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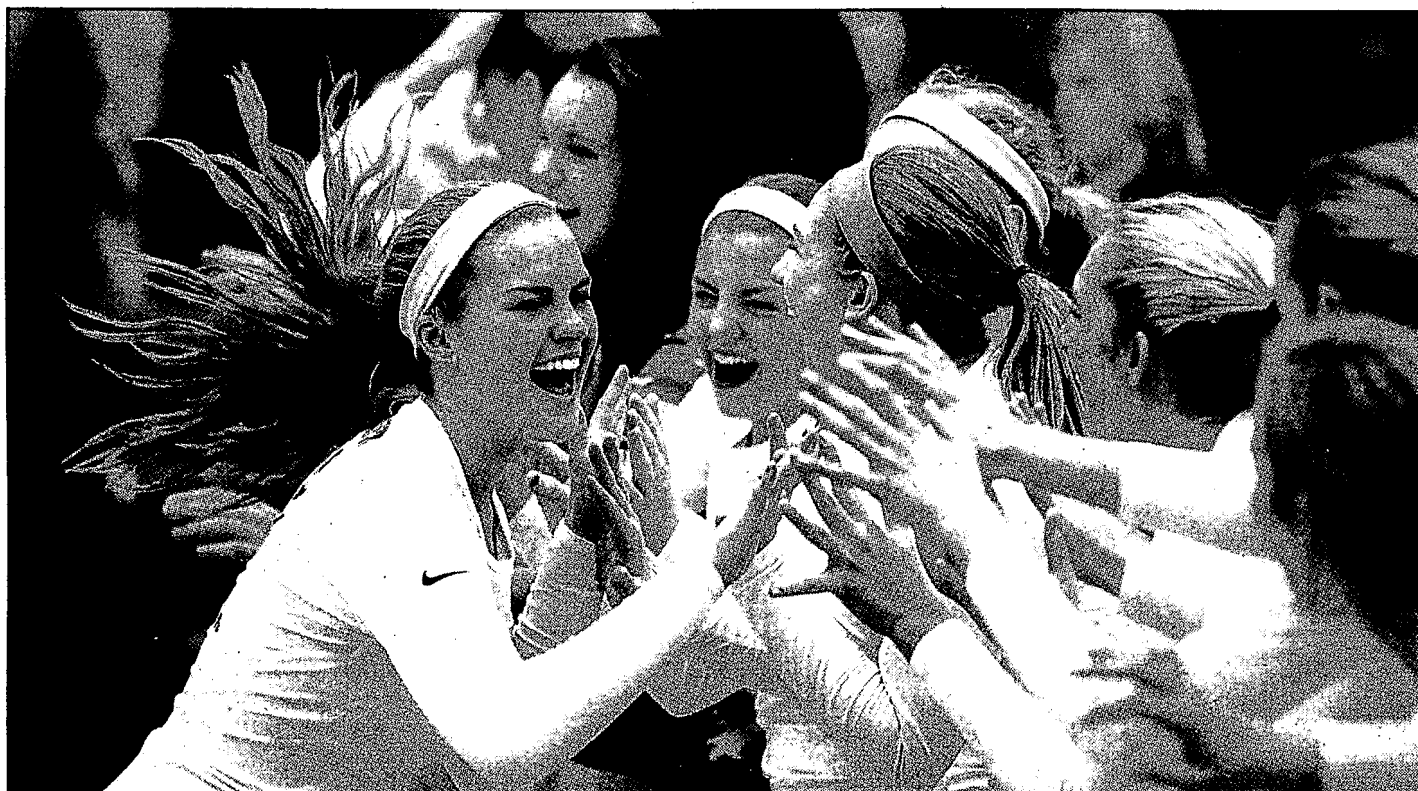
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SPIKERS STOKED: Senior Kaley Konjarevich and the Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Volleyball team are psyched for their last home game, for the OAA Red title against Lake Orion last Thursday. Please see page 13A for story. *Photo by Larry Wright.*

Revised McLaren plans OK'd

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The state denied McLaren hospital's Certificate of Need (CON) application for Clarkston and stripped it from Bill 1269, but McLaren's not giving up.

Bill 1269 was proposed by state Sen. Mike Kowall. Its amendments to state health code no longer include a provision to allow McLaren to relocate 200 beds from Pontiac to Clarkston, said McLaren Health Care's Senior Vice President Greg Lane said.

McLaren's new plan calls for a Level II Trauma center. Independence Township Board voted unanimously, Oct. 16, to approve second reading of the revised plans for McLaren's Sashabaw and Bow Pointe location.

Township's planner Dick Carlisle of Carlisle and Wortman Associates outlined the most significant amendments.

One revision to the plan is a permit condition "to ensure there's a level two trauma center," said Carlisle.

If McLaren does not stay on track to become a level II Trauma center, the township can enforce the provision by "withholding of building permits and certificates of occupancy all the way up to and including the initiation of court enforcement action for enforcement of the zoning regulations," said township attorney Steve Joppich.

Other changes to the previous McLaren Planned Unit Development (PUD) included required traffic improvements and additional stipulations on water system costs.

According to Trustee Neil Wallace, "there will be a traffic impact, there's no

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Trauma
Center?
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'Scary house' isn't so scary, downtown man says

Resident ghost is really kind of nice, he says

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Chip Travis thinks he's seen and even interacted with a ghost in his house in downtown Clarkston.

"I've seen the ghost three times," he said.

Travis describes what he sees as a smoky apparition that feels chilly when it

wisps past, but why his house? One possible answer came in the form of a visitor who walked by his home one day.

An elderly woman wearing a long, old-fashioned dress stopped to talk to Travis while he was repairing his porch steps. She was with an old man who wore a bowler hat atop his head and never said a word.

The lady told Travis when she was a little girl, she swung from a rope tied to the tree that still stands in his front yard.

"We called it the Tarzan tree," she said.

The tree's low branches grow away from the trunk in U-shapes, allowing for easy climbing.

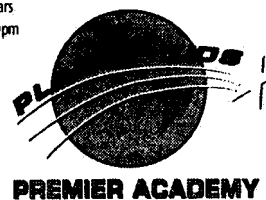
She stopped swinging from the tree after a tragedy struck the family living in the house. Sarah, one of three children who resided there, died unexpectedly, the old woman told Travis.

After Sarah's death, neighborhood children called her home "the scary house." It took on the new name because Sarah's family continued to set the dinner table
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On the floor from left are Everest drama students Morgan Rendell, Bridget Smith, and Diana Zott, on couch from left, Jeremy Schupbach, Shannon DiSalle, "Harvey," Gabe Fenske, Kirsten Engel, and Damon Nallamothu with Thomas Lannen, standing. Not pictured, Ben Bates and Ben Marcial. Photo by Phil Custodio

Invisible rabbit hijinks in upcoming Everest comedy show

The Everest Collegiate Drama Department presents "Harvey," a three-act comedy by Mary Chase.

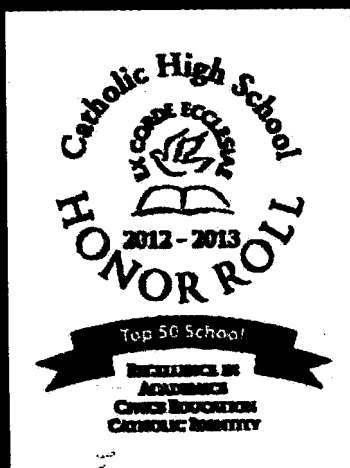
The show opens Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. A

dinner theater will be on Nov. 17 with dinner at 6 p.m. and show at 7:30 p.m., and a 2 p.m. matinee is Nov. 18.

"Harvey is the story of Elwood P. Dowd,

and his unwavering friendship with a 6-foot-tall, invisible rabbit named Harvey," said drama teacher Aileen Cronin.

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Encounters with ghostly houseguest

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with five plates, the old lady explained. Even though Sarah had passed, one place setting was left where the young girl used to sit.

Intrigued by the old woman's story, Travis invited her to come in and share more history about his house, but she refused.

"We're heading to the cemetery, but we'll stop by on our way back," she said.

Travis watched the lady and man walk down the sidewalk toward the cemetery but never saw them return.

Since the elderly couple's visit, Travis has taken to calling the ghost Sarah and believes she has left him gifts. One day a golden, heart-shaped charm appeared on his dresser. He placed the charm in a wooden box he made that's also heart-shaped, but the golden piece of jewelry doesn't always stay inside.

After placing the heart charm inside the box and closing it, Chip sometimes finds it on the basement floor, and it isn't the only item that has mysteriously appeared.

While working in his backyard, a ping-pong ball flew over Chip's shoulder and bounced along the ground.

"Who is there?" Chip asked, but no one answered.

His neighbor's house was vacant.

When walking out of his bathroom, another ping-pong ball came bouncing along the marble floor as if it was tossed. The balls are dirty, scarred, and dented, and Travis doesn't own a ping-pong table.

Peculiar ping-pong balls and heart charms aren't the only ways Sarah interacts with Travis. She has also left messages in the steam of his bathroom mirror and shower door.

The notes have been written in German and say, "welcome," said Chip who has watched them appear all at once. The words are made of "little droplets of water condensed in script," he said. "It's not something you can do with your finger."

Travis tried writing back without success, and although he took a photo of the words in the mirror, the picture that developed showed an odd, gleaming orb floating in the air. When he wrote the messages down, the paper he used would go missing.

"You can excuse things," he said with a shrug, but he's certain some sights and sounds aren't tricks of his imagination.

He describes walking down the hall passed a small side room and startling a smoky, shapeless form. "It zipped through my arm and went through a tear in the screen," he said.

Something similar happened while he was outside on his back porch. As if frightened, the hazy, formless smoke "went through the fence," he said.

Although the ghostly smoke feels chilly, Travis doesn't feel threatened by it. In fact, he likes Sarah's presence and finds it entertaining.



Chip Travis points to where he saw an apparition go under his fence.



At the time this photo was taken, Chip didn't realize there was a ghostly mist around him. He believes this smokey cloud might be his ghost, Sarah.

"It doesn't want to scare us," he insists. In some cases, Travis believes the ghost listens to him and responds to what he says.

For example, he would find his front door opened on its own. Fearful that his dog would wander outside, Travis said aloud, "You can't open this door." Since then, Sarah has left the front door closed.

Travis also remembers having a conversation about replacing his front windows with a door to restore the house to its original lay out.

Soon after the discussion, Travis saw his welcome mat move from one part of his porch and around the corner to lie beneath the windows.

As if Sarah overheard Travis's conversation and agreed with the idea to renovate, she dropped the mat right where the home's first door was located at the top of the steps that once led to the entrance. The original stairs can still be seen beneath the house.

Along with the steps, Travis's home, built in the 1880s, has other odd architectural

features. In the basement, where he's found the missing heart charm, is a room that "has no explanation," said Travis. "There's no entry, no exit." The room is constructed of stone, but covered up with cement. With a chuckle, Travis calls it "the crypt."

There used to be an outhouse where his pool sits now and a "creepy barn where the garage is," said Travis. There's a tombstone too.

In Travis's backyard, a broken grave lies along a brick walkway. Cracks through the words and dates make it impossible to tell when the white stone was placed there or whose name was etched onto it. Travis has been careful to never disturb the grave.

Spooky architectural features and odd phenomenon haven't discouraged Travis from staying in his home, however.

Instead, he considers Sarah a welcome houseguest and eagerly awaits his next close encounter. See video of Chip Travis and his haunted home in a special Halloween episode of "Seeing Green" on Clarkston TV at www.clarkstontv.com.

Briefly

Student count up

Clarkston schools' student count is up this year, by 26.64 full-time equivalents (FTE).

The state requires districts to count up full-time equivalencies when calculating per-pupil funding. Unofficial student count for Clarkston from Oct. 3 is 8,019.64, up from 7,993 last year. Students are less than full time when they receive special education or other services during the day.

Total headcount is about 8,800 students. Clarkston's state funding is \$7,082 per pupil. Last year's per pupil funding was \$7,382, according to the state.

Library to get repairs

The Clarkston Independence District Library will get a new roof within 6-8 weeks. The board approved spending \$71,250 for Bloom Roofing Systems to replace the 20-year-old roof.

"The roof needs to be replaced. It's in terrible shape," said Superintendent Bart Clark.

The library's heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) units will also be repaired. HVAC ductwork and electrical box replacement will cost \$98,602, and Contrast Mechanical Systems will provide the service.

Ballot proposal info

The Oakhurst Homeowners Association is partnering with the Library Yes committee and presumptive Supervisor-elect Pat Kittle to present information on six state ballot proposals set for a vote, Nov. 6.

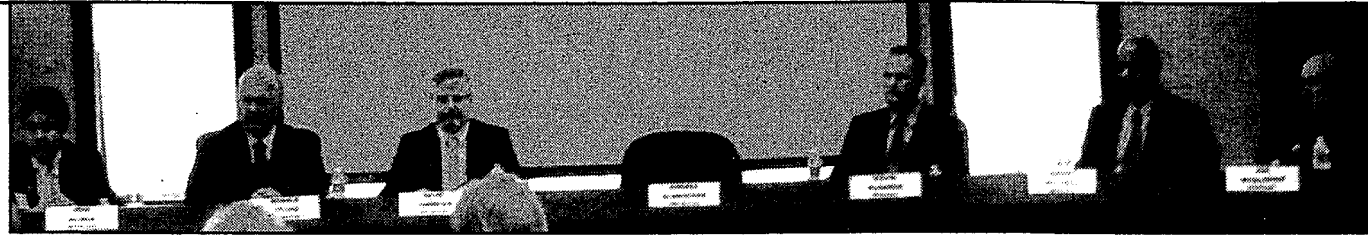
The guest speaker is Michael D. LaFave, director of the Morey Policy Initiative at Mackinac Center for Public Policy. All are welcome at the event, Thursday, Oct. 25, 7-8 p.m., in the Fireside Room at the Oakhurst Clubhouse.

Pups on Parade

Costumed critters march down Clarkston's Main Street on Saturday, Oct. 27, 1-3 p.m. during the "Howl-o-ween Pooch Parade."

The Michigan Animal Rescue League and Devoted Friends of Ortonville will offer pet adoptions and a costume contest in Depot Park at 3 p.m. Pet food donations will also be accepted.

Retailers with orange and black balloons outside their shops plan to give away dog treats to costumers who stop by with pets. Parking will be available at 90 N. Main.



From left, Republican candidates Jose Aliaga, Ron Ritchie, and David Lohmeier debate Democrat candidates Kevin Bushroe, Jeremy Mitchell, and Joe Wauldron. Photo by Mary Keck



From left, Clarkston School Board candidates Cheryl McGinnis, Betty Reilly, Kelli Horst, Sue Boatman, and Joan Patterson discuss the issues with Phil Custodio, on ClarkstonTV.com. Photo by Al Partington

Local debates

Voters got a closer look at local township trustee and school board candidates during debates held this week for broadcast on ClarkstonTV.com and Independence TV.

