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## Local issues decided on Election Day

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

After a process which has lasted well over a year, the Independence Township voters will decide whether their community needs a new township hall and a community center with senior facilities.

The two buildings come with a \$26 million price tag. In addition, a second proposal calls for a 1/2 mill millage to be invoked to support the community center for the first four years or until the center can be self-sufficient with user fees. In order for the proposals to pass both need to be approved by the voters. If approved it would raise taxes on a \$200,000 property by \$191 per year.

"The community center will benefit the physical being of any generation. It will not only benefit the length of life but also the quality of life," senior center coordinator Margaret Bartos said.

Bartos is a member of the Senior Advisory Com-  
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## Moving in



New downtown business Treasure Gifts and Beyond is set to open their doors on Nov. 1. Last week two brave souls hung the store's sign while it rained. Photo by Kyle Gargaro.

## Keeping kids safe in school is priority

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Years ago, safety in schools was barely an issue. It was a given.

Now with events in our nation's past like Columbine or the most recent sniper serial shootings - whose perpetrator even warned "your children are not safe anywhere at any time" - it's another story.

To acknowledge the various mea-

asures implemented to assure the safety of students, the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, at their Oct. 14 meeting, approved Oct. 20-26 as Safe Schools Week. Many districts across the state also made the proclamation.

Within the resolution approved it states, "excellence in education is dependent on safe, secure and peaceful school settings."

So exactly what measures are being taken to keep your kids safe in school?

Number one, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Independence Township has two liaisons to the school district: Detective James Henderson at the high school and Detective Melissa McClellan for the elementary and middle schools.

Whether it's monitoring the parking lot at the high school, attending special events like games or dances, or perusing the hallways, the detectives are on hand each day.

Henderson said he's dealt with fights between students, kids smoking, clashes between different cliques, and other typical high school mischievousness. But with a school that large, he says, you are going to run into that sort of

activity.

Occasionally, reports get filed with the sheriff's department for students making threats to another, even at middle school and elementary ages.

On Saturday, Oct. 26 an intimidation/threat occurred on Kropf in Springfield Township between eight- and nine-year-old boys. It seems that an argument erupted over chewing gum, while playing on a playground. The eight-year-old boy pulled out a "multi-use" knife, though the blade was not out, and threatened his peer.

Henderson says communication is key. "Parents play a big role. Talk to your kids. Ask them if they are having any problems. If your student is being harassed, let us know. We can act on the situation before it gets worse."

Number two, the schools have a crisis plan in the event of an emergency. This includes natural disasters or any other outside force, Henderson said. All police, fire and school officials are aware of the plan, and test runs are executed with students and cover anything from practice fire drills to lock downs. A special code is also sounded over the speaker system and used to warn teachers, but not to alarm students, to keep students in class in an emergency.

"Hall monitors are also a big help. This is a big school and I can't do it all myself," Henderson said. Six to seven monitors are typically on duty at any given time at the high school, he said. All visitors are required to sign-in at each school. All exterior doors are kept

locked and only the front doors remain open during a school day. Staff are also required to wear badges for identification purposes.

"These are all part of the crisis plan, but they are the proactive measures of the crisis plan," Public Relations Coordinator Anita Banach said. "Basically it's just keeping your eyes and ears open."

In the elementary and middle schools, safety classes are taught and the kids are taught anything from acting in an emergency to safety riding bikes, Henderson said.

Peer mediation is another measure to handle student conflict, Banach said. "It's one way of reducing student conflict."

If a larger scale event, like that which was seen in the Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. areas this month, would occur in Clarkston, Henderson said, security would be heightened. "We would try to cover all the bases. We'd beef up security, use more law enforcement. It consists of an effort between the school board, law enforcement and parents working together. We learn from these other incidents."

From a student's perspective, many feel quite safe in school.

Sophomore John Castaneda said he has never felt unsafe at school, but did mention one area of concern. "Out in the parking lot it gets pretty active."

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Detective James Henderson of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Independence Township is the Clarkston High School liaison, overseeing the safety of the students. Photo by Jennifer Nemer.

# Briefly

## Polls set for Nov. 5 election

Area voting polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the election on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary stated voters do not need to bring their voter registration card, but it would be wise to bring a form of identification in case there is a problem.

Independence precincts include: Precinct 1: Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church; Precinct 2: North Sashabaw Elementary; Precinct 3: North Sashabaw Elementary; Precinct 4: Free Methodist Church; Precinct 5: Pine Knob Elementary; Precinct 6: North Sashabaw Elementary; Precinct 7: Independence Elementary; Precinct 8: Clarkston Elementary; Precinct 9: Clarkston Elementary; Precinct 10: Independence Township Library; Precinct 11: First Congregational Church; Precinct 12: Bailey Lake Elementary; Precinct 13: Maranatha Baptist Church; Precinct 14: Pine Knob Elementary; Precinct 14: Bailey Lake Elementary.

Springfield Township precincts include: Precinct 1: Springfield Civic Center; Precinct 2: Fire Station #2; Precinct 3: Andersonville Elementary; Precinct 4: Oakland Technical Center; Precinct 5: Springfield Plains Elementary; Precinct 6: Springfield Plains Elementary; Precinct 7: Springfield Civic Center.

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## School district wins public relations award

The Clarkston Community School District has been named a winner in the annual Michigan School Public Relations Association Communications Contest. Received, was a Distinguished in the Compiled PA25 Category for the entry, "District Calendar & Annual Report."

The award was presented to Anita Banach, Clarkston schools public relations coordinator.

Awards are given for print and electronic media entries. More than 100 entries were judged with 19 earning a distinguished award, while 35 others were judged as commendable. Entries were received from all across the state.

Publications are judged on content, readability and appearance; video productions are evaluated on product quality, content and appeal; and projects or programs are judged on content, appeal and focus/clarity. Distinguished award winners must receive a score of 930 or more out of 1,000 potential points, while commendable award winners need between 830 and 929 points.

## CHS opens doors for area walkers

Clarkston High School is offering walkers the opportunity to walk indoors during the fall and winter months.

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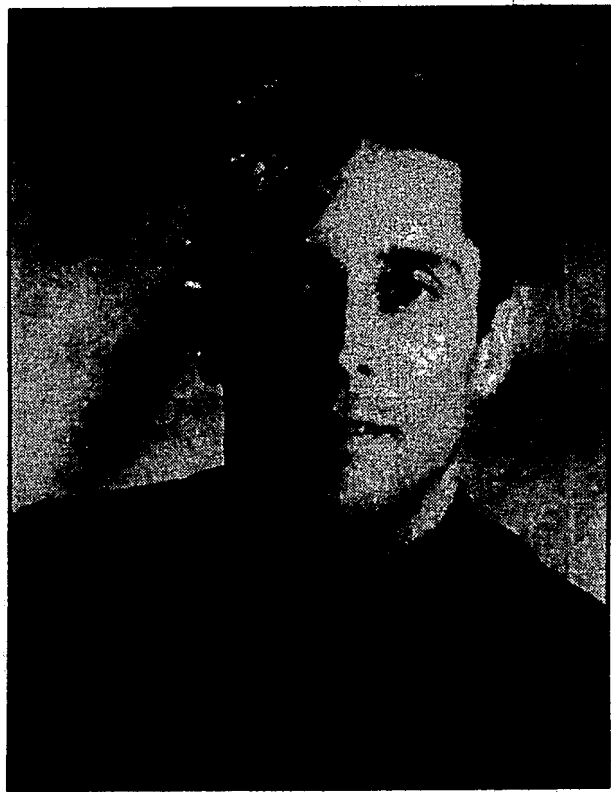
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# The Second Front

## Local teachers are nation's 'Who's Who'

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Several local teachers have been honored by their toughest critics - their former students.

Local educators honored in the seventh edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" include:

•From Clarkston High School - Clifford Chapman, Laura Mahler, Loukea Kovanis, Jamie LaBrosse, Victoria Potter, Barbara Rice, Shawn Shepherd, Richard Swartout, Jeffrey Tice and Renee Walker.

•From Clarkston Middle School - Danielle Barkman, Rebecca Cotton, John Craven and Julie Mathews.

•From Everest Academy - Paul Flynn, Gregory Reichert and Douglas Weisbrod.

Other teachers nominated, who are Clarkston residents but who teach outside the district or are retired, include Cindy Fullmer (Lakeland High School), Jeff Cohe (Rochester College), Pamela Broadway (Grand Blanc Academy), Nanette Davis (retired), Arlene Geisler (Goodrich High School), Joseph Glaser (Adams High School), Gregory Kopec (Warren West Abbott Middle School), Ardis Pearce (retired) and Linda Ray (Southfield-Lathrup High School).

Those from Davisburg include Barbara Bloom (Davisburg Elementary), Joy Creasey (Davisburg Elementary), LaChelle Lemmons (Holly High School) and Kathleen Rollins (Charles S. Mott Community College).

All of the approximately 114,000 teachers honored were selected by students who are currently listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" or "The National Dean's List" publications which recognizes five percent of the nation's high school and college students respectively.

The students were requested to nominate the one



teacher from their entire academic career who "made a difference in their lives" by helping shape their values, inspiring interest in a particular subject and/or challenging them to strive for excellence.

"It means a lot coming from a student," Julie Mathews, CMS's instrumental music teacher, said. "It's neat. It comes as a surprise." Mathews has been nominated at least two times before.

"It's always nice to see a (former) student is thinking back to their middle school days," CMS eighth grade history teacher John Craven said, who has also been nominated prior.

"What's nice is that you're nominated by students who are nominated (as Who's Who Among American High School Students) themselves," Rebecca Cotton added. Cotton currently teaches sixth grade language arts and seventh grade geography at the middle school.

CMS principal Linda Foran said she is very proud of the teachers. "It's a true representation of what's best in teaching."

Jan Meagher, acting principal at the high school, said there are also many more teachers who deserve the recognition. "Unfortunately, there aren't more people who extend that thanks to teachers for doing a great job. But these are all excellent people. What strikes me is how diverse they are - from teachers of foreign language to LRC support to drama to band to English. It's an example of the quality people we have here."

Top picture, from left to right, Clarkston Middle School teachers Danielle Barkman, Rebecca Cotton, John Craven and Julie Mathews are "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." "It's an honor to be acknowledged by students," Barkman, who teaches eighth grade Spanish, said. Photo by Jennifer Nemer. Bottom picture, back row from left to right, the Who's Who among teachers at Clarkston High School include Victoria Potter (French), Shawn Shepherd (math), Loukea Kovanis (science), Laura Mahler (English) and Renee Walker (science). Front row from left is Jeff Tice (drama), Jamie LaBrosse (Learning Resource Center support) and Richard Swartout (English). Not pictured is Barbara Rice (Japanese) and Cliff Chapman (band). Photo provided.

## Classic car club supports Ellis Barn relocation; group tours now offered to community

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A prestigious car club's recent classic car show at historical Ellis Barn has spurred owners to offer group tours to the public in support of its relocation.

The Michigan region of the Classic Car Club of America's "Annual Color Tour" around northern Oakland County concluded Sunday, Oct. 20 with a stop at the Springfield Township barn.

One of the most reputable car clubs in the United States, the CCCA, which features classic cars from the turn of the century through the 1940s, made a substantial donation toward the preservation of the barn and its relocation, current owner and real estate developer Tim Birtsas said.

Birtsas - who together with partner Kirk Gibson spearheaded the preservation of the barn - presented a brief summary of its history to the CCCA on Sunday.

The Dixie Highway property the barn currently sits on north of I-75, was originally purchased by the Ellis family in 1873, and the barn was constructed in 1884.

