Happy Thanksgiving Clarkston!

# Ford Fed bo

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Clarkston's gridiron heroes fought through snow and cold to make history, as they sealed the deal for the school's first trip to Ford Field, beating Carman-Ainsworth, 61-26.

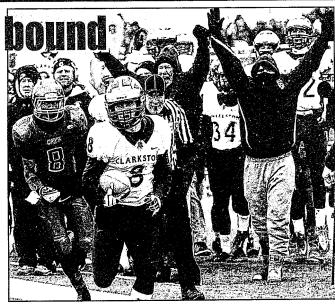
"It was great," said long-time head coach Kurt Richardson. "It was very satisfying to watch them as they had made school history and had fun afterwards. It was cool."

"It was an awesome game," added Tony Miller, defensive coordinator. "It was a very special moment in Clarkston Football history. It was cold and nasty day and the kids came to play. They wanted to be the team who would go the farthest."

The Wolves are heading to the Division 1 MHSAA Football State Finals, Saturday, to take on Novi Detroit Catholic Central (11-2). Novi defeated Cass Tech in their semifinal game, 28-0.

"They are a very good football team," Richardson said. "They have an outstanding power running game. They play great defense. They are very solid."

He added the Wolves will have to be more Please see Ford Field on page 11



D.J. Rogers recovers a Carman-Ainsworth fumble caused by teammate Reid Kaminski, to the delight of coaches and fans, in Saturday's MHSAA Football Semifinal game. The Wolves won, 61-26 and head to Ford Field this Saturday. For the story, please see page 10. Photo by John Azzopardi

# Water and sewer funds face deficits

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Residents may be tapped to pay for a \$2.3 million water-budget shortage in Independence Township.

That's one solution considered by Township Board to make up the deficit in the 2014 water budget.

The township will also lower spending, increase revenue, and draw from its fund balance, said Supervisor Pat Kittle.

"The one thing that is not in any of these numbers is McLaren," said Kittle. "That's the big wild card right now that might make this 
Inn projects coming to the township which look wonderful."

If McLaren builds a location at Sashabaw and Bow Point additional revenue will be added to the budget through water and sewer tap in fees.

The water fund deficit will also draw net assets in the water fund down from \$26 million down to \$25 million.

Kittle said there are some things the township has identified for 2014 that could increase revenues including \$300,000 in funds associated with a county project, a Comfort

could add another \$90,000 and another project which may possibly add another \$200,000 in revenues to the water budget.

Kittle said in the end the fund balance is going to look a lot better than it does in the current projections.

Costs associate with repair projects must be completed, and if repairs are not completed on time, things can start rusting and get extremely expensive, he said.

Budget analyst Rick Yaeger reviewed the Please see Deficits on page 20

# Beacon of hope

BYANDREAM. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

"I doubt anyone, when they are young, think when I grow up I want to visit the food pantry," said Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston Manager Connie Stapleton.

While Lighthouse also has a location in Pontiac, the Sashabaw Road office is the only official food bank in Independence Township and serves mostly northern Oakland County residents in need of emergency assistance.

In addition to a food pantry, Lighthouse also helps with emergency assistance with rent, utilities, prescription drug costs and other types of emergencies.

"Many people don't realize that Oakland County has pockets of poverty," said Stapleton. "We often have people that come in and have not eaten in two or three

Stapleton said they serve many residents in Independence Township.

Although many people are embarrassed they may have to seek help, Stapleton said staff at the Lighthouse always keep in mind that it could be them that needs help someday.

Financial hardships occur because of a variety of reasons.

Many people are on disability, don't work enough hours work, are unemployed or have a felony record which often prevents them from getting a job.

No matter what the cause, a limited budget leaves families and individuals unable to afford much after paying expenses like rent, utilities and gas.

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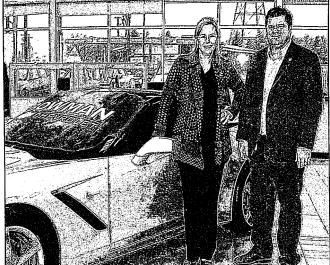
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Katie Bowman Coleman, dealer principal of Bowman Chevrolet, and Brent Wirth, president and CEO of Easter Seals Michigan, are hosting Cheers to the Holidays, Dec. 6. Photo by Phil Custodio

# Party at Bowman's for Easter Seals

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

John Bowman Chevrolet hosts the second annual Cheers to the Holidays for Easter Seals Michigan.

"This is a great cause," said Katie Bowman Coleman, dealer principal. "Clarkston is a community like no other. It has a big heart."

The dealership, founded by the late John Bowman, has supported Easter Seals for decades and was a major sponsor at last year's inaugural Cheers to the Holidays. Katie, John's daughter, stepped up to host this year, said Brent Wirth of Clarkston, president and CEO of Easter Seals Michigan.

"John was a big supporter of Easter Seals, such a philanthropist," Wirth said. "We are proud to find a great community partner like John Bowman Chevrolet to team up with for this event. It will be a great way for us to celebrate the holidays as well as perpetuate the Easter Seals mission of providing service and support to those with disabilities and their families."

"It's to raise money to help families and individuals with special needs. This is a fun way to do that," Katie said. "My sister was helped by Easter Seals – my family never forgot that."

Showrooms and service areas will be decked out in Christmas decorations for attendees, who will enjoy a strolling dinner and sampling of high end wine and craft beer at the dealership, 6750 Dixie Highway, 7-10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6.

The event will feature live music by acclaimed singer/songwriter Jason Wagner and a raffle. Items include four rounds of

golf at the Grand Hotel, Pistons gift pack including game tickets and autographed jersey, Kenneth Cole bag valued at \$810, art pieces, and jewelry.

"There are some amazing items," Katie aid.

"An amazing variety," Wirth said. "A lot of it comes from the community – people wanted to be a part of it. This is a very giving community."

Tickets are \$35 each or two tickets for a discounted price of \$50. They are available at www.essmichigan.org and space is limited.

Funds raised at this event will go towards the life-changing programs offered at Easter Seals Michigan. These services help local individuals who have disabilities or special needs, and their families, to live better lives, Wirth said.

"In the season of giving, this is the perfect way to make the season a little bit brighter for someone else," he said.

This event is made possible thanks to sponsors like Oak Electric, Zara Creative, PCE Systems. Easter Seals Michigan is a nonprofit provider of services for individuals with mental illnesses, emotional impairments, autism, developmental disabilities and other special needs.

"Easter Seals has been serving Michigan for over 93 years by being innovative and addressing the needs of our community," Wirth said. "This event will allow us to raise funds for those we serve and also celebrate this time of the year with those community members that help support our mission."

For more information, contact Easters Seals Michigan at 800-75-SEALS or visit www.essmichigan.org.



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#### Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

#### Thanks to runners

I have lots to be thankful for this Thanksgiving 2013, the year I decided to get myself in decent shape for some reason.

Folks here at the office say I should have made some sort of campaign out of my weight loss (85 pounds so far!), with before and after pictures, stories, and such.

