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Happy Thanksgiving!

May your holiday be filled with family, friendship, football, and a belly full of good food!

Food for those in need

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Staff Writer

The shelves were getting low at the Army Reserve 919th Food Pantry in Saginaw, and Clarkston Junior High School students took the challenge to fill them.

This year's annual food drive to help Operation Homefront was another success. They raised \$1,500 in cash and collected around 7,000 food items.

Operation Homefront's main purpose is to help families in need of assistance. Since most of the military bases in Michigan are National Guard, many will have a family member deployed and end up needing financial and other assistance.

With public support, families get help with financial assistance, emergency food, home and appliance repair and more.

Christine Rogers, a United States history teacher and Academic Service Learning district secondary coordinator, admitted during the drive she was worried. The district had a few days off, and they had to add a few more days to the drive.

She happily said donations began to really pour in the last few days, and they had a few more boxes arrive as they were packing the truck on Monday.

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



Clarkston Junior High School students get the last box ready for Operation Homefront. See page 30 for more pictures *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

Candy deco

Nate Fender, 9, decorates a gingerbread house for the holidays at Springfield Township Library, Nov. 17. Please see page 21 for more pictures. *Photo by Mary Keck*



Think harvest for holiday meals

BY MARY KECK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Joan Donnay, owner of Essence on Main, hopes you'll think local and organic when you prepare your holiday meals. Not only will local, seasonal foods have health benefits, but Donnay says they offer other advantages.

"You want to cook with seasonality," she said while chopping up sweet potatoes.

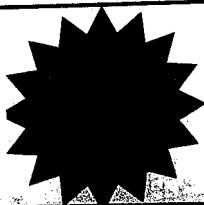
In other words, she suggests cooking with the ingredients harvested recently such as sweet potatoes, squash, onions, and garlic.

Choosing to cook with foods near the time they are harvested allows you to save money and stay healthy, said Donnay.

"If you go to your farmers markets and even if you go to your regular grocery store, there are certain items that are in

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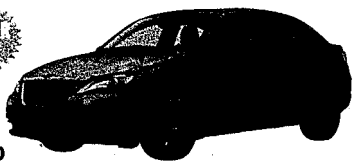


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Rotary Club gears up for holiday programs

Clarkston Rotarians and friends will be on Clarkston street corners selling Goodfellow newspapers to raise funds for local children, next Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

All donations help to provide Clarkston area children with new winter boots and shoes, hats, mittens or gloves. Last December, more than 400 children were helped by the program. Clarkston Rotarians, friends of Rotary, Clarkston Lions Club volunteers, members of Oakland Woods Baptist Church, as well as Boy Scouts volunteer over 2,000 hours to help.

The Clarkston Lighthouse staff and Clarkston Community School social workers referred children to the program on a need basis.

Mr. Alan's Sportswear of Redford and their operations manager volunteer, fit each child with new shoes and boots.

Clarkston schools and local churches support the program by collecting new hat and glove donations. Oakland Woods Baptist Church provides support and use of their church on the day of the distribution. The Clarkston Lions offers Project Kidsight, a free pre-school eye examination. The Clarkston Area Optimist Club have joined with their Opti-Socks program. Also, *The Clarkston News* designs and prints the annual Goodfellows newspaper.



Jason Miller, Clarkston DPW, installs a snowflake decoration on a Main Street lightpole. The new downtown holiday lights and decorations are part of another Clarkston Rotary program. Photo by Phil Custodio

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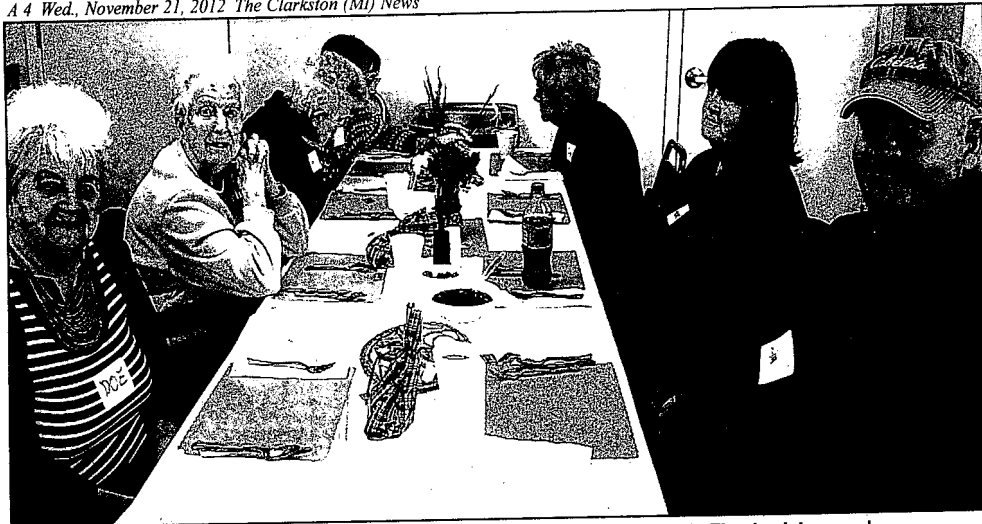
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From left, Doe Staley, Marion Figa, and Linda and Jim Ison are ready for an early Thanksgiving meal.



Senior Coordinator Barb Rollin talks with Reberta Allen.

Turkey time

Independence Township Seniors got an early taste of Thanksgiving during a luncheon on Nov. 14.

Tables at the Carriage House off Clarkston Road were decorated with floral arrangements in festive orange and yellow colors.

From cranberries to turkey, Seniors enjoyed traditional Thanksgiving flavors provided by OPC (Older Persons' Commission).

Photos by Mary Keck



From left are Marilyn Hanson, Marge Carlson, Hezel Bennett, Reberta Allen, and Mary Ronk.



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Township board members say goodbye

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"I leave with somewhat of a heavy heart and bittersweet feelings, but I think it's time," said Trustee Larry Rosso when he spoke of his 16 years of service at his last township board meeting on Nov. 13.

Rosso along with Trustee Neil Wallace and Treasurer Curt Carson took a few moments to say goodbye at the end of their final meeting.

During his time on the board, Rosso said he appreciated input from the public.

"A lot of folks offered a lot of constructive criticism, and that I appreciate because that is the way I learn so much."

He also expressed gratitude to the boards he served with previously and the current board.

"I'd like to thank the people of Independence Township for my opportunity to serve you. I can tell you for the last four years I have very much enjoyed it," said Carson.

He also reflected on his four-year term.

"Over the past four years, we have faced some tough challenges, and we have weathered the storm," said Carson. "After the worst economy since the great depression, I honestly feel that we are leaving this place in a much stronger position than when we got here."

Wallace discussed the board's impact over his term too.

"We changed the way in which the



From left, former Treasurer Curt Carson, former Trustee Neil Wallace and former Trustee Larry Rosso were recognized for their service to Independence Township, Nov. 19. Photo by Mary Keck

township governs itself, and I hope that that will endure," he said.

In addition, Wallace described his perspective on Independence Township.

"What we have here is a truly special community," he said. "We can survive and thrive because of that, but the key thing is to stay true to who we are to the nature of our community, to the scale of our community even as we grow it is necessary for us to do that."

Mark Petterson, whose service as a trustee officially ended on Nov. 20, did not attend the meeting.

On Nov. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall the new board consisting of Supervisor Pat Kittle, Clerk Barb Pallotta, Treasurer Paul Brown, Trustees David Lohmeier, Andrea Schroeder, Jose Aliaga, and Ron Ritchie will hold their first meeting.

Find meeting dates, agendas, and minutes on www.twp.independence.mi.us.

Residents concerned about new development

BY MARY KECK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Residents living on the southeast border of Independence Township, near Morgan Lake, were hoping to hit the green near their house, but those plans have landed in the rough.

Instead of a subdivision built on a golf course, property owners Eagle Ridge LLC want to develop a residential community with open space on the 265-acre site.

Even though construction of the 18-hole golf course was completed in 2005, Eagle Ridge LLC has determined a golf course is no longer viable. With 27 golf courses within a ten-mile radius, there isn't a need for another place to tee off, they say.

Instead, Eagle Ridge wants some of the 166 acres of woodlands and wetlands placed under conservation easements while residents could use the open space for activities like disc golf, kite flying, or hiking.

A plan approved by the Planning Commission on Nov. 8 offers a Residential Open Space Community with 243 lots for homes. While most of the lots would be 80-90 feet in size, Eagle Ridge LLC wants 81, 60-foot lots.

"I'm not sure if I'm in favor of any 60-foot

lots," said township Planning Commission member Joan McCrary.

Ron Ritchie agreed, "I'm not in favor of the 60-foot lots."

While the Planning Commission insisted Eagle Ridge LLC reduce the number of small lots before approving the updated plans, locals living near the proposed development voiced additional worries.

"I always had a dream of living on a golf course," Jeff Houle said. "I'm concerned about the value of my house."

"In the event that this golf course is abandoned, our primary concern is obviously our financial investment," said Andrea Schroeder President of Homeowners Association at The Ridge at Morgan Lake.

"Some of our homeowners paid significant premiums to be on golf course frontage," she explained. "We would request further discussion on the dedication of the portion of the open space to those lots that have the immediate golf course frontage," Schroeder said.

Besides the investment made to purchase their homes, others living on Rohr and Morgan Lake roads were concerned about additional traffic.

"I'm concerned about Morgan Road and

Rohr Road and the traffic pattern," said Tom Sampy. He lives on Morgan and believes, "there's going to be an incredible increase" of transportation on the roads. "It'll be a constant stream of traffic on Morgan Road and Rohr Road to get over to Maybee Road, and I'm not very happy about that," Sampy explained.

Increased vehicle congestion wasn't the only subject unsettling residents.

"On Rohr Road, we're all on individual wells. I have concerns about an additional 200-some units drawing on our water table," said Jan Doolittle.

"Now, we hear some of the traffic off I-75," said Consatina Carrick of Dora Lane. "Certainly with this development and the reduction of the woodlands, we anticipate there's going to be significant more noise. We'd like to understand how we mitigate the noise in that area," she said.