The barn was originally home to Ingomar, a nation-

ally known Percheron Stallion. The horse's stud proceeds paid for the farm. The Ellis family hosted several horse shows in the area and also raised pigs, hens,

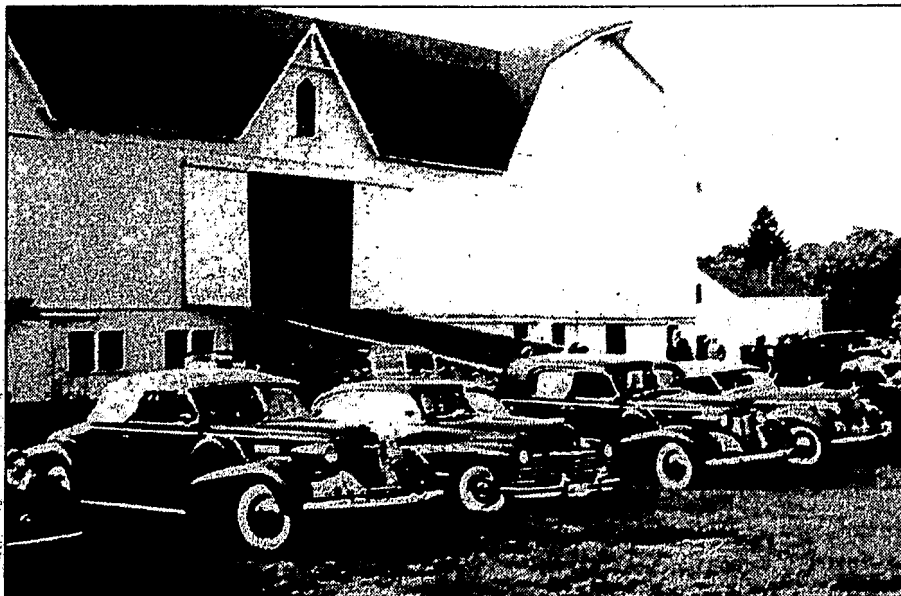
sheep, corn and potatoes.

In 1984, Ingomar Farms was officially designated a Michigan Centennial Farm. The barn, which measures more than 7,000 square feet and stands 130 feet high by 56 feet wide, includes 11 box stalls as well as an indoor arena and an exercise room.

The Ellis barn, which was sold to Birtsas in 1999, is the only one in the state of Michigan to appear in Randy Lefingwell's book, "The American Barn."

Earlier this year the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Department received a \$600,000 state grant to relocate the barn to Springfield Oaks County Park, assuring the barn remains in the area. Several community groups and members including the Ellis family, Springfield Township, the Oakland County 4-H Association and more, donated money as well. Grant funds will be available at the first of the year, and relocation is scheduled for spring.

Birtsas invites any group interested in touring the nearly 120-year-old barn to support its relocation to call him at 248-620-2248 or Dan Stencil of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Administrator of Operations at 248-858-4944.



The historical Ellis Barn in Springfield Township was the site of a recent classic car show, whose car club is helping in financially supporting the barn's relocation. Photo provided by Tim Birtsas.

# Augmentation well source of debate on Waumegah Lake

BY JEFF PATRUS  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

An augmentation well that may be installed in Waumegah Lake in Springfield Township is the source of dispute among lake residents

While one resident is upset about the situation, the president of the Waumegah Lake Board contends the majority of lake residents believe the well is necessary to maintain a proper lake level.

According to Dr. Paul Haduck, a riparian (or representative) on the lake board, a feasibility study must be conducted before the augmentation well is built. He stated a test well and observation well must be sunk into the lake to make sure there's a large enough aquifer.

Louis Kirby, the president of the Waumegah Lake Board, stated the lake board has been working on the situation for "quite some time," and also noted those opposed live on property off of the lake, primarily Townsend Estates. He said in a recent assessment hearing, residents who had not been involved with the situation previously started showing up.

"It (the opponents' view) goes against what the clear majority of residents want," he said. "In the assessment hearing, many of the Townsend Estates people claimed they didn't use the lake or didn't know they have a lake. Every real estate listing stated they have lake access."

Kirby moved to the lake from Royal Oak in 1998, and discovered there had been a lot of infighting among lake residents regarding the legal lake level. He stated the U.S. Circuit Court in Pontiac ruled there should be legal lake level of 1049.9 feet.

"Anything lower leaves a good number of residents without reasonable access to the lake," Kirby said. "Eighty percent of the residents on the lake signed a petition supporting an augmentation well. It was decided to carry forward. The U.S. District Court was going to manage the process. We asked the District

*I feel it's important to avoid treating our fragile wetlands like a swimming pool.*

Laurie Linehan, Davisburg resident

Court what we could do to address the situation, and the lake board was formed, and I was elected township representative."

However, Kirby stated a group of four or five residents led by resident John Bistoff began contending the legal lake level should be lowered to 1047 feet. According to Kirby, the group sued the Oakland County Drain Commission to have the lake level lowered, but the U.S. Circuit Court declined their request.

According to Kirby, he recently contacted State Sen. Mat Dunaskiss (R-Lake Orion) about the matter, and Dunaskiss offered to mediate the dispute between the two sides, but when Kirby contacted Supervisor Collin Walls about that possibility, Walls replied such intervention would not be necessary.

On the opposing side, Davisburg resident Laurie Linehan expressed her concern in a Sept. 21 letter to the lake board about the disagreements among neighbors that has resulted from the project.

"I don't like the fact the people in the neighborhood have gone against each other," she said. "I don't want to live in a neighborhood where people are fighting."

However, she still has several concerns about the augmentation well.

"I feel it's important to avoid treating our fragile wetlands like a swimming pool," she said. "When the Waumegah Dam failed in 1996, the lake board had to establish a legal lake level. Some of the new property

owners feel it's a guaranteed lake level. I don't see why we need to tamper with nature to artificially raise the level of the lake."

One of these issues is the impact the augmentation well would have on residential wells. According to Linehan, when her family purchased their home in 1996, they were told by the previous owners the well was more than 200 feet deep. Now, Linehan is concerned the augmentation well will draw water from the same level as their household well.

In addition, Linehan stated she wonders about the effect that the withdrawal of such significant amounts of water will have on the availability of ground water in the future.

"We're concerned about the effect on residential wells," she said. "We feel they may run dry."

She also contends the well would have an adverse effect on the pond in the front of her home, which runs eight to ten feet deep and is populated with fish, turtles, frogs and other wildlife. Linehan is not sure whether the augmentation well would increase their pond level (possibly flooding their yard) or decrease their pond level (leaving it dry).

The item was discussed at the Oct. 10 Springfield Township Board meeting. Supervisor Collin Walls noted three people were at a practicability hearing for the well project on Sept. 23. Prior to that, the township board received a request to intervene in the matter.

The township board passed a resolution on the matter at their meeting. Walls explained the details of that resolution.

"If the lake board were to proceed with an augmentation well, we strongly requested they separate that from other elements of their program in a separate roll, which they did," he said. "They will separate well and berm repair into one roll, and weed control and feasibility studies into a second roll."

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## A difficult season...

# Speaker offers 'Help for the Holidays'

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While the upcoming holiday season may be joyful for some people, for others it may be difficult because it will be the first they will celebrate without a significant relative or friend.

To offer help to those in the latter group, Garwood and Associates of Clarkston will be sponsoring their second annual "Help for the Holidays" program from 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 10 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, Clarkston.

As with last year's event, noted national speaker Sr. Joyce DeShano, SSJ, will be on hand to explain how the grief process works and to share ways others have coped, according to Kathy Garwood of Garwood and Associates.

A member of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Nazareth since 1958, DeShano is a native of Flint. She earned a bachelor's degree from Nazareth College, Nazareth, Mich. in 1967, and did graduate work at St. Louis University. She earned a master's degree from the University of Detroit in 1977 and a Master of Divinity from St. John Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, Mich., in 1978. She is currently the Chairperson for the Board of Trustees of Ascension Health in St. Louis, Mo.

"She speaks around the country and she's been doing this for five years," Garwood said of DeShano.

"She's highly regarded, and we feel fortunate to get her for a second year. People really respond to her."

DeShano's presentation Nov. 10 is a timely message for anyone who has lost a loved one, according to Garwood. She noted the holidays can be particularly difficult for those who have lost someone close to them.

"The hurried pace of the season, with activities, shopping, Christmas card lists and parties, adds stress and confusion which often triggers renewed feelings of grief," she said. "We realize that for many people, this would be the first holiday season without a loved one present. This program is our special way of reaching out to those families in our community."

In the past, Garwood has also presented a similar program through her work as an aftercare coordinator at Donelson, Johns and Evans Funeral Home in Waterford, where she heads up the Living with Loss support group.

According to Garwood, people are doubtful at first whether to attend this type of program because they are afraid it may cause them to relive their grief. Afterwards, those attending the program feel it gives them a renewed sense of hope for the holidays.

She stated the program is open to everyone, not just those who are going through the holidays without a loved one for the first time. She recognized that deaths of loved ones affect people well past one year.

To make reservations for the evening, call Garwood and Associates at 248-625-3123.



Nationally recognized speaker Joyce DeShano, SSJ, will be on hand at the second annual "Help for the Holidays" program Nov. 10 at St. Daniel Catholic Church in Clarkston. Photo provided.

## Fun with Zaps turns into felony

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A Clarkston man and his buddy are facing felony charges after stealing costume parts of the Detroit Shock mascot, named Zaps, and wearing it at an Auburn Hills bar.

James Masterson, 21, is now being charged with receiving and concealing stolen property worth more than \$1,000, but less than \$20,000. This is a felony which could lead Masterson to up to five years in prison.

His friend, Ryan McAllister, 28, of Waterford, is charged with larceny in a building, a felony up to four years in prison.

The two were arraigned at the 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills, Thursday, Oct. 24, and were released from custody on a \$5,000 personal bond.

According to Detective Craig Damiani of the Auburn Hills Police Department, the men attended the Detroit Pistons games the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 23.

A Palace employee saw Masterson and McAllister at the Post Bar, across the street from the arena, with the head and one of the shoes to Zaps. Masterson wore the shoe, while McAllister wore the head.

Palace security went to the bar, confronted the men, then contacted police, Damiani said. Both McAllister and Masterson were arrested at the scene.

Masterson declined to answer questions from police. But McAllister, in his statement, explained that after the game, the men headed to The Palace Grille, and upon leaving there, made a wrong turn, ending up in the basement of the Palace. They opened a door to a storage area and found the mascot.

McAllister said they were just having fun and had no intention of keeping the property.

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# Opinion

## Local proposals ask for too much

The Clarkston News urges residents to vote no on Independence Township ballot Propositions 1 and 2.

Proposition 1 calls for a \$26 million bond for a new township hall and community/senior center, while Proposition 2 is a request for a four-year 1/2-mill millage to support the center until if and when it is self-supported through user fees.

The Independence Township Board of Trustees dropped the ball on this one. A great case can be made this community is in desperate need of both a new township hall and senior center. The current township hall is overcrowded and is not handicap accessible. The current senior center is a major disgrace which the residents of this community should be embarrassed about.

But putting the community center on the ballot is asking for too much. To ask for \$26 million in these economic times is simply preposterous. Especially coming off the heels of the August election when the voters soundly defeated a proposal for a new township hall and improvements to Clintonwood Park which would cost \$7.5 million.

If this was six or seven years ago, when the economy was booming, our opinion would be different. However, people are losing their jobs and their retirement funds. Their stocks have plummeted. It is not a time to invest in something which is obviously a want instead of a need.

And make no mistake about it, a community center would be built on the backs of the taxpayers. Unlike other communities that have community centers, such as Troy, Independence Township does not have big business which can bear the brunt of the cost.

If passed it would cost a resident in a \$200,000 home an additional \$191 a year. Combine that cost with a possible art tax being passed this election, while keeping an eye on the schools who will be looking for the voters to fund new construction in June, and the residents hard earned cash will begin to evaporate quickly.

This is not to short-change the Senior Advisory Committee who put in much time and effort to inform and persuade the voters of this community to vote yes. Their efforts should be commended. Instead of asking for the board to put just a senior center on the ballot, they convinced them to ask for the community center. Sadly, it seems they have bitten off more than they can chew.

