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election results!



YOUTH VOTE: Andersonville Elementary student Justin Scott decides on a presidential candidate in the school's mock election on Monday. See page 4 for more pics. Photo by Wendi Reardon

9% less for township budget

But budget still has surplus

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Despite continued dropping property values, Independence Township's general fund is projected to have a surplus to add to its fund balance in 2013.

The budget disclosed at a public hearing on Oct. 20, shows a general fund surplus of \$105,407. This is \$145,468 less than 2012's surplus of \$250,875.

According to Budget Analyst Rick Yeager, the difference in the township's surpluses from 2012 and 2013 is mainly due to decreased revenues.

The majority of revenues are acquired through property taxes and state revenue sharing, but this year property values and state tax revenue sharing are projected to decrease. The township's elimination of administrative fees, which amounted to approximately \$250,000 in 2012, also contributes to the smaller general fund surplus.

On the other hand, the 2013 projected ending fund balance of \$4,403,776 is up \$105,407 compared to 2012, which ended with a \$4,298,369 fund balance. The township intends to draw from the general fund to pay for capital improvements. Each department contributed to development of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), a 10-year outline of projects, their costs, and sources of funding.

Along with the general fund, Yeager presented each department's budget. Most departments intend to end 2013 in the black, but Safety Paths, Water, and Sewer are expecting deficits.

Although voters approved a .59 mill rate in August, the fire department will only take the .45 mills approved by the board, which increases their revenue to \$5,634,648. The fire department is projected to end 2013 with a \$157,245 surplus and hire three part time employees.

Revenues for the police are down \$60,587 from 2012, but their budget shows they'll end 2013 with a surplus of \$183,789. The smaller amount of incoming funds for police

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Neiman's Family Market coming to Clarkston

It is official. On Monday it was announced that a new grocer is coming to Clarkston. Neiman's Family Market plans to have it's fourth store up and running in the White Lake Plaza (at the corner of Dixie and White Lake Road) by this coming spring.

"We love the community," said Neiman's director of marketing, Bethany Schafer.

Neiman's Family Markets was founded by Hal and Jean Neiman in 1983, up in Alpena. The family owned and operated market opened its second location in Tawas in 2006, followed up in 2007 with their third store in St. Clair. Mr. Neiman's sons Bryan and Nate, and daughter Amy are in

Please see Neiman's on page 25

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Educators from around the world filled Clarkston High School – their mission, to learn the latest in teaching techniques.

"More independent learning, new techniques to increase depth of understanding," said Laura Lawson, Bloomfield Hills Middle School teacher.

Lawson and about 700 of her colleagues attended the international Harvard Project Zero Conference, Nov. 2-3 at the high school.

Jeff Licht travelled from the nation's capitol to take part.

"I'm happy to be here," said Licht, an English teacher at Washington International School. "My school uses Project Zero ideas, so this is a way to catch up and get a better understanding of thinking routines. I had no idea

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World conference at Clarkston High

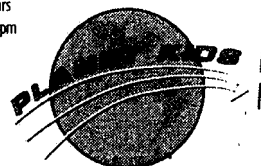


From left, Bloomfield Hills Kaarin Averill, Tim Loula, and Laura Lawson. Photo by P.Custodio

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MUSIC ON THE FIELD: Michelle Rozwadowski performs with the Clarkston High School Marching Band during the MHSAA Football District game last Friday. The band finished their season at the Michigan Competing Band State Finals on Saturday with a score of 72.30 for 11th place in Flight I. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Board cuts \$10,600 in longevity pay

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Four Independence Township non-union employees will not receive annual longevity payments after 2012 since the board voted unanimously to eliminate longevity on Oct. 20.

Longevity pay rewarded senior non-union employees after they worked for over five years. After eight years, those employees would receive an increased longevity payment, and they would see those pay increases every three years if their employment continued.

In March 2011, the board voted to eliminate longevity for all employees except those who were "grandfathered in."

Under the longevity plan, both Fire Chief Steve Ronk and Department of Public Works

Director Linda Richardson earned \$3,500 a year. Ronk has been employed with the township for 37 years, Richardson for 35 years.

Building Director David Belcher, employed with the township for 13 years, was paid \$2,100 annually. Finance Director Susan Hendricks acquired \$1,500 in annual longevity payments; she has worked for the township for 14 years.

Longevity payments for department heads will end in 2014, which will save the township \$10,600. After longevity is no longer paid to the department heads, no employees will receive annual increases based on their time serving the township.

"I've never agreed with the fact that someone should be paid extra just for being here longer," said Treasurer Curt Carson.

While every member of the board felt longevity payments were inappropriate, they did express an interest in rewarding employees based on performance.

Trustee Larry Rosso said he favored "raises by evaluation and merit."

Human Resource Director Carol Gabris introduced two alternative options during the meeting. One option would have raised annual deferred compensation from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The second option would raise the employees' pensions annually from 10 to 12 percent.

The board did not approve either option and asked Gabris to go back to the drawing board and return with "something more merit-based" similar to a "performance management plan," said Gabris who intends to offer the board new alternatives at a later date.

Safety Path, Water, Sewer budgets in deficit

Independence Township Budgets

	2012	2013
General Fund		
Revenues:	\$6,534,999	\$5,951,715
Expenditures:	\$6,284,124	\$5,846,308
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$4,047,494	\$4,298,369
Ending Fund Balance:	\$4,298,369	\$4,403,776
Fire Fund		
Revenues:	\$5,149,415	\$5,634,648
Expenditures:	\$5,134,517	\$5,477,403
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$1,621,815	\$1,636,713
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,636,713	\$1,793,958
Police Fund		
Revenues:	\$4,504,629	\$4,444,042
Expenditures:	\$4,290,567	\$4,260,253
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$916,294	\$1,130,356
Ending Fund Balance:	\$1,130,356	\$1,314,145
Safety Path Fund		
Revenues:	\$301,824	\$287,519
Expenditures/Project costs:	\$578,485	\$597,636
Beginning Fund Balance:	\$1,226,941	\$950,280
Ending Fund Balance:	\$950,280	\$640,163
Cable TV Operations		
Revenues:	\$97,983	\$135,695
Expenditures:	\$149,043	\$135,695
Cable TV PEG fees		
Revenues:	\$200,000	\$200,000
Equipment costs:	\$276,000	\$50,000
Beginning fund balance:	\$443,720	\$367,720
Ending fund balance:	\$367,720	\$517,720
Sewer Fund		
Revenues:	\$3,680,635	\$4,044,485
Expenditures/Capital costs:	\$5,673,263	\$6,313,846
Beginning Net Assets:	\$27,341,637	\$25,349,009
Ending Net Assets:	\$25,349,009	\$23,079,648
Water Fund:		
Revenues:	\$3,331,082	\$3,478,002
Expenditures/Capital costs:	\$3,984,945	\$3,588,848
Beginning Net Assets:	\$27,074,390	\$26,420,527
Ending Net Assets:	\$26,420,527	\$26,309,681

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results from lower property values, a lack of grant money from schools to support liaison officers, and rising fees from Oakland County, said Yeager.

Cable TV's operating budget is projected to zero out. Because operating funds for Cable TV come from the township's general fund, they do not accumulate a fund balance.

In 2013, \$135,695 will be supplied to Cable TV from the township's general fund, an increase of \$37,712 from 2012.

The Cable TV's PEG (Public, Educational, Governmental) budget is funded from PEG fees, however. Each year, Cable TV accumulates about \$200,000 from PEG fees, and the township board sets these rates.

Funds in the PEG budget can only be used for remodeling or equipment expenditures.

In 2013, equipment costs funded by PEG fees have been reduced to \$50,000, a difference of \$226,000 from 2012.

Cable TV will end 2013 having accumulated a \$517,720 fund balance from PEG fees.

Around this time next year, departments in the red will include Safety Paths, Water, and Sewer.

Dropping property values are to blame for the decreasing revenues in the Safety Paths department, which will see a deficit of \$310,117. Last year's deficit was \$276,661.

To cover the negative amount,

Safety Path's will draw from their fund balance, leaving them with \$640,163 by the end of 2013.

Even though Water works estimates 125 additional new homes to service in 2013, a \$110,846 deficit is anticipated.

This shortfall is partially caused by unavailable grant funds, which made up \$16,000 of the 2012 budget. Revenue from usage fees will decline by 10 percent or \$260,747 in 2013 as well.

Like the Safety Path's department, Water will cover their deficit by pulling monies from their net assets, leaving them with \$26,309,681 of net assets at the end of the year.

Despite the increased revenues from the 4 percent sewer rate increase, the 2013 Sewer budget anticipates spending \$2,269,361 more than the \$4,044,485 it will take in.

The deficit expected is due in part to \$376,406 in operating and \$306,500 in capitol cost increases. Other contributors to the deficit include the \$155,086 charged by Detroit for sewage treatment service and \$50,000 maintenance costs budgeted for sewer relining repairs.

Thanks to the net assets Sewer has accumulated, the department's deficit will be covered and will end the year with \$23,079,648.

Citizens can view the 2013 Budget Presentation, Narrative, and CIP online at www.twp.independence.mi.us.

Briefly

Wine Tasting

Easter Seals Michigan and Rudy's Market host Cheers for the Holidays wine tasting, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 27, at Clarkston Mills.

Tickets are \$75 each, two for \$125, for strolling gourmet dinner, beverages, silent auction, and music by singer/songwriter Jason Wagner.

For more information, call 800-75-SEALS or check www.essmichigan.org.

Poinsettia Sale

Clarkston Community Women's Club is having their annual Poinsettia/Greens sale thru Nov. 21, delivery Dec 6.

They have an assortment of colors in different sizes of poinsettias, several sizes of wreaths, kissing balls that hang on your tree, two sizes of graves blankets, porch pots of greens decorated with bows and other items.

Contact Gail Ferguson at 248-623-9462 or Carolyn Morrison 248-625-2924. Monies from these sales help support the Twp Library, Clarkston High school scholarship for young women, golf outing for Clarkston Youth Assistance, Rotary's shoes for kids, and Concerts in the Park.

Holiday Shopping

The 3rd Annual SugarPlum Chic Holiday Boutique benefiting A Space 2 Dream is this Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

The holiday shopping is in downtown Clarkston in the Clarkston Mills. There is a \$3 entry fee. Children under 6-years-old are free. Vendors, such as Great Turtle Toys will be donating 15 percent of their sales to the cause.

For more information, email info@aspace2dream.org or visit www.aspace2dream.org.

Call for Coats

Sigma Beta Sorority, PSI chapter, is collecting new or gently used coats of all sizes, age groups, men, women, children, and infants for people in need.

Drop off coats at the Clarkston Self-Storage Office, 4550 White Lake Road, near Andersonville Road. Items will be accepted through November, Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 248-625-5393.

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Young voters cast ballots for president in school elections

See results in next week's *Clarkston News*

It was a tough decision to make but one by one Andersonville Elementary students went into the voting booth and chose a presidential candidate on Monday.

Fourth and fifth graders in the school's Video Reporting Team prepared information about voting and aired it last week in their morning "Broadcast News."

They interviewed Springfield Township Clerk Laura Moreau about voting. They put together PowerPoint presentations on Mitt Romney and Barack Obama so students were informed before making their decision.

Students in Mrs. Comp's class shared voters need to be informed. They shared voters get information from TV commercials, mail

flyers and debates.

Anna Kuebler explained the vote goes to the electoral college and each state gets a different amount of votes.