Others were worried about wildlife.

"There's deer across the lake, owls hooting in the woods, there are sand hill cranes there now," Lassay Johnson said.

"You put in 230 homes you're going to disrupt it," she said. "The wildlife there is just incredible. That's important to me; that's why we bought the place."

Briefly

Music for Toys for Tots

Oakland County Sportsmen's Club hosts its 13th Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive featuring continuous live music on two stages, starting at 1 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2.

The event features local musicians North Country Flier, Urban Nomads, Skee Brothers, Targus, Sieze, and 34Bliss. The MC will be John O'Leary of 94.7 WCSX.

Admission is a \$10 donation or new unwrapped toy of about that value. All contributions go to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. A cash bar and food items will also be available.

For more information, call Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, at 248-623-0444.

Fireworks ordinance

An updated fireworks ordinance was adopted on Nov. 13 during the Independence Township board meeting.

The new ordinance limits the days residents can set off consumer fireworks like roman candles and bottle rockets. Now, Independence Township residents can only ignite fireworks on the day before, the day of, and the day after national holidays such as Labor Day, Independence Day, and New Year's.

Wireless Clarkston

As part of the Wireless Oakland Project, downtown Clarkston will soon have WiFi. Air Advantage, a company based in Frankenmuth, plans to install service in the City in Spring 2013. Once Clarkston becomes a hotspot, locals can use their mobile devices to gain internet access anywhere downtown. Air Advantage has already created a hotspot in Oxford Village; Clarkston and Holly are expected to be the next cities to get the same service. Find out more on www.oakgov.com/it/wireless.

Safety Path Connection

Independence and Orion Townships are working together to connect safety paths along Maybee road. Independence's safety path follows Maybee road and ends at Blackberry Lane, 505 feet short of Orion's path on Rohr road.

If plans to join the paths move forward, Orion Township will complete the construction, and Independence will reimburse them up to \$50,000 to finish up their 505-foot portion of the asphalt pathway.

Wild Ideas

A column by Mary Keck

Seasons greetings

I've noticed the fallen leaves have taken on a sparkling fringe of frost, but it isn't just along the ground where winter's décor has started to appear.

Against the backdrop of evergreens, blue jays and red cardinals perch like ornaments come alive just for the season. Even the scent of pines and sound of geese honking as they fly south add to nature's winter greeting.

Clarkston's downtown is getting into the spirit too.

Shops are decked in red ribbons and green wreaths. Snowflake lights and frosty garland line Main Street where the Farm and Garden Club's planters overflow with evergreen trimmings.

The twinkle of holiday lights in store windows creates a festive atmosphere and adds warmth to the otherwise chilly air of winter's approach.

It's time to bundle up and buckle down for the cold season. Just like gold finches trade in their yellow feathers for beige and brown, we've boxed away our tank tops and flip flops opting for long sleeved sweaters and hefty waterproof boots.

Although I'm feeling a bit anxious about the snow and wind, thinking of Thanksgiving turkey, stuffing, and cranberries makes the changing weather a bit more bearable.

It's more than delicious food, though. I'll be traveling to see family in Indiana for Turkey Day, and I can't wait to see how tall my nieces have grown.

I'm looking forward to the familiar smiles of my sister and brothers and those warm hugs that only my mom can give.

After dinner, we'll play some euchre or snuggle up on the couch to watch Charlie Brown try to kick that football.

Even though it means a seven-hour drive and sleeping on air mattresses, I'm thankful for an opportunity to slow down and spend some time with the people who have shaped who I am.

Before we realize it, Thanksgiving will be over and winter will be too. Like the puff of your breath visible for just a moment in the cool air, time is always disappearing.

Those holiday decorations may come down and the fox may don his red coat again, but not before I've had a chance to admire icicles and say "thank you" to my family for welcoming me back home.



Letters of Thanks . . .

...for first responders

Dear Editor,

Special thanks to our own Independence Township Fire Department members (Ron Bray, Tom McDonald), Oakland County Sheriff Deputy (McCann) STAR EMS paramedics (Long and Rachal); as well as Clarkston Urgent Care Staff (Sharon Larson, John Chenet, and Jeannie Ahlers) for their superb performance treating a critically ill child at our Urgent Care Center.

The child came through our doors unresponsive, Monday, Nov. 12. Thanks to the quick actions and combined effort of everyone the child was resuscitated and alert before being sent to the Emergency Room for further evaluation. I think we often forget how important our emergency services are until we actually need them. We should be comforted knowing that we have such skilled men and women serving our community.

Great job everyone!

Dr Tim O'Neill

President, Clarkston Medical Group

...Garden Club

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the members of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club for all they do to make our town look so inviting. Every time I drive down Main Street I notice the attractive stone planters and seasonal decorations the club has placed in town. Right now it's Halloween ghosts that stand at attention over each planter and it's fun to see them waving in the breeze.

In addition, it is Garden Club members who maintain the wonderful gardens around the Independence Township Library all summer long. It must take many long hours of volunteer work to keep everything looking so beautiful. Thanks again ladies, your efforts add another level of charm to our historic downtown.

Toni Smith

Clarkston Area Historical Society

...election volunteers

Dear Editor,

During this season of thankfulness, I would like to take an opportunity to express my personal appreciation by recognizing township staff and members of our community who dedicated countless hours, support and energy in assisting the Clerk's office with the administration of four elections during 2012.

It was Clarkston State Bank and Rudy's Market who donated a grand total of 376 lunches to feed our Election Inspectors. I am "almost" sure that their generosity and thoughtfulness is what keeps our workers

coming back year after year. Thank you!

Our election inspectors receive a small amount of compensation for their long hours on Election Day, which typically begins at 6:00 am and ends sometime after the close polls at 8:00 pm. After receiving lengthy training, they are the ones who serve on the front lines at the precincts on behalf of the clerk. Not only is their perseverance, knowledge and willingness to serve priceless, I have had the privilege of getting to know each and every one of them; they are a great group of people. Thank you!

Election chairs and co-chairs deserve special recognition for their willingness to take on the additional responsibilities associated with "being in charge." Their leadership skills and professionalism has allowed me as clerk, to concentrate on other areas of my election responsibilities on election day. Thank you!

Barb Pallotta

Independence Township clerk

...community donations

Dear Editor,

Our sincere thanks to you for your generous donation of two one-year subscriptions to *The Clarkston News* for the St. Daniel Parish's 21st annual Horn of Plenty Raffle/Auction/Dinner/Dance, on Nov. 3.

This is our parish's only major annual fundraiser, and the proceeds benefit our community outreach programs and services that we might otherwise not be able to provide. SO you have assisted the parish, our parishioners and our community.

We are grateful for your generosity in helping to make our event a success once again.

Sincerely,

Sally Coe, committee co-chair

St. Daniel 2012 Horn of Plenty

...dinner sponsorship

Dear Editor,

On behalf of HealthQuest Physical Therapy and Medical Fitness, the 2012 Golf Committee and our designated charities, Oxford/Orion FISH, English Student Enrichment Fund at Oakland University in honor of Jenna Balabach, and the Rachel Ring Memorial Fund, we would like to thank you for your dinner sponsorship to our 10th annual HQPT Charity Golf Outing.

Each year we strive to advance our mission of "Helping People Live Life Well" by reaching out to our communities. We are privileged to announce we rose over \$17,000 in this year's event, which has been donated to our chosen charities. This money will positively impact many lives within our communities in the coming year.

Your support to our annual golf outing is greatly appreciated; truly our success is because of you!

Warmest regards,

Stuart Siegner, co-founder
HealthQuest

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 1997

"Hearing-impaired teen works her own miracles" Christy Sprengnether gives new meaning to the phrase "a fighting chance." Nearly deaf since she can remember, the petite Clarkston teenager goes uphill, not down, says her Lutheran High School Northwest drama coach Connie Cowper. This year, the Rochester Hills school's production of "The Miracle Worker," is extra special because Christy, a high school senior, is starring in the title role.

25 years ago - 1987

"Crash on Rattalee injures five teens" Five teens were injured in a car accident on Rattalee Lake Road, Independence Township, last Saturday evening. Jodi Lynn Barnett, 16, was driving westbound on Rattalee Lake Road, west of Allen Road, at about 5:10 p.m., when she lost control of her vehicle and ran into an oncoming eastbound car, according to reports at the Oakland County Sheriff's Department. Barnett and her three passengers were not wearing seatbelts. Barnett and two others suffered minor injuries. Sheila Scholar, 14, remains in serious but improving condition in the intensive care unit at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital (POH).

"Senior takes softball to England"

Senior citizen softball players might not draw much attention in America, but several Britons did a double take when a group of them visited Great Britain recently. The National Association of Senior Citizens Softballers (NASCS) and Pan American Airlines co-sponsored an eight-team tournament to promote the game in England.

50 years ago - 1962

"Local Man Wins '36' Tournament" Ronald G. Wilson of 6530 Waldon Road, Clarkston, was the 1st place winner of the Optimist "36" Bowling Tournament held at Howe's Lanes on Dixie Hwy. This was a fund raising project sponsored by the Lakeland Optimist Club of Waterford. Proceeds will go into the Boy's Work Fund.

"Couple Wed in Candlelight"

The wedding of Miss Ruth Ann Hallett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Hallett, and Robert Hawley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hawley of Holly, took place Saturday. The Reverend Warren Lear officiated at the candlelight service.

"Clarkston Locals" Harold Hoffman left for Drummond Island in the upper peninsula for a week of deer hunting.

A two-part Jottings -- Hope you read both

I've often quoted my friend Dick Milliman's *Almanac* column. Besides writing the *Almanac* for his own newspapers, he allows me to quote him.

We've been friends for several decades. He's lived much of his life in the Lansing area, was on Gov. George Romney's staff, ran for Congress once, and is politically conscious. He does not endorse candidates in his *Almanac*, but reviews opposing views, thus leaving decisions to readers.

His most recent column reads, "Apparently most of us are happy with the way things are in America right now, despite high unemployment and a generally sour economy.