It is the Township Board who should have stepped up and made tough decisions, but they instead simply fell in line to appease a vocal minority. Instead of giving the voters a choice they have set this up to fail. The township hall, senior center and community center should all have been separate issues.

They tried to pass the township hall in August when they courted the soccer moms by combining it with park improvements and now they are trying to use the seniors to get their new hall.

They should have more faith in the voters of our community. Leadership is about making tough decisions regardless of the backlash and their decision does not make sense.

That is why The Clarkston News encourages voters to vote no on both proposals.

**Clarkston  
News  
Editorial**

## Letters to the Editor

### Building proposals are just too much

As encouraged by the Advisory Committee, I would like to express my opinion of the township ballot proposal.

There were originally two generally accepted issues raised regarding township needs - a township hall and a senior center. The first was addressed by ballot at the August election. However, at the last minute a park issue was added as a ploy to garner more votes, regardless of the fact we already have extra voted millage for parks.

The second issue of a senior center has been enhanced to a \$20 million (80,000 square feet) community center - again to gain wider support thinking a se-

nior center could not pass alone.

The senior center is a priority need and a good center (40,000 square feet) could be built for half the price of a combined center and considerably cheaper to operate. The community has already provided exceptional facilities for our children and young people. Seniors deserve a place of their own.

Whereas I agree the township needs a new township hall and senior center, I can't support this ballot proposal for a huge community center and the costs that go along with running it.

**Lucille K. Bradley  
Clarkston**

### Fortinberry is right for judge opening

On Nov. 5, 2002 you have the opportunity to elect a judicial candidate with experience, integrity and compassion.

Dana Fortinberry is clearly the most qualified candidate for judge of the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston. As a retired Commander in the Michigan State Police and current Brandon Township Supervisor, I have had the opportunity to see Dana in action as a prosecutor, a magistrate and in her private practice. Dana was an outstanding prosecutor, a compassionate fair-minded magistrate and is a tenacious litigator.

Experience counts. Please vote for Dana Fortinberry

on Nov. 5, 2002 for judge of 52-2 District Court

**Ronald Lapp, Supervisor  
Brandon Township**

*(Editor's note: Due to space constraints The Clarkston News could only run one letter for each candidate. We also received letters supporting Fortinberry from Joseph Duke, George White, Todd Moss, Marlo Davidson, Timothy Palulian, Sherry and Dave Regiani, Lisa Russell, Valerie Schendel, Brian Chesley, Tim Birtsas and Traverse City Detective Derek Sutherin)*

### Peters is best candidate for Attorney General

Gary Peters will be a great Attorney General for the State of Michigan and has earned our support.

Peters has served in the State Senate for eight years and became a leading voice on criminal justice, consumer and environmental protection and education.

He led the charge to ban oil drilling in our Great Lakes and fought to protect worker's pensions and make prescription drugs more affordable. Peters is not a one issue candidate. He makes decisions in a well thought out, factual, reasonable and logical manner. Gary has a history of looking out for our interests, not special interests and a plan that will continue that tradition.

Peters has received endorsements from most Michi-

gan Law Enforcement Organizations as well as most of the major newspapers in Michigan. As a state senator, attorney, teacher and business leader, Peters has maintained his commitment to public service as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

As previously stated, Peters will be a great Attorney General for the State of Michigan and has earned our support and will hopefully receive your support.

Please support Gary Peters for our Attorney General.

**Stephen D. Arkwright  
Jennifer E. Arkwright  
Clarkston**

### Terri Land is choice for Secretary of State

I have lived in Michigan almost my entire life and I remember the dark days of Richard Austin as Secretary of State. I remember the long lines and the never ending hassles to take care of simple matters such as renewing a license, getting a license plate or registering a vehicle.

For the last eight years, Michiganders have been very fortunate to have Candice Miller as our Secretary of State. We simply can't allow ourselves to take a step backwards by voting for Melvin Hollowell.

On Nov. 5, I am casting my vote for Terri Lynn Land. Terri Land has worked with Candice Miller and

she is familiar with the improvements Miller has made. As someone who has the managerial skills to handle the job effectively, she also has the full support of our outgoing Secretary of State Candice Miller.

Candice will be greatly missed but we have an opportunity to elect someone who understands the job of Secretary of State and the needs of the people of Michigan. Let us all band together and show our appreciation by voting Terri Lynn Land our next Secretary of State.

**Kenneth N. Long Sr.  
Ortonville**

### Voters need to look forward and pass both proposals

As a senior citizen, for years I have gladly supported our tax increase for our schools that resulted in our grand, new high school. Now I would like to see a yes vote for a senior center for all of us to enjoy in our so called golden years.

I would also like to see a yes vote for a new township hall. It would make a wonderful museum for our children. It has so much history. Mabel Ellis drove horse

and buggy to teach school there. Henry Ford walked its halls. During the great depression the Clarkston dance club, founded in the 1930's, would charge admission of only a can of food for the needy on Saturday nights.

Let's not forget our history but let's look forward.

**Louise Weeks  
Clarkston**

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## It just ain't Halloween without snow

When I harken back to those joy-filled days of my youth, my recollections of Halloween are sketchy at best. I admit, I find this kind of disheartening because I like to think my memory is razor sharp. And, while I'm still holding to my belief of a good memory, I'm putting an asterisk next to it.

*\*Memory good, with the exception of recalling Halloween.*

I'm not sure why, either. I like Halloween. I may not be a card-toting member of the local Club O'Wicca, but, with Celtic-blood pumping through my heart and veins, it's natural for me to find a connection with this Christian/pagan holiday. I just don't remember much about Halloweens past.

Maybe I'd remember it better if there were Halloween carols just like at Christmastime.

I am surprised Halloween experiences have not stuck with me.

The aspect of going door to door, simply repeating the mantra, "Trick or treat," while holding open a sack for folks to dole out the sweets, resonates well with me. Of Irish/Scot lineage, I liked/like the idea of getting stuff that other folks paid for, for nothing. El-free-hoes are great. In a word, I guess that makes me: CHEAP.

I would have thought I would remember all the costumes and everything else about the spookiest time of the year. I mean, I like monster movies and scary books. I guess I always have. Recently, while watching the 1941 classic werewolf movie, the *Wolf Man*, starring Lon Chaney, Jr., as the tormented Lawrence Talbot, I remembered something from when I first watched the movie on the *Sir Graves Ghastly* show. It was a Saturday afternoon in the early 1970s. The television was on Channel 2, airing was the horror-movie host (my local TV hero), Sir Graves.

When I saw the bipedal Wolfman run, I turned to

Dad and asked, "Why does the Wolfman run on his toes?"

Dad, ever the old movie buff, shook his head. "I don't know, son. It could be a side effect of lycanthropy, but I couldn't be sure. However, I bet Sir Graves knows."

Well, when the flick ended and we turned on the lights, I set pen to paper and posed that question to Sir Graves. It was the first of many letters and drawings sent by yours truly, from our little Clarkston house on the hill to Sir Graves' Southfield address. And, despite faithfully watching him nearly every Saturday until his show went off the air, despite sending him Christmas cards, drawings of Godzilla, Frankenstein as well as portraits of himself, I never did get an answer. (So much for being a loyal viewer who turned off the lights, pulled down the shades and curled up next to the tellie, as he was told to by the host.)

I can remember Sir Graves, the letters and the movies, but as for the harrowing Halloween exploits of one Donald P. Rush Halloween, it's all foggy.

As a matter of fact, about the only thing I can remember about Halloween (other than I actually participated as a kid) is the weather.

I do remember times when it was cold, rained and snowed. So, now when I think of Halloween I think of being cold, wet and snowed on. Wet, slushy snow; green makeup running down my face, arms and hands into my soggy, candy-filled linen. The one year I remember -- the aforementioned slushy-snowy year -- I shredded the pant legs to an old pair of Levis and a t-shirt from my little sister Barb (When I report the words "Little" and "Barb" together, I mean little. She's now, at her tallest, 4-foot-11), stretched it over my big head, painted by face, arms, legs, (basically all showing body parts) green.

I was the Incredible Bulk.

And, I was cold and miserable. Happy Halloween. Trick or treat? Bitter? Nah, not me!

*Comments for your happy haunter, Rush, can be e-mailed to: dontrushmedon@aol.com*



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## A look back

From The Clarkston News

### 15 YEARS AGO (1987)

■ Establishing a firm stand against trespassing, the Independence Land Conservancy obtained a court order Oct. 26 to expel a trespasser from wetlands at the north end of Greene Lake. The area is preserved by the conservancy as a bird sanctuary and a nearby resident had built a permanent path, hung electrical lines, built a dock and moored a pontoon boat on the property.

■ Low voter turnout has been blamed, primarily, for the defeat of the 4.25-mill tax increase on the Oct. 27 ballot, but why the voters stayed home is a difficult question to answer. According to Milford Mason, superintendent of Clarkston schools, the 4,467 voters who cast ballots represented 28 percent of the approximately 16,000 registered voters in the district.

■ A six-acre parcel of land next to the township beach on White Lake Road may soon be developed into "cluster homes." At a joint meeting between the Clarkston Village Council and Planning Commission on Nov. 2, Rudy Lozano presented two possible uses of the land for the Village Construction Co., which was turned down last month by the village council on a rezoning request for condominiums.

### 25 YEARS AGO (1977)

■ An afternoon of chamber music as presented by Richard G. Piippo, cellist, and Fontaine Laing, pianist, will feature a program of sonatas by Bach, Chopin and Britten Sunday, Nov. 6, 3:30 p.m. at the Clarkston Conservatory of Music. Piippo, presently teaching cello at Oakland University, received his bachelor of fine arts and master of music degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

■ Independence Township is not in danger of losing its federal funds to purchase property and a building designated as a senior citizen center, say officials at the Oakland County Community Development program. Independence Township officials are not so sure. Clerk Chris Rose points to a series of delays and doubts whether the township's \$87,000 in CDA funds will ever be used to fund the senior center.

■ Independence Township Planning Commission officials last week decided to withhold recommendation of the newest plan submitted for the development of the Singer-Kaplan property near the intersection of Clintonville and Maybee Roads. Jerry Odom of the Odom Company stressed the availability of housing at a lower cost when presenting his plans.

### 50 YEARS AGO (1952)

■ This year, the Rotary Club called the Student Council of the High School to aid in planning the annual Halloween party. It was thought that with the young people on the committee there would be some new ideas and that more people would turn out for the party. The program will open at 6:30 with the traditional snake dance starting at the school and going back to Main Street and back to the school.

■ On Tuesday evening the Clarkston Rotary Anns met at the home of Mrs. A.W. Hawke on Dixie Highway. Mrs. R.M. Parker was the co-hostess. Mrs. Robert Atkins, president, conducted the business meeting. Mrs. Carmen DelliQuadri told about Girl Scouting and made a plea for leaders. Mrs. L.D. Riley showed colored slides that she had taken in and around Clarkston.

■ The following items were on special at Terry's Market in Clarkston: ham loaf, ready to bake, 65 cents/lb.; frozen French fries, two packages, 49 cents; red grapes, two pounds for 25 cents; Heinz catsup, two bottles for 49 cents; butter, Remus, 74 cents/lb.; cabbage, two pounds for 11 cents.

## Outstaters have a 'Memo' of their own

Some non-metro newspaper editors have their own ideas to counter Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's un-sent, not-received memo.

Thomas Hamp, editor-publisher of the *Houghton Lake Resorter* wrote:

"The flap caused by a proposed memo from Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick to Democratic governor candidate Jennifer Granholm heated up the race between Granholm and Republican candidate Dick Posthumus.

"Kilpatrick allegedly offered a good Democratic voter turnout from Detroit if Granholm met his three conditions, that one, 20 percent of the governor's appointments be African Americans; two, that new state office buildings be built in the city; and three, that six major cabinet officials be Detroiters.

"Well that got the boys down at the watering hole thinking what they could offer Posthumus in exchange for their 12 votes. First, they thought, was that 20 percent of the governor's appointments must be beer drinkers!

