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in this week's edition

## Days of snow and ice loom over Clarkston

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite temperatures dipping to -11 with 14 mph winds over the holidays, shoppers and diners still made their way downtown.

Jodi Crandall of Clarkston ate outside with her family at Honcho Latin Street Food and Coffee Restaurant on Main Street, thanks to the igloo-shaped warming tents in use there.

When asked about the new igloos at Honcho, the cozy family said they wanted to see firsthand what they were like. So, they decided to come out just to try it.

"I love it," Crandall said.

Even though she was braving the Michigan chill, Crandall said she is passionate about pet safety, especially during the winter.

"I have a dog and just today I posted on Instagram 'Bring your pets inside, and if you don't, report it cause it's cruel,'" she said.

"My cat and dog are in coats right now," said Amanda Backes, Crandall's niece. "It's really cold out, but you know what, it's Michigan and you just make the best of it."

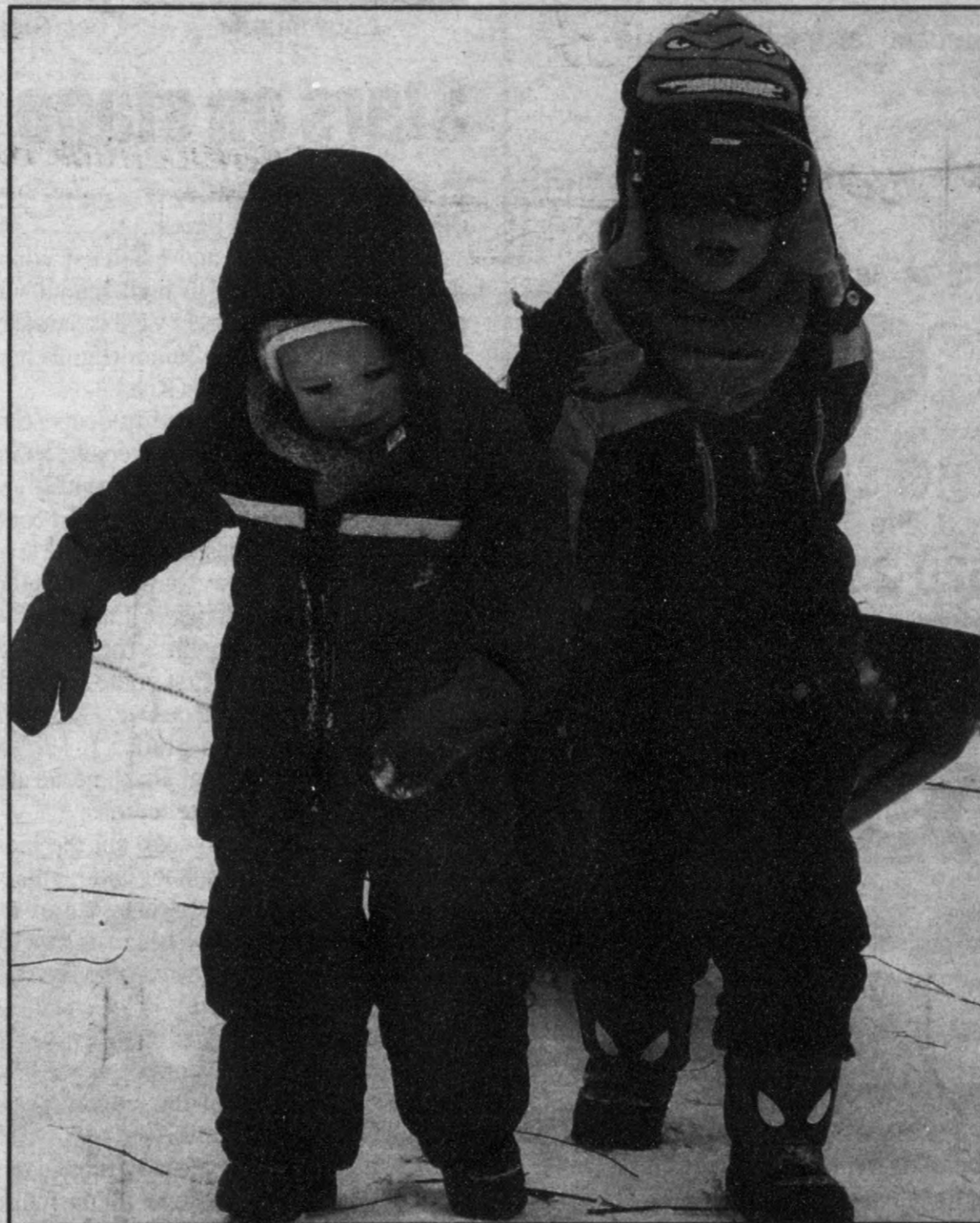
Strolling in the village were Brandon Township residents Mike and Paula Rutter. Busted in their thick comfy coats and wool scarves, they took a minute for a cool chat.

"I like the crunchy snow," said Paula.

"I'm 100 percent with her," Mike said smiling.

"We just moved in September, so we're just checking out everything. We've already walked through Ortonville, and now we're walking through Clarkston," Paula explained.

Oxford residents Mike and Cristian  
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Mila and Jesse Mihalcheon hit the snowy slopes behind Independence Elementary School with their parents, Kurt and Katie Mihalcheon, Sunday afternoon. Temperatures were starting to edge out of near-zero depths on Sunday, leading to a thaw in the 30s later in the week. Please see page 23 for more photos. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Big 2018 plans in township

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
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There is much to look forward to in 2018 in Independence Township, said township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

"Here in the township, I am continuously amazed at the amount of support people are willing to give to an important project," Kittle said.

The Miracle League of Clarkston, a non-profit group providing recreational and sporting opportunities for children with physical or cognitive challenges at accessible facilities, has supported the township with the Adaptive Park planned for Clintonwood Park.



Kittle

"There are a group of very motivated residents who have special needs kids who have committed to raising \$500,000 to build this park using private capital to benefit those kids who love sports, but who are just physically unable to play competitively," he said.

The park will have a ball field smaller in size with a special uniform surface kids on crutches or wheelchairs can run, throw, bat in a highly supervised and fun environment. Most importantly, Kittle feels this field gets them involved with other kids.

"There are goals for 2018, with Splash Pad being one of them. For 2017, I just evaluated myself and I gave me a C+. People expect you to do your job. They demand a balanced budget, and make sure the shower turns on and the toilets flush," he said. "To get an A, you've gotta walk on water, and there's only one guy I know of who can pull

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## Stars on stage at Clarkston Idol

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Some of the best and brightest young stars from elementary to high school will perform at Clarkston Idol LIVE this Saturday, 7-9:30 p.m. at Clarkston Junior High School Auditorium, 6595 Waldon Road.

"We had a lot of talented students come out to audition," said Brian Haverkate, choral director at North Sashabaw Elementary and Clarkston Elementary. "I always wish I could take more into the live show due to the level of talent. This year we have a few more finalists in the K-1-2 division. Last year that division was non-competitive (performance only) as we only had a first grade finalist."

Performers auditioned on Dec. 12. Several of the students, from grades 6-12, are currently involved in choir and there are also students who take private lessons.

"I find students who seek out the most opportunities to sing (school choir, church choir, private lessons, musicals, etc.) are the ones who thrive in Idol because they've experienced all types of events and styles of singing," Haverkate said.

The teacher does his best to encourage Idol contestants. He even offered some brief coaching with some of the singers at the auditions.

"If there's something easily fixable or a seed I'd like to plant in a singer for the future, I will definitely let them know and talk about it with them," he said.

Finalists include **Abigail Mundy**, Clarkston Junior High School, performing "I Have Nothing" by Whitney Houston; **Aubrey Drouin**, Sashabaw Middle School, "Satellite" by Gabbie Hanna; **Avery Phillips**,

Springfield Plains Elementary, "Girl on Fire" by Alicia Keys; **Camryn Farrell**, Springfield Plains Elementary, "Lost Boy" by Ruth B.; **Destiny Daniels**, Sashabaw Middle School, "Hallelujah" by Alexandra Burke; **Emerson Rinke**, North Sashabaw Elementary, Nat King Cole; **Haley Phillips**, Clarkston High School, "Jolene" by Dolly Parton; **Isabella Wheeler**, Springfield Plains Elementary, "True Colors" by Cyndi Lauper; **Keith Garrison**, Pine Knob Elementary, "Praying" by Kesha; **Lena Richardson**, Sashabaw Middle School, "When I Was Your Man" by Bruno Mars; **Paige Colby**, Clarkston Junior High School, "Wasted Time" by The Eagles; **Reilly Kerrigan**, Clarkston High School, "Beautiful" by Christina Aguilera; **Sammie Carpentier**, Sashabaw Middle School, "Skinny Love" by Birdy; and **Stella Shires**, Independence Elementary, "Count on Me" by Bruno Mars.

Maddy Kopsch, a tenth grader at Clarkston High School, will also sing and play guitar for three songs she wrote herself. Other performances include beat box entertainment.

"There are many fantastic beat-boxers in the Clarkston A Cappella groups who will also be performing a song or two to entertain during judging," Haverkate said.

There will be \$1 concessions and the newest Detroit Voice CD - "More than Motown" available for purchase, \$10.

There will also be a performance by Aca Boot Camp participants.

Tickets are \$5 students/seniors, \$8 adults at the door; and are available in advance through [clarkstonacappella.ticketleap.com/clarkston-idol-2018-live-show](http://clarkstonacappella.ticketleap.com/clarkston-idol-2018-live-show).



Camryn Farrell



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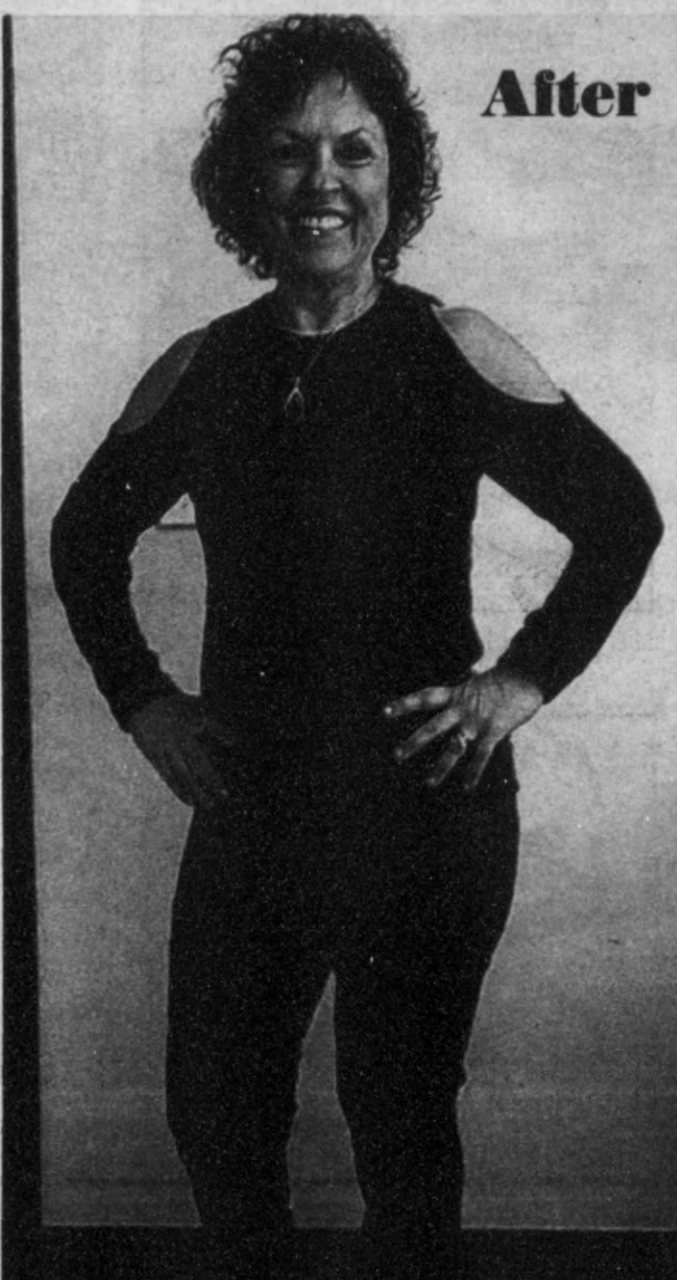


Emerson Rinke

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# Future bright for Clarkston students, schools

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

As we welcome 2018, Clarkston Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock and Clarkston School Board President Elizabeth Egan reflected on the past year and future expectations.

"We've really had an outstanding, all-around year, as I think we do most years in terms of robotics, and that program has really grown with the younger kids," Rock said.

Rock said Clarkston had a great year in other areas such as athletics, basketball, football, and girls cross country.

"I'm proud of the many championship teams from Clarkston, as well as the arts division, such as the choir who performed at the state conference, the band played in the state finals," he said.

He's especially proud of the drama theater clubs' performances, such as "Les Miserables."

"That was a real outstanding performance, remarkable for hardly any speaking parts," he said. "It's mostly singing so you have to have lots of kids who can sing, you can't hide it."

The \$76 million bond, approved in 2016 for district wide upgrades in safety, security, facilities, and technology, continue to pay dividends.

"Our construction projects, with the safe and secure entrances with two of our schools, redoing parking and transportation routes to schools, drop offs and pick ups," Rock said.

The bond also provided resources schools are using efficiently.

"Our budget is really strong. We continue to make progress with that, with innovative ways to bring in revenue. So we're in a sound, financial position," he said.

However, the district's pupil count is down, he said.

"We've lost right around 100 students a year for the last four or five years," he said, adding the decrease in student count is based on the economy forcing families to move out of the district and state.

The superintendent said they have been able to increase opportunities for students. Instead of cutting or closing schools, the school board has been able to increase faculty in key areas.

"For personnel, we hired literacy specialists to support the elementary schools. So that's something new for us. Then we did the same thing with technologists to help support teachers," he said.

"We've moved about 16 teachers into instructional support and technology support, so we have went through a whole process. A few of them came from outside, but most of them came from Clarkston."



Rock

Rock said they were able to hire about 50 teachers this year in order to replace retirees, so they did not lack people who wanted to teach in Clarkston. However, in some cases, there has been the challenge for specific instructors.

"We struggle to find people like playground aides, bus drivers and support," he said. "It's hard to find substitutes and substitute para pros. So those are areas where we are focusing."

Clarkston is also part of 13 districts in the state working on innovative assessments on grades 3-5 and 11, which gives the kids a variety of opportunities to do project performance assessments to demonstrate what they know.

"If you asked a student, 'here are the standards you need to demonstrate in language arts, history, science, and we want you to do a performance or do a project, a community project, make something or create something that demonstrates what you know,' then teachers can look at that collectively and do some assessment of it," Rock said.

The district still faces challenges, he said. "We really try to have a growth mindset and every challenge is an opportunity," he said. "We're trying to think about a well-rounded child, and in order to get there we need well rounded, engaged, compassionate teachers and for our board to be thinking about those things."

When asked about his role model or inspiration, he said, "I know we often think of mentors who are older than us and have more experience and wisdom, which I appreciate that. But I'm really inspired by our kids, and what they accomplish and how they go after their dreams. Kids are working really hard. It takes a lot of hard work and parents. The kids seem willing to dream, take risks, and accomplish at a high level. So, they are my role models."

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Egan was happy to share her pride on Clarkston School accomplishments.

"I know we have National Merit Scholar

finalists coming out of our district, which is a very impressive accomplishment," she said. "We're really in the spirit of the whole child. We are, of course, here to teach the children, so I would say that's an academic accomplishment."

The district also settled a two year employee agreement in 2017 with the Clarkston Education Association, Egan noted.

"Our veteran celebrations. I think almost every elementary school has one. I know at the junior high, they have a really nice program for veterans too for Veterans Day in Social Studies classes where veterans



Egan

come in and they interact with the kids. They ask them about their history and story and we have a little brunch for them," she said. "It's living history for our kids and it does make our veterans feel that they are still very much respected."

The school board president also mentioned the pride she has for the Construction Tech programs at Clarkston Junior High School.

"I'm really excited about the construction program starting up," she said.

Clarkston is also partnering up with unions to have machine operators and other specialties to give kids certifications, starting early college with University of Michigan - Flint. They are also considering bringing in future computer design opportunities.

Students are also an inspiration to her, Egan said.

"When you look for role models and inspiration, typically you would look for someone who is older, but I think it's a milestone year for me and I teach piano in the evenings. My piano students ask really intelligent questions. For the kids that come into my home and want to study music, this is not something they have to do. So, it's really inspirational to see how hard working they are and the persistence in these kids. These aren't easy things to master," she said.

"I'm at the point where I'm not looking up in age, I'm looking down in age, and I'm really finding that I still learn from kids," she added.

It's not all business for Egan. When asked if she was had any "bucket lists" this year, Egan was candid about some exciting family vacation plans that she's looking forward to doing.

"My oldest stepson and his family just moved to Dublin, Ireland and my husband's family is from Dublin, so we'll probably be doing some family things, which will be nice," she said.

Egan also plans to have more family connections and more time to play piano.

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## Many work together to make city a success

As we, the City of the Village of Clarkston, concluded a milestone with our 25th birthday as a city, I was asked what makes Clarkston great. Initially, the obvious came to mind with great shops and restaurants and of course our little historic city charm. Of course, it's much more than that and as we celebrate our birthday year, I have to expand on this to include our people.

It is my honor to be the Mayor of our city. It is my responsibility to safeguard the tenets of our historic and charming community. It is my obligation to adhere to sound practice and edicts as we help to solidify processes and procedures that must be utilized, ensuring future security as a city.

At times it seems like an uphill battle as we try to meld two prevailing mindsets together (the old guard who I welcome as our guidepost to our historic preservations and the new guard who I see as oversight to effective governing and practice). One mindset is not more important than the other; both are needed to ensure our security and longevity. Both are charged with the responsibility to act with care and in civil manners in order to reach common goals and achieve cohesiveness; thus, enhancing our community.

With that said let me thank the many volunteers and elected officials who dedicate a portion of their lives to do just that. We have seen many changes to our boards, commissions and to the city council. Strengthening these entities is critical to smooth, fair and unbiased accomplishment within their areas of responsibly. These folks have obligations to just that and via continued educations within their fields and a rededication to civil and productive interactions we find they are thriving. I commend them and their efforts as well as their volunteer spirit.

Our city officers and employees, as well, witnessed change and have handled it admi-

rably. They are dialing in on processes and working hard to establish consistent and effective procedures. Many of these folks stepped into new positions and have been constantly refining their skills and knowledge base in order to achieve smooth city operations.

The many men and women behind the scenes on a daily basis who make this city run smoothly (government, residential and our business district areas). Those who do the "heavy lifting" to ensure our city businesses operate seamlessly.

Many do not see them as they work shifts around the clock and have behind the scene functions. However, I see you late at night and in the early mornings as you ensure the responsible business duties are handled. Ensuring our city is kept clean and beautiful is often, to many, a muscle memory task. I see you sweeping your stoops and picking up trash in alleys and on sidewalks. We see you changing lightbulbs and planting flowers or pulling weeds. Thank you for your efforts and sense of responsibility.

To the Masonic, Rotarians, Optimist, Historic Society, Chamber, *Clarkston News* and Garden Club et al; we appreciate your dedication to the preservation of our historic city and its beautification. Many of these organizations work behind the scenes to enhance our charm and provide for the needs of community.

They also set standards in our values and practices for others to emulate and strive for. It is clear the historic value of these organizations helped to shape our society and sense of community. Many of them take oaths and practice obligations that go to the very core of a peaceful, duty and civic minded commu-

nity which is paramount to securing our "way of life." Thank you!

Many folks despise change. Unfortunately, we have little control over it. We can mitigate the effect of change by being proactive and deliberate. Some 25 years ago, the Village grew to become a City and change was difficult however; without that proactive mindset we could have seen a much different residential and business district that may have deteriorated the successful charm we currently maintain. I am grateful to those forward thinkers 25 years ago. It was a bold and deliberate step to control change within the then, Village boundaries. I appreciate the passion of our past leaders and key players in that change and encourage their continued civil tone and likeminded efforts to help us ensure our success.

