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School bond vote in May?

District proposes \$23.1 million in improvements

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Technology and construction constitute more than half of the proposed \$23.1 million capital needs list under consideration for Clarkston schools.

Building construction projects would cost \$6.3 million, with \$8.5 million for technology. The needs list also includes \$4.4 million for site development, \$917,000 for furnishings and equipment, \$500,000 for security, and \$309,000 for instrumental music.

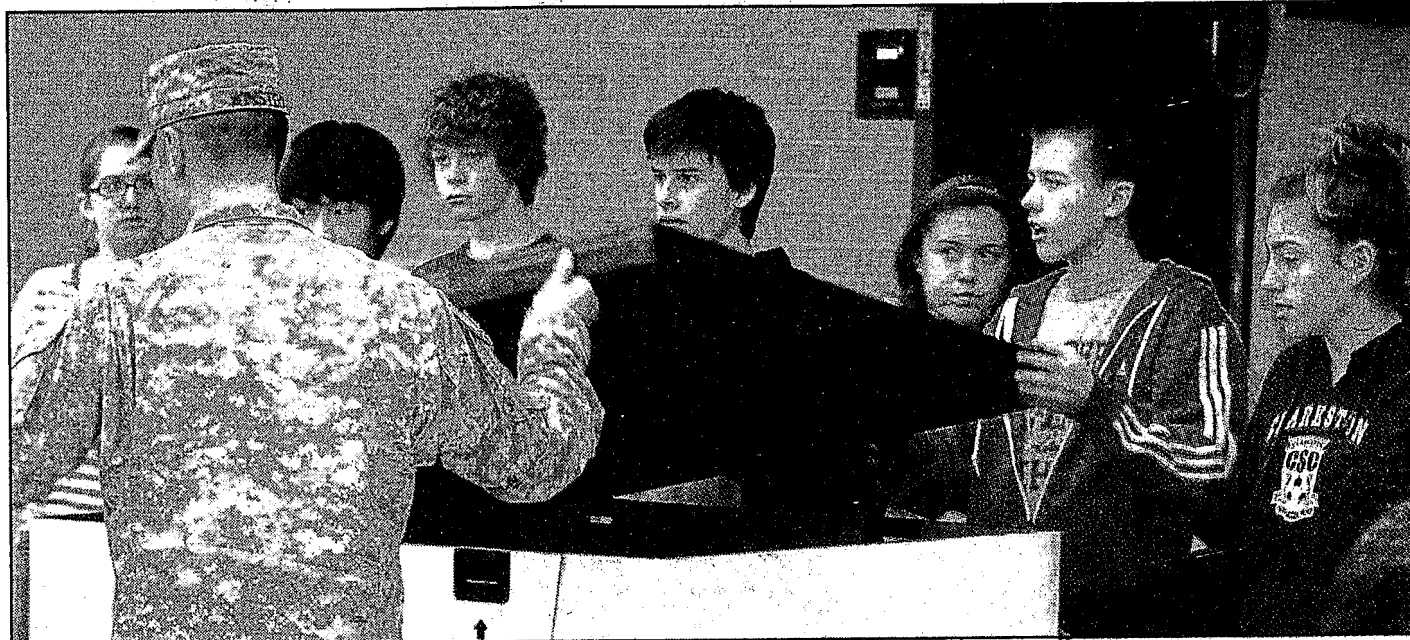
The next step for administration is to determine what items are a priority and costs associated with them. Then, school board and administration will look at how to pay for it, seeking a bond from the community, sinking fund, using the general fund or taking out a district loan.

If it goes to bond, it could be put to a vote in May.

"We have to look at these items and really prioritize," Hyer said. "I think we can make a package that really makes sense. It's about how do we create an environment teachers can teach. I am supportive of coming together with a package to put our curriculum vision in place."

"My concern is are we going to have a discussion about how we are going to

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Donations to feed an army

Clarkston Junior High students join forces with U.S. Army soldiers to help make the holidays easier for families of deployed troops. Please see page 30 for story and more pictures. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

Holiday Lights Parade coming to downtown



The Holiday Lights Parade features colorfully lit floats, like this one last year. *File photo*

BY TREVOR KEISER
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The annual Clarkston Holiday Lights Parade hosted by Clarkston High School's robotic team, Team RUSH comes to town Dec. 10.

"Right now we're working on our float that we'll have at the parade," said Team RUSH member Nicholas Lee. "Mr. and Mrs. Clause will be on our float this year."

Team member Eric Schultz
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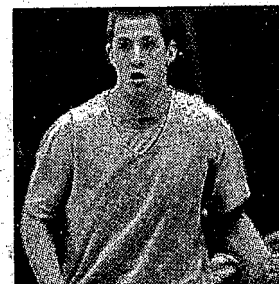
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Alex Alechesralian plays his tuba in front of Rudy's Market. Photo by Trevor Keiser

Playing just to play

Clarkston Junior Higher Alex Alechesralian was seen walking around downtown Clarkston last week playing his tuba.

"With marching band over I just wanted to play," Alechesralian said as he carried on his way in marching band fashion.

- Trevor Keiser

Needs include technology, building work

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pay for this," said Trustee Joan Patterson. "We have to be careful."

Trustee Rosalie Lieblang noted she would like to see more community input.

The \$8.5 million in technology would upgrade electronics, create district-wide wireless access, increase mobility technology, and increase data storage. The district would also replace computers, most of which are 5-7 years old and "outdated," and interactive technology such as tablets, smart boards, and classroom sound systems.

Matt McCarty, executive director for the Technology Services Department, said technology has changed since 2003, when the last school bond was passed.

The biggest changes, he noted, were in mobility of technology and communication. In 2003, technology was used for word processing, spreadsheets, research and email. Now students use it to work with classmates as well as students all over the world.

"Technology changes," Patterson pointed out. "We have to be careful what we are spending our money on will be of value and not obsolete. It is a great tool but we need to give them the base level of knowledge."

Vice President Elizabeth Egan said the district should consider leasing versus purchas-

ing.

"Before money is invested, please make sure the teachers are on board," added parent Betty Reilly.

Reilly said the district should ask for items really needed and to be frugal.

"You teach. Show to live within your means," she said.

Proposed building projects throughout the district include caulk renovation, electrical and lighting upgrades, energy management upgrades, handicap doors at Clarkston High School, an air conditioned gym at Springfield Plains Elementary, repair-sanitary lines at Clarkston Junior High as well as remodel the bathrooms near the cafeteria and renovate the locker rooms and restrooms in the gym. They also need to improve the ventilation in the technology workshop at Sashabaw Middle School.

"We have to cut capital purchases as much as we can," said Treasurer Steve Hyer. "We don't want to put it in a package and deal with it 10-15 years later."

He also asked for the administration to explain the district current physical plan and if extra costs would be involved. The next Board of Education is scheduled for Dec. 12, 7 p.m. at the administration office on 6389 Clarkston Road.

Briefly

Winter sports are here

The weather outside is quickly becoming frightful, and that means winter sports!

Check out your Clarkston High School Wolves teams, girls and boys basketball, hockey, ski, wrestling, swim, competitive cheer, dance, and bowling. Coaches' comments, rosters, team pictures, and more - all in the Winter Sports Preview, next week!

Stuff-a-Bus

Clarkston Community Schools Transportation Department is getting ready for the holidays.

The bus drivers are hosting the 8th Annual Stuff-a-Bus on December 10 and 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

They are collecting donations in the Kroger parking lot on the corner of Sashabaw Road and Maybee Road.

They will be accepting non-perishable food items, new and unwrapped toys, new and unwrapped clothing, gift cards, and cash or checks made out to Lighthouse North.

All donations will be delivered to Lighthouse North to help local families for the holidays.

Benny and the Jets

Benny and the Jets performs live at the Keepsake Collections Holiday Art and Craft Show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4, at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

About 150 local crafters and exhibitors will be on hand. The Detroit based rock band performs, 1-3 p.m., Dec. 3. Admission is \$2, free for those 12 and under.

McGrath basketball

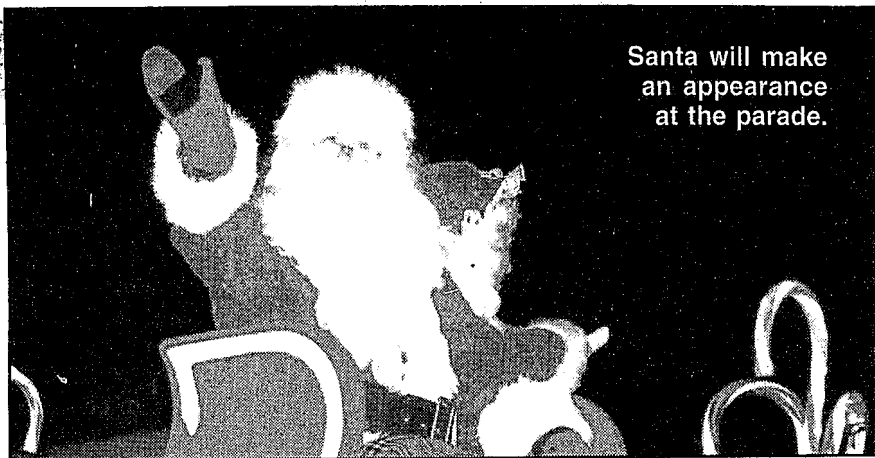
Clarkston High School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Fife, his coaching staff, and players teach all they know at the 30th Annual McGrath League.

The Saturday league is open to boys in 3rd to 8th grade and will run for 11 weeks beginning Dec. 3, at Sashabaw Middle School, beginning at 9 a.m.

The first three weeks are used as clinics and rest are for games.

The cost is \$95 for the first child and \$75 for an additional child from the same family. The cost includes a league basketball T-shirt.

Forms can be found on the CHS athletic website, www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/education/sportszone.



Santa will make an appearance at the parade.

Retailer's group adds to holiday fun

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said they always try to "make each parade unique."

"Last year we tried to have each float create a moving part, there was a Boy Scout troop that had a rocket ship to fly around the moon," he said.

"We entered them into a competition to see who would win the most creative float."

This year's theme is "Neon Lights Moving the Holiday Lights."

Following the parade there will be "Holiday Lights Night" in Depot Park where there will be a tree lighting ceremony, hot coca, holiday treats, and a chance to meet Santa and Mrs. Claus. The parade will start at 6 p.m.

For more information or to sign up visit www.teamrush27.net

Team RUSH member Troy Hughes said this year they wanted people involved in the parade rather than just sponsoring awards.

"We really just want to break even this year, so we don't have to pay into the parade and allow it to be an event for the community, where people can just come and enjoy the parade," Hughes said. "We're really excited about it."

Also the Clarkston Retailer's Group has a full day planned as well. From 12-5 p.m. the second annual Art Walk will be in the Washington Mills Mall.

President of Clarkston Retailer's Group Peg Roth said the OATS program will also be going on in the Clarkston News Parking lot

"Dec. 10 is going to be a busy day community wide with things going on from morning until the end of the evening after the holiday parade," Roth said. "Good things for the businesses, good things for the people of the city and hopefully people will turn out and enjoy what's being put on."

Call Peg Roth 248-462-3008.

Township burn ordinance to get draft

BY TREVOR KEISER

Clarkston News Staff Writer

After two public hearings, Independence Township trustees took a step to modify the current burn ordinance.

Trustees voted 5-2 for Township Attorney Steve Joppich to draft up an ordinance based upon the Burn Committee's recommendations so the board has a "working document" to start from. Treasurer Curt Carson voted "no."

The majority of concern from residents as it related to the committee's recommended changes was reducing burn days from the current eight days a month to four days a month for lots less than one acre.



Boggemes

"I understand what you're trying to get at my suggestion would be consider a half acre instead of one acre. Even on my half acre I have 50 trees," said Dave Barron. "The weather always dictates what you're able to do, the ability to have a little more flexibility is helpful."

Resident Dan Muller agreed.

"Restricting the days might actually make the situation worse because you're limiting the opportunity for people to burn," he said. "They'll have to burn the leaves wet and generate more smoke."

