and buy petroleum products for your skin it soaks into your skin. Showering and bathing in gas soaks into your skin too and we do not want to use the water."

The leak is from the Citgo Gas Station on Dixie Highway at Maple Drive, near Maybee Road.

Owner Munir Tarraf said the underground tanks at the station were replaced, but they weren't the source of the leak.

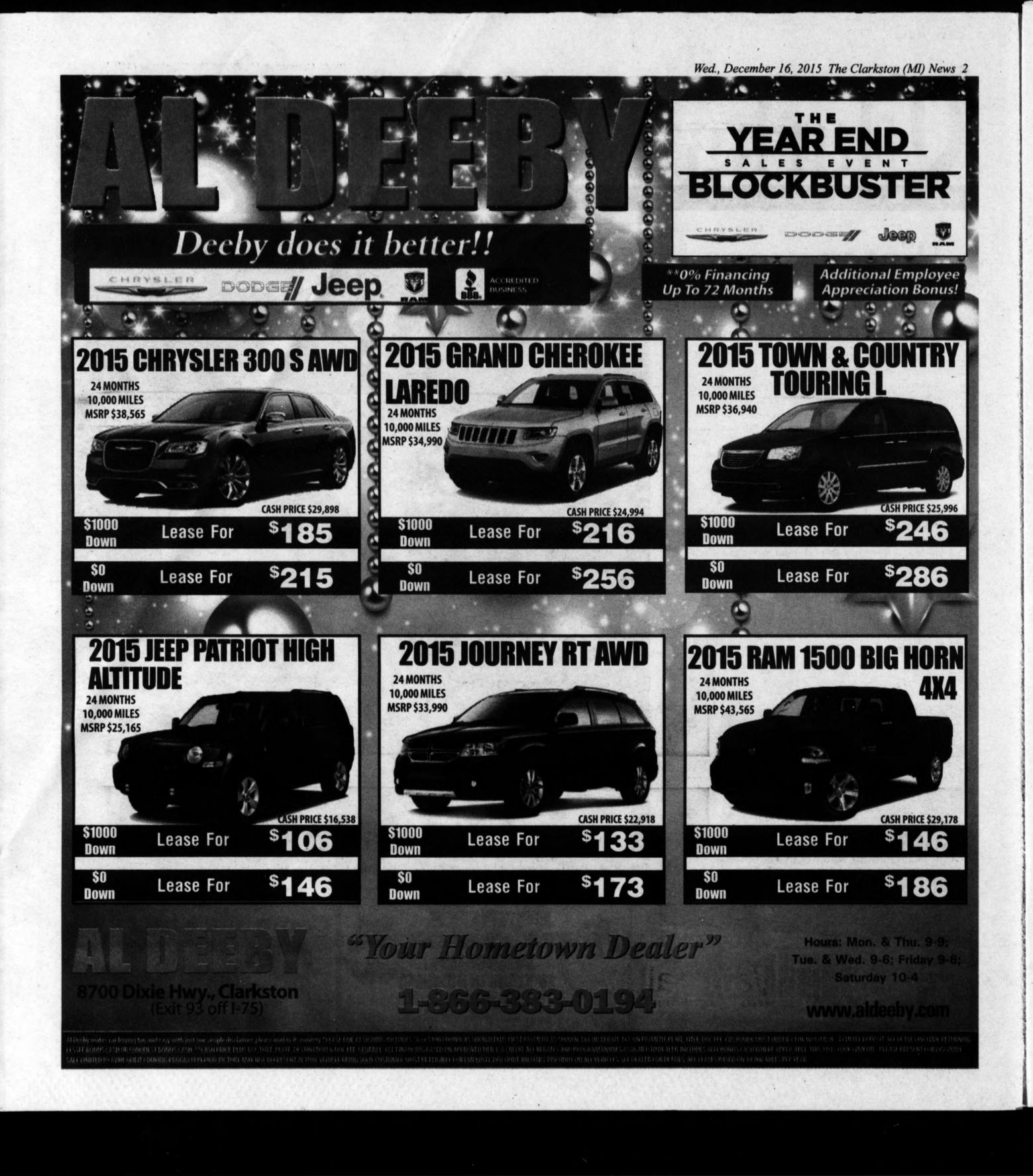
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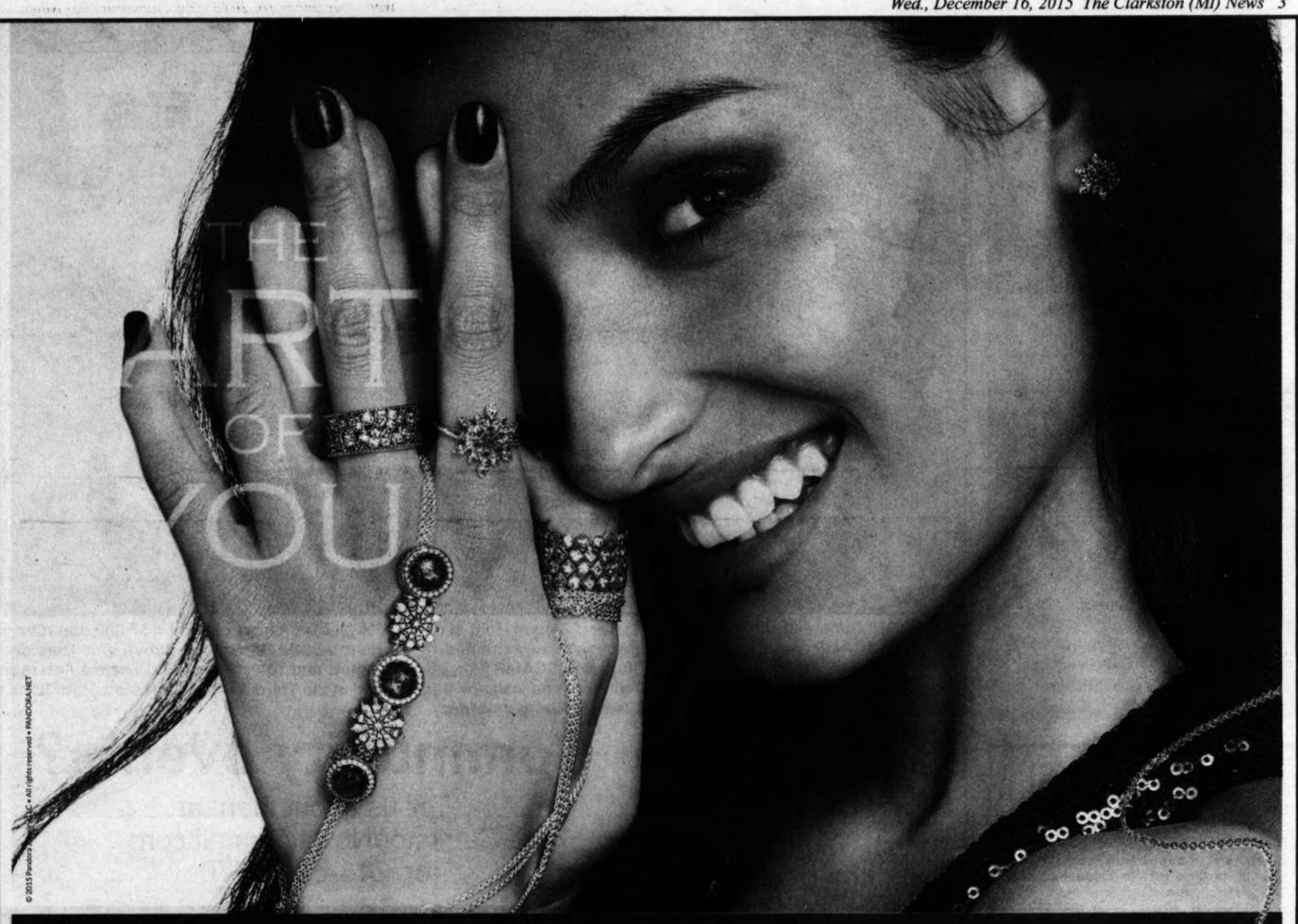




Christine Robinson has received several letters from MDEQ about water contamination at her home. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin







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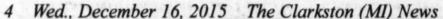




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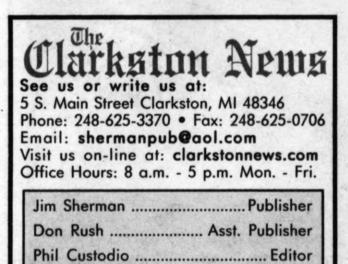




DONATION: Second from left, Deanna Hart and Megan Holt, at right, of High-Five Races present a \$7,000 donation to Clarkston SCAMP and Blessings in a Backpack, represented by Clarkston State Bank's Executive Vice President Dawn Horner, at left, Wendy Clufetos, Clarkston SCAMP Executive Director; and Terry Porritt and Thelma Peterson, Blessings in a Backpack. More than 850 runners and walkers participated in the Third Annual Clarkston State Bank's Back Roads Half Marathon, 10k, and 5k, Nov. 8. *Photo provided*

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Katelyn Sparzynski She will be a junior at Holly High School this fall. She is a Varsity runner in both crosscountry and track. She is in the schools leadership program, she would like to become a speech

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GOAL SETTING: From left, Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle, Trustee Andrea Schroeder, Treasurer Paul Brown, Clerk Barbara Pallotta, and trustees Jose Aliaga, Ron Ritchie, and David Lohmeier gather for their annual retreat at Colombiere Center. *Photo byAndrea Beaudoin*

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Briefly

Music conference

Clarkston High School Chamber Orchestra students will attend the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids on Jan. 21-22.

The orchestra was selected to perform at the Michigan Music Conference, an in-service event for over 9,000 music teachers from across the state. As one of three school orchestras to perform at the event, the 34 students in grades10-12 will perform on Jan. 22 at Devos Hall.

Optimists thanked

Clarkston School Board passed a Resolution of Appreciation, Dec. 14, for the Clarkston Area Optimist Club for their dedication to local schools.

The board thanked the Optimists for their work in schools and supporting the community for over 25 years, numerous youth programs in schools and funding scholarships, programs, and school-wide leadership programs, and operating Junior Optimists and Alpha Clubs.

"The Optimists Club has grown into a vitally important partner of our district and a source of tremendous support for out staff and students," said board President Steve Hyer, reading the resolution.

Open-enrollment program expanded

Clarkston School Board approved an additional career immersion program, a open enrollment, schools-of-choice program, Dec. 14.

Students in grades 10-11 will get the opportunity to earn up to nine college credits in the Teacher Education Career

Ruling could change ordinance revisions, attorney says

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to approve first reading of the city Zoning Ordinance No. 129, which regulates residential and commercial uses in the city.

Discussion at the Dec. 14 meeting included concerns raised by former Councilman Richard Bisio, including revisions to the sign ordinance for political campaign signs.

Revisions include limiting signs to 14 days before an election, changed from 60, and three days after, a change from 14. Rules limiting signs to private property and no larger than 2-by-3-feet are unchanged.

The changes have been in effect for

several years, said Council member Michael Sabol, who also serves on the planning commission.

"It was changed some time ago, during (City Manager) Dennis Ritter's time," he said.

City attorney Thomas Ryan said he will review the sign ordinance in light of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision last June in the Reed v. Town of Gilbert case, which limits regulation of political signs.

According to the ruling, sign rules can't be based on content, Ryan said.

"It's a game changer," he said. "I'll look at it and make some input."

The Planning Commission has been working with Carlisle/Wortman to revise the ordinance.

Changes are mostly reformatting and

corrections of typographical errors. It was also made into an electronic, pdf file, Sabol said.

"It's a completely searchable document now," he said.

The revised ordinance is available at city hall and online at villageofclarkston.org for review. Changes are marked in red.

The council vote was 6-0. Mayor Joe Luginski was absent, citing personal reasons, said Mayor Pro-tem Eric Haven. The Zoning Ordinance will receive a second reading, then can be approved by the council. City council next meets on Jan. 11.

