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Holiday hijinks

From left, Ryan Merritt, Aiden Pagel, and Grayson Coe play a game of Taboo, all wearing mouthguards to make things interesting, during their holiday party at Independence Elementary, Dec. 21. Photo by Phil Custodio

Author finds good in crisis

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Lying in the hospital with an out-of-control thyroid at age 45, all Lisa Sheldon could think of was her family.

"I thought I was leaving the planet," said Sheldon, who is from Troy and has lived in Independence Township for about 18 years. "I felt terrible for the kids. What have I done? Was I going to leave them without a mother?"

Seven years later, she's still around for her family, husband Scott and daughters Emma, Melanee, Donya, and Gabby, and has

a message to leave behind in the form of a book, "The Importantizing Loola-Boop and the Good Adventure Journey Journal."

"Now if I leave the planet, I'm all good, I'm not stressed about it," Lisa said. "There's a lot more. I want to make it into a series. But this is a place to begin."

The book, all handdrawn and lettered by the author with artwork in colored pencil, water color pencils, and ink, shares her philosophy of life through the adventures of a girl named Loola Boop.

"I didn't know what I wanted to say. I
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Author Lisa Sheldon's book is filled with her drawings and lettering.

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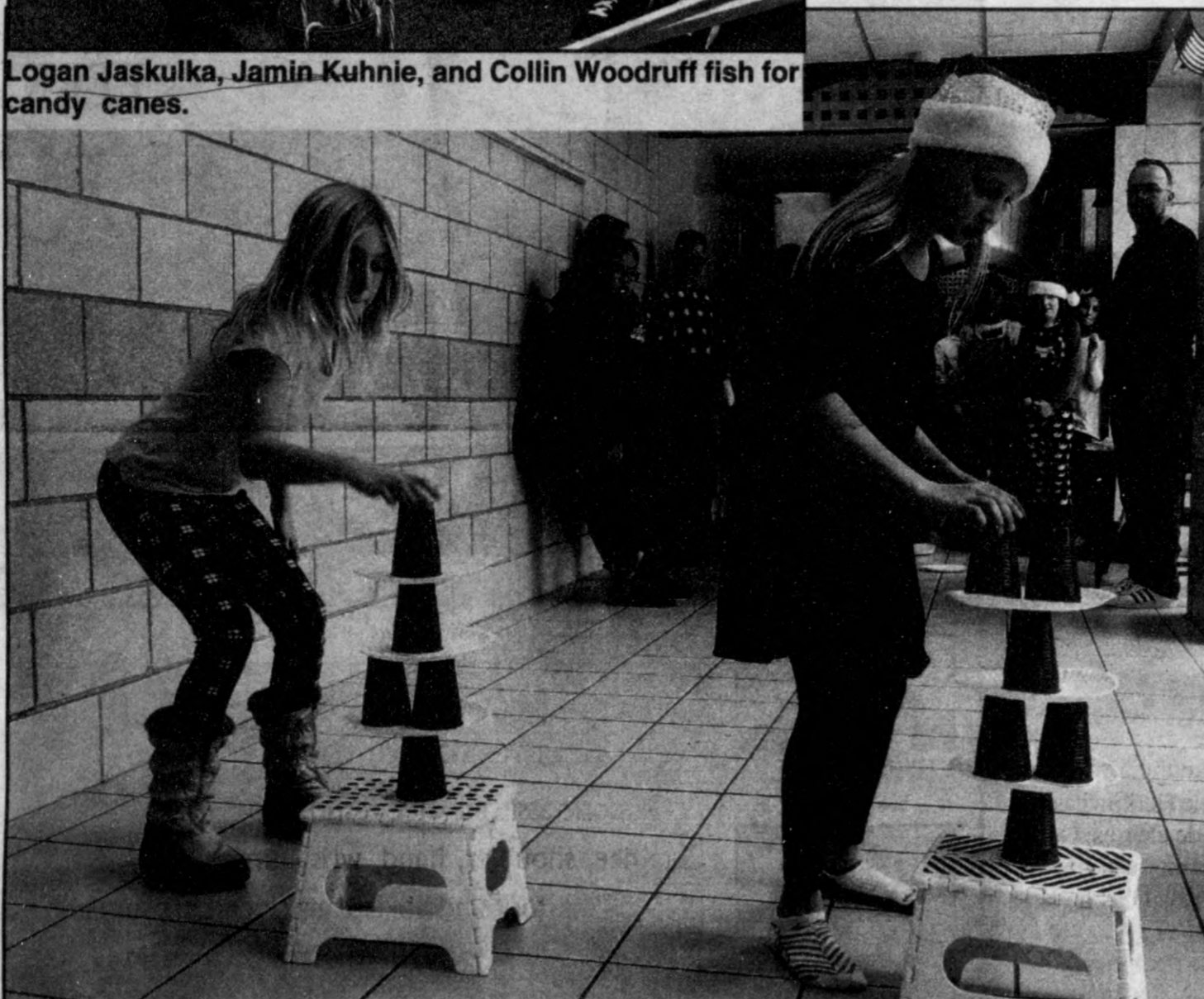
Bronco bash for holidays

Snacks, games, and tons of party fun filled the halls of Independence Elementary, Dec. 21. While the merriment filled the school, the parking lots and local streets were filled with tons of parents' cars.

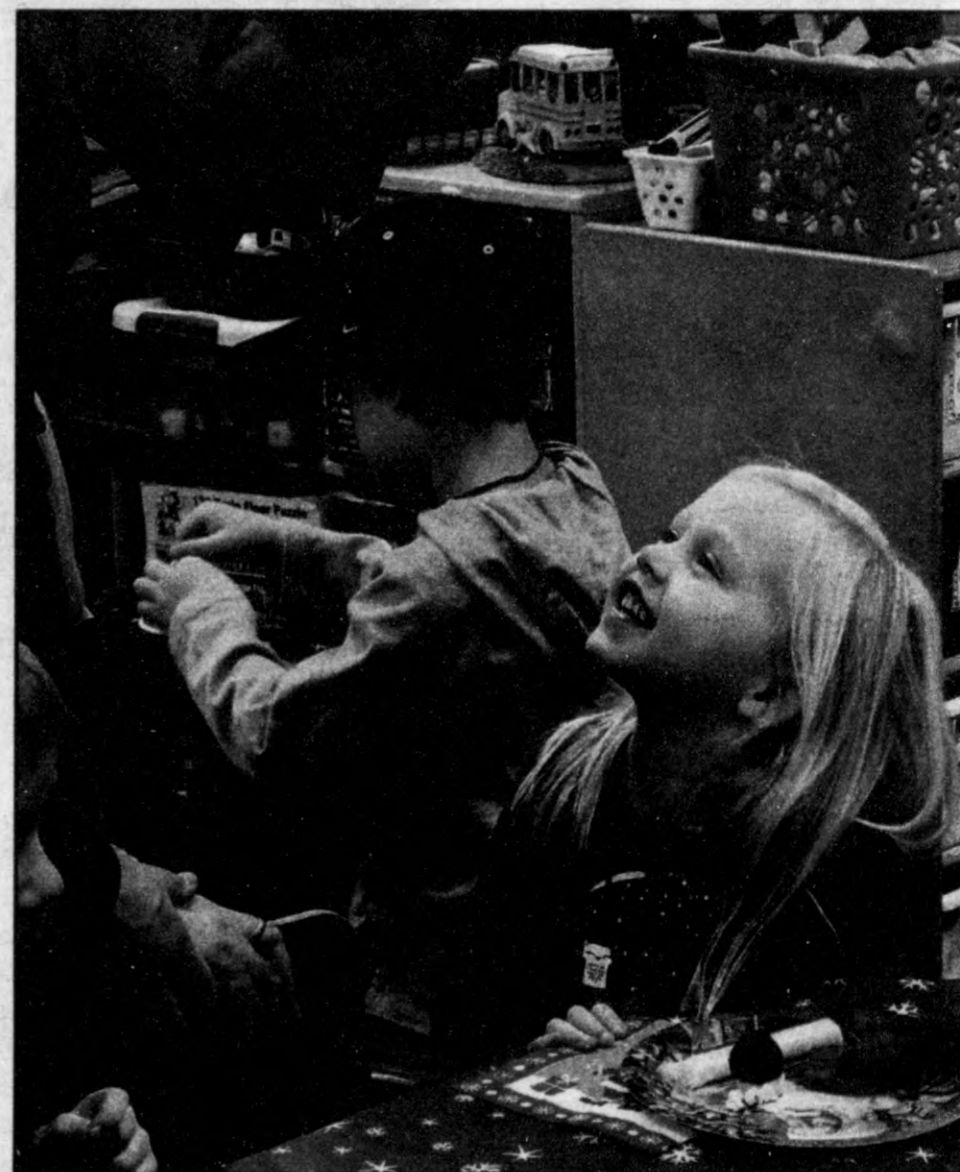
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Colter and Chris Dougherty make a graham cracker house.



Kailyn Ehlen and Morgan Hohlbein race to stack cups in the correct configuration.



Jamie and Jillian Johnson enjoy some tasty snacks during the holiday party.

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Santa stopped by Andersonville Elementary to spread holiday cheer. Photos by Brenda Dominick

Secrets shared by old St. Nick

Santa Claus visited smiling, happy faces at Andersonville Elementary in Davisburg. With a robust "Ho, ho, ho," Santa made his way through three classrooms. The first classroom Santa visited was Wendy Roehl's second grade class.

"Let's talk about 'believe' a little bit. What does 'believe' mean," asked Santa, also known as Clarkston Mayor Steven Percival. "It's what we believe in our heart, right? I believe reindeer fly, right? Some of that's magic."

Added Santa, "Do you want to hear some secrets? What about Santa's favorite cookie?"

An eager student responded, "Chocolate chip."