I didn't expect much of it to happen, though, over the last year. It started as a New Year's

resolution. Eat less, get in shape, blah blah blah.

But I kept with it. Thanks to everyone who provided encouragement and positive comments!

I somehow became a runner, too, rather than the jog-walker I had been in previous weight-loss endeavors.

I ran the whole race in the Clarkston State Bank Half Marathon, with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes, and some seconds. I'm thankful to all the folks cheering us on, and fellow runners, especially one who was moving to pass me on the final stretch up Washington Street. She made me go faster, letting me come in a few seconds under 2:13, which in turn lets me cite the 2:12 time.

This is a great improvement on previous performances. It's more than an hour faster than my time in the 2008 Brooksie Way, and the pace is about 50 percent faster than any of the 10-mile Crim races I completed.

I'm also thankful for the Wolfpack running club, who let me train with them a couple times. That paid off big. When I got to the Dark Lake neighborhood hills near the end of the race, I was ready for them — others weren't, I noticed.

I'm still running, which is also a first for me. I usually take a break from any kind of running after a big race, through the winter, into spring, sometimes into summer before I'd even consider hitting the track again.

It's a bit cold, but the Army taught me how to deal with that. Below freezing? Wear your track suit, hat and gloves and you'll be alright.

The half marathon isn't Clarkston's only running event, of course. Angel Place Race is set for the spring. I covered it before, but never took part. I plan to this time. Which event, the 5K or 10K? Ten, of course!

# Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

### Get your Christmas cookies at gift fair

Dear Editor.

Family and baking is a big deal during the holidays. Special recipes come out and we take time to bake them together. In my family, that means three generations getting together to bake my grandmother's favorite cookie recipes.

As members of Clarkston United Methodist Church, we also bake cookies for the UMW Cookie sale during the Alternative Christmas Gift Fair, Dec. 7-8.

There are great selections of cookies all homemade with love. They are sold by the pound and they go quick! This year we plan on baking one of our family favorites – Christmas shortbread. Please come by and get yourself a box full of wonderful treats that light up any holiday get together – Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

All profits benefit people in need locally,

nationally and globally. Come join us and buy meaningful Christmas gifts for your family and loved ones, and stock up on Christmas cookies.

For more information contact Cheryl Kelly at ckelly@clarkstonumc.org, 248-625-1611

Here's my recipe for shortbread cookies! Ingredients: 4 cups flour, ½ cup Oleo, ½ cup of butter, 1 cup confectioners sugar, ½ tea of salt, 1 tea. of both grated lemon and orange peel. Sprinkles to decorate. Sift flour, salt, sugar, cream in shortening. Knead like dough. Chill. Place between two sheets of wax paper and roll to ¼ thickness. Cut into shapes. Brush with egg white and water mix. Cover with sprinkles. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes. Makes 5 doz small cookies.

Cheryl Kelly Clarkston United Methodist Church

# Thanks for supporting Blessings program

Dear Editor

On behalf of all of the members of the Clarkston area Blessings in a backpack, I would like to thank the community for their donations and the any raffle tickets that were purchased at Thursday's Clarkston Area Chamber Best of the Best Business and Community Expo.

I would also like to thank the community businesses that donated items included in the backpack; Coach's Corner, Lisa's Confection Connection, Rudy's Market, Neiman's family market and the Wolves Den at CHS.

Blessings in a Backpack is a "neighborhelping- neighbor" program that is designed to help meet the nutritional needs of children and families.

Each week, volunteers, in cooperation with school officials, distribute backpacks filled

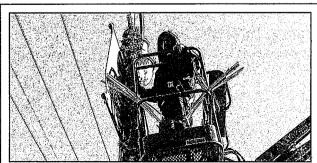
with enough non-perishable food for the weekend (six meals) to "at-risk" students. These students are participants in the government subsidized free or reduced fee hot lunch program.

The goal of the Blessings in a Backpack program is to keep these students from going hungry on weekends and remove barriers to academic success.

Thanks to the generous support of the community we are now able to provide this much needed service into all of the buildings in the Clarkston Community School family.

Thank you again to our generous business owners for their donations and to the members of the community who continue to support the children in our community.

Leanne Moore BIAB representative



DOWNTOWN DECOR: Clarkston DPW workers decorate downtown light poles for the season. *Photo by Andrea Beaudoin* 

#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

#### 15 years ago - 1998

"Fire damages Independence Twp. home" A gas fire cause by leaking snow-mobile fuel significantly damaged a home in Independence Township. A Wood Land Drive resident was working on his snowmobile in the family garage and didn't notice a leak in the fuel line. When he tried to start the motor, it backfired and the gas ignited.

"Interpreter brightens the holidays" What began as learning more about sign language turned into a rewarding career for Clarkston resident Kim Willett. Twenty years after the interest began show theatre's classic "A Christmas Carol," where Willett and two others would be intrepreting for the deaf.

"Power play goals give Wolves win"
Allen Park rallied from a 3-0 deficit against
Clarkston's hockey team to score two
goals in the final period. But weren't able
to tie as the Wolves cleared the puck out
of their defensive zone to keep it from
happening. The Wolves won 3-2 with
goals from Jon Bemis, Adam Leech and
Steve Janowiak.

#### 25 years ago - 1988

"Holly owners buy Pine Knob ski area" Mark Tibbitts, the new general manager of Pine Knob Ski Resort, said nothing would change in operations for the season after Mount Holly Ski Area bought Pine Knob. He added additions were planned for the years ahead.

"Fire engine woes surface during bid discussion" The purchase of a \$53,630 Ford fire rescue truck sparked discussion over gasoline engines in two of the Independence Township Fire Department's existing fire trucks.

"Local boy captures role of Tiny Tim"
Two Springfield Township children were preparing to help bring "A Christmas Carol" to the stage at Meadow Brook Theatre. Nine-year-old Chad Holmes was chosen to portray Tiny Tim Crachit in the Charles Dickens classic. He brother, 7-year-old Bryan, had several smaller roles.

#### 50 years ago - 1963

"Farewell to a great man - President Kennedy" Residents bid their farewells, mourned and gave tribute to President John F. Kennedy during the National Day of Mourning, Nov. 25.

"Local news" Mr. and Mrs. George Craven and family joined the Frank Lovejoys at their Eastlawn Dr. home for Thanksgiving dinner.

# Of Noah, healthcare, beans and the gridiron

"Why couldn't they play cards on the ark?" "Because Noah stood on the deck."

---0--I hear there's a clause in Obamacare that makes doctors sterilize needles before giving a lethal injection. Cost: \$15 million.

Economists have forecast nine out of the last five recessions.

It ain't my fault America. I was on the golf course at the time.

My therapist suggested when my mind wasn't exploding with an idea that I leaf through a family photo album. I have them all categorized by year. Recently, I chose 1996-1999.

If you feel like taking a backward look, beware, it's not all rewarding.

The pictures of Grandma Hazel holding and cuddling her new grandchildren warmed my heart.

But seeing the pictures of so many friends I have lost in what I see as a short period of time, was a downside of photo-album viewing.