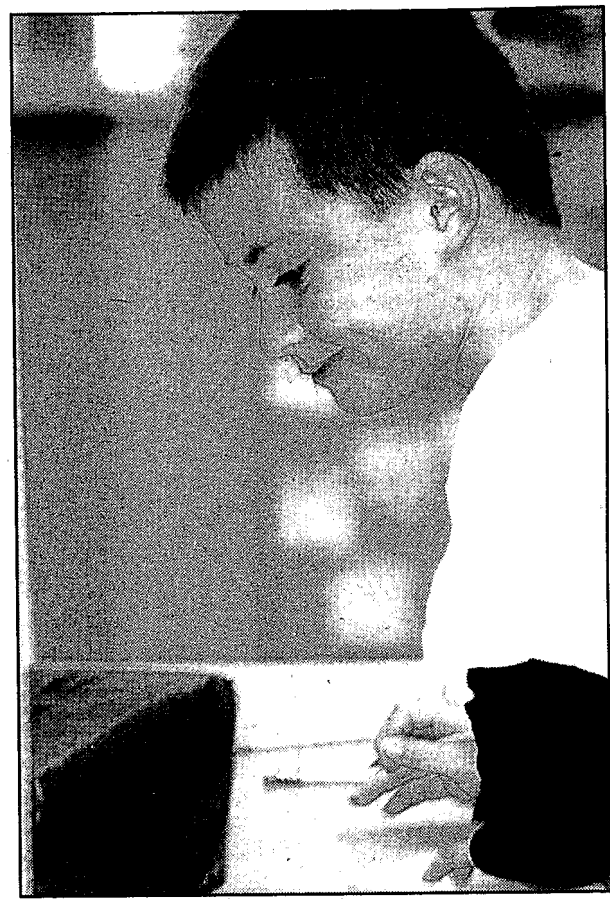
The student council assisted on counting the votes. The results were close - Romney received 166 votes, 51 percent of the students. Obama had 159 votes with 49 percent of the students voting for him.

Isabel Matthews explained if Obama is elected again he cannot run again.

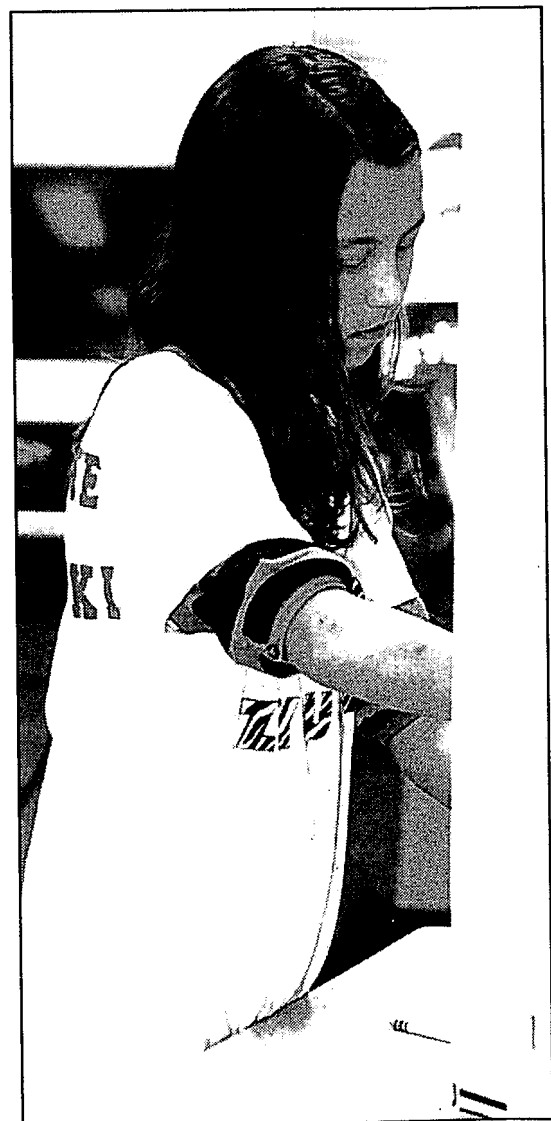
"Presidents only get two terms," she said.

See if the students' votes were the same as the general election on www.ClarkstonNews.com and in next week's edition.

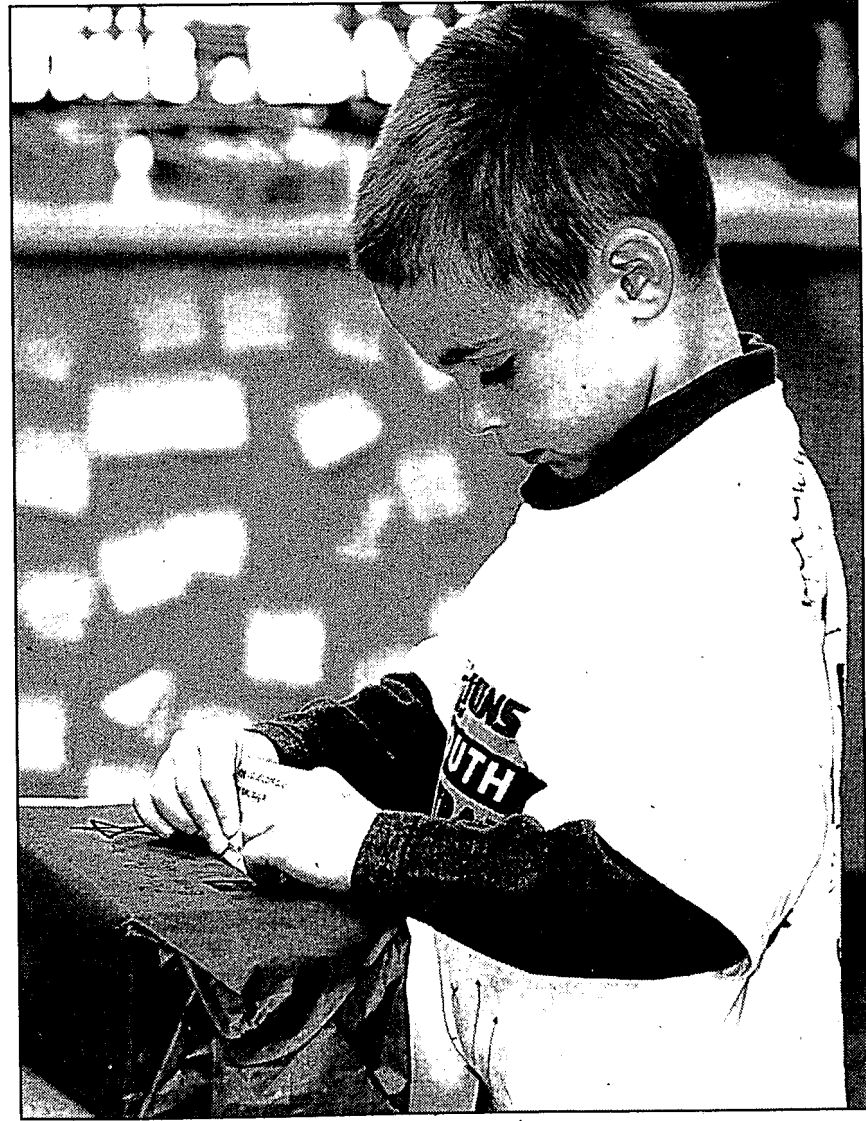
~Staff Writer Wendi Reardon



Everett Edwards decides on who to choose.



Jasmine Zywick casts her choice.



Hunter Bogar slides his vote into the box. Photos by Wendi Reardon

Ghost-napping in downtown

Instead of treats, the downtown was tricked when two of the 25 ghosts decorating Main Street were stolen.

According to the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, one ghost is missing from a planter in front of the Woodshop while another was taken near the Washington and Main Street parking lot.

The specters in white sheets were hung from steel rods by volunteers and were swiped over a week ago. Contact the Clarkston Farm and Garden club at www.clarkstongardenclub.org with any information about the missing ghosts.

— Mary Keck **A garden club ghost still stands.** Mary Keck



Veterans Day dinner at American Legion

American Legion Post 63 hosts a Veterans Day Program and Dinner, 6 p.m., Nov. 11, at the post hall, 8047 Clarkston Road.

Featured speaker is Gary Tanner, chairman of Reconnect Committee, Department of Michigan.

The Legion will also present its annual

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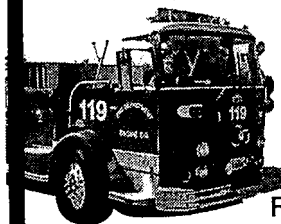
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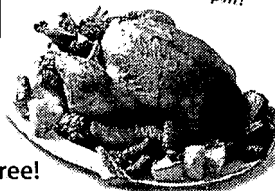


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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Pining away

Whew! I made it through October.

I made it through fun-sized candy treats, cider and donuts.

The month started hard but I rolled right through it with ease. Yes, every day continues to be a challenge as I continue my program with Nuvview Nutrition but part of it gets easier.

It is all about planning.

For example, one Saturday I had three events to attend - a baby shower, a child's birthday party and a Halloween party.

I packed what I needed for the day and if I needed an extra vegetable or two I could stop by a grocery store.

For the baby shower I lucked out they had vegetables and apples - both I could eat. But I had to pass on the sloppy joe's, caramel sauce for the apples and the chocolate cake.

The birthday party for a six-year-old didn't go as smoothly. Cookies, hot dogs, breadsticks... I think you get the idea. My option was apples to snack on. I had a lot of apple slices that particular day. Luckily I had my hands wrapped around my camera to keep me from munching but sometimes it wasn't enough.

As for the final event of the day, the Halloween party had tons of fatty, goodness. It was a group of friends I rarely see but I remembered as I stood there munching on the green peppers how much time I spent just eating at parties.

The kitchen was the place to gather to talk and just eat as you prepared food. I am sure you know what I am talking about. You don't even realize you are eating until the chips are gone and the dip needs to be refilled.

The Halloween party was a little tougher but I knew I couldn't have a moment of weakness. It would be my downfall and food would become out of control again.

Heck, it's hard enough to control my nut portions right now let alone try to block myself from bad sugar.

But here we are again... October was just the beginning. This month is Thanksgiving and National Novel Writing Month, which I believe I gained five pounds during last year. Then, Christmas and all the festivities going along with it.

One day at a time to say no and "I don't want to eat that." And if you are in the same boat as me - I know you can do it. I am here if you need support.



Reader urges vote on leaf burning ban

Dear Editor,

I spent time reading the new policy around burning in Clarkston and thought it was a joke until I read on. In order for me to breathe fresh air, I have to submit a doctor's note to the fire department in order to keep from leaves burning near me.

I feel this is old world thinking, only thinking of ourselves and not thinking of the great good of mankind. What the effects are that leaf burning has on the environment, the future of the world, and it's people.

Sometime ago we realized that second hand smoke from smokers is far more deadly and finally created laws to ban smoking in most public places. Did you know that according to the EPA, Leaf burning generates dangerously large quantities of carbon monoxide, particulates, and at least seven proven carcinogens directly related to cancer? A lot worse than second hand smoke.

The health care costs that associate are going up every year is another reason reducing pollution is so important today. We all have to do our part to save the planet and our neighbor. It's not someone else's responsibility it's all of us.

Wake up Clarkston. Many states have banned state wide burning. Many counties in Michigan Banned Burning. So what if it costs us more as individuals, a small amount extra each year to get rid of the waste?

Reader suggests cistern may not be crypt

Dear Editor,

Please suggest to Mr. Chip Travis that the sealed room in his basement just may be a cistern ("Scary house' isn't so scary, downtown man says," Oct. 24).

I grew up on Mechanic Street in Oxford where many of the old homes had cisterns in the basements. They were dangerous to

Obama sign destruction limits freedom of speech

Dear Editor,

I live on Main Street in Clarkston Village. Today I came home to find that my "Obama" sign was stolen from my front yard.

It was damaged on three other occasions when I found it smashed, ripped out of the ground and kicked - the foot print was still visible. What kind of town is this where its citizenship feels empowered to literally stomp on the freedom of speech?

Water woes for Independence Township resident

Dear Editor,

Seems like Independence Township is on a roll with alleged wetlands violations.

I too have received a notice of violation in spite of being told verbally to go ahead with

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Personally I don't know what trash company you're with, but most of the trash companies in our area remove leaves at no additional fee. You just have to bag them up or even use them for compost. So why has this never been on the ballot in the last 10 years for us to vote on?

