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## Icy sendoff to 2015

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

After unseasonably warm weather for Christmas, winter returned with an ice storm, Monday.

The Clarkston area was under a Winter Weather Advisory in the afternoon starting about 1:30 p.m., with state offices closing early. About half an inch of freezing rain and sleet fell, and winds whipped throughout the night, with gusts of up to 38 miles an hour Monday night and Tuesday morning.

Salt trucks hit the streets in the early afternoon, Monday, with rain and temperatures in the high 30s by 5 a.m. Tuesday morning. Temperatures were forecast for 36 for the high on Wednesday, to a low of 28 on New Year's Day.

The Olde Farmer's Almanac, which boasts forecast accuracy rates of 80 per-

cent since it began forecasting in 1892, predicted a colder than normal winter this season.

This week's storm was one of few winter events so far this season, according to the National Weather Service in White Lake data.

On Nov. 22, the area's first winter storm dropped 15 inches of snow on Clarkston. On Dec. 18, a quick ice storm brought traffic throughout Oakland County to a standstill for hours.

On Dec. 23, Michigan broke a record high temperature of 56 degrees, set in 1893.

The average temperatures for December is 34 degrees with about 24 degrees, low. Average snowfall is about 9.7 inches, according to the NWS.

The 2013/14 winter brought a record 93.6 inches of snow, breaking a record set in 1881.



**REINDEER GAMES:** A group of girls at Springfield Plains Elementary enjoy a game of Clue during their holiday party on Dec. 17. Photos by Andrea M. Beaudoin

## Recreation guide on the way

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN  
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Delays in the beginning stages caused a delay in delivery of the 2015/16 Independence Township Winter and Spring Recreation Guide.

The guide is available now, and can be viewed at [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org). Registration forms

are available online also, but online registration is limited.

Parks, Seniors and Recreation Coordinator Tim McNeil said the guide will be available to residents soon.

"It should be in their mailbox any day now," he said. "We are already registering

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Drivers faced a slippery drive home Monday afternoon and evening, as icy rain and sleet fell throughout the area. Photo by Don Rush

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Kids enjoy archery at Kids Day in Clintonwood Park in May. *File photo*

## Sashabaw work started in spring

The end of winter marked the beginning of the road work season, which in the Clarkston area meant a complete overhaul of the Sashabaw Road, I-75 interchange. The year 2015 was also an election year for Clarkston, with four seats up for a vote in the City of the Village of Clarkston.

### May 6

**City considers up to \$568,000 in new bonds:** A new expansion in Clarkston's administrative building could cost up to \$568,000. The most expensive of three proposals included improvements to bathrooms and more room to hold "private" meetings at city hall, according to the proposal presentation made by Facilities Committee member Jim Brueck.

**Letter led to tree cutting, Adler says:** The city called on property owners to replant trees on the corner of Waldon and Main Street. At the April 27 City Council meeting, City Manager Carol Eberhardt said property owner Ed Adler agreed to plant some flowers or trees on the lot. Adler said he never agreed to do so. Adler said he paid to have the lot cleaned up, and was just obeying city ordinances after receiving a "threatening" letter.

**A life of service in war, peace:** As Father Benjamin Morin was laid to rest, Nurse Joyce Kohlman wanted to make sure his story was told. Morin, who passed away on April 23 at Colombiere Center in Springfield Township at the age of 94, spent decades helping humanity as he traveled the world as a Jesuit missionary.

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### May 13

**Sashabaw Road construction set to start:** A \$5 million road construction projects started this week on Sashabaw Road in Clarkston. "The project will include some minor improvements as well as installing

turning lanes. There's also a plan to add dual left hand turn lanes on east bound Waldon," said township planner Dick Carlisle.

**M-STEP didn't make grade with students:** With the new M-STEP completed, both teachers and students were less than impressed with the experience. Missed class appeared to be the biggest issue when it came to enforcing the M-Step, the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress.

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### May 20

**Manager calls questions on attorney info "inappropriate":** City Manager Carol Eberhardt told City Council she was protecting attorney-client privileged information when refusing to answer CNews questions regarding calls from the city attorney.

**Need named to school board:** Gregory Need joined the Clarkston Board of Education for his first full meeting, May 18 after his appointment the week before.

**Sabol stepping down as planning chair:** City council member Mike Sabol said he was stepping down as chair of the Clarkston Planning Commission. "I'm going to ask the planning commission to select a new chair at the next meeting," Sabol said at the May 11 council meeting. "My acting as chair is in conflict with state law."

**City approves fees, fines:** Citing parking problems and the increasing number of events in downtown Clarkston, City Council approved a slate a new and revised fees and fines. Fines approved at the May 11 council meeting: \$35, parking facing fines; \$100, parking in front of fire hydrants; \$50, blocking crosswalk, sidewalks, alley or driveways; \$100 parking in fire lane; \$25 up from \$10 previously, violation of parking time limits; \$35, failure to display parking permit; \$35

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The American Legion Post 63 Honor Guard fires a salute to fallen veterans during the Memorial Day ceremony in Lakeview Cemetery. *File photo*

## Bisio lawsuit against city launched in June

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parking in handicap spot without a permit; \$10, replace lost parking permit; \$75 parking in a no-parking or loading zone.

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### May 27

**New book tells early story of Clarkston:** *Clarkston*, a new book of images and stories about the village, will be released on June 1. Creating the book was a labor of love for Clarkston native, journalist and author Cara Catallo.

**Maybee Road work:** Work on Maybee Road over Sashabaw Creek was expected to begin Monday, June 1. The Road Commission for Oakland County project to replace the culvert is expected to close it to through traffic on June 10, reopening at the end of June.

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### June 3

**Community rallies for stricken family:** More than 100 friends and family of Lindsey Mauti shed tears and shared hugs at a candlelight vigil for her. Mauti was killed in her Cheshire Park Drive home in Independence Township, May 28, sparking an outpouring of community support for the two children she leaves behind.

**Petterson takes command:** Longtime Firefighter Mitch Petterson got the top job at the Independence Township Fire Department. His first day on the job was June 1, leading 31 full-time and 30 part-time and on-call personnel at three fire stations, serving 36-square miles and 36,000 residents in Independence Township.

**Petition against city construction:** Local residents created a petition to stop construction of a new DPW garage and city hall improvements. Three proposals for the project range from \$330,000 to \$568,000. "We do not believe the city can afford this expense, and funds would be better used to continue to maintain the roads, sidewalks trees, and provide other basic services," according to the petition.

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### June 10

**Bisio sues city:** Former Clarkston City Council member Richard Bisio's lawsuit against the city is the last thing he says he can do to fight for government transparency. The suit, filed June 2, calls for the Sixth Circuit Court to determine city council violated the state Open Meetings Act with a closed meeting on March 9 as well as an exchange of emails on April 18-19, and order an end to such practices.

**Township wants help for school police:** With Independence Township on the hook for \$37,000 for Oakland County Sheriff services after ending a cooperative agreement with Brandon Township, Supervisor Pat Kittle asked if Clarkston Community Schools could help out.

**They can and they did:** It was a busy week for Lady Hitters as they successfully claimed two championships-the MHSAA Softball District title on Tuesday and the MHSAA Softball Regional title on Saturday.

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### June 17.

**Poetry slam:** About 30 people attended a Poetry Slam in Depot Park on June 10 to read the works of famous poets or their own original poetry. The Slam was hosted by Clarkston Cultural Arts.

**Riverdaws teach skills for life:** Clarkston residents and recent Notre Dame Prep graduates Matt Bur, Jacob DePillo, Luke Shilling and Joey Vyscosil remembered playing on the fields at Clintonwood Park with the Clarkston Riverdaws and when they met on the 'Daws 9U team.

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### June 24

**Moscovic retires from a career in education:** Dick Moscovic laid a solid foundation for thousands of high schoolers over the last 47 years. "I feel very blessed," said Moscovic, building trades teacher at his retirement party June 19.

**Changes proposed:** Changes will occur to three buildings in downtown Clarkston if plans presented by restaurateur Curt Catallo reach final approval.

**Stellar season:** The Lady Wolves set the

spring on fire. "We had a tremendous amount of accomplishments," said Clarkston Varsity Softball Coach Don Peters.

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### July 1

**Audit finds trouble with money flow:** Plante and Moran found a problem with Independence Township's handling of money in this year's audit. Township Treasurer Paul Brown said Departments were already working together to address the issues.

**Marks named Baseball All American:** Owen Marks of Clarkston, 9, was chosen as United States Specialty Sports Association All-American for Great Lakes Region 9U Division.

**Girl Scouts give Clarkston gift of little free libraries:** Little Free Libraries are popping up all over Oakland County and the Clarkston community can enjoy two added to downtown thanks to Girl Scout Troop 13363.

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### July 8

**Close call on mission trip:** A bee sting brought Sophie Hubble of Clarkston to the brink, but she was lucky said her mother, Mary Hubble. They were on a mission trip with Catholic Heart Work Camp in Morgantown, N.C.

**McLaren project funds:** The \$1.5 million promised by McLaren for Sashabaw corridor road work in Independence Township is in.

**Celebrating America's Birthday:** Thousands of residents set up folding chairs and blankets up and down Main Street to celebrate America's independence.

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### July 15

**Pain lingers for victims after Fata sentencing:** Patty Hester of Clarkston recalled how she gave away belongings and took her family members on trips after being falsely diagnosed by Dr. Farid Fata, a cancer treatment doctor with a clinic in Clarkston.

**Teacher contract OK'd:** Clarkston Board of Education voted unanimously to approve  
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# Restaurant plans rile city in summer

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a 2016-2017 contract with Clarkston Education Association.

**School board officers:** Steve Hyer was re-appointed president of Clarkston Board of Education at Monday's organizational meeting.

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July 22

**CNews on the Web:** New digitalized archives of *The Clarkston News* from 1932 to 2012 were scanned and made available to view as PDF files. The archives can be found by visiting [www.indelib.org](http://www.indelib.org).

**Quest for cure:** Last Friday was a special day for Cindy Jenk-it was her birthday and another day she celebrated life.

**Building skills:** Boys enjoyed sun and fun during Clarkston Lacrosse Camp. They enjoyed daily games as well as working on the fundamentals of lacrosse.

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July 29

**Family most important to vet:** Charles Louis James of Independence Township turned 92 this month, so his neighbors threw him a birthday party.

**6 candidates for city council:** Candidates for Clarkston City Council included incumbents Al Avery, Eric Haven, and David Marsh, and challengers Michael Cascone, Jason Kneisc, and Peg Roth.

