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New supervisor gets up to speed

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"I'm anxious to start!" said Supervisor-elect Pat Kittle who won 13,588 votes on Election Day even though he was running unopposed. Since the primary election in August, Kittle's been brushing up on municipal management and finding out firsthand what it takes to keep a township running.

"I've been visiting with the DPW and going into sewer lift stations," he said.

Kittle observed a building inspection and water tap installation at a new residence.



Kittle

"I like to understand what they do so that when they come to me with issues, I have a working knowledge of what they're up against," he said.

Now that he's had time to dig a little deeper into township departments and functions, he has a better sense of his goals as supervisor. In particular, he's interested in starting with fiscal responsibility, communicating effectively with the public, and strengthening the township's operations.

While Kittle said he plans to take "a real, good hard look at the [budget] numbers, again," he also feels "encouraged that even with the reduction in revenues, [the board] was

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Army Major Jeff Jurard, at left, and Marine Major Steve West unfurl a flag flown in Afghanistan by Army Major Scott Mori for students at Cedar Crest Academy in Springfield Township. Photo by Phil Custodio

Flag unfurled for veterans

Cedar Crest Academy commemorated Veterans Day with a flag ceremony conducted by veterans.

"It's important to the kids to see real life example of veterans, and learn about flag etiquette," said Army Major Jeff Jurard.

Jurard and Marine Major Steve West were joined by Robert Gallo, Chris Giles, and Al McFarland of American Legion Post 1370 in the ceremony, Nov. 12.

"We were asked to take part - we're always willing to help," West said.

Army Major Scott Mori, currently overseas on his third deployment, sent the

flag to the Dixie Highway school.

"He recently flew a flag where he is based in Afghanistan to present to Cedar Crest," said Robyn Mori, his wife.

The family is based in Ft. Riley, Kansas, but when the major is on deployment, Robyn returns home to Clarkston with their children, preschooler Joseph, first-grader Mariellen, and Juliana, third grader.

"Cedar Crest has been a great source of support for myself and my three children during multiple deployments," she said.

- Phil Custodio

After vote, library cuts staff, hours

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Now that the ballots have been counted, the newly established Clarkston Independence District Library will continue operating under a .691 mill rate. In light of the proposal's failure, the board is gearing up for another campaign for a 1.25 mill rate in 2014.

The race on Nov. 6 was tight with only 30 ballots making up the difference between "yes" and "no" votes.

As a result of the "no" vote, the library board has cut the library hours of operation from 63 to 57 hours. Patrons can visit on Monday through Wednesday from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. or Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The library will no longer be open on Sundays.

Reducing the days and times the doors are open isn't the only change the board has made, but it has chosen to cut staff, too. The library currently employs nine full time workers, but the board decided it can afford only eight.

"The problem is these cuts we have to make now will last a full two years because there will be no ballot initiative in 2013, and we certainly can't afford a special election," said Board President Marilyn Pomeroy.

The cuts to hours and staff the library board approved during their meeting on November 9, are just a few in a long line of slashes to the budget, Pomeroy pointed out.

Because of its stretched finances, the library had already closed an additional 23 days, stopped opening on Sundays in the summer months, eliminated one full-time position, ended all children's after-school programs, and cut its budget for books, movies, and music by 43 percent.

In August 2014, the library will ask

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Ready for the holidays

Armed with trimmers and gardening gloves, the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club rallied 20 volunteers to add some holiday cheer to downtown this week. They've decorated planters along Main Street with evergreen trimmings and trees to make Clarkston festive for the holidays. Photo by Mary Keck

Library looks to 2014 for next chance

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voters again for a 1.25 mill rate to replace the current .691 rate. "The next vote will be essentially whether we're going to fund the library or we are not going to have a library," Pomeroy said. In other words, if the District Library is not funded at a 1.25 mill rate, it will likely close.

"We reestablish the library, and we get two chances to fund it. We get another chance in 2014," explained Library Director Julie Meredith.

"The District Library agreement states that if it does not pass in 2014, the District Library dissolves, and it reverts back. Unfortunately, it can't revert back. We can't revert back to a law that doesn't exist anymore," Meredith said.

Not only will patrons lose the Clarkston Independence District Library if the millage doesn't pass in 2014, but residents won't find service at neighboring township libraries either, Meredith and Pomeroy added.

"Those libraries operate with us under a

reciprocal agreement," said Pomeroy. "If this library dissolves those libraries are not going to provide services to Independence Township residents."

Why didn't the 1.25 mill rate pass this time? Pomeroy thinks it is a combination of several factors.

"The climate, of course, has been difficult for any millage passing," said Pomeroy.

She also notes supporters had only three months to educate locals before the general election because the Township and City agreed to reestablish the library and accept the 1.25 mill rate in August.

The placement of the library's proposal at the very end of a long ballot full of state proposals may have contributed to the "no" votes, too. Meredith knew of some supporters who unintentionally voted against a new mill rate for the district library.

Another challenge was "just trying to get the message out to everyone with a limited amount of money," said Pomeroy.

If the District Library's millage had been

left up to only those Independence Township voters who came out to the polls on Election Day, it would have passed. Fifty-one percent of citizens who cast ballots on Nov. 6 voted in favor of the 1.25 mill rate whereas 53 percent of absentee voters were against it. Most Clarkston Village citizens approved the millage; 357 voters marked "yes" and 202 marked "no" on their ballots.

As the library board moves forward with a .691 mill rate, more budget cuts are expected. Library patrons can anticipate fewer service offerings, and part-time positions may be eliminated, too.

"Unfortunately we've cut to the point where there's nothing left to cut that would be invisible," said Meredith.

The library will have until August 2014 to convince voters to pay 1.25 instead of .691 mills. In the meantime, "we're hoping that citizens will really evaluate what the library can do for them," said Pomeroy.

To view the library's budget go to www.indelib.org.

Briefly

Planning Commission now two fewer

After a public hearing on Nov. 7, the City's Planning Commission voted unanimously to reduce their membership from 7 to 5.

The approved amendment to Zoning Ordinance 129 was to go before the City Council for a first reading on Nov. 13 at City Hall.

Newly elected council member Carol Eberhardt was set to be sworn in at the meeting as well.

Holiday trimmings

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club plans to spread some holiday cheer. Volunteers will sell cut greens, fresh boxwood wreaths, roping, outdoor bundles for planters and table arrangements on Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Church of the Resurrection on Clarkston Road.

The Greens Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for those looking to purchase fresh evergreen décor.

City, Wild Ones partner to stop phragmites

Clarkston City Council and Oakland County Wild Ones have partnered to form a Phragmites Subcommittee. They are meeting to take bids and make plans to tackle Phragmites, a tall reed-like invasive species.

A large patch of Phragmites can be seen growing along White Lake Road, and the subcommittee hopes to hire a company to eliminate the fast-growing plants.

They meet Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. in the Village Hall on Depot Road.

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Board ready to work

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"I'm excited to get to work," said Trustee-elect Andrea Schroeder.

After the board is sworn in on Nov. 19, Schroeder will roll up her sleeves with Ron Ritchie, David Lohmeier, and Jose Aliaga who were also elected as trustees in the general election.

On board with the trustees are Clerk Barb Pallotta, who retained her seat; Paul Brown who will take the reigns as treasurer; and Pat Kittle, who will reside over the board as supervisor.

"I'm pleased that there's a wide cross section of backgrounds," said Ritchie of the new trustees to the board.

Aliaga agreed. "People are looking forward to working together," he said.

The trustees aren't only ready to dig into the work, they are also thinking about initiatives they hope to advance during their tenure.

Aliaga's top goal is to get the McLaren hospital project moving. He plans to seek support from legislators in Lansing and "create a friendly environment for McLaren," he said.

"There's a big need to be more

efficient," said Ritchie. He feels one way to encourage efficiency would be to get each township department using the same software for budgeting.

He also thinks "the township could do a better job of making meetings available for people who want to watch."

Ritchie would like to see board meeting videos posted online for residents to view and control at their convenience.

Schroeder describes her goals as personal choices.

"I hope to be respectful in disagreement," she explained. "If and when I disagree with someone, I'll find out more about their position."

Although Lohmeier won't be returning to work with all the same board members, he said, "I'm very excited about the new board."

Thus far, each new member to the board seems to be thinking positive.

"No one is coming out of the gate on opposite sides," said Schroeder.

From her point of view, the new faces on the board offer an opportunity to "press the reset button" and "show people in the community how it should be done," she said.

Residents will have the opportunity to see for themselves how well the board will work together once they are sworn in on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Township Hall on Waldon Center Drive.

Their first meeting will be Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Township Hall.



Schroeder

Election results

Independence Township Board, four seats

Andrea K. Schroeder (REP), 18.05%, 10,631

Ronald A. Ritchie (REP), 17.84%, 10,508

David A. Lohmeier (REP), 17.72%, 10,441

Jose Aliaga (REP), 16.87%, 9,937

Kevin Bushroe (DEM), 10.06%, 5,928

Jeremy D. Mitchell (DEM), 10.02%, 5,904

Joe Wauldron (DEM), 9.23%, 5,439

Write-in, 0.20%, 119

Total votes, 58,907

Clarkston School Board,

four open seats

Joan R. Patterson, 16.98%, 7,743

Susan Boatman, 15.85%, 7,231

Cheryl McGinnis, 15.82%, 7,214

Craig Hamilton, 14.79%, 6,746

Kelli Horst, 14.66%, 6,687

Betty Reilly, 13.70%, 6,250

Theresa Adriaens, 7.75%, 3,534

Write-in, 0.46%, 209

Total votes, 45,614

Clarkston City Council, three seats

Carol Eberhardt, 28.67%, 305

Michael G. Sabol, 27.26%, 290

Peggy J. Roth, 22.27%, 237

Richard Bisio, 20.68%, 220

Write-in, 1.13%, 12

Total votes, 1,064

Clarkston Independence District

Library Millage Proposal

No, 50.08%, 9,473

Yes, 49.92%, 9,443

Write-in, 18,916

Clarkston mayor

Joe Luginiski, 97.53%, 355

Write-in, 2,47%, 9

Total votes, 364

73 percent voter turnout in Independence

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

In the general election last Tuesday, 73 percent of the 26,730 registered Independence Township voters cast ballots - 6,009 voted absentee.

