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# MHSAA says 'No'

#### BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston senior Thomas Kithier was soaking in Michigan High School Athletic Association's decision, ruling him ineligible to play basketball for 180 days, the duration of thr season, while he ate his lunch last Thursday.

Clarkston High School Principal Gary

Kaul sat down with him for a chat.

"He is struggling with it, but Thomas is a really strong kid," Kaul said. "He has goals and knows what he wants to do in life. He knows what it's going to take to get him there. I can tell you he is handling this a lot better than I probably would have when I was in high school."

Kaul added they also discussed how to turn negatives into positives.

"He is very happy where he is at. It's a big change from where he came from academically and socially, Thomas had some struggles at his school (Macomb Dakota)," he said. "His parents, Jane and Karl have been incredibly thankful to the school. I talked to them last night. We have tried to embrace Thomas and his family and help them through the difficult time. He is struggling. He is a great kid. He is going to get through this irregardless of what the decision is."

Thomas transferred to Clarkston for his senior year after attending Macomb Dakota for three years.

Dakota refused to sign his Educational Transfer form, putting in motion a 90-day ineligible period which would have kept him from playing until January 15, 2018.

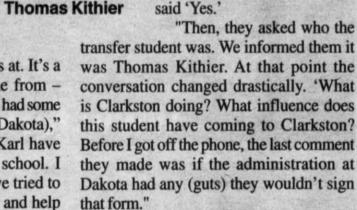
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Dakota made a formal allegation Kithier's move was primarily athletically motivated and not legal, sparking the MHSAA to look into it. MHSAA executive director John E. Roberts agreed with Dakota.

Clarkston Athletic Director Jeff Kosin said Clarkston followed every step they needed to from the very beginning.

> " I let them know we had an 18-year-old who transferring to Clarkston to an apartment of his own," he recalled about the conversation Tom Rashid, MHSAA associate director. "He was taking classes at Clarkston. I was asked if he was a full time student 'Yes, that is correct.' I asked several times is this correct - are we doing everything the right way. They, said 'Yes.'



And, that's what happened.

Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball longtime head coach Dan Fife said he was staying out of the process as much as possible, letting administration handle the transfer. He is disappointed.

"During my coaching career, there have been times where families moved to Clarkston and their sons played on my teams," he said in a statement. "My only Please see Team on page 6



Adam Kozlowski, U.S. Postal Service letter carrier, makes his rounds downtown. Photo by Phil Custodio

### Crunch time for Christmas packages

Time's running out for mailing Chirstmas presents to loved ones, and Clarkston Post Office is stepping up to help.

"The Postal Service is well prepared to meet our customers' needs during the holiday season," said Clarkston's Postmaster Denise Owen. "We ask customers expecting a package to please turn on their porch light so our letter carriers can deliver safely."

Clarkston Postal Store will be open on Sunday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., kicking off what the Postal Service predicts will be the busiest mailing, shipping, and delivery week of the season.

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Clarkston carriers have been delivering 5,500-7,500 parcels per day to residents customers since Thanksgiving.

Nearly 3 billion pieces of First Class Mail, including greeting cards, will be processed and delivered this week, and about 15 billion pieces of mail, including more than 850 million packages, will be delivered between Thanksgiving and New Year's Eve, according to USPS.

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- Phil Custodio

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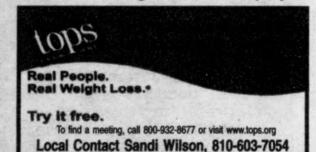
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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: Everest Academy students from preschool through second grades celebrate the birth of Jesus with song and a live display of the nativity scene. Photo provided



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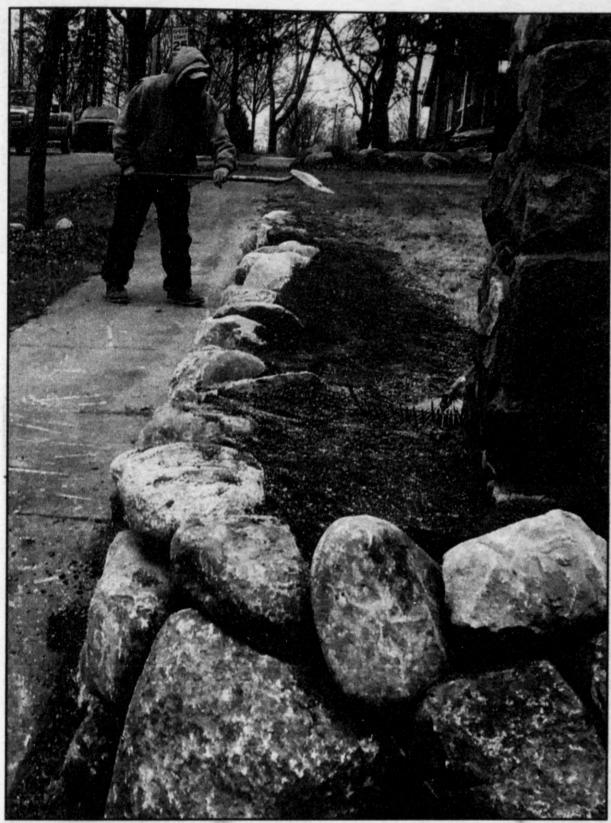
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Gary Hodge of Brimacombe Landscaping works on a stone wall at Clarkston Road and Robertson Court. Photo by Phil Custodio

## New stone wall at Robertson

Clarkston City Council voted on Nov. 13 to award the bid to Brimacombe Landscaping of Clarkston to replace a rotting wood retaining wall with a stone wall, for \$3,000.

The council originally awarded the bid to replace the wall with wood to Clarkston

DPW for \$1,892, on Oct. 23, but the bid award was rescinded.

The wall is on resident Tom Stone's property, yet was originally built by the city decades ago without the owner's approval, said city attorney Thomas Ryan.









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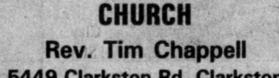
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Team RUSH captains, from right, Brandon Kirk, Valentina Vargas, Jason Richards, and Emily Jeung with a paper planet.

# Working on holiday lights

Community groups are making a final push to finish their floats for the 2017 Holiday Lights Parade, Saturday, Dec. 16, starting at 6:30 p.m. at Renaissance High School, heading north through downtown to the corner of Miller and Holcomb.

For parade organizers Team RUSH of Clarkston High School, that means making illuminated paper mache planets, symbolizing the parade theme "Christmas through space."

New to 2017 are three cash awards -\$250 for the Most Creative STEM Award.

sponsored by Advanced Disposal; \$250 for Best Overall Float, sponsored by Team RUSH; and \$100 for the Clarkston Community Schools - Wolf Pride Award by Wright & Filippis.

The parade will include Santa Claus and the 2017 Division 1 Football State Champions, CHS Varsity Wolves.

The holiday tree lighting, typically hosted by Independence Township parks and rec after the parade in Depot Park, will not be held this year due to scheduling conflicts.

- Brenda Dominick



Team RUSH members work on their float.



Team RUSH Mentor Dave Gerst works on the lights. Photos by Brenda Dominick

# **Briefly**

#### New adaptive field

Independence Township is forming a committee to help Easter Seals and the Miracle League build an adaptive baseball field in Clintonwood Park, next to the splash pad.

The plan is to start playing baseball in this new field in the late summer or early fall of 2018.

Construction is set to start in early spring, said Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors Director Derek Smith at the Dec. 5 Township Board meeting.

Steve Peck, director of the Miracle League of Michigan, Norb Promo, chief development officer from Easter Seals Michigan, and local residents have started a fundraising campaign.

A golf outing raised \$40,000 for construction of the field at Clintonwood Park. Peck also discussed the positive response he received from parents about an adaptive field in Southfield.

"This is an amazing program, I call it a legacy program," he said.

The capital budget for this project is about \$500,000.

- Brenda Dominick

#### Rep's office hours

State Rep. Jim Tedder of Clarkston invites residents to join him for local office hours during the month of December.

"My monthly office hours are a great way to meet residents and discuss important issues," Rep. Tedder said. "Listening to the concerns of people in our communities is one of my top priorities as a state representative."

Office hours include Monday, Dec. 18, from 4-5:30 p.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6325 Sashabaw Road in Independence Township.

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact the representative at 517-373-0615 or via email at JimTedder@house.mi.gov.

#### Park free on holidays

Entry is free to Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve, during Oakland County Parks and Recreation Appreciation Days.

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# Team to keep fighting for student's right to play ball

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concern when it occurs is the families follow the rules set by the MHSAA. That is what occurred in this case and yet, I find myself in position - for the first time in 35 years - of having to defend the integrity of my player, the Clarkston basketball program, and myself as a coach. The MHSAA does not have a handle on transfers, and they're making an example of Thomas."

Fife added during the press conference he felt "attacked" about the basketball program.

"There was language in the original letter from the MHSAA that alluded there was wrong doing by Clarkston," Kaul said. "There were allegations. To my understanding individuals someway associated with the program attempting to use influence to bring someone to our school."

In the end, MHSAA said they ruled Clarkston "had not participated in undue influence" to secure the student transferring to the district.

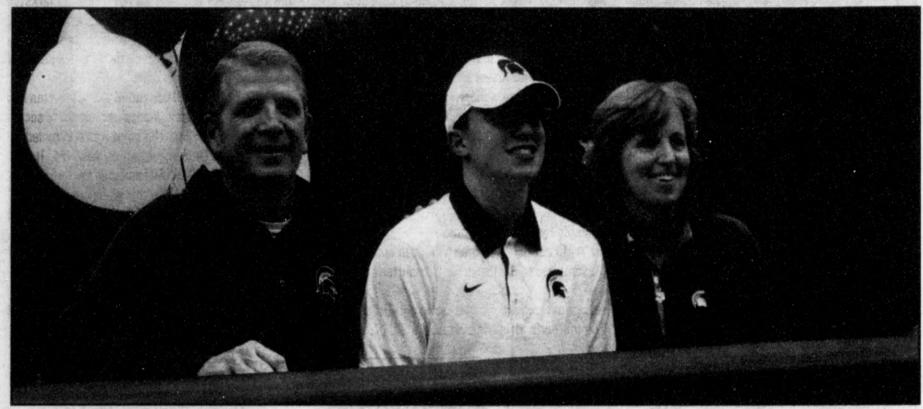
"This point was acknowledged by the school itself in writing on Nov. 14. It was reiterated when the MHSAA handed down the Executive Committee decision earlier this week," MHSAA stated, when Clarkston appealed the five-person committee. The committee ruled in favor of the 180-day period.

The committee based its opinion on the "links rule" to which Thomas played his offseason AAU team with Clarkston's senior point guard Foster Loyer.

"We followed the rules, and our one and only motivation for transferring to Clarkston was to surround our son with a supportive community that sees him as a multifaceted human being, and not a commodity," said the Kithier family.

Kaul said the Kithier family contacted him by phone in July and he and Thomas' mom, Jane, talked about academics.

"She had a lot of questions about academics - how they compared to different schools," he said. She had done her homework with regard to academics aligned with what Thomas' interests were and what they felt he needed to move on to the next level in



Thomas Kithier signs his letter of intent to play basketball for Michigan State University with his parents, Karl and Jane, in November. File photo

college and even beyond college. Basketball was not discussed at that time."

In their statement, the Kithier family stated,"We watched as our son's school environment grew increasingly intolerable for him over two years. We knew staying at Macomb Dakota High School was not in his best interest. We researched several Michigan schools and found Clarkston's outstanding culture and academic curriculum to be a great fit for Thomas' needs and future goals."

Kaul said he met with the family in early August and again talked about academics and not basketball. Next, he talked to Macomb Dakota administration.

"I characterize it as very pleasant, very polite. I walked away from the conversation with a clear understanding it was a done deal," Kaul said. "We talked about Thomas being a good kid, opportunities for Thomas. We talked about the state of athletics and schools like ourselves where individuals want to move into the community because we offer great programs – not just athletics. I met with the Kithiers and completed our paperwork. The Kithiers then took the paperwork back to

Dakota and then Dakota went underground. They couldn't get information from Dakota, we couldn't get information from Dakota."

"We are going to pursue every angle," said Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "Thomas is one of our kids. I have been in education for 25 years this is about as angry as I have ever been in term as what has happened to this young man. I know bad things happen. I can tell you pure and simple we were presented with a case of a family wanting to transfer based on academics. We have demonstrated difference on academic programs. To me that's it.

Rock, Kaul and Kosin said Macomb Dakota had four players from last winter's boys basketball team transfer out. Three are eligible with one at New Haven and two at Marine City Cardinal Mooney which also makes Clarkston administration believe they are making an example of Thomas.

Clarkston administration used it as one of their points when they addressed the executive committee.

"We went to the MHSAA last week and one of the points we made was they (Dakota) had several transfers in the past they got both academically and athletically," Kosin said. "It was brought to our attention that until a school contests or challenges the MHSAA they are not a investigative body. They will not look into those allegations until it is brought to their attention. They know what's going on. They admitted they knew what's going on - not just us, not just Dakota but all the schools in the state. Until it is brought to their attention they stand back and watch. You find it disappointing. Our biggest disappointment is for Thomas Kithier."

"Dakota accepted a transfer last year under the same circumstances who subsequently played for their team," said Rock. "The MHSAA did not intervene in that matter. Clarkston will fight for this injustice."

Clarkston will appeal to the MHSAA Representative Council and is asking for an immediate hearing since the council doesn't meet again until March.

"My expectation is Thomas Kithier will be playing basketball for Clarkston High School on Jan. 15," said Rock. "It's what I expect to happen if there is any justice."