Read next week's *Clarkston News* for election coverage, then cast your ballot on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

What does a Trauma II hospital mean?

McLaren still needs state approval for hospital

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getting away from that, but McLaren has pledged dollars to help us design a way to soften the blow of that impact."

The designs would focus on the intersection of Waldon and Sashabaw and the I-75 interchange.

McLaren will also be responsible for any effect they have on the township's water system, as well as sewer and storm water system, Wallace said.

"To the extent that they are burdening our water system, [McLaren] will step up and pay for the cost to the township," he said.

"There would be no impact on the citizens' sewer rates," Wallace stated, but noted questions of traffic impact and water depend on whether or not McLaren gets past the roadblock of their CON denial.

"While they are confident, they aren't there yet. It's not a forgone conclusion that they're going to be approved," said Wallace.

However, Lane thinks once the bill is on the house or senate floor, "amendatory language allowing us to relocate the 200 beds will go into the legislation," he said. He also indicated McLaren has been conversing with the governor's office for support.

If the hospital isn't approved through Michigan state legislature, "we won't hesitate to pursue court action if we have to," said Lane.

According to current plans, building of the McLaren hospital will start in 2015, but "whether a hospital should be located here is really up to Lansing," Wallace said.

The Independence Township board approved first reading of the McLaren PUD on July 17.

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Current plans for the \$300 million McLaren hospital project in Clarkston ensure the facility will be on track to become a Level II Trauma Center.

To find out how a hospital earns this designation, *The Clarkston News* spoke to Connie Mattice, a site reviewer for the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and recently retired from Michigan's State Trauma Advisory Council (STAC).

Every state has a system of designating trauma levels for health facilities, and in Michigan the ACS inspects hospitals and determines if they are Trauma level I, II, III, or IV. "To be a level II, you're going to have to go through the American College of Surgeons verification process," said Mattice.

According to Mattice, a Trauma II center offers "a broad spectrum of services for your emergency department," she said. The hospital's emergency offerings would be available twenty-four hours a day and 365 days a year.

Services present at a Trauma II Center include a neurosurgical team, an orthopedic specialist, rehabilitation specialties, CAT Scan availability, Radiology, plastics, and much more.

Mattice notes developing these resources is an expensive and time-consuming endeavor. To acquire CAT Scan machines and other similar tools, McLaren would need the approval of the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) through another Certificate of Need (CON) application.

Once all the equipment is approved by the state and the emergency department is up and running, the process of reaching a trauma level can

begin. "From start to finish [the process] probably takes three to five years," said Mattice.

In order to earn a trauma II designation, a hospital must collect a year's worth of data, which shows the health facility has offered quality trauma care. It must have performance improvement plans in place and must undergo a site review. "It is a process of showing how you manage and address trauma care," said Mattice.

A Trauma II hospital retains its designation for three years, and then it can renew its classification. In short, "It is quite a rigorous process to go through" and "won't be done overnight," said Mattice.

What makes a Trauma II center different from a Trauma I?

"In what we look at in site review, a Level I is more of an academic center," said Mattice. Typically, Level I centers are research focused and often established within a university setting, which offers residency and fellowship programs.

Would a Level II Trauma center be appropriate for Independence Township?

Independence Township's EMS transported 484 patients with life-threatening injuries to nearby hospitals in 2012. Mattice believes those numbers are "typical of what a Level II would see, and that's about four to five hundred major injuries a year," she said.

While trauma levels aren't determined by a number of beds, 250 to 300 beds are the usual amount found in a Trauma II hospital, said Mattice. Find information on the ACS at www.facs.org or the Michigan Trauma Coalition at mitrauma.com.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Great debates

The presidential debates have been interesting this year.

I've enjoyed watching President Obama and Gov. Romney go at it during their three debates, even if I had lots of work I had to get to.

Lots of strategizing go into those things, with the candidates and their teams going over every conceivable scenario. Do they work that hard when preparing for meetings with world leaders and legislators? I hope so.

Then there's watching the commentators discuss winners and losers, points, and zingers. Romney seemed to have mostly left the zinger game behind at Monday's debate, much to commentators' disappointment, probably. After that, I like checking out what the Saturday Night Live guys come up with.

The World Wide Web being what it is, I can also check out what the animators at Next Media Animation make of the debates, over in Taiwan.

They use computer animation to tell the news. Mitt Romney pummeling the president with oversize boxing gloves, making his head spin, for the first debate. Their video covering the 2012 American League Championship Series, with actual (animated) tigers bounding onto the diamond and mauling a Yankees pitcher down to his skeleton. That's the sort of thing they do.

Those aren't the only debates available to watch, though.

Locally, the League of Women Voters hosted a debate featuring candidates for Independence Township trustee, for broadcast on public access Independence TV.

There are Republicans and Democrats in this year's race, so it wasn't decided in last August's primary for a change.

The candidates came up with some new ideas, reports Mary Keck, who asked some of the questions in the debate.

I hosted my own debate/discussion on ClarkstonTV.com for Clarkston School Board candidates. Being a newspaper guy, I brought up the school board's communications policy, as presented by that lawyer back in February. Interesting discussion on that and other issues.



A call for change

Dear Editor,

After what seems like an endless campaign period, our community is about to cast their ballots. Our votes will impact federal, state, county and local candidates and issues.

Residents of Independence Township will be voting for basically a new leadership team at the Board of Trustees level. While the Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk are running unopposed, the trustees who make up four members of the new board are being chosen on November 6.

We hope you are as excited about this change in leadership as we are. For too many years, there has been a cloud of doubt over what some considered a dysfunctional board.

As candidates who received significant support from the community but were not the top four vote getters, we feel we ran for the right reasons, to give back to the township and steer the local government in a positive direction.

We would like to ask voters who supported us in the primary to consider and put their support behind David Lohmeier (R), Ron Ritchie (R), Andrea Schroeder (R), and Jeremy Mitchell (D) for the four trustee positions.

We are asking supporters to cross party lines but this election is not about what's best for the party, but what's best for the township. Join us in supporting these four candidates as a strong leadership team that will keep their neighbors and the community in mind when making decisions.

*Al Pope and Joette Kunse
Independence Township*

Library millage support

Dear Editor,

Would we vote to give more money to our township library? With today's economy?

We will vote "yes" on Nov. 6 because we spend only \$33.95 per resident for all books and ebooks, newspapers and magazines, movies, music, games and videos, computers and printers, many children, teen and adult programs and other activities and of course staff and building utilities and maintenance.

We will because we want our community learning and entertainment options to more closely match our neighbors'. We don't now. We've never had a millage increase since our library's first days (1965). The Library Millage Tax Proposal will add \$16.49 to our current \$33.95 in library spending for each of us for a total of \$50.44. Our neighbors are now spending \$53.35 in Springfield, \$61.30 in Brandon, and \$64.32 in Orion.

We will vote "yes" because we get our tax back as we read and listen to more books and more e-books at much lower cost than we pay to Barnes and Noble or Amazon.

We will vote "yes" because though we have tech at home it occasionally balks and pushes us to a library computer or printer.

And we know too that expanding our library tech resources is vital for those don't yet have them at home.

"Yes" is a bargain! We get more and better low cost learning, low cost entertainment, low cost club and meeting spaces. We add value to our homes and to our own lives. We give our children learning and social resources for their successes so they can secure our country's future.

We will vote "yes" to give a little bit more, \$56 if our home is worth \$200,000, for our library tomorrow.

*John and Mary Jane Scharfenkamp
Independence Township*

Return McGinnis to board

Dear Editor,

As parents of three Clarkston graduates and now empty nesters we write this letter supporting the re-election of Cheryl McGinnis for Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education.

Cheryl's legacy in this community is seen every time you walk into any building. For nearly 20 years Cheryl has advocated for this community's children and their need for an excellent education. She has co-led several community bond initiatives which funded the then much needed new buildings at both the elementary and secondary levels while also providing equity to our older buildings in size and structure.

These bonds provided the foundation for learning at Springfield Plains, Independence Elementary and Clarkston High School to handle the increased student population that surged in the late 1990s and early 2000 from 5,000 to over 8,000. Everyone in this community has benefited from these facilities; first and foremost our students and second our tax paying community.

Through out these years, Cheryl has also served this community by co-leading the first Health and Fitness Fair at Springfield Plains with district Physical Education coordinator, served as PTA Council President, and President CHS PTSA where she worked to provide extensive alcohol awareness education for four years.

Recently she facilitated a creative partnership between the school district, the high school PTA, Oakland County and Independence Township to obtain funding to install a traffic signal and resolve a long-standing safety issue at Clarkston High School.

In her second year as school board president, (her fifth as a board trustee), she has worked to create a consistent, responsible and inclusionary process for participation at board meetings. She projects impartiality and demonstrates a willingness to compromise to reach consensus in the best interest of students. Our community is fortunate to have her as an advocate. Re-Elect Cheryl McGinnis as Trustee, Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education.

*Debra & Howard Mitchell
Independence Township*

Please see pages 19, 27 for more letters

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Boys win, girls take 3rd at league meet" The Clarkston boys cross country team had its best team meet of the season at the very best time. Led by their "Party of Five" sophomores - David Sage, Matt Haver, Kevin Breen, Chris Weber, and Dan Burke - the Wolves edged Rochester 48-49 to win the league meet. Although the team didn't win a share of the OAA I title, the third-place finish at Thursday's league meet suited girls cross country coach Deb Zonca just fine. "I was happy because we improved on our best times so much," she said.

"Police want you to have a fun Halloween" The Clarkston Police Department, in cooperation with Rudy's Quality Market, is sponsoring "Operation Night-Stick" this Halloween. Florescent glow-sticks are available at the police department and at Rudy's. Safety first will ensure another fun-filled accident-free Halloween.

25 years ago - 1987

"Albino squirrel attracts a crowd in a hurry" It wasn't an apparition, but rather an unusual occurrence in nature that Jeff and Jorja Hetherington witnessed in their back yard last week. A red squirrel resident of a tree in their backyard had a new family of four: three red babies and one white one. "The white squirrel is an albino," said Hetherington, who lives on Washington Street in Clarkston. "He has pink eyes and is pure white."

"Cemetery visits prove enlightening" Sixth-graders in the Clarkston Academically Talented class at North Sashabaw Elementary spent a blustery afternoon last week studying timeworn tombstones at the Sashabaw Plains Cemetery. Though it's nearly Halloween, they were not perpetuating social attitudes that come from books and movies portraying cemeteries as places full of ghosts and ghouls. Rather, they were learning a new way to do research, gathering information from a new source.

50 years ago - 1962

"Jaycees to offer Free ride Service Election Night" It was announced at the last general meeting that the Clarkston Area Junior Chamber of Commerce would provide a free ride and baby-sitting service for the people of Independence Township who wish to vote in the coming election.

Jim 'gleanes' a column from Florida for reading enjoyment

A Frank Cerabino column from the *Palm Beach, Fla. Post*.

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News item . . .

When announcing the phone number for Florida Fungal Meningitis hotline this week, Gov Rick Scott inadvertently gave out the wrong phone number, directing Floridians to call a phone sex hotline to answer their questions. The meningitis outbreak is linked to a batch of tainted injectable steroids that were shipped to 76 facilities in 23 states, including Florida. Scott misread the 866-523-7339 hotline number; sending callers to a phone sexline that began with a woman's voice saying, "Hello boys . . ."

Hotline: Hello boys.

Caller: Is this the hotline?

Hotline: Couldn't be hotter.

Caller: Good. I've been having this stiff neck, and I hear that's a symptom.

Hotline: Ooh, you're so funny! Please tell me everything about your neck..

Caller: Well, it started yesterday and it hasn't let up. It seems to get stiffer by the hour.

Hotline: Oh, you poor boy. I'll bet you need some relief.

Caller: It's probably no big thing.

Hotline: I'll bet you it's bigger than you think.

Caller: Do you think so?

Hotline: Yes. I'm so glad you called. I want you to tell me everything.

Caller: OK. I think I'm running a fever.

Hotline: Ooh, this call is making me hot, too. Sooo hot.

Caller: You too? Did you get an injection recently?

Hotline: Mmm. Would you like to hear about it? Is that what you want?

Caller: Actually, I thought we'd be talking about me.

Hotline: Yes, of course, I am so ready to talk about you.

Caller: I don't know if I have that fungal thing that's . . .

Hot line: Oh, don't worry, dear. I'm going to make you feel better. I'm putting on my tight white nurse's uniform now. Oh, it's way too tight. And short.

Caller: . . . and I've been dizzy all week.

Hotline: Maybe you just need to lie down and close your eyes and let your nurse take over.

Caller: OK. I'm ready. Let's get started.

Hotline: Not so fast, dear. Before we get started, you're going to have to give me your credit card infor-

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Mr. Crankypants, that's Don. But why?

Holy Beat Me With A Happy Stick, Batman. I must be cranky or something 'cuz I'm feeling mighty critical these days. "Pour quoi, Donuldo?" you are probably asking yourself right about now.

And, that's the thing. I don't know why. I've tried to figure it out. All I know is some things have made my eyes roll, when they shouldn't have. For example, a while ago I read a news story about a traffic light planned for Sashabaw Road.

It was a harmless little story about Independence Township spending one third of \$150,000 worth of 100 percent tax payer money.

When I read the lead, "Drivers will have a seventh stop on Sashabaw now that the township has approved a new traffic light at the intersection of Flemmings Lake and Sashabaw roads" I became indignant to the editorial staff gathered 'round me.

"What another light?! It's gonna be like Southfield here soon. Just what we need, another stinking light to slow us down, wear out our brakes . . . and did you know when I was in school I could ride my bike back and fourth over both lanes of traffic on Sashabaw Road on my way to and from football practice without having to worry about . . ."

From the glazed-over looks on the

reporter-types in the room. I think they heard, "What, another blah, blah, blah?! Southfield. Blah, blah, stinking, blah, blah, blah, when I was blah, blah."

Undeterred I forged ahead with my tirade, "Long overdue" it says here. 'In the end it's gonna save awful lot of lives,' and wait here's another quote about this project, 'It's important to the safety of citizens.'"

I then did what I frequently do when trying to get a point across -- I whipped up support data for my argument. I grabbed my calculator and as I punched in the numbers from the article, I reported aloud what I was doing.

"39,970 vehicles a day pass Flemmings Lake Road via Sashabaw times 365 days a year = 14 million 589 thousand and fifty cars a year go by there. The article says since 2009 there have been 13 crashes there.

So, in three years the number of cars who have passed that intersection trippled and equals 43 million, 767 thousand, one hundred and fifty."

Dead eyes stared blankly back at me.

"If you divide the 13 accidents by the 43 million number, you get . . ." I punched

the hand held calculator like the proverbial man on a righteous mission -- with zealous enthusiasm. ". . . wait a minute, you get an accident at Sashabaw and Flemmings Lake Road point zero, zero, zero, zero, zero, zero two percent of the time."

That was six zeroes, folks. Six.