I know why, because it would be banned. Yet once again the township wants to do something for the few and not the many. I say, let's quit clowning around and put this up for a public vote.

If the township won't do it, then I think the people need to force the issue to bring it to a vote. Then once the votes have been counted, we can all accept the results.

I am putting up a special email address for all of Clarkston to send me what your thoughts are. Are you for, or against leaf burning? But before you do, please go to this website by the EPA, www.epa.gov/ttnatw01/burn/leafburn2.html.

If there is enough interest, and the city is not willing to get it on the ballot, then I will take the next step and help get the required signatures to get it on the ballot. We all have a responsibility to each other, the community, the world to consider the environment, and our health to do the right thing. My email address is breathwellclarkston@comcast.net

*Jim Altene
Independence Township*

inquisitive children as well as being scary.

His friendly visitor sounds as if she enjoys his company. Years ago, my grandparents owned the "Stagecoach Grocery" on Dixie Highway in Springfield Township. Their visitors weren't as pleasant!

*Claudia Gooden
Springfield Township*

My sign did not display any disrespectful language. It had the names of our elected president and vice president on it.

I have lived in the heart of KKK territory in Indiana and even there this type of behavior is not tolerated.

I am shocked, sickened and angry. Mostly though, I am very disappointed.

*Mary Beth Kellum
Clarkston*

cleaning out our backyard pond with the intention of replanting and leveling the ground. Where can I find the petition to sign?!

*Ginger Hoffman-Dean
Independence Township*

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Show me the hardware; kickers take district title" Clarkston was behind a goal at halftime for their second straight game. This time it was against West Bloomfield in the district finals at a score 1-0. They pulled through to win the championship, 3-1. They also beat Waterford Mott, 5-3, in a game many will remember as snow fell before the opening kick.

"NBD sells Main St. building" The bank announced a winning bid was selected for the Main Street building in downtown Clarkston. The buyer was being kept confidential, however. An earlier proposal to convert the building into a museum had fallen through.

25 years ago - 1987

"Loss of on-street parking debated" The Clarkston Village Council discussed alternatives to losing on-street parking on Main Street. The Michigan Department of Transportation decided to eliminate the last four spaces on the west side of Main Street, north of Waldon when a spotlight would be installed in the spring. With the light would come an extra lane for turning.

"5-year-old skier wins state recognition" Five-year-old Stephanie Gillespie had no fear when it came to the slopes, and it paid off when she won national recognition for her talents. She finished seventh among Michigan children ages four and under the winter prior in the nationwide Coca-Cola Jr. NASTAR racing program.

"Township twirlers win trophies" Courtney Grimes, 9, and Monica Schramm, 15, set Ohio buckeyes on their heels, sweeping the advanced categories at the Drum Majorettes of America contest in Carey, Ohio.

50 years ago - 1962

"Local Student Endorsed by NMSQT" One senior at Clarkston Senior High School has been honored for his performance on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test given last spring. Each school receives a formal Letter of Commendation signed by his principal and the president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Mr. Milford Mason, the school's principal, has announced that the commended student is Thomas P. Wells.

"Local news" Nine guests help Lu Ann Klann celebrate her third birthday, Nov. 3. Also attending were her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Klann of Detroit.

If you sprang forward March 10, now you fall

One of our governments (state or US) has us springing our clocks forward in March and falling back in November. This year that was November 3.

Why did our leaders get us into this system, and when? I was sure it had something to do with farmers. You know, when to milk a cow, slop the hogs. This all started when cows and hogs could tell time.

No. It started with the British. They wanted darkness to come an hour later. They wanted additional daylight for recreation in the evening. That's what my World Book says.

See if that agrees with your inter or outer net.

It also made sense to them during World War I for economic reasons.

Like a good soldier, the United States copied it in 1918. A year later Congress repealed the law, but many cities, counties and change-minded peoples made their own choices.

Two areas of Indiana, one in the northwest corner, the other in the southwest corner, do not change times.

When I saw the reminder in my *Old Farmer's Almanac* I guessed the 'time change' reason was farming. That's the first time I remember being wrong. Our

Washington-elected have yet to admit being wrong even once.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

One more shot at the *Old Farmer's Almanac*. Predictions for November 2012: below average temperatures, showers and flurries, then sunny and warmer, rain then sunny.

Talk about covering your behind? No wonder they can claim 80 percent accuracy.

• I find the further I go back, the better things were whether they happened or not.

• In 1991 America turned a culinary corner -- that's when we spent more money on salsa than catsup.

• Everything has an end, except sausage, which has two.

• A best friend is like a four-leaf clover, hard to find and lucky to have.

During New York Mayor Bloomberg's talks on Sandy-storm's effects on his city, a lady sign language expert translated his remarks before the camera.

I was totally fascinated by her translating his words into words for the deaf. And, Bloomberg is not a slow talker. My compliments too, to those who could read the signs so fast.

We've had a good worker (who happens to be somewhat deaf) in our print shop for over 20 years. When he explains something to me I have to relate it to where we are in the building, and sometimes I pretend to understand. Our workers who are around him more seem to put his hand and lip movements together pretty good.

Like I said, Jimmy's a great worker, a fine individual and is very aware of everything going.

He said he follows the signed news fine, but sometimes he asks his college teacher to go slower. I asked all my college instructors to talk slower. The two of us never got together on sign language.

• Skunks start hibernating on November 19.

• Black bears are heading to their dens and lobsters are moving to offshore waters.

Voting could have been easier

Here's Don's Time Savings Rant #1,934,345 (which is remarkably similar to his TSR #1).

Okay, call me kooky, but, now that we have "fallen" back, what does that mean? Where have we fallen from? From what perch on high did we descend?

Are we in Daylight Saving Time now, or was that before? How do you save time? Do you put it in a hour glass and shove it in a dark corner of the basement so it doesn't tarnish with, well, umm, time? What does saved time look like? Is it sandy?

Oh . . . and if we are done "saving" time for now, where are we keeping all those extra increments from then to now?

I need to know this because I want to cash in my saved time so I can invest it as I see fit. The way I figure it, if I roll it into some time-managed investment plan, by the time I'm 90, I could have a decade or two left to use or give to my family.

Of course, if I let the government keep it, I'll never see any of my saved time.

Which, I suppose, is as good of a good reason as any on why we need to change

Social Security -- but that's a different column.

I know I am sounding incredibly, umm, stupid, but are we now in Standard Time, or was that before? What is 'standard' about this "Standard Time" anyway? My sense of the word, the meaning of standard is this: The rule; the measurement to which all others are compared to; what is normal or regular. I am not sure, but I bet the definition of "standard" in Webster's Dictionary has to be close

to mine. (Then again, I am the one confused by Daylight Saving Time versus Standard Time -- so, maybe I am really, umm, stupid.)

That said . . .

How the Sam Hill can time be "standard" (read -- regular) when we change it twice a year? It is not standard if time is one thing at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in April and another thing at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October. It is not

standard. It is different, dang it!

Oh, and don't forget, besides all that falling back and springing forward we've been forced to do these many years, changes next year. Nope, we're not doing away with the madness that is Daylight Saving Time. Oh, no, that would be too intelligent. Dear old President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 in, well 2005, of course.

What that bill does is: Instead of springing forward an hour at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday of April, we'll do it on the second Sunday in March. Instead of falling back on the last Sunday of October, we will turn back our clocks at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November.

Why were those new dates picked? Who's in charge of setting these dates? I want to know and then I want him fired.

I don't care about who killed Bin Laden, Iran or the economy. I want standard time all the time.

Riddle me this, Batman: Is life better or worse in Arizona, Hawaii and the parts of Indiana where they don't do the time shuffle? Do they have more accidents or crime in those places ver-

sus the rest of the country?

Hey, wait a cotton pickin' minute! I just thought of something -- how did they get out of this time bending racket and not us?

It just ain't fair citizens in those areas don't go through this whole mess of gaining or losing an hour, while we do. After all, we are all Americans, aren't we? We're all pink on the inside, and when we're cut, don't we all bleed red? If we are all the same, equal in all regards, then why not in time management?

I ain't telling you who I voted for -- but, my decision could have been made a lot easier if I found either one had on his platform, "Make the Nation A One Time All The Time Nation."

I'd vote for that candidate faster than a press secretary can spin a topic. Heck, I'd vote for Lyndon LaRouche if he'd promise to get the nation off the Daylight Saving Time merry-go-round.

Well, not really.

I don't know about you, but I think it's about time we took our time back from the government.

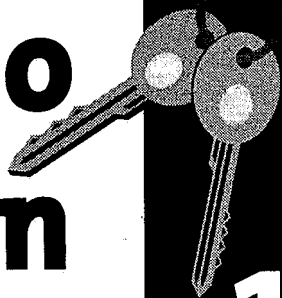
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A column by Don Rush

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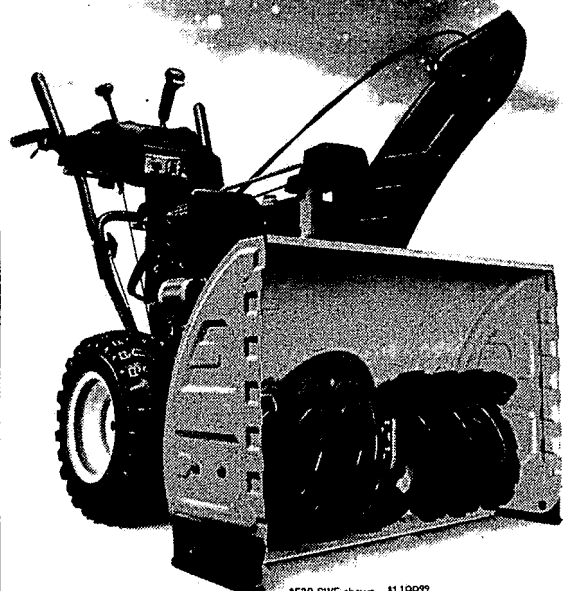
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Actors Debra Bourdeau and Linda Mischler in a scene from Clarkston Village Players' latest comedy *Not Waving*. The play opened Nov. 2. Photo by Mary Keck

Comedy and tragedy in 43 scenes

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"It's an unconventional comedy," said Director Dale Dobson of The Clarkston Village Players' latest production *Not Waving*. With witty and often hilarious lines, the cast of *Not Waving* delivers a comedic look at the struggle of unconventional individuals to understand their place and purpose.

The play offers a peek into the lives of Gabby (performed by Linda Mischler) and Nicole (Karen McClellan), a mother and daughter who become roommates after Nicole attempts suicide. As Gabby struggles to reign in her creative and seemingly fearless daughter, Nicole insists retrieving her cat from her ex-husband, Mark (Sean Harbert) will set everything right.

At first, it is all Gabby can do to keep up with her daughter's manic behavior, but as

time passes, Gabby's perspective changes. From balancing on window ledges to finding herself locked in an embrace with her Karate instructor, Gabby finds her life enriched and turned upside down by Nicole's antics.

Actors Sean Harbert and Debra Bourdeau switch characters and costumes throughout the performance while set pieces are relocated between scenes to signal new locations. Adding a symbolic dimension to the play, the numerous set changes and actors' ever-evolving roles reflect Nicole's scattered psyche.

The poignant scenes of *Not Waving* are balanced with lightness making the play a true-to-life rollercoaster of a tale that shouldn't be missed. See the Clarkston Village Players perform this tragic comedy Nov. 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, or 17 and purchase tickets to *Not Waving* on www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.



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Catalytic converter cut

A catalytic converter was cut away from a vehicle parked during the day in the 5000 block of Deepwood Court, Oct. 23.

Items stolen from vehicle

A GPS, medication, and debit card were taken from a car parked in the 5000 block of Fox Creek, Oct. 24. There were no signs of forced entry.