The City of the Village of Clarkston's turnout was 70 percent; 197 of the 600 who voted casted absentee ballots.

In 2008, there were more registered voters (26,852) in Independence, and 74 percent of them came out for the general election. Seventy percent of citizens turned out in Clarkston eight years ago, but there were fewer registered voters at 817. In 2012, 861 people were registered to vote.

Precinct 9, located on the east-side of Independence had the highest voter turnout with 80 percent of its registered voters getting to the polls. Just south in neighboring Precinct 10, only 59 percent of those registered voted.

Citizens who cast ballots picked Pat Kittle as Supervisor, Barb Pallotta for Clerk,

and Paul Brown for treasurer. Each of them ran unopposed as Republicans.

The only race in Independence Township with opposition was for four open trustee seats, but no Democrats were able to secure a position.

Trustee candidate Andrea Schroeder won the largest number of votes at 10,631. Ron Ritchie followed close behind with 10,508 votes. David Lohmeier retained his seat with 10,441 residents voting for him and 9,937 votes went to Jose Aliaga.

While Joe Luginiski won in Clarkston's general election, he ran for mayor unopposed. On the other hand, the race for City Council ended with one new member: Carol Eberhardt.

Richard Bisio was not reelected while incumbents Peggy Roth and Mike Sabol gained enough votes to continue serving as council members.

Of the 19,645 voters who cast ballots, 44 percent of Independence citizens were straight ticket voters. . . .

Of those one-party voters there were 5,814 Republican, 2,713 Democrat, 75 Libertarian, 25 Green Party, 21 U.S. Taxpayers Party, and seven Natural Law Party voters.

In the City of the Village, there were no straight ticket Green Party or U.S. Taxpayer straight ticket voters.

There were two Libertarian and one Natural Law straight ticket voters. 172 Republicans and 84 Democrats marked their ballots straight ticket in Clarkston, however.

Had the presidential election been decided by Independence Township or Clarkston City, Governor Mitt Romney would have won.

Every precinct in Independence, except south central Precinct 14, turned red for the Republican candidate on Election Day - 290 voters didn't choose presidents from the two main political parties.

See www.oakgov.com/clerkrod/elections for more election returns and other information on .

New face on City Council

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

While most members of Clarkston City Council will remain the same, Carol Eberhardt is new. In the general election, Eberhardt won 305 votes. Peggy Roth secured 237 votes, and Mike Sabol garnered 290 votes. All council members serve two-year terms.

"I'm looking forward to Carol joining the team," said Mayor Joe Luginiski, who ran unopposed in the general election, but still got 355 votes. "She's coming in with a lot of knowledge and history."



Eberhardt

Eberhardt was once president of the city board, owned a business downtown, and has been active in the community for thirty years.

"I think I'm going to be a good addition," she said. "I'm very open to suggestions and concerns."

"I trust she'll come in and do a great job," said Sabol. "It's too bad we can't have eight people on the council. Richard Bisio will be missed."

Bisio lost his seat by 17 votes.

Roth agreed.

"Richard was a real numbers guy," she said. "I'm sorry to have lost him."

On the other hand, Roth said, "I'm looking forward to having another female on the council."

Now that the votes have been tallied, members of the city council are ready to work.

Eberhardt intends to offer her organizational skills to the ordinance-codifying project the council will tackle in the coming year.

"The budget is a high priority," she said.

She plans to sit down with Bisio to get up to speed on the city's budget.

Sabol is interested in tackling the city's finances, too.

"I hope to get the budget process straightened out and make sure we're not wasting the money we have," he said.

He also intends to continue participating as a liaison in the Planning Commission.

Roth has begun serving on a subcommittee devoted to eliminating Phragmites, an invasive plant, in the area. She also hopes to get involved in Main Street Oakland County (MSOC), an economic development program to help develop downtowns.

When it comes to Mayor Luginiski's goals, he hopes to "continue to preserve, protect, and progress," he said. He intends to preserve the unique characteristic of the downtown while protect its historic nature. Luginiski said he also wants to see Clarkston progress by drawing more service and retail business to downtown. "The more you can offer, the better," he said.

The next city council meeting will take place on Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Village Hall on Depot Road.



Volunteers Linda Kolody and Marla Taylor sort donations at the Lighthouse food pantry. Photo by Phil Custodio

Holiday crunch time at Lighthouse

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming fast, Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston finds itself in need of help.

"Fund raising has been a little slow - I always get worried about this time of year," said Connie Stapleton, manager of Lighthouse on Sashabaw Road in Independence Township. "But I'm surprised every year by the flood of food we receive at the end."

With five Thursdays in November, Thanksgiving's Nov. 22 date is earlier this year.

"People might have needed to get in mind the Thanksgiving season is already here this year," she said.

Food donations for Thanksgiving are needed by Nov. 16, with distribution on Nov. 19. Donations requested include gravy packets, canned fruit, box stuffing, pie crust and filling, and other canned and boxed food.

Lighthouse will distribute all the fixings for Thanksgiving turkey dinners to 260 local families in need, about 800 people.

Distribution will be at a new location this year - Clarkston Community Church. Lighthouse needed a new spot after the Knights of Columbus Hall on Maybee Road was sold.

"Clarkston Community Church graciously volunteered to allow distribution," Stapleton said.

On distribution day, volunteers will pack and organize the meals in the morning, with pick-ups in the afternoon.

For Christmas, Lighthouse has about 200 families with about 500 children in need of gifts. They request gift donations for children

including teenagers, boys and girls, such as electric shavers, scrapbooking items, diaries, journals, board games for teens, and gift cards.

Christmas gift donations are needed by Sunday, Dec. 9. Lighthouse will be open on Dec. 9 from 12-2:30 p.m. for donations.

Donations are also needed for Lighthouse's ongoing food pantry program for people in need.

"The pantry is a little low," Stapleton said.

They need pantry staples, such as spaghetti, peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna, and other nonperishable items. The center uses monetary donations to buy items at local stores as well as relief agencies such as Gleaners, which provides food at a discount. Meijer's and other stores also have programs benefitting Lighthouse.

The Lighthouse organization, which is based in Pontiac, provides food, clothing, counseling, assistance with utilities, and other emergency services to thousands of people in southeast Michigan.

"It's rough - jobs are still very hard to find," Stapleton said. "And there are few jobs out there that pay well."

In the Clarkston area, the Sashabaw Road location provides food assistance to 700-800 people a month, with more expected in the winter after seasonal employment dries up.

For more information, call Lighthouse, 6330 Sashabaw Road, at 248-620-6116.

In downtown Clarkston and want to donate Christmas gifts or food to Lighthouse? Drop them off at The Clarkston News office, 5 S. Main Street. We'll collect gifts and non-perishable food donations and drop them off at Lighthouse on Dec. 7.

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Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

Remember vets

There's some new life for Star Wars, courtesy of the mouse. Disney bought Star Wars from creator George Lucas, and around the world fans of all ages wonder what it will mean for their beloved franchise.

Star Wars is a good fit in the Disney universe, filled as it is with swashbuckling heroes, pirates, and princesses.

Han Solo and Long John Silver, they'd understand each other. The troops at Echo Base would be able to relate to "Davy Crockett at the Alamo."

And Princess Leia would be a great addition to the Disney Princess line up. Gunning down two stormtroopers after taking a blaster bolt to the shoulder - she could teach those ladies something about self reliance.

I'm glad Star Wars is still popular with kids today, but surprised by it. When I was their age, I wasn't playing with Howdy Doody or Lone Ranger stuff. I was playing Star Wars.

But they've kept it fresh, with the prequels and everything.

I love the video making the rounds nowadays of the returning veteran, Justin Whyte, out in Kansas at his 5-year-old son Aiden's Star Wars-themed birthday party.

Justin dressed up as Darth Vader, removing his helmet to surprise his son with his return - he wasn't supposed to be home until Christmas.

Behind that story is the incredible sacrifice of all veterans. For Justin and so many other young service men and women, it means missing out of their children's childhood.

The Clarkston area does a great job honoring local vets. The local American Legion posts, Independence Township, local schools, churches, community groups, they all work together to support veterans and their families.

Clarkston Junior High kids helping out at the township's Veterans Day luncheon was nice, seeing the young teens talking to the veterans. I hope they found it interesting. All those shoot-em-up video games popular now - these guys actually did that stuff.

The job's not finished yet in Afghanistan and it will never be over for many returning veterans. Their wars are real, and they need us to not forget them.



Support for current burn rules for rural residents

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Jim Altene's recent letter on leaf burning ("Reader urges vote on leaf burning ban," Nov. 7). First, I think he is confusing the City of Clarkston with Independence Township - both have their own burn ordinances. Independence Township has been working on a modification to their burn ordinance for more than a year.

At every township meeting on the burn ordinance, the majority of citizens present were against changing it. If you can get the township to let us vote on it, I think you would be very surprised at the results. The part of Independence Township I live in is still very rural. My neighbors and I still like to have summer bonfires, etc. The current policy although not perfect, is a compromise that fits most people.

The township checked with several of the area garbage disposal companies. The companies stated at the meetings that they are very near their capacity to pick-up and compose leaves. If there was an increase in leaf disposal caused by the elimination of burning, they would not only have to place a limit on the number of bags allowed, but also start

charging for their removal.

