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## Last words

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Attracting more business to the Independence Township was a top priority to all the candidates at the League of Women Voters' debate, Oct. 22.

"There's no silver bullet," said incumbent Independence Township trustee candidate David Lohmeier. "The planning commission and appropriate zoning is critical for business growth."

Democrat Candidates Kevin Bushroe and Joe Wauldron said developing rail transportation would improve road congestion in the township, while Jeremy Mitchell felt putting bike racks in front of businesses would encourage cycling instead of driving.

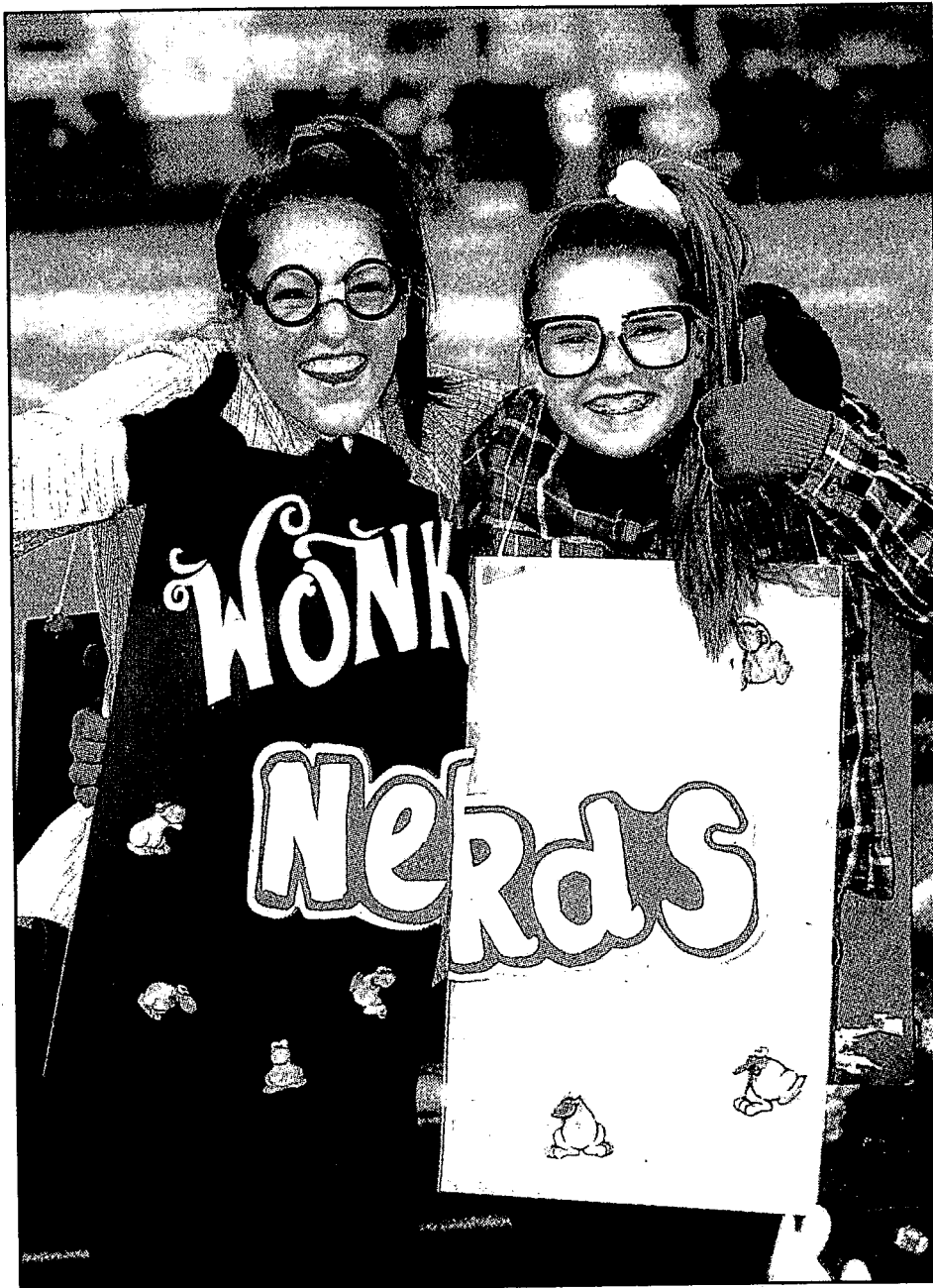
The three Democrats debated Republican candidates Lohmeier, Ron Ritchie, and Jose Aliaga. Candidate Andrea Schroeder did not participate.

If elected, Mitchell said he would "nurture and grow home-based businesses." Wauldron voiced concern about the empty buildings along Dixie Highway but also pointed to new businesses on the way such as a grocery store on White Lake Road and the McLaren hospital.

Every candidate supported the ballot proposal for a 1.25 mill-rate for the library, and they all felt fracking should not occur in Independence Township.

Check out our candidate profiles for more information, on page 19, 27, and 31.

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**IN THE SPIRIT:** Junior Courtney Kennedy and sophomore Katie Hubregsen show off their nerdy side as the Clarkston High School Varsity Cheerleaders got into the Halloween spirit at last Friday's football game and dressed up. Photo by Wendi Reardon

## An hour more

Daylight savings time starts this weekend, so turn back your clocks an hour, Sunday morning, and enjoy some extra sleep!

## Onward to Districts

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves' blood is up in their pursuit of a state championship, knocking aside Davison in first round playoff action, 41-0.

"They made a lot of mistakes that helped out," said Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach for the Clarkston Varsity Football team. "They made some fumbles. I was a little concerned because they were moving the ball in between the tackles on us and I wasn't happy with that at all."

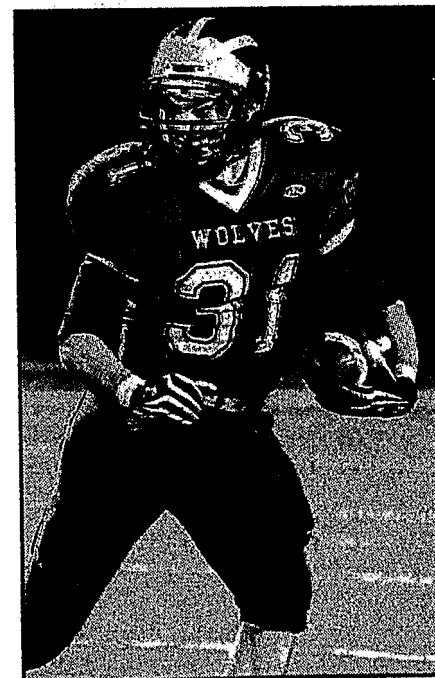
The Wolves take on Grand Blanc this Friday for the district crown. The Bobcats beat Carman-Ainsworth last Friday, 30-26.

"They are a very good football team," said Richardson. "Their passing game is very good. They have a lot of skilled athletes."

The Wolves' strength continues to be their running game and they will have to control the ball to win, he said.

"So far our ball control has been pretty good," Richardson said. "I would like to see a few more drives like the Lake Orion"

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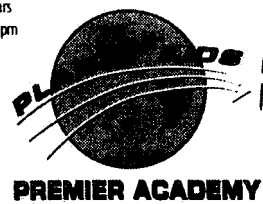


Joe Popp watches for Davison blockers. Photo Larry Wright

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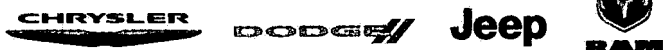
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# Challengers run for school board

## Theresa Adriaens

Seven candidates are running for four open seats on Clarkston Board of Education, Nov. 6.

Theresa Adriaens has lived in Springfield Township for more than 13 years. She and her husband of 16 years, Steve, have three children.

She has a BBA in Computer Information Systems, and during the past seven years, she has volunteered in her children's classrooms.



Adriaens

"This has enabled me to understand firsthand the needs of the children and teachers in Clarkston," she said.

"The current board members are divided on key issues involving the lives of the Clarkston School District staff and students," she said. "It is time that newly elected board members bring some harmony to the board so that issues can be addressed and progress can be made for making the district better for all involved."

Her occupation as a senior information technology project manager will be invaluable, she said.

"I have 25 years of experience in planning, developing, and implementing state-of-the-art IT solutions that helped facilitate process improvements that lead to corporate growth," she said. "I have managed project budgets ranging from \$50K to \$10B."

As a new board member, it is imperative the seven members gain consensus and prioritize the top goals of the district while fulfilling the district's mission, she said.

Regarding the board communication policy and funneling information through the board president, "A single contact person for board communications is important so that it can be distributed to the entire board for each person's review," she said.

### Viewpoints on the following:

**Budget cuts:** There are two main areas that have significantly decreased the school funds budget. First, 17.3% of school aid is from Michigan's Income Tax. Michigan's August 2012 unemployment rate is 9.4% and the federal national unemployment rate is 8.1%. This has

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## Craig Hamilton

Craig Hamilton decided to run for the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education for his two sons.

"I think Clarkston has an excellent school district and I want to make sure it stays that way," he added. "I want to make sure I do my part. I am lucky enough that my business is here. I have a little bit of free time to give back to the community and do this."

Hamilton has attended Clarkston Community Schools since he was in fifth grade, when his parents moved to the area. He graduated from Clarkston High School in 1995.

"I know the community and big part of community for so long," he said. "It gives you a better view. I pretty much grew up in area and went to a few football games but didn't have a whole lot of involvement in the schools."

He earned his master's degree in chemistry, and worked for DOW Chemical before starting Precision Testing Laboratories in Independence Township, which he is owner and a chemist.

He is married with two young sons.

"Recently I have been talking with people," Hamilton added. "I am getting an idea of what is going on in the school district and what people want even without me saying I am running for school board."

He wants to help the community but doesn't plan to change a lot going on.

"I am not going to get on the board and re-invent the wheel," he explained. "I bring a younger perspective to the board plus having the two young boys gives me a different perspective as well."

Hamilton has attended board meetings since June and has watched them online before June. He has noticed the split votes between the members.

"The nice thing is haven't been around - I am not on one side or another," he said. "I am not going to be."

His experience in college helped him view high school differently. Though he would go back and do

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## Kelli Horst

Kelli Horst is running to fill a need.

"I believe the school board needs a parent perspective, one that is informed by seven years of volunteer leadership in our schools and an absolute conviction in the value and importance of public education," she said.

She and her husband, Scott, have been married 14 years and have two sons, both Clarkston students.

"I want to be part of creating a positive environment at the board level so all who participate in educating our students - parents, teachers, administrators and board members - feel respected, appreciated and valued," Horst said. "To accomplish that, we need at the board level a renewed spirit and commitment to the democratic process, including healthy debate, respectful disagreement and a willingness to work toward consensus."

She has worked in communications and marketing for 23 years, currently as a consultant in higher education

She started volunteering at Clarkston schools when her children became students, serving on the superintendent's Parent Advisory Team and the district's transportation committee; a two-year stint as PTA president at Springfield Plains Elementary; and the last two years as president of the Clarkston PTA Council.

Excellent public schools are necessary for Clarkston to continue to be attractive to new residents and businesses. Consensus can be 4-3, if everyone at table feels respected and heard, she said.

"Then they can live with and support whatever compromise is reached in the end," she said. "That to me is what consensus is about."

Regarding the communications policy, "once consensus is reached and a decision is made, I think there should be one spokesperson for that decision," she said. "I don't think it means that everyone else can't talk about their perspective,

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## Betty Reilly

Betty Reilly began going to the school board meetings awhile ago but her interest was sparked when she noticed how long the needs list was for Clarkston Community Schools and when talk started for the 2012 \$20 million bond.

"That is really when I became involved," said Reilly. "The state bonds the interest rate on that is seven mills. If not enough money is collected to pay off the obligation to the state then we borrow from the school bond loan fund and now are borrowing it from school bond revolving fund. We are continually borrowing money. Our debt per student is over \$27,000."

Reilly, her husband, and their three children moved to Clarkston over 13 years ago.

She added it helps having children still going to school in the district because she can talk to them and their friends.

"You can ask questions about things going on in the classrooms and the schools," Reilly said. "You always want what is in the best interest of your kids."

She was part of the PTA and also co-chaired the fall school fair for two years. Reilly is now chairperson for the beautification group and is treasurer for the Clarkston Athletic Boosters.

Reilly has a BBA in Financial Management and has over 30 years of accounting experience as well as experience in human resources. Her financial background will help the district for ways to make budget cuts while not taking away from the students.

"There is one page on the transparency report of the employees making over \$100,000," Reilly said. "On there is a breakdown of healthcare and everything. We have fabulous benefits and it is all public knowledge. Unfortunately the school district only has so many avenues of funding we have to figure out how to live within that funding and it's now easy."

If voted onto the board she would like to see the district be more physically prudent with money and do what is best for the children in

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## Briefly

### Township Hall for rent

Citizens interested in holding gatherings in Independence Township Hall will be able to do so now that the Township board has developed a utilization policy.

The main hall, which holds 140 people and a conference room, which fits 12 can now be rented for free to Independence citizens.

The township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, a trustee, or a department head must sponsor the event.

Space can only be reserved for functions taking place Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

To schedule your event at the township hall, go to [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us).

### Polling locations

Voters will cast their ballots on November 6 at polling places designated in their precincts.

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling places have changed.

You can find your polling place by going to [www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us) or contacting the clerk's office. Clarkston residents will cast their votes at the Village Hall at 375 Depot Road.

This year, adults aren't the only ones encouraged to participate in the election. Kids who accompany their parents to the polls will get to visit with "Mr. New Ideas."

Mr. New Ideas is a character created by trustee candidate Jeremy Mitchell who intends to greet kids at Precincts 9 and 10 (Mt. Zion Church) from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Precinct 12 (Independence Township Library) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Precinct 6 (Clarkston Community Church) from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and again at Precincts 9 and 10 (Mt. Zion Church) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.



Reilly

# Incumbents campaign to keep seats

## Susan Boatman

Susan Boatman has served as a Clarkston School Board trustee for over four years, including two years as vice president.

She became a Michigan School Board Association certified school board member and earned their Award of Merit and Award of Distinction through coursework and participation at county, state and national levels. She has served on the Oakland County School Board Legislative committee and the Clarkston School Board finance and policy committees, and also mentored students at Clarkston Junior High School.



Boatman

Prior to the school board, she volunteered for 15 years in the district. For eight years she was a member of the Parent Advisory Team, various district committees including the Field Trip Task Force, Fundraising Task Force, Clarkston High School Blue Ribbon Committee and Facilities committee. In 2007, she received the Outstanding Service Award from the Administration Building.

"I believe in the importance of education," Boatman said. "I am fortunate to have the time and energy to devote to public service. I am seeking my second term as school board trustee because it is crucial to have a board that exercises the appropriate checks and balances when deciding on district direction."

She will continue to push for greater transparency and detailed planning from our school district.

"If our currently board majority is changed I believe we will be able to be more effective by permitting input into agenda items, creating a culture of expecting well thought out proposals, and open discussion before taking action," she said.

She has 19 years of work experience in Information Technology, including 11 years as a department manager supervising computer programmers. She has experience in de

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## Cheryl McGinnis

Cheryl McGinnis, Clarkston resident for 28 years, is married to Mark for 28 years with three children, all Clarkston High School graduates. She is employed at Contract Professionals Inc., as a payroll and billing specialist in accounting since 1997. Previously worked at General Dynamics Land System in International Marketing.

She was parent co-chair of 1992 bond for Springfield Plains Elementary; founding community members of Clarkston Coalition for Youth, instrumental in bring the Search Institutes' Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth initiative to Clarkston; served as District PTA Council President and CHS PTSA President for four years.

Currently, she is a second round participant in application for Michigan Fellowship Leadership Program Fellowship out of MSU.

She is serving her second year as school board president in her fifth year on the board. She also served as vice president and secretary.

"I have a passion for the community I live in," McGinnis said. "I have a passion for the kids. I have spent the majority of my married, adult life working for the betterment of my community and the betterment of the education provided for our kids. I would like to continue to bring to Clarkston to have innovative choices for our students that enrich their academic choices that add rigor and raise the bar."

She sees her role as parent/teacher of my own kids.

"I am their first educator and I embrace parents who the students in the district are theirs first. I am passionate about the education my kids get at home and the education my kids get in school. I feel I help present the fact that the schools and learning is a partnership between home and school. We have

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McGinnis

## Joan Patterson

Joan Patterson, Clarkston resident for 26 years, is married to Thomas Patterson. Their son is now in college and went to Clarkston Schools from preschool up to graduation. She has been a Clarkston resident for 26 years.

She worked at various computer/technical business; Electronic Data Systems, Saturn Corporation, General Motors as an Analyst, Consultant, and a Y2K Consultant. She also created and ran my own tennis business out of the Detroit Yacht Club as a Certified Tennis Pro and was Brother Tennis Coach for JV Boys team.