"Despite most polls showing dissatisfaction with how things are going in the country, voters gave President Obama four more years in the White House.

"Despite general criticism of stalemate in Washington, voters sent most of the same people back to their familiar seats in Congress. There were some individual changes, but Republicans still will run the House and Democrats the Senate.

"That means the same forces which have been in charge for our federal government can point back to their own elections and claim, with some merit: *Look! The people like the job I'm doing or they would not have voted for*

me, so they want me to keep on doing the same things I've been doing.

"Maybe they are right.

"So who's responsible if things don't go right in Washington?"

"Looks to me like the buck stops with the voters."

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Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Part Number 2

I'm very much in favor of continuing education. . . . But I'm very much against pushing all students into colleges.

It's like a doctor's advice, a belief extolled by some preachers and even some mothers. I am here standin' on the pulpit of the Church of University Ain't For Everybody to preach this gospel: College isn't for everyone.

Sunday's *Detroit Free Press* quoted Gov. Snyder as wanting to change how schools are funded to improve how well they prepare kids for college.

College, college, college.

Damn! That's wrong, wrong, wrong.

How about preparing kids for life? (Not the game, but the real thing.)

How about giving them exposures to real-life futures? Cover such things as ditch digging to manning a space shuttle; sciences to paper hanging and electronics. Teach the youth how to follow instructions to reason.

Book-learnin' cannot be as big an advantage in life as common sense.

My wife Hazel got into her freshman high school class before having to leave so she could care for her invalid, infantile, paralysis-ridden mother.

And, Hazel raised our three kids, did the bookkeeping for Sherman Publications as we grew from owning one weekly community newspaper to four newspapers, two shoppers and a printing company.

She approved our buying and disapproved our expansions based on common sense. She reached decisions with common sense, and applied it to some of our personal life, too.

I've told friends Hazel could come to a common sense solution in seconds that I would take months to realize.

It seems our governor would remove school districts, push on-line learning, lessen exposure to age-like kids and encourage them to attend colleges dominated by liberal instructors.

Might better split the groups into hands-on shop to learn tools of tools.

Humility, gratitude all part of Thanksgiving

I was asked to re-run (and I quote), "That column you wrote for Thanksgiving a few years ago." I am not sure what column the reader referred to (I've penned a lot of Thanksgiving columns in 25-plus years), but I think it might be this one.

Historically speaking, this is the time of year, the one day of 365, we set aside to be thankful for graces bestowed. And, it is no secret it will be harder for some to be thankful this year.

There has been loss of love; much financial calamity; emotional pain; too much suffering --and, I'm just being selfish and talking about me! There is a great sea of sadness surrounding us we all must navigate. I feel lucky that my sails are still taut with wind provided by someone other than myself. I'm blessed my ship moves forward, still.

When folks ask me, "How're you doing?" most times I respond with, "Better than I deserve."

For I know I haven't suffered nearly as those who are more deserving of grace than me.

Yes, I see their burdens are greater. I feel their pain, truer. So, I am thankful to be doing better than I deserve.

Here are some printed words that keep my boat afloat, and maybe they can help you from being adrift.

* * *

"Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be thankful." -- Buddha

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity.... It turns problems into gifts, failures into success, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events. Gratitude

makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow." -- Melodie Beattie

"Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude." -- Denis Waitley

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And, finally a poem, or prayer, if you will:

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Let me do my work each day;
And if the darkened hours of despair
overcome me,

May I not forget the strength that
comforted me

In the desolation of other times.

May I still remember the bright
hours that found me

Walking over the silent hills of my
childhood,

Or dreaming on the margin of the
quiet river,

When a light glowed within me,
And I promised my early God to have
courage

Amid the tempests of the changing
years.

Spare me from bitterness

And from the sharp passions of
unguarded moments.

May I not forget that poverty and
riches are of the spirit.

Though the world may know me not,
May my thoughts and actions be such
As shall keep me friendly with
myself.

Lift my eyes from the earth,
And let me not forget the uses of the
stars.

Forbid that I should judge others,
Lest I condemn myself.

Let me not follow the clamor of
the world,

But walk calmly in my path.

Give me a few good friends who will
love me for what I am

And keep ever burning before my
vagrant steps

The kindly light of hope.

And though age and infirmity over-
take me,

And I come not within sight of the
castle of my dreams,

Teach me still to be thankful for life,
And for times olden memories that
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And may the evening's twilight find
me gentle still.

--Max Ehrmann (1872 - 1945)



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Stalker

An Oakland County Circuit Court judge told a 49-year-old Independence Township man it was his lucky day when she denied a request for a personal protection order, against him, filed by a 38-year-old Independence Township woman. She said the man had been stalking her for the past year. The judge told the man not to drive by or take videos of the woman. The woman called deputies, 4:40 p.m., Nov. 9, to report that he drove by and took cell phone videos of her three times, and she felt harassed.

Bomb threat

Deputies were called to a Main Street restaurant, 5:31 p.m., Nov. 9, when an employee found a bomb threat written on a bathroom mirror. The message said it would go off at 6. With no disgruntled current or former employees or previous threats, it was judged to be vandalism and not credible. Deputies stayed on scene until after 6 p.m., and left without incident.

Stolen guns

An antique revolver and a semiautomatic pistol were taken from an Independence Township home, Nov. 10. The owner said her grandson, who has three misdemeanor warrants for theft out of Livingston County and a felony warrant for theft out of Warren, had visited recently. One of the guns was taken from a locked cabinet.

Public Safety

Reports from Oakland County Deputies and Independence Township Fire Department

Family intervention

A 38-year-old Waterford Township man and a Holly man positioned their cars to block in a 38-year-old Waterford Township woman's vehicle at a cemetery in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway, 1:15 p.m., Nov. 10. The woman had called members of her family, telling them she was going there to commit suicide. The men were her ex-husband and current boyfriend. She hit both their vehicles with her own before getting out and running into the cemetery. Her son was holding her in a bear hug when deputies arrived. She was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for treatment.

Fire starters

An 18-year-old Independence Township man and 18-year-old Springfield Township man were in the woods off the 5000 block of Forest Valley Drive when the Springfield Township resident decided to have a smoke, 5:53 p.m., Nov. 11. He said the cigarette fell into the leaves, which caught fire in the wind, burning about 3.5 acres of woods. No home damage was reported.

Drunk salesman

Residents in the 8000 block of Ortonville Road called police to report an intoxicated trespasser, 8:32 p.m., Nov. 10. An employee of a landscaping company in Ortonville, the 24-year-old Holly man had gone to their house to give them an unsolicited estimate. He said he had been drinking because he got into an argument with his wife, and was walking. Preliminary breath test result was .270. He was cited for disorderly conduct and soliciting without a permit.

Flag fire

Someone set fire to a large, seasonal flag set up behind a Crimson King Circle home, Nov. 10. The fire damaged siding and a planter. Three cans of engine cleaner spray were found nearby. The flag had a fall leaf motif.

Stolen truck

A pickup truck was reported stolen from the parking lot in the 4000 block of Lancasterhill Drive, Nov. 14.

Marijuana bust

Residents in the 5000 block of Parview Drive called deputies to report the smell of marijuana, 6:36 p.m., Nov. 13. Deputies saw smoke coming from one of the apartments, and spoke to the resident, a 47-year-old man. He had two guests, but said he was smoking the marijuana by himself, and retrieved a dish of marijuana for deputies when they asked. He was arrested and jailed for possession of marijuana, misdemeanor arrest warrant, and a Friend of the Court warrant.

Theft from trailer

Someone took two weed whips and an edger from a locked trailer in the 6000 block of Snow Apple Drive, Nov. 15.

Injuries in crash

A 47-year-old Springfield Township man was critically injured in a traffic collision with a 23-year-old Springfield Township man, 7:35 a.m., Nov. 17, at Dixie Highway and Bavarian Way. The 23-year-old's SUV, travelling northbound on Dixie Highway, crossed the center line onto the path of the other vehicle. The younger driver may have fallen asleep, deputies said. The 47-year-old man was in critical condition, and taken to Genesys hospital. The 23-year-old man was taken to McLaren in Pontiac where he was treated and released. Investigation continues.

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Amiley and Lamont Williams, Jr. Photo by Wendi Reardon.

Siblings in sports

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Siblings Amiley and Lamont Williams, Jr. share a love of sports and music.

When it comes to sports the Pine Knob Elementary students enjoy a taste of everything. Lamont enjoys swimming, tennis, baseball, wrestling, hockey and football while Amiley participates in gymnastics, dance, hockey, figure skating and soccer.

Lamont is currently focusing on his swimming with the King Fish program.

"I like learning new stuff in the water like the backstroke," he said.

He had to miss the fall football season with the Clarkston Chiefs. He suffered a concussion while play wrestling. He took a break for a year to avoid anymore damage and to let his brain heal.

But he shared memories about games he played in with his team.

"We were playing Waterford and my friend and I were nose guards on defense," he smiled. "We went right through the guards and got to the quarterback. I took out the quarterback and my friend took the ball from him."

He added he likes to take down players bigger than him and has fun doing it with his 70-pounds in body weight and equip-

ment weight.

Lamont also likes to use his hands for his piano playing and enjoys pieces by Beethoven.

His classmates have also started playing piano after hearing him play especially at the school talent shows. Last year he played the *Rocky* theme. He came onto the stage while ripping off his shirt revealing a muscled costume. The year before he put on a bald cap and beard.

"The ideas came from my dad," he smiled. "We like to make it funny."

Both Lamont and Amiley have played the piano since they were four years old.

Right now Lamont is finishing his fourth level in lessons and can play songs off memorization. Amiley is playing holiday songs right now and can play songs by ear as well.

Amiley is currently getting ready for her first gymnastics meet with Flip Starz scheduled in December.

She likes to compete against boys because it's tougher. She even took a year off from figure skating to "knock down the boys."

Amiley has taught her younger brother sign language and helped teach her class how to sign. She also helps students in her school with special needs.

Signing up for college sports

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The media center filled up quickly last Friday with family and friends to see seven Clarkston athletes sign their letter of intent.