Santa said with a laugh, "Chocolate chip is my favorite cookie, how did you know that? Now, you only have to put like one cookie out. Well, because Santa eats cookies at every stop he goes to. If you put one cookie out, and I only take a bite, don't feel bad, ok? I really like it. If you're going to put milk out,

just put a little bit because Santa can't drink a lot of milk when he's up in the sleigh."

A curious student asked, "How do you fit into the chimney?"

Santa replied, "It's magic, remember? When Santa puts his finger to his nose and then he twinkles a little bit."

Santa shared one more secret with the class. "So what do we normally leave for our reindeer?"

"Carrots," another student answered.

"Yes, carrots," Santa said. "The reindeer really like carrots. But do you know what they really like for a treat? I'm gonna tell you the secret - raisins. Santa will go out to the reindeer barn, and I'll have raisins in my pocket. The reindeer will come right up, snuggle right in and get into Santa's pocket."

Santa also visited Michelle Herkowitz and Angela Comp's second-grade classes. Quite a few cheerful and eager students also greeted and hugged Santa in the hallway as he finished his visit.

- Brenda Dominick



Principal Kim Fletcher, Santa, Bernadette Castillo, and Stacey Kuhn.



Wyatt Podgorski, Henry Miner, and Logan Hawley visit with Santa.

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Health scare leads writer to pen message for future

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didn't know what my own truth was, what is this life, what would I tell them to do," she said. "It started me on my own journey, to think and focus on that, like with an astronaut's overview effect, above it all. I would wonder what they would become, what to say to them."

The book stemmed from her recovery, which included a change from her previously stressful lifestyle.

"I was the type of person who was always running around, the kids were little, PTA, work. I thought it would go away, but then there I was (in the hospital)," she said. "They told me to go home and try to relax."

Friends suggested meditation, which she tried.

"It made me really look deeply at everything, and find ways to de-stress," she said. "It was a magical combination of questioning in place of stillness. What is it we all have in common, what is shared?"

The answer she found – the good in all of us – led to a flood of words and images in her head.

"I felt like I was going crazy. My husband said I would have to write this down or go insane," she said. "I talked to the girls about it. Friends asked to share in it. Then, after all these years, with so many starts, stops, and changes, this is how it came out."

The character in her book is named after her daughters' nicknames.

"Emma, I called her Emma Bemma Loola, and Melanee, Melanee Belany Boop. That's where that came from," Lisa said.

It took about a year and a half to draw and letter the book.

"I had never done any drawing. I couldn't even draw stick figures," said Lisa, who did learn lettering as a child. "I tried to find an illustrator, but it never worked out. It took a lot of practice, but I kept trying."

She had the rough draft in a sketch book about a year and a half ago.

"There has been a lot of changes, a lot of depth and awareness, thinking through my own logic to make sense of it," she said. "I wanted it to be kind of pure."

It's called a children's book, but it's written for everyone.

"It's a children's book for adults," she said. "I picture parents and children reading it together, using it as a learning tool. It's a reminder for the kids, and for us adults who have been colored by the world, away from a child's understanding."

For a followup, Lisa wants to send Loola-Boop on an adventure to figure out how to find the good.

Looking back on her experiences, they have been the best thing that could have happened to her, she said.

"I'm doing OK. I'm still shaky, but better than before. I've learned how to take care of myself," she said. "It's changed my whole life, my outlook and relationship with my family. I'm stronger, more alive. Life is truly good."

For more information, check HowsYourGood.com or email Lisa@HowsYourGood.com.



Lisa Sheldon's book, "The Importantalizing Loola-Boop and the Good Adventure Journey Journal."

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Taking a look back at the year 2017

As we prepare for 2018 to start, here's a look back at the people, events, activities, successes, and losses of 2017.

January 18

Jewelry Suspect Caught: The search ended for the Dec. 17 jewelry store armed robbery suspect Jimmie Walker Jr., 50, from Detroit. He was arrested in Hamtramck, and charged with 12 felonies and held in Oakland County Jail on a \$500,000 bond. The second suspect, Roy-Lee Jeffrey Genright, 48, also from Detroit, got away by stealing a 2014 Jeep Cherokee from a garage, which coincidentally had the keys in it.

SoleMates Shoe Collection: With a slogan "What can you learn from walking a mile in someone's shoes?" seven Clarkston High School Honors English Language Arts tenth graders interviewed a person staying at Grace Centers of Hope to understand another person's point of view. Then, they collected and donated 346 pairs of shoes to the place.

February 1

Poetry Slam for Change: Two Clarkston High School students, Olivia Maday and Sierra Aguilar, held their third Annual Voices for Change Poetry Slam on February 24 in the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

Clarkston Idol: Clarkston Idol 2017 winners included Keith Garrison from Pine Knob Elementary, the Grades 4-6 Division; Abigail Mundy from Sashabaw Middle School, Grade 7 Division; Haley Phillips from Clarkston Junior High, Grades 8-9 Division; and Ben Neideck from Clarkston High School, Grades 10-12 Division. Thirty percent of the results were from the polls on Twitter@Clarkston_Idol account and 70 percent came from the panel of judges.

February 8

Global School Play Day: Springfield Plains Elementary participated in a Global School Play Day on Feb. 1, allowing students to participate in unstructured play for most of the day.

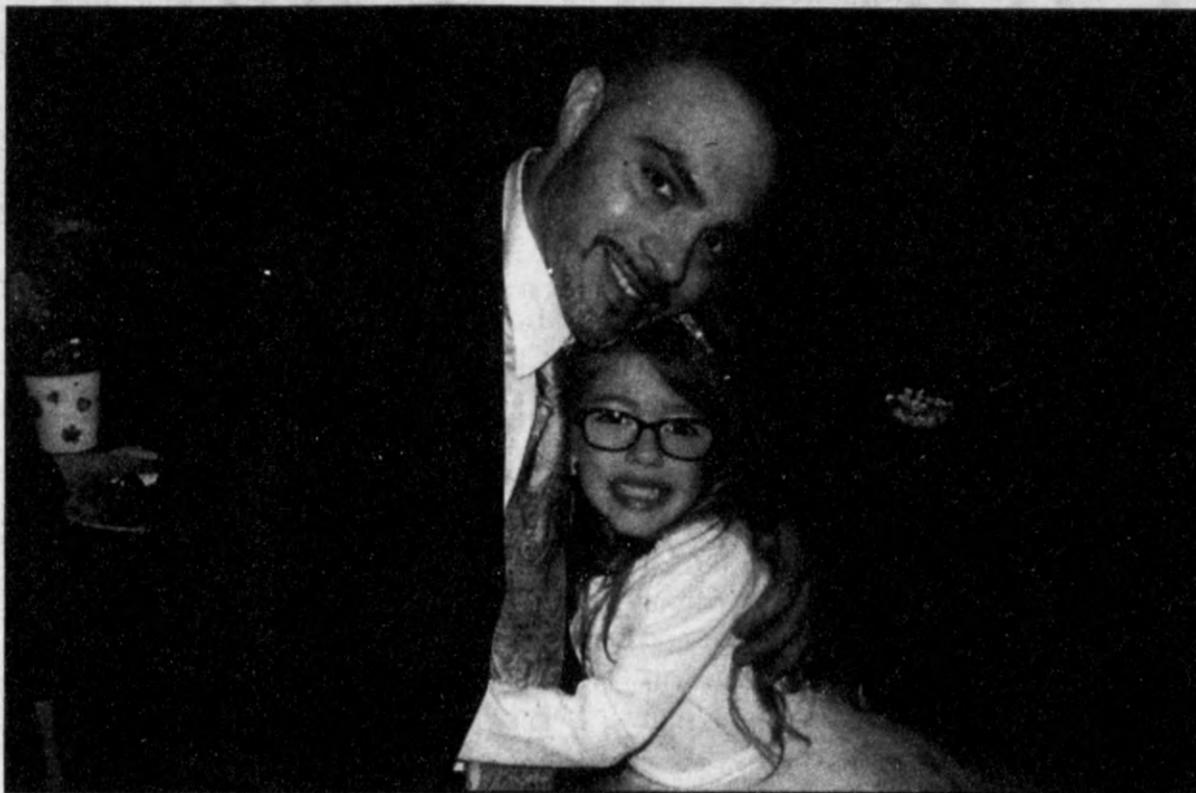
Les Miserables at CHS: Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center showed Les Miserables, which was performed by the drama club. The story was about Jean Valjean, played by Micah Blanks, a former convict who spends his life seeking redemption in 19th century France. To many of the cast, it had special meaning because it was their final winter musical as seniors.

February 15

Special Needs Helpers Honored: The Independence Elementary staff won a group award at the 2017 Sparkle Awards Ceremony, which honors people who choose to help students who have Individualized Education Plans.

February 22

Pink Panther Stalked Motown: Denise Myers of Clarkston, returned to Cobo Hall in Detroit for the Autorama with her hot pink 1971 Dodge Challenger convertible (AKA The



John and Alexiana Alaniz were dressed in their fancy attire for the Clarkston Daddy Daughter Dance on Feb. 11 at Clarkston High School. File photo

Pink Panther), joining members of her Michigan Mopar Club. The Autorama, held February 24-26, featured stars such as WWE Superstar AJ Styles and Rick Harrison from History Channel's "Pawn Stars."

Teacher of the Year: The Clarkston Foundation was planning on honoring K-12 specials teachers in the Outstanding Classroom Teacher Recognition Program on May 24 at Clarkston Community Schools Administration Building Nominees must be certified, full-time Clarkston teachers in music, physical education, art education, special education or Young 5's with a minimum of two years teaching experience.

March 1

Mikayla's Legacy: In honor of the late Mikayla Ferer, a Clarkston High School former student, who tragically lost her life in a traffic accident, the LEAD Program at CHS created a scholarship program in her name. This program honored the leader and sports standout who graduated in 2012. A GoFundMe page also raised more than \$6,000 which was donated by 98 people.