A picture reminded me of a memorable gift when I paid for hot air balloon rides around Oxford. I wanted to be with them, but that basket was quickly filled. They loved the ride. I watched.

More pictures from those "after child bearing years,"

photos showing us mature with like-friends, when we were comfortable enough to take time from work and before we entered the "got to plan for the future years"

were great. Jim's My family album viewing was domi-**Jottings** nated more by feeling down than up. Probably something about aging.

---0---So, back to the Reader's Digest which has three ways to stop beans from causing gas:

\* When slowcooking pinto beans, add a carrot. When the beans are halfcooked, rinse and discard the carrot. Add more water and a new carrot. Finish cooking pinto beans.

\* Add a pinch of ginger while cook-

ing pinto beans.

\* Add a pinch of baking soda while cooking beans. ---0---

With football season in full swing, it would be very negligent of me to not tell you of my high school football experience.

It's so exciting!

Don't

Rush Me

A column by

Don Rush

First of all, high schools in my area of Michigan (Shiawasse County) didn't have 11 boys. So, towns like Byron, New Lothrup, Vernon, Laingsburg, Gaines and

my team of Morrice took up 6-man football.

Our 3-man line had a center and two ends. The back has two halfbacks and a quarterback. For any play but a pass play the ball had to be handled twice in the backfield . . .

Being six foot-four and afraid of getting hurt, I was named quarterback. Of course, I could see over everyone else. Like today, our games started after school on Fridays. Unlike today's standing-room only filled high school stadiums, cheering us on were a couple dogs and some parents. Very few. Parents had more important obligations.

The only way a quarterback got to carry the ball was when the center flipped it to a halfback who threw it to him. Our halfbacks were so ball hungry and short they'd throw the ball to a fellow halfback.

Also on our schedule was the school for the blind in Lansing. There was an unwritten rule when playing this school there would be no passing plays called. It would be unfair. During our one game against the school for the blind that I remember, our coach called for a pass play.

It is also the only game I remember Morrice High School winning.

After reading this, a cynical friend said the Detroit Lions have been recruiting from the Lansing school for

# Humility, gratitude all part of Thanksgiving

I'm always grateful folks take time out their lives to read the drivil I pump out. I am amazed when asked to rerun a specific column. That said, a reader asked for a Thanksgiving column. I've penned lots of Thanksgiving columns in 28-plus years, but I think it might be this one. Before I get to that, take time to reflect on the little things you have been blessed with. Eyes to read, a mind to comprehend, the heart to empathize and the opportunities to

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

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

"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

"The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings." -- Eric Hoffer

"The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving." -- H.U. Westermayer

"To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven," -- Johannes A. Gaertner

"God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say, thank you?" -- William A. Ward "Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone." - GB.

"There is no such thing as gratitude unexpressed. If it is unexpressed, it is plain, old-fashioned ingratitude."--Robert Brault

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

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.

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.

Forbid that I should judge others,

And though age and infirmity overtake 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 are good and sweet; And may the evening's twilight find me gentle still. --Max Ehrmann (1872 - 1945)



a column by Jim Sherman

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# **Public Safety**

For Clarkston and Independence Township

#### Domestic assault

A 22-year-old Warren man was arrested for domestic assault and malicious destruction of property after he broke a glass table and cell phone, and punched in the face his girlfriend, a 21-year-old Willowpark resident, 12 a.m., Nov. 14.

#### Identity theft

Someone opened an Ebay Bill Me Later account in the name of an Independence Township resident, charging \$390 to Ebay, Nov. 15. The identity thief also tried to open two credit cards, and placed a \$65.95 order for grape seed diet supplements.

#### Unlocked car taken

A car parked behind a business in the 6000 block of Sashabaw Road unlocked with the keys inside was reportedly stolen, Nov. 15.

#### Afterhours fire

A deputy was dispatched to an afterhours fire in the 5000 block of Timber Ridge Trail, 6:48 p.m., Nov. 16. The resident, who was told burning hours were up at 6 p.m., put out the smoldering fire.

#### Walker hit

Someone called 911 to report a pedestrian hit by a car, 6:04 p.m., Nov. 16, at S. Main and W. Washington streets in Clarkston. The pedestrian reportedly got up and chased the car that hit him. The deputy was unable to locate the car or victim.

#### School skippers

Four teenagers were caught climbing the former Clarkston Cinema building on Dixie Highway, 10:46 a.m., Nov. 18. The teens, which included two 16-year-old Independence Township girls, 17-year-old Independence Township boy, and 18-year-old Waterford man, said they were skipping school to find somewhere to "parkour." Deputies notified their parents and school.

#### Suspicious sellers

A Perry Lake Road resident called police to report a suspicious solicitor, 5:41 p.m., Nov. 19. The seller asked to be let into the house, and left in a black S-10 pickup after the resident declined, without going to any other houses.

A Maybee Road resident called police to report a suspicious solicitor, 3:22 p.m., Nov. 21. He had asked questions about the house and if the resident had any dogs. The window seller, a 29-year-old Novi man, was located and cited for soliciting without a permit.

#### Off duty stop

An off-duty deputy said he was forced out of his lane by another motorist on southbound I-75, 11:41 p.m., Nov. 20. The officer called it in and followed the other driver, who was driving erratically, to a closed gas station on M-15. The driver, a 32-year-old Rochester Hills woman, told a responding deputy she didn't remember forcing a car out of its lane, and had panicked when she realized she was being followed. She was found not to be under the influence of drugs nor alcohol, and advised to call 911 if she felt she was being followed.

#### Repeat burner

A deputy and Independence Township firefighter responded to a burn complaint on Balmoral Terrace and Parview Drive, 4:51 p.m., Nov. 20. The resident was burning a large pile of leaves on a nonburn day.

Officers were called back to the 6000 block of Balmoral for a burn complaint, 4:21 p.m., Nov. 21, and found a large pile of leaves burning with no one around. The resident was inside taking a shower. He admitted the fire department told him not to burn. He was cited by the fire marshal.

#### Jewelry gone

Jewelry was reported stolen from a home in the 8000 block of Caribou Trail, Nov. 21. The resident said painters had been hired to work in the basement.

#### Pellet shooter caught

Deputies arrested a 20-year-old Independence Township man for shooting at a residents in the 4000 block of Oakvista with a pellet gun, 1:10 a.m., Nov. 22. A resident heard shots hit the front door, and a neighbor was able to provide a description of the shooters' vehicle. Deputies searched the area, found a vehicle fitting the description, looked inside and saw pellets from a pellet gun in plain view. They also noticed fresh grass in the vehicle wheel wells where it had apparently driven over the lawn of the victim's home. No injuries were reported. The owner of the vehicle was identified and admitted to being out in the car. He was brought to Independence Township sub-station for further investigation. After being interviewed by a detective, the subject was lodged at the Oakland County Jail. Investigation continues.