"Beer drinkers have a better grip on reality and don't feign sophistication like wine drinkers.

"Second, any new state buildings built north of US-10 be made of white pine logs to better fit into the local decor and give half of them employment.

"And, thirdly, that six major cabinet officials have "ski" as the last syllable of their last name.

"Now, we're talking politics! Dick, the boys want to know if they've got a deal!"

Ken Winters, editor-publisher of the *Petoskey*

*News-Review* suggests moving and entire department out of Lansing and into his town.

Al Bransdorfer, editor-publisher of the *Clare Sentinel* would like to see the State of Michigan move all their main departments to Clare and build their new buildings there.

He writes it makes good sense because Clare is equal distance from Detroit and the Straits. It's a midpoint, he says.

Winters and Bransdorfer did not promise any get-out-the-vote-for anyone in particular.

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When you get to the propositions on your ballot, remember this old adage:

IF YOU DON'T KNOW, VOTE NO!

\* \* \*

Few bugs are hated more than earwigs. And, they're everywhere. Literally, everywhere, except the polar region. There are 1,100 species and they've been around more than 200 million years, according to an entomologist in the 2003 *Old Farmer's Almanac*.

The creepy name *earwig* derives from the old English *earwica*, with *wica* meaning "wiggle" -- thus, "ear-wiggler." In France they are called ear piercers, and in Germany, ear worms.

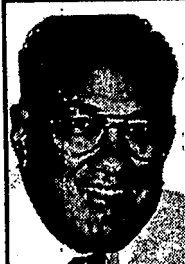
These chilling appellations arose from terrifying, but false, notion that an earwig could crawl into a sleeping person's ear and bore into his or her brain with its pincers.

The entomologist says that's folklore, earwigs don't lay eggs in people's brains or anything like that, but what a great bedtime story.

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I wish crows could talk. I'd like to ask them if roadkill tastes like chicken.

Jim's  
Jottings



Jim Sherman

Bleeding Text

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## More Letters to the Editor

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# Voters must be fiscally responsible and vote no on proposals

I write to urge a no vote on both the so-called community center/township hall millages.

A recent letter on these pages correctly labeled the new township hall a need, while the community/recreation center is just a want. We voters find ourselves trapped with an all or nothing choice between two competing projects with a \$26 million tab, plus an annual operating millage. In these slow economic times we can ill afford the luxury of a community recreation center.

Unfortunately, our community leaders did not provide the information necessary to allow voters a meaningful decision on the township hall vote on the August ballot. So now they have, very cynically, tied these two proposals together upping the price tag from \$7.5 million to \$26 million plus the on going cost of the operating millage.

Soon our school district will be asking us to approve their need for \$10 million or more to accommodate the

exploding school enrollment.

Now, the fiscally responsible vote on both these millages must be no. Then we must demand our township officials regroup, prepare and present a proposal for the township hall we need and they must pledge to inform us why they need our money. Until that day their requests must be rejected with a solid no vote.

Neil Wallace  
Clarkston

# Community center is great investment for all area residents

We plan to vote yes to support the Independence Township community center with senior facilities and town hall along with the necessary operating start-up cost on Nov. 5. A little history and facts should help clarify why the proposals are on the ballot.

Independence Township has determined through the Vision 2020 Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan existing and future needs for our community. In addition, two town hall meetings held in 1998 and 1999 have all determined the bottom line... The need for a community center to provide recreational and social activities for Independence residents.

We urge you to support the two proposals for the following reasons:

- Our senior citizens deserve a facility to provide for their long-term fitness, social and recreational needs. Presently the senior center can't accommodate requests

for on-site exercise, fitness, water aerobics and other programs for our ever growing senior population.

- Youth of all ages will find a safe, supervised gathering place with recreational programming and social activities. The center will be able to accommodate families with special needs and younger children with amenities such as a zero depth entry pool.

- Clarkston residents of every age have become aware of the benefits of keeping physically fit. The community center will offer an indoor track, lap pool, fitness and exercise programs and gathering areas. This adds up to lower health cost care.

- Our township hall has outgrown its effectiveness in the existing facility. It is not handicap accessible, while operations are divided between three buildings and greatly undersized for our present needs. Current board and community meetings are held elsewhere to allow

for resident attendance.

- The Parks and Recreation Department must limit programming and turn down participation due to overcrowding and inaccessibility to usable facilities.

With current low finance rates there is no time like the present to construct an intergenerational gathering place for the entire community.

Is it an investment? You bet... in our senior citizens, our children and everyone in between. The short-term benefits for everyone will be the increased health and fitness of our community. The long-term benefit will be the increased property value.

Be community minded and vote yes twice on Nov. 5.

Tim and Susette Hart  
Independence Township

# State Representative Johnson endorses Stakoe for opening

I am asking for your support for John Stakoe for State Representative for the newly drawn 44th House District.

We need qualified and experienced people that can hit the ground running. John Stakoe has proved himself as a hardworking and effective public servant as the supervisor of Highland Township. He has shown fiscal

management as well as worked to enhance programs for seniors, the disabled, and public safety in schools. Stakoe has successfully brought hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to the community and at the same time reduced local taxes.

One of the most important qualities I found while working with John over the last four years is his open-

door policy and responsiveness to residents concerns. I am confident that John will provide the type of representation that the citizens of north Oakland County need and deserve.

Please vote for John Stakoe on Nov. 5.

Ruth Johnson  
State Representative District 46

# Orion Firefighter's fundraiser raises money for Tricia Taylor

The Orion Firefighters Association wishes to express sincere thanks to all who attended our Fall dance/fundraiser, Saturday, Oct. 19. More than 200 generous folks attended and together we raised \$2,600 for local charities.

Special thanks to Sherman Publications for media

support, Gingellville Community Center for the hall and catering discounts and all business owners and individuals for their generous donations.

Originally, three local charities were chosen to be recipients of this event; The Lake Orion Lions Club, the Gingellville Goodfellows and Tricia Ann Taylor. The

Lions and Goodfellows generously conceded their portion to Tricia.

Charlie Harkins  
Orion Firefighters Association

# Area voters have already decided against new township hall

We are writing this to let people of our great community of Independence Township know what they will be voting on Nov. 5. We encourage you to vote no on both proposals.

We don't think the township board or the Citizens for the Community understand what the voters said no to by a 63 to 37 percent vote in August.

In April, the township board proposed a township hall with soccer fields thinking that the soccer moms would get the millage passed. Well, it did not work. The day after the August primary our township board decided to put the township hall and the community center together on the November ballot. We guess they think a township hall is different if it is on the November ballot.

What happens to this community center if it does not make a go of it? Well, we think it will have to be

sold to some commercial enterprise for about half of what we would put into it. Talking about commercial enterprises, you would be able to join one for less money then it will cost a family to build this one.

The cost for a family could be more than \$1,000 per year, so who is going to use this facility. They are saying everyone that steps into this building is going to have to pay. That's senior citizens, youths, special needs people, families, individuals and nonresidents will all have to pay.

We do think the township hall is quite tight and cramped for space but there are other alternatives such as adding on between the annex and the hall. The senior center could also have an addition on to it at a much lower cost. There are many places our youth can get involved with and just having a community center is not the only answer.

How many people are using the sidewalks for exercise? Are they the ones to use the new center? We are paying for the sidewalks now, but if they are not used even in the summer, then can we expect the center to be used more? Will it be a fad for a while and then never used again?

We want to let people know that those people on the Citizens for a Senior/Community Center did a fantastic job and we are not putting them down. We think just because a few people (20 to 30) think that we should vote for this without any more information on both the pros and cons of both proposals is wrong.

We think you should vote no on both proposals until we all get more information so that we are informed.

John Shiff  
Citizens for Independence Township

# Friends of the Independence Library host successful book sale

Thank you, Friends of Independence Library for making our fall book sale such a financial success. We will be able to supplement needs of the library by more than \$8,000.

This was the best and largest sale ever. The Friends of the Library sorted the thousands of books generously donated to our sale. On Saturday, we sold books for \$2 a bag and hundreds of you came to purchase and were awed by the thousands of wonderful books, CDs and videos that were still available.

We are so proud of our library and its staff. It is a place where the children are welcomed and provided with creative and fascinating programs and all manner of materials to stimulate their interest in reading for preschoolers through teens.

Adults have even more choices and it is all free with the acceptance of your library card.

However, to be a member of the Friends of the Library makes you a special supporter. We all need to value our freedom to use the facilities and materials of

the library at no cost, and to support the work of our library by volunteering in a variety of ways during our fundraisers.

Join Friends of the Independence Township Library (forms available at the library) and meet some interesting folks that believe in our great American library system and the benefits available to us.

Carolyn Place  
President of Friends of the Library



# Vote NO on state Proposals 1 & 3

State Proposal 1 seeks to end straight-ticket voting on Michigan ballots.

If adopted, voters would no longer be able to vote for all Republican or all Democratic candidates by simply marking one space on the ballot.

Getting voters to the polls is hard enough these days without making the process more complicated or time consuming.

Voting needs to be more convenient, not difficult.

**We recommend voting 'NO' on state Proposal 1. -CJC**

State Proposal 3 seeks to amend the Constitution to give state employees the right to mandatory collective bargaining, including a requirement that all labor contract disputes be submitted to binding arbitration.

If Proposal 3 passes, it could cost the state an additional \$30 to \$60 million annually in higher wages, to be paid for through either budget cuts or tax increases or both.

The proposal could also permit state employees to legally strike - a sure recipe for chaos. **We recommend voting 'NO' on Proposal 3. -CJC**

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## CHS band takes first at competition

The Clarkston High School Marching Band came in first place at the recent Lamphere Invitational.

In addition to taking first in the competition, they also won awards for best marching, best music and best visual effects. They are performing a musical

program of "West Side Story."

The band has several programs left including a competition at the Silverdome on Saturday, Nov. 2 and the Band-o-Rama at Clarkston High School on Tuesday, Nov. 5.

# Win \$500!

## Sometimes The Best Way To Get Advice Is To Ask!



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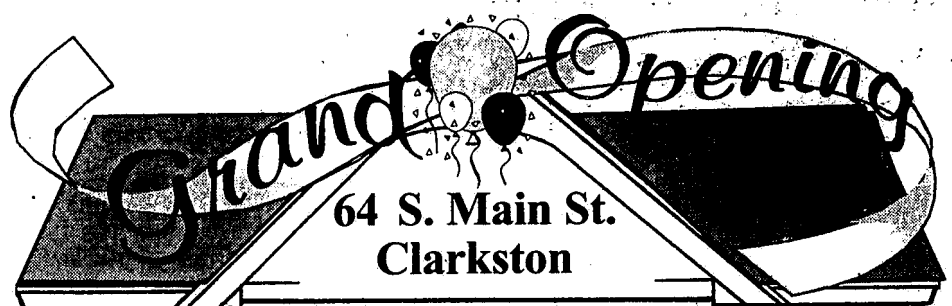
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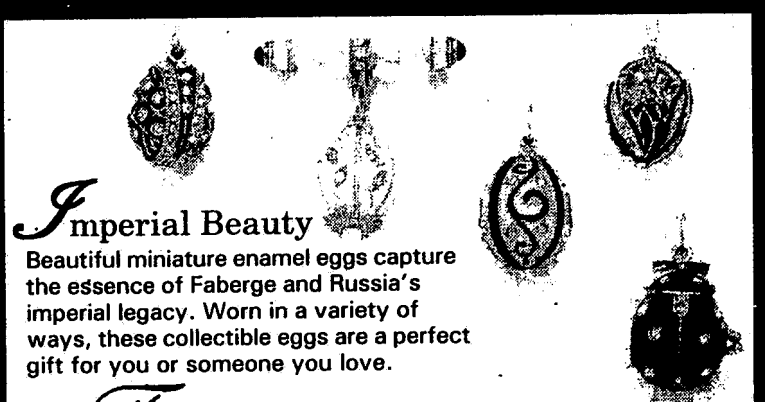
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*Thank You!*

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Thurs. Oct 31st, Fri. Nov 1st, Sat. Nov 2nd



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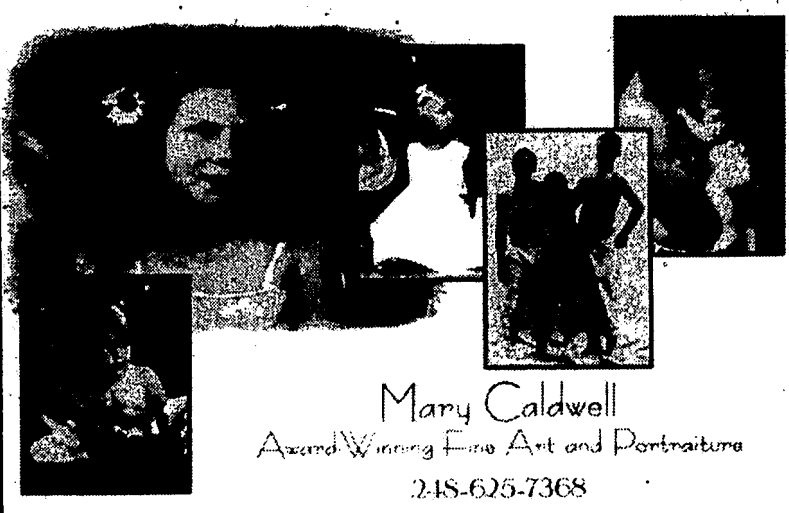
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# Kostin, Fortinberry anticipate Nov. 5 election

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

If you haven't already made your choice for who you'd like to see as the next 52-2 Clarkston District Court judge, now's the time as the election is only days away.