Jesse Chadwell, University of Illinois; Jordan Dasuqi, Lake Superior State University; Rachel Dickerson, Grand Valley State University; Sydney Hasselbach and Kaley Konjarevich, Ferris State University; Delaney Kenny, Northwood University; and Emily Popp, College of the Holy Cross, are ready for the next step after making their decision.

"I am super excited," said Kenny, who will continue her basketball playing after graduation. "It's the perfect school for me, and I wouldn't want to go anyplace else. The size is perfect, and the program is perfect."

Kenny discovered Northwood when they made an offer to her sister, Kaleigh. She kept looking at them and when they offered her a chance to play with their team she knew she wanted to go there.

Delaney plans on studying financing and accounting, and their business school is perfect for her.

"I am really excited for her," said Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach Tim Wasilk. "She is a tremendous hard worker. I have had her for four years with me. She is a gym rat. She understands the game. She is a leader. She is everything you could ask for in a player as far as both sides of the basketball. I am looking forward to a good, pressure free senior year where she can relax and play."

Spikers Dickerson, Konjarevich and Popp have already finished their last season with Clarkston volleyball. They said being a part of the program will help as they take their next step.

"They make it clear it is a team sport,"

said Dickerson. "It's about working together."

"It is about the team and what we wanted to accomplish together," Popp added. "I think that is important on a college team. We all trusted each other on the Clarkston team so much it is going to help us trust our teammates in college."

Konjarevich added Clarkston has a strong program and high level of playing.

"It will help towards being prepared for the college levels," she smiled.

All three were excited about signing their letters and making their choice official.

"It is weird we won't be playing high school volleyball anymore," said Dickerson. "I am excited to play at a higher level and continue my volleyball career."

Konjarevich chose Ferris State University because she liked the coach, the campus and everything about the school.

"It was the whole family feel," she said. "I really liked it."

Dickerson agreed Grand Valley State University was the same for her, and she also liked the coaching philosophy.

"The coach recruited based on family and the nice girls that keep the team together," Popp added about Holy Cross. "It would be such a great environment, and it is in an area I always wanted to go to."

All three are undecided for their course of study as of right now.

Hasselbach said Clarkston Softball teamwork has also prepared her for the next level when she joins Ferris State University.

"It's not one person's results that get you the win," she explained. "It's everybody and how the team works together. Leadership plays a big role and so does dedication and hard work. Not only for the girls but the coaches as well."

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From left are Rachel Dickerson, Kaley Konjarevich, Delaney Kenny, Jordan Dasuqi, Emily Popp and Sydney Hasselbach at the letter-signing ceremony. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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The draw to Ferris for Hasselbach was the campus and the area.

"I visited the campus and just knew it was for me," she said. "It is a nice size town. It wasn't tiny, and it wasn't a big campus. Ferris resembles Clarkston. I have loved Clarkston as long as I have been here."

She added she heard the teachers are great, and the pharmacy program is outstanding.

She plans on going into nursing or pharmaceutical, and they both have the same prerequisites.

"I love kids and with nursing I wanted to do pediatrics if I did nursing," Hasselbach said. "For pharmacy, I always like science class and math. It seemed like a good fit for me."

Chadwell also knows exactly what he will study at University of Illinois and is ready to take on business.

"Business is broad," he said. "There is so

much I can do with it."

Chadwell looked at Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University and Kent State but found Illinois had every thing he needed.

"They are very family orientated guys," he explained. "I could see myself playing with them in the next couple of years. It's very exciting. I can't wait to start up at college and get things going."

Chadwell began playing football when he was in fifth grade and said through the years Clarkston football has prepared him for the field and for life.

"My coaches have kept on me and didn't let me slack off," he said. "They were up in my face all the time in practice. I appreciate it because they got me ready for coaching in college."

The coaching staff has also prepared Dasuqi as he joins Lake Superior State Basketball especially the way Dan Fife coaches his team.

"When I went up there on my visit I played with the team, and I felt like I was ahead of some of the freshman," he said adding both teams have almost the same offense. "Coach Fife is a college coach."

The college approached him after he played in a showcase and said they wanted him.

"I went there and said let's see what happens," he smiled. "I loved it, and four days later I took the offer. I was on my visit four days after. It is a good college for me and a really good fit academically and team wise. I have a really good chance of playing next year if I work hard."

He added the assistant coaches have experience and the head coach is an almost imitation of Fife.

"It's scary," he laughed. "Stuff he says is the same coach says. It's good for me because I know how to handle pressure."

Dasuqi plans to study engineering and explained they have a good program.



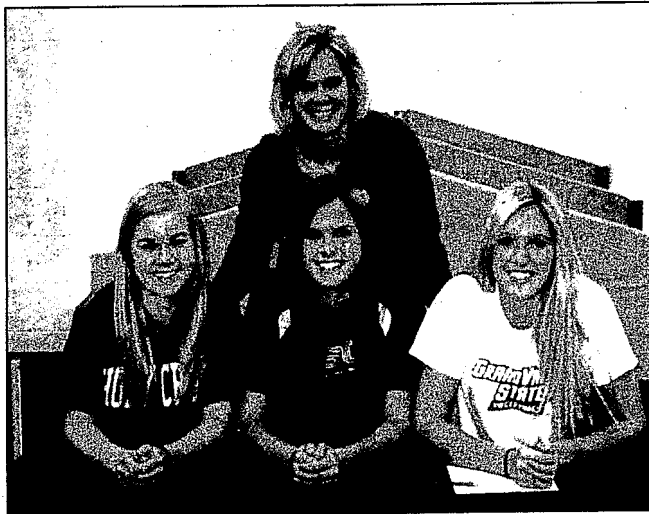
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From left, Popp, Konjarevich, and Dickerson, with coach Kelly Avenall



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Holiday tournaments on ice

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves are back on the ice and split their first two games during the Metro Invitational at Novi Ice Arena.

The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team took on teams from the Kensington Lakes Activity Association league, and won their first game on Friday against South Lyon, 2-1.

"We played well the first game," said head coach Bryan Krygier. "Jack Viazanko played great and won the game for us. We were pretty evenly matched teams."

The junior goalie had 37 saves in the net and almost had his first shut out for the season. But South Lyon tied the score 1-1 with less than five minutes left in the game.

The Wolves came back and won the game with a goal from junior Jacob Laporte.

Junior Kyle Horgarth scored the first goal for Clarkston in the second period with an assist from junior Garrett Polish.

The boys made 31 shots on South Lyon's goal during the game.

The Wolves continued the tournament on Saturday with a loss to Northville, 4-1.

Senior Joe Smith scored the lone goal in the second period of the game.

"We had a few lapses," said Krygier. "It cost us the game. Northville has a good team and played well. Our defensive zone was not what it should have been which ultimately led to some break downs."

Viavanko had 23 saves against Northville and the Wolves made 23 shots on Northville.

Clarkston heads back to the ice this week with their annual Thanksgiving Showcase where they will face off against South Lyon again.

"I'm sure they will be gunning for us since we beat them 2-1," said Krygier. "It should be a physical game with some intensity. We have to have good goaltending again which should be our strength all year. We have a fairly good size team so we must play physical in order to get the puck to their net and chip it out of our 'D' zone."

The Wolves continue the tournament against Brighton the next day.

"The game against Brighton will be a real test for us," Krygier added. "They are coming off the state champs and have a lot of good players still on their roster. It should come down to goaltending and positional play. We have to play the body and hit them to be successful in that game."

The hockey action begins on Friday with Clarkston against South Lyon at 5 p.m. Brighton and Liggett follow with their game at 7:30 p.m.

South Lyon begins Saturday with a game against Liggett at 12 p.m. Clarkston and Brighton head off against each other at 2:30 p.m.

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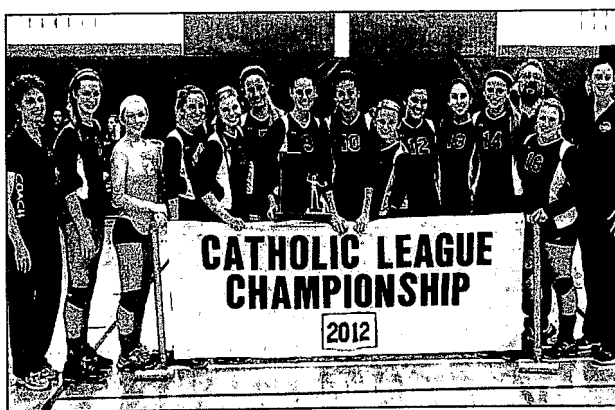
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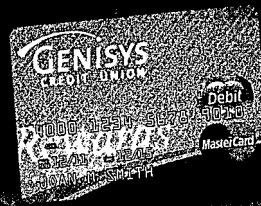
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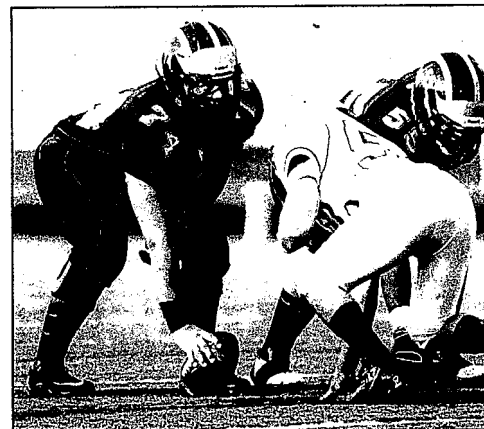
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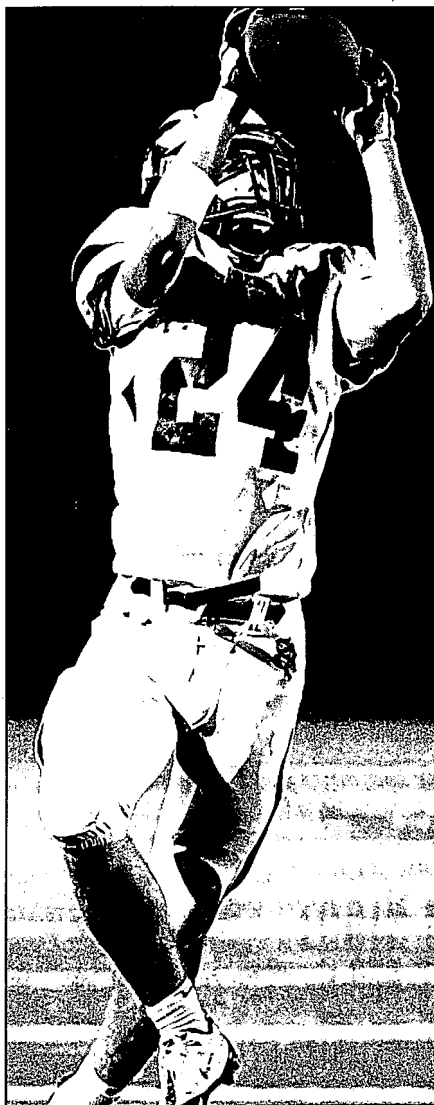
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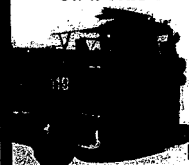


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From left, Jane Nedwick, Sophie Quirk, and Annelise James run the Money Making Mountaineer Bank with Amanda Beer, not pictured. Photos provided

Banking on the future

Everest Academy students Amanda Beer, Annelise James, Jane Nedwick, and Sophie Quirk are learning about money and banking by working with real money and a real bank.