Unlike Warren, or Troy, many of us that live in Independence have lots of trees on our lots. They produce lots of leaves, too many to compost all of them. When we start having to pay to remove our leaves, a lot of property owners will face the choice of removing trees.

The amount of oxygen my trees produce more than offsets the amount of pollution I may cause by burning the leaves once a year. If you think the cost of removal of 100 or more bags would be a small amount, you can pay my bill for the removal. Have you ever lived downwind from a compost pile that was not properly maintained? Besides the smell they can be a big eyesore and attract a lot of unwanted pest animals.

If you burn leaves when they are dry and in small quantities, they will produce very little smoke. The current burn ordinance allows the fire department to put out the fires when inconsiderate neighbors burn wet leaves that cause lots of smoke. You cannot make laws that will enforce common sense or make someone a good neighbor.

John Keusch
Independence Township

Library millage campaign continues with education

Dear Editor,

The Clarkston Independence District Library Board thanks city and township residents who supported a community library dedicated to providing services to both book and internet users in the 21st Century.

The ballot initiative was defeated by 30 votes out of 18,906 votes cast on Nov. 6.

The Library Board realizes many voters were not aware of the millage proposal to bring our library closer in funding to surrounding communities. Nor were they aware of the loss of funding to our library since 2000.

The Independence Township Library was a department of Independence Township supported by the Township and a supplemental millage. The state law governing this arrangement (PA 269) was repealed in 1976; the supplemental millage rate has remained at its current rate ever since. In 2000, the Township Board began to reduce the amount of yearly funding to its Library Department and in 2004 all township general fund support ceased. In addition, yearly administrative fees from the Library's supplemental millage to the township were gradually increased from \$3,750 to \$55,200.

In 2006, the township hired a new library director, Julie Meredith, a former township resident. In the past six years, she always submitted a balanced budget, using every penny at the library's disposal efficiently and creatively. Cuts made to services and staffing

are available on the library's website, www.indelib.org, and in print from the Library.

In 2012, the Township Board, realizing the depth of the funding losses to its Library Department, rescinded the \$55,200 in administrative fees and added \$80,000 to the Library Department for one year. The township board also contracted for two deferred maintenance projects on the 20-year-old library building.

The Township Board and Superintendent Bart Clark worked with the City of the Village of Clarkston to reestablish the library as the Clarkston Independence District Library with an appointed, non-compensated Library Board representing both communities. The State Library approved this reestablishment on August 1, 2012.

The last step in reestablishment is an approved millage by the voters. The Library will continue to operate on its .691 millage and the approximately \$25,000 raised yearly by the Friends of the Library to supplement library services to the community through 2014, although continued cuts will be necessary.

We urge residents of Clarkston and Independence Township to attend Library Board meetings and the Library itself during the next months to make an informed decision in August 2014 as to funding or closing our library.

Marilyn Pomeroy, Library Board president
Clarkston Independence District Library

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

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Pappas announces 1998 will be his last" City Manager Art Pappas announced his intention to retire at the end of the year, and the city council should look for a replacement. Pappas, who had been clerk since 1962, said he was willing to hang around for a while to help out during the transition.

"Destination: Hoosierland" Amid the bright TV lights and a flock of scribbling reporters, Clarkston High School senior Dane Fife made the announcement he's waited his whole life for. "This past week, my decision became quite clear. I'll be attending Indiana University," he told an audience of more than 250 at the CHS gym.

"Residents raise ruckus over muddy road" Some Cranberry Lake homeowners want to know who's setting up roadblocks for a paving project on their street. At the Independence Township Board of Trustees meeting, an angry, wheelchair-bound Don Hindman read a prepared statement attacking the guilt party. But - who is it?

25 years ago - 1987

"Village to seek cop contract on its own" At its end over the proposed police contract, the village and township was in danger of parting company after 11 months of negotiating. The council decided to consult with the sheriff's department after the township suggested renegotiating their police contract.

"Gazebo plans hit a minor snag" Plans to refurbish the Depot Park gazebo hit a snag during contract negotiations with the builder. The village council authorized Trustee Frank Millard to get a contract from the company so the \$24,600 construction project could begin. Representatives from Sunheiser Building Company said they would need 10 percent of the money in advance and another 50 percent when the materials are dropped at the site before they could begin construction.

50 years ago - 1962

"Township sees record election" Independence Township voters went for George Romney for governor, 2,003-1,938, in a record turnout at the ballot box.

"Seniors to Present Comedy" One of the many outstanding Senior Play productions, which are presented annually by Clarkston High School's Senior class, will have its first curtain call tonight in the high school Little Theater. "Girl Crazy," a 3-act comedy under the direction of Miss Lorna Wildon will have its first performance.

Behind good students are involved parents

... And with that we have the problem. Now we need to turn our emphasis to a solution.

There are on-going campaigns for more money for school facilities, teachers, sports palaces, etc. And while taxpayers have been pretty generous for such things, graduation rates have not soared, and in inner cities the rates have declined.

There is a huge void in promoting the need for parental and guardian participation and responsibilities. There must be a way to teach and reach out to people before and after they are parents. With tools, scientific, experiences, studies, whatever, available there must be a way to reach the presently unreachable.

C'mon all you nerds, socially conscious and the many others who recognize this as a problem and want to upgrade the masses who are thrown under the buses year after year.

We went to the moon, there must be paths to the classroom doors and beyond.

It may all begin with a method of getting readership. Without the tune of the hickory stick.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Let's turn some doctorate directions to studying and implementing parent-guardian education (responsibility). Could call it behavioral science.

Which brings me to my question of the day: Why was Latin a required course in my mini-high schools (Morrice and Bancroft) and not even on big school curriculums today?

I've heard Latin was romantic basic language for the science world in the good old days.

In 1943, I learned what "ego amo te" meant. My Latin teacher was a mature, straight-laced old maid. I went up to the front of the class and asked, full voiced, "What does ego amo te mean?"

She paled and said, "It means I love you."

I said, "I love you, too."

I got a laugh from the classroom, but I flunked Latin. I also flunked it the second year and my freshman year at Western Michigan. Then I joined the Navy where no one knew what "ego amo te" meant either.

Latin has also been mostly dropped by Catholics. However, it's coming back. My Sunday paper says Pope Benedict XVI issued a decree creating a new pontifical academy for Latin studies to try to boost interest in the official language of the Catholic Church.

It's needed, he says, because Latin has fallen from grace and is now often

learned only as a "superficial." "Ego amo te."

I've mentioned before (often) I watch a lot of television, thus a lot of commercials. There are some that Hazel wouldn't approve of kids of viewing. "Buck Naked Underwear" and "Duluth Jeans with a crotch gusset" come to mind.

• Having been recently diagnosed with arthritis I was pleased to learn low barometric pressure weather causes more hurt. I learned the painful way, cause I really hurt when Sandy was in full force.

• Eat drink and be merry, for tomorrow it may be illegal. Or, of course, it could be covered by Obamacare.

• A smile increases your face value.
• If you don't like the way I drive get off the sidewalk.

Area resident leads with her heart

Terri Haist Elliott has some heart.

... And, when I say that I ain't saying she's got anything less than a full heart. What I mean to say is more conversational, like, "Wow, she's got some heart there."

Her heart has defined her life both figuratively and literally and is leading her down paths she never figured she'd venture -- to speaking engagements and writing a chapter for the new book, *ICD Connection: Living with an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator*.

Haist Elliott, of Brandon Township, was born with a heart that is different from the way most folks' hearts work and look. She rattled off a bunch of words whose meanings are over my pay grade -- scientific medical sounding words like congenital and ventricular, septal, pulmonary, stenosis and something about a transposition of an artery. And then she threw in the mix that a few years ago her received an implanted defibrillator. (Trust me, it was a mouth full and my fingers were trying hard to keep up the pace as I wrote notes. I think she talks fast, too.)

In short, she was born a "blue baby." A baby whose circulatory system is such that it doesn't oxygenate the body enough -- and the child turns a pale shade of blue. At the age of 4, in 1960, she had her first heart surgery at the University of Michigan. Somehow they opened some arteritis to allow more blood to get to

the lungs, she said.

1960 was U of M's first year of doing whatever procedure they performed on her, and she has been a patient of that pediatric team ever since.

"It was very experimental at the time," she said.

With a different (maybe bigger) heart than other kids, her life was different. "Kids would tease me because I couldn't go out when it was cold. I couldn't run or go to gym class or camping. Today it would be called bullying."

And, while her heart may have knocked her down, it also let her stand back up. "It has made me stronger -- maybe not physically, but in character. I care more about people. Life is a gift that needs to be valued," she said.

So, she lived her life. She has a daughter, five grandkids and does what she can. Life went along, as it does for all of us, with its ups and downs. Then, in 2009, she and husband Michael were dining in Clarkston, when her heart puked out. Were it not for the chance of an off duty paramedic also dining, she says she wouldn't be alive today.

And, because of that heart -- the one that saved hers -- she's wandered down a new path.

After the two inch by about three inch defibrillator was implanted beneath her heart she has spoken at an ICD conference in Ann Arbor and at a Clarkston fund raiser. She penned a chapter (titled, *Live Your Dreams*) for the afore mentioned book, by Helen McFarland, RN.

"I used to wish for somebody to be there for me, somebody who would understand. I want to be there for people today. I want to do something to help them. It's good to know you're not alone."



Terri with the book containing her chapter.

Who knows, maybe she'll write a book of her own someday. Until then, she says *ICD Connection: Living with an Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator* is available on Amazon.com. Proceeds will help ICD patients.

Next week a local is unimpressed with local, county and state officials who supported local real estate she-nanigans.



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Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Window shot

The rear window of a vehicle driving on S. River Road was shot with a pellet, 4:12 a.m., Oct. 31.