Bisio's lawsuit against the city, citing violations of the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act, is pending in Sixth Circuit Court.

Pathway Program.

The program gives students firsthand experience working with preschool children at an on-site licensed facility, said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

The program is limited to 10 open-enrollment students, beginnings in fall 2016.

Correction

In "Smile of the week" in the Dec. 9 edition, Julia Rahman's name was mispelled. We regret the error.

The story "New development includes conservation space," Nov. 25, should have reported 20 acres on the north side of Maybee Road will be donated to the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, and 26 acres on the south side of Maybee to the Morgan Lake Homeowners' Association.



Abigail Hasenfraez is dressed in head to toe in holiday gear including Pom-Poms for some extra fun with her Springfield Plains troop.



Clarkston High School's Dire Wolves joined in on the fun during a warm winter parade.

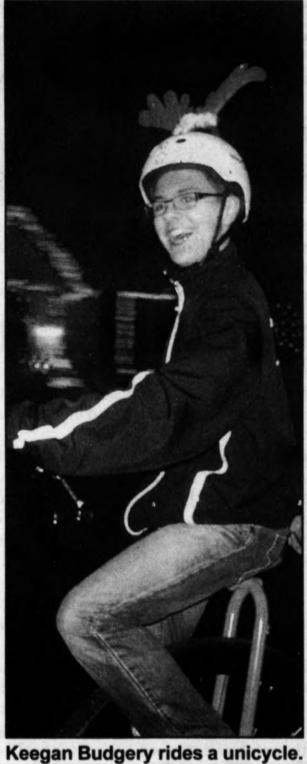




This huge "Peace" message was lit up and hard to miss.

Downtown parade

Despite a lack of snow, downtown was full of winter cheer for the Holiday Lights Parade, Saturday night.





Erich Lines of Union Joints channeled Elvis as he moved his lips like the King wishing everyone a happy holiday season and a fabulous 2016.

Louise Kasl spreads bubbles everywhere as she rides down Main Street during the parade.



Girl scout troops galore made up a variety of parade participants. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



From left, seated, Preston Peters, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest; Daniel Hagan, Walled Lake Western High School; Alexis Ball, West Bloomfield High School; Samantha Garcia, Brother Rice/Marian High Schools; Eric Seidel, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northeast; Perry Outman, Notre Dame Prep School; Vishnu Rengaraji, Rochester Adams High School; Kenji Otani, Roeper Upper School; Richard Zhovner, Avondale High School; Kyle Crawford, Walled Lake Schools; and, standing, Lestyn Brooks, Our Lady of the Lakes High School; Tyler Davis, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep School; Aaron Bentley, Waterford Kettering High School; Donovan Hernandez, Pontiac High School; Ghiana Branon, Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southeast; Thejas Suvarna, International Academy East; Kaleb Webb, Lake Orion High School; Jacob Bejune, Birmingham Schools; and Brendon Gallagher, Waterford Mott High School. *Photo provided*

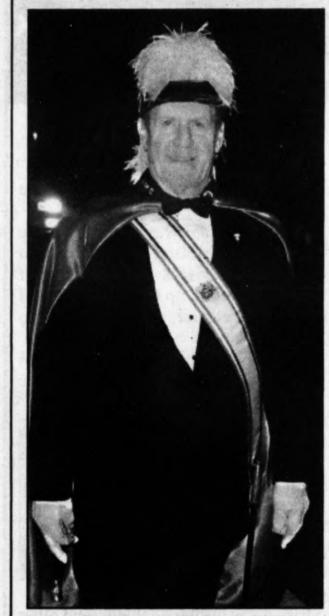
County tech students named to MVP Robotics Team

The 2015 All-County MVP Robotics Team was announced at the Oakland County Competitive Robotics Association Annual Awards Banquet, Dec. 9 at Oakland Schools.

The students, mentors and families enjoyed a buffet dinner prepared by the culinary students at Oakland Schools Technical Campus Northeast. Students participating in the OCCRA competition this season had to put their science and technology skills to work to design and build 120-pound robots that could place large rubber balls into elevated lacrosse nets. Notre Dame Prep and Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest were honored as the league champions. The

annual "Foundation Award for the Outstanding Robotics Program of 2015" went to the students and coaches of Rochester Adams High School.

For more information on OCCRA, contact Terri Kroll, OCCRA coordinator for Oakland Schools at 248-209-2432 or at terri.kroll@oakland.k12.mi.us.



KNIGHT AT NIGHT: Grand Knight Bob Reinelt is in full Knights of Columbus regalia at the Holiday Lights Parade. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

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Thursday, December 17

9:30 a.m.

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A column by Phil Custodio

APC you later

The federal government giveth, the federal government taketh away.

That's what I was thinking while looking at pictures the Oakland County Sheriff's Office sent of workers loading up its M113 armored personnel carrier, to be returned to Washington.

I used to enjoy seeing the thing at parades though town. It reminded me

of my time in the service. I never had to ride around in them, but they were around.

It was taken away due to a civil rights issue, according to President Barack Obama, whose



Executive Order 13688

strips away military vehicles and other surplus equipment from police all over the country.

Ferguson, Missouri, is pretty far away and Clarkston hasn't had to deal with the police shootings and racial riots of that and other areas, but this is a way we get to feel some effects from it.

The executive order stems from that and other similar incidents lately, and is a response to the militarization of the police – the president thinks police equipped with military hardware are too eager to use it on the people during riots or whatever.

Maybe he'd have a point if local cops were hitting the streets with beltfed machine guns and hand grenades. But it's sad the same reasoning applies to the M113, an armored box with tracks, no gun turret, firing ports, or other weaponry. It wasn't even that great a combat vehicle in its day. It has aluminum armor. An iconic image from the Vietnam War is of soldiers riding on top of the tracked vehicles, because that was less dangerous than being inside if it hit a mine. That's not the way vehicles like this are supposed to be used. It would be fine protection, however, against the rifles and pipe bombs so far used by criminals, mental cases, and terrorists. Deputies could drive it onto an active-shooter scene, picking up victims under fire. Now they'll either have to wait until the shooting stops, or head out there in their cars.

Thanks for help with Goodfellows

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Rotary Club would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the Clarkston community and those people who gave so generously during the Goodfellow newspaper sales this past weekend. The success of the "Shoes for Kids" program is predicated on so many factors including the weather, but more importantly the support by the residents of Clarkston.

"Shoes for Kids" has been the Clarkston Rotary's signature community project for the past thirty-seven years. It takes the collaborative efforts of not only club members but the support from the volunteers to bring each year's project to fruition.

A special recognition to following groups, organizations and businesses for their exemplary support and dedication during this year's Clarkston Rotary Goodfellow newspaper sales leading up to the "Shoes for Kids" program

The Clarkston Rotary would like to recognize and thank the following:

• To those individuals, groups, friends of Rotary and family members who spent countless hours this past Friday and Saturday dodging traffic in order to collect the money necessary to provide shoes and boots to 300 Clarkston children.

• *The Clarkston News* and Sherman Publications for publishing the Clarkston Rotary Goodfellow newspaper each year.

• Don Rush, assistant publisher, and Rotarian Mary Sloan for their efforts in compiling and editing this year's paper.

• Boy Scout Troop #199 and their troop leader for organizing troop members in col-

Some love for Love Clarkston support

Dear Editor,

I cannot thank you enough for helping me kick start this fundraiser that turned into a crazy "Love Clarkston" frenzy!!

I am overwhelmed with the support of the community and the support of the teachers and staff, and the parents of all schools and sports! Even the Chiefs parents were buying my shirts and sweatshirts! With an estimated number of items sold to be over 600! And to imagine I was told before I ever sold my first shirt that "they will never sell!" I proved that man wrong and succeeded beyond my highest expectations for this "little idea" I had. lecting donations at three different locations. They exemplify everything that a community looks for from its future leaders. The troop has provided continuous support to this community service project for the past seventeen years.

• Cub Scout Pack #499 in their third year of selling newspapers at Neiman's Family Market. The enthusiasm and efforts of the scouts didn't go unnoticed.

 Oakland Woods Baptist Church for opening their doors for use of their church annually for the upcoming shoe distribution. Their church members support the endeavors in so many ways.

• The Clarkston Area Lions who work each year on our endeavor while allowing the Clarkston Rotary to reciprocate during their White Cane collection.

• The Clarkston Optimists who are involved in so many children related programs, including their Opti-Socks project.

• Neiman's Family Market for permitting the Cub Scouts to learn community service by selling newspapers at their Clarkston store.

• The Clarkston Union and The Woodshop, Hamlin Pub, Tim Horton's (Maybee Rd), and Neiman's Family Market for their support during the two day event.

• To the many volunteers who gave of their time, money and efforts to again make this year's event a complete success.

• Finally to the Clarkston Community, collectively we can make a difference in a child's life.

Thank you!

The Clarkston Rotary Club & Joel DeLong, Program Chair

Elementary our biggest sales out of all the schools! Haha! After that, I had teachers emailing me asking me to come in and sell them. Teachers buying shirts for other

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Snow day!" The blizzard of 2000 hit Clarkston hard as it left about a foot of snow on the ground, causing the cancellation of classes for Clarkston Community Schools and left motorists in a tough spot.

"Bank One on Sashabaw Road robbed" A suspect ran away with approximately \$1,080 from Bank One on Sashabaw Road. The bank teller was handed a note at 10:35 a.m. from the suspect which read "this is a robbery, give me all the money in your top and second drawer."

"Internet room and training center" Surfing might be a growing pastime in Independence Township with the library's expansion of an internet room and training center with a content server and 16 new computers.

25 years ago - 1990

"Controversy comes to courtroom" Independence Township was in the national spotlight when the murder case involving Dr. Jack Kervorkian and his "suicide machine" was heard in 52nd District Court.

"Girl dies in 'accidental shooting" A 15-year-old Independence Township girl was fatally injured after being accidentally shot in the head while she was visiting a friend. She died the next day.

"Pizza, chips reward good attendance, grades" Sixty Clarkston Elementary students with perfect attendance on on the honor roll were randomly selected for a lunch of pizza, pop or milk, chips and cookies for their reward. Principal William Potvin served them their special lunch reward.

I had to contact an attorney because a rival school tried to copy my design and use it for themselves to fund raise too. Oh heck no! This is Clarkston bred and only Clarkston Lead!

The Clarkston News was a huge part of the success! Thank you.

It was a lot of work and many, many hours of traveling to the schools for teachers lunch hours to make it convenient for them. They were out biggest supporters! If I had to, I would have marked Independence teachers as birthday presents!

Parents asking to buy them to wear them into the schools when they volunteer. I had people sharing the pictures of their kids to me, pride. It's amazing! After the sales started, the CHS school store teacher said yes, let's sell them there too. I am so grateful to all those who were kind with praise and compliments.

And Lake Orion's varsity basketball coach's daughter emailed me from Grand Rapids and asked for a sweatshirt to mail to her over in GR, so that she had it in time to wear to her fathers basketball game against Clarkston this Friday night at Lake Orion. How funny is that? A sweatshirt! Gotta Love our Alumni.

Amazing how something so simple could be such a huge inspiration to a proud community!!

Thank you again. Merry Christmas!

Julie LeBourdais

50 years ago - 1965 "Dennis Urick will play at Rose

Bowl" Dennis Urick, formerly of Clarkston, would attend the Rose Bowl Football game as a member of the Michigan State University Marching Band. As a member of the MSU Marching Band, he would also be going to Pasadena, California to participate in the "Tournament of Roses" Parade on New Year's Day.

"Santa tells of Clarkston mail" Santa Claus reported to *The Clarkston News* most of the toys were ready for his Clarkston deliveries. He added he spent the last week going over mail from Clarkston children.

"Local news" A family Christmas party and dinner was held at the Community Center where 46 members of the Jessie Weber family attended.

Some 'sports' are ruining sport watching

From the Jim's Jotting Archives. This column was first published on Dec. 17, 2008

Will Rogers said, "Get someone else to blow our horn and the sound will carry twice as far."