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Clarkston 61, Flint Carman Ainsworth 26

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Friday	08-31-13	Rochester Adams	Away	12-7 loss
Friday	09-03-13	West Bloomfield	Away	41-18 win
Friday	09-13-13	Rochester	Away	34-13 win
Friday	09-20-13	Troy Athens	Home	51-0 win
Friday	09-27-13	Stoney Creek	Home	42-7 win
Friday	10-04-13	Pontiac	Away	41-14 win
Friday	10-11-12	Troy	Away	42-0 win
Friday	10-18-13	Lake Orion	Home	49-28 win
Friday	10-25-13	OAA Crossover Game	TBA	20-10 win

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Merrick Canada grabs a hold of Carman Ainsworth's ball carrier. Photo by Kay Pearson



Ian Eriksen gains some yardage.

# Sporting News

#### This Saturday ...

The gridiron heroes head to Ford Field for the MHSAA Football State Finals, 1 p.m.

# State finals against Novi

Continued from page 1

physical than they were against Carman-Ainsworth.

"I keep telling them that – every week gets more physical," Richardson said. "We are going to have to stop them from controlling the clock. We are going to have to put some points on the board."

"They always say defense wins championships," Miller added. "If our defense can show up and play we have a chance to win a state championship. They will have a tough task at hand, no doubt about it. It's a very good program they have executed very well. They are very sound. We have to be very sound on the defensive end of the ball. We can't be blocked. You have to make tackles. They have won 10 state championships and it shouldn't matter on Saturday. We play to win."

Senior running back Ian Eriksen led the team against Carman Ainsworth, scoring six touchdowns. His first was less than two minutes into the game on a 6-yard touchdown. It followed the Wolves' recovery of a fumble on Carman-Ainsworth's 27-yard line.

Junior quarterback DJ Zezula kept the boys in the lead, scoring on a 1-yard run with 2:04 left in the first quarter, putting the score 15-6.

Clarkston defense stopped the Cavaliers on their fourth down on the Wolves' 5-yard line. They went on a 96-yard touchdown run with Eriksen finishing it on a 8-yard touchdown run, 23-6.

By the time the first half finished Eriksen had scored four touchdowns and on four 2-point conversions.

"Ian had an unbelievable day," Richardson said, adding the entire offensive line had a great day and did a great job. "They did a tremendous job. All of those kids – Griffin Barta, a kid who never gets a lot of credit, Lance Linton, they both did a good job. Chris Trimmer, who stepped in and Adam Matich, Nick Matich and Cole Chewins, blocking."

Senior runningback Jason McCowan finished the game with the final touchdown for the Wolves with a 5-yard run in the fourth quarter.

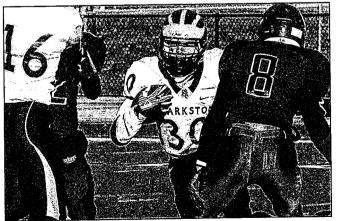
"We played exceptionally well," Richardson added. "For as cold as it was they played pretty darn good football."

Eriksen rushed the ball for 368 yards on 49 carries, including five 2-point conversion. Senior wide receiver Caine Watlington rushed the ball six times for 35 yards. Senior kicker Shane Hynes was 3-for-3 on PATs.

Senior linebacker Quinn Montgomery led defense with six tackles while senior defensive tackle Taylor Winiger and senior defensive back Jacob Armstrong had four tackles each. Senior defensive back Reid Kaminski had three tackles and one interception, his fourth during the playoff run.

"Reid had another great game," Richardson added. "He had an interception and some key tackles."

The Wolves play at 1 p.m. at Ford Field in Detroit. Tickets are \$10, covering four games on a single admission.



Nolan Eriksen side steps defenders. Photo by Larry Wright

### ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Eighth Grade Boys Open Midwest Flag Football Champions: Max Anderson, Jack Anderson, Brady Dickens, CJ Robinson, Zach Scott, Conner Heaton, Eli McLean and Nick Wells. Photo submitted

# Roaring in the league

The Clarkston Lions celebrated taking top place in their division.

They took first place in the eighth grade open division in the Ninth Annual Midwest Regional Football Championships held at Walled Lake Northern High School, Nov. 9 and 10.

They beat four teams in the division including runner-up Bloomfield Falcons. West Bloomfield Bengals finished in third place and Adams Butzel Lions finished in fourth

"The boys played great all weekend," said co-coach Dave Dickens. "They made it to the finals by winning in overtime."

All of the players except one plays tackle football in Clarkston.

The boys did not play flag football during the season but did for the tournament.

Players Max Anderson, Brady Dickens,

CJ Robinson, Zach Scott, Connor Heaton, Eli McLean and Nick Wells are eighth graders at Clarkston Junior High School. Jack Anderson is a seventh grader at Sashabaw Middle School. They were coached by Mike Anderson and Dave Dickens. The Lions also won the championship in sixth grade but fell short in seventh grade.

"They really rose to the occasion this year," Dickens added, "Especially when Brady Dickens sacked the quarterback on the last play of overtime to seal the victory. It was a complete team effort and everyone played a significant role in this huge win."

There were 121 teams from across the country at the championships vying for 12 titles.

"Congratulations boys for being the top team in the midwest two out of three years," Dickens said.



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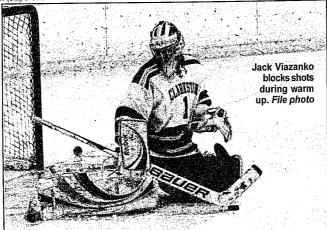
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# o undefeated season

Icers are off to a successful start after a huge win over Northville and Walled Lake Western after the Metro Invitational Show-

Wolves' Head Coach Bryan Krygier knew he would have a good skating squad this year with a total of twelve seniors in the lineup, but molding them into a consistent high caliber of play would be his task.

Fortunately, a few leaders emerged proving to help achieve Krygier's goals as the Clarkston Varsity Hockey team kicked off with

The leaders are senior Captain Garrett Polish, who is one third of the high goal production line of fellow; seniors Chase Weideman and Jacob LaPorte.

Holding off in the net are senior netminders, Jack Viazanko and Nick Surovec. Viazanko has made two amazing appearances, allowing only three goals and sporting a .963 save percentage. They are joined this season by newcomer, Dylan Smith to round out the puck stopping trio.

The Wolves have already been tested with senior goalie Jack Viazanko emerging with a pair stellar performances against Berkley-Ferndale, in the OAA Red Division opener, and Northville, in the Novi Metro Invitational Showcase, held this past weekend.

Berkley-Ferndale was moved, this season, into the Red Division. They proved to be a handful for the Wolves taking a 3-2 lead into the final period on Nov. 20.

Drake Gentile drove home the tying goal to notch the 3-3 tie. Gentile is also the early season scoring leader with six goals in his first three outings.

The Wolves headed to the Metro Invitational Showcase. The annual matchup is between squads from the Oakland Activities Association and hosted by the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, at the Novi Ice

The Wolves opened with Walled Lake

Western last Friday with a slow first period, but emerged with a 3-2 lead on goals by seniors Roman Reiner, Polish and Weideman.

Krygier adjusted, shortened his bench and the scorers responded by exploding for three goals in the second period and tallied four more in the final stanza, for a 10-2 final.

"We were very undisciplined in the first period, but once we got back to basics the goals started to come," Krygier said.