# MHSAA statement on Thomas Kithier

From the Michigan High School Athletic Association regarding Thomas Kithier's transfer from Macomb Dakota to Clarkston:

The student's change of residence during the summer of 2017 was on his own – without his parents – to a condominium in Clarkston. This made him ineligible at Clarkston until Jan. 15, 2018, without the completion of an Educational Transfer Form signed by principals from both Clarkston and Dakota High School;

• An Educational Transfer Form is required for transfers that meet three exceptions to the MHSAA Transfer Rule: 1. Change of residence by a student between the homes of divorced parents or parents who never married; 2. Change of residence by an 18-year-old who moves without his parents; 3. Change of residence to a boarding school. This basketball player is 18 years old. The Educational Transfer Form requires both school principals to certify the transfer is "not

significantly related to or motivated by athletics." The student's previous school did not complete the form;

• The student's previous school then made a formal allegation the transfer was primarily for athletic reasons and the student should be ineligible for a total of 180 scheduled school days under the Athletic Motivated Transfer Regulation;

 Clarkston had opportunities to respond to the Dakota allegation, and did so. The allegation was then confirmed by the MHSAA Executive Director. Clarkston appealed to the MHSAA Executive Committee, which confirmed that the transfer was primarily for athletic reasons;

 In neither Clarkston's written appeal nor its presentation to the Executive Committee has it been stated that the family has made a full and complete change of residence into the Clarkston school district.
 The mother's affidavit of Nov. 13, 2017, attested that she and her husband did not reside in Clarkston with their son, but in Macomb, Mich. Under the Athletic Motivated Transfer Regulation, a full subsequent move by the family would not reduce the 180-day period of ineligibility;

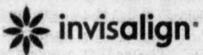
 The MHSAA office found that Clarkston had not partaken in undue influence (recruiting) to secure the transferring athlete. This point was acknowledged by the school itself in writing on Nov. 14. It was reiterated when the MHSAA handed down the Executive Committee decision earlier this week; and

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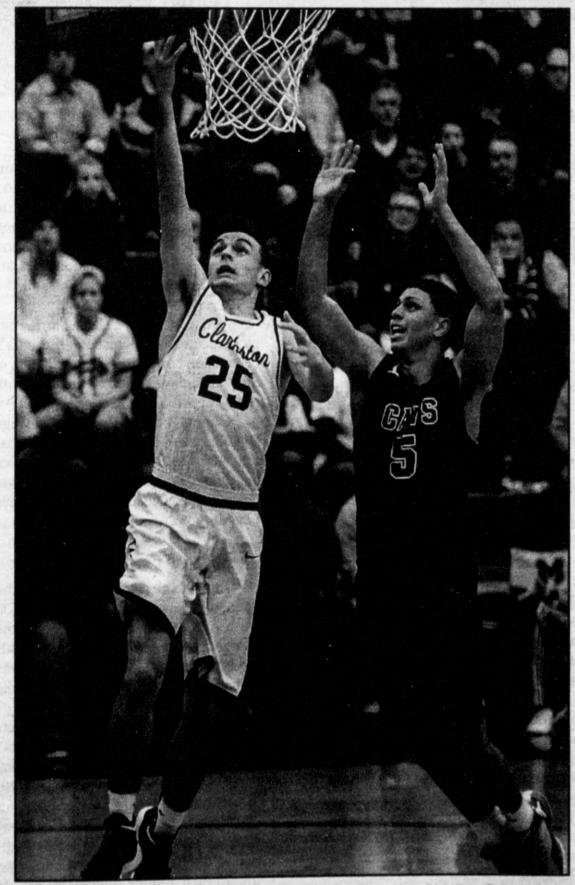
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HARD PRESSED: Nick Wells goes for a layup despite the Cavs' best efforts. Photo by Larry Wright

#### **Brenda's Beat**

A column by Brenda Dominick

#### Hello, Clarkston!

Good day Clarkston folks! I am happy to introduce myself as the newest member of *The Clarkston News* team, or as Don Rush likes to say, "the new guy."

I live in Clinton Township with my amazing husband, James, and twin 11-year-olds, Kaitlyn and Joshua. If you asked the kids who is older, Kailtyn would be the first to answer "I am," but of course that only means older by two minutes.

My love of Clarkston began when I

was about 16 years old. I attended a concert for the group Heart at DTE Music Theater (Pine Knob). It was the coolest thing I ever saw, and didn't even care I was sitting on the lawn, I was with my



friends and I was "jamming with the best of em!" My love of concerts grew after that, and consequently went to see other groups play at DTE such as Chicago, Eddie Money, Van Halen, and more recently Matchbox Twenty featuring Hootie and the Blowfish. Not only do I like Clarkston for the concerts; James and I have also enjoyed some tasty meals around town at places such as Hamlin Pub. One of his favorites is the Philly Steak Sandwich and mine is the Avocado Burger (because I love avocado)!

After earning a journalism degree from Wayne State University, I wrote for the Observer and Eccentric in Birmingham, covering exciting stories such as the Ren Fest in Holly and Dick Clark's American Bandstand Restaurant in Great Lakes Crossing. I also covered endearing stories of fighting and survival such as the story of "Joshua's Buddies," about a brave, sweet boy with Spinal Muscular Atrophy; making me appreciate the unbreakable strength and will of the human spirit.

I also worked as a medical coder, learning about the interconnecting systems of the human body, surgical procedures, medical compliance and pharmaceuticals. Then I started getting the "itch" (as my dad would call it), to dig up my investigative hat and do some reporting again. I was fortunate enough to meet a great friend in former Clarkston News reporter Jessica Steeley and as luck would have it, led me to our great editor, Phil, who took a chance with me. I look forward to meeting the wonderful people of Clarkston and welcome any story ideas you may have.

Thanks and see you around!

# Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

#### **Editorial: Shop Local this holiday**

Another holiday season has come to C-Town and we urge locals to Shop Local This Christmas.

Part of our mission is to make sure local ma and pop, brick and mortar businesses stay in business. It's in the community's best interest to support local business. Mega internet business Amazon is building a 1-million square foot "fulfillment center" not too far away, in Livonia. They also plan on creating a smaller center in Romulus and already operates a sorting center downriver, in Brownstown Township.

What does this mean, locally? It means it will be even easier and cheaper to buy stuff from our new regional neighbor, Amazon, versus driving five or ten minutes to your local stuff provider. This means it will be much harder for your local businesswomen and men to make a living. For school taxes residents pay six mils;

your brick and mortar local businesses pay 18 mils — the maximum allowed by state law. Should your local "Main Street" businesses go away, where will Clarkston schools and governments go to shore-up their own operating expenses?

If you are a parent of school-aged kids, have you ever noticed the amount local businesses sponsor little league teams? Take a look at the uniforms. Do you ever wonder how many youth groups, both school sanctioned and not, there are in this community? How many service organizations are in town? Where do all these groups go for donations and support?

Do they call the internet businesses? How much has Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat given back to your kids and community? Consider doing more shopping and buying of local goods and services versus out-of-community buying. -- dpr

### Kudos to Coach Richardson, staff, atheletes

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to head football coach Kurt Richardson, staff, and student athletes for winning the third State Division 1 Football Title in five years. Some 30 years ago the head football coach resigned, leaving an opening for a head coach position.

On my desk was a letter from Gus Birtsas, principal at Sashabaw Junior High School.

The letter simply said "Kurt Richardson has to be hired as the head football coach."

The rest is history.

In my opinion, the major reason why Clarkston won this championship was that they were well coached and self disciplined. Well done!

Mel L. Vaara Clarkston

### Tis the season for Lighthouse volunteers

Lighthouse of Oakland County is matching more than 700 families in need with donors who are providing coats, gloves, hats, boots and other items as well as gifts for children including school supplies, educational toys and books.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, many of the families will receive their gifts at Adopta-Family Match Day from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W Pike Street, Pontiac

More than 100 Lighthouse volunteers and staff are matching hundreds of area families with their gifts.

Volunteer leaders Jo Ann Honoway of White Lake and Lynn Wilton of Clarkston have been volunteering for the Adopt-a-Family program for 13 years.

"I keep coming back because my heart is

in it. I trust this program. It does what it says it is going to do," said Honoway.

Wilton added, "What we take for granted is a gift for many of our neighbors in need. These are families who are trying very hard to make ends meet. Today I registered a mother with an 8-year old son with bone cancer for the program. It is so gratifying to help the people in this program."

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#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Parents respond to \$78 to \$85 million bond application" Parents brought up concerns regarding student opportunities, class sizes, attendance boundaries at the elementary level, traffic and budget impact during two feedback sessions held by the Clarkston Community Schools as the district prepared a bond application for \$78-85 million.

"Lego leaguers from Cedar Crest take top honors" A team of fifth graders from Cedar Crest Academy was awarded the Innovation Research Solution Award athe one of their competitions in the F.I.R.S.T. Lego League.

"Heart of Clarkston parade set for second year" The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce was set to celebrate the season with the second annual Heart of Clarkston parade, which had 40 entries signed up.

25 years ago - 1992

"More raises" The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved three separate contracts as agreements were reached with the Central Office Secretarial and Clerical Personnel Association, the Cafeteria Managers Association and the Cafeteria Association.

"Artist at work" Christian Kleber worked intently to make sure Santa's beard is on correctly as he and others at Super Saturday made Santa tins to fill with candy, pencils and more.

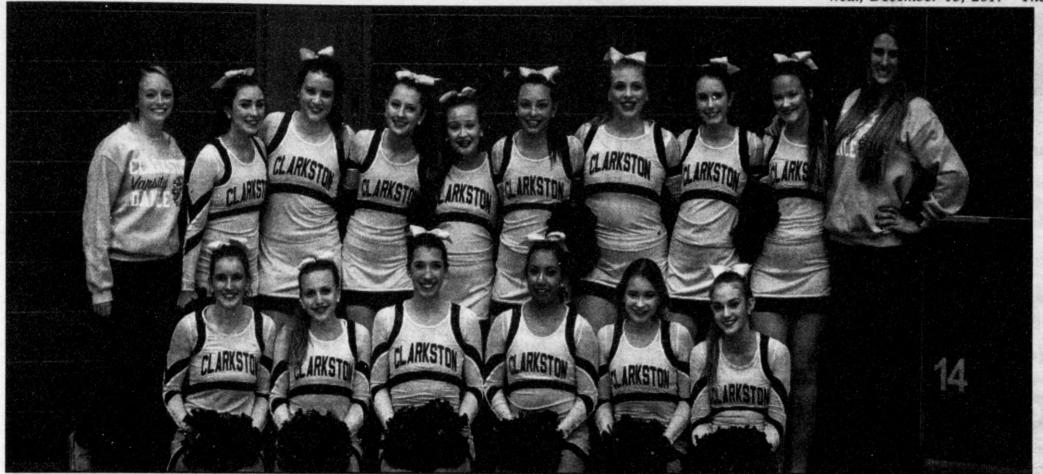
"Cagers bounce back to besiege Blackhawks" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team bounced back from their loss to Pontiac with a 60-47 win over Brandon for a Greater Oakland Activities League victory.

50 years ago - 1967

"Junior high construction bids to be opened" Clarkston Board of Education was opening construction bids for the new junior high school after the bonds were recently sold. Construction was anticipated to begin early spring on the Sashabaw Road site.

"All aboard" Kindergarten students from around the district made an unforgettable trip to the heart of Detroit and Hudson's world of Christmas. The visit included seeing Santa Claus.

"New trampoline" The Clarkston Cheerleaders displayed the newest addition to the team as they used a trampoline to their routine during the Wolves basketball game.



The Clarkston Varsity Dance team: from left in bottom row, Mykala Wendt, Anya Karpusnenkoff, Megan Hibbard, Riley Patterson, Alexa Berg, Julia Heilman; top row, Coach Brooke Hargett, Megan Lockwood, Dana Demrose, Anna Houstina, Katie Kozak, Julia Cameron, Jordan Mountain, Sophia Wilhelm, Addison Causley and Coach Kelsey Chewins. Not pictured, Kendall Causley and Mckenna Klaiber. Photo by Larry Wright/Wright Action Pix

# Dance awards

The Clarkston Varsity Dance team finished the 12th Annual Michigan State Spirit Showdown with two awards at Brighton High School on Saturday.

They received fourth place in pom and fifth place in jazz.

They have three competitions in 2018 as they head to Romeo High School, Jan. 13; Little Caesar's Arena, Jan. 27; and Avondale High School, Jan. 28.

Watch the Wolves perform at half time during Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball games.

The next game is this Friday, 7 p.m.

# What is news & how does it relate to holidays?

Peace on earth and good will to men.

Holidays always seem to get mucked up because some

jack-wagon somewhere is hellbent to make a point by blowing something or someone up. (I don't know why the world isn't on Dandy Don Rush's bluesky and sunshine outlook plan. It outta be, but alas, it ain't -- damnit!)

I got to thinking -- well, thinking a couple of things, actually. One, the ancillary thing is: Yep there is crazy in the world and yep, there is evil, too. More importantly, however, there is goodness on this earth and even in this country. Unfortunately, goodness doesn't get good play A column by or even pay well. Let's face it, goodness, Don Rush kindness and down-to-earth groovieness is not sexy.

Every day, little acts of kindness go on with nary a blink of an eye. Everyday, acts of bravery, compassion and courage are carried off by one person for another with no fanfare. It is in a word, common. We don't concentrate on acts of mercy or humility, but we sure as Charles Dickens dwell on evil perpetrated by one or some on one or others. I get it, badness is hot.

Here's the thing about news most folks forget: NEWS is only NEWS because it is not the norm, it is different, out of the ordinary. Therefore is reported. I think we forget that. As adults, I think we also forget to "report" on acts of love. Instead, we fall into the easy action of regurgitating whatever we hear from the hunky TV news dude. Lazily we re-tell bad news we have heard, without a thought or a balance of good.

Okay, be honest . . . how many of you on your social media posts, repost things which makes you mad? How many of you "share" things which attack the opposing political party or things of such cruelty you would not share with your mom or kids?

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

If I were to suggest one thing -- how we, one family and home at a time -- can start to make a positive difference, it would be this: Stop the gossiping. Balance the negative with the good.

One of my favorite Christmas hymns is I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day and for some reason the song that kept on playing in my head this past weekend (Frank Sinatra version). I reckoned there was a reason my subconscious thought about it. So, I googled it and here is what I discovered. Did you know the song was written on Christmas Day, 1864 by American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Interestingly, the poem was penned as the American Civil war raged. How could that be? In the midst of all the death and turmoil, how could this man find hope in his soul to put these beautiful words together?

I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men.

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

Till ringing, singing on its way The world revolved from night to day, A voice, a chime, a chant sublime

Of peace on earth, good will to men.

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

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

My own person lament about being labeled a Michigander by state government brought these reader responses:

Don, since your recent column concerns how people identify themselves, I think you should think again about referring to any newscaster as "the TV news babe." It is particularly timely given the number of prominent people who have be caught in the trap of thinking of the women in their lives as "babes." I don't know what the women who are near and dear to you do for a living but, how would you respond to someone who referred to them as "the teacher babe" or "the doctor babe" or even "the supermarket checkout babe."

Although I have lived here almost 24 years, I am not a Michigan native so I don't feel I should have a vote in our identification nomenclature but, in this case, I think you have been a Michuganer. You might need a Yiddish dictionary to get the implication.

With your best interests at heart, Bob And, from Delores, "I am not a goose -- I am with you Don. We're all Michiganians."

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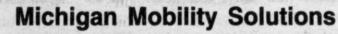


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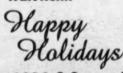
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For Clarkston and Independence Township

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#### Video of threat

A 47-year-old Independence Township man pulled out his cell phone and started taking a video after a 61-year-old Independence Township man charged at his vehicle and yelled threats at him, 1:07 p.m., Dec. 2. They had almost collided when both were pulling onto Maybee Road near Sashabaw Road. The 61-year-old followed the younger driver, making gestures. When stopped at Sashabaw Road, the 61-year-old exited his pickup truck and charged, and the 47-year-old started taking a video. The older driver turned and fled when he noticed the phone. A records' check showed the address of the pickup truck's owner, and the vehicle was found parked in the driveway in the 5000 block of Woodcreek Trail. With no answer at the door, a citation for intimidation and interfering with a 911 call was left in the pickup's windshield.