The fifth graders are working with Clarkston State Bank on the Money Making Mountaineer Bank. They wrote resumes and interviewed for positions with the bank, created the name, posters, and flyers, and prepared presentations for other classes, said teacher Amanda Kosin.

"The exciting part for me as their teacher was watching the girls prepare and work together to get this program started," Kosin said. "I am very happy and pleased with these students for they have surely shown their leadership skills and enthusiasm to

help others."

"I think it's good to show students how to deposit money so that they know how to save money when they get older," James said.

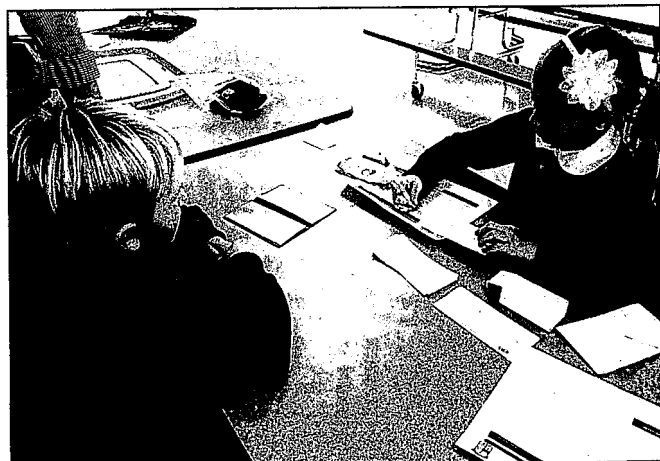
"I think it's really fun to use the stamp and give them deposit slips like they do in the real bank," Nedwick said.

For Quirk, "I really like filling out the forms and letting students pick a prize from the prize box."

The four girls have been trained by bank volunteers and can accept deposits and open banking accounts for fellow students.

For more information, check www.everest-clarkston.org.

— Phil Custodio



Jane Nedwick handles a banking transaction for Jimmy Schmitt.

City agrees to higher rent

To rent space at 3 E. Church St., Clarkston will have to pay a bit more.

At their meeting on Nov. 13, the City Council agreed to a three-year lease of \$18,000 with an annual increase of \$750 for the first and second years. By 2014, they'll be paying \$19,500 to rent the space.

Previously, the city paid \$18,000 annually without yearly increases, but that price had been reduced from \$20,000 each year in 2010, after negotiations with leaser John Morgan.

Of the new contract, Mayor Joe Luginiski said, "You don't want to pay more if you don't have to, but overall it's a fair deal."

While the City will continue to store DPW equipment at 3 E. Church, "we're going to

continue to look at options," Luginiski said. Renting space at 3 E. Church was "meant to be a temporary solution," Luginiski explained.

The City will continue using 3 E. Church until another alternative is found because plans to build an addition or an entirely new building fell through.

The contract with Morgan has a six-month out clause, meaning the City can terminate their contract without penalty after giving written notice six months in advance.

The new rental agreement will start on Jan. 1, 2013. The next City Council meeting will be on Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

— Mary Keck

Cooking show this Week on ClarkstonTV.com

In a brand new episode of "Seeing Green," host Mary Keck visits "Essence on Main" in downtown Clarkston to talk with Joan Donnay about organic and local foods, and prepare some of the foods available this time of year.

Dr. Robin Krieger and Becky Taylor are back with a brand new episode of "Pet Talk". This time they answer Frequently Asked Questions they get from their patient's owners.

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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.



Children in festive hats participate in last year's Deck the Trees. Photo provided

Ornaments good for environment

All are invited to "Deck the Trees," 2-4 p.m., Dec. 1, at All Saints and The Preserve Cemeteries, 4401 Nelsey Road in Waterford.

Make environmentally-friendly ornaments with pine cones, peanut butter, bird seed, cereal, oranges, berries, and even stale bagels with cornmeal topped

off by colorful ribbons. Ornaments can be placed on All Saint's trees or in your yard as a way to memorialize loved ones.

The event will be at All Saints Cemetery inside a large, warm tent decorated for the holidays, with hot cocoa, coffee, and cookies. RSVP by calling 248-623-9633, or visit www.mtelliott.com/allsaints.

Egg Allergies and the Flu Shot - By Dr. Reba Johnson, MD

Flu season is here and so is the need to be protected by getting vaccinated. This vaccine contains a very small amount of egg protein, so before giving it, health providers ask if you are allergic to eggs. But do you really know if you are allergic to eggs? Could you have egg intolerance? Food allergies affect millions of adults and children. On the flip side, many people think they are allergic and unnecessarily avoid certain products. The big difference between a food intolerance and allergy is an allergy can cause a serious or even life-threatening reaction. This is why it is important to know if you have an allergy or intolerance to egg when you receive a flu vaccination. Dr. Johnson has specialized training to properly diagnose your reaction to eggs or other foods. Food intolerance happens in the digestive system and occurs when you are unable to properly break down food. This could be due to enzyme deficiencies, sensitivity to food additives or reactions to naturally occurring chemicals in foods. An allergic reaction involves the immune system or defense system. If you have an allergy to eggs, your immune system identifies eggs as an invader or allergen. Your immune system overreacts by producing antibodies called Immunglobulin E (IgE). These antibodies travel to cells that release chemicals, causing an allergic reaction.

Recent studies show that most egg allergic individuals can receive the flu vaccine safely under the care of their allergist. There are two ways people with a confirmed egg allergy can receive the flu vaccine without being skin tested for the vaccine first.

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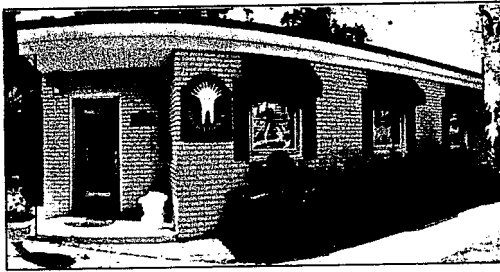
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Principal Chris Turner shares memories of Mary Schulte at the memorial. Photo by Phil Custodio



New tree to keep memories alive

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

More than 100 friends and family of Mary Schulte gathered, Nov. 14, to give thanks for their teacher, colleague, friend, mother, and wife.

"We're here to honor a very special woman," said Chris Turner, Independence Elementary principal. "It's obvious that she touched so many people, not just as a teacher, but as a colleague and friend. This is a real tribute to Mary and the legacy she left."



Schulte

Independence Elementary hosted a tree planting ceremony in honor of Schulte, who taught in Clarkston for over 20 years, at Andersonville, Springfield Plains, and Independence elementary schools, and Sashabaw Middle School.

She passed away on Oct. 23 after a courageous battle with breast cancer.

Fellow Independence teachers Dennis Klenow and Nancy Distelrath described her as a teacher who wore many hats for her students and the community.

"She was so talented - she would whip

out her guitar and sing with her students," Distelrath said.

"All of us are very lucky to have spent a little bit of time with her," Klenow said.

"She always thought of everyone else first," said John Schulte, her husband. "This day is a gift to me - thank you, all of you."

Grace Horowitz, sixth grader who wrote an essay about her teacher, said Mary encouraged her students to pursue their dreams.

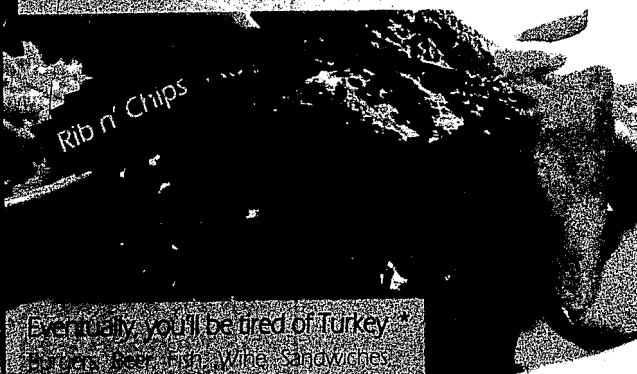
"She wasn't just a teacher. She was a friend and role model," Horowitz said. "She used many voices when teaching - my favorite was her southern accent."

The group marched up the hill off M-15 to Independence Elementary's outdoor classroom to plant the tree. The blue spruce evergreen was donated by North Oakland Disaster Relief Team, NODRT, of which Mary was a member.

"We wanted to donate something that would remind us of who she is and how special she was," said Stan Garwood, NODRT president.

Mary is also survived by her children Jessica (Joshua) Rasdall and Carl Schulte, grandson Isaiah Rasdall, and her sisters Rose (Barry) Shannahan and Grace (Ken) Brown.

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Students in the lower grades go blue for Diabetes Awareness Day.

Kids go blue

North Sashabaw Elementary was a sea of blue on Nov. 14 as students and staff wore the color for Diabetes Awareness Day.