Now, I know although a location may have a high number of crashes, it does not necessarily mean it is dangerous (crash severity and traffic volume also play a role), and the opposite can also be true.

But, there are other more-crashy sites than Sashabaw and Flemmings Lake. According to Michigan's Traffic Improvement Association folks, in that same period there were 97 crashes at Waldon and Sashabaw, 89 at Maybee and Sashabaw; heck, there were 23 crashes at Oak Hill and Sashabaw Road and 19 at Sashabaw and Pine Knob Road.

I know, I know. You're saying to the loved one across from you, "Mr. Crankypants is being hyper critical about things he really doesn't know much about." I know, because that's the look I was getting from my crib of reporters.

You think I don't know about the government budget credo of "if you don't spend you lose." Oh contrair mon frair, I do realize that.

But gee-whiz, why is it that whenever government types spend money they al-

mation.

Caller: You medical people are all alike. Payment up front. Do you have an HMO?

Hotline: But I almost forgot *Cinemax After Dark*.

Caller: How expensive is this going to be?

Hotline: Depends how long we take.

Caller: When do you get off?

Hotline: Honey let's not get ahead of ourselves here. Now will that be MasterCard or Visa?

Caller: Wait a seond. What about lab tests?

Hotline: And I'll need the credit card expiration date.

Caller: How am I supposed to do the lab tests on the phone?

Hotline: . . . and the three digit security code on the back of the card.

Caller: Aren't you going to need to draw some of my spinal fluid?

Hotline: Listen up, Pal. We're not talking about your fluids until I have that credit card information.

Caller: You know you seem way more interested in the money than in meningitis.

Hotline: Buddy, I don't even know where Gitis is, but I've had men from all over call me, and if they don't have money, we don't talk. That's the rules.

Hotline hangs up.

Caller: Stupid Obamacare!



A column by Don Rush

ways feel the need to justify their decisions with quotes like the ones I quoted? Breathe deep, Don. In with the good, out with the bad.

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As I type, I am anticipating another Monday Night Football blackout at home from the "local" ABC affiliate in Flint, Channel 12.

Last year, when the Detroit Lions played their first Monday Night Football game in a gagillion years, Channel 12 brainiacks didn't air the game, rather Dancin' With the Stars played out before my tear-filled baby blues.

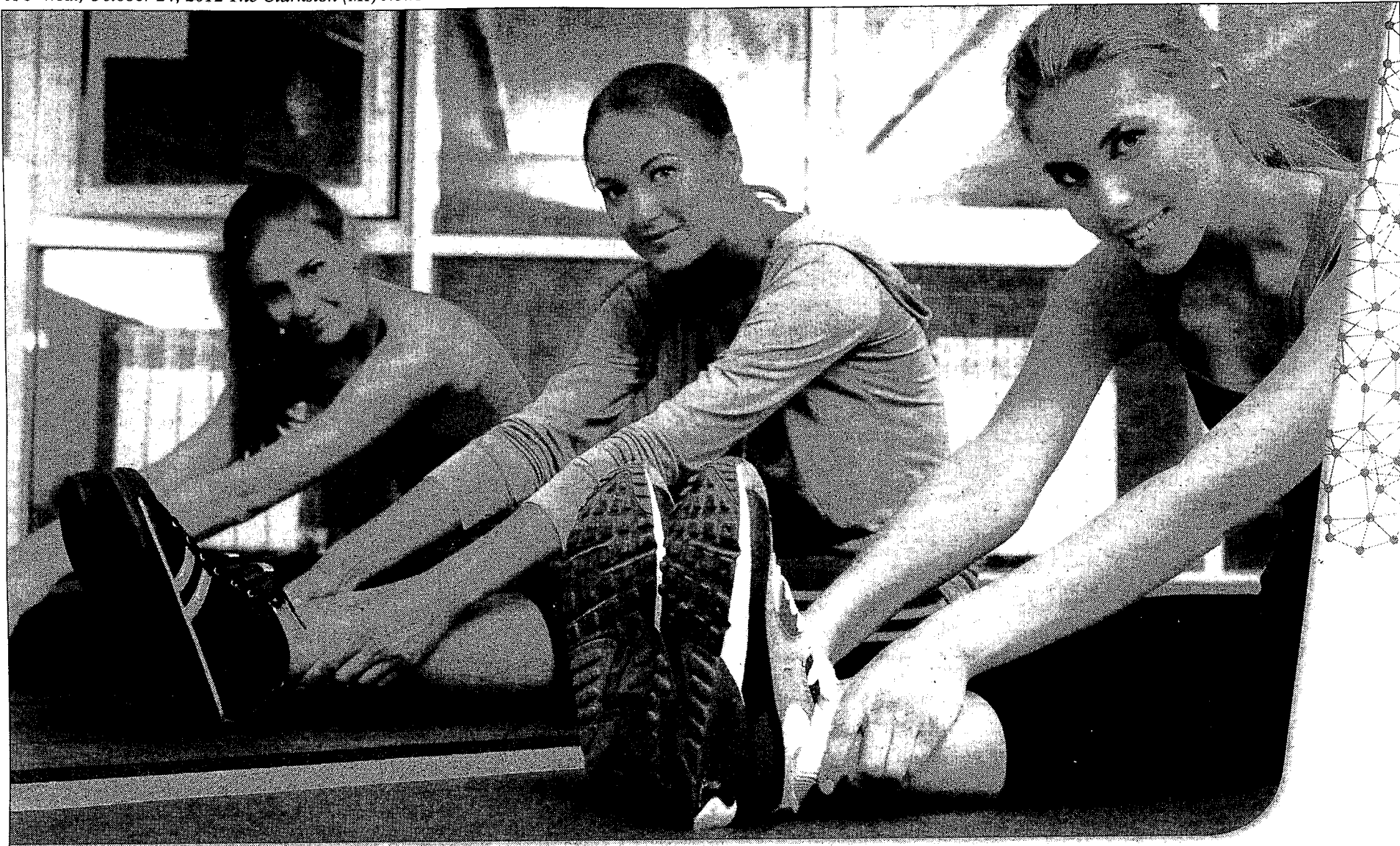
Since I am the cheapest man in town, I don't pay for television programming.

AND I have not seen a single Detroit Tiger baseball playoff game this season (they were on "cable.").

I could have watched the other teams in the playoffs on "free TV", but, they weren't local, so I didn't want to.

This past weekend when we tried to watch the Michigan-Michigan State college football game, we couldn't. It wasn't on the local ABC affiliate like it always has been in the past. It was on the Big10 Network. Frackin' smackin' "cable!"

Hey, I just think I figured out why I'm cranky. (Hint, read the last three paragraphs.) So, I take back my tirade.



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Semi driver cited

A 47-year-old Oxford man's semi-truck ran out of gas on I-75 near Sashabaw Road, so he pulled over and went to a nearby restaurant for some drinks before returning to the truck and falling asleep. A deputy stopped to check on him, 6:13 p.m., Oct. 11. Finding paperwork lacking, he cited the driver with operating an unregistered vehicle and not having a U.S. DOT number, as well as failure to put out reflective safety triangles.

Air conditioner swiped

A central air conditioning unit was cut away and taken from a rental home in the 4000 block of Oak Grove Drive, Oct. 11.

Speeder with narcotics

A deputy clocked a car at 67 mph in a 45 mph zone, 7 p.m., Oct. 12, on Sashabaw Road at Oakhill Road. The driver, a 20-year-old North Branch man, didn't pull over for the deputy's emergency lights, turning sharply onto Zeer Boulevard, speeding through a residential area before pulling into a cul-de-sac and finally coming to a stop. He said he didn't see the deputy and was looking for a friend's house. He was found with six capsules controlled-substance drugs and a glass pipe that tested positive for marijuana. He was arrested and jailed for possession of narcotics, and fleeing and eluding.

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Gun misplaced

A Davisburg man put his cased handgun on the roof of his car then forgot about it, 10:03 p.m., Oct. 12, in the 9000 block of Boulder Court. He didn't remember it until he had been to the grocery store and bank, and by that time, it was gone.

Another Davisburg resident noticed the gun in the roadway on Creekwood Trail. He stopped, scooped it up, and turned it in to deputies at Independence Township substation the next day. Deputies called the owner and had him pick it up.

Arrest in domestic dispute

Employees restrained a 28-year-old Howell man after he started beating on his girlfriend in a pickup truck in the parking lot of a party store in the 9000 block of Dixie Highway, 1:09 a.m., Oct. 13. He had a preliminary breath test of .22, and was arrested for domestic violence, as well as a felony warrant out of Washtenaw County.

Vehicles targets for theft

Someone pried open a rear slider window of a vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, Oct. 13, and took speakers and GPS.

A phone, Ipad, and CDs were taken from an unlocked car parked in the 5000 block of Parview Drive, Oct. 13.

Registration and insurance papers were taken from an unlocked vehicle parked in the 5000 block of Briarwood Court, Oct. 16.

Drunk driver arrested

A 46-year-old St. Clair Shores man was arrested for drunk driving after crashing on Waldon Road at Pine Knob Road, 12:07 a.m., Oct. 13. He said he had drunk four beers, and had a preliminary breath test of .122.

Stolen bike and signs

A bike was taken from a garage on North Holcomb Road, Oct. 15.

Two eight-foot-tall farmers' market signs were taken from the 12000 block of Davisburg Road, Oct. 15.

Stolen purse recovered

A purse taken from a downtown Main Street business was recovered near Square Lake and Adams roads in Bloomfield Township, Oct. 16. It was reported stolen, Sept. 25. Contents were intact except for some cash.

Crash results in citation

A 56-year-old Independence Township man crashed his vehicle at Maybee and Sashabaw roads, 7:06 p.m., Oct. 17. He had seven license suspensions, misdemeanor warrant for disorderly conduct in Waterford, and warrant out of 52-2 District Court for contempt of court. He was advised and released on the warrants, and cited for failure to yield and no proof of insurance, pending prosecutor review. His vehicle was towed due to damage.

Two jailed for drugs

Deputies responded to call for suspicious vehicles in the parking lot of the shopping plaza at Dixie Highway and White Lake Road, 7:05 p.m., Oct. 19. They found two vehicles parked close together, with two men in one of them. While investigating the scene, they found several grams of cocaine along with marijuana in the occupied vehicle. The suspects, a 24-year-old Davisburg man and 23-year-old Independence Township resident, were arrested and jailed for drug possession. Investigation continues.

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Friday	08-24-12	Rochester Adams (win)	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	08-31-12	West Bloomfield	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	09-07-12	Rochester	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	09-14-12	Athens	Away	7 p.m.
Friday	09-21-12	Stoney Creek	Away	7 p.m.
Friday	09-28-12	Pontiac	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	10-05-12	Troy	Home	7 p.m.
Friday	10-12-12	Lake Orion	Away	7 p.m.

Team	Overall Wins	Losses	Team	Overall Wins	Losses
1. Clarkston	9	0	5. Rochester	5	4
2. Lake Orion	8	1	6. West Bloomfield	2	7
3. Troy	5	4	7. Pontiac	1	8
4. Stoney Creek	5	4	8. Troy Athens	2	7

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

One step at a time

Clarkston runners have dominated the paths throughout the season.

Their most recent victories included taking second place in the OAA Jamboree, Oct. 18, and the Oakland County Meet, Oct. 3. Both races Birmingham Seaholm took first place.

"They performed really well," said Coach Kevin Breen. "Out of the 44 teams in the county we took second place to the number one ranked team in the state."

The top three runners for the meet were Nicole Hanson, in ninth place; Lysnie Gram, in 16th; and Erin Billette, in 28th place.

Leading the Lady Wolves in the OAA Red Jamboree were Hanson and Billette, who both finished the season as All-League.

"Across the board we had solid performances," Breen said, adding "it's nice to know we've got a couple of runners on our JV team that are close to the varsity line up. It's nice to know we have runners coming up that can take the place of the varsity runners - Molly Jeffers, Kaitlyn Cavallo, Hannah Hawkins and Morgan Martin."

The Lady Wolves took second place in the OAA Red Jamboree #2, Sept. 24. as well in the OAA Red Jamboree #1, Sept.

11., both times finishing behind Seaholm.

"It was a very respectable finish," said Breen at the time. "Rochester Adams (finished third) is up there as one of the better teams so beating them was a step in the right direction for us."

Earlier in the season both the varsity and JV teams took second place in their respective races at the Hanson's Invitational.

The JV and varsity runners making up the the Girls Cross Country team are Taylor Beach, Sage Bearegard, Erin Billette, Amanda Casetti, Kaitlin Catania, Kelsey Catania, Kaitlyn Cavallo, Amanda Chamberlain, Briana Crist, Kelley Fitzpatrick, Lysnie Gram, Nicole Hanson, Hannah Hawkins, Kelsey Hunt, Helen Jeffers, Molly Jeffers, Jillian Kurovlech, Morgan Martin, Sydni Miller, Haleigh Orr, Mackenzie Proper, Karina Ramirez, Katie Sperry, Rebecca Thompson, Amanda Wakefield, Monica Wanat and Clara Zeder.

The runners head to the MHSAA Regionals this week.

"We are really confident going into regionals," said Breen. "If we keep carrying the performances and improve slightly on that we are ready to take on the top position at regionals."



The Clarkston Girls Cross Country team rest after a meet. Photo submitted

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Ian Eriksen sneaks up the middle as Eric Eberle, left, and Nick Azzopardi, right, hold off Oak Park's defense. Photo by Larry Wright

Round 1 of playoffs starts Friday night here against 6-3 Davison

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's gridiron heroes were back to work on Monday after wrapping up their regular season with a win last Friday over Oak Park, 41-20 win.

The Wolves spent their first practice of the week preparing for their opponent in the opening round of playoffs. The locals will host the Davison Cardinals (6-3) this Friday.

Long-time head coach for Clarkston Kurt Richardson offered a peek at what they expect from this Friday's game.

"They are primarily a running team," he said about Davison. "They run the ball a lot. We can handle them up front."

He added the Wolves' will have to control the line of scrimmage and some of their strengths going in are their running game and defense.

Offensive coordinator Tony Miller agreed, adding Clarkston's size will help going into the game.

"Our speed will also be a factor," Miller added. "Davison is a very good football team from what I have seen. They run a lot of different formations and could cause problems. But that's why we practice the week prior."

Coaches think an "x" factor for Clarkston is the team's desire for success.

"When we started this season we didn't want another great Clarkston football team," said Miller. "We want to win a state championship. We need to get over that hump."

Last Friday, Clarkston headed to Oak

Park in their OAA crossover game.

Junior runningback Ian Eriksen led the team by scoring four touchdowns on 40-yard, 55-yard, 5-yard, and 6-yard run. He carried the ball 36 times for his season high of 292 yards, putting him at over 1,700 yards so far this season.

"Ian was good," Richardson said. "Our quarterback D.J. Zezula was good. He hit the passes he needed to hit. The whole offensive line was good. They dominated. I thought it was their best game."