#### **Expired license**

A 24-year-old Pontiac woman driving a car with an expired license plate was stopped at Andersonville Road and Dixie Highway, 9:03 p.m. Dec. 3. She was cited for driving on an expired license, expired registration, and no insurance.

#### Fight on party bus

A 22-year-old Waterford woman and 24year-old Independence Township man were cited for disorderly conduct after starting a fight on a party bus on Dixie Highway at Waterford Road, 2:10 a.m., Dec. 2. Witnesses said the 24-year-old started a fight on the bus, and when other passengers tried to break it up, they were attacked by the 22year-old, who was his girlfriend. The 24-yearold then punched the back door and a television until the door open, and the couple left the scene, walking north on Dixie. Everyone refused medical attention.

#### Welfare check

An Independence Township woman called 911 for help locating her 81-year-old husband, who she hadn't heard from since the night before, 1:27 p.m., Dec. 6. He had heart issues and was expected to go into surgery that day. She requested deputies make entry on her home to check on her husband. They broke in through a window near the front door, but he wasn't there. The man was later located at Troy Beaumont Hospital. A call was made to his wife, but she had already found him. The window was boarded up.

#### No license

A deputy stopped a 33-year-old Ferndale man for driving 67 mph on Dixie Highway, 9:59 a.m., Dec. 7. He was cited for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

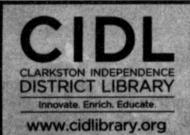
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Mayor Steven Percival talks with Local 4 Detroit reporter Jamie Edmonds about paying tribute to Deputy Eric Overall with a blue light for the holidays. Blue lights are available at city hall, and donations are also being accepted for the family of Overall, who lost his life in the line of duty stopping a suspect on M-15 on Thanksgiving morning. Photo by Phil Custodio



NAIL BITER: The score was a bit too close for student fans in the Jungle cheering section at Clarkston High School, but the Wolves prevailed in their home opener. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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# Season starts with wins

#### BY WENDIREARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Despite distractions on the hardwood, Clarkston's Varsity Boys Basketball team started its 2017-2018 season with two victories, last week.

"Opening up with those two tough teams is hard at the beginning of the season," said Dan Fife, long-time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "Kids are still coming out. They're not in as great shape as they are in the middle or end of the season. It's a tough game for them and us to win. Yet, you are trying to build character, understand how intense the game is, how much competition it is to win and how big the bullseye is."

The Wolves defeated Carman Ainsworth in their home opener, 67-64.

"It was an outstanding win," Fife said. "We didn't play our best defensively which concerns me. They have a good ball club. For the longest time they outcompeted us - mentally and physically.

Clarkston opened the game with a 3pointer from senior CJ Robinson and held onto the lead throughout the first quarter and for most of the second quarter.

With one minute to half-time Cavaliers Michael Fletcher and O'Mari Duncan put the away team in the lead with four points.

Carman Ainsworth built onto their lead going into the fourth quarter and led as much as 12 points with over seven minutes remaining in the game.

Senior Wolves Hank Schemmel and Taylor Currie scored a pair of baskets to close

the gap before the Cavaliers scored again. Currie took aim, scoring another basket staring a 10-2 run for Clarkston which was topped off with a 3-pointer from Loyer and cheers from fans in the packed gym.

The battle continued for the lead and with 3:14 left in the game Robinson put the Wolves into the lead with a 3-pointer and one point from the free throw line, 61-59.

Clarkston closed the final three minutes going to the free throw line seven times with Loyer, Currie and Robinson combining for 11 points from the line.

"I don't know how we won that game, but I think it was the perseverance of our kids and the character of our kids," Fife said. "They dug down deep. It's a teachable moment. We can watch film and teach a lot - they can see what we saw."

Loyer led the team with 32 points, going 11-for-12 on free throws. Robinson scored 20 points with three field goals and going 7-for-8 on the free throw line. Currie scored 14 points.

The Wolves opened the season with a 65-55 win over Wayne Memorial, Dec. 5.

Clarkston led going into half-time with seven points over the home team, 24-17. During the third quarter they 15 points, which Loyer scored two baskets within the first 48 seconds of the half.

Loyer led with 23 points. Currie scored 20 points and had 19 rebounds and Robinson had II points. The Wolves host Stevenson this Friday and head to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep next Thursday. JV plays at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Senior Hank Schemmel and the Wolves warm up before the game. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Celebrating success

#### BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

It was less than a week after the Clarkston Varsity Football team won the state championship and senior Michael Fluegel admitted it was a bit strange not to be at practice as he sat down in The Clarkston News office.

But it felt good bringing another state championship home for Clarkston for his second time. He was brought up to varsity as a freshman when the Wolves won in 2014.

"It has always been the goal," Fluegel said. "I think I speak for the team when I say we are grateful we could bring something home for this community. We have the best fans in the state - always traveling to all of our games. The crowd we had at Ford Field was amazing running out of that tunnel and seeing everyone from town. It was amazing to see."

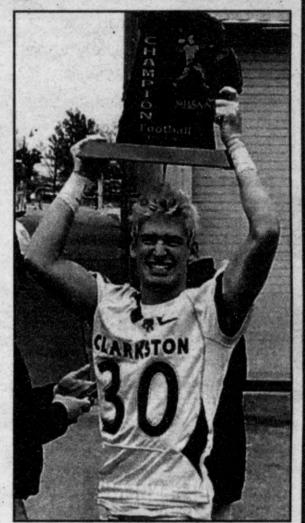
Looking back at the fall season, he said it was everything he could have asked for.

"We had some ups and downs, but in the end we pulled together especially in the playoff run," he explained. "In the last six games we really got close and grinded it out the best we could and got the championship."

Fluegel said the low points helped.

"You learn from your failures and after losing to West Bloomfield, then Rochester Adams I think we all took a look in the mirror and knew we could be better," he added. "I think we all knew we could be a top contender. We just had to figure it out.'

Some personal highlights for him included plays on defense and offense, as he helped out in the running back



Senior Michael Fluegel proudly hoists the MHSAA Football Division 1 State Championship outside Ford Field, Nov. 25. "We are gratefull we could bring something home for this community." Photo provided

position a few games including against Grand Blanc when he caught a screen pass which was almost intercepted.

"I zigzagged it in for a touchdown that was a good play," he said.

Another highlight was against Detroit Catholic Central in the semifinals when he ran a 71-yard touchdown with 4:21 remaining in the third quarter.

Please see Fluegel on page 30



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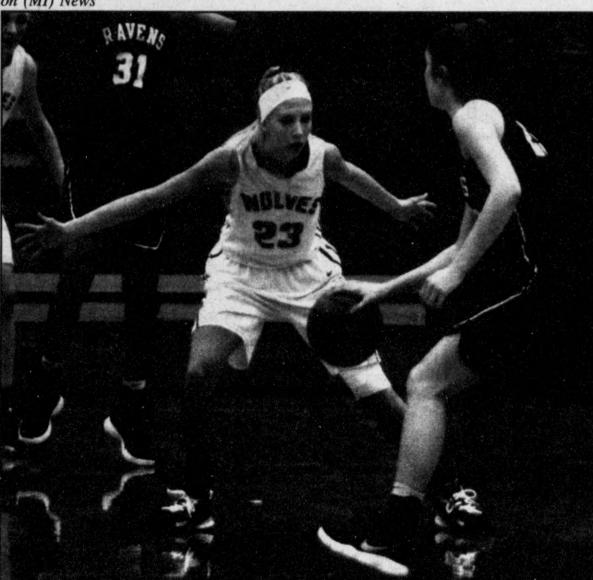
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Maddie Beck and the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team puts up a tough defense against Royal Oak last Friday. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

# Wolves win in home opener

#### BY WENDIREARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

A new offense was put to the test and worked as the Wolves defeated Royal Oak at home last Friday, 37-28.

"It was a big step forward for us," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Christine Rogers. "We finally put it all together. Our defense was on point and we ran through our offense. It's a different offense than we have done before and we had some fits and starts making it work in a game and actually putting it in a game situation. I felt like tonight it all came together."

She added she enjoys playing Royal Oak because they are a big team.

"Very few teams match up with us size wise," Rogers said.

Royal Oak opened with the first basket with 4:30 left in the first quarter. The lead was shortlived as senior Maddie Beck went 2-for-2 on the free throw line and scored a basket inside to put the Wolves up, 4-2.

The Ravens opened the second quarter with two points to tie the score before sophomore Taylor Heaton scored a 3-pointer with an assist from senior Kayla Luchenbach.

The Wolves' defense kept Royal Oak to two more points as the half closed, 12-6.

Rogers added the team did lose their composure at times.

"When they got a little desperate you could feel the energy change for a few

minutes," she said. "My seniors got it back together. Everyone took responsibility to regain our composure."

The Wolves held onto their lead in the second half as they outscored their opponents 25-22.

Beck led with 12 points, with two 3pointers in the third quarter, and had six rebounds. Luchenbach had ten points, seven rebounds and three blocks.

"We got contributions from everyone off the bench. We got contributions from all of our starters and I think this was a good team win," Rogers said.

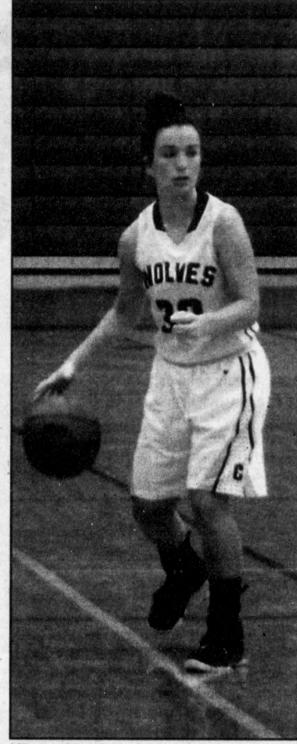
The Wolves defeated Notre Dame Prep in their home opener on Dec. 5, 52-39. Luchenbach led with 16 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks. Beck and Nicholson both scored 14 points each. Beck went 7-for-7 on the free throw line.

Clarkston opened the week with Groves High School.

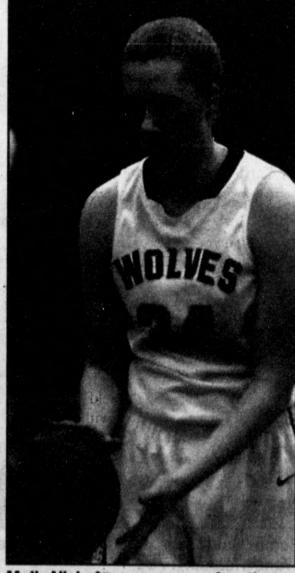
"Groves will be athletic, quick," Rogers said, adding they won't match up with the Wolves in size. "It was the game last year we put up 91 points. It was a track meet with offense running. We are looking to beat them."

The Freshman and JV teams host Powers Catholic on Thursday at the high school. Freshman begin at 5:30 p.m., JV follows.

Then, the teams play at Stoney Creek in the first OAA Red league game next Tuesday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Kiana Ayotte advances towards the basket.



Molly Nicholson prepares a free throw.



Taylor Heaton dribbles past an opponent. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

# Wolfpack Update

Icers were on a roll as they posted three straight wins last week.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team ended the week an overtime win over L'Anse Creuse Unified in Mount Pleasant on Saturday, 3-2.

Sophomore Brandt Botterill and senior Brent Bachusz each scored one goal and had one assist. Senior Austin James also scored in the win. Sophomore goalie Austin Burrum had 26 saves in the net for a 92.86 save percentage.

They opened their trip to Mount Pleasant with a 5-3 win over Jackson Lumen Christi on Friday.

It was a team effort as junior Danny Milano, Bachusz, James, McKay and Roy scored one goal each.

Junior Nik Highducheck and Bachusz had two assists each. Senior Daniel Tremblay, Botterill, McKay, Milano and

Roy had one assist each. They defeated Bloomfield Hills for the second time this season with a 4-1 win last Thursday.

Botterill led the team with two goals for the game. Junior Austin McKay and senior Trey Roy scored one goal each. Bachusz, junior Drew Stark, McKay and Roy had one assist each.

Burrum saved 17 shots on the net for a 94.45 save percentage during the game.

The Wolves host Birmingham United at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and head to Farmington Hills on Saturday, 7 p.m.

They host Notre Dame Prep next Thursday at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court in Bloomfield Hills, 5:30 p.m.

Drew Sagowitz finished OAA singles champion for Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling last week. He bowled games of 166, 212, 268 to qualify fourth. He then defeated three opponents in the match play rounds with games of 191, 274, 233 to win the tournament.

Jacob Corey rolled games of 247, 172, 222 to qualify fifth, then lost to Sagowitz in the first round of match play. He finished in a tie for fifth place.

For the girls varsity team, Hannah Turk missed qualifying in the top eight by just one pin, however her 229 game earned her high game honors.

The bowling teams competed in the Farmington Early Bird tournament, Dec. 2. Hannah Turk bowled games of 201, 217, 189, finishing in third place in the singles portion of the event.

Two teams were entered in the tournament for the boys.

The Clarkston Gold team finished in third place out of 22 teams and the Clarkston Blue team finished fourth.

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# **Blast off to wins**

#### BY WENDIREARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves rocketed to third place on Saturday at the annual John Glenn Rocket Duals going 4-1 for the day.

"It was a team effort from top to bottom," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Head Coach Joe Wood.

The Wolves opened the tournament with a 75-6 win over Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Next it was onto Wyandotte Roosevelt for a 42-21 win.

Winning with pins were Jake Billette (145), Noah Burt (215), Rocco Spindler (285), Grady Castle (112) and Houston Hemingsen (140).

The Wolves won five of their matches by outscoring their opponents on the mat with Angelo Marino (160) in a 7-2 decision; Adam Sprague (103) in a 3-0 win; Cole Wiegers (119) in a 13-6 win; Mac Hanselman (125) in a 9-2 win; and Anthony Welch (135) in a 9-7 win.

The boys lost to John Glenn with a lot of close matches that could have gone either way, 40-15.

"Theres no doubt in my mind it could be a much different score next time we see them," Wood said. "We knew they were a pretty good team. The boys came out, got in their face and wrestled them hard. They were really excited about it."

The Wolves won four matches with Ian Wilson (171) pinning Justin Morrison; Spindler winning his match over Donald Farris, 7-6; Sprague with a 3-2 win over Ty Lowen; Hemingsen over Shawn Brown, 8-4.

Next for the Wolves was Utica Eisenhower which they beat, 48-25.

Ethan Polick (140) Kyle Rumbold (189), Burt, Sprague and Wiegers scored six points each for Clarkston with pins.

Castle won his match over Zach Pacheco in a 11-10 decision and Hanselman won his match over Dante Lumetta in a 3-1 decision.

Wilson and Spindler received a bye.

Clarkston finished the day with a 39-31 win over Clinton.

Rumbold, Wiegers, Hemingsen (145) and Billette (152) won their matches with pins.

Castle defeated Nathan Darm in a 13-3 major decision. Ethan Polick (135) also scored in a major decision over Anthony Stockdale, 13-4; and Spencer Arnold (140) defeated Riley Jeffrey in a 14-4 major decision.