Scofflaw caught

A bank employee at M-15 and Citation Drive called deputies to report a woman parking in their lot and walking up the hill to 52-2 District Courthouse, 11:14 a.m., Nov. 5. Deputies looked up the vehicle registration and found its owner, a 47-year-old Flint woman, had a suspended driver's license. She was at the courthouse for a pre-trial arraignment hearing. Officers waited until she returned to her vehicle and drove out onto M-15, then stopped her. She was cited with driving with a suspended license and no proof of insurance, and her vehicle was impounded.

Drunk driver

A deputy on patrol on Dixie Highway noticed the car in front drifting in its lane, ran the plate, found the owner's license was expired, and stopped it at Mill Street, 1:46 a.m., Nov. 5. The driver, a 24-year-old Pontiac man, is a Mexican citizen, paying \$3,000 to a coyote to enter the country nine years ago. He said he had drunk five beers and had a preliminary breath test of .235. Deputies arrested him for super drunk driving, impounded his vehicle, and called Immigration and Customs Enforcement. They referred deputies to the Detroit office, where they left a voicemail.

Furnace taken

A Joy Street resident called deputies, Nov. 5, to report a new furnace taken from a home's front porch two weeks ago. It had been delivered to the trailer for installation.

Scrappers ticketed

A deputy on patrol on Pine Knob Road near Clarkston Road watched as a pickup truck slowed and stop in the northbound lane, blocking traffic, with a passenger getting out and looking in someone's garbage, 8:29 p.m., Nov. 6. The pickup pulled over onto the shoulder, which was marked "no parking." The license plate was also found to be registered to a car. The driver, a 21-year-old Highland man, told the deputy they were "scrapping," looking for scrap metal. He had just bought the truck, so he took the plate off his car and put it on the truck. He was cited for improper plate and no proof of insurance, and given a warning for using a vehicle for commerce without vehicle identification on the sides. The truck was impounded.

Driveway surprise

When a Cheshire Park Drive resident pulled into the driveway of her home, 9:22 p.m., Nov. 7, she was startled when a man walked up to the passenger side of her car and tried to open the doors. Finding them locked, he was walking to the other side of the vehicle when she put the car in reverse and drove away. She called deputies from a nearby convenience store. Deputies found the man, a 30-year-old Cheshire Park Drive resident, walking in the neighborhood. He was rambling, but told deputies he was on new medication for depression and needed to get away. His wife said he left without her knowing. He said he needed help, and deputies assisted him with voluntary committal.

Betrayed by spilt beer

A 26-year-old Brandon Township man was stopped for running a red light at Clarkston and Sashabaw roads, 8:14 p.m., Nov. 7. He had a wet lap, which he said was from spilling some water, later admitting it was beer. He had tossed an open 24-ounce can of beer under the seat. He passed sobriety tests, but was cited for open intoxicants, no license, disobeying a traffic signal, and no proof of insurance.

Domestic assault


A 24-year-old Springfield Township man was arrested for felonious assault after threatening his mother with a knife, 11:32 a.m., Nov. 6. The mother said her son had become enraged after she dropped his medication on the floor. He then held a knife to her throat, threatening to kill her. The mother was able to break away and ran to a neighbor's house where she called 911. She was not injured. The son was arrested and jailed pending issuance of a warrant.

Hunting safety tips

Heading into the woods to fill your deer tag? Here's some safety tips, provided by Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Let a family member or friend know where and when you are hunting, always treat every firearm as if loaded, point muzzle in a safe direction, and keep finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot, and be certain of target and what's beyond it. All firearm hunters must wear a hat, cap, vest, jacket, or other outer garment made of "Hunter Orange," at least 50 percent. The hunter orange must be visible from all sides. All hunters, including archers, must go orange during gun season.

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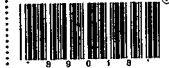
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Last Week's Score

Clarkston 14, Rockford, 25 in MHSAA Regional Finals

Clarkston finished with a 11-1 record.

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 and MHSAA District Champs!

Team	Overall Wins	Losses	Team	Overall Wins	Losses
1. Clarkston	11	1	5. Rochester	5	4
2. Lake Orion	8	1	6. West Bloomfield	2	7
3. Troy	5	4	7. Pontiac	1	8
4. Stoney Creek	5	4	8. Troy Athens	2	7



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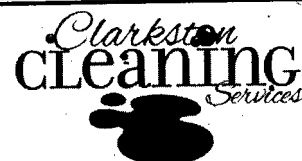
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Wolves' road to Ford Field ends

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The gridiron heroes surrounded their head coach Kurt Richardson and kneeled to the ground for the last post-game pep talk for the season.

"It was a wonderful season," Richardson began as he looked all of his players after their 25-14 loss to Rockford on Saturday in the MHSAA Regional finals.

The Wolves found themselves against a tough opponents as they opened the game with ball possession and using one of their strengths - their running game

"The defense was very good," said Richardson. "The first defense stuffed us. My hat's off to their defense. They are the best we have seen defensively no doubt about it."

They found an opportunity in the middle of the first quarter after two incomplete passes. They brought out junior kicker Shane Hynes for a 52-yard field goal attempt. The kick went wide and the score remained at zero.

The score wouldn't remain there for too much longer when the second quarter started with Rockford in possession.

With 7:53 left in the first half they scored on a 6-yard run by Connor Darby. Junior Wolf David Beedle blocked the PAT keeping the score 6-0.

The Wolves tried to score on the next possession but found themselves out of tries as the Rams defense continued to strike.

Sophomore quarterback D.J. Zezula punted the ball down to the 2-yard line.

Rockford made their first play work for them as Kyle Short passed the ball to Scott Kaule and he made a 98-yard run to score a touchdown with 6:19 on the clock.

With just a little over a minute left in the game it was the Wolves time to turn things around which started with Cole Chewins recovering Rockford's fumble.

Zezula handed off the ball to junior running back Ian Eriksen who ran 13-yards to bring the boys closer to the endzone.

With 28.2 seconds left to go Zezula made a 32-yard touchdown pass to junior wide receiver Tim Cason to put the score 14-7.

The Wolves regained possession and started on the 20-yard line after they recovered the ball when Rams fumbled after kick-off. They gained 12 yards as the clock counted down to 4.6 seconds. Hynes attempted a field goal kick and it went wide.

The boys scored again with 2:23 left in the game when Zezula made a 8-yard touchdown pass to senior running back Alex Dicea. Hynes kicked the PAT putting the score 19-14.

"Our bread and butter is running the ball and doing what we do well," said Richardson.

The boys finished the season with a 11-1 record as OAA Red and district champions.

"They have an awful lot of desire," Richardson said when the team finished the regular season undefeated. "They don't get uptight. When they got behind against Lake Orion they didn't choke or get panicky. They believe in themselves."

Richardson and ten players were named to the OAA Red All-League team: runningback Eriksen, outside linebackers Nick Matich, Nick Azzopardi and Jesse Chadwell; kicker Hynes; defensive linebacker Beedle; linebackers Nathan Yeloushan and Chris Calvano; and defensive backs Caine Watlington and Dicea.

They lose 30 seniors to graduation.



Alex Dicea, Ben Kaminsky and David Beedle take down Rockford's ball carrier. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Chiefs JV White team celebrates winning the Northern Youth Football League Super Bowl. Photos provided

Going for the title

The Clarkston Chiefs JV teams battled each other for the second consecutive year in the Northern Youth Football League Super Bowl, Nov. 4.

The JV Gold went in looking to conquer and take the title from the JV White team who won last year.

The JV White team prevailed and won the game for the championship, 12-6.

The JV White team finished the season with a 10-1 record and the JV Gold team finished with an 8-2 record.

Both teams won their respective division championships to move on to the superbowl, Oct. 28.

The JV White team won the American Division after a close 8-6 battle over Troy.

The JV Gold prevailed after two overtime periods for a win over Oxford JV Gold. They won the National Division, 18-12.

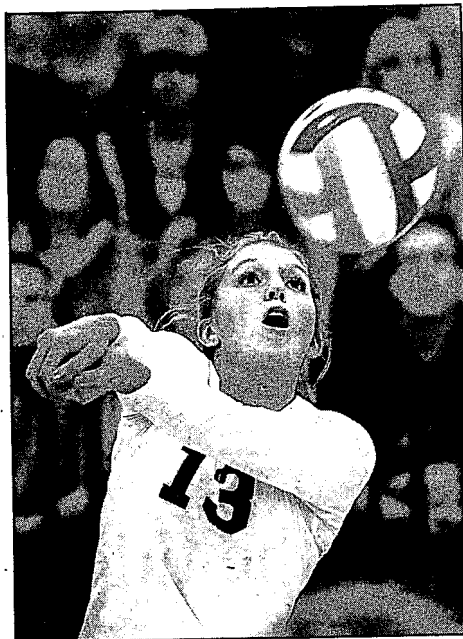


Jayviar Suggs fights off two defenders from JV Gold to make a first down for the JV White first team.

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Spikers blocked from state finals by familiar foe



Rachel Dickerson returns a hit. Photo by Larry Wright

BY WENDI REARDON.

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves have dug themselves out of sticky situations throughout the season but last Thursday they couldn't pull ahead.

They finished their season with a loss to Birmingham Seaholm in the MHSAA Regional Finals, 3-0 (25-18, 25-16, 26-17).

Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach Kelly Avenall knew it was going to be tough. The Wolves had played Seaholm three times during the season and they had improved by the time the two teams met again last week.

"Their kids have improved, real aggressive," she said. "I give them all the credit they deserve it. They played better than we did."

Avenall added Seaholm were swinging harder and the Wolves blocking errors made it tough to get ahead.