Melanie Wilson, with the PTO and Alpha Club, explained it was the first year North Sashabaw did it. They are also the first school in the district to participate. Every child wearing blue received a surprise – a Dum Dum sucker. Though it is a sucker, Wilson added, one wouldn't hurt a child.

The club is making baskets for needy families next month. If you would like to help, call 248-623-4100.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Alex Kutchev and Kare Bowles hold signs for awareness.



The NSE Alpha Club, back row from left, Shannon Freck, Donte Goss, Melanie Wilson, Jazon Zock, Colin Wilson; front row, Katie Russell, Zander Shipley, Madison Gracia and Grace Spencer.

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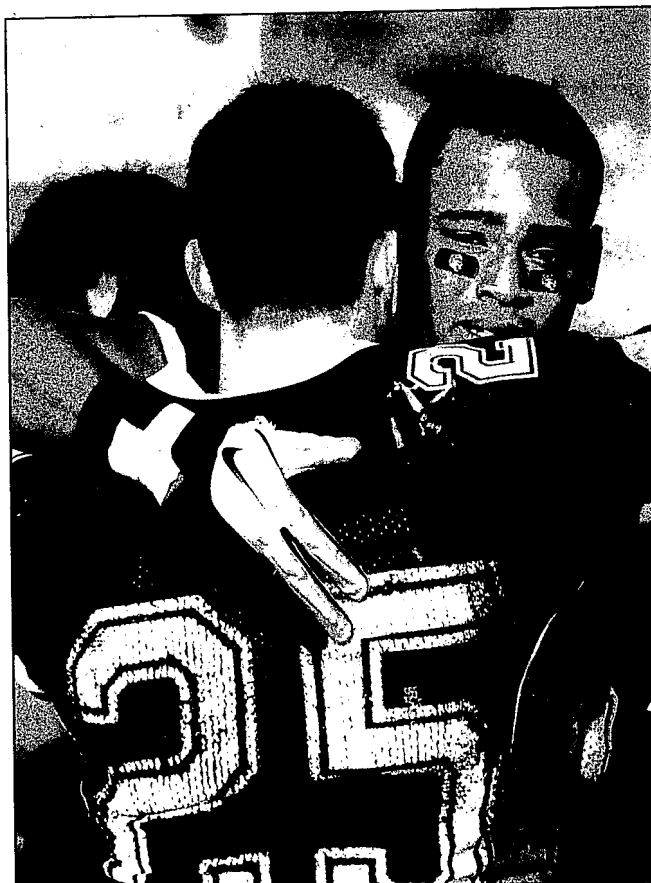
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FIELD FINAL: Senior Christian Williams hugs Ian Eriksen as he heads off the field for his last time after the Clarkston Wolves lost to Rockford, Nov. 10. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Nine-year-old Josh Rich works beside his sister Holly, 8, while constructing his house.



Nataleigh Gell gets help from her father, Bryan Gell, to put the finishing touches on her gingerbread house.

Crunchy construction

Kids in Springfield Township found out gumdrops, cinnamon dots, and lots of icing make for the perfect building materials for a gingerbread house.

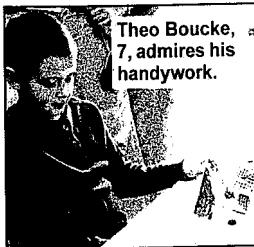
The Springfield Township Library invited youngsters to create the sugary shacks this past Saturday, Nov. 17, and the creativity couldn't have been tastier!

Armed with pretzel sticks and peppermints, children built tiny homes complete with smoke stacks, windows, and doors. Any spare tools and construction materials got eaten.

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Mary Keck



Umakorn 'Odet' Juntacug, 6, and Olivia Simofi'llyes, 9, have a taste.



Theo Boucke, 7, admires his handywork.

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New Liquor License Policy

In a 3-1 vote, Independence Township adopted a new policy for liquor licenses. The policy allows liquor license applicants to enter into an agreement in which they consent to sell their license only within the township.

While not required to sign the agreement, their choice to sign or not could factor into the board's decision to grant the liquor license.

Treasurer Curt Carson and trustees Larry Rosso and Neil Wallace voted in favor of the new policy; Clerk Barb Pallotta voted against it.

Military achievements

Airman **Doug Jacobs** graduated Sept. 28 from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

He is now at an eight-month technical school for weather operations at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss.

While in training, Jacobs became a Teal Rope member. The group's primary mission is to assist the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office in prevention efforts and overall awareness and victim services and referrals.

Jacobs is a 2012 graduate of Blissfield



Jacobs

High School. He is the son of Mary Barks of Blissfield, a Clarkston High School graduate and 20-year Clarkston resident, and Dennis Jacobs of Crookston, Minn.

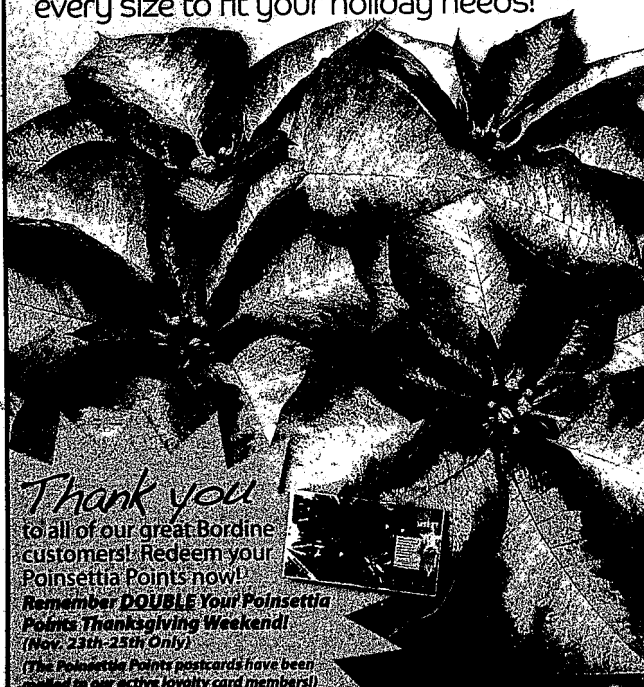
He is the grandson of Ken and Jeanette Barks of Clarkston and Fay and Lyle Jacobs of Adrian, Mich.



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Sara, a graduate of Michigan State University, is a Renal Dietitian for Davita in Battle Creek and Kalamazoo.

Ben is pursuing construction engineering at Western Michigan University and works with CLS as a business development and procurement specialist.

They will reside in Kalamazoo. A spring wedding is planned.

Little Dribblers

Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors is accepting registrations for Little Dribblers Basketball.

The program is an instructional basketball league for K-2nd graders geared to teach the basic concepts of the game in a fun atmosphere. The 8-week league will be Saturday mornings and afternoons, Jan. 26-March 23.

Call 248-625-8223 or check www.itpr.org. Registration deadline is Nov. 30.

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"My family
and first year
as a
mommy!"

- Jillian Wyatt



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- Donna Clancy



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- Shari Schulz



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By Phil Custodio

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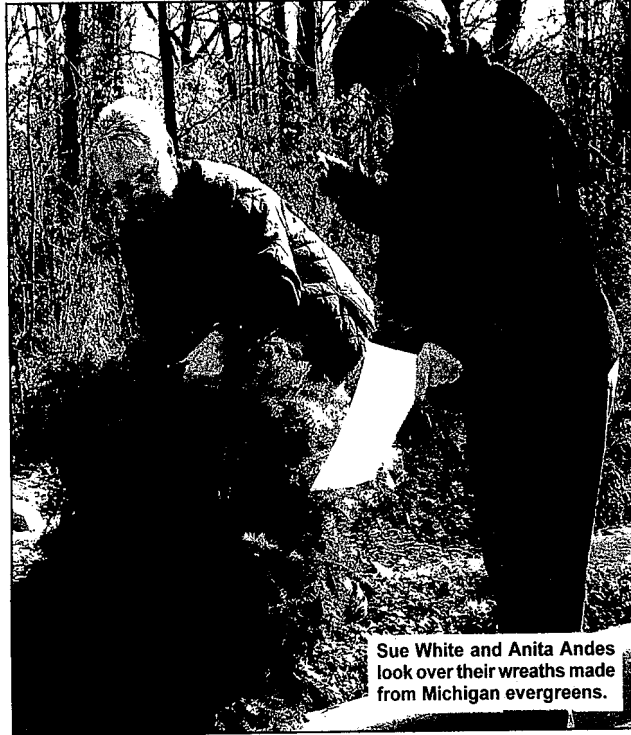
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Nancy Foley drills into a birch log held by Carol Barnhart to make a candlestick.



Sue White and Anita Andes look over their wreaths made from Michigan evergreens.



Anita Andes holds a birchwood decoration.

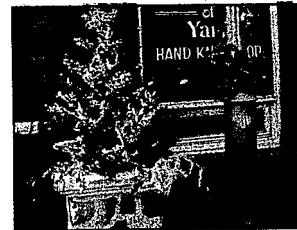
Holiday trimmings

In preparation for their upcoming Greens Market, the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club got to work making birch candlesticks and gathering wreaths.

Their Greens Market will be on Dec. 1 from 9-4 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection on Clarkston Road.

Evergreen roping, loose greens, and fresh table arrangements will be for sale.

- Mary Keck



The Garden Club decks downtown for the holidays. Photos by M. Keck

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Polar Bear Ski, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 1, Loon Lake Boat Club, 4030 Dixie Highway. \$10 donation for American Diabetes Association. Ski, wakeboard or wake surf. 248-674-4888. ***

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. ***

Jump Street Swing Band performs Christmas carols, 4 p.m., Dec 2, Community Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street at Sashabaw. 248-673-7805. ***

Carrick House Concert, World Blues Fusion with Harper & Midwest Kind and special guest Genna & Jesse, 4 p.m., Dec. 2. \$15 donation. 248-394-0113. ***

Health and Wellness for every Body seminar, with Mary LoVasco of Clarkston, 6:30-8 p.m., Dec. 4, Rochester Athletic Club, 637 N. Main Street in Rochester. \$50. 248-770-4073. ***

Poinsettia/Greens sale, Clarkston Community Women's Club, 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. ***

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/for 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-

Around Town



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

Madrigal Dinner

Clarkston High School Vocal Music performs the Third Annual Ye Olde Madrigal Dinner, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 14-15 at Harvestland Church, 5848 Clintonville Road. Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. with a Rudy's-catered feast.