She was a Clarkston School Board member from 2004-present, Clarkston Area Youth Liasion, Coalition for Youth Liasion, PTO President Independence Elementary School, Parent Advisor Team member for schools, Clarkston Leadership Committee Member, Clarkston Community School Board Technology Liasion, Mentor for Middle, Junior and high school students, Pine Knob Early Reading Intervention Core Reading Volunteer, North Sashabaw Elementary School Volunteer.

In the community, she was Optimist President (2012-2013), Optimist Director and Vice President, Deer Lake Farms Home Owners Association (vice president 1994, president 1995-1997), boy scout popcorn chairperson and merit badge counselor, member of: Friends of the Library, Academic Booster Club, and Band Booster Club, served on Military Service Academy Selection Committee for Congressman Dale Kildee.

"My business and community background have allowed me to balance the need to live within budgets while satisfying the priorities of the school stakeholders. I research and analyze the topics presented to the Board and often ask questions considered 'tough' by those with other agendas or who are unprepared. I thoughtfully make decisions that focused on student achievement and financial

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Patterson



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## Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

### Harvest Lessons

Like a trick-or-treater shedding her mask to reveal a fun-loving kid, fall has shed its cloak of gold, maroon, and orange to reveal the cold, brown truth: winter is on its way. Just as the beautiful leaves distracted us from the transition into a cooler season, reflecting on this year's harvest offers a welcome diversion from the rain and wind.

This year's garden was my most bountiful, and I think it's due to the sunny spot we picked, raised beds, and nutrient-rich soil. Plates of fresh cucumbers, cauliflower, green peppers, tomatoes, green beans, cilantro, and dill were frequent.

On the other hand, my potatoes, carrots, onions, and garlic were pathetic, and so I'm thinking about improvements for next year.

In my defense, some troubles were unavoidable. Due to my late move from Indiana to Michigan, I couldn't start my own seeds or break ground as soon. I also didn't have a chance to accumulate a compost heap.

When the snow and ice melts next spring, however, I'll have seedlings started and lettuce, broccoli, and peas in the ground early. I'll have a nice pile of compost to add nourishment early and often too.

In addition, I'll make deeper raised beds, a likely reason for my measly carrot and sweet potato harvest. I'm also going to be more proactive with succession planting; my tendency to keep plants past their peak robbed me of produce this year. In the future, I'll toss old plants on the compost a little quicker to make way for new vegetation.

I need to study up on more natural methods for reducing pests and disease. My beer remedy for slugs worked like a charm, but I wonder if I could have saved a couple of droopy, spotty tomato plants that came down with an illness.

After a successful experiment with canning this fall, I want to read about other techniques for drying, freezing, and storing my harvest. Building raised beds was fun and beneficial, so I'm eager to increase my architectural acumen. Perhaps I'll still be growing this time next year because over the winter I learned how to construct a hoop house.

Whatever the case, the lessons I've learned while wrist-deep in dirt aren't enough. While the winter wind and snow whips outside, I'll be curled up by the fire with a cup of hot cocoa reading gardening books.



# Vote for school board reform

Clarkston needs a new kind of school board, and we think incumbents Susan Boatman and Joan Patterson, and challengers Betty Reilly and Craig Hamilton can provide it.

This year's election is critical. Seven candidates are running for four open seats. People are concerned about what's happening on the board. It's great to have the participation

of candidates who are involved and knowledgeable about the issues. We need their continued support in this community.

The school district is the Clarkston area's largest employer with the biggest budget. We depend on it to educate residents' children. Its reputation bears on the reputation of the entire area. The board decides who gets hired, promoted, disciplined, fired, where money goes, what gets bought, who teaches what.

To make the best decisions, we want them to have all the information they could possible want.

That's not happening now.

A presentation to the school board last February made crystal clear what is expected of them. They are not allowed to talk to each other, residents, school staff, or students about anything that might help them make good decisions on the board. They've even been told not to visit their own schools.

To do so, they were told, violates operational and communications processes. Everything must be done collectively at the board table. The individual must be suppressed. They were elected only to be part of a collective.

We don't see it that way. Focusing on process and collectivity makes them dependent on information provided by administration and thus vulnerable to "group think" and "closed-mindedness."

We see them as representatives of the

public, just like congressional representatives, senators, and other elected officials. Some board members and administrators may look down at such a notion as lowbrow and crass, but we see it as the beauty of representative democracy.

Members of the school board are the only links in the school district chain directly hired by residents. They are our eyes and ears in the running of the school district.

So, we need to trust that school board members can do their job free and unfettered. We need people to ask questions to their neighbors, not those who are afraid of their answers.

The consequences of current policy are made clear in the failed \$20 million school bond drive earlier this year.

Board members were foiled in their requests for information, and were limited in their ability to talk to residents, school officials, and students about it.

As a result of this and other missteps, the district moved forward with the drive, set a May special election at a cost of \$35,000, and lost two-to-one.

If information was allowed to flow as it should, perhaps the district would have realized the public's opposition to borrowing more when already maxed out on debt.

Process is not what we need. This November, we need to elect free-thinking board members devoted to independent leadership, not process, consensus, and image.

Incumbent trustees Susan Boatman and Joan R. Patterson have demonstrated their willingness for reform. Challenger Betty Reilly led an effort opposing the bond, and challenger Craig Hamilton expressed a desire for more transparency. They deserve your vote.

-PMC

## Editorial

### Thanks to all involved with Clarkston Invitational

Dear Editor,

I am always impressed by the parent and student volunteers who step up and dedicate themselves to making our marching band invitational a success!

This year Clarkston hosted 24 bands from around Michigan to compete in MCBA competition. Thousands of students participate in marching and thousands more attend. Thank you to all who volunteered in one way or another, we just could not pull off an event like this without your support.

I'd also like to thank Mike Lewis, Shelley Roland and Justin Harris for your continued

time and effort in working with our band students throughout marching season and the school year. I'd also like to thank Dr. Rock,

Clarkston Schools Superintendent and Cheryl McGinnis, School Board President for handing out awards. And last, but not least, a very special thank you to the students of the Clarkston High School Marching Band! You are all special kids and I know I speak for all your parents in saying your show rocked this year!!!

Kelly Finazzo  
President, CSIMA

## Letters to the editor

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## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1997

**"Youth Assistance records a busy year"** Last year saw record-breaking demand for the services of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance. And caseworker Fred Morden expects to see a similar level of need in 1997 by the time the year is over. Statistics released Monday at CAYA's annual luncheon at Clarkston United Methodist Church showed 132 referrals in 1996 to the agency, an arm of Oakland County Probate Court.

**"County road commission requests CHS traffic study"** The Oakland County Road Commission asked the Clarkston school district for traffic studies surrounding the new high school on Flemings Lake Road. It was in response to the district's request for a permit for a driveway approach do the building.

**"Retail, zoning, street repair this year's election"** The 1997 City of Clarkston election had six candidates running for six council seats. They discussed issues facing Clarkston including the historic downtown business district, the roads, sidewalks and the divided city council.

### 25 years ago - 1987

**"Teachers gain substance abuse savvy"** While students had the day off, Clarkston High School teachers were set to meet for a Substance Abuse Awareness Conference. The in-service for teachers will cover such topics as chemical dependency, signs of drug abuse and children of alcoholics.

**"Tax fails"** Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Milford Mason was discouraged after the Oct. 27 special school election for a 4.25 mill tax request failed. Of the 4,467 district voters who cast ballots, 2,353 voted "no" while 2,114 voted "yes." The board planned to ask for voter approval for another tax increase again.

### 50 years ago - 1962

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**"Tom Petrie named on first team for Junior Wings"** Right Wing Tom Petrie was in the starting lineup of the Detroit Junior Wings when they opened their fourth season on Oct. 22 at Olympia Stadium

# What a great time we'll have after November 6

After that Tuesday we can heave a sigh of relief, and refocus on the important things on television like commercials for Viagra.

I've had it up to here with all these commercials for adult activities! I suggest the makers of memory pills replace Viagra on the tube.

And I don't want a Ram or Silverado truck, neither.

But, I'll take all of the above over any political advertisement. Where did all that money come from to elect people and to fight for or against proposals?

Oh, yeah, we're a democracy, so it's tax deductible.

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I do feel safe in replacing my extremely worn tv clicker. When you (I) vote absentee a few weeks before the election, there is no reason to pay any attention to the election year tv-gobbledeegook.

Thus, the wear and tear on the clicker. My friend Dick gets his absentee ballot early, but doesn't use it even though he says his mind is made up. Dick, isn't afraid of not having his vote count if he dies before the sixth.

He's also the only guy I know who listened to all the debates. Personally, I couldn't stand 'em. I have more

than enough ego in myself. I don't need to hear their bragging.

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Sunday morning is a good time to refresh. Nothing serious. Some months ago son Jim's wife, Linda, got me hooked on Charles Osgood's Sunday Morning show.

## Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Osgood has made many appearances on PBS radio's Prairie Home Companion and is especially entertaining there as on tv. This week Osgood got into superstitions. You know like fearing black cats, and not walking under a ladder. He said athletes are particularly superstitious, like putting their left sock on first, eating or not eating a certain food on game day.

I don't have the "knock on wood" one or finger crossing, but I have given thought to inventing a superstition so I can blame my faults and slips on something besides myself.

"Officer, I wasn't driving when you pulled me over. I was in the back seat."

"That light wasn't red!" "I was told that I didn't need a license after age 65!"

"I didn't make that sound. Shayna did!"

I can see where having a superstition could be of great value.

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The way our Washington, DC folks use the word "billion" when spending our money prompted someone to explain to me how much a billion is. Maybe this will help us both. A billion minutes ago Jesus was alive.

Our government spending is at the rate of a billion dollars every 8 hours and 20 minutes.

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- A baker stopped making doughnuts. He got tired of the hole thing.

- Why does fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing.

- She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.

- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.

- I worked as a meat packer, but I got canned.

- (2010 Old Farmer's Almanac.) The earth does not shake when a flea coughs.

## So Don, what do you think? Thoughts on the election.

For some awful reason more folks than usual have sought me out and asked my opinion on the upcoming election. Before you go there, I agree: there are really Eight Signs of the Apocalypse. Death, plague, trumpets blowing, earthquakes, horsemen of varying hues and the final blow to humanity is when people start asking, "So Don, what do you think?"

Hopefully you're stocked up on dry goods, water, penicillin and ammo, 'cuz this election cycle I am gonna' answer them folks' questions.

Nationally, I don't give two shakes of a cattail, so I won't go there, but closer to home . . .

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. . . Most folks in the community I grew up in (Independence Township) have an identity crisis. Whether you and your family were from the hallowed and sacred community known as Clarkston, or a peasant like me who grew up in the hinter lands of Independence, we all considered ourselves from Clarkston (much to the consternation of the Blue Bloods).

And we had this library called Independence Township Library - even though all the folks who used it had addresses from Clarkston, which was a village and is now not a village but still really called The City of The Village of Clarkston. However, folks from Clarkston Proper paid

different taxes than the "other" folks from the "other" Clarkston (which was really Independence Township).

It was all very confusing.

This past year Independence Township Library became not a township library, but rather the Clarkston Independence Library.

### Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

And now that that is done, library folks want a new millage rate to make everybody even-steven. Sounds reasonable to me.

Were I still a living legend in Clarkston (or Independence Township for that matter) I would vote in favor of the millage increase. Of course I would vote in favor of the millage, and then make sure I would participate by attending library board meetings to make sure increases in tax dollars would be used wisely and not willy-nilly for library employee wage increases.

Growing up, the Rush clan were regular users of the library (I still am a once or twice a week library user in my hometown). My old man always preached, "Any man or woman could better their position in life as long as they could read and write. And, even if you can't afford extra schooling, if you can read and write, you can go to the library

to learn."

It's still the same today. Maybe you cannot afford extra schooling, to buy new books, or computer or internet access. But, if you can read and write, you can still go to the library and read new books AND go on-line AND get extra schooling.

(Another part of that "Dad" sermon was, "There are no excuses for not liking your lot in life. You can always improve if you can read.")

My take: Knowledge is power and knowledge -- power -- is found in libraries."

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In my hometown of Goodrich there is a ballot proposal to allow a certain number of homes to detach from the village and solely be a part of Atlas Township. Whilst I am all in favor (I think) of dissolving the village and just having one community (the Township of Goodrich), I don't think I will vote for the detachment. It's all or nothing at all for me, baby!

My vote is also a very selfish vote, by the way -- not necessarily what's best for the community as a whole. The way I figure it, if say 10, 20, 30 (pick any number) pieces of property leave the village, that only means there are 10, 20, 30 (pick the number) less pieces of property to tax, which means the rest of us tax payers will have to pickup the slack to pay for all the services the village pays, not to mention all the raises

village employees get. Bottom line, I don't want to pay more -- I am selfish.

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For the six state proposals I will make it so easy even a sixth grader can understand. I am voting Yes on One and then I am done -- No on the rest.

Prop One is about the governor's ability to appoint a professional manager to manage bankrupt and failing local government (like Detroit). I'm all for it.

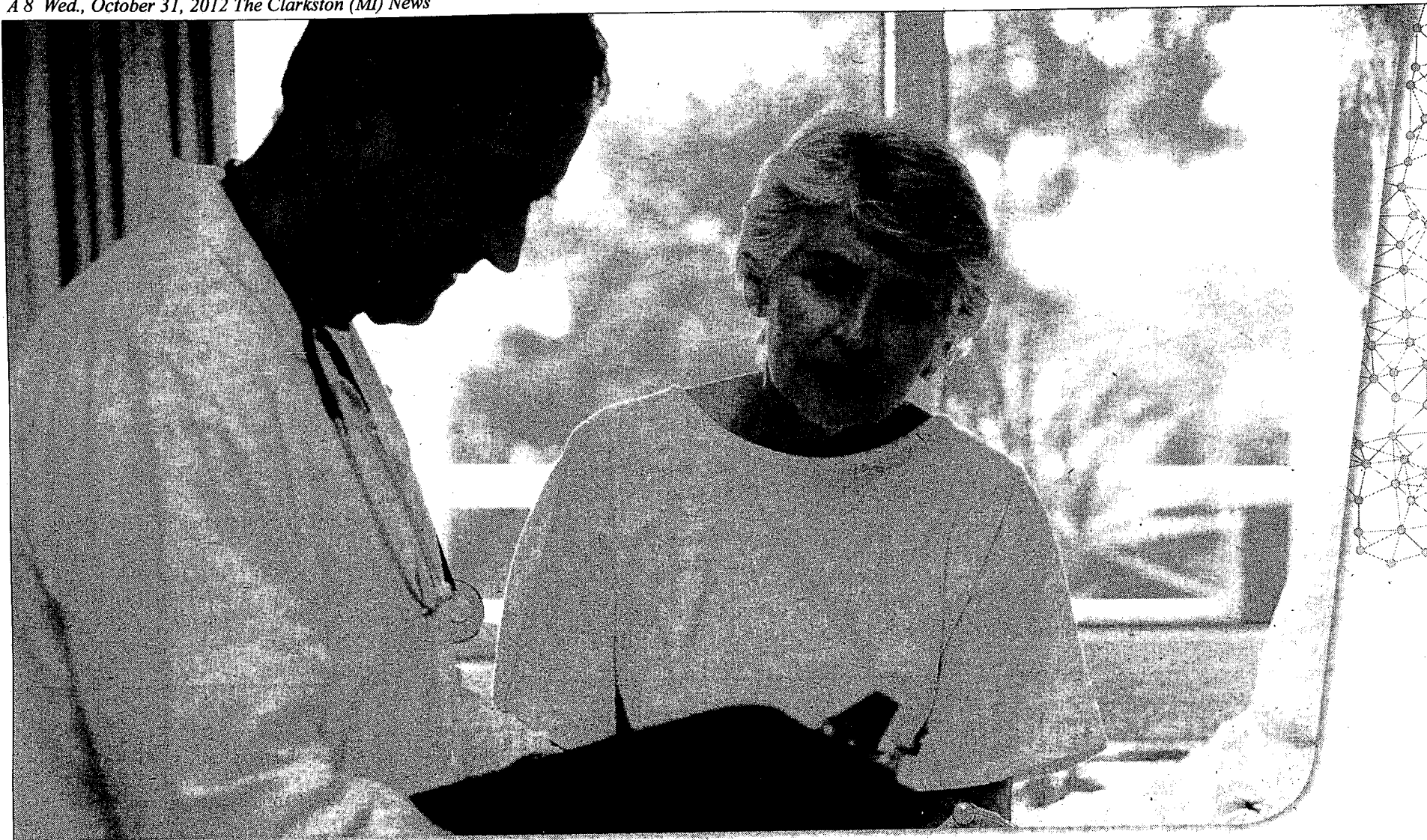
The rest of the proposals, all sound great and have merit on their own, but are all power grabs that will be cemented into the state's Constitution. I do not want the state constitution opened for any of these issues -- not collective bargaining, solar power, bridges, home-care -- none of them.

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For judgeship: Anybody who claims to be for women and children (solely) I will vote against. I want folks on the bench who will listen to evidence and rule on each case based on its merits and current state law not on age nor on gender. I don't want legislators on the bench.