"We have been struggling all year," she said about blocking. "I have been telling them all year if we want to get far we have to clean up our blocking on the right side. Seaholm exposed it tonight."

Rachel Dickerson had 15 kills and Emily Popp had 12 digs during the game.

Clarkston beat Utica Eisenhower in the regional semifinals, 3-0. They scored 25-9 in the first set.

"We came out real aggressive," said Avenall. "Our blocking was definitely on."

They opened the second set with the lead but Eisenhower slowly climbed to catch up. Towards the end of the match both teams were battling point for point.

"They came back and made it interesting," Avenall added.

"Our matches against Romeo and Lake Orion definitely helped us see how we can maintain."

Blocks from the Lady Wolves helped push them into the lead and for the 25-23 win.

"We struggled in a lot of areas especially serve receives," Avenall said. "Some girls just had better passes. Once it happens it's a domino effect. You can't get the passes to the setter. Then the setter tries to get too much to happen and not where the hitters want it."

Clarkston fired to the lead with kills from Dickerson and a block from Brooke Huisman to put the score 8-3. They continued adding points to the board and ended with a 25-15 win.

Dickerson led with 13 kills and four blocks, Katie Chadwell had eight kills and six blocks, Huisman had four blocks and Brianna Frakes had 22 assists.

The team said goodbye to six seniors - Courtney Blaszkowski, Sarah Bullen, Dickerson, Huisman, Kaley Konjarevich and Popp. Avenall added the seniors added a caring element to the team as every one cared for each other.

"These girls wanted to have each other's backs and cared for each other all season long," she continued. "It was refreshing to have that team personality. We are getting better year after year in caring about each other. You will have four months with each other might as will work hard and play hard for each other."

The team has nine returners coming back for next fall. Avenall said she hopes they will learn from this year and hopes they will want to continue the tradition as playing as a team. The Lady Wolves finished with a 53-7 record, winning the OAA Red league and the district title.

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The Clarkston High School Fieldhouse Committee, from left, Tony Miller, Karen Nicklin and Steve Pearson. Photo provided

Success for new fieldhouse

The night was filled with fun, laughter and raising money for the Clarkston High School Fieldhouse, Oct. 13.

"It was a great event," said Karen Nicklin. "We raised over \$23,000 during the evening through the amazing generosity of our community."

She added her volunteer team of Geoff and Ellen Wright, Marybeth Boczar, Erika Heaton and Cindy Blaska helped make it a success as well as local businesses such as Tedder Production and The Clarkston Flower

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Many of the Clarkston athletic teams donated "team" themed baskets for the event which Nicklin said were very popular. Several of the Clarkston Chiefs Youth Football teams also donated themed baskets.

They had 114 items donated from local retailers for the live and silent auction.

The next fundraiser will be another Euchre party planned for late January.

For more information visit www.clarkston.k12.mi.us/football

Get ready for 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.

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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.



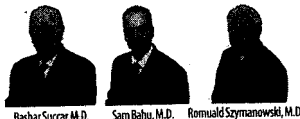
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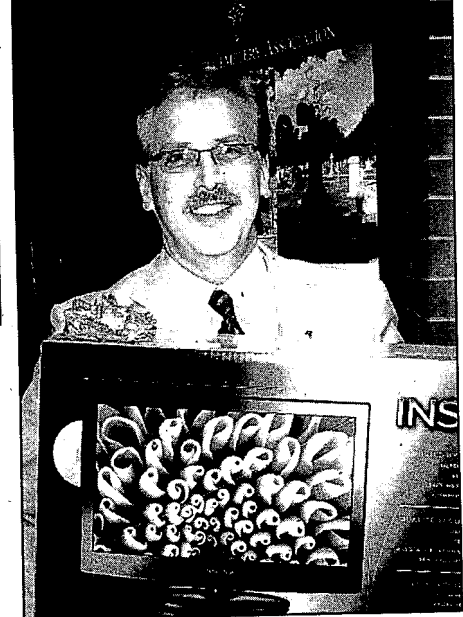


Michelle Myers, licensed veterinary technician at Advanced Pet Care, had kittens available for adoption.

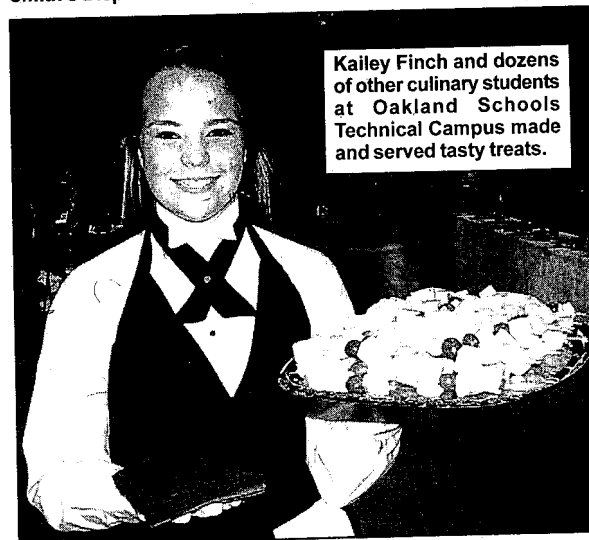
At the Expo

Businesses filled Clarkston High School to show off what they have to offer at the 26th annual Best of the Best Expo, Nov. 8.

Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce hosted the exhibition, featuring health care, automobile, banking, technology, home care, and other goods and services. Businesses also collected donations for Blessings in a Backpack.



Russ Burns of All Saints Cemetery offered a 24-inch flat screen television as a prize at the Expo.



Kailey Finch and dozens of other culinary students at Oakland Schools Technical Campus made and served tasty treats.



From left are Mandy Linton, Katie Cotto, Gina Rappuhn, Diane Biggs, and Emma Perry of Oakland Eye Care. Photos by Phil Custodio

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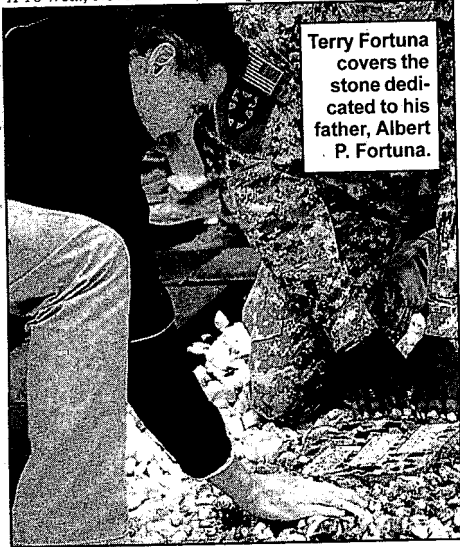
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Terry Fortuna covers the stone dedicated to his father, Albert P. Fortuna.

Vet dedication



Haley Cascone welcomes every one to the ceremony. Photos by WR

Clarkston Junior High School students planted a tree as a permanent reminder of the sacrifice and service of veterans, at their Veterans' Tree and Service Stone Dedication, Monday.

They also dedicated their first service stone to Albert P. Fortuna. Terry Fortuna of Independence Township was on hand to dedicate the stone to his father for his service in World War II.

The goal is to make it an annual event every Veteran's Day and add more service stones. Do you know a veteran? Contact Christine Rogers at cmrogers@clarkston.k12.mi.us.



Pine Knob Elementary students Brady, Maya and Violet Bergman greet Clarkston and Rockford football fans at Saturday's game. Photo provided

Communities come together to help

Students at Pine Knob Elementary are opening their hearts and helping a school affected by Hurricane Sandy.

They have adopted Red Bank Primary School in Red Bank, New Jersey. The school, of 575 students, suffered water damage. The water ruined floors, furniture, materials and supplies were ruined and need to be re-

placed.

Maya Bergman explained they want to make 575 goody boxes. Each box will have a pencil box/pouch, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, crayons and books.

They are off to a good start. Clarkston and Rockford fans donated \$300, boxes full of supplies and over

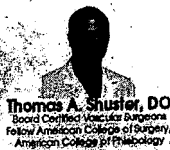
300 books at Saturday's MHSAA Regional football game.

"It's good to see," Bergman said while donations came in.

Donations will be collected until Friday at Pine Knob Elementary, 6020 Sashabaw Road.

"It's one mitten on a mission," added mom, Krystal Bergman.

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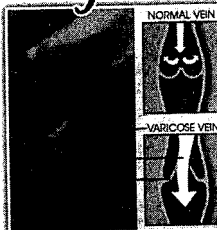


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Rotarians raise their glasses

With the pop of a cork and the clink of glasses, the Rotary's annual "Taste for the Holidays" began at Bordine's nursery on Nov. 1.

Over 500 people arrived to sample foods from fourteen different restaurants and wines from 10 countries. From Cajun pasta to pitas and smoothies, there was a tasty treat for everyone.

Patrons tried Argentinean reds and Italian whites while admiring Bordine's festive décor of sparkling Christmas trees.

