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## Local leaders set 2017 goals

BY JESSICA STEELEY  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The new year ushers in new opportunities for residents and students, say local school and township leaders.

"We've gotten all the mundane stuff off our plate and we can focus on what's really exciting, and what really matters, teaching and learning for our kids," said Board of Education President Steve Hyer said.

For the newly re-elected Independence Township Board, the new year launches four more years of work, said Supervisor Pat Kittle.

Kittle's main goal is to get a hospital/trauma center built to provide closer residential access and care.

"We can start taking care of our own locally, instead of having to transport them 20 miles north or south or east," he said. "That, to me, is the most important thing. Somehow we'll get it here in the next four years. I've got to do it. If I don't, I will consider my term here as less successful."

Kittle said he hopes the board continues to build on their strengths in the upcoming years, most notably their ability to have healthy personal and professional relationships with each other.

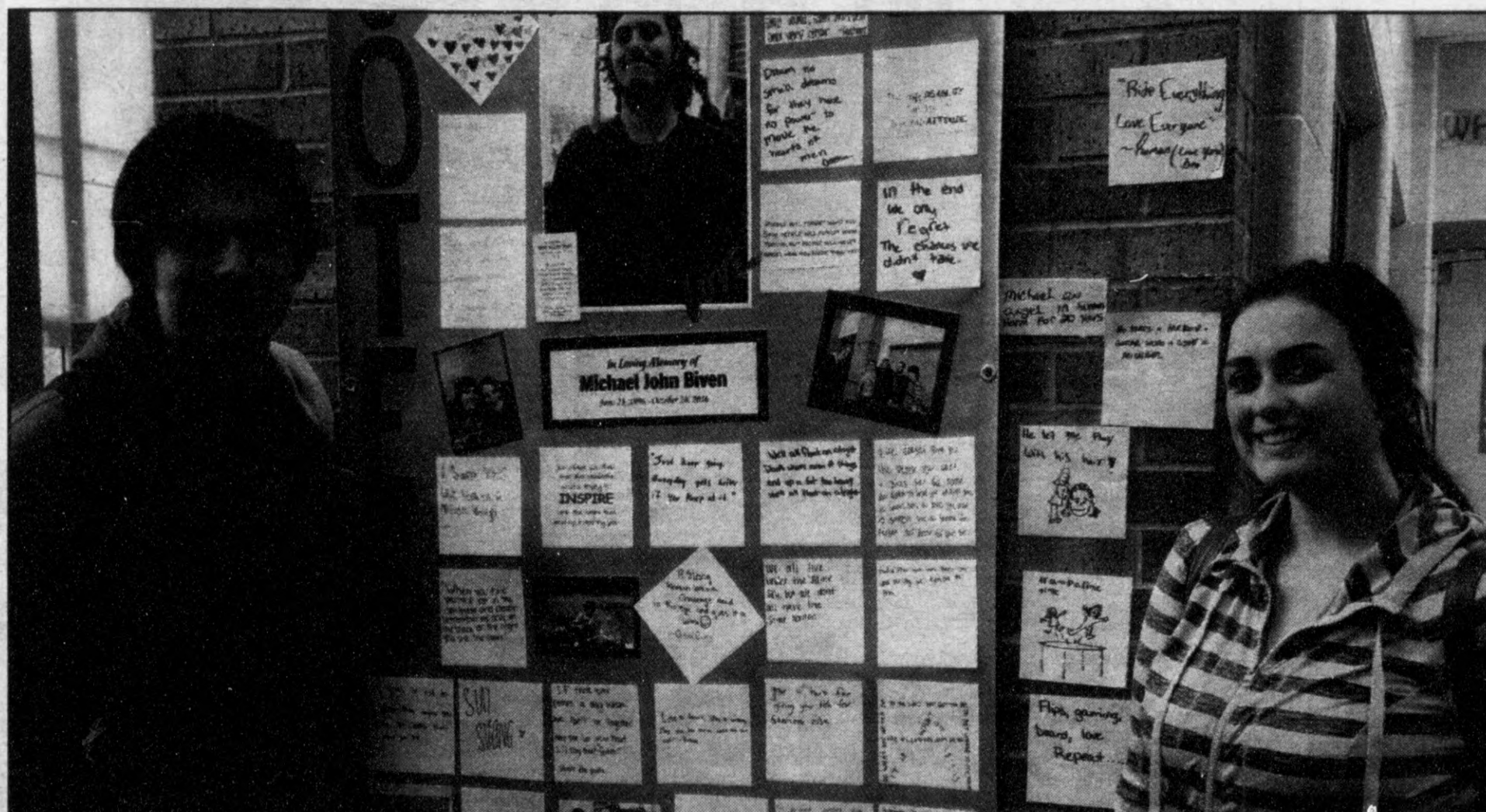
"We're all friends, and it's so easy to communicate to people you're friends with and you respect," he said, "and even when it's things you disagree about, it's things you can communicate and come to some consensus, so you just don't let things stew."

He hopes to continue that

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Kittle



Will LaFoy and Kasey Jones led a student project to create a Life Quote Wall for their friend, Michael Biven. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Keeping classmate's memory alive

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Kasey Jones and Will LaFoy will never forget their friend Michael Biven, and they hope the Life Quote Wall they worked on will help others remember him, too.

"He was just always happy," said Jones, 11th grade student at Renaissance High School. "He was always singing and dancing. He was a really good guy. I wanted to show who he was. He was a big part of Renaissance High School."

"He would always be friends with everybody, and make sure everybody was

OK - I lot of people knew him and cared about him," said LaFoy, 12th grader at Renaissance High. "He was definitely a bright, special person."

Biven lost his life on Oct. 28 at the age of 20, trying to rescue two co-workers who had capsized their boat and fallen into Hidden Lake in Green Oak Township.

His classmates at Renaissance High created the Life Quote Wall, filling it with inspirational quotes written on index cards. The banner was unveiled on Dec. 21 to classmates, friends, and family.

"The purpose of the banner is to pick us

up on those hard days. Maybe reading a quote or just seeing Michael's picture will remind us how precious life is," said teacher Vicky Petrouneas-Mantzios. "If you were lucky enough to have known him, you had a friend for life. Michael unconditionally cared for others. He was always happy, gave out good vibes, never judgmental, and always willing to listen to someone who was struggling, always encouraging them to see the brighter side of things."

Students came up with the idea and implemented it from start to finish,

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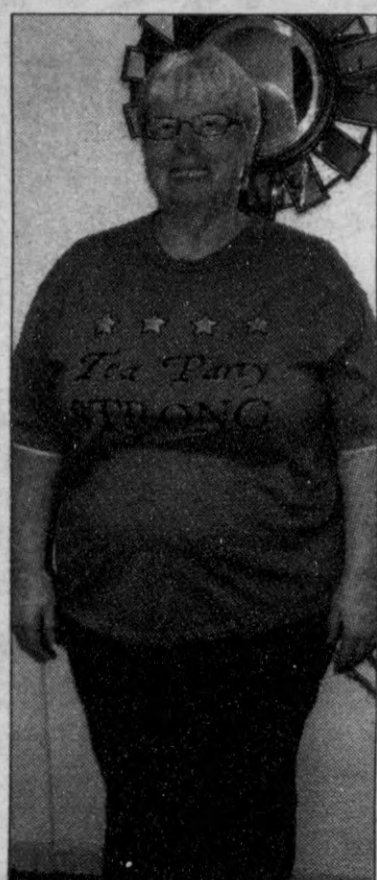
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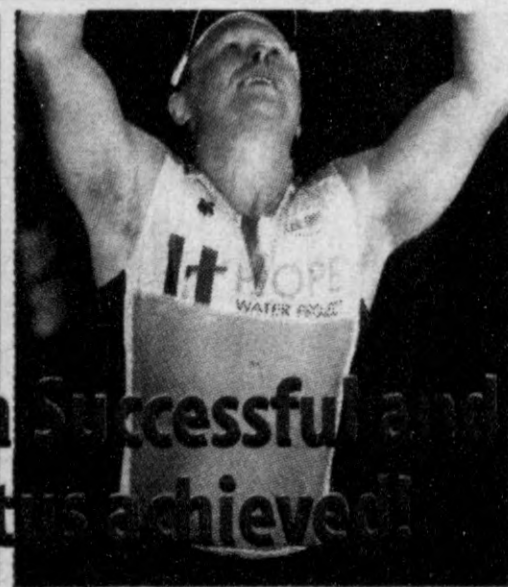
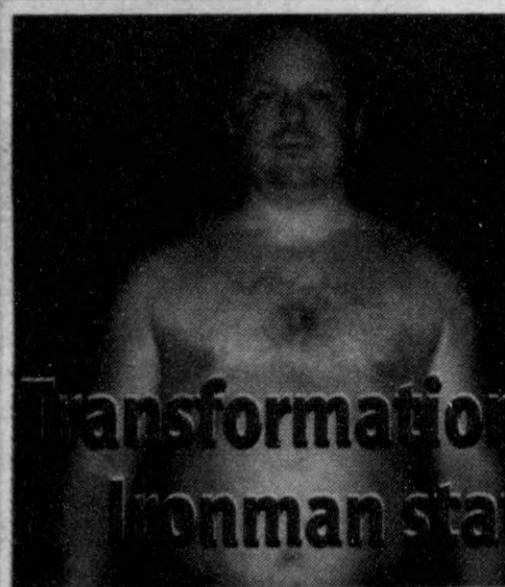
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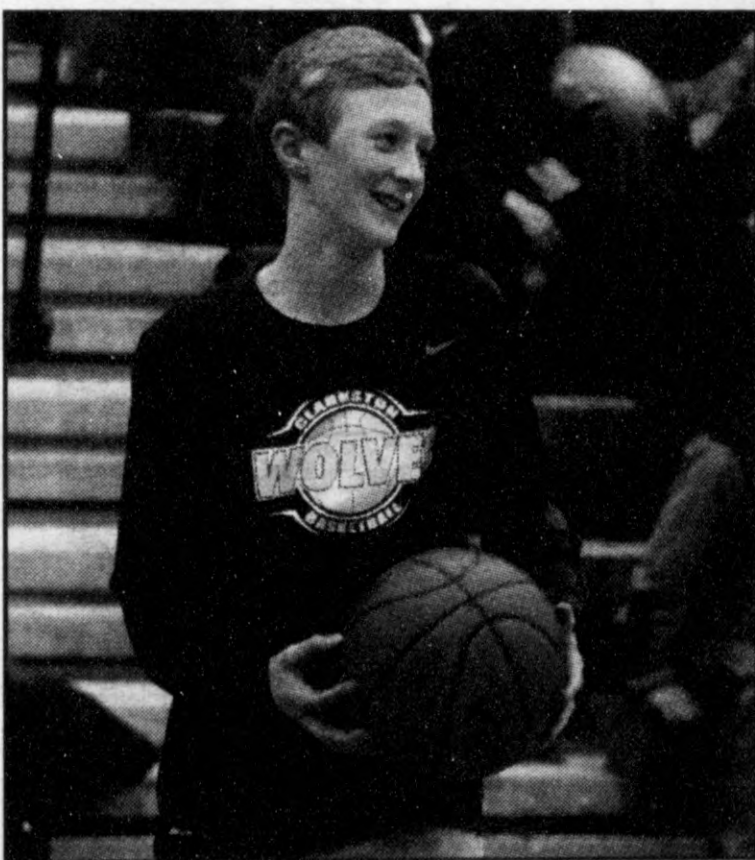
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Fletcher Loyer's raffle ticket is selected as an opportunity to win a gift card.



Fletcher smiles after a successful free throw shot.

## Hot shot

Fletcher Loyer stepped up to the free throw line for his one shot to win a \$25 gift card to Gregg's Gourmet Cafe during half time, Dec. 22.

Loyer was chosen from raffle tickets Destination Imagination was selling while the Clarkston Boys Basketball teams hosted Ann Arbor Skyline.

Two tickets were chosen but when no one came forward, Loyer was the third ticket.

He let go of the ball and scored on the lone shot.

Funds raised from the raffle tickets went to Doctors without Borders.

Photos by  
Wendi Reardon Price



Friends cheer as Fletcher takes his spot on the line.

## Varicose Vein treatment covered by insurance?

"Americans who are suffering from unsightly, swollen, painful varicose veins might want to take closer look at their insurance", says Dr. Charles Mok D.O., at Allure Vein Center.