We are far from perfect as many constantly point out. We are mindful of that and endeavor to always act with the city and our residents (to include business district) needs and wants in mind. We will continue to make mistakes as I have yet to meet that person void of "mistakes."

It is my hope to leave our city better off and to improve on the greatness it was when I took the reins. We will always need help and we appreciate the offers and many folks working behind the scenes to assist us. I speak for myself however; I would find it difficult any member of our city staff or city council would object when I say we all want the same thing. We want to maintain and enhance while protecting our great little city. Maintain and enhance in all ways, Always.

It has been a great year with many bumps and bruises. Unscathed for the most part, we will continue to work diligently and productively for our city and its residents. Thank you and have a safe and happy New Year.

*Steven C Percival is mayor of the City of the Village of Clarkston*

## Briefly

### Parking talk

Clarkston Parking Committee hosts a Community Conversation about parking issues in the City of the Village of Clarkston, 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 5, at Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

### 'Escanaba' on stage

Clarkston Village Players present "Escanaba in Love" by Jeff Daniels, Jan. 12-14, 19-21, and 25-27 at Depot Theater.

The prequel to "Escanaba in da Moonlight," "Escanaba in Love" runs the gamut from slapstick humor to warmhearted drama.

In this funny and at times bawdy play about the Soady family and their men-only deer camp in the Upper Peninsula, young Albert Soady, Jr. shows up with his new wife, Big Betty Ballou, whom he just won in a kissing contest. Albert Sr. is aghast and a battle of the sexes ensues. Hang on for laughs in this Yoooper comedy.

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### Blood donors needed

January is National Blood Donor Month, and the American Red Cross needs blood and platelet donors of all blood types to help address a winter blood donation shortage.

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Severe winter weather has had a tremendous impact on blood donations already this year, with more than 150 blood drives forced to cancel causing over 5,500 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected.

This is in addition to seasonal illnesses, such as the flu, and hectic holiday schedules collectively contributing to more than 28,000 fewer donations than what was needed in November and December.

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## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Price

### Fresh start

Ah, here we are again. The beginning of the year - a time to start fresh and make goals for the new year.

Maybe I should begin with goals I probably will never make or if I made them they would easier be broken like going to a bookstore. Or buying a book once all the other books have been read.

Or not drinking coffee - I will go down to one cup a day, but please don't take away my coffee completely away.

Or I will not binge watch an entire show on Netflix in one day, because I don't do it. Gosh, a part of me starts thinking about all the other things I could do if I had an entire day.



Oh, here's another good one, not buying anymore washi tape (if you haven't heard of it think decorated tape.) Now there's a chuckle.

Now we can move on to more realistic goals for myself, when the toddler is asleep. Since I mentioned books, realistically reading one book a month. Not bad. I could easier finish a book in a few days if it I really can't put it down.

Now, when I thought about goals I wanted to read one fiction and one non-fiction book per month. Technically I do have one of each in my everyday tote - *Stalking Jack the Ripper* by Kerri Maniscalco and *The Princess Diarist* by Carrie Fisher (which was a great hidden find at a used book store during National Novel Writing Month.) There is hope.

Leading into writing goals. Gosh, wouldn't it be nice to finish what I started during National Novel Writing Month in 2010. For that matter, any of the three stories. Even if not working on any of those, just writing 15-20 minutes a few times a week. Start small, finish big.

Scrapbooking goals...hmm... on one scrapbooking group on Facebook I made a goal of 50 pages for the year, which is feasible. More realistic then let's say 100 or 150. Then, in another Facebook group I added five more goals to it - mostly finishing projects and signing up for more crops. Maybe also try to draw and paint more - it has been awhile.

Health goals I am sticking with the basics try to stress less and drink more water, walk more. Also, to get my energy level up as it will be spring before we know it and Jonathan will be quickly running in the backyard and speeding on

## K-9 donation in officer's name

The Heroes Need Hope benefit at Deer Lake Athletic Club, 6167 White Lake Road, will feature a special dedication to Sgt. Collin Rose, a Wayne State University K9 police officer killed in the line of duty, Nov. 2016.

Prevention Concepts and Solutions, which is hosting the event from 5-10 p.m., Jan. 27, will be donating a dog in Rose's name to a recovering veteran during a special ceremony at the benefit. Prevention Concepts previously trained and donated a K-9 dog to WSUPD to help protect and serve the Detroit community.

"Because of this connection and our admiration for Collin, we decided the best way to honor his legacy was to make sure his name not only lived on, but also provided benefits for other heroes," said Jason Foltz, who along with David Dudek founded Prevention Concepts in 2012.

The non-profit organization works to improve quality of life for military veterans dealing with post-traumatic stress, substance abuse, and other issues through the canine-assisted therapy and activities, and peer-recovery supports.

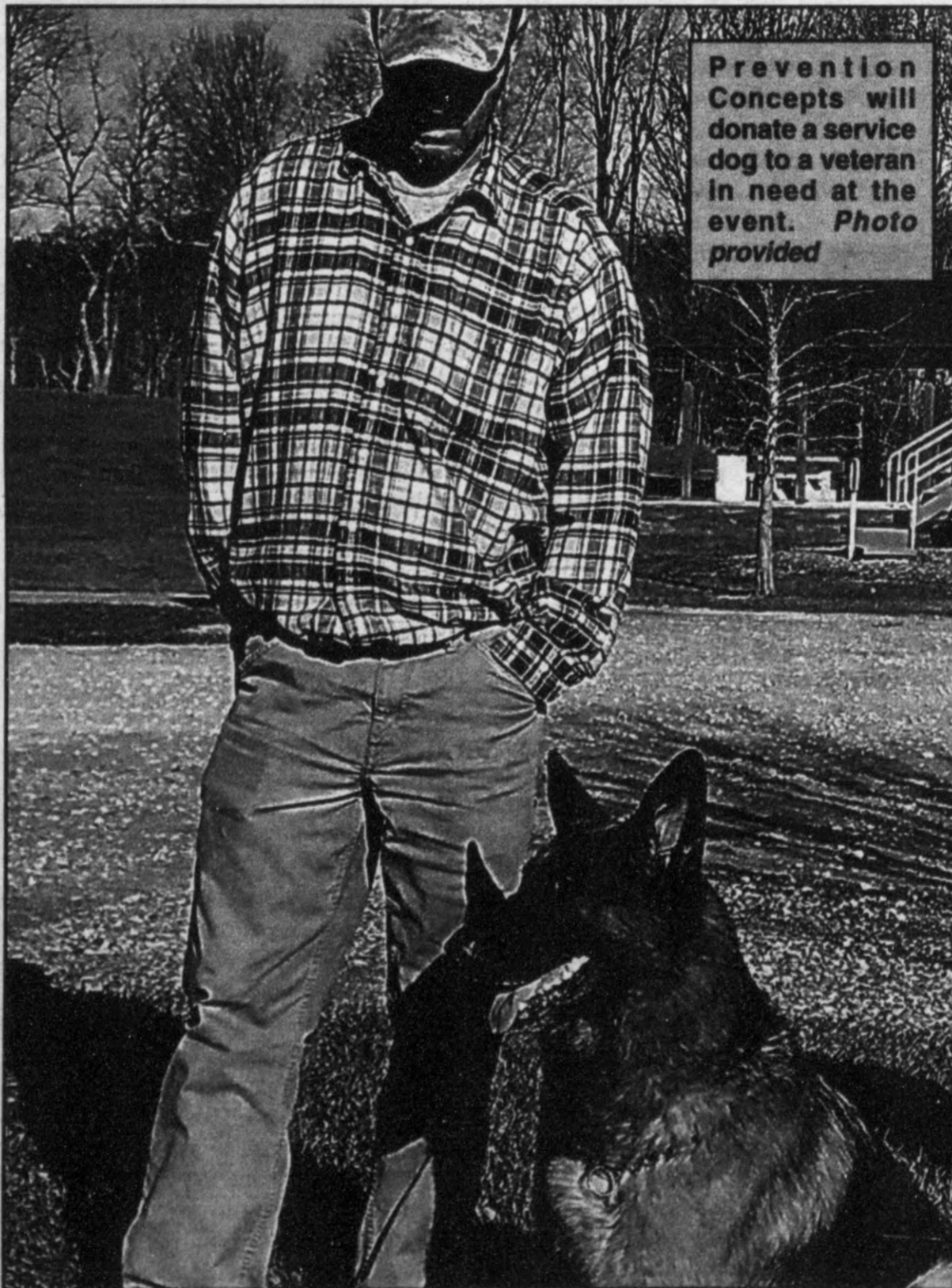
Goals for the first annual event are to spread awareness about issues and needs within the veteran community, promote/demonstrate the benefits of canine-assisted therapy and activities, and raise enough money to finish renovations on three donated properties that will be used for transitional and emergency housing for veterans.

All of the proceeds from the benefit will directly fund the canine assisted therapy program, military families, and transitional housing for at-risk veterans.

The event will include guest speakers, silent auction, raffle and door prizes, and signed photos with Military Dog of the Year, 2014, K-9 Chaney and his handler, Marine Veteran, Matt Hatala.

Live entertainment is provided featuring an all veteran band, The Renegades, along with a presentation of "My America," a heartfelt tribute written in honor of veterans by a local songwriter, Paul Lubanski of Farmington Hills.

For more information, contact Foltz at Jason.foltz@preventionconceptsinc.org or 248-977-6799. For tickets, check www.PreventionConceptsInc.org.



## A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

### 15 years ago - 2003

"**Stuart looks to future**" Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart looked ahead to 2003 and shared he was satisfied and proud of how 2002 went for the township. Stuart said he believed the government was efficiently run and did not foresee the township taking on additional services.

"**Fun in the snow**" Springfield Plains Elementary fifth graders Whitney Bedor, Alayna Zielinski and Erica Zentner stayed warm while they played in the snow during recess.

"**Local artist excited to bring work to Independence Library**" Clarkston resident Hugh Murphy was enthused about having his art displayed at the Independence Township Library meeting room. The former automotive industry technical illustrator spent about 10 hours a week working on his art.

### 25 years ago - 1993

"**Most MEAP scores down from 1991**" The recent test results from the Michigan Educational Assessment Program had Clarkston Schools officials a little concerned. The results for 1992 were down from 1991 in science and essential reading in all grade levels tested.

"**The 'King' visits Clarkston**" Elvis was sighted in Clarkston as the Clarkston post office kicked off the commemorative Elvis stamp campaign. Festivities kicked off at noon with 25-30 people already in line. The post office was initially issued 40,000 Elvis stamps to sell.

"**Win streak continues as lineup changes**" Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach Dan Fife had used at least five different lineups in the Wolves first seven games and it was paying off as the boys defeated Lake Orion, 50-42 to put their record 5-2.

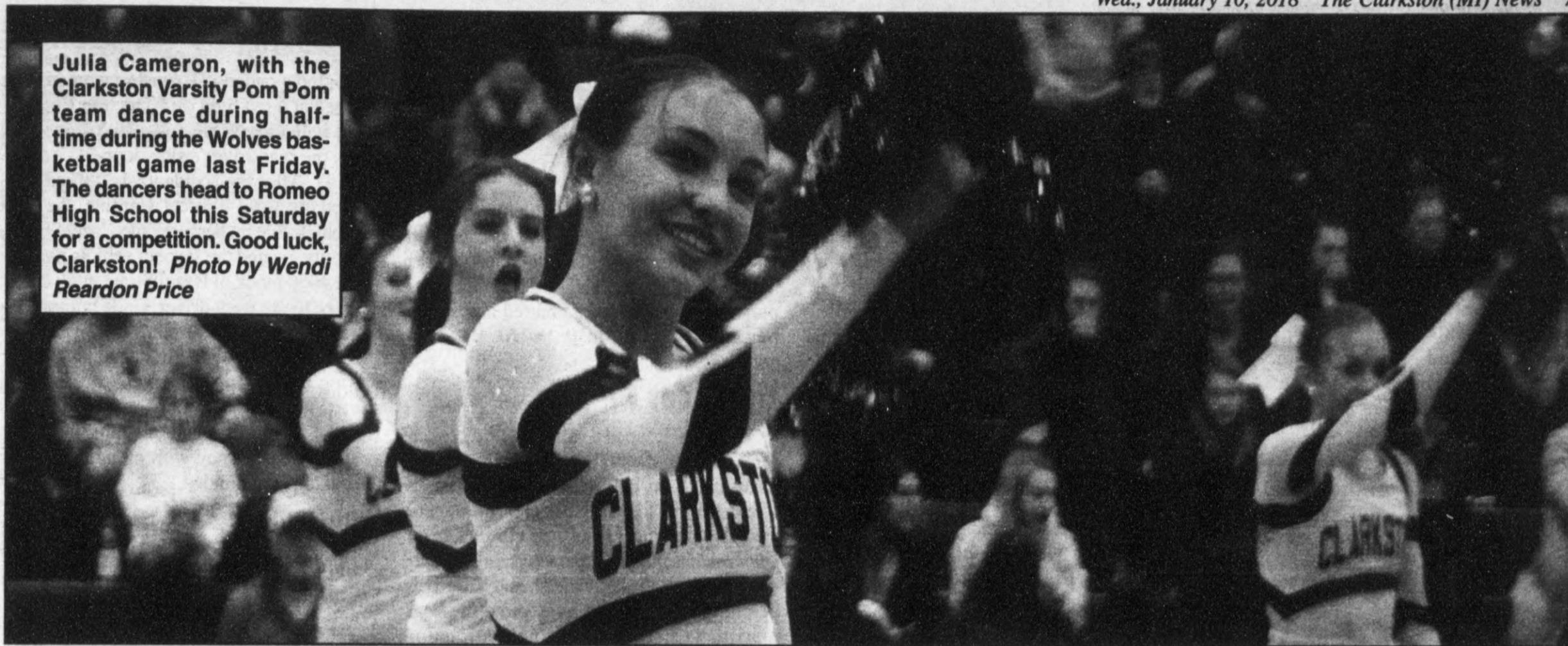
### 50 years ago - 1968

"**John Bennett has sculpture showing**" Mr. and Mrs. Merle Bennett of Dixie Highway were in New York City to view the one-man showing of sculpture works by their son, John, in the Fischbach Gallery on 57th Street in Manhattan.

"**Clarkston bombs Holly**" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team defeated Holly, 60-46, for the last time the Wolves would play Holly in the league, as the rivals would be moving to a new league.

"**Notes on the Orchard**" Ann Fairse celebrated her fifth birthday with 11 friends as they played games and enjoyed ice cream and birthday cake.

Julia Cameron, with the Clarkston Varsity Pom Pom team dance during half-time during the Wolves basketball game last Friday. The dancers head to Romeo High School this Saturday for a competition. Good luck, Clarkston! Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



## New(ish) year same mission: observe, inform, entertain

Gosh, we're into the second week of yet another year, and I just figured out, we have only 50 weeks left to make all of our goals -- personal, financial and in business. As I pondered how far I am already behind schedule this year, far above me I heard familiar voices. From somewhere in the universe a booming voice bellowed like rolling thunder.

"Donald," it summoned, I looked up and a snow flake gently landed on my cheek. "Donald. It is time. You are here to hear of my desire. You are the Chosen One. He who shall speak to my peeps."

"But," I interjected humbly, "Will they listen?"

The commanding voice roared out in annoyance at my doubting, "No buts! Tell them, tell them it all!"

And then, as if under some unearthly command, cumulonimbus clouds converged to obscure my vision. The temperature rose from negative one degree to 31. No burning bushes, but more snow to shovel. The voice was gone. I was alone in an icy parking lot. Was it up there still up there? Watching me? Just what happens in those ivory towers?

Silence of the January snow was all I heard,

"But, you forgot to tell me what it is you wanted me to say, and to whom," I said meekly, obviously to myself.

What had they said? "My peeps . . ." What did that mean? The people? No. Then, out of nowhere a thought hit me like a giant, wet and sloppy snow ball to the noggin' -- *My people, your readers.*

So what message did they desire me to send to you, the reader?

My best guess is about a golden rule of community journalism -- one we may have gotten away from re-

cently. That rule?

*"Thou shalt accept for publication, those announcements from individuals, groups, moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandmas and grandpas -- any interested party. Thou shalt accept said announcements with smiling faces and plenty of thank yous -- and then follow through and publish said announcements promptly."*

That means we cannot make readers jump through hoops to get information published. Mail it, e-mail it, drop it off, call it in -- if you make the effort to furnish us with information it is our job to get it in our community newspaper. (Of course, we reserve the right to correct spelling, etc.)

As editors and reporters for a community newspaper, we need to get out there and pound the pavement, press the flesh and meet new people. We have to hear different points of view. We cannot rely (solely) on one source of information. We cannot rely (solely) on public relations personnel for info from our local forms of government.

Many residents criticize elected officials and administrators of being smug and beyond reproach. Those same folks may think the same of us.

When we get a letter to the editor criticizing us, we have to realize there are other points of view. We need to come to grips with the fact criticisms are not necessarily a bad thing. When readers see spelling errors and let us know, they actually care enough about us to tell us to shape up.

The message seems pretty simple, we need to be open to our readers. We need to get back to the idea everyone in our community has a story, and it is our job to tell it. Before we can tell it, though, we need to get out and talk to the community.

Did you know one of our goals is to get every kid who goes to public school here in our paper at least once before they graduate? Yup, it's true.

### Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

What was the message those leaders of this community newspaper want me to share? I guess it is to share our commitment to the readers and our community. If you want to see something in the paper, think we should do something better, by all means let us know.

I think they mean, you can help us. Keep us on our toes. Be our ears and eyes. And, when you do, send us your phone number so we can call to verify. Send in all your stuff for publication, and then thank the local businesses who advertise, they make it all possible!

An article by Jane Hungarter stated, ". . . Newspapers actively engage audiences who take action as a result of seeing newspaper advertising."

Here are some of the findings:

**86% of readers say newspapers are a great place to get useful information.** Local newspapers continue to be the primary source of information about communities in small towns and cities;

**78% of readers feel like they are a part of a community of readers.** Consumers look forward to reading community newspapers, and rely on them for local news and information. Community newspapers are informative, entertaining, and provide quality news coverage and fair news reporting;

**74% of readers usually notice the ads appearing in newspapers.** Newspapers are the medium in which advertising makes consumers more likely to purchase, and the most effective place to learn about sales and store information.

And, newspapers are worst at promoting themselves. We go about getting the job done, writing news, selling ads to promote other businesses, but we suck at telling our own story.

\* \* \*

When I went inside, looked in the mirror, I noticed my beard had turned gray. Time for a new mug shot. Send me your comments, [DontRushDon@gmail.com](mailto:DontRushDon@gmail.com)

## Peace disrupted

Employees called 911 to report a fight in which a man was knocked out at their restaurant in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 5:40 p.m., Dec. 21.

When Oakland County Sheriff's deputies arrived, the victim, a 58-year-old Waterford man, had left the restaurant. Employees pointed out the suspect, a 33-year-old Independence Township man.

When speaking to the 33-year-old, a 49-year-old Waterford Township man approached and said he was the man's attorney. The deputy looked at the 33-year-old and he responded by shaking his head

# Public Safety

## For Clarkston and Independence Township

"no." The Waterford Township man stepped in closer to the deputy and ignored warnings to back up, and the deputy pushed him backwards.

The 49-year-old then started telling others around him he was assaulted and would take the deputy to federal court. He appeared intoxicated by his glassy eyes, slurred speech, and strong odor of booze.

He was cited for interfering with a police investigation. The 33-year-old was cited with disturbing the peace. The 58-year-old was reached at his home, and said his friend was playing around and head butted him in the bar, and he didn't think he lost consciousness.

### Lights out #1

A deputy stopped a vehicle with a broken brake light in the 5000 block of Deepwood Court, 3:19 a.m., Jan. 3. Noticing several packs of cigarillos in the rear truck area, the deputy asked if anyone in the vehicle had been smoking marijuana. A passenger, a 23-year-old Pontiac man, said he had, and had a bag of marijuana. He had an expired medical marijuana card and an application for renewal. He was cited for possession of marijuana.