I watch a lot of sports on television. The majors, baseball, football and basketball get most of my sports viewing time.

Please note I wrote 'viewing' time. None of them get much of my listening time. The networks put three people in the microphone booth and at least one on the sidelines to tell me what I've seen.

I think I know what I've seen. However, these promoters are so unsure of what's shown they have introduced challenges to plays. Did the Pistons' shooter have his foot on the 3-point line?

Stop the play and check it!

Did the runner's foot hit the chalk line? Stop the game and review it.

They are making a 3-hour game last four hours. I don't need or want all that incessant, vocal droning and replays.

But, that's not my big objection. What's got my dander up are the show-offs, the Neanderthals, the jerks who show their egotistical ways for just doing their jobs.

A tackle makes a tackle, as his contract

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Jim Sherman

expects, then crouches down as he walks away from the other players to display his arrogance in an open field.

A split-end catches a ball, as his contract expects, in the end zone then makes love to the goalpost, jumps into the stands or kneels in solitude.

A batter hits a home run, then stands at the plate to add emphasis to his ac-

complishment that has never before been achieved by another human.

Basketball players begin their approach to the basket from center court and soar to exaggerate a 2-point play. Simply laying the

ball over the rim and into the basket won't do. The egos, especially in pro sports, are so huge ordinary fans won't appreciate them unless sickening emphasis is added.

Bring back Barry Sanders, the Detroit Lions of yore running back who, after he scored touchdown handed the ball to the referee and trotted back to his teammates on the sidelines.

We'll forever blow his horn and the sound will carry twice as far.

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Seriously, folks, have you ever been prouder of our so-called representatives in Washington? Lansing, too, for that matter.

Let's petition for another election on Groundhog Day. Seems like a good day to clean the sty.

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Whoa, horsey! Let's do something to get out of this negative mood. Maybe a limerick will help?

In the Garden of Eden sat Adam, Disporting himself with his madam. She was filled with elation,

For in all of creation

There was only one man--and she had'm.

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If you like to sew and travel, might I suggest you get a job like a niece of ours has. She's a seamstress on a cruise line. Her holiday letter this year says she has sailed to Australia, Italy, Tangiers, Alaska and a couple other places.

Primarily she works on costumes of entertainers aboard the ships.

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Here's a stress management idea for 2009.

Picture yourself near a stream. Birds are softly chirping in the crisp, cool mountain air. Nothing can bother you here. No one knows this secret place, except you.. You are in total seclusion from that place called "the world." The soothing sound of a gentle waterfall fills the air with a cascade of serenity. The water is clear. You can easily make out the face of the person whose head you're holding under the water.

'For hate is strong and mocks the song ...

Peace on earth and good will to men.

Holiday seasons always seem to get mucked up because of some whack-job somewhere is hellbent on de-

struction. I know it is a hard concept for me to grasp, but, the world isn't on Don't Dandy Don Rush's blue-sky and sun-**Rush Me** shine schedule.

It outta be, but alas, it ain't -damnit!

I got to thinking -- well, thinking a couple of things. One, the ancillary thing is, yep there is crazy in the world



whatever we hear on the news. Lazily we throw back the bad news without a thought or a balance of good.

Okay, let's be honest . . . how many of you on your social media posts, repost things that make you mad? How many of you "share" things which attack the opposing political party or things of such cruelty that it turns your stomach?

Admit it, it's easier to be a Negative Nelly or Donny Downer when sitting around the kitchen table talking with family. Bad things and gossip are just more fun.

If I were to suggest one thing -- how we, one family and home at a time -- can start to make a positive difference, it Of peace on earth, good will to men.

And thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along the unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.

Till ringing, singing on its way The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, a chant sublime Of peace on earth, good will to men.

and yep, there is evil, too. More importantly, however, there is goodness on this earth and even in this country. Unfortunately, goodness doesn't get good A column by play or even pay well. Goodness, kindness and down-to-earth groovieness is not sexy.



Don Rush

Every day, little acts of kindness go on, with nary a blink of an eye. Everyday, acts of bravery, compassion and courage are carried off by one person for another all the time. It is in a word, common. We don't concentrate on acts of mercy or humility, but we sure as the dickens dwell on evil perpetrated by one or some on one or others. I get it, badness is news.

Here's the thing about news most folks forget: News is only news because it is not the norm, it is different, out of the ordinary -- and therefore is reported. I think we forget that. As adults, I think we also forget to "report" on acts of love. Instead, we fall into the easy action of regurgitating

would be this: Stop the gossiping and then balance the negative with the good.

One of my favorite Christmas hymns is I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day and for some reason the song that kept on playing in my head this past weekend (Frank Sinatra version). I reckoned there was a reason my subconscious thought about it. So, I googled it and here is what I discovered. Did you know the song was written on Christmas Day, 1864 by American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. And the interesting part, the poem was penned as the American Civil war raged on.

How could that be? In the midst of all the death and turmoil, how could this man find the hope in his soul to put those beautiful words together?

> I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat

And in despair I bowed my head "There is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail With peace on earth, good will to men

What do you think? How do you find hope in the midst of despair? What makes you get up and do your best each day? How do you teach your kids to cope? Me? I remember my mother saying, "the sun always come up." I take it to mean even the darkest hour will end, replaced by light. Maybe I'm just an optimist at heart, but if so, it's Mom's fault.

Send your thoughts about this or other topics to Don@ShermanPublications.org

Dear Santa Merry Ehristmas! Do you Know what my elf on the Shelf! "EVE" is doingpit have no I Dea what kind of elf she is! My decorations are all Set up! can't wait till you Come on Christmas eve! Here's what I want: Gust a Reminder.) Kidizoom and the American mantwak Carrier The christing Countdown is on! mas Ellery Moras. @

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Dear Santa,

Hi my name is Addison Tong. I believe that I have been a good girl. Here are a few things that I wish sort. L.Craft shuff

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But please only bring a few toxs so you can give to another child that is in need or a child that gets a few presents every year.

Thank, you

With Christmas coming up, Clarkston Elementary students penned a few letters to Santa last week. Mrs. Claus called The Clarkston News to subscribe to the paper for Santa's Christmas present. If you want to send a special letter to Santa, send it to us at clarkstonnews@gmail.com so jolly old elf can read your wish list!

included to man from Aisteu, age 5

Dear Sonta.

Is Audolph actually a veinder that is real? Have I been good this year? I would like a new backpack with a rainhaw on it and a Frozen Castle with Frozen Recove

HOHOHO





Window shot with bb

The back window of a home in the 6000 block of Bluegrass was shot with what appeared to be a bb, Dec. 4. There is a wooded area behind the house with a creek running through it. The backyard was checked with no results.

Man-with-gun report

Deputies responded to the 6600 block of Dixie Highway on a call of a man with a gun, 11:09 a.m., Dec. 5. Deputies located the subject, a 20-year-old Waterford Township man, standing by a maroon Ford in the parking lot. He was taken into custody. He said he got into an argument with his girlfriend and told her that he was going to shoot himself while in the parking lot. The subject stated he did this to get attention and he was not suicidal. The subject, who was unarmed, was taken to Common Ground for evaluation.

Theft from vehicle

An iPod was taken from an unlocked car parked in the 7000 block of Glenburnie Lane. Dec. 6. The owner said he heard a noise at about 11 p.m. but did not see anything suspicious.

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Aggressive dogs

A couple went for a walk in their neighborhood on Dec. 10 when, at about 11:45 a.m., they were walking along the side of the street in front of a home in the 9000 block of Stonegate Drive. They said the homeowner pulled into the driveway and the garage door opened. When the door opened, two dogs ran out and came down the driveway, aggressively approached them, and one, a pit bull mix, started to attack the woman. She was bit numerous times on both arms and her upper left leg. With the assistance of the owner, the man pulled the dog off her. The resident apologized and gave them a ride back to their home. She was treated at McLaren in Clarkston, receiving 15 stitches. Both dogs were turned over to animal control and taken to the animal shelter.

A 17-year-old Springfield Township boy was arrested in a sexual assault case of a 12year-old Pontiac girl, 7 a.m., Dec. 4. Deputies were called to the 7300 block of Blue Water Drive to attempt to locate a juvenile runaway. The 12-year-old was located and turned over to her mother at the scene. Upon returning home to Pontiac, she told her mother she had sexual intercourse with the 17-year-old at the residence in Springfield Township. Detectives and deputies executed a search warrant on the residence and evidence of the assault was recovered. The suspect was taken to the Springfield Township Substation to be interviewed, and he admitted to the detective he had sex with the 12-year-old. The suspect was arrested and jailed pending the issuance of criminal charges.

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State to install new well for residents

A Citgo media relations representative

However, they would send the informa-

Lois Graham of MDEQ's Office of Drink-

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MDEQ intends to install a new well at the

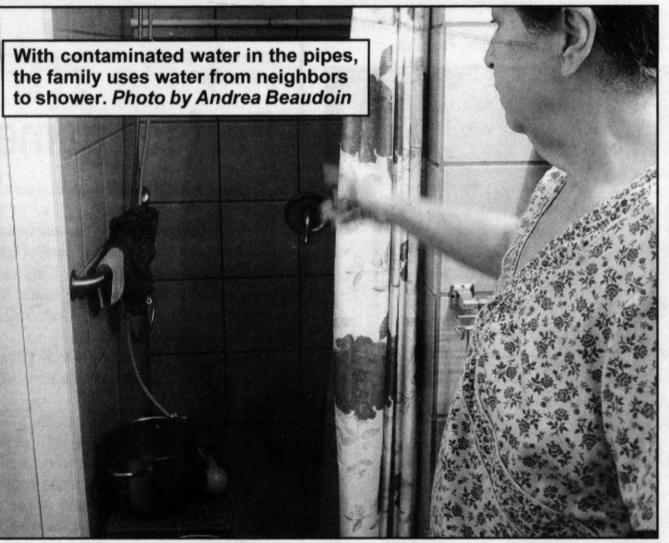
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The leak is coming from pipes transferring gas from the underground tank to the gas pumps, Tarraf said.

The MDEQ Drinking Water Laboratory analyzed water samples in July 2014, and detected volatile organic compounds in several homes on the road. Robinson's home was found to have a concentration above healthy limits set by the state.

Oakland County Health Division sent a letter to Robinson recommending use of bottled water for drinking and cooking.

Neighbor Penny Castles said her water



was tested and passed state requirements.

"It's still a concern, but Christine, my neighbor, has suffered the most," she said.

Sam, a resident of the apartments next door to Robinson, said he heard rumors officials are trying to hook the complex up to city water.

"We don't want to be a slave to high water bills," he said.

Dave McGee, DPW director for Independence Township, said there is no municipal water to hook up to on Maple.

McGee said Independence Township is aware of the situation.

"I spoke with residents and connected them with the state. My understanding is about one dozen homes have been tested in the area," McKee said, adding some have refused to get their water tested.

Robinson has attempted to contact an attorney to help them handle the situation, but had no luck.

"We do not know where to turn for help,"

Robinsons, at taxpayer expense.

McGee said he didn't know why the station owner was not required to replace Robinson's well.

"That is a question you have to ask Lansing about," he said. "I talked to the state this year - they did not have enough funding to replace that well in 2015, so maybe in 2016."

McKee said the township is doing everything they can to get the issue resolved.

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she said.

Clarkston situation.

similar issues.

Sporting News Basketball wins rack up

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston Wolves basketball headed into this week undefeated, with the boys varsity beating Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 66-35, in their Dec. 8 season opener.

The girls basketball team was 4-0 on Tuesday, knocking off Davison in their season opener, as well as Waterford Mott, 48-30, Dec. 8; Lake Orion, 60-52, Dec. 11; and West Bloomfield, 55-28, Dec. 14.

"The game at Lake Orion was pretty intense from start to finish," said coach Christine Rogers. "Both teams played hard, but Clarkston showed their maturity and didn't panic when LO went on a scoring streak and maintained a lead for most of the game."