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Okay, now that that is done, make sure you tell everybody you love 'em and get ready for zombines, 'cuz I'm pretty sure they're part of the Apocalypse.



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## Crack in glass leads to more

A deputy stopped a 46-year-old Waterford man for having a crack in his car's windshield, 3:23 p.m., Oct. 12, at Dixie and Waterford Road. The driver had a suspended license, 14 misdemeanor warrants out of Detroit, and a driving-with-license-suspended conviction in 2010. Detroit declined to take him, so his vehicle was impounded and he was released pending prosecutor review.

## Investigation continues

Michigan State Police matched a blood sample taken at the scene of a burglary in the 9000 block of Pine Knob Road last July to a 48-year-old Detroit man. The match was used to get a warrant for a DNA swab, Oct. 16. The suspect was already in custody for another violation.

## Stolen property

Construction equipment was taken from the 5000 block of Clintonville Road, Oct. 18.

Someone removed security bars to break into a maintenance shed in the 6000 block of Maybee Road, Oct. 19.

Someone took power tools from an unlocked garage in the 9000 block of Evec Road, Oct. 21.

Almost 2000 feet of copper wire was taken from a storage yard in the 6000 block of Flemings Lake Road, Oct. 22. Someone had cut through locks to gain access.

# Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

## Tree stumped

A 51-year-old Rochester Hills man drove into a tree on White Lake Road near Dixie Highway, 5:52 p.m., Oct. 17. He said he swerved to avoid another vehicle. With a preliminary breath test of .197, he was arrested, taken to McLaren-Oakland for treatment, then jailed for drunk driving, second offense.

## Late night smoke

A deputy on patrol stopped to check on an SUV parked at Windcliff Drive and Tindall Road, 1:34 a.m., Oct. 17. The occupants, three teenagers, smelled of marijuana. One of the passengers, an 18-year-old Davisburg man, had some marijuana residue, and a set of brass knuckles. Investigation continues.

## Packages missing

An Independence Township man expected delivery of some gun parts ordered online in late September, but they never showed up. UPS said it was delivered on Sept. 28 and left next to the back door. He reported them stolen on Oct. 17.

## Minor stopped

A deputy stopped an 18-year-old Springfield Township man for broken headlight, 12:03 a.m., Oct. 19, at Bigelow and King roads. He said he had drunk two beers, and was cited with minor in possession of alcohol.

## Card goes on spending spree

An Independence Township man's debit card account was hijacked to the tune of \$112, spent at drug stores in Florida, Oct. 18.

## Arrest made

Deputies arrested an 18-year-old Springfield Township man on a felony warrant for marijuana, 6:02 a.m., Oct. 19, in the 8000 block of Holcomb Road.

## Argument leads to assault

Deputies arrested a 62-year-old Springfield Township woman for domestic assault after she had choked her 41-year-old daughter during an argument, 4:32 p.m., Oct. 20. Prosecutors declined a warrant request and she was released.

## Funny money

A 19-year-old Southgate man cashed his payroll check at a Maybee Road convenience store, 5:15 p.m., Oct. 21. When he took the money to deposit in his bank in Taylor, he found two \$100 bills were counterfeit.

## Too much information

An Independence Township man posted his plans to spend the weekend in Detroit on social media to his 3,500 friends. When he returned, Oct. 21, he found someone had broken into his home through a kitchen window and took a TV, money, crossbow, speakers, and iPad.

## Unwanted surprise

A 22-year-old Independence Township woman was watching television with her boyfriend when she heard a sound like a rock hitting the back door, 10:27 p.m., Oct. 24, in the 6000 block of Cherry Lawn Avenue. She walked out the back door to see what the noise was. When she walked out onto the sidewalk at the side of the house, someone jumped out in front of her, growled at her, and jumped back into the dark. She ran back into the house. She wouldn't let her boyfriend outside to look, but did call her mom to come over. They called deputies, but they couldn't find anything.

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

**Clarkston's OAA Red Standings\* #1**

Team	Overall Wins	Losses	Team	Overall Wins	Losses
1. Clarkston	10	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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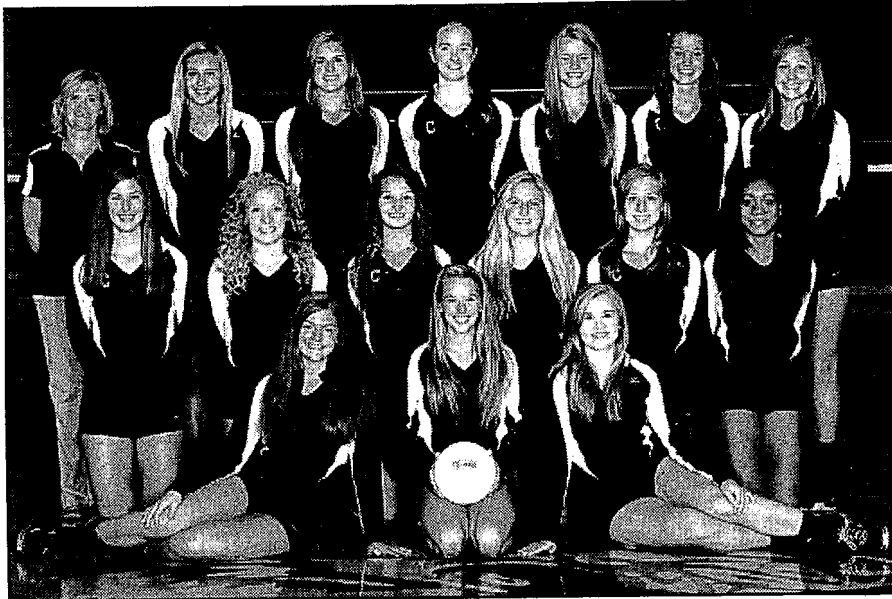
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## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Lady Wolves Varsity Volleyball team heads into playoffs. Photo by VSN

# Eye on court crown

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers are ready for playoff action - starting this week with MHSAA Districts.

They finished their regular season with a bang by winning the Andover Tournament during the weekend.

They were undefeated going 6-0 for the day. They beat Utica Eisenhower in the championship match, 25-20 and 25-18.

Emily Popp had 50 digs and was 41 for 41 in serve receives. Brianna Frakes had 99 assists and 10 aces and Rachel Dickerson had 36 kills and 28 digs.

"We ended on a good note," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall. "It is a little bit of confidence as we go into playoffs. I think the girls feel pretty good about how they are playing."

The Lady Wolves face different opponents in this year's district as they go against Rochester Adams in the first round. If they win they will play against Romeo on Thursday with a chance to go against Oxford or Lake Orion in the finals.

"We definitely have a tough district and we have a lot of work to do this week," said Avenall. "It is different than it has been the last couple of years. The MHSAA likes to reboot throughout the district lines. Now Orion is in our district and they haven't been the last couple of years. They are also ranked in the state."

Though the girls beat them a few weeks ago for the OAA Red title it was a close match.

"A team like that is hard to beat twice," said Avenall. "It is not something we can walk through because we did it one time. We have to get through our first few rounds. I won't focus on Orion until we get to that point. I don't want the girls to look that far ahead but we do know it is looming over our heads during this first round of playoffs."

Avenall added the Lady Wolves' strengths going in the playoffs is finishing the regular season with a 49-6-1 record - one of the best in the school's history.

"It is a strength for them to know they have been successful," she said. "We've won some tight matches."

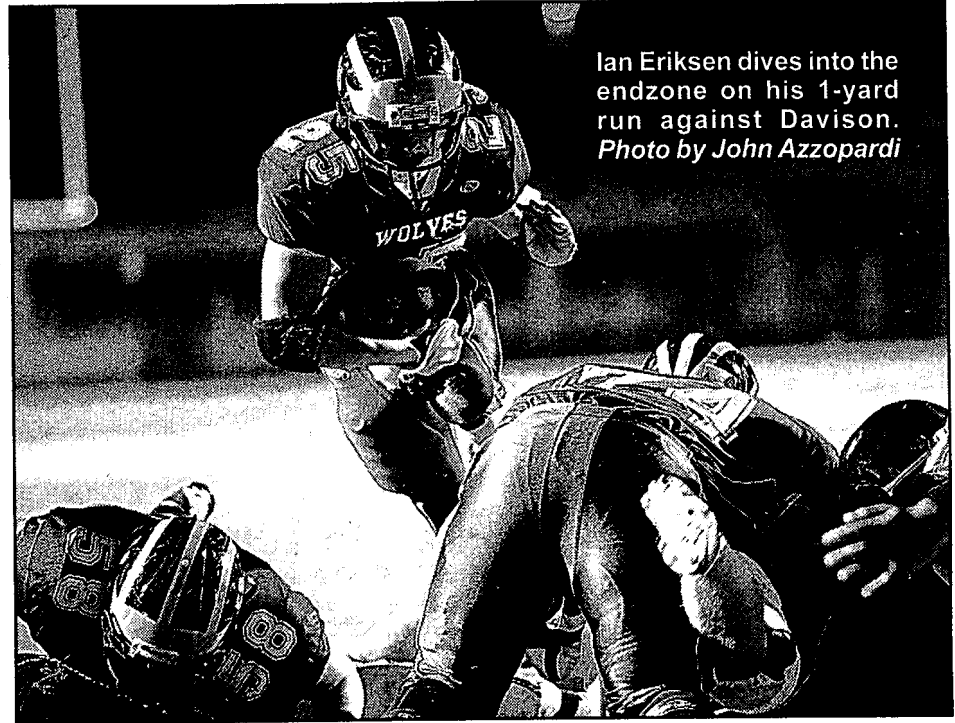
Another strength is having five seniors with experience. All know the pressure teams face in the playoffs after experiencing it themselves last year during the semi-finals.

The district playoffs began Tuesday with Clarkston against Rochester Adams. It continues Thursday, 5:30 p.m., and finals on Saturday, 11 a.m. All games are at Romeo High School, 11091 W. 32 Mile Road in Romeo.

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Ian Eriksen dives into the endzone on his 1-yard run against Davison. Photo by John Azzopardi

# Wolves shut down Davison

Continued from page 1  
drive."

Last Friday, the Cardinals opened the game with possession on the 25-yard but the Wolves' defense wouldn't let them gain ground. On their third down, senior linebacker Nathan Yeloushan pushed them back six yards forcing them to punt on their next try.

The Wolves took over on the 41-yard line in their territory with 9:56 to go in the first quarter.

The boys eased closer to the endzone. Senior wide receiver Chris Calvano's 37-yard drive brought them closer and put them on the 14-yard line.

Junior running back Ian Eriksen carried the ball two times before making it third times the charm on a 2-yard run into the endzone with 7:09 on the clock.

Clarkston struck again before the quarter finished to put the score 14-0. This time sophomore quarterback D.J. Zezula went to pass the ball. Finding no players open and the Cardinals quickly closing in, he took off down the field to score on a 5-yard run.

"Offensively we were very good again," said Richardson. "We have some things to work on. It was a nice win."

Zezula struck again in the next quarter with a 1-yard run and with a 53-yard touchdown pass to senior Alex Dicea as the clock ran out to put the score, 28-0.

Eriksen scored two more times in the second half off a 6-yard run and a 16-yard run. He finished as leading rusher with 102 yards on 19 carries.

"He was very good tonight," Richardson added. "D.J. threw some nice balls."

Zezula connect 4-of-7 passes for 149 yards and one touchdown. Junior kicker Shane Hynes was 6-for-7 in PAT attempts.

Yeloushan led defense with seven tackles

for the night. Senior Ben Kaminsky had six tackles, one sack and a fumble recovery.

Richardson added Dicea had a good game on defense.

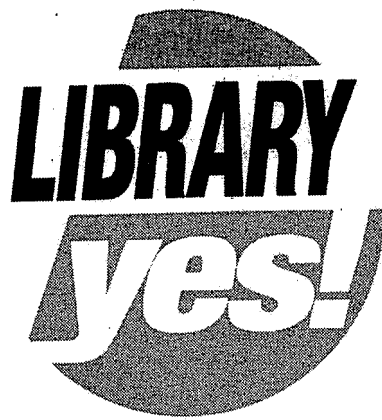
"He was outstanding," he said. "He came up on the edge and made some nice tackles. He broke up a couple of big passes."

The Wolves host the Bobcats on Friday, 7 p.m.



Alex Dicea makes a run as the clock runs out in the first half. Photo by Larry Wright

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Pounding paths to finals

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Runners are heading to the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals this week after finishing in the top three at the regional meet last Saturday.

The Lady Wolves finished in second place with 74 points. Oxford took first place with 65 points.

"We had a really strong performance," said Kevin Breen, coach for the Clarkston Girls Cross Country team. "We went out there ready. We would have liked to take first place but Oxford had an amazing race. My hats off to them. They have been working all season for it. We were still second place and had four in the top 20. It was a really strong race. We had a few PRs."

Freshman Nicole Hanson led the team at 18:44 for her fifth place finish.

Senior Erin Billette finished in eighth place at 19:02; sophomore Lysie Gram, 14th, 19:14; senior Kaitlin Catania, 20th, 19:49; junior Sage Beauregard, 27th, 20:09; senior Molly Jeffers, 40th, 20:27; and senior Amanda Chamberlain, 46th, 20:33.

"It was pretty impressive," said Breen. "We had good times across the board. Everyone was really solid with their times."

The boys team finished in third place with 116 points. Romeo took first with 34 points and Port Huron Northern finished with 94

points.

Senior Sam Tanielian led the team and finished the race in 16:06 for his tenth place finish. Sophomore Daniel Billette took 11th place at 16:14; senior Nick Moore, 15th, 16:34; senior Austin Draving, 34th, 16:58; senior Scott Cousino, 46th, 17:14; freshman Grant Henley, 56th, 17:36; and sophomore Sam Lanker, 58th, 17:41.

Both teams head to the finals this Saturday and Breen said the goal for the Lady Wolves is to finish in the top 15.

"With this team and the training they have been doing we can break the top ten or at least break into the top ten," he added.

The top teams the girls are looking at are Seaholm, Brighton and Oxford - the same teams they have been watching all season.

"There are a lot of good teams there this year," Breen said. "From when I ran for Clarkston to now I don't think I have seen a meet so competitive. It should be an exciting race. If all goes well we will have some good performances ourselves and slip some of our girls into the All-State spots."

The finals are at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn, Michigan. The boys race at 2 p.m. and the girls race at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 per person for everyone ages five and up. No credit cards are accepted for ticket purchases. E-tickets can be purchased online at www.ticketleap.com.



The Lady Wolves cheer on their teammates.

# Desire, talent and sacrifice yields 9-0 season

BY WENDI REARDON  
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Work on and off of the field paid off for the gridiron heroes of three teams as they made Clarkston history this season.

The Clarkston Freshman, JV and varsity teams finished their regular season not only as OAA Red Champions but undefeated - a first in Wolf history.

"It was been a lot of fun," said sophomore Matt Boczar. "We have a great group of kids and we just have fun playing together."

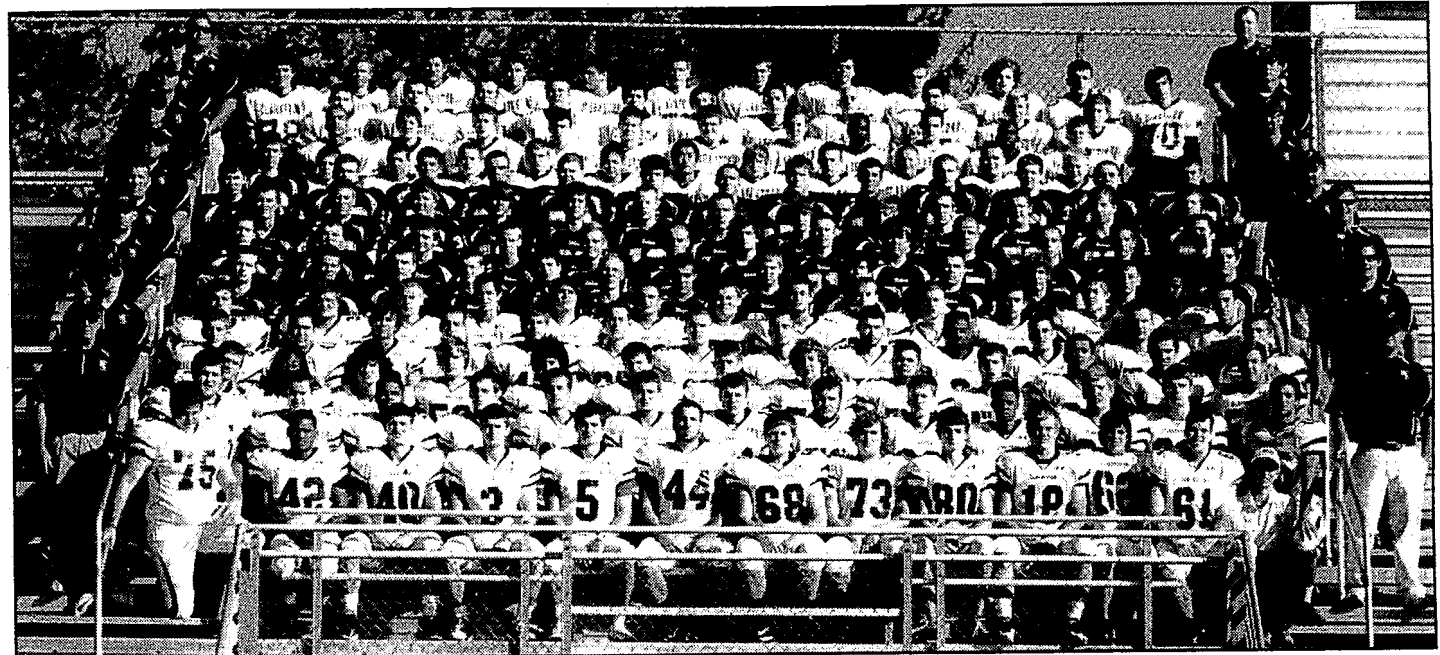
For the program it was testament of the dedicated players and coaching staff. Coaches said it was their pack of wolves making the difference on the field.