Nick LaCroix defeated Landis Gilman in the 130-pound weight class, 11-10.

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling B team had three place at the Warren Mott Toys for Tots tournament on Saturday with sophomore Kyle Spengler finishing in second place, junior Cody Jewett in third place and sophomore Owen Masters in sixth place.

"They did a good job," Wood

The Wolves opened the season with two losses at Dundee on Dec.

"We decided to put ourselves against two of the toughest teams in the state right off the bat just to use it as a measuring stick," Wood said. "It opened our eyes a little bit."

The Wolves took on Dundee first and lost 57-7. Winning their matches for Clarkston were Houston Hemingsen (145) in an 8-6 decision over McCallister McAvoy; and Grady Castle (112) in a 12-3 major decision over Gabe Massingill.

Clarkston closed their visit with a 65-9 loss to Davison. The Wolves opened their meet against Davison with a win in the 140-pound weight class as Spencer Arnold won his match over Cardinal Landon Kish, 4-3. Adam Sprague (103) won his match with a pin on Mackenzie Gilbert.

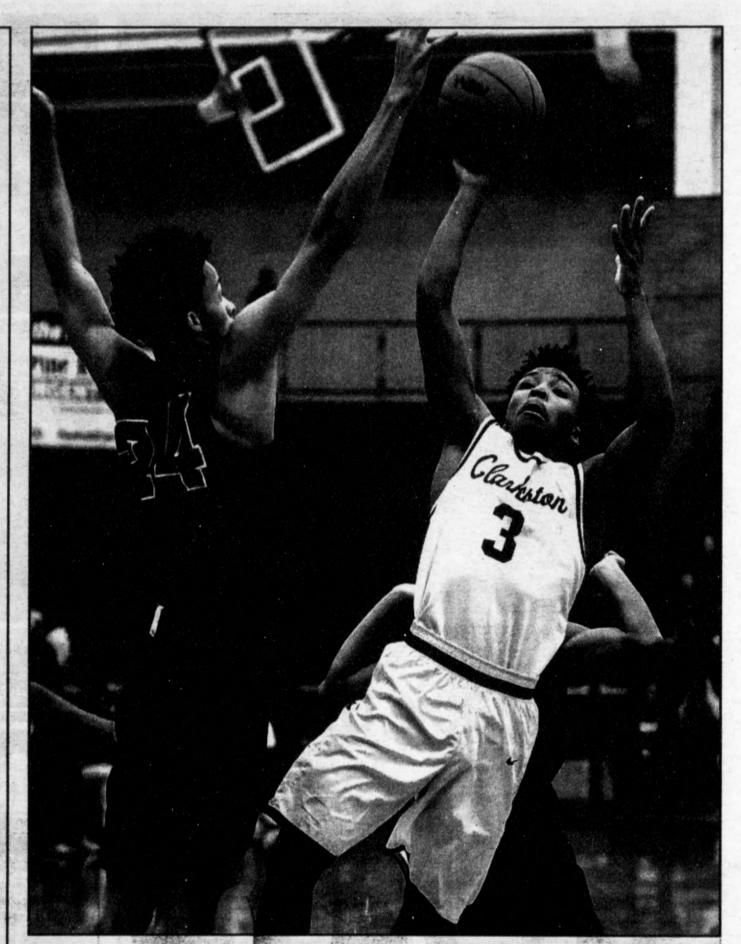
Wood added after the two losses the boys went right back into the room for the next two practices.

"They wanted to get right back to work," he said. "This weekend proved it. This weekend proved how good this team can be."

The Wolves head to Lake Orion this Friday and Saturday for the Oakland County Championships.

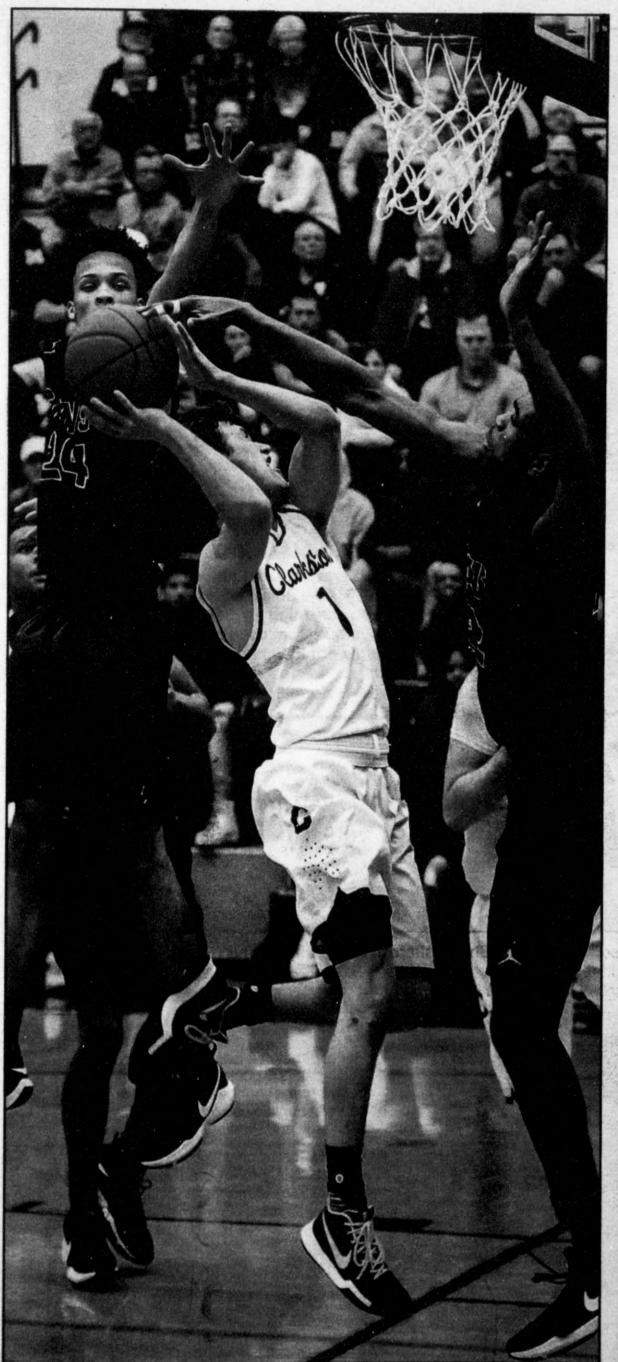
"We are going to go out there and give it our all," said Wood, adding after the John Glenn tournament they know it's possible to win the county meet. "We are going to score points, get after people and try to win the Oakland County. Now we really think it's something we want to try to do."

The meet on Friday begins at 4 p.m. and continues on Saturday at 9 a.m.

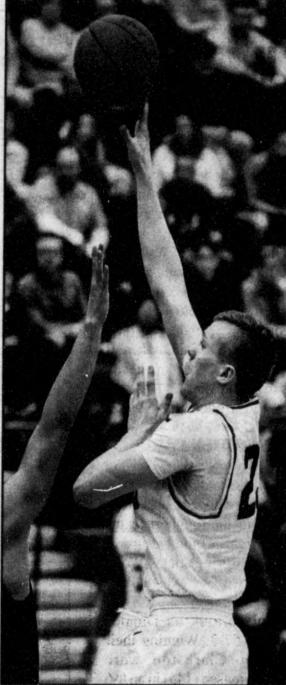


CJ Robinson shoots past Chris Ballard in the first half of the Wolves' home opener, in top photo. Below, The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball discuss strategy during a time out. Photos by Larry Wright/Wright Action Pix

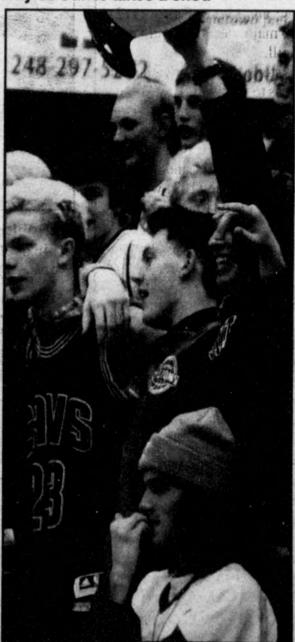




Foster Loyer fights off defenders under the basket. 



Taylor Currie takes a shot.



Fans cheer on the Wolves.





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EYES OK: Kellie Shelton of the Clarkston Area Lions Club scans a child's eyes using the Project Kidsight system at the Rotary's Shoes for Kids program, Dec. 9. The Lions offer the free vision screening for children on the second Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. They take photos of the child's eyes to check for potential vision problems, and results are immediate. Call 248-625-2212 or check www.clarkstonlions.org for more information. Photo by Phil Custodio

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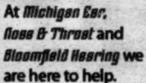


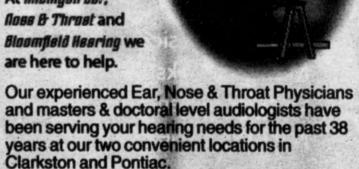
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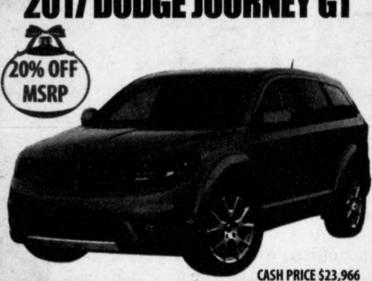
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# **Out of Respect**

By Pat Kittle, **Township Supervisor** 

Attended the funeral for Oakland County Deputy Eric Overall on November 28th at Mt. Zion Church.

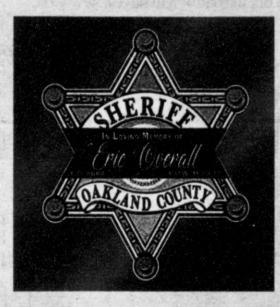


Township Supervisor

Deputy Overall was the 22-year police veteran who lost his life on Thanksgiving Day while trying to stop a suspect fleeing from the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office. I can honestly say I have never been to a more moving ceremony.

**Pat Kittle** Over a thousand police officers from around the State, Country and Canada were present to pay their respects and offer support for a fallen brother. Township first responders from both the Sheriff and Fire Departments worked round-theclock planning and coordinating logistics. Hundreds of family and friends coming to pay tribute to a dear friend, father, husband and fellow comrade. Sheriff's Command Staff, some 40-year veterans, openly weeping during the ceremony at the loss of a fellow brother. Being an outsider, I will never know what it's like to put on a badge everyday ... not knowing if you will ever make it home and see your loved ones again.

We seem to have this love / hate relationship when it comes to the police. We welcome those flashing lights rolling up in front of our house when help is needed, seconds after calling 911 and cringe when we see those same flashing lights in our rearview mirror, when caught speeding. It takes a special person to be a police officer in today's crazy world. And from what I understand, after talking to police officers before



the service and hearing the family speak during the ceremony, Deputy Overall was way more than special. He was truly one-of-a-kind.

On behalf of all of us in the Township, our thoughts and prayers go out to the Overall family and to all the men and women of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. We lost a good one.

Here's a thought. Next time you have a chance encounter with one of Oakland County's finest, be it at a parade, sporting event, or maybe just a restaurant during lunch, why don't you walk up and thank the Deputy for their service. God knows they deserve it.



Wishing everyone in Independence a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all of us at the Township.

# Holiday Safety

By Lt. Larry Perry **Oakland County Sheriff** 

With the Holiday Season approaching, here are some helpful reminders from all of us at the Sheriff's Office in the Independence Township Substation that will hopefully reduce the possibility of becoming a victim of a crime during the Holidays.

#### **Online Purchases** Via The Internet

Over the last few years there has been a dramatic increase in online purchases, remember this also increases the possibility of packages that are dropped off on porches being stolen. The Holidays give thieves an increased opportunity to intercept home deliveries. When making a purchase online, take advantage of electronic delivery alerts and other protections to make sure your gifts are safely delivered and received. It may also be helpful to instruct any delivery drivers to drop off packages in a safe location (neighbor) at a specific time, signature required, or opt to personally pick up any deliveries.

#### **False Delivery Persons**

Remember that criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts. LOOK prior to opening the door. Is the courier at the door in a uniform and in a marked delivery vehicle? Are you expecting a package? It is also not uncommon for criminals to take advantage of the generosity of people during the holiday season by soliciting donations door-to-door for charitable causes. LOOK outside. Don't open the door and ask for their identification or a township solicitation permit. If you are not satisfied with their identity, then call the Sheriff's Office Dispatch (248-



858-4950 EXT # 8) and request a Deputy to come out and investigate. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS.

#### **Sharing Too Much Personal Information**

Many people feel the need to broadcast on Social Media about their Holiday Travel Plans, Parties, or Black Friday shopping sprees!!! They cannot seem to wait to let everyone on Facebook or Twitter know that they are about to leave on a vacation, and will be away from their homes. REMEMBER this is an open invitation for thieves to visit your home while you are away.

#### **Personal Safety And Situational Awareness**

When shopping at the mall, pay attention to where you are parking your vehicle. Park near a light pole when parking, even during the day (chances are, it will be dark when you leave). Avoid parking next to vans, campers or vehicles that are occupied, especially if you are shopping alone. MAKE SURE TO LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS. Avoid leaving packages visible in your car, stow them away in the trunk or cover with jackets or

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# Out with the old in with the new

#### By Barb Pallotta, **Township Clerk**

Christmas arrived early in the Clerk's Office when the Township's new election equipment was delivered on November 27. Nearly a year ago, Michigan's Secretary of State entered

into 10-year contracts with three vendors whose proposals were selected to replace the aging 12year-old election equipment state-wide. Oakland County and 10 other Michigan counties selected the Austin, Texas based Township Clerk Hart Intercivic's Barb Pallotta



Verity Voting System. During contract discussions, Lisa Brown, Oakland County Clerk, successfully negotiated having Hart Intercivic's first Michigan office based in Auburn Hills. This means Oakland County's 61 cities, villages, and townships will have direct access to replacement parts, spare equipment, and on-site service on Election Day. Ease of use, forwardlooking technology, and security features were also key factors. According to Clerk Brown, Hart Intercivic was the obvious choice for Oakland County, for not only their commitment to customer service, but they also disposed of all the old equipment at no cost to the county or local jurisdictions.

As the only jurisdiction having an August primary election, the City of Pontiac was first to receive the new equipment. Municipalities holding a November general election received their equipment in July and because Hart Intercivic's corporate offices reside in Texas, the October delivery scheduled for the remaining 18 communities was slightly delayed due to Hurricane Harvey.