While other's were still for alternative solutions to burning, Burn Committee Chairman Jim Reed, emphasized the committee worked hard to find a solution to eliminate burning and still believes it should be a "long term objective," but couldn't find

a solution that wasn't of great cost to township residents.

"We strongly hoped there was a way to get rid of leaf burning, we could not find a viable alternative. I guess to that extent the committee failed," he said. "We don't know a way to get rid of leaves that most people in the township can accept at this time."

Neil Boggemes, husband of committee member Sandra Boggemes who suffers severely leaf burning due to a condition called anaphylaxis, said it was "money versus lives" issue.

"I don't really care how much the people of this township have to pay to get rid of their leaves because if my wife dies from this, I'm not going to be very happy about it," he said. "This is not a good situation. The township board knows their responsibility is for the health and welfare of the people of this community."

While resident Mark Bailey felt sympathy for Boggemes, he said homes are filled with chemicals that cause the asthma and emphysema, such as cooking with Teflon pans and using aerosol cans.

However, committee member Angela Hirsh said items within the household are a "personal choice."

"We can decide not to use aerosol sprays in our home," she said. "When our neighbor decides to burn and the smoke blows on our home and causes us to get sick we don't have a choice about that."

When the issue was brought back to the board Trustee Larry Rosso said the biggest problem is finding out how many people burn illegally.

"That is a very serious concern we have in our township," he said.



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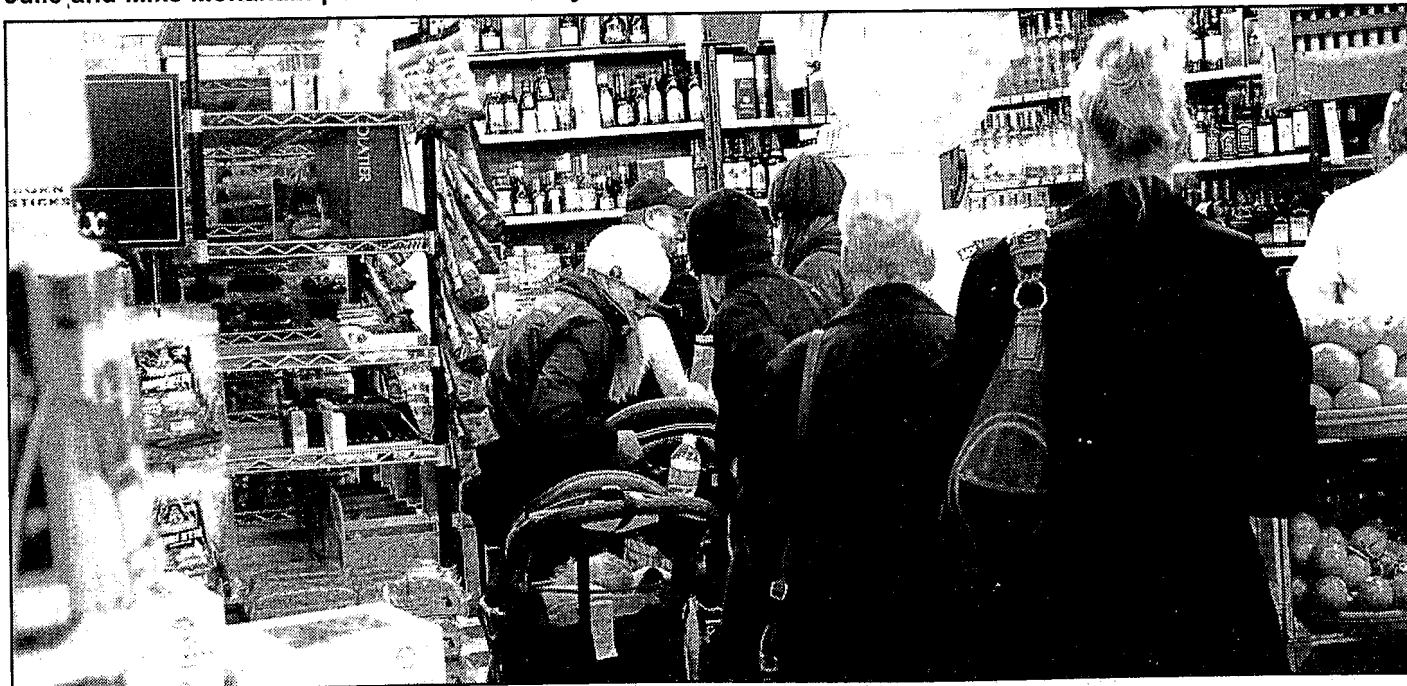
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Andrea Beauchamp checks out the assortment of pies.



Julie and Mike Monaham pick out their holiday wine



Fun on the horizon

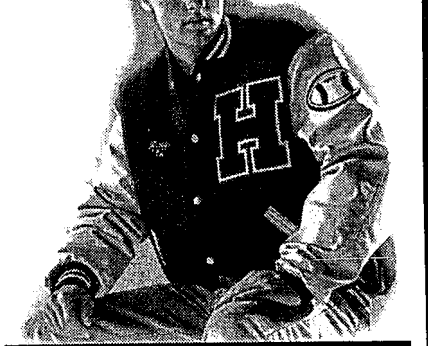
Horizon Hoops Fundamental League is back. The Clarkston Varsity Girls Basketball coaching staff and team are running the Saturday youth basketball league for girls in grades K-8th and boys in K-2nd. Experienced and beginner players are welcome.

The league will run for nine weeks beginning 9 a.m., Dec. 3, at Clarkston Junior High School. Cost of \$95, and includes a league basketball T-shirt.

Contact Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk at tlwasilk@clarkston.k12.mi.us.

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Shopping for T-Day

Whether it was for turkey, tasty pie, or a good dinner wine. Rudy's Market was packed full with customers, Nov. 23, shopping for supplies to make their Thanksgiving feast something special.

Photo story by Trevor Keiser

Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Changing seasons

Christmas season is here. How did that happen? Now I have to get my Christmas tree and decorations up. If I procrastinate, the season will pass and it will be time for New Year's.

Thanksgiving went by quickly. My brother and his family drove from Virginia to spend the holiday with me and my parents up in Davison.

Those watching my update show at ClarkstonTV.com saw some of them. I invited the kids to sing a Thanksgiving song - they know lots of them.



Helen, Annie, Mary, Paul, and Tommy took me up on it. James, Liz, and David Jr. were busy doing other stuff (my brother has a big family).

It's in the "daily update" slot, so it won't be there long, but check them out if you want to.

In a few short weeks the political season gets into full swing. It's already started for many - check out Michael Tynan's guest viewpoint on page 22.

It's a presidential election year. President Obama, will he stay or go? Who will the Republicans put up against the incumbent?

But it's big locally too, with the entire Independence and Springfield township boards all up for a vote.

Some guidelines for candidates:

No promises on candidate stories. If you're running, you are not entitled to a story in the *Clarkston News*. What you may be entitled to is inclusion in our special election coverage pages or a special section, with candidate responses to a set of questions and issues.

We'll also have one or more moderated debates for the website.

Feature stories are possible. Residents deciding to throw their hats into the political process make interesting stories.

I wouldn't try to time a feature story on yourself or your candidate for maximum impact, or anything like that. This has been a Republican dominated area for a while, so these elections have been determined in the primary in August. As the election gets closer, less space and time will be available.

So my advice is to file as soon as you can. It's an important job so think long and hard but make up your mind already.

Reader calls for alternatives to open burning

Dear Editor,

I'm on the fence regarding the burning issue, as I can relate to arguments on both sides of the debate. I believe it comes down to understanding that when we are part of a community, that means sometimes tolerating things we are not so thrilled about, and setting boundaries for ourselves that are considerate of others.

There was someone in my neighborhood recently that was burning carpet and padding along with tires, which brought everyone out on the streets along with the fire department. Another day, someone burned leaves 12 hours straight, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Even closing all the windows, I couldn't escape burning eyes and hacking. It was a burn day and legal, unlike the carpet which was toxic. But being legal doesn't mean it wasn't inconsiderate or hazardous to everyone's health, let alone another neighbor who happens to have a severe allergy.

It seems anymore that too many people are ego-centric and fail to think outside of themselves. There are endless stories on the news

that involve a lack of personal boundaries. Burning leaves for 12 hours is just one incident on the spectrum.

I've spoken of the practice of Tonglen before and I believe that if everyone would adopt this as their own, we'd have a more civil society that was less about empty political rhetorical stance and more about compassion. Tonglen is about breathing in the suffering of others and feeling it for yourself, then exhaling in love and peace and wishes of healing. I know its been transformative for me, and for anyone I know who has adopted it.

So even in considering issues as seemingly simple as burning leaves, I hope we can create a community that enables the flexibility for us each to live in a manner that suits us, but with the caveat that we do not impact another negatively. With every right, there is also a balancing responsibility. Boundaries are healthy. Lets be a healthy community.

*Tammie Heazlit
Independence Township*

A call for more pride in Clarkston's appearance

Dear Editor,

As a life-long resident of Clarkston, I must speak up with my disappointment with the lack of maintenance being done on foreclose commercial buildings in Clarkston.

Example, the old BP gas station on the corner of M-15 and Dixie Hwy. I must ask the question, am I the only person who sees this boarded up gas station, that the weeds have grown up all over the parking lot?

How about the abandoned Clarkston movie theater where the sign is broken, spray paint on the side of the building, weeds are grown up all over the building.

Come on, am I the only person who sees this eyesore of a problem in Clarkston? It is my opinion that our township building department folks have failed to do anything about this on-going problem. It's not like they are spending a whole

lot of time with new commercial buildings being built in Clarkston, or residential new homes.

So I must ask the question, what are they doing about this on-going growing issue that Clarkston is faced with?

Where's the pride of Clarkston as it used to be when I was growing up? People wanted to move into the Clarkston community. In my opinion, there are no excuses for these buildings to look the way that they do right now.

In closing, just food for thought. If you were looking to move into the Clarkston area and you are driving around town with your family looking at homes and you saw these buildings that look like the way they do, would you buy a house in Clarkston? Or look elsewhere?

Again, where is the pride in our community?

*David J. Wampfler
Independence Township*

Reader wants supervisor to lay out all his cards

Dear Editor,

In regards to your story, "Competing Clarks," Nov. 23, we have to question Supervisor Wagner's comment that the appointment of Bart Clark as superintendent is "pathetic" and "It has nothing to do with the good of the township."

We would like Mr. Wagner to explain his rationale for appointing Mike Clark, and how doing so was "for the good of the township"?

Mr. Wagner surely must realize that appointing someone "who is willing to go in and check on stuff and keep him informed and let him know what's going on in his absence" requires due diligence.

After all, he wouldn't want to appoint somebody that was "pathetic" or "not for the good of the township" would he?

Unlike the board, Mr. Wagner made his decision behind closed doors and without public scrutiny. We think it's time Mr. Wagner share with taxpayers all of the background information that led to his decision.

We find his actions cowardly, vindictive, and a total disregard for what is best for our township. The board should immediately rescind it's offer of lifetime healthcare to Mr. Wagner and vote down lifetime healthcare to all present and future elected officials.

Mr. Wagner's actions prove that offering retirement benefit packages to elected officials hasn't attracted the "quality individuals" they were suppose to attract.

Sincerely,

*Michael & Lori Powell
Independence Township*

Write a letter to the editor at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1996

"Bond issue includes move for adult, community ed." Clarkston Schools Community Education department was proposed to move to Clarkston Middle School under the school bond.

"From Russia with love" Bob Weir, Jack Byers and 14 others from Clarkston United Methodist Church traveled overseas to spend time restoring a Russian Orthodox.

"City, Adler reach parking agreement" The Clarkston City Council and Ed Adler came to an agreement for the Clarkston Mills Project. A 10-year lease called for Adler's Lehman Investment Company to maintain, construct and repair the new parking.

25 years ago - 1986

"Bullets smash family room window - annually" For the second time in two years, Andrea Ward's family room window was destroyed by bullet. She said it happened during hunting season even though no hunting was allowed near her home. The 1986 damages were \$150.

"Council turns down county proposal for dam" The Clarkston Village Council opted not to accept a proposal from the Oakland County Building and Planning Committee that the village would pay for the repairs for the broken Mill Pond cofferdam. They did it so the OCBPC could assume ownership.