**Sewer rates going up:** Sewer rates in Independence Township were set to increase 9.7 percent.

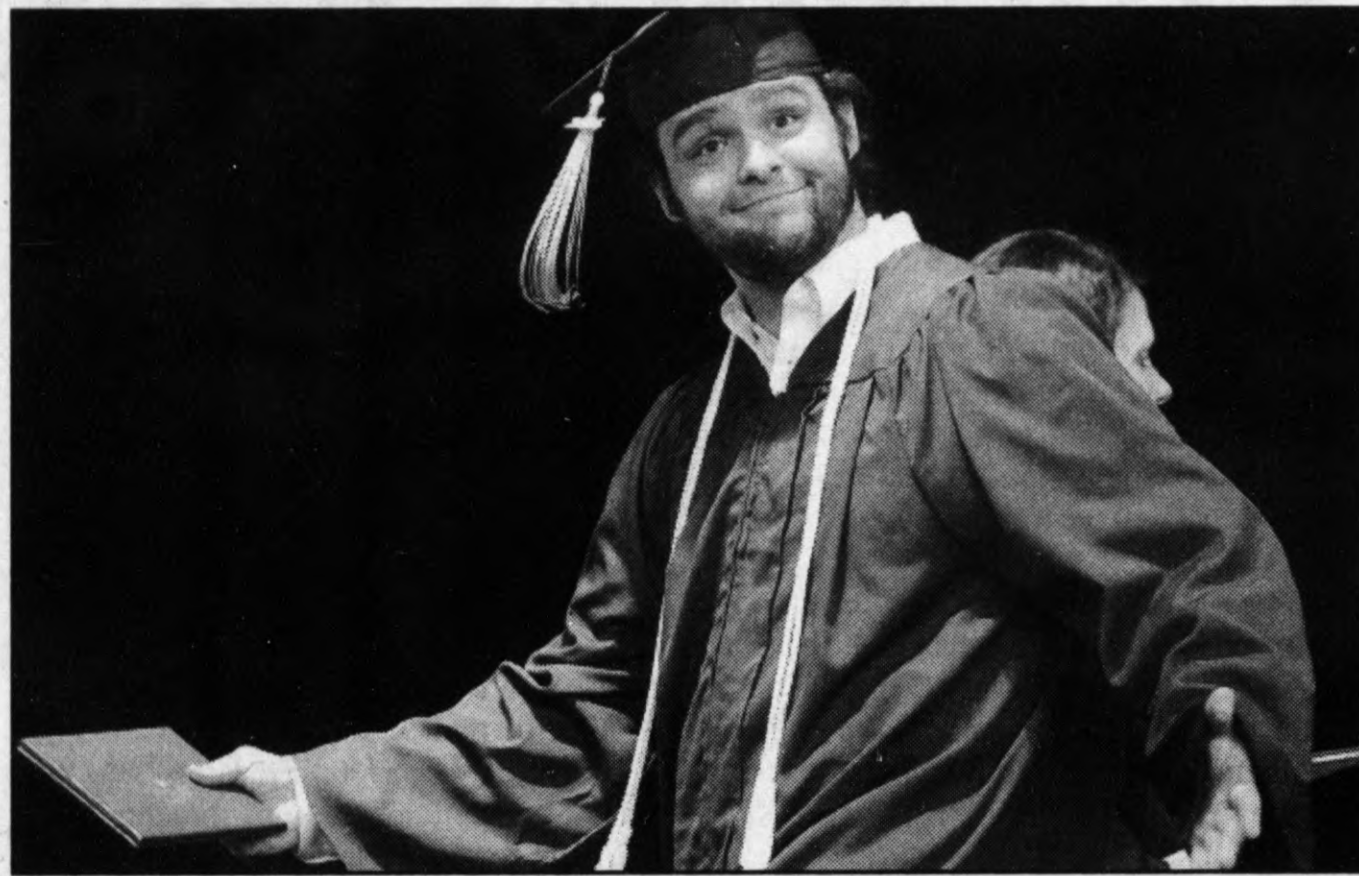
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August 5

**Planners say 'no' to restaurant:** Planners voted against a restaurant at 59 S. Main Street, but developers moved forward without their recommendation.

**New Dixie plan calls for rentals:** Developers had a new plan for the east side of Dixie Highway and Deerhill Drive, calling for higher density and a change in use for the 26-acre parcel of land.

**Roof seating OK'd:** Clarkston City Council



Tom Hickey received his Clarkston High School diploma at commencement at DTE. File photo

approved rooftop seating for a new Union Joints restaurant at its meeting, July 27.

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August 12

**Response due in twice-delayed suit against city:** The lawsuit filed against the City of the Village of Clarkston was due from the city, Aug. 20. The city filed two extensions for responding to the suit.

**House trade makes ideal home for Clarkston couples:** When two Clarkston couples were looking to move, they found each other's homes to be just what they wanted. Vickie and Rich Little and Emily Ford and her husband Patrick Fitzgerald switched homes.

**Local doctor plans for retirement:** After 36 years serving the Clarkston Community, Dr. Romuald Szymanowski retired.

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August 19

**Hands in the air:** Amber Gentile of Clarkston waved her hands in the air to the sway of Kid Rock at DTE during one of his

many hometown concerts at DTE Energy Theatre.

**Motown Memories live on:** *The Clarkston News* got a private invite to The Lotus Gallery at the Waterford home of Jim Hendin, showcasing his photography of Motown music legends from 1968-72.

**Housing plan moves forward over objections:** Troy-based developer Michael Furnari was granted preliminary approval for his development plan on Deerhill and Dixie, despite a room full of opposed residents.

**Farewell after 38 years:** Independence Township bid adieu to Linda Richardson after serving residents for 38 years, including 13 at DPW director.

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August 26

**Vandals target historic cemetery:** A \$1,000 reward was offered for information to catch the vandals who knocked over dozens of headstones, dating back to 1810 in

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## Guide for year of parks activities, classes

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for some activities and classes."

The 52-page guide includes classes and activities from January through the end of April. Online registration began Dec. 29 and all other registration begins Jan 5.

"Early registration is important for a few reasons," McNiel said. "Some classes fill up early and other classes are canceled if not enough participants sign-up."

The guide is full of activities including youth sports and seniors activities such as Pickleball.

Safety courses including self defense skills are taught to children, adults, or the whole family can take it together. Boaters Safety,

ORV Off Road Vehicle Training, both offer certification after class and requirements are met. Training and certification for beginners and health care professionals for First Aid/CPR are also available.

"The guide also includes information on rentals," McNiel said.

Rentals include a variety of facilities at several Independence Township parks, which cover 224 acres of land. Some park facilities can be rented throughout the year, except for certain holidays, and up to a year in advance. Sign-up to grab a share in the community garden, discover numerous sponsorship and volunteer opportunities available throughout the year.

A list of local events and happenings can also be found inside the guide. The guide includes commonly asked questions, a list of parks and facilities and other information.

Registration for spring, summer and fall sports has been streamlined to make the process easier.

"Now you can register for all of them at once rather than having to register individually like previously," he said.

A copy of the Guide will be available at Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive and Clarkston-Independence District Library at 6495 Clarkston Road.

To view the guide visit [www.itpr.org](http://www.itpr.org) or call 248-625-8233.

## Briefly

### Sewer project short

Independence Township Board voted, Dec. 22, to approve budget amendments to cover a \$424,520 sewer project deficit in 2015.

Funding from the state Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) program fell short for the sewer project, Budget Analyst Rick Yaeger and Finance Director Wendy Hillman told the board.

"There has been quite a bit of activity related to the SAW grant funding, but unfortunately it is not happening the way we planned," Yaeger said. "This deficit related to the SAW grant is strictly the result of timing."

The township expects additional funds from SAW next year, which should cover the deficit, he said.

### Depot Street Arts

Depot Street Art Council in Clarkston, created to showcase artists and promote art enrichment in the community, meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the City of the Village of Clarkston offices.

Find them on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/CommunityArtSocietyClarkston](http://www.Facebook.com/CommunityArtSocietyClarkston). For more information, email [depotstreetarts@gmail.com](mailto:depotstreetarts@gmail.com). The group is open to all artists and art supporters.

### Skating rink opening

A 50-by-80-foot lighted ice rink opened in December.

The rink, located in Bay Court Park, will be open normal park hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and on Friday and Saturday until 9 p.m. Open and family skate is allowed only, no hockey is allowed on the rink.

Admission to the park, 6970 Andersonville Road, and rink is free. For more information, call Independence Parks, Recreation and Seniors at 248-625-8223.

### Interview with singer

Lifetree Café, at Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street, presents the filmed interview "Follow Your Dreams: Even When You Think You Can't," with Mandy Harvey, a jazz vocalist whose sudden hearing loss nearly derailed her dream of becoming a professional singer.

"I started not being able to understand my teachers talking anymore, so I started moving closer and closer to the front of the room," Harvey said. "It didn't help—I figured I would never do music again."

Admission is free. Call 810-694-9351.



## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### To sleep or not

The most popular word of advice I received while being pregnant was "sleep when the baby sleeps." This even held true while baby and I were in the hospital.

Yes, Jonathan arrived Dec. 10 via a Cesarean delivery at a whopping nine pounds and five ounces, and 21.5 inches. I am allowed to be biased and say he is an adorable boy.

We spent three days in the hospital while both of us got ready to start our new adventure.

Even the nurses said to sleep when the baby sleeps. Yes, I nodded, seems like an easy piece of advice to follow.

But as anyone who has brought home a newborn knows, it's easier said than done.

Once the baby is asleep you look around the home at everything you could be doing before the baby wakes up again. A mental list was created every time he was awake of things to do, so sometimes I sleep when he sleeps and sometimes I don't. As I type this, he is sleeping though I hear little stirs and murmurs from the bassinet.

As for sleep, Jonathan is a champion. Nothing can wake him up, especially noise and my cold fingers. He takes after me in this sense, which means as he gets older, I will deal with what my mom had to deal with me while trying to wake me up. Maybe Jonathan will fall into his dad's habits with sleep.

Though, between the times of 1-6 a.m., he is fussy and it's hard for him to get back to sleep (which is funny because in the hospital he slept the best during the time span), even if he does, it is for a short amount of time. Now knowing his pattern, it is easier to go back to the sleep-when-the-baby-sleeps advice because between those times, sleep is unlikely.

I'm also picking up on his other habits. He is just 3 weeks old and he knows what he likes and doesn't like. I am also picking up on other things like why is he crying. At the beginning, I used the 64-page booklet the hospital provided, which included quick explanations of basics topics like caring for your child, feeding, and baby's language.

A few pages are dedicated to babies crying - how to soothe their cries and why they cry. Eight explanations on why a baby is crying but the last explanation pretty much sums it up for anyone who has had a baby - the baby may cry for no apparent reason. Thanks booklet!



# Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

## Reader calls for state, national leadership change

Dear Editor,

Most agree that the holiday season is to be a time of joy and celebration, a time to enjoy family and friends, and an opportunity to recognize all that is good in our lives. Charitable giving is at its highest and corporate America will see its biggest profits of the year.

Yet as we embrace the season, it is important to keep in mind that the realities of January are not far behind, when a middle class already strapped with debt and flat and declining incomes will return to their jobs with little hope for greater prosperity in the New Year.

We should feel good about our charitable giving and contributions, but the reality is that the gap between nation's wealthiest citizens and our middle class will continue to widen unless we take stronger action to ensure fairness. Our state and national legislators have done little this past year to do anything other than maneuver to guarantee their own power base. When you see the national presidential candidates on stage are you anything but entertained and embarrassed? Inspired and confident? Not likely.

This year we saw no meaningful tax relief for the middle class, but corporations and the wealthy were gifted with billions in more tax credits and other write-offs. Fuel and other consumption taxes for the masses increased, but the wealthy are on course to pay their

lower real tax rates in history.

Meanwhile, legislators have acted to increase the national debt by billions more, all while doing nothing to strengthen social security or create anything but more low paying and part-time jobs. Nothing. But legislators, particularly at the state level, were quick to take steps to ensure they can operate with even greater secrecy and less accountability as they serve their wealthy friends and selves. And of course, their charity is always tax deductible on their tax returns.

This year, when your legislators issue their lists of legislative "accomplishments," look critically to see what items they tout really had any impact on the lives of the middle class. There will be a glaring absence of any significant tax reform or other action to ensure the security of the middle class and greater economic opportunity, and no action to secure the border or facilitate immigration reform. Instead, the middle class has been played for fools, asked again to pay more for less.

In 2016, each time you make a charitable contribution, vow to take action to ensure that more opportunity and less charity will be required to sustain the nation's middle class and seniors. The truly charitable act would be to facilitate leadership change in Lansing and Washington.

Mike Fetzer  
Independence Township



ICE ROAD: Icy sleet made driving difficult on Monday. Photo by Don Rush

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 2001

**"A breath of fresh air"** The snowstorm slowed the delivery of an oxygen tank to Betty Joumas' home. The driver got stuck three times in the unplowed subdivision. With snowblowers and shovels six adults and four children from the neighborhood got him out so he could finish his delivery.

**"Local students compete in lego competition"** The mission was to rescue a scientist and protect the village before the "Volcanic Panic" ensued. Students from Andersonville Elementary and Sashabaw Middle School were up to the task in the FIRST Lego League's challenge.

**"Grammy-nominated songwriter, 'just a citizen of Independence Township'"** Gene Grier received a Grammy nomination in the Children's Field for his children's musical "Nature's Way." The nationally known author, composer and recording artist claimed he was "just a citizen of Independence Township."