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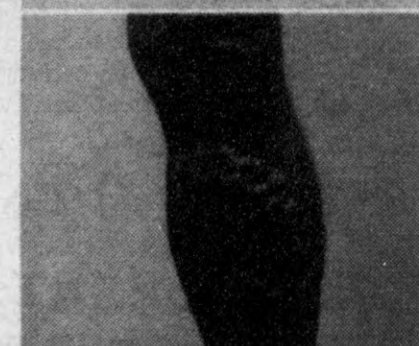
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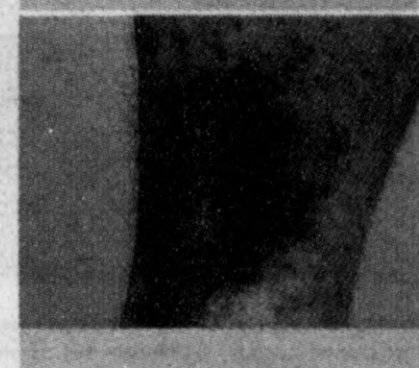
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Mayor Steve Percival draws the winner in the Clarkston Holiday Lighting Contest. Photos by Phil Custodio



Local merchants donated a gift basket for the winners.

## Lighting contest

Clarkston Mayor Steve Percival drew the winning entry in the Best and the Brightest Holiday Lighting Contest, Dec. 22.

The winners, Tom and Sally Lamb of 37 Robertson Court, were nominated by James Schultz.

The Lambs are both retired teachers, with Tom having taught in Clarkston Community Schools district.

Residents were invited to nominate houses to win a gift basket filled with items donated by Clarkston merchants, with the help of Peg Roth.

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# Summer 2016 brought election approvals

Voters decided several issues in the second half of 2016, including a \$76 million school bond, Independence and Springfield township boards, Clarkston City Council, and Clarkston Board of Education.

**July 6**

**Parade of Patriotism:** The community honored local veterans who helped make the Fourth of July special during the parade in downtown Clarkston.

**July 13**

**Gates at Mills:** Gates went up at the Mills mall parking lot ending the unrestricted public parking in the lot, July 8.

**July 20**

**Township budget builds on surplus:** Independence Township looked to be in good shape for the year according to their recent budget review with \$100,000 in surplus.

**High marks for Clarkston schools in study:** According to a 2016 Michigan Education Finance Study, Clarkston Community Schools was one of 58 schools in the state to ranked "Notably Successful."

**July 27**

**School bond, township board, issues up for vote:** Residents were ready to go to the polls in the Aug. 2 primary election where they would vote on a school bond proposal, board of trustees for Independence and Springfield townships and police and millage issues.

**More work for Depot Park path:** Part of the path from M-15 to the south Depot Park bridge was looking to be repaved after a review by city engineers.

**August 3**

**Help family fight cancer:** Former Wolf and

Independence Township resident David "Bubba" Fulcher planned to share his experience with cancer during the annual Football for a Cure.

**August 10**

**Voters OK school bond:** Clarkston Community School officials had \$76 million for technology and building improvements after 4,667 voters approved the district's bond proposal.

**Incumbents returned to Township board:**

Voters were kind to incumbents in Independence Township, returning all candidates on the ballot. Supervisor Pat Kittle, Clerk Barbara Pallotta and Treasurer Paul Brown all ran unopposed in the August primary.

**Incumbents, bonds approved in Springfield:** The Springfield Township Board looked to stay the same after residents voted for incumbents on the ballot. The voters also approved three millage requests for police and two for the fire department.

**August 17**

**Budget increases for fire department:** Rising property tax revenues were expected to boost the Independence Township Fire Department by about \$90,00, 1.6 percent of the total budget.

**100 years downtown:** Cedar Lodge No. 60 Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan celebrated the Centennial Cornerstone Rededication for their Clarkston Masonic Temple.

**August 24**

**New options for DPW expansion:** During the city council meeting for the City of the Village of Clarkston, the Facilities Committee presented its report offering four options for DPW plans.

**New station, equipment from millage:**

The Springfield Township's new 1-mill millage approved by voters will improve services to the community, said Chief David Feichtner.

**Five tons raised:** The Clarkston Football teams collected 10,031.7 pounds of food for Lighthouse during their annual Rush for Food.

**August 31**

**School ready:** Volunteers filled shopping bags with school supplies for Lighthouse. The supplies including backpacks and lunchsacks were donated to help the 225-250 students in the community Lighthouse assists.

**Sept. 7**

**More work for Depot bridge:** Clarkston City Council voted unanimously at a special meeting, Sept. 1, to approve a storm drain project at the south bridge in Depot Park. The project was awarded to Tillier Plumbing Company of Holly for \$5,545, paid from the city sewer fund.

**Sept. 14**

**A life fully led:** Bartlett Lee Clark of Clarkston will be remembered for his local leadership and service to the nation and his hometown. Clark, the great, great, great grandson of Jeremiah Clark, one of the two Clark brothers from whom Clarkston takes its name, passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 5, 2016, at the age of 71. He was born on Dec. 9, 1944.

**New senior services set for Sashabaw:**

Around \$20 million of new development is coming to Independence Township, according to Township Supervisor Pat Kittle. In the next couple weeks residents should start see

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## Goals include growth, development

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communication during the next four years.

"We've had a pretty good business model the past four years, trying to stay as transparent as we can, to continue to collaborate amongst not just ourselves but other organizations in the community," Kittle said.

Along with transparency, there are four other areas Kittle has specific goals for in 2017: fiscal, operational, economic growth and community.

He said the Independence Township Board is fortunate they respect, care for and like each other. It allows everyone to speak their minds and be confident in voicing their opinions. Not to mention, it makes work easier.

"[2016] was a great year – we got a lot done the past four years," Kittle said. "I do wish everybody a good new year, from the bottom of my heart. It's a great community and it's unbelievable the amount of community support."

The school board has three goals this

school year. Hyer said the first goal is successful implementation of the bond, which so far includes a new roof for Clarkston High School. Future plans include adding school security and technology features.

"Successful implementation of that bond is really number one, and includes devoting the time in our annual calendar to overseeing that, making sure we're getting updates to the community. We want it to be a very transparent process," Hyer said.

The board's second goal looks at student growth and achievement and how to provide resources to Clarkston students.

"Not every student has to receive perfect test scores or be able to pass calculus to be successful," Hyer said. "The board wants to offer resources for the success of all the district's students."

They're trying to provide students with more career technical opportunities, going above and beyond the high school option of taking classes at Oakland Technical Center, he said.

"What we don't feel like is one

standardized test score at the state level tells the story about what we have going on in Clarkston or tells the story of any individual student," Hyer said.

Goal number three focuses on advocacy.

"We've been very involved as a district," Hyer said. "We want to have an impact and I think that starts with the board."

Modeling behavior for parents, providing information and giving them opportunities to get involved is how Hyer said the board intends to make advocacy appear less intimidating. Parents are passionate about their kids and want to help advocate for them, and the board does as well at the local, state and federal level.

"We've got a great team in the board, we've got a great team in the administration. I feel like we're firing on all cylinders and we're all pulling the rope in the same direction," Hyer said. "I'm thrilled to be a part of it and I, I know other folks are excited about it, too. We certainly want to tell that story to the community and bring them along in that effort."

## Briefly

### Hoops for Troops

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the Clarkston Girls Basketball fourth annual Hoops for Troops, set for Feb. 7.

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 Jan. 9 for sponsors to be included on the T-shirts. For more information, please contact Megan Goldberg at [HoopsForTheTroops@gmail.com](mailto:HoopsForTheTroops@gmail.com).

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.

All funds raised during Hoops for Troops is donated to North Oakland County Veterans Treatment Court.

### Essay Contest

The Clarkston Area Optimist Club invites all students in the Clarkston Schools area to participate in their Essay Contest.

The topic for the 700-800 word essay is "Chasing Optimism in the Face of Challenges."

Students must be under the age of 18 years old as of Oct. 1, 2016, and have not graduated from high school.

For rules and an OI Essay Contest application, go to [ClarkstonOptimists.org](http://ClarkstonOptimists.org). For any additional information, email [info@clarkstonoptimists.org](mailto:info@clarkstonoptimists.org).

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A column by Phil Custodio

### Burn to return

The new year has begun, and for me that means 2013 v.2.

That's the year I made a New Year's Resolution to lose weight and managed to do it.

I still don't quite know how. I know how it worked -- I ate less and exercised more. What I don't know is how I managed to do that for nine straight months, enough to bring my weight down about 90 pounds.

My resolution this year is to figure it out, because since then, I've gained almost a third of that weight back. Statistics aren't good for folks trying to keep much weight off. Most say 95 percent or more gain it all back, with interest, within three years.

Even articles trying to debunk that widely shared statistic say it's actually only about a 50-75 percent failure rate within a few years.

I understand how it happens. You get back into old eating habits which leads to more weight, which makes exercise more difficult, which leads to less exercise, which leads to more weight.

What the statistics don't usually say is that "vicious cycle" is actually lots of fun. All that food tastes really good, and my stomach loves being full.

And my billions of shrunken fat cells crying every day to be refilled are all absolutely thrilled to be among the 95 percent. They don't want me to get back into my 2013 routine.

And there's still holiday cookies and candy laying about.

And not doing exercise means more lounging around, which is quite relaxing.

On my side, though, are a bunch of Wolfpack runners who would love to see more of me on Saturday mornings at Depot Park, for their weekly runs.

I've kept up my running during the week, along the safety paths of Clarkston and Independence Township. Getting myself to run on the weekend on my own has been less successful.

Also, family and friends who would rather I stay relatively healthy.

And Wendi Reardon Price, here in the *Clarkston News* office, is busy with her Nuview Nutrition program. She helped inspire my efforts four years ago. She might have to do so again.



## Thanks for supporting Shoes for Kids

Dear Editor,

The success of the "Shoes for Kids" program is predicated on so many factors including the weather, but more importantly the support by the Clarkston community.

"Shoes for Kids" has been the Clarkston Rotary's signature community project for the past 38 years. It takes the collaborative efforts of not only club members but the support from the many volunteers to bring each year's project to fruition. Clarkston Rotary would like to recognize and thank the following:

- To those individuals, groups, friends of Rotary and family members who spent countless hours dodging traffic in order to collect the donations necessary to provide shoes and boots to 360 Clarkston children.

- *The Clarkston News* and Sherman Publications for their continued support in publishing the Clarkston Rotary *Goodfellow* newspaper each year.

- Assistant Publisher Don Rush 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 collecting 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 18 years.

## Holiday Lights Night support appreciated

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors, thank you for sponsoring the 2016 Holiday Lights Night in Depot Park! Your sponsorship made it possible for us to provide a great and affordable night out for all families!

What an incredible evening to be part of the Clarkston community! First, the wonderful Holiday Lights Parade organized by Team RUSH 27! The weather was much colder this year and we actually had snow! No worries, down in Depot Park we had burn barrels and free steaming hot cocoa for everyone provided by the Senior Community Center!

Clarkston Area Optimist Club worked hard cooking up hot dogs and brats, while Monkey Business Concessions had wonderful treats for all. Kids of all ages

- Cub Scout Pack #499 in their fourth 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 annually for the shoe distribution. Their church members support the endeavor in so many ways.

- Clarkston Area Lions for providing their Project Kidsight free vision screening during the day.

- Clarkston Optimists who are involved in so many children related programs, including their Opti-Socks project providing new socks during "Shoes for Kids"

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

- Clarkston Union and Woodshop, Hamlin Pub, Tim Horton's (Maybee Rd), Hungry Howie's (Sashabaw Rd.) and Neiman's Family Market for their support during the events.

- A special thank you 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, from the

*Clarkston Rotary Club and  
Joel DeLong, program chair*

enjoyed interaction with live reindeer, some holiday tunes, and of course, Santa! After the annual tree lighting, kids had a chance to leave their letters for Santa, or take a minute to let him know their wishes in person. We'd like to specially recognize Smith's Disposal for sponsoring our Tree Lighting and The Dance Place for being our Santa sponsor!

Again, thank you for your support! Your generous contribution reflects your dedication and loyalty to our community and is very much appreciated. Organizations like *The Clarkston News* truly make a genuine commitment to make Clarkston a better place to live, work and play!

We are already looking forward to next year and hope we can work with you again!

*Amy Laboissonniere  
Event coordinator*

## Reader calls for reps to follow will of voters

Dear Editor,

Congratulations and Happy New Year!

Thanks to your generous and wise representatives in Lansing, you will as of Jan. 1, 2017, pay seven cents more per gallon of gas and buying plates for your car will go up 20 percent. This is your representatives' response to Michigan voters denying our betters a massive tax increase at the voting booth.

You might ask your state rep how he voted

on this massive tax increase, one which voters rejected in unprecedented numbers.

We obviously need better candidates. We need candidates who will follow the will of the electorate. We don't have one now.

*Robert Namowicz  
Clarkston*

*Ed. note: State Rep. Jim Tedder and State Sen. Jim Marleau voted in favor of the motor fuel gas act.*

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## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 2002

**"New facilities top priority for center"** The Independence Township Senior Center was coming off a successful 2001 and was looking forward to 2002. The number one priority was their continued effort to get a new Civic Center built in Independence Township.