"Food for the holidays" About 25 grocery bags of cans were gathered during the Thanksgiving can drive, sponsored by the Clarkston High School Student Council. The food was donated to the Independence Township senior citizen group to help feed needy families.

50 years ago - 1961

"Sashabaw Overpass Open to Traffic" The State Highway Department reported the \$165,000 grade separation carrying Sashabaw Road over the I-75 freeway was open to traffic.

"Children to present art" The Village Friends of Art announced they would present children's art pieces at an exhibit at the First of Methodist Church. The pieces were created during an Saturday art class under the direction of Kate McLean, artist, and Hazel Nauman, sculptress.

"Local merchant first to give" Mr. Rudolph Schwarze, from Rudy's Market, was the first person from Clarkston to send a contribution for Christmas Season. The contribution was part of a \$150,000 goal in the fight against Tuberculosis in Oakland County.

It sounds right, but the answers can be weird

Entering one of the military services, taking tests for employment or completing sixth grade tests are supposedly ways for higher-ups to judge and assign their people.

I remember my older brother, who earned his livelihood selling men's clothing before going into the Navy, and being sent to the engine room (black gang, they were called in 1942) of a ship.

This came to mind when I learned our granddaughter, Haley, had to complete a questionnaire, on-line or at school, that would show her qualifications and pinpoint a career direction.

Haley is an active sixth grader. She takes piano lessons, plays volleyball, soccer and softball and has an all-A report card.

She, her mother, grandfather and probably a teacher or two might be surprised, or disappointed, to learn Haley is best suited for becoming a "flavored vodka maker."

How in Hell could that even be listed as a possible career for a 12-year-old?

I can just see her listing that on her applications for scholarships.

Of course, she could be extremely popular at tail-

gate parties, collegiate or professional.

But, seriously folks, if you're not from Napa Valley, California, France or Italy who would think of adding making flavored vodka to the list of possible career choices? Especially, if the two generations before you came from Oxford, Michigan?

Jim's Jottings



a column by
Jim Sherman

If this list-maker insists on this kind of career for the not-yet teenage locals, perhaps they could substitute making dandelion wine for flavored vodka.

Dandelions are a locally grown product, pretty, and fit the environment-saving description of the greenies and governmental protection agencies.

After asking Haley's mother and aunt if they had such career tests when they were 12-years-old, both said they had. And, both were diagnosed as perfect for auto mechanics.

So, why are they working with their brother running Sherman Publications? They could make so much more money in a dealership garage. Oh, maybe

making money was not their goal.

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• People working at selling us ground turkey are telling us to be sure it's cooked to 165 degrees. Why is the temperature so important for cooking turkey, and not ground beef?

• Did our president, Obama, tell us recently we citizens are not capable of handling our own lives, we must depend on the government?

• A good sign we can't take it with us is: You never see a luggage rack on a hearse.

• Only a politician can try to convince we voters that a reduction in the proposed budget increase is a savings.

• John B. said he was at a wedding party recently when someone yelled, "All married men please stand next to the one person who has made your life worth living." The bartender was crushed to death.

• When learning to figure skate, try skating like Caesar's Roman legions did. Relaxing at European lakes, they conquered skating figure VIIIs.

• "Medical researchers can't realistically expect to find a cure quicker than Mom kissing the place that hurts." -- Shirley C.

And speaking of opportunity . . .

Another Thanksgiving is done and gone. I know because of all the excuses coming from the Detroit Lions professional football franchise about another embarrassing, nationally televised loss. After gushing (quite poetically, I might add) about what I was thankful for last week, I got thinking.

"Don," I thought to myself in the third-person, "You have been fortunate. But what about others less so? What can you offer them, because it sure looks like there are not a lot of opportunities these days?"

I believe in times of great turmoil and economic gloom there are also great opportunities for those saavy enough and brave enough to seek 'em.

If Necessity is the mother of invention, it is also the aunt of creativity.

For example, a few weeks ago I attended a Waterford Adult Ed class that was an introduction to the voice-over industry. Now, there is an opportunity I hadn't thought of before!

With the computer/internet age about us, think of all the voice-overs you hear.

Aside from television and radio commercials you hear somebody else's voice telling you to do tons of stuff.

Go online and watch a how-to video,

voice-over.

Don't know how to spell a word? Just go to an online dictionary and find out -- don't know how to pronounce the word, click on the phonetic's but-

Don't Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

ton and somebody says it. Voice-over. How about the lady or dude on your cell phone, GPS -- those are all voice-overs done by a real person getting paid to speak.

Sweet deal!

Now let's go back to the radio and TV commercial voice-overs.

In all the major markets you probably recognize the voices of some celebrity, but what about all the small markets? Who does 'em? Have you ever driven or stayed up north for vacation and listen to their voice-overs? Pretty unimpressive, ain't it?

If you got some good pipes, that could be you! How? Because computers have allowed folks to record scripts in their homes, on their home computers. (This saves the folks who pay for voice-over work money as they don't have to rent sound studios.)

The voice-over class I attended cost \$25 and the man in charge was Tom Force.

For the last 33 years, Force has been an actor and voice talent in the Detroit area. As a successful union voice-over talent, the Detroit office of the Screen Actors Guild recently invited Tom to teach a Voice Acting Master Class at Wayne State University.

In the class Force went over all the opportunities I mentioned and probably more.

He explained what folks need to record at home, including costs. He went into the benefits of non-union work and of forking out over a grand to join the union.

It was an interesting class, one that caught my attention because of the work this newspaper is doing online with video. I am pretty sure in the future we will produce commercial-like video for local businesses, and what the heck I might as well be ready for when that happens. If the opportunity knocks, I need to be ready.

Some points to remember for your next career or part-time hobby as a voice-overist:

1. Caffeine closes up stuff in your

head, and ain't good for your voice. Drink water.

2. Sugar dries out your mouth and will make you pop and smack more from your mouth when you speak.

3. Some say Granny Smith apples and greasy potato chips will help reduce excess mouth noise.

4. If recording at home, get up close to the mic, but make sure it is positioned off to the side of your mouth, to lessen excess mouth noise.

5. Talk conversational-like and with sincerity.

6. Before doing anything, take a class and get a coach -- of which Tom, I am sure could help you find one.

To find out when and where the next voice-over class is go to www.SuchAVoice.com

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And, of course another opportunity, if you are an expert on something, teach an adult ed-class on that subject.

There were about 15 in the class; at \$25 a head, that means \$375 was made.

Hmm, maybe I should teach a class on writing an award-winning column. . . but make it more about blogging or journaling?



Ribbon cutting for Work It trainers

From left, Tom Kiihr, ambassador; Liza Shone, ambassador; Dariss Novello, pilates instructor and personal trainer; Andrea Sage, owner and personal trainer of Work It Now Personal Training; Peg Roth, ambassador; Jessica Kennedy, trainer; Donna Bullard, Clarkston Chamber Board president; Art Holdsworth, Oakland County director of facilities management; and Jerry Kirschner, ambassador, celebrate the grand opening of Work It Personal Training, 7070 Gateway Park Drive, with a ribbon cutting, Nov. 17. *Photo provided*

Music fest for Toys for Tots

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, hosts its 12th annual Rock n' Roll Toy Drive for Toys for Tots, 1-9 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 4.

This event features live music on two stages by local musicians Phil Treais Group, Skee Brothers, Urban Nomads, TJ Craven, Blues Conspiracy, Slight Return and more with special MC John O'Leary of 94.7 WCSX.

"Each year, the attendance and the amount of toys collected increases, but unfortunately, so do the needs of the increasing number of low income families in our area," said Salli Petherbridge, O.C.S.C. Office Manager. "These musicians all donate their time and talent to this worthy cause."

Cost of admission per person is a \$10 donation or new unwrapped toys of approximate value. All contributions go to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. A cash bar and food items will be available.

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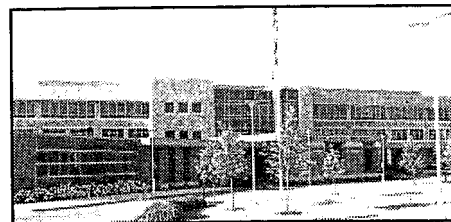
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Public Safety

Reports from Clarkston Police, Oakland County Sheriff Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Check theft

Three endorsed checks were stolen from an Auburn Hills business, Oct. 10. One of them was altered and cashed at the Dixie Highway business in Independence Township for \$1,800. The case was turned over to Independence Township detectives, Nov. 18.

Windows smashed

Windows were smashed in a newly constructed building in the 3000 block of Waldon Center Drive, Nov. 18.

Don't violate probation

Responding to a probation-violation report, deputies went to the 2000 block of Mann Road, 8:35 p.m., Nov. 19. They knocked on the door of a resident and asked her if the subject, a 28-year-old Oak Park man, was there. If he were, it would violate his felonious assault probation he received for attacking the resident. She said he wasn't, but gave permission to search. Deputies checked the front bathroom and found him hiding in the shower. He was arrested for probation violation, advised not to contact her, and released.

Tool trailer taken

Someone took a Dixie Highway business' trailer filled with tools, Nov. 21. A lock had been pried off to get to it.

Driving under influence

A 17-year-old Independence Township boy was stopped for speeding, 36 mph in a 25 mph zone, 4:32 p.m., Nov. 21, at on Oakpark at Maybee Road. Smelling strongly of marijuana, the driver was arrested for driving under the influence. He was found with marijuana, glass pipe, roller, and other items.

Warrant arrests

A deputy stopped a car for speeding, 85 mph, on southbound I-75 near Clintonville Road, 11:47 a.m., Nov. 22. The driver, a 27-year-old Pontiac woman, had a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County. Her passenger, a 39-year-old Flint woman, had several misdemeanor warrants, including one out of Waterford Police Department. Waterford Police picked up the passenger. The driver was jailed on her warrant, and cited for speeding.

Sheriff's Crime Tipline, 888-887-6146.

County short on salters this winter

Road Commission for Oakland County advises drivers to be careful, especially since fewer plows will be on the road.

"This winter, we continue to have about 50 fewer employees to drive snowplows/salt trucks than we had in 2007," said RCOC Board Chairman Eric Wilson. "That is more than one quarter fewer drivers than four years ago."

It may take RCOC snowplows/salt trucks longer to get into subdivisions following snow storms this year due to the reduced number of drivers, he said.

The cuts are due to declining state gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

Some RCOC winter facts:

- Salt trucks and snowplows typically travel more slowly than other traffic. RCOC urges drivers to use caution around the orange trucks and allow them enough room to safely do their jobs: "Don't crowd the plow."

- RCOC uses an average of 83,000 tons of salt per winter.

- Most RCOC salt trucks are equipped with computerized salting mechanisms that automatically adjust the amount of salt spread based on the vehicle's speed. The salt spreaders also include "pre-wetting" devices that spray salt brine on the

salt as it is being spread, so that it begins working more quickly. These technologies also allow RCOC to conserve salt.

- A single "salt run" for a truck typically uses about 6 tons of salt.

- At temperatures below 20 degrees, salt begins to lose its effectiveness. At 10 degrees, it does virtually nothing.

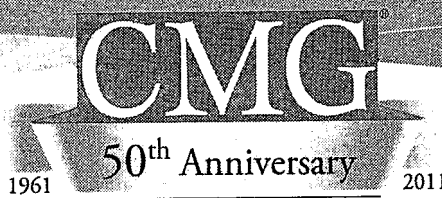
- Salt is still the best option for removing ice and maintaining the safest roads possible.

- RCOC crews maintain state and county roads in Oakland County based on a priority system. "Critical priority" roads are those with more than 10,000 vehicles per day per lane. "Priority 1" roads are those with 2,500 to 10,000 vehicles per day per lane, while priority 2 and 3 roads have less traffic.

- RCOC has approx. 135 snowplows/salt trucks, though all trucks are never used at the same time (some are "spares," used when others break down). RCOC also employs 19 "road graders" that are used plow heavy snow.

- Fully loaded, RCOC snowplows get about 4 miles per gallon of fuel. Empty, they get about 6 miles per gallon.

- RCOC has jurisdiction over 2,700-plus miles of county roads including subdivision and gravel roads.