Kelley Kostin and Dana Fortinberry, going head-to-head to fill the retiring Judge Gerald McNally's seat, can now see the light at the end of the tunnel as they've put their all into campaigning since announcing their candidacy.

The two came out on top in the primary against three other candidates--Kevin McNulty, James Houlihan and John Knight. Out of the two, Fortinberry garnered 6,559 of 15,171 votes cast to Kostin's 3,763.

"It's been a long arduous task," Kostin said of campaigning. "I'm not a politician. I want to be a judge. But I've learned a lot about politics through this campaign. Overall, I'm happy about it and can take pride in how the campaign was handled."

Fortinberry said she is very happy with how her campaign has gone as well. "I've had some real positive response from the doorsteps that I've appeared on. I've enjoyed talking to everyone and we're not done yet."

Overall, she said, "I'm pretty proud of how the campaign has been run with integrity," a goal she set from day one. "We were diligent at sticking with this goal, and no matter what the outcome is on Nov. 5, I'll be able to hold my head up in the community."

"I'm also grateful to the voters who have been paying attention to this race where there is an opportunity to elect a person to a position that hasn't been open in 34 years," Fortinberry said. "I'm grateful to voters for putting up with the signs and the messages and everything they've had to put up with. I'm very grateful to everyone who has been encouraging."

Going into the Nov. 5 election, Kostin is feeling very confident. "The support I've been getting is overwhelming. I feel very good."

Kostin says to voters, "I continue to promise that our District Court will be a community court that will be open to all people. I promise to treat each individual equally and promise each individual will be heard and every issue will be considered. I promise to make all convicted criminals accountable for their crimes."

Fortinberry said she is excited and looking forward to election day, but did not want to comment on how she feels she's going to do. "I don't want to jinx myself. And I don't want to sound over confident or under confident. I'm confident I did everything I could."

## Comparing the two candidates

**Candidate:** Kelley Kostin

**Age:** 40

**Family:** married to Robert, a fellow attorney. The two have one son aged 7.

**Residency:** Independence Township since 1998

**Currently:** a family law attorney with a Clarkston office since 1993 and magistrate at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston since 1996.

**Background:** was Head Circuit Court Clerk to Judge Fred M. Mester, served as a clerk in the Waterford Township Prosecutor's Office, and was employed in the Financial Management and Accounting Division of Ford Motor Company.

**Education:** bachelor in economics from the University of Michigan and a law degree from the University of Detroit.

**Community:** member of the Board of Directors for the Optimist Club of Clarkston, Bailey Lake Elementary Parent Teacher Association, and the Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, and is a founding president of the White Lake Township Business Association. She is also in demand as a speaker in numerous local high schools bringing students a real-life perspective on a variety of legal topics.

**Pledges:** to move criminal and civil dockets steadily and efficiently; treat all who enter her court with courtesy and respect; dispense fair and impartial justice for all; make convicted criminals accountable for their actions; implement a program allowing court sessions in local high schools; put into effect a sobriety court; provide court administration the necessary tools for efficient service to citizens; develop a court schedule with more convenient hours for citizens, attorneys and police officers; and start a domestic violence rocket docket.



Kelley Kostin

**Candidate:** Dana Fortinberry

**Age:** 46

**Family:** married to Chuck, owner of Clarkston Chrysler-Jeep. The two have three sons aged 16, 14 and 11.

**Residency:** Independence Township since 1990

**Currently:** a criminal trial attorney with an office in Clarkston since 1992 and magistrate at the 52-3 District Court in Rochester Hills since 2001.

**Background:** was an assistant prosecuting attorney specializing in crimes involving the sexual assault of children for eight years and was magistrate at the 52-2 District Court in Clarkston from 1992-1995.

**Education:** bachelor of arts from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University Law School.

**Community:** immediate past president of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan and as a benefit for this organization each year, Fortinberry and her husband co-chair the Glen W. Fortinberry Memorial Golf Classic and the Ride for CLF. She has also served on the boards of North Oakland SCAMP, State-wide Services for the Hearing Impaired and the Macomb County Child Abuse and Neglect Council, and is a member of the Independence Township Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission.

**Pledges:** to institute programs like Court-in-School and accelerated docketing for domestic violence cases; run an efficient courtroom; act fairly and deal with dangerous criminals in order to protect the community; meet the specific needs of the community; and assure justice is served.



Dana Fortinberry

I'm hoping I have gotten enough information out there to convince the voters in this district to honor me with the very best endorsement I can get -- their vote."

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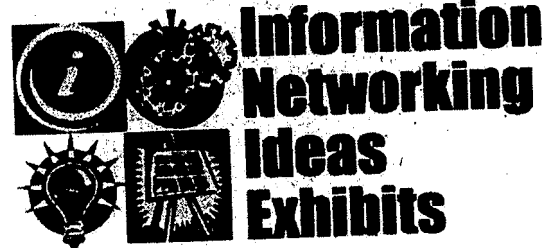
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# Area students set to cast ballots in November election

BY KYLE GARGARO  
Clarkston News Editor

The voting age in Michigan is 18-years-old, but that will not prevent some area children from casting a vote on Nov. 5.

For the fourth consecutive major November election, Clarkston students are invited to come to local precincts to vote. Clarkston is one of the many communities in 45 states participating in "Kids Voting USA." There are an estimated one million children in grades K-12 involved in the program according to Executive

Director of Kids Voting mid-Michigan region Sherry Regiani.

"We encourage parents to take their students with them when they vote before or after school hours," Regiani said.

Special ballot boxes have been made for the students and will be placed at the school precincts. The precincts will be manned by an adult volunteer and students from the Clarkston Middle School and Sashabaw Middle School Junior Optimist Clubs, who have been preparing by decorating ballot boxes and organizing

themselves for this task.

Students have been registering to vote and been doing special projects at school in order to learn about the issues and candidates for the upcoming election. The program tailors different lessons for elementary school, middle school and high school. It teaches the students that voting is not just important in presidential elections, but also local elections.

"We tell them how local elections are so very important because those are the individuals who affect you the most," Regiani said.

Independence Township Clerk Joan McCrary is a believer in the program.

"What is a more important subject for today's kids than the future of our community and learning the responsibility and power of being a citizen? Kids voting brings community and national issues to the mind of students and parents," McCrary said.

McCrary encourages students, parents and teachers to discuss the issues and to educate the kids about these issues before coming to the polls.

"Our members will help the other kids vote and answer questions," Youth Club Chairman Don Brose said. "It is a good project for the kids. We have been doing this ever since they started this program and were looking for people."

Studies have shown that parents participating in voting is eight to 10 percent higher in communities where the students are involved with Kids Voting USA.

"It is really a trickle up effect," Regiani said. "Kids bring home the lessons and sometimes get their parents out to the precincts."

The students' votes will be tabulated and the winners will be announced separately from the adult election.

"We try to teach the kids how important voting is. Schools teach math, science and reading but we don't teach our number one fundamental right which is our right to vote. That is something many people around the world are dying for," Regiani said.



Patriotic Junior Optimists are eager to work the polls on Nov. 5. Photo provided by Don Brose.



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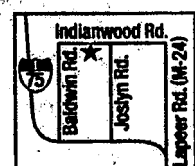
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# Vote NO on the Arts Tax (Prop. K) – again

We hate to repeat ourselves, but we said it in 2000 and we'll say it again in 2002 – vote NO on the Arts Tax (now called: Proposal K: Arts, Parks and Kids).

Although they defeated it two years ago, Oakland County voters are once again faced with a request for a 10-year, half-mill Arts Tax on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Like a bad penny this ill-conceived proposal keeps turning up because county officials don't understand the meaning of the word NO.

Unfortunately, some officials believe they can get failed ballot issues eventually approved if they keep shoving them in voters' faces until they finally surrender. We don't believe in surrendering.

**Clarkston News Editorial**

To refresh voters' memories, if approved in Oakland and Wayne counties, Proposal K would generate an estimated \$46 million next year, of which 54 percent would come from Oakland taxpayers.

Two-thirds of the tax revenue generated – or \$29 million – would be used to fund 17 arts and cultural institutions. Ten of these places are located in Detroit and Wayne County. Six are located in Oakland County. And one – the Detroit Zoo – is located in Oakland County, but owned and operated by Detroit.

Let's see, the majority of the tax revenue benefits Detroit and Wayne County while the majority of the tax burden is shouldered by Oakland County taxpayers. The late Coleman Young would be proud.

Once again, Oakland would serve as a "donor county" as taxpayers get the short end of the stick.

We surmise that "Proposal K: Arts, Parks and Kids" sounded a lot better to its architects than "The Tax to Support Failing Detroit and Wayne County at the Expense of Successful Oakland County."

The remaining third of the tax revenue generated by Proposal K – a total of \$17 million – is supposed to stay within the cities, villages and townships where it's raised to be spent on "arts and parks" (local cultural and recreational programs and facilities) at the "discretion" of local officials.

Quick question: Why vote for a new tax that sends two-thirds of the dollars it raises to entities outside your community – and in most cases, outside your county – so the remaining third can be spent locally?

In essence, 67 cents of every local tax dollar Proposal K raises will be shipped out of town while 33 cents stays behind to allegedly benefit the community.

You don't have to be a Wall Street broker to know that's a pretty poor return on your investment.

What's truly disgusting is the pro-millage campaign literature stating Proposal K will fund "our parks and trees... soccer fields... recreation centers... teacher training... educational materials (for) the classroom" and "give our local schools a boost."

Apparently, Proposal K does everything but cure the common cold and transform base metals into gold.

The truth is Proposal K is all about pumping tax dollars from robust Oakland County into depressed Detroit and Wayne County. Nothing more.

We also oppose the idea of using tax dollars to fund arts and cultural institutions and programs. These endeavors should be privately funded by voluntary donations and user fees paid by regular patrons.

If these institutions can't support themselves with donations and user fees, why should tax dollars be used to keep them open and running? If the public doesn't care enough to support them with private dollars, why spend public dollars?

The Arts Tax was a really bad idea in 2000 and is still a really bad idea in 2002.

We strongly urge Clarkston, Independence and Springfield voters to vote 'NO' on Proposal K: Arts, Parks and Kids. – CJC

# Campaigning has been trying and rewarding

I would like to take a moment at this time to reflect on the events of the last 10 months.