## Hit and run

An Independence Township woman was stopped at a red light on Clarkston Road at M-15 when her vehicle was hit by another car in the rear driver's side door, 2:17 a.m., Dec. 27. After the accident, she turned and headed towards Fir Street. Enroute, she saw the vehicle that hit her turn onto Hazel Street. A deputy located the suspect vehicle parked in the 4000 block of Hazel Street, with fresh damage to the front driver's side bumper. A resident said her boyfriend, a 32-year-old Independence Township man, had been driving the vehicle. He smelled of booze, slurred his words, and had a flushed face. He said he didn't recall crashing into any vehicle. He was cited with hit and run, and the car was impounded.

### Lights out #2

A deputy stopped a vehicle with a passenger-side running light out, 4:33 a.m., Jan. 2, at Sashabaw and Maybee roads. The driver, a 42-year-old Waterford man, was cited for driving with a suspended license. The car was impounded.

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## Hospital still a dream for supervisor

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that off, and that was a long time ago. There are some things I accomplished and other things I didn't," he added.

Some of the challenges Kittle had this year were resource constraints. He wanted to do some things with the DPW department such as building a new structure, and cleaning and updating sewer pipes. He also wanted to put new audit protocols in place to make sure billings get better for utilities, especially concerning homeowners associations.

"It's taking us a little while to unwind it, but through process redesign efforts, we've identified where the core issues are, put together fixes in place, and communicated these to the HOAs," Kittle says.

When presented with the issue about apartment residents who do not have the benefit of recycling services, Kittle made the suggestion a collaborative effort would be needed.

"An individual renter going to the apartment owner probably doesn't have a lot of clout, but if he can get a block of residents and organize themselves so it isn't just one person complaining but it's dozens of people requesting. The downside to this is if there's incremental costs, the apartment owner is not going to eat it. He's going to transfer that cost down to the renters, so you get what you pay for," he said.

His most influential person is his wife, Kittle said.

"I've known her for a better part of 50 years," he said. "She is supportive, understanding, challenging, and not afraid to tell you when you're wrong."

Kittle is a passionate advocate of building a full-service hospital in Independence Township, but there have been tough obstacles in the way.

"My number one priority for this community has been the establishment of a full blown medical facility here. There is a Certificate of Need process the medical profession uses in the state of Michigan to determine where and whom competitors should be placed," he said.

The supervisor plans to approach the state legislatures to repeal the C.O.N.

"It's a difficult process - here we are, a community of 37,000 people with another 60,000 in neighboring communities that would benefit from a Level 2 trauma center here in the heart of Independence," he said.

Kittle says it currently takes people in the community about a half hour to get to the closest emergency room.

Not only does he feel a full hospital here would help save lives of residents, but will also provide several side benefits such as creating jobs for 1,200 employees, expanding the local housing market, benefitting hundreds of acres of commercial property along with the taxes it would bring to the community.

Kittle not only is passionate about his community's health, but said he needs to start being passionate about his own health.

When asked if he had anything on his personal bucket list, he gave quite the intriguing answer.

"I got to lose weight, like a quick 50 pounds. That's the goal," he said, adding with a laugh, "You can put that in print. I've got nothing to hide."



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Each week on the front of the ever-lovin' *Clarkston News* we promote, "My Clarkston, Buy Clarkston", and will continue to be this town's advocate of local business.

Again, thank you for your support and please contact me with ideas or concerns!

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## Shooting power to open 2018

**BY WENDI REARDON PRICE**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Clarkston's cagers opened the new year with two wins in the OAA Red including a win over Southfield Arts & Technology, who they lost to last season, with a 75-47 score last Friday.

"We started off on fire," said Dan Fife, long time head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball. "When you shoot that well it's hard for anybody."

The Wolves and Southfield A&T were tied at five points with 4:38 remaining in the first period, it would be the last time for the Warriors as senior Foster Loyer broke the tie less than a second later with a free throw shot.

Clarkston added two more points from senior Nick Wells after he caught a long pass from Loyer. The gap continued to grow as senior CJ Robinson sank three of his field goal attempts within a span of 90 seconds, putting the score 17-7.

The Wolves closed the first quarter with a 24-7 lead with a basket from Loyer and five points from Wells, which included a field goal. Clarkston defense kept the Warriors to ten points in the second quarter while Wolves offense added 18 to the scoreboard closing the half, 42-17.

"Our league is very tough so we have to come every day with the same thought in mind - everybody wants to beat us," said Fife. "Southfield does a good job - they beat

us last year. They lost all their kids - which will be us next year when we lose all our seniors."

Loyer led the team with 19 points, including going 4-for-4 on the free throw line. Robinson scored 15 points, including four 3-pointers. Wells and senior Max Anderson had one 3-pointer during the game.

"It's a good win for us," Fife added. "We moved the ball pretty good."

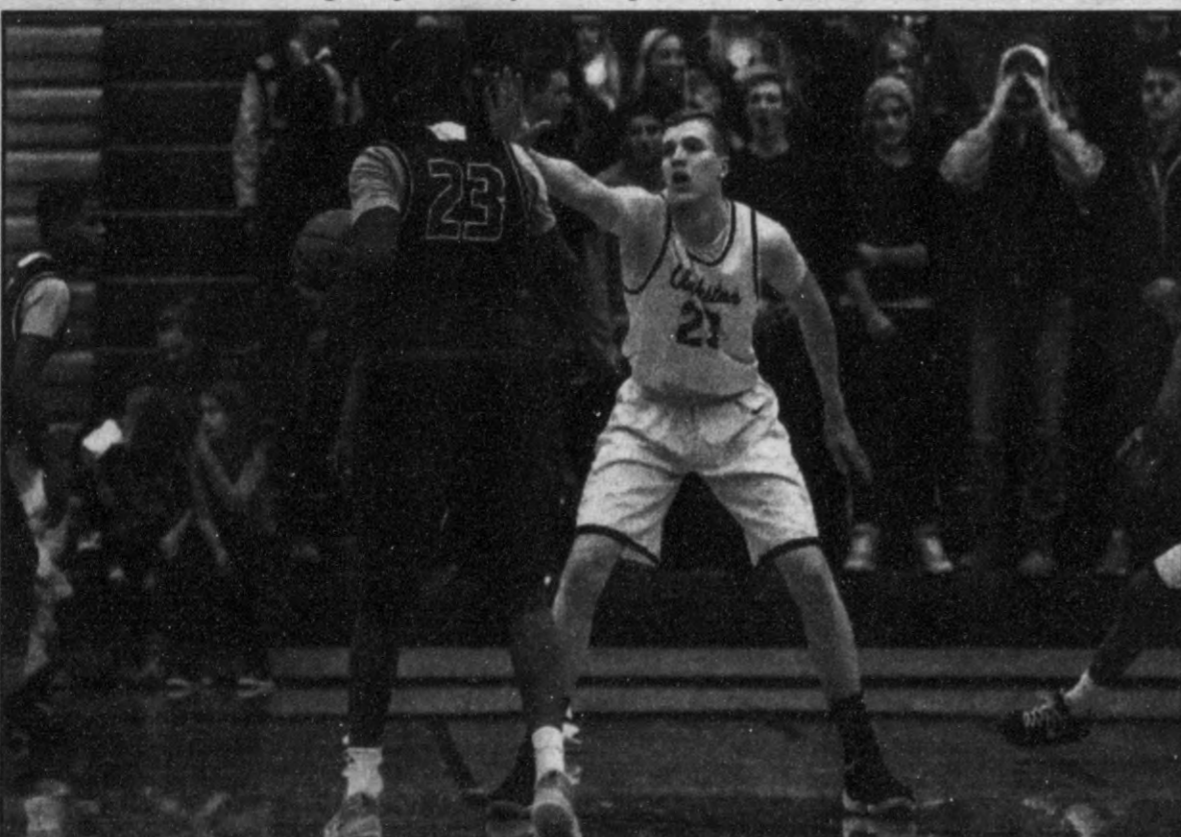
The Wolves also defeated Bloomfield Hills on Jan. 3, 62-35. Loyer led the team with 31 points. Robinson scored ten points and Wasilk had six points.

"Bloomfield plays pretty well," said Fife. "They will be alright this year. They competed hard."

The JV and freshman teams also posted wins for the week. JV remained undefeated with a 48-27 win over Bloomfield Hills and a 53-29 win over Southfield A&T, putting their record, 8-0. The freshman Wolves defeated Bloomfield Hills, 42-26, and Southfield A&T, 59-44, to move 7-1.

The Wolves opened the week on Tuesday at Troy. The varsity players head to Warren Fitzgerald on Saturday to play Detroit Pershing at 7 p.m.

The teams are back home on Jan. 19 against North Farmington. Miracle Minute will be held for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society during the night. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Taylor Currie blocks Southfield Arts & Technology during the first half. Photo by Larry Wright

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Champion of the lanes

**BY WENDI REARDON PRICE**  
*Clarkston News Sports Writer*

Senior Drew Sagowitz opened his bowling season as OAA Singles Champion.

He bowled games of 166, 212 and 268 to qualify fourth in the tournament with the Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team. He defeated three opponents in match play rounds to become champion.

Sagowitz said going into the final match he thought about how far he had come.

"I knew I had the talent to take first place," he said. "I told myself once I got in the championship match I already had second place locked up, and I am going home happy whether if I win it or take second. It was nerve wrecking. I was very nervous. My whole team was there. I really wanted to make them proud because they look up to me. I wanted to play that leadership role. I stuck with what I knew, executed, and I came through."

His personal goals for his final season include averaging over 220 and leaving a legacy with teammates.

"I have already hit averaging 200 which is amazing," Sagowitz said. "I want to leave a legacy with these guys. I want them to remember me for who I am and what kind of leader I am to them."

Sagowitz began bowling when he was five-years-old when he went out there and grabbed a ball.

"I never let go of it. I stuck with it. I guess I just came out of the womb bowling," he laughed. "I love every part of bowling."

He added he enjoys bowling because

of the bonding with his teammates.

"There are so many personalities on the team I probably would have never talked to these guys," he said. "Because we share one thing in common it brings us close together like family - I love that part. I can go to them about anything and talk to them about anything. I can do anything with them."

He added when he isn't bowling or studying he is hanging out with his teammates.

Sagowitz plans to study computer science when he goes to college.

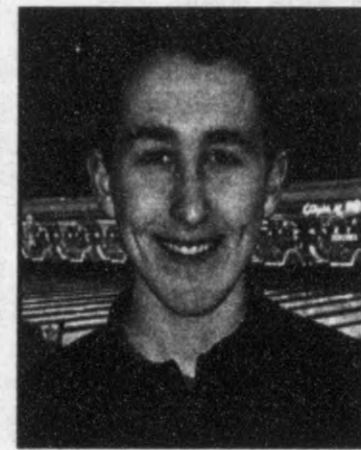
"Computer science is very broad," he said. "I can go anywhere with it."

He added it would be nice to bowl on a collegiate level but he would love to bowl just for fun.

"As great as bowling collegiately sounds there's so much competition," he shared. "I think bowling is more for fun. High school has the perfect balance of fun and competition."

His advice to aspiring athletes is bowling is a very mental sport.

"For me, it's so natural, I can just go up there and throw the ball. It gives me an advantage," Sagowitz shared. "Some people have to think about what they have to do. They know they have to execute. It's such a mental sport because you could be striking all day, then miss the spare and your whole mind is asking what's going on. You have to have a strong mental game to be good at it. They start breaking down, they can't hold themselves together."



Drew Sagowitz



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# Grapplers take down Highlanders for win

The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team posted a 47-12 win Rochester Adams at home, Jan. 3.

Ian Wilson opened the varsity meet with a fall at the 3:38 mark in the 171-pound match.

Jacob Jones (189) won his match over Timothy Anderson, scoring three points in the second period. Anderson scored zero points on Jones to close the match.

Adam Sprague (103) won his match over Highlander Aaron Wildrick, with a fall at 1:41.

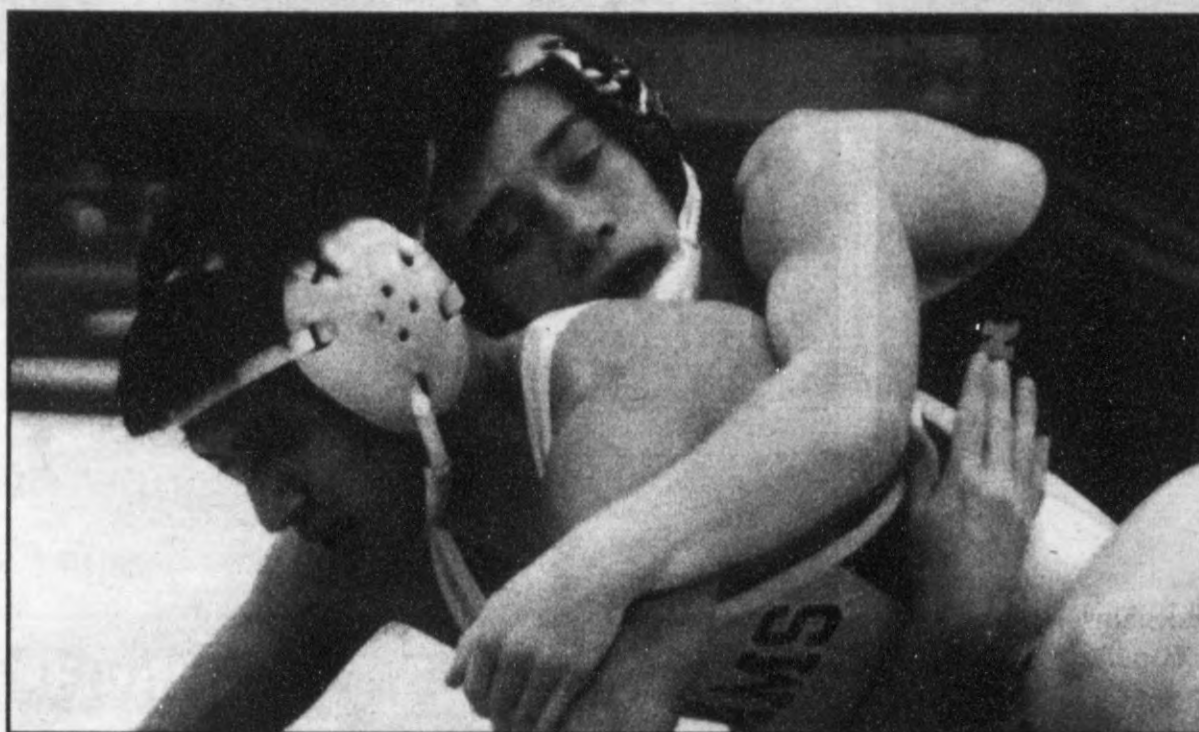
Winning with technical falls were Ethan Polick (135), scoring 19-4 on Joseph Eble, ending the match at 5:31; and Houston Hemingsen (140) scoring 16-1 on Jack Dunn, ending the match at 4:16.

Cole Wieggers (119) scored for the Wolves with a 15-4 major decision over Brady Vibert.

Scoring three points to add to the Wolves' score were: Mac Hanselman (125) won his match against Sean Phalen, Dec 7-6; Anthony Welch (130) won his match over Parker Sanchez, 9-8; Jake Billette (145) with a 12-8 win over Brendon Gibbons; and Carter Hoogewerf (152) with a 2-0 win over Joey DiCresce.

Kyle Rumbold (285) won his match with a void.

The Wolves also had exhibition matches as the night was originally scheduled as a dual meet and two other teams did not make it.



**Freshman Grady Castle grabs a hold on Highlander Anvj Mangal in Clarkston's home meet in the 112-pound weight class match. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price**

During the matches Frank Davis had a fall over Joseph Dreon in the 171-pound weight class and Hayden Payne (160) also had a fall, over Gerald Garrett. John Lord (140) had a 9-4 win over Thomas Dunn. Kyle Spengler (112) won in a 11-3 major decision over Douglas Bombard.

The varsity team finished the week in third place at the New Lothrop Hall of Fame Invite

on Saturday. The Varsity B team also finished in third at Bishop Foley's tournament.

The teams head to Seaholm High School on Wednesday for a dual meet against the home team and Oxford.

The varsity team heads to Bay City on Saturday for the Michigan Duals Tournament and Varsity B/JV team heads to the Armada Duals.



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## IMAGINE

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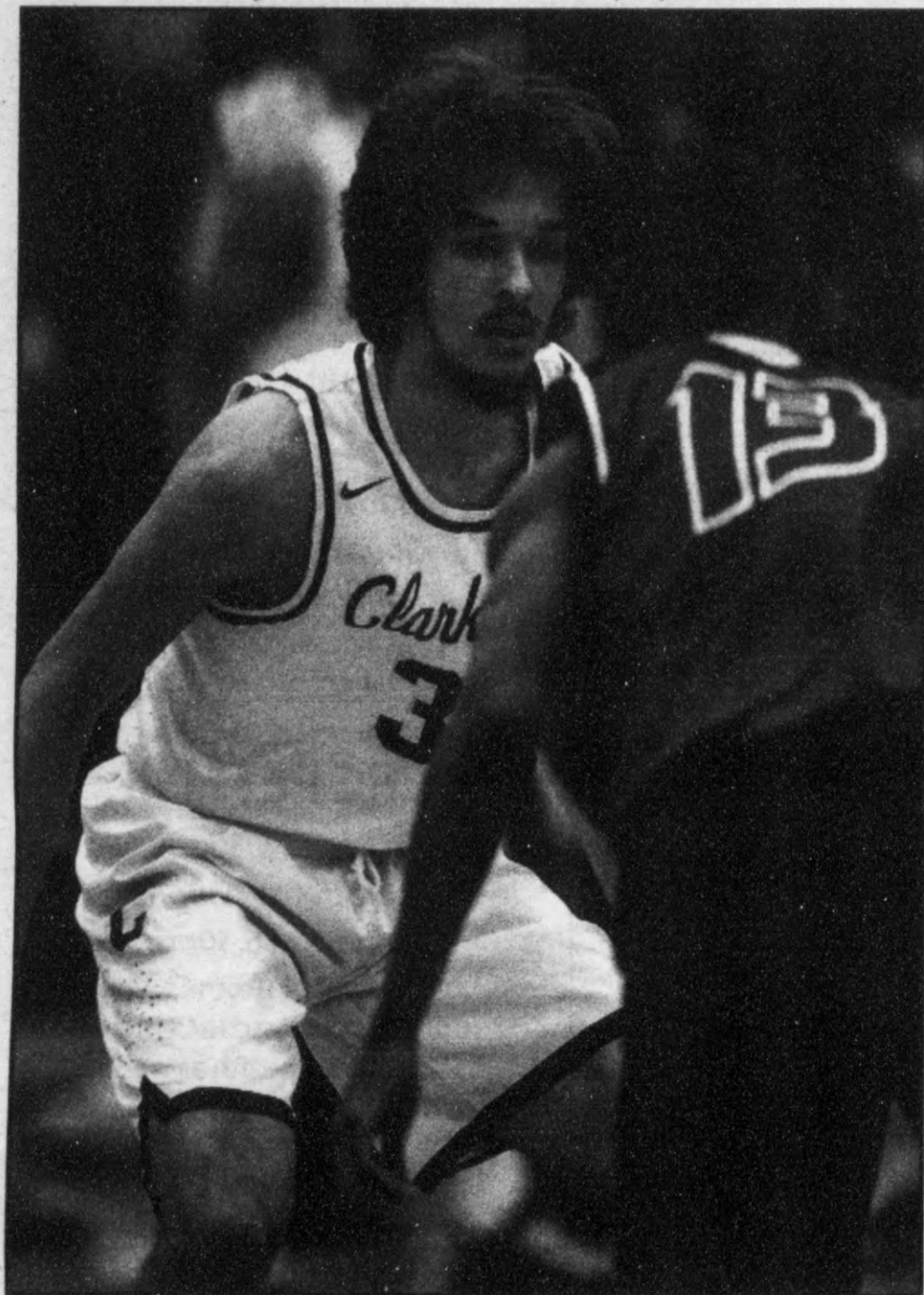