"They have an awful lot of desire," said long time head coach Kurt Richardson about his varsity players. "They are loopy goosy. They don't get uptight. I think that is part of it. When they got behind against Lake Orion they didn't chose or get panicky. They believe in themselves."

"We were very fortunate to have a talented and smart group of kids who love coming out every day, competing and love playing football," said Luke Denver, head coach for the JV team. "This class has played together for a long time and they have won a lot of football games. Each one plays football the way it is meant to be played."

Dan Carpenter, head coach for the freshman team, added the players understand it is about the relationships the boys develop with their teammates.

"Clarkston football is about family, play and sacrifice," he said. "They understand it's not about the offense and defense. It is the relationships."



The 2012 Freshman, JV and Varsity football teams all celebrate an undefeated season. Photo by Wendi Reardon

"I have said forever our coaches at the seventh, eighth and ninth grades set the standards," said Richardson. "They break the kids in and teach them what Clarkston football is all about. But the time they get to us these kids know what is expected of them. We all work together, we all sacrifice together and we are all successful together."

"It's the stability of the whole program," Carpenter added. "It's the stability that helps us and keeps us consistent."

Sophomore Jack McKillop added the coaches were a big help.

"All of the coaches work with us," he said. "I know during conditioning I would always

be the last. But the coaches would work with me and encourage me. It kept me working harder."

All teams had their moments during the season both good and bad but the highlights for the season.

For JV it was playing Lake Orion and grabbing hold of the OAA Red Championship.

"It was probably one of the most exciting games we play at that grade level," said Denver about the 38-22 win.

"Our season really turned around after playing Stoney Creek," Carpenter added.

"We were down at halftime and we ended up winning the ball game. 21-8. We made some

changes and paid off."

Over 160 players made up the three teams to make the overall 27-0 record. The varsity team is still playing as they continue in the playoffs. They are joined by JV players helping in the post-season.

"We have a lot of kids who like to be a part of something greater than themselves," McKillop added. "They come out here every day and help the team. Everyone plays a role and I think that is why we were so successful because everyone is selfless on this team."

For more information and to view all of the teams scores, please visit [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/football](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/football).

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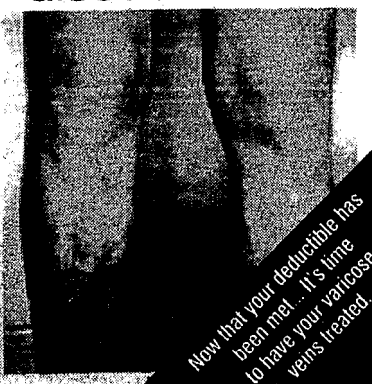
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# Four candidates run for Clarkston City Council

Running to fill three open seats on the Clarkston City Council are incumbents Richard Bisio, Peggy Roth, and Mike Sabol, and challenger Carol Eberhardt.

**Richard Bisio**, 64, is a 10-year Clarkston resident. He is an attorney, married with one child.

He has served on the city council for two years, including the finance and ordinance committees.

I have promoted codification of the city's ordinances, so that we can consolidate and update ordinances that date back to 1915. I have been an attorney for 33 years, handling commercial disputes. I am a published author on legal matters and have served on numerous court-appointed and bar association committees.



Bisio

With this background, I bring to the work of the council an attention to detail, a concern with proper process, and an ability to promote ideas.

The downturn in the economy is the most critical problem for most.

City government can address this in two ways: First, the city can strive to do better budgeting and operate more economically, so that only the minimum taxes necessary for city government are imposed. Ultimately, I would like to see a change in state law that would allow a partial consolidation with another municipality in order to more economically provide services, while keeping local control over things such as zoning and the historic district. Second, the city can encourage new and existing businesses by better permitting and ordinance enforcement procedures.

Independence Township and Oakland County provide most of the city's services. The only services that the city provides with its own personnel is the department of public works, which plows snow on local roads and maintains the park and other city property.

The city should continue to explore

possibilities to provide DPW services more economically, including finding an alternative to renting additional DPW space at 3 E. Church St.

The city receives only a part of the total tax levy on property owners, so much of the tax burden is beyond the city's control.

That said, the city's general operating millage (13.1979 mills) is higher than Independence Township's equivalent millage (8.0314 mills, which will increase to 8.6214 mills in 2013 with approval of the increased fire millage). If the library millage is approved this November, I expect the city's operating millage to decrease to 12.5079 mills.

The higher city millage is the price of local control in a small municipality, where the overhead of general government is spread among fewer taxpayers.

I have proposed state legislation that would allow a negotiated consolidation of municipal functions, while still retaining local control over some functions. Thus, for example, the city could consolidate with another municipality for most functions but retain its local control over zoning and the historic district. This would reduce the tax burden by shifting the provision of most services to a larger municipality that can provide the services at a lower per capita rate.

I support the 1.25 mill library millage. The library has done a wonderful job surviving on a shrinking income stream as property values have declined, but it has had to cut back on personnel and some services. The township has subsidized the library from its general fund, but can't afford to continue to do that.

**Mike Sabol**, 54, has lived in Clarkston for seven years with his wife and daughter. He is an engineer at General Motors

I have been an employee of General Motors for 36 years. During that time I have had a number of positions in Engineering and Manufacturing. These positions have provided me with a wide variety of experiences in managing people and multi-million dollar programs.

Much of my focus over the years has been related to issue identification, problem solving and strategies to resolve concerns. I believe that these skills are critical to a Council position. Also, over the past six months I have been appointed to the Council to replace a member who resigned. During this time I have been active and involved in the Council, the Planning Commission and other committees.

Economically, the City and surrounding area have not fully recovered. Therefore, the top issue is maintaining a viable budget. Even as the economy recovers, we must manage and prepare for future downturns. Currently, I do not support or vote for any expenditures unless they fall into Health/Safety or, Regulatory/Legal categories. Even if they do fit into these categories, I will not support any expenditure unless the money is budgeted and we find the proper offsets or there is a sufficient return on investment.



Sabol

The next most important issues are the growth of business within the City, and developing and maintaining a City identity. Although separate, I combine the two because they go hand in hand. A growing business area will be key to developing the identity of the City. This growth can be created by working with current and new businesses to meet their needs.

Finally, the Council needs to reach out to the residents and engage them. I am always open to a phone call or email and will always reply, but additionally, I plan to hold 'office hours' twice a month where citizens can just sit down and discuss issues with me.

Overall, I believe the services are meeting the needs but we need to find more innovative ways to provide these services and reduce the costs of those services. As an example, while I was disappointed when the City Police Department was disbanded, I believe that the Oakland County Sheriff has

done a good job covering the area. This was a significant savings to the City at an extremely tough time when City revenues were being drastically reduced. I will support the development of new initiatives and changes that will save the City money while maintaining service levels.

In these tough times every effort should be made to reduce the tax burden on the citizens but in this case there is a value to the taxes the residents of the City pay. When considering operating millages, the difference is 15% (approximately 5.1 mills) higher than those of Independence Township residents. This difference allows the residents to maintain control of our City and the area it covers.

Finally, I feel it is important that we maintain our self-governance to preserve and protect our beautiful City and the Historical District. I want to see the businesses grow, but in the defined commercial district, while the historic homes remain personal residences. I am not convinced that this could be maintained if the resident's votes were diluted in a much larger government entity.

I fully support the creation of the Library District in cooperation with Independence Township. What I questioned during that process and still question today is the need for a 1.25 mill tax.

The current tax rate of .69 may not be sufficient to run the library at 2010 levels but 1.25 mills represents, not only returning services to those 2010 levels but, an increase in services. I do not think that now is the time to increase taxes on the backs of residents who have seen reduced property values and increased cost of living for services that will not benefit all residents. This is why I voted for the City resolution supporting that, if the millage does pass, the City will return the current .69 mills back to the residents. This would result in only a net increase to residents of .56 mills.

During the seven years that my family and I have lived in Clarkston, including my

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## Three seats open on council

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involvement with City Government, I have met and talked to a large number of residents of the City. We may not always agree on every issue but we have one thing in common – we all love this City and the surrounding area and want what is best for the City and its residents. For this reason I think the future is bright. I think there is opportunity to grow the business district and yet maintain our beautiful historic district. I think that we can maintain City services and reduce the costs of those services with the potential to reduce the tax burden on the residents. Together we can work to make the City of the Village of Clarkston continue to be the best place to live for all of us.

I believe that the People of Clarkston know my true record on the Council, have read the articles in *The Clarkston News* regarding my involvement and activities in the City, including the Planning Commission, have read my full responses on the LWVOA website, and will read my comments in today's edition of the News to find the real Mike Sabol and rest assured that I have done and will continue to do my best for the City and its residents.

**Carol Eberhardt**, 66, has lived in Clarkston for 30 years. She is married with three children, and is an electrical apprentice coordinator for the State of Michigan for Tradesmen International

My involvement in the Clarkston community began when I opened a business downtown in 1979. During my tenure as a retail store owner I reorganized the downtown business association and became actively involved in Village Politics. I continued to invest in the village by becoming a member of the Village Council and went on to be President of the Village. During my tenure I reorganized Village process and procedures as well as ensuring key staff people were trained.

I currently am a member of the Tax Board of Review. I have history here. I've experienced and witnessed the shifts and changes that have occurred here. I can bring that history to the council. My professional resume includes years of training and management positions which included the creation of budgets and management of several employees.

Managing the budget that must deal with lower tax revenue certainly is critical. It is imperative the council prioritize budgeted items to ensure our shrinking tax revenue is used in ways that benefit all City residents. Maximizing outside funding is critical but also challenging.

Rational management of the downtown business district to ensure the reason people come to Clarkston is not lost.

It has never been a secret that the tax rates in the City are higher than Independence Township. It's a choice we

all made when we chose to live here. Independence Township residents enjoy the ratio of numbers...large numbers, which means the cost of services is spread among more people.

I believe the library is one of the hearts of the community. Even with the onset of the internet and computers the need for Library services is critical. Library services have changed as technology has developed. Books and reading will never go out of date. We need to give our library the resources to ensure they can meet the changing needs of our community. It's a huge wonderful world out there and all of it can be accessed through the library. Cool...or what?

Over the years I have seen the City cycle through many phases. In the mid 80's there were 35 retail businesses downtown. Building uses shifted to professional services though the late 80's into the 90's. Things cycle here.

The Historic District Ordinance was created to ensure buildings in the district were properly maintained. I am excited at the success of the local restaurants and know they fuel the success of downtown businesses as well. That energy is catching, our future is great!

**Peggy J. Roth**, 57, is married with three children and has lived in Clarkston since 1998.

I have been on the City Council for six years and am very involved in the Community. I am currently serving on six committees including the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and the Clarkston Retailer's Group, which I co-founded in July of '09.

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I think we can more effectively use the services we have available by being more effective in the way the departments are run.

We can always improve our function as a City and use taxes more efficiently.

Yes, I think the library is a very important part of our community.

Clarkston's future is bright and promising with the combination of business, residential and all the wonderful things we offer people from the shopping, restaurants, parades, concerts, the Mill Pond and Depot Park all of which make this a desirable place to live and work.



Eberhardt



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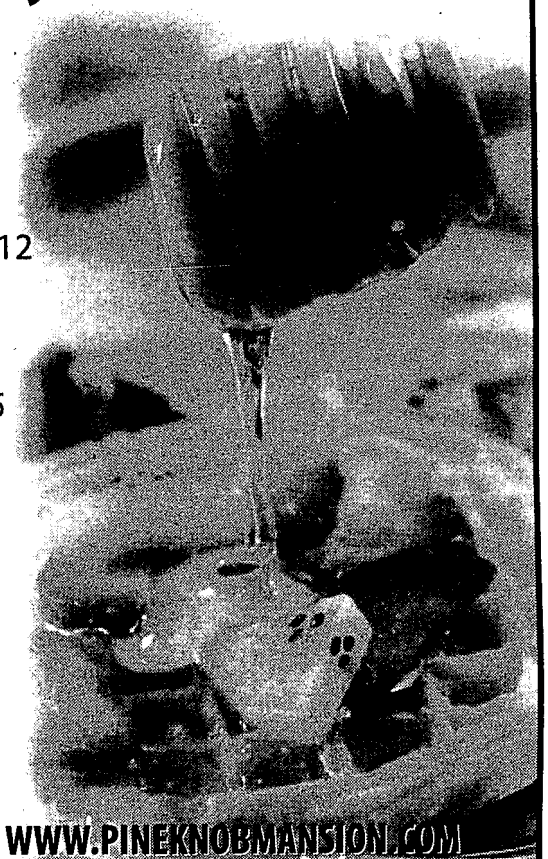
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In 2012, the Clarkston Community Schools' consists of 12 buildings and 8,000 students. In 1995, the Clarkston Community Schools consisted of 10 school buildings and 6,000 students.

Our graduates and teachers well remember how crowded we were in 1995 and how desperately we needed more space for our students. In response, the voters of Clarkston supported a \$52 million bond issue that built Clarkston High School. Again in 1997 and 2003, Clarkston's voters supported additional bond projects to address overcrowding, including Independence Elementary, the Early Childhood Center, and Administration Building along with the expansion and remodeling of each elementary school, Renaissance High School, Sashabaw Middle School, and Clarkston Junior High. The indebtedness of generations of students and community members who have and will enjoy these ongoing investments in their community schools cannot be understated.

The Clarkston Community Schools' Standard and Poors rating remains strong and indicates our ongoing eligibility for participation in the School Bond Loan Fund, which has allowed the community to maximize its investments in its schools. Pending state legislation (Senate Bill 770) could threaten the district's ability to save taxpayer dollars through future participation in the School Bond Loan Fund. The district is not at a maximum or dangerous debt level, according to our ratings, which remain strong and will allow taxpayers to save \$4 million through the board of education's recent action to refund past bonds. The strong credit rating, along with our October audit, also indicate the district's fiscal responsibility.

Beyond this, the Clarkston Community Schools' board of education at their Oct. 22 meeting, approved the district's annual audit. It was a clean audit that showed the district's budget to

actual comparison as within 1%. This means that the variance between the district's budget and its actual spending (over \$71 million) was only \$583,000, to the good. This, along with our strong Standard and Poors rating, demonstrates that the district is fiscally sound. We are indebted to our finance department, our board of education, and our entire district for the responsible use and oversight of our fiscal resources.

We are also deeply indebted for the collaborative efforts of our bargaining and non-affiliated groups, who work closely and continually with the district's administrators, for their sacrifices and willingness to ensure the district's long term financial stability. Our sound financial situation would not be possible without the collaboration of our employees. This is not true of every school district in Michigan and we are very fortunate to have such collaborative processes.

Dr. Rod Rock

The debt of the community and our graduates obviously includes our teachers, past and present. Our excellence in student achievement is evidenced at Clarkston High School, which recently accomplished its highest ever average level of achievement on the ACT test at 21.9, which is well above the state average and near the top of Oakland County schools. Even as the state implemented new cut scores on the MEAP test and put in place Focus School designation (we have three such designated schools—Pine Knob, Andersonville, and SMS), our achievement scores continue to grow. Even our lowest performing schools achieve adequate yearly progress.

Thanks, Clarkston citizens, leaders (past and present), and staff members. Generations of children and community members are deeply indebted to you. I hope our community will not take for granted the excellent fiscal standing of our school district. Although we have challenges, including the fact Clarkston is among the lowest funded school districts in Oakland County, we continue to maintain a standard of excellence. Way to go, Clarkston!

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Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

## New liquor license policy?

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Treasurer Curt Carson hopes to keep liquor licenses in the community to encourage businesses to stay within Independence Township.

The number of liquor licenses state law allows in a community is based on population, and Independence Township has already issued its total of 23 licenses. Those hoping to serve beer, wine, or liquor in their establishment must pay a one-time fee of \$600 to the township and \$600 to the state yearly for a license, explained Deputy Clerk Beth Lawrence.