Since I made the commitment to run for our District's Judicial vacancy, my family and I embarked upon this endeavor knowing that my decision to follow the calling of my heart to public service would bring joy and sacrifice to our life.



Kelley Kostin

What I didn't know at that time is how much support and participation I would receive from friends, neighbors and fellow members of my community, some of which I have known for most of my life and others that I have only recently had the privilege to become acquainted with.

My husband and young son, my strongest supporters, have attended countless community events, knocked

on doors, stood on street corners and pounded in signs. It has been the most trying for my devoted husband who has had to endure attacks on me, which have been both false and very personal. We often never really know how much we are loved and admired until times that are most difficult.

I have had friends and neighbors busy with children, school activities, jobs and businesses and their own personal causes volunteer to give up weekends to go door-to-door, stand at football games in the rain, distribute literature, write checks, blow up balloons for parades, design web sites and sit at the polls.

People continue to amaze and touch me with their endless generosity. Thank you will never be enough. I guess when all is said and done and the votes are counted, this is what I will remember the most.

It has been a most wonderful year. For all of the ups and downs, the people of my community make me very happy to call this my home.

(Kelley Kostin is running against Dana Fortinberry for 52/2 District Judge.)

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# Former Clarkston resident swimming with manatees in Fla.; invites you to join her

BY JENNIFER NEMER  
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Now that cold weather is starting to set in, it's time to think about escaping the cold and retreating to a vacation hot spot.

With that in mind, former long time Clarkston resident Traci Wood invites readers to try Native Vacations, Inc. on Florida's Nature Coast, offering "custom vacations, accommodations and adventures."

Located in Crystal River - in west central Florida, an hour north of Tampa and an hour and a half west of Orlando - the "quaint" town is a haven for wildlife with hundreds of species of birds, 450 manatee that winter there, and so much more, Wood said.

"It really is an ideal vacation spot because it's so beautiful. It's completely different than what you typically think of when you think of Florida. It's not Daytona or DisneyWorld. It's a small quiet town that isn't touristy."

Wood said there are many breathtaking views, and the downtown shopping area is similar to her own home town, where she lived until she was 28. "It's quite a lot like Clarkston, except it's on the water."

And, she said, it's perfect for anyone. "It's a good place to come with the family or with a group of buddies. It's good for guys, girls or little ones. It's a lot of fun."

In fact, it was her own vacation to Crystal River that led Wood, and her father and now business partner, Dan Souheaver, to open Native Vacations.

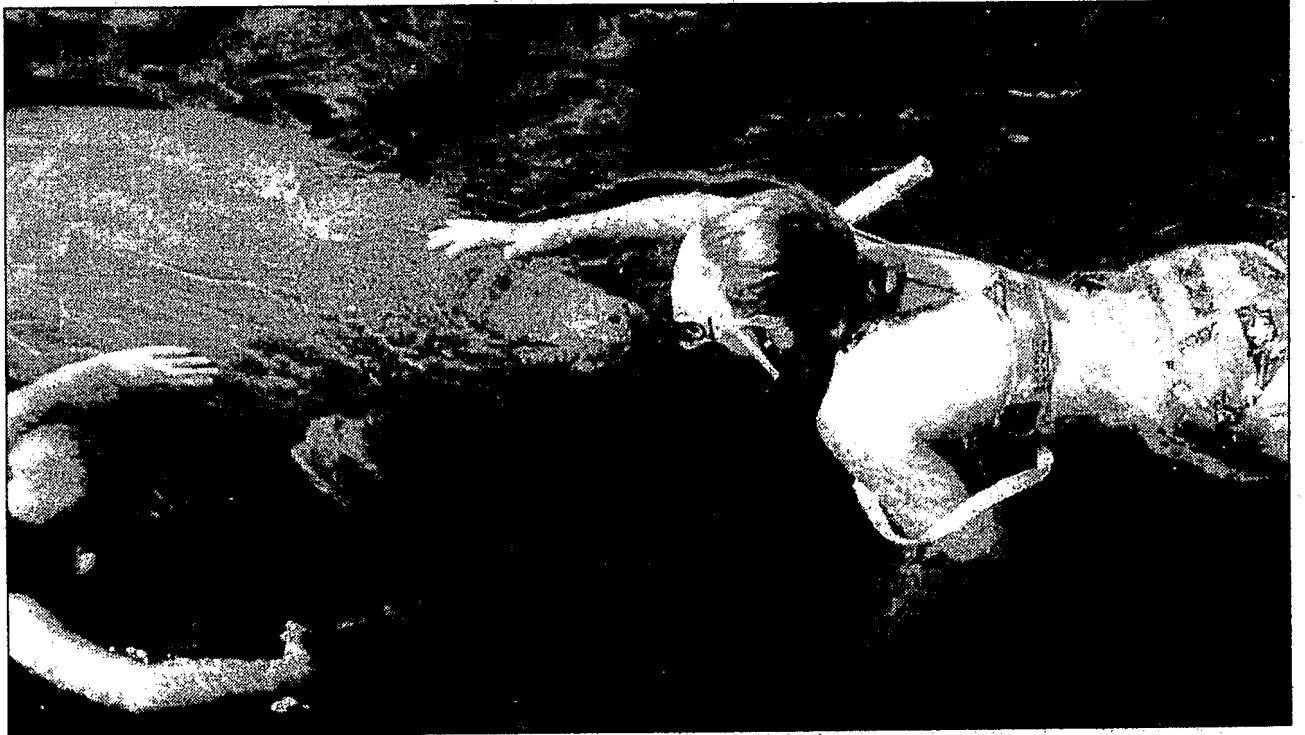
Souheaver had harbored the business idea for nearly 20 years, but didn't know where to see it come to fruition.

When the family vacationed in Crystal River in 1999, they didn't want to leave, and shortly moved there. They opened Native Vacations in March 2000.

Wood, a Clarkston High School graduate, said their company is unique because no matter what is requested, Native Vacations will take care of it all to meet the vacationer's dreams and desired level of service.

"We'll set up everything. We make vacationing as easy as possible."

With Wood as your own private captain, vacationers can head out on the waters on a 28-foot pontoon for manatee encounters, fishing, dolphin watching and more. There's no limit to



Vacationers get an up close and personal look at a manatee through Native Vacations. Photo provided.

what the vacation can offer, she said.

And the all-inclusive getaway can still bring you the feeling of home.

"You can come here and feel like you live here and just relax," Wood said, who is fully licensed to provide the services offered.

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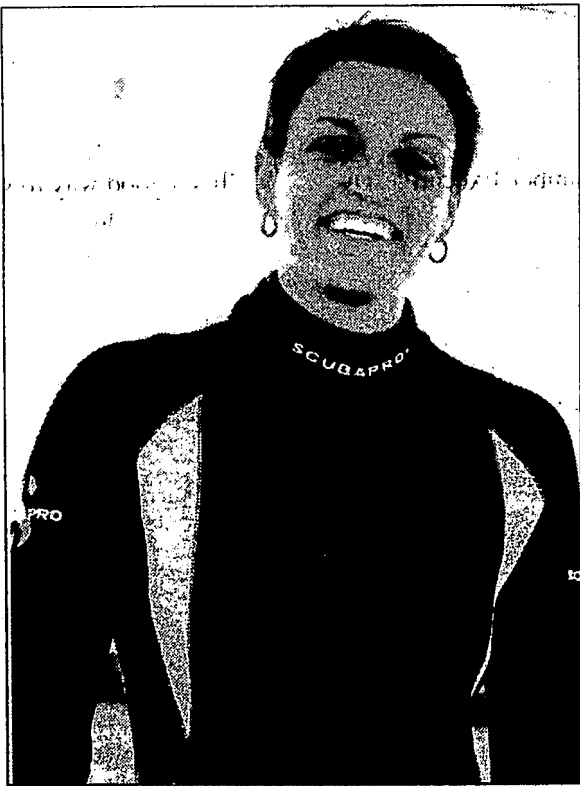
"If anyone is going to be in the area we also do daily tours," Wood said, who explained vacationers can choose one or more of several tours featured which include dolphin watching, snorkeling the fresh water springs, fishing, bird watching, and searching for manatee. (Crystal River is the only Florida county where people can swim with manatees.)

All tours include gear, towels, life jackets, sunscreens, snacks, drinks and pictures.

Shorter trips are also available and feature a two-hour sunset cruise through the secluded St. Martin's Marsh, and a four-hour eco-tour that takes you through the Salt River, Crystal River and Gulf of Mexico.

Nature hiking or biking tours are also available.

For more information, call Native Vacations toll free at 1-866-466-2848, Email at fun@nativevacations.com, or logon to www.nativevacations.com.



Traci Wood, a former Clarkston resident, runs Native Vacations in Crystal River, Fla., offering all-inclusive, custom vacations. Photo provided.

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## Website answers citizens' call for election info

Secretary of State Candice Miller unveiled the Michigan Secretary of State's Publius Voter Information Center, an online resource for one-stop election information produced in partnership with Publius.org, a Michigan-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting civic participation.

It sets the standard for statewide voter education websites and is the first of its kind in the nation to provide such comprehensive voter and election-related information.

The Publius Voter Information Center addresses the reasons voters often feel disenfranchised from the election process, by providing voters with information about their voter registration status. Here, voters can check to see if they are registered to vote and gain access to the address of their polling place, directions and a map; get information about statewide candidates and ballot proposals, campaign finance filings, and easy-to-follow instructions for using the voting equipment at their polling place; and find updated election results.

"In any election there are instances when voters go to the wrong polling places or assume they were registered to vote in one jurisdiction or precinct when they were actually registered in another," Miller said, the state's chief election officer. "This year, redistricting adds another layer of complexity because many voting districts have been redrawn and polling places have changed."

The partnership between Publius and the Department of State allows an upgrading of servers to increase Publius' capacity to handle large volumes of web traffic.

At the heart of the Publius Voter Information Center is the department's Qualified Voter File (QVF), which provides the voter registration database Publius uses to generate search results. The QVF has won several national accolades including commendations from the Presidential Commission on Election Reform headed by former presidents Jimmy Carter and Gerald Ford, and a report by MIT/CAL Tech which ranked the QVF as a "best practice" for elections management.

The Publius Voter Information Center is found on the department's website at [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos) or [www.sos.publius.org](http://www.sos.publius.org).

### Mary M. Dorais

Mary Margaret Dorais of Waterford died Saturday, Oct. 26 at the age of 70.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard; mother of Gregory (Catherine) of California, Mary of White Lake, Michael (Angie) of Brighton and Christopher (Rachelle) of Livonia; grandma of Timothy, Julie, Stephanie, Jonathan, Nicole, Heather, Sierra and Ethan Lee; sister of Rosalie (Raymond) Doxey of Florida.

Mary was an editor for more than 20 years for the American Cancer Association Ostomy Newsletter and was an elementary school teacher. She enjoyed gardening and reading books.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 30 at St. Benedict's Catholic Church, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

### Arnold J. Bauer

Arnold James "Al" Bauer of Clarkston died suddenly from a stroke Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the age of 75.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth "Bunny," father of Connie (Randy) Hosler of Clarkston and Gary Bauer of Waterford; papa of Melanie Hosler, Jon and Justin Bauer.

Al owned and operated Stadium C.A.R. Rental and Lease, Inc. for 30 years.

Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son TRUST 100 Funeral Home, Clarkston. A graveside service was held Oct. 30 at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the MI Humane Society or American Cancer Society.

## Support local businesses, attend expo

BY JENNIFER NEMER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston Chamber of Commerce Business Expo is here again for its 16th year, and offers residents a chance to familiarize themselves with what the community has to offer.

Scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7 from 6-8 p.m. at Clarkston High School, more than 100 exhibitors will be on hand to showcase their forte, a step up from last year's 88 exhibitors.

A wide range of exhibitors will be featured; anything from the Clarkston Village Players to banks and realtors to Scott's Lock and Key to dentists and optometrists and much more, Chamber Executive Director Penny Shanks said.