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Sophomore Chase Wiedemann leads the puck into South Lyon territory. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Back on the ice

The Wolves hosted their home opener against South Lyon Unified last Friday in the Clarkston Thanksgiving Showcase at Detroit Skate Club.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team lost, 8-6. They continued the showcase

on Saturday against Brighton and lost 8-0.

The Wolves host St. Clair Shores on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and play in their first OAA Red league game against Birmingham Unified on Saturday at 3 p.m.



Senior Adam Bruderick celebrates his first goal in the game. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Junior Adam Larkin takes a shot on the net against South Lyon.

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Looking for a comeback

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers learned a hard lesson on the rink in their opening game of their Thanksgiving Showcase when they lost in the third period to South Lyon Unified, 8-6.

"The first two periods we played well," said Clarkston Varsity Hockey Coach Bryan Krygier. "The third period we gave the game away."

Junior Adam Larkin set the pace for the Wolves scoring the first goal and putting the boys on the board.

Sophomore Jacob LaPorte scored the next goal to capture the lead for Clarkston.

Sophomore Chase Wiedemann passed the puck in front of South Lyon's net to teammate senior Adam Bruderick. Bruderick used the opportunity to put a shot, putting it into the left corner of the net with 4:39 remaining in the first period put the Wolves ahead, 3-1.

South Lyon opened the second period with a goal 20 seconds in after getting the puck away from Clarkston's possession.

Wiedemann added his shot to the board nine minutes later to give the Wolves another boost.

South Lyon's Blake Robertson added one more goal to put his team one goal behind.

The Wolves answered by scoring two more goals less than two minutes later. The first came when Wiedeman grabbed possession of the puck from a face off near South Lyon's goal. He shot the puck back to Larkin.

As defenders closed in, Larking swung his hockey stick and the puck slid through

and opening and into the net.

Bruderick scored the second goal, sending both teams into the last period, 6-3.

"Everything we shot went in those two periods," said Krygier.

South Lyon came out strong in the third period and with a new goalie in the net, scored five goals while keeping Clarkston's efforts at zero.

"The guys had a lack of effort, lack of enthusiasm and they didn't go out there to win," Krygier said about the last period. "They switched their goalie which gave them momentum to get some goals. We gave them the puck. We gave them opportunities to come back and beat us."

The boys finished the showcase on Saturday afternoon with a loss to Brighton, 8-0.

"Brighton is a better team," Krygier said before the game. "It definitely does not get easier. Plus we are playing on a bigger sheet of ice and it gives them more room to move out there."

The boys go into their next set of games with a 0-4 record.

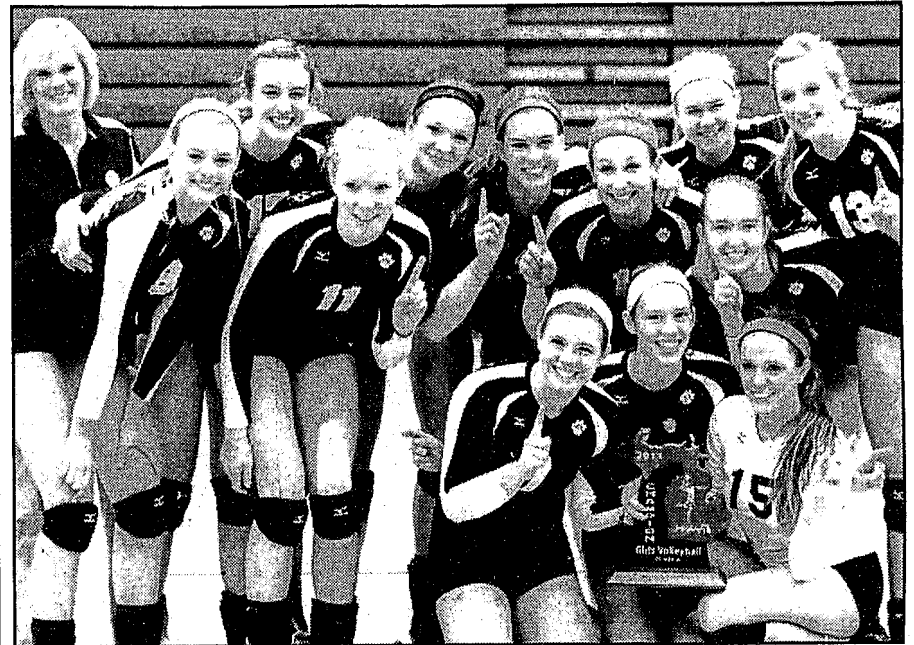
"They need to work hard and finish a game," said Krygier looking ahead. "You can't sit on a three goal lead against a good team."

The Wolves host St. Clair Shores on Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and play in their first OAA Red league game against Birmingham Unified (0-2) on Saturday at 3 p.m. Both games are at Detroit Skate Club. They head to Plymouth Cultural Center for their game against Salem next Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.



Sophomore Carter Rea faces off against South Lyon United defense.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Lady Wolves celebrate winning their fifth consecutive MHSAA District title, Nov. 3. Photo by Larry Wright

Ace-ing the season

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers rewrote the history books during their 2011 fall season - making it into the Final Four in the run for the MHSAA Volleyball State Championship.

Their run at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek ended to Lake Orion, Nov. 17 but their journey was spectacular. They won the OAA Red league, their fifth consecutive MHSAA District crown and their second consecutive MHSAA Regional crown.

They had fans on their edge of their seats as the Spikers won a close fifth game against Canton to win 16-14, to take the Quarterfinals win with 3-2.

"It was an epic season," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall.

"These girls are amazing. They made some awesome memories, friends and experience. A lot of people are giving us a lot more credit especially after this year. They made a name in the state for our program. I am proud of them."

When the team lost seven seniors last year, Avenall admitted she would be happy with what the new players could bring to

the court.

Then, the Lady Wolves opened the season with 25 wins and a possibility anything could happen.

"This team has mental game," explained Avenall during the season. "The girls mold better together. When we make a mistake or lose a point you don't see it on anyone's face. You see 'okay, my teammate made a mistake I am going to step up and work harder for them.' It is why we have won so many tight matches - they just step up."

The 2011 Lady Wolves are: sophomores, Katie Chadwell, Franzi Loetzner, Brianna Frakes; juniors, Courtney Blaszkowski, Sarah Bullen, Rachel Dickerson, Brooke Huisman, Kaley Konjarevich, Emily Popp; seniors Stephani Marani, Angela Niezgodna and Maddie Lightfoot.

"We are going to miss them," said Avenall about Marani, Niezgodna and Lightfoot. "I am going to miss them. They are the first group I coached in eighth grade. Maddie has been coming to camp since she was a little kid."

Congratulations on a great season and finishing with an overall 56-6 record.

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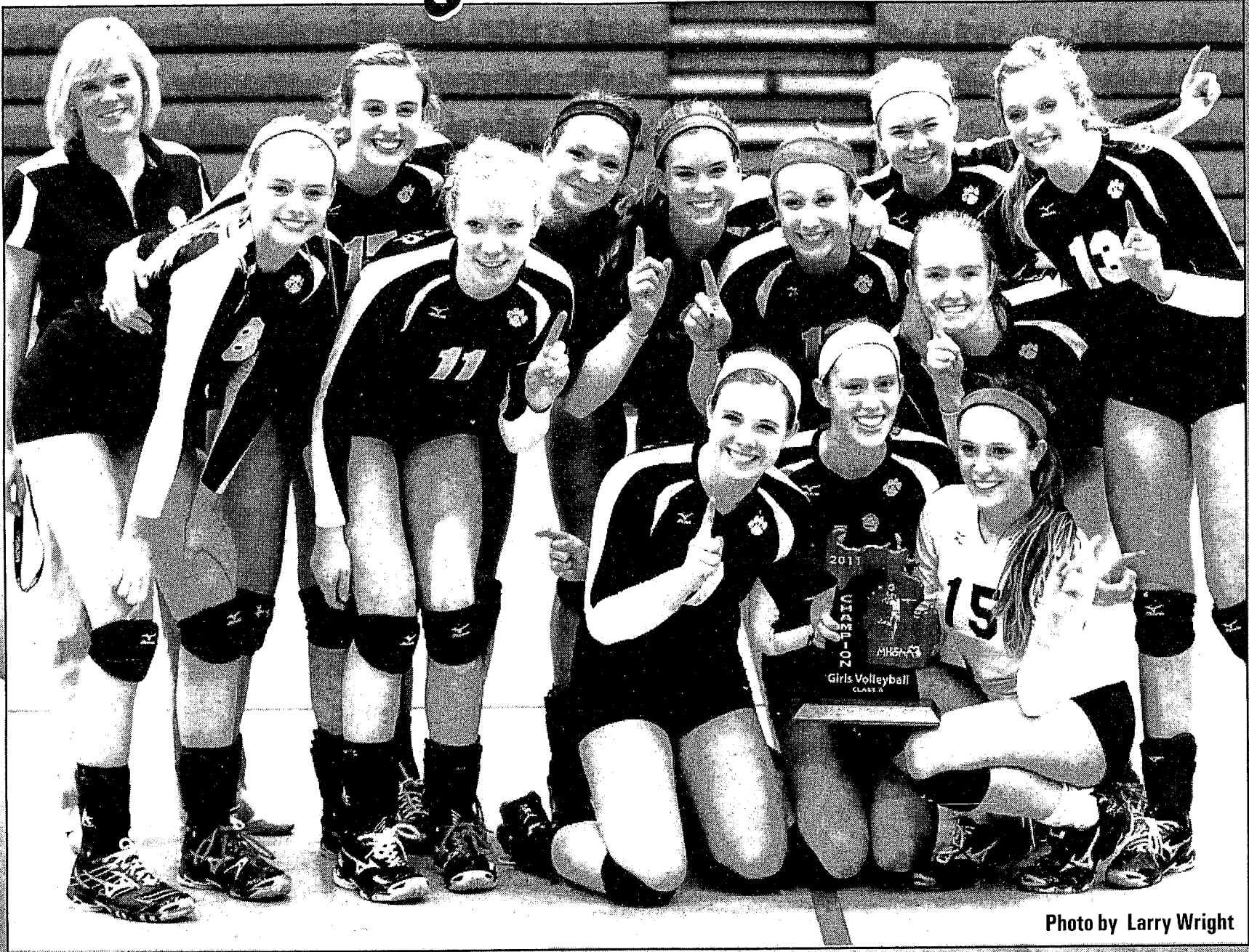


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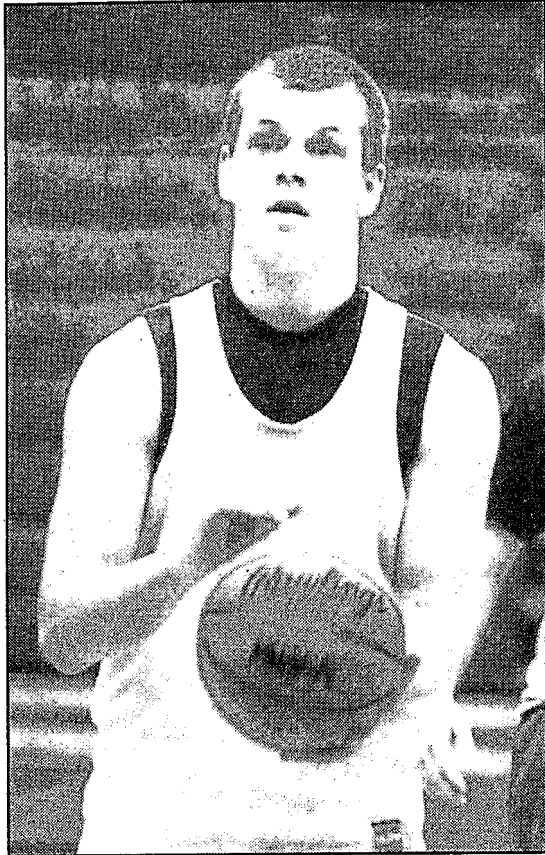
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Junior Nathan Yeloushan takes his first free throw shot.



Senior Alan Kamieniecki guards on defense.