**"Clarkston Community Schools face challenges, goal to be better"** The year of 2001 was a year of accomplishment for Clarkston Community Schools and also a year of pride amidst various challenges. The goal for 2002 was for school officials to make the district better.

**"Grapplers win county tourney"** Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team defeated Novi by 59 points to win the Oakland County Championship for the first time since 1995 with 274.5 points. They had eight wrestlers place including Joe Wood and Clint DeGain.

### 25 years ago - 1992

**"Leaking, buried gas tanks removed"** Two buried gasoline tanks were removed from the corner of Clarkston Road and Main Street after a routine soil sample taken by the Michigan Department of Transportation showed a gasoline leak.

**"Information at fingertips of Bailey Lake pupils"** With help from Compact Disc Read Only Memory (CD-ROM), the cutting edge of computer technology, four fifth graders at Bailey Lake Elementary were able to quickly complete their report on the Civil War.

**"Ex-Wolves help put MSU in motion"** Clarkston High School graduates Jenny Davis, Kellee Duty and Kara Kurz were home for the holidays and talking about being on MSU Motion, a group of 15 women from Michigan State University who performed at home Spartans' basketball and football games.

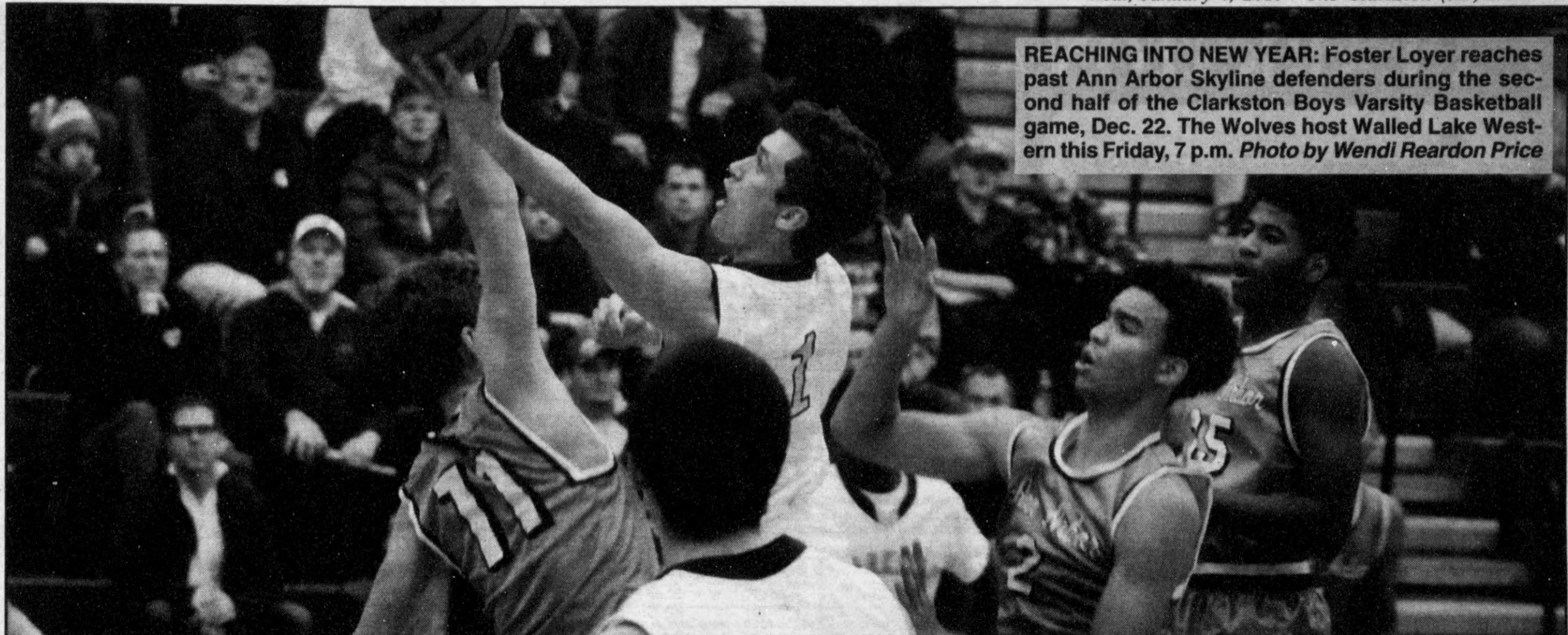
### 50 years ago - 1967

**"Twice-wounded Marine awarded Bronze Star"** Marine Lance Corporal Ned E. Seath, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Seath, received a Bronze Star for courage under fire in Vietnam. Ned had recently been discharged.

**"Snow fun"** Mary, Karen and Kevin McCann with Rich Mahar took advantage their holiday vacation by enjoying their favorite winter sport - tabaggoning.

**"Round the town"** George Miller spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Gray, before heading for Demming, New Mexico, where he was digging for University of Michigan as an archaeology major.





**REACHING INTO NEW YEAR:** Foster Loyer reaches past Ann Arbor Skyline defenders during the second half of the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball game, Dec. 22. The Wolves host Walled Lake Western this Friday, 7 p.m. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

## Says me, 'In 2017, don't be stupid (be nice)'

Yep, it's official we've watched another ball drop, and I am not talking about the disappointing receiving efforts of your Detroit Lions football team.

I'm talking about that symbolic gizmo that mechanically, ever-so-slowly moves its way down a pole in New York every Dec. 31. Why folks say that "ball drops" is beyond me. It ain't a ball and it don't drop.

As I peer into the crystal ball that is my memory (where every thing I see and remember is as it *really* happened) -- back into the year that was I can and will say, "it wasn't all bad."

And, aside from those afore mentioned Lions starting the season with six wins and three losses and then ending the season with one win and seven losses, it wasn't disappointing either.

Aside from the assorted basement floodings in the spring, or tree limbs falling on the house the other week, Casa d'Rush still stands. There surely is a need for some improvement with the old abode -- plaster and paint being the least chores, but she's still a sturdy home -- one for which I am grateful.

Like my home, my temple, which houses "Me" is another year older and while sturdy, could use some work. More raw fruit and vegetables and movement in general is a no-brainer, but there are other matters probably more important.

There are a number of soapboxes I climb atop of at home and from which I harp. I can do better by myself and family were I to do what I say instead of just saying what I say.

**Don't  
Rush Me**



**A column by  
Don Rush**

Usually, the only audience for these tirades (unfortunately for them) are the sons of Donald Rush, Shamus and Sean. (Or if you'd prefer, Shamus and Sean McDonald Rush -- Mc denoting "son of" me, Donald Rush.)

**Tirade Number 1:** *Be a positive force for good for yourself, those about you and the world in general.* This gem of a rant usually focuses on "is what you are doing right now helping the situation or hurting it?" Is what you are saying "right now" for the good or not.

Is talking about somebody behind their back or making fun of them a bad or hurtful thing if that person doesn't know you're talking about them?

Is it a good thing or bad?

Do gossip and cattiness help anybody or does it just make the insecure feel better?

Another example could be at any job site in the good ol' U. S. of A. when something doesn't go right. I've come to the conclusion most folks in America these days want only whine and assess blame. "It was her fault." "He didn't do this right." Around and around it goes. We can be so caught up in casting blame, we don't stop for a second and think how to solve a problem and get the job done.

We're like children, wanting everything handed to us on silver platters and when things don't go our way -- like children -- we pout and point fingers. We need to be more like a Marine: adapt, overcome.

In other words, be a positive force for good.

I often tell the boys, "Even when I am dead and gone, if you don't know what you should do, ask and I will answer. It will always be the same thing. Do what's right."

**Tirade Number 2:** *Don't be stupid.* This beaut has

nothing to do with inherited intelligence quotients and has everything to do with street smarts.

If you're street smart, you are observant. And because you watch, you listen, you feel -- you can smell a con a mile away, or at least soon enough to be suckered.

"Smart men (and women) can be stupid," I shout from this soapbox. "And I don't want to be known as the dad who let his sons be stupid."

Aside from the apparent fact I need to work on selfishness, I don't want the lads to be A) sheep; and B) victims.

"Learn to learn. Connect the dots. Don't be so full of yourself to think you know it all," I preach. "AND, it is okay to change your mind as long as it is based on new and better information."

I try to impart the value of being critical thinkers and not to be sucked in by the loudest mouth or the easiest or most popular position to take. As they need to challenge assumptions of others, so too should they challenge themselves.

There's a quote attributed to the late actor John Wayne which sums it up quite nicely: "Life is hard. It's even harder when you're stupid."

\* \* \*

I know I ain't perfect, and I try and let the boys know I know it. In 2017, I should probably be a little less direct with them, a little nicer but then I keep remembering my own father's No.1 tirade. "It's a big, bad world out there and it ain't fair. The world's a bear and it's gonna' try and take what is yours. You're gonna' have to fight for what's yours, but always do what is right."

*Got a tirade you wanna' get off your chest? E-mail me, DontRushDon@gmail.com*



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# Clarkston's Sporting News

## Success at Roundball Classic

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves rang in the new year with three more wins putting their record 8-0 as they begin league play this week.

"It helps us get ready to challenge Southfield Arts & Technology," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Christine Rogers. "It gets us ready to play a very physical quick style of basketball Clarkston has no problem with - we are comfortable playing fast and physical. We are comfortable with the pressure."

The Lady Wolves posted two wins during the Motor City Roundball Classic, beginning with River Rouge on Dec. 26, 66-41. Then, they defeated Cass Tech the next day, 63-54.

Rogers explained they didn't know what to expect from River Rouge.

"They were a pretty physical and athletic team," she said. "It was great to see not only did we meet their challenge, but we set the tone as a very physical team ourselves. The pressure they applied to the ball handlers helped them to get experience for what we see when we move on to the league."

Junior Kayla Luchenbach was named game Most Valuable Player with 21 points and had 12 rebounds during the game. Junior Maddie Beck led with 22 points and had seven assists.

"Like a lot of teams River Rouge didn't know what to do with our size," Rogers explained, adding Molly Nicholson contributed a lot as well.

"A lot of teams will try to stop one of our players," she added. "Some teams will try to stop one of our players and other players step up. Others try to stop all of them and can't stop any of them. It was a good win. Everybody was able to play. We got everyone into the game."

Luchenbach led the team in the 63-54 win over Cass Tech with 28 points and 21 rebounds. Beck added 18 points to the score and Nicholson had 13 points and had 10 rebounds. Senior Kristen Page had six assists and freshman Taylor Heaton had five points.

"They had a player who was solid, strong and talented," said Rogers. "We had to figure out how to stop her in addition to us doing what we usually do on offense."

She added it was another physical game for the girls and they got into foul trouble.

"We were able to keep fighting and at the end won by nine," Rogers said. "My players handled the pressure and the intensity like veteran players. They never got out of control. They never let it get to them. They just kept doing what they do."

The Lady Wolves defeated Royal Oak, Dec. 22, 51-41. Beck led the team with 29 points and five steals. Luchenbach had 11 rebounds.

The girls host Southfield A&T on Thursday and head to Stoney Creek on Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

"We have a long week and a half of games when we get back," Rogers added.

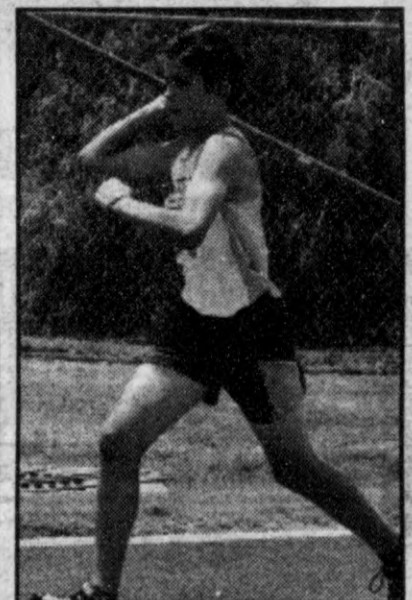


Molly Nicholson and Kayla Luchenbach block Lake Orion during the Lady Wolves home game, Dec. 16. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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## ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



## Congrats to Athletes of the Week, July to December

**July:** Clarkston Everest Collegiate Boys Varsity Golf team; Grappler Nathan Vandermeer; Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team; Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team

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**August:** Southern Motors Rebels 11U team; Springfield Township Parks and Recreation 15-18 Division Boys team; Hitter Michael Bednarczyk; Clarkston Medical Group Boys 13/14 Baseball team

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**September:** Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team; Running back Josh Cantu; Bo Anderson; Tennis players Tristan

Greenlee and David Carpenter

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**October:** Clarkston Boys Varsity Cross Country team; Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team; Tennis player Alex Matisse; Clarkston JV-A Boys Soccer team

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**November:** Spiker Abbey Malinowski; Clarkston Boys and Girls Cross Country teams; Clarkston Chiefs Freshman White team; Clarkston Chiefs JV White team; Kicker Jacob Moreno

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**December:** Swimmer Rhianna Hensler; Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team; Clarkston Freshman Volleyball team



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## Girls Basketball Team

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## Lady Cagers lead on offense and defense

Christine Rogers added more challenging teams to the schedule this season and the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team has met the first eight games with wins.