#### **Equipment Funding**

Funding for the purchase of election equipment included not only the purchase of the new equipment but also the first five-years of warranty and maintenance. The entire purchase was federally and state funded; \$30 million from federal [Help America Vote Act (HAVA)] and \$10 million from the

state. In year six, local communities will assume all warranty, maintenance and software licensing costs based on the number of their precincts. Because Oakland County expects Hart Intercivic's voting system to last longer than the previous equipment, the overall municipal cost of ownership is also expected to be reduced. These funds covered 100% of the cost for Independence Township's 13 precincts and 12 polling locations that include: 13 Hart Verity Scanners (V-Scan) with relay modems, which replaced ES&S M-100 tabulators, and 12 Hart Verity Touch Writers (V-Touch) with printers, which replaced the ES&S AutoMARK voter assist terminals. These savings freed up budgeted funds to allow for the purchase of two back-up Hart Verity Scanners with relay modems, a high-speed scanning device, Hart Verity Central (V-Central) for the Township's Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB), and election management software, Hart Verity Count (V-Count) that supports fast reporting of election results on Election Night.

#### **Training, Training And More Training Included:**

- Small group equipment training sessions were hosted by Oakland County's Elections Division for clerks and their staff following each equipment distribution for a total of four sessions.
- The training sessions included equipment operating and troubleshooting techniques.
- Electronic instruction manuals/guides and PowerPoint presentations prepared by Oakland County Elections and Hart Intercivic were distributed to assist all jurisdictions with their local training.
- Independence Township sought other training opportunities by working for communities holding August (Ottawa County) and November (City of Royal Oak) elections. This hands-on experience was invaluable as staff (and one of the Township's AVCB chairs) gained knowledge that cannot be simulated in a training environment.

#### What Changes Can The Voter Expect?

There significant are no recommendations to change Michigan's overall voting process.

- Security has been enhanced; encrypted flash drives (V-Drives) are securely sealed in the V-Scan and V-Touch devices. Once the flash drives are removed from the devices, the results cannot be altered.
- Voters will still vote using a paper ballot but the ballot will have a new look:

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- Most ballots will be printed on standard sized paper (8.5"x11", 8.5"x14"). V-Scan is also capable of tabulating larger sized ballots (8.5"x17", 8.5"x19") for elections with a large number races that cannot be accommodated by standard sized paper.
- After 125 years, the political vignettes that appear on ballots (small designs or portraits that represent the political party of each candidate) have been eliminated by the passage of HB's 4177-78. For example:



Michigan may also join 40 other states by eliminating straight ticket voting (e.g., checking a box on a ballot that registers a vote for a party's entire slate of candidates). The legislation passed by the State Legislature in December 2015 was signed by the Governor for the 2016 election cycle. Although the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan issued a temporary restraining order blocking the law's implementation in 2016, it is expected that this law will take effect in time for the 2018 election cycle.

#### 2018 Elections\* are scheduled on:

- August 7, 2018 State Primary
- November 6, 2018 State General
- \* This schedule does not include possible special election dates.

# Election equipment for the precincts

The feedback from Qakland County communities that had elections this fall was very postitive; they did very well with the new election equipment and were very pleased with voter responses to it. Independence Township staff that assisted in the City of Royal Oak election witnessed minimal Election Day issues and were encouraged by the confidence of the election inspectors, how easily the voters adapted to the election components and the record-breaking time that the election results were successfully transmitted to Oakland County.

#### Precinct's Hart Verity-Scanner With Relay vs. ES&S M-100

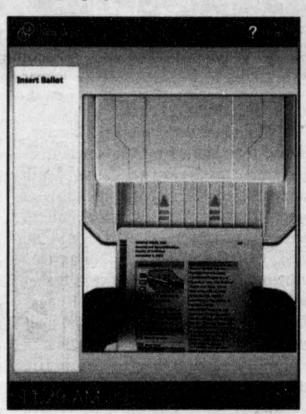
- V-Scan is lightweight and permanently contained within its transfer case making it compact, stackable, and easier to transport vs. having a separate transfer case for the M-100 tabulator.
- V-Scan is placed on a collapsible ADA level plastic ballot container on Election Day making it more accessible for disabled voters and easier to transport and store because it collapses into a flat canvass bag that stacks for storage vs. the M-100's metal ballot container.



■ V-Scan is equipped with the newest digital scanning technology designed to capture images of the ballots that provides easy identifiable results (e.g., write-ins), enhances security, and reduces ballot jams, equipment malfunctions or failure vs. the M-100's analog technology. The V-Scan's scanned ballot images can also be compared with the paper

ballots, if needed.

■ V-Scan's 12" screen displays instructional messages to guide the voter when a ballot marking error is detected which enhances privacy vs. the M-100's small LCD display that often required the voter to request assistance which reduced voter privacy and delayed the voting process at the tabulator. See screen display below:

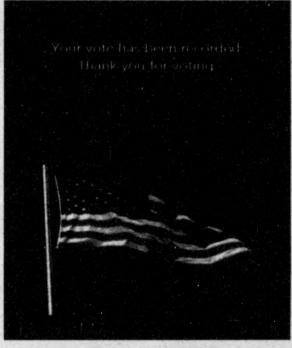




- V-Scan is less audible to the public when alerting a voter that a ballot marking error is detected, giving the voter further privacy and allowing the voter to make an immediate decision, fast-tracking the tabulation process vs. the loud beeping sound of the M-100.
- The V-Scan's Relay function is compatible with private carrier networks and uses commercial off-the-shelf broadband technology to automate the transmission of Election Night results through secure telecommunications. Verity is the first remote transmission solution to achieve certification of remote transmission technology that is fully compliant with the EAC's Voluntary Voting System Guidelines vs. the M-100 modem which was an after-market

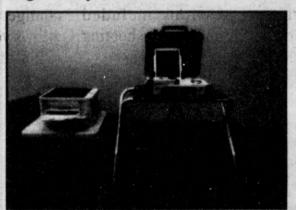
enhancement made during the 2012 election cycle.

■ V-Scan prompts the voter with a large image of the American flag stating "Your vote has been recorded. Thank you for voting" vs. the M-100's small LCD screen display of number of voters which advanced after the voter inserted their ballot. This simple improvement has already proven to enhance voter confidence that their vote was counted.



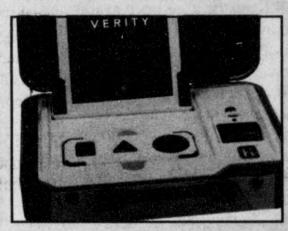
Precinct's Hart Verity-Touch Writer vs. ES&S AutoMARK

■ V-Touch is compact, lightweight and stackable making it easier to transport, set-up, and requires less storage space vs. the AutoMARK weighing a total of 75 lbs. in its separate large, bulky transfer case.



- V-Touch is paired with a Hartintegrated commercial off-the-shelf printer that produces identical full-sized paper ballots for all voters vs having to insert a pre-printed ballot into the AutoMARK which often resulted in a significant number of jams making it unusable for the remainder of the day.
- V-Touch gives voters privacy and a quieter environment when voting their ballot as opposed to the loud operating sounds of the AutoMARK.

Interface offers clarity and confidence for voters, with fewer keystrokes, higher voter satisfaction, and reduced spoiled votes vs. the cumbersome features of the AutoMARK.



- V-Touch's removable access component features tactile buttons of contrasting shapes and colors, Braille labels, beveled tactile edges, headphones for audio ballot support, and offers compatibility with common adaptive devices (e.g., sip-and-puff) to provide multiple voting options to disabled voters vs. AutoMARK's static voting components.
- V-Touch supports a humanrecorded voice in a style typically specific to the election location, as well as userselectable volume and speed vs. AutoMARK's synthesized voice, and limited volume and speed selection.

#### What's in the future?

This is a 2-part feature of the new election equipment that Independence Township will use in upcoming elections. See the next Township Times issue for information on the Hart Verity-Central equipment used in the Absent Voter Counting Board and the Hart Verity-Count equipment used to recap results at the end of election night. Also note that Independence Television is partnering with the Clerk's Office in producing Public Service Announcements (PSA) for viewing on the Township's government cable channel in 2018. These PSA's will not only feature demonstrations of the new equipment but also provide tips on how voters can more easily navigate the voting process.



The Clerk's Office wishes you all the Merriest of Christmas and a New Year filled with peace!

# Holiday fire prevention

By Mitch Petterson, **Indpendence Fire Chief** 

Enjoying a warm, cozy fire requires a clean, safe fireplace. Here are some tips for keeping it that way:

Fireplaces should not be used as furnaces. Use a fireplace for a shortduration fire — no longer than five hours.

Keep the glass open to allow air to be drawn up to cool the chimney, but keep the screen closed to prevent sparks from jumping onto the carpeting.

Never leave a fire unattended when children are in the house. Adults, even if near, should not allow children to play near or with fire tools and equipment.

Before making a fire, open the glass doors, pull aside the screen curtains, and place the kindling, newspaper and logs inside. Next, open the damper and a window. The window needs to be open only a few inches. You can check to make sure the smoke will go up the chimney properly by lighting a match, quickly blowing it out and watching the smoke to see whether it's going up and

Keep a nonflammable rug (available at fireplace-supply stores) in front of the fireplace so that sparks won't melt or otherwise damage your carpeting.

■ Use fireplace tools to handle burning logs. Never use your hands.

Use a chimney cap to prevent water damage, to keep animals from nesting and to keep debris from blocking the chimney and causing carbon monoxide to flow into the house. Use a spark arrester to help prevent sparks from flying out, which could start a fire on the roof or lawn.

Fireplace coals can remain hot enough to start a fire for up to three days,

so always wait at least that long before removing the ashes. At that point, close the damper to prevent cold air in the flue from stirring up excess dust while you're removing the ashes. Be sure to wear a dust mask and open a window in the same room as the fireplace to prevent negative air pressure. Use a shovel to scoop the ashes into a metal container. Store the container far from combustible materials and surfaces and wood floors.

Never use a vacuum to clean up ashes, because hot coals may remain in those ashes.

Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the chimney when necessary. Have him show you how to check it yourself, too. The chimney should be checked at least once a year or after about 80 fires.

■ Clean the firebox (the area where the logs burn) at least once a week during the months you use it, when ash builds up. Leave about an inch of ash because it acts as insulation, allowing the coals to heat faster and retain the heat easier. Keep the firebox completely clean during the months when the fireplace is not in use.

#### **Christmas Trees** and Holiday Lights

The winter Holiday season should be a joyous time of year. However, certain types of fires and injuries associated with holiday decorating are much more common during this season. Annually, between December 1st and January 15th, U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 230 home structure fires that began with Christmas trees. Home Christmas tree fires cause an average of



four civilian deaths, 21 civilian injuries, and \$17.3 million in direct property damage. House fires started by Christmas trees are twice as likely to cause death compared to other common causes of home structure fires. Electrical failures or malfunctions were involved in one-third (31%) of the home Christmas tree structure fires. The risk of fire is higher with natural trees than artificial ones. Researchers found that dry natural trees burned easily, but trees that had been kept watered are unlikely to catch fire unintentionally.

Holiday lights and other decorative lighting with line voltage were involved in an average of 160 home structure fires during this same time period. These fires caused an average of nine civilian deaths,

13 civilian injuries, and \$9.0 million in direct property damage. Electrical failures or malfunctions were factors in two-thirds (69%) of the fires involving holiday or decorative lights.

Independence Fire Department, and the National Fire Protection Association. recommends you keep your natural Christmas trees moist. This is best accomplished by making a 1/2" fresh cut on the trunk of the tree just prior to placing it in the stand. The stand should be filled with water immediately, and kept full for the entire time it is in the stand. All electrical lighting (low-voltage included) should be inspected prior to decorating, and replaced (not repaired) as deficiencies are found.

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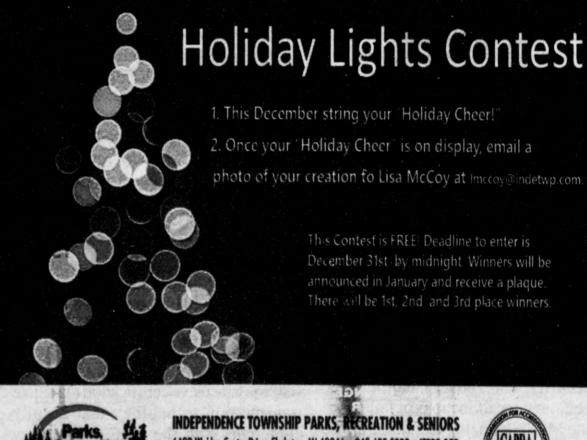
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blankets. Look around prior to exiting your vehicle and stay ALERT! Carry only what you need. When leaving, look around and STAY ALERT. Have keys in your hand prior to reaching your vehicle. If something doesn't look right or feel right, go back in and request to be walked out by an employee or security.

During the holiday season remember to stay vigilant and be aware of your surroundings. Do not broadcast your

personal information or holiday travel plans over social media. Trust your instincts, if things do not seem right they probably are not. There are criminals out there that would like nothing more than to take advantage of your good will for their own gain.

These are some simple reminders to help reduce the chances of becoming a victim during the holidays. From all of us at the Sheriff's Office Independence Substation, we hope you have a safe Holiday Season.





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# Alumni always welcome

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My gift is both a promise and a wish. The gift (a humble red thread) represents the promise of the lifetime connection our students have to our schools, the Clarkston community, and to each other.

Likewise, it is my wish that our alumni will return from time to time and share the stories of their lives with us.

In fact, I would love Words from for them to come back and live their lives here. the Sup't Regardless, I hope that know that they Clarkston is forever here to help them achieve their dreams.

Ultimately, I want every Clarkston kid, citizen, and graduate to have a

long, happy, healthy life Dr. Rod Rock of achievement.

On Wednesday, December 20, we will welcome alumni from the Classes of 2013-2017 back to Clarkston for our first annual "Welcome Back Wednesday" event.

Our young alumni are already leading interesting and diverse lives as college students, military servicemen and women, and positive contributors in the workforce.