Flint man arrested

A 26-year-old Flint man was a passenger in a car when it was stopped by a deputy at Clarkston Road and Long Lane, 5:42 p.m., Oct. 24. The Flint man had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of Alcona County for possession of marijuana. He was arrested for pickup by Alcona deputies.

Thefts reported

Someone took a game camera from property in the 10000 block of Ortonville Road, Oct. 22. The bow hunter who owned it had a tree stand stolen last year from that location.

An 8-by-8-foot water raft was taken from Middle Lake, Oct. 26.

An Ennismore Drive resident put a motorcycle wheel out to the road with a "for sale" sign on it, Oct. 27. Someone took it.

Someone cut the locks to a shed in the 4000 block of White Lake Road at took two chainsaws, Nov. 1.

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Swerving driver on drugs

A witness called police to report a speeding car swerving back and forth from one side of I-75 to the other, 11:50 a.m., Oct. 23. The car pulled off the highway at Sashabaw Road, with the witness following. Deputies found the swerving driver, a 23-year-old Keego Harbor woman, in a parking lot. A preliminary breath test was negative, but deputies called Independence Township paramedics as she appeared to be under the influence of some drug. A K-9 unit was called to search, and found marijuana residue in the suspect's purse, along with heroin, syringes, and a spoon with drug residue on it. She said she had taken the heroin after she parked. She was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs, and possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia.

Friend suspected in ring theft

A gold ring was taken from the 6000 block of Sunnydale Road, Oct. 26. The owner's son's friend, a 19-year-old Independence Township man, had been staying with them. The ring had been left out on top of a dresser.

Prescription fraud

Employees called police to report a 42-year-old Independence Township woman with a fraudulent prescription, 4:59 a.m., Oct. 25, in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway. Deputies found she had a warrant for her arrest out of Sixth Circuit Court, and was on probation for fraud. She was arrested.

Super drunk asleep at wheel

A 20-year-old Waterford Township woman swerved her car from one side of White Lake Road to the other, hitting a curb and shredding a tire, 1:24 p.m., Oct. 26. She stopped for a train on White Lake Road and stayed there after the train left. Witnesses called police, who found her sleeping at the wheel, with the vehicle still in gear. Deputies reached in, shut off the car, and shook her awake. With a preliminary breath test of .26, she was arrested for super-drunk driving.

Break-in at business

Someone pried open a back door to a business in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway, Oct. 27, and went through several displays.

Suspicious teens

A passerby saw two teenagers hanging around a church at Clarkston Road and Sashabaw Road and stopped to check on them, 2:52 p.m., Oct. 30. The church has a broken window, and the witness called police. Deputies talked to the two boys, both 16-year-old Independence Township residents. They said the window was already broken, but discussed entering the church to look around. They were released to their parents.

Stolen van recovered

Deputies received a tip and recovered a stolen van in the 2500 block of Mann Road, 6:35 p.m., Oct. 30. A 26-year-old Chesterfield man staying in a nearby residence reportedly parked it there. He was in custody on an unrelated charge in Pontiac, with the key to the van in his pocket. The van, which was reported stolen from Waterford on Oct. 12, was impounded.

Caught with vodka

One of the passengers in a vehicle involved in a crash on Dixie Highway at Waterford Hills Terrace, 11:13 p.m., Nov. 1, opened a bottle of vodka and had a few drinks. He said he didn't know passengers weren't allowed to drink alcohol on the road. He was cited with open intoxicants in a vehicle.

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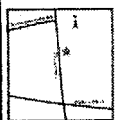


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Clarkston 35, Grand Blanc, 19 in MHSAA District Finals

Clarkston hosts Rockford (9-2) on Saturday, 1 p.m. in the MHSAA Regional Playoff

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
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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Next: Rockford (9-2), Saturday

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's gridiron heroes are gearing up for another battle as they prepare for Rockford in the MHSAA Regionals this Saturday.

Rockford won three state championships since 2004 and won regionals the past two years.

But the Wolves are anxious to end the season for the Rams and are using their previous games as lessons as they head to the field this weekend.

Senior linebacker Chris Calvano said Lake Orion, who the Wolves beat in a close game 21-14, prepared them the most.

"They helped us realize we are mainly a running team," he said. "We have to work on smashing it and sledgehammer down the field."

Another preparation boost comes after the Wolves beat Grand Blanc for the MHSAA District title last Friday, 35-19.

"It was a pretty fun football game," smiled Kurt Richardson, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Football. "We threw it in their faces all week long about they had two D-1 kids there and how strong they were. Our kids responded."

Grand Blanc was first to get on the scoreboard in the first two minutes of the game.

The Wolves tied the score with 2:36 left in the first quarter after a long drive. Sophomore quarterback D.J. Zezula handed the ball to junior running back for a 1-yard run.

The Bobcats pulled themselves back into the lead in the next quarter but missed the PAT, putting the score 13-7.

"We talked about it," said Richardson about the boys finding themselves behind.

"We said they are going to do some good things. You just have to keep calm and respond."

"I expected us to win," Calvano said, adding he could tell by the first couple of drives on the offensive and defensive ends of the ball. "I didn't have a doubt in my mind."

Clarkston struck again to pull themselves into the lead with 3:08 left in the first half. This time it was a 35-yard touchdown pass from Zezula to junior Caine Watlington. Watlington passed the ball on to senior Jarod Yaroch who caught it on the 3-yard line and finished the play in the endzone.

Junior Shane Hynes kicked the PAT to put the Wolves one point ahead, 14-13.

Before the half closed senior Nathan Yeloushan caught a 57-yard pass from Zezula to put the boys on the 1-yard line. On the next play Zezula ran the ball into the endzone to put the boys up to 20-13 with :15.3 to go.

"Our game plan was try to eat up as much of the clock as possible as we could with ball possession," said Richardson.

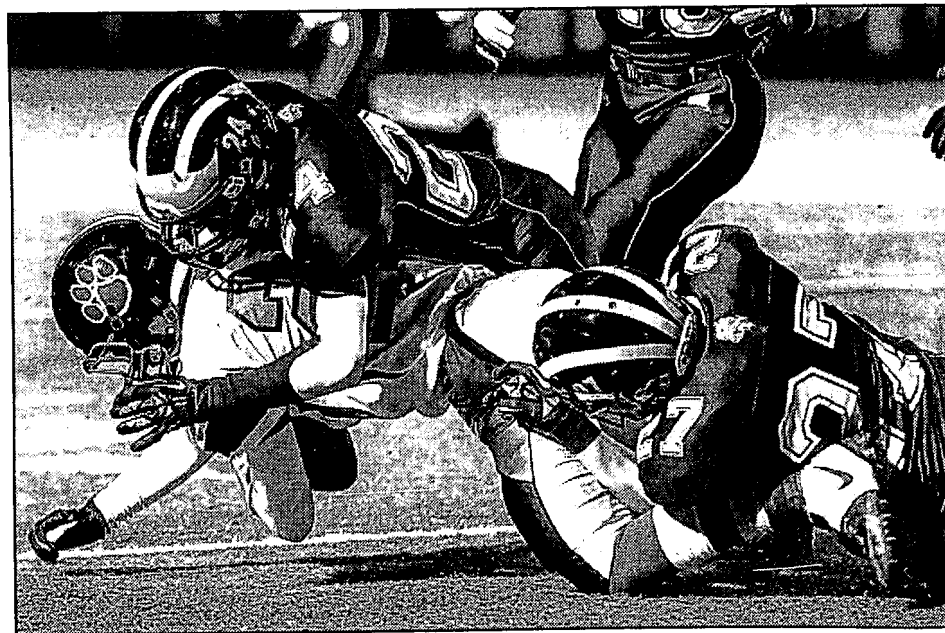
The Wolves scored again with a 43-yard field goal from Hynes with 2:40 left in the third quarter after the team found themselves on the fourth down with eight yards left to go after two incomplete passes.

The Wolves scored two more times to close the game with a 1-yard run made by Zezula and a 35-yard run by Eriksen.

Eriksen finished with 214 yards on 42 carries.

"Ian was outstanding as he always is," said Richardson. "He is as tough as nails. Ian has been great for us all year long. The lead blocking and the fellows up front paved the way for him."

The Wolves (11-0) take on Rockford (9-2) in the regional playoff game is at Clarkston High School on Saturday, 1 p.m.



Alex Dicea and Reid Kaminski grab a hold of Grand Blanc's ball carrier. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Lynsie Gram finishes her fall season. Photo provided

Gram goes the distance

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Lynsie Gram took her running shoes off after finishing her run in the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals on Saturday.

But she did not put them away as she is just getting warmed up.

"Lynsie has been a solid performer throughout the season," said Coach Kevin Breen. "She is one of those runners who is pretty quiet at practice but she leads by example. Her attitude is ready and willing to step it up."

Gram added her attitude going into practice is to do her best and do what she can to be a better runner and athlete.

"She is probably one of the most coachable athletes I have ever had and a team leader in that aspect because she shows up at practice," Breen added. "She is always ready and willing to work hard. I think that is one thing I admire about Lynsie is her work ethic. She has one of the strongest work ethics on the team."

Her hard work paid off at finals, and she set her newest personal best finishing at 18:49. Her personal best before Saturday was 19:11 at Gabriel Richard, Oct. 13.

Within the next two years her goal is to hit a new personal record and be All-State, finishing in the top 30 at the state finals.

She added running every day and the training with the team has really helped.

"I think down the road hopefully we can see Lynsie as one of the top runners in the state," Breen said.

She ran in mile races in elementary school but didn't really start cross country until sixth grade. She said her mom had her try it and she liked it.

Gram also runs in track in the 1,600-meter and the 3,200-meter.

"Track helps you keep in shape for cross country," she added.

"They are both good for running and have kept me in shape," she added.

She is currently taking classes in geometry, history, language arts, chemistry and French 3.

Gram still has a few more years to decide what she will study in college but is looking at something in sports. Plus, she would like to continue running cross country in college.

Her advice to aspiring runners is to keep in shape and enjoy the sport because it is a fun sport.

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Clarkston trumps Dragons for district crown

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves won their sixth consecutive MHSAA District title by beating their rivals Lake Orion after a close match, 3-2.

"It is an unfortunate thing one out of two good teams had to go out early this year," said Clarkston Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall. "I give them all credit - they are a great team. They play hard. They gave us a great battle and that's how you want a district battle to be."

The Lady Dragons opened the match with a 25-21 win in the first game. They carried the lead in the beginning of the second game until Clarkston tied the score 5-5.

The Lady Wolves pulled into the lead after a few hits were unreturned and junior setter Brianna Frakes scored three consecutive points to boost Clarkston further into the lead. They finished the second game with a 25-15 win.

Lake Orion came back grabbing the lead in the third game and not letting up until they won, 25-17.

The fourth game proved to be a back and forth battle as both teams were in the lead throughout the set. Hits from senior Sarah Bullen and junior Katie Chadwell gave Clarkston the final two points for a 25-23 win.

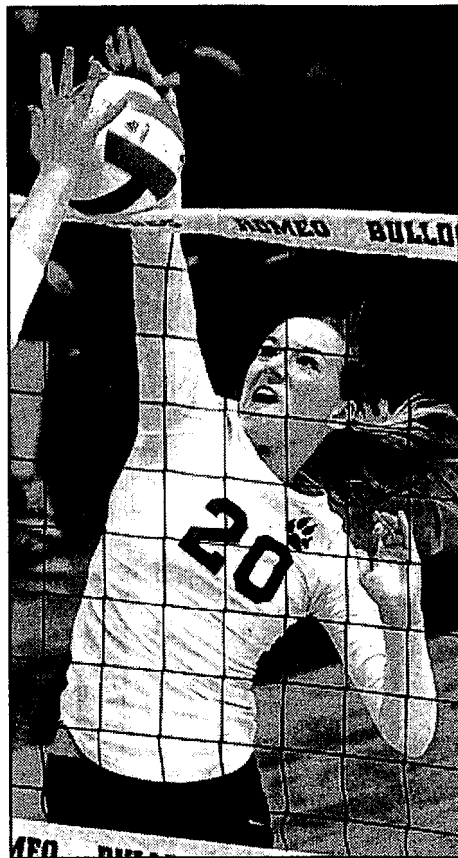
Emotions were high going into the last game for both sides. It began as a usual Clarkston/Orion battle with the score staying within a point of each other.