Kayla Russell scored 21 points, and Kayla Luchenbach took 18 points, with 15 boards and five blocks.

"We were able to break their full court pressure pretty easily," Rogers said. "Defensively, we stepped up and made plays when it got very close. Kayla Russell and Kayla Luchenbach shot very well from the free throw line to put the game away in the fourth quarter. Clarkston continues to improve our offensive attack and continually strengthen our defense."

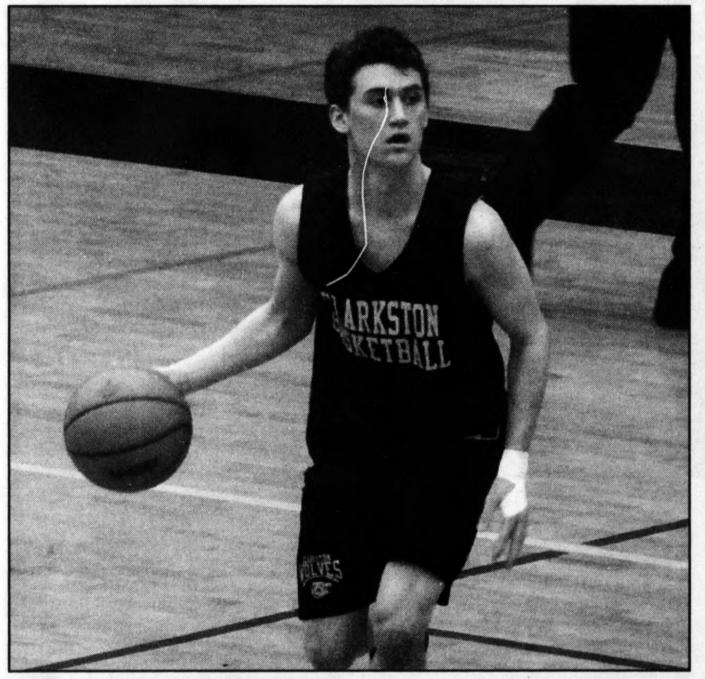
In their win over West Bloomfield, Luchenbach scored 20 points, with nine rebounds, and five blocks. Russell scored 13 points, with eight assists.

They take on North Farmington on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

"We are looking to continue our winning streak," Rogers said.

In the boys' victory against Orchard Lake, Foster Loyer scored 21 points, with three assists and four steals, and Dylan Alderson scored 14 points, with four rebounds and two assists.

The boys' home opener was Tuesday, Dec. 15, against Macomb Dakota, and take on Lake Orion on Friday, Dec. 18.



ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Gabrielle Maday with her coach and grandfather, Mark Pingston. Photo submitted

Perfect game for birthday girl

Gabrielle Maday had a special day last month.

She celebrated turning 14-years-old on Nov. 21 and also pitched a perfect game against the Grand Blanc Lady Cats as she struck out 17 batters at the Oakland Yard

the Emory Eagles.

Coach Pingston, Gabrielle's pitching instructor, is also her grandfather and has watched her grow into the player she is today.

Who is the next AOW?

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"Gabrielle works very hard at her

Foster Loyer led scoring in the Wolves season opener win against Orchard Lake, scoring 21 points. *File photo*

Knock-It-Out of the Yard indoor tournament in Waterford.

Maday plays for the 14U ICE Blue 01 Girls Fastpitch team, coached by Mark Pingston.

"In my over 30 years of coaching, I have never had a player throw a perfect game," Pingston said. "It is a huge achievement for a pitcher but she couldn't have done it without the help of the rest of the team. I am very proud of all of them."

Maday, daughter of Joe and Shannon Maday, is from Clarkston and is currently a freshman at Detroit Country Day High School.

Gabrielle comes from a family very involved in softball. Her mother, Shannon was a pitching standout at Alma College and Gabrielle's sister, Madeline, is currently attending Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia where she is a pitcher for pitching and takes it very seriously. She would like very much to also play at the collegiate level," he said.

Recently, the ICE Blue 01 team hosted seven teams coming from as far away as Columbus, Ohio at the University of Michigan Alumni Stadium. The players had the opportunity to play games on the same turf the Wolverine softball team plays on.

"We rented the whole complex," Pingston said. "It was a dream come true for all of us. The players, coaches and families were in awe with players saying it was 'magical' It was just so much fun. We had the support of the ICE organization and it is something that ICE would like to do again."

ICE is a girls fastpitch travel organization based out of Clarkston which currently sponsors 9 teams ranging from 8 & under to 16 & under.



Jaden Anderson talks to Barrett Christy during the online interview. Photos by Phil Custodio

Interview with an Olympian

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

It's OK to be goofy on a snowboard.

That just means the left foot is forward as you head down the hill, fourth graders at Pine Knob Elementary learned while talking to Olympic snowboarder Barrett Christy, Dec. 10.

The right foot forward - that's considered "regular."

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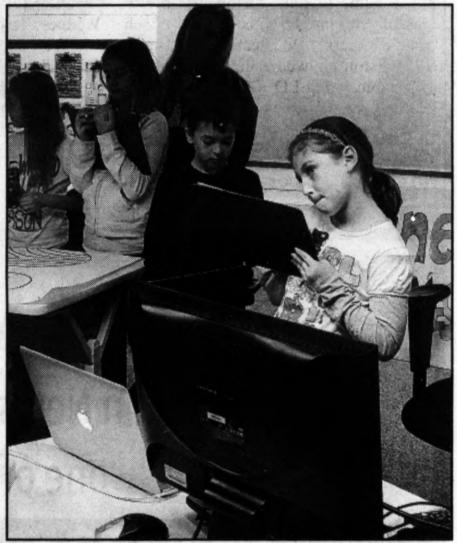
Greg Fugate, midwest sales director for Gnu Snowboards, organized the online interview and provided a snowboard blank for the students.

"I thought it would be fun for my son (Graham) and his classmates," Fugate said.

"We're always looking for new shapes and designs," Christy said. "I'm really excited to see what you come up with." Christy, who lives in Washington state, was a member of the first U.S. Snowboarding team during the 1998 Winter Olympics. Wed., December 16, 2015 The Clarkston (MI) News 13



Garin Pfeiffer, Diana Marshall, Olivia Mitchell, in center, Diana Marshall, and Rhian Douglas check out designs they have been working on.

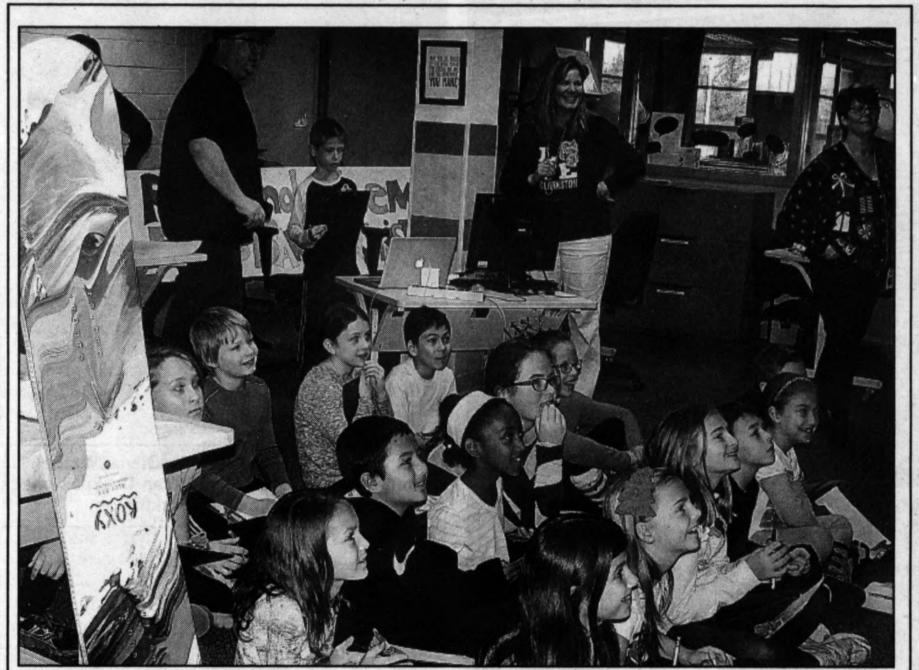


"My son was born to two goofy parents and he's regular," Christy told the students during the online chat.

The school Art Department hosted the podcast with the Christy, as well as lessons on patterns and designs for a O

Hailey Gonzalez and Benjamin Isgrigg ask their questions and write down the responses.





Greg Fugate organized the online interview of Barrett Christy for students in Jody Sebring-Schneider's art classes. Photos by Phil Custodio

Hoops for Troops

The Clarkston Girls Basketball Program hosts their third annual Hoops for Troops, Feb. 18.

The Lady Wolves are happy to announce all funds raised will stay in the state as they will be sent to Michigan Bikers Helping Veterans, which is a nonprofit charity which helps Michigan Veterans and active duty military personnel in critical need. MBHV helps veterans who have fallen through the cracks of the VA, or other veterans help organizations, and are unable to get help in a timely manner.

Since January, MBHV has help over 50 veterans, some of their needs have included: threat of home foreclosures, utility shutoffs, rook furnace, or home repairs and extreme sudden medical expenses.

Sponsorships are available include Free Throw, Jump Shot, Three Pointer and Buzzer Beater. The Buzzer Beater includes name on the back of the event T-shirt; name on event program; name event flyer; mentioned at halftime; and recognition in a Letter to the Editor to *The Clarkston News*.

Donations are due by January 13, 2016. For more information, please contact. Megan Goldberg at at HoopsForTheTroops@gmail.com or call 248-496-5226.

The event is held in honor for 2006 Clarkston High School graduate Jenna Beno who passed away October 2012 from injuries she sustained while serving in Iraq.

Clarkston High School basketball players Foster Loyer and Dylan Alderson have been named to Mick McCabe's top 100 basketball players in Michigan.

Loyer, a 6-o sophomore for the Wolves, is ranked 12th. Alderson is a 6-4 junior and is ranked 26th.

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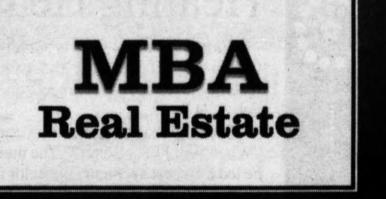
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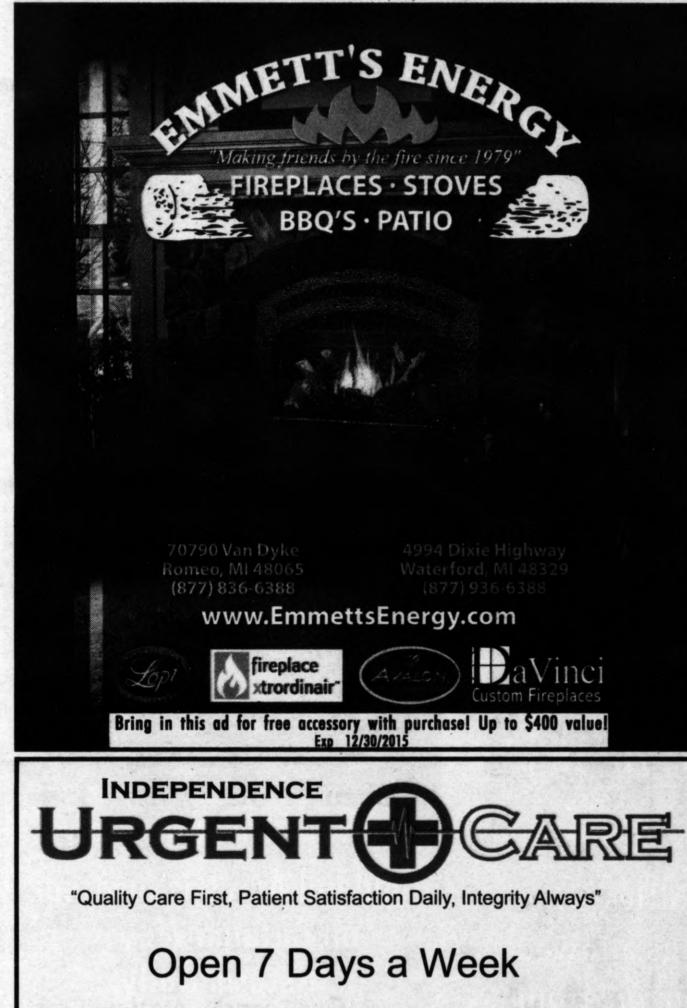
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Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one meets on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

The topic of this month's meeting is "When Will I Feel Better?" The meeting will be led by a bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Meeting location is at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road.