Angels' Place Race 10th Year: Clarkston was the center of attention for the tenth Anniversary of Angels' Place Race, a 10k run, to help fund people in need. There was also a benefit fundraiser for the race as they gave away door prizes and donations.

March 8

DEEP in High School: Clarkston High School's Dual Enrollment Educational Partnership program was taught at the high school by University of Michigan-Flint professors and open to all high school juniors and seniors. It had two courses of study: humanities and medical science.

Apologies to Cory: City resident Cory Johnston received a public apology from Mayor Steve Percival and City Manager Jonathan Smith at the Feb. 27 City Council

meeting, after Johnston was named in the city manager's report. Johnston provided a list of ordinance violations by city businesses regarding dumpster enclosures, exterior lighting, rooftop equipment, and off-street parking.

March 15

Kid Count Down: The first student count day of the year resulted in 7,610, which was 145 fewer students than the previous year. The 2016-2017 budget accounted for a loss of 100 students. Clarkston received \$7,511 per student, so 45 students equals \$337,995.

Paid Parking Paused: City Officials hit the road for more information after business owners and residents blasted a plan for downtown paid parking. Mayor Steven Percival was at the City Council meeting to discuss the proposed plan, March 13.

March 22

Blue Pinwheels: Organizers with Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA) provided about 1,000 blue pinwheels to businesses, community groups, and residents to put in gardens, front windows to represent the free spirit of a happy childhood. The goal was to recognize Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month of April.

School Bond work: The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education accepted two bid packages during their March 13 meeting for school bond projects. One project, costing \$4,040,254.76, went for construction work at Andersonville Elementary, Bailey Lake Elementary and Springfield Plains Elementary and the other project, costing \$1,404,882.42, went for improvements on Clarkston High School's football field and track.

March 29

New Parkinson's Foundation: Michael Please see Parking on page 8

Briefly

New computers

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously, Dec. 11, to approve an Information Technology Proposal from Oakland County.

The plan includes six computers installed and configured by the Oakland County IT team with internet service, routers, and support, with firewall and antivirus protection.

"We've been having computer problems in the office," said City Manager Jonathan Smith. "We really need to take some action on these items."

The computers were donated by Baker College. Costs include a one-time \$4,761 fee, and monthly \$160 fee.

The funds will come from the city administration budget, Smith said.

Funds for senior buses

The Independence Township senior transportation system has \$6,000 more, thanks to a reallocation of 2016 Community Development Block Grant funds by Clarkston City Council.

The service is for those 55-years-old or older, and disabled adults 18-years-old and older, to get to medical appointments, shopping, employment, and the senior center, said Barbara Rollin, senior division supervisor from Independence Township Parks, Recreation, and Seniors, at the Dec. 11 council meeting.

"So far this year we have given over 4,000 rides for seniors and disabled adults in the Village of Clarkston and Independence Township," Rollin said.

The funds were reallocated from Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, which had not used the money. It was about to go back to the federal government, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

"Either reprogram them or lose them," Smith said. "We reached out to the senior transport group, and they very much can use these funds."

Council member Eric Haven called for a committee to look into additional ways to use the funds in the city, for future CDBG funds.

The council voted unanimously to reallocate the money.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

So long '17

This year went by fast, as usual.

Parking was a big issue in downtown Clarkston at the beginning of the year and it still is now.

There have been a few setbacks. I remember keeping a lookout daily for that parking kiosk to show up at Washington and Main every day in July, then in November when it was supposed to appear but didn't.

The next vigil will be in the spring.

The city has had progress, though, with parking changes on neighborhood streets, stepped up enforcement, and more than 100 spots opened up, with a shuttle service from Renaissance High School to downtown.

I've ended up parking on Holcomb during events when parking is at its maximum, so the efforts are welcome.

The Bailey House still stands up on Sashabaw Road. I was prepared to get some pictures of its demolition in August, which was scheduled days after I got the first call about it from Sam Moraco.

People responded vigorously, though, and got the county to issue a stay for the historic home. This year comes the hard part, figuring out a way to save it without making things worse.

Hopefully the Clarkston Junior High Construction Tech kids will help. They're already hard at work restoring the old church on Maybee Road.

I doubled my theatrical resume this year, from two shows with Clarkston Village Players to four (all still with CVP). I still haven't had enough of the stage and will probably try out for something this year.

I also spent some time with the Clarkston High School Drama Club. I watched their very impressive performance of the musical "Les Miserables" in February. I caught up with them again in October as they were getting made up with stage blood and horrific but simulated wounds, for an emergency response drill for local paramedics. The kids seemed to enjoy the experience. The medics took things in stride.

My resolution for 2018 is the same as for 2017 - lose weight and keep it off.

I called it "2013 v.2," last January, named after the year I made the first New Year's Resolution to lose weight, and managed to do it. So this would be 2013 v.3? Whatever, just do it.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Health care concerns for Congressman Bishop

Dear Editor,

Our Representative Mike Bishop voted for a tax bill which eliminates the mandate to buy health insurance under ACA.

This Republican tax bill will increase health insurance premiums for all of us, making healthcare less affordable and increasing the number of uninsured people.

All of us will pay for healthcare for the uninsured, whether we get our insurance from our employer or an ACA exchange. The non partisan Congressional Budget Office calculates that this tax bill will increase our health insurance premiums by 10 percent.

Some hospitals may go bankrupt as a re-

sult of this Republican tax bill, and none of us can get healthcare from a bankrupt hospital. When your insurance and health care costs increase, remember to ask our Representative Bishop to explain how the Republican tax break for the top one percent really benefits you.

We require drivers to buy no fault car insurance. Why did Representative Bishop eliminate the ACA requirement to buy health insurance, without working to make the ACA work for all?

Sincerely,

Emily Duthinh
Independence Township



Anna Lyscas received her Black Belt at an awards ceremony at the Clarkston Community Education Center. Photo provided

First Black Belt at Clarkston school

Anna Lyscas of Clarkston earned a First Dan Black Belt from American Martial Arts Academy (AMAA), Dec. 19.

This was the first Black Belt awarded at the Clarkston location. Lyscas is 11 years old and a student at Sashabaw Middle School. She has been learning karate since September 2012, and joined AMAA in De-

ember 2013.

She studies Tang Soo Do, Korean martial Arts, with head instructor at the AMAA Clarkston location, Master David Koehler, Fourth Dan Black belt.

AMAA was founded by Grand Master Leo Mayer in 1989, and has three locations. The Clarkston school was started in 2013.

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Lighthouse helps out families in crisis" The Clarkston Lighthouse helped make the holiday more festive as they helped 698 families, including 1,147 children, with toys, clothing and food.

"Clarkston Middle School Lego team goes to states" Ten Clarkston Middle School students in the FIRST Lego League Robotics Team worked together to combat the problem given to them at the regional competition. They were one of nine teams out of 36 to advance to the state tournament.

"Wolves dominate Oakland County meet" The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team had 11 members place at the Oakland County meet as the team finished in first place with 339.5 points for their second straight county title.

25 years ago - 1992

"Fire hits on Christmas" A Christmas day fire left a Chickadee Lane home in Independence Township severely damaged. Neighbors noticed flames coming out of the kitchen at 1:30 p.m.

"Santa comes to town" On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus (Gordy Bovee) and helpers made their way down Main Street in downtown Clarkston for their annual holiday run.

"Realtors finds homes for 'goldies'" Independence Township Laura Culp was in the business to find homes for wayward golden retrievers as rescue committee director for the Fort Detroit Golden Retriever Rescue Service.

50 years ago - 1967

"Receive Christmas decoration awards" The fifth annual Outdoor Christmas Decoration Contest, sponsored by the Clarkston Area Jaycees was judged. First place went to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hagen, off Cranberry Lake Road, as they received the Santa trophy and \$25 gift certificate.

"Women's Club holds Christmas party" The Clarkston Community Women's Club held its annual Christmas meeting and cookie exchange at the home of Mrs. Robert Schons. After a short business meeting, members enjoyed a social evening in celebration of Christmas.

"School happenings" The traditional treat of a Christmas program was given at Bailey Lake Elementary to the parents of Mrs. Washburn's afternoon Kindergarten class. Many songs of the season were chosen by the children and enjoyed by the grown ups.

Happy New Year from the Grandkids and 'The Jotter'



Surrounding Jim "The Jotter" Sherman, Sr., are the grandkids, from the left Alex Offer, Haley Speed, Dan Offer, Trevor and Savannah Speed. Inset is Karen Offer.

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

Back then, the three grandchildren standing around me, were only being

dreamed of and anxiously waited for. Now, too, they are growing and becoming fine young people. Our daughter Susan and her husband, Tim Speed have three children, Savannah, Trevor and Haley.

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

While situations, and stations have changed in the 29 years since 1988, some things do not change. We still find more joy in giving than in receiving and me and the grandkids still wish you a Happy New Year!

-- Jim Sherman, Sr.

Good night 2017, good night (and good riddance)

What is it Tennessee Ernie Ford sang about? Another day older and deeper in debt? Yeah, I'm pretty sure that's it. When I think back to the year that was, 2017, I feel another year older (tons more gray in my beard) and deeper in debt (when something gets paid off, something else breaks that requires financing.)

This will be my last edition to the hallowed halls of Don't-Rush-Medom, this year. As such, it will be a review of what we talked about in The Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

So, with out further eloquence, I give you 2017 ala Don't Rush Me.

The single most read and commented column penned by yours truly this year was published May 24, with this headline: **Hey, somebody! Get this to Bob Seger, STAT!**

This was a lame attempted to get the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Famer to come back to Clarkston to recreate a photo of him in front of *The Clarkston News* building, leaning up against an M-15 sign, downtown.