A business with a liquor license from Independence can move their establishment to another township, yet even though no longer operate in Independence township, their liquor license would be counted in the 23 allotted.

According to Lawrence, once a liquor license is issued to a business, it can be sold to another business for any price and in any township. The state of Michigan charges \$600, and the township charges \$300 for a license transfer, she said.

From Carson's perspective, the ease of transferring a liquor license to another township is a problem.

"I want business to come here and stay here, and if we can create a situation where business will stay here as opposed to leave, I think that's something we should pursue," he said.

To keep business in Independence, Carson wants businesses to sign an agreement that ensures their liquor license will be sold within Independence Township if their establishment is no longer operating. Businesses that have already been issued licenses will not have to agree to the new policy if it is adopted, he said.

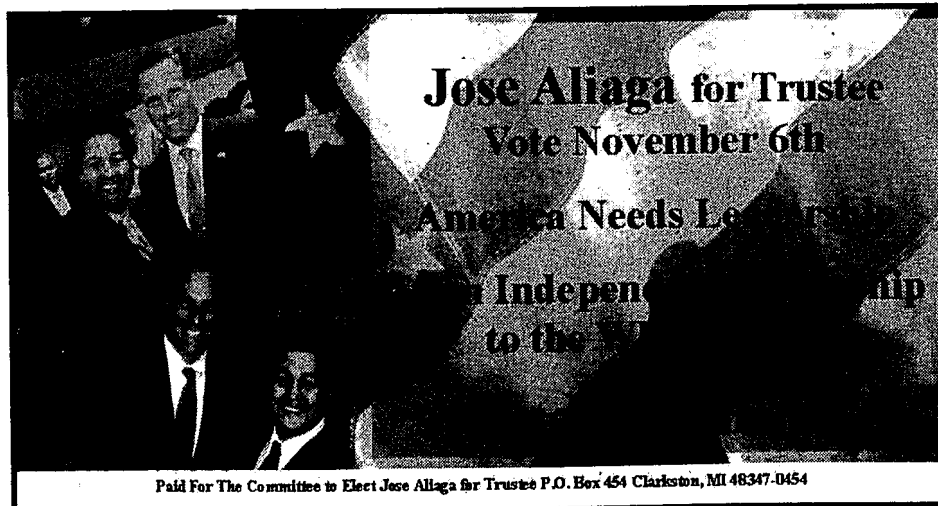
In a 3:1 vote on October 16, the board approved spending \$1,200 to have attorney Steve Joppich draft a new liquor license policy. Clerk Barb Pallotta was the sole board member to oppose the motion. Trustees Mark Petterson and Larry Rosso were absent.

Pallotta pointed out, "we can have the agreement, but in terms of it being enforceable, we don't have that authority."

The Clerk also expressed the opinion that the policy was contradictory. "I would welcome a license coming in, so I'm hesitant to take the opposite approach." Two businesses in Independence Township currently operate with liquor licenses acquired in other townships.

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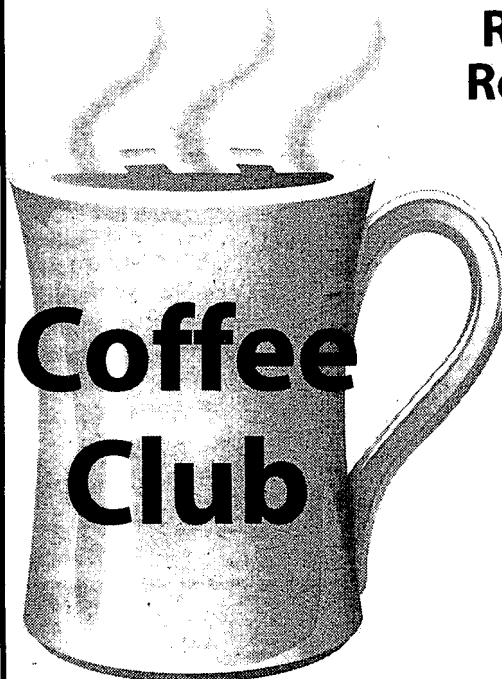
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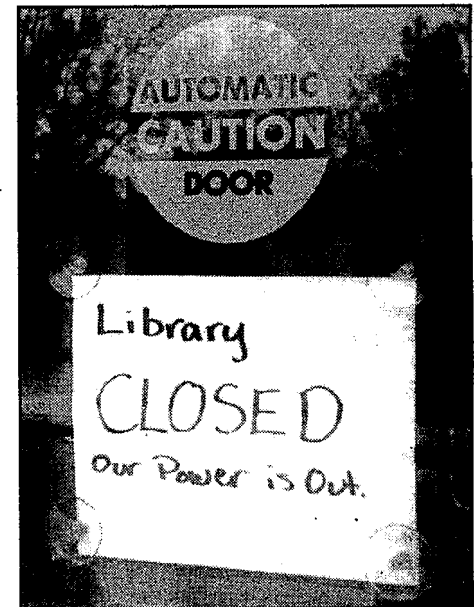
## Sandy slaps Clarkston area

Superstorm Sandy made her presence felt all the way to downtown Clarkston, Tuesday, knocking out power throughout the area.

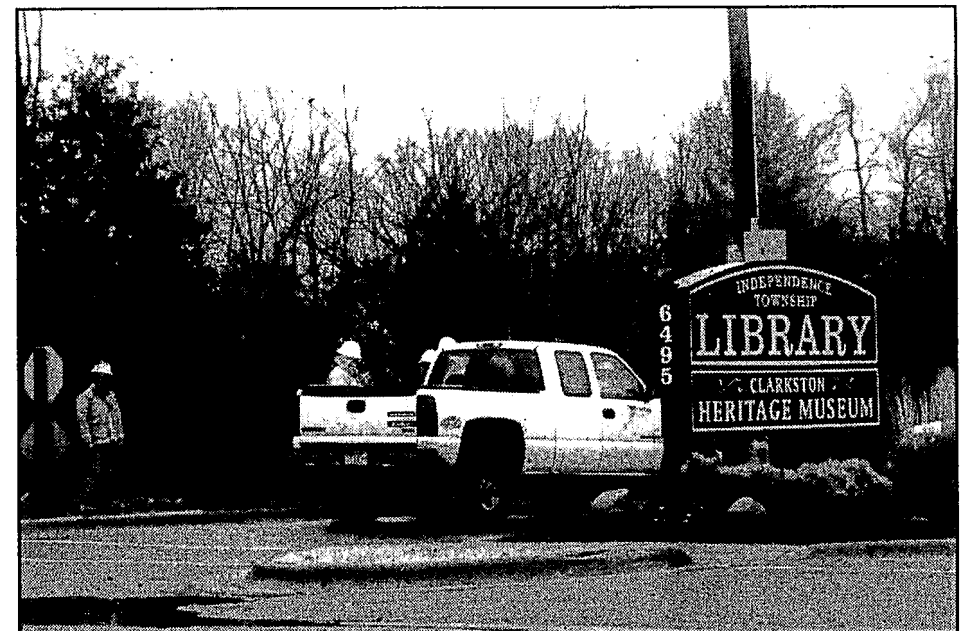
Clarkston schools were closed, as high winds knocked trees onto power lines. DTE reports 70,000 people in the region had no electricity.

Drivers treated the Main Street intersection like a four-way stop because the traffic light was out of power. The light at Flemings Lake and Clarkston Road was also out of service, as well as the library.

DTE workers tried restoring power to the library Tuesday morning, but could not offer an estimate of when residents' lights would come back on.



Loss of power closed the library.



DTE workers try to restore power to the Clarkston area. Photos by Mary Keck

# Seven vie for township trustee seats

Independence Township can choose from seven candidates to fill four seats on the Township Board, Nov. 6 – Republicans Jose Aliaga, David Lohmeier, Ronald A. Ritchie, and Andrea K. Schroeder, and Democrats Kevin Bushroe, Jeremy Mitchell, and Joe Wauldron.

**Jose Aliaga**, 35, has lived in the community for 12, and works as a medical concierge.

"The most critical problem facing local residents is the devaluation of their homes. I would encourage business like McLaren to bring jobs to Independence Township so people could buy the existing inventory of homes," Aliaga said.



**Aliaga**

Government services are currently meeting the needs of the community. Individual millages support fire, sheriff and library. The Parks and Recs department should have their own millage instead of drawing from the general fund. Independence Township and Springfield Township should combine as many services as possible, he said.

"I am getting involved in local government out of a sense of civic responsibility, this country, state and township have been good to me, and I want to give back," he said.

He served as vice chairman and executive director of the Michigan Republican National Hispanic Assembly Vice Chairman.

"I have built relationships with other Republican Conservative Leaders serving in local, county, state and federal government, which will help Independence Township grow," he said. "I am the Founder of The Aliaga Foundation that promotes conservative values, education, conservative economy and helping underprivileged children in Latin America. As a young Republican I am helping other youth from local and state universities build bridges and share their values with these underprivileged children."

Voters should cast their ballot for me because he is a fiscal conservative, who is responsible with taxpayer money, he said.

"I am a true Christian Conservative and have been involved in the Republican Party for many years," he said. "I believe that my vision for Independence Township is a new beginning for all of us. More than anything else I want my campaign to restore the spirit of sense of purpose and I want to carry our message to every citizen regardless of party affiliation who is a member of this community of shared values. President Bush invited me to the White House and recognized me for my achievements."

**David Lohmeier**, 46, has lived for 43 years in Oakland County, 21 years in Independence Township. Married with two children, he is

manager of Strategic Initiatives and New Business Development at OnStar

"We have had great success during my term in alleviating some of our most urgent and significant problems," Lohmeier said. "The first of which was to institute good budgeting, financial control and expense management to halt a truly disastrous situation the township had been placed into. We also were able to reorganize several departments and bring in strong leadership that is already showing good results. Now we are able to build on those successes to address less urgent, but important issues such as capital improvements."



**Lohmeier**

The recent improvements we have made in landscaping the Sashabaw Corridor are an example of keeping the community attractive to new investment, he said.

"I believe we can continue to do more. I think we have mechanisms in place to fund our critical services through the existing dedicated millages and general fund. Recently all residents have felt heavy economic pressure and have had to live within their means. Local government should be expected to do so as well. When I was elected, we were not. The administration was spending significantly more than they were making and our first order of business was to fix that problem," he said.

The future of Independence has never been brighter.

"Census figures show that even with the large recession of the last few years Independence Township remained a great place to live and work. The citizens are engaged and involved and extremely caring. I wouldn't choose to live anywhere else," he said.

"I wanted to help make a difference in my local community. Also four years ago I thought I could help do a better job moving the township forward, and after four years I believe strongly that we have."

During his term, his business experience helped the most. Getting the financial house in order was job one and applying what are typically common business practices was essential. In addition government fails when it is completely reactionary.

"We need to plan for the future and implementing multiyear budgets and capital planning was a priority for me and I'm happy to say we have implemented both," he said.

Additionally the Township Board is a portfolio of different services. From Police and Fire to Building and Planning, Water and Sewer to Parks and Recreation. It has helped that I have been involved in many of these areas in the past. As planning commission member and chair, as chairman

of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, or even leading the volunteer group pursuing a new senior center several years ago.

"All these volunteer and appointed positions helped me understand the inner workings and responsibilities of our local government," he said.

"I've been proud to serve my neighbors for four years. I hope that those that have watched how I have led the Board through some of our toughest debates and challenges know that I always have the taxpayers interest at heart. I believe that it is important to be good stewards of the taxpayers dollars and spend those funds with the same care you would take with your own money. The public trust is an important one and I have been honored with the trust of my neighbors and I have not taken it lightly. I also believe a carry a strong sense of right and wrong and most citizens want to see that carried into our local decisions as well. In short when someone says I want someone on the Board that can understand the issues, be prepared, doesn't carry a hidden agenda and know the difference between right and wrong, I hope they will think of me," he said.

**Ronald A. Ritchie**, 58, has lived over 15 years in Independence Township, but over 42 years locally. He and his wife have four children and he works as a manufacturers sales representative.



**Ritchie**

Critical issues include the District Library and McLaren Hospital campus.

"I have publicly supported and will continue to support these issues," Ritchie said. "Our current library must transform into a District Library that can grow into a facility that is economically self-sustaining, while expanding the services it offers to the community. I support this change and will work to make this happen."

He has served on the Planning Commission that recently approved the site plan revisions and permit conditions to allow the McLaren Health Care Campus to move forward.

"I support this addition to our community and feel this complex will be good for the township," he said.

"I think each community must plan and budget to meet the needs of its residents and businesses. It first takes a vision to make a budget that includes the items to support the health, safety and welfare of the community and balance that with the revenue received. This vision must protect and build on the key assets of the township, such as the Fire Department, Police Protection, Parks & Recreation facilities,

Please see Schroeder on page 27



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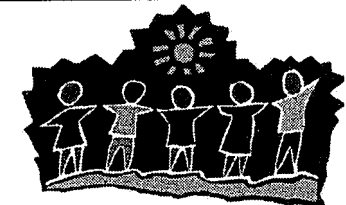
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Detroit Voice and other groups perform in concert at A Cappella Explosion, Nov. 10. Photo provided

## Fall sounds fill high school, Nov. 7

Clarkston High School Vocal Music Department performs in concert at the A Cappella Explosion, 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center.

The musical performance features the Sashabaw Middle School Encore and Wolf Singers, Clarkston High School Concert Choir, Madrigals, and Detroit Voice.

The concert is a cappella and will feature top 40 music throughout the decades including songs by Gotye, fun., Rascal Flatts, Kelly Clarkson, Andy Grammer, Van Morrison, Usher and others.

Special Guest is Central Harmony from Central

Michigan University. Central Harmony features two Clarkston Vocal Music Department alums Josh Martin (2010) and Rebecca Turner (2012). Their group will be doing workshops with the high school singers during the day on Saturday in addition to performing at the concert.

Also at the event, Detroit Voice performs songs from their debut CD, "Sounds Like Home." A special ticket and CD package for this concert is \$10. Adult general admission separately is \$5, and \$2 for students.

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SCORE: Carson Sunde, a fourth grader at Pine Knob Elementary, plans his move in a shoot-out students vs. teachers during the Red Wings Assembly, Oct. 24 Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Ballerinas Elke and Lucy Roeser happily accept candy from Oakland County Sheriff's Office deputy Dave Stewart.

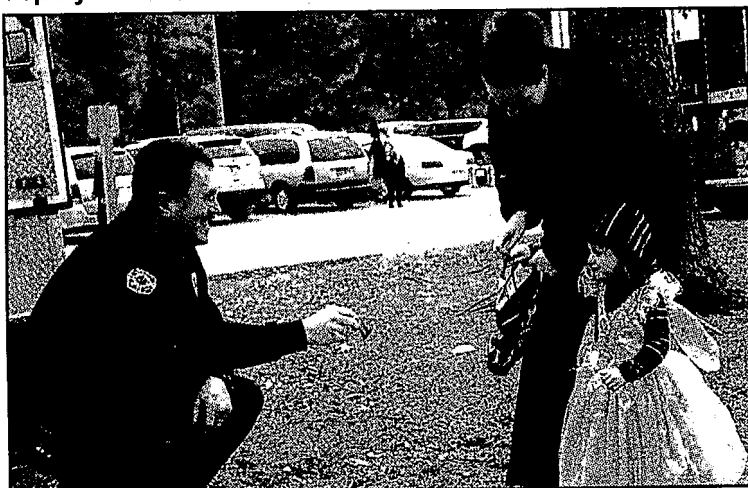


Alaina and Logan Przybylare ready for their yellow brick road adventure for treats. Photos by Mary Keck

## Early treats at Friendly Forest

Children smiled as their favorite cartoon and fairy-tale characters handed them candy at the Friendly Forest in Clintonwood Park, Oct. 20.

The kids dressed up in their Halloween costumes for the annual event, hosted by the Independence Township Parks and Rec and Clarkston Area Optimist Club



Tianna Hutchcraft peeks to see what treat Dan White, from the fire department, has for her.



Brayden Bohn visits Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, too.



Love bug Claire Naboychik has her pink pumpkin ready for Tom Doyon, from the Independence Township Fire Department.

## Candy collection for troops

Extra candy from Halloween? Donate it to Treats for Troops, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Friday, November 1-2, at Independence Township Substation, 6560 Citation Drive.

Oakland County Sheriff's Office will send the treats, along with thank-you, holiday, and other notes, to troops overseas.

"Treats for Troops is a great way parents can participate in a community service project with their kids while showing our troops we support them back

home," said Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

Halloween candy must be individually wrapped - no chocolate. There will be a drop box in the lobby.

Operation Care Package Michigan will assist with the shipping portion of the project.

Also taking part in the candy collection are substations in Brandon Township, Commerce Township, Highland Township, Orion Township, Oxford Township, and Rochester Hills, as well as headquarters in Pontiac.



Courtney Cox performs with the color guard. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

## Music notes takeover football field

The Clarkston High School Marching Band hosted their Clarkston Invitational, Oct. 20.