Gentile lead all scorers garnering the first hat trick of the young season with Weideman and Polish adding their second of the night, along with scores from Carter Rea and LaPorte.

Clarkston went on to take on a perennial powerhouse Northville on Saturday and won

Over the first two periods, the Wolves poured 39 shots on the Mustang's netmider, Chase Boutin, when Wolves senior forward, Alex Propson drilled home his first of the season from linemate, Roman Reiner.

The dominated play both offensively and defensively, not allowing a Mustang shot on goal for nearly seven minutes into the first

The third period put Viazanko to the test, as he turned away 29 Mustang shots to register the shutout. Drake Gentile added an insurance goal at the 7:58 mark remaining in the third from Rea and Kamren Huizenga to close out the scoring and give the shutout to

The Wolves overcame a two man shortage in the third, as well as the extra attacker on the ice, when Northville pulled Boutin for nearly two minutes.

Clarkston is home this week as they host their annual Thanksgiving Classic at Detroit Skating Club, 888 Denison Court, Bloomfield

They play South Lyon on Friday at 5 p.m. The classic continues on Saturday, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

# Top in the state

Clarkston Girls Swim & Dive team took eighth place at the Division 1 swim championships last week at Oakland University with 112 points.

Mercy, Saline and Ann Arbor Skyline took the first three spots at the meet.

For relay events: Kathryn Culver, CJ Hughes, Megan and Sami Stelpflug took seventh in the 400-yard freestyle relay. The 200-yard medley relay team of Ceren Ege, Sami, Natalie Vela and Culver took 12th place, 1:48.88; 200-yard freestyle relay team of Ege, Hughes, Emma Barnes and Megan took 12th, 1:40.01.

Culver finished in third place in the 50-yard freestyle, 24.18 and in eighth place in the 100-yard freestyle event,

Sami took sixth place in the 100-yard breaststroke, 1:06.22. Sami also took seventh place in the 200-yard IM, 2:06.13 and Ege finished in 13th place,

Megan finished in eighth place in the 500-yard freestyle, 5:10.7 and in 16th place in the 200-yard freestyle.

The girls finished the season undefeated in the OAA Red.

# Winter leagues

Clarkston High School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Fife, his coaching staff, and players teach all they know at the 32nd Annual McGrath League.

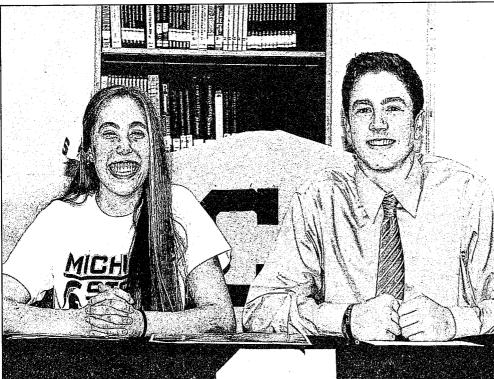
The Saturday league is open to boys in 3rd to 8th grade and will run for 11 weeks beginning Dec. 7.

The cost is \$110 for the first child and \$95 for an additional child from the same family. The cost includes a league basketball T-shirt.

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

The league runs for nine weeks beginning Dec. 7. The cost of \$95, and includes a league basketball T-shirt.

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



Lexi Baylis and Nathan Morris sign their letters of intent for Michigan State University. Photo by Wendi Reardon

# Seniors heading to Michigan State

#### BY WENDIREARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lexi Baylis and Nathan Morris are trading their blue and gold in next fall for green and white after signing their letters of intent for Michigan State University, Nov. 15.

"I am really excited," Baylis smiled. "Michigan State is the school for me. I wouldn't want to be going anyplace else."

Baylis will become a Lady Spartan after her last spring with the Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Tennis team.

"It was the school," she explained about her choice. "It was the tean. It was the coaches. It was the overall atmosphere. It had everything I wanted in a college."

Baylis looked at a lot of Big Ten colleges as well as Ivy League schools but her heart led her back to Michigan State.

She added she has been going to Michigan State games since she was seven days old so the campus was already familiar.

"I have been on the campus a lot and I have been trained a lot over there," Baylis said. "It was just after visiting there so many times and visiting other schools it was really clear to me MSU was the place for me."

While she is at Michigan State University she will study engineering, explaining she enjoys math and science.

She began playing tennis 13 years ago, beginning with the country club league at Oakhurst Golf and Country Club.

It was there she met her future assistant high school coaches, Mary Jo Colonna.

"She started teaching me when I was five," Baylis said, adding the Clarkston Tennis program has also helped her.

"Clarkston has been great," she said. "The team has been one of my favorite aspect of tennis. The girls really made me a better person not only a better tennis player but a better person."

Through Clarkston Baylis has faced tough competition not only in the league and the county but throughout the state as the team has qualified for the state finals since she was a freshman and they have finished in the top three each time.

"It has definitely helped," she added.
"Playing good players has definitely helped to improve. But I focus on getting better every single day."

Morris hasn't played with the Clarkston Baseball Program yet because he moved here from Oxford at the beginning of the school year. But he is excited to be a Wolf.

"I am hoping Clarkston will help prepare me," he said, adding playing in the Oakland County community has helped as he played for Oxford and the Oakland Bulldogs, out of Bloomfield during the summer.

He didn't play last season because of an injury but this year he is ready to be back on the mound as a pitcher.

"I am really excited," he smiled. "I finally get to play high school baseball again."

Morris choice Michigan State University out of the eight other schools he looked at because it felt like a family when he visited.

"They were really welcoming," he added.
"I enjoyed the campus and it's close to home."
When he begins in the fall he will study criminal justice.

"I want to go into law enforcement," Morris said. "It is something different everyday."

He began playing baseball with T-Ball when he was young and admitted he wasn't very good. Over the years he got better as he grew and started getting stronger.

For his senior year with the Wolves, he hopes to help them get to the state finals and win the state championship.

"It is a number one goal," he said. Baylis begins her fourth year with the varsity tennis team and hopes to help them to get to states for the fourth consecutive year.

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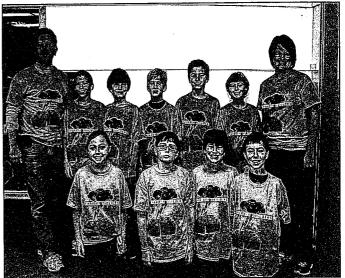
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Dom and the Twister Sisters, Team 8553 from Springfield Plains Elementary, competed in the ThunderQuest tournament in Sterling Heights. The team won the Rookie Team Award.



The Thunder Builders from Springfield Plains Team 8556, back row, coach Patrick Zelinski, Jacob Andres, Evan Bennett, Nolan Gergar, Ethan Haiss, Matthew Carson, and coach Lisa Haiss; and front row, Rachel Andres, Braedan Groff, Evan King, and Jacob Zelinski. The team of fifth graders participated in the ThunderQuest tournament in Sterling Heights, Nov. 16. They earned a second place award for Robot Programming.