"We can score," said Rogers, head coach. "We are strong. We play a very aggressive type of basketball. We have players who have attracted a lot of attention from college coaches and who are working to get better every day."

Senior Kristen Page added fans can expect improvement from last season.

"This year we are working on our defense," she explained. "We have improved a lot since last year on our individual skills."

Junior Kayla Luchenbach added fans will notice hustle.

"Everybody on this team works hard every day in practice. We are going to be pretty scrappy and hard working," she smiled.

Page, Luchenbach and junior Maddie Beck explained this season will be fun to watch for a lot of different reasons including having two post players.

"We have a lot of points of attack," said Luchenbach. "We have good shooters. Some good drivers who can take it to the basket. We are very spread out with talent."

"We have fun out on the court," Page added. "When we have fun together that's

when we play the best together."

She explained during 91-74 win over Birmingham Groves, the seventh highest scoring game in girls basketball history in the state, the girls had so many runs because they were having fun.

The Lady Wolves begin their league play in the OAA Red this week with Southfield Arts & Technology on Thursday.

"They will be tough," said Rogers. "You never know what to expect from Stoney Creek or Rochester Adams. We will challenge for

the league title if we play like we can."

Their goals include shutting teams down with their defense, continue to grow on defense and keep their great team chemistry.

The Lady Wolves include freshmen Rielee Fetty, Taylor Heaton; juniors Beck, Luchenbach, Kiana Ayotte, Ali Buscher, Kelly Cousino, Molly Nicholson; seniors Page, Mary McKillop and Nora Storey.

"Come out and watch us play," Rogers and the team invited. "See how exciting we are."  
~Wendi Reardon-Price



Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

## Wolves on hunt for crowns this winter

Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball, reflected on what fans could expect this season as the boys practiced their shots.

"Our goal is to win the league, win the district and go from there," he said. Then, he added his expectations since he played for the Wolves - win the state championship.

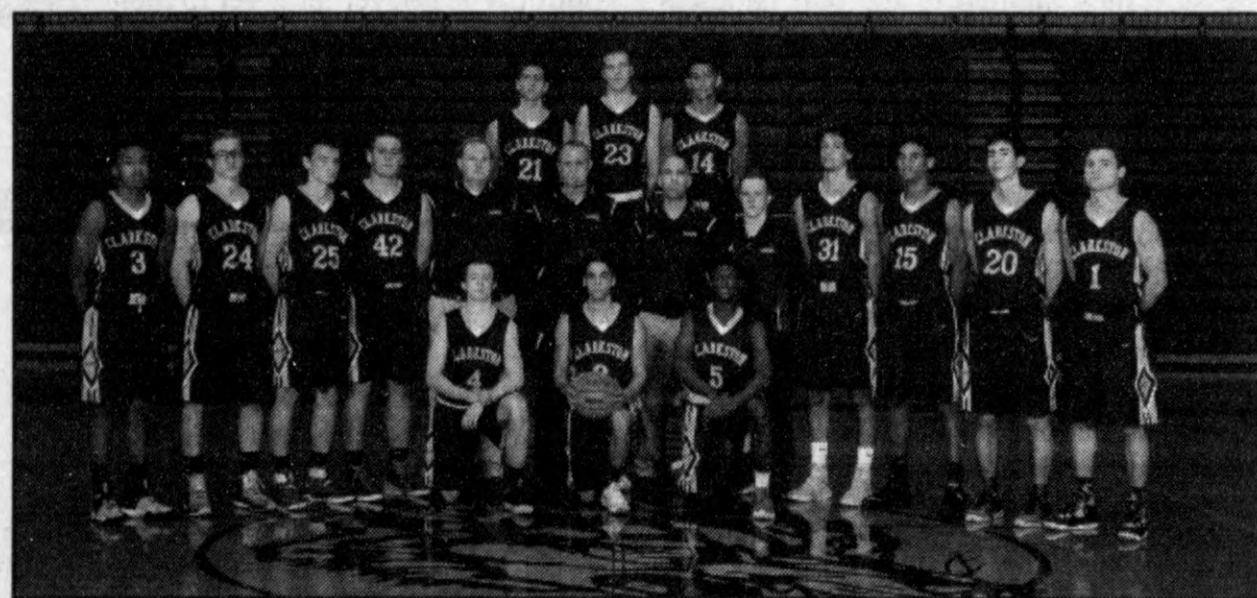
"It's always been there," said Fife. "It hasn't changed. When I was in high school we only won one district. Winning the league is always important to me. Then, district and win every game we can."

The boys are five games closer to every teams' ultimate goal for the season to be at Michigan State University for the finals with five wins. They also play in a tough league the OAA Red which helps prepare them.

"Our league is a good league," Fife said. "When you play against good teams that really come after you - that's what it is all about. When you play the big games, the games are more physical, there's more expectations, it's tense, the psyche is different."

He expects North Farmington, Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield to be good as well as Southfield Arts & Technology, which combined from Southfield and Southfield Lathrup this school year.

Fife explained this season will be exciting to watch because they also have a lot of



Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

returning players including junior Foster Loyer and senior Dylan Alderson who recently committed to play college basketball.

"We have lost a lot of close games in tournaments," he explained. "Our players have been through it. You have to work your tail off all the time. You can't look past team. We take pride on playing hard and playing smart."

He added the boys should embrace what they went through last season.

"I think what experience should teach you is what you went through last year and how you should prepare for the following year. We have talent but sports is not always

about physical talent. The most important thing you need in sports is mental talent. If you don't have the mental talent, the physical talent isn't going to work. Mental talent wins games."

The team include sophomore Taylor Currie; juniors Loyer, Max Anderson, Tieler Houston, Demond Mills-Bradley, Tristen Mysen, Stewart Newblatt, CJ Robinson, Chase Wasilk, Nick Wells; seniors Alderson, John Chrenka, Shayan Ghadamabadi and Raymond Pistonetti.

The Wolves host Walled Lake Western this Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.  
~Wendi Reardon-Price



# Titles won in second half of the year in sports

Clarkston athletes continued to be successful during the second half of 2016 as many won titles and rewrote school history books with their achievements. Here are a few more highlights from 2016. Thank you to the Clarkston community, it was a great year and we look forward to watching you achieve more of your goals in 2017!

## August 3

**Teams earn awards, honors:** The Lady Wolves from the Clarkston Varsity and JV Dance teams competed in a four day intensive workshop with Universal Dance Association at Oakland University and danced away with awards and honors.

## August 10

**King Football returns:** Brandon Marcks showed his tough face as the Clarkston Varsity Football team opened the 2016 fall season with their first practice at 8 a.m. on August 8.

## August 17

**Wolves fight cancer:** A rainbow appeared low in the sky as Clarkston's gridiron heroes played in their 8th Annual Football for a Cure.

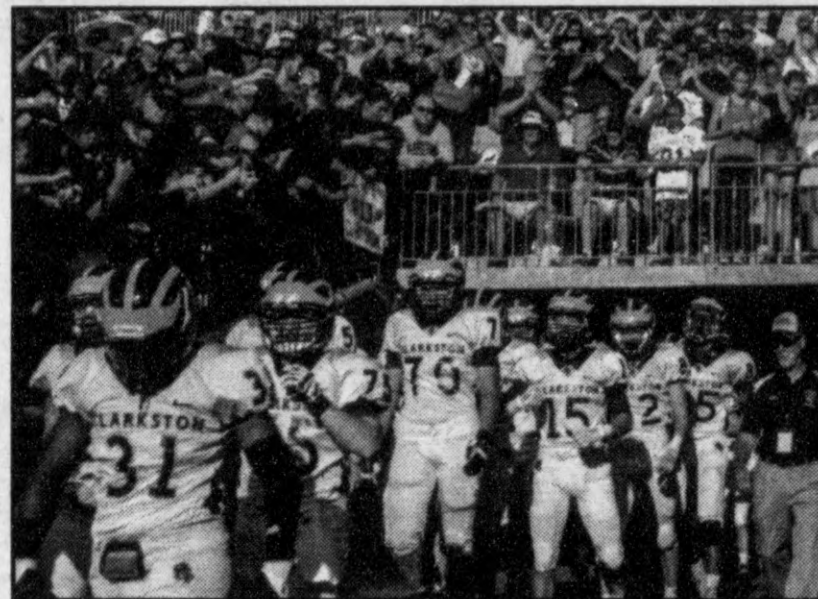
## August 31

**Spikers on top of their game in North Branch tournament:** The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team closed in on the score on North Branch and then scored the two points they needed to win 29-27 to win the Lady Broncos' tournament.

## September 14

**Come back against Wildcats:** The Clarkston Varsity Football team bounced back from their first loss against Southfield Arts & Tech to defeat Oxford, 38-7.

**Field hockey gains interest:** A new sport emerged in Clarkston and the Lady Wolves were excited for their fall



The Clarkston Varsity Football team opened their season with a 28-7 win over Lapeer at University of Michigan during Battle at the Big House.

season on the field hockey team.

## September 21

**Wolfpack leads in the first OAA Red Jamboree:** The Clarkston Boys Cross Country team took first place in the OAA Red Jamboree with William Eisert leading the way in sixth place.

## September 28

**Golfers on par for fall season:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team finished in third place out of 19 teams during the Oakland County Division 1 tournament.

**Wolves to build off win:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team put the game away against Oxford when they scored

two goals within a span of 90 seconds in the Wolves' 4-1 win.

## October 5

**Solid performance in league meet:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team finished in fourth place during the OAA Red league meet and had Luke Baylis finish in first and Frankie Piana finish in second place.

**Swimmers finish in top 15 in county meet:** The Clarkston Girls Swim & Dive team finished in 11th place out of 26 teams with 75 points at the Oakland County championship.

## October 12

**Wolves go on 42-point run in league win:** The Clarkston Varsity Football team responded to West Bloomfield's 21-0 lead with 21 points by half time and 21 more points in the second half to win 42-21.

## October 19

**Dragons downed for Red title:** The Clarkston Varsity Football team celebrated after defeating crosstown rivals Lake Orion, 45-16.

**Golf finishes on high note for season:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team conquered their goal of finishing in the top ten at the state finals. They tied for seventh place with Brighton. "They proved they wanted it," said Coach Lezlie Hallman.

**Top 10 at state finals:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team wrapped the season finishing in seventh place at the state finals with 11 points.

**Seniors lead in win over Highlanders:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team defeated Rochester Adams in the first round of district playoffs, 2-1.

**Wolves bests top teams:** The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball  
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## Young team cheering into competitive season

The Lady Wolves are preparing for their next Oakland Athletic Association Red League meet at Clarkston High School, Jan. 11.

"We are rebuilding this year and have a team led by our three seniors Katy Fox, Sarah Longo and Emilee Shepard," said Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer Head Coach Beth Ann Mavis. "Our team is freshmen heavy, but they are eager to close the gap on our competition and perform strong."

She added fans can expect the Lady Wolves to show three clean rounds.

"We are working to build our skill level up to match other varsity-level teams," Mavis said. "Each day we bring new inspiration into our practices and hope to perform with heart, dedication, and a lot of power."

The Lady Wolves open the new year with the Athens Invite at Troy Athens on Saturday before they take on the competition in the OAA Red at the league meet at home on Jan. 11. They will also honor all seniors in the league during the night. Then, head to the league championship on Feb. 4.

"It is a very difficult division," Mavis said about the league. "We compete against some of the top teams in the state three times."

The girls also compete at the Walled Lake Western Invite, Jan. 21; Lake Orion Invite, Jan. 28; and Brandon Invite, Feb. 11, which will help them prepare for the post-season



Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer. Photo by Unique Image

which begins on February 18 with the district meet at Lake Orion.

The top four teams qualify for the regional tournament at Brighton, Feb. 25. The top four teams from the meet head to the MHSAA Competitive Cheer State Finals at Delta Plex in Grand Rapids, March 3.

"Our main goal is to focus on improving each week," said Mavis. "We know the competition is very tough for varsity teams. We will focus on improving each week as a team."