## Bee My Valentine?

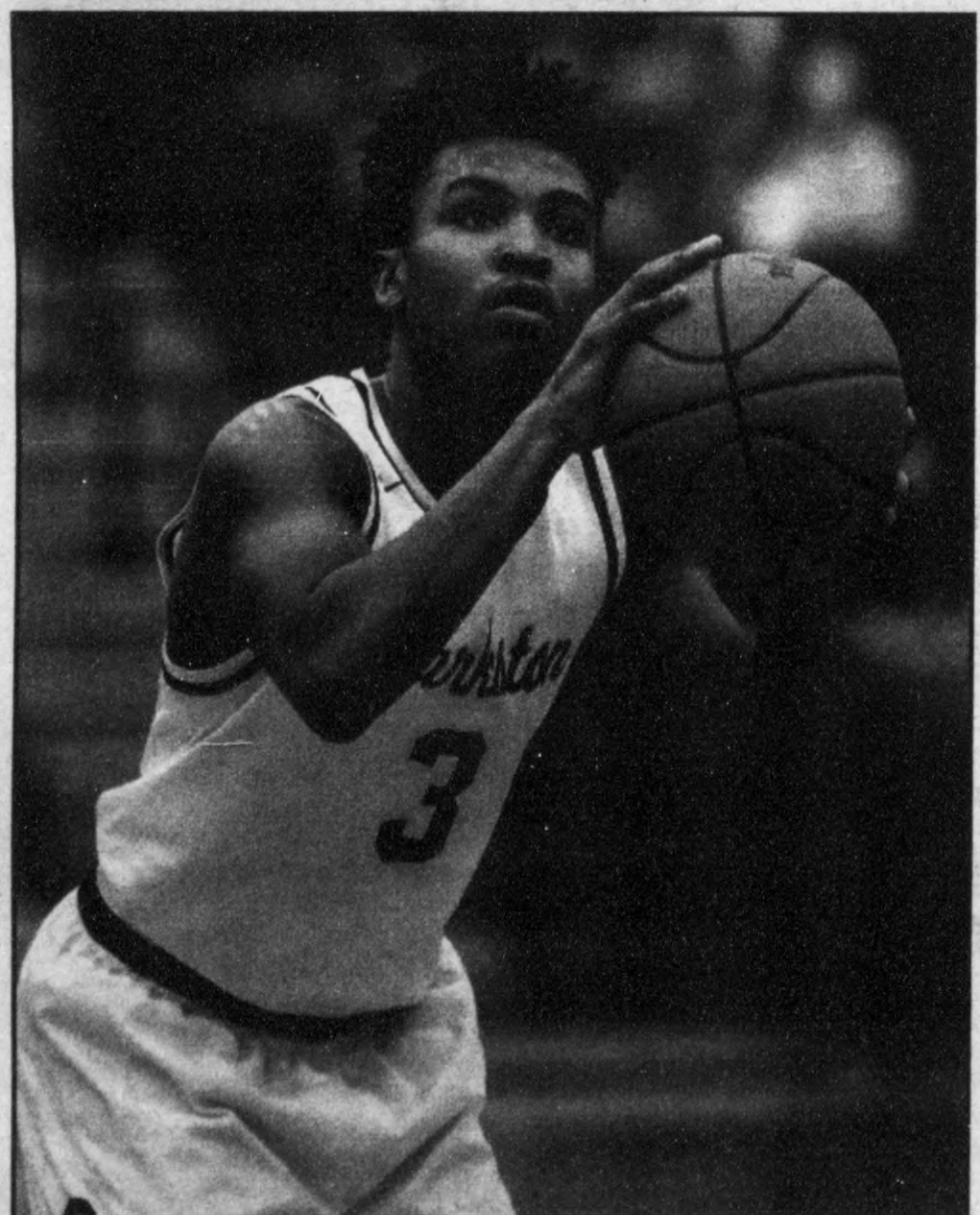
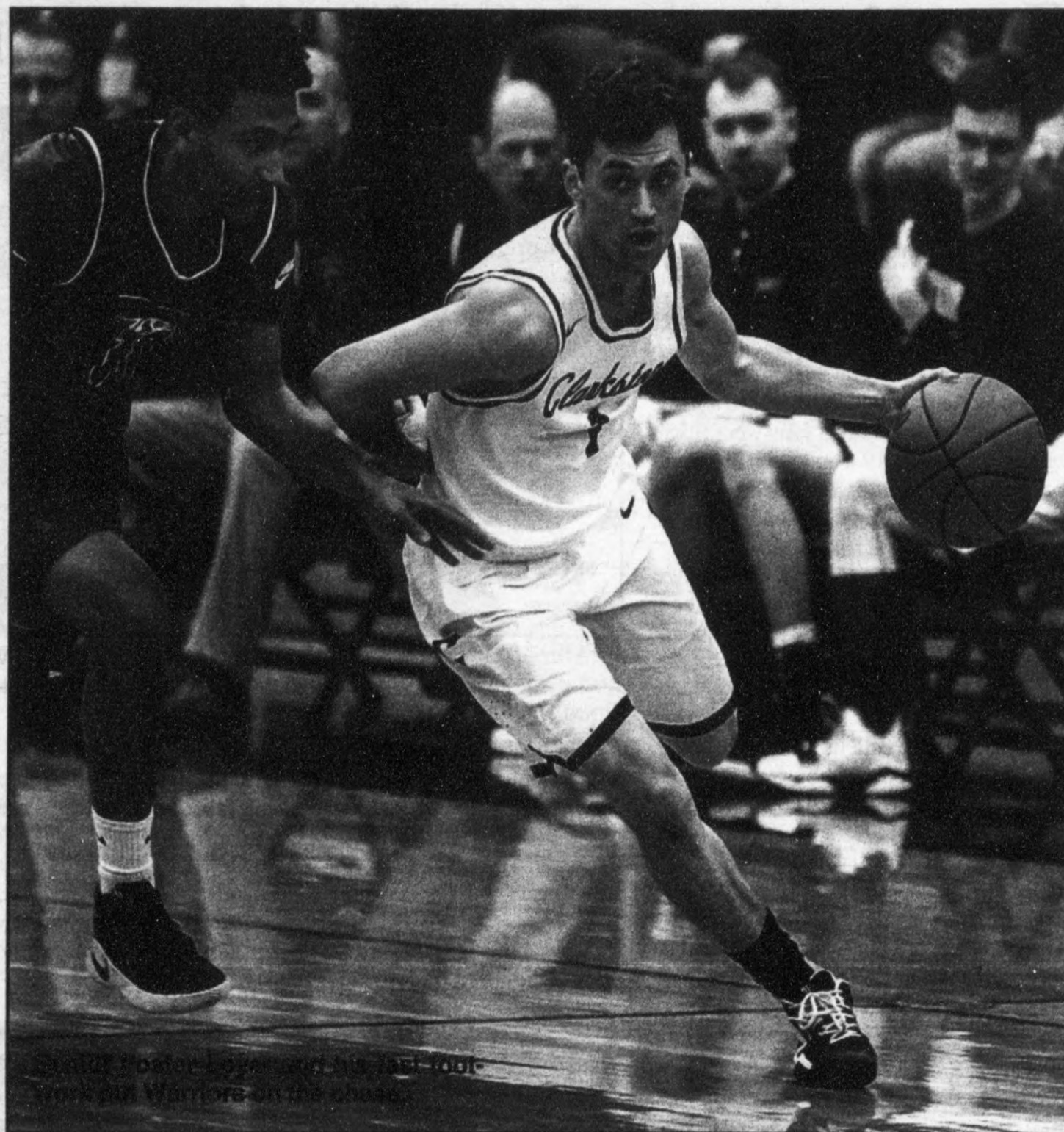
Saturday, February 10th 2 pm

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of Valentine's Day themed crafts and games. Who will beeeeee your valentine? Buzz-buzz-buzz!





Senior Wolf Chase Wasilk is prepared for Warrior Andre Floyd's next move. Photos by Larry Wright

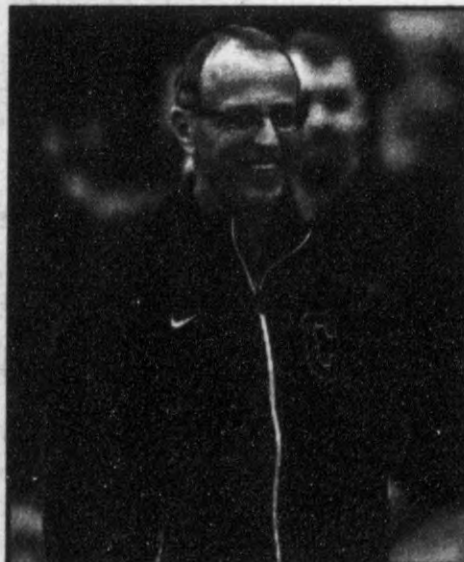


Senior CJ Robinson lines up for a free throw shot in the top of the second quarter.

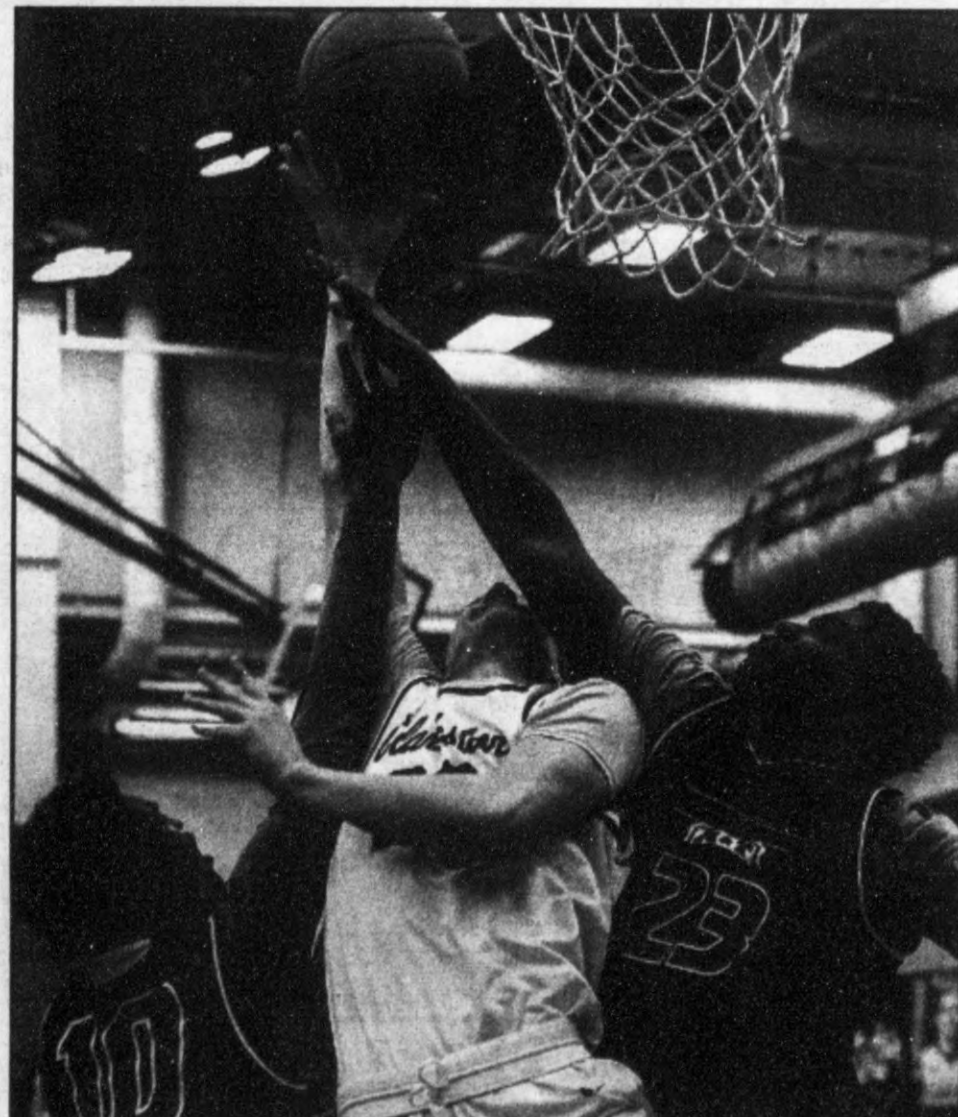
## Win at home

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team sank their shots as they defeated Southfield Arts & Technology in the Wolves' first home game of 2018, 75-47.

Join the boys when they host North Farmington, Jan. 19 with JV beginning at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.



Dan Fife, long-time Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach opens the new year with a smile.



Taylor Currie reaches up to put a shot past to Southfield Arts & Technology defenders.

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Curt Carson

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Jason Nolan  
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**Q.** How will the new tax laws affect home buyers or current home owners?

**A.** The changes in the law are substantial, too many to answer in this small space. One change, that didn't get a lot of attention, was regarding Home Equity Loans. Home Equity loan interest will no longer tax deductible, in most circumstances. This may spur consumers to consolidate their first and second mortgages into a single mortgage. It may also impact how homeowners finance home improvement projects or large purchases that they typically would have used a home equity loan for. I'll try and address other mortgage related issues impacted by the tax law changes in future columns.

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From a financial planning perspective, the same good advice applies: review your plan yearly with your financial advisor, seek out tax-efficient investment strategies, make sure your plan is written, and monitor regularly.

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# Wolves aim to add Birmingham to winning streak

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers dominated the ice as they posted 13 goals on two opponents last week.

"They have been playing much better," said Clarkston Varsity Hockey Head Coach Karl Daiek. "We still a lot of work to do. They are improving from my standpoint - that's good. You want to go in every day trying to get better. We still have our hiccups, but every team does."

Senior Gage Stamper scored the game winning goal over Royal Oak on Saturday after the Ravens tied the score in the third period for the 4-3 win.

Senior Cameron Exline scored two goals in the win and senior Brent Bachusz scored one as juniors Drew Stark and Nik Highducheck had one assist each.

"It was good because we had two guys score goals, Cam and Gage, those aren't usually the guys we get a lot of scoring from," Daiek added. "It's good - we've got other people contributing. It bodes well for

down the road, and it's encouraging."

He added it was also a good win because Royal Oak has a solid, good program and had a lot of players on their roster.

"It was a good game and every game is tough," Daiek said. "You never know what you are going to run into. It was a good win. They won the league last year. We lost to them twice last year."

The Wolves hosted Chippewa Valley last Thursday as they defeated them, 9-1.

"It was good," Daiek said, adding scoring was spread out for the night.

Leading the team were junior Austin McKay and sophomore Brandt Botterill. McKay had two goal and three assists and Botterill had three goals and one assist.

Bachusz had one goal and three assists and senior Yuri Karpushenkoff and Highducheck had one goal and one assist each. Stamper had one goal during the game.

Sophomore Marcus Chiappelli had two assists and seniors Trey Roy, Austin James and Daniel Tremblay had one assist each.

Sophomore goalie Austin Burrum had 15 saves in the net for a 93.33 save percentage.

The Wolves head to Birmingham Ice Arena this Saturday to avenge their 7-4 loss against Birmingham on Dec. 14.

"They are good. They are probably the favorites," said Daiek. "We have to bear down and step up to the challenge. Then, hopefully win that game then least we can be even with them. It will be a big one."

He added the four wins since facing Birmingham have helped and it helps with confidence.

"We are beating good teams and doing well against everybody," he said. "We should give them a battle."

The game begins at 7:45 p.m. at 2300 E. Lincoln Street in Birmingham.



The Wolves battle for the puck against Birmingham, Dec. 14. They will work on avenging their December loss this Saturday at 7:45 p.m. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

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The Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling team in back from left, Drew Sagowitz, Justin Evans, Jake Phelps, Jacob Corey, Kyle Hancsak; in front Patrick McLetchie and Drew Clayton. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

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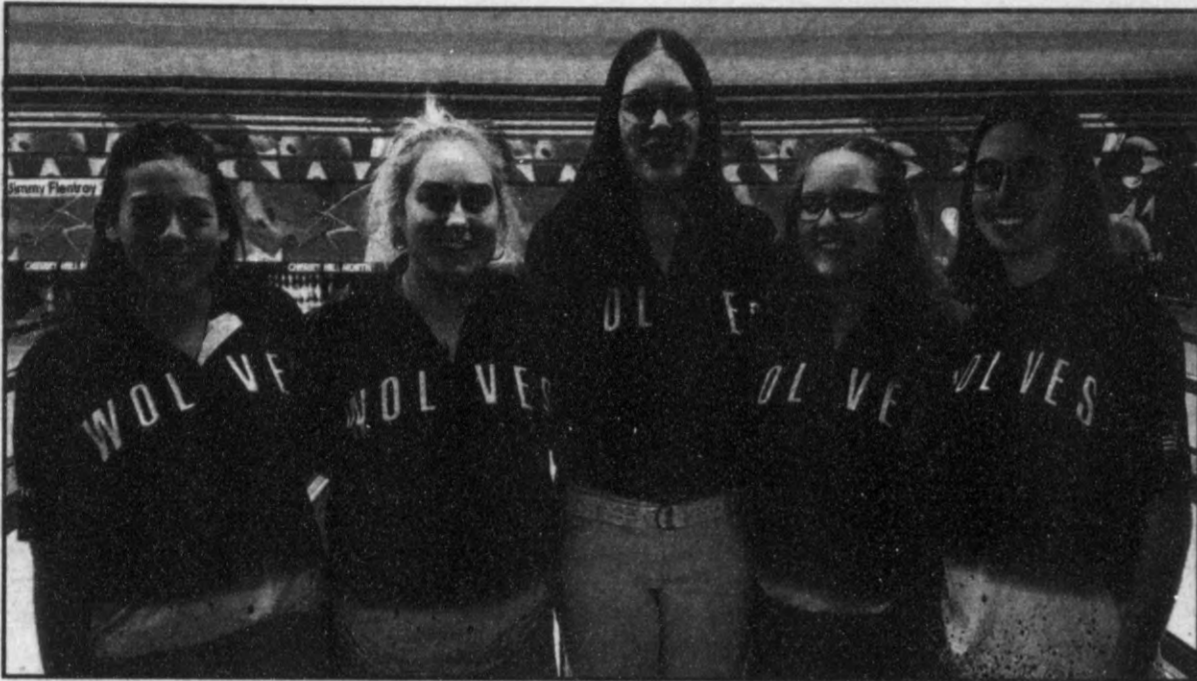
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The Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowling team from left Angelina Stowers, Hannah Turk, Raegan Barker, Ashley Elinski and Lindsey Czopek. Not pictured, Alysa Perez.

## Taking it one roll at a time

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The temperatures are cold outside but inside, the bowlers are heating up the lanes.

"We can expect a lot of success," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Bowling Coach Bill George about the winter season, as the boys start this week with an overall 3-2 record.

"I have 10 varsity bowlers I have to put seven on varsity and three on JV, and then next major tournament I will flip flop three of them," he added. "I have four regular on varsity all the time. Then, six guys I bounce back and forth. We have done real well in tournaments."

Jim Turk, coach for the Clarkston Girls Varsity Bowl team added the girls are a young team with a mix of experience from last year and those just beginning to play.

"We have been in every tournament so far this year," he said. "We have improved a lot over first month."

"Even against good teams they are holding their own," George said about the girls. "They are making cuts."

They added the top teams in the OAA Red include Clarkston, Lake Orion and Oxford.

"We will probably finish up third like we did last year because we are new again," Turk said.

Both shared the season will be exciting to watch especially for tournaments and because they are growing.

"Tournaments will be exciting to watch," George said. "We go on the east side a lot against good teams. Once we make the top 16 in the rounds then it's all good teams going against each other. During the Farmington tournament, four of the 16 teams were in the OAA. The same thing with L'Anse Creuse."

"They are gelling better as a team," Turk added. "It is carrying over to the bowling part. They are making cuts in tournaments which is a big step in the right direction."

"They are more competitive," George said.

Clarkston went against the other two top teams in the OAA Red league before going into their holiday break.

The boys varsity team defeated Lake Orion on Dec. 18, 29-1.

Drew Sagowitz led the team as he bowled a 458 series with 237 and 221 games. Kyle Hancsak bowled a 373 series with 201 and 172 game, and Drew Clayton had a 398 series with 185 and 213 games.

Jake Phelps bowled a 214 game and Justin Evans had a 178 game.

The boys lost to Oxford on Dec. 20, 24-6. Phelps led the team with 226 and 189 games for a 415 series. Sagowitz had a 382 series with 192 and 190 games, and Corey had a 370 series with 186 and 184 games.