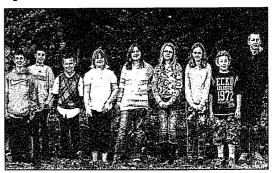
Clarkston Challenge Chasers Team 8552 from North Sashabaw Elementary, in front, Robby Spencer, Carson Funck, and Leanne Carie, and in back, Morgan Hunter, Luke Scherier, Mason Randolph, Owen Meyer, and Alex Hayward. The team competed in the Nature's Fury tournament at the Michigan Science Center. They studied tornadoes and how schools can keep kids safe. They won first place for Inspiration and a spot at the State Championships on Dec. 7.

# Lego champs

Ten Clarkston-area teams are competing in the FIRST Lego League 2013 robotics challenge Nature's Fury, where students study natural disasters.

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The teams started in late sumwith coordination, mentorship, and sponsorship by Clarkston High School's robotics team, Team RUSH 27.



Disaster Masters Team 6832, Alex Byrd, Nathan Sesti, Ben McGrath, Caleb Tharpe, Tiffani Tharpe, Cynthia Gerst, Alex Dillon, Madison MacDonald, Brandon Massey, and Tim Gerst, attended ThunderQuest in Sterling Heights. The team studied tsunamis and brought home a second place trophy for Presentation Research. Photos provided

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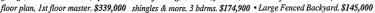


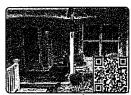
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# Confusion spreads locally over Obamacare

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

When the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare, hit Independence Township, residents shared in nationwide confusion and outrage over cancelled policies.

"We had group insurance and we were sent a letter saying we would have to pay a penalty if we did not visit the ACA website," said one Clarkston resident, who wanted to remain anonymous.

She said her family was recently notified their insurance plan was cancelled. Although the plan was not the best insurance, the family who enrolled in the policy because of being self-employed, discovered their policy price doubled in premiums and deductibles costs.

"It is neither affordable nor fair," she said. Clarkston resident Tandem Graves said she also carries a family plan due to being self-employed, and estimates she has paid \$75,000 in deductibles since enrolling.

Graves said her insurance plan was pricey and didn't cover some costs, like office visits, but it worked for her family's needs.

Like many others, Graves said she is confused about her new options, but one thing she knows for sure is her already pricey deductible will rise in price.

"I am thinking about dropping the insurance and just paying the penalty," she said.

Graves said she would rather put the cash that would be paid in premiums into a health care savings account and have that money available to cover any medical emergencies.

Across the country millions of Americans, like Graves, received a notice that their insurance has been cancelled because it does not meet minimum requirements of the ACA and getting the same plan they had before ACA went into effect would could cost double the price in deductibles and premiums.

"What it will take people to wake up is when the money starts coming out of their pocketbooks," said Annamaria Evans.

"Eventually everyone is going to be hit by healthcare costs" said Joanne Sellers Both ladies agree a national healthcare system sets the United States on the road to socialism, a type of government in which major industries, such as health care, are controlled by the government and not the people.

Both Sellers and Evans have worked to fight the ACA by protesting and attending an event in Rochester Hills presented by the 8th Congressional District with other members of the Independence Township Conservative Club.

"Goodbye freedom," said the Clarkston

"This is leading up to socialized medicine," added Evans.

All the ladies agree that the ACA is just another move by the federal government to take more control of the American people.

The Clarkston resident said she visited the website to explore healthcare options and found that the website will not provide any information until you enter all of your personal information.

"I'm just one in millions that was cancelled," she said. "We were willing and happy to pay what we were paying under their previous plan. This is America and freedom is supposed to be freedom," she said. "We should be able to make our own choices."

Americans insured through their employer were told they had to take no action under the ACA, but self-employed families with policies were the first to be canceled and forced to explore new health plans.

About 14 percent of Michigan residents are uninsured of which 476,244 are ages 19-34 years old, a population that is often health and sometimes decide they don't need insurance.

The group of ladies said a health savings plan is the way to go. Dr. James O'Neil agrees.
O'Neil expressed his opinion over the ACA in a letter to *The Clarkston News*.

"As the battle rages on about healthcare let us not lose sight of the fact that we have the greatest healthcare system in the world. So, let's not destroy it over funding," he said.

O'Neil said he believes ACA is riddled with bureaucrats and start-up costs into the hillions coupled with continued costs.

"One of the great barriers to affordable insurance is per-existing conditions and catastrophic illness due to waiting too long to be seen for fear of huge hospital bills," he said.

O'Neil said the answer to solve the healthcare dilemma is really pretty simple.

O'Neil's solution, he said, is to give mothers access to a \$1,500 health savings plan to manage health care.

O'Neil suggested the savings plan be age weighted per year per family member and they will pick the best physicians, the best hospitals and will authorize essential procedures, labs, imaging and hospitals as needed.

Like O'Neil, Evans and the anonymous resident said a health care savings plan would be a better solution.

O'Neil added that any funds left over in each family members health savings account should be rolled over into a special account with a bottom interest bearing tax free to fund senior care partially or completely as patients get older.

"Transfer the power of medicine from the government, doctor and hospital to the patients. Power to the people," said O'Neil.

O'Neil said private health care insurance companies as well as state and federal governments need to tow the line with costs.

"We also need to collect from private health insurance companies, state or federal governments \$5 to \$6 per month, per citizen, and put it in a box with a bottom interest bearing account and pay all bills over \$30,000.00 per year per person for everyone annually," said O'Neil.

By collecting the fee from those entities, O'Neil said it will help stave off bankruptcies for low income hospitals and individuals.

O'Neil said 20 to 30 percent of health care costs are related to medical malpractice.

The ACA marketplace and website www.healthcare.gov website officially opened to consumers on Oct. 1.

Part 2 on the ACA in next weeks Clarkston News

# **Briefly**

#### Lion autographs

Nate Burleson of the Detroit Lionswill be at Bonnie & Clyde, 7150 N. Main Street, to sign autographs and meet with fans, 5-7 p.m., Nov. 30. The shop is carrying his apparel line "Lion Blood."

"We are really excited to bring him to Clarkston," said owner Shari Schulz. "It's going to be super fun evening and how appropriate is it that it's Small Business Saturday!"

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#### Car raffle

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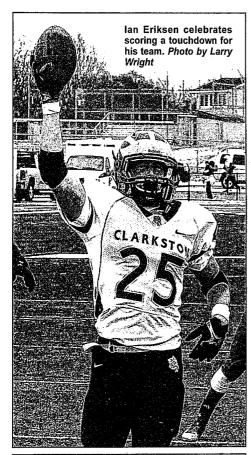
Tickets are \$50 each. A maximum of 750 tickets will be sold. If fewer than 500 tickets are sold, the raffle will revert to a 50/50 drawing. Winner need not be present. Tickets are also available at Bowman Chevrolet or email Kathy Bertolini at kbertolini@comcast.net. For more information, check www.clarkstonbandorchestra.org

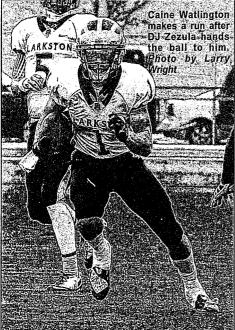
#### Correction

The story "Tax Law for Vets," Nov. 20, should have defined "Disabled Veteran" as a person who is a resident of this state and who meets one of the following criteria: determintation by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to be permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service and entitled to veterans' benefits at the 100 percent rate: has a certificate from the U.S. Veterans Administration certifying they are receiving or has received financial assistance due to disability for specially adapted housing; or has been rated by the US Department of Veterans Affairs as individually unemployable.