The Clarkston Rotary raised about \$15,000 and people will see some of the results of the wine tasting fundraiser when admiring the Christmas décor downtown during the holidays. "Thanks to all

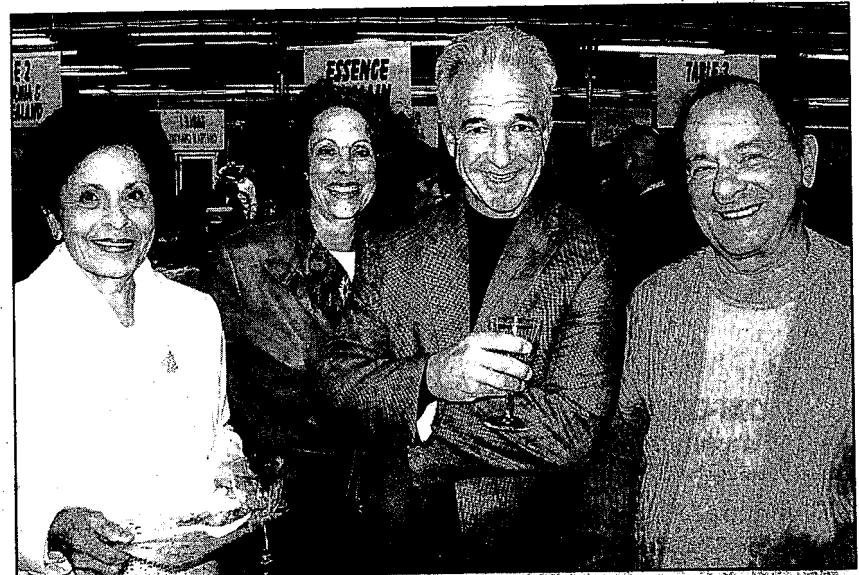
the participants, restaurants, and Bordine's," said Rotarian Jeff Lichty who organized the event.

The Clarkston Rotary's next fundraiser will take place on November 30 and December 1 when they sell their Rotary Paper, Goodfellow's edition. Find out more at www.clarkstonrotary.org.

— Mary Keck



Fred Ritter refills his glass.



From left, Carrie Goga, Tami Lowrie, Tom Lowrie and Bill Goga smile for the camera.

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Richard Pilon of Burton talks about his service during World War II and the Cold War with Clarkston Junior High School students Aiden Keith and Cameron Pawlik during the Veterans Luncheon, Nov. 9. Photo by Phil Custodio

Lunch and learning with veterans

Clarkston Junior High School students lined up to serve lunch to veterans at the Veterans Luncheon, Nov. 9, at American Legion Post 63 in Clarkston.

The students, who are studying 20th century American history at the junior high, help out every year at the luncheon.

"They're studying World War II," said Richard Pilon of Burton, who served at the end of that war as well as the Cold War, including the Berlin Airlift in 1949.

He showed the students his Berlin Airlift medal and a medal he received during a trip to Berlin 60 years after the event.

"When they get to the Berlin Airlift, they'll call me down to talk about it," Pilon said.

Junior high student Adam Snider's grand father Robert Miller served during the airlift.

"It's rare to find people involved or know someone involved in the airlift now," Pilon said.

The lunch was hosted by Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, and included a gun salute and Taps by American Legion Post 377, and presentation by Coats Funeral Home on Veteran Memorialization Benefits, including the Great Lakes National Cemetery.

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- Doug Kaminsky

"Seeing my son out there everytime he played (Ben #34)."



- Karen Kaminsky

"Lake Orion - the last 15 seconds for the win."



- Chris Witherspoon

"The come from behind win at Stoney Creek in the rain."



- Jodi Witherspoon

By Wendi Reardon

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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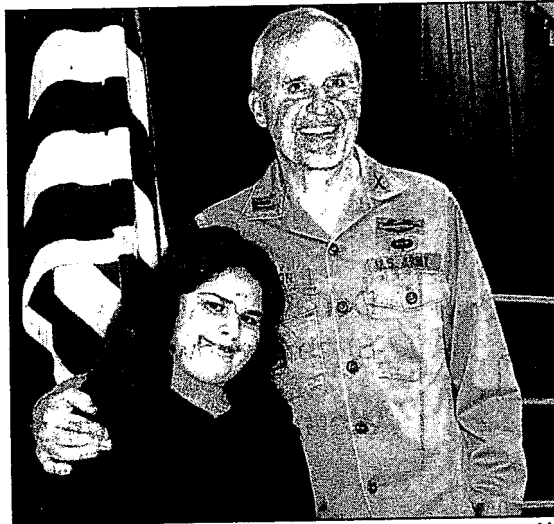
Clarkston Elementary students welcomed and thanked local veterans last Friday.

The fifth graders sang Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American" while sharing their personal reasons why they are proud to be an American.

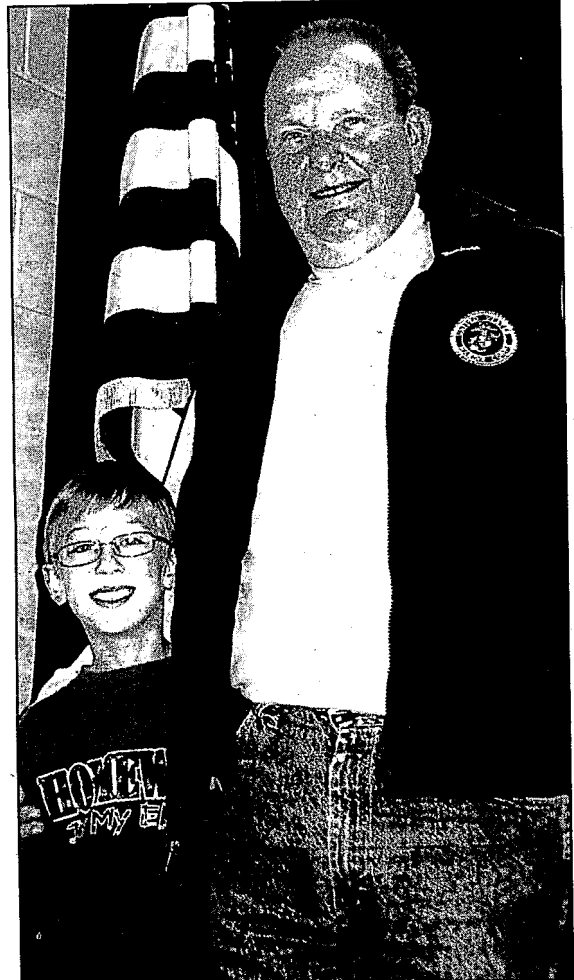
They also treated their veterans to baked goods and Caribou Coffee. As students left the assembly, they shook each veteran's hand as a personal "thank you" for their service for the country.



Marcos Sepulveda sings "Proud to be an American."



Juliana Larson and her great-uncle Bob Larson. He served in the Army for three year and fought in the Vietnam War for 18 months. Photos by Wendi Reardon



Colin Bastuba and his grandfather, Jerry Huene, who served in the Marine Corp from 1961-64.

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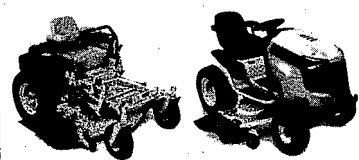
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Let's go, Wolves!

Jenny Godlew and the Clarkston Varsity Cheerleaders pump up the crowd during last Saturday's football game. The cheerleaders are back on Dec. 4 for the boys basketball home opener. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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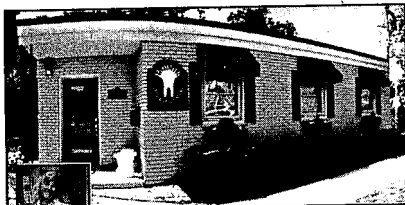
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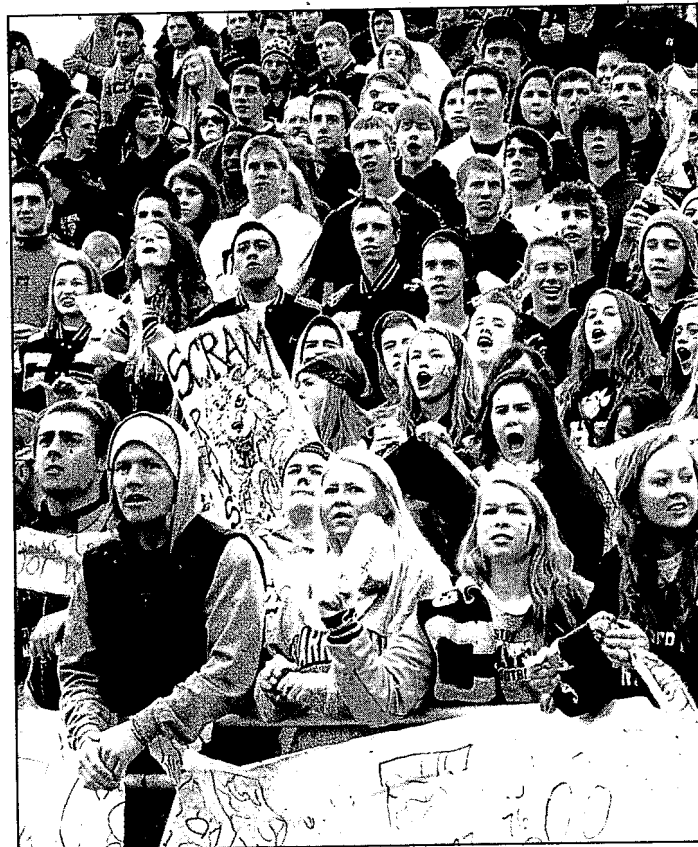
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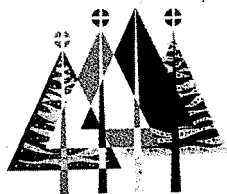
The future bride graduated from Clarkston High School in 2003 and is an Oakland University graduate. She received her MBA from Walsh College in 2008.

The future groom graduated from Western Michigan University in 2000.

Both Corey and Jay are Contract Specialists for the US Army TACOM in Warren and reside in St. Clair Shores.

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Kittle ready

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able to budget and anticipate a \$100,000 operating surplus. The current board should be commended for establishing a very rigorous budget process."

Kittle hopes to initiate further fiscal responsibility by "taking a look at all the vendors, suppliers, and contracts we currently have and just start calling them in and putting things out to bid," he said.

When it comes to improving aspects of the township as an organization, Kittle wants to develop "updated job descriptions and a measurement policy that will go hand in hand with that." He'd like to see policy books, clear evaluation processes, and a review of the township's ordinances so they are current and enforceable, he said.