The boys JV team remained on defeated going into the holiday break. They defeated Oxford on Dec. 20, 16-14. Nathan Locher led the boys bowling a 397 series with 207 and 190 games. Cale Herzenstiel bowled a 384 series with 204 and 180 games. Tim O'Daniel bowled a 211 in the second game. The Wolves defeated Lake Orion on Dec. 18, 30-0. Patrick McLetchie led with a 404 series with 222 and 182 games. Jacob Corey had a 363 series with 181 and 182 games. Andrew Bradford also had a 182 in the second game.

The girls varsity team lost to Oxford and Lake Orion before they headed into holiday break.

They lost to the Dragons on Dec. 18, 27-3. Hannah Turk led with games of 201 and 236 for a series of 437. Raegan Barker had a game of 170.

The girls lost to Oxford on Dec. 20, 22-8. Turk led with games of 228 and 188 for a series of 416. Angelina Stowers won her point with a game of 158.

The boys host the Oakland County meet on Saturday at Cherry Hill Lanes North. The girls head to the county meet at Astro Lanes in Madison Heights on Sunday.

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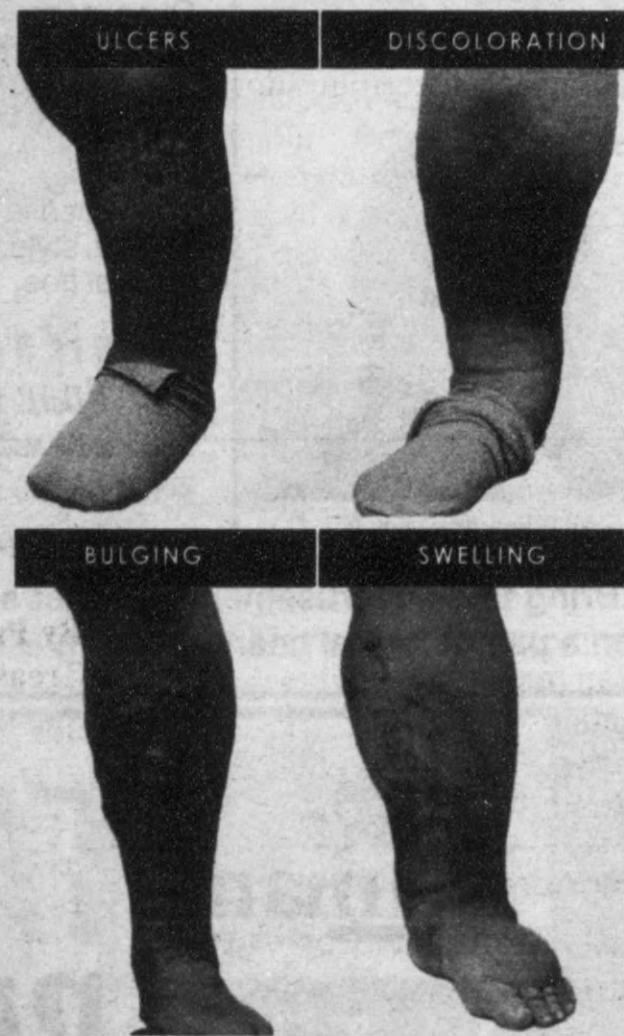
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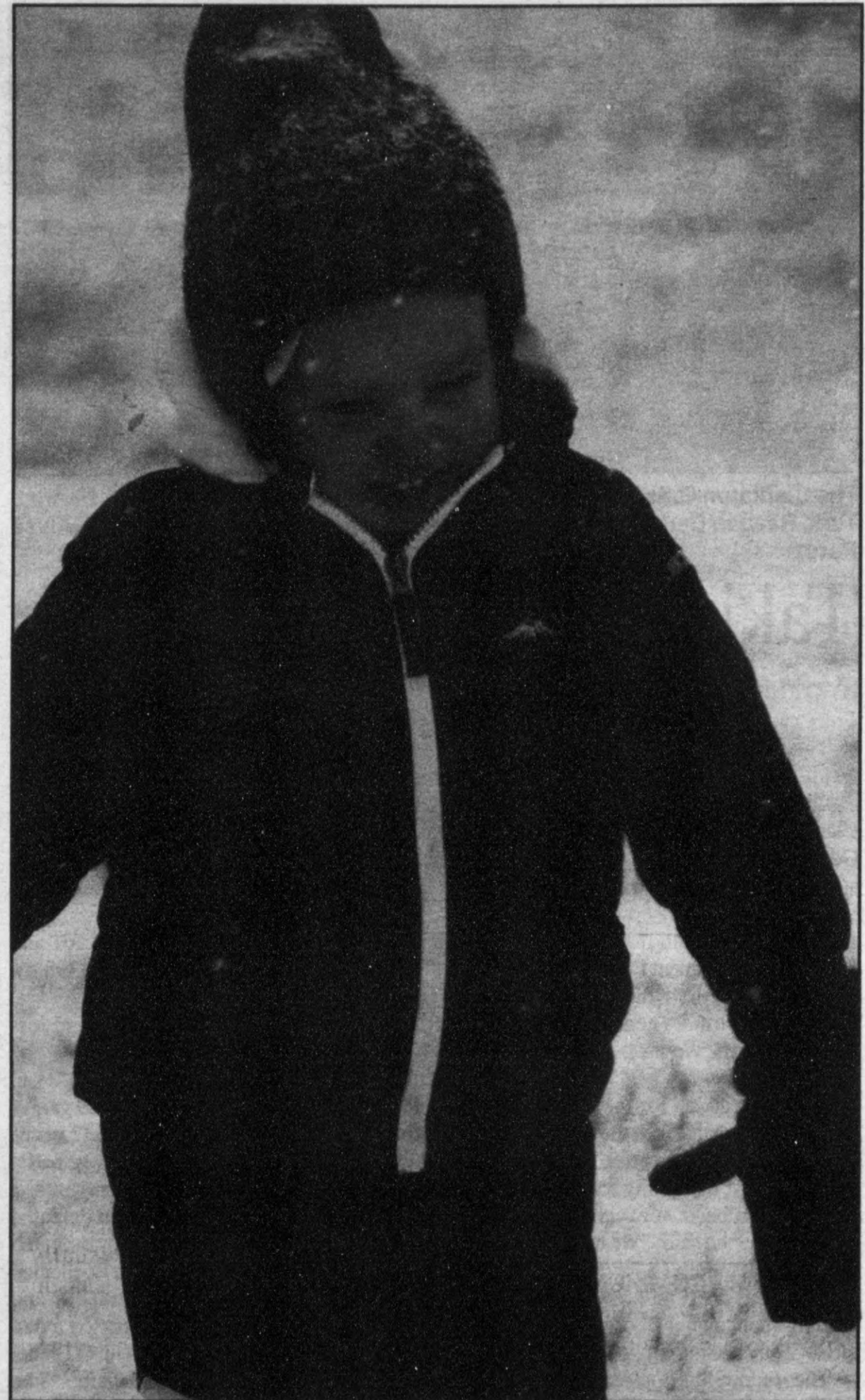
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# Independence Township Times

## 2017: Where's the beef?

By Pat Kittle,  
Supervisor



Township  
Supervisor  
Pat Kittle

Happy New Year!! When it comes to performance ratings, I wish I was evaluated on effort and attitude. Maybe even get a couple of bonus points for good looks. But seriously, when it comes to managing your tax dollars, your first question asked should be "Where's the beef?" With the start of the New Year, here is how I scored my performance in 2017.

### Communications

- 4.0 - Clarkston News
- 4.0 - Dept. Head Meetings
- 4.0 - ITV - Board Meetings
- 3.0 - Launch Web Survey
- 3.0 - HOA Meetings

**B+ — 3.6**

Let's start with COMMUNICATIONS. Keeping 37,000 folks informed about what's going on in the community is a lot harder than it sounds. That's why we try to shotgun our communications via a multitude of mediums to try to reach as many folks as possible on a consistent basis. With monthly Township Times articles, weekly department head meetings, televising Board meetings, freshened websites and making ourselves available for neighborhood Home Owner Association meetings, we try to keep beating the drum very often and very loud about local activities.

Better than last year, but still room for improvement. *Grade: 3.6.*

Second is FISCAL responsibility.

### Fiscal

- 4.0 - 3 Year Budget Plan
- 3.0 - Internal Cash Controls
- 3.0 - DPW Audit Protocol
- 4.0 - CIA Extension
- 1.0 - Flow / Fixed Sewer Study

**B — 3.0**

There are a ton of moving pieces managing a \$30M Township budget. That's why fiscal transparency is mission critical when it comes to how we spend your hard-earned tax dollars. For 2017, the big drivers were maintaining a 3-year budget and getting County approval to extend the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority to lock in funding to improve North Sashabaw. Also reviewed and tweaked internal Cash Control Policies and began work on creating a DPW Audit Policy for Water and Sewer billing to ensure cash accounts are protected. Was unable to implement the Flow vs Fixed Rate Sewer Study while the DPW was visually inspecting, cleaning and fixing leaks in over 50 miles of sewer pipe. Tough to get an accurate sewer flow baseline count when we found more than a few sections of sewer pipe taking on ground water like a sieve. Check out the newly formatted 2018 approved budget on our Township website. We are anxious to hear your comments. *Grade: 3.0.*

OPERATIONS is the third deliverable. Making sure we have the right professional in the right job is critical to delivering the goods. For 2017, we hired a new Assessor with over 25-years of experience, had all Operations Directors create a set of goals to keep them focused on key deliverables and provide a solid basis for performance measurement, continued to bid Township

services to get the best bang for our buck and began to assemble information and resources to convert decades of paper into an electronic document management system.

### Operations

- 3.0 - Director Evaluations
- 4.0 - Bidding Twp Services
- 4.0 - Hire New Assessor
- 3.0 - REU Water Evaluation
- 3.0 - Document Mgt Decision

**B — 3.4**

Also began to utilize the new Operations and Budget Specialist to review water and sewer billing process. *Grade: 3.4.*

### Economic Growth

- 2.0 - Sashabaw Corridor
- 2.0 - North Dixie Corridor
- 3.0 - Medical Expansion
- 2.0 - Eagle Ridge Homes
- 0.0 - McLaren Hospital

**D+ — 1.8**

The fourth focus area is ECONOMIC GROWTH. Or as what was so eloquently stated in the movie *Jerry Maguire*, "Show me the money!" And while this is the area that scored lowest of all six categories in 2017 (not due to effort), it is also the area that we believe will explode over the next couple of years. In the Sashabaw Corridor, plans are being finalized to widen North Sashabaw from Flemings Lake to Clarkston Roads with all new water and sewer infrastructure

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## It's January: time to think about taxes and dog licenses

By Paul Brown,  
Treasurer

### Tax due date fast approaching

Winter tax bills were mailed out in December. If you were expecting a tax bill and did not receive one please give us a call and we can email you a duplicate copy.

The Tax due date is February 14, 2018. If you're mailing in your tax payment, please use the envelope that was included with your bill.

You can verify that your payment has posted by accessing your property information on the Township website. [www.indtwp.com](http://www.indtwp.com). Click on the green "Property & Tax Information" tab on the right side of the homepage. If you need help looking up your information, give us a call to assist. 248-625-5115.

If you're coming in to pay your taxes, please remember that we accept only cash or checks when paying in person.

### Dog license fees raised January 1

Oakland County Animal Control has increased the cost of dog licenses effective

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Paul Brown,  
Township  
Treasurer

# Purchase of new election equipment -- Take 2

By Barb Pallotta,  
Township Clerk



Township Clerk  
Barb Pallotta

December's *Township Times* highlighted the purchase of the Township's new precinct equipment: *Hart Verity-Scan (V-Scan)*, which tabulates precinct ballots and *Hart Verity-TouchWriter (V-Touch)*, which assists voters with special needs in marking their ballot. This article completes the series for the Township's new election equipment by featuring the two remaining equipment purchases: *Hart Verity-Central (V-Central)* and *Hart Verity-Count (V-Count)*. Both devices operate behind the scenes on Election Day and bring a level of speed, efficiency and accuracy to elections that has never existed at a local level.

## Faster than a speeding bullet

*Hart Verity-Central (V-Central)* will replace the M-100 tabulators previously used when counting absent voter ballots. *V-Central* is essentially a high-speed scanner that has the capacity to scan 100 ballots per minute. The threshold for eligibility to purchase *V-Central* was based on having a minimum of 6,000 voters who voted by an absentee ballot in the 2016 Presidential Election. The total number of Independence Township absentee voters in that election amounted to 6,090. The permanent absentee voter list at that time was approximately 3,100 voters of the 8,100 voters who were eligible to vote absentee by virtue of their age. The Clerk's Office pro-actively initiated its first annual mailing in January 2017 to all eligible voters who are not currently on the permanent absentee voter list in anticipation of increasing the list before finalizing the decision on the type of equipment that would best serve its absentee voter base. To date, this mailing increased the number of permanent absentee voters to 4,490 or 25%. Because the current growth of Independence voters eligible for voting absentee under the current legislation and the expected growth if

the pending legislation for "no-reason" absentee voting is passed, requests for absent voter ballots will increase substantially. Consequently, it made sense to proceed with investing in *V-Central's* software and high-speed scanner instead of continuing to process absent voter ballots on precinct devices.

## V-Central is designed to:

■ **Scan ballots without tabulating:** *V-Central* scans actual images of the ballots and captures the votes onto an encrypted flash drive (*V-Drive*); it does not tabulate them. Tabulation takes place in the *V-Count* application after the polls close.

■ **Scan ballots in batches of up to 300:** *V-Central* has the capability to scan 100 ballots per minute without jamming, as opposed to feeding ballots one-by-one into the M-100 taking as long as 3 to 4 seconds per ballot and often longer because of ballot jamming.

■ **Adjudicate ballots on screen:** *V-Central's* digital scanning component enables easy, on-screen adjudication of ballot images without having to re-scan ballots. All voter intent issues are resolved on-screen with clear color-coded flags and can be filtered by batch, contest, or intent issue. When ballots are resolved within the software, there are no extra ballots to print and every step that was taken to resolve a ballot is tracked, so you know what, when and who was involved in that adjudication process which provides real transparency and far less ballot duplication.

■ **Network workstations:** *V-Central* workstations can be linked in a network configuration, providing scalability and efficiency. As the Township's absentee voter base grows, *V-Central's* components can be added to support the growth. *V-Central's* workstations can serve as a scanning station, resolution station, or ballot-writing station, it's easy to scale up or down to meet the current workload. If you have a high volume of ballots to scan, dedicated workstations can constantly scan while the networked clients take care of resolution. On the other hand, for lower voter turnout elections, batches of unresolved ballots can be adjudicated and

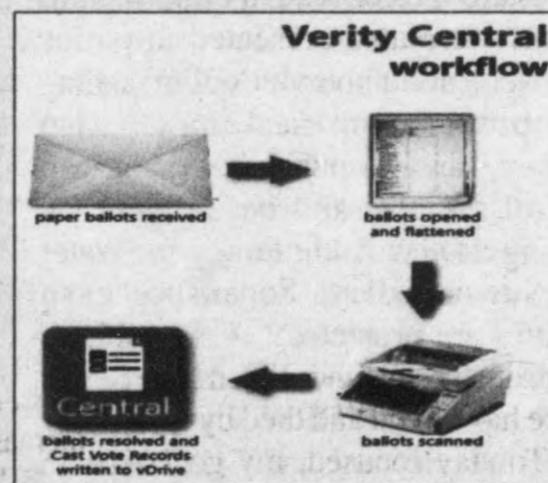
new ballots scanned all via a single workstation.

■ **Provide cost-effective scalability:** *V-Central's* integrated commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) scanner is specific to the Township's size and budget and can cost-effectively add capacity to meet future needs.

■ **Windows based:** *V-Central's* operating system is familiar to all of computer users.

■ **Hardware Components:** *V-Central's* printer, monitor and keyboard are also commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) hardware that specifically meet the Township's needs and can cost-effectively be replaced or substituted as needed.

■ **Absent Voter Counting Board:** *V-Central* streamlines the absentee voter process to the extent that the absentee voter counting board hours and number of election inspectors needed will be reduced significantly.



## What is V-Count?

*V-Count* is the election software application that tabulates and reports cast vote records from Verity voting devices (i.e., *V-Scan*; *V-Central*). Computer encrypted flash drives also known as *V-Drives* from each voting device are removed and secured in a transfer bag after the close of polls. At the end of the night, secured transfer bags are submitted to the Clerk's Office to extrapolate voter results information into the *V-Count* software application.

*V-Count* maximizes efficiency when processing results and keeps the election workflow moving forward. *V-Count* also produces customized post-election audits in plain-language and easy-to-read

formats that include exactly the information required. The ability to transfer election results as a data file from *V-Count* to an external drive for permanent retention is a vast improvement over previous election software applications.

Once all the information from each of the *V-Drives* has been extrapolated into the *V-Count*, the *V-Drives* are once again secured in a transfer container, along with required election paperwork, then taken directly to Oakland County Elections to be secured until the next election.

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## As a reminder:

■ Independence Television is partnering with the Clerk's Office in producing Public Service Announcements (PSAs) 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.

■ Voters are invited to mark test election ballots and take advantage of hands-on experience using the new equipment in the Clerk's Office throughout 2018.

## 2018 Elections\* are scheduled on:

- August 7, 2018 - State Primary
- November 6, 2018 - State General

\* This schedule does not include possible special election dates.



# 2017: Where's the beef?

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on the west side of the road. Numerous shops and businesses are also in various stages of planning and approval along Sashabaw Road.

On North Dixie, we are told that a spring groundbreaking can be expected for the Encore at Deerhill Project.

Three new 70,000+ square foot elder care - rehabilitation centers are being constructed at Sashabaw & Clarkston Roads, Maybee & Dixie and Dixie at Parks of Stonewood.

Eagle Ridge, right off Maybee Rd east of Mt Zion, has 15 new homes currently being built with another 40 coming right on their heels.

We continue to be frustrated by the Big Lake / Deer Hill traffic light project.

And we have made less than ZERO headway (if that's possible) with our State Legislators still not amending the Certificate of Need process to allow for a new hospital. This lack of action by our State elected officials is costing this community and our Northern Oakland County neighbors plenty in terms of risk to our residents seeking quality medical care and lost tax revenue from the slow commercial growth along the Sashabaw Corridor. **Score: 1.8.**

### Community

- 4.0 - Softball Diamond Rebuild
- 1.0 - Day Camp Rebuild
- 2.0 - Sash / Clintonville SP's
- 4.0 - Brady Lodge - Electrical
- 3.0 - Art in the Street

**C+ - 2.8**

The fifth focal area is **COMMUNITY**. Making our community a place where folks want to live, work and play is what this fifth topic is all about. Providing capital to rebuild our softball diamonds and completing the Brady Lodge restoration are two highlights. The Safety Path along Sashabaw between the North and South Independence Oaks entrances is almost done and cost estimates are being finalized for the Clintonville safety path. The Parks and Rec team also successfully collaborated with the Art in the Street initiative. The Day Camp and bathroom renovations

were put on hold to better coordinate with a new Miracle League baseball diamond for special need kids planned for 2018. **Grade: 2.8.**

### Infrastructure

- 1.0 - DPW Garage
- 3.0 - N Sash. Road/Sewer Plan
- 1.0 - Sewer Capacity Evaluation
- 2.0 - Lakeview Columbarium
- 4.0 - Qtrly. VOC Water Testing

**C - 2.2**

The final area for measurement is **INFRASTRUCTURE**. Making sure we have clean water and the toilets flush is a given in public service. The Township continues to exceed State testing requirements for our drinking water and have finalized design plans to improve North Sashabaw Roadway. Plans to create new columbariums at Lakeview Cemetery have gone out to bid for a 2018 build. Design plans were also presented to the Board for a long overdue DPW building renovation. And a new sewer capacity evaluation was put on hold in 2017 while over 50 miles of sewer lines were being televised, cleaned and repaired where necessary. Repairs to continue in 2018. **Grade: 2.2.**

Coming from the auto industry, many an executive have lived and died by the numbers. To stay focused, my goals are clearly positioned at my desk for me and anyone who comes to visit to see and review every day. **When everything shook out, I scored myself a 2.80 (C +) for my overall 2017 deliverables.** The way I figure it, simply doing your job will get you a solid C. Everyone expects you to operate a balanced budget and keep the water and sewers in working order. As one of my past auto supervisors liked to tell us, to get an A, you practically have to walk on water and only one guy in history ever did that. So being graded on deliverables, a C+ is above average - "not too bad but needs improvement" as my grade school teacher, Sister Mary Ann Catherine, used to say. But keep an eye on 2018. There will be lots going on in our great community. Keep you posted.