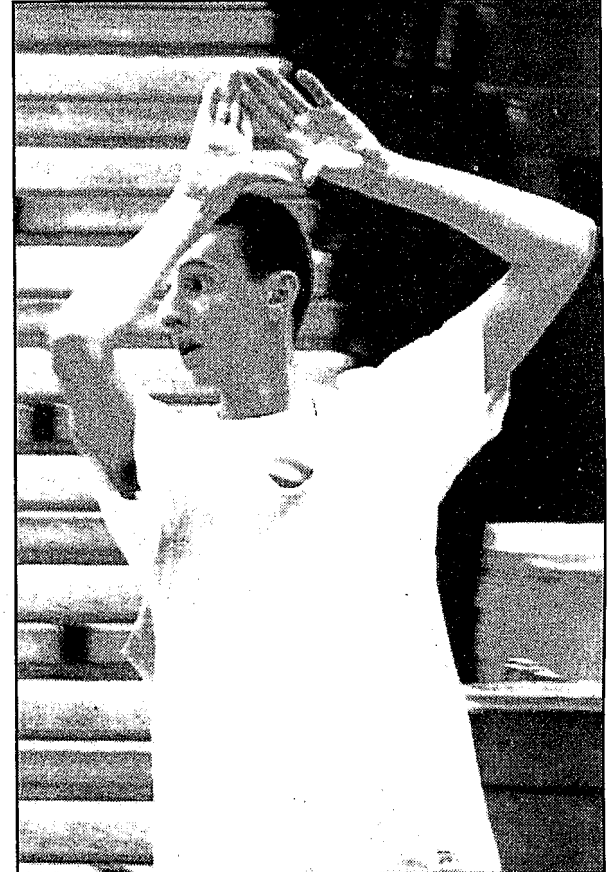
Are you ready?

The Clarkston Varsity Boys Basketball team stayed indoors on Black Friday for their annual Thanksgiving scrimmage.

They worked on plays, skills and working out the kinks.

The boys open their season on Dec. 9 against St. Mary's Prep.

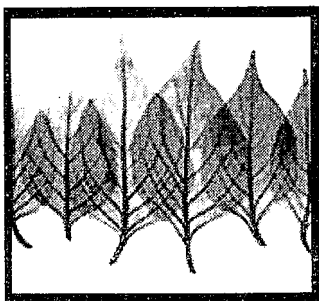
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Junior Chance Huth signals his teammates.



The cagers look over the game plan during a time out. Photos by Wendi Reardon




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Did you shop on Black Friday?



"No, because we had company. Otherwise, I would have."

- Pam Gale



"No, it's too packed and violent out there. I don't want to get pushed around."

- Amanda Chamberlain



"No, because I'm not insane. I don't want to get pepper sprayed, elbowed, or punched in the face for an X-Box."

- Hector V



"No, because I don't have any money and don't want to get beat by some old lady who wants the same thing. Even if I did have money I still wouldn't go."

- Marty Jones

By Trevor Keiser

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Ten Clarkston volunteers with North Oakland Disaster Relief Team traveled to Joplin, Missouri, recently to help rebuild after a tornado, including, above, Tom Mazzaro and Bruce Hazen, working on a construction project, and at left, Vince Alonzi and Ben Pusheck, working on a roof. Photos provided

Clarkston volunteers get to work

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston area volunteers returned from Joplin, Missouri, Nov. 5, after a week helping rebuild after a devastating tornado.

"They were very outgoing, very thankful we were there," said Ben Pusheck of Waterford, trip leader and member of the board. "They've been working to rebuild since June."

Founded in 2001, The North Oakland Disaster Relief Team, NODRT, organizes 1-3 trips a year, from long weekends to a week in length.

The group traveled to the Gulf Coast for the past five years to help rebuild after Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This is their first to Joplin.

"We were looking to see who else needs help - Joplin came up in a number of conversations so we looked into it," Pusheck said.

Mennonite Disaster Service provided a place to sleep and meals. The Michigan group worked with other volunteers and residents to rebuild roofs and siding, electrical work, cabinet and other interior work, and other projects.

After the May 22 tornado, 600-1,000 volunteers, residents, and construction workers were on hand. Now, there's about 50-75.

"They're making good progress. All kinds of organizations are helping," Pusheck said.

The tornado, rated EF-5 with winds above 200 mph, killed more than 160 people, and de-

stroyed more than 7,500 homes and 500 businesses in a 1-by-7-mile zone.

"In many case it just left the slab or foundation - neighborhoods look like fields, foundation after foundation," Pusheck said. "People had to start over."

Pusheck has been a member of NODRT for nine years, making his first long trip after Katrina.

"For two years, I wanted to make the trip," he said. "After Katrina, I made it fit into my schedule."

He is an engineer and project manager for General Motors. Already a volunteer with church and Habitat for Humanity, he was looking for

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more to do.

"It sounded interesting and I'd be able to work on different things," he said. "It's very rewarding to help somebody, and it's also a level-setting trip. You realize how good you have it."

The group includes several retirees, 65-75 years old. All are welcome to join, as long as they're willing to work.

"You will meet wonderful people, make new friends, stay in unique places, eat great food," said Vince Alonzi, 73. "Best of all your legs will be sore, your feet will hurt, your back will ache, and your shoulders will be sore

and you know what? You won't care because your heart will be filled with the joy of Christ." Jobs range from construction work to counseling, listening to disaster victims tell their stories.

"We're looking for people interested in helping people," Pusheck said. "There's always something to do."

NODRT is a non-profit coalition of churches, businesses, organizations, and individuals in Oakland County. Volunteers must be 18 or older.

For more information on volunteering or to donate, contact Stan Garwood at 248-625-3123 or gkgathy@msn.com.

New officers for Clarkston's Eastern Star

Nancy Martin of Hartland and Lenzy Lewis of Flint were installed as Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of Michigan, Oct. 13, at their annual session in Battle Creek.

Martin joined Eastern Star in 1975 and is a member of Joseph C. Bird Chapter 294 in Clarkston.

Goals this year include increasing sup-

port for Girl and Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies, Campfire Girls, 4H clubs, and other youth groups. Eastern Star already supports DeMolay for young men, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, and Job's Daughters International.

Special projects include domestic violence shelters, children's wards at community hospitals, Service Dogs and cancer fund.

Does Uncle Howie need another Christmas tie and sweater?

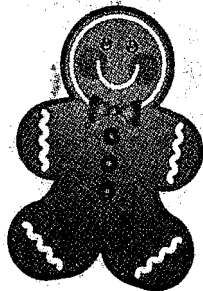
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New ad rep at Clarkston News

The Clarkston News welcomes new advertising representative Michelle Munch of Oxford.

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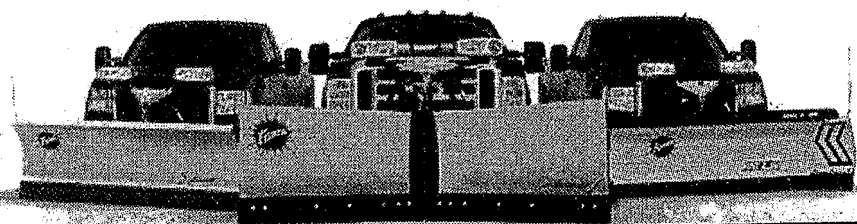


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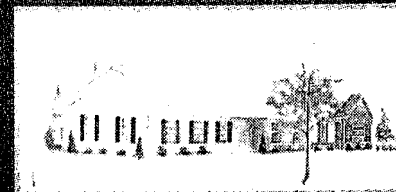
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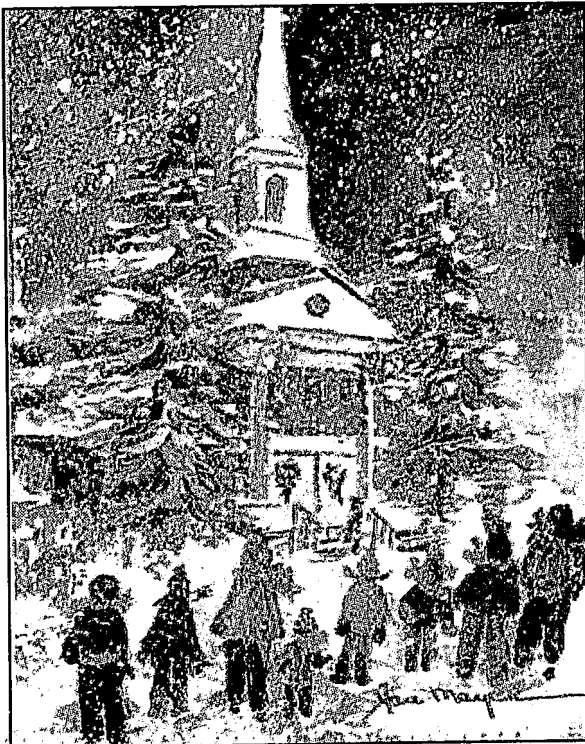




Greens Market this weekend

From left, Anita Andes, Jeanne Molzon and Grace Savage prepare for the 20th Clarkston Garden Club Greens Market, Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road, across from Independence Township Library. Natural wreaths and roping, fresh greens arrangements, arrangements for outside urns, loose greens, and a raffle for the Christmas quilt are all a part of the club's Saturday Greens Market. Proceeds support the library gardens, scholarships, environmental educational programs for Clarkston students, and the Main Street planters. Photo provided

Christmas cards honor church's 50 years



Local artist Jan Mayer's Christmas card design this year depicts Clarkston United Methodist Church.

"It's the 50-year anniversary of the church, with a lot of celebrations throughout the fall, so I decided to do an impression of the church," Mayer said.

The cards will be available at the church, 6600 Waldon Road, through December.

"The cards this year are very special to us, as they feature the front of our sanctuary, and since we celebrated fifty years in the sanctuary earlier this fall, the image has hit home with a lot of people," said Collen Godfrey, executive director of ministries. "They are for sale in the church office and all proceeds go to our community outreach program."

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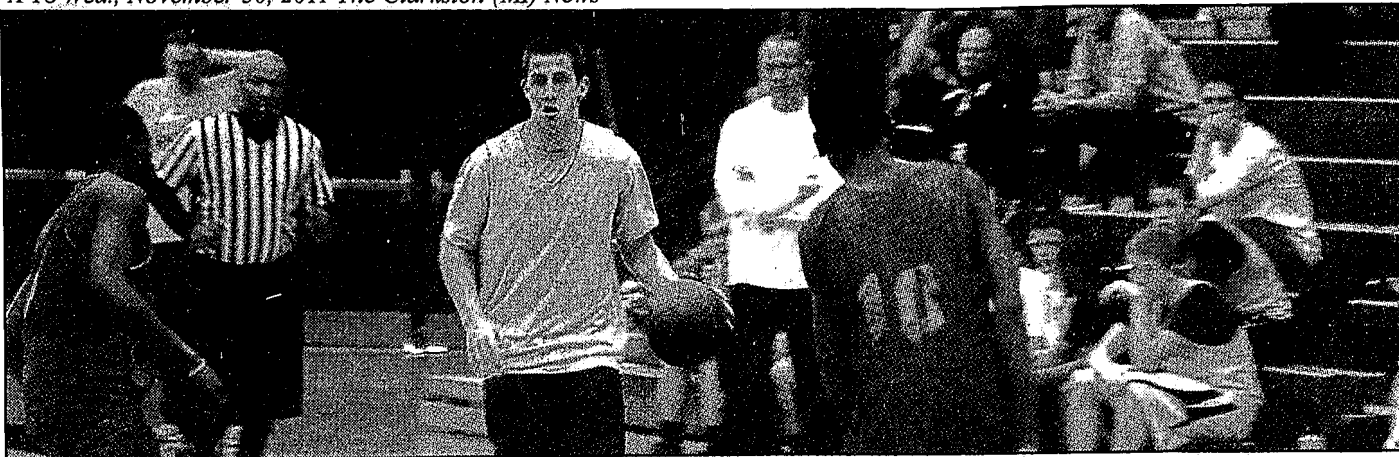
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BACK TO WORK: Clarkston Wolves take to the court for their Black Friday scrimmage. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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Improvements needed to meet new school vision

The Clarkston Community Schools' learner profile reads "Clarkston Community Schools' students are thoughtful, contributing members of society who possess the behaviors, skills and attitudes to continue to learn and adapt to a diverse and dynamic global society. Our curious and imaginative students exhibit critical thinking and problem solving skills, are effective oral and written communicators, and can access and analyze information. Clarkston Community Schools' learners, as successful 21st Century citizens, effectively use technology. They nimbly apply these skills throughout life in academic, social, and emotional situations."