Here are some of the updates they have provided:

"I am currently a freshman at Purdue. Since coming to Purdue, I joined the Triathlon Club. In addition, after going to a construction management career fair, I had the chance to interview for a paid internship position

Each year at commencement, I give Intern for the Summer of 2018, which I happily accepted." - Marisa Daigle

> "I am a sophomore at U of M, and have tried to get involved in as many ways as possible around campus to make the most of this unique experience. I am on the club baseball team. I'm a member of an investment club, I'm in a business fraternity and a social fraternity, and freshman year I wrote for a sports comedy show. I have definitely carried a lot of lessons I learned from CHS with me and I am really confident in where I'm at now. Go Wolves!" - Ryan Zittel '15

> "I am studying out in Rochester, New York and have been involved in my school's drama club." - Jack Kuczmanski '16

> "I am working full-time at a commercial construction company, and taking night classes." - Max Wyckoff '17

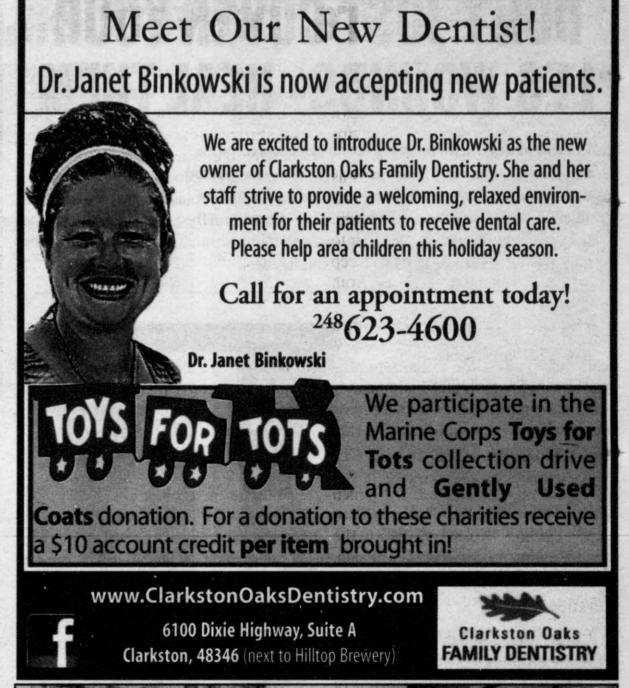
> Without question, our alumni are demonstrating success in a variety of

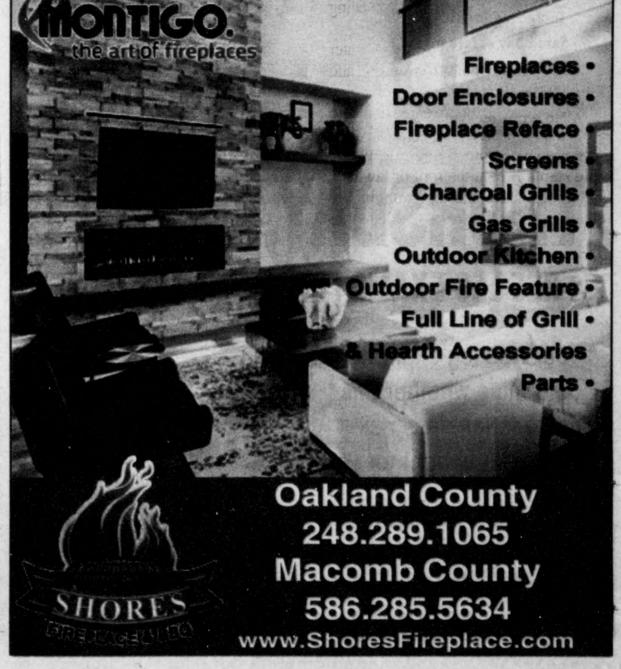
> On Welcome Back Wednesday, they will share these stories and more with the Class of 2018, offering yet another red thread connection back to their community.

> Another great community gathering we are looking forward to is the Team RUSH Holiday Lights parade in downtown Clarkston this Saturday, December 16 at 6pm, where we will also celebrate our 2017 State Champion Wolves Football team and coaching staff. Please come out and honor these hometown heroes.

> Above all, we celebrate every day the lives that our learners live, both as they are formally in our schools and







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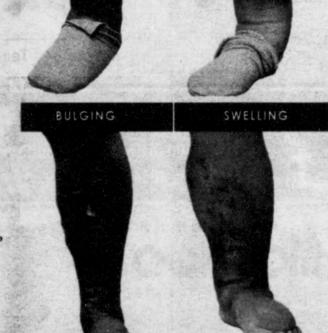


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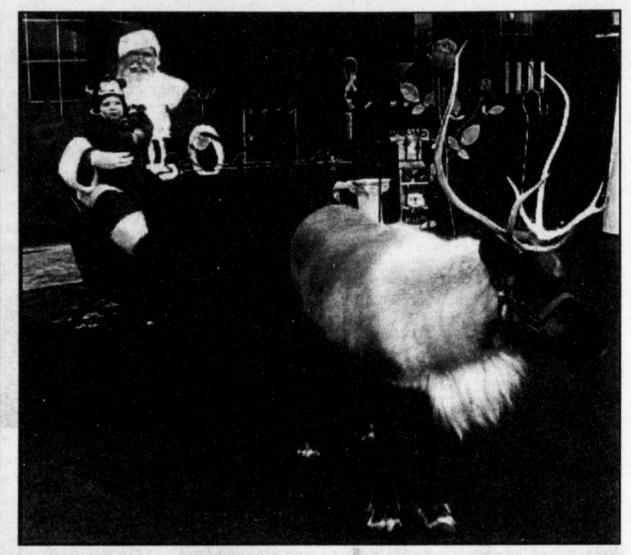
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Santa and Blitzen the reindeer will stop by Clarkston this weekend. Photo provided

# Santa sleigh to stop for visit

Santa and his reindeer Blitzen will stop by The Gateway on M-15 from 12-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17.

They will take photos with children who bring a new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys for Tots of Oakland County.

"Santa's sleigh has already landed at The Gateway," said Steve Stroud, owner.

Their goal is to fill the entire red sleigh this holiday season and they have already begun accepting donations for Toys for Tots at his Clarkston store.

"We have a large goal to meet, but know the compassionate families in the area will make it possible for us to fill this sleigh," Stroud said.

All who attend the event on Dec. 17 will receive a free professional photograph with Santa. The Gateway has teamed up with spon-

sors to provide free carriage rides, free food and drinks, and the chance to take a picture inside a 20-foot-tall snowglobe.

"We wanted to create an event where children would experience something unique, like meeting Santa and enjoying some free fun," he said "But didn't want to shy too far away from what the season is all about. That is why we chose to partner with Toys for Tots of Oakland County to help local families right here in our own community."

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation collects new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year to distribute as Christmas gifts to children in need in the community.

The Gateway is at 7150 North Main Street. Call 248-625-9711 or visit www.facebook.com/thegatewaymi for more details.

## Senior olympics

Registration is now open for the 2018 Michigan Senior Olympic Winter Games.

The events begin on Wednesday, Feb. 7, and will run until Monday, Feb. 12, with DanceSport on Feb. 18.

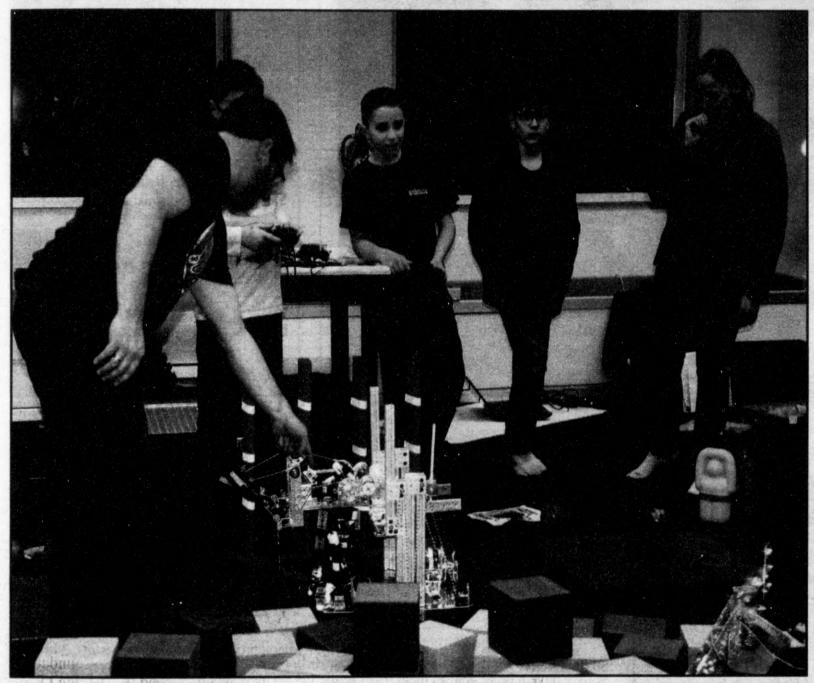
About 500 athletes age 50+ from all over the state will compete in events also including cross country skiing, ice hockey, bocce ball, basketball, badminton, billiards, pickleball, co-ed volleyball, and powerlifting.

Athletes compete in five-year age groups. For more information, call Becky Ridky at 248-608-0252 or email info@michiganseniorolympics.org.

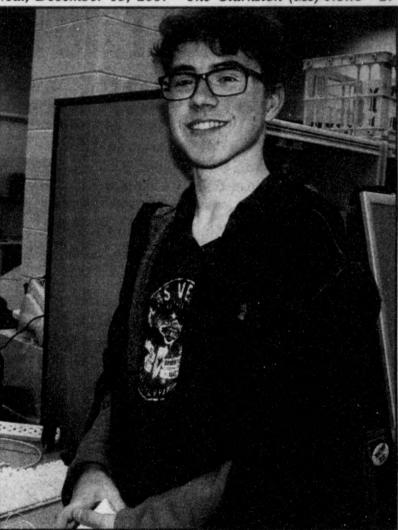


# The Clarkston News' STE2M

A section dedicated to showcasing the reasons this is a great area to live and work!



Clarkston RoboWolves #10016 team members, from left, mentor/Coach Terry DeKoninck, students Charlie DeKoninck, Joe Thornberry, Garin Pfeiffer, and mentor/Coach Sara DeKoninck.



Kyle Brooks of Team RUSH.



Team RUSH students Jack Anderson and Ryan Wycoff. Photos by Brenda Dominick

# Team RUSH ready for seasons of holidays, robots

#### BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Robotics season starts soon and Clarkston High School's Team RUSH is ready to bring the same competitive spirit that won them the Chairman's Award on the international level last year, but they also have compassion towards other teams.

"That's probably the biggest award that we are most proud of," said team captain Valentina Vargas. "We try to maintain that, but we try to be there for other teams as well for when they need help. We have a concept called 'Gracious Professionalism' and that's a very valuable kind of thing that (First Tech) tries to emulate. So what it means is instead of being overly competitive, you have that friendly competition where you are professional when you win, but that you are also botics Challenge Competition. Team captains began building their float in the first week of helping others and being humble."

"If you think about it, there's about 7,000 teams now, and each team is assigned a number, so we're Team#27," said team captain Jason Richards.

"I remember in my freshman year, there was a competition in which someone's robot actually caught on fire because of some electrical issues," Vargas said. "The next day they were competing just because all of the teams in the area helped fix their robot and give them materials they needed, and this was the state championship."

Team RUSH is part of CSM Clarkston, Science Math Technology Academy, a S.T.E.M. based program, which is a school within a school. They also compete in First Tech Roalso include Brandon Kirk and Emily Jeung.

"We accelerate our math and science courses that can include tech blocks, and those are just weeks or months where we work with different technologies such as the HTML programming or building catapults," Vargas said. "So we get a little more hands on experience than the students that are not in the program."

The team's float for the Holiday Lights Parade on Saturday, De. 16, includes planets hung around to symbolize their theme "Christmas through space."

Team Rush students started brainstorming about six weeks ago, thinking of ideas and themes for the community as they were applying and getting their entries ready. They

December.

They appreciative people within the community and businesses volunteering to mentor the students, which have contributed greatly to their success.

But the students have also done their share of giving.

Richards said, "We've been running this (parade float) for a couple years now and it's all kind of been donated from the teams," Richards said.

"Every year we build new additional pieces or parts depending on what the theme was," Vargas siad. "So one year we had 'Robots invade holiday lights' parade, so we built tin. foil robots out of cardboard and PVC pipes. Then we added faces on them."

#### Sunday

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

#### 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.

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

#### Tuesday

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

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

Seniors On With Life Group forming for widowers, widows, divorced. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings. 248-393-8553.

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

Networking Get-Together, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network, fourth Tuesday, 9-10 a.m., Picasso's Grapevine, 12 S Main Street. Free for chamber members.

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Jack, 248-334-3686.

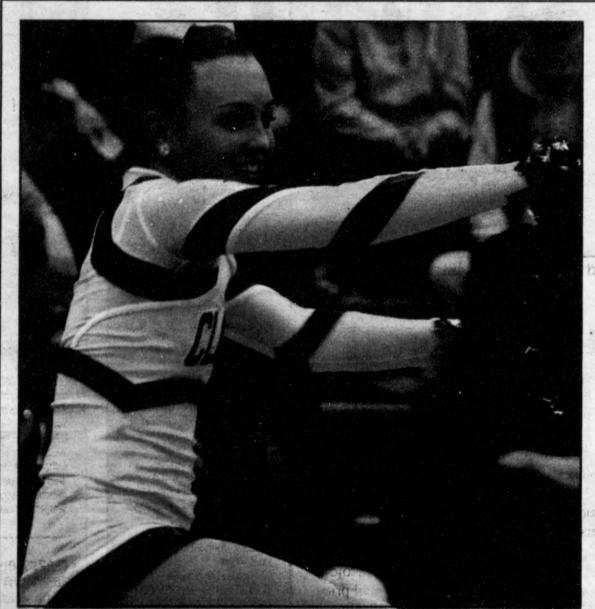
Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

#### Wednesday

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Town-

# Around Jown

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



The Clarkston Dance team performs at all of the Wolves' home games. The next one is this Friday, when they take on Stevenson. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

ship 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, www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

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Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., madefrom-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248625-8231.

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.

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thurs- Free General Support Group for any type of days, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625- cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-

> DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Meth-

### Civic groups

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Call President Pat Smolen, 248-909-

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, second Tuesday, www.sashabaw.michdar.net.

Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, north of I-75, www.clarkstonoptimist.org

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., 6644 Dixie Highway. 248-802-8603.

Clarkston Area Genealogy, 10:15 a.m., third Thursday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-620-2984.

odist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. stabil 248-625-1611.

#### 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.

**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 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; Meals on Wheels, for homebound elderly or handicapped individuals in Independence Township and Clarkston, 248-625-8231.



#### HEY CLARKSTON! WHAT'S HAPPENING AT YOUR LIBRARY? SANTA AND HIS FURRY FLYING FRIENDS

**Teen DIY Holiday Gifts Party** 

Saturday, December 16 e 2 pm Suffering from lack of cash for gifts this holiday season? Stop by our Teen DIY Holiday Gift Party! Join us for card creating, craft excitement, and cookie decorating! No registration is required, contact Alexa Lalejini with questions!

Monday, December 18 e 6-8 pm Santa and his reindeer are

coming to the library again & this year! Join us in welcoming them with some fun take home crafts!

#### **Holiday Hours**

Sunday, December 24th Monday, December 25th CLOSED Monday, January 1st CLOSED







Clarkston State Bank's donation was used to buy a new Habitat ReStore truck. Photo provided

# Bank helps out Habitat

Clarkston State Bank is supporting Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County this holiday season with a donation allowing Habitat ReStores of Oakland County to purchase a much-needed new delivery truck.