No registration is necessary at the free event. For more information, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at 248-625-5231 or email wintfuneralhome@gmail.com.



Winter Employee Recognition Award honorees gather in the school administration building. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

School teachers, employees honored with school board recognition

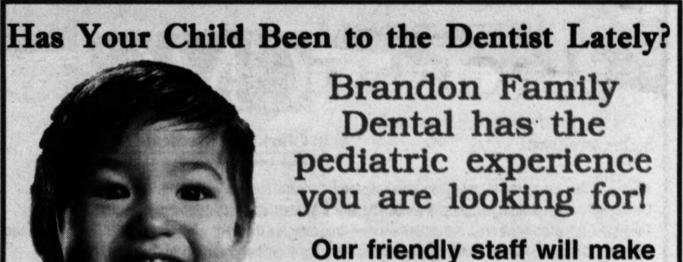
Clarkston Board of Education honored teachers and staff members with 2015 Winter Employee Recognition Awards, Monday:

Konni Larson-Behounek, business office/ athletic finance assistant, administration; Holly Johnson, Student Information System coordinator, administration;

Stephanie Taubitz, special education teacher, Andersonville Elementary; Kelly Kanigowski, school social worker, Bailey Lake Elementary; Jodi Gabbard, Kindergarten teacher, Clarkston Elementary; Nick Kolos, custodian, Clarkston Elementary; Kim Strader, special education teacher, Independence Elementary; Molly Hothem, first grade teacher, North Sashabaw Elementary; Carol Leech, paraeducator, Pine Knob Elementary; Carol Welch, Julie Brookes, Marguerite Kreiner, Melissa Snyder, Shelly Spengler, Ruth Dargay, and Stephanie Dellinger, reading aides, Pine Knob Elementary; Stephanie Beach, first grade teacher, Springfield Plains Elementary;

Shelly VanAvery, paraeducator, Sashabaw Middle School; Rhonda Yelinek, head custodian, Sashabaw Middle School; Mike Lewis and Justin Harris, music teachers and directors, Clarkston High School and Clarkston Junior High; Amy Allen, math teacher, Clarkston High School; Lynn Englehart, ELA teacher, Clarkston High School; Matt Klaver, science and math teacher, Clarkston High School; Tamera Conwell, special education deptartment head, behavioral interventionist, Clarkston High School; Amanda Walsh, foreign language/ESL teacher/behavioral interventionist, Clarkston High School; and Jessica Hall, art teacher, Renaissance High School.





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Clarkston grad opens downtown studio

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

For Ahdi Dasuqi II, opening a business in his hometown is a dream come true.

"I've always loved Clarkston," said Dasuqi, who graduated from Clarkston High School in 1998.

He opened Body by Ahdi Weights and Pilates at 8 S. Main Street, previously Encore Pilates. A graduate of the National Personal Training Academy, his classes include Barre and TRX Suspension Training, boot camp style training, and pilates with state-of-the-art equipment and weights.

Pilates is low impact, easy on the joints and good for mobility and flexibility, he said.

"You can do it everyday without risk of injury," he said. "It works well with weight training to make you stronger and help you stay positive."

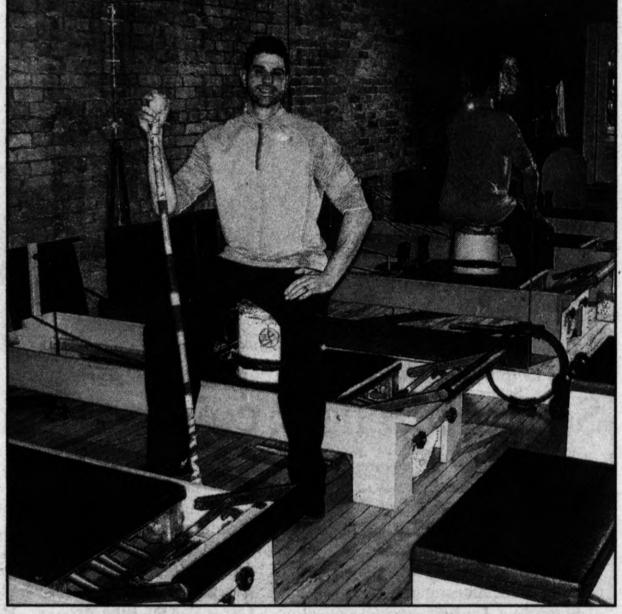
Dasuqi has been a personal trainer for seven years, and will own the downtown business as of January.

Personal trainer and martial artist Brendan Laigos offers boot camp training, at a special rate, eight sessions for \$184.

Together, they offer Upstairs Downstairs classes, with equipment pilates for half the class upstairs, then multi-joint boot camp training in the downstairs studio.

"When the classes switch, it's a riot, with music and high-fives," Dasuqi said.

For more information, call 248-202-8050, email bodybyahdi@outlook.com, or check Facebook.com/ bodybyahdi



Ahdi Dasuqi II opened Body by Ahdi Weights and Pilates at 8 S. Main Street. Photo by Phil Custodio

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



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As we age, we hear more and more about our cholesterol levels and that we need to control it before it harms us. Cholesterol can be confusing to many individuals because high levels do not cause observable everyday symptoms. There's also lots of negative press about the most used drug category, the 'statins'. To add to the complexity, there also exists a multitude of products claiming to lower cholesterol. You might have heard about cholesterol treatment everywhere from your primary care doctor, your chiropractor, your naturopath, TV and the internet. What is one to do with all of the information presented to them about cholesterol? As physicians, we pay close attention to cholesterol levels. This information helps us to identify patients at risk for heart attack and stroke and hopefully prevent these diseases and the extremely negative effect they can have on your quality of life. It is for this reason that it is also important that you have the information you need to make decisions and lifestyle changes related to high cholesterol. A set of new guidelines were released in 2013 by a panel of primary care doctors, cardiologists and endocrinologists who reviewed multiple studies involving thousands of patients. There are 4 groups that benefit from drug therapy to lower cholesterol:



1. Those patients who have already had a stroke or heart attack

2. Patients with diabetes type 2

3. Patients with an LDL level (bad cholesterol) greater than 190

4. Patients with an estimated risk of vascular disease of greater than 7% using a risk calculator (can be found online on the American Heart Association website https://www.heart.org/gglRisk/main_en_US.html)

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

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

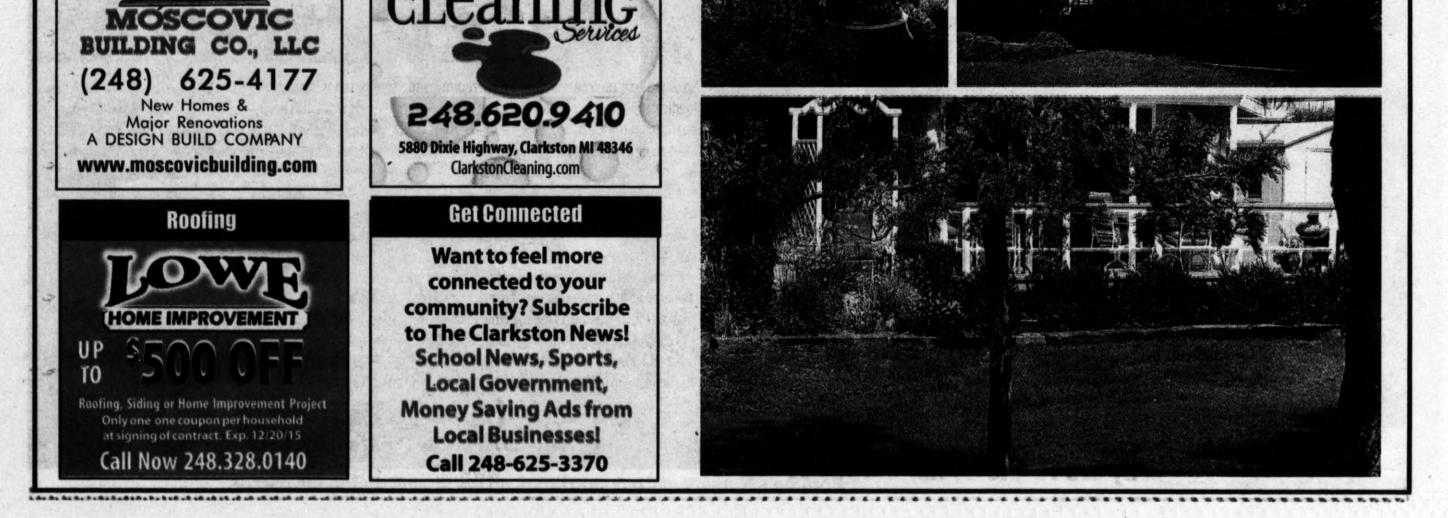
If your physician recommends a statin to control your cholesterol levels, it is important to ask about any drug interactions that may occur with pre existing medications you are taking. While other drugs are available to treat cholesterol, they do not come with the supporting data that they reduce your risk for heart attack and stroke. In conclusion, these guidelines can help you and your physician make decisions about actively lowering your risk for heart attack and stroke. If your cholesterol remains high after making lifestyle changes, if you have already had a heart attack or stroke or if you have diabetes, these drugs can be part of an effective preventative medicine regimen.

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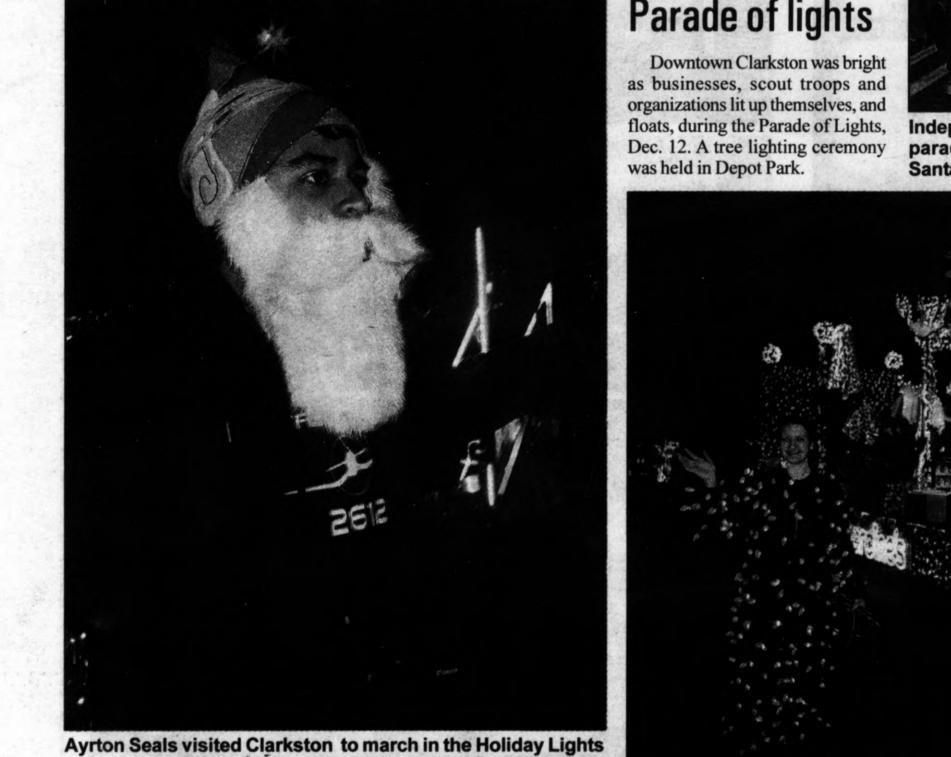
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Sagebrush Cantina created a massive float with tons of lights to say hello to visitors lined up along Main Street. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



Parade of lights



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Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors inform parade gatherers about the Depot Park tree lighting with Santa and his reindeer. Free hot cocoa and cookies, too.