One of my goals as the superintendent of schools is to, by 2014, ensure that every building in the district is equipped to allow every student to use a 1:1 technology device to enhance his/her learning.

Further, it is my goal next school year to have one building in the district that is equipped to allow for every student in that building to use a 1:1 technology device to enhance their learning.

Why have I worked with our board of education, administrators, teachers, parents, and community members to establish this learner profile and this goal? Here are four reasons:

1. In 2006, Thomas Friedman wrote in his book, *The World is Flat: A Brief History of the 21st Century*, that (paraphrasing): Any job—

blue or white collar—that can be broken down into a routine and transformed into bits and bytes can now be exported to other countries where there is a rapidly increasing number of highly educated 'knowledge workers' who will work for a small fraction of the salary of a comparable American worker. And it seems that this prediction is moving toward the truth in 2011.

Words from the Sup't



Dr. Rod Rock

2. Beyond school (e.g., in the workplace, college, life) much (if not most) of our working and learning involves technology (think of a job in 2011 that does not use technology), and more specifically a computer device. Think about your cell phone in 2001. What could it do then?

3. Therefore and in order for CCS graduates to compete globally for jobs, our schools must demand that our students really think—both orally and in writing—as opposed to merely memorizing and regurgitating.

What does your smart phone do now? What will it be able to do in 2015? 2016? 2030? 2050? 2083 (when there are 10 billion people in the world)? And our students require access to similar learning tools in school.

They must develop their own well-reasoned interpretations of pieces of literature and significant events in history; develop and test hypotheses in science classes and explain their thinking about how they solve complex math problems; work in groups to wrestle with and explain their thinking—every day—regarding really big issues facing our world today (paraphrased from *The Global Achievement Gap* by Tony Wagner, 2008).

They must use technology to communicate, create, interact, and dig deeply into really big issues facing our world today, in 2015, 2016, 2030, 2050, and 2083 (when there are 10 billion people in the world).

4. If we believe—and I mean truly believe—that "The future of our economy, the strength of our democracy, and perhaps even the health of the planet's ecosystems depend on educating future generations in ways very different from how many of us were schooled" (Wagner, 2008, p. xxviii); and if we further believe items #1, #2, and #3 above, then it is our responsibility and obligation to ensure that every single student who attends and graduates from the Clarkston Community Schools has the skills and dispositions listed in our district's learner profile and that he/she uses technology to communicate, create, interact, and dig deeply into really big issues facing our world today, in 2015, 2016, 2030,

2050, and 2083 (when there are 10 billion people in the world).

Hence, our learner profile is more than just words on paper, it is a commitment to every single student we serve.

I invite you to join me in future discussions of our district's vision, mission, and learner profile.

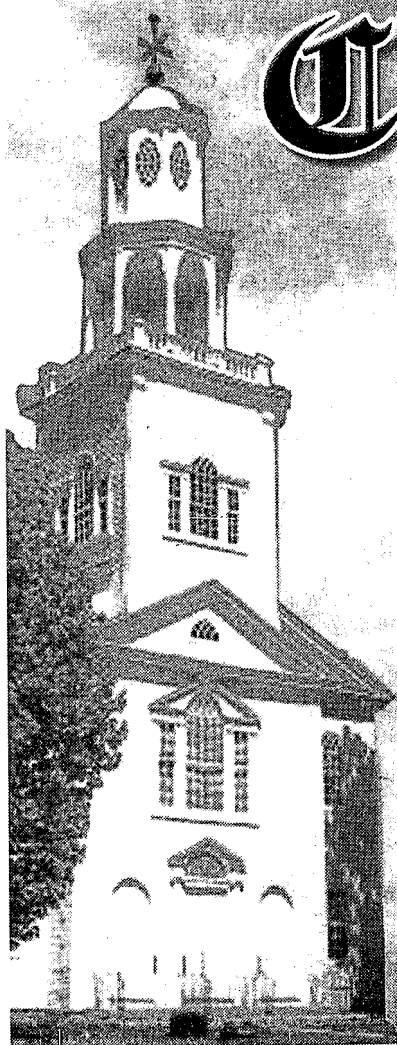
I invite you to join me in doing all that we can together to ensure that every CCS student becomes a thoughtful, contributing member of society who possess the behaviors, skills and attitudes to continue to learn and adapt to a diverse and dynamic global society.

That each student is curious and imaginative and exhibits critical thinking and problem solving skills, is an effective oral and written communicator, and can access and analyze information. And each learner, as a successful 21st Century citizen, effectively uses technology. And further that every student nimbly applies these skills throughout life in academic, social, and emotional situations. Let's make this our collective commitment to our students, our teachers and administrators, our support staff, our community, and our future.

My life is blessed many times over. I am thankful every day to work and learn in Clarkston.

Rod Rock, Ed.D., is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

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

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Greens Market, Clarkston Garden Club, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 3, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Fresh, Michigan mixed-green wreaths and roping, tabletop arrangements, small gift selections. www.clarkstongardenclub.org. 248-605-5524. ***

Ye Olde Madrigal Dinner, Clarkston High School choirs, 6:30pm, Dec. 3-4, Harvestland Church, 5848 Clintonville Road. Festive Renaissance dinner theater. \$35/person or \$300/King's Table for eight up front. 248-875-7849. ***

Holiday book sale, Dec. 3-4, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Almost new boks, 25 cents-\$4. 248-625-2212. ***

Mass with Blessing of Baby Jesus, 9 a.m., bring family nativity set Baby Jesus for blessing. **Pancake Breakfast with Santa**, 10 a.m., adults/\$7, children 4-12/\$5, children 3 and under/free, \$35 maximum per family, pictures with Santa, bring your own camera. Dec. 4. Everest Academy, Boy's School Gym, 5935 Clarkston Road. RSVP 248-241-9065 by Nov. 30. ***

Christmas Cheer Miracle Box Packing Party, 4-7 p.m., Dec. 8, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. 248-623-0444. ***

Joyous Sounds of the Season concert, Clarkston Community Band, Bellissima! Handbell Choir, and special guest, Santa, 7 p.m., Dec. 9. Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. Free. ***

Salute to veterans luncheon, 12 p.m., Dec. 10, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Sons of the American Legion will serve SOS, fried spam and powdered eggs followed by the Army-Navy football game. Prizes at the end of each quarter. 248-625-9912 ***

Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Dec. 10, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Visit with Santa, pancake breakfast, children's gift. Adults, \$5; Children, \$3; Photos, \$3. 248-394-0200. ***

Weekly meetings

Sunday

Adult Basketball League, 18 and over, 12-5 p.m., Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595

Middle Lake. \$450/resident team. \$550/non-resident team. Referee fees are an additional cost. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Pony Basketball League, for high school boys not on the school team, mid afternoons, Sundays, Clarkston Junior High, 6595 Middle Lake. \$200/resident team. \$300/non-resident team. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Monday

Exercise program for all ages, joint mobility, coordination, strength, Mondays, 12 p.m., lower level, 7590 Dixie Highway. \$7/session, \$25/four sessions. 248-627-7445. ***

Afternoon Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$3. Drop In. ***

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 7:15 p.m., third Monday, Red Knapp's Restaurant, 6722 Dixie Highway. 248-507-4839. ***

Therapeutic Yoga classes, Mondays, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Tuesdays, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Jewels Yoga Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Independence Township. \$12 walk-in fee. 248-390-9270. ***

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-880-0027. ***

Pilates and Sculpt, Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Bay Court Park's Lakeview room. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, 5:45 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays. Beginning, intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878. ***

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home, 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-623-7232. ***

Job Ministry presentation for unemployed or to hone employability skills, third Monday, 7:30 p.m., St. Daniel's Cushing Center, 7010 Valley Park Drive. 248-625-4580. ***

Tuesday

Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 5449 Clarkston Road, \$3, drop in, all levels welcome; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, drop in. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. ***

Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Bring practice mat or towel. Free-will offerings. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road, 248-891-4365. ***

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Independence Township Parks & Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Breast Cancer Support Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway, Suite 106. 248-625-3841 ***

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

Belly Dancing, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m., Bay Court Park. Independence Township Parks and Recreation, 248-625-8223. ***

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553. ***

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier Bowling Alley, 879 S. Lapeer Road, Oxford. \$2 per game. 248-628-5437 or 248-877-6692. ***

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Building, 6300 Church Street on Waldon. 248-623-4313. ***

Got Beads, share love of beads and beading, second, fourth Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2212. ***

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

Zumba, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 8-9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12-1 p.m. Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. 248-620-7101. ***

Adult Acting Classes, Clarkston Village Players, for new and established actors. Those under 18 need parents' permission and approval of the facilitator. Section 2: Tuesdays, Jan 3-Feb 14, 6-9 p.m. Call Bob Gerics, 248-891-9279. ***

Wednesday

Clarkston Area Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m., Wednesdays, Clarkston United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-622-6096. ***

Please see Around Town on page 23

Obituaries

Jeffrey Sanders Sr., 56

Jeffrey L. Sanders Sr. of Clarkston passed away Nov. 24, 2011, after a short battle with cancer at age 56.

He was the husband of Donna, father of Jeffrey and Halanna; son of Buddy and Ethel; son-in-law of Louise (the late Arnold) Miles; papa of Alyssa, Dwayne and Kylie; brother of David (Linda), Brenda (Arthur) Miles and Randall, also survived by many nieces and nephews.



Visitation was Nov. 28 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Nov. 29 at Walton Boulevard Church of God. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Arnold J. Zawacki, 76

Arnold J. Zawacki of Clarkston passed away suddenly Nov. 26, 2011, at age 76.

He was the husband of Marilyn; father of Ken (Roberta), Karen (Mark) Polczynski, Ruth Hohnstein and David (Krista); also survived by 13 grandchildren; brother of Bridget Kalinowski.



Mr. Zawacki was a member of St. Daniel Catholic Church and served as an extraordinary minister. He served in the Navy Reserves and worked in engineering his entire life.

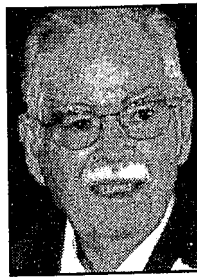
Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-8 p.m. Funeral Mass, Thursday, 11 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church, 10:30 a.m., until time of Mass.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook

Joseph L. Nichols, 74 Betty I. Ragatz, 87

Joseph L. Nichols, "Larry," of Davisburg went to be with the Lord, Nov. 23, 2011, age 74.

He was the husband of Joanie for 48 years. He was preceded in death by his son Marshall and parents, Joseph and Beverly. He was the brother of Sharon (Chuck) Grinnell; uncle of Joel (Mitzi) and Jerry (Julie); also survived by four great nieces.



Mr. Nichols retired from M.D.O.T. and served as a Sunday school teacher for over 40 years. He was an active member of Andersonville Community Church and enjoyed camping with family and friends. Larry was very loved and touched many lives. He will be dearly missed.

Visitation was Nov. 27-28 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral service was Nov. 29 at Andersonville Community Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Andersonville Community Church.

Online www.wintfuneralhome.com guestbook

Betty I. Ragatz of Clarkston went to be with the Lord, Nov. 22, 2011, at age 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul and daughter Ruth. She was the loving mother of Daniel (Nancy) Ragatz of Homer, Judith (Mike) Peterson of Ortonville, Rosanna (Bruce) Goodrich of North Carolina, Abigail (Paul) Lake of Commerce and Paula (Kim) Hedgebeth of Ohio; sister of Viola Boehm of Illinois; also survived by 16 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.



Mrs. Ragatz loved to crochet and knit. She was an avid bowler and was on a league with her daughters. Betty was a faithful Charter Member of the Clarkston Free Methodist Church.