The performance will showcase the vocal students not only as singers, but as actors and servers as they provide all the regal pageantry and ceremonial pomp of Merrie Olde England.

"In this, our Third Annual Madrigal Dinner, the antics will rise to a whole new level and the beauty of the music of the Renaissance will be on full display. We invite the community to join us in our new holiday dinner theater tradition," says Brian Haverkate, CHS choral director.

Tickets are \$35 for general seating, reservation only, and \$300 for a King's Table, which seats eight and is front and center. This event supports the Vocal Music De-



Manny Estrada as the Jester.

partment for the High School.

Tickets can be purchased by emailing Jodi Stuart at jlstuart1@msn.com or calling 248-875-7849. Payments must be received by Dec. 1 or the tickets will be released.

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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. 248-880-0027. ***

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

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. ***

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcome. Springfield

Township Library, 12000 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550. ***

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, trher7966@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. ***

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

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

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. ***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Horse Judging Overall Reserve Champion Team, from left, Karen Waite, Michigan 4-H horse specialist, Alyssa Tomei, Emma Johnson of Clarkston, Meghan Webster, Lily Labovitz, and Cathy McGeen, coach. Photo provided

Local 4-Hers win national honors

Michigan Horse Judging team members Emma Johnson of Clarkston, Alyssa Tomei of Ortonville, Meghan Webster of Waterford, and Lily Labovitz of Birmingham won top honors at 26th Annual Eastern National 4-H Horse Roundup, Nov. 3-4 at the Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky.

The team finished second in the conformation portion, sixth in the performance portion, seventh in oral reasons, and second overall out of the 21 competing teams from across the country.

Individually, Johnson placed ninth in the conformation portion, and Labovitz placed fourth in the conformation portion and fifth

place overall.

"We came home with some very exciting experiences, strengthened relationships with our teammates, and developed new friendships with 4-H youth and adults from across the country," said Cathy McGeen, a coach with Equine Studies 4-H club in Oakland County.

Local, organic foods healthier, tastier

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abundance and on sale. They are going to be the most affordable and nutrient-dense," she said. Choosing vegetables at their ripest means, "they have their utmost number of vitamins and essential minerals," Donnay pointed out.

While eating foods when they are in season offers a cost savings and ensures higher nutrition, why choose organic foods?

According to Donnay, cooking with vegetables, grains, milk, eggs, and meat that haven't been altered by hormones, fertilizers, or pesticides offers better nutritional value. "It keeps us healthier because then we're

not full of all those pesticides, chemicals, and hormones. So, organic is really the best way to go," she explained.

It even tastes better, Donnay said. "There is a purer flavor for sure."

Donnay admits, "making your food at home takes a little bit more effort, but it's worth it. At the end of a very long, busy day, there's nothing more calming than peeling your locally grown veggies, knowing that what you're buying is good for you and good for your family."

Watch Joan Donnay prepare a recipe for roasted vegetables on "Seeing Green" on www.clarkstontv.com.

Oven Roasted Vegetables recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 squash
- 2-3 sweet potatoes
- 1 onion, (or other seasonal vegetables)
- olive oil
- salt
- pepper

Cut vegetables into similar-sized cubes, and place them on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle with olive oil. Add a dash of salt and pepper to taste.

Cook at 375 to 400 degrees for 25 to 35 minutes or until they are tender. Then serve them up!

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Religion

Give thanks for blessings in everyday life

A few days ago I bundled my family up and drove to the Haehnle Sanctuary, west of Ann Arbor, to observe the Sandhill Cranes who are gathering in large numbers in preparation for their migration south for the winter.

As the sun was setting and the air was getting colder, thousands of wondrous cranes with their long necks gracefully leading the way and their thin legs trailing behind came flying in.

It was a divinely choreographed symphony as at first a group of three appeared; then 12, then 20 and then hundreds at a time came into view. They just kept coming and coming until night blurred our vision.

How grateful I am to my friend who told me of this place, to my wife and son who agreed to come along and share the experience, to the people who have carved out this special place to preserve it for you and me and future generations.

Most of all I am grateful for the infinite, eternal, unlimited loving presence and power that I call God and for this thing called life.

It can be difficult to feel gratitude when we are experiencing difficulties, health challenges, financial shortfalls or conflicts in our relationships.

I know that these can be all encompassing coloring every interaction, clouding our thinking and moods, interfering with our joy for living.

I also know that I can always find something to be grateful for and the more I am grateful the more I have to be grateful for. Where I saw a divine symphony, I know others just saw a bunch of stupid birds.

A practice I began many years ago is to write down 10 things that I am grateful for first thing in the morning before my mind has much of a chance to begin obsessing about all the things I have to do today.

Try this for 21 days and your life will be transformed.

I begin and end my days with prayers of

gratitude for this day and all the many blessings in it, my friends and family and loved ones, this wonderful life we live.

Then I individually name the people and the events that have blessed me whether I recognized it at the time or not. Often what we complain about the most conceals the greatest blessing, as this anonymous prayer demonstrates.

"Lord, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes; we have plenty of food to eat. Thank you for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry; we have plenty of good clothes to wear. And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds; they were so warm and comfortable last night. I know that many have no bed.

"My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom, complete with all the splattered mirrors, soggy, grimy towels, and dirty lavatory; they are so convenient. Thank you for this finger-smudged refrigerator that needs cleaning inside and out. It has served us faithfully for many years and has enough food in it for several meals. Thank you, Lord for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned

today. It has baked so many things over the years.

"The whole family is grateful for that tall grass that needs mowing and the lawn that needs raking; we all enjoy the yard. Thank you, Lord, even for that slamming door; my kids are healthy and able to run and play. Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me says that you have richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully."

In the words of Rabbi Harold Kushner: "If you concentrate on finding the good in every situation; you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures your soul."

How do we create a joy filled life, through the power of gratitude.

"If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank you' it will be enough." Meister Eckhardt

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The Rev. Matthew E. Long is senior minister at Peace Unity Community.

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Obituary

D. Eleanor Harned, 74

D. Eleanor Harned of Clarkston, formerly of Kenora, Ontario, passed away Nov. 15, 2012, at age 74.

She was the wife of Norman for 49 years; mother of Cindy, Carolyn (Mike) Clarke and Greg (Kelly); grandmother of Kyle and Christian Clarke, Mackenzie and Alyssa Murdoch and Jackson and Grant Harned; sister of Douglas (Roseann) Bergman and Donald (Karen) Bergman; sister in law of Ruth and Marlene Bergman and many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by her parents Rickard, and Violet Bergman, siblings Mae Brukenberger, Lily Bergman, Ralph and Lloyd Bergman.

Eleanor became a registered nurse and worked in Manitoba, Quebec, and British Columbia where she met the man who would become her soul mate, best friend and husband, Norman. They resided in West Virginia for four years and moved to Michigan in 1967. She continued to work in different facets as a RN until retirement in 1995. She had interests in computers, photography, crafts, sewing and quilting.

Visitation was Nov. 18 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Nov. 19 at Cavalry Lutheran Church, Clarkston. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Calvary Lutheran Church. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Elaine J. MacLennan, 78

Elaine J. MacLennan of Clarkston, formerly of Alpena, passed away Nov. 17, 2012, at age 78.

She was the wife of Dan for 57 years; mother of Karen (Matt) Jameson, David (Teresa) MacLennan and Nancy (Joe) Loe; grandma of Jennifer, Hanna, Colin, Trevor and Joe.

Elaine was an elementary teacher for many years at Clarkston Schools and was a dedicated substitute teacher. Friends may visit at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Funeral service, Friday, 12:30 p.m., at the funeral home. Interment Saturday at Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena. Memorials may be made to Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Randall W. Kiesling, 59

Randall W. Kiesling of Holly passed away Nov. 18, 2012, at age 59.

He was the husband of Eileen for 39 years; father of Jeremy and Travis (Sarah); grandpa of Hunter, Joshua and Owen; brother of Jeffery (Carol), Brent (Paula), Linda (the late Jimmie) Lawrence and Patricia (Richard) Florowski.

Funeral service, Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ortonville Cemetery. Donations may be made to the family. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Michaleen Schensky, 92

Michaleen V. Schensky of Clarkston passed away Nov. 13, 2012, at age 92.

She was the wife of Julius; mother of Sharon (Ted) Keranen and Ronald (Elizabeth) Schensky; grandmother of Michael G. (Mallery) Schuplin, Jr., Eric (Mary Anne) Schensky, Jaime, and Andrea Schensky; great grandmother of Michael G. Schuplin III; step-grandmother of Tamara Keranen, Laura Keranen, Ted (Linnyea) Keraneh, Jr., Kathleen (Steve) Dell, Karol Keranen, Thomas Keranen and Todd (Tracie) Keranen; special aunt to Diane Sandora, Gen and Delores. Michaleen was also survived by many extended family and friends.

Funeral Service was Nov. 19 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to the Mary Knoll Missionaries or the Capuchins. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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Carol A. Checkowsky, 78 Geraldine L. Mascar, 79

Carol A. Checkowsky (McLaughlin) of Clarkston passed away Nov. 12, 2012, at age 78.

She was the wife of Ronald for 56 years; mother of Daniel (Linda), Paul (Mary) and Beth (Jeff) Haskins; grandmother of Amanda, Chad, Jennifer, Ryan, Kayla, and Darcie; daughter in law of Cecilia Checkowsky.

Carol retired as an accountant for Vidosh Brothers Landscaping and enjoyed gardening.

Visitation was Nov. 15 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Nov. 16 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Rite of Committal Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Vincent DePaul. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Karen M. Wester

Karen M. Wester of Harbor Springs, formerly of Wixom, passed away suddenly Nov. 16, 2012.