"Habitat Oakland serves a vital role in building strength, stability and self-reliance throughout Southeast Michigan," said J. Grant Smith, president and CEO. "Since our inception, Clarkston State Bank has been devoted to helping our community prosper, and we are proud to partner with Habitat Oakland to support our neighbors in need. Our staff has volunteered to work on various home projects for Habitat as well as involvement in other Habitat fundraisers. It's one of the many ways we are committed to our community outreach effort. "

Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and

Habitat ReStores of Oakland County are home improvement outlets and donation centers selling new and gently used furniture, appliances, cabinets, paint and all other items for renovations and do-it-yourself projects to the public at a fraction of the retail price. ReStores, located in Pontiac and Farmington Hills, are owned and operated by Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County with proceeds used to build strength, stability and self-reli-

## In our local churches...

Christmas at Kensington Church, 6595 Waldon Road, "What If Jesus Had Never Been Born?" Dec. 23, 7 p.m.; Dec. 24, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. Childcare for birth-age 5 at the Dec. 24 services. Free tickets at www.kensingtonchurch.org/Christmas. 248-786-0600

Adult Bible Fellowships, Sunday School, 11 a.m., Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway, 248-625-2311.

Coffee and Conversation, first, third, fifth Sunday, 12:30 p.m., for adults and interested youth. Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469

Sunday Night Youth Group, games, snacks, etc., 6 p.m.; devotion time, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

Bible Study, Mondays, 10 a.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

Bible Study by the Fire for adults and older youth, October-May, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469.

Cove gatherings for teens, grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waypoint Church, 8400 Dixie Highway. 248-623-1224.

DivorceCare 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, Call 248-625-1611.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. Call 248-625-4644 for information.

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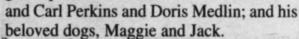
# Obituaries &:

#### Will Divilbiss, 17

Will Divilbiss, age 17, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., passed away Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017. A native of Clarkston, he was preceded in

death by his grandfathers, Bobby Dodds and Ron Divilbiss.

He is survived by his parents, Jim and Karel Divilbiss; sister, Nichole Divilbiss; brother, Brad Divilbiss; niece, Olivia; nephew, Lincoln; grandparents, Sanda



Will was a Junior at Siegel High School. He had previously attended Sashabaw Elementary and Sashabaw Middle School in Clarkston. Will was previously employed at Cedar Crest Golf Course as a Cart Boy and also at Papa Murphy's on Memorial Blvd. He loved playing Mayhem Lacrosse. Will also enjoyed hunting, motorcycles and riding four-wheelers. He cherished his Ford Mustangs and loved driving them.

Visitation was Dec. 9 at Cedar Crest Golf Course. Woodfin Memorial Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

#### L.G. Green, 91

L.G. Green of White Lake passed away Dec. 10, 2017, at age 91.

He was the husband of Elaine "Joyce"

for 67 years; father of Delilah (George) Fisher, Donald Green & Denise (Paul) Harding; preceded in death by his sons Allen & Dana; grandpa of five, and two great grandsons; brother of Charles (Jackie) Green and Edward Green.



L.G. served in the U.S. Navy and retired from Pontiac Motor. He enjoyed archery and bowling.

Memorial service Friday, Dec 15, at 12:30 p.m. at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit at 11:30 a.m. Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Canine Companion Rescue or Mercy Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com.

#### Anthony Frank Matell Sr., 65

Anthony Frank Matell Sr., "Tony," of

Waterford, formerly of Sterling Heights, passed away at age 65 on Dec. 7, 2017.

He was the beloved husband of Lynn for 29 years; father of Tony (Colleen) Matell, Jr., Erica (Raj) Venugopal, Tina (Dustin) Kennedy and Claudia (Sean)

O'Brien; grandpa "Bubby" of Molly, Van, Olivia and Harper; also survived by many loving family members and friends.

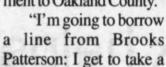
After retiring from Ford and Visteon, Tony spent his time as a handyman, always fixing things and helping people. He especially loved spending time with his family and friends, golfing, traveling, shark tooth hunting and making people smile with his never-ending silly jokes and shenanigans.

Visitation was Dec. 10 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 11 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Memorials may be made to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

# Community achievements Deputy Oakland County Executive/CIO Phil Bertolini of Clarkston was named one of Governing's Public Officials of the Year for 2017.

"Phil is among those in my administration who drive innovation, not just in technology but in the way we do business and serve our customers," said County Execu-

tive L. Brooks Patterson, who was among the magazine's Public Officials of the Year in 2013. "This award and many others Phil has earned are a result of his exceptional leadership and commitment to Oakland County."



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Bertolini

bow for the hard work of many employees who are committed to making Oakland County the best managed county in the United States," Bertolini said. "Even then, we are responding to Brooks Patterson's vision of excellence in government."

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in telecommunication from Michigan State University in 1985. He joined the county in 1988, rising to director of IT in 2001. Bertolini and his wife Kathy have two sons.

Clarkston State Bank recently earned a 5-star "superior" rating, the highest possible, from BauerFinancial.

"This coveted 5-star rating is a reflection of the care and thoughtful management exhibited by the entire Clarkston team," said J. Grant Smith, President and CEO. "We are proud to be recognized for our strength and dependability and appreciate the trust our customers put in us."

A 5-star rating from Bauer indicates that CSB's capital structure, operating procedures and default protections make CSB among the safest and most secure financial institutions in the nation. CSB achieved its rating by maintaining at least twice the capital that regulators require.

Phil Incar nati of Clarkston was recently presented a Quality People/Quality County (Q2) Awards by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.

Since 1989, Incarnati has served as president and CEO of McLaren Health Care Corporation, one of Michigan's largest health care systems with 23,000 employees, 12 hospitals, an employed primary care group and a health plan. McLaren Health is also the sponsor of the Brooksie Way Races whose proceeds fund Brooksie Way Minigrants awarded to Oakland County organizations whose goal is to improve the quality of life through active lifestyles.

# Obituaries posted at Clarkstonnews.com

# Fluegel ready for Ivy League business school

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"I have a lot of ties to CC so that one was special to me," he said, adding he has three uncles who went to the school. "It is a huge CC family. They were rooting for CC but also hoping I had a good game."

Fluegel began playing tackle football in fourth grade with the Clarkston Chiefs where his dad coached him and he met a lot of his teammates.

"I formed a lot of relationships and friendships that are strong today," he said. "I remember all the coaches and they all contributed to this."

He played other sports along the way but stuck with football admitting he didn't know why.

"For one, I was pretty good at it when I started," Fluegel said. "I loved having the guys around me I had. I was so lucky to have great coaches, having my dad as a coach was always awesome. The biggest thing is the camaraderie of having the guys around you. We still talk about our old Chiefs stories especially when we were in sixth grade - we made it to the championship. Both Chiefs teams made it to the championship so there are a lot of jokes we throw out about that one."

Fluegel announced in early November he plans to continue his education and playing football for Columbia University next fall.

He visited Columbia twice with once for camp and another for a visit.

"It was one of the schools I dreamed about going to play football and get an amazing education," he said. "I couldn't pass up the opportunity - to go to New York City and graduate from an Ivy League school playing a sport I love. It's not something a lot of people get to do."

He added when he started the recruiting process going to an Ivy League school wasn't his major goal. Then, he began talking schools like Harvard, Penn State and Princeton.

"It opened a door I never thought about," Fluegel said.

He plans to focus his studies on business or economics.

"I like the business world," Fluegel explained. "I am just not positive on what I want to do. There are so many opportunities in New York - see what interests me and take it from there."

Wherever he goes, Clarkston Football taught him a lot to take with him.

"The biggest thing is facing adversity and

how to handle it," Fluegel said. "In the game of football you are going to get hit, you are going to get tackled, you are going to get pushed back – it's how you handle those things is what defines you as a person and how you can bounce back. You can carry that throughout your life no matter what you are doing."

Fluegel currently has a 3.8 grade point average and his classes inclued Advance Placement Literature, Forensic Science, Calculus, Accounting, Football Tech and media. His advice to aspiring athletes is to enjoy every second.

"I have been out of it for a week and I miss it," he shared. "Sometimes it's not going to be fun going to practice for a while in the hot sun. Playing for this community is something you will take for granted and you will miss it. There's nothing like playing high school football for your community with Clarkston across your chest. Growing up with your friends is the best - the best time you will ever have. Work hard so when you get to my position you won't have any regrets."

When he isn't studying he is hanging out with friends or is with his family.

"I am a people person," he smiled.





Omar Ammori, senior VP of real estate; Mark Denha, president; Mike Lakich, senior VP of business development; Kevin Denha, chief real estate officer; Saber Ammori, CEO; and guests cut the ribbon at the new T-Mobile store on Dixie Highway. Photos by Brenda Dominick

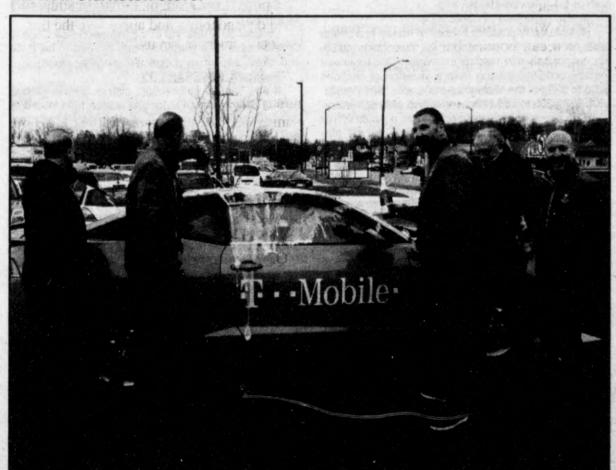


Motorola employees feature their products inside the new Clarkston store.

### 500th store

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That at its Regular meeting on December 5, 2017, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a second reading and adoption of an ordinance to amend certain provisions of the Independence Charter Township Code

A true copy of this Ordinance is on file and available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Independence Township's Clerk's Office, 6483 Waldon Ctr. Dr., Clarkston, MI 48346 and available on the Township's website at: www.indtwp.com.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCE # 2017-30-002

PREAMBLE The Charter Township of Independence has determined it is appropriate and necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township to amend Chapter 30, Offenses, of the Code of ordinances, Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, by repealing Article VIII, Offenses Concerning Minors, Division 2. Alcoholic Liquors, Section 30-252, Persons under 21 years of age, unlawful purchase, consumption or possession; suspension of operator's or chauffer's license; penalties, and adding a new Section 30-252, Purchase, consumption, or possession of alcoholic liquor by minor; attempt; violation; fines; sanctions; furnishing fraudulent identification to minor; use by minor; prior violation; screening and assessment; prior judgment; chemical breath analysis; notice to parent, custodian, or guardian; exceptions; recruitment of minor for undercover operation prohibited; affirmative

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE TOWN-SHIP CODE:

Section 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as and may be cited as the "Minor In Possession" Ordinance

Section 2: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 30.

Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Independence is hereby amended by repealing Article VIII (Offenses Concerning Minors) Division 2 Alcoholic Liquors, Section 30-252, and adding new Section 30-252, which shall read as follows:

Sec. 30-252 Purchase, consumption, or possession of alcoholic liquor by minor; attempt; violation; fines; sanctions; furnishing fraudulent identification to minor; use by minor; prior violation; screening and assessment; prior judgment; chemical breath analysis; notice to parent, custodian, or guardian; exceptions; recruitment of minor for undercover operation prohibited; affirmative defense;

(1) A minor shall not purchase or attempt to purchase alcoholic liquor, consume or attempt to consume alcoholic liquor, possess or attempt to possess alcoholic liquor, or have any bodily alcohol content, except as provided in this section. A minor who violates this subsection is responsible for a state civil infraction or guilty of a misdemeanor as follows and is not subject to the penalties prescribed in MCL 436.1909:

(a) For the first violation, the minor is responsible for a state civil infraction and shall be fined not more than \$100.00. A court may order a minor under this subdivision to participate in substance use disorder services as defined in section 6230 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6230, and designated by the administrator of the office of substance abuse services, and may order the minor to perform community service and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsection (5). A minor may be found responsible or admit responsibility only once under this subdivision.

(b) If a violation of this subsection occurs after 1 prior judgment, the minor is guilty of a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor under this subdivision is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 30 days if the court finds that the minor violated an order of probation, failed to successfully complete any treatment, screening, or com-\* munity service ordered by the court, or failed to pay any fine for that conviction or juvenile adjudication, or by a fine of not more than \$200.00, or both. A court may order a minor under this subdivision to participate in substance use disorder services as defined in section 6230 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6230, and designated by the administrator of the office of substance abuse services, to perform community service, and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsec-

(c) If a violation of this subsection occurs after 2 or more prior judgments, the minor is guilty of a misdemeanor. A misdemeanor under this subdivision is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 60 days, if the court finds that the minor violated an order of probation, failed to successfully complete any treatment, screening, or community service ordered by the court, or failed. to pay any fine for that conviction or juvenile adjudication, or by a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both, as applicable. A court may order a minor under this subdivision to participate in substance use disorder services as defined in section 6230 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.6230, and designated by the administrator of the office of substance abuse services, to perform community service, and to undergo substance abuse screening and assessment at his or her own expense as described in subsection (5).

(2) An individual who furnishes fraudulent identification to a minor or, notwithstanding subsection (1), a minor who uses fraudulent identification to purchase alcoholic liquor, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more

than \$100.00, or both.

(3) If an individual who pleads guilty to a misdemeanor violation of subsection (1)(b) or offers a plea of admission in a juvenile delinquency proceeding for a misdemeanor violation of subsection (1)(b), the court, without entering a judgment of guilt in a criminal proceeding or a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the juvenile has committed the offense and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place the individual on probation. The terms and conditions of that probation include, but are not limited to, the sanctions set forth in subsection (1)(c), payment of the costs including minimum state cost as provided for in section 18m of chapter XIIA of the probate code of 1939. 1939 PA 288, MCL 712A.18m, and section 1j of chapter IX of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 769.1j, and the costs of probation as prescribed in section 3 of chapter XI of the code of criminal procedure, 1927 PA 175, MCL 771.3. If a court finds that an individual violated a term or condition of probation or that the individual is utilizing this subsection in another court, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt, or a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the individual has committed the offense, and proceed as otherwise provided by law. If an individual fulfills the terms and conditions of probation, the court shall discharge the individual and dismiss the proceedings. A discharge and dismissal under this section is without adjudication of guilt or without a determination in a juvenile delinquency proceeding that the individual has committed the offense and is not a conviction or juvenile adjudication for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law on conviction of a crime. An individual may obtain only discharge and dismissal under this subsection. The court shall maintain a nonpublic record of the matter while proceedings are deferred and the individual is on probation and if there is a discharge and dismissal under this subsection. The secretary of state shall retain a nonpublic record of a plea and of the discharge and dismissal under this subsection. These records shall be furnished to any of the following:

(a) To a court, prosecutor, or police agency on request for the purpose of determining if an individual has

(b) To the department of corrections, a prosecutor, or a law enforcement agency, on the department's, a prosecutor's, or a law enforcement agency's request, subject to all of the following conditions:

already utilized this subsection.

(i) At the time of the request, the individual is an employee of the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency, or an applicant for employment with the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency.

(ii) The record is used by the department of corrections, the prosecutor, or the law enforcement agency only to determine whether an employee has violated his or her conditions of employment or whether an applicant meets criteria for employment.

(4) A misdemeanor violation of subsection (1) successfully deferred, discharged, and dismissed under subsection (3) is considered a prior judgment for the purposes of subsection (1)(c).