Senior outside hitter Rachel Dickerson hit two kills to boost the team and Bullen added three more points to carry the girls into the lead. They kept on the pressure and finished with a 15-0 win.

"I thought how we focused and won was just amazing," said senior libero Emily Popp. "Lake Orion is a great team. There were so many emotions going on during the match. I love our team was able to overcome it."

Dickerson had 22 kills, Frakes had 39 assists and Popp had 29 digs.

"All week long I tried to keep Lake Orion out of their minds," said Avenall. "Concentrate at one game at a time. We focused on



Emily Malinowski hits over the net against Orion. Photo by Larry Wright

what we do good in our game. I try not to over prepare. We have gotten this far because we are good and we take care of the ball on our side of the court."

Popp added the 3-2 over Romeo in the semifinals helped the team prepare for Lake Orion.

"We were surprised on how good Romeo was," she said. "We had it in our minds we have to focus from here on out. Even if we were down to go after it."

The girls won the first game 25-23 but lost the next two 25-21 and 25-19.

"I have been with some of them for years I could see them melting down," said Avenall. It started at the end of the first game and luckily we were able to maintain and then the second and third game it was like they would

start making mistakes. You could see it on their faces. They started to withdraw instead of going after it and being aggressive. We also had a ton of blocking errors in that second and third game and that hurt us."

They shook it off going into the fourth game to dominate the court. Romeo opened with a two point lead but the Lady Wolves quickly put themselves in the lead off hits from Bullen.

They built a 9-point lead before Romeo added more points onto the board. But by then it was too late as Clarkston continued to build up their momentum and won the game 25-11 to tie the match, 2-2.

The Lady Wolves kept the momentum up going into the fifth game putting five points on the scoreboard before Romeo found themselves on the board with two points. The girls finished the game with a 15-5 win.

Dickerson had 18 kills and Frakes had 37 assists and four aces.

The girls won the first round of districts against Rochester Adams, 25-13, 25-8, 25-12.

Dickerson had 10 kills, Frakes had five aces and 20 assists and Popp had 17 digs.

"It was a good way to start playoffs," said Avenall. "I was worried maybe we wouldn't stay focused especially when you get up on a team. We are trying to feed it to different people and we did a good job of that and not going to the same hitter all the time. It will help us along the stretch."

Clarkston moved on to the MHSAA Regionals on Tuesday against Utica Eisenhower. The winner of the game plays the winner of the Troy/Seaholm match in the finals at Rochester High School on Thursday, 7 p.m.

"We just have to stay focused," said Popp. "No matter what team we are playing. Don't focus on who is over there just what we have to do to beat them."

The regional champion moves on to the MHSAA Volleyball Quarterfinals set for Tuesday at Oxford High School, 7 p.m.

Follow the Lady Wolves on www.clarkstonnews.com, *The Clarkston News* Facebook or Twitter - CNewsWRSports.

Last run

The Clarkston Cross County teams finished their season at the state finals at Michigan International Speedway.

The boys finished in 13th place with 361 points.

Sam Tanielian led the team finishing 15:56.5 in 36th place. Finishing in the top 100 were Daniel Billette in 47th place, 16:11.9; Nick Moore, 68, 16:24.3; Austin Draving, 92, 16:56.

Also running for the boys team were Scott Cousino 16:56.0; Jake Streng 17:39.8 and Grant Henley 17:41.9.

The girls finished in 14th place with 373 points. Nicole Hanson led the team finishing in 31st place and in 18:40.2.

Lynsie Gram finished in 38th place in 18:49.7 and Erin Billette finished in 46th place in 18:57.6. Following were Kaitlin Catania, 19:54.8; Sage Beauregard, 20:10.5; Molly Jeffers, 20:13.1; and Amanda Chamberlain, 20:25.8.

Winter ball

Clarkston High School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Fife, his coaching staff, and players teach all they know at the 31st Annual McGrath League.

The Saturday league is open to boys in 3rd to 8th grade and will run for 11 weeks beginning Dec. 1.

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

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

The league runs for nine weeks beginning Dec. 1. The cost of \$95, and includes a league basketball T-shirt.

Forms for both leagues are on www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/athletics.



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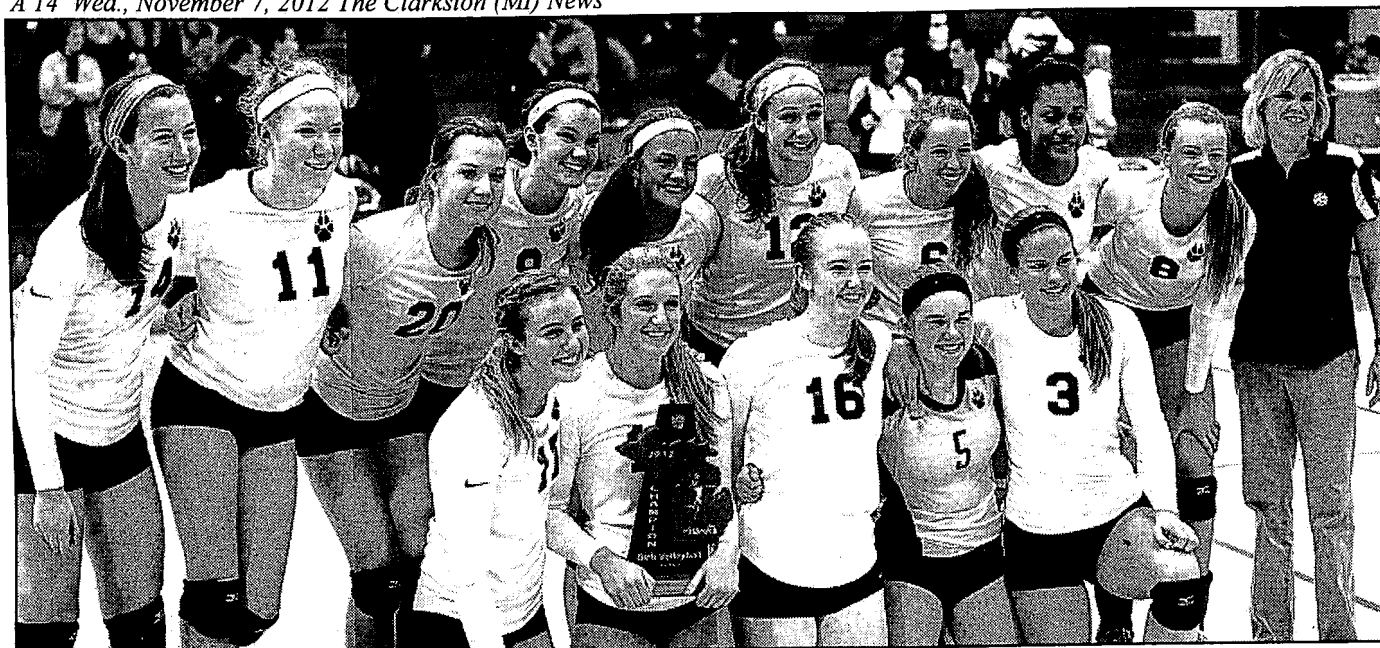
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The Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team wins the district title. Photos by Larry Wright

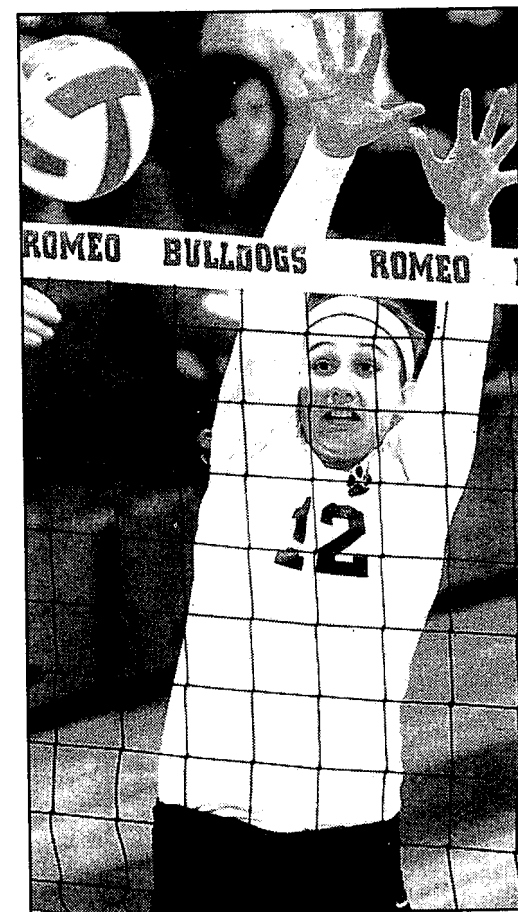
Celebration

It was an exciting weekend for the community as the Wolves from Clarkston Varsity Football and Girls Varsity Volleyball teams won district championships.

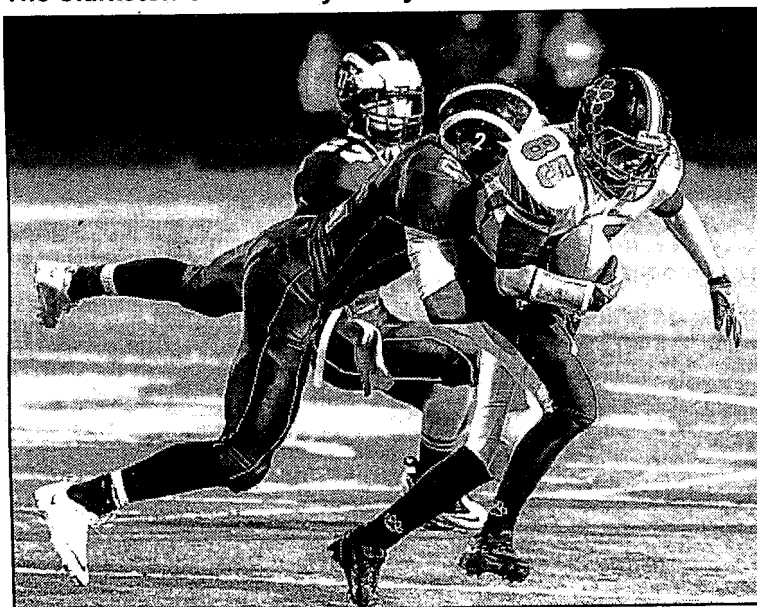
Both teams move on

to the MHSAA Regionals this week.

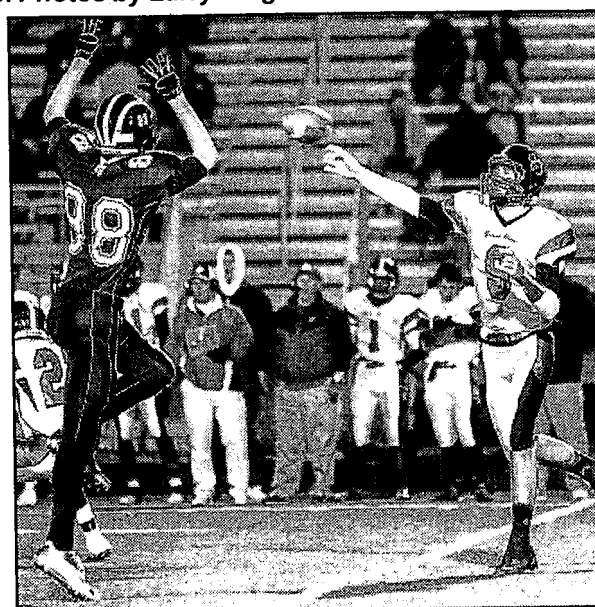
Volleyball is at Rochester on Tuesday and Thursday, and the gridiron heroes host Rockford on Saturday at 1 p.m.