# Watch for your 2018 Assessment Change Notice!

**Kim Feigley, Assessor**

With new construction going through the roof (pardon the pun) throughout the Township, we thought it a good time to let you know what is going on in the real estate market and how this will impact your property taxes for 2018.



**Kim Feigley, Director of Assessing**

Oakland County Equalization conducts a residential sales study every year. For 2017, this study showed an **average increase of 2.73% in residential property values.** Following the real estate adage that "location is key", this increase will vary between neighborhoods based upon actual sales transaction data.

### Proposal A Protection:

Proposal A protects homeowners whereby your property taxes can only increase by the rate of inflation or 5%, whichever is lower. For most of us that have not purchased a new home in 2017, your property taxes will increase only by 2.1%. This figure of 2.1% is the inflation rate established by the State of Michigan to be applied to your **2017 taxable value**, the value used to calculate annual July and December tax bills. To put a dollar figure to this, if your home has a 2017 taxable value of \$175,000, your 2018 tax bill will increase by approximately \$116 (2.1%). With real estate values continuing to appreciate, your homes taxable value increase is capped at 2.1% for 2018 **unless:**

- You have made improvements to your property (new addition, garage, finished basement, pole barn, deck, etc.). In this instance, your taxes will also be increased by 50% of the market value of the improvements made to the property.
- You purchased your home in calendar year 2017 uncapping the taxable value. In this instance, your

taxable value will now increase and be equal to your new assessed value.

### What to watch for on your Assessment Change Notice in Mid-February

A) Check the *Current Tentative Assessed Value Amount* for 2018. If you believe this figure exceeds 50% of what you could sell your home for, we encourage you to call or come in and speak with the assessing staff prior to the March Board of Review and/or make an appointment to appeal your assessment with the March Board of Review. Per the State of Michigan statute, you must appeal market value to the March Board of Review; it is a mandatory step in the property assessment appeal process. If you are not satisfied with the March Board of Review ruling, you may further your appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

B) Generally, your taxable value will be less than your assessed value due to the annual increases being capped by the rate of inflation or 5% whichever is less (a multiplier that is applied to everyone in the State of Michigan). If this value has come uncapped and there was not a transfer of ownership, please contact our office immediately. Sometimes a transfer from husband to wife or transfers in and out of a trust may trigger an uncapping and it will need to be corrected. If you did purchase a home in 2017, your taxable value and assessed value will be the same amount.

### Property Tax Exemptions

March, July and December Boards of Review are the only opportunities to process these two property tax exemptions:

1. Qualifying Disabled Veterans may apply for an **annual** property tax exemption by supplying the appropriate form and VA paperwork.
2. A Poverty Exemption is available for residents whose annual income does not exceed the poverty level income guideline established by the federal government.

Both of these exemptions are only good

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The chart below is an example of this Assessment Change Notice.

	PRIOR AMOUNT YEAR: 2017	CURRENT TENTATIVE AMOUNT YEAR: 2018	CHANGE FROM PRIOR YEAR TO CURRENT YEAR
The change in taxable value will increase/decrease your tax bill for this year by approximately: \$116			
1. TAXABLE VALUE	\$175,000	\$178,675	\$3,675
2. ASSESSED VALUE	\$205,000	\$210,600	\$5,600
3. TENTATIVE EQUALIZATION FACTOR: 1000			
4. STATE EQUALIZED VALUE (current amount is tentative):	\$205,000	\$210,600	\$5,600
5. there WAS/WAS NOT a transfer of ownership on this property in 2017: WAS NOT			

The 2018 inflation rate Multiplier is : 2.1%

# Actively exploring community programs for 'lifelong' learning

By Barb Rollin and Jennifer Angus  
Senior Center

The Independence Township Senior Community Center is actively engaged in exploring additional programming geared toward providing Lifelong Learning opportunities. Lifelong Learning (LLL) encompasses the whole range of learning that includes: formal, informal and non-formal learning which includes the skills, knowledge, attitudes and behaviors that people acquire in their day-to-day experiences.

The Independence Township Senior Advisory Committee, along with Lifelong Learning Committee Chair Dr. Tom Stone, has expressed an interest in expanding the scope of future events and programs. The Senior Community Center has begun collaborating with Clarkston Community

Schools (CCS) and the Clarkston Independence District Library (CIDL) on providing Lifelong Learning opportunities for residents in our area. A variety of activities for older adults are currently available through the township, library and schools with a cooperative effort to bring heightened awareness to what is being offered to older adults.

Upcoming LLL offerings at the Senior Community Center include: Wire Weaving Classes by Ariel Inspired; Coyote: Urban Adapter lecture by Nature On the Go; Mindfulness & Guided Meditation; Zentangle will be hosting a three-part Immersion Speaker Series in both May and September of 2018, featuring area art historian Wendy Evans. This program is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Mini-Grant Program

which was awarded to the Senior Division Program Department in October 2017. The CIDL offers One-on-One Tech Help and in February will host the author of "Clarkston's Curse". Opportunities for older adults through the CCS include the Senior Gold Card Program where members enjoy discounted or free admission to school programs, including musical performances and sporting events.

We are looking for input from the community for ADDITIONAL topics of interest and presenters. If you would be willing to participate in a focus group discussion for developing program offerings, call the Senior Community Center at 248-625-8231 to speak with Program Coordinator Jennifer Angus. Look for the insert in the Senior Connection newsletter showcasing samples of Lifelong Learning

opportunities currently offered or go to [www.indtwp.com](http://www.indtwp.com).



## Dog license fees raised January 1

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January 1, 2018.

The State of Michigan requires ALL dogs over 4 months to be current with rabies vaccine and to have a Michigan dog license. Failure to comply may result in a misdemeanor ticket. You may purchase a one or three-year dog license.

A license must be purchased within 30 days of:

- Purchasing or acquiring a new dog
- A puppy turning 4 months of age
- Becoming a Michigan resident
- The expiration date of the prior license. Licenses expire on December 31 each year.

### Fees: (cash or checks only)

- Spayed/Neutered, \$10.50 (documentation required)
- Senior Citizen\* \$9.75
- Male/Female \$18.00
- Senior Citizen\* \$16.50
- After June 1st all licenses are \$33.

\*Senior Citizen price for dog owners 65 years of age or older (proof of age required)

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for one year and must be applied for each year. Information for both exemptions is available on the Assessing section of the Township's website, [www.indtwp.com](http://www.indtwp.com) or by calling 248-625-8114.

When in doubt, the Assessing Department is always available to assist you with questions, to review your property record card with you or to inspect your property and appraisal to ensure accuracy. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or are just not sure of how the numbers are calculated. We will be happy to spend as much time with you as needed.

## Using Citizen Science to Monitor Quality of Local Rivers and Streams in the Clinton River Watershed

By Dave McKee,  
DPW Director

In a natural system, stormwater (rain, snow melt, etc.) is able to soak into the ground, be taken up by vegetation or go to wetlands before reaching our streams. These natural processes help to cleanse and filter this stormwater. However, as one of the most populated watersheds in the state of Michigan, much of this stormwater now falls on the many driveways, rooftops, roads and parking lots and flows into storm drains connected directly to our local rivers and streams.

Substances we leave behind such as salts, motor oil, fertilizer and pesticides pollute this stormwater. When it flows into our local rivers and streams, it degrades the water quality in the Clinton River and Lake St. Clair. This decline in water quality

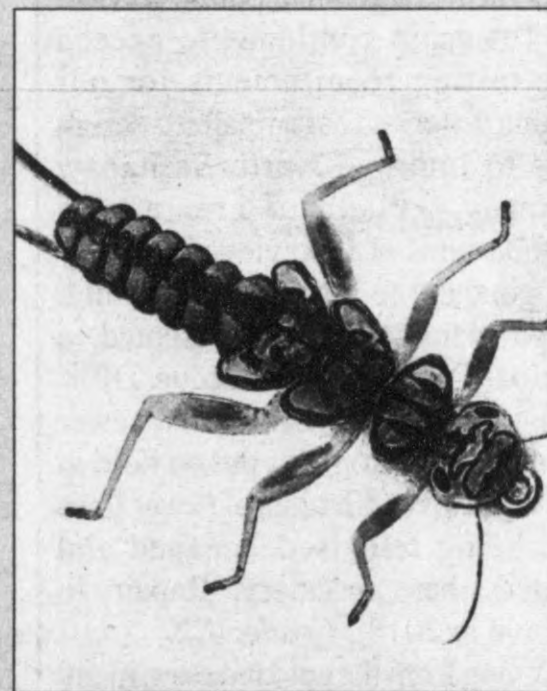
not only affects the quality of life for residents of the watershed like you, but also negatively affects the plants and animals that call these waterways home.

A lot can be learned about water quality by observing the populations of animals that are living in a river system, specifically the Benthic Macroinvertebrates (river bugs) that live in our local rivers and streams. This is because each species of river bug differs in its tolerance to pollution. The winter stonefly nymphs are one of the most sensitive of all aquatic macro invertebrates that live in our rivers and streams. The presence of stonefly larvae in a stream indicates good water quality.

David McKee,  
DPW Director

These insects are most active and easily found in the month of January, when the water temperature is very cold and there is still plenty of leafy debris in the river bottom for them to eat. The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) and volunteers have been monitoring stonefly nymph populations in our local rivers and streams for years at CRWC's Annual Winter Stonefly Search event in January. This year's search is scheduled for Saturday, January 20 and CRWC is looking for volunteers like you to get involved!

Volunteers will meet at the CRWC office at 9:30am on January 20 and from



there will split into teams and travel to various sampling locations to search for the winter stonefly. Volunteers will then meet back at the office for lunch and hot beverages.

Your participation in this annual search helps add to CRWC's Adopt-A-Stream Data and will provide a chance to learn about the ecology and conditions of our local streams. Volunteers can bring their own waders. CRWC will have extra pairs on hand for those who choose to get in the water. We meet regardless of the weather, so dress warmly and come help us search for these river critters!

Registration is required. To register, contact the CRWC office (248-601-0606 or email [registration@crwc.org](mailto:registration@crwc.org)).

# Business revved up at Revability

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
Clarkston News Editor

Sparks fly as workers keep Clarkston on the cutting edge of wheelchair-accessible vehicles.

"We've had a dozen hired in the last 60 days and we're still hiring – we're excited about it," said Chuck Fortinberry, vice president and general manager at Revability, 8105 Big Lake Road in Springfield Township.

They introduced their new production plug-in gas/electric hybrid wheelchair accessible vehicle, the world's first, recently at the LA Auto Show.

"Our customers expect the latest in vehicle technology, both from an accessibility standpoint, and a technological standpoint. We're here to offer vehicles that provide maximum accessibility and freedom, and are also environmentally friendly," said Fortinberry. "This vehicle continues REV Group's tradition of providing the highest quality hand-crafted specialty vehicles to its customers based on the latest technology available."

The base vehicle is the 2017 Chrysler Pacifica, and the introduction was part of the FCA exhibit highlighting the breadth of its automotive technologies.

The introduction also marked the first public show for Revability, REV Group's latest specialty vehicle brand.

"Our company motto is we 'connect and protect,'" said REV Group president and CEO Tim Sullivan. "We design, produce and service the safest mobility vans in the industry to ensure those individuals that require our vehicles can connect. We are fully dedicated to serving the mobility industry with the most cost effective, highest quality vehicles possible. We believe that our conversion of the new Pacifica Hybrid vans provide our industry with the safest and most cost effective vehicle in the industry today."

Revability was completely responsible for conversion of the plug-in gas/electric hybrid Pacifica, which was created at the Clarkston facility. Modifications included redesign and construction of flooring, deployable ramp,

fabricating and relocating of a new gas tank, and other structural changes to ensure safety and stability.

Fortinberry converted his former Chrysler dealership, which was closed in 2009 as part of the auto maker's restructuring agreement with the federal government, into Autoability, a wheelchair-conversion facility for minivans and other vehicles.

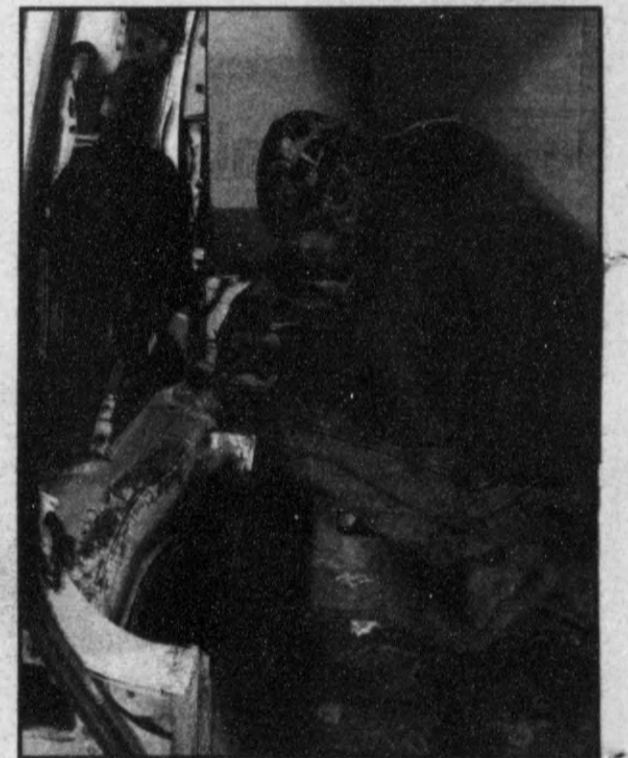
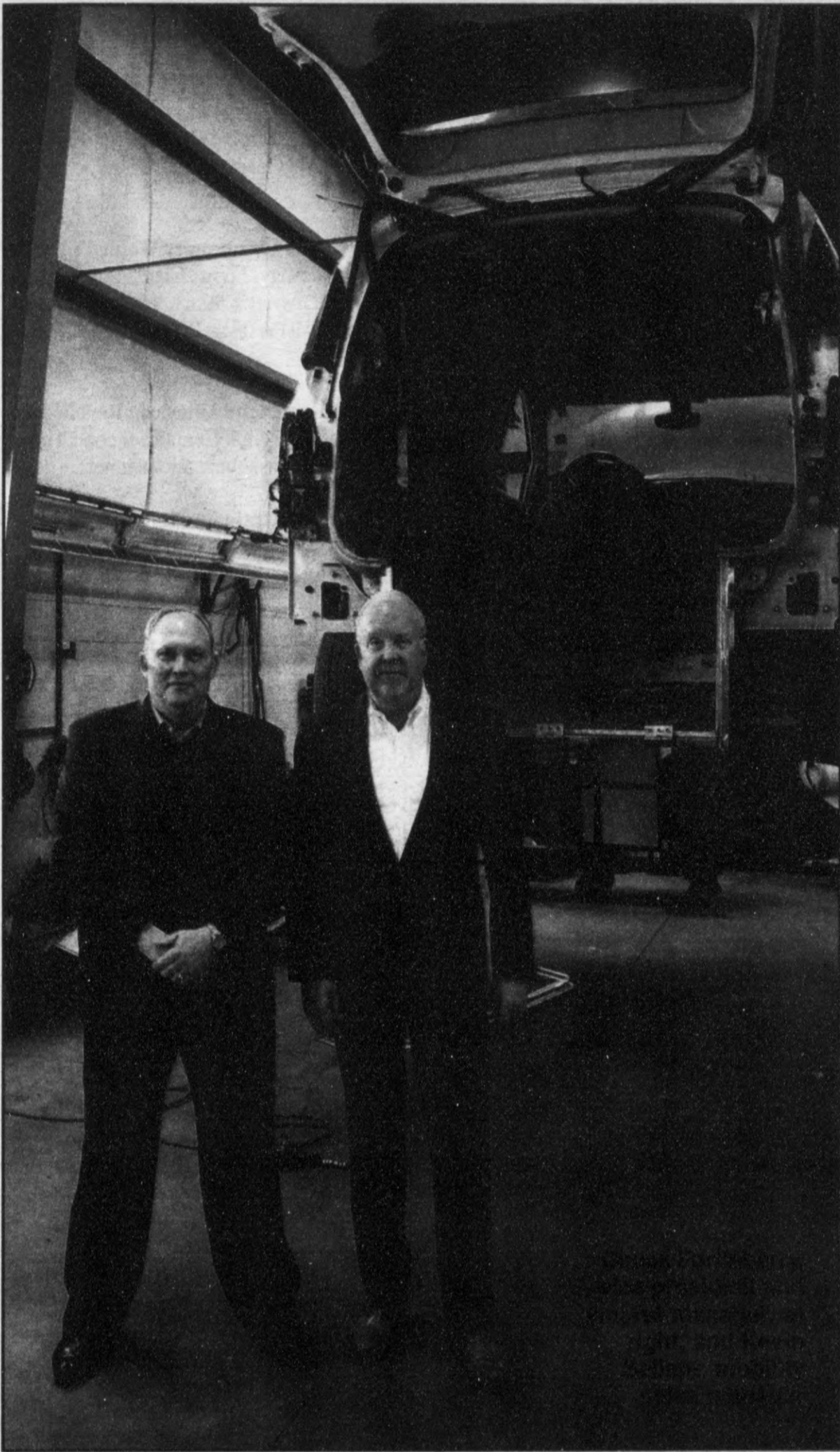
The REV Group, a \$2.4 billion manufacturer of industry-leading specialty vehicle brands and leading provider of parts and services, bought it this past September.

They convert gas and hybrid vehicles for personal and commercial use at the Big Lake Road facility and a second location on Dixie Highway, with about 1,400 vehicles slated for 2018.

They have more than 100 dealers lined up so far, and buyers can also check out the vehicles in the Big Lake Road showroom.

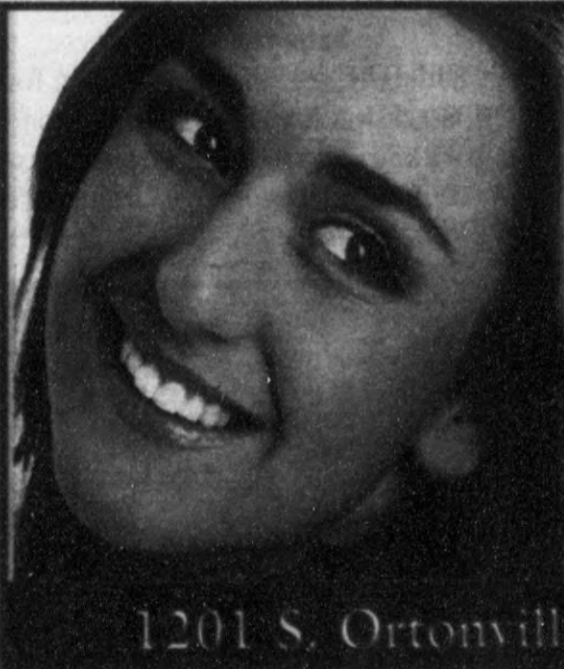
"This facility is fantastic, state of the art," said Kevin Bellant, mobility sales manager. "We're excited to be here in Clarkston."

More expansion is planned, as well as hiring of skilled welders and crafters. For more information, check Revgroup.com.



Seth Kunz cuts steel during the conversion work. Photos by Phil Custodio

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**Events**

**Christmas tree recycling** through Jan. 29, Independence Oaks; Springfield Oaks, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. No charge, but plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. No commercial trees accepted. OaklandCountyParks.com.

**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/ members, \$4/non-members.

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**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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# Around Town

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



**CSMTech hosts a Student-Led Open House for students and parents at Clarkston High School in the CSMTech classrooms from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25. The science, mathematics and technology academy for grades 9-12 includes building robots with Team RUSH. For more information about CSMTech, go to [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/Academics/Curriculum/CSM-Tech](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/Academics/Curriculum/CSM-Tech).**

**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.

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

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

**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.

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**Coffee and Conversation**, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, Clintonwood Park. \$1.