Visitation was Nov. 25 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Nov. 26 at the Clarkston Free Methodist Church. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston Free Methodist Church or American Heart Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com. The family thanks Autumn Ridge of Clarkston for their loving care.

In our churches...

Bethany North, peer support to all faiths dealing with divorce or separation, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, Cushing Center, St. Daniel Catholic Church, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

DC4K, DivorceCare for Kids, ages 5-12, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. DivorceCare for adults runs concurrently. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Wednesday Evening FEAST, 6 p.m., classes for all ages, 7:15- 8:30 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

Divorce Care, Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. through-Jan. 5; Jan. 12-April 5; April 26-July 19. Weekly video presentation with small group discussion. \$15. Join any time. Childcare provided. at 248-620-8420.

Celebrate Recovery ministry for hurting people, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323. Childcare available.

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Reader calls for clean slate on township board

Not a single person on the current township board is capable of conducting the business of Independence Township.

From left you have: A lawyer, frequently referring to his law practice, obvious publicity, and without a doubt one of the most self-serving members on the board.

He's argumentative and frequently uses board meeting(s) to publicly bully his peers and/or any opposition, especially the township treasurer who he apparently doesn't like. Through his efforts he has drastically limited public comments and intentionally positioned it on the agenda to discourage its designed purpose.

To his left you have a guy who finds it difficult to form and/or express thoughts without getting angry and throwing tantrums – getting up abruptly, slamming his computer cover shut, folding his arms over his chest as well as other similar unprofessional behavior.

He frequently lacks general knowledge of much of the subject matter and/or is not prepared. The other board members simply try to tolerate his conduct and/or presence.

Apparently a nice guy, but his demeanor is another problem.

Then you have a retired school teacher. A genuinely nice person, a respected member of the community, although no more or less than many others in our community, but certainly not an authority figure.

In the absence of the supervisor, this person

has tried to lead the board, but usually without success. The township board frequently gets off the subject, discusses non agenda items and rambles for hours without consequence. It's difficult to tell who's running the meeting.

This individual just doesn't seem to have the ability to manage the process effectively. Robert's Rules Who?

The township clerk is a completely different situation. She is truly a product of the current township board and a good example of their shoddy work. I don't know how good or bad she is, she's just a mistake.

The clerk in my opinion should have been another lady that is currently on the school board. But, by no fault of her own, she inadvertently got caught up in the treasurer's mess and withdrew her application. Then the current clerk became township clerk without legitimately being voted in and/or receiving a single vote (last one standing) by township board.

The township treasurer is apparently a behind the scenes negotiator. He almost single handedly screwed up the search/appointment of the township clerk. On more than one occasion he was accused of not abiding by the decisions of the board and is perceived as a noncon-

formist.

He appears to adlib/disguise his ignorance of the subject matter and is frequently unprepared. When he speaks, he searches for adequate vocabulary to make you think he's prepared and very seldom expresses himself effectively.

Although present at meetings, he doesn't seem to pay attention. On several occasions he has voted for a particular agenda item(s) and later voted against related item. In disbelief, other members would remind him how he voted earlier, which would eventually be followed by his request to change his previous vote.

Sitting to his left is a guy that wants to be perceived as squeaky clean. He goes about ingratiating himself as much as he can and tends to cover up the board's shortcomings by recommending wholesale changes to the Independence Township hierarchy.

He and others apparently believes this diversion will buy him more time to occupy space. He doesn't trust the voters and/or doesn't want the voters to input. He has recently recommended changes to the management structure of the township that should only be done by the citizens of Independence Township.

Last, but definitely not least, is the current township supervisor. Where would you start – unauthorized purchase of a new township building, unnecessary car allowance(s), appointment of employee(s) without authority, misappropria-

tion of a tractor, altercations with employees, inability to function as an executive/exempt employee and so on.

Now, only after a few years of service, he is taking the township tax payers for a ride concerning the currently defunct township board into paying him undeserved compensations just to leave.

To my knowledge he is known to have made one truthful, but disgusting statement. He has said that according to his peers, they think that the Independence Township Board is the "laughing stock of Oakland County."

This is not a laughing matter!! Our current township board is no different than any other entity. There are major problems with our current representation.

Are these people really the best we can come up with and are they looking after our best interests? I don't think so and I think that under the circumstances everyone of these folks need to go.

Now, as the election season is upon us, we need to begin developing a replacement team of interested candidates that really want to serve this community.

I'm interested in doing what it takes to reclaim Independence Township and its reputation.

If you're interested in any of this, please contact Mike Tynan at dollarsandsense@comcast.net.

Guest viewpoint



Michael Tynan

Baby New Year Contest 2012

The date is fast approaching to see who will be the firstborn baby of 2012. Parents who are expecting on or close to January 1, 2012 may get another special delivery: a valuable bundle of prizes!

The Parents of Clarkston's First Baby of 2012 Will Receive Prizes!

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1. Photo should be of child only. Photos of child with objects and other people will not be accepted.
2. Birthday must be on or after January 1, 2012.
3. Birthdate and time must be verified in writing by attending physician.
4. Each eligible child entered will be featured in our First Babies special pages.
5. The parents must be residents of Clarkston, Independence or Springfield Townships.
6. Deadline for entry submission is 5 p.m. Friday, January 18, 2012.
7. Entry denotes permission to publish submitted photo in this newspaper.

Baby New Year 2012 Contest Entry Form

Mother's/Parent's Full Names: _____
Child's Full Name: _____
Baby's Birth Date: _____
Exact Time of Birth: _____
Location of Birth: _____
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This special announcement feature will include photos of all the babies entered in our Baby New Year 2012 Contest

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Luginski, Bisio, Hunter, Hargis, Inabnit, Roth and Brueck

Others Present - City Manager Ritter

Moved by Hargis, supported by Inabnit, to approve the Agenda as presented.
Motion carried.

Moved by Hunter with support by Roth to approve the consent agenda subject to corrections to the October 10, 2011 Council minutes, provided by Mr. Bisio.

Correction is as follows: Main Street Sewer Pump Station Improvements should read Mr. Bisio made a motion to amend the resolution to provide that the city's share of the expenses would not exceed \$31,329.

Mr. Brueck seconded the motion. After discussion he withdrew his second and Mr. Bisio's motion to amend failed for lack of a second. The council then voted on the original resolution with the roll call vote as set out in the draft October 10, 2011 minutes

Motion carried. Bisio voting No.

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Brueck to approve Robert Pursley as the single street administrator of the City of the Village of Clarkston in transactions with the State Transportation Department as provided in Section 13 (9) of Act 51, Public Acts of 1951.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit, Roth and Bisio

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted.
Moved by Roth support by Inabnit to Adjourn at 7:33 PM
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Richter

Moved by Brueck, supported by Hunter to open up Site Plan Review for discussion.

Moved by Brueck, supported by Hunter to approve the Site Plan Review at 90 N. Main, Union Adworks as presented.

Motion Carried. Roth abstain.

Moved by Inabnit, supported by Hargis to extend meeting passed 9:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hunter, supported by Brueck to have a public hearing meeting by the Planning Commission on October 27, 2011 with the public notice going in this week's Clarkston News October 12, 2011 for amendment to the ordinance.

Motion Carried. Roth abstain.

Resolved by Brueck, supported by Roth to approve the 2012 Annual MDOT Permit for Work on State Trunkline.

Roll Call: Ayes: Roth, Bisio, Inabnit, Luginski, Hunter, And Brueck

Nays: Hargis

Moved by Roth support by Inabnit to Adjourn at 9:13 PM
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Richter, Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE
Charter Township of Springfield

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENTS TO
ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 26**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Springfield will hold a PUBLIC HEARING at its Regular Meeting on Monday, December 19, 2011, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Springfield Township Civic Center, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 to receive comments on the following proposed amendments to Springfield Township Zoning Ordinance No. 26.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND
ORDINANCE NO. 26, ZONING ORDINANCE
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

Ordinance No. 26, the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Springfield is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION ONE—Amendments
ARTICLE III - ZONING DISTRICTS AND MAP: CONFORMITY TO ORDINANCE REGULATIONS is amended as follows:

A new Section 3.05 is added to read in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 3.05 - Conformance With Other Laws and Ordinances: Uses for enterprises or purposes that are contrary to federal, state, county or local laws or ordinances are prohibited.

SECTION TWO—Balance of Ordinance Remains in Effect

The balance of Ordinance No. 26 shall remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

SECTION THREE—Repealer
All ordinances or portions of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR—Savings Clause
Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section Three of this ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance.

SECTION FIVE—Severability
Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION SIX—Effective Date
This Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the manner prescribed by law. This Ordinance shall be published in the manner provided by law.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the complete text of Zoning Ordinance No. 26 and documents related to the proposed amendments may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 12000 Davisburg Rd., Davisburg, MI 48350 during regular office hours. Written comments may be submitted to the Springfield Township Clerk up until the time of the Public Hearing. Those persons needing a special accommodation should contact the Clerk's Office at least two (2) business days in advance. 248-846-6510.

Laura Moreau, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

Around Town

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Basic Yoga with Noreen Daly, 5:45 p.m., Wednesdays. Beginning and intermediate asanas (postures). Bring practice mat or towel. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road, Clarkston. 248-310-7878.

Thursday

Tai Chi with Tammy Cropp, Thursdays, 10 a.m., Peace Unity Church, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-625-5192.

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

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

Local Business Network, Clarkston/Auburn Hills Chapter, first and third Thursday, 7:30-8:45 a.m., North Oakland County Board of Realtors, 4400 W. Walton Blvd., Waterford. 248-370-8029.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$6 donation. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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

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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
NOVEMBER 21, 2011

A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Independence Township Hall.

B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

C. ROLL CALL: Present: Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace
Absent: Carson, Petterson, Wagner
There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Susan Hendricks, Finance Director; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Steven Joppich, Secret Wardle

Approval to appoint Acting Chair.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approval of Agenda as presented.

E. AGENDA ITEMS AS STATED IN THE CALL OF THE MEETING:

1. Approval of Agreement with Morgan Lake PRD Homeowner's Association and Authorization to Conduct Road Repairs.

2. Review and Discussion of 2012 Department of Public Works Budget

F. PUBLIC COMMENT:

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

H. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1326.

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

MOPS, Mothers Of Preschoolers, first and third Thursdays, 9-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Call Saleena, 734-620-2844.

Divorce Care, Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. through Jan. 5; Jan. 12-April 5; April 26-July 19. Weekly video presentation with small group discussion. \$15 for workbook. Join any time. Childcare provided. at 248-620-8420.

Saturday

Yoga for the fibromyalgia patient, 11:30 a.m., first Saturday. Taught by an instructor living with fibro. Support and community follows class; \$12 walk-in or purchase 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-9270.

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Road. \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

Volunteer opportunities

Volunteering, Avalon Hospice, 800-664-6334; Oakland County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, 248-559-1147; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, 248-320-0106. Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55+, 248-559-1147 ext. 3427.

STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
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COUNTY OF OAKLAND

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Maryellen A. Jones. Date of birth: 4/11/1931
TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Maryellen A. Jones, who lived at 5924 Bay Pointe, Clarkston, Michigan died 10/29/2011.

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Robert McCurry & Sherri W. Hinard
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**OFFICIAL NOTICE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Charter Township of Independence **December Board of Review** will meet at the Township Hall Office on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 9:00 am. This office is located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346.

Sincerely,
Kristen Sieloff, MAAO
Independence Township Assessor
248 625-8114

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Luginski followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Roll: Present - Mayor Luginski, Bisio, Hunter, Hargis, Inabnit, Roth and Brueck

Others Present - City Managers- Ritter, Attorney Ryan and Planner Carlisle

Moved by Hargis, supported by Bisio, to approve the Agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Moved by Roth with support by Hargis to approve the consent agenda. Moved by Hargis, supported by Hunter to approve the Consent Agenda minus the Cash Disbursements from the Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried. Bisio voting No

Moved by Hargis, supported by Inabnit to remove Resolution FY013 from the table and open up for discussion.

Resolved by Bisio, supported by Brueck to amend the resolution to provide that the City's share of the expenses would not exceed \$31,329.

Motion failed lack of support.