### 25 years ago - 1991

**"County economy slow but stable"** The U.S. economy in 1991 was likely to slow in the first half of the year but expected to rebound with a strong surge in the last half. Oakland County was likely to be less affected by the slow-down than the rest of the state.

**"Secretary of State branch to close"** The Clarkston Secretary of State office on Dixie Highway in Independence Township was scheduled to close the last week of February. The location was one of 22 locations to close to comply with Public Act 357 of 1990 and reduce its 1991 general fund budget by \$1,656,700.

**"Pine boards, opponents fear two brothers"** Brothers Brian and Erik Engelhard were junior black belts who combined had won 47 trophies and 15 karate tournaments. Both boys said the mental discipline in karate helped with their concentration out of the sport.

### 50 years ago - 1966

**"Clarkston man makes strides in voice disorder research"** The first steps towards computer research in voice disorders of children was made by Clarkston resident, Robert Baynes.

**"Two State Police officers injured in accident"** Two State Police officers escaped serious injuries in a collision during a high speed chase.

**"Local news"** Thirty-one guests enjoyed New Year's Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Beebe.



## Happy New Year From The Grandkids... And the Jotter



The kids, from the left, Alex, Haley, Dan, Savannah, Trevor and Karen.

When we first started this *Jim's Jottings* holiday tradition, the two grandchildren Dan and Karen Offer (inset picture) were small enough to fit on my knees. It was 1988. Dan was 3-years-old and Karen was four-months-old. In that first picture, Karen had no hair, I had more and I still wore a suit and tie to work every day. Now they are grown and living out west and I only wear a tie if the occasion arises. They are the children of our daughter Luan and her husband, Bob Offer. The Offer children both live in Colorado. Dan is now engaged to Alex.

Back then, the three grandchildren standing around me, were only being dreamed of and anxiously waited for. Now, too, they are growing and becoming fine young people. The Speed siblings standing with me, from the left are Savannah, 19, Trevor and Haley (both 15) and Savannah, 18. Their proud parents are our daughter Susan and her husband, Tim Speed.

In 1988, I wrote, "From time to time their names appear in *Jottings* and I thought you might like to see who we're writing about."

While situations, and stations have changed in the 27 years since 1988, some things do not change. We still find more joy in giving than in receiving and me and the grandkids still wish you a Merry Christmas!

-- Jim Sherman, Sr.

## So long 2015, we barely knew ye

Call me kooky, but son-of-a-gun, where did 2015 go? Maybe it's the weather phenom we have experienced this December (read: 50 and 60 degree weather, green grass, budding lilacs and oh my...)

For many 2015 was bittersweet, some good, some sad and lots of changes. For me, it was a year with more pluses than bummers (though, truth-be-told, some of the bummers were BUMMERS). I wish you all a prosperous and wonderful 2016 -- but before I do, let's recap 2015 *Don't Rush Me* offerings!

At the end of the year, before I move on and make plans for better new years, I like to look back and ruminate. I like to contemplate and chew the cud, as they used to say, about what the heck I wrote about the preceding 51 weeks.

In 2015, I was insulted or mocked by readers only about a million times and only a few people called for my head to roll. This year I was called fat, creepy, whiney little baby, buffoon, stupid looking and an idiot.

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One of the things I like to do is write headlines. I dig baiting you readers so I can entice you to read on further. Some of my favorite headlines of 2015 were (in no order):

1. **Kick 'em when they're down this Christmas** (that was just last week, but I like it).

2. **Dufus is as Dufus does so don't be a dufus driver** (from Sept. 16)

**Don't  
Rush Me**



A column by  
Don Rush

3. **Adrenaline Rush, yeah, that's the ticket!** (from Aug. 26 -- I contemplated what names to name the next Rush child).

4. **The Wordsmith always rings twice** (A cacophony of skulduggery sure to cause you consternation whilst you canoodle) from July 8.

5. **Dangblab! I missed World Naked Gardening Day** (May 6)

6. **The saga of yoga pants and your daughter** (March 24).

7. **The 'power' of Don tested this weekend** (from Feb. 4). In this I pondered my special super powers to affect weather for all.

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I also have a number of columns that, while not controversial, did get a lot of play from readers near and far. Three *Don't Rush Me* columns caught fire in 2015 -- mostly, I think because of social media. They were shared a lot to folks who don't know me, or had never read a *Don't Rush Me* before.

These three columns are, in order they were first published:

1. **A word of advice: don't go to Royal Oak!** was published on Feb. 4 and generated so many e-mails and Facebook commentary I was able to fill columns on March 4 and March 11 with reader commentary. Aside from our print and on-line readers, my column was shared in the Twittersphere and on Facebook, where the organic reach was just under 10,000.

2. **The saga of yoga pants and your daughter** from March 24. Okay you out there in Readerland, you may now call me "Don, Don, the fashion mon." Or Don, Fashion Nazi -- your call (and sorry for the phonetics up there). But, who woulda thunk when I asked, "Moms, Dads you know yoga pants put on display for the entire world to see, the shape and every

contour of your daughter's undercarriage -- front and back -- don't you?" that all fashion hell would break loose? Readers chimed in on both sides of the issue.

3. On August 5, I penned **Facebook to the Rescue: Teen driver takes too many risks** where I reported what I saw whilst driving on Clarkston-Orion Road and what happened when I posted said experience on Facebook. That post was shared a whopping 3,458 times!

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Of course my favorite columns of any year are the ones I write for the few weeks in December before Christmas. This year those columns were in order:

1. **Fa la la la but don't be scammed** (Dec. 2)
2. **Lighten up, even if you don't put lights up** (Dec. 9)
3. **'For hate is strong and mocks the song...'** (Dec. 16)
4. **Kick 'em when they're down this Christmas** (Dec. 23)

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And, my favorite column of the year was published on Nov. 25, **Do something nice. This is Zach's gift to you.** It was a totally wonderful experience from my interview with Dan and Teena Finn to seeing the finished column in print (cuz the Finns liked it). If you don't remember these, and want to you can go to our website, and click on my name under my picture.

Thank you one and all. I hope to entertain you, anger you and inform you well and good (in other words, play with you) in 2016. Feel free, as always to share your thoughts.

If you have a favorite column from 2015, please drop me a line via e-mail, [Don@ShermanPublications.org](mailto:Don@ShermanPublications.org)



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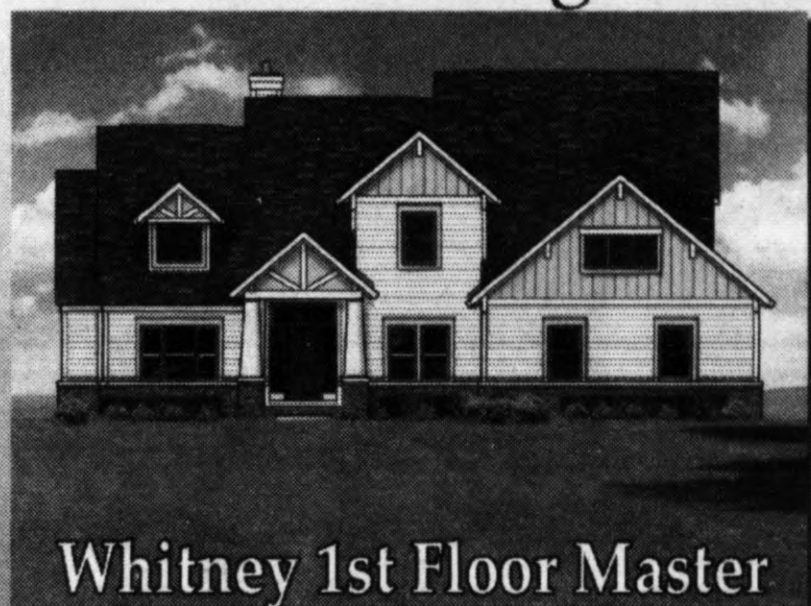


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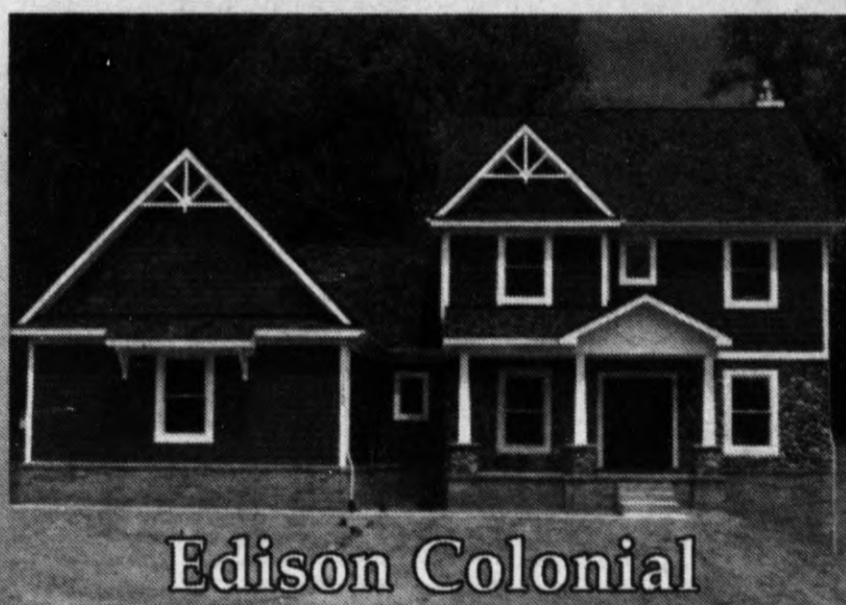
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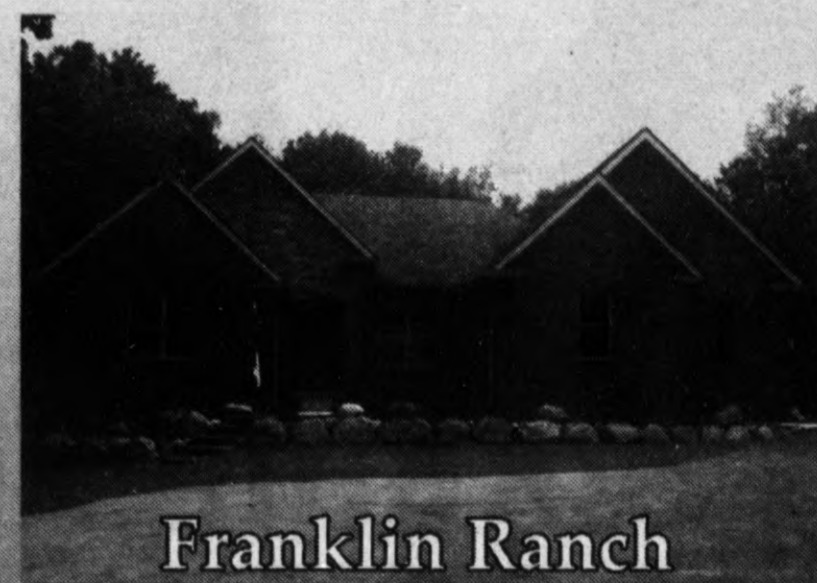
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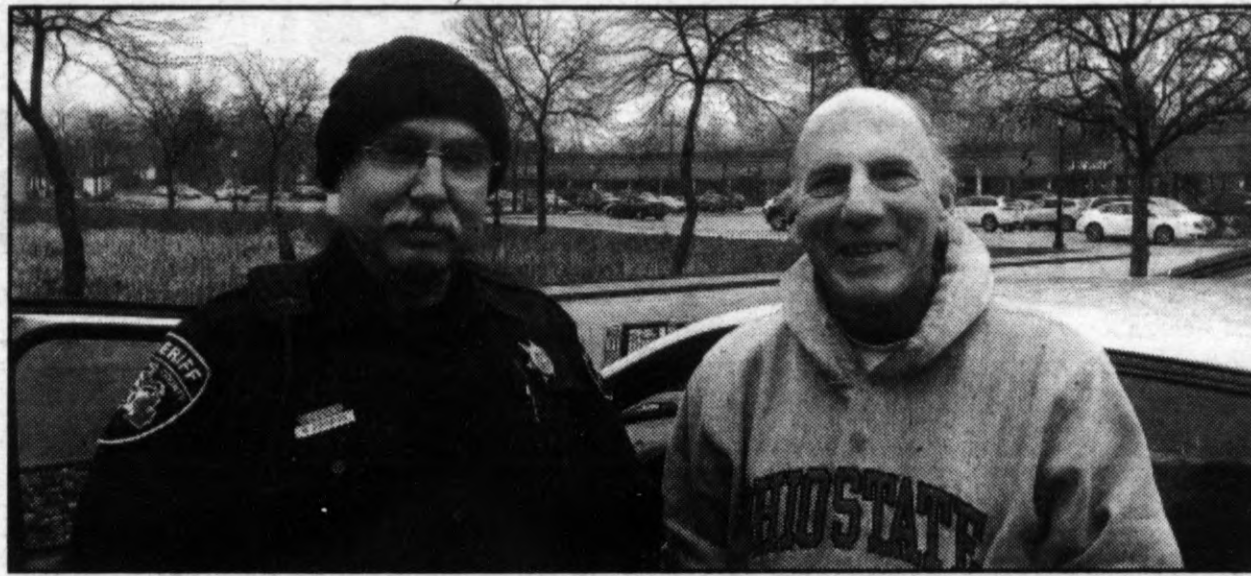


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Deputy Knedgen conducted a traffic stop for a cracked windshield in the Kroger parking lot near Waldon and Baldwin roads. A 20-year-old woman was dropping off her handicapped mother at front door. She cried after the deputy spoke with her and surprised her as she was walking into the store.