The Clarkston Varsity Competitive Cheer team is freshmen Ashley Campbell, Anna Conforti, Makayla Cunningham, Makinsie Godfrey, Hannah Kop, Rebekah Luis, Kelly Nichols, Ava Okros, Ainsley Oppmann, Kaitlin Selwocki, Abby Sherwood, Leah Tuck, Jacquelyn Williams, Storm Williams, Rebecca Winkler; sophomore Alyse Modla; juniors Taylor Leonard, Savannah McCue, Taylor Stone, Elizabeth VanHeulen; seniors Fox, Longo and Shepard.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price

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Renaissance High School teacher Vicky Petrouneas-Mantzios gathers with students and guests to dedicate the new Life Quote Wall in memory of Michael Biven.

## Biven was an inspiration to friends, family

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 Petrouneas-Mantzios said.

"Words can't describe how very proud I am of our students at Renaissance High School for coming up with this idea and orchestrating it," she said.

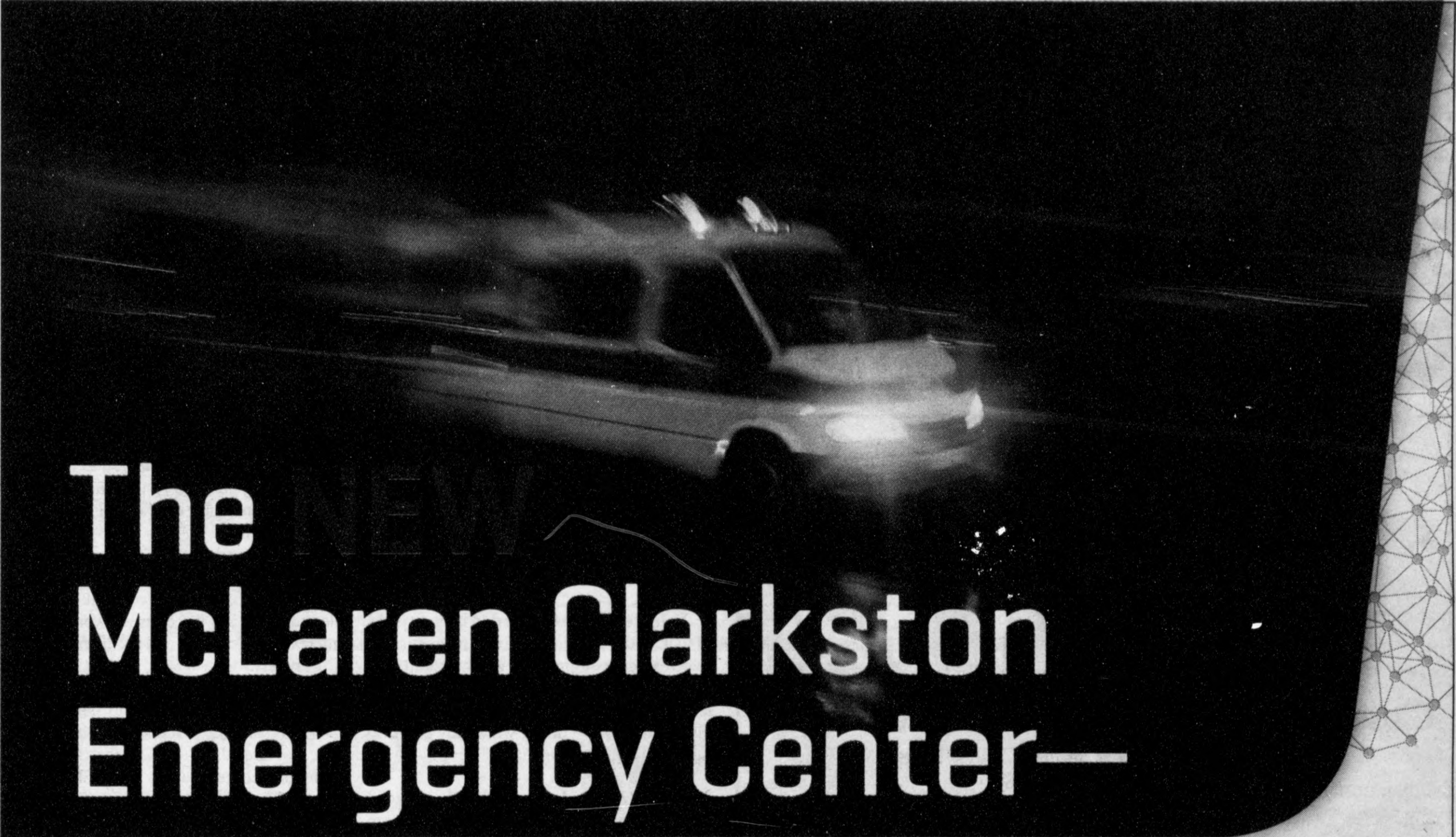
"I was really impressed," said school Director Christa Fons. "This is a way to remember his beautiful soul, the impact he had. He would bring sunshine to other students. He lived life to the fullest."

Ian C. Tracey, 38, also drowned while trying to rescue the two co-workers. One of the co-workers who had capsized managed to swim to shore and the other was rescued by a Hidden Lake resident driving another boat. They were part of an end-of-season maintenance crew on the lake, removing buoys.



Friends and family shared memories as well as inspirational quotes for the banner. Photos by Phil Custodio





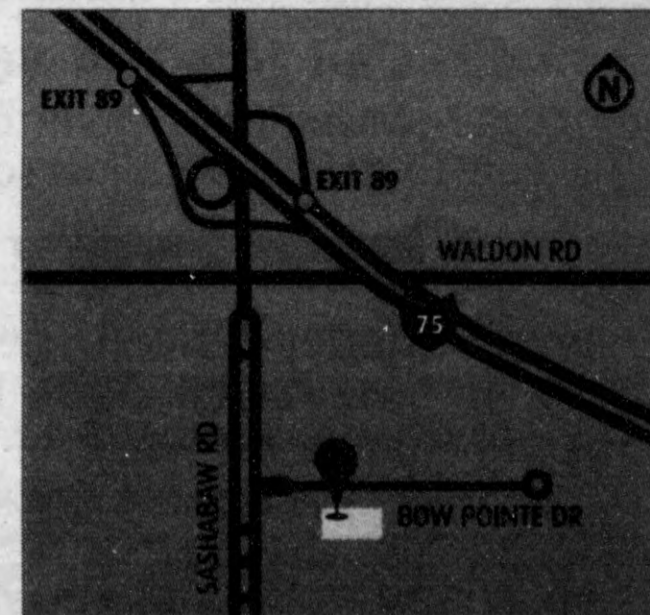
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ing the land behind Rite Aid at the corner of Sashabaw and Clarkston Road getting bulldozed for a new rehabilitation establishment called the Wellbridge of Clarkston.

**Sept. 21**

**Survey says city has parking problem:** An official study of parking in Clarkston showed the city will exceed capacity once two new restaurants open. The city was projected to be short 26 parking spaces when the Union Joins' Honchos restaurant and the eatery in the former Clarkston State Bank open for business, said Dave Allen of the Traffic Improvement Association of Michigan.

**Sept. 28**

**Manager resigns:** C-town was in need of a new city manager after Carol Eberhardt posted her resignation. The council voted 6-1 to accept the resignation, effecting Oct. 1. Council member Sharron Catallo voted "no."

**Oct. 5**

**Volunteers step forward to help city:** As of Oct. 1, the city didn't have a manager, but two residents stepped forward to help out. Rich Little and Steve Percival, who volunteered his services at the Sept. 26 City Council meeting, were doing what they could to keep city hall running.

**Oct. 12**

**Enrollment down 100:** The school district's preliminary student count was down 100 compared to last year. The decrease meant about \$751,100 less in state per-pupil funding, which was expected and budgeted, said Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan.

**Oct. 19**

**Prosecutor finds meeting violation, but no charges:** A review by the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office found Clarkston City Council probably violated the Open Meetings Act last year, but no charges will be filed. The Open Meetings Act violation complaint concerned a closed session at a City Council meeting on March 9, 2015.

**Oct. 26**

**4 for City Council:** City Council would have at least one new face after the Nov. 8

election. Running for three open, two-year seats were two incumbents, council members Sharron Catallo and Michael G. Sabol, and two challengers, Rick Detkowski, Jr. and Sue Wylie.

**Tainted water at schools:** Students at Springfield Plains and Bailey Lake elementary schools were drinking bottled water as work continued to replace and retest fixtures found to be contaminating water with lead. The cost for replacing the fixtures so far was around \$15,000, said Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

**Nov. 2**

**Two lost in lake rescue attempt:** Ian C. Tracey, 38, and Michael Biven, 20, both of Clarkston, will be remembered as heroes after drowning during a rescue attempt of two co-workers in trouble on Hidden Lake in Green Oak Township.

**Mayor candidate to take on parking:** Steven C. Percival ran unopposed for mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston in the election. His top three issues were increasing revenue, parking, and facilities.

**Nov. 9**

**Families leave lasting legacy:** The first in a series on the families who helped build Clarkston and the descendants who still live here, featured Jack and Doreen Bailey. The siblings' school, Bailey Lake Elementary, bears their name.

**Nov. 16**

**Tie-breaker in city vote:** Sharron Catallo and Michael Sabol drew lots to determine who would continue to serve on Clarkston City Council. Catallo pulled the "elected" ticket and won the seat.

**Truck blaze on Dixie Highway:** Quick thinking kept a truck fire from becoming much worse, at the Citgo gas station in the 6500 block of Dixie Highway, Nov. 10.

**Nov. 23**

**New admin hires for schools:** Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education created two new administrative positions at their Nov. 14 meeting – administrator of technology integration, \$84,244-\$103,609; and marketing coordinator, \$72,899-\$89,656.

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Our Lady of the Lakes students Brady Burton, James O'Kane Parisi, Dayanara Martinez, Sophie Johnson, and Brooklyn Robak assemble care packages for troops overseas. Photos by Phil Custodio

## Party for the troops

In lieu of a classroom Christmas party, students at Our Lady of the Lakes collected items and packed 150 boxes for troops overseas, Dec. 22.

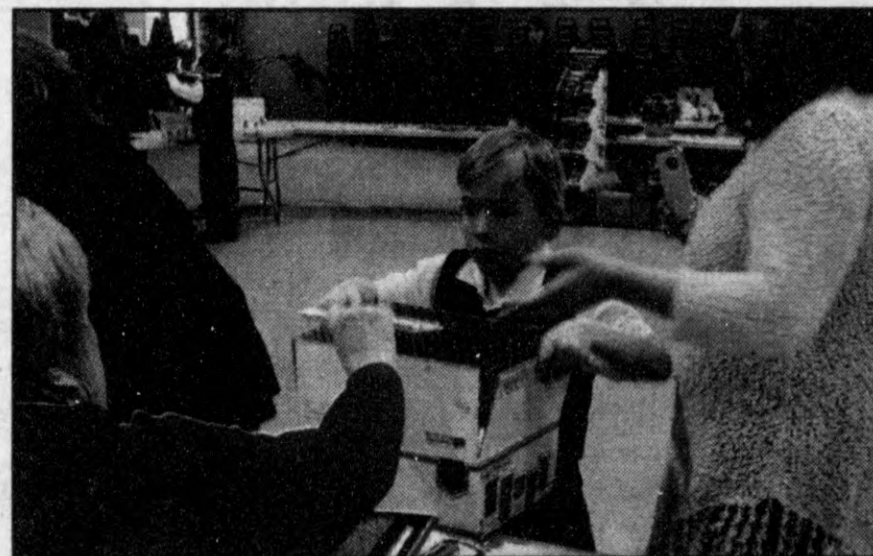
"This is all possible by teaming up with the Desert Angels," said third grade teacher Ashley Sumner.