It was shared nearly 200 times and led to a second column about readers memories of Rockin' Robert's visit to C-town.

The most telling/personal column I wrote in 2017 was looking at the DNA analysis my younger sister Patricia had done. I know if I sent in my very own, special DNA, my numbers would be a wee bit different than my sisters, but I cannot believe it would be by much. Come on, we have the same parents. Here's what I wrote on April 26 the

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

DNA markers.

"99.3 percent European (I kinda' figured that out by the amount of pasty white kin we have).

"Of that 99.3 percent Euro DNA. 96.3 percent is from Western Europe. Of that 96.3 percent, 71 percent of our DNA makeup is Irish & British; just under five percent French and German; four percent Scandinavian (thank you Viking marauders);

"Point one percent Ashkenazi Jewish (Eastern Europe); point four percent Sub-Saharan African; and point two percent East Asian & Native American (dang, not enough to get any funding from the Great White Father in Washington, DC).

"So, it is pretty accurate to call me a Cracker, Honky, Pale Face or Thrice Removed Eurotrash. Your choice. *But, what I thought was REALLY interesting about the previously mentioned DNA test results was this little snippet about Neanderthal variants.*

"My new book (yet to be written) will be titled, *I, Neanderthal.*

"Said, the report, 'Neanderthals were ancient humans who interbred with modern humans before becoming extinct 40,000 years ago. This report tells you how much of your ancestry can be traced back to Neanderthals . . . You have 285 Neanderthal variants . . . *you have more Neanderthal variants than 61 percent (of the tested population)* . . . However, your Neanderthal ancestry accounts for less than 4% of your overall DNA.'"

The column was headlined, **I guess all you chicks were right. I, Neanderthal.**

For some reason, a column I wrote for Father's Day, headlined, **So, it was Fathers Day, Yippity skippity, no**

biggie, drew the ire of a group of moms from Oxford. They didn't send comments to me, they just shared their snarky comments about me amongst themselves.

Unfortunately for the Angry Moms Club, they forgot in today's electronic world nothing is secret. Word got to me, and wrote another column the week later headlined, **So, what about fathers, Part Deux?** to calm their hysterical lamenting.

By far the most fun column I wrote was from the beginning of 2017, published on Jan. 25. In this column I recreated what happened to me when I was getting my 10,000 steps a day in one evening in the little village of Goodrich. The headline tells story the night I was pulled over by the local law for walking, **"Don Rush: Menace To Society (or, the terrorists have won)."**

My favorite headlines of the 2017

Feb. 8: **Googled Gaga and got Snagglepussed. A Super Bowl revisited**

March 29: **'Wolves Eat Christians' (and other basketball things)**

May 3: **When readers write, I listen. (Nothing said here about actually reading what you write)**

July 12: **Don's irrational fear of monkeys renewed**

Aug. 16: **Icky-poo! Yuckies on grocery carts**

Oct. 11: **Shhh! Your Fashion Guru is speaking.**

Nov. 1: **Don's 'special' powers and in the 3rd person ta-boot**

No use looking back any more. Readers, here is to a wonderful 2018. Keep reading and writing!

Til' next year, Sayonara, Suckas!

Parking, potholes top issues in spring and summer 2017

Continued from page 5

Johnson and his wife Stacy, created a non-profit group called The Parkinson Lane Foundation, to help people maintain movement and mobility through exercise and therapy. Last June, Michael, at 41, was diagnosed with Parkinson's, after getting treatments and visiting multiple specialists.

April 5

Copland Teacher of the Year: During an assembly at Bailey Lake Elementary, Dr. Rod Rock surprised teacher Meredith Copland with the news she was named Oakland

County's 2017 Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Pre-Labor School Start: Despite some parents not approving of the decision, Clarkston's School Board voted to allow an early start for school, on August 28, which fell before Labor Day. The board felt the transition in August eases the students and staff back and build them up a little bit stronger and allow for better teacher-student relationships.

April 12

The 'Gangs' of Clarkston: The sixth of a series on the families who helped build

Clarkston and the descendants who still live here, carrying on their legacy, was Charles Gray Robertson III. Gray and his neighbor, genealogist Tom Stone, live on Robertson Court, named after Charles' family.

April 19

Road work for shredded roads: The chewed-up road of Maybee Road between Clintonville and Marvin Roads got a repaving, which involved closing one lane of traffic at a time along with flaggers directing traffic at the site.

Pay-to-Park: Downtown Clarkston voted to approve paid parking after a split vote from City Council. Mayor Steve Percival and Council members Sue Wylie, Rick Detkowski and Eric Haven approved the motion.

April 26

Repairing Twp Roads: With April showers and May flowers came the spring bounty of potholes. Pat Kittle, Independence Township Supervisor, said the Road Commission for Oakland County didn't have enough resources for subdivision roads like Snow Apple Drive and Parview Drive, the two worst roads in Clarkston, according to residents posting on social media.

Toys of History: Robert (Bob) L. Jones passed away in 2004, but his toys, which were handmade, continued to provide fun for kids. The toys were donated to the Clarkston Early Childhood Center by his longtime neighbors and friends Dr. Tom and Arlene Stone.

May 3

Scent of danger: An investigation into a report of gun-brandishing teens over the weekend showed no gun was used.

May 10

Meters on Main?: Paid parking could expand to include meters on Main Street in addition to parking lot kiosks, according to on plan considered by the city Parking Commission.

13 Reasons for caution: Health experts had more than 13 concerns about the young-adult miniseries "13 Reasons Why" on Netflix and alerted parents and guardians to watch the show before their children watched it or watch the show with them.

May 17

Spring into arts: The arts were blooming with May flowers throughout downtown as the Gateway prepared to host an atrium filled with artwork at the Clarkston Cultural Arts Council's second annual Art in the Atrium silent art auction.

Thou shalt not park on Church St., sayeth city: The Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to prohibit East Church Street parking east of Buffalo to the city limits. Residents on E. Church Street complained to the city for months about restaurant employees parking in their neighborhood late into the night.

May 24

More brick work on News building: When work is complete on 5 South Main Street, home of *The Clarkston News*, the building

would be in full brick on all four sides, just like it was when it was new in the late 1870s.

City says 'no' to rezoning: Expansion plans for the Clarkston Mills stalled after the City Council voted to reject a request to rezone 42 W. Washington from residential to commercial. The council denied the rezoning with a 5-1 vote.

May 31

Seven saluted for service to Clarkston community: Michele Robinson, Addison Gale, Denyse Semann Couture, Rich Little, Dennis Hughes, Jim Brueck and Boy Scout Troop 189 were honored at the 32nd Clarkston Community Awards.

Music man wins Teacher of the Year: Michael Lewis, Clarkston High School's band director, was the honored as the 24th Teacher of the Year Award winner by the Clarkston foundation.

June 7

Attention widens on city FOIA case: The Michigan Press Association and *Detroit Free Press* weighed in on a Freedom of Information lawsuit against the City of the Village of Clarkston, filing an amicus curie brief in support of Clarkston resident Susan Bisio's lawsuit against the city.

Clarkston graduates 603: It was a warm, sunny evening at DTE Energy Music Theatre as Clarkston High School held commencement for 603 students in the Class of 2017. "Commencement is more than simply an annual event in Clarkston," said Principal Gary Kaul. "It's a moment shared between faculty, families and students. It's a time when the school and the community come together for a rite of passage that's filled with pride and achievement and a sense of nostalgia."

June 14

Parking issue stalls in committee: It was back to the drawing board for the Clarkston Parking Committee as they were still on step one - looking at danger spots and making sure the plan is well-thought out.

June 21

City digs into reserves for new budget: The new city budget for a \$28,456 withdrawal from its savings account.

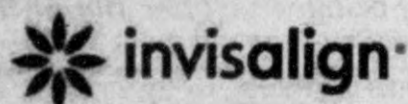
Only one confirmed store for corner of M-15 and Dixie: One of the popular questions on Clarkston Facebook was what was going into the new strip mall at M-15 and Dixie Highway - one confirmed answer was a cellular phone store.

June 28

Young activist leads clean-up: Five-year-old Emma Stankus organized a 20-person project to fix up the neighborhood island. Stankus decided the island needed some TLC and drew up fliers with everything she wanted to accomplish.

Beaumont property up for sale: Beaumont Hospitals had high hopes in 2005 for 63 acres in Independence Township, but dashed by 12 years and a recession they put the land up for sale.

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A deputy stopped to check on a large front-end loader driving slowly westbound on Andersonville Road, with traffic stacked behind it, 10:55 a.m., Dec. 8. The driver, a 51-year-old Independence Township man, didn't have a driver's license. The vehicle's owner was cited for allowing a person to drive in violation of vehicle code, overwidth, and failure to display slow-moving-vehicle emblem.

Jail pickup

A deputy picked up a 41-year-old Detroit woman from Detroit Detention Center for a warrant pick-up, 3:05 p.m., Dec. 10. She had a warrant out of Sixth Circuit Court for failure to appear on a fraud charge.

Man in yard

A homeowner in the 6000 block of Pond View called police to report an intoxicated man standing in the front yard, 11:28 a.m., Dec. 18. The man came up on the front porch and tried to open the door, but it was locked. A deputy drove around the neighborhood and found him in the driveway of a neighbor's house. The man, a 52-year-old Independence Township resident, smelled strongly of booze, was unsteady on his feet, and needed help to the patrol car. A preliminary breath test result was .277. A records check showed he had two warrants for drunk driving. He was jailed on the warrants.