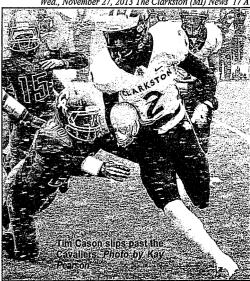


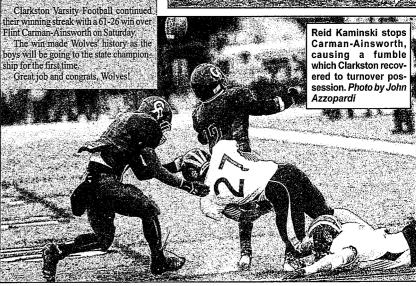




Kurt Richardson, head coach, gives the Wolves a pep talk after the game. Photo by Larry Wright

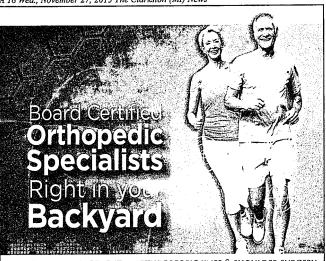
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Jan Mayer, at her home studio in Independence Township. Photos by Phil

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Proceeds from the sale of the cards go to the church Pastor's Emergency Fund to provide food, utility, housing and other assis-

"It's so kind to help those in need," said Mayer, who has been a member of the church for 25 years. "It's not just for parishioners, it's for those in need in the community."

Mayer, who lives in Independence Township, has been painting for about 40 years. She created Christmas cards as a fund-raising project for Beaumont eight years ago,

and started making them for Clarkston United Methodist Church five years ago.

The Christmas cards designed by Mayer are on sale in the church office, 6600 Waldon Road, for \$15 for a 10 pack. For more information, call 248-625-1611.

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Clarkston High School Cheerleaders don't let the cold stop them from keeping the football team going during the MHSAA Football Semifinals. Photo by Kay Pearson

# Deficits growing in sewer, water funds

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water and sewer funds with the Independence Township Board of Trustees during their Nov. 12 meeting.

"Sewer charges from the city of Detroit continues to rise," Yaeger said. "A sewer re-lining project is projected to begin in 2014."

The model that was being used in the past is broken, and we are trying to come up with a way to fix it, Yaeger told the

According to the 2014 budgets, revenues for the sewer fund will continue to decrease while expenditures associated with the system will continue to rise.

"We can see that revenues are down but that is due to an accumulation of a lot of things," said Yaeger.

Usage in the township was up \$113,000, but along with the increase in usage come expenses associated with services.

"We have things like tap in fees, interest, inter-fund interest, reimbursement insurance, all led to a \$25,000 decrease in revenues in the budget," Yaeger said. "Sewage treatment costs is something we really don't have a lot of control over.,

Treatment costs have risen 4.5 percent while expenditures have risen over \$446,000.

A grant the township will apply for in 2014 will help identify problems with the sewer mains that led to the \$446,000 increase. Yaeger said the grant may also help cover the costs associated with repairing any problems found on the sewer

Capital costs are down nearly \$700,000 for 2014. In the 2013 budget carried a \$900,000 budget for capital costs. Yaeger said there is about \$700,000 included in the \$900,000 budget that was not used including \$500,000 worth of a sewer relining project costs included in the budget but not used.

Costs for a sewer jet truck totaling \$250,000 was also include in the \$900,000 budget, but only \$50,000 of that was used to refurbish a vehicle rather than purchase a new one. An amendment to correct that number in the budget will be completed by the end of the year.

We are having a deficit situation here of \$2.2 million," said Yaeger. "It's basically drawing the net assets down from about \$24.6 million to \$22 million. Not a pretty picture at this

As costs from city of Detroit water and sewer continue to rise, operating costs also continue to rise. From 2013 to the 2014 budget there was a \$320,000 decrease in water revenues.

"The \$320,000 hit on the revenue stream there are some things we have identified in 2014 that will help that," said Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

Yager said part of the revenue decrease includes water usage being projected down.

Expenditures for the water fund are also up from the 2013 budget while capital cost in the fund are also up.

Some of the costs include a project in the township to replace some piping on Pear and Plum Streets in Independence Township which will cost \$140,000 to complete.

Yager said like the sewer fund, the water fund also has a deficit which is projected to be \$802,000.

"This \$800,000 grand we are kind of getting hit with the perfect storm," said Kittle.

The township board of trustees continued to keep rates flat in 2013, but no decision has been made in regards to 2014



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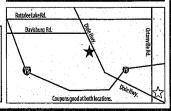
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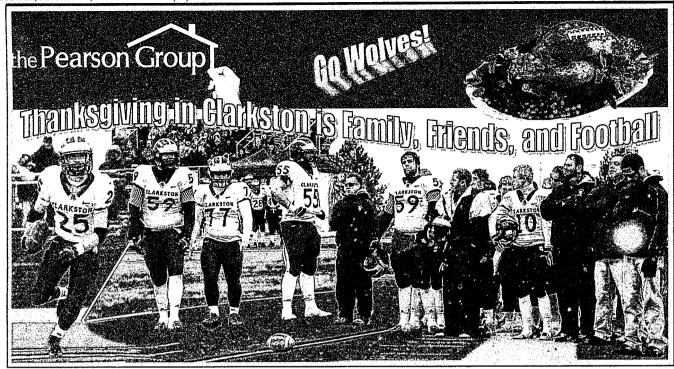
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The students don't let the cold stop them from helping the environment. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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Independence Elementary fifth graders in Mr. Klenow's class and the fourth graders in Mrs. Warner's class worked in the cold to help the environment, Nov. 22.

They collected almost 11,000 pounds of electronics to be recycled.

"We will be able to have more products," Nathan Dimmer said, explaining parts of the electronics donated will be used for new products. Erik Rosenkranz added he felt great to help out the environment and recycle.

Dimmer pointed out there is a lot of e-

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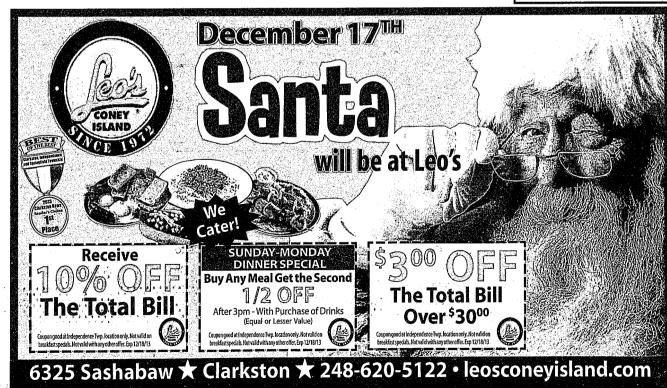
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Autograph signing, Nate Burleson of the Detroit Lions, 5-7 p.m., Nov. 30, bonnie & clyde, 7150 N. Main Street, which is carrying his apparel line "Lion Blood." 248-625-9007.