Brianna Frakes reaches to stop Orion.



Tim Cason takes down a Grand Blanc player.



Cole Chewins defends against a pass.

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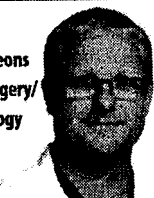
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Dr. Wallace C. Ross

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Dr. Wallace C. Ross, owner of Ross Chiropractic and Wellness, 6310 Sashabaw Road, Suite B.

He has 29 years experience in chiropractic care, with clinics in Flint, Rochester, and now Clarkston.

From Lapeer, he moved his office to Clarkston to be closer to home.

"My wife and I have lots of friends here," he said. "We have ties to this community. This is a great place, with a lot of fun things to do. We've been welcomed with open arms."

He became interested in chiropractic care when he was a high school student playing hockey.

"A chiropractor helped my hip problem,"

he said.

He graduated from Palmer College, Davenport, Iowa, in 1982. He opened here about four weeks ago.

"We're doing pretty good, not too bad for the first few weeks," he said.

"I try to treat people like we would want to be treated. My focus is to get them out of their pain as soon as possible, as gently as possible. If they need to be referred, we'll do that, and tell them up front."

Goals include providing chiropractic service to local schools, as well as volunteering.

"Lighthouse is next door, and the Salvation Army store is across the street," he said. "As I build the practice, I'll volunteer services, to give back to the community. I was brought up like that. My family always believed in giving back to the community."

He lives in Lapeer with his wife and their two children.

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"It's to help clients make the best decisions possible, based on the circumstances," said Miller, who opened her law practice in downtown Clarkston, 39 S. Main Street, Suite 10.

Cases include divorce, child custody issues, personal protection orders, domestic violence, and other family law issues.

"It's very rewarding," she said. "These are good people going through rough times. They need someone to help them navigate through that."

She's from Connecticut, moving with her family to Clarkston in 1992.

"We really liked the community, the schools have a good reputation," she said. "I love downtown Clarkston, walking to Rudy's, Essence, the other shops on Main Street. It's nice, walking downtown on lunch break, people out and about."

She decided to open her own practice after working with the Hon. Lisa Gorcyca, Oakland County Circuit Court judge, in family law.

She specializes in family law and handles cases in Genesee, Wayne, Macomb counties, as well as Oakland



Delia Miller

County.

"It's going well. We have a lot of support from the community," she said.

She also volunteers, working with the circuit court, Lakeshore Legal Aid and Family Law Assistance Project to provide free legal aid to people in need.

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From left, SCAMPers Tessa Kremer, Corbin Knapp, and Grace Gustafson helped decorate a tree for the Designer Holiday Showcase. It is on display at Clarkston State Bank. Photo by Phil Custodio

Clarkston-area interior designers will deck the halls of the Lake Angelus home of Forrest Milzow, transforming it into a holiday wonderland to benefit Clarkston SCAMP, a summer camp for children and young adults with special needs.

Clarkston SCAMP's Holiday Designer Showcase weekend begins with a Patron's Eve Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 6-10 p.m., featuring holiday entertainment, martini bar and strolling appetizers.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, the showcase house will be open to the public from 12-5 p.m. During both events, decorated wreaths and trees throughout the home will be available for bid during a silent auction.

"This is a great way to make your home ring with holiday cheer without having to spend a lot of time in the preparation," said Donna Clancy, SCAMP executive director.

Decorators will disassemble the

trees and then reassemble them in winning bidders' homes, she said.

SCAMPers decorated a tree for the event. The SCAMP Tree is on display in the lobby of Clarkston State Bank in downtown Clarkston through Nov. 15.

"Hundreds of special needs children look forward to SCAMP every summer," said Megan Nini, Holiday Designer Showcase co-chair and coordinator of the SCAMP tree. "SCAMP is a real benefit to those in our community, and it is something that we should all support."

Tickets for the Patron's Eve Celebration are \$125 per person. General admission, Nov. 18, is \$20. Shuttles will transport guests from Adams Elementary School on Clintonville Road in Waterford to the Holiday Designer Showcase House for both events. Call 248-623-8089 or visit www.clarkstonscamp.com.

— Phil Custodio

Tooth Fairy helps kids avoid candy cavities

Amy Wilson and Heidi Emery of Clarkston Family Dental visited Clarkston Funshine Early Childhood Center, Nov. 1, to remind kids to brush their teeth after a Halloween night of candy excess.

Wilson and Emery, dressed in her best Tooth Fairy finery, passed out toothbrushes and other dental goodies to the students, and reminded them of the importance of brushing and flossing to keep teeth healthy.

Clarkston Family Dental, on Bluegrass of Main Street, also donated toothbrushes and toothpaste to Clarkston United Methodist Church for their mission trip to Haiti.

"I saw the call for supplies in *The Clarkston News*," Wilson said.

She took the idea to Dr. John Foster, owner of the practice, and he agreed to help out.

The dental practice will also collect food for Light-house for Thanksgiving.

Call 248-625-2424 for information.



Amy Wilson and Heidi Emery, as the Tooth Fairy, of Clarkston Family Dental visit Dianne Giehtbrock and Amanda Wentworth's class at Funshine to talk about healthy teeth. Photo by Phil Custodio



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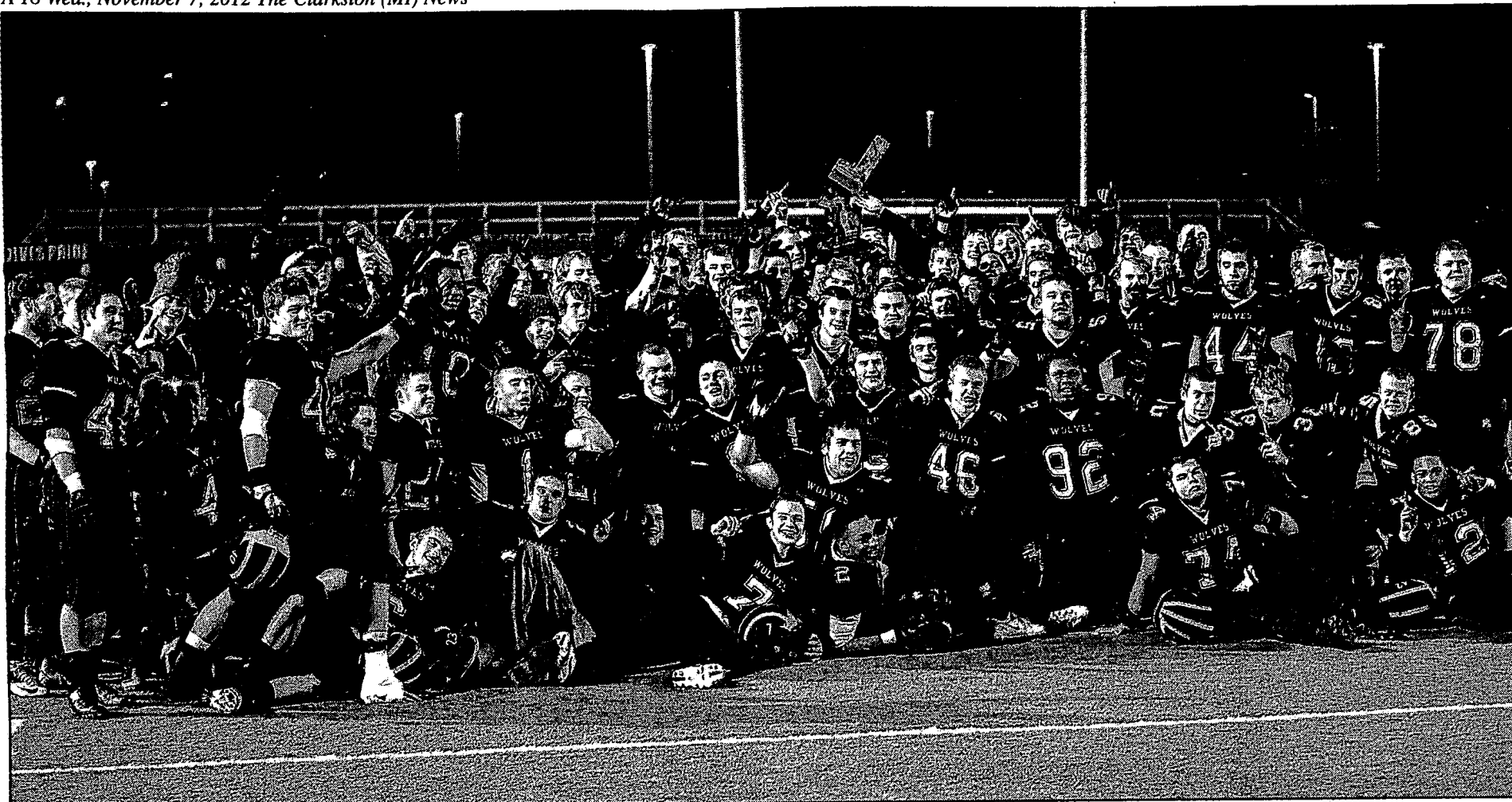
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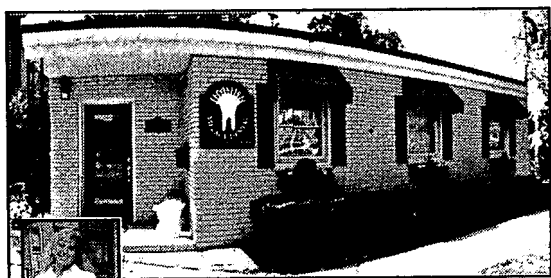
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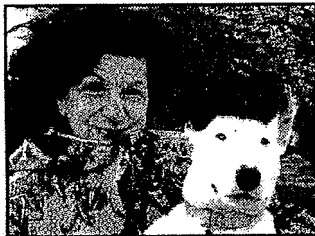
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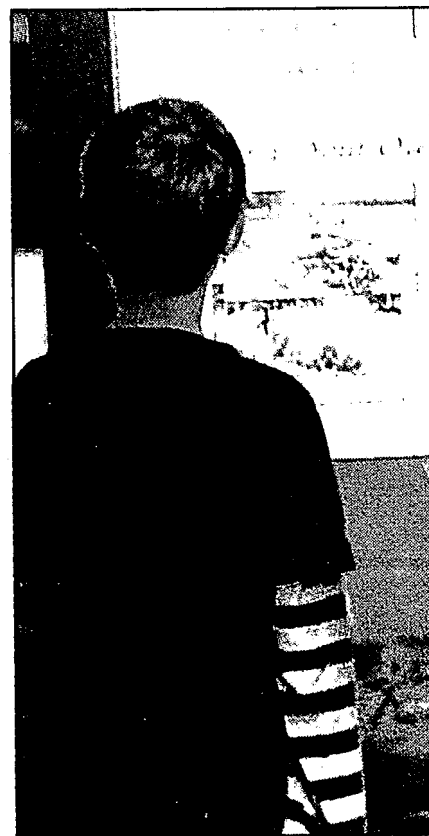
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Trish Hennig and John Meyland point to a waystation posting.



George Walker looks at the rain garden and waystation sign. Photos by Mary Keck

Make way for Monarchs

BY MARY KECK
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Picnickers and playful youngsters aren't the only visitors to Depot Park these days. It is also a favored location for nectar-loving butterflies. In particular, it's a preferred spot for the Monarch butterfly, especially now that the park and Rain Garden will be maintained as a "Monarch Depot."

According to North Oakland Wild Ones Vice President Trish Hennig, the park is a perfect location for Monarchs because of the variety of Milkweed plants available. Lately, Monarchs are "having trouble finding Milkweed where they lay their eggs," Hennig said.