Ayrton Seals visited Clarkston to march in the Holiday Lights Parade and represent Corsair Robotics FIRST Team 2612 from Waterford Mott High School.

Bordine's Nursery of Clarkston lights up the streets during the parade.



Girl Scout Troops 74378 and 70881 decorated themselves with festive Christmas gear and tons of lights. *Photos by Andrea Beaudoin*



Clarkston Cultural Arts joined the holiday parade to raise awareness of many art initiatives underway in Clarkston.



Andrew Birdinger carries the American Flag as he marches down Main Street.



Students at The Dance Place march with lit lightsabers.







The Christiansen family created their own robots to tell Clarkston to "have a Rock In Sock In Christmas."



Flying Rhino bicyclers were decorated from head to tire during the parade.

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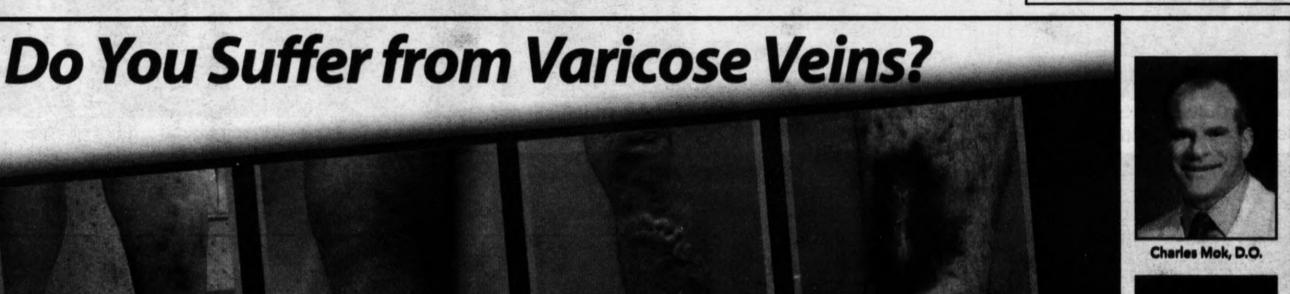
PRAYER: Bashar Habba of Holy Martyrs Chaldean Catholic Church in Sterling Heights offers a prayer in the chapel at Colombiere Center in Springfield Township. "It's time to pray to God," he said. Habba was with a group of fellow church members on a retreat. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin*

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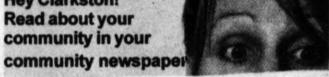
"American Girl stuff from Target." - Aubrey Reineck





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Junior Girl Scouts with Troop 70220 collected thousands of pounds of food for people in need during the holidays.





"I want a new Star Wars Lego set." - Kyle Gleason



"I want a drone for Christmas. I do amateur photography. I want to take some photos and video." - Sean Gleason

By Andrea Beaudoin

Food for the hungry

Fourth grade Clarkston Junior Girl Scout Troop 70220 collaborated with Gleaners community food bank to collect food donations to help feed the hungry.

This is the first time the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts joined forces to do a community wide project, said Andrea Beauchamp, Troop 70220 leader.

Overall, 200,000 pounds of food was collected. About 160,000 pounds was from the Boy Scouts and 40,000 pounds was from the Girl Scouts.

"That's a great showing or the first year of the Girl Scouts participating," Beauchamp said. "We have two overflowing Gleaners boxes, one filled with canned goods, the other with boxed items. The other two boxes are filled as well with an assortment of items.".

The scouts deliver their food donations. Photos provided

Events

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.

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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

Around Jown

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



HONOR GUARD: The American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard leads the Holiday Lights Parade. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., Feb. 9, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Topic: "When Will I Feel Better?" Free. 248-625-5231.

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

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

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310.

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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 TownClarkston 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 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. 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.

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

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

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.

Tuesday

Lifetree Café, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. Dec. 22: "The Spirit of Santa: The Legend, the Love, the Lowdown," with filmed interview with Mark and Teresa McGraw, who professionally play Santa and Mrs. Claus. Free. 810-694-9351. *** clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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

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

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

ship 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.

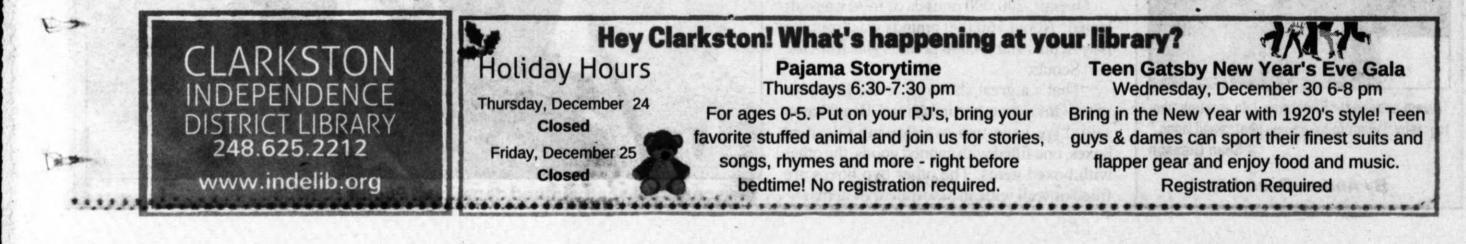
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DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

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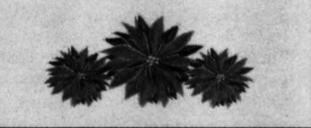
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Religion Events Preaching

Love comes down at Christmas

While getting ready for Christmas this year at Calvary we have been reflecting each week on the figures of the familiar manger scene and what significant role they played in the Christmas story.

So far we have explored Jesus' family tree, Mary and Joseph. This weekend we consider the shepherds. After Christmas we will talk about the angels and the magi or wise

Spiritual Matters I am particularly

fascinated by the story of the shepherds, who were on the very edge of society as they tended the sheep in the wilderness away from home and outside the towns.

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There was very little respect or prestige for

this job, important as it was, and the shepherds were considered "unclean" since they were not able to keep all of the "rules" of proper society or proper religion.

Yet these are precisely the ones who received the first birth announcement about Jesus from the angels in Luke 2.

They, not the religious leaders or the wealthy or powerful people, were the ones who were invited to come and see the baby with Mary and Joseph that first walk with us on earth as one of us.

Love comes down at Christmas. This baby is especially Good News to those who are hurting or in need or outcast or who have made big mistakes. God cares...deeply.

Many of us know the beginning of Psalm 23. "The Lord is my shepherd ... " It is very interesting that even though it was such a lowly profession, shepherding is nevertheless frequently used as an example of how God cares for us.

Shepherds live with the sheep to lead them and protect them. Shepherds aren't afraid to face dangers or to get dirty doing whatever needs to be done to keep the sheep safe and sound.

The shepherd could recognize each unique sheep and "calls his own sheep by name and leads them." When one was lost, the shepherd would leave the others in a safe place to go and try to find the lost one to bring it home.

Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10)

That is the Christmas Story: Love comes down at Christmas...to shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night. And into our world, into our lives.

Once we realize that the birth announcement for Jesus went first to the shepherds and that they found God in a stable, a barn, we can never again be quite sure where God will appear next. God's holiness is found in the lowliest and least likely places, like among shepherds, in a stable...and on a cross. The real Christmas story assures us that God is with us in the messiness and real stuff of our lives today. In our joys and in our challenges there is God with us and for us as a Good Shepherd who cares for the sheep and knows each one by name.

Tuesdays at 7:00pm 501 (College & Twenty-Somethings) Wednesday at 6:45pm JourneyON Adult Focus Studies Nuture Center (birth-4) Kids Life (K-Sth) Crave Students (6th-8th) check out all Bridgewood has To offer you online at bridgewoodchurch.com

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WAYPOINT CHURCH 8400 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston ebsite - www.waypoint.org Phone 248-623-1224 Sunday Worship: 9:45 am & 11:00 am Mom Squad: Tues. 9:30-11:30 am Childcare provided Wednesday: Family Life Group 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm

OAKLAND EPC "God's Word; God's Power; Life Worth the Living Here to help those concerned about life and curious about the God who made us. Currently meeting at Mt.Zion Center 4453 Clintonville Road at Mann Rd., Waterford, MI 48329 Worship Service each Sunday @ 10:30 am Children's Worship @ 10:30 am Other Opportunities Call Church for times of following Meetin Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study Women's Bible Study Mid Week Bible Study Adult Sunday Morning Bible Studies Oakland EPC is an Evangelical Presbyterian Church with offices located at 7205 Clintonville Rd.,

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Christmas Day. Since he was born in a stable, they were welcome to "come as they really are" for a visit, sheep and all.

This tells us a lot about God and those whom God will make sure are invited to get to know him.

If the lowly shepherds were given this special privilege, then those who feel on the outside of things in our world today are also given a special invitation. And when we find ourselves lost, alone and afraid, or when we have made a mess of things, Jesus is there for us too.

Love comes down at Christmas. The God of the universe born as a baby in Bethlehem. God stepping out of the pastor of Calvary Evangelical heavens and taking on flesh so he can

Love comes down at Christmas. This is the real gift of Christmas. I pray you don't miss it!

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is Lutheran

To participate in Spiritual Matters, call us at 248-625-3370 or e-mail ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

Nancy Clemons, 76

Nancy B. Clemons (Roberts) of Harbor Springs, Mich., formerly of Flint, Mich., age 76, died in the loving arms of her family Dec. 6,2015.

Nancy was the wife of her beloved husband of 57 years, Dale; mother of Cyndi (Jerry) Shumaker, Dawn Chalmers and Penny (Kyle) Canada ; grandmother of John and Robbie Chalmers, Christopher, Drew and

Merrick Canada and Bernadette Mcdonald. She is survived by her great grandchildren and many great friends throughout her life including the amazing loving caregivers at The Pines of Clarkston. Nancy treasured her family and friends and was devoted to her faith. She was active as a volunteer at Holy Childhood Catholic Church and Christ Child Society in Harbor Springs.

Nancy, alongside her best friend and husband shared her gifts of hospitality and friendship as co-owner of The Plush Pony, The Harbor Springs Motor Inn and The Cupola Room. We will remember her smile, her warmth, her energy, her love for life, and deep love for family and friends. She made a difference in the lives of many and will be deeply missed. A private mass will be held to celebrate Nancy's life.

Everyone who remembers Nancy is asked to celebrate Nancy's life in their own way, raising a glass to toast her, sharing a story or an unexpected and unsolicited act of kindness for someone in need in her name. The family has designated the Christ Child Society of Northern Michigan, P.O. Box 132 Harbor Springs, MI 49740, or The Alzheimer's Association, 25200 Telegraph Rd, Suite 100, Southfield, MI 48033, for memorial contributions.