Though they did not compete they scored a 75.45 and are currently in tenth place in

Flight 1 of the Michigan Competing Band Association. They head to Ford Field in Detroit this Saturday for the championship.

Flight I performs at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.themcba.com](http://www.themcba.com)



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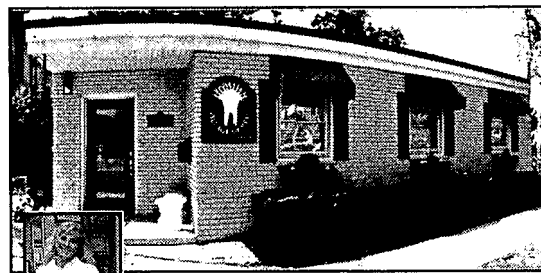
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From left are costume contest winners Lucy the angel, with Katie Lukovich, Benny and his owner Karyn Liechty, Hank the wizard St. Bernard with Denise Schons, Sir Winston the pumpkin with Michelle Ketzler, and Tyson, in his prisoner getup, with Kristin Martin. Winston and Tyson tied for first, with Lucy in second and Hank, third.

## Parade pups

Costumed canines and their owners filled Depot Park with friendly barks and bays, Saturday, for the Howl-o-ween Pooch Parade.

The Michigan Animal Rescue League and Devoted Friends of Ortonville offered pet adoptions, and dogs competed in a costume contest during the Oct. 27 event.

Photos by Phil Custodio



Jedi Knight Benjamin Vallad gets wise council from Yoda, also known as Rocco.



Peg Roth, a judge, crowns third-place winner Hank with a garland.



Dixie, dressed as Tinkerbell, greets Auggie. Dixie was at the park with Daphne Short, and Auggie was with Mike VandenBossche.

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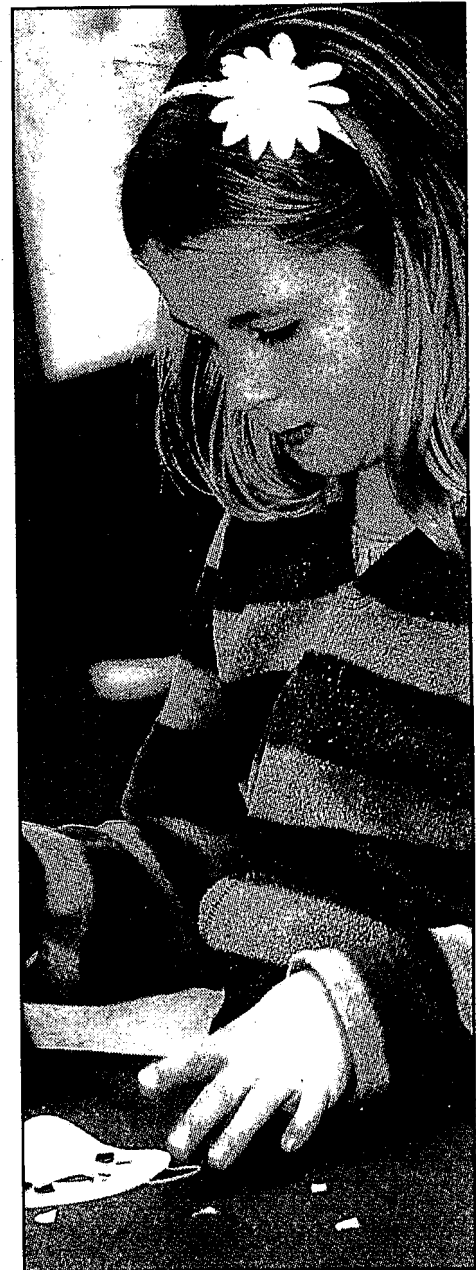
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## A dab of this

Hannah Borders uses her creativity for a mask at one of the fun activities at the Clarkston Elementary School Fair last Saturday. Borders and her classmates also played games and won prizes. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

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# Halloween memories of Clarkston?

"Every generation of our family loves Halloween in Clarkston! Holcomb street has been the best place to go trick-or-treating since the 1970s when we were new to the area. The festive atmosphere, decorations, great candy, and all the effort from the residents makes this location fun, memorable, and a very special place to enjoy the holiday - there's nothing else quite like it. It's spooktacular!"

- Sonya Julie



"Our kids got cans of pop."



- Ralph Chambers

"I grew up near Walters Lake, Clarkston Road and Clintonville area, and we walked the dirt roads with our pillow cases going door to door for what seems like hours. I can remember going home and emptying my pillow case then going back out for more. Tootsie Rolls were and still are my favorite!"

- Vicki Alonzi Guest



"Going trick or treating at my grandma's house on Holcomb. My sister Joani Dick and two cousins, Ric and Kevin, would meet there first and come back there to dump our loot out on her living room floor."

- Jill Studebaker Fishbeck

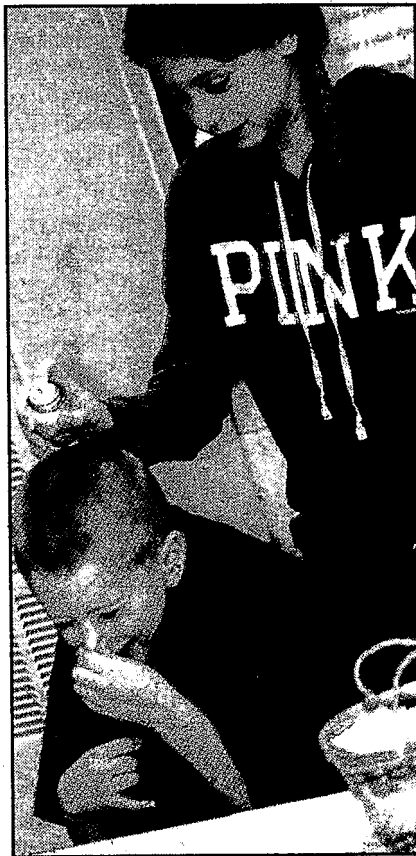
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# The Clarkston News' Millstream

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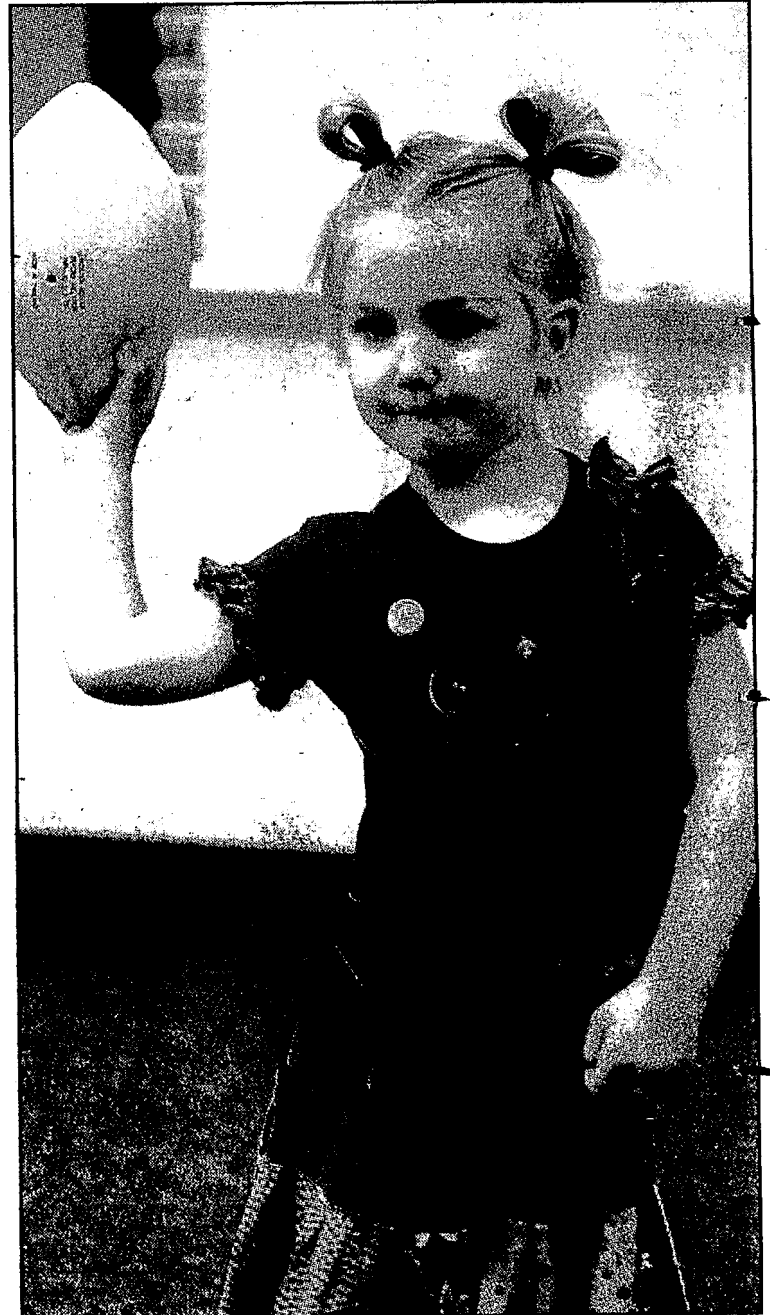
Paige Workman sings Nickelback's "Photograph" in the Karaoke Lounge.



Sara Houstina sprays Reece Stachowiak's hair.



Sydney Houstina and Kayla Hemingsen pamper Kayla Stachowiak.



Tillie Belle gives the football toss a try. Photos by Wendi Reardon

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**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.

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**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.

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**Carrick House Concerts**, Tracy Grammer, with special guest The Potter's Field, 4 p.m., Nov. 4. Admission: \$15 donation.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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**

**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.

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**Therapeutic Yoga classes**, Mondays, 11 a.m.-

# Around Town



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

## Play, presentation coming up

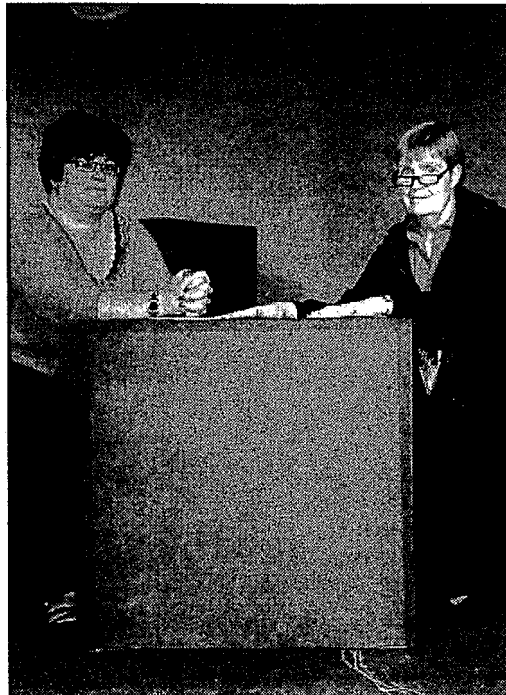
Clarkston Village Players presents "Not Waving" by Gen Leroy at Depot Theater, Nov. 2-3, 9-10, and 16-17, 8 p.m.; Nov. 11, 2 p.m.; and Nov. 15, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$14/Friday-Saturday; \$12/Thursday, Sunday. Call 248-575-4104 or check [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org).



**Warner**

Local author B. David Warner will talk about his book, "Freeze Frame 2016," at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 3, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 1600 Waldon Road. The book is a political thriller set in Detroit. Tickets are \$5.

Warner also wrote a historical novel, "Deadlock."



**Linda Mishler, at left, and Karen McClellan rehearse a scene.**

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.

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**Clarkston Rotary Club**, Mondays, 6:30 p.m. Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. \$10. 248-880-0027.

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

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

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**Fit Club Walks**, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., Divine Nutrition, 7743 Sashabaw Road. Free. 248-393-08989 or 248-625-6551.

**Tuesday**

**Gentle Yoga** with Rev. Matthew Long, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-4365.

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**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.

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

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

**Wednesday**

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

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**Senior volleyball league**, 9-11 a.m., Wednesdays, Fridays, St. Trinity Lutheran Church. Previous experience desired by not required. \$40, through April, trherh7966@comcast.net. 248-625-3881.

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**Cross Towne 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.

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

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**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.

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# Challengers Schroeder, Bushroe provide new outlooks

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Library, etc. We need to continue to optimize the township government in size and capability to maximize its efficiency," he said.

Independence Township has a bright future. Home sales and values are starting to increase; the McLaren Healthcare Campus should soon start some activity, which will create additional momentum, he said.

He is a current Planning Commissioner for the township and has been involved with the Dixie Highway Corridor Improvement Committee and the Township Safety Path Committee. He has been a local business owner/operator for over 30 years, with experience in business planning, budgets, cash flow, and employees, which are all applicable experiences for the trustee position.

"I can bring experience and leadership to the township board in an impartial and respectful manner, by making decisions based on enhancing our community and residential lifestyle," he said.

Andrea Schroeder, 48, has lived in the community for 14 years. She and her husband have three children, and she works as a sales consultant.



Schroeder

"Many residents continue to feel the effects of the weak housing market. While the township can't create a new property tax policy, we can make decisions that create value

for homeowners. Stronger partnerships with social support organizations can help meet people's primary needs for home and family. Prioritizing public safety, preservation of our natural spaces, pursuing economic development opportunities, and maintaining the character of our community all contribute to the quality of life that attracts home buyers," Schroeder said.

"I also believe many of our residents have become disengaged due to a lack of confidence in our elected officials. We can't expect people to support decisions made on their behalf if they lack faith in their leaders," she said.

As trustee, she will earn the public trust through ethical personal conduct, accepting disagreement without being disagreeable while respecting the processes and people involved, she said.

"We have been fortunate to have provided many services despite tight economic times, but we face continuing financial resource issues. Critical services, like public safety and our library, have been reduced to a minimal level. Staffing for other offices has also been dramatically reduced and maintenance on facilities deferred as long as it can," she said.

She supports the establishment of a district library.

"As our population changes we need to be proactive in adjusting the services needed for seniors, parks and rec, and other lifestyle departments and continuing to balance this with responsible fiscal management," she said.

Housing prices are slowly improving and building permits have increased. With projected economic growth primarily in the higher-paying health care, financial, and professional services sectors, Independence will continue to be a premier area in which to live and work. Learning lessons from the past few years, our Township can move forward more transparently and efficiently, while still cultivating the vision we have for a prosperous community, she said.

"I believe that the privileges of citizenship carry an obligation share our time and talents in public service. I have a passion for effective public policy and good government that I want to put to use for the Township, and I'm enthusiastic about what I can contribute as trustee," she said.

She is currently serving a four-year term as a member of the State Board of Cosmetology, having been appointed by Gov. Snyder last year. This board takes action on industry licensing, regulation, and issues of public safety.

In 2006 she accepted a year-long Fellowship at MSU's Michigan Political Leadership Program (MPLP) through their Institute for Public Policy. This Fellowship features a multi-partisan curriculum of public policy and leadership with an emphasis on practical skills.

She has served on the boards of several local PTAs as well as the Michigan PTA, Homeowner's Associations, and statewide education organizations making me familiar with parliamentary procedure, building coalitions, and public policy process.

"Many of those terms were as the designated legislative or advocacy representative, I understand the process of government, and have testified before standing committees of both the state House and Senate," she said.

"As a strategic planning consultant, I understand the importance of fiscal management, policy analysis, and good communication. I completed a prestigious Fellowship at MSU in government and public policy and I have been actively involved in several community projects to improve our quality of life. I have the skills and experience needed for the challenges of public office, and look forward to serving as your trustee."

Kevin Bushroe, 41, has lived in the community for four years with his wife and their two children, with another on the way. He is an account manager for Victaulic.

"As foreclosures and plummeting home values have hurt many in our community over the past few years, it has also drastically reduced township revenues," Bushroe said.

"This has put our township into financial difficulty. In response there have been many difficult reductions in services or requests for new mileages to pay for the day to day operations of our township. Neither of these options are long term solutions. Delaying infrastructure maintenance, eliminating services, and raising taxes above our neighbors will only reduce our home values further."



Bushroe

His top priority will be to protect our home values by following "The Bushroe Principles," making decisions to increase home values, rebuild infrastructure, and diversify revenue base.

"All of the decision I will make will be guided by these simple principles. By following these, we will build and restore the unique character of Independence Township. We must find new creative sources of revenue by reaching out and benchmarking other communities throughout the state and the country. We need to support our unique local businesses, rebuild our great neighborhoods and have confidence in our governance," he said.

He is running for trustee because the township can better meet the needs of the community. One need not being met is neighborhood roads. Home values are greatly affected by the quality of our local roads. Neighborhood roads are not owned by the township as they are all private. This doesn't mean the township does not have a key role in this issue. Early maintenance will extend the overall life of the road and reduce the burden on individual families, he said.

"We need a new proactive process led by the township rather than the reactive approach caused by a lack of leadership," he said. "With the right leaders in place, I see our township as a leader within the county and state. I see Independence becoming the next great cultural center for Oakland County."