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

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

## Civic groups

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

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club**, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Call President Pat Smolen, 248-909-3920.

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

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

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

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

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**50 Plus Active Adults**, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch. 248-846-6558.

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

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

**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. Immediate results. 248-625-2212.

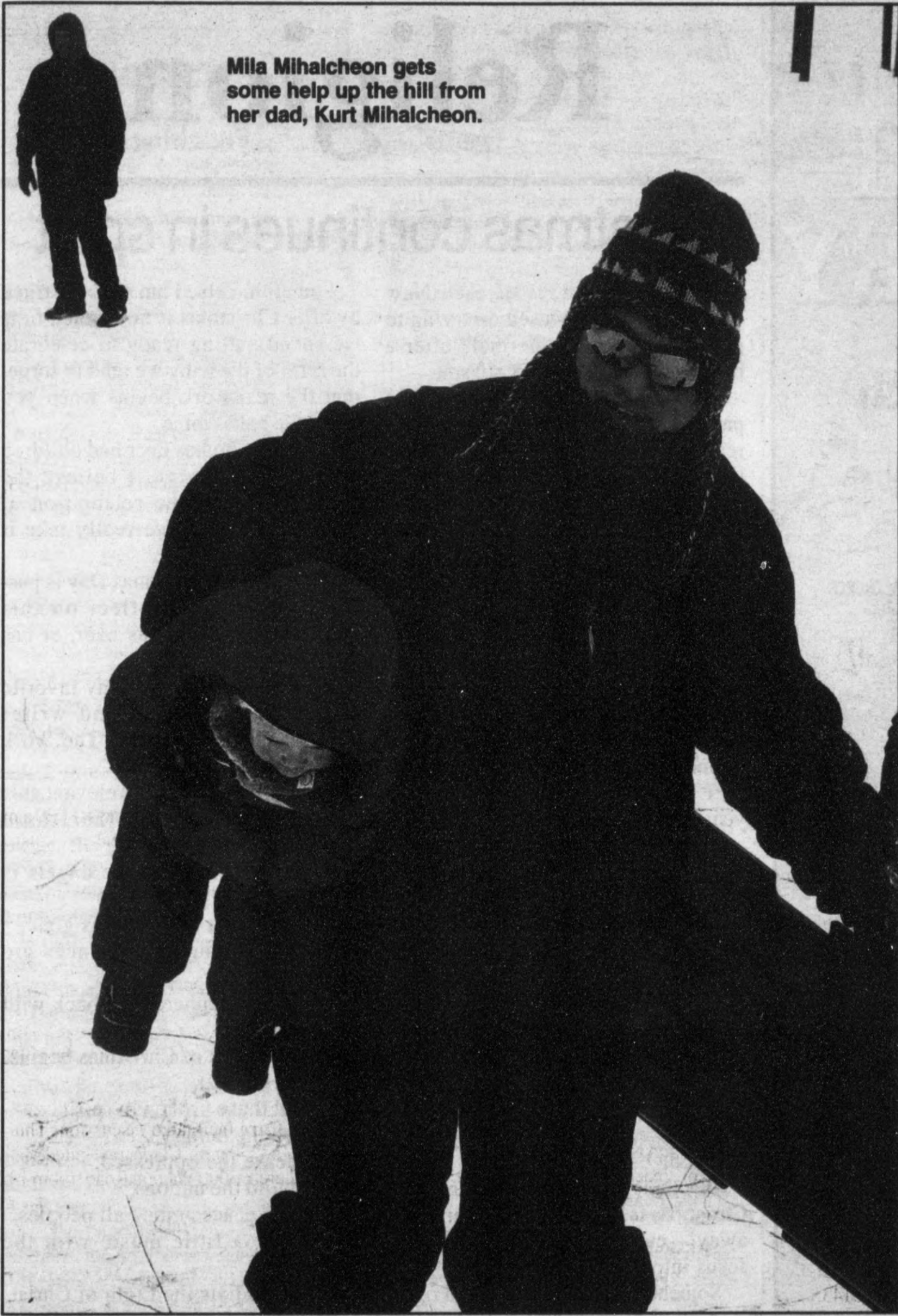
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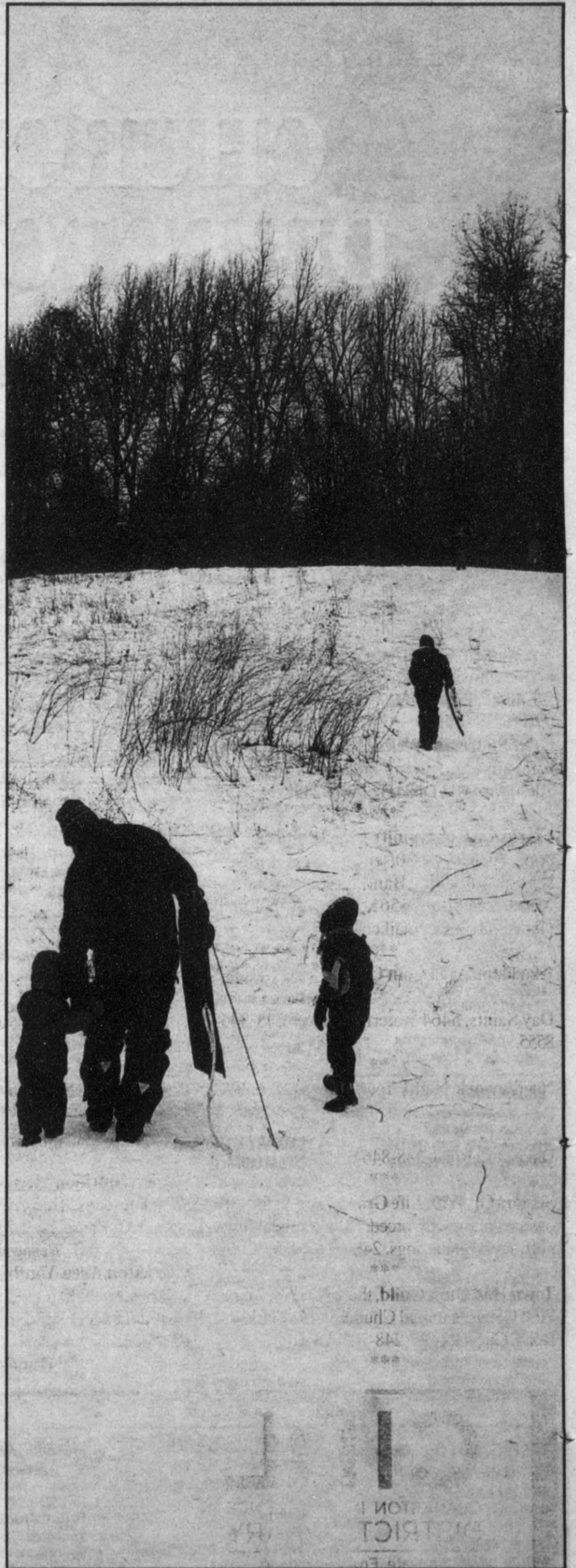
Mila Mihalcheon gets some help up the hill from her dad, Kurt Mihalcheon.



Jesse and Mila Mihalcheon speed down the hill.

## Hills alive with sound of sledding

Temperatures heading into the 20s eased frostbite concerns of the arctic blast pummeling the midwest and east coast last week, which meant more people enjoying the outdoors with some sledding.



Sledders climb the hill behind Independence Elementary School off M-15. Photos by Phil Custodio

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

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 Sunday 8:15 am & 11:00 am  
 Sat. 6:00 pm  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 am**  
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 Email: [sttrinityps@comcast.net](mailto:sttrinityps@comcast.net)  
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### BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

[www.bridgewoodchurch.com](http://www.bridgewoodchurch.com)  
 6765 Rockledge Lake Road  
 Clarkston, 48349 (248) 625-1344  
 Sundays at 9am & 10:45am  
 - Adult experience  
 - Nurture Center (birth-4)  
 - Kids Life (K-5th)  
 - Grave Students (6th-8th)  
 Tondays at 7:00pm  
 - 501 (College & Twenty-Somethings)  
 Wednesday at 6:45pm  
 - JourneyON Adult Focus Studies  
 - Nurture Center (birth-4)  
 - Kids Life (K-5th)  
 - Grave Students (6th-8th)  
 check out all Bridgewood has  
 to offer you online at  
[bridgewoodchurch.com](http://bridgewoodchurch.com)

### THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

6490 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
 Holy Eucharist - 10:00 am  
 (248) 625-2325  
 Reverend Heather Barta  
[www.resurrectionepiscopal.com](http://www.resurrectionepiscopal.com)  
 Christmas Eve 4:50 pm

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

5272 Paramus, Clarkston  
 (248) 625-3380  
 Located 2 miles N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15)  
 Pastor: Russell Reemtsma  
 Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School  
 & Adult Bible Fellowship  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 6:00 pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 Wed: 6:15-8:00 pm  
 AWANA (Pre-school-G6)  
 Semper Fi (Teens, Gr. 7-12)

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston  
 (248) 625-1323  
 Pastor: Greg Henneman  
**Sunday Worship:**  
 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.  
 Nursery Care at both services  
 Children's Ministries:  
 September thru April  
 Wednesdays, 6:45-8:00 p.m.  
 Student Ministries:  
 September thru April  
 Tuesdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m.  
 Thursdays, 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
[www.clarkstoncommunity.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunity.com)

### CALVARY LUTHERAN (ELCA) CHURCH

Clarkston Campus  
 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston  
 248-625-3288  
 Pastor Jonathan A. Heierman  
**Sunday Worship:**  
 8:15 am, 9:30 & 11:00 am  
 Nursery, Children & Youth  
 9:30 & 11:00am  
 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation  
 12:30 pm  
 "Come as you really are  
 ... become more!"  
[www.calvaryinfo.org](http://www.calvaryinfo.org)

### KENSINGTON CHURCH

6595 Waldon Rd., Clarkston  
 Website: [www.kensingtonchurch.org](http://www.kensingtonchurch.org)  
 (248) 786-0600  
**Services:**  
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 Childcare for birth through 5th Grade,  
 9am and 10:30am  
 Middle School Program, Sunday 10:30am  
 High School program, Sunday 6:30-8:00 pm

### THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

5449 Clarkston Rd., Clarkston  
 (248) 394-0200  
 Rev. Tim Chappell  
**Sunday Worship:** 10:00 a.m.  
 Children's Ministries 10:00 am  
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 Youth Group Sunday 6:00pm  
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 Call for days and times  
[www.fcclarkston.com](http://www.fcclarkston.com)

### CLARKSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

6600 Waldon Road, Clarkston  
 (248) 625-1611  
 Website: [www.clarkstonumc.org](http://www.clarkstonumc.org)  
**Sunday Worship:** 9:00 am & 11:00 am  
 Nursery available for all services

### OXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston  
 (248) 625-2311  
 website: [www.oxiebaptist.org](http://www.oxiebaptist.org)  
 Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool  
 Pastor: J. Todd Veneman  
 Sun: 9:45 am Worship Service  
 11:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
 6:00 pm Worship Service  
 Wed: 7:00 pm Children and Teen Chab & Adult Bible Study  
 Nursery available for all services

### ST. DANIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

7010 Valley Park Dr., Clarkston  
 (W. of M-15, S. of I-75)  
 (248) 625-4580  
 Rev. Ronald J. Babich, Pastor  
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# Religion

Events Preaching

## Christmas continues in spirit

The first few days of each New Year are usually focused on trying to get things back to "normal" after a busy and festive holiday season.

I also find myself reflecting on the past year and sometimes making some resolutions about how I want things to be different in the new year.

My resolutions usually relate to things like getting more exercise, learning something new, or spending more time on what really matters.

I know these resolutions can be good things as I try to refocus, prioritize, and do better.

I also know the most important thing for me as I begin each new year is to open my life again to God's love and grace, so I can become more what God wants me to be.

So as I begin 2018 I am taking some time to pause and pray and reflect about my life, my priorities, my purpose, my relationships, and my faith in God.

I am also trying to not move on too quickly from Christmas, and all that it means, even though our decorations will soon be put away.

One thing I really dislike doing after Christmas is putting our manger scene away - especially packing the baby Jesus into a cold, dark box.

Somehow it just doesn't seem right.

A number of years ago we began a family tradition of leaving the baby Jesus out all year. Then, we move him around the rooms of our house throughout the year.

It's fun because we never know where he will turn up. It is also a much-needed reminder Jesus is with us each and every day, in each and every room of our life, no matter what we are doing or what is happening in our lives.

In this way the Good News of Christmas is present in our home all year.

Something else I am always struck by after Christmas is how much time we spend getting ready to celebrate the birth of the baby we tend to forget that the real work begins when you bring the baby home.

Anyone who has ever had children knows what I mean. I believe the same is true for the celebration of Jesus' birthday if we really take it seriously.

Even though Christmas Day is past I am choosing to reflect on this question: "Is Christmas over, or has the real work just begun?"

I am reminded of one my favorite poems by theologian and writer Howard Thurman called "The Work of Christmas."

It seems particularly relevant this year as we face together these challenging times:

"When the song of the angels is stilled,

when the star in the sky is gone,  
 when the kings and princes are home,

when the shepherds are back with the flocks,

then the work of Christmas begins:  
 to find the lost,

to heal those broken in spirit,  
 to feed the hungry,

to release the oppressed,  
 to rebuild the nations,

to bring peace among all peoples,  
 to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ, every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say."

My hope and prayer for you and me is we live each day in this new year with Christmas in our hearts and lives.

And, one more thing, I saw a little joke recently that said, "Beat the Christmas rush, come to church today." A good word for a new year and another way to live like its still Christmas - all are welcome in God's house every day.

*The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Jonathan Heierman



## Mikel Marion O'Neill, 81

Mikel Marion O'Neill of Clarkston passed away at age 81 in her home on Dec. 28, 2017, surrounded by family and loved ones.

She is survived by her husband Dr. James A. O'Neill and her siblings, Dr. Stephen (Late Karen) Werner and Terry (William) Peyton. She was blessed with six children, James "Mike" (Kathy) O'Neill; Kathryn "Kari" (Leonard) Gorz; Megan (Rick) O'Neill-Nini; Devin O'Neill; Daniel (Karyn) O'Neill; and Dr. Timothy (Gretchen) O'Neill. Mikel was preceded in death by her son, Devi.

Mikel was grandmother to 14 grandchildren, Michael, Jeffrey, Jeremy, and Kathleen "Katie" O'Neill; Dr. Joseph (Dr. Sarah Shook), Elizabeth, and Rebecca Gorz; Chad, Marla and Adelenia Nini; Emilie and Riley O'Neill, Branigan and Brecken O'Neill.

She was also aunt, cousin, and friend to many.

Mikel was born on Feb. 4, 1936, to Edward and Eunice Werner and raised in Worthington, Ohio. Mikel studied interior design at Fontbonne University. While at college, she met her husband, Dr. James O'Neill, who was in medical school. They shared a love of horses and nature. They were married in 1956.

In 1961, Mikel and James established their family residence on the former Henry Ford Farm Estate known as Deer Hills Farms in Clarkston. Mikel was the perfect balance of elegance, sophistication, spirit, and spontaneity. Her primary passion was her family. She cherished her time with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

At Deer Hill Farms, she created an atmosphere of unity with a wide circle of family and friends. When she was not caring for the many farm animals and her beloved dogs, she cherished spending time each summer at the family cabin on the Au Sable River. She enjoyed canoeing and "schooling" everyone in countless rounds of scrabble or hands of euchre.

In the winter months, she enjoyed cross country and downhill skiing. However, to escape the inclement Michigan weather, she loved collecting sea shells on Sanibel Island, Fla.

She was an avid fan of the Buckeyes and the Red Wings, a vivacious reader, and a novice artist. Her hobbies and interests included: gardening, fly fishing, interior design, love of southwest native art and painting.

She was an exceptional cook and renowned for her buffets and salads.

She also was very supportive of many



organizations in the Clarkston Community, St. Jude, Wounded Warrior, and Jesuit Community.

The O'Neill family held a private funeral on Dec. 30, 2017. Mikel O'Neill is reunited with her loved ones in eternal life. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Condolences may be left on the online guestbook at [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com). The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the Jesuit Community in c/o Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road Clarkston, MI 48346.

## Linda M. Thorpe, 69

Linda M. Thorpe of Clarkston went to be with the Lord Jan. 4, 2108, at age 69.

She was preceded in death by her parents Elton and Frances and her sister Lorna. She was the loving sister of Lucille, Leora and Leon (Christy) Thorpe; and dear aunt of Audrey and Shannon.

Linda retired from White Castle. She was a longtime member of First Missionary Church, Clarkston.

Funeral Service was Jan. 7 at First Missionary Church, Clarkston. Private Inurnment Hough Cemetery, Almont. Memorials may be made to the family. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Timothy Coolidge, 66

Timothy A. Coolidge of Clarkston passed away Jan. 6, 2018, at age 66.

He was the husband of Suzan; father of Jeremy (Shannin) Coolidge and Jamie Coolidge; papa of Cody, Caden, Joshua, "Papa Cool" of Irelin and Brooklin; son of Veronica (late Truett) Moses and the late George Coolidge; brother of Katherine (Sia Moradmand) Coolidge and Martha Coolidge; loving uncle, great uncle and great great uncle to many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by siblings Maryann Carr and Michael Coolidge.

Tim retired from Rochester Schools. He was a very spiritual person and lived a life of spiritual practice evidenced by the love he showed upon his family and friends. Tim was a Tribal Elder of the Chippewa Nation, Lac Courte Orielle Reservation in Wisconsin.

Friends may visit **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Thursday 4-8 p.m. Funeral Mass, Friday, 11 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church after 10 a.m. Any donations to the family will be used for his grandson's medical expenses. Online guest book [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



## School recognition

Clarkston Community Schools recently recognized 26 teachers and staff members for going above and beyond the normal scope of their work.

Winter Employee Recognition Award winners and thoughts from peers are as follows:

**Leah Schmitz**, a Special Education teacher from Bailey Lake Elementary. "Leah's connections to students don't end when they leave Bailey Lake Elementary. This fall, she visited a former student in his new school."

**Mary Kathryn Longo**, from Bailey Lake, is a paraeducator. "During fifth grade book clubs, Mary Kathryn was a book club member with a group of students. She came prepared each day with her reading done."

**Anne Martinez**, from Bailey Lake, is a fifth grade teacher. "Anne has been a role model for me as a teacher. Each summer we met several times to plan for the following school year."

**Elizabeth Fante**, from Clarkston Elementary, is a paraeducator and Homebound Teacher. "Elizabeth is by far the most compassionate and giving woman I've ever met."

**Karen Ayotte**, a clerk at Clarkston Elementary. "Karen is a compassionate and helpful person and patient with the students and staff. She's been invaluable in helping care for all students."

**Lillian Wiley**, from Clarkston Elementary, is Food Services Café Manager. "Lilly goes out of our way to make our lives easier."

**Jennifer Johnson**, Principal at North Sashabaw Elementary. "Jennifer comes in everyday believing 'yes today' does make a difference. She willingly rolls up her sleeves and works alongside all of our teachers."

**Jamie Blankenship**, second grade teacher at North Sashabaw Elementary. "Jamie often has families and students come back to her year after year and share how they're doing."

**Allison Facciola** (Learning Resource Teacher) **Heather Waite** (Paraeducator) and **Lisa Blimka** (Paraeducator) are from Pine Knob Elementary. "These three women go above and beyond on a daily basis. They provide a safe haven for these students."

**Vicky Pike**, Office Secretary from Pine Knob Elementary. "If something needs ordered for the building, Vicky already did it. A bulletin board hasn't been filled? Vicky creates magnificent displays showing creativity and kindness."

**Brandon Best**, is a Medical Aide from Pine Knob Elementary. "Brandon was introduced to the office staff as a medical aide - he's gone above and beyond his

role."

**Paige Weston** is a Behavior Coach from Pine Knob Elementary. "Paige has put together a weekly schedule to see students that classroom teachers have asked for additional support."