Once a Monarch butterfly lays its eggs on Milkweed, the hatching caterpillars eat the plant's leaves. When they munch on Milkweed, baby caterpillars protect themselves from predators because birds don't like the plant's flavor. Varieties like Common or Swamp Milkweed are the only plants a Monarch's caterpillars will eat. Without the plant, Monarchs won't survive, Hennig explained.

"Numbers are dwindling," Hennig says of the popular orange and black butterfly, and it's due to reductions in their favorite plant. While Monarch's can nectar on a variety of blossoms like Coneflowers, Asters, and Black Eyed Susans, they haven't adapted to laying eggs on any plant except Milkweed.

Luckily for Monarchs, Depot Park has several varieties of Milkweed, which is what qualifies it to be a Monarch Waystation. Once the butterflies visit, trackers like Wild Ones John Meyland can tag the Monarchs and find out how far they migrate.

"Southern Ontario is where a lot of them are born," said Meyland who catches the butterflies in a net. "You have to be quick," he said. Then, "you open the net, talk nice to them, determine if it is male or female,

and be careful because when you reach in, they could fly out," Meyland explained.

He carefully places a numbered sticker on the butterfly's wing, and anywhere the Monarch is found during its migration down to Mexico, he'll be able to track it online. The data is compiled, and it helps an organization called Monarch Watch determine the butterfly's migration patterns.

Right around September, the Monarchs fluttered off to Texas, stopping along the way to nectar on flowers, said Meyland. By December, the Monarchs will be in Mexico where "they will be draped all over the fir trees in the moun-

ains," he described. "About February, they'll start coming back."

Meyland said the best time to see Monarchs in Depot Park is around June and July. Not only will you find the famous orange and black butterflies flying from bloom to bloom, but you'll also see their eggs and caterpillars. "Be patient, take time, and look," said Meyland. The eggs are very small and can usually be spotted on the underside of a Milkweed plant, and the caterpillars have yellow, black, and white stripes.

To maintain their new Monarch Waystation, the Wild Ones will avoid using pesticides and make sure there's plenty of Milkweed and other nectar-producing plants in Depot Park.

They encourage residents to help increase Monarch populations by creating their own waystations in their yards and gardens. "We can all do a little bit. Plant them in yards, churches, and schools," by growing varieties of Milkweed and other plants attractive to pollinators, said Hennig.

"It seems magical," said Hennig of the way Monarchs locate Milkweed for egg laying. "It makes me sad to think Monarchs won't be in our future." To find out more go to www.monarchwatch.org.

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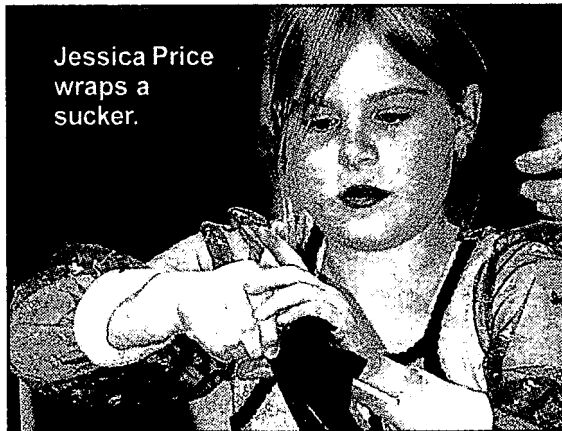
Luke Ludd and Ryan Kissar walk through the halls in a parade.



An alien lets his captive, Valen Kurmaniak, enjoy a snack.

Bulldog Holiday

The ghosts and ghouls were out last Wednesday as well as other popular faces during Bailey Lake Elementary's Halloween. Students enjoyed treats as well as games and crafts.



Jessica Price wraps a sucker.



Kayla Haddad enjoys a treat



Avery Schafer decorates a ball for her light.

Partisanship misses shades of gray

As I write this article just a couple days before this particularly nasty campaign season culminates, I am looking forward to that time very soon when my phone will stop ringing with political ads. Of course I am also wondering how things will turn out.

Who will be our president and how will the other races and issues go? How many times we will amend the constitution, or not? Of course there will be some winners and some losers – from my perspective and from yours.

None of those elected can instantly deliver all that they have promised, nor can they possibly do all the things we hope they will to fix the economy, create more jobs, bring peace to world, etc. And, in most cases anyway, the other candidate is not nearly the naive ogre and embodiment of evil they have been painted to be.

In the wake of this very long and cantankerous election season, many sense an increasingly negative partisan divide among us. This is true even among Christians, some of whom seem to believe they

know exactly how Jesus would vote. I know good and faithful people who are for Obama and others who are for Romney, and both have good reasons that are informed by their faith. Lively debate about issues is healthy and can help us do the best for the most in our nation and in the world.

However, negative partisan politics can sometimes paint the world in such stark contrasts that we come to see the other as our enemy, rather than as a neighbor with whom we have much in common.

I am hoping and praying we can now come together to continue the dialog, build trust and work for the good of all. I am hoping and praying we can work for justice and peace in all the earth, and counter despair and inspire faith in these difficult times. I am hoping and praying that

we will be willing to see the shades of gray in so many issues, rather than only the sharp contrasts of black and white. Most of all I am increasingly aware that my hope ultimately rests in God, not a political candidate or party or position. God certainly works through these things and calls us to exercise our rights in trying to influence them, but ultimately I say with the psalmist, "I lift up my eyes to the hills, from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2). This tells me that God is still the God of the universe, not just the United States, and Jesus is still our Savior, not a candidate in either party.

So where is God in the midst of this election? The same place he is in the midst of the economic woes we are experiencing or the terrible pain from hurricane Sandy or the international conflicts in our world or the difficulties we face in our personal lives. God is right there with us - in the midst of it all reassuring us that, "He's got the world in His hands."

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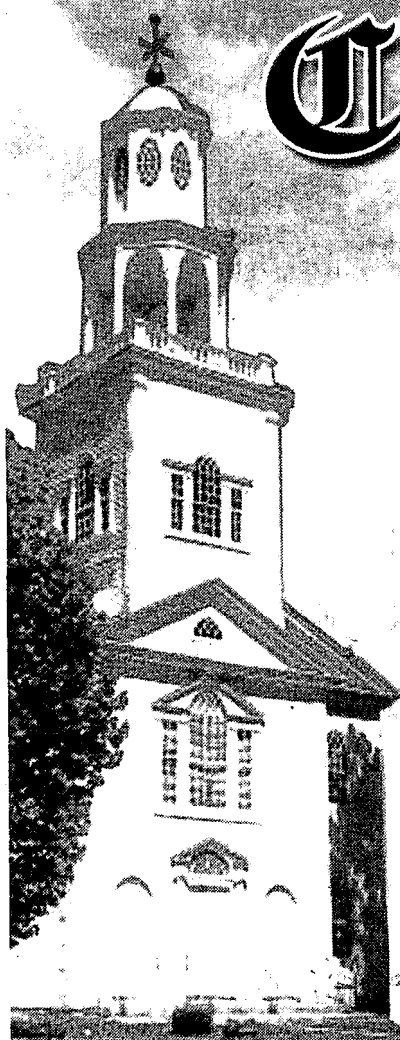
Veterans Day services, 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Nov. 11, St. Mary's In The Hills Episcopal Church, 2512 Joslyn Court, Lake Orion. 248-391-8274.

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

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

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

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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.

Veterans Luncheon, 12 p.m., Nov. 9, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Hosted by Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center. Lunch free for all veterans. Guests, \$6. 248-625-8231.

Father of the Bride, comedy, Mt. Zion Theatre Company, 4900 Maybee Road. Nov. 9-10, 16-17, 8 p.m.; Nov. 10, 2 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, 248-409-1120.

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.

Awesome Pawsome with Freestyle Fanatics dog club, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Nov. 10; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 11, Springfield Oaks County Park Activity Center is located at 12451 Andersonville Road. Free. 586-707-4138.

Honoring our Heroes presentation on national cemetery system, benefits, 9 a.m., Nov. 10, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Free. Info, call Coats Funeral Home, 248-674-0461.

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

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

Charity Fund Raising Auction, Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Nov. 15, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1326.

Ladies' Night Out, 4-9 p.m., Nov. 16, Avanti Salon and Spa, 7505 M.E. Cad Boulevard. Shoppings, salon services, raffles, cocktails, appetizers. 248-625-6299.

Holiday Book Sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 1; 1-4:30 p.m., Dec. 2, Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road.

Alternative Christmas Gift Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dec. 1-2, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Handcrafted items, baked goods.

Holiday Craft Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 7; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 8, Waterford Baptist Cathedral, 2640 Airport Road.

Monday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Slow Flow Yoga with Noreen Daly, Mondays, Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-310-7878.

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

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

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

Tuesday

50+ Pickleball, indoor, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road; outdoor, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8:30-10:30 a.m., \$2. Clintonwood Park Tennis Courts, 6000 Clarkston Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

Thursday

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

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and third Thursdays, 12:30 p.m., 1 East Washington. Please see Around Town on page 24.

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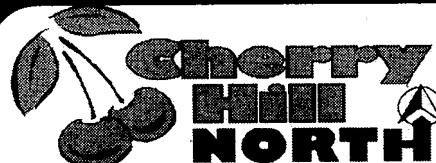
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Obituary

William Jackson, 77

William Bryon Jackson of Clarkston died Nov. 3, 2012. He was 77; born July 21, 1935, in Highland Park, Mich., to the late Douglas and Gladys (nee: Taggart) Jackson.

He is survived by his wife Sally Jackson whom he married Jan. 24, 1954, in Lake Orion; three daughters, Judith (Paul) McKinney, Jane (Philip Smith) Hettich and Janice (Karl) Mertins; seven grandchildren, Rhea Jackson, Megan McKinney, Gregory (Becky) Hettich, Michelle (Litty) Thomas, Jeffrey (Samantha) Hettich, Celeste (Kenny) Taylor and Tony Brock; 13 great grandchildren; one brother, Robert (Jean) Jackson; preceded in death by three brothers, Douglas and Jimmy Jackson and Weaks Hodges; two sisters, Caroline and Flora Jackson; one son-in-law, Ralph Hettich. William was a member of the Teamster Local #614 and Teamsters Retirees Club. He enjoyed Country Jamborees and his boy's toys, boating, motorcycles and snowmobiling.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at **Coats Funeral Home**-Waterford. Interment will follow at Ottawa Park Cemetery. Family will receive friends on Wednesday from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton Community Palliative Care. To send a private condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/obituaries.



William Lupan, 86

William Lupan of Clarkston, formerly of Troy, passed away Oct. 31, 2012, at age 86.

He was the beloved husband of Joan Lupan for 57 years; and the loving father of Sharan (John) Pietrasik and the late Karan "Si" Houston. He is survived by his two sisters, Sophie and Bette.

Bill was an avid golfer who played some of the world's greatest courses. He also enjoyed walks in the woods, bonfires, mushroom hunting, animals, and being with his family. Bill has been retired from Chrysler for 31 years.

Memorial Service, 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where family and friends may visit Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Henrietta Beach, 98

Henrietta Beach, "Blondie," of Lady Lake, Fla., formerly of Clarkston passed away Oct. 31, 2012, at age 98.

She was preceded in death by her husband Donald. She was the mother of Jack Beach of Lady Lake, Fla., and Shirley Jessee of Lady Lake, Fla.; sister of Betty Irwin, Vera Jean (Lloyd) Crutchfield and Eugene Andrews; grandmother of Jeff (Connie) Beach, Brian Jessee and Kimberly Beach; great grandmother of Matt Beach.

Blondie was a former dispatcher for the Independence Township Fire Department. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery. Private family services entrusted to the **Lewis W. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

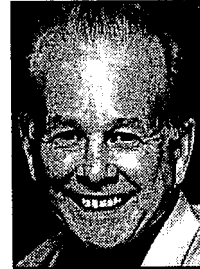
Jerry Lee Beers, 66

Jerry Lee Beers of Clarkston passed away Nov. 1, 2012, at age 66.