While in Kroger parking lot near Waldon and Baldwin roads, Deputy Alspaugh heard a glass bottle clanging on the parking lot surface. A retired 70-year-old man on a fixed income was collecting bottles to return and had dropped one. He was surprised and very thankful for the \$100 bill. Photos provided

## Deputies distribute \$100 donations

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies spread the Christmas spirit, Dec. 23, along with \$100 bills.

An Orion Township business owner who wanted to remain anonymous donated 10 crisp, new \$100 bills, which the deputies handed out during traffic stops

and other dispatches.

"We are not able to solve all problems we are faced with as police officers, however we try to make everything just a little bit better each day we are on the job," said Lt. Dan Toth of the sheriff's Orion Township substation.

## Rings found

The store manager at the Dixie Highway Kroger's found a cased wedding ring set, and turned them over to deputies at the Independence Township substation, Dec. 15.

## Tablet taken

A worker left his tools and a company issued computer tablet in front of a dumpster trash compactor in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 2:56 p.m., Dec. 18. When he went back for them about five minutes later, the tablet was gone.

## Christmas thefts

Six laser Christmas decoration lights were taken from a yard in the 5000 block of Larkin Lane, Dec. 19.

Two Christmas laser lights were taken from a yard in the 5000 block of Woodcreek Drive, Dec. 19.

Someone took a large and heavy wooden Santa Claus face from the side of a home in the 6000 block of Carnville Court, Dec. 20. A resident said he thought he heard something outside around 9:30 p.m., but did not go out there to look.

## Truck violations

A deputy stopped a dump truck on White Lake Road off Dixie Highway for driving in a no-trucks zone, 10 a.m., Dec. 18. The driver, a 56-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and given a warning for disobeying the trucks-prohibited sign. The truck's owner was cited for broken headlights and brake lights, and empty fire extinguisher.

# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Garage fire

A resident in the 7000 block of Glenburnie Lane woke up to a "popping" sound at about 1:27 a.m., Dec. 21, sat up and listened for awhile, didn't hear anything else, and went back to sleep. About half an hour later, a neighbor pounded on their door because the garage was on fire. The residents made it outside. The neighbor said her husband noticed the fire when he was outside with their dogs, and called 911. A deputy responded, checked for anyone else in the house, and used two fire extinguishers, but the blaze was too big. Independence Township firefighters put out the fire. The flames were contained to the garage area.

## Domestic assault

Deputies responded to the 6000 block of Waterford Hills Terrace for a domestic assault between a husband and wife, 11:59 p.m., Dec. 24. The victim, a 40-year-old Independence Township woman, called 911 to report her 43-year-old husband assaulted her and then fled. The victim said he was intoxicated and may be armed with a handgun. The suspect was found hiding in a vehicle in the driveway of the residence, along with a 20-year-old Waterford Township man. The husband ran from the vehicle, ignoring deputies' commands, resisted arrest, and was Tasered before being taken into custody. The second sub-

ject was found to be under the influence of alcohol and was also taken into custody for resisting arrest. No handgun was found. Both subjects were taken to Oakland County Jail pending charges. During the arrest, a deputy injured his left knee, and was treated at McLaren-Clarkston Health Center, where he was cleared to return to work with no restrictions. The victim refused medical treatment.

## Van in pond

A 25-year-old Brandon Township man was driving a van south on Pine Knob Road with his cousin when he lost control on a curve, broke through a fence, and plunged into a retention pond next to DTE Music Theater., 9:29 a.m., Dec. 25. Independence Township firefighters and Oakland County deputies responded to reports of a van in the pond, but didn't find anyone in the vehicle. Deputies went to the home of the registered owner, found him, and brought him back to the scene. Paramedics treated the driver for scratches to his face. Investigation showed the driver and passenger escaped the submerged vehicle through the rear window and walked home. The cousin was found uninjured at his home in Brandon Township. The OCSO Dive Team members cleared the scene and assisted with the recovery of the vehicle. The driver was cited for Leaving the Scene of an Accident and Failure to Report an Accident.

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# Clarkston's Sporting News

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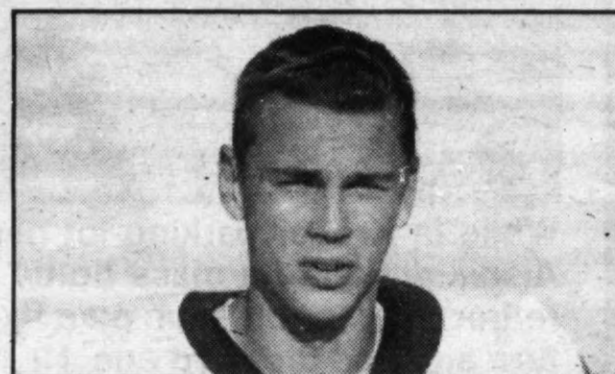
Nominate your favorite athlete by contacting Wendi at 248-625-3370 or at clarkstonnews@gmail.com



**COACHED TO VICTORY:** Head Coach Dan Fife directs a play during the Boys Varsity Basketball 59-32 win against Lake Orion, Dec. 18. The team returns after the holidays on Jan. 5, hosting Carman Ainsworth of Flint, JV at 5:30 p.m., Varsity at 7 p.m. *File photo*



**CHRISTMAS RUN:** The Clarkston Wolf Pack running club, Cubs, and friends celebrated Christmas Eve with a mornign run through town, with caroling in Kroger and Neiman's stores, Autumn Ridge of Clarkston nursing home, and other places. *Photo provided*



## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR Congrats to Athletes of the Week, July - December

**July:** Hitter Owen Marks; Hitters Mikayla Blaska, Candace Kitchen, Joe Popp, Jake Velisek, Rachel Vieira, DJ Zezula; Clarkston Riverdaws 8U team; Hitter Michael Bednarczyk; ICE Fastpitch 10U Blue team

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**August:** Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team; Brad Stout Law 11-12-year-old Independence Township Parks and Recreation Baseball team; Independence Township Center for Advanced Orthopedics 13-14 Baseball team; Merrick Canada and Cole Chewins

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**September:** Swimmer Brooklyn Mychaowych; Kicker Alex Kessman;

Swimmer Sydney Stricklin; Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team; Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team

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**October:** Clarkston Boys JV Tennis team; Runner Nicole Hanson; Tennis players Ian Stuart and Alexis Haselwanter; Quarterback Anthony Reiner

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**November:** Spiker Maggie Collins; Kicker Conner Sajan; Clarkston Chiefs Freshman White team

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**December:** Clarkston Girls Varsity Cross Country; Michelle Cooper; Gabrielle Maday



# Clarkston athletes, teams go the distance in 2015

**August 26**

**Success in Traverse City:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team opened the season with three shutouts as they won the invite in Traverse City.

**Food rush:** With help from the community, the Clarkston Football program collected 7,475.5 pounds of food during their 18th Annual Rush for Food for the Homeless.

**Everest kicks off new season with a win:** Clarkston Everest Collegiate Academy kicked off their third football season with a 27-8 win over New Buffalo.

**September 9**

**Lady Wolves take on top in state:** The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team showed they were a force to be reckoned with on the court after taking on the best in the state and finishing the Grand Blanc Invitational in second place.

**September 16**

**Tournament champs:** Players on the Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team captured another tournament championship title after winning the De La Salle tournament.

**Runners see Red in OAA:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Cross Country team finished second place in the first OAA Red Jamboree and the boys finished in sixth place.

**September 30**

**Champions at Fenton tourney:** The Clarkston Freshman Volleyball team competed against 20 teams to take first place at the Fenton tournament.

**October 7**

**Closing on league lead with shutout:** The Clarkston Varsity Football team marked their Homecoming game with a shut out and slipped into second place spot in the OAA Red with their 28-0 win over Troy Athens.



**Clarkston's gridiron heroes went for a third straight state championship in 2015 and qualified for post season play before falling in a pre-district matchup against Romeo, with a 7-3 record. File photo**

**Varsity boys take first place at Hanson Invitational:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Cross Country team finished the Hanson Invitational with 72 points for the first place spot out of 19 teams.

**October 14**

**Colts shut down with shutout:** Senior runningback Nolan Eriksen made and impact for Clarkston Varsity Football as he led gridiron heroes with four touchdowns in the 42-0 win over Troy.

**State bound:** Junior Meghan Deardorff qualified for the MHSAA Girls Golf State Finals at the regional meet after hitting an 80.

**Ticket punched at regionals for tennis state finals:** The Wolves qualified for the MHSAA Boys Tennis State Finals after finishing second place during the regional tournament with 13 points.

**October 21**

**Heading into playoffs with league title:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team celebrated after their game at Berkley. Not only had they defeated an OAA Red foe but they had also tied for first place in the league.

**Football for a Cure success:** Clarkston High School Athletic Director Dan Fife and assistant principal Josh LaMay presented a check for \$17,725 to McLaren Cancer Institute - Clarkston and McLaren Breast Center. The money was raised during the annual Football for a Cure in August.

**November 4**

**Bailey Lake racers bring home trophy for sixth year:** Bailey Lake Elementary won the trophy for the sixth year during the Elementary Cross Country race with 22 percent of their students participating in the annual event.

**November 11**

**Wolves finish top of the state:** Runners faced tough competition at the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals. The Lady Wolves finished in 11th place with 346 points as the boys team finished 19th place with 421 points.

**Freshman Chiefs victorious:** The Clarkston Chiefs Freshman White team finished their season as Superbowl champions in the Northern Youth Football League with a 6-0 win over Lake Orion Green team.

**December 2**

**Icers post first victory:** The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team defeated Ann Arbor Huron in the third period with a 4-2 score.

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**Thursday**

11 a.m.

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# All Are Welcome

## This Week:

**Thursday, December 31**

5:00 p.m.

**New Year's Eve Mass**

**Tuesday, January 5**

1:00 p.m.

**Christian Yoga**

**Friday, January 1**

10:00 a.m.

**New Year's Day Mass**

**Wednesday, January 6**

10:00 a.m.

**Study of Sunday Scriptures**

**Sunday, January 3**

All Masses

**Feast of the Epiphany**

**Wednesday, January 6**

10:00 a.m.