Marijuana arrest

A 22-year-old Holly man driving a car with a headlight out was stopped on I-75 near Sashabaw Road, 3:02 a.m., Dec. 20. The vehicle smelled strongly of marijuana. A records check showed the vehicle had an improper plate and no insurance. A passenger, an 18-year-old Holly woman, said she recently smoked marijuana but didn't have any in the car, which was also carrying the driver's infant daughter. She was found with a green leafy substance in her purse. In the child's diaper bag was found a jar containing a green leafy substance, pipe, and grinder. The driver said he didn't know anything was in the diaper bag. The passenger changed her story and said she thought she got rid of it before she was picked up. The leafy substances tested positive for marijuana. They were cited for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The vehicle was impounded.

Warrant arrest

Responding to a report of a disturbance, deputies found a 55-year-old South Lyon man banging on the outside of his house on Sassafras Circle, 11:23 p.m., Dec. 10. A records check showed he had a warrant out of Wolverine Lake. He was arrested and turned over to Wolverine Police.

Attempted robbery

A Clarkston couple were the victims of an attempted armed robbery, 5:30 p.m., Dec. 24, at their business in the 200 block of South Telegraph in Pontiac. One of the victims said she opened the side door to the business to take a cigarette break. As she exited the store, a black heavy-set man, approximately 30 years old, wearing a blue hoodie, with a scarf covering his face, came around the corner of the building and produced a black handgun. The victim screamed for her husband and ran back into the store. She managed to get the door closed and locked before the suspect made entry, at which point she called 911 and the suspect fled. Deputies and a K-9 unit checked the area. The dog established a brief track, which led northbound from the store before being lost near Voorheis. The suspect's description is similar to that of an armed robber the previous day at the Subway Sub Shop, and possibly two in Auburn Hills. Detectives were notified and the incident remains under investigation. Anyone with information on this suspect is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP. There is a cash reward of \$1,000 and you will remain anonymous.

Narconon service

Heroin and opioid drugs has become a national health crisis, and Narconon offers free screenings and information on how to recognize the signs of heroin abuse and get loved ones help if they are at risk. Visit www.narconon-suncoast.org/blog/do-you-know-how-to-use-narcan.html to learn about the overdose reversing drug known as naloxone and local availability. Call for free screenings or referrals, 877-841-5509.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587

Obituaries

• Death notices & •

Robert K. Foster, 88

Robert Kenneth Foster passed away Dec. 19, 2017, at age 88.

He was the loving husband of Sybil for 68 years; father of Sandi (Robert) Fisher, John (Katherine) Foster, Andrea (Jack) Newman and Bob (Renee) Foster; grandfather of Jason, Andrew, Sam, Katie, Patrick, Shawn, Megan, Kristina, Robert, Nicky, Rachel and Maggie; great grandfather of 18.



Robert enjoyed building wooden and paper airplanes. He was a World War II buff, but most of all he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandkids.

Memorial Service was Dec. 23 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Earl N. Muhleck, 86

Earl N. Muhleck of Clarkston passed away Dec. 22, 2017, at age 86.

He was the husband of Anna Marie for 59 years; father of Rita (Joe Siekirk) Ball, Dave (Julie) Muhleck, Tom (Katie) Muhleck, Jim (Lisa) Muhleck; grandpa of Nick, Chad, Joshua, Jessica, Noah, Jack, Wyatt, Quinn, Ella, Adam; brother of Richard Muhleck.



Earl served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and retired from General Motor after 37 years. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially golfing and spending time with his family at their cottage.

Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 4-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville.

Cemetery service with military honors, Thursday, 2:30 p.m., at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers, any donations to Michigan Mobility Solutions to obtain a handicap accessible van for family friend Dave Watson. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Mary J. Tombrella

Mary J. Tombrella of Clarkston passed away Dec. 19, 2017, at age 83.

She was the wife of Joseph; preceded in death by her son Joseph Anthony; mother in law of Kim; grandma of Emelia; sister of Jim (Kay) Guida, the late Bessie (Auggie) Patina, Josie (Gary) Shumaker and Vito (Karen) Guida; also survived by many nieces and nephews.



Visitation was Dec. 21 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Dec. 22 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Michigan Parkinsons Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Recycle Christmas trees

Christmas tree recycling runs until Jan. 29 at Independence Oaks and Springfield Oaks county parks. Drop off trees from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. No charge, but plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. No commercial trees accepted. Visit OaklandCountyParks.com for more information.

In our local churches

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, 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. Call 248-625-4644 for information.

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Cagers steps up to Warriors

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

There was a moment of pause in the Clarkston High School gym last Friday as senior Maddie Beck's three point attempt traveled through the air with 1:52 left on the clock.

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team had a 1-point lead on visitors Southfield Arts & Technology and the basket would be a boost.

The crowd roared with cheers as the ball hit its mark and the Wolves took a four point lead, 48-44.

Both teams were sent to the free throw line for a combination of seven trips in the last 42 seconds. Clarkston held onto their lead going 7-for-8 on the line, finishing the game with a 55-50 win.

"We did a lot of things right," said Christine Rogers, head coach. "We came out ready to play."

She added both teams got into foul trouble which included senior Molly Nicholson, who scored ten points during the night.

"Molly usually doesn't get into foul

trouble. Whenever we get into foul trouble it changes how we play. Throughout the season sometimes it's Maddie or Kayla (Luchenbach), tonight it was Molly. It shows the team basketball my team plays. If one person is in foul trouble, everyone else steps up. I thought everyone stepped up."

The Wolves finished the first quarter with a 13-8 lead after Nicholson scored with 18 seconds left off a rebound.

Southfield opened the next quarter with two points to close the gap. Clarkston responded with a 16-2 point run which included a pair of 3-pointers from Beck and sophomore Taylor Heaton. The half close with Clarkston in the lead 29-18.

Both teams were evenly matched for the third quarter with Clarkston in a 10-point lead with 43 seconds remaining. Southfield Arts & Technology scored five points in the last 26 seconds to close the gap.

The Warriors opened the final quarter with Shawna Manning and D'Layna Holliman each scoring a basket in the first minute. Luchenbach scored one point on the free throw line, keeping the Wolves in the lead 40-39.

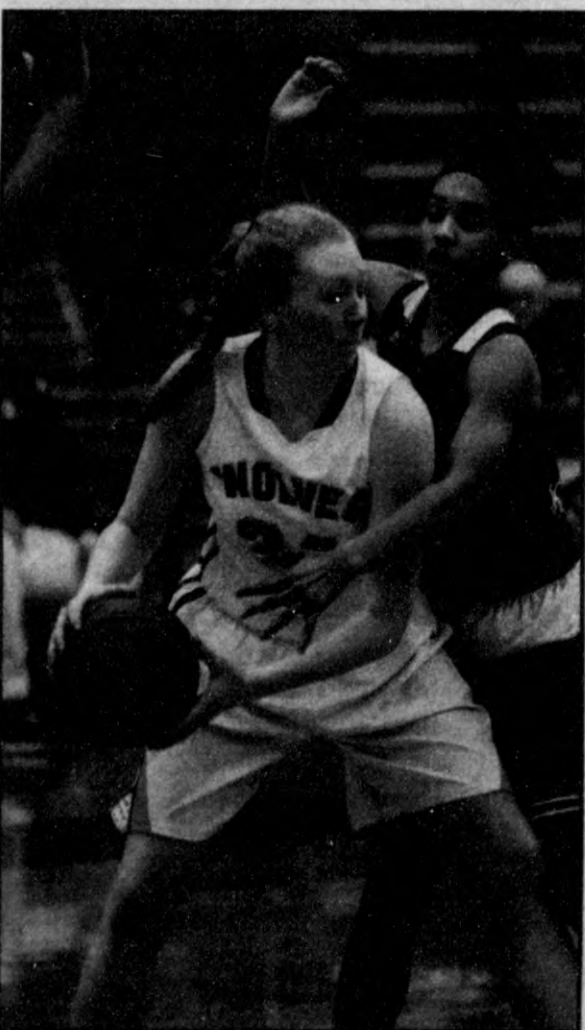
"When we lost our composure instead of panicking and losing it. They stepped up and got it back together," said Rogers. "They handled the pressure at the end and I am very proud of how they played. We are stepping up. We are tough. We are gritty."

Luchenbach led with 17 points and had four assists. Beck had 16 points, nine rebounds, five steals and three assists. Heaton scored nine points off three field goals.

The Wolves opened the week with a 48-43 win at Stoney Creek, Dec. 19. Beck led the team with 17 points and six steals. Nicholson scored 13 points.

They play in the Round Ball tournament this week with Chandler Park on Wednesday, 4 p.m., and Detroit Mumford on Thursday, 9 p.m., both at Detroit Collegiate Preparatory Academy.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team were also successful as they defeated Orchard Lake St. Mary's Prep last Thursday, 56-43. Foster Loyer led with 19 points. Demond Mills-Bradley and Taylor Currie both scored nine points and Nick Wells had eight points. The Wolves head to North Farmington on Thursday as they play Detroit East English, 8:30 p.m.



Molly Nicholson plays through the pressure from Southfield Arts & Technology defense. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Congrats to Athletes of the Week, January - June

January: Cager Kiana Ayotte, Cager Dylan Alderson, Clarkston Boys JV-A Bowling team

February: Cager Foster Loyer, Clarkston Boys Seventh Grade Basketball Gold team; Football players Mason, Keagan and JT King; Cagers Mary McKillop, Kristen Page and Nora Storey

March: Runner Jake Dolan, North Oakland Wolfpack Girls 11U team, Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team, Grappler Rocco Spindler, Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team

April: Gymnast Sawyer Haiss, Cager CJ Robinson, Clarkston Varsity Baseball and Softball teams, Grappler Chase Nidiffer

May: Golfer Meghan Deardorff, Hitter Paige Blevins, Hitter Hannah Cady, Clarkston Riverdaws 9U team, Everest Collegiate Tennis team

June: Clarkston Junior High School Girls Track and Field team; Clarkston Lacrossers Ryan Bennett, Sheldon Bourdeau, Quinn Dobrzelewski, Jake Hodges and Aidan Nolan; Clarkston Everest Collegiate Boys Golf team; Hitter Alex Gladding



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Student-athletes soar above competition in 2017

The beginning of 2017 was marked with triumphs and success for many Clarkston teams during their seasons. Here are a few highlights from the first half of the year.