Senior Chris Calvano got the game going for the Wolves as the first to score on his 24-yard touchdown run in the first quarter. The score was 34-6 going into half time.

"We played a great first half and a sloppy second half," said Richardson. "We lost a little bit of focus because of the score."

For defense, juniors David Beedle and Reid Kaminski. Beedle with nine tackles and Kaminski with five.

"They had outstanding games," Miller added. "We did a lot of blitzing to slow down some of their speed, and it paid off for us."

"Everything is coming together," Richardson said. "We are starting to gel a little bit. We are starting to peak at the right time. We are not there yet but we don't want to be."

Kickoff is at 7 p.m., at Clarkston High School stadium.

The JV and freshman teams finished their season undefeated.

It marks the first time in Clarkston history all three teams are 9-0.

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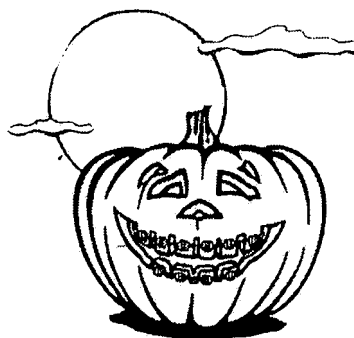
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Wolves bid farewell to season

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers ended their season last week to their rivals Lake Orion in the MHSAA Districts Semifinals last Thursday, 2-1.

"We played well," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Chuck Lawhorn. "Lake Orion was putting a lot of pressure on our outside backs. It was a little more difficult for us to move the ball around the back. We had a lot of opportunities; we just didn't get the ball in the net."

The Wolves did get the ball in the goal first, opening the second half with a pass from sophomore Ben Snider to junior Brad Schultz.

They drove the ball to continue to hold onto the lead back but shots weren't going in the net. Their lead ended when the Dragons tied the game with less than 19 minutes to go in the last half.

Lake Orion took the lead off a penalty kick from Rusty Reichenbach with 14 minutes left.

"We were really pressing and just couldn't get one in the net," Lawhorn said.

Senior Harry Smith made six saves in the net as the Wolves made 12 shots on the goal.

Clarkston opened the district playoffs with a 3-0 win over Davison, Oct. 16.

"We controlled the ball for most of the game," said Lawhorn. "We held possession, and the guys did a great job moving the ball around. We were patient around the net."

The boys made 16 shots on goal and Lawhorn added Davison's goalie played well while blocking 13 of the shots.

Schultz as well as sophomore Joey DeFinis and junior Jack O'Riley each scored a goal in the second half to help the team win the game.

"We were down the first half and they

were really chasing the ball," Lawhorn added. "They were a little bit fatigued in the second half. We came out and put three goals in the first ten minutes and we went out from there."

The Wolves graduate five seniors from this season - Gary Bigger, Jordan Kieft, Ryan Mangapora, Jon Miller and Smith.

"They led the team by example," said Lawhorn. "They worked hard every practice every day. They were there every day encouraging players to work hard. I think when you are a senior you make it the best day you can and rally the other guys around you. They were all contributors at some point of the season - either they started or didn't start. They all scored a goal."

Lawhorn added they leave a legacy for the returners and future players.

"The last couple of years have been difficult for the program," he said. "These guys made a step forward and really helped the program achieve the next level to where we want to be. We were really competitive during the season."

The Wolves have 13 juniors and five sophomores returning for next year.

"The juniors did an excellent job," said Lawhorn.

"Everyone came together on the team. It was a close knit team. I know we can continue that into next year. We should be really competitive next year."

The boys finished with a 14-7 overall record and 4-3 OAA Red league, finishing in third place. Lawhorn added the boys lost to teams higher ranked.

"We were competitive in those games all the way to the end," he said. "It is because of the seniors. They pushed the guys to make them better."

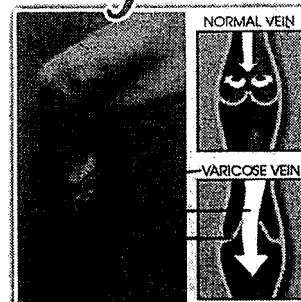
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Spikers claim OAA Red title from Dragons

BY WENDI REARDON
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The air was tense as the Lady Wolves and Lady Dragons battled it out during their fifth game for the OAA Red league title last Thursday.

Fans watched in anticipation as Clarkston senior Rachel Dickerson scored a point off her kill over the net to put the game 14-13. One more point would end the game. But Lake Orion wasn't going to make it easy.

It wasn't until Clarkston scored four more points, the last two from senior Sarah Bullen, to end the game 18-16.

"It was a really good feeling," Bullen said after the game ended. "It was my senior night, and I really wanted to win. Everyone just needed to play perfect in the last game, which we did. We needed to keep our heads on and not make any mental errors."

Keeping their heads on resulted in Clarkston securing their sixth consecutive OAA Red title, and like last year against Lake Orion, both teams gave it their all for the crown in five games.

The Dragons won the first game after taking the lead 18-17 and holding onto it for the final score 25-20.

Clarkston was quick to grab the lead during the second game even though Lake Orion managed to tie a few times. Some hits from junior Brianna Frakes and Bullen over the net helped recapture the lead and hold onto it for a 25-11 win.

The third game was closer as the cross-town rivals battled point for point to the very end. Bullen scored the last point to give the Wolves a 25-23 win.

The Lady Dragons weren't going to go down easily and grabbed the lead quickly in the fourth game until they reached a 8-point lead at 11-3.

"I have worked with them for so long, and in their minds they knew they had to battle back," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall. "They knew they could compete with this team. They knew they got themselves in that hole, and it's so hard at this level to fight themselves out of the hole. They knew up to that point they almost won

the battle."

Clarkston did fight back starting with momentum from a serve from senior Kaley Konjarevich, leading to a kill from Dickerson and several more kills from Bullen to bring the team up to two points behind at 15-13.

The girls tied the game twice off a serve from junior Katie Chadwell, 18-18, and a block from Bullen to put it 21-21. Lake Orion pulled ahead to win, 25-21.

"We were playing great defense, and then we would do something stupid," said Avenall about the four games. "There were three points in a row we would just crash into each other. My heart was racing. We were able to battle through it."

Bullen had 29 kills and Dickerson had 23 kills. Frakes had 45 assists and senior Emily Popp had 26 digs against Lake Orion.

Popp was also 100 percent for serving, going 23 for 23.

"She was outstanding," added Avenall. "She played great defense for us. She really

stepped up."

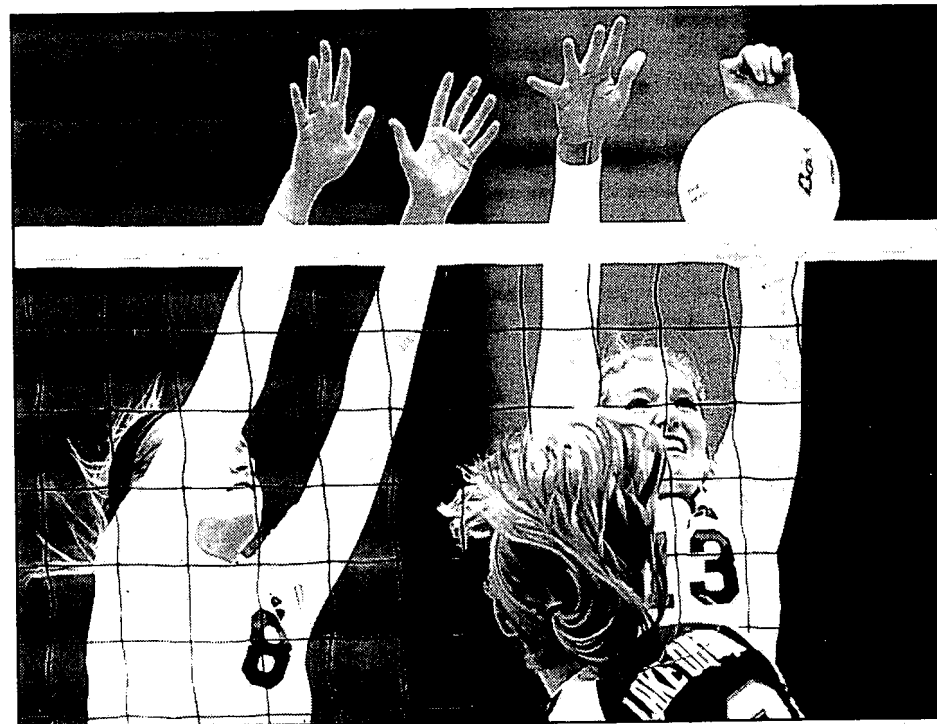
The Lady Wolves finished the OAA Red undefeated in their eight games.

They head to the Andover tournament this Saturday with a 43-6-1 record and begin play-offs next week. They play Rochester Adams on Tuesday in the first round of the MHSAA Districts.

"The league is a big preparation for the playoffs - the pressure they felt, the way they stayed in it against a great team," Avenall said. "We have talked about if we want to win this league to battle a good team. This team is great because they never get down. There were a few moments I saw it on their faces but it erased real quick. The seniors were strong. It was definitely good preparation."

Bullen agreed, adding it gives the girls confidence from playing close games and pulling through for a win.

The game against Rochester Adams is at Romeo High School, 6:30 p.m.



Katie Chadwell and Rachel Dickerson block Lake Orion from scoring. Photo by Larry Wright

Striving for states

Runners head to the MHSAA Cross Country Regional this Saturday to race for a spot in the state finals.

The teams finished with their last OAA Jamboree. The Lady Wolves finished second with 83 points, behind Seaholm, 33. The boys took sixth place with 125 and Lake Orion won the Jamboree with 56.

"The OAA meet was good," said Kevin Breen, coach for the Lady Wolves. "In preparation for the OAA we might have practiced really hard. We didn't see as many top performances from our team as we can expect going into regionals but the girls are ready. They have the experience to learn from."

Leading the Lady Wolves were Nicole Hanson in eighth place, 18:43, and Erin Billette took tenth, 19:15.

"Across the board we had solid performances," said Breen.

Sam Tanielian led the boys and finished in third place, 16:15 and Nick Moore took 12th place.

"We are really confident," Breen said as the team heads into the last races of the season. "As many good teams as there are at the regionals, at any given day those teams could step up and knock us out of the top spot and push us down to third."

He added the team has to watch out for Rochester Adams and Oxford. He explained both have been on their heels throughout the season.

"All Adams has to do is get their fifth runner faster," Breen continued. "They have two All-State runners up front that are tough to contend with on most days plus a solid middle. You never know what could happen."

The MHSAA Regional is at Goodells County Park in Algonac. The boys run at noon, and the girls run at 12:30 p.m.

"I am very excited about the end of the season," Breen added. "I am excited to see what kind of team we have developed over the year. Hopefully the cards will play out in our favor, and we will go to states."

~Wendi Reardon



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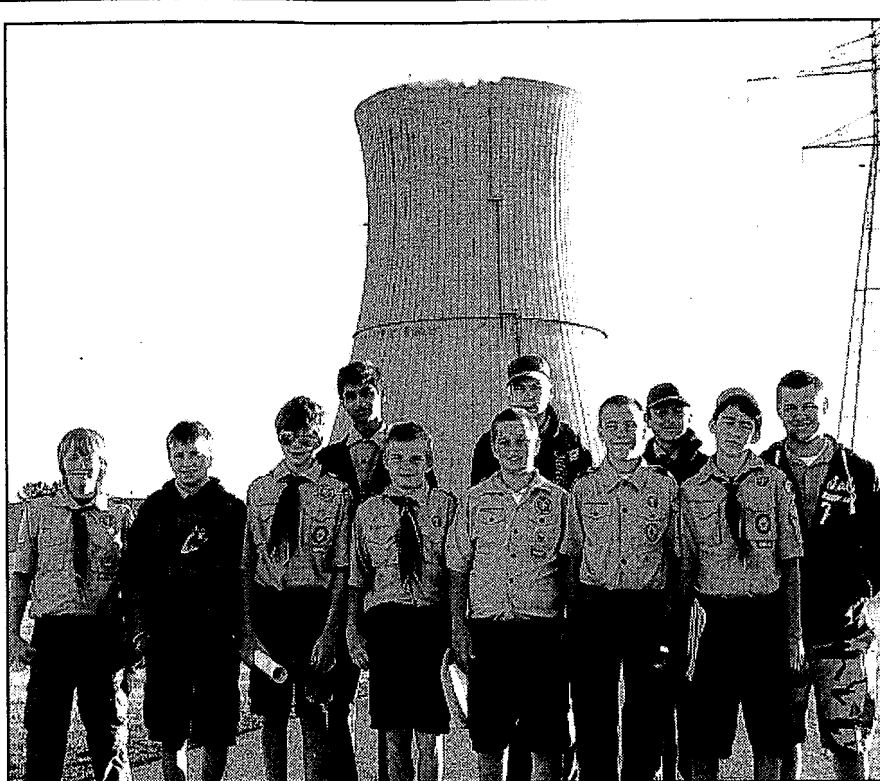
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Bowling for DRAW group

A Bowling for Buckets fundraiser is Thursday, Oct. 25, from 6-8pm, at Cherry Hill Lanes.

Bowling for Buckets is an event designed to raise funds for Disaster Relief At Work, also known as DRAW. The organization intends to immediately respond and provide supplies and volunteers to areas of the country hit by natural disasters.

DRAW has developed 5-gallon buckets that are designed to provide various supplies needed after a natural disaster that are often forgotten in the general supply chain. Volunteers can get involved by being on a first response team, organizing a supply drive, or packaging buckets.

At the event participating teams will compete with each other in a fun, yet competitive atmosphere. Local/regional personalities from Southeast Michigan will serve as team captains. Among them, WXYT-FM's Terry Foster, Oakland University Basketball Coach Greg Kampe, Detroit WAZA Soccer Club Coach Dominic Scicluna and mascot of the Detroit Pistons, Hooper.

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Traynor honored for football skills

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Rick Traynor knows a thing or two about football, but it was his skill and talent that got him inducted into the Michigan Touch Football Hall of Fame.

"It's cool," said Traynor.

He admitted it wasn't a surprise to him he was going to be inducted into the hall of fame.

"I knew what kind of player I was with the way I played," Traynor explained.

He played from 1987 to 2002 as a rusher and a blocker.

Traynor began playing touch football after he graduated and a league was going on.

"I liked playing football," he said. "I wanted to continue playing and I liked traveling. The league started out as touch and then turning into flag."

Traynor added the change was better and he had been pushing for it.

"We had guys come out and say it was still physical," he said. "It was a better game. It might have helped keep the league alive because at the time it was struggling. Waterford had a flag league and it was bigger and better to keep people interested."

He has a lot of memories including times spent with his teammates and games he played in.

One of his memories includes the National Tournament his team competed in Florida.

"We were playing at 3-4 in the morning," he chuckled. "We were the last team because they were behind. The game sticks in my mind because it was foggy out. It was early in the morning and it was two teams out there in the mist. It was pretty cool."