In addition to the township's day-to-day operations and financial management, Kittle plans to use available technology to strengthen communication with the public. Among his goals are developing a more robust website and updating citizens via newsletters and town hall meetings.

Kittle also wants to implement "some utilization enhancements to make [Independence Television] more citizen-oriented." He believes citizens would get more out of board meetings if existing technology could be used to put together a "fifteen minute newsreel of board summary highlights," he said. Kittle sees these as examples of "things that are technically possible that wouldn't cost us a dime."

Although Kittle has a variety of short and long-term goals relating to economic growth, developing community, and strengthening the township's infrastructure for his four-year term as supervisor, he recognizes he'll be working with the clerk, treasurer, and trustees on the board.

"We need to work as a team," Kittle said. "When we are up on the board in front of the community, we are speaking as one on behalf of the community."

Kittle notes the last board saw "pretty contentious issues that have been covered over the last couple of years," and commends the board overall for their efforts.

He hopes to work with members of the new board to have analysis and recommendations ready to present at board meetings to help keep them moving forward and avoid gridlock. Even though Kittle will collaborate closely with the board, he said he is most looking forward to "working with the people." Kittle is hoping to seek solutions and develop ideas with citizens in the community.

"I'm proud people put their faith in me," he said. "This is a huge task. I'm fortunate to have a great team, and I'm going to try my hardest to be sure we live up to everything we've been promising."

Kittle will be sworn in as supervisor on Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Township Hall. Judge Kelly Kostin will administer the oath of office.

Special Events

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

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.

Greens Market, Clarkston Farm & Garden Club, Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 1, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Wreaths, roping, loose and fresh greens, arrangements for home and office. 248-393-4443.

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

Facelifts for Freedom, Youthful Image, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Dec. 2, 3676 Clarkston Road, 248-693-0101.

Poinsettia/Greens sale, Clarkston Community Women's Club, through Nov. 21, delivery on Dec. 6. Poinsettias, wreaths, kissing balls, graves blankets, porch pots, other greens. 248-623-9462 or 248-625-2924.

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.

Around Town



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

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

Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony, Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 7 p.m., Dec. 11, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Presentation: Dr. John Canine, psychologist and grief specialist. 248-625-5231.

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. 248-393-0898 or 248-625-6551.

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

Widowed Friends, Tuesdays, 12 p.m., Collier

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Obituaries

Raymond Blair, 70

Raymond D. Blair of Ortonville passed away Nov. 8, 2012, at age 70.

He was the husband of Helen (Craven) for 45 years; father of Theresa (Dean) Stothers, Christine (Eric) Pendley, Perry (Heather) Blair, Erin (Chad) Wolf, Adrienne (Kris) Reid and Becca (B.J.) Fleming; also survived by 21 grandchildren and a grandson on the way; preceded in death by his great granddaughter McKennah and brother Jim; brother of John "Skip" (Nancy) and Murray (Cheryl).



Raymond retired from General Motor Truck and Coach after 40 years of service. He enjoyed woodworking, gardening and was a car enthusiast.

Funeral was Nov. 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Henry Ford Hospital, c/o Transplant Unit. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted at Clarkstonnews.com

Marguerite Stellmach, 90

Marguerite I. Stellmach, born in Bad Axe to John and Isabella McKinnon, of Clarkston, formerly of Pontiac, passed away Nov. 10, 2012, at age 90.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roman and son Donald (late Helen). She was the mother of Darlene (Terry) Hart; Grandma of Arlene (Mike) Vaughn, Darrell Hart, Donnell (Scott) Green and the late Denise Stellmach; great grandma of Calvin and Amanda Vaughn, Darrell and Terance Hart, Ian and Kate Green; many nieces and nephews; mother in law of Ella Stellmach. She was the last member of the McKinnon family, preceded by seven brothers and four sisters. Marguerite graduated in 1940 from St. Michael's High School. She retired from General Motors after 30 years of service. Following retirement, she worked for Hallmark Cards.



Visitation was Nov. 12 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral mass was Nov. 13 at St. Benedicts Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal, Mt. Hope Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Benedicts Catholic Church or Mercy Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Gary A. Dalziel, 69

Gary A. Dalziel of Rochester Hills passed away suddenly Nov. 4, 2012, at age 69.

He was the brother of Carol (John) Karol and Jim (Judy) Dalziel; trusted friend and business partner of Steve Olds; dear friend of Joni Propst, Jackie Buchanan and Jacqui Spicer.



Gary was loved by many people and will be missed by his friends/extended family. He was a passionate and talented vintage jewelry and watch dealer who owned The Watch Stop.

Funeral service was Nov 9 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Online, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jimmy Don Reed, 68

Jimmy Don Reed, 68, of Davisburg died Thursday, Nov. 8, 2012, at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc after an 18-month struggle with ALS.

He was a resident of Plymouth, Mich., for 25 years and had previously resided in Greenville, Tenn., Grand Rapids, Mich., and Harbor Springs, Mich.



Jim was a retiree of the Federal Aviation Administration and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was born and raised in Greenville, Tenn., and was a 1961 graduate of Greenville High School.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Virginia Reed; his father, Ralph Reed, of Greenville; his sons, Donald Reed of Cincinnati, Ohio, Michael Reed (Felita) of Greenville, Tennessee, Mark Reed (Jessica) of Davisburg, Michigan, and Jeffrey Reed of Bothell, Washington; his grandchildren, Danielle, Tabitha, Felicia, Ella, and Lydia Reed, and Joshua Krautmann; his step-grandchildren, Emery and Jackie Jennings; his sister, Sherry Edwards; his mother-in-law, Patricia Moore; and a very loving extended family.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Reed, his mother, Donna Reed, his brother-in-law, Harold Edwards, and his parents-in-law, Thomas W. Moore, Francis E. Riggs, and Hattie E. Riggs. Honorary pallbearers were Jay Peterman, George Moore, Bernie Sigal, Bob Moore, Tom Moore, and Donald Good. Appreciation to the wonderful staffs of Genesys Medical Center, University of Michigan ALS Center, the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, and to our home health care aides.

Funeral was Nov. 11 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Michigan chapter of the ALS Association.

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Last week's election was very interesting. Prior to the election, the animosity between the opposing groups had become very strong and neither side seemed to comprehend that the other might win.

What we will find, however, is that no matter the outcome, the world will not fall apart. In your mind, it may be a step in the wrong direction, but it can be reversed just as it has so often throughout history.

The bigger problem is our lack of understanding the broad perspective of our need for one another. In the beginning, when God created man, He did it in such a way that we would see our need for someone opposite than ourselves.

The Bible tells us that God created man and then observed, "This is not good." I am sure that the woman could have a hay day with this statement, because the result was the creation of woman who was taken out of man. She would stand opposite of Adam representing the opposing person to him.

It seems that God has created all things with a polarity of opposing

forces. The smallest particles of creation are held together by a nucleus keeping negative and positive charges in sync. The creation of mankind follows the same route with opposing forces, male and female, creating a balanced environment for the family.

It is this environment that Christians extol as the perfect blend for the raising of children and forming the basis of a strong society. Although the contemporary world finds fault with our stand, it is a logical one—not just an old-fashioned, moral restraint that we want to impose on the greater society.

This pattern is a good one, but will only work well when people understand the importance of our differences and the need to draw from the strength of others who are different.

Just like the family, our nation has

two political parties. If you could look at it from the biblical family perspective, one could easily see that they represent the two poles of family life. The Democrats seek to be aware of the needs of people and meet those needs; the Republicans focus more on personal responsibility. This represents the views traditionally given to mothers and fathers.

Mothers are typically the nurturers and fathers are the enablers. It is no coincidence to me that the polls always show men tending towards the Republican candidate and women to the Democratic candidate. The issues certainly have nurturing and enabling aspects. In an election race, each candidate will typically have two separate plans on how to reach women and men, because this is an obvious need when considering the way each gender looks at the world.

As a country, we are like the movie *The War of the Roses*, where the man and woman become so enraged with each other that they try to kill each other at the end of the movie. We have become a nation

divided into many groups—each one living in their own world, with a worldview distinct and without the influence of the others. Therein lies our demise; we do not want any influence that would seem contradictory, even though like the smallest particles of creation, it would provide the balance needed to keep things moving. It is time to learn our lesson—we all have something to give, but we all have a need to receive something as well.

Someone recently gave me a card with a message inside that said, "Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit, wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad." I am sure that some may disagree with this, but I liked the statement because it showed, in a practical way, how knowing something could actually be detrimental to our full understanding. Wisdom comes through dialogue and is only possible with maturity. The challenge for each of us today is to move past the animosity and see the benefit one another can bring to the collective part.

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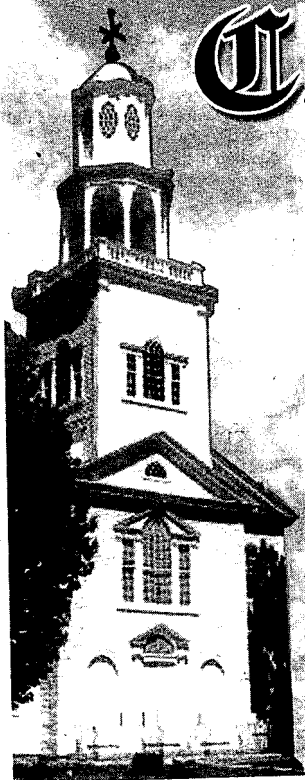
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Vision:

The Clarkston Community Schools possesses a clear and compelling vision of ensuring that every CCS graduate understands him/herself as a thinker, learner, and contributor to a global society.

We believe that we are responsible for creating the conditions for learning in our classrooms and schools. We believe that learning is a product of thinking and that children grow into the intellectual lives that surround them. Toward these, we are working across our district, from preschool through grade 12, on becoming a culture of thinking.