January 11

Cagers outshoot in third: Nick Wells opened the second half against Walled Lake Western with two points which sparked a 17-2 run for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team. They finished the third quarter with a 21-point lead in the win.

Wolves topping new year: The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team had six Wolves finished in the top eight places in their respective weight classes in the Detroit Catholic Central Invitational with Conor Donahue (130) in second place; Percy Fowler (285) in fifth place; Jacob Rygielski (135) in sixth place; Jake Billette (145), Jake Calvano (152) and Alex Minuth (160) in eighth place.

January 18

Fond memories of Coach Pops: Former students and players of Roy "Pops" Warner could still hear his whistle as they shared their fondest memories of the former Clarkston Community Schools teacher and former baseball and football coach.

January 25

Heaton's aim wins for Wolves: With 22.6 seconds left in the Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball game against North Farmington, Taylor Heaton scored on a 3-point shot, ending the game in a 49-47 win.

Swimmers rule pool: The Clarkston Boys Swim and Dive team celebrated their ten seniors and also defeated Troy, 104-82, while earning county cuts made by Matt Vassilakos and Josh Eaton.

February 1

Undefeated in showcase: Clarkston Varsity Hockey melted the ice as they posted their first three wins of the season with two wins in the Michigan Public High School Hockey Showcase over St. Clair Shores and Pinckney.

Ranked top in the state: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team showed reasons why they were ranked in the state as they

remained undefeated after their two most recent wins over OAA foes, Bloomfield Hills, 77-40; and North Farmington, 59-39.

February 8

Grapplers top in league: Mac Hanselman, Cole Wieggers, Conor Donahue and Jake Calvano finished the regular season with OAA Red league titles during the Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team's visit to the league championship at Rochester Adams. The team finished in second place with 229 points and Oxford took first with 272 points.

February 15

Wolves head to regionals to continue success on the mats: The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team celebrated after finishing a successful week – as a team they won the district championship and had nine wrestlers qualify for the regionals individual meet.

February 22

Storm the Palace: Jake Calvano, Conor Donahue, Mac Hanselman and Jacob Rygielski qualified for the MHSAA Wrestling Individual State Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills after a successful regional meet.

March 1

Wolves shoot big on Hawks: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team bounced back from their loss against Southfield Arts & Technology with a shooting spree against Bloomfield Hills for a 82-42 win.

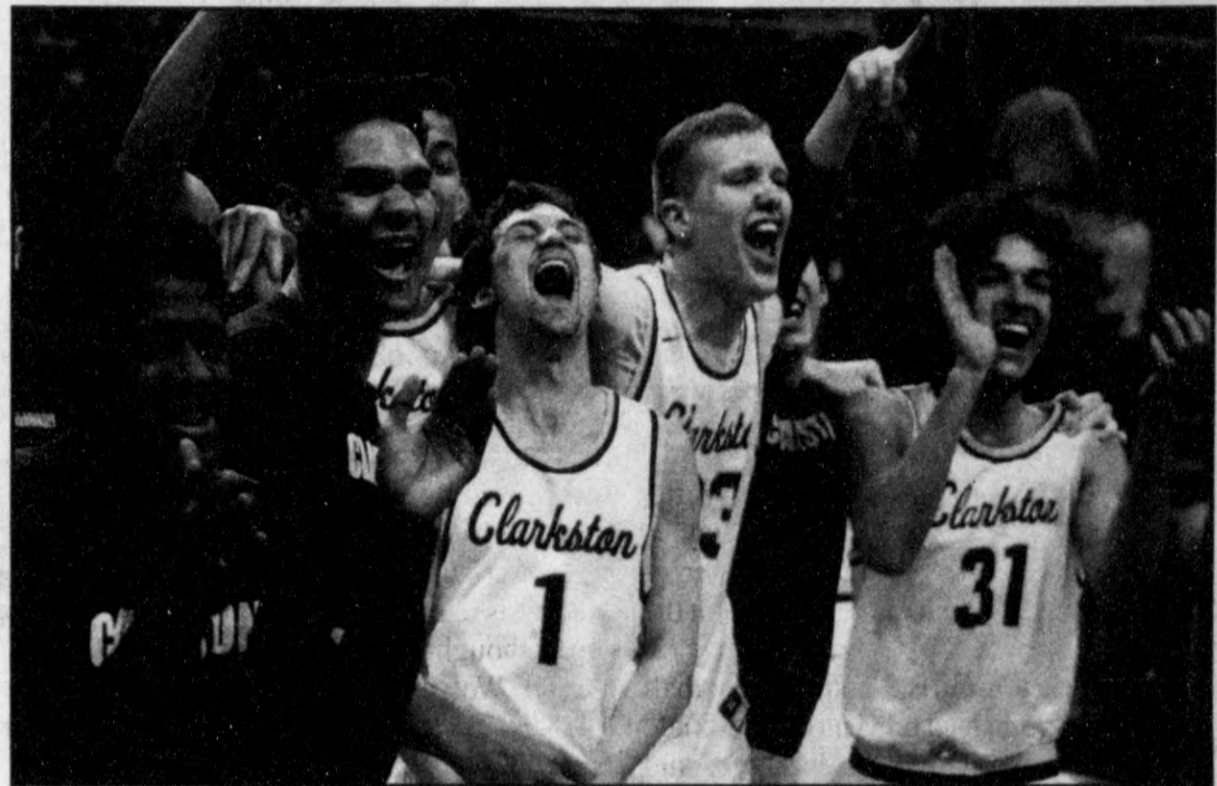
March 8

Fife finalist for national Coach of the Year: Long-time Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife was named by the National High School Association as one of the eight national finalists for Coach of the Year.

Top eight in the state: Jake Calvano and Conor Donahue finished their trip to the MHSAA Individual Wrestling Finals placing in the top eight in the state. Donahue finished in sixth place in the 130-pound weight class as Calvano finished in eighth place in the 152-pound weight class.

March 15

Cagers seal district crown: The Clarkston



Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball players Demond Mills-Bradley, Tieler Houston, Tristen Mysen, Foster Loyer, Taylor Currie, John Chrenka, Chase Wasilk and the rest of the Wolves celebrate their historic win, 75-69 over Grand Rapids Christian, for the state championship. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Boys Varsity Basketball team cheered as they held up the MHSAA Boys Basketball District crown after defeating Waterford Kettering in the final round and Lake Orion in the semifinal round.

March 22

Battle for Breslin Center for Cagers: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team was gearing up for their fifth visit to the quarterfinals in ten years after winning the regional crown. They defeated Stoney Creek in the regional final, 56-36; and Macomb Dakota in the first round of regionals, 68-48, avenging the previous year's season ender.

March 29

Mission accomplished: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team celebrated their historic win as they defeated Grand Rapids Christian, 75-69, for the state championship. **State championship dream come true for Fife:** Dan Fife had a dream when he was playing for Clarkston Basketball – win the

state championship. His dream as well as the dream of countless players after him came true when the Wolves defeated Saginaw in the quarterfinals, West Bloomfield in the semifinals and Grand Rapids Christian in the finals for the championship.

April 5

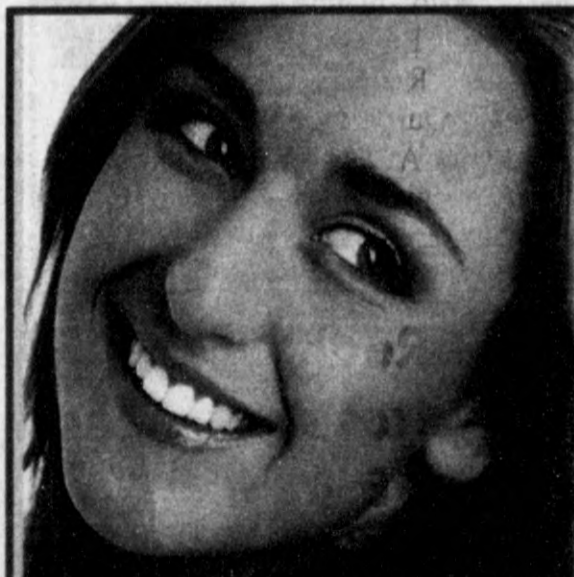
First shut out in books: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team headed into spring break with a 8-0 win over Solon. It was the first career shutout for goalies Danny Milano and Jake Line.

April 12

Lady Wolves' win on track: The Clarkston Girls Track and Field team opened their season with a 91-39 win over Oxford as the boys team lost, 68-55.

April 19

Season opens with wins: The Clarkston Varsity Baseball team opened the season with a set of wins in a double header against
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Spring victories to close out 2016-2017 year

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Everest Collegiate, 16-6 and 9-0.

Win over Cougars: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team came back from spring break with a 11-4 win over Stoney Creek.

Boys top Adams in OAA Red league match-up: The Clarkston Boys Track and Field team posted their first win with a 71-57 win over Rochester Adams.

Ruling the links: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team topped their first tournament of the spring season with a first place finish at Green Meadows Golf Club.

April 26

Pitching prowess leads to wins: The Clarkston Varsity Softball team took down two state ranked teams and split a double header against Oxford as they had multiple pitchers use their talent on the mound.

May 3

Dragons double downed: The Clarkston Varsity Softball team put a stop to two neighboring rivals, Lake Orion and Brandon, in their double headers.

Lacrossers score for Game for a Cure: It was a win for the Wolves and for cancer as lacrosse teams played in the annual Game for a Cure, raising over \$10,000 for St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Cancer Research Center. The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team defeated Stoney Creek, 12-7. The girls varsity team scored six points on Powers Catholic but lost the game, 11-6.