Rosa M. Rupp, 95



WAITING FOR A PARADE: Residents on Miller Road in Clarkston wait for the Holiday Lights Parade to come around the corner at Main Street. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Junior high band members earn state honors

Clarkston Junior High School eighth grade horn player Tristan Surre was selected for the 2016 Michigan All State Middle School Band. Surre was one of more then 2,500 students to audition for the all state ensembles this year and was selected as one of eight horn players in the ensemble. He will perform at the Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids on Saturday, Jan. 23. Solo; Quinn Angus, Trumpet Solo; Samantha Schultz, Horn Solo; Trey Scovill, Trumpet Solo; Trey Scovill, Piano Solo; Tristan Surre, Horn Solo; Will Silvey, Horn Solo; Quinn Schreiber, Clarinet Solo; Ashley Elinski, Flute Solo; Brendan Cloutier, Clarinet Solo; Audrey Schatz, Flute Solo; Patrick DeSantis, Tuba Solo; Christian Bartley, Charles Dunn, Woodwind Duet; Emily Williams, Ezra Moore, Percussion Duet; Maggie Gipe, Matthew Nicholson, Brass Duet; Ally Gonzales, Ashley Elinski, Flute Duet; Luke Snudden, Quinn Schreiber, Clarinet Duet; Luke Bechtell, Christian Bartley, Bassoon Duet; Mackenzie Karsten, Megan Zabinski, Kory Bennett, Flute Trio; Garrett Bailey, Rose Chiodo, Ally Bachman, Clarinet Trio; Michael Tonks, Derek Gruebnau, Marcos Sepulveda, Charles Arnold, Sax Quartet; Michael Tonks, Derek Gruebnau, Charles Arnold, Christian Bartley, Woodwind Quartet; and Lauren Pletcher and Emily Walters, viola/cello duet.

Brenden Zwiernik, violin/cello duet; Makayla Cunningham, violin solo; Grace Murphy, Maddie Battishill, cello/violin duet; Ana Gustafson, cello solo; and Emily Walters, Ana Gustafson, Grace Murphy, cello trio. Students earning a 2nd Division (Good) rating include Sydney Raupp, Flute Solo; Charles Osmun, Baritone Solo; Brandon Parcha, Trombone Solo; Connor Bistoff, Trombone Solo; Alex Byrd, Nolan Gerish, Mixed Duet; Holly Mcarthur, Lexi Young, Flute Duet; Sean Quilliams, Spencer Kerrigan, Brass Duet; Charles Osmun, Nick Navarre, Brass Duet; Trey Scovill, Will Silvey, Josh Janik, Spencer Kerrigan, Elizabeth Craig, Brass Quintet; Chelsea Lee and Kaitlin Selwocki, violin duet; Madison Lohr and Odette Nava-Acevedo, violin duet; Bill Osmun, violin solo; Tomas Shilling and Tyran Blanks, bass/cello duet; Makayla Cunningham, Olivia Kozlowicz, Jase McInally, string trio; and Sam Hanslits, Bill Osmun, viola duet.

Rosa M. Rupp, formerly of Ortonville, passed away Dec. 10, 2015, at age 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband John. She was

the special aunt of Judy (Henry) Brown, Vivian Upton, Ed (Vicki) Upton, Tammy (Tony) Hale, Diane Dawley and Violet Matthews; also survived by many other family members and friends.

Friends may visit at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Thursday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Funeral service Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the funeral home. Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com. Nick Navarre and Charles Dunn were listed as honorable mentions for the ensemble.

Eighth Grade Band and Orchestra students performed at the MSBOA District 4 Solo/Ensemble Festival at Lake Orion Oakview Middle School, Dec. 5. The students performed for an experienced adjudicator and were graded in the areas of tone, intonation, rhythm, technique, and interpretation.

Students earning a First Division (Excellent) rating include Charles Dunn, Oboe Solo; Kate Russell, Flute Solo; Sam Tomaszewski, Alto Sax Solo; Justin Siko, Tenor Sax Solo; Connor Stout, Clarinet

Alyse Cross, Lauren Pletcher and Jason Loucks, string trio; Sam Hanslits, viola solo; Bill Osmun, viola solo; Ana Gustafson, Sam Hanslits, viola/cello duet; Chase Geimer,

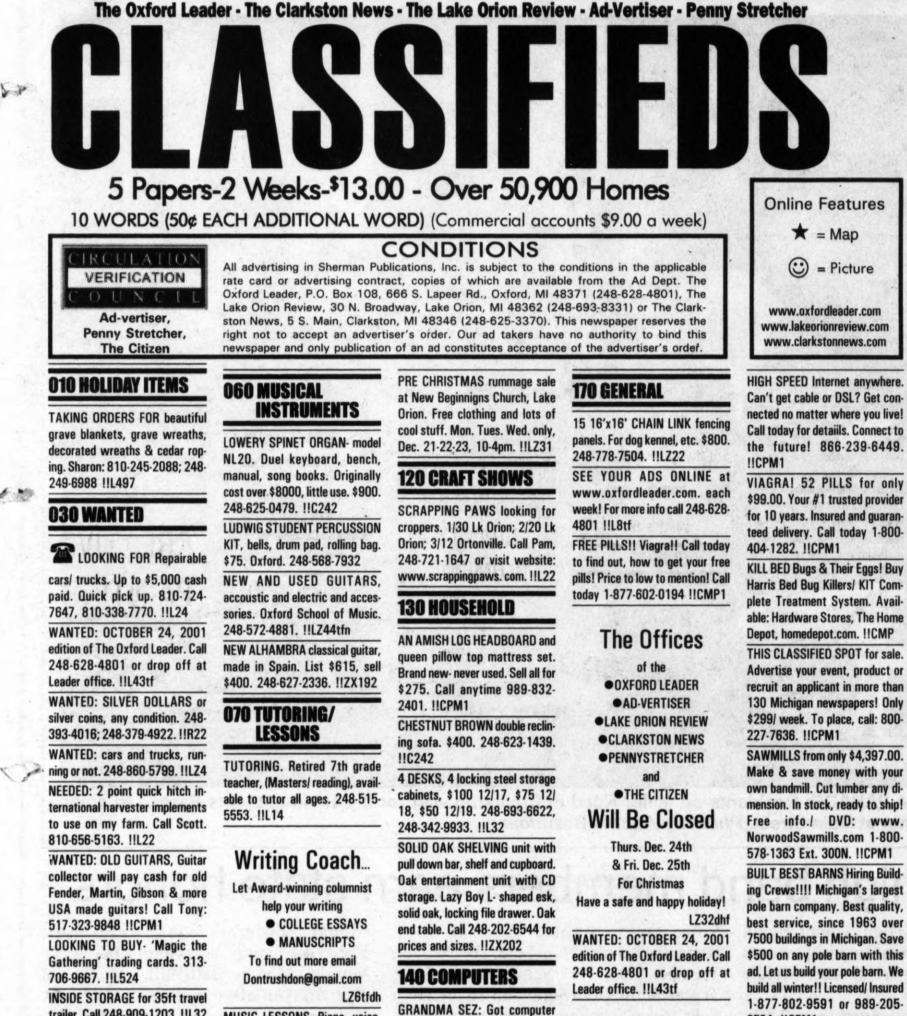
Students also performing include Charles Osmun, Piano Solo; and Debra Lyn Babe, Tati Rodriguez, Jase McInally, string trio.

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Estate of Sylvia Bovitz Revocable Trust Dated May 19, 2009 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The Trust, Sylvia Bovitz Revocable rust Dated May 19, 2009. Creditors of the Trust are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Rochelle Froehlich, Successor Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this ule notice ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 **Rochelle Froehlich** 2745 Pontiac Lake Road 8901 Roundleaf Way 8. Waterford, Michigan 48328 Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879 partment (248) 682-8800 (301) 977-8047 9. STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** Travel - Parks Division COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate** Estate of MARY JO DRINKWATER. Date of birth: 2/01/1922 **REPORTS:** TO ALL CREDITORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MARY JO DRINKWATER, died 11/29/2015 2. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the 3. ESestate will be forever barred unless presented to Sherry A. November, 2015 Newbanks and Gregory W. Drinkwater, personal representative or 4. to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and lar Meeting, September 23, 2015 the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice. 0. 12/10/2015 Supervisor Kittle Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) Sherry A. Newbanks P. 6480 Citation Drive 6596 Green Haven Drive 8:56 PM. Clarkston, MI 48346 Clarkston, MI 48348 248/625-0600 Gregory W. Drinkwater 66 Susan Street Pontiac, MI 48341 248-830-3585 Published: Wednesday, December 16, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPEN-DENCE **DECEMBER 8, 2015** A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by State Represen-Β.

- tative Jim Tedder 43rd District C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga,
- Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder Absent: None

There was a quorum present.

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- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.
- E. CLOSED SESSION: Approval to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussion pertaining to Purchase of Real Property MCL 15.268-Section 8(d) and Authorize taking possible subsequent action in open session.
- The Meeting recessed at 7:01 PM
- The Meeting reconvened at 7:25 PM
- **BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee** Schroeder; Trustee Aliaga
- PUBLIC COMMENT: State Representative Jim Tedder, G 43rd District
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: 1
 - 1. REPORT: Update on Sashabaw / I-75 Traffic Signals, Colleen Hill-Stramsak, Hubbell, Roth & Clark
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDAITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
- 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2015 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2015
- 2. Approval of Payroll of December 4, 2015 and the Check Run of December 1, 2015, for a Total Amount of \$1,162,015.12
- 3. Approval of Budget Amendment Senior Division
- Approval of the Community Development Block Grant Public Service Contract PY2014 - Clarkston Area Youth Assistance
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
 - M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - 1. Approval of the Renewal of Employment Agreement - Budget Analyst
 - Approval of 2016 Budget Review and Approval 2. Process Schedule - 2017 Budget
 - Acceptance of Proposals Legal Services 3.
 - Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreements for 4 PEG Services - Springfield Township and First Amendment to Cooperative Video Production Intergovernmental Agreement - Clarkston Community School District
 - 5. Authorization to Dispose of Asset Valued at Less than \$5,000 - Elections



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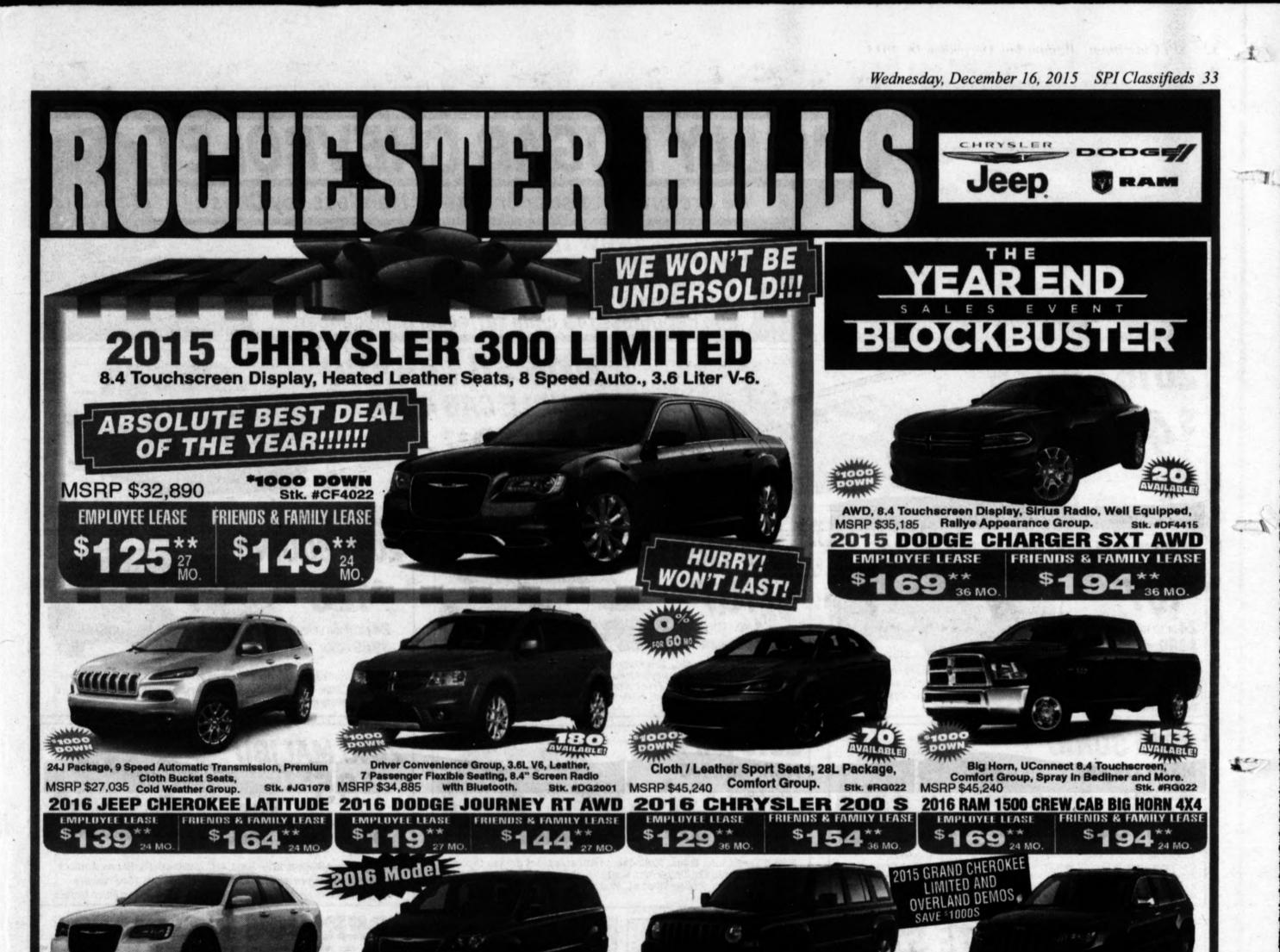