They worked with Desert Angels, local organization started in 2001, to pack and ship Miracle Boxes, named in honor of PFC Joseph Miracle of Ortonville, who

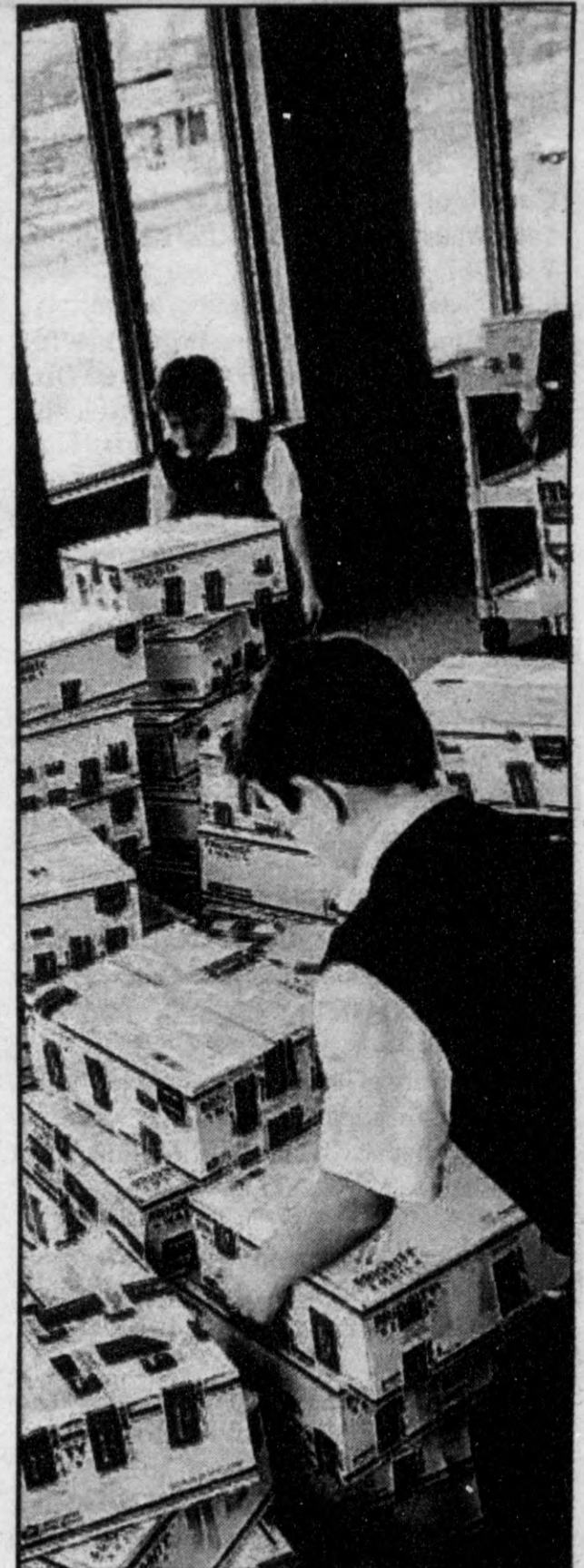
gave his life defending his country. The boxes are packed with items not provided by the U.S. government.

It was the fifth packing party at OLL and so far they have shipped over 625 boxes to the troops. Each box costs \$15 to ship so students also collect donations, Sumner said.

"We had 50 filled stockings leftover and dropped them off at the Michigan Veterans Center in Detroit," she said.



Third grader Jack Blose and his mom Holly Blose get magazines from OLL retired teacher Carm Smolinski.



Students Brady Burton and James Parisi load up boxes to take to the post office. Photo provided



Ashley Stolarski Sumner's third grade class worked with Desert Angels. Photo provided



Brooklyn Martin and Hailey Hutsell pack a box.



## Events

**Blood drive**, American Red Cross, Jan. 5, 12-5:45 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; 2-7:45 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

## Sunday

**Donation-only class** benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway behind Pete's Coney. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

## Monday

**Meditation Class, Intuitive Exercise**, team up with a friend and practice divine messages to flow through, Monday, Jan. 16, 7-9 p.m., \$25, Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Register, 248-505-8010.

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**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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**Grocery Store Class**, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., smart shopping for wallet and diet, at Kroger store, Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. Group tours, \$20. Private classes by appointment, \$80/person. 248-625-5143.

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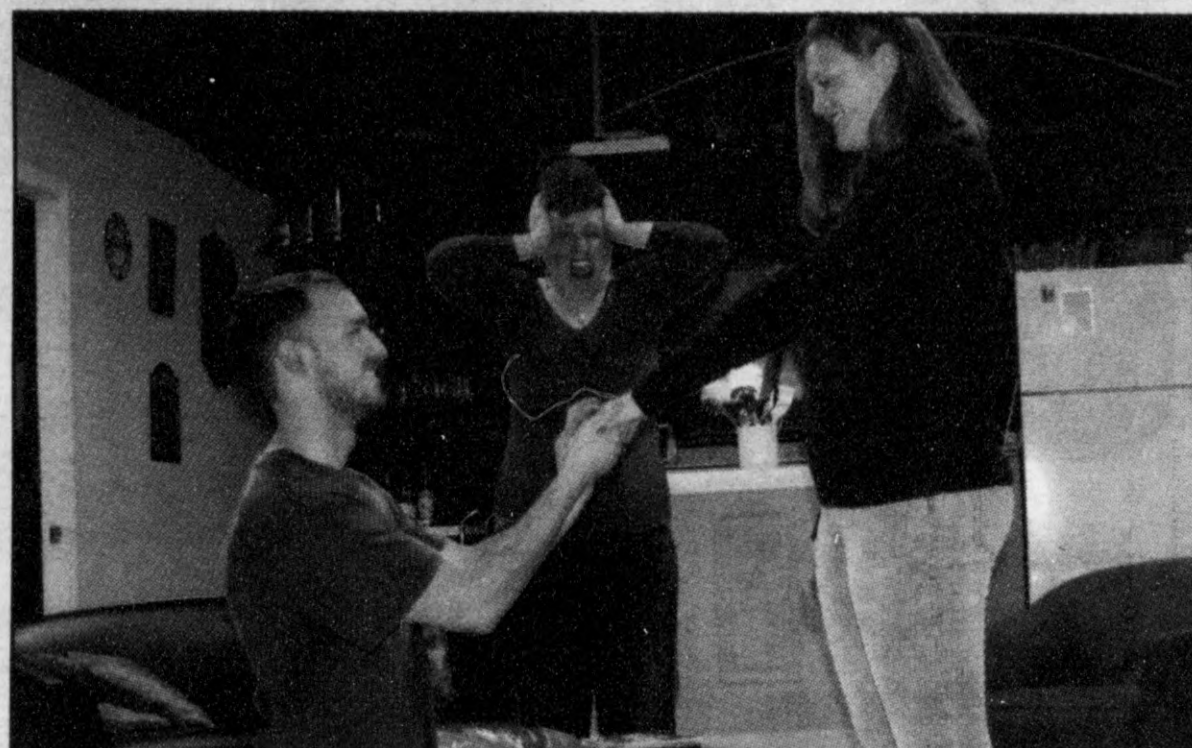
**Indoor Pickleball**, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9-11:30 a.m., all skills, \$3 drop in; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., experienced and competitive, \$4 drop in, First Congregations Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Call Mary, 248-625-8231.

## Tuesday

**Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group**

# Around Town

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



Gene (Ben Hetes) proposes to Marisa (Bailey Fitzpatrick) with a pretzel ring as Bailey's mother Kay (Beth DeGuise) reacts in horror. Photo provided

## Comedy farce with Players

Clarkston Village Players present "Consider the Oyster," comedy farce by David MacGregor opens with the Detroit Lions winning the Superbowl.

As he is celebrating with his fiancée and roommate, Gene breaks his leg. The oyster shell used to mend his leg not only

begins to slowly turn him into a female, but complicates his life with his roommate, bride to be and her mother.

Directed by Joe Mishler, performance dates are Jan. 13-14, 20-22, and 26-28 at Depot Theater. For tickets, call 248-425-5842 or visit [ClarkstonVillagePlayers.org](http://ClarkstonVillagePlayers.org).

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](mailto: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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**Big Chief Barbershop Chorus**, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Walt, 248-922-9090.

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**Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet**, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

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**Mindful-Based Eating**, four class series to help establish healthier, more balanced and positive relationship to eating and health, Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nuview Nutrition, 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. \$140. RSVP by Jan. 3, 248-625-5143.

## Wednesday

**Healthy Living Top 15** with board certified naturopathic doctor, how to live a healthier life, mind, body, and spirit, Jan. 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$45, Journey To Health Chakra, 5770 S. Main Street, Suite C. Register, 248-505-8010.

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**Community Sing**, second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Jan. 11, The Gateway; Feb. 8, Conservatory. Led by experienced musicians. No fee, just join in and sing.

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**Clarkston Optimist Club**, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, north of I-75, [www.clarkstonoptimist.org](http://www.clarkstonoptimist.org)

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

## Thursday

**Clarkston News' Coffee Club** business networking, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. [Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi](https://www.facebook.com/coffeeclubmi), and [www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com](http://www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com).

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**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., Big Boy restaurant, 6644 Dixie Highway. 248-802-8603.

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

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### Teen LEAD

Tuesday, January 3 & 17 6-7 pm

Are you a teen in grades 9-12 looking for volunteer hours? Join the Teen LEAD and help improve the library's teen dept, mentor patrons of all ages, and gain skills to become community leaders.





Fourth grade boys exchange gifts during their classroom party. Photos by Jessica Steeley



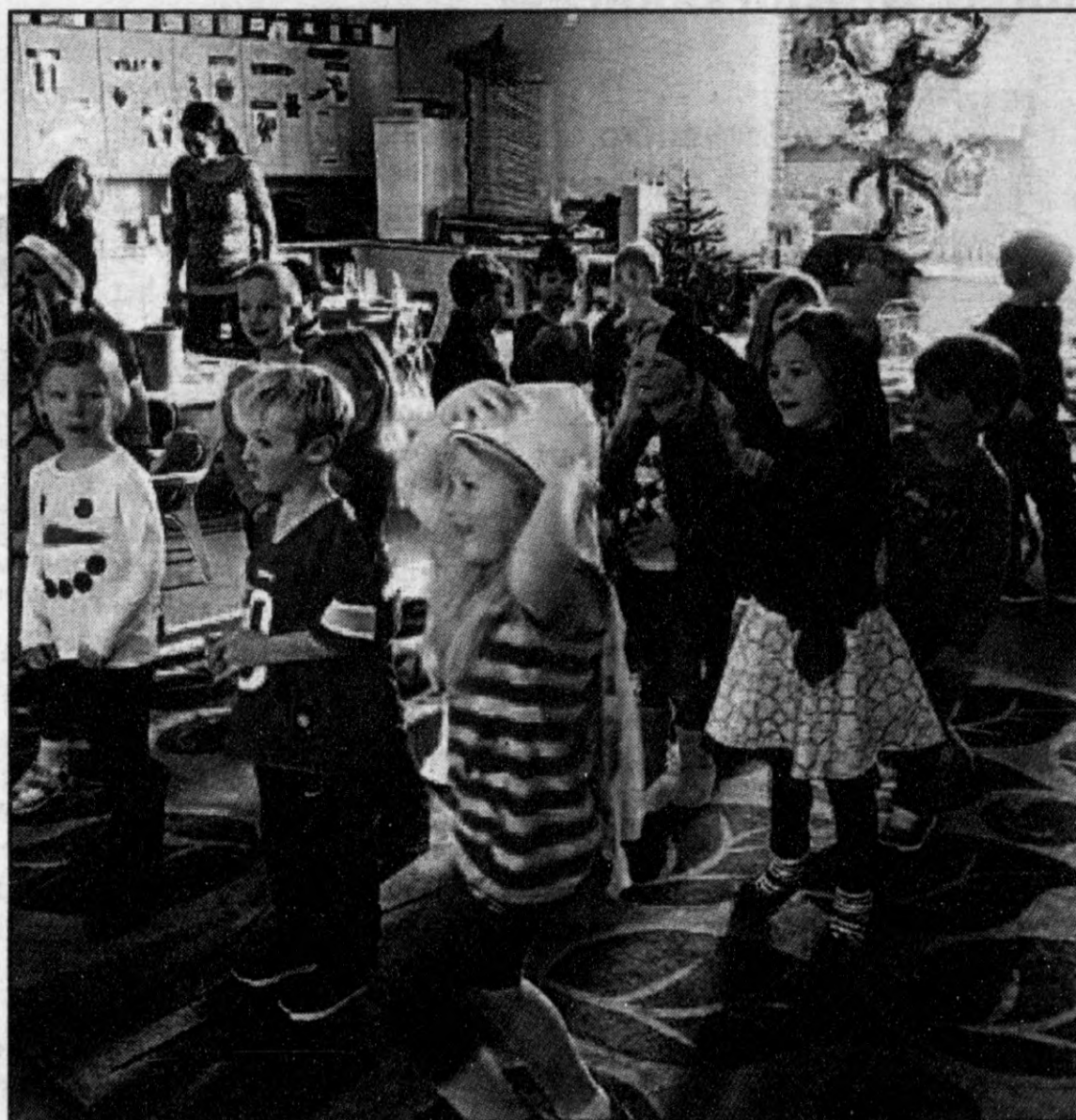
Mrs. Disterlath's kindergarteners play a game of bingo.

## Holiday party time

Independence Elementary students enjoyed holiday fun and games during their classroom parties, Dec. 22.



Mrs. Zittel's second graders decorate cookies.



Mrs. Anderson's young 5's students dance to a holiday tune.



IE first graders make gingerbread houses in the cafeteria with their parents.

## Win for Wolves

The Clarkston Boys 8th Grade Basketball Blue team defeated Oxford with a score of 55-36, Dec. 14.

Connor McKouen led the team with 23 points and scored seven field goals during the game. Luke Scherler and Justin Buchmann scored ten points each.