We are focused on making each student's thinking visible, valuing students' thinking, and actively promoting students' thinking. We believe that content area understanding is only part of what it means to be smart.

The other parts include knowing how to use what you know, persevering, hard work, effectively communicating, collaborating, critical thinking, problem solving, creativity, and ethics. We believe that assessments of

intelligence must include a demonstration of what a child knows, and not just paper and pencil tests. These beliefs include every child in our care.

We are working very hard across our entire system to make the elements of this vision a reality for every child in every classroom in every school.

We feel extremely fortunate, even given the external political and financial forces that we cannot control, to possess a vision for learning for all students. In the coming months and weeks, we will host conversations and classroom visits related to our vision. Please stay attuned as we realize our vision.

Election:

The Clarkston Community Schools wishes to thank all of those who ran for board of education seats. We appreciate the time, money, thoughtfulness, and energy that went into the election.

Congratulations to Craig Hamilton, Sue Boatman, Cheryl McGinnis, and Joan Patterson on receiving seats on the board. We look forward to working together for our children. We also appreciate the efforts of Kelli Horst, Betty Reilly, and Theresa Adriaens, who were not elected. We understand that this was a tremendous undertaking and we are grateful to each of

these individuals for their commitment to our schools and children.

Pay Attention:

Even though the election is over, there are pending state and federal policies that could negatively affect the Clarkston Community Schools. These include the parent trigger bill (SB 620), the total elimination (without replacement) of the Personal Property Tax, the establishment of specialized schools (HB 5923), and federal sequestration.

Also, the Oxford Foundation is working to establish new funding processes and open enrollment options for every school in Michigan. It is vitally important that we as citizens are critically informed of these potential legislative actions and that we inform our policy makers as to our opinions.

Please work with me to keep public schools strong, to maintain local control, to ensure that there is an excellent teacher in every classroom in every school, and to hold up our educators rightfully as public servants.

Please check out our district's website for additional information on Cultures of Thinking, our school board, and pending legislation.

Rod Rock, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

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Each coat drop-off site is stocked with the coupons so coat donors interested in adopting a pet should ask the drop-off site for a coupon when they make their donations.

Coats collected are given free to several different charitable organizations.

Locally, coats can be dropped off at Real Estate One, 31 S. Main, Clarkston, Independence Township substation, 6560 Citation Drive and Springfield Township substation, 9075 Big Lake Road. For more information, visit www.oakgov.com/sheriff.

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Sat. Nov. 17 10am - 4pm

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Around Town

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READY TO WORK: Michael Reynolds of Clarkston made a Smith's truck Halloween costume out of cardboard for his son, Zachary. "My grandson Zachary is fascinated with trucks and trains," said Bob Reynolds of Waterford. "He is 3 years old and runs to the window every time he hears disposal or recycling trucks." *Photo provided*



HONORED FOR GARDEN WORK: Carolyn Morrison, master gardener, with Shirley Richardson, at left, and Lois Seddon, right, was honored by Keep America Beautiful for her volunteer work with youth. She works with 'Brownie troops, Eagle Scouts, Renaissance High School students, Clarkston middle and elementary students, and seniors, teaching them how to build raised garden boxes, arbors, and patios at the Independence Township Senior Center. She received a Michigan Plaque, Oct. 19, at Keep America Beautiful's Annual Awards Luncheon in Dearborn. *Photo provided*

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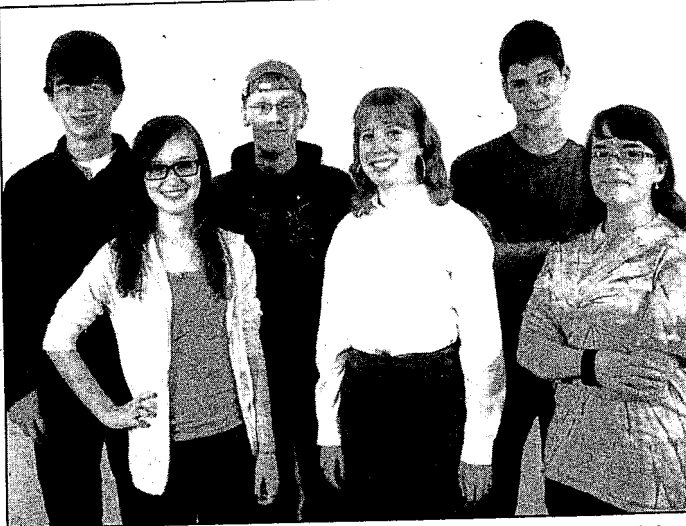
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YOUNG ACTORS: From left are Full Impact Theater actors Joshua Johr of Lake Orion, Miranda Bryan of Lake Orion, Brian Meek of Auburn Hills, Christine Manzagol of Clarkston, Anthony Mandalari of Lake Orion, and Bridget Meek of Auburn Hills. Full Impact Theater presents Philip Barry's "The Philadelphia Story," directed by Molly Waggamon at Ruth Cattell Auditorium in the OPC venue, 650 Letica Drive. Opening night is Nov. 16, 7 p.m.; Nov. 17, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Nov. 18, 2 p.m. Advance tickets are \$8 for seniors and students, \$10 general; \$2 more at the door. Call 248-609-9019. *Photo provided*

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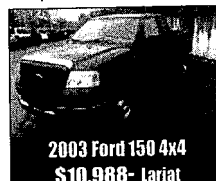
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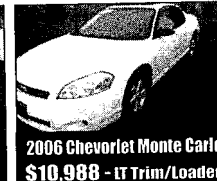
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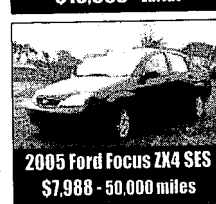
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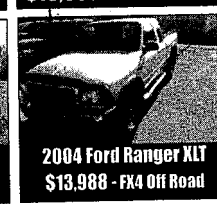
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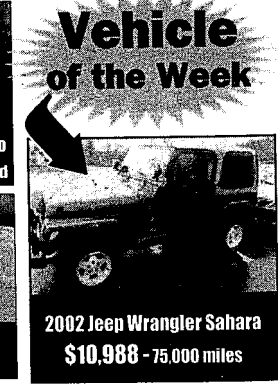
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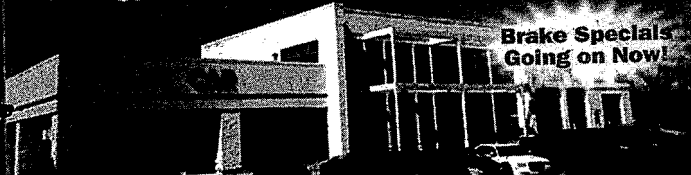
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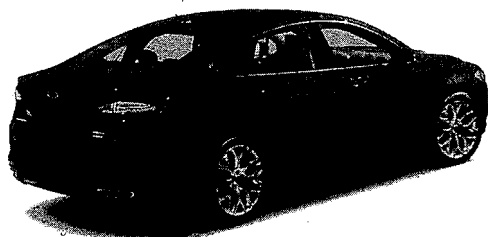
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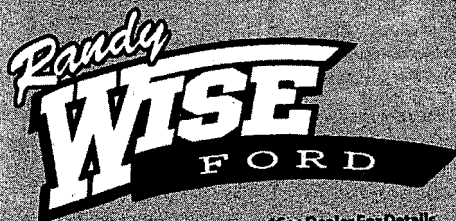
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Check out ClarkstonTV.com for The Dale Ryan Show, with Charles Robinson substituting for Ryan.

The show includes pre-game, half-time and post-game summaries from the Wolves' Regional Finals game against Rockford, including interviews with some of the player's parents and some of the ambience of the game.

The actual game can also be seen on ClarkstonTV.com.

This past Sunday, ClarkstonTV.com visited the Sugar Plum Chic Holiday Boutique. The boutique was a fundraiser for "A Space 2 Dream," a Clarkston based charity that does surprise bedroom makeovers for in-need or at risk children. We talked to Founder and President, Tricia Delude

A brand new "Pet Talk" with Dr. Robin Krieger and Becky Taylor will be added to ClarkstonTV.com later this week.

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.



At right, Barney Schoenfeld, master of ceremonies, presents an American Legion Media Award to Phil Custodio, editor of *The Clarkston News* and also a veteran.

Celebrating Veterans Day with song

Kayla Sanders of Waterford provided stirring renditions of the National Anthem as well as a patriotic medley at American Legion Post 63's Veterans Day program, Nov. 11.

"I sang here last year and they asked me back," said Sanders, a seventh grade student at Our Lady of

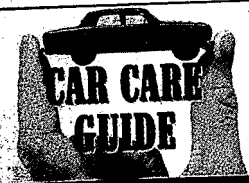
the Lakes whose grandfather Frank Sanders is a member of Post 63. "I really enjoy it."

She has been singing for about three years, said her mother, Deanna Sanders.

Gary Tanner, chairman of Reconnect Committee, was guest speaker.



Kayla Sanders, accompanied by Cindy Graves, sings a patriotic tune. Photo by Phil Custodio



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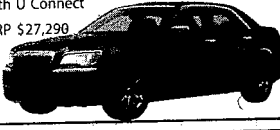


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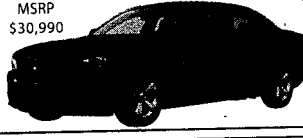
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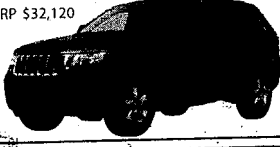
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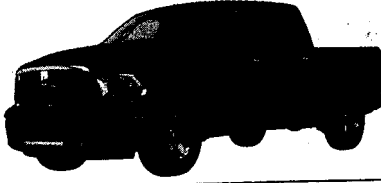


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