(5) A court may order an individual found responsible for or convicted of violating subsection (1) to undergo screening and assessment by a person or agency as designated by the department-designated community mental health entity as defined in section 100a of the mental health code, 1974 PA 258, MCL 330.1100a, to determine whether the individual is likely to benefit from rehabilitative services, including alcohol or drug education and alcohol or drug treatment programs. A court may order an individual subject to a misdemeanor conviction or juvenile adjudication of, or placed on probation regarding, a violation of subsection (1) to submit to a random or

regular preliminary chemical breath analysis. The parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor who is less than 18 years of age and not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, may request a random or regular preliminary chemical breath analysis as part of the pro-

(6) The secretary of state shall suspend the operator's or chauffeur's license of an individual convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection (1) or of violating subsection (2) as provided in section 319 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.319.

(7) A peace officer who has reasonable cause to believe a minor has consumed alcoholic liquor or has any bodily alcohol content may request that individual to submit to a preliminary chemical breath analysis. If a minor does not consent to a preliminary chemical breath analysis, the analysis shall not be administered without a court order, but a peace officer may seek to obtain a court order. The results of a preliminary chemical breath analysis or other acceptable blood alcohol test are admissible in a state civil infraction proceeding or criminal prosecution to determine if the minor has consumed or possessed alcoholic liquor or had any bodily alcohol con-

(8) A law enforcement agency, on determining that an individual who is less than 18 years of age and not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, allegedly consumed, possessed, or purchased alcoholic liquor, attempted to consume, possess, or purchase alcoholic liquor, or had any bodily alcohol content in violation of subsection (1) shall notify the parent or parents, custodian, or guardian of the individual as to the nature of the violation if the name of a parent, guardian, or custodian is reasonably ascertainable by the law enforcement agency. The law enforcement agency shall notify the parent, guardian, or custodian not later than 48 hours after the law enforcement agency determines that the individual who allegedly violated subsection (1) is less than 18 years of age and not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6. The law enforcement agency may notify the parent, guardian, or custodian by any means reasonably calculated to give prompt actual notice including, but not limited to, notice in person, by telephone, or by first-class mail. If an individual less than 17 years of age is incarcerated for violating subsection (1), his or her parents or legal guardian shall be notified immediately as provided in this subsection.

(9) This section does not prohibit a minor from possessing alcoholic liquor during regular working hours and in the course of his or her employment if employed by a person licensed by this act, by the commission, or by an agent of the commission, if the alcoholic liquor is not possessed for his or her personal consumption.

(10) The following individuals are not considered to be in violation of subsection (1):

(a) A minor who has consumed alcoholic liquor and who voluntarily presents himself or herself to a health facility or agency for treatment or for observation including, but not limited to, medical examination and treatment for any condition arising from a violation of sections 520b to 520g of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520b to 750.520g, committed against a minor.

(b) A minor who accompanies an individual who meets both of the following criteria:

(i) Has consumed alcoholic liquor.

(ii) Voluntarily presents himself or herself to a health facility or agency for treatment or for observation including, but not limited to, medical examination and treatment for any condition arising from a violation of sections 520b to 520g of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520b to 750.520g, committed against a minor.

(c) A minor who initiates contact with a peace officer or emergency medical services personnel for the purpose of obtaining medical assistance for a legitimate health care concern.

(11) If a minor who is less than 18 years of age and who is not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, voluntarily presents himself or herself to a health facility or agency for treatment or for observation as provided under subsection (10), the health facility or agency shall notify the parent or parents, guardian, or custodian of the individual as to the nature of the treatment or observation if the name of a parent, guardian, or custodian is reasonably ascertainable by the health facil-

(12) This section does not limit the civil or criminal liability of a vendor or the vendor's clerk, servant, agent, or employee for a violation of this act.

(13) The consumption of alcoholic liquor by a minor who is enrolled in a course offered by an accredited postsecondary educational institution in an academic building of the institution under the supervision of a faculty member is not prohibited by this act if the purpose of the consumption is solely educational and is a requirement of the course.

(14) The consumption by a minor of sacramental wine in connection with religious services at a church, synagogue, or temple is not prohibited by this act. (15) Subsection (1) does not apply to a minor who

participates in either or both of the following: (a) An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives alcoholic liquor under the direction of the person's employer and with the prior approval of the local prosecutor's office as part of an employer-spon-

sored internal enforcement action... (b) An undercover operation in which the minor purchases or receives alcoholic liquor under the direction of the state police, the commission, or a local police agency as part of an enforcement action unless the initial or contemporaneous purchase or receipt of alcoholic liquor by the minor was not under the direction of the state police, the commission, or the local police agency and

was not part of the undercover operation. (16) The state police, the commission, or a local police agency shall not recruit or attempt to recruit a minor for participation in an undercover operation at the scene of a violation of subsection (1) MCL 436.1701 or

MCL 436:1801(2).

(17) In a prosecution for the violation of subsection (1) concerning a minor having any bodily alcohol content, it is an affirmative defense that the minor consumed the alcoholic liquor in a venue or location where that consumption is legal

(18) As used in this section:

(a) "Any bodily alcohol content" means either of the

(i) An alcohol content of 0.02 grams or more per 100 milliliters of blood, per 210 liters of breath, or per 67 milliliters of urine.

(ii) Any presence of alcohol within a person's body resulting from the consumption of alcoholic liquor, other than consumption of alcoholic liquor as a part of a generally recognized religious service or ceremony.

(b) "Emergency medical services personnel" means that term as defined in section 20904 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20904.

(c) "Health facility or agency" means that term as defined in section 20106 of the public health code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.20106.

(d) "Prior judgment" means a conviction, juvenile adjudication, finding of responsibility, or admission of responsibility for any of the following, whether under a law of this state, a local ordinance substantially corresponding to a law of this state, a law of the United States substantially corresponding to a law of this state, or a law of another state substantially corresponding to a law of

(i) This section or MCL 436.1701 or 1707.

(ii) Section 624a, 624b, or 625 of the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.624a, 257.624b, and 257.625.

(iii) Section 80176, 81134, or 82127 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.80176, 324.81134, and 324.82127.

(iv) Section 167a or 237 of the Michigan penal code, 1939 PA 328, MCL 750.167a and 750.237.

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to limit the remedies available to the Township in the event of a violation of this Ordinance

State law reference - Similar provisions, MCL 436,1703, as amended

Section 3. BALANCE OF ORDINANCE REMAINS

Chapter 30 Article VIII of the Independence Code of Ordinances is hereby affirmed and remains in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY.

If any Section, subsection, clause, phrase or portions of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction. such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent portion of this ordinance and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 5. SAVINGS.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced. Section 6. REPEALER.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances, or Sections of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordi-

nances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. Section 7. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED.

The Township Clerk for the Charter Township of Inde-

pendence shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by MCL 42.22

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE:

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This Ordinance section will be in effect as an Ordi-

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nance of the Charter Township of Independence Janu-

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the ordinance adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting duly called and held on the 5th day of December, 2017, the original of which is on file in my office.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence

Introduced: November 21, 2017 Published: November 29, 2017 Adopted: December 5, 2017 Published: December 13, 2017 Effective: January 1, 2018

ary 1, 2018.

# PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP. SYNOPSIS

# TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE DECEMBER 5, 2017

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- 3. The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Loughrin, Schroeder

Absent: Aliaga, Ritchie

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Derek Smith, PR&S Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget and Operations Analyst

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION: None
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder; Supervisor Kittle
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
  - Presentation: Independence Miracle League / Easter Seals Presentation (Derek Smith, PRS Director)
  - Presentation: Township Investment Report Third Quarter (Paul A. Brown, Treasurer)
- J. CARRYOVER/POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of November 21, 2017
- Approval of the Payroll of December 1, 2017 and Check Run of November 28, 2017 for a Total Amount of \$1,007,864.91
- Approval of 2017 Budget Amendment #40 General Fund Legal and Police Mini Contract
- Approval of 2017 Budget Amendment #41 Recognize Additional Senior Revenues and Expenditures and Cover Senior PT Wage Overages
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
  - Approval of 2nd Reading and Adoption of Amendment to Chapter 30: Offenses Article VIII; Offenses Concerning Minors In Possession
  - Approval of Mini-Grant Contract and Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #1 - Parks, Recreation and Seniors
  - Acceptance of Proposals, Approval of Contract and Re-appropriation of CIP Funds - Clintonwood Spraypark Replacement Project
  - Adoption of Records Retention & Disposal Schedule
  - Adoption of Resolution Setting Township Board of Trustees 2018 Regular Meeting Schedule
     Authorization of Road Improvements and Ap-
  - proval of 2017 Budget Amendment #42 -Sashabaw Road Project / Category A Grant Funds 7. Appointment / Reappointment of Board and Com-
- mittee Members

  N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
- REPORTS:

  1. Minutes: Video Center Administrative Board –
  Final September 30, 2017
- Final; September 30, 2017

  O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, December 13, 2017



Kyle Roland and Rich Hansen joined dozens of other volunteers to help kids get the winter clothes they need. *Photos by Phil Custodio* 

# STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS FOR TRUST

In the Matter of MABLE JEAN HOENSTINE, settlor of the MABLE JEAN HOENSTINE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 12, 2000

Date of birth: December 2, 1922

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, MABLE JEAN
HOENSTINE, died NOVEMBER 25, 2017

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against MABLE JEAN HOENSTINE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED OCTOBER 12, 2000. will be forever barred unless persented to GREGORY B HOENSTINE, Trustee(s), within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Gregory B. Hoenstine
Attorney for (TRUSTEE)

2745 Pontiac Lake Road

Waterford, Michigan 48328

(248) 682-8800

Gregory B. Hoenstine

Trustee

5056 Daron Lane

West Bloomfield, Michigan 48324

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## STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FOR TRUST
In the Matter of JOHN KOZIKOWSKI, settlor of the THE REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT OF JOHN KOZIKOWSKI DATED JUNE
25, 1998, AS AMENDED.

Date of birth: January 15, 1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, JOHN KOZIKOWSKI, died November 08, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against THE REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT OF JOHN KOZIKOWSKI DATED JUNE 25, 1998, AS AMENDED. will be forever barred unless persented to ADELA M. KOZIKOWSKI Trustee(s), within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 Adela M. Kozikowski

of publication of this notice.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924
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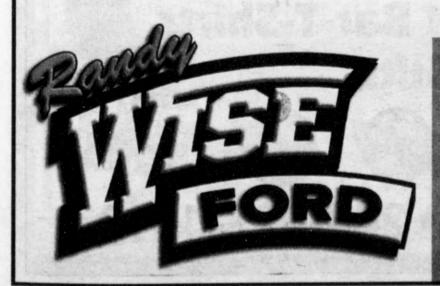
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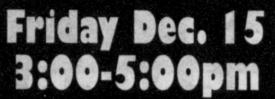
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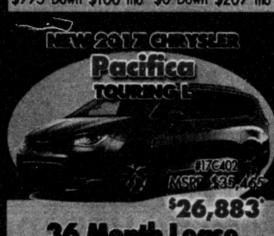




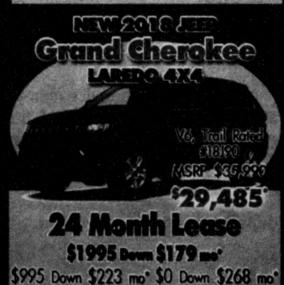




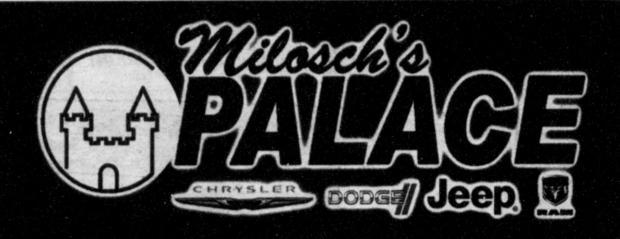




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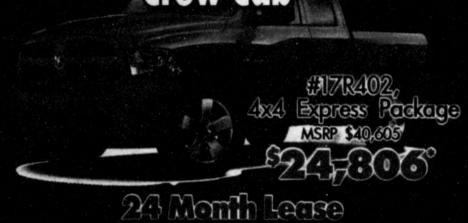






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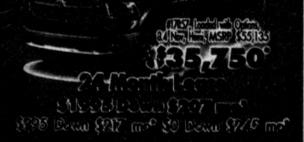
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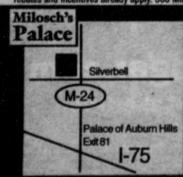


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Scrooge, played by Lucas Bell, tells one of the solicitors asking for donations, played by Sophie Hunt, to go away.

# You're a mean one, Mr. Scrooge

With a little bit of rhyming and holiday timing, the Clarkston High School Drama Club Children's Theatre performed "A Seussified Christmas Carol" at Clarkston Independence District Library last Friday.

Children and parents laughed at the classic tale with a Seuss twist and enjoyed a Mime show afterwards.

The performance was made possible thanks to the James C. Dance Award for the Performing Arts from the Metro Detroit Book and Author Society.

The drama club also performed shows at elementary schools and at Depot Theater in cooperation with Clarkston Village Players last Saturday.



Scrooge, played by Lucas Bell, asks a boy passing by, played by Connor Whitt, to help him spread Christmas cheer. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



Thing 2 and Thing 1, played by Janet Sidaway and Caroline Dargay, have toast when the name "Seuss" is mentioned.







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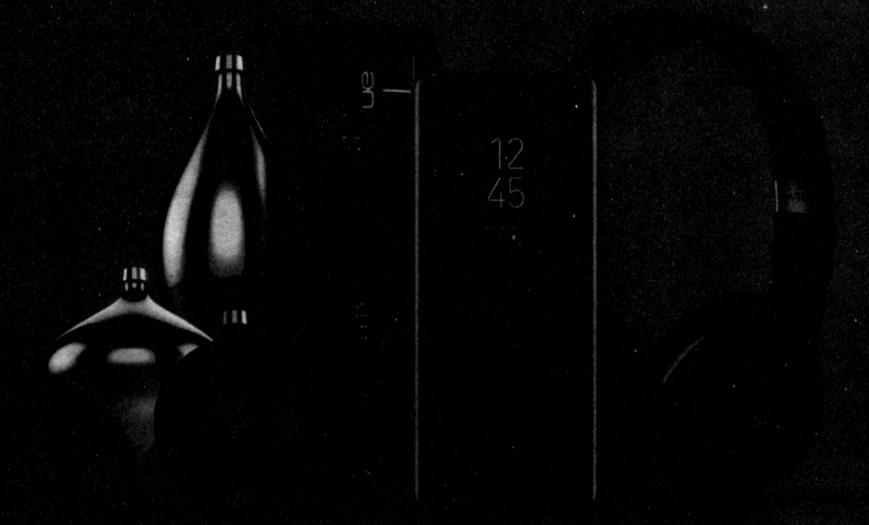
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