They defeated Pontiac on Dec. 20, 58-30. Their lead began quickly as they played a strong first half which ended 35-4. Scherler led the team with a season high of 18 points.

The Clarkston Boys 8th Grade Basketball team defeated Oxford Middle School on December 22 with a boost in the final quarter, 38-36.

Kidus Johnson led the team with 11 points. Hunter Hambrick scored seven points and Blake Kosin had six points.

The boys are back on the court on Monday, Jan. 9. The Boys 7th and 8th grade Gold teams host Waldon Middle School with the 7th grade game at Sashabaw Middle School, 4 p.m., and 8th grade game at Clarkston Junior High School, 4:30 p.m.

The Boys 7th and 8th grade Blue teams head to Oxford.

## Bowlers at Lakeland

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team competed in the Lakeland Invitational, Dec. 18.

Kayla Yenshaw shot 171 and Hannah Turk shot a team high 216 for a team high series of 564. Turk 216 was ninth high for singles and received a medal for it. The Lady Wolves lost to Royal Oak, Dec. 20, 18-12.

"They came up a little short today but gave it their all. They never gave up," said Coach Jim Turk, adding India Luke bowled her first singles match and bowled very good.

Kayla Yenshaw and Hannah Turk won both of their matches. Hannah Allen shot a 176 to win her first game match. Hannah Turk shot a 198 for team high game and shot 372 for team high series. They lost to Farmington on December 13, 29-1.

"The varsity girls bowling team had tough day at country lanes," said coach, adding with three new girls the team didn't bowl bad but were outmatched. "Farmington Harrison is a good team."

Hannah Turk had a team high 191 and a team high series of 363.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team defeated Royal Oak on Dec. 20, 24-6. AJ Speer had a 225 game and 408 two-game series. Jack Phelps had a 226 game; Drew Sagowitz, 204; and Justin Evans, 198.

The JV team also defeated Royal Oak, 29-1. Kyle Hancsak led the team with games of 212 and 209 for a 421 series.



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# Religion

Events Preaching

## New year provides new opportunities

New Happy Year! Or, if you be from Europe, Good New Year. Or, elsewhere in your own language, Happy New Year! May this be the year your dreams come true.

For many 2016 was a new beginning, for others it had a lousy ending. For most of us it was somewhere in between. It was what it was and 2017 will be what it will be. It is up to us to make of it what we will.

I like to mess with words, take them apart, move them around, look at their roots, look at what they meant originally and try to get a better understanding of what it is we are saying. I want to be conscious of what it is I am hearing and saying.

Saying, "New Happy Year" puts the emphasis on the year being a new happy one. Whereas, "Happy New Year" can be likened to "have a nice day" as January 1 is New Year's Day, although I do believe most people are referring to the whole year.

We can choose to make this a new happy year. Or, we can choose to make it something else. Just as we choose whether we live in Heaven or Hell. Heaven and Hell are states of mind we choose to participate in.

The word Heaven, in both the Old and New Testaments, comes from words that mean the sky or a lofty place. Whereas Hell, Sheol in the Old Testament, was a place where the dead reside. In the New Testament,

Hell is Gehenna which means the Valley of Hinnon that is just outside of Jerusalem. Gehenna was the dump where trash was burned.

Jesus spoke of these as states of mind that we choose to participate in. Heaven is like a man who sowed good seed, a grain of mustard seed that is planted in a field, leaven that leavens bread, a treasure hidden in a field, a merchant in search of fine pearls, a net thrown into the sea.

## Spiritual Matters



Pastor  
Matthew Long

Hell is where the negative is transformed by fire.

Fire is a transformative element. It not only cleanses and purifies, it transforms. Garbage is turned into ash which is fertilizer for the new growth.

It can be creative or it can be destructive all depending upon how it is used. The fires of Hell are the pain and agony we experience when we are immersed in our sorrows, when we are asleep to the new growth that is ever present.

Heaven is that lofty perch of a consciousness of God presence that allows us to see beyond the appearances of lack and limitation, pain and suffering, worry and doubt, blame and guilt. From here we see the Divine Order and Divine Timing of absolute good that is outworking in our lives whether we like it or not.

Teilhard de Chardin, a Jesuit priest, once said, "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience, we are spiritual beings having a human experience." The trouble is we think ourselves only human, subject to the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" (Hamlet), rather than divine expressions of the One Presence the One Power: God.

God is only good, the word literally means the goodly one. "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1.

What was heaven and earth made out of? There was only God, only good. It is all absolute good. We are the ones who choose to call it good or bad, right or wrong, positive or negative; we have been given the power of choice. We have the power to choose Heaven.

So may you invest yourself in practicing the presence of God today and always.

Take the time to be holy; invest your time in prayer and meditation on the divine presence that is within you; choose to express the light and love of God that you are.

Blessings of peace, joy & love.  
Rev. Matthew E. Long, Peace Unity Community



## Dorothy Jansen, 80

Dorothy Harker Jansen of Clarkston, formerly of Taylor, Napoleon, Ohio, and Saline, passed away Dec. 27, 2016, at age 80.

She was the loving wife of Rev. Charles "Bob" Jansen; beloved mother of David (Shari) Jansen and Sue (Clark) Merriman; preceded in death by her daughter Mary Opra and granddaughter Sarah Jansen; proud grandma of Kyle (Rachel) Lerner, Amy Merriman, Joel Merriman, Jonathon Opra, Mary Jansen and Joseph Jansen; sister of Ruth (Bill) Mills and Anne (David) Dayton.

Dorothy was a former teacher at the Taylor Public Schools and Cabrini High School. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Saline.

Friends may visit Friday, Jan. 6, 5-8 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorial Service Saturday, Jan. 7, at 11 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston, with visiting at the church after 10 a.m. Inurnment Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Parkinson Foundation. Online Guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Robert Stephens, 67

Robert Dale Stephens of Crossville, Tenn., formerly of Oxford, passed away unexpectedly Nov. 2, 2016, at age 67.

Robert served in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from General Motors and served as an Oakland County Sheriff. He enjoyed traveling and restoring cars.

Memorial service is Jan. 7, 3 p.m. at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online Guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



# • Death notices & • Obituaries

## Gerald Dougherty, 81

Gerald L. Dougherty of Clarkston, formerly of Elmira, NY, passed away Jan. 1, 2017, at age 81.

He was preceded in death by his wife Anna. He was the father of Joseph (Sharon) Matkosky, Jo-Ann (late David) Whitaker and Laura (Phil) Gonzales; grandpa of Payton, Crystal, Tara (Suj), Jessica (Matt), Jonathon (Jessica), Nathan and Nicole; great grandpa of Leo, Justin, Madalyne, Christopher, Caylee and Nora; brother of Eddie Mike (Pat) Dougherty; preceded in death by his siblings Bill, Dennis, Sharon.

Jerry served as a U.S. Marine and retired as a rural postal worker in Oxford.

Memorial service Thursday, 1 p.m., at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit after 12 p.m. Inurnment at St. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Elmira, NY. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans. Online Guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## John Wickstrom, 80

John W. Wickstrom of Clarkston passed away Dec. 31, 2016, at age 80.

He was the husband of Sally for 60 years; father of Consie (William) Pickard and John Jr (Sandra) Wickstrom; grandpa "Puppa" of Dirk (LeeAnn) Ridley Jr., Emily (Charles) Kesler, Rev. John (Kristia) Wickstrom III, Aimee (Mike) Campbell and Nicole (Nathan) Sweet; also survived by 14 great grandchildren.

John loved his family and God. He retired from Cadillac Motor Division at the Milford Proving Grounds after over 30 years of service. He enjoyed wood carving, traveling and restoring his Model A.

Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 4-8 p.m. Funeral service Thursday, 11 a.m., at Calvary Lutheran Church, Clarkston, with visitation directly at church after 10 a.m. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery at 2 p.m. Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church. Online Guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Beverly Ann Titsworth, 89

Beverly Ann Titsworth, formerly of Waterford, passed away Dec. 28, 2016, at age 89.

She was preceded in death by her husband Willis. She was the loving mother of David (Lois) Tiesworth, Lynne (Fred) Smith, Tom (Cynthia Yoon) Titsworth and Wendy (Brad) Berbas; proud grandma "Mimi" of Aaron (Kara) Tiesworth, Kenneth Tiesworth, Katherine (Kirk) Covey, Tiffany (Larry) Buzan, Tara Smith, Daniel Smith, Jennifer Titsworth, Stephanie Titsworth, Alicia Berbas, Jared Berbas; step grandma of Suzane (Nick) Leisure and Andrew Smith; great grandma of 10.

Interment Hunter's Creek Cemetery, Lapeer. Beverly retired in 1985 as a telephone operator for Bell Telephone for over 40 years. She loved to travel and was especially fond of her trip to the Holy Land.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Private family services have been held.

Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online Guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## Around Town

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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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**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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**50 Plus 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. \$8 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.

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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.

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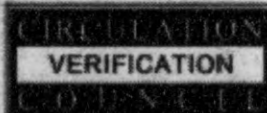


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LOST- MEN'S Braided wedding band in downtown Clarkston, reward. Call 915-309-2611. !!C2

## 200 PETS

ONE PUG- black female- left. 12 weeks, shots, dewormed, papers. \$450. 586-946-9466. !!R62

## 240 AUTO PARTS

USED HP PARTS WANTED for older big block Chevy engine. David: 248-391-1639. !!L62

'96 REGAL 3.1. Well maintained. Needs engine/ work. \$400. 248-625-2421 !!C262

## 250 CARS

2013 CHEVROLET CRUZE LT. \$9,300. Garnet Black exterior. Black cloth interior. New Michelin tires and GM front brake pads. Near excellent condition. One owner. 54800 freeway miles. Carfax report available. 248-877-7931 !!LZCZ2612

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2003 TOYOTA MATRIX, 100K miles, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, new clutch, new brakes and rotors, clean car from Canada, \$3,495. 248-830-8888 !!LZ5212

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LARGE CLARKSTON home has rooms for rent. Price and terms negotiable. References required. Call 248-922-7461. !!LZ24

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LZ62

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## SPECIAL OF THE WEEK

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### Money turned in

A customer found a \$20 bill on the floor of the Secretary of State office on Sashabaw Road, and turned it over to a state employee, 11:16 a.m., Dec. 16. The employee was told by the corporate office she had to file a police report. A deputy logged it into the property room.

### Concealed gun violations

While on patrol, a deputy noticed an SUV parked in a marked handicap spot in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road without a visible handicap permit, 12:21 a.m., Dec. 19. The driver, a 48-year-old Independence Township man, told the officer he didn't have a handicap-parking permit. He had a felony warrant for his arrest out of 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, and his passenger, a 48-year-old Independence Township woman, also had warrants for her arrest. Asked if he had any guns in the vehicle, the driver said he did, a pistol in the glovebox, and he was a concealed pistol license holder. The passenger was also a CPL holder, and had a handgun in her purse. Asked why they didn't inform the deputy of the weapons, they said they did not know they needed to advise law enforcement upon contact. A record's check showed the driver's .40-caliber pistol was not registered. They were both cited for failure to disclose concealed pistol permits. The passenger was advised and released on her warrants. The driver was jailed on his warrant, and his pistol was logged into the sheriff's office property room due to being unregistered.

### Tinted windows

A deputy on patrol stopped a car for running a red light at Ortonville Road and Dixie Highway, 9:44 a.m., Dec. 27. The driver, a 25-year-old Davison man, was cited for driving with an expired license and disobeying a traffic signal, and given a warning for tinted windows. He had a prescription for the windows, but needed to fill out paperwork at the Secretary of State to have the window tint as a restriction on his driver's license.

### Death ruled suicide

A deputy on patrol was flagged down by a Springfield Township resident who requested the officer follow him to a possible homicide in the 9000 block of Bridge Lake Road, 11:56 a.m., Dec. 28. The deputy followed the complainant back to a house and was shown to where the decedent, a 23-year-old Springfield Township man, was located, which was in an out building. The deceased was the complainant's grandson. Paramedics from the Springfield Township Fire De-

partment provided telemetry to McLaren Oakland Hospital where an attending physician pronounced the victim deceased. The OCSO Forensic Science Lab was requested to assist with the investigation. A detective and an Oakland County Medical Examiner Investigator responded to the scene. The Medical Examiner's Office took custody of the deceased. An autopsy was conducted and was ruled a suicide by the ME. Oakland County's Common Ground crisis hotline is 800-231-1127.