Lady Kickers block foes: It was a week of celebration at the Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team honored their seniors, young soccer players and posted goals on their opponents. They defeated West Bloomfield, 1-0, with the lone goal from Michaela Rodriguez; and tied Rochester Adams, 1-1, with a goal from Jessica Bennett.

May 10

Golfers top in state: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team improved their game every day and the hard work paid off as they were ranked second in Division 1 by the Michigan Interscholastic Golf Coaches Association.

May 17

Running into post season: The Clarkston

Boys and Girls Track and Field teams were getting ready for the regional meet after seeing most of their competition at the OAA Red league meet. The girls team finished in second place in the league meet while the boys finished in fourth.

May 24

Victory at Pops tournament: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Baseball team was victorious at the annual Roy "Pops" Warner Classic tournament as they went 3-0 for the day.

Runners make way to states: Elizabeth Dalrymple, William Eisert and Mallory Ferguson qualified for the for the MHSAA Track & Field State Finals during the regional meet.

Second half goals lead to win over Falcons: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Lacrosse team finished their regular season with a 14-11 win over Rochester.

May 31

Loss avenged in playoffs: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team advanced to the final round of regionals with a win over OAA Red foe Bloomfield Hills, 13-6.

June 7

Wolves beat Dragons in regionals: Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team avenged their previous loss to Lake Orion with a 12-9 win for the regional crown.

District dominance over Mott, Clarkston: The Clarkston Varsity Softball team defeated Waterford Mott, 16-0, and Oxford, 4-0, for the district championship.

June 14

Queens of the diamond: The Clarkston Varsity Softball team continued to dominate as they claimed the regional crown with a 14-0 win in five innings over Birmingham Seaholm; and 4-3 win over Utica Eisenhower.

Top ten finish on the green in finals: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team finished the season taking fourth place at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 Golf Finals at Forest Akers West.

Palace shares how his goals led to being a Tiger: The Tigers of Pine Knob Elementary welcomed Detroit Tiger and 2004 Clarkston graduate Sam Palace with a growl. Palace

shared his journey becoming a Tiger and answered questions from the student.

June 21

Final four finish for varsity sluggers: The Clarkston Varsity Softball team finished the season in the final four after their 2-1 loss to Grandville in the semifinals. A majority of

the team will be back in 2018 as they graduated one senior.

Ladies finish season, win OAA White: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Soccer team finished the season earlier than they had liked to in playoffs, but ended it as OAA White league champs.



Abbey Tolmie makes a run for Clarkston Varsity Softball during the semifinals. Photo by Larry Wright

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Events

Blood drive, American Red Cross, Jan. 4, 1-6:45 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; Jan. 4, 2-7:45 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Sunday

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

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. Topic: "Emptiness After the Holidays." Led by a bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Walk-ins welcome, free. 248-625-5231.

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.

Around Town

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



Clarkston Varsity Hockey players delivered toys to The Bottomless Toy Chest in Troy, Dec. 18. The Wolves collected toys during their third annual Toy Drive when they played Lake Orion on Dec. 2. Photo provided

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 Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7:30-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Coffee and Conversation, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult

Activity Center, Clintonwood Park. \$1.

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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

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.

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

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, 248-909-3920.

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. 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+, 248-559-1147 ext. 3911; **Meals on Wheels**, for homebound elderly or handicapped individuals in Independence Township and Clarkston, 248-625-8231.

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A New Year – a new you!

The Christmas season is a unique time for a lot of reasons.

I look forward to it every year with anticipation. It marks the end of one year and the beginning of another.

For some, that is good news and for others, it brings a sigh of worried anxiety.

I remember getting an "etch-a-sketch" one Christmas when I was a child.

I'm not sure they even exist today, but back in the day, it felt like a modern day iPad. Two knobs allowed you to begin sketching a picture on the pad. No worry if you messed up, because all you had to do was

shake the pad and the lines magically disappeared forever. No hidden storage bin, memory chip or iCloud to retrieve what was erased but just a blank slate to begin again. I don't know about you, but I've messed up a lot in life and there are days I wish I could just shake myself and start over again.

No consequences to my mistakes, no shameful memories of failure to stare at or people to remind me of the things I want so desperately to forget. Is that even possible? Or is it just a make believe toy that once dazzled my imagination.

I believe you can make a comeback from the mess-ups and failures of life. It's not too late and you're never too far. The good news is God is in the business of giving people second chances and fresh starts.

He gives us hope at Christmas by reminding the world the greatest second chance came in the form of a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. No matter what we did or how bad it was, God sent Jesus to forgive us and give us a brand new start.

Think of it this way: **A New Year- A New You!** You can make a comeback. You can have a new beginning. I'm not making this up. It is taken right from the Word of God in 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT), which says "...anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The

old life is gone; a new life has begun!"

This is a promise, not a prediction. I've personally witnessed the transformation of people over the past 30 years in ways I never thought possible. With God, all things are possible. What a great way to begin a new year. This is more than a New Year's Resolution. This is life transformation. Regret is something nobody wants to have, but many will because they choose to do nothing.

You and I have the choice to overcome regret. Regrets can be reversed by our willingness to decide. I am challenging you to decide today to make a personal comeback.

You can do it! I believe you can. Tune out the negative feelings and voices around you and listen to what God promised us. In Isaiah 43:19 (NIV) He says, "See, I am doing a **new thing!** Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

God intended for us to put our faith and trust in Him. I've been so disappointed every year I attempt to do things in my own strength and effort because it never is enough.

Our hope is not in us but what God wants to do in and through us. It seems like failure to many people when actually it is freedom. Freedom to be the person God created you to be.

If you're ready for a new beginning, want to put failure behind you and begin a comeback, I would love to hear from you. You can email me at help@bridgewoodchurch.com. Tell me your story or share your struggle. We would love to help encourage you to become a new you this year.

I am beginning a new weekend series about making a comeback at Bridgewood Church every Sunday in January at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. I would love for you to be my guest at one of these services. I believe it can be the start of a new journey that you will never regret.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Curt Demoff is lead pastor at Bridgewood Church

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 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 JANUARY 11, 2018
 INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
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Please take notice that the Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments at the Independence Township Hall Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston MI, 48347-0069, to consider the following:

PC File #2018-003 Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

Elimination of Section 13.05(F) in order to eliminate the requirement for side yards to be at least five(5) feet to permit fire equipment reasonable access to prevent the spreading of fire.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347-0069 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting.

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PC File # 2018-002

Petitioner: Independence Township Department of Public Works

Project Name: DPW Building Expansion
 PETITIONER REQUESTS SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL OF THE PROPERTY FOR A MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN THE R-1A SINGLE FAMILY ZONING DISTRICT.

6050 Flemings Lake Road
 Parcel # 08-21-276-003
 5.00 Acres

R-1A Single Family Residential

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PC File #2017-010 Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

Revisions to Section 9.04(B) in order to eliminate

Township Board approval for projects requiring a Special Land Use approval in the Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District.

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PC File # 2018-001

Petitioner: JLG Properties, Inc.

Project Name: Clintonville Road Rezoning
 PETITIONER REQUESTS REZONING OF THE PROPERTIES FROM R-1R RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-1B SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL.

7125 & 7171 Clintonville Road
 Parcels # 08-23-200-014 & Part of -015
 2.80 Acres

R-1R Rural Residential

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At Independence Township Hall Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston MI, 48347-0069, to consider the following:

PC File # 2013-006

Petitioner: Clarkston Hotel Group LLC

Project Name: Hotel & Sit-Down Restaurant
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 Section 1.01. That Chapter 133 of the City of the Village of Clarkston Municipal Code, Section 133.01 shall be repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following:
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 SYNOPSIS
 TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
 THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
 DECEMBER 19, 2017

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:10 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder
 Absent: None
 There was a quorum present.
 Also Present: Wendy Hillman, Finance Director; David McKee, DPW Director; Mitch Petterson, Fire Chief
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY SESSION: None
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Aliaga
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
 - 1. Presentation: DPW Addition - Progress Report (David McKee, DPW Director)
 - 2. Presentation: Independence Township 2018 Budget Plan (Wendy Hillman, Finance Director)
 - 3. Presentation: North Sashabaw Project Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
 - 4. Presentation: 2018 Supervisor's Scorecard (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2017
 - 2. Approval of the Payroll of December 15, 2017 and Check Run of December 12, 2017 for a Total Amount of \$437,846.14
 - 3. Approval of 2017 Budget Amendment #44 - General Fund and Fire Fund Budget
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - 1. Adoption of Resolution and Approval of 2018 North Oakland County Household Hazardous Waste Program (NO HAZ) Program
 - 2. Amendment to Previously Adopted Motion #2017-11-228 - Purchase of Ambulances / Fire Department
 - 3. Adoption of Amendments to the Citizen's Guide to Special Assessment Districts (SAD)
 - 4. Acceptance of Quote and Approval of 2017 Budget Amendment #43 - BS&A Server
 - 5. Adoption of Accounts Payable Policy and Repeal of Accounts Payable Audit Policy
 - 6. Adoption of Policy Amendments - Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting
 - 7. Adoption of Wire Transfer Policy
 - 8. Adoption of the Non-Sufficient Funds (NSF) Policy
 - 9. Adoption of Policy Amendment - Asset Management Policy
 - 10. Adoption of Amendments - Board of Trustee Special Rules
 - 11. Adoption of Amendments - Drug and Alcohol Policy for Operators Requiring a Commercial Driver License (CDL)
 - 12. Adoption of Policy Amendment - Township Hall Utilization
 - 13. Reappointment of Board and Committee Member-Senior Adult Activity Center Advisory Committee
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
 - 1. Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) - Final; November 14, 2017
 - 2. Report: Building Department Monthly Report - November 2017
 - 3. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report - November 2017
 - 4. Communication: Clark Hill PLC, dated December 5, 2017 - Notification of Application sent to Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding Transfer of Ownership and Location of SDD License from Billnat Corporation to CVS
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
 Township Clerk
 Published: Wednesday, December 27, 2017