Many of the booths will have raffle drawings for prizes, giveaway items, or a sample of their work like back screenings from a chiropractor.

"Last year we had POH who gave flu shots. I'm not sure if they're going to be doing that again, but that's the kind of wide range available at the Expo,"

Shanks said.

There will also be dessert treats, which Shanks calls delectable, prepared by the students of the culinary program at Oakland Technical Center.

Dressed to their nines, the students provide white glove tray service for Expo guests busily scoping out the aisles of local businesses, professionals and service organizations.

Last year, more than 2,200 people made it out to the Expo, breaking attendance records, and Shanks expects to exceed even that this year.

Shanks invites residents to spend some time at the Expo and get to know the community better.

"It's a good way to get a feel for what is out in the community and gives an opportunity to support our local businesses, which is really the essence of our community."

Admission is free. Parking is free.

For more information, call the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce at 248-625-8055.

## Council approves revisions to intergovernmental contract

BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The Clarkston City Council took the following actions at their Oct. 28 meeting:

- Approved revisions to an intergovernmental contract with the Michigan Municipal League. The MML revises their bylaws every 10 years, according to City Manager Art Pappas.

- Authorized City Attorney Tom Ryan to contact Jennifer Radcliff of Clarkston regarding the correct procedure for a proposed lot split for her property.

- Approved Halloween hours for Thursday from 6-7 p.m.

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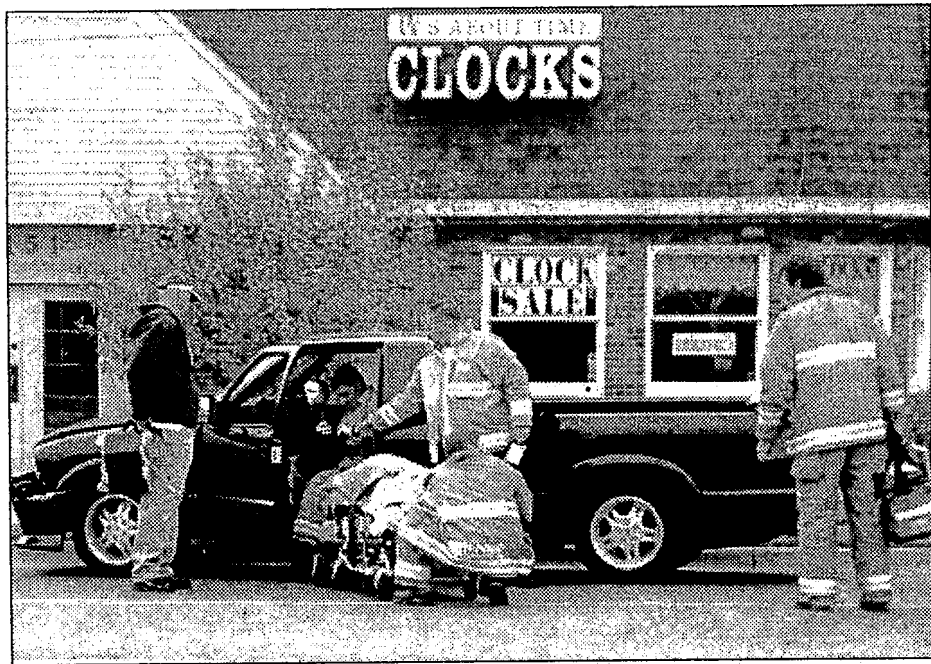
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Independence Township paramedics assist at the scene of an accident on M-15 Oct. 17. Photo by Jeff Patrus.

## Business Briefs

Clarkston State Bank promoted two staff members to new lending positions, Bank President and CEO Dawn M. Horner announced.

Those promoted include Brad A. Nicholson named assistant vice president of commercial lending and Jill M. Popour named a consumer loan officer.

Nicholson, 36, joined CSB in February 2001 as a commercial lender. Prior, he managed the operations of the Private Bank Residential Mortgage unit of Bank of America, N.A. in Chicago. Preceding that post, he served as a marketing communications specialist with Household Mortgage Services in Bloomingdale, Ill. Nicholson holds a

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Popour, 24, joined CSB in September 2001 as a consumer lender, overseeing the operations of all consumer loans. She joined CSB from Michigan National Bank where she held positions as assistant branch manager of the Waterford branch and senior financial services representative for the Clarkston branches. The Clarkston resident has attended both Oakland Community College and Oakland University.

Horner said, "It gives me great pride to have Jill and Brad as a part of the Clarkston State Bank Team. Both of these tal-

ented individuals have been instrumental to the bank's growth and accomplishments and both will be integral to the future success of our commercial and consumer lending programs."

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Coldwell Banker Schweitzer announced the addition of Jill Valko and Ed Tindall to their team of real estate professionals. Valko has been licensed since 2002 and Tindall for the past 15 years. They are both residents of Sterling Heights. "We are excited to welcome Jill and Ed to Coldwell Banker Schweitzer," Bill Clark, general manager for Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate in Clarkston, said.

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The **Widowed Support Group** will meet Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. to discuss "Help for the Holidays: Involvement or Ignoring?" facilitated by bereavement counselor Alicia Brown. All meetings are held at the Independence Township Senior Center in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road. There is no registration or charge. All area men and women who have been recently widowed are invited. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home at 248-625-5231.

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The Campbell-Richmond American Legion Post #63 invites you to help honor all veterans at a special **Veteran's Day dinner** Sunday, Nov. 10. Doors open at 1 p.m. A full dinner with dessert and beverages will be served at 2 p.m., with a program to follow. Adults are \$5; children ages six to 11 are \$2.50; and five and under are free. Veterans - please bring your DD214 and you and your family eat free of charge. Also, military services personnel and family eat free of charge. Reservations by Friday, Nov. 8 to the post at 248-625-9912 or John Lynch at 248-625-3994.

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Garwood and Associates of Clarkston will sponsor

their second annual "**Help for the Holidays**" program from 7-8:30 p.m., Nov. 10 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park. Noted national speaker Joyce DeShano will be on hand to explain how the grief process works and to share ways others have coped. To make reservations call Garwood and Associates at 248-625-3123.

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There will be a **bowl-a-thon**, a 9-pin no tap tournament, for Tricia Ann Taylor, Sunday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. at Cherry Hill Lanes, 6697 Dixie Highway. Check in time is 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$6 per person for four people per lane. There will be several raffle giveaways. Mail entries to Lisa Muszynski, 595 First St., Oxford, MI 48371, and send name, phone number, and check/money order made out to Lisa Muszynski. For more information call Lisa at 248-628-6019 or Christine at 248-890-2789. Entries must be received by Oct. 26.

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There will be a **retirement party** for Judge Gerald E. McNally on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at Deer Lake Banquet Center, 6167 White Lake Rd. A family style dinner and cash bar are featured. Cost is \$50 per person or \$85 per couple. Please respond on or before Oct. 25. Call 248-625-4997.

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Attention guys ages kindergarten through fourth grade! Take a time-out with your special someone Thursday, Nov. 14 at the Knights of Columbus on Maybee from 6-8 p.m. Bring your mom, grandma, aunt or special friend to the Independence Township Parks and Recreation's **Sports Spectacular Dance**. Since

sports is the theme, wear your favorite jersey to show your team spirit. There will be light refreshments, door prizes, dancing and a souvenir photo taken in front of a sports backdrop. Tickets are available at the Parks and Recreation office at 90 N. Main. Cost is \$5 per resident and \$7 per nonresident. Call 248-625-8223 for more information.

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Enjoy a breakfast of scrambled eggs, ham/sausage, hash browns and coffee on Saturday, Nov. 16 in the St. Daniel Catholic Community social hall, and learn more on how to **help the Dominican Republic** with the provision of health care to the underserved population there. The guest speaker will be Maureen Tippen, nurse and supporter of the Dominican Republic. Call 248-625-4580.

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On Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., the Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Rd., will hold a **festival of praise concert** featuring the chancel and handbell choirs of Lake Orion and Clarkston United Methodist churches. A freewill offering will benefit the music programs at both churches. A reception will follow. Call Louise at 248-625-1611 for further information.

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Children ages six to eight can learn how to recycle and how it helps the environment at **Eco-explorers Recycle with America** from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Independence Oaks County Park on Sashabaw. Cost is \$10 per child. Call 248-625-6473 for more information.

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BY JEFF PATRUS

Clarkston News Staff Writer

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The two candidates are competing for the 2nd District seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. The 2nd District is comprised of the townships of Highland, Rose, Holly and Springfield. The winner will earn a two-year term on the commission.

Bullard defeated incumbent commissioner Bill Brian for the Republican nomination to the seat in the Aug. 6 primary, and earned the right to face Dennison, who ran unopposed for the Democratic nomination, in the upcoming election.

Like he did for the primary election, Bullard has been busy getting to know as many people as he can, and letting them get acquainted with his track record.

"It's the same strategy I've had since starting in the spring," he said. "I tell people about my background and what I think I can do at the County Commission level."

He stated he would be taking the same approach in the days leading up to the election.

This year, Bullard will be concluding 20 years in the State Legislature — 14 years in the State House of Representatives (1982-96) and six years in the State Senate (1996-02). He is only the second Highland resident to have served as State Representative and the first Highland resident to have served as State Senator.

On June 7, 1996, Bullard was sworn in as a state senator after winning a special election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sen. David Honigman. He was reelected to the state Senate in 1998.

He believes his experience will be an advantage against Dennison. "I think that is a good background," he said. "My opponent has no experience at any level of government."

He admitted he would have a lot to learn about the workings of Oakland County government if elected, but believes that is an objective he can meet.

"The county government is a new level, but I think there's a lot of relationship between local and county government and local and state government," he said. "That should be a big plus."

Bullard graduated from the University of Michigan with a bachelor of arts in political science in May 1965 and earned a Juris Doctorate from the Detroit College of Law in June 1971.

He served as a Highland Township Trustee and Highland Township Supervisor from 1978-82. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Oakland and Michigan Bar Associations, State Bar of Michigan and serves as a Mediator in Oakland County Circuit and District Courts.

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He believes his message is reaching his potential

constituents. "So far, I've had a good response from the people I've met," he said.

Dennison contends Bullard, as part of the State Legislature, has to take some of the blame for the state's financial situation, and states he would bring a different approach to the commission if elected.

"I'm looking at the fact the state has a \$1 billion deficit," he said. "I feel my opponent is partly responsible for that with his conservative views."

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- Organized the Holly-Rose Area Democratic Club.
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# Cliched as it may be: "Think before you drink"

The message is getting out. I know you've seen them before: "My daughter/son was killed by a drunk driver" written on a billboard as you drive past.

There's no shortage of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Students Against Destructive Decisions, or other proactive groups.

There's plenty of commercials which urge viewers "to think before you drink."

Still people aren't listening.

Too often you can turn on the news or pick up a newspaper and see the effects of drunk driving.

Most recently, and close to home, was Tricia Taylor, a recent Clarkston High School graduate, who had her life forever altered because of a drunk driver. Taylor lost both of her legs after being hit while walking in downtown Pontiac.

Drunk driving has awful consequences. Yet why do so many feel they can still get behind the wheel of a car after drinking? Oh, I've only had a couple drinks, many argue.

Just Jen



Jennifer Nemer

But a tragedy shouldn't have to happen to get someone to refrain from making unwise decisions.

Last year in Oakland County, 1,020 reports were filed, 117 of those in Independence Township, for those operating a vehicle under the influence of liquor or drugs. And the statistics show a continual increase over the past few years. When is it going to stop?

At the office here, someone recently dropped off an interesting excerpt from "The Impaired Physician Program Newsletter" of the Medical Society of New Jersey, published November 1984, written by D.E. Wood regarding how other countries handle drunk drivers:

- In Australia - the names of the drivers are sent to the local newspapers and are printed under the heading "drunk and in jail."

- In Malaysia - the driver is jailed, and if married, the spouse is jailed too.