He admitted he misses the team comradery adding he enjoyed playing with friends buddies or against people he knew as well as the league rivalries.

"We traveled and it was nice to get out there and represent our league and our city," Traynor said.

During his time on touch football he won league championship, a state championship, finished in the top 10 Nationals five times and was an All-State player.

Traynor isn't playing football now. He had

back issues and left the sport for awhile before going back for a year. Then, he left again after having knee issues and his kids needed him more as he was getting older.

"I always still wanted to be playing at this age," he smiled. "More than anything the injuries had me walk away, not on my terms. I played hard and I would do it again."



Traynor

He continues to be involved with football and lends his experience and advice to sixth grade players up to high school athletes as a coach.

"I just love kids," he smiled. "Teaching them the life lessons that go with sports. I don't think

people realize sports and life have similarities."

He added it is about helping them anyway he can, giving back to what was given to him, and giving them good coaches and showing he cares about them as the person and not just the sport. Traynor works at a juvenile detention center.

"I really enjoy it," he added. "It's challenging and rewarding. It can definitely be sad. It makes you think for your kids and your own parents and how you were raised."

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Help out Haiti mission trip at Trunk or Treat run

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Run or walk at the Emily Schmidt Memorial Trunk or Treat Trot, 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, Oct. 27, 9 a.m., at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

"Run or walk with us – we're glad to have folks join us," said the Rev. Rick Dake, senior pastor.

The kids can fill their bags with sweets, all for a good cause – a mission trip to Haiti, Nov. 5-13.

Church groups have been on several mission trips locally and around the country, but this is the first international one. The entire church is helping. Children at Vacation Bible School this past summer collected toys, and Angels in Training collected medical supplies.

Eighteen volunteers are signed up for the trip, ranging in age from 20s to 80s.

"My husband and I are going together, it's exciting," said Abby Whiteford, who has been on mission trips leading the church youth group but never out of the country. "I felt a call, God called me to do this. It's the right time in my life, to go do something bigger than myself."

"It's on the bucket list of things to do," said David Johnson, member of the church

for the past 15 years. "It's kind of one of those, you don't know what you don't know. We do a lot of volunteer work – it's time to take it to the next level."

The trip takes them out of their comfort zone, the volunteers said.

"This is an important step in my spiritual journey," said Mitzi Hamp, member of the church for the last 10 years.

"There are so many unknowns," said Johnson, who will help with roof work, repair, renovation, rebuild, and other lifting jobs. "It's kind of exciting. We don't know what to expect. Port-au-Prince has its resorts, while right around the corner is all this devastation. It's incredible."

The group will also work with children in orphanages and help out at medical clinics. They may also take medical supplies to a remote village in the mountains.

Most of the mission work will be in Jeremie, a coastal city in which the population has soared to about 200,000 since the 2010 earthquake.

"It's an area with great need," Dake said.

They will renovate a family-education ministry building, which was seriously damaged in the disaster.

For more information, call 248-625-1611.



With hard hats and supplies, David Johnson, the Rev. Rick Dake, Abby Whiteford, Mitzi Hamp and other volunteers are preparing for a mission trip to Haiti. Photo by Phil Custodio

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Healthy Tips for Working Parents - by Dr. Erica Harding

Sometimes working parents feel like they are starring in a juggling act. Keeping your family healthy can help keep all of those balls sailing through the air with the greatest of ease.

Increasing numbers of working mothers are breastfeeding; it is a great way to help keep your baby healthy. The benefits are many and include less infections and saving money on formula. Working moms should invest in a high quality electric breast pump. Medela and Avent have good models. Plan on 3 20 minute breaks throughout the day for pumping. Be up front with your employer; usually breastfeeding does not interfere with employee productivity. You can freeze breast milk for up to 6 months (12 for deep freezers), and keep it in the refrigerator for up to 5 days.

Choosing a daycare can be overwhelming. Great options are available from in home options to centers. Spend some time visiting possible options. Pay attention to hygiene practices (hand washing, cleaning of diaper changing areas) and safe sleeping/ play areas. Toys should be developmentally appropriate and safe; there should be activities for a range of ages. Staff ratio should be no more than 1:4 for young children. For children with allergies, make sure staff is aware and understands their allergy and any cross reacting foods/substances.

We all know about vaccinations for children, but don't forget about mom, dad and grandparents! Make sure your tetanus/pertussis (whooping cough) booster is up to date as there have been several cases in Michigan. A flu shot for everyone is important too, especially in homes with young children.

Eating healthy can be a challenge as well for working parents. Plan out meals in advance each week, and don't forget about frozen and precut fruits and vegetables which are great time-savers.

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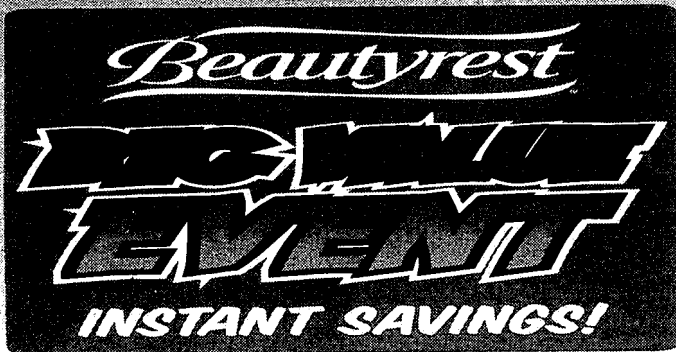
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Ghosts, candidates on ClarkstonTV.com

This week on ClarkstonTV.com, reporter Mary Keck's "Seeing Green" show veers slightly away from the usual conservation topics to visit a haunted house right in downtown Clarkston.

Keck talks to the owner, Chip Travis, as he shows us some of the ghostly gifts he has received and sightings he has experienced.

Check out "Plum Hollow Design/Lowrie's Landscaping Chili Cook Off." Lowrie's Landscaping and Plum Hollow Design hosted their 3rd Annual Chili Cook Off at their business on Dixie Highway. Watch and see who won.

Clarkston Schools Instrumental Music Association hosts 24 area marching bands at Clarkston High School for a Michigan Competing Band Association event on Oct. 20. Watch to see some of the enormous amount of behind the scenes work it takes to put on one of these events.

Clarkston News Editor Phil Custodio hosts five of seven Clarkston School Board candidates on his show, "Phil in the Blank" – Joan R. Patterson, Susan Boatman, Kelli Horst, Betty Reilly and Cheryl McGinnis.

Independence Township trustee candidates Andrea Schroeder, Jeremy Mitchell, Kevin Bushroe, Joe Wauldron and Jose Aliaga discuss why they deserve your vote.

The "Library Yes" campaign is also explained by co-chairs Joette Kunse and Jeanne Molzen. Library Director, Julie Meredith provides more info after.

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More letters to the editor...

Protect environment

Dear Editor,

This past Oct. 18 was the 40th anniversary of the clean water act. At the time it was passed, with bilateral support, 2/3 of our nation's waters were considered un-swimmable and un-fishable. Now, 40 years later, only 1/3 meet that definition.

But between unfathomable judgments issued by the Supreme Court and defunding programs providing oversight, we are in serious danger of slipping backwards. Protection of our most valued resource must be made a priority in our local elections.

It is because of this that I urge every citizen in Independence Township to vote for Jeremy Mitchell and Kevin Bushroe.

Jeremy has taken great pains to learn as much as he can about stormwater and the source of impact. The effort he has made at understanding how to effectively manage our resource from his position, should he be granted the privilege, has been energetic and admirable, not to mention extremely responsible.

I unfairly criticized Linda Richardson in the past regarding stormwater management. Her influence is severely limited due to how the program is administered in the state. The actual difference in our impact is leveraged by the decisions that our Township Board and trustees make. Having someone who is not just aware, but actively seeking low impact knowledge is vital for future protection and minimization of our impact. Jeremy gives me hope.

Kevin Bushroe does as well. His father in law is Jim Brueck who was active in construction of the award winning rain garden in Depot Park and is certified in Native Lakeshore Management. Kevin's wife Anne, is in the process of Starting a new Environmentally sustainable line of party-ware. I don't think Kevin could be anti-good environmental management if he wanted to be!

The headwaters of three different watersheds are in the boundaries of Independence Township. How we deal with issues affecting impact is particularly important, not just for the ecology, but for taxpayer savings. Upwards of a million dollars has already been spent locally as a result of poor management, and there are several more ongoing issues. I doubt there is a single current member who understands that.

Both Jeremy Mitchell and Kevin Bushroe are aware that protection is much more cost effective than addressing a problem after it has emerged. Please join me in supporting these two candidates on November 6th. Your watershed and your wallet will benefit by your doing so.

*Tammie Heazlit, hydrogeologist
Independence Township*

McGinnis has experience

Dear Editor,

I am writing in support of Cheryl McGinnis for school board. I have known and worked with Cheryl for over 15 years. She is a dedicated member of our community.

In addition to serving on the Board of Education, she has served in a variety of positions with PTA and was co-chair of the Bond Committee for Springfield Elementary and Clarkston High School. Her three children have attended and graduated from Clarkston schools and she has remained active beyond the time her children were in school.

She truly cares about children and is committed to making decisions in the best interest of all students. I urge your support for Cheryl McGinnis to continue on the Board of Education.

*Sally Coe
Independence Township*

Learn lesson for library

Dear Editor,

Some years ago, my wife and I owned a vacation home near Rogers City. One night my wife woke up with severe abdominal pains and I rushed her to the Rogers City hospital where she received excellent care. But as often happens, familiarity breeds contempt. The citizens of Rogers City quit supporting their hospital; preferring to drive to Petoskey or Alpena for medical care. Their Rogers City Hospital is now a nursing home and Rogers City no longer has emergency care facilities.

Our Independence Township Library provides services that are first class; met our grandchildren's needs while growing up in Clarkston as well as the special needs of my wife and I. Perhaps, with I75 at our doorstep we could receive the same quality services by driving to Rochester Hills or Birmingham. We have a community that we can be proud of, so let's not marginalize that pride by financially crippling our library. Vote YES on the library mileage proposal.

*Philip O. Dutton
Independence Township*

Picks for city council

Dear Editor,

In the hope that any endorsement I make does not scare everyone else away, I will be voting for Richard Bisio, Peg Roth and Carol Eberhardt for the City of the Village of Clarkston council unless one of them does something truly ridiculous in the next two weeks.

Bisio because he has made an honest attempt to inform the public and at least appears to abide by the law even if no one else on the City Council is willing to agree with him. Roth for her outstanding work with city businesses, organizations and public events. This is the lifeblood of the Village of Clarkston and we could not exist without it. Carol Eberhardt is a long term resident with a wide

range of skills and experience. She knows the village from before we were a city and probably has more experience and knowledge on this issue than all the other candidates combined. I do not know her opinions on current city issues but having a new voice on the council is worth the risk.

I will not be voting for Joe Luginski as mayor, although it doesn't matter since he is running unopposed. He is a nice person and I'm sure he has good intentions but he appears to be advised by only a few select people and in my opinion is not representing everyone.

I will not be voting for Mr. Sabol as he appears to have little respect for the public and the fact that others may have opposing opinions. He lost the election the last time he ran, had little involvement with the city after that, was appointed to the council by the mayor, and then appointed by the mayor to the Planning Commission where he demanded the right to vote simply because he said so. In his LWVOA questionnaire, he says he will not vote for unbudgeted expenses but he already has when he voted in favor of dipping into fund reserves only 2 months after passing a knowingly artificial and erroneous budget which he also voted in favor of. We do not need people like this on our council and they should have no control of how our tax dollars are spent.

On a different but related matter, I am at a loss to explain why our elected officials allow the city manager to violate state law, City Charter, local ordinance and council resolutions. Unfortunately for us, this is solely up to them as the public has no control over city employees and what they do. I hope the new Council, whoever they may be, will make a performance review one of their first priorities as it is required by the city manager's contract and has never been done. Given the city manager's recent incorrect and misleading statements in the *Clarkston News*, I can only hope that the council will regain control of the city on behalf of all those they have been elected to represent.

*Cory Johnston
Clarkston*

Brooks for Congress

Dear Editor,

Preston Brooks is a resident of Clarkston and is running as an independent for U.S. Congress in our Eighth District, for all the right reasons. He is concerned about the power of special interests and money in politics. I have met him and unreservedly support his candidacy in this time of toxic political partisanship.

Preston is currently a professor at Oakland University and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He served on the USS Nimitz and led the USS Coontz, a guided missile destroyer, before he retired from the Navy. Learn more at www.brooks4congress2012.org.

*Bob Walters
Clarkston
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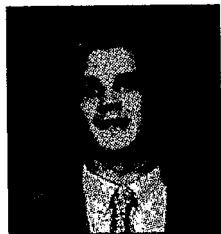
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HAPPY HALLOWEEN: The top selling costume this year is Jake and the Neverland Pirates. In fact, the Disney character is so popular, B-Zany, a costume shop on Pelton Road, has already sold out! According to manager Sara Henig, Power Ranger costumes like these are the second most sought-after. *Photo by Mary Keck*

Township hearing on 2013 budget

"We're in pretty decent shape," said Budget Analyst Rick Yeagar when asked about Independence Township's 2013 budget.

Residents will have an opportunity to decide about the township's financial shape for themselves during a public hearing on October 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Township Hall off Waldon road.

Residents attending the hearing can expect a presentation similar to last year's, said Yeagar who intends to compare the township's financial standing in 2012 to 2013 at the meeting.

In 2013, the township has experienced "a substantial reduction in costs," due to changes in health care offerings for employees, said Yeagar. On the other hand, revenue from charging each department administrative fees will not be available in the coming year.

The board will also need to reconsider

funding for the Sashabaw widening project since the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) granted them only \$160,000 in tri-party funds despite their request for \$1.551 million.

On September 4, the township budgeted \$541,000 when they applied for tri-party funds, and Yeagar hopes the board will reverse that deficit in the budget now that the RCOC gave them less than requested.

Not only is the board keeping track of its 2013 budget, it is also looking farther into the future.

Last week the board adopted its Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which could have an influence on the 2013 budget too.

The CIP offers a ten to fifteen year look at each department's improvement projects and provides plans for funding them. No decisions have been made based on the CIP yet.