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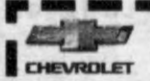
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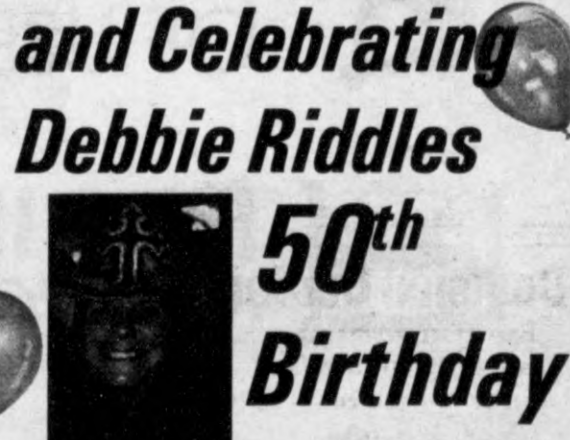


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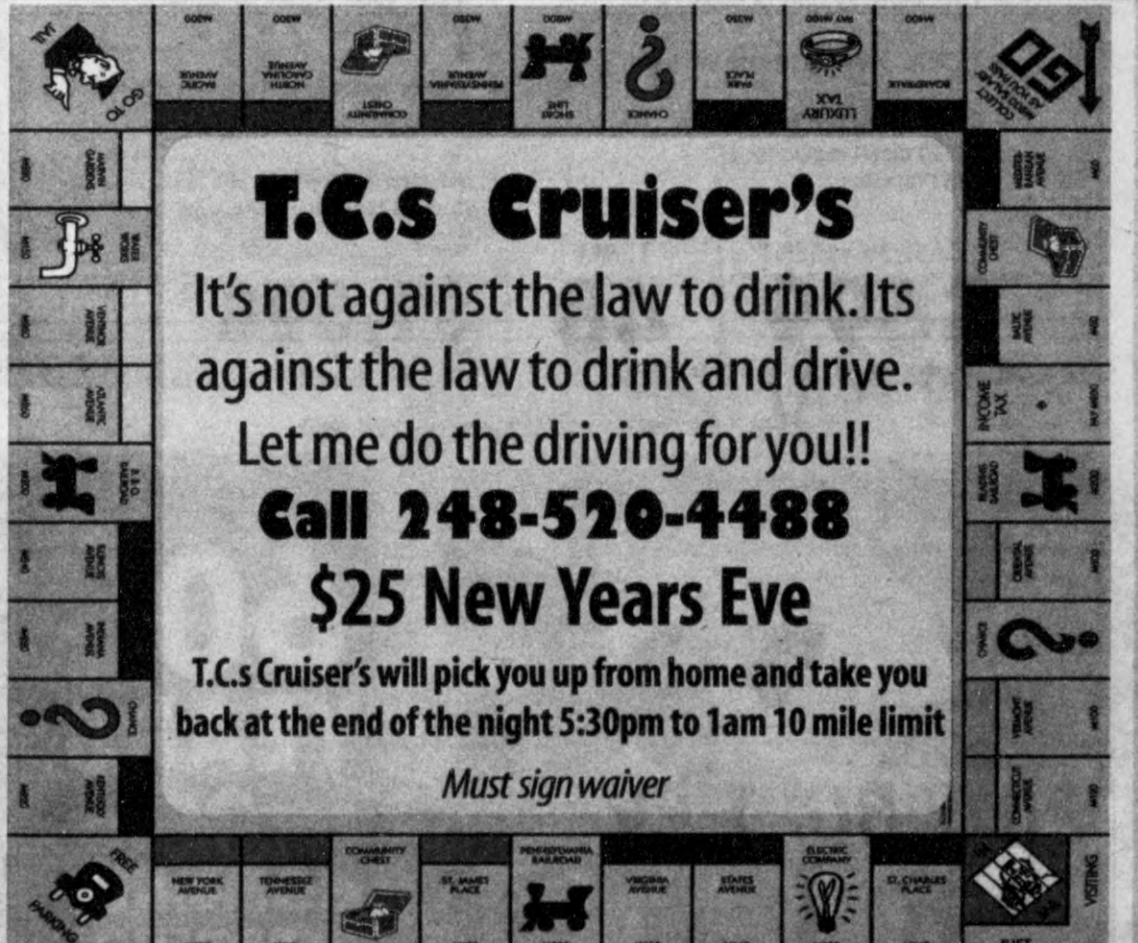
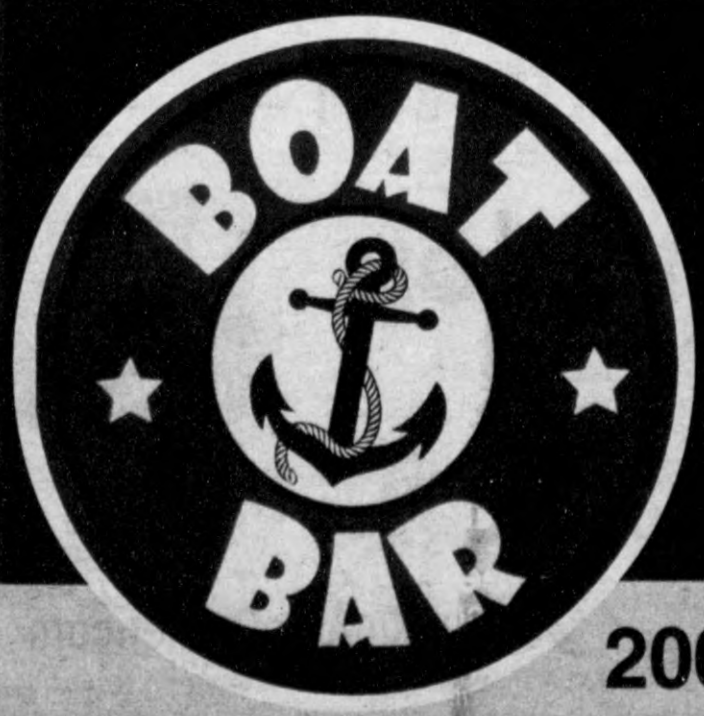
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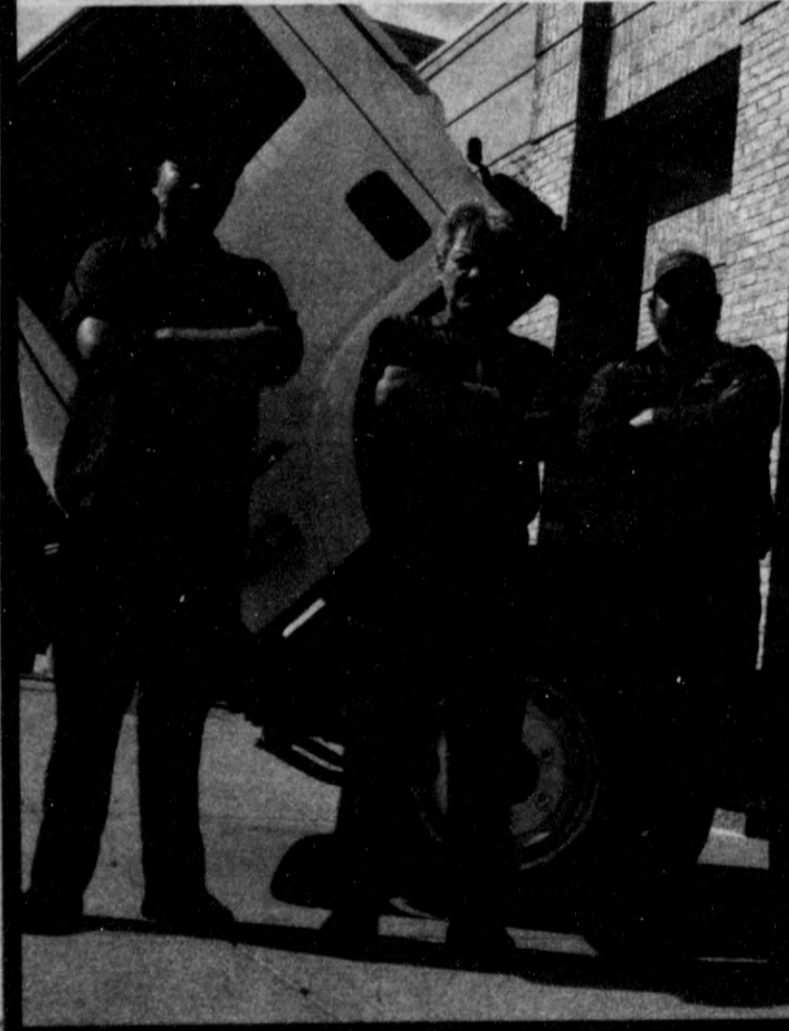


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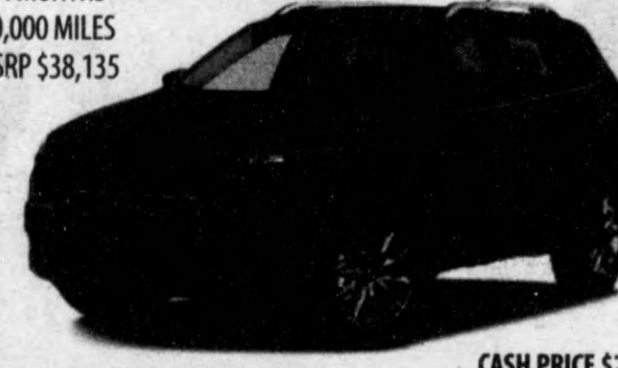
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