Roll Call Vote (on original resolution):
Ayes: Brueck, Hargis, Hunter, Luginski, Inabnit and Roth

Nays: Bisio

Resolution Adopted

Special Land Use Overlay District Request - Planning Commission recommended approval of the Special Land Use for Union Adworks last week. Council needs a motion to open up for discussion.

Moved By Hargis, supported by Brueck to open up for discussion.

Moved by Haggis, supported by Brueck to approve the Special Land Use Overlay District request as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Motion Carried. Roth Abstain.

Laura Moreau, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield



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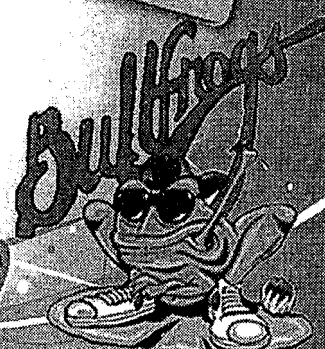
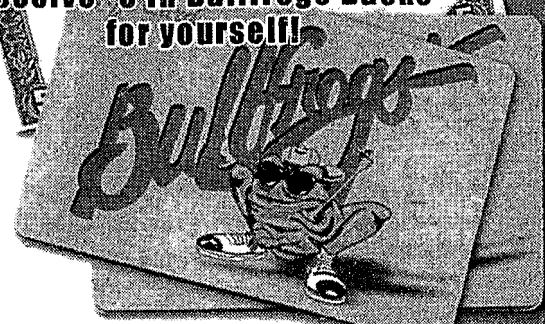
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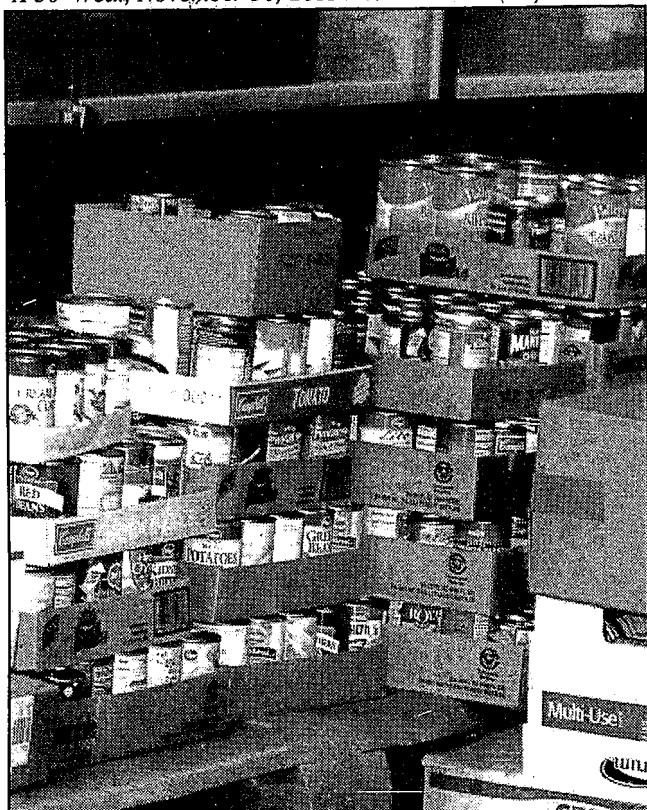
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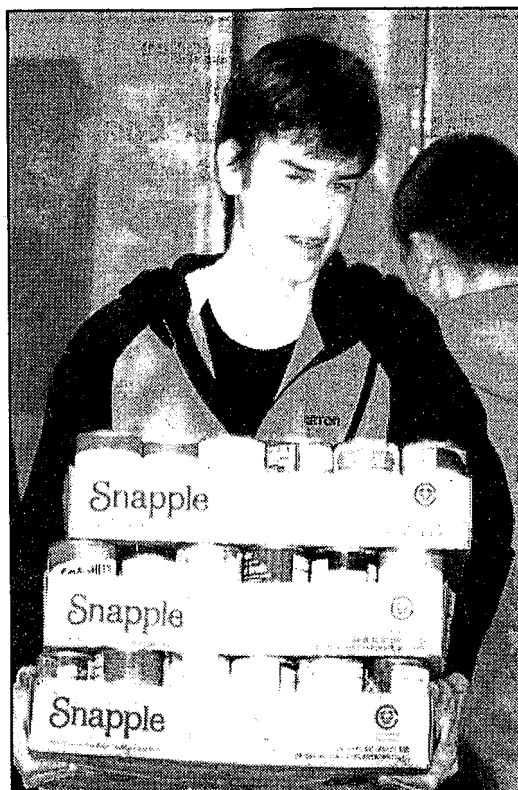
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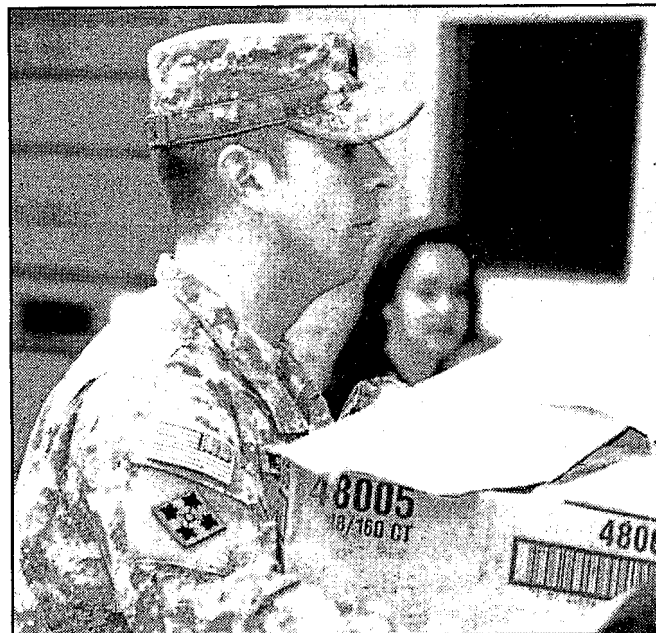
A portion of donations from the community.



Sam Larkin takes the trays of cans to their next destination.



SSG Rodney Ruttan secures the second box.



SSG Allan Winston loads a last minute drop off.

Operation: Success

Clarkston Junior High School students were still helping load the U.S. Army HEMTT (Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck) when another few boxes were dropped off for Operation Homefront.

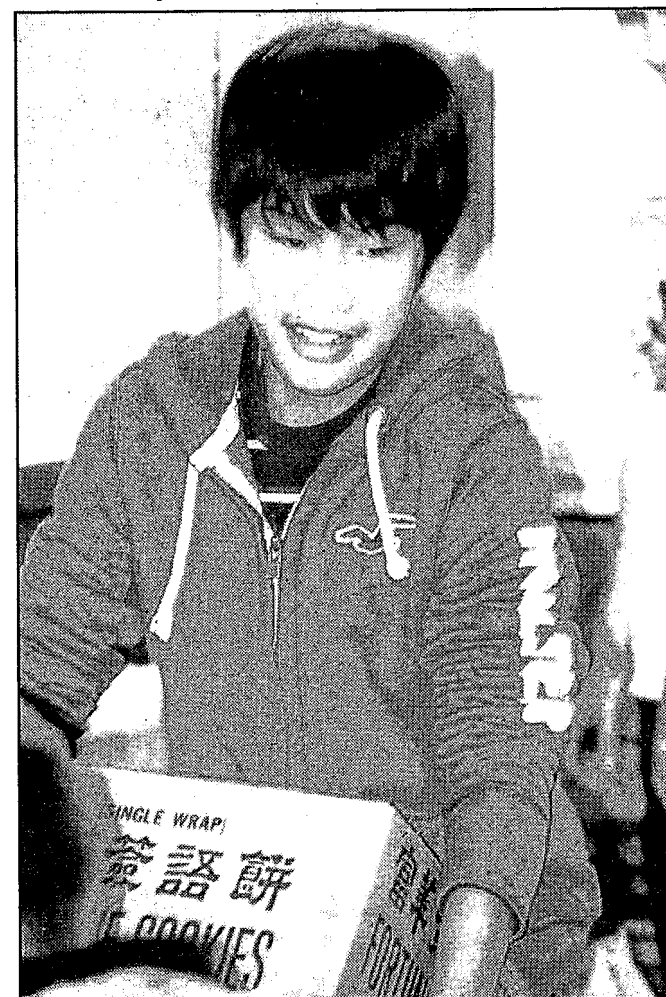
The second hour Advanced International Baccalaureate class ran a food drive for the organization.

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food and gift certificates to grocery stores.

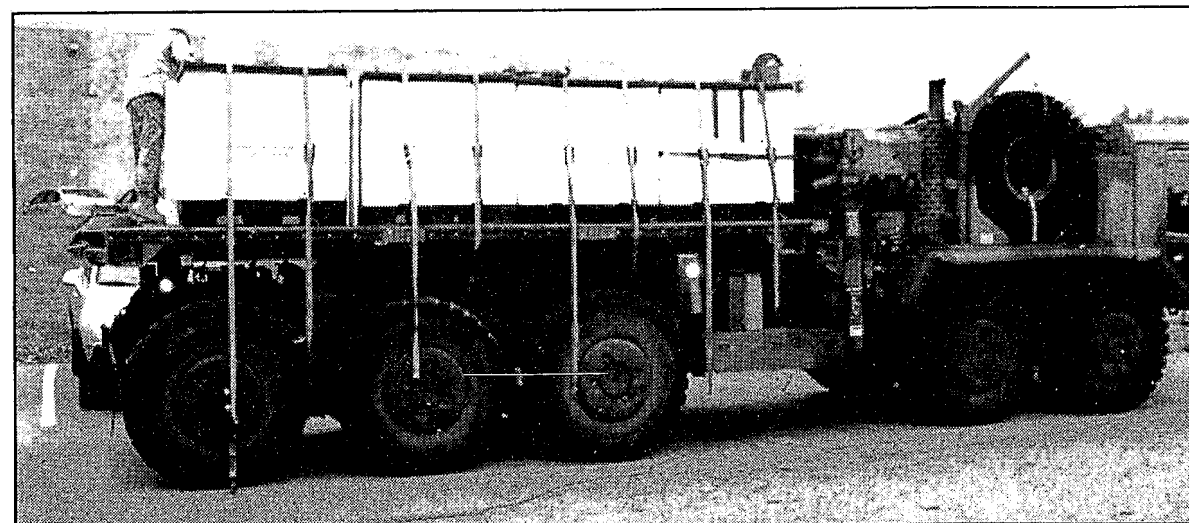
Christine Rogers, Clarkston Community Schools' Academic Service Learning liaison, was amazed by the outpouring support from the community as well as the students.

For more information on Operation Homefront, please visit www.OperationHomefront.net/Michigan.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Nick Li packs one of the boxes for the truck.



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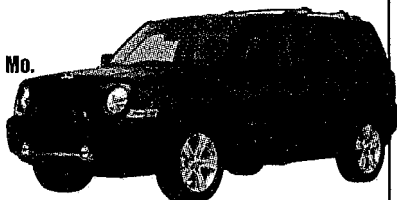
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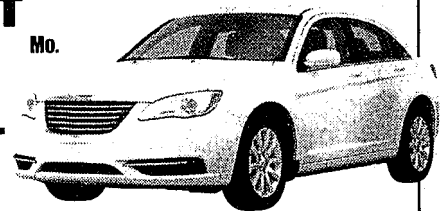
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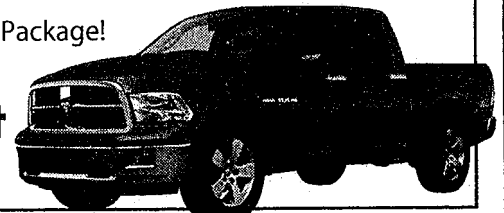


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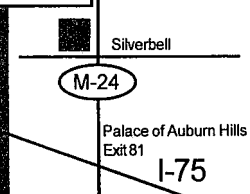
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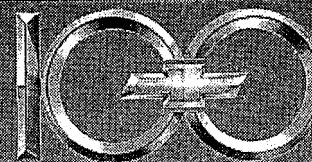
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