- Mary Keck



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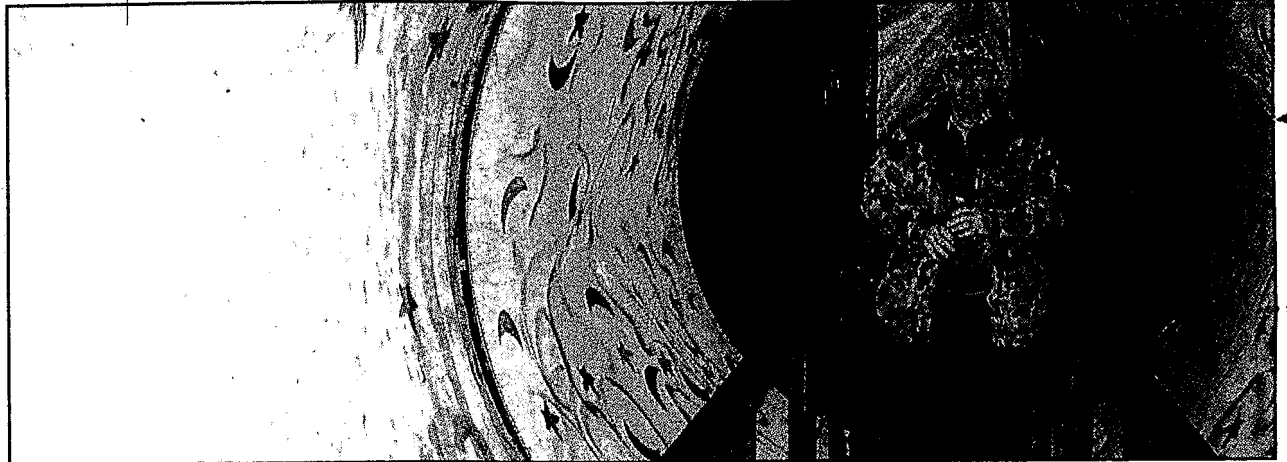
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Salli Petherbridge, at right, and Tony Chamberlain whip up a tasty brew.



Volunteer Gordon Elliott displays sure footing in the spinning vortex chamber of dizziness. Photos by Phil Custodio

Frightful fun at Townsend Forest

Check out "A Terror in Townsend Forest" at Oakland County's Sportsmen's Club, Friday-Saturday, 7:30-10:30 p.m., 4770 Waterford Road in Independence Township.

The club's outdoorsmen set up a quarter-mile trail through the woods, filled with dozens of volunteers doing their best to bring out the screams, all in good fun. Admission is \$12/adults, \$7/12 and under. For more information, call 248-623-0444.



Bonnie Pittaway, left, displays her medical skills with the help of Carrie Myre.

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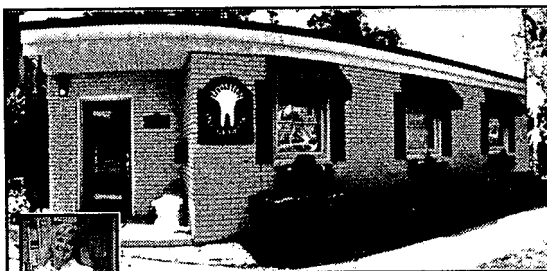
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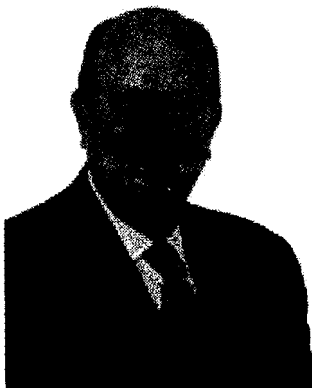


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- Meg Buckley

"It's really exciting and I can't wait for them to bring it home."



- Kayle Parker

By Wendi Reardon

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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

Clarkston turns pink to raise awareness

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News staff writer

Downtown Clarkston was decked in shades of pink this week to raise awareness for breast cancer.

The Clarkston Retailers' Paint the Town Pink, A Ladies Night Out event raised \$700 for Swan for Life. Cancer Foundation, which provides free education, support and resources to cancer patients, families, caregivers and friends in Southeastern Michigan.

Twenty retailers participated in

the event.

Real Estate One covered their office from ceiling to floor with pink; even the ghost outside was decorated.

According to Real Estate One Agent Kevin McCort, they held a pumpkin-decorating contest and silent auction with proceeds going to Swan for Life.

Pink cupcakes along with other refreshments were served, and anyone who stopped by could purchase a pink T-shirt.

Christina Calka of Village Fashion Boutique and Tammy Darr of Clarkston Travel draped their shops' windows and steps in pink. "It was nice to see so many ladies downtown patronizing the local businesses," said Darr.

Clarkston Travel held a raffle for a set of pink travel luggage, which raised almost \$200 for Swan for Life. Darr said she would definitely participate in the event again.

Peg Roth, co-founder of the Clarkston Retailers group and organizer of the Paint the Town Pink event was very pleased with the turn out.

Not only did shoppers flock downtown for the bargains and pink treats offered, but "some cancer survivors come through" as well, Roth said. Swan for Life also brought volunteers who helped in busy shops.

Roth thanks Doug Metzger from "The Print Shop" who furnished 50 free flyers for the event.

To donate to Swan for Life in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month, go to www.swanforlife.org.



The Main Street planter ghosts got a pink makeover for the event.



Christina Calka, left, and Tammy Darr decorated their shops all in pink.



Kristina Kokler, Kevin McCort, Erica Stachowiak, Teresa Fitzgerald of Real Estate One get ready for the pumpkin contest. Photos by Mary Keck

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Marching Band Night Out for Clarkston High School band, Oct. 24, Ruby Tuesday, 6898 Sashabaw Road. 20 percent donated to the band. 248-625-2008.

Emily Schmidt Memorial Trunk or Treat Trot, 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run, Oct. 27, 9 a.m. Each year we raise funds to benefit a charity or worthy project. Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

Recycling Day, computers, small electronics, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Oct. 27, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane. Hard drives destroyed. \$5 donation. 248-623-4572.

Halloween Hullabaloo at High Jinks Hall, presented by Once Upon A Puppet, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., Oct. 27, Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. \$6. 248-575-4104.

Historic Barn Tour, 12:30-5 p.m., Oct. 27. Features seven barns in Independence, Springfield townships. Tickets, \$10, at Washington and Main streets. 248-922-0270.

Trick or treating, Independence Township, 6-7 p.m., Oct. 31.

A Taste For The Holidays fall wine tasting, Clarkston Rotary, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 1, Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Highway. Features wines from around the world, food from 14 local restaurants. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call Jeff at 248-625-8837 or Joel at 248-625-9741.

Pre-election Singles Dance, Bethany North Oakland, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., Nov. 3. Waterford Elks, 2100 Scott Lake Road. \$12. 248-891-8938.

B. David Warner, presentation by local author, 7 p.m., Nov. 3, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Topic: research behind his book Deadlock, set at the Soo Locks during World War II. \$5. 248-625-1611.

Camp Harmony Barbershop Show, Big Chief Chorus, 7 p.m., Nov. 3, Waterford Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road. \$15, free for children 12 and under. 248-682-4311.

Springfield Christian Academy Craft Fair, 2-7 p.m., Nov. 9; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 10, 8585 Dixie Highway, 248-625-9760.

Genealogy Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Nov. 10, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Info, individualized help on naturalization and immigration records. Free. Register at 248-625-2212.

Around Town



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

Veterans Day Program and Dinner, 6 p.m., Nov. 11, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Clarkston Road. \$7 donation/adult, \$3/children 12 and under. Free for World War II veterans and active duty. 248-625-9912 or 248-627-3038.

Burial Preplanning Seminar, 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Nov. 14, All Saints Cemetery, 4401 Nelsey Road. Tips, ideas on preplanning options, tour. Refreshments served. Free. RSVP, 248-623-9633.

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.

Line Dancing, Mondays, 1-4 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/drop in.

Mothers & More, non-profit dedicated to improving lives of mothers through support, education, advocacy, 6:30 p.m., third Monday. In September, Deer Lake Back Court Restaurant, 6167 White Lake Road. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. \$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.

Slow Flow Yoga with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. 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.

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

Fit Club Walks, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Divine Nutrition, 7743 Sashabaw Road. Free. 248-393-0898 or 248-625-6551.

Tuesday

50+ Pickleball, indoor, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m.,

\$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road; outdoor, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30-10:30 a.m., \$2. Clintonwood Park Tennis Courts, 6000 Clarkston Road.

Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew Long, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. 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.

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.

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.

Bereavement/Grief support, Tuesdays, eight weeks starting Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute Conference Room, facilitated by Chaplain Priscilla Craig, RSVP 248-922-6606.

Wednesday

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

Senior volleyball league, 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, St. Trinity Lutheran Church. Previous experience desired by not required. \$40, through April, ttherh7966@comcast.net. 248-625-3881.

Women's Cancer Support Group, second Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

CrossTowne Kids' Club, Wednesdays, 7 p.m., North Oaks Community Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Learn about God and Bible through lessons, application, activities, for grades 1-5.

Thursday

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.

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.

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

General Support Group for anyone with a cancer diagnosis, fourth Thursday, 2-3 p.m., McLaren Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6623.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Thursday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Oct. 18: speaker from Beaumont's Breast Cancer Center. Refreshments served. All welcome. 248-625-1326.

Saturday

Preschool Vision Screening for children 6 months-5 year, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. Independence Township Library, 6495

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Letters continue

Reform school board

Dear Editor,

The upcoming election gives us the opportunity to replace two of the four board members who have shown contempt for the public time and again, Cheryl McGinnis and Barry Bomier.

Mr. Bomier has wisely chosen not to run, so voters should focus on ousting Cheryl McGinnis, but at the same time voters should keep in mind that school board candidate Kelli Horst supports Ms. McGinnis's board practices.

Ms. McGinnis supports wasting over \$35,000 on the failed May 8, 2012 special election in a year that already had three elections scheduled, and hundreds of millions of dollars in irresponsible deficit spending.

She supports rules that board members must direct requests for information through the superintendent, board president, or FOIA that information, and cannot speak to the public without a disclaimer nor about any future action they may take as a board member, show anger at a board meeting or publicly, answer the public's questions, enter school buildings without appointments, request documents from district vendors or building-level staff, talk to students without permission of parents and the board, and go to meetings as volunteers or invitees and speak against issues voted upon by the board.

Also, the superintendent should send a letter to all building principals that board members visited without approval and be warned that they cannot visit those buildings, board members must make it crystal clear they are speaking for themselves, and citizen complaints cannot be brought up by a board member at a board meeting. Complaints must be communicated to the board president.

She believes not saying anything when questioned by the public is appropriate behavior for a board member, board members should not respond to citizens, board meeting minutes are meaningless and motions are meaningless.

Ms. McGinnis used our tax dollars to hire a lawyer to tell board members all of the above

without the board's approval – minutes from Feb. 13, 2011 school board meeting.

Now is the time to change the board from an irresponsible board that fights giving the public, press, and board members information, to a responsible, transparent school board that works for everyone.

Susan Boatman, Joan Patterson and Betty Reilly are the only choice.

*Michael & Lori Powell
Independence Township*

Need for library

Dear Editor,

Since moving to Clarkston in 2008, my family has really learned the importance of how a healthy community needs a library like ours, the Independence Township Library. My family feels right at home at the library and we take advantage of all it has to offer. When we drive past the library without stopping, my kids announce we are passing "their" library and ask, why aren't we stopping?" With all it has to offer, why wouldn't they ask? There is such a wide range of access to books, videos, computers, magazines, contests, friends, games, and the list goes on. Furthermore, the programs at Independence Township Library are phenomenal. Our favorite would probably be the Summer Reading Program.

Unfortunately, many cuts have been made and there could be more cuts to come. The summer reading program was reduced by two weeks and all after school children's programs had to be eliminated! The library is now closed a total of 23 days as well as being closed all summer Sundays. We need to make reading with our children a priority starting when they are babies. The library programs foster reading and provide literacy rich, hands-on experiences in an interactive environment.

The preschool story time program also promotes independence. I believe if you capture the child's interest early, libraries and literacy will continue to be an enjoyable and valued part of their life. Our library needs our "yes" votes to stop these cuts and keep these valuable programs alive. Please vote yes for the library millage on Nov. 6.

*Anna Muzzy
Independence Township*

Horst has facts

Dear Editor,

I would like to show my support for Kelli Horst, who is running for a seat on our school board Nov. 6. I've known Kelli for many years and have always respected how she always puts student needs above everything else.

Kelli thoroughly investigates all the facts pertaining to an issue and has a full understanding of those issues before she speaks. This is what leadership is all about. Having a full understanding of an issue and then making decisions based on that understanding.

I have been reading all the articles supporting other candidates, and I cannot seem to find the actual facts to back up their statements. For too long the public has been led by misinformation, personal agenda, and rumor.

In a letter to the editor by Kelli Horst in the Oct. 10 *Clarkston News*, she puts all the "facts" in writing and challenges that understanding the facts is what will lead our future board members to make fiscally responsible choices.

I feel with Kelli on our school board we can get back on track fiscally while still continuing to focus on our children and their needs. It's time for a change, and I believe Kelli Horst is just what this school district needs to get back on track.

*Kelly Finazzo
Springfield Township*

Aliaga and Ritchie

Dear Editor,

Nov. 6, vote for Jose Aliaga and Ron Ritchie for Independence Township trustee.

Jose Aliaga is young man who will bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas to the Township Board. He supports the Master Plan and the continuance of controlled growth, while allowing new business to come in and offering current businesses support.

Mr. Aliaga came to Independence Township a few years ago from Peru without fluency in English. He has worked very hard, obtaining a Bachelor in Political Science at University of Michigan while earning his citizenship. We need bright, hardworking people as trustees on our board like Jose Aliaga.

You may already know him, since he has

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visited hundreds of voter's homes in the township this election season to explain his reasons for running for this position.

Mr. Ron Ritchie has served on the Township Planning Commission for the past three years. He is always prepared to discuss the project, present new ideas and demonstrate insightfulness on each project. As a long-time business owner, he understands budgeting and business planning. These are valuable assets for a member of the Township Board.

Mr. Ritchie supports the Master Plan and has worked diligently on the Planning Commission to preserve it and manage growth in Independence Township.

He chaired the Dixie Highway Improvement Project and began working and planning with business owners in that area.

Let's give our new Supervisor Kittle the assistance he needs to move forward with these two, enthusiastic, qualified Trustees-- vote for Aliaga and Ritchie, November 6.

*Joan and Del McCrary
Independence Township*

Mitchell for trustee

Dear Editor,

I had the opportunity to have lunch with Jeremy Mitchell, a candidate for Independence Township trustee. The longer the meeting, the more I became impressed with this young man.

He and his wife were looking for places to live. After arriving in the Clarkston area, they asked their real estate agent to look at possibilities. They, like many long-standing residents, fell in love with the township and settled here.

Jeremy is a perfect candidate for trustee. He has no axe to grind, is concerned about the community, ecology, open space, local businesses, fiscal responsibility, effective governing. The more you become acquainted with Jeremy, the more you respect his values.

Please vote for Jeremy Mitchell for Independence Township trustee.

*Mel Vaara
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Check next week's *News* for candidate profiles

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Obituaries

Edgar L. Beard, 75

Edgar L. Beard, "Fast Eddie," of Pontiac passed away Oct. 15, 2012, at age 75.