**Evening Prayer**

**Monday, January 4**

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**Rosary Cenacle**

**Wednesday, January 6**

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**Scripture Study**



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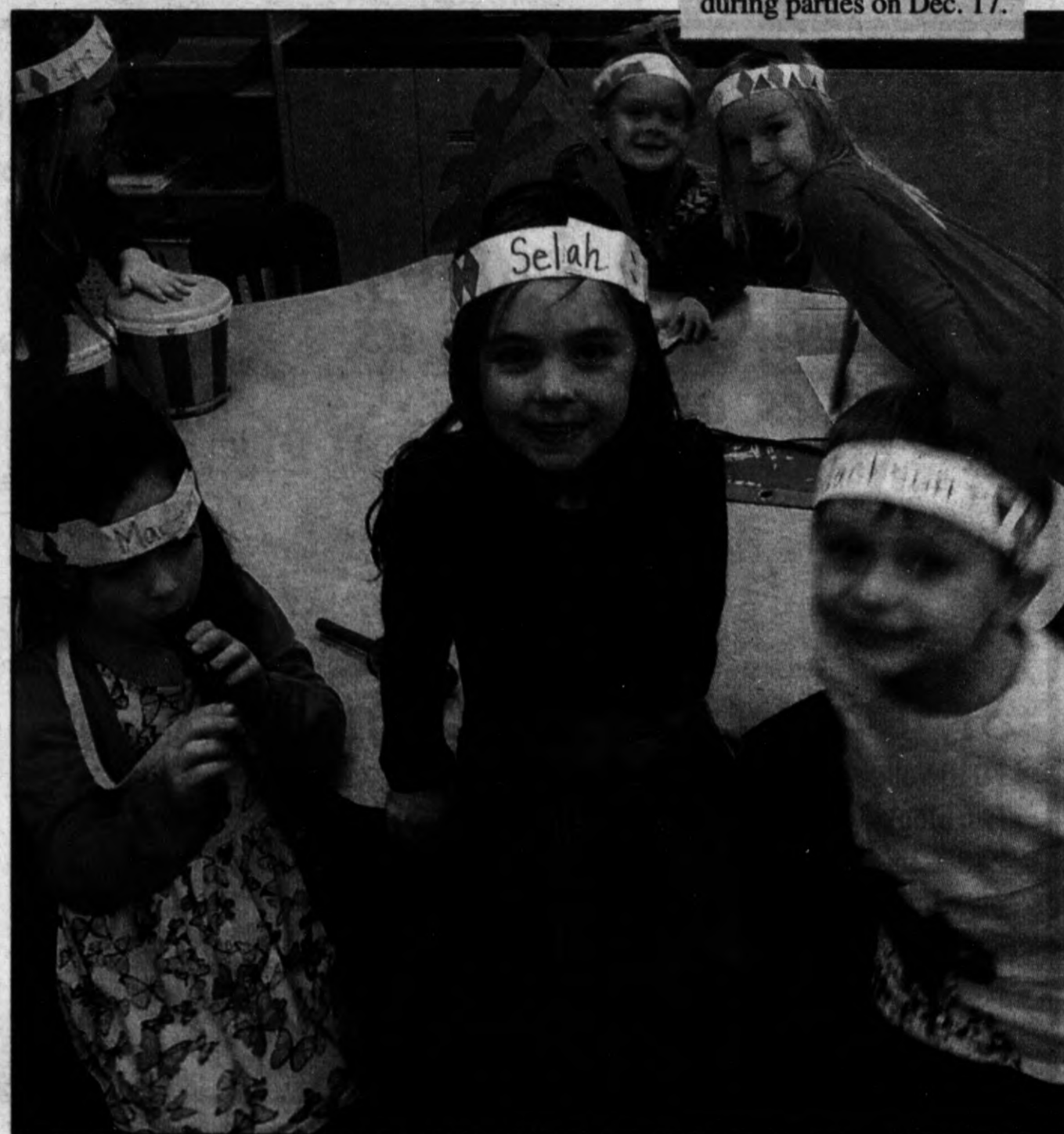
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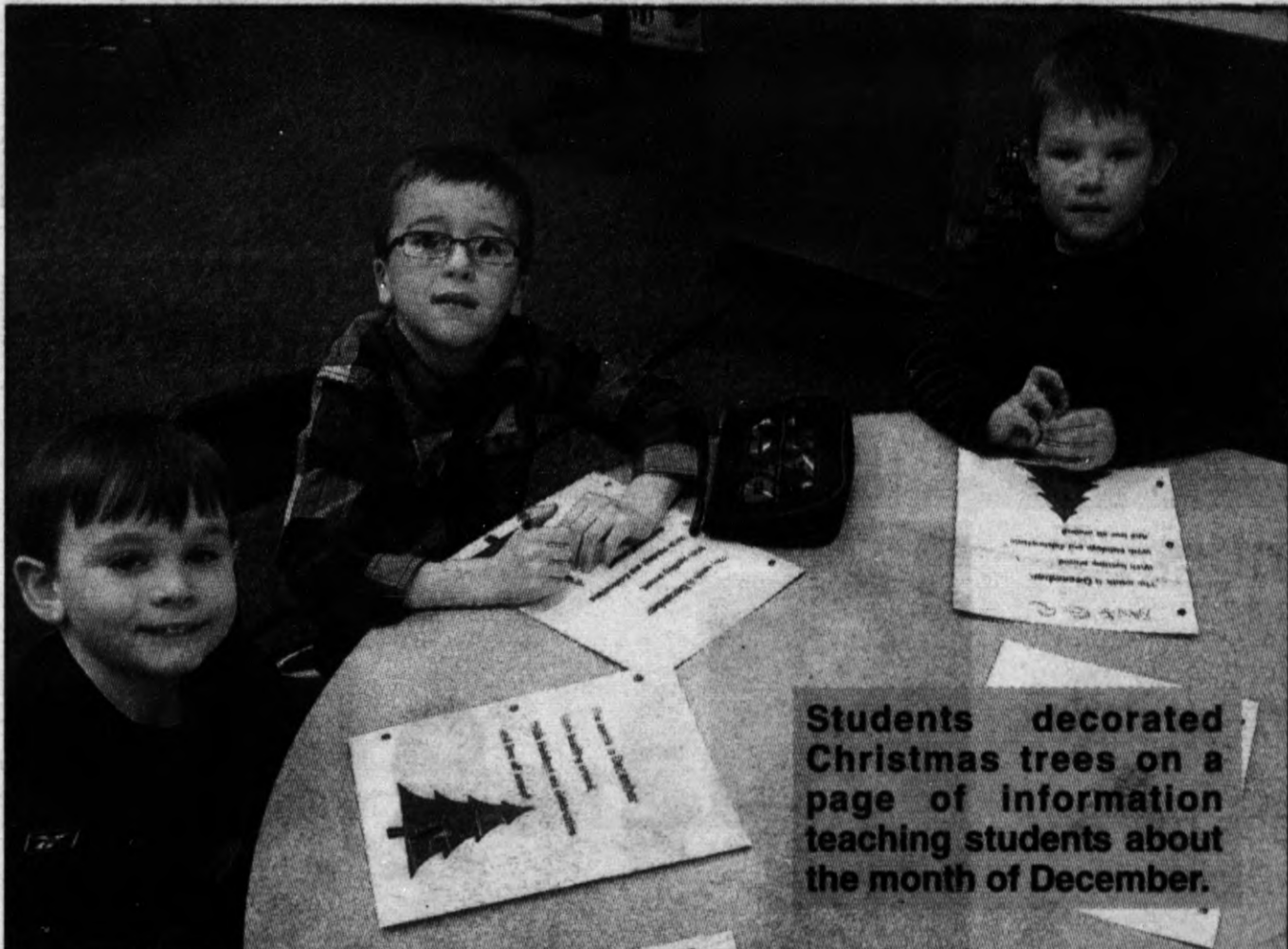


Madelyn, Selah and Jackson join a sing along.





Presents were eagerly exchanged among girls, and boys, during holiday parties. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin



Students decorated Christmas trees on a page of information teaching students about the month of December.

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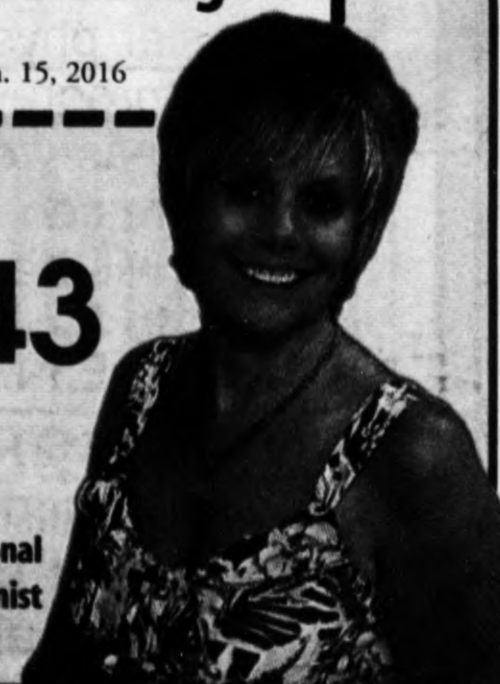


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Wearing their origami hats, Karen Kumon's fourth grade students at Pine Knob Elementary gather with the Japanese Consulate teachers.



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## Who do you consider a leader?

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- Paul Brown

"I think leaders are people like Pope Francis or Angela Merkel, or Sarah Head or Tom Middleton. People who embrace their roles with integrity, gravitas, good humor, and commitment to purpose. They lead by example, through their presence and actions."



- Andrea Schroeder

"A leader is someone who is willing to share not just good news, but bad news as well. People can understand and manage to bad news. It's NO NEWS that drives people crazy."



- Pat Kittle

"I consider a leader as a person who has a clear vision, sets and accomplishes high expectations, is collaborative and innovative, continuously learns, and sustains excellence. A few of the many examples within the Clarkston Community Schools include Jodi Yeloushan, Wendy Stuart, Kurt Richardson, Kyle Hughes, Kevin Bickerstaff, Dan Fife, Luke Hodgson, Angela Comp, Jeff Tice, Billie Pambid, Michele Przybylski, Shelley Roland, and Shawn Ryan."