**Nancy Myers** is a custodian at Springfield Plains Elementary. "Nancy has many tasks to complete during the hours she's at school - she's responsible for supervising student pick up in the circle drive."

**Lisa Kowal** is a Library Media Tech at Sashabaw Middle School. "Lisa goes above and beyond every day to help students and staff with technology and library related issues."

**Sarah Kop** is a Building and Instructional Aide at Sashabaw Middle School. "Sarah is very altruistic in her job duties. She forms relationships with the students that go above and beyond."

**Kate Peterson** is a Building and Instructional Aide at Sashabaw Middle School. "Kate has compassion and takes the extra time to listen to students and staff. She has handmade and printed out inspirational test taking strategies."

**Rhonda Yelinek** is a Head Custodian at Sashabaw Middle School. "If you've ever seen the Energizer Bunny in action, then you've seen Rhonda Yelinek at work."

**Scott Ballard** and **Jerry Bawks** are Head Custodians at Clarkston High School. "The Clarkston Robotics Program is a village inside Clarkston High School. From the number of kids who come in and out after school, to the crazy amount of shipping and receiving that comes in daily, the challenge is enormous."

**Danielle Fuller** is a teacher at Clarkston High School. "Danielle is a true inspiration."

**Nicholas Hagewood** is a teacher at Clarkston High School. "Nick became very proactive in doing something to remember former student Mikayla Ferer and show how much we care."

**Melissa Bridgman** is a teacher at Clarkston High School. "Melissa has had many roles and has worn so many hats over the years at Clarkston High School."

**Shannon Carolin** is a counselor at Clarkston High School. "She has such a sunny personality, always a smile on her face, and spreads positivity and cheer."

**Phyllis Ness** is a Subject Area Coordinator (SAC) for Elementary Literacy. "Phyllis works tirelessly to promote literacy in our district."

**Michelle Johnson** is a Help Desk Coordinator from the Administration Building and Technology. "During a recent school closing, Michelle was instrumental in getting necessary information ready to download into our call out system."

Obituaries posted daily at [Clarkstonnews.com](http://Clarkstonnews.com)

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Thomas Kithier, ineligible to play, talks to Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach Eric Chambers as the Wolves warm up.

## Kithier case going to court

Clarkston High School senior Thomas Kithier could be playing on the basketball court depending on a judge's decision this Thursday, Jan. 11.

Attorneys Ven Johnson and Steve Fishman, representing Kithier, announced last week their Motion for Preliminary Injunction will be heard at 2 p.m. before District Judge Marianne O. Battani at the United States District Court, Theodore Levin U.S. Courthouse, 231 W.

Lafayette Boulevard in Detroit.

If granted, Kithier will be playing Jan. 15 while his lawsuit proceeds.

Kithier is in the early stages of a lawsuit against members of the Michigan High School Athletic Association and Chippewa Valley Schools after he was ruled ineligible to play high school basketball this winter for Clarkston after his transfer from Macomb Dakota High School was deemed athletically motivated.

## Budgets increase in township

**BY BRENDA DOMINICK**  
*Clarkston News Staff Writer*

Property values rose 3.8 percent in Independence Township last year, resulting in budget increases for most township funds.

General Fund Revenue is projected to increase \$45,827, or 0.61 percent, from \$7,455,921 to \$7,501,748. Expenditures are expected to increase from \$6,397,817 to \$6,506,379, which is a 1.69 percent increase. Property tax revenue is projected with a Headlee rollback of 0.9888 percent.

Operating costs for contractual services are projected to decrease \$415,982 or 48.6 percent when compared to 2017. This is primarily driven by the decrease in engineering services for the North Sashabaw construction project.

The 2018 Fire Fund property tax revenue is estimated at \$5,155,407 and assumes 3.4304 mills adjusted for Headlee Rollback. Revenue is projected to increase \$128,451 or 2.2 percent mainly due to an increase in property tax collections. Labor and benefits are projected to increase \$298,626 or 6.7 percent due to additional staffing and annual two percent wage increases.

"It looks like we're having about \$7,500 in additional revenue collected in 2017 for ALS (Advanced Life Support) services. That's the good news," said Supervisor Pat Kittle at the Independence Township Board

meeting, Dec. 19. "The bad news is vehicle maintenance is up around \$11,000 over what was budgeted, so that would have a net impact for the fire for \$3,700."

The total budgeted amount for Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) services for 2017 is \$4,397,669. For 2018, the budgeted amount totals \$4,521,138.

The primary source of funding for the Police Fund is a voter approved millage. Revenue is projected to increase \$155,115 or 3.2 percent due to increased property tax collections and increased charges for service.

The township is expecting a \$25,000 increase in charges for service for police overtime spent at DTE Energy Music Theatre due to an increase in the number of events worked. The cost will be passed on to the venue.

Expenditures are projected to increase \$128,881 or 2.7 percent mainly due to a two percent contract increase with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department.

Wendy Hillman, finance director, said the township 2018 Budget Plan took about four months to put together collaboratively with Rick Yaeger, budget analyst.

"We had our first best attempt at putting together a budget report," Hillman said. "It will be on the website, we have some language to clean up, just a couple sentences here and there. It's a collaborative effort, that starts with Rick and his budget."

# Students achieve success

Katherine Scheu of Clarkston earned a \$1,000 scholarship from the Michigan Press Association Foundation.

Scheu is a senior at Hillsdale College where she majors in French and is an associate editor of the Hillsdale Collegian, the student newspaper.

Scheu and 11 others will be recognized in May at the annual convention of the Michigan Press Association held at the Kellogg Center at the East Lansing campus of Michigan State University.

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Blake Lieder of Clarkston qualified for the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Belmont University. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

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Clarkston residents Anna Combest, a freshman premed/preudent major, and Thomas Sheffield, a junior history major, were named to the Fall 2017 Dean's List at Bob Jones University.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester.

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Cameron Carpentier was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester at High Point University, earning a GPA of 3.6.

Carpentier is a sophomore at HPU where he is studying business and is a member of the Track and Field team, pole vault.

Cameron and his brother Sebastien, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, class of 2016, are former residents of Clarkston, 1999-2006.

His parents are both former Clarkstonites and graduates of Clarkston High School - dad, Pete, class of 1982, and mom, Donna, class of 1984 - and Central Michigan University. Grandparents Pat and Gary Lessel are longtime residents and local business owners.

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Mitchell Petrimoulx, Class of 2018, from Clarkston, was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University during the fall semester of the 2017-18 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

# Girls basketball

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team lost to Warren Cousino in a close battle last Friday, 58-57.

Molly Nicholson led the team with 18 points and eight rebounds. Kayla Luchenbach had 16 points, ten rebounds and five steals while Maddie Beck had 15 points, four assists and three steals.

The Wolves opened the week against North Farmington on Tuesday and host Lake Orion on Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of John C. Griffin, deceased. Date of birth: 5/12/1940  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John C. Griffin, deceased, died December 7, 2017

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Holly Terpstra, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Shaun B. Isgrigg P78232 Holly Terpstra  
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### TO ALL CREDITORS

The Grantor, MAURICE GILBERT VACHON a/k/a MAURICE G. VACHON (date of birth: April 23, 1928), who lived at 532 Hunt Master Court, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304, died on September 21, 2017. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Maurice G. Vachon Revocable Living Trust dated September 29, 1992, will be forever barred unless presented to Laura Vachon, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication.

Notice is further given that the Trust assets will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to them.

Date: January 2, 2018  
Laura Vachon, Trustee  
7035 Snow Apple Drive  
Clarkston, Michigan 48346  
(248) 766-9042

William B. Zabel (P22671)  
Attorney for Trustees  
6480 Citation Drive, suite A  
Clarkston, MI 48346  
248/620-3300

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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Amelia Del Real. Date of birth: 06-18-1929  
TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Amelia Del Real, died Sept. 30, 2017

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cynthia Mahan, personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

January 3, 2018  
Cynthia Mahan  
4080 Waldon Rd.  
Lake Orion, MI  
248-391-1598

### TO ALL CREDITORS

Grantor, MARGARET T. VOLLBACH (date of birth: June 7, 1928), who lived at 7570 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, Michigan 48346, died on December 13, 2017. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the James E. Vollbach and Margaret T. Vollbach Revocable Living Trust dated December 3, 1996, will be forever barred unless presented to Nancy A. Walkowski, Trustee, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Notice is further given that the Trust assets will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to them.

Date: December 29, 2017  
Nancy A. Walkowski, Trustee  
6677 Shelly Drive  
Clarkston, Michigan 48348  
(248) 620-3330 (248) 622-9581

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
FOR TRUST

In the Matter of HAZEL L. CONDON, settlor of the BILLY CONDON AND HAZEL L. CONDON JOINT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST  
Date of Birth: 11/18/1924

TO ALL CREDITORS:  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, HAZEL L. CONDON died 12/01/2017

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the BILLY CONDON AND HAZEL L. CONDON JOINT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1999, will be forever barred unless presented to KATHY FELDMEYER and/or KIRK LEE COSTELLO, Trustees, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Shaun B. Isgrigg P78232 Kathy Feldmeyer/Kirk Lee Costello  
Attorney for Kathy Feldmeyer Co-Trustees  
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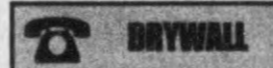
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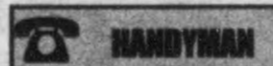
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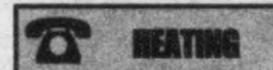
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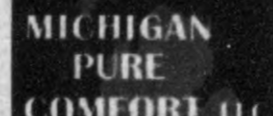
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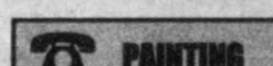
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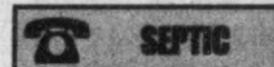


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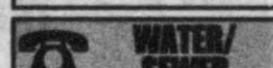
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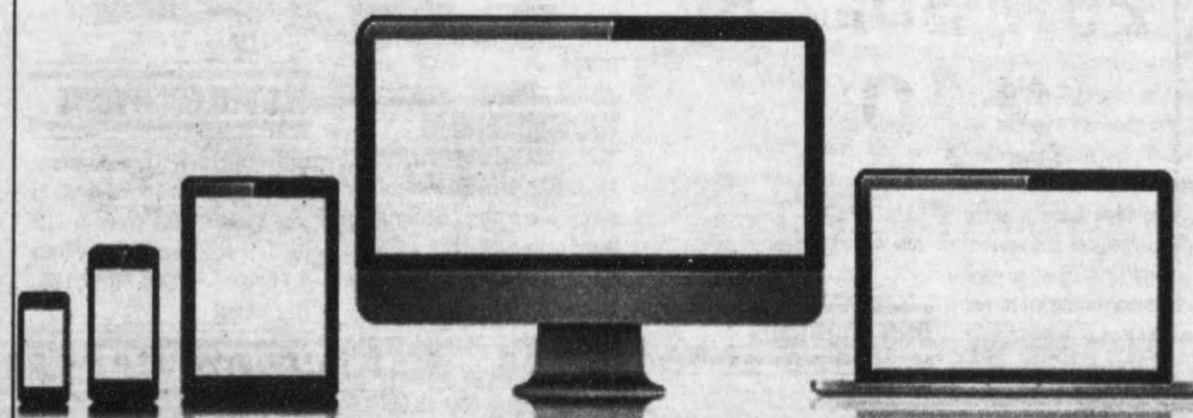
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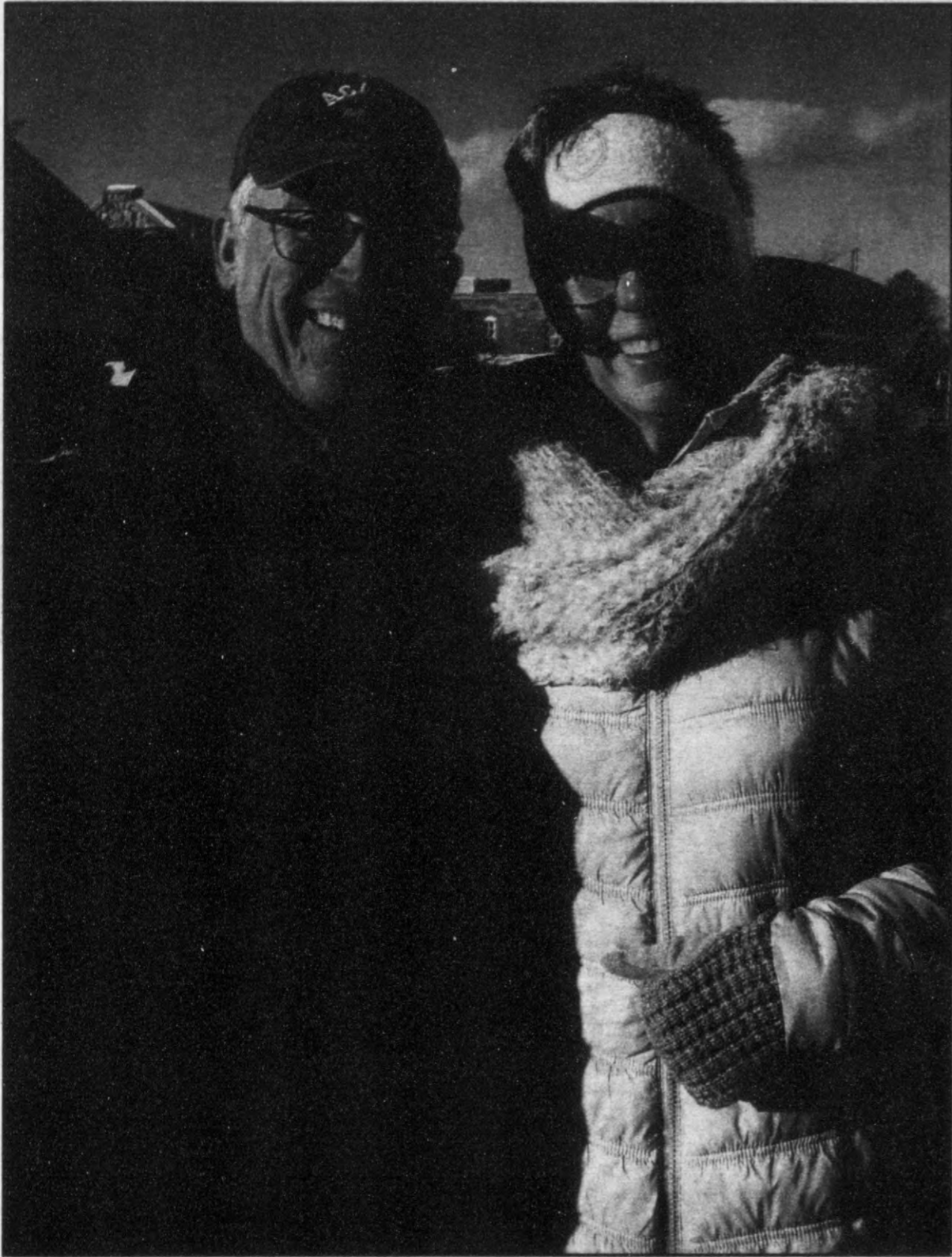
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# Reprieve from bitter cold forecast this week



Mike and Paula Rutter enjoy a stroll through downtown Clarkston.

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Lund were in town shopping for garage doors and other items with sons Kameron and Mason.

"It feels pretty bitter," said Cristan, talking by the outdoor firepit next to The Fed restaurant on Main Street.

The warming tents have been in front of Honcho since Dec. 8. There's a trick to keeping cozy inside these dome-shaped, heated bubbles, said Lindsey Baker, manager of Honcho.

"We just use a small space heater and as long as they don't stay open too long, then we're good," Baker said. "On days that it's pretty sunny, I would say it gets up to 65 in

there. The temperature varies, like today it's a little colder in there."

The manager said they don't take reservations for the igloos, as they are available on a first come, first serve basis. They usually have a wait time of 30 to 45 minutes during the afternoon. However, on Friday and Saturday nights, there is approximately a two hour wait.

Milder weather conditions are bringing relatively warm temperatures to Clarkston this week, according to the local National Weather Service station. Above average temperatures in the 40s were expected through mid-week. Snow showers were forecast to return by the weekend.



An outdoor fireplace in front of The Fed restaurant in downtown Clarkston helps keep shoppers warm as they stroll by. *Photos by Brenda Dominick*

## Learn-to-ski contest at Pine Knob

Pine Knob Ski & Snowboard Resort is looking to host a family to learn to ski this winter.

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Those interested in becoming the official 2018 Learn to Ski Family should send an email to [pkskischool@gmail.com](mailto:pkskischool@gmail.com) with "We Want to Learn to Ski" in the subject line; and include a note of why they want to learn to ski, a family photo, the ages of everyone in the family, what social media sites they use, and contact information. Pine Knob will review all applicants the week of Jan. 15.

Once selected, dates and times will be coordinated with the family and they must provide their own winter clothing to hit the slopes. Pine Knob will provide the skis, poles, boots, and helmets; as well as the lift passes and lessons. Safety and skiing responsibly will be a part of every visit.

After the lesson, the family is encouraged to stay and practice. Pine Knob will document the "Learn to Ski Family" by taking photos and videos along the way and posting them to their social media channel.

The Pine Knob Ski and Snowboard School, which offers lessons for first timers to advanced skiers, organized this program.

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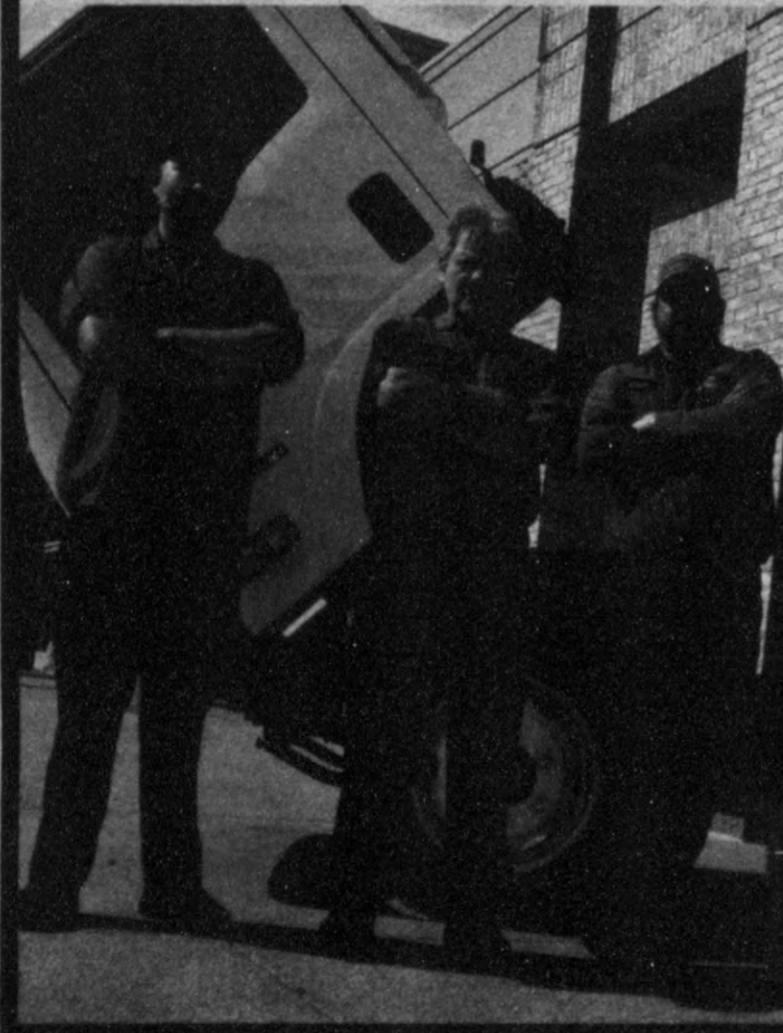


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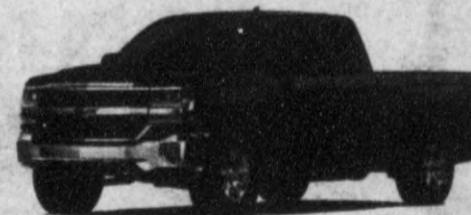
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