He was the loving husband of Deborah for 36 years; father of Alan, Gary, Leanne (Cliff) Whittie, Shawna (Herb) Mills, Deanna (Pat), Daniel (Amanda) and Dylan; preceded in death by his sons Glen & Steve and brothers Henry and J.W.; also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren; brother of Margaret, Mary Sue, Alice, Robert, Aaron and Daniel.

Edgar retired from General Motors. Funeral Service was Oct. 23 at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com



C. Robert Carson, 86

C. Robert Carson of West Bloomfield passed away Oct. 19, 2012, at age 86.

He was the husband of Bernice "Neicie"; father of Curt (Michelle) Carson and Caren (Thomas) Peltier; proud grandpa of Christine, Amanda, Robby, Heather, Mathew, Samantha (Cory), Rick, Chelsea (Sergio) and Marissa; great grandpa of Jayden, Brett and Emeryana; stepfather of Duke (Terri) McIntosh and Mike (Lynn) McIntosh; nephew of Mable (the late Ed) Arnold; preceded in death by his son "Jay."

Bob owned Carson Business Interiors, a dynamic and industry leading Stepcase dealership in Southfield. Prior to opening his business, he was a high school band teacher and performed in the University of Michigan Marching Band. He enjoyed golf and was a member of Pine Lake Country Club.

Memorial service, Friday, Oct. 26, 11 a.m., at Pine Hill Congregational Church, 4160 Middlebelt Road, West Bloomfield. Friends may visit at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service. Inurnment Pine Lake Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clarkston High School Marching Band, 6093 Flemings Lake, Clarkston, 48346. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

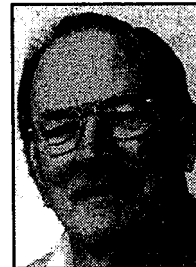


Donald L. Goodwin, 75

Donald L. Goodwin of Goodrich, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Oct. 15, 2012, at age 75.

He was the husband of Marion for 54 years; father of Sheila (Tony) Genna, Rick (Linda) Goodwin, Cindy (Charlie) Layman and Chuck (Sarah) Goodwin; grandpa of 12; great grandpa of seven; brother of Barbara (Gary) Rollison; preceded in death by his brother Clifton.

Donald served in the U.S. Army and retired from the Pontiac Fire Department. He was a member at Davison Assembly of God and Mt. Zion Temple. Funeral Service was Oct. 18 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston**. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Robert Houston, 92

Robert Houston, "Leo," of Clarkston passed away Oct. 19, 2012, at age 92.

He was preceded in death by his wife Hazel in 2008 after 68 years of marriage and his siblings, Odell, Earl, and Lessie. He was the beloved father of Linda (Mark) Shude of Englewood, Florida; grandfather of Jeff (Janet) Swan, Russ Swan and Lisa (Jim) Hackler; great grandfather of Michael (Michaela), Mitchell, Maxwell, Kayla, Blake, Andrew, Jenna and Lauren; brother of Jean Garvey; also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Robert was a World War II Veteran. He retired from General Motors and was a member of the American Legion Post 63, Clarkston, and First General Baptist Church of Waterford.

Funeral service was Oct. 22 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment with military honors, Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or Odyssey Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

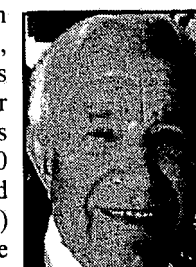


Mike Mihalcheon, 83

Mike Mihalcheon passed away suddenly, Oct. 15, 2012.

He was born, March 12, 1929, in Hairyhill, Alberta, Canada, and was a resident of Clarkston for 61 years. He was survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret; beloved Father to Pam (Louie) Karamanos, Diane (Kevin) Sutherland, and Kurt (Katie) Mihalcheon; amazing grandfather of six grandchildren - Krystal, Michael, Blake, Megan, Chloe and Tyler.

A private family service will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.



Elaine C. Pawlik, 65

Elaine C. Pawlik of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly Oct. 17, 2012, at age 65.

She was the loving wife of Dennis for 43 years; beloved mother of Brady (Amanda) Pawlik; proud grandmother of Elliot and Simon; daughter of Helen and the late John Bjorkquist; sister of Elvi Bjorkquist; preceded in death by her son Matthew.



Elaine retired from Birmingham Public Schools after 37 years of service.

Funeral Service was Oct. 21 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Geraldine C. Hunter

Geraldine C. Hunter, "Jerry," of Clarkston passed away on Oct. 22, 2012.

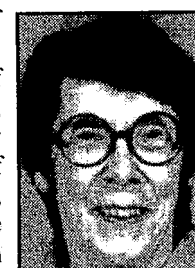
Jerry was the wife for 50 years of Thomas, and the mother of David N. (Jennifer) of Rochester Hills, Carol (James) Wilson of Prairieville, Louisiana, and Sarah (Gary Wimenitz) Hunter of Santa Monica, Calif. She was the grandmother of Lauren Wilson, Zachary Hunter, and Jamie Wilson, and is also survived by the family dog, Winston.

Jerry was born in Chicago and grew up in Ann Arbor, graduating from University High School. She attended Michigan State Normal (now Eastern Michigan) and graduated from Hillsdale College in 1957. She worked as a social worker, primarily in the field of adoption, for a private agency in Grand Rapids for a few years, and then became employed with the Oakland County Juvenile court.

She was acting director of the Adoption Department of the Court when she left employment to take care of her children. In recent years, she was self employed with a yarn shop in Clarkston, and worked part time in Clarkston.

Jerry served as a member of the Clarkston Village Planning Commission for more than 20 years. She loved family and friends, shopping, dogs, and cruises.

Visitation will take place at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home** in Clarkston on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. with a scripture service Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. Funeral Mass will be held at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m. Memorial donations may be directed to St. Daniel's Church or the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Chance to have a heart for Honduras

Almost every year I take a group of people to Honduras for one week to serve the poor. We serve through an organization called "Heart to Honduras" (www.hth.org). We go back into the beautiful mountain villages, where the scenery is spectacular and the poverty is grinding.

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We plan to go again in 2013. The dates are April 6-13. We will leave on a Saturday and return on a Saturday. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GO, I'd love to have you join us. Our accommodations are comfortable, the food is good, and there's nothing like riding in the back of a pickup truck high up in the mountains where you feel like you can reach up and touch the stars.

Feel free to contact me at 248-625-1323 or go to www.clarkstoncommunity.com and click on the Missions tab for lots of pictures and more information.

Spiritual Matters



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Volunteers help build a house during a previous mission trip. Photo provided

In our churches...

Veterans Day services, 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Nov. 11, St. Mary's In The Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion. 248-391-8274.

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.

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.

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

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"It's emotional, it's a part of you," said Burtch, 23. "But it was so long. I was happy to get it cut. I'll do it again - it's going to a great cause."

She selected the non-profit group Children With Hairloss for donation.

"I researched a bunch of different organizations," she said. "I liked this one the best because they don't sell any of their hair services, it's provided free."

The group, based in South Rockwood, Mich., helps children suffering hair loss due to burn, illness, and other medically related causes.

"It's not limited to certain populations," she said.

This is her first donation.

"I wanted to help, to do something good," she said. "They're really excited about it, especially the red hair. It's hard to find hair this color."

"I'm very proud of her," said Marcia Burtch, her mother. "She made the choice to donate her hair, when she could have sold it - especially as a college student, she could have used the money. I'm hoping the donation helps a little boy or girl somewhere."

"I love the new look," Elizabeth said. "It's definitely easier to take care of."

She graduated from Goodrich High School in 2007 and is earning her masters in social work at University of Michigan. She has lived in Clarkston for about three years.

"I want to work with mothers and their babies, infant mental health attachment between mother and baby," she said. "A lot of things can be predicted based on early years in life. It's important for babies to be taken care of the way they need to be."

For more information, check www.childrenwithhairloss.us.

- Phil Custodio



Elizabeth Burtch of Clarkston grew her hair out 11 inches over three years so she could donate it to Children With Hairloss. Photo provided

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ZX104

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WANTED: PRIVATE FRENCH tu-
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State, Goodrich.

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AUCTION

Sat. Nov. 3, 2012, 4:00pm
Stow-Away Storage

3060 Adventure Ln., Oxford
Unit #63 Amber Mercer, House-
hold

Unit #275 Nick Tish, Electron-
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L462

SALE OF DEFAULT UNIT

Thursday, November 1, 2012
@ 12:00 NOON

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55 Mill St
Oxford, MI 48371

248-690-7705
Unit#C49- Deborah Weemaes
Couch/ bed frame/ golf bag/ more
L462

110 GARAGE SALE

MULTI- FAMILY GARAGE SALE.
Mens stuff & something for ev-
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day, Saturday. 4700 Stanton
Rd., Oxford. !!L471

HUGE GARAGE SALE- Beautiful
clothes, Prom dresses, coats,
jewelry, furniture, household
items, too much to list. Follow
signs: 5105 Tio Hero, Clarkston.
Thurs- sun. 9am-5pm !!C161

★ ESTATE SALE! 6801 Park

Lake Dr., off Clarkston Rd., east
of N. Main St. Thursday 9am-
4pm, Friday 10am-4pm, Satur-
day 10am-2pm. Photos/ Info:
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years of treasures, furniture and
more. !!L471

ESTATE SALE- 30 year family
home. 5 piece sofa/ loveseat and
chairs, hide-a-bed and matching
chair, desks, bedroom furniture,
poly lumber furniture (new),
dishes, antique sewing machine,
English china pieces, office equip-
ment, piano, organ and much
more. Saturday/ Sunday- October
27, 28. 9am-4pm. 1060 Gould
Lane, off Groveland Rd. between
Jossman & Thayer, Ortonville,
MI. !!L471

ESTATE SALE OCTOBER 25, 26,
27, 10am-4pm daily. Toys, tools,
clothes, exercise equipment, ap-
pliances, computer parts. 2918
Walmsley Circle (Keatington),
Lake Orion. Rain or shine. !!L462

MOM2MOM SALE. Divine Grace
Lutheran School, 3000 S. Lapeer
Rd., L.O. November 3rd, 9am-
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rack space. Renee, 248-475-
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!!R472

★ EVERYTHING MUST GO.

Lots of Halloween masks, deco-
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(Holiday deadlines may apply)

L28-dh

LAST CHANCE GARAGE SALE.

Thursday, October 25th. 4890
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Clothes, expensive glassware,
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items. !!L471

MOVING SALE

892 Gill, Oxford

MORE ITEMS: Lots of vintage
glass, furniture, lamps & books.
Miscellaneous kitchen, tools,
small appliances & toys.

Thurs. - Sat. ● October 25 - 27
9:00 am ● 5:00 pm
No Early Birds!

L471

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Anne style bedroom set (tops
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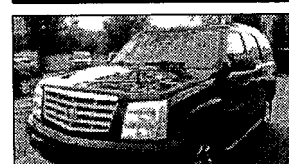
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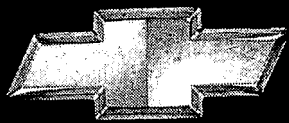
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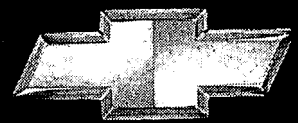
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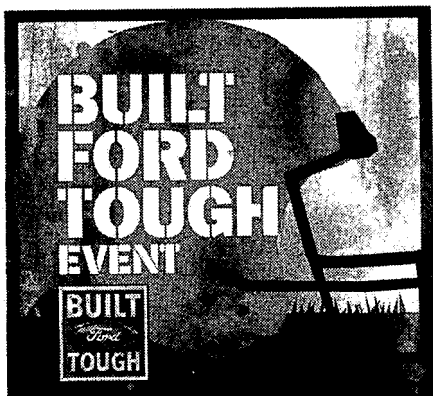
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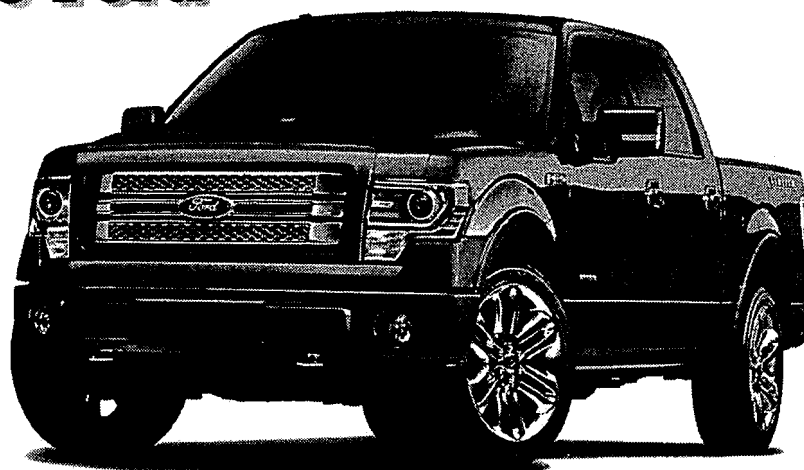
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	'08 Dodge Ram 2500 \$29,988 Quad Cab, 4x4, Cummins Diesel

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DEDICATION: Easter Seals Michigan President and CEO Brent Wirth places the last of the dirt around the John Bowman Memorial Tree, Oct. 18. The non-profit group planted and dedicated a pear tree as a tribute to Bowman, a long-time supporter of Easter Seals. Bowman passed away this past May, and the dedication was part of the "Walkway of Champions" brick engraving unveiling at the entrance of the Roger and Doris McCarville Family Center in Auburn Hills. Mr. Bowman's family attended the ceremony and took part in the dedication of the tree, which will help memorialize his contributions and those of his family. *Photo provided*

Healthy spine month

In honor of Spinal Healthcare Month, declared by Gov. Rick Snyder, Dr. Gregory Hamilton of Clarkston has some tips to reduce the risk of spinal injury.

"Back pain is the second most common reason for visits to a doctor's office in the United States," Hamilton said.

Don't lift by bending over. Instead, bend your hips and knees and then squat to pick up the object. Keep your back straight, and hold the object close to your body.

Don't twist your body when lifting.

Push, rather than pull, when you must move heavy objects.

If you must sit for long periods, such as in front of a computer monitor, take frequent breaks and stretch.

Wear flat shoes or shoes with low heels, and exercise regularly. An inactive lifestyle contributes to lower back pain.

Call 248-625-7690 for more information.