- Rod Rock

By Andrea Beaudoin

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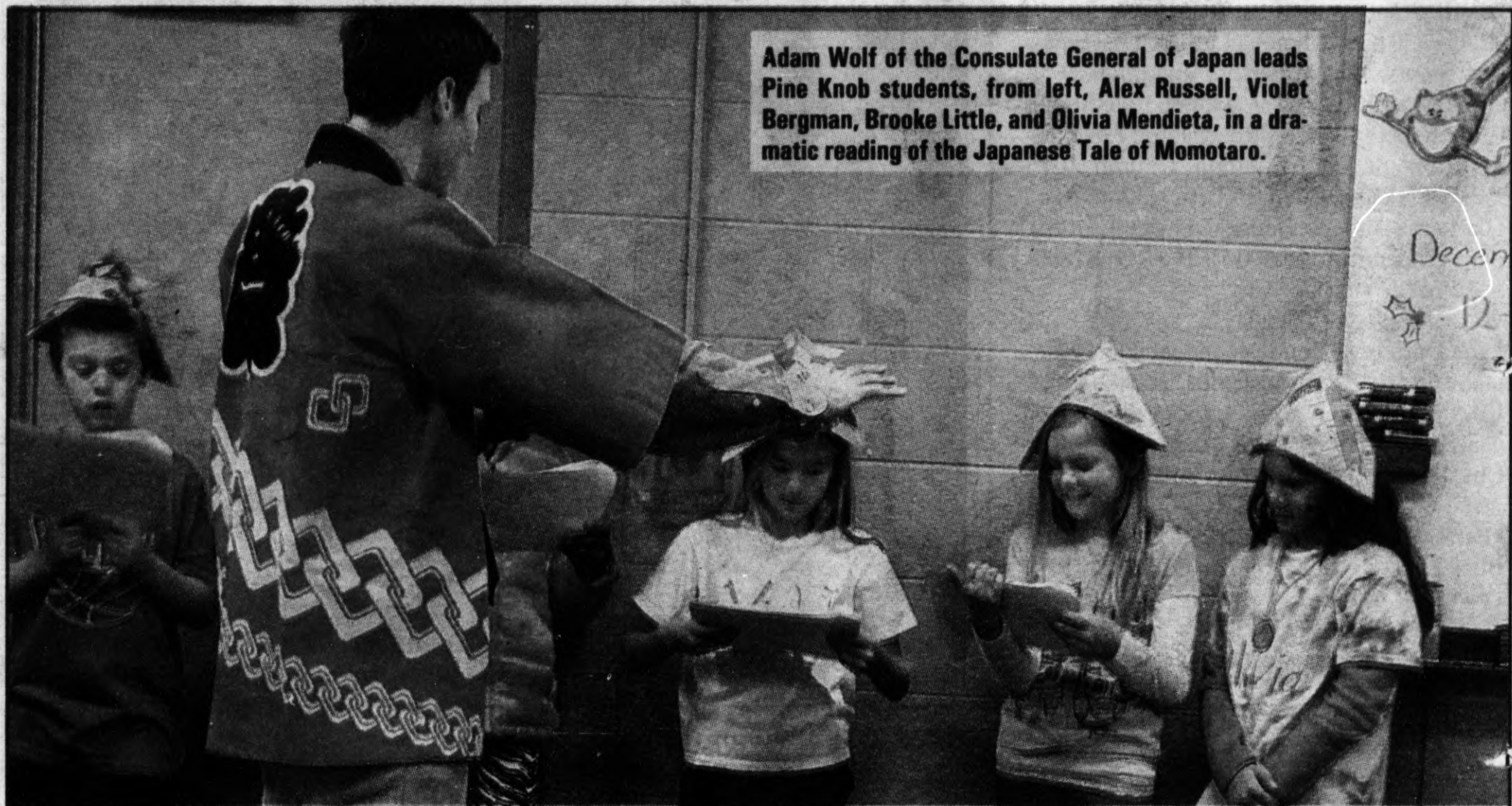
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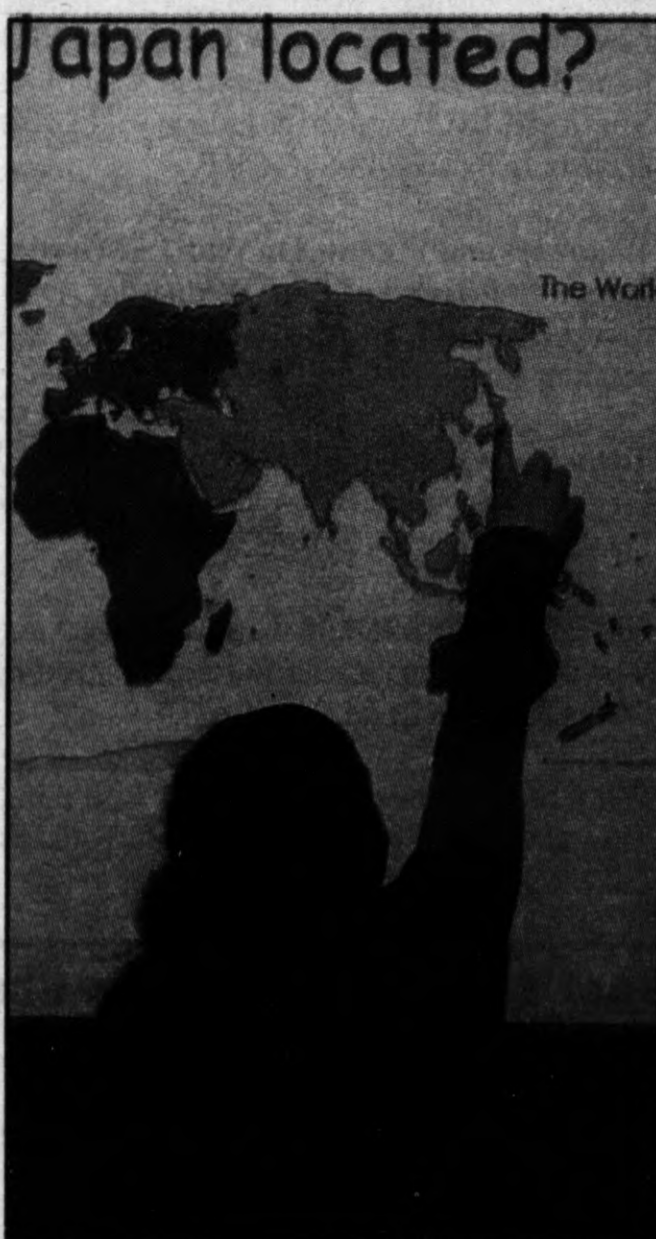
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Adam Wolf of the Consulate General of Japan leads Pine Knob students, from left, Alex Russell, Violet Bergman, Brooke Little, and Olivia Mendieta, in a dramatic reading of the Japanese Tale of Momotaro.



Fourth grader Katarina Fisher points out the location of Japan on her first try.

## Cultural exchange

Pine Knob Elementary's fourth and fifth grade classes hosted a visit by Adam Wolf and Hiroe Kamasuda from the Detroit Consulate General of Japan, Dec. 16.

The teachers are visiting schools around metro Detroit, with Pine Knob the only Clarkston school, to teach children about Japanese culture, traditions, schools, and language.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Hiroe Kamasuda discusses Japanese popular culture, including Hello Kitty and Pikachu.



Fourth grader Melanie Horvath and the rest of the students learn some origami.



## Events

**Financial Planning Basics**, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Jan. 6, Clarkston Library Community Room, 5495 Clarkston Road. Hosted by Clarkston resident Mike Kastler of the Kastler Consulting Group. 888-566-1841.

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

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**Blood drives**, American Red Cross, Jan. 7, 12:45-6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road; Jan. 10, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; Jan. 11, 8 a.m.-1:45 p.m., St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park Drive; Jan. 15, 10 a.m.-3:45 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

## 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.

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**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.

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

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

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

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**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. Jan. 5: "Follow Your Dreams: Even When You Think You Can't," filmed interview with Mandy Harvey, a jazz vocalist whose sudden hearing loss nearly

# Around Town

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



**JUNGLE BELLS:** Clarkston basketball fans in The Jungle cheering section dressed in holiday colors during the Wolves' home victory against Lake Orion, Dec. 18. Photo by Phil Custodio

derailed her dream of becoming a professional singer. Free. 810-694-9351.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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

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

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

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**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.

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

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**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.

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

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

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**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.

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

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

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**Lunches for 50+**, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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**Young At Heart Active Adults**, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$5 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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**CLARKSTON  
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**HAPPY  
NEWYEAR**

**Holiday Hours**  
Thursday, December 31  
10 am - 6 pm  
Friday, January 1  
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## Hey Clarkston! What's happening at your library?

### Painting Extravaganza

Saturday, January 9 3:00 pm

Join us for an hour of painting. We will be exploring mediums and methods to create art! For families with toddlers and up

### Bingo @ the Library

Tuesday, January 5 7:00 pm  
Enjoy a fun evening of Bingo!

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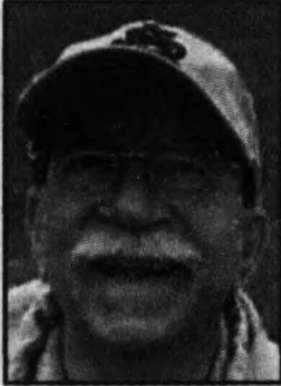


## James A. Blaski, 66

James A. Blaski, "Jim," of Oxford passed away Dec. 23, 2015, at age 66.

He was the loving husband of Sherry for 33 years; beloved father of Raeanne and Catherine Blaski; proud Papa of Audra; brother of Norbert (Gloria), Chuck, Gregory (Fannie), Rob, Tom (Suvda) and Gail Pesavento; also survived by many nephews and nieces, extended family and friends.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, at 10 a.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Dorothy Sparks, 83

Dorothy M. Sparks of White Lake, formerly of Clarkston, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Dec. 23, 2015, at age 83.

She was the beloved wife of the late Sidney; loving mother of Carole Ryden; step-mother of Steve (Sheryl) Sparks and Cynde Sparks; wonderful nana to Kelly, Jayme, Alan, Kyle, Steven and five great grandchildren; sister of Virginia Wise, Wanda Baker and the late Wayne Taylor.

Dorothy was retired from Pontiac Motors as a Communications Supervisor. She was a past Deacon and active member at Mt. Zion Church for almost 25 years. She enjoyed reading, playing cards, cooking, and her family. Dorothy was a loving devoted wife, mother, nana, and friend to everyone and will be greatly missed. Funeral Service Saturday, Jan 2, at 10:30 a.m. at Mt. Zion Church, Clarkston, with visitation directly at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



# Obituaries

Death notices &

## Lela Grace Head, 95

Lela Grace Head of Waterford passed away Dec. 23, 2015, at age 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband Clarence Earl "Pete" Head and grandson Scott Head. She was the loving mother of Mary Jane Head, Gene Head and Clarence Jr. "Doodie" (Deborah) Head; beloved grandma of Jason Head, Amanda (Steve) Freis and David Head; proud great grandma of Parker Freis.

Lela retired from Pontiac State Hospital. Visitation was Dec. 27 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Cemetery Service was Dec. 28 at Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or St. Jude Children's Hospital. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Frances J. Haslip, 83

Frances J. Haslip of Clarkston passed away peacefully Dec. 26, 2015, at age 83.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank E. Haslip, Sr. and grandson Travis. She was the loving mother of Frank (Martha) Haslip, Flora (Larry) Yingling, Fred (Joy) Haslip, Francine (John) Garnett, Forrest (Tracy) Haslip; she will be missed by her 15 adoring grandchildren and many dear great grandchildren; sister of June Killian, Margaret Merrill, Dennis Atherton and Gerald Atherton.

Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, Dec 30, from 4-9 p.m. Funeral Service Thursday, Dec 31, at 10 a.m. at the Funeral Home. Interment Lakeview Cemetery.

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



## Phyllis McFarland, 91

Phyllis M. McFarland of Waterford passed away Dec. 24, 2015, at age 91.

She was preceded in death by husband Stanley and daughter Shirley Ann. She was the mother of Tonda (Donald) Hopkins, Scott (Laura) McFarland, Mary (Charles) Bowden; six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren; sister of Barbara Cantu and Wyzatta Sevegeny.

Phyllis was a talented seamstress, she enjoyed sewing her own clothing and crocheting.

Funeral Service was Dec. 28 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Nancy Sheffield, 78

Nancy E. Sheffield of Burton, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Dec. 22, 2015, at age 78.

She was the loving wife of John for 59 years; beloved mother of Timothy (Jayne); proud grandmother of Wesley (Amber) Harden; Jonathan and Rebecca Sheffield; great grandmother of Shae Burke, Emma Harden and Samuel Sheffield; sister of Carolyn (Frank) Tehovnik, Susan Hamel Brooks; the late Ellen (the late Hanford) Twaddle and the late Mary (the late Lyle) Geliske; special aunt of Felicity "Izzy" Brooks.

Nancy retired from EDS.

Funeral Service Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, Novi. Memorials may be made to Bethesda Lutheran Children's Home. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

# Honors for middle school musicians

Sashabaw Middle School students earning First Division ratings at the District 4 Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival, Dec. 5 at Novi Middle School, included:

Elaina Harshman, Audrey Deconick, woodwind duet; Sylvia King, Alexa Parsons, woodwind duet; Nathan Clark, euphonium solo; Elaina Harshman, flute solo; Marco Petrucci, Ethan Golab, Joe Carr, percussion trio; Ally Stanford, flute solo; Kyle Kaufman, alto saxophone solo; Lucy Mohr, Emma Neumann, flute duet;

Anthony Deschaine, trombone solo; Skylar Whittaker, Gracelyn Scotten,

woodwind duet; Lizzie Moore, Jenna Nichols, flute duet; Margarita Yera, Sydney Hasenfratz, flute duet; Sarah Nofar, oboe solo; Nate Fender, alto saxophone solo; Riley Beernink, piano solo; Brendan Farmer, Lizzie Moore, Jenna Nichols, Chloe Keith, woodwind quartet;

Cameron Hempton, Ben Haas, Levi Moore, mixed trio; Luke Scherler, Alex Hayward, brass duet; Ella Aller, Karlie Mattinson, woodwind duet; Jacob Joyner, Ricki Hutchinson, clarinet duet; Nico Cifani, tuba solo; Mathias Heister, Jarrod Ray, woodwind duet; Nick Adkins, clarinet solo; Joseph Carr, snare drum solo; Abigale

Mason, trombone solo; Liesl Netherland, trumpet solo; Audry DeKoninck, clarinet solo; Ricki Hutchinson, clarinet solo; Alyssa Exline, trumpet solo; Elyse Pflieger, trumpet solo; Victoria Saylor, trumpet solo; Hannah Wilson, Isabel Stephenson, mixed duet;

Owen Kolean, Valen Kumaniak, violin/bass duet; Lauren Gothard, violin solo; Sierra Bonser, cello solo; Caitlyn Pittman, Lauren Gothard, Rachel Andres, Sierra Bonser, string quartet; Ashleigh Strong, viola solo; Amelia Ames, violin solo; Angela Raymond, violin solo; Lori Wilson, Maya Bergman, Rebekah Howell, violin/viola/cello trio.