- In South Africa - a 10-year prison sentence, the equivalent of a \$10,000 fine, or both.

- In Turkey - drunk drivers are taken 20 miles from town by police and forced to walk back under escort.

- In Norway - three weeks in jail at hard labor and one year loss of license. A second offense within five years means a license revoked for life.

- In Finland and Switzerland - automatic jail for

one year at hard labor.

- In Russia - license revoked for life.

- In Costa Rica - police remove plates from the vehicle.

- In England - a one year license suspension, \$250 fine and jail for one year.

- In France - three year loss of license, one year in jail and \$1,000 fine.

- In Poland - jail and fine and forced to attend political lectures.

- In Bulgaria - a second conviction results in execution.

- In El Salvador - a first offense is your last; execution by firing squad.

I'm not sure if these sentences are still taking place today, or of it's accuracy, but regardless, it says drunk driving should be taken seriously.

The holidays are fast approaching, and of course, that always means an increase in drunk driving. I urge everyone to think about the seriousness of the decision to drink next time their faced with it.

Ephesians 5:18 says, "Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead be filled with the Spirit."

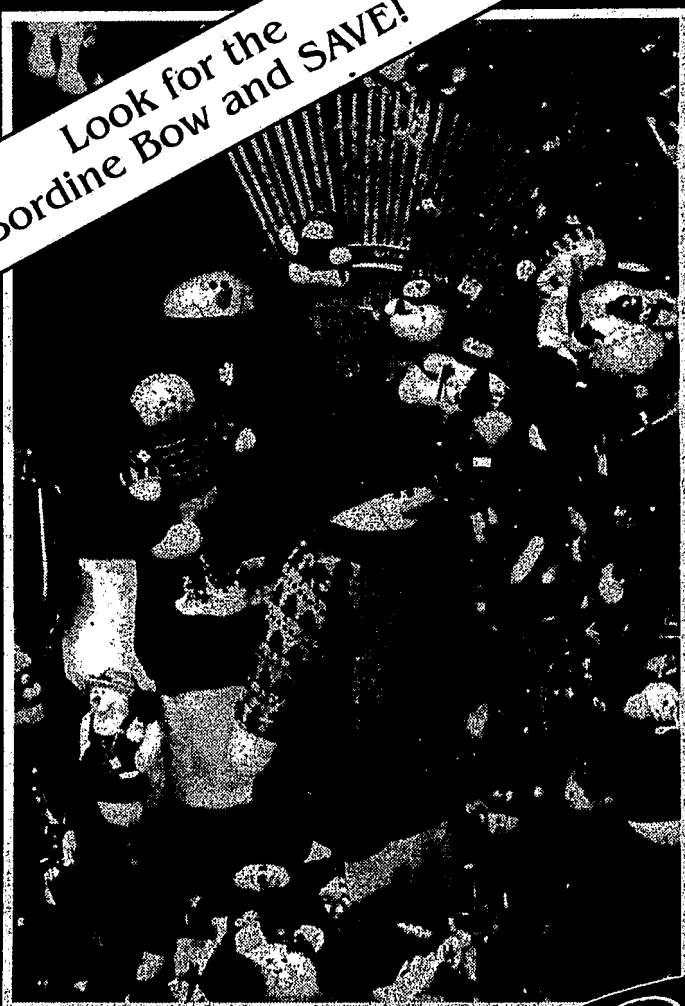
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# Police and Fire

## Independence Township

**Sunday, Oct. 27**, a warrant arrest and forgery/counterfeit on Dixie. During a traffic stop, a 20-year-old man was arrested for a warrant for retail fraud out of St. Clair Shores, was found to have a fake tab for an expired license plate, and was cited for defective equipment (a tail light was out) and driving with a suspended license.

Arson on Surrey Lane. Fires were started in two garbage dumpsters in the parking lot of a townhouse complex. The dumpsters were approximately half full, and the fires were not fully involved. Minor damage is estimated at \$300. There are no suspects.

Complaint on Indianwood Court.

Medicals on N. Marshbank, Chestnut Hills, S. Main and Dixie.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**, retail fraud on M-15. Three males were seen entering the drug store where one grabbed a Halloween mask and left without paying. A license plate number and vehicle description was given to police.

Suspicious circumstance on Briarwood. The complainant's six-year-old daughter and her six-year-old friend observed a man with a mask allegedly pointing a gun at them and asking them to "come here." They said "no" and ran back home from where they had been playing down the street, with the man following behind nearly all the way home. The girls' only physical description was the man was tall, skinny and had a mask with black around the eyes.

Automatic alarm on Pine Knob Trail.

Medicals on Pine Knob Trail, Meyers, Flemings Lake, Dixie and Clintonville.

Vehicle fire on Sashabaw at I-75.

**Friday, Oct. 25**, minor in possession of alcohol on Pine Knob. A 17-year-old man was found to have been drinking while at home with friends and without adult supervision. He registered a .083 PBT.

Medicals on Waldon and Sashabaw, Pine Knob Trail, Clintonville, Overlook, Sashabaw, Pine Knob, Flemings Lake and Cornell.

Personal injury accidents on Clarkston west of Sashabaw and I-75 at Dixie.

Public service on Forest Ridge.

**Thursday, Oct. 24**, burglary on Stonewall. An unknown person forced entry into to a home under construction and stole numerous items.

Automatic alarm on White Lake.

Medicals on Clintonville and Dixie.

**Wednesday, Oct. 23**, soliciting without a permit on Dixie at Andersonville. Two men were cited for attempting to sell merchandise for a marketing company without authorization in the area.

Larceny from a grocery store on Sashabaw. A 52-year-old man was cited for stealing two packages of steaks and a bottle of whiskey.

Larceny of lumber on Menominee at a home under construction. Two Mexican men were seen in an older, dark blue Chevy pickup truck with lumber in the bed.

Home invasion on Sashabaw. Entry was gained through a side garage door left unlocked. A diamond ring was among the items stolen.

Medicals on Clarkston, Dixie and Sashabaw.

Personal injury accident on Sashabaw north of Maybee.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22**, home invasion on Clintonville. An unknown person forced entry into the home via the garage. Once inside, jewelry was removed from the bedroom.

Building fire on Dixie.

Medical on Sundale.

Vehicle fire on Sashabaw.

**Monday, Oct. 21**, larceny of tools from a construction site on Eagleview. There are no suspects.

A larceny and malicious destruction of construction equipment from an assisted living home under construction on Watertower.

Medicals on Allen, Beechwood, S. Main, Allen, Church and Tappan.

Personal injury accidents on I-75 at Holcomb, S. Main at Princess, White Lake east of Dixie and Sashabaw north of Clarkston.

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**Sunday, Oct. 27**, falsely summoning a police officer on Springfield Circle. A 19-year-old woman admitted to and was cited for calling 911, hanging up and then refusing to answer the return call from the sheriff's department.

**Saturday, Oct. 26**, intimidation/threats on Kropf. While on the playground, an eight-year-old boy got mad over chewing gum and pulled out a "multi-use" knife (blade was not out) threatening a nine-year-old boy. The parents were contacted and the knife was confiscated by police.

**Thursday, Oct. 24**, larceny from a vehicle on Earl. An unknown person stole a storage box filled with hunting equipment from the complainant's truck.

**Tuesday, Oct. 22**, assault on Big Lake. Two 16-year-old males fought while in school at Oakland Technical Center.

A malicious destruction of property on Scott. The complainant said a window to her home was shot out with a BB gun. There are no known suspects.

## Five-year-old victim of sexual misconduct

A five-year-old boy from Springfield Township has allegedly been molested by his 32-year-old uncle from Waterford.

The boy's parents filed a criminal sexual conduct report with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department in Springfield Township this past weekend regarding an alleged incident which occurred Aug. 30 at the boy's Springfield home.

Sgt. Frank Schipani said the parents told police they waited to file the report because the uncle was moving out of state and they did not expect there to be any other problems, and because the alleged suspect is family. The reported is the only known incident, Schipani noted, adding this is one of several criminal sexual conduct cases he has seen in recent months.

The investigation is in its early stages. If there is enough evidence an arrest will be made in the next week or two, Schipani said.

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## Farm and Garden Club hold tea party

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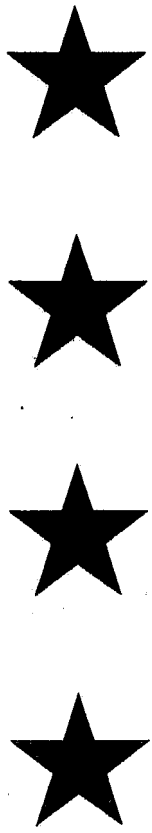
**Most Experienced...  
Most Involved...  
Most Recommended...**

**KELLEY KOSTIN**

**VOTE  
MAGISTRATE  
KELLEY KOSTIN**



Kelley Kostin with husband, Bob, and son, Shay, in the Carrie Nation Parade this summer in Holly, MI



**THE OPPONENT**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hundreds of appearances since 1992 representing citizens of our community in Oakland County Circuit Court.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current presiding senior magistrate in our 52/2 district court since 1996.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Since 1991 active member of Oakland County Bar association including Bar Foundation Fellow, county-appointed Friend of the Court Advisory Committee, law related education committee, legislative liaison committee, district court committee.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Son attends local public school where Kelley is an active PTA member and participant.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full-time practicing attorney since 1991 representing clients in many aspects of the law. Active in the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce &amp; founding president White Lake Business Association.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointed by Oakland County Circuit Court as a mediator, arbitrator, receiver, and guardian ad litem.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> One appearance in Oakland County Circuit Court since 1993. Case was dismissed.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Current Fill-in Magistrate appointed in December, 2001 for Rochester Court</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Membership application submitted to Oakland County Bar Association May, 2002</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Children Attend Private Schools outside of our community.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Last known full-time position held as a Macomb County Prosecutor. Left in 1992. No membership in local business associations since 1997</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No known appointments by Oakland County Circuit Court.</li> </ul> |
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| <p><b>Endorsements:</b><br/>Citizens and Business People and Real Estate:<br/>Philip Seaver, Owner Seaver Title<br/>Forrest Mizow, Morgan Mizow<br/>Pam Ford Morgan, Morgan Mizow<br/>R. W. Watson, Remax<br/>Robert McDonald, Remax<br/>David and Lynn Miller, Castlewood Homes<br/>Rudy Lozano, Morgan Mizow<br/>Michael Clark, Developer<br/>Medical Community<br/>Dr. Thomas Biggs<br/>Dr. Dawn Rogers<br/>Dr. Ljubica Dragovic,<br/>Oakland County Chief Forensic<br/>Pathologist/Medical Examiner<br/>Dr. Nathan Chase<br/>Dr. Stephen Shays<br/>Dr. Albert Petrucci<br/>Dr. Robert Aronson<br/>Dr. Jeffrey Roesser<br/>Dr. Douglas Roesser<br/>Dr. James O'Neil, Podiatrist<br/>Mrs. Randy and Marie Hunter<br/>Dr. Robert Bica, DDS<br/>Legal and Professionals<br/>Donald Teicher, Attorney, President Oakland County Bar Assn.<br/>A. Lawrence Russell, Attorney<br/>Brenda M. 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Barry Grant,<br/>Oakland County Circuit Court<br/>Craig Kallher<br/>Dan and Lori Dickerson, Voice of the Tigers<br/>Dave Smith<br/>David and Sheila Pegg<br/>Dennis and Gale Kester<br/>Dick and Dottie Lederman<br/>Don and Robin Bross<br/>Donald Auletta<br/>Doug and Liz Reese<br/>Frank Schappell<br/>Galea Darbe<br/>Gary Pippa<br/>Gary and Esther Gikowski<br/>Greg Kairiertschi<br/>James and Judi Hebert<br/>Jane Edson<br/>Jeff Alstead, Clerk to Hon. Edward Sosnick<br/>Oakland County Circuit Court<br/>Jeffery N. 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