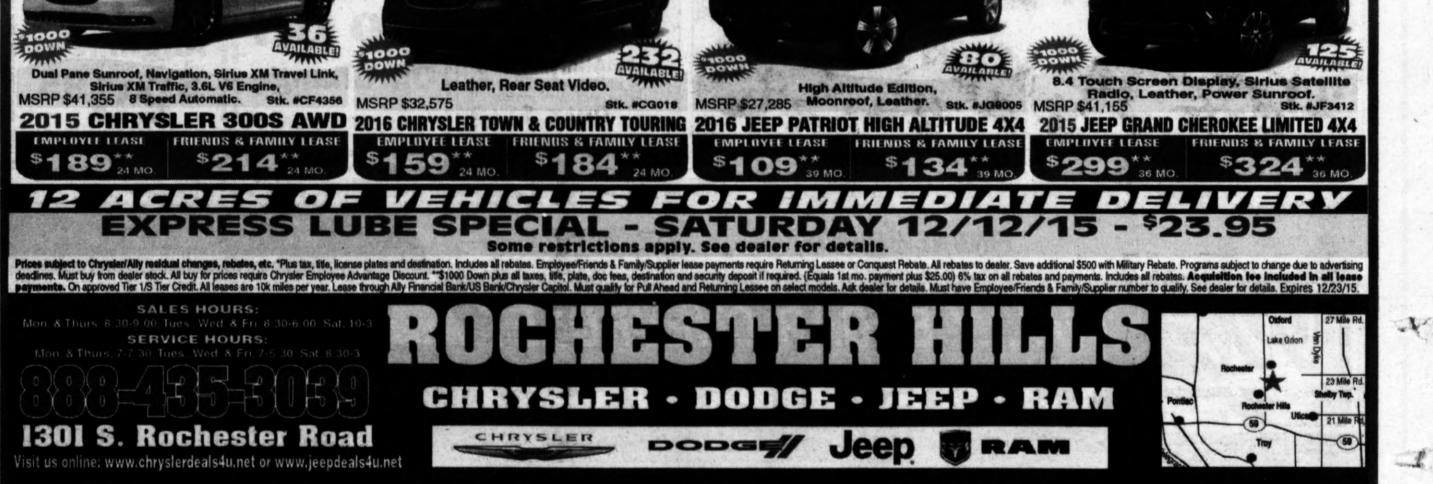
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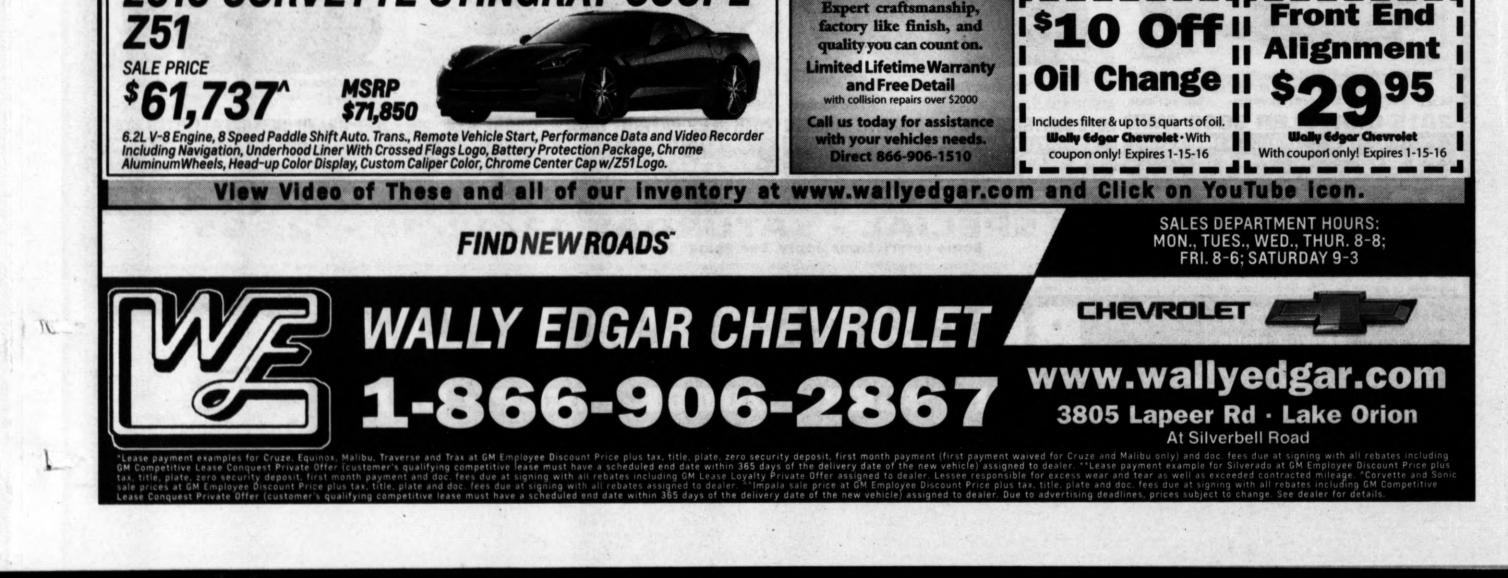
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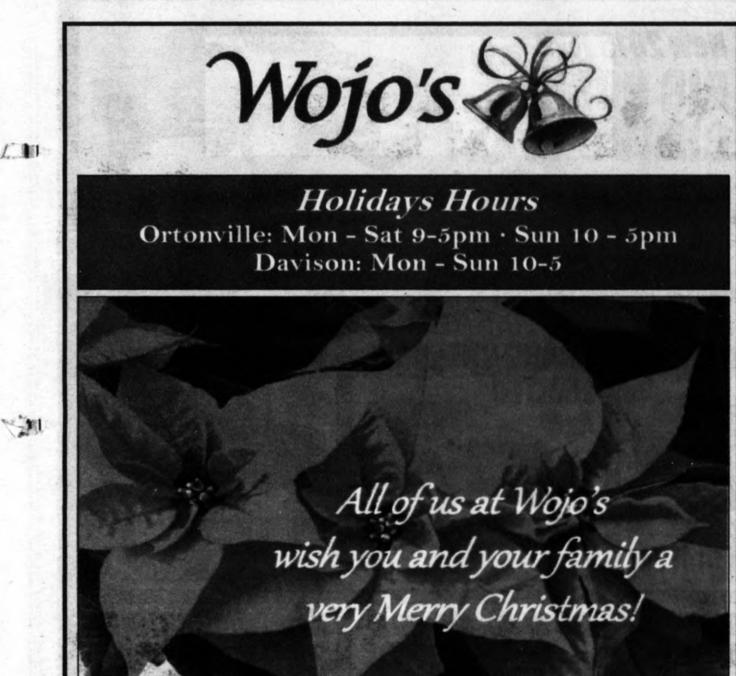
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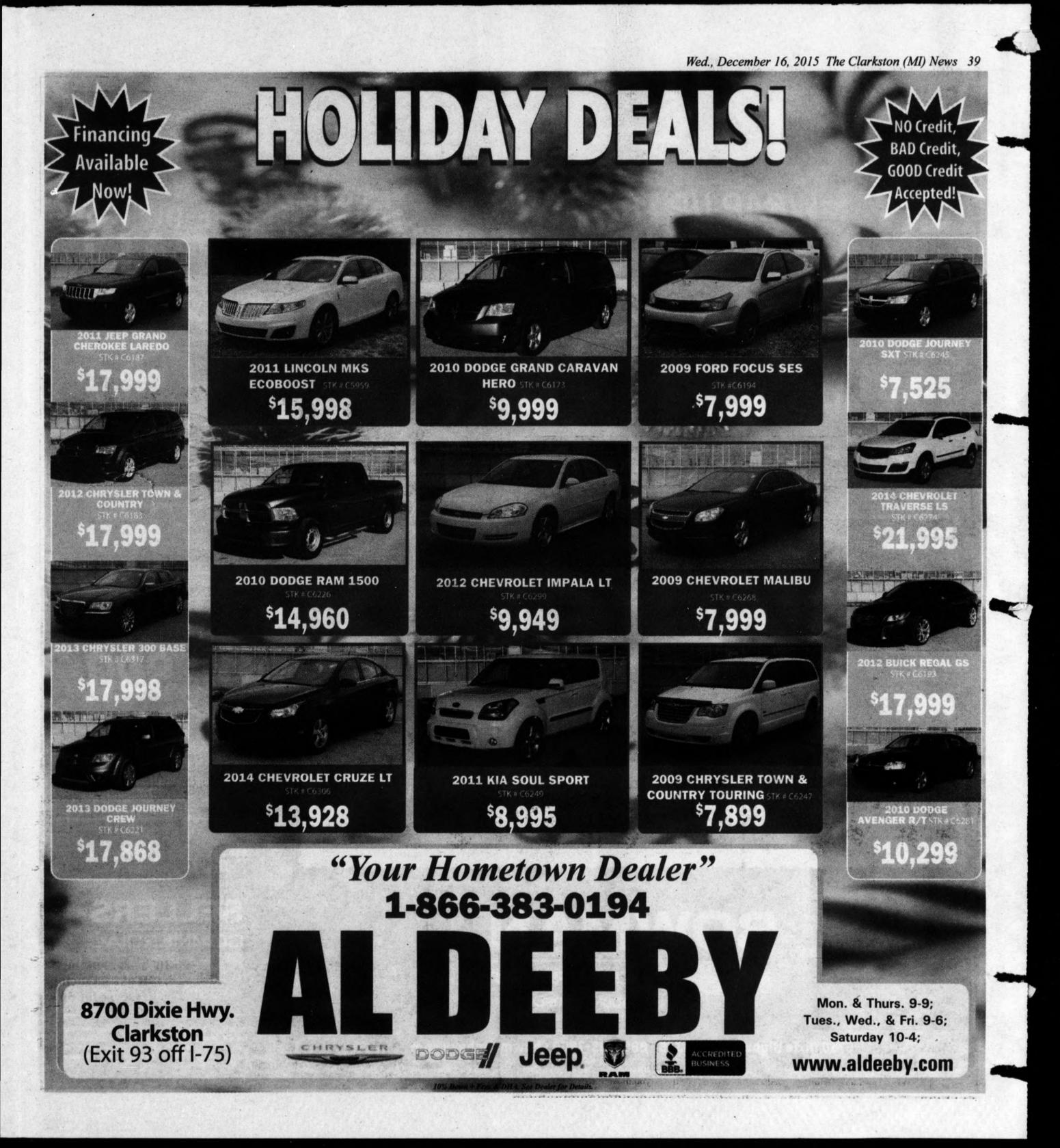
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