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Sat. 6:00 pm  
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- Kids Life (K-5th)  
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Wednesday at 6:45pm  
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Student Ministries:  
September thru April  
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Wednesday and Thursday, 3:00-8:00 p.m.  
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Sunday Worship:  
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Nursery, Children & Youth at 9:30  
& 11:00am  
Wednesday Evenings:  
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Dinner & groups of all ages  
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8400 Dixie Hwy, Clarkston  
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Family Life Group 6:30 pm Youth 6:30 pm

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www.fcclarkston.com

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
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Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
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# Religion

Events

Preaching

## The Christmas yet to come

Our church has gone full bore for weeks.

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### Spiritual Matters

How was your Christmas? Or how will it be when it arrives in the days to come?

Christmas is not a date. It is the experience of God coming into our life and our willingness to receive the divine gift.

I hope you experienced this in the days of Christmas past.

The great news of the season is that the gift it offers is not limited to a season or our measurement of time.

To put it simply, the gift of Christmas continues to be given to us all. If you do not know the joy, peace, hope and love that Christ places in our hearts, I offer



Pastor  
Richard Dake

to you the hope of a Christmas yet to come.

I am privileged in my work to be present with people in the critical moments of life.

Some are joyous like the birth of a child and others grief filled with the death of loved ones.

I can tell you that the gift of Christmas is real in every moment of life. God is present with us to help us rejoice in moments of great joy and to carry us when life seems to have broken us.

Of course, I do not have any ability to predict your future. However I do know whatever the New Year will bring, Christmas could occur at any moment.

The Bible tells us that on the first Christmas night, some were changed forever by his arrival and others were unaware anything special happened. But Christmas came to all. It still does.

So Merry Christmas for the one past and I pray for the gift of Christ to come to you in the days to come.

*The Rev. Richard Dake is pastor of Clarkston United Methodist Church*

## Around Town

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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.

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

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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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**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**, free vision screening for children, 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 potential vision problems. Immediate results. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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**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.

### Volunteer opportunities

**Avalon Hospice**, sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; **McLaren Hospice**, not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County**, 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3911. **Service With Love**, RSVP of Oakland Country. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.



# Depot bridge dedicated in fall

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the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery.

**City lawsuit moves forward:** Richard Bisio's Open Meetings Act lawsuit against the City of the Village of Clarkston had a response and a timetable.

**Food, time donations:** The Clarkston Freshman Football team sorted out donations into boxes for The Lighthouse Food Pantry during Rush for Food.

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## September 2

**Holy Moses!:** H. Michael Hendrix of Independence Township created a textured, oversize mural of Moses for ArtPrize.

**Trooper laid to rest:** A GoFundMe page raised over \$123,000 to help the family of Michigan State Police Trooper Chad Wolf, 38, who passed away from injuries after an accident early Friday morning, Aug. 28. In a few days since the page was setup, over 1,700 people donated towards the \$200,000 goal.

**Teens arrested in cemetery vandalism:** Michael Thomas Dickinson, 19, of Waterford Township and Jonathan Lawrence Matthews, 17, of Pontiac faced charges in the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery vandalism case. About 30 gravestones were knocked over or damaged at the cemetery, 5331 Maybee Road, on Aug. 21. Estimated cost was \$54,499.

**One last march for summer:** About 30 entries were signed up to march in the Monday Clarkston Labor Day Parade, including Detroit Twirling Steppers baton group, Clarkston Chiefs football, Clarkston High School marching band, Clarkston Optimists Club, Miss Senior Michigan 2015, Miss Preteen Michigan, military vehicles, and John Rasmussen's 1917 Ford Model T.

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## September 9

**4-year-old drowns in pool:** A 4-year-old Holly Township boy died, Sept. 3, after being pulled from the deep end of a pool in the 6700 block of Belmont Court, 2:48 p.m., Sept. 1.

**Honored for academics after parents persist:** When sixth grader Issac Vanderelen visited his old teachers at Clarkston Elementary at their open house, Sept. 2, he also got a surprise. His parents Katy and Ian Vanderelen were there along with his grandparents, and one of his former teachers, Nate Fuller, was there to talk sports with him. In the cafeteria were also Principal Brian Adams and other staff members. They were all there with something special for the student.

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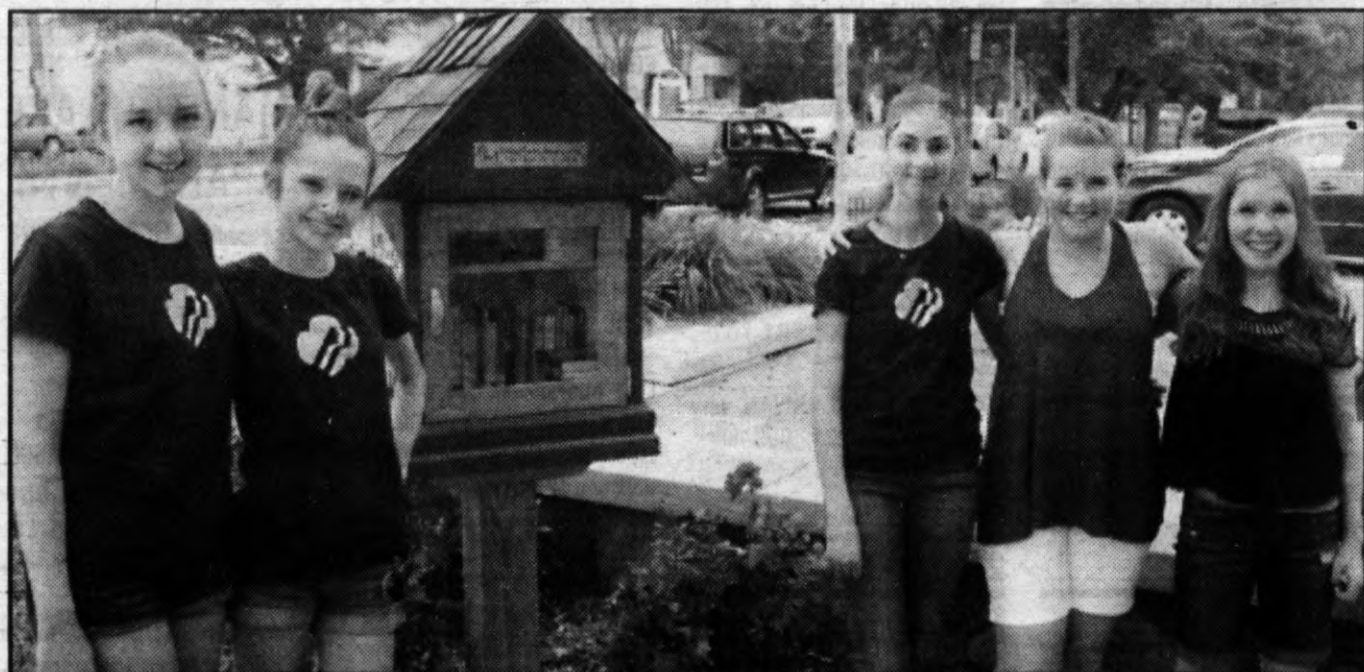
## September 16

**Bridge Dedication:** Bart and Diane Clark officially dedicated the new bridge in Depot Park with a ribbon cutting ceremony, Sept. 7 after the Labor Day parade. City leaders and residents gathered for the ceremony with the Clarks, who donated \$100,000 for the bridge in memory of Bart's brother Jeff.

**Closed session on lawsuit about closed session:** Before Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to go into closed session, Sept. 14, to discuss a lawsuit alleging an improper closed session, resident Steve Wylie had a question. "Is this eligible for a closed meeting," asked Wylie, also a former city council member. "There needs to be a demonstrable detrimental financial impact on litigation or settlement - furthermore, if it meet that standard, it requires a two-thirds vote of the council." Former City Council member Richard Bisio's lawsuit alleges City Council illegally entered into closed session on March 9, 2015. Discussing the lawsuit in open session would present a "detrimental financial effect" to the city, said James E. Tamm, representing the city in the matter through the Michigan Municipal League.

**Two dead in Springfield Twp. murder-suicide:** Two Springfield Township residents were killed in a case of murder and suicide, authorities said. Mike Wyatt, 66, and Carolyn Wyatt, 64, were found dead in the 11000 block

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Girl Scout Troop 13363 built and installed two Little Free Libraries in Clarkston over the summer, one in Depot Park and the other on Main Street. The park library was hit by vandals this past fall but it was rebuilt, with community support. **File photo**

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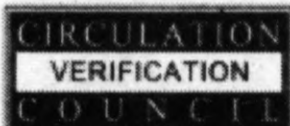


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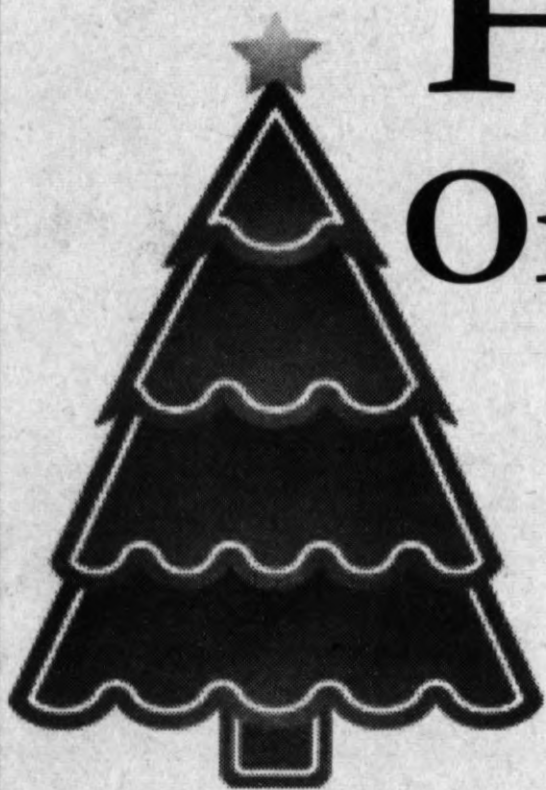