He was the loving husband of Cheryl; step father of Carrie (Vince) Warolin, Melissa Palazzola, Randy (Jodi) Gates and Robert (Alyson) Gates; step grandfather of Ella, Holly, Ashley, Rachel, Robby and Avery; brother of Rick (Lori) Beers, Bob Beers and Glen (Donna) Nelson; also survived by many loving cousins, extended family and friends.

Jerry served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Visitation was Nov. 4 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Nov. 5 at the funeral home. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Rose Mary Smith, 72

Rose Mary Smith of Clarkston passed away Nov. 3, 2012, at age 72.

She was preceded in death recently by her husband, Jim. She was the loving mother of Kim Biggs and Kelly (Steve) DeLadurantaye; proud "Manana" of Griffin; sister of Evelyn Rogers, Arlene Milostan, Virginia Cole, Carolyn Bruning and Henry Cetus Jr.

Rose Mary was a longtime member of St. Daniel Catholic Church where she was the Stewardship Director for over 26 years.

Visitation was Nov. 5 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Nov. 6 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to St. Daniel Catholic Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Albert J. Simkins, 80

Albert J. Simkins of Morristown, Tenn., formerly of Clarkston, passed away Nov. 3, 2012, at age 80.

He was the husband of Gale for over 58 years; father of Desiree (Nick) Herzog, Diane (Dave) Mack, Ruthann (Robert) Ratcliff, Laura (Jeff) Luckes, Carol Perry and Mary (Gage) Burlingame; grandfather of 15, great grandfather of six.

Al moved to Florida after retiring from Pontiac Motors, he loved landscaping, animals and traveling.

Funeral Service Friday at 12:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where family and friends may visit Thursday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to Amedisys Hospice Care. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

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

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

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

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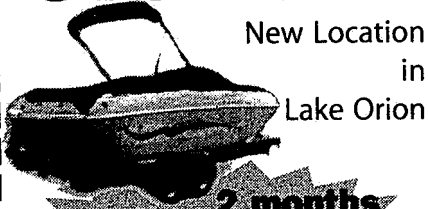
DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

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Check out "Phil in the Blank" for election results and comments, along with the other local news.

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For more information, to host your own show, to post community information on the "Community Bulletin Board" or to discuss advertising opportunities contact Alan Partington at 248-821-1373 or info@clarkstonondemand.com

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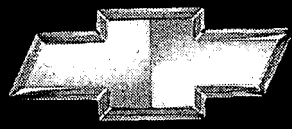
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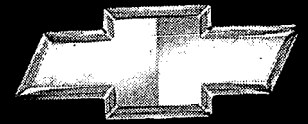
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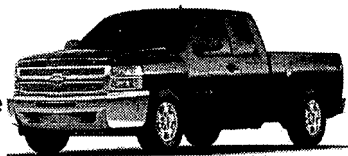


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Estate of GARY E. CLOUSE a/k/a GARY EVERT CLOUSE, DECEASED. Date of birth: 02/22/1937.

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, GARY E. CLOUSE a/k/a, died 10/01/2012.

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

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of Virginia Berendt. Date of birth: 9/11/1920

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Virginia Berendt, died 9/15/2012.

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

11-12-2012

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SUMMARY MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2012

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

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

Motion Carried.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Roth to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of item 6.c.ii. (income statement) for discussion.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Sabol to approve item 6.c. ii (income statement) with the understanding that the council is not adopting the "2012-13 requested amendment" as a budget amendment and that the finance committee will be further reviewing this and will present a budget amendment at a later time.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Haven, supported by Bisio to put the tree removal bid back on the table.

Motion Carried.

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Roth to except Bob Pursley's clarification and approve the low bid project from D&D Tree Service for \$835.00.

Resolution Approved.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Sabol to appoint Council Member Haven and City Manager Ritter to the Election Commission.

Motion Carried.

Resolved by Hargis, supported by Bisio to pay the \$4,350 invoice from Highlander Plumbing and Heating contingent upon digging deeper to seek reimbursement.

Resolution Approved.

Moved by Bisio, supported by Haven to adjourn into executive session.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Roth, supported by Bisio to return to open session.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Sabol, supported by Hargis to adjourn meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Richter,
City Clerk



BAT HATS: Preschoolers in Clarkston Funshine Early Childhood Center studied pumpkins and bats for a week, then made bat hats in class last Friday. Photo provided

Operation Homefront

Clarkston Junior High School's Operation Homefront Food Drive is collecting donations this week.

Items needed include canned and boxed rice, noodles, pasta, milk, cereal, cookies, soups, and other food items, personal care items, and monetary donations.

Students are running the canned food drive to support the Saginaw Army Reserve's 919th ICTC Food Pantry. Drop off donations through Nov. 9 in the atrium of the junior high school.

For more information, visit www.operationhomefront.net.

Teachers learn, share Harvard Culture of Thinking ideas

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so many people were involved. I met someone here who works just down the street from me. It's nice to make connections."

Clarkston Community Schools adopted the Project Zero teaching strategy "A Culture of Thinking" a year and a half ago. Culture of Thinking teaches students better thinking skills, as opposed to fact and basic skills memorization.

"This is about broad development of the mind as students grow up with lifelong thinking skills, not just memorizing information for tests," said Dr. Rod Rock, superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools. "We're sharing with educators from around the world how to change the way for students to experience education."

Presenters included Harvard writers Howard Gardner, David Perkins, Ron Ritchhart, Shari Tishman, Tina Blythe, Daniel Wilson and Veronica Boix Mansilla, as well as Clarkston teachers and administrators.

"Project Zero has strong ties to the Clarkston Community Schools District, and we are delighted to be collaborating with the district for our November conferences," said Tishman, director of Project Zero.

Superintendent Rock is a frequent presenter at Project Zero conferences and events, she said.

"His visionary leadership never fails to inspire educators from around the world," she said.

This is a first for an entire public school district in the United States, she added.

The conference included visits to Clarkston classrooms at Springfield Plains Elementary, Pine Knob Elementary, Clarkston High School, and Sashabaw Middle School to see students engaged in Cultures of Thinking,

Rock said.

A group of 14 teachers and administrators from River Valley High School in Singapore extended their stay beyond the conference, visiting with Sashabaw Middle School staff for part of the day on Nov. 5. A group of about 25 parents from Clarkston also participated in the conference.

Presentations focused on collaborative learning, educating for global competence and making learning and thinking visible, using creativity, problem solving, critical thinking, communication, application, analysis and evaluation techniques.

Kathleen Noble, first grade teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary, was a presenter, explaining how she implemented Culture of Thinking in her classroom.

"We showed what a culture of thinking looks like, how to get it down to the kids' level - it's all over the walls," Noble said. "It's interesting."

Lawson learned how to challenge students to think more independently.

"The teacher-as facilitator of learning, helping students ask better questions, guiding thinking rather than just give them information," she said.

Kristen Mrozek, Renaissance High School teacher in Clarkston, learned how to implement culture of thinking in her foreign language classroom.

"One technique is 'See-Think-Wonder,'" Mrozek said.

"Students look at a picture, think of vocabulary words, see the words, think about sentences, turn them into paragraphs. It's a way to build a foundation," she said.

Gina Joy Roemer, member of Clarkston Foundation and parent of Sashabaw Middle School and Clarkston High School students, volunteered at the event.

"I was prepared for hours of volunteering; but what I came to realize was that they afforded me an amazing two-day journey about learning and thinking with international travelers, without having to leave Clarkston," Roemer said. "I'm thankful for all those efforts and generosity to include me. I am so excited to start, or actually participate in the continuance of building a culture of thinking in our Clarkston community."

Clarkston is one of 13 Oakland County school districts working with Project Zero researchers to apply Culture of Thinking routines in its classrooms. The collaboration is expected to continue for at least five more years.

Clarkston Board of Education committed \$40,000 for the conference from the professional development budget, Rock said.

Local businesses donated about \$25,000 in sponsorships, including Bordines, Little Caesars, Clarkston-Brandon Credit Union, Clarkston State Bank, Jostens, Mike and Trish Page, McLaren, Clarkston Foundation, Dickinson-Wright, Set-Seg Insurance, CMU's Institute for Excellence in Education, Oakland Schools, Aerohive Networks, which provided building-wide wireless for the conference, Learning-Forward Michigan, Waterford Community Schools, Bloomfield-Hills Schools, and Shepherd's Hollow, which hosted the presenters' dinner on Thursday.

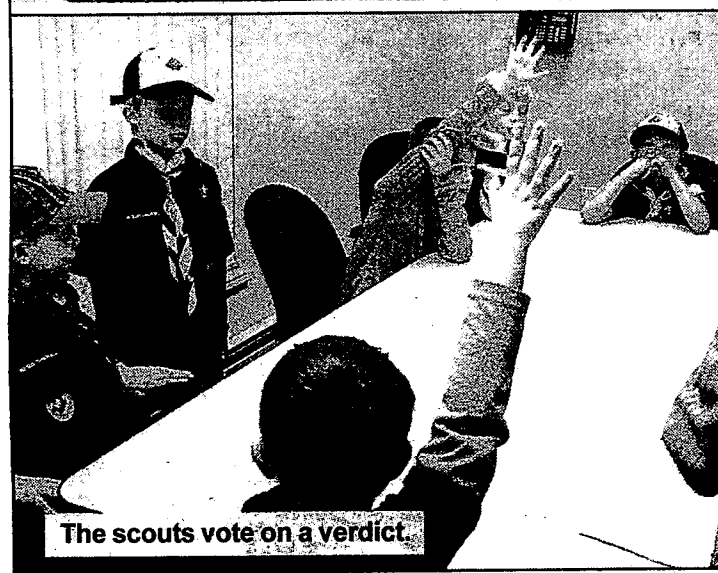
"Our teachers heard from some of the world's leading authorities on teaching and learning. They also heard from colleagues from around the world, and our teachers and leaders shared their classroom practices with the world," Rock said. "This was an amazing showcase of the excellence of the Clarkston community and its school system."



Judge Joseph Fabrizio, 52-2 District Court, instructs Spongebob Squarepants to take the stand.



Todd Kaluzny, usually a defense attorney, presents the case against Squarepants.



The scouts vote on a verdict.

Sponge law

Cub Scout Pack 126 of Clarkston Elementary learned about the court system with a mock civil trial, complete with judge, attorneys, and courthouse.

The officials stayed after hours, Nov. 7, to present the case, with the scouts serving as jury. Todd Kaluzny, usually a defense attorney, represented Spongebob Squarepants in a civil case against the aquatic clothier Fishpants Depot. The sea sponge, represented by an inflated facsimile, bought some pants there but they were round and didn't fit, so he wanted a refund.

Carmen DeFranco, off-duty prosecutor, represented the company, arguing Squarepants altered the pants and thus wasn't entitled to a refund.

The young jurors found in favor of the plaintiff.

The scouts, with Den Leader Kelly Jackson, were also taken on a tour of the courthouse.



In back from left, Sam Modrzynski, Jack Mayhew, Reece Stachowiak, and Gilbert Rietsch; and front row from left, Frankie Fabrizio, Ryan Snudden, Andrew Pospo, Cris Lowe, and Luke Snudden present their decision. Photos by Phil Custodio



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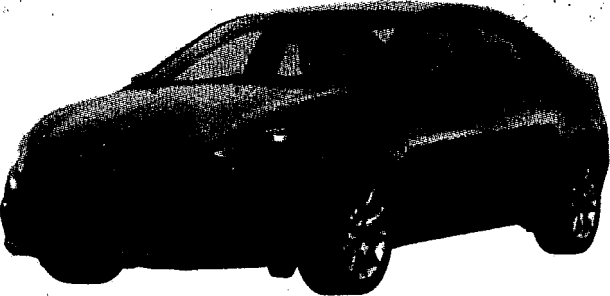


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