The "Inside Out" art exhibit from the DIA last summer and DSO concert last September were examples of how to attract a more diverse local culture. Becoming a cultural hub will also serve to increase our property values, he said.

"I see our township working with all of our county, state, and federal representatives to bring in new resources, investments and services to our community," he said.

The township should be active members of future planning groups, like the Regional Transit Authority, Michigan Municipal League, and SEMCOG. Many of our Universities such as the University of Michigan and Wayne State University have regional planning departments.

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*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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

## Obituaries

### Bernard McManaman, 84

Bernard Leo McManaman, "Barney," of Clarkston passed away Oct. 20, 2012, at age 84.

He was the beloved husband of Grace for 63 years; loving father of Kathleen (Jack Geisler) Daniels and Maureen (late Randy) DeHaan; preceded in death by his son Michael and daughter Kelley; grandpa of Cheryl (Joe) Robertson, Michelle Barber, Joseph Daniels, Sarah (Bill) Foster & Brian McManaman; also survived by six great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter; brother of Vera (Tony) Fortuna, Ileta Shaghoian and Gerald McManaman and many nieces and nephews.

Bernard retired from Western Union as an Area Manager after 37 years of service and had proudly served in the U.S. Navy. Barney was dearly loved and will be missed by his family and friends.

Service will take place Friday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, followed by a luncheon at 2:30 at the Deer Lake Banquet Center in Clarkston. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to National Kidney Foundation.



### Duane N. Ihrke, 87

Duane N. Ihrke of Waterford passed away Oct. 23, 2012, at age 87.

He was preceded in death recently by his loving wife of 66 years, Florence. He was the father of Noreen (Henry) Manuel, Linda (Joe) Butler, Cheryl (Tom) Furness and Nadine (Gary) Copp; preceded in death by his children Duane, Rita and Julane; grandfather of 23 and great grandfather of 19; also survived by four brothers, many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Duane retired from Cargill, Detroit, where he was a Mechanical Engineer. He was Past Commander and Honorary Life Member of American Legion Chief Pontiac Post #377 and drill team member for their Honor Guard Drill Team.

Duane was Past Chef de Gare and Honorary Life Member of 40/8 Voiture 811 Oakland County, and a Life Member of VFW Post 1008. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Funeral Service was Oct. 27 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Private Inurnment Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



### Mary L. Schulte, 56

Mary L. Schulte of Clarkston passed away Oct. 23, 2012, at age 56.

She was the beloved wife of Deacon John Schulte for 35 years; caring mother of Jessica (Joshua) Rasdall and Carl Schulte; loving grandmother of Isaiah Rasdall; also survived by her sisters Rose (Barry) Shannahan and Grace (Ken) Brown.

Mary was a Spiritual Director for Ignatian Spirituality. She spent over 25 years teaching in the Clarkston School District. She was a musician and singer who shared her many talents with others.

Mass of Resurrection will be Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lakes Church, 5481 Dixie Hwy., Waterford. Interment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Waterford. Family will receive friends Thursday, 5-9 p.m., and Friday, 1-5 and 7-9 p.m., Rosary/Scripture service Friday, 7 p.m., at **Coats Funeral Home - Clarkston**, 8909 Dixie Highway and at church Saturday one hour prior to Mass. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Fr. Solanus Casey Center [www.solanuscenter.org](http://www.solanuscenter.org) or Susan G. Komen Cancer Foundation [www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org).

To share a private condolence with the family go to [coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://coatsfuneralhome.com/obituaries).

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



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## Rita Vella-Wiseman, 83

Rita T. Vella-Wiseman of Sterling Heights, formerly of Warren, passed away Oct. 27, 2012, at age 83.

She was preceded in death by her first husband Paul Vella and second husband Richard Wiseman. She was the mother of Paul (Carol), Tom (Cindy), Ed (Ramona), Joe and Dave (Jennifer); grandmother of Paul, Andrew, Sara, Danielle, Alexandria, Gabrielle, David and Adam; sister of Jim, Phyllis, Betty, Kathy, Mary, Janet, Glenn, Shirley, Carol, Susan and Tom.

Rita was a member at St. Matthias and served as a Stephen Minister. She retired from Tank Automotive Command, Warren, and enjoyed spending time with her family.

Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Thursday, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass, Friday, 10 a.m., at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston, where friends may visit directly at the church Friday 9:30 a.m., until time of mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Michigan, St. Matthias Catholic Church or St. Daniel Catholic Church. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).



# Religion

## Be a witness to the world around you

**For I am not ashamed of the Gospel** Paul says as he writes to the Christians of Rome.

As we hear those words and think about them I wonder how many people would say that today.

We have so many teachings that take away from the truth of God. We hear songs that proclaim to be Christian but never mention God.

We read articles that are supposed to be of spiritual nature and find a few words thrown in at the end that attempt to give some impression of being Christian. But to stand on the Gospel and the power it brings?

Are we undercover Christians? Do we hide our faith except for times when it is convenient for it to be shown? Do our words and actions deny the faith we have, the relationship with Jesus we have been called to live?

Is it only on Sunday morning or when we are at church that it is O.K. to live our faith and let it show?

Jesus says: *So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father Who is in heaven, but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven.* (Matthew 10:32-33 ESV)

How do we live our lives when we are around other people, especially those we know are not Christians?

Do we let our faith show? Do we acknowledge Jesus, our Savior?

Sometimes it seems an unfair advantage when I am talking to people who have just let out a stream of profanity and then they ask me what I do for a living.

When they find out I am a pastor they are so apologetic. It is then that I remind them that it should not matter who I am or what I do but that their faith should show at all times to all people.

How do we witness that faith? Our church has just finished the celebration of the Reformation, where we remember the focus

on the Word of God and the salvation we have been given in Jesus, God's Son.

Many in the world focus on Halloween but we remember it as All Hallowed's Eve. The following day the church celebrates All Saint's Day, remembering those who have cast aside the mantle of sin and taken the fullness of the glory won for them by Jesus as they entered into heaven.

Can we be a solid witness in this world?

Yes, if we are not ashamed of the Gospel. Yes, if we live in the power of salvation, knowing our sins have been washed away in the blood of Jesus, shed from the cross for us.

Imagine Paul ashamed of the Gospel. Imagine the disciples and the early Church ashamed of the Gospel. Imagine them burying the power they had been given by the Holy Spirit.

If you can imagine that then you can see a Church that does not exist.

May we never be ashamed, but proclaim Him always!

*The Rev. Kendall Schaeffer is pastor of St. Trinity Lutheran Church.*

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Kendall Schaeffer

# Church Directory



### ST. TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod"  
Pastor: Rev. Kendall Schaeffer  
7925 Sashabaw Road  
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Clarkston, MI 48348  
(248) 625-4644  
[www.sainttrinitylutheran.com](http://www.sainttrinitylutheran.com)  
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Worship:  
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Sat. 6:00 pm  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

5972 Paramus, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-3380  
Located 2 blks. N. of Dixie Hwy. (E. of M-15)  
Pastor: Russell Reemtsma  
Sun: 9:30 am Sunday School & Adult Bible Fellowship  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
Wed: 7:00 pm Awana Club  
6:30 pm Teen Ministry  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

### ANDERSONVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

10310 Andersonville Road, Davisburg, MI  
Phone (248) 625-5831  
Pastor Bruce Darling  
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Morning Worship Service 11:00 am  
Sunday Evening Service 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 pm  
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Bible Study  
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Wednesday 6:30 pm  
[www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org](http://www.FirstCongregationalChurch.org)

### DIXIE BAPTIST CHURCH

8585 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI  
(248) 625-2311  
website: [www.dixiebaptist.org](http://www.dixiebaptist.org)  
Home of Springfield Christian Academy & Children's Ark Preschool  
Pastor: J. Todd Vanaman  
Sun: 9:45 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
6:00 pm Worship Service  
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6:00 pm Evening Service  
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### BRIDGEWOOD CHURCH

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Clarkston, 48348  
(248) 625-1344  
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Morning Worship Service  
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Wed. 6:45 pm Fit For Life - Adult Life Ministry  
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Ozone - Children's Life Ministry  
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Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am  
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### CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Jonathan Heierman  
Sunday Worship:  
8:15 am (traditional), 9:30 & 11:00 am  
Also at both 9:30 & 11:00:  
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Nursery, Children & Youth  
Programming  
[www.calvaryinfo.org](http://www.calvaryinfo.org)

### CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

6300 Clarkston Road - Clarkston  
(248) 625-1323  
Home of Oakland Christian School  
Pastors: Greg Henneman,  
Bonita Laudeman, Kevin Kuehne,  
Dan Whiting, Geoff Black  
Sunday: Worship 9:15 & 11:00 am  
Nursery Care at all services  
Wednesday: Children's Ministries  
6:00-8:00 pm  
Sunday: Youth Ministries  
5:00-7:00 pm  
[www.clarkstoncommunity.com](http://www.clarkstoncommunity.com)

### CLARKSTON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

5482 Winell-Clarkston  
(corner of Maybee & Winell)  
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Service 9:00 - 10:30  
[www.ClarkstonFMC.org](http://www.ClarkstonFMC.org)  
Wednesday 7 pm Youth & Adult Ministry

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

### INDEPENDENCE TWP.

#### SYNOPSIS

##### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

##### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

##### OCTOBER 24, 2012

- A. A Special Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:35 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Lohmeier, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace

Absent: Carson, Petterson, Wagner

There was a quorum present.  
Also Present: Susan Hendricks, Finance Director; Carol Gabris, Human Resource Director; Gregg Schultz, Schultz and Young, PC

Appointment of Acting Chair - Approved

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved

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

1. Approval to Hold a Closed Session for the purpose of Union Negotiations as permitted by MCL 15.268(c)

The meeting RECESSED at 6:38 PM

The Meeting RECONVENED at 7:17

F. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

G. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

V. ADJOURNMENT: The Special Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, October 31, 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 8<sup>th</sup> District;

LEGISLATIVE: Representative in State Legislature-43<sup>rd</sup>

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 2<sup>nd</sup> District; Judge of the Circuit Court, Incumbent 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit; Judge of the Circuit Court, Non-Incumbent 6<sup>th</sup> 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 work-

ers 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:

PROPOSAL 12-6, A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES AND TUNNELS

This proposal would:

- Require the approval of a majority of voters at a statewide election and in each municipality where "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" are to be located before the State of Michigan may expend state funds or resources for acquiring land, designing, soliciting bids for, constructing, financing, or promoting new international bridges or tunnels.
  - Create a definition of "new international bridges or tunnels for motor vehicles" that means, "any bridge or tunnel which is not open to the public and serving traffic as of January 1, 2012."
- 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 District 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 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)
Waterford School District	2.25	2006 - 2014 Incl.
	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

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of the Village of Clarkston will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on November 26, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Offices located at 375 Depot Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2013 application in the approximate amount of \$5,000 to fund the Clarkston Senior Center. All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at 375 Depot Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346 up until November 26, 2012 7:00 p.m. Arrangements to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact City Manager Dennis Ritter at 248-625-1559, 375 Depot Rd. for special services.

Kelly Richter, City Clerk

Published: 10/31/12

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the City of the Village of Clarkston offices will be closed on Monday, November 12, 2012 for Veteran's Day. The regularly scheduled Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Kelly Richter, City Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:  
PROBATE COURT  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND  
NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
Decedent's Estate

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# Mitchell, Wauldron campaign for board seats

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"I am running for trustee because I believe in serving my community. As your Trustee, I will be your community advocate and a dedicated community leader; a leader that will bring new ideas and a new direction to Independence Township," he said.

"In business you must understand your customers and their needs. You must then develop the best method of meeting those needs with superior value in a timely manner. Serving a community is no different. My many years of business experience gives me the expertise I need to provide this type of leadership in the community," he said.

"As your trustee, I will bring back pride in our governance by helping guide the community to a common vision. I will not be caught up in the day to day pettiness of politics but will remain diligent and focused on developing a long term plan for our Township. I will make sure to use my guiding principles when making important decisions for our community. I am excited about the opportunity to be involved in our local government."

**Jeremy D. Mitchell**, 32, is married and has lived in the community for one year, working as a research assistant.

"If elected, I will exhibit the qualities found within The Seven Principles of Public Life, selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership," Mitchell said.



**Mitchell**

"While jobs and home values are of great importance to our residents, one of the critical concerns affecting them daily is the need for improved communication between township government and residents," he said. "A large part of this communication gap can be attributed to the flawed way in which township government assesses pressing community needs."

His solution would be to employ inexpensive yet reliable ways to assess community needs at regular intervals such as mail and internet-based questionnaires or surveys. These tools could be used to measure a larger sample of community attitudes, satisfaction with services, and critical needs. Additionally, the township has a duty to understand and address the specialized concerns of particular communities such as senior citizens, families with school-aged children, and small business owners. This information can be solicited and collected in a variety of cost-effective ways, analyzed simply, and used by township officials to ensure that the decision-making process is reflective and representative of the majority of township residents, he said.

Presently, our Clarkston Heritage Museum adds historical value to our Township but no significant revenues. The museum should be included in our local economic strategy.

"Museums can become an economic linchpin by boosting local business, raising housing values and creating local jobs, along with attracting pedestrian traffic that can also benefit nearby retail and other businesses. We should increase our museum's economic value to the community by moving it from within the Independence Township Library to one of our Township's historic sites. This will allow for revenue to be generated from tours, admissions, and a gift shop," he said.

Heritage tourism is a critical component in the future success of Independence Township. Heritage tourism is the branch of the tourism industry in which individuals and families tour local areas in search of the unique history that can be found within that community. Colonial, Williamsburg and Tombstone Arizona are two examples of heritage tourism. By exploring the fastest growing segment of the tourism industry, our local government can partner with the Clarkston Community Historical Society and private business to nurture and grow a heritage tourism industry with the potential to drive traffic toward local business, positively impact home values, and create local jobs, he said.

Between 2007 and 2010, American family net worth dropped almost 40%. Much of that drop off is due to a sharp decline in housing values. While decreased housing values makes funding Township services more difficult, there is an insidious effect on residents. Decreasing home values often makes residents reluctant to approve of funding township services through increasing mills, he said.

"I believe that becoming involved in local government will allow me to assist in growing local industries such as heritage tourism, which can begin to lighten some of the tax burden for hard working Independence Township families," he said.

Most of his professional life has been spent working within the nonprofit sector. His nonprofit work includes nature centers, faith based initiatives, and community groups working to expand the Earned Income Tax Credit to hard working American families. Currently, he is an election inspector, and a member of the Clarkston Community Historical Society and the Clinton River Watershed Council.

"I believe that my diverse experiences demonstrate my potential as a competent, effective and community-focused township trustee," he said.

"I have a clear and concise plan for Independence Township, Michigan which

includes increasing tourism, protecting our ecology, and improving citizen outreach.

He would work to establish an Independence Township Tourism Commission to boost local businesses, raise housing values, and create local jobs.

"If elected Trustee, I will work with community groups and our Department of Public Works to develop rain gardens and an infiltration basin program that will more efficiently handle storm water drainage, slow down erosion, and improve water quality," he said. "I will work to allow citizens to receive Independence Township Email Updates in order to give citizens the 3 minute version of the 3 hour long Township Board Meetings.

He would also use cost-effective methods such as surveys to assess resident needs, and begin a Township Government Summer Internship Program to prepare the next generation of civic leaders.

**Joe Wauldron**, 70, has lived in Clarkston for seven years. He and his wife have a daughter and two grandchildren, and he is a retired financial auditor.



**Wauldron**

He is a member of Clarkson Area Youth Assistance, Oakland County Youth Assistance, Clarkston Rotary, Clarkson Optimists, Clarkston Community for Performing Arts, Clarkston Coalition for Youth, Independence Township Planning Commission, and Michigan Humane Society.

"One of the most critical problems I feel is the local economy," Wauldron said. "Home prices for the residents of Independence Township have been falling since 2005, however, there has been a little bit of increase in values but not enough to offset the decrease in values. In order to increase the home values is to have people who are looking to move into Independence Township a reason to live here."

Keeping taxes low and bring in more businesses into the area would help. Having McLaren Hospital located in Independence Township has been a windfall for the community. It has brought in jobs and with the expansion that will happen in the near future, this also would bring additional jobs and additional tax base, he said.

"Another problem recently is the K2 issue," he said. "I am proud to say that the community stepped up and had this illegal drug removed from the store shelves and out of the hands of our youth. This problem will still be with us and my commitment to the community would be to make sure that our youth are safe and to work with the Oakland Sheriff Dept in keeping these dangerous drugs out of stores."

Several government programs are available for people who need them, he said.

"The unfortunate part of this is that when the economy is in trouble, as it is today, it is harder for the people who really need the services of the government to acquire the funding. As far as funding the government programs, raising taxes are usually the only way to keep the government programs solvent. However, the government has the ability to fund programs through the budget as long as the political party in power are willing to step up to the plate and help it citizens. Every time a new political party comes into power programs that are really needed are the ones that suffer the most," he said.