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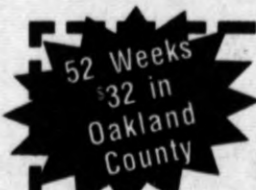
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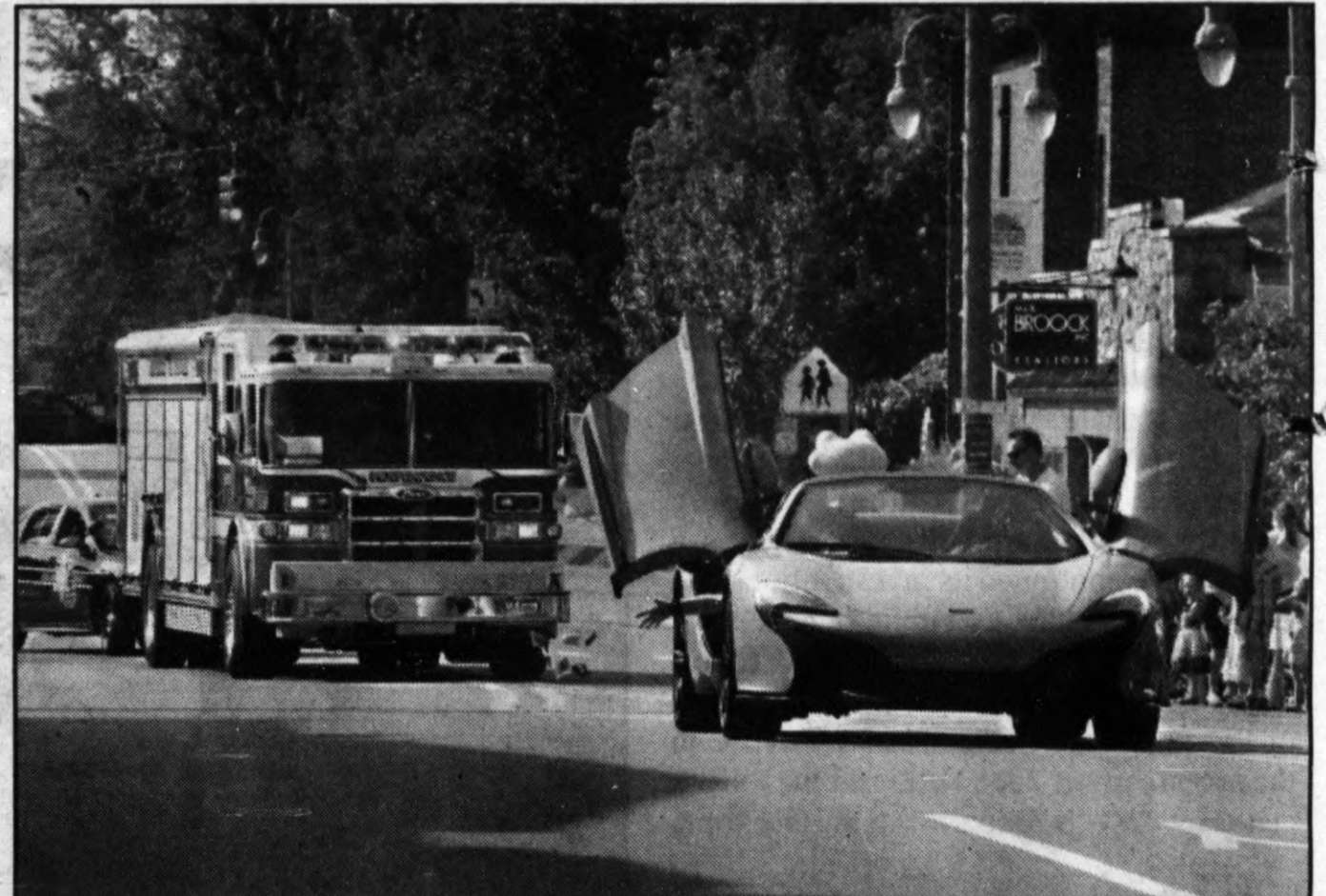
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## Council campaign in fall

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of Shaffer Road, 9:21 p.m., Sept. 13.

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**September 23**  
**Candidates look to manage city's progress:** What to do about downtown Clarkston was a major topic of discussion at the League of Women Voters Oakland Area's Candidate Forum for City Council. Candidates Michael Cascone and Jason Kneisc, and incumbents Eric Haven and Alfred Avery were at the Sept. 17 forum at Clarkston Independence District Library.

**Parking meeting planned for downtown:** City Manager Carol Eberhardt was organizing a meeting of the entire Clarkston commercial district about downtown parking, at the request of Mayor Joe Luginski.

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**September 30**  
**Building repairs required:** The city cracked down on two downtown buildings, the 5 S. Main Street for structural problems to its exterior and Clarkston Mills at 20 W. Washington for remodeling work without permits. The city gave an October deadline for repair work to crumbling stucco on the Walters Building, 5 S. Main Street, home of *The Clarkston News*.

**Sharing big artwork at Art Prize:** For Richard Stocker of Independence Township, his art is meant to be shared. There's lots of sharing at Art Prize in Grand Rapids. "It's the biggest art show on Earth," said Stocker, whose acrylic painting "Map of the Dance" was on display in Humanity Boutique's front window downtown.

**Everest group travels to see the Pope:** A group of 40 students and 10 chaperones from Everest Collegiate High School and Academy weren't content to watch Pope Francis' visit to the United States on

television — they drove to Philadelphia to see it for themselves.

### October 7

**Royalty on field:** The Clarkston Homecoming Court, Michael Baker, Ryan Holmes standing in for Jonah Koponen, Zach Keith, Charlie Lussenhop, Kayla Spicer, Drue Froshke, Mady Bullinger, Valencia Zywicki, Christine Wakefield and Addison Gale, standing in for Carter Gale, gathered at halftime.

**National Merit scholars:** While some kids hit the screens after school, honor students Jillian Ritchey, Diana Marsala, Ethan Ames, and Erin McNeil were busy with advanced classes, clubs, and extracurricular activities. The Clarkston High School seniors were among 16,000 semi-finalists out of 1.5 million applicants across the U.S. in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

**Family seeks Gofundme help:** After years of treatment and surgery, Jon Angelosanto of Independence Township could now take part in the community that has given him so much. But there was a problem. "The irony is we're finally able to take him out and participate in society and now he's stuck," said Katie Angelosanto, his mother. "He can actually feel peace out there, but we can't get him out there." Jon is confined to a wheelchair, and his parents Katie and Joe Angelosanto don't have funds for a wheelchair-accessible van. They set up a Go Fund Me account for their son, at Gofundme.com/jonangelosanto.

**Two arrested in break-in:** Curtis Wright, 20, of Davisburg and White Lake resident Eric Hanlon, 21, faced home invasion charges in connection with two burglaries in

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# Year ends with city election, city hall plans

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Springfield Township, Oct. 3.

## October 14

**Investigation continues into shooting-at-shoplifters case:** The county prosecutor was deciding if charges would be brought against a 46-year-old Clarkston woman who fired her concealed-carry pistol at two fleeing shoplifters in Auburn Hills, Oct. 6. Auburn Hills police continued its investigation, said Chief Doreen Olko in a public statement.

**National award for Pine Knob Elementary:** Pine Knob Elementary was one of 13 schools in Michigan and one of 335 in the nation earning 2015 National Blue Ribbon status by the U.S. Department of Education.

## October 21

**Downtown restaurant approved:** A new restaurant is coming to downtown, with approval by Clarkston City Council. James and Sarah Schneider's proposal for a restaurant at 15 S. Main Street, formerly Clarkston State Bank, was approved unanimously.

**3 plans to expand city hall:** With three options for expanding city hall and DPW, Clarkston City Council postponed a decision until at least the upcoming Monday. The three alternatives presented ranged from \$347,785 to \$402,035.

**Felony charges in photo thefts:** Scott Hakim of West Bloomfield, 37, faced felony charges for stealing nude photos from a customer's cell phone. The victim, a 19-year-old woman, wanted to upgrade her I-phone and went to the cell phone store on Dixie Highway at Davisburg Road.

## October 28

**Homecoming for a hero:** It's been a long time, but Sean Campbell of Clarkston made it home. After 25 years as an Air National Guard fighter pilot, Campbell was looking to turning in his callsign "Grinder" for more domestic titles of "husband" and "father of three."

**'Just the usual suspects':** Plans to expand city hall and build a new DPW facility were on hold at the Monday City Council meeting, but it was still a contentious topic. During public comment at the Oct. 26 council meeting, city resident Chet Pardee said he met with state Rep. Jim Tedder and Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle during one of their office-hour meetings with the public.

**\$10 million planned for park projects:** Police and fire services faced the biggest budget challenges in the \$28 million 2016 Independence Township budget, but residents will pay less in taxes next year, according to township Supervisor Pat Kittle. Approved unanimously by the Township Board on Oct. 20, the general fund budget includes \$355,000 for a security system and new sidewalks for Independence Township



Fair weather brought a record crowd to the annual Taste of Clarkston. File photo

Hall, and improvements to parks and recreation.

## November 4

**Clarkston Road crosses:** Everest Collegiate High School Girls Golf Team set up a field of 2,000 white crosses, symbolizing half the number of abortions every day, for All Souls' Day.

**Lawsuit charges city with Catallo favoritism:** City Council had until about Thanksgiving to respond to a lawsuit filed by CBC Joint Venture regarding restaurant plans for the Sutherland House on S. Main Street. Citing undue influence by and favoritism towards the Catallo family in Clarkston, the suit sought to order the city to rezone the Sutherland building at 59 S. Main Street from multiple residential to commercial for development into a restaurant, and at least \$25,000 for damages, costs, and fees.

**City seeks to 'gag' Bisio:** Oakland County Circuit Court scheduled a hearing on a request for sanctions against Richard Bisio of Clarkston. Bisio, former Clarkston City Council member who is suing City Council for violating the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act, was accused of improperly publicizing a proposed consent agenda that was supposed to be kept confidential.

**McLaren plans upset urgent care:** After years of court battles and being denied a Certificate of Need, McLaren may be moving to Plan B by purchasing two portions of Clarkston Medical Building. McLaren previously said Plan B included a 30-bed "short-stay" hospital with an emergency room, a \$30 million-\$50 million project.

## November 11

**City election:** Voters stuck with incumbents in the Clarkston City Council election, with one new face replacing Council member Tom Hunter, who did not run for

reelection. Voted to two-year terms on the council were newcomer Jason M. Kneisc, with 171 votes, 29.95 percent of the total; and incumbents Eric Haven, 156 votes, 27.32 percent, and David Marsh, 139 votes, 24.34 percent. Challenger Michael E. Cascone received 104 votes, 18.21 percent. Incumbent Alfred A. Avery was elected to a partial term on the council, ending Nov. 14, 2016, with 156 votes, 69.33 percent of the total. Challenger Peggy Roth received 68 votes, 30.22 percent.

**Order against Bisio:** Judge Leo Bowman, Circuit Court of Oakland County, ruled former Clarkston City Councilman Richard Bisio violated the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct with postings on Facebook about his lawsuit against the city.

## November 18

**Vietnam veteran honored at junior high:** Toby Dill didn't get a ceremony when he returned from the Vietnam War, but he got one during this year's Veterans Day. Honors U.S. History students at Clarkston Junior High organized and invited Dill to a "Freedom is Never Free" ceremony in the Jenna Beno Memorial Courtyard.

**Thieves target daycare lots:** Police warned drivers not to leave purses, bags, and other items in plain sight in their vehicles, even for a few minutes. The "Felony Lane Gang" was in town, targeting parents' vehicles as they dropped off their children at local day care centers.

**4 city hall plans considered:** Renovation plans for inside Clarkston city hall were placed on hold, but DPW expansion plans costing up to \$308,000 remained under consideration.

## November 25

**Expansion plan gets go-ahead:** Plans for expanding city hall were moving forward, as City Council approved going out for bids on

a \$335,785 project. The plan includes a 2,049-square-foot addition to Clarkston's city hall in Depot Park, and 743 square feet of interior renovations. It would include four garage bays for two dump trucks, front loader, and lift; about 1,100 square feet for storage of DPW equipment; and a meeting room with space for 40 audience members.

**Business owner was committed to her community:** Carol Marie Evans of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly Nov. 16, 2015, at age 66. She will be remembered for her care for the community. She was the owner of Smith's Disposal, a generous supporter and contributor to numerous northern Oakland County community activities.

## December 2

**\$678,000 deficit for township:** Independence Township's 2016 budget faced a \$678,000 deficit, but was in good shape, Budget Analyst Rick Yaeger told the Township Board at its Nov. 24 meeting.

**Goals to improve math, reading:** Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock's goals for the 2015-16 goals include increasing students' scores in reading and math.

## December 9

**Goodfellows on Main:** Clarkston Rotarians and friends enjoyed sunny weather for the Goodfellow newspaper drive that 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.

**Volunteers needed for Habitat home:** 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 for My Habitat Clarkston.



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