Around Town

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Saturday

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.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

CLARKSTON NOTICE OF ELECTION GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2012

IN

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Primary Election will be held in:

City of the Village of Clarkston
County of Oakland, State of Michigan
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012

THE POLLS will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

ALL POLLING PLACES ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

BRILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

Precinct 1

City Hall

375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

INFORMATION ON OBTAINING ABSENT VOTER BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION

Absent Voter Ballots are available at City Hall located at 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan

City Hall offices will be open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday thru Friday

FINAL DEADLINE TO RECEIVE AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT

NOVEMBER 5, 2012 UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CANDIDATES OF ALL PARTICIPATING POLITICAL PARTIES FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

CONGRESSIONAL UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 8TH DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 43RD DISTRICT

STATE BOARDS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
COUNTY COUNTY EXECUTIVE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, SHERIFF, CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS, TREASURER, WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER AND COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS 4

POSITION, JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 2ND DISTRICT, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 6TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 6TH DISTRICT NON-INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF PROBATE COURT INCUMBENT POSITION

COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CITY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS (3)

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER CLARKSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING STATE PROPOSALS:

PROPOSAL 12-1: A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 - THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW
PROPOSAL 12-2: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

PROPOSAL 12-3: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

PROPOSAL 12-4: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS

PROPOSAL 12-5: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT

PROPOSAL 12-6: A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING CITY PROPOSAL:

DISTRICT LIBRARY: CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT LIBRARY MILLAGE
COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of October 18, 2012, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of

Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of the Village of Clarkston, in said County, is as follows:

VOTED YEARS INCREASE

LOCAL UNIT INCREASE EFFECTIVE

Clarkston Community Schools 19.2491 2006 - 2015 Incl.

County School District of Oakland County 3.6483 Unlimited

County of Oakland .2415 2012 to 2021 Incl.

Oakland Community College 1.00 Unlimited

.7811 Beg 7-1-2012 10yrs.

Dated: October 18, 2012

ANDREW E. MEISNER, TREASURER

OAKLAND COUNTY

Kelly Richter

City of the Village of Clarkston

375 Depot Road

Clarkston, MI 48346

248-625-1559

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
375 DEPOT ROAD
CLARKSTON MI 48346

PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2012

The City of the Village of Clarkston announces a Public Accuracy Testing of the computer program on Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. for the November 6, 2012 General Election.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

This testing will be held at the City Hall, 375 Depot Road, Clarkston, Michigan.

Kelly Richter, Clerk

City of the Village of Clarkston

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
ARTEMUS M. PAPPAS VILLAGE HALL
375 DEPOT ROAD

CLARKSTON MI 48346 SUMMARY MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 8, 2012

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

Roll Present: Mayor Luginski, Sabol, Hargis, Roth, Haven, Hunter and Bisio

Others Present - City Manager Ritter
Moved by Hargis, supported by Bisio to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Sabol, supported by Hargis to remove the September 24, 2012 draft minutes for discussion.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Hunter to approve the September 24, 2012 minutes with the deletion of the phrase "in 30 days" on page 2.

Motion Carried.
Resolution - Adopt Tree Removal Bid - 145 N. Holcomb
Moved by Hargis, supported by Bisio to table until the next council meeting.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Sabol to refer Ordinance No. 73 to the ordinance committee and then report back to council.

Motion withdrawn by Bisio.
Moved by Bisio, supported by Hargis that we direct the Planning Commission to consider the amendment to the zoning ordinance that will reduce the number of Planning Commissioners from 7 to 5 and explicitly provide the council member assigned to the Planning Commission as a voting member and that the Commission do that at the earliest possible time. Whether it's their next scheduled meeting or special meeting before or after that and the Commission hold a public hearing on that amendment as soon as possible. Public hearing to be scheduled for November 7, 2012.

Motion Carried.
Moved by Hargis, supported by Roth to adjourn meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Richter, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Independence Township Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 7:00 PM in the Independence Township Hall Conference Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston; MI 48346, to hear the following cases:

Case #12-0017 Ratliff, Randall, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS 8' FRONT YARD SETBACK VARIANCE FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 25, SECTION 50-890 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT FRONT PORCH (CONSTRUCTION ALREADY STARTED)
5111 Iroquois Blvd, R-1A
Thendara Park Country Club, Lots 4, 5, 6 & Pt of Lot 3
08-11-284-021

Case #12-0018 Eagle Graphics, Petitioner for Everest Academy
APPLICANT REQUESTS THREE VARIANCES FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE:
1) ONE ADDITIONAL GROUND SIGN
2) HEIGHT VARIANCE OF 4 FEET
3) SIZE VARIANCE OF 116 SQ FT
5935 Clarkston Rd., R-1R / R1A
Legion of Christ, Inc., Everest Academy
08-16-476-004 and 08-21-226-001

Case #10-0006 Powers Real Estate Investments Co. II, LLC, Petitioner
APPLICANT REQUESTS EXTENSION OF VARIANCE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED ON 4/14/2010, FROM ARTICLE III, DIVISION 24, SECTION 50-838 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW 6 (SIX) ADDITIONAL DIRECTIONAL SIGNS
5710, 5715, 5730 and 5750 Bella Rose Blvd., OS-2
08-15-376-006, 08-15-376-007

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE REQUESTS MAY BE EXAMINED at the Independence Township Building Department during regular hours each day, Monday through Friday until the date of the Public Hearing. For Further Information call (248) 625-8111.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC
ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE
GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Independence will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of the computer equipment to be used for the tabulation of absentee and precinct ballots for the **GENERAL ELECTION** to be held Tuesday, November 6, 2012.

The test will take place at **2:00 PM, Thursday, November 1, 2012** in the Township Hall Board Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr. - Clarkston, Michigan 48346.

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Clerk

PUBLISHED & POSTED: Wednesday, October 24, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE
Because the People Want to Know
INDEPENDENCE TWP.
**NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

**IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
To the Qualified Electors:**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Election will be held in the:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
County of Oakland, State of Michigan
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2012**

The polls will be open at 7 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8 o'clock p.m.

**ALL POLLING PLACES ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE
BRAILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING
INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE**

At the polling places listed below:

PRECINCT #	POLLING LOCATION
1	St. Trinity Lutheran Church - 7925 Sashabaw Rd.
2	First Congregational Church - 5449 Clarkston Rd.
3 & 4	North Oaks Community Church - 9600 Ortonville Rd.
5	Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church - 6805 Bluegrass
6	Clarkston Community Church - 6300 Clarkston Rd.
7	Clarkston Free Methodist Church - 5482 Winell St. at Maybee Rd.
8	Maranatha Baptist Church - 5790 Flemings Lake Rd.
9 & 10	Mt. Zion Church - 4900 Maybee Rd.
11	Oakland Woods Baptist Church - 5628 Maybee Rd.
12	Independence Township Public Library - 6495 Clarkston Rd.
13	Carriage House @ Clintonwood Park - 6000 Clarkston Rd.
14	Pine Knob Elementary School - 6020 Sashabaw Rd.

Absent voter ballots may be obtained from:
Township Clerk
6483 Waldon Center Dr.
P.O. Box 69
Clarkston, Michigan 48347

The **Tuesday, November 6, 2012 General Election** will be conducted in all voting precincts of the Charter Township of Independence for the purpose of nominating candidates of all participating political parties for the following offices:

PRESIDENT / VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES;

CONGRESSIONAL: United States Senator; Representative in Congress 8th District;

LEGISLATIVE: Representative in State Legislature-43rd District;

MEMBER OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION;

REGENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN;

TRUSTEE OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;

GOVERNOR OF WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY;

COUNTY: County Executive; Prosecutor; Sheriff; Clerk/ Register of Deeds; Treasurer; Water Resources Commissioner; and County Commissioner Districts 1 and 4;

TOWNSHIP: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustee;

NON-PARTISAN JUDICIAL: Justice of the Supreme Court; Justice of the Supreme Court, Incumbent; Judge of the Court of Appeals, Incumbent 2nd District; Judge

of the Circuit Court, Incumbent 6th Circuit; Judge of the Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent 6th Circuit; and Judge of Probate, Incumbent;
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER: Clarkston Community Schools; Lake Orion Community Schools; and Waterford School District

AND for the purpose of voting on the following proposals:
STATE:

PROPOSAL 12-1, A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 4 OF 2011 - THE EMERGENCY MANAGER LAW:
Public Act 4 of 2011 would:

- Establish criteria to assess the financial condition of local government units, including school districts.
 - Authorize Governor to appoint an emergency manager (EM) upon state finding of a financial emergency, and allow the EM to act in place of local government officials.
 - Require EM to develop financial and operating plans, which may include modification or termination of contracts, reorganization of government, and determination of expenditures, services, and use of assets until the emergency is resolved.
 - Alternatively, authorize state-appointed review team to enter into a local government approved consent decree.
- Should this law be approved?

Yes:

No:

PROPOSAL 12-2, A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING:

This proposal would:

- Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
 - Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
 - Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements. Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.
- Should this law be approved?

Yes:

No:

PROPOSAL 12-3, A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY:

This proposal would:

- Require electric utilities to provide at least 25% of their annual retail sales of electricity from renewable energy sources, which are wind, solar, biomass and hydropower, by 2025.
 - Limit to not more than 1 per year electric utility rate increases charged to consumers only to achieve compliance with the renewable energy standard.
 - Allow annual extensions of the deadline to meet the 25% standard in order to prevent rate increases over the 1% limit.
 - Require the legislature to enact additional laws to encourage the use of Michigan made equipment and employment of Michigan residents.
- Should this law be approved?

Yes:

No:

PROPOSAL 12-4, A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MICHIGAN QUALITY HOME CARE COUNCIL AND PROVIDE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FOR IN-HOME CARE WORKERS:

- Allow in-home care workers to bargain collectively with the Michigan Quality Home Care Council (MQHCC). Continue the current exclusive representative of in-home care workers until modified in accordance with labor laws.
 - Require MQHCC to provide training for in-home care workers, create a registry of workers who pass background checks, and provide financial services to patients to manage the cost of in-home care.
 - Preserve patients' rights to hire in-home care workers who are not referred from the MQHCC registry who are bargaining unit members.
 - Authorize the MQHCC to set minimum compensation standards and terms and conditions of employment.
- Should this law be approved?

Yes:

No:

PROPOSAL 12-5, A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO LIMIT THE ENACTMENT OF NEW TAXES BY STATE GOVERNMENT; and 12-6, A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS;

This proposal would:

Require a 2/3 majority vote of the State House and the State Senate, or a statewide vote of the people at a November election, in order for the State of Michigan to impose new or additional taxes on taxpayers or expand the base of taxation or increasing the rate of taxation.

This section shall in no way be construed to limit or modify tax limitations otherwise created in this Constitution.

Should this law be approved?

Yes:

No:

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: Waterford School District, OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2013 tax levy.

Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18 mills (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Waterford School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2014 to 2013, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2014 is approximately \$11,900,000 (this is a renewal of millage which will expire with the 2013 tax levy)?

Yes:

No:

DISTRICT LIBRARY:

**Clarkston Independence District Library
Library Millage Proposal**

Shall the Clarkston Independence District Library, County of Oakland, Michigan, levy an amount not to exceed 1.25 mills (\$1.25 on each \$1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable real and tangible personal property within the Clarkston Independence District Library for a period of eight (8) years, 2012 to 2019, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds for all District Library purposes authorized by law; and shall the District Library levy such new additional millage for said purpose? The estimate of the revenue the Clarkston Independence District Library will collect if the millage is approved and levied by the District Library in the 2012 calendar year is approximately \$1,710,000. It is estimated that 99.4% of the annual millage revenue would be dispersed to the Clarkston Independence District Library for all District Library purposes authorized by law and, as required by law, 0.6% would be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority. The amount disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority shall be collected solely from properties within the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

Yes:

No:

**COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT
AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 62
OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED**

I, Andrew E. Meisner, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of October 19, 2012, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the Township of Independence, in said County, is as follows:

LOCAL UNIT	VOTED INCREASE	YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE
Township of Independence	3.1688	Dec. 2008 (4 years)
	.4494	Dec. 2009 (10 years)
	0.1	2008 - 2017 Incl.
Clarkston Community Schools	19.2491	2006 - 2015 (Non-Homestead)
Lake Orion Community Schools	18.00	2005 - 2014 Incl. (Non-Homestead)
	2.25	2006 - 2014 Incl.
Waterford School District	18.00	2004 - 2013 Incl.
County School District of Oakland County	3.6483	Unlimited
County of Oakland	.2415	2012 - 2021 Incl.
Oakland Community College	1.00	Unlimited
	.7811	Beg. 07/01/2012 (10 years)

Andrew E. Meisner, Treasurer Dated: October 19, 2012
Oakland County

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

PUBLISHED & POSTED: Wednesday, October 24, 2012

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

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

- A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Lohmeier, Pallotta, Wallace
Absent: Petterson, Rosso, Wagner

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Gregg Schultz, Schultz and Young, P.C.; Bart Clark, Superintendent; Carol Gabris, Human Resources Director; Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Dick Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman & Associates; Steve Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC; Dick Carlisle, Carlisle/Wortman Associates; Jane Graham, Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Inc.

Appointment of Acting Chair: Approved

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA as amended

E. CLOSED SESSION: Union Negotiations as Permitted by MCL 15.268(c)

The Regular General Meeting RECESSED at 6:03 PM
The Regular General Meeting RECONVENED at 7:31 PM

F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Curt Carson, Treasurer recognized the Clarkston High School Wolves; Bart Clark introduced Lt. Dirk Feneley as the new commander of Independence Township's Oakland County Sheriff's sub-station.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Superintendent's Report (Bart Clark, Superintendent) - Noted and Filed

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of CDBG Budget Amendment
2. Approval of Deer Lake Beach Planting Project - Removed
3. Approval of Budget Amendment for Senior Study - Removed
4. Approval of Board of Trustee's Regular Meeting; September 18, 2012
5. Approval of Board of Trustee's Special Meeting; September 25, 2012
6. Approval to Approve Off-Site Back-up System for Township Servers - Removed

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of CDBG Budget Amendment
2. Approval of Deer Lake Beach Planting Project - Removed
3. Request for Budget Amendment for Senior Study - No Action Taken
6. Approval to Approve Off-Site Back-up System for Township Servers - Removed

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

7. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the Amount of \$824,900.90

1. Approval of Second Reading of the Third Amendment to the McLaren Health Care PUD

2. Approval of Amendment to the Liquor License Policy

3. Approval of Elimination of Longevity Payments for Non-Union Employees

4. Approval of Budget Amendment to Appropriate Funding to Parks, Recreation & Seniors

5. Adoption of Proposed Capital Improvement Plan

8. Approval of Library Roof Maintenance Contractor Selection

9. Approval of Library HVAC Ductwork Maintenance Contractor Selection

6. Adoption of Township Hall Utilization Policy

N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: Monthly Report Building Department for September 2012

2. Report: Senior Advisory Committee Minutes of September 12, 2012

3. Report: Filling of Approved Clerk Position at DPW

4. Communication: Michigan Liquor Control Commission with Reference to M-15, LLC

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, October 24, 2012

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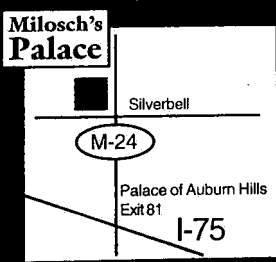
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Disney princesses dance to jams in the gym.



Gage Preston creates a spooky necklace with his mom, Latisha.

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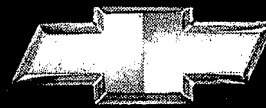
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