"I have always been involved in local governments where I lived before coming to Independence Township. While I was living in Detroit, I ran for a seat on the council but did not make it. However, the experience I received in running my campaign was invaluable in learning how a City of Detroit, back in the 60's, was under the leadership of a council that did look out for it citizens in the neighborhoods which is not the case today."

He would bring to the board his business background, which is owning three businesses, a business background in finances, and knowing how to read a budget and make the necessary changes as needed.

"I am involved with several non-profit organizations which require knowledge of how budgets work. As a member of the Oakland County Area Youth Assistance, and past president, I reviewed the budget and made necessary changes so that it was easy to follow. Before I made the changes you would have to guess at the numbers to make them balance. The budget for this board is now an instrument that can be followed with ease."

Budgets within a government has to be treated as a living entity that can be adjusted at any time during its life time, he said.

"Most of the citizens of Independence Township know who I am and what I have done for this community," he said. "If elected, I would have an open door policy that would give the citizens of Independence Township access to me 24/7. This I pledge that my phone numbers, my e-mail addresses would be available upon request. I would like to be able to listen to pros and cons of all our citizens and give them the time to express their concerns. Even though I am running as a Democrat, I want the citizens to know that I vote as an independent. My family goes back several generations under the Democrat banner and have always voted that way. I have never voted under a signal political banner. I vote for the issues and the person and not the party they represent."



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# Reilly calls for strategic planning

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the school district.

She also sees the board as seven individuals with seven different opinions.

"They may be on the same page," Reilly added. "They may not be on the same page. Everyone should have a chance to voice their opinions. I personally don't see anything wrong with all 7-0 votes. We are all individuals and represent the citizens of Clarkston School district."

#### Viewpoints on the following:

**Budget cuts:** I also think the kids need to come first. Our classroom sizes are getting to be too big and if they are how are we going to change it. The kids need to come first.

**The 2012 \$20 million bond:** We have antiquated computers systems. We have limited areas in the high school that have

wireless. There are the C.O.W (computers on wheels) systems that have a wireless range but a lot of those have been proved by PTOs and PTAs in the elementary schools. I am not sure if it is the same in every school. There should be a strategic plan. You should be updating every single year and should not be depending on a school bond to go and get rid of everything and start over. Everything should be on good plan and see what you have. It was a non-state bond so the millage rate was totally dependent on what the property values were and if enough collected to pay bond holders. It doesn't have same safety net as state bonds.

**District transparency:** We need more information. This is our school district and we should be concerned with how money is being spent.

**State wide School of Choice:** You are relying on people to get the students to the schools. That is a lot of obligation on parents to get their children to a different community for school. We moved to a specific area because that's where we wanted to go. Does it does it take away from current students? It just depends. We would have to see what they mean of school of choice.

**Charter Schools:** If you have a product people want and their goals are meant I think you shouldn't have any worries about your schools.

The student count in Clarkston has been pretty much the same. For the most part people are happy with the district. Can you improve? Every day. All of us can improve as individuals every day, the district can improve every day.

# Hamilton to look for more funding

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things differently he understands college isn't for everyone.

"You can't change everything in the school district to cater towards college," he added. "There are other people who don't have an interest in college. You have to gear towards them as well."

#### Viewpoints on the following:

**Budget cuts:** Hopefully we don't have to make them. I think a burden shouldn't be shared by a group it should be shared by everybody. One and two groups shouldn't be getting cuts and losing benefits while another gets raises. It's not how I want to do things. For class sizes, would love to have 20 students in a class but there is only so much money to go around and only so many people you can hire. You have to do with what you have to do. There is a contractional standpoint on how many in a classroom and you do want them as low as you can get them. There are a lot

of ways to get funded like DonorsChoose.org. Teachers write a proposal for a project and try to get funding from people. Some programs do matching funds. Even little things add up

**The 2012 \$20 million bond:** I was very disappointed they had the vote in May in an election that was paid by the taxpayers. It was bad timing to ask for that much money from the community. People are unemployed or underemployed and to do a bond that will cost \$200 a year for average home of Clarkston. It is a lot of money.

**District transparency:** From what I have gathered the district needs to be more transparent. We are not guarding trade secrets. I don't know what has been asked for and what hasn't but I am guessing it is a matter of public record anyways. I t should be more easily accessible. If there are items pertaining to students then it is a different story. If budgetary then no reason it should be a hassle to get the infor-

mation. If it is taking away from the staff's job then maybe something needs to be looked into it.

**State wide School of Choice:** I am very against it. Clarkston is a community and has an identity. I like that identity. I grew up here, I stayed here and it's the reason I want to raise my kids here. Additionally Clarkston residents have paid taxes for the building improvements to make sure our kids have nice facilities and better teachers. There are school of choice programs and gives us opportunity to offer things to the students we wouldn't be able to do or not have enough students to offer.

**Charter Schools:** It would have to be case by case. They would have to present a case there is a need to open under our umbrella in the Clarkston school district which I think would be tough to do because I think Clarkston does an outstanding job.

# Schools must budget creatively, Adriaens says

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a direct impact on funding available for schools as less people are working and contributing to this school district funding source.

Second, 14.2 percent of school aid is obtained from the 6-mill property tax. During the last four years each Michigan homeowner has seen their property value significantly decrease in value and thus this has also had a direct impact on school funding.

This is the reality for all Michigan public schools and the newly elected board must be creative to fund more pro-

grams with less money.

**The 2012 \$20 million bond:** The Clarkston School District needs to implement more technology in the classroom so that the students can be competitive in the job market upon graduating from college and also allow the CCS district to be as competitive with other neighboring school districts.

**District transparency:** I have learned a great deal by reviewing the financial information for our district that has been published by the current CCS administration. This allows current Clarkston residents to review the up-

to-date information on many topics within the district.

**State wide School of Choice:** I am strongly opposed to allowing a state wide school of choice. My family intentionally moved from another Oakland County city in 1998 so our children could attend Clarkston Community Schools.

**Charter Schools:** I am strongly opposed to lifting the restrictions on the number of charter schools within the state. I am committed to Building A Better Tomorrow for ALL of Clarkston Community Schools.

# Horst would build trust

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she said. "I don't think it means that everyone else can't talk about their perspective. I don't think it would be nearly as much of an issue or a controversy if the process I described before happened."

The school district is Clarkston's largest employer, she said.

"For us to be attractive to residents and businesses, we have to have that trust, that confidence in our public school system," she said. "We already have a great school system, but we have to continually build that symbiotic relationship between school and community."

#### Viewpoints on the following:

##### District transparency:

"It's certainly evolved tremendously in the last few years," said Horst, who has served on parent advisory teams with superintendents Al Roberts and Dr. Rod Rock. "Overall, there's much more transparency in the district than in the past."

##### Budget cuts:

"I'm a huge believer in education. It's one thing that has to continue to improve to keep pace with society," she said. "We're funded now at 2005 levels. That's unacceptable. We all understand what the economy is doing, and we're very realistic about it. We're very judicious with resources, but what message does the state send when education is what they're going to cut so significantly?"

The district is given a certain amount of money, and its responsible for spending that amount of money on kids. When it keeps going down and down, eventually something is going to break, she said.

"What I want in the end is people sitting at that table who understand how complex it is, and who feel as passionate about education as I do. I want to be responsible with tax dollars. I pay taxes. But this is one thing on the list that needs to continue to improve. How do you do that when cuts come year after year," she said.

##### Charter Schools:

Charter schools are not relevant in Clarkston, she said.

"I don't see where need for it here," she said. "Other districts have failing schools due to their socio-economic situations, and there, charters should be given a chance, but they're not needed in Clarkston."

##### The 2012 \$20 million bond:

Horst advocated for the bond as a member of Clarkston Kids First.

"I'm proud to have fought for it," she said. "Education has to continue to improve and keep pace with society."

The community spoke, though.

"I respect the process - it needed the blessing of the community, and the community said 'no thank you.' I'm absolutely fine with that."

## Boatman wants more detailed planning

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Developing work plans, preparing annual budgets, conducting performance appraisals and hiring staff. These skills are all required of a board member.

Regarding the board communication policy and funneling information through the board president, "The board has not adopted an operating procedure that names the president as spokesperson for the board," she said.

"If someone sends a letter to the entire board, I let the board president respond. However, if someone contacts just me, then I respond to them. I represent the community and I feel it is important to stay connected to people. Legally, decisions are made by the entire board in an open meeting. Individual board members cannot make promises for the board nor can they say how they will vote. This must be done at the board table."

### Viewpoints on the following:

**Budget cuts:** It is important to live within our means and sometimes this means we must make budget cuts. Procedurally, the board gives the administration a target amount to reduce and then the administration will provide a recommendation listing what items should be reduced. The board then decides whether to approve the recommendation or not. We all try to keep cuts away from the classroom as possible.

**2012 \$20 million bond:** It was premature to go to the public with the bond proposal. The district began a number

of technology pilots last year and there have been no results reported to the board. Why buy more mobile devices before you know if what you have is worth the cost? The board was not presented with a comprehensive plan regarding the implementation of this technology before the vote was taken to have the May election. Several bond meetings I attended had presentations were different than the previous meeting. This did not instill confidence the bond was a well thought out proposal. I don't think the rationale for the May election was accepted by the community.

**District transparency:** The district has become more transparent but there is still room for improvement.

**Statewide School of Choice:** All students should be able to experience an excellent education. However, there are support issues and costs associated with accepting students from other districts. The public needs to stay on top of the bills going before the legislature to ensure the move to open enrollment won't adversely affect our community. Transportation is a huge barrier for many people who might want to try schools of choice.

**Charter Schools:** Charter schools are public schools and there are good ones as well as failing ones. They are a growing trend with about 5,600 open in the country. Charter schools often are established in areas where residents are dissatisfied with their public school system.

## McGinnis serves as advocate for community

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a good partnership in Clarkston and parent involvement.

"I am an advocate for my community as my first occupation. Secondly, my real life job in the accounting department at CPI brings me an understanding of the ever changing business environment progressive with technology. I successfully manage a multitude of accounts with the use of technology that 20 years was only seen in a cutting edge business environment. My daily work in an accounting environment brings the challenges of projections, analysis and budget into my everyday responsibilities. I also work in an environment that is constantly pushing the envelope to capture the cost benefits of greater efficiencies by using technology. My day-to-day work environment experiences enable me to understand what is minimally necessary of our graduating students from Clarkston Community Schools for them to be ready for the 21st Century workforce," she said.

If elected, she'd like to continue to be part of a board that set policies and allocates funds for the superintendent to run the district that locally we feel is what we want to provide to our youngest citizenry.

"I think Clarkston has very acknowledged standards of what we want for our kids and they are good standards. I desire to continue to bring innovative programs and initiatives like Cultures of Thinking to Clarkston while continuing to offer a multitude of career tracks curriculums for all students. Not every child is going to graduate from Clarkston wanting to go to college and I want to make sure we have a diverse portfolio of classes and career tracks that every child who graduates from Clarkston High School has the opportunity that has the base line knowledge to explore what works for them," she said.

### Viewpoints on the following:

#### Budget cuts:

They are not fun, however, we have an absolute need to have a balanced budget. This must be done by working in concert with the ACCORD process with our teacher's union and administration to balance the budget without making

additional cuts that harm our kids teaching and learning in the classroom. We can not continue to cut our budget while we still have excess fund equity. The time to use our reserves for our kids is now! The money does not help educate our kids sitting in the bank.

#### The 2012 \$20 million bond:

I fully respect the voice of the voters. I understand not wanting to raise their taxes. I respect that very much. The administration is continuing to work and find in the budget and small amounts of money. Through the efforts of the administration, I look forward to continued dialogue and analysis of the district's capital and technology needs. I believe I had a dutifully responsibility if the taxpayers wanted to pay for what was necessary or not. I stand behind the choice letting the voters choose. It was a lot about time for some people. The need hasn't changed.

#### District transparency:

I believe currently the district is meeting all obligations under current Transparency Reporting requirements. I support, with the Superintendent's recommendation to the Policy Committee a review of how and what kind of data can be provided to our citizens to increase our transparency beyond that dedicated by law.

#### State wide School of Choice:

I believe as tax payers we should be front and center on the issue of what we feel is locally what we want to provide for our community and how we pay for our choices. We should continually have a voice on what we want for our district.

Currently there is too much unknown to speculate on how this statewide choice would work to ensure locally taxed dollars and capital facilities are first utilized for the benefit of the communities' residents.

**Charter Schools:** I don't believe taxpayers dollars should fund for profit public school enterprises. What doesn't make sense is having an unlimited number go unregulated using taxpayers dollars in today's economy with limited checks and balances.

## Patterson passionate about education

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responsibility; both in the short and the long term period," she said.

"I am passionate about education. I believe that every child in the district should be provided an equal opportunity to acquire a great education. They should have a great education. The community has a lot of resources, a lot of great people and we have ways to provide it."

There are a set of rules board members must agree to that will help them do the work we need to for the school district, she said.

"It is very easy at the board meeting to say was everyone heard did we get everything on the agenda, was everyone respected and heard. People need different things to make a decision," she said. "There is a lot of discussion on accountability. People need to know how I stand on issues because they have the right to vote me on and off the board. They also have the right to come up to me and ask why I voted a certain way and tell me something maybe I didn't know. It makes us a better and more healthy board and it connects us to the community. The communications is extremely important."

### Viewpoints on the following:

#### Budget cuts:

You want to keep them as far away from the kids as possible. You need to make sure you have a good budget process. I liked what we did two years ago with the finance committee. We started getting the reports we needed, started getting more comfortable with reports. I don't know why we stopped. I think we should relook at our budget process. With the budget we need to make sure our priorities are mirrored in our budget. We shouldn't have people surprised about our priorities and not see it in our budget. Make sure evaluating all programs and if it's not working to get rid of them.

#### The 2012 \$20 bond million:

We shouldn't have spent the money for the special election. I don't understand the push because we didn't do our homework to put it in front of the public. I didn't feel like we spent the time with our teachers, students, parents and community is this what we want. I love technology. I think it does play a part in student achievement but there are other things.

#### District transparency:

The more people understand about the district, the better it is for us. I don't understand why we wouldn't provide information. Maybe the public has some solutions. You can't be part of the solution if you don't have the information.

#### State wide school of choice:

I am not for it. One thing you are doing in a school district is understanding the needs of your students. You put programs in to allow that to happen. The idea of opening enrollment will improve education I don't know if that's true. To force all schools to do it, I don't know if it cost effective. All students need to be serviced I just don't know if it's cost effective. It is the tax payers money.

**Charter schools:** It all depends on the details. They have a place in an area where they aren't good schools or access to good schools. I have a problem if they are receiving tax payers money but aren't held to the same standards as public schools. There should be quality standards for the charter schools. I don't think we need them in Clarkston.







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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, KATHLEEN M. MOORE a/k/a KATHLEEN MOORE, died 11/17/2010

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to COLLEEN DENVER, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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**OAKLAND COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate**

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whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

**TAKE NOTICE:** A hearing will be held on November 14, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac MI 48341 before Judge Daniel A. O'Brien for the following purpose(s):

Petition for Probate and/or Appointment of Personal Representative, Testimony Interested Persons, Acceptance of Appointment, Notice of Appointment and Duties of Personal Representative, Notice Regarding Attorney Fees.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS:** The decedent, Barbara Ann Kilpela, Deceased, who lived at 1800 S. Drive, Lake Worth Florida 33461 died 10/2/2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paulette Joy Dodds, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0449 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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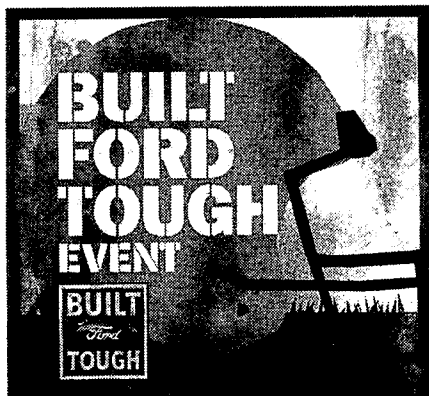
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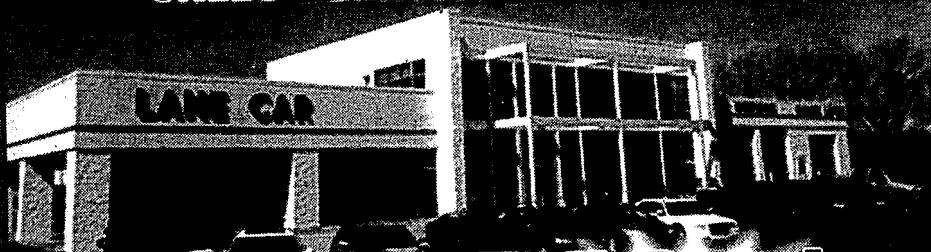
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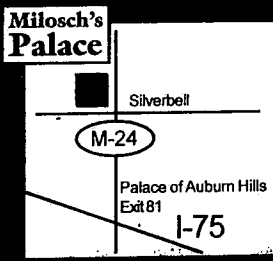
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