She was the best friend and significant other of Joel Kimball; daughter of Lela and Howard Milligan; sister of Diane (Russ) Bibb, Sandy Young and Stacey Wester; Joel's children: Kristin, Joel Jr. (Christina) and their daughter Izzy; loving aunt of Ryann (Jeff), Ashley, Samantha (Adam), Austin, Alex and Miranda; preceded in death by her father William and siblings Sharon and Bill. She will also be missed by her dog, Ivan The Terrible.

Funeral service Wednesday, 10 a.m., at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home** where friends may visit Tuesday 5-9 p.m. Donations may be made to American Lung Association. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Geraldine L. Mascar, "Gerry," of Waterford, formerly of Grosse Pointe Woods, passed away Nov. 14, 2012, at age 79.

She was the devoted wife of the late Pat Mascar; dearest mother of Kim (Dave) Huttenlocher and Kari Mascar; adoring grandma of Kate and Sarah Huttenlocher; loving daughter of the late John and Ann Switkiewicz. Gerry was a gentle and kind soul to everyone she met, and leaves behind family and friends whom she loved very much. She will be greatly missed.

Visitation was Nov. 16 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Nov. 17 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Private Entombment at Resurrection Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Lourdes Nursing Home or Catholic Social Services of Oakland County. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



In our churches...

Bethany North, 7:30 p.m., fourth Monday, St. Daniel, 7010 Valley Park, 248-628-6825.

DC4K, Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288.

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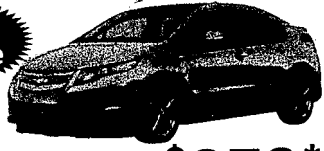
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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
NOVEMBER 13, 2012

- A. A Regular General Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Carson, Pallotta, Rosso, Wallace

There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Bart Clark, Superintendent; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Beth Saareita, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, PC; Barbara Rollin, Senior Coordinator; Dave Belcher, Building Department

- Appointment of Acting Chair: Approved
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None requested
- F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Barbara Pallotta, Clerk
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Marilyn Pomeroy, Clarkston Independence District Library; Joan McCrary
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None

- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
 1. Presentation: Energy Cost Recovery (Curt Carson, Treasurer; Brian Somerville, Chief Analyst; Ecore)
 2. Presentation: Third Quarter Investment Report (Curt Carson, Treasurer)
 3. Superintendent's Report (Bart Clark, Superintendent)

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Award of Bid for 2012 Recreation Guide as Amended
2. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Third Quarter Investment Report
3. Approval of Budget Amendment #12
4. Approval of Budget Amendment for Township Hall
5. Request to Approve Budget Amendment for M-15 Sewer Lift Station Project - Removed
6. Approval to Refund Overpayment to Deer Lake Association for Marine Patrol Services
7. Approval of 2012 Special Assessment Roll
8. Adoption of 2013 Annual Permit for Work on State Trunkline Right-of-Way as Amended
9. Approval to Authorize New Account Signatories
10. Approval Minutes of Board of Trustee's Regular General Meeting; October 2, 2012
11. Approval Minutes of Board of Trustee's Regular Budget Meeting; October 9, 2012
12. Approval Minutes of Board of Trustee's Regular General Meeting; October 16, 2012
13. Approval Minutes of Board of Trustee's Special Meeting; October 24, 2012

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

5. Request to Approve Budget Amendment for M-15 Sewer Lift Station Project - No Action Taken

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval to Transfer Liquor License Stock Ownership for Pine Knob Ski Resort, Inc.
2. Approval of Second Reading of Fireworks Ordinance
3. Approval to Amend the Liquor License Policy and Approve Class C Agreement
4. Approval of Service Authorization Agreement with Energy Cost Recovery - No Action Taken
5. Approval of 2013 CDBG Funding
6. Approval to Sell Fire Department Fixed Assets
7. Approval of Contract with Pierce Midwest Refurbishment Center to Recondition Pierce Dash Engine
8. Acceptance of Proposal to Complete Water System Hydraulic Water Module
9. Approval to Authorize Hiring of Building Inspector II
10. Approval to Realign Zoning Enforcement Duties
11. Approval to Construct Safety Path Connection to Orion Township Safety Path System
12. Approval of Accounts Payable Check Run and Payroll in the Amount of \$692,801.66

-N. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Curt Carson, Treasurer; Larry Ross, Trustee; Neil Wallace, Trustee

O. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: Senior Advisory Minutes of October 10, 2012
2. Report: Building Department October 2012
3. Report: Cable TV Disposed Items
4. Report: Independence Television Update

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular General Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
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Published: Wednesday, November 21, 2012

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at its regular meeting on November 13, 2012, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved a Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Certain Provisions of the Charter Township Code, as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-07

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INDEPENDENCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 30, "OFFENSES," ARTICLE VI, "OFFENSES AGAINST PUBLIC SAFETY," TO ADD A NEW SECTION 30-159, "FIREWORKS," IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE CHANGES TO STATE LAW REGARDING FIREWORKS AND TO ESTABLISH THAT IGNITION AND DISCHARGE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE TOWNSHIP EXCEPT ON CERTAIN DAYS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS:

Section 1 of Ordinance, Ordinance Amendment.

Chapter 30, "Offenses," Article VI, "Offenses Against Public Safety," of the Independence Charter Township Code is hereby amended by adding a new section, to be numbered 30-159, which said section reads as follows:

Sec. 30-159. Fireworks.

(a) Definitions.

As used in this Section, the following words and phrases have the meanings set forth herein:

Act means The Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, Public Act No. 256 of 2011, MCL 28.451 et seq., as amended.

APA standard 87-1 means 2001 APA standard 87-1, standard for construction and approval for transportation of fireworks, novelties, and theatrical pyrotechnics, published by the American pyrotechnics association of Bethesda, Maryland.

Articles pyrotechnic means pyrotechnic devices for professional use that are similar to consumer fireworks in chemical composition and construction but not intended for consumer use, that meet the weight limits for consumer fireworks but are not labeled as such, and that are classified as UN0431 or UN0432 under 49 CFR 172.101.

Consumer fireworks means fireworks devices that are designed to produce visible effects by combustion, that are required to comply with the construction, chemical composition, and labeling regulations promulgated by the United States consumer product safety commission under 16 CFR parts 1500 and 1507, and that are listed in APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.1.3, or 3.5. Consumer fireworks does not include low-impact fireworks.

Display fireworks means large fireworks devices that are explosive materials intended for use in fireworks displays and designed to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration, or detonation, as provided in 27 CFR 555.11, 49 CFR 172, and APA standard 87-1, 4.1.

Firework or fireworks means any composition or device, except for a starting pistol, a flare gun, or a flare, designed for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. Fireworks consists of consumer fireworks low-impact fireworks, articles pyrotechnic, display fireworks, and special effects.

Low-impact fireworks means ground and handheld sparking devices as that phrase is defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.1, 3.1.1.1 to 3.1.1.8, and 3.5.

National holiday means New Year's Day (January 1); Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr (third Monday in January); Washington's Birthday (third Monday in February); Memorial Day (last Monday in May); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (first Monday in September); Columbus Day (second Monday in October); Veterans Day (November 11); Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November); and Christmas Day (December 25).

Novelties means that term as defined under APA standard 87-1, 3.2, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, and 3.2.5 and all of the following:

- (i) Toy plastic or paper caps for toy pistols in sheets, strips, rolls, or individual caps con-



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taining not more than .25 of a grain of explosive content per cap, in packages labeled to indicate the maximum explosive content per cap.

(ii) Toy pistols, toy cannons, toy canes, toy trick noisemakers, and toy guns in which toy caps as described in subparagraph (i) are used, that are constructed so that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion, and that are not designed to break apart or be separated so as to form a missile by the explosion.

(iii) Flitter sparklers in paper tubes not exceeding 1/8 inch in diameter.

(iv) Toy snakes not containing mercury, if packed in cardboard boxes with not more than 12 pieces per box for retail sale and if the manufacturer's name and the quantity contained in each box are printed on the box; and toy smoke devices.

Special Effects means a combination of chemical elements or chemical compounds capable of burning independently of the oxygen of the atmosphere and designed and intended to produce an audible, visual, mechanical, or thermal effect as an integral part of a motion picture, radio, television, theatrical, or opera production or live entertainment.

(b) General prohibitions; exception. No person shall ignite, discharge, or use fireworks within the Township at any time, except that:

- (1) Fireworks may be discharged in strict compliance with any permit issued by the Township in accordance with the Act;
- (2) Consumer fireworks may be discharged only on the day before, the day of, and the day after, a National holiday; and
- (3) This subsection (b) shall not apply to low impact fireworks.

(c) Additional prohibitions.

- (1) Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used on public property (including without limitation public parks, streets, and rights-of-way), school property, church property, or the private property of another, without the express written permission from the person or entity legally in possession and control of that property to undertake such action.
- (2) Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or a combination of both.
- (3) Low impact fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or a combination of both.

(d) Novelties not regulated.

This Section does not apply to novelties.

(e) Civil infraction; penalties; seizure of fireworks and payment of costs.

A violation of this article shall constitute a municipal civil infraction, subject to the relief provided under Section 1-9, and in addition to the fines set forth under said Section 1-9, if an enforcing official determines that a violation of this Section has occurred, the official may seize the fireworks as evidence of such violation and payment personnel under the Act or this Section in securing, seizing, storing, and disposing of fireworks that are in violation of the Act or this Section shall be the responsibility of all persons found guilty, responsible, or liable for the violation. In recognition that the actual costs incurred by the Township and/or law enforcement personnel will include having the personnel, equipment, and facilities necessary to store fireworks in compliance with the Act and other laws and regulations, costs to be paid shall be determined in accordance with rates and methods established by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees.

Section 2 of Ordinance, Repealer.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3 of Ordinance, Severability.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

Section 4 of Ordinance, Savings.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 5 of Ordinance, Effective Date.

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 6 of Ordinance, Enactment.

This Ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting called and held on the 2nd day of October, 2012 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

CERTIFICATION

It is certified that the ordinance set forth above was duly adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting duly called and held on the 13th day of November, 2012.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

By: Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC, Township Clerk

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