### Family trouble

Deputies were called to the 2000 block of Shadow Lake Drive for a family trouble complaint, 12:06 a.m., Dec. 30. Upon arrival, deputies separated a father and his intoxicated son, a 23-year-old Independence Township man, and determined no assault had taken place. Due to the responsible subject's high level of intoxication, Star EMS was called and the intoxicated man agreed to go to a hospital for detoxification treatment. The subject was escorted to the ambulance and his handcuffs were removed. Deputies standing behind the ambulance observed it shaking, and saw an altercation through the rear window of the ambulance. Deputies entered the ambulance and saw the subject assaulting paramedics. The subject was removed from the ambulance and continued to resist deputies but was eventually brought under control. No deputies or paramedics were injured during the incident. The subject was transported to the Oakland County Jail and was lodged pending the issuance of warrants.

### Motorcyclist killed

A 31-year-old Independence Township man was killed in a motorcycle crash in the 9800 block of Hadley Road, 8:53 p.m., Dec. 31. The motorcyclist was heading east on his 1985 Honda when he lost control, drove off the east edge of the road, struck three mailboxes, and was thrown off of the motorcycle, according to police reports. The OCSO Crash Reconstruction Unit was requested and responded to assist deputies with the investigation. Independence Township Fire Department took the driver to Genesys Hospital where an attending physician pronounced the driver deceased. The driver was wearing a helmet and alcohol appears to be a factor in the crash. The crash remains under investigation.

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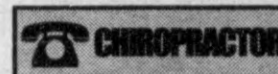


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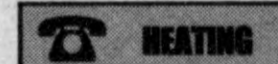


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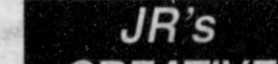
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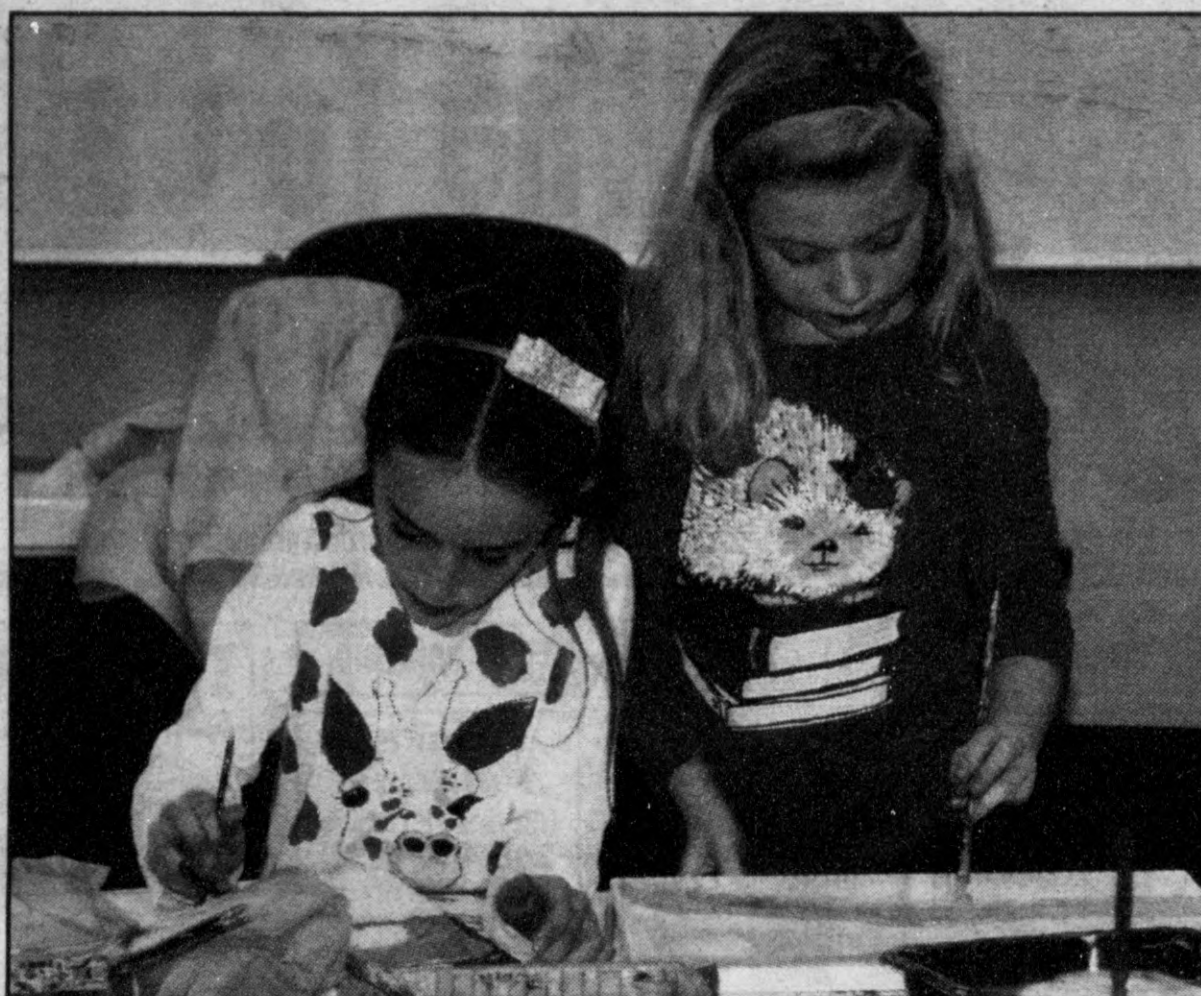


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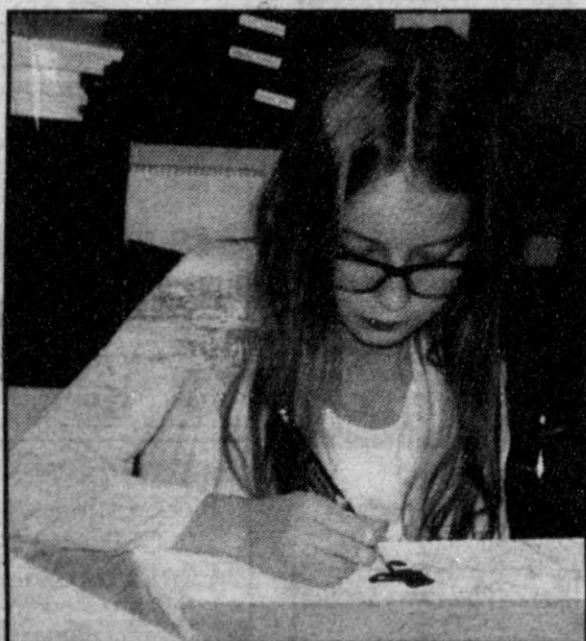


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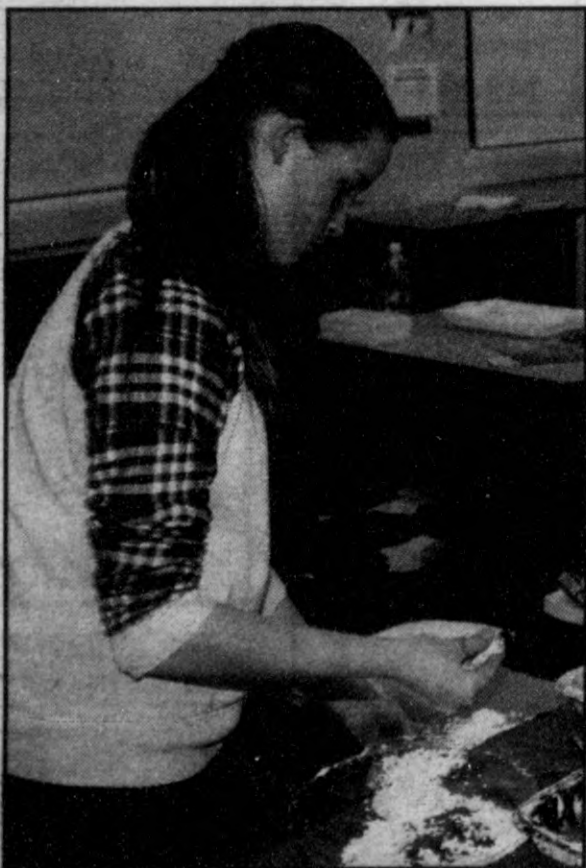




Caroline Fletcher and Katie Miller work on their paintings.



Gwendolyn Wilson starts her art.



Jordan Rotman works on her Christmas card. Photos by Jessica Steele

## Holiday art

Clarkston girls painted pictures and made Christmas cards for their families during The Artist's Apprentice workshop, Dec. 20 at Renaissance High School.

Pamela Palmer instructed the girls on how to blend landscapes and create snowmen themed Christmas cards.

The eight little artists worked on Christmassy paintings while learning art techniques, such as mixing colors and finishing backgrounds first.

Palmer provided the art students with gift bags to surprise parents with their creations on Christmas day.



Jane Steen paints a picture.

## More Letters to the Editor . . .

### Kennel variance

Dear Editor,

The golden retriever LLC seeking to legitimize its kennel operation by requesting a variance permit should be denied ("Planners table kennel rezoning request," Dec. 21).

This is not an average hobby breeder or a neighbor you would want next door. This is a large-scale and high-volume puppy peddling kennel with an average of 30 licensed dogs each year and an estimated 30 co-owned dogs coming back to the property for mating and whelping rotations.

This is a puppy peddler in disguise operating for profit. The minimum permit requirements are with reason and very clear: 10 acres, 500 feet lot width, and a 150 feet set-back. This location is only 3.03 acres and 200 feet wide. Not even close!

The precedent it sets essentially removes space requirements for almost every zoning requirement in Independence Township. Our kennel ordinance was specifically designed to weed out "irresponsible" kennels that impact public safety, create nuisances and degrade property values.

Another golden retriever kennel in Oakland County made the Humane Society of the United States Horrible 100 list in 2013. To date, the kennel has failed 18 inspections. Forcing compliance does not work with these types of businesses. The safety, size and scope of this operation can not be guaranteed.

**Pam Sordyl, founder of Puppy Mill Awareness, SE Michigan Independence Township**

## Caregiver support

Dear Editor,

Recently, a member of one of our Caregiver Support Groups wrote about being a caregiver. He is 84 years of age and caring for his wife who has dementia. She is, and always has been, the love of his life:

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His comments capture feelings of many caregivers, reflecting a feeling of being alone in a way not everyone understands.

However, others do understand because they are living it too, and there is an increasing number of them in our community; this is why the Independence Township Senior Community Center offers Caregiver Support Groups each month. The groups are places for: sharing feelings, needs, and concerns; talking through challenges and ways of coping; exchanging practical information and hearing possible solutions; and learning about community resources.

But, it starts with the recognition and acceptance you have a problem, and to admit it to others. Then, you must be willing to ask for help. The benefits are: understanding you are not alone; learning how others are coping, hearing about available resources, and spending some time visiting with others. The group can be a "respite" for you - time for yourself!

Caregiver Support Groups are held twice a month: Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road and Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Senior Adult Community Center in the park. For more information and dates, call 248-625-8231.

**Tom Stone  
Clarkston**

## Sports year in review

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teams topped their opponents for the second consecutive weekend as they went undefeated and won Beast of the East.

**October 26**

**Runners snag league title:** It was a boost into the post season as the Clarkston Boys Cross Country team claimed the OAA Red title after winning the league championship race.

**November 2**

**Unstoppable on courts:** The Clarkston Freshman Volleyball team celebrated going undefeated with 116 wins during their fall season.

**Lead on the competition:** Runners didn't bring home one trophy but two as both the Clarkston Boys and Girls Cross Country teams won regional titles at Anchor Bay.

**November 9**

**District title victory in Davison mudfest:** The Clarkston Varsity Football team earned the district crown after defeating Davison, 31-14.

**Spikers strike down rivals for district cham-**

**pionship:** It was a traditional back and forth battle between Clarkston Varsity Volleyball and Lake Orion. The Lady Wolves prevailed with a 3-2 win for the district title.

**Superbowl champions:** The Clarkston Chiefs Freshman and JV White teams remained undefeated as they won the Northern Youth Football League Superbowl.

**November 30**

**New opportunities for new athletic director:** Jeff Kosin reflected on his first fall season as Clarkston Athletics Director and what he enjoyed most about his new role.

**December 7**

**Boost over Cats for win:** The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team opened the season with a 48-32 win over Oxford on the road.

**December 14**

**Cagers up:** The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team posted a 59-45 win during their home opener against Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep.



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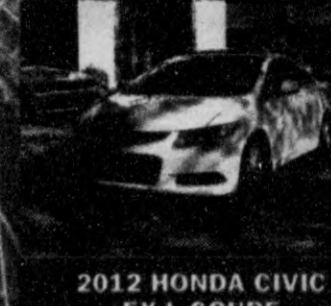
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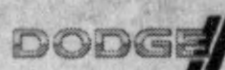
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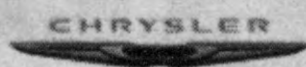
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