Key of Hope, 7 p.m., Dec. 4, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Non-profit group of 22 children from South Africa on tour with one stop in Clarkston, Keyofhope.org.

Cheers to the Holidays, 7-10 p.m., Dec. 6, John Bowman Chevrolet, 6750 Dixie Highway. Strolling dinner, sampling of high-end wine and craft beer. Raffle, live music. \$35, two/\$50, benefits Easter Seals Michigan. 800-75-SEALS.

Christmas Concert, Classical Bells and Shoreline Sound Chorus of the Sweet Adelines, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 6, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. \$10. 248-625-1611.

Holiday Craft Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 6; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 7, Waterford Baptist Cathedral, 2640 Airport Road. Free. 248-673-5022.

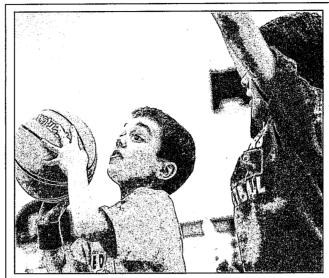
Holiday book sale, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Dec. 6-7, Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Over 1,000 books, 25 cents-\$4.

Greens Market, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 7, Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. Fresh arrangements, loose greens, wreaths, roping. 248-393-1814.

Toys for Tots Toy Drive, 2 p.m., Dec. 8, Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road, live music includes Urban

# Around Town

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



Little Dribblers Basketball, an instructional basketball league for K-second grade offered by Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors, teaches basic concepts of the game. The 8 week league will be on Saturday mornings and afternoons starting the last Saturday in January. Registration deadline is Dec. 20 – call 248-625-8223.

Nomads, Skee Brothers, Blues Conspiracy, Seize, Faze2. \$10 donation or new unwrapped toy for Marine Toys for Tots Foundation. 248-623-0444.

Piper's Holiday Concert, featuring flute player Alexander Zonjic, Thornetta Davis, Barbara Ogar Flute Choir, 3 p.m., Dec. 8, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Christmas, holiday classics for the whole family. Free will offering for Blessings in a Backpack.

Alternative Christmas Gift Fair, 9 a.m.-4

p.m., Dec. 7; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Dec. 8, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

Salute to Veterans, free luncheon for vets by Sons of American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, 12 p.m., Dec. 14 during Army/Navy game. Cash prizes at the end of each quarter, free drinks, door prizes. 248-625-9912.

Cookie Walk, Joseph C. Bird 249 OES, 4-6 p.m., Dec. 14, Clarkston Masonic Temple, 1 E. Washington Street. Cookies by the bag, §5.

#### Monday

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

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

Clarkston Area Mothers & More, 6:30-8:30 p.m., third Monday. Red Knapps restaurant. Call Shelly, 248-778-8115, or Allison, 248-462-5510

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Tuesday

Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology, 6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

Gentle Yoga with Rev. Matthew Long, Tues Please see Around Town on page 41





# Are your prepared for emergency?



Kevin Bellows

"Not as much as I should be. I am prepared mentally, but not physically."



Mike Smith -

"Oh yeah I have stuff stacked in the basement like food water, batteries and flashlights. I have all this stuff just in case of emergency."



Debby Murray -

"I would say somewhat. I know where to go in the house if a storm comes, but I do not have an emergency kit."



-Patty DeGracia -

"I have some things like candles, flashlight, water and canned goods."



Shaun Benns -

"No. I always see it on the news and think I should do it, but I always forget to do it."

By Andrea Beaudoin

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Employees at Movement in Clarkston collected thousands of food donations for Lighthouse. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

# Office contest helps food pantry

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Movement Search and Delivery, a headhunting firm in downtown Clarkston, dropped off over 3,000 pieces of food to benefit the food pantry at Lighthouse Emergency Services in Clarkston on Nov. 21.

Movement's crew of over 30 employees gathered the food to be donated while holding a contest to see which of two teams in the office could collect the most food.

This is the second year the company has held a food drive. Last year the group collected over 700 items and this year they aimed to collect 1,000.

That goal was crushed.

Movement manager Doug Scott said employees rallied friends to help out by posting messages on Facebook to help with the

drive

A competition is nothing new for movement. Scott said the team is always competing

Dubbed Team Turkey and Team Gravy, the two teams battled it out for a good cause with the winner receiving a "full spread" during a Friday afternoon office happy hour.

A day before the final deadline to collect food several of the employees made their last minute shopping trips to gather food and get a leg up on the competition. "Yesterday was a big shopping day for us," said Senior Headhunter at Movement Kevin Goebel.

Some of the food in glass jars not accepted by the lighthouse will be donated to another organization in White Lake.

Employee Dan Scott said the office was more concerned with pulling off a successful food drive rather than with the special happy hour party.

When all the food was gathered the team stacked it up on their gigantic conference table, but the table still wasn't enough to hold all the food as it spilled all over the conference room.

Staff at the Lighthouse said they were impressed with the donation they received from Movement.

"They called us just before they came and said we have three cars full of food, so we cleared off a large table in the pantry and after they dropped off the food the table and whole room was full. Movement's total donation was over 3,000 pieces of food.

"They gave us an incredible amount of food," said Lighthouse Manager Connie Stapleton.



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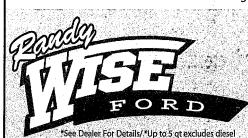
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# Religion Preaching

# Give thanks for blessings

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Matthew Long

I once knew a man that, while he was ill and bed ridden, called out to God to heal him. "I have served you well all these years, given freely to the needy, tithed to the church, helped whenever and wherever I was called. Dear God show yourself to me, heal me; please answer my prayer.

His wife cared for him. Brought him food

and medicine, anticipated his every need. His neighbors helped out, did his chores and sat with him while his wife shopped and ran errands. His children called, visited and helped out when they could. His church prayed with him for his healing.

Yet he grew ever more ill and despondent when God would not answer his prayer. He looked into the

eyes of his wife, his neighbors, his children, his prayer chaplain and saw that they cared for him. And he thought to himself, "Well, at least I am loved."

When I visited with him he shared how disappointed he was that God had not answered his prayers. He felt like God had abandoned him. I ask him to think about what he really believed about God and his relationship with God. "How would God answer your prayers?"

Most of us would like to have a God with skin on him. We want a God that would speak directly to us out of the sky, with clear directions, as we are told he did with Noah,; or a God that speaks through a burning bush that was not consumed by the fire as we are told he did with Moses; or a God who would speak directly to us and heal our afflictions as we are told he did through Jesus.

When I returned to visit with the man he shared with me his revelation. He had really thought about what he believed about God and how he had been calling out to the God of his child hood, a God he no longer believed in, a God who had skin on him. He no longer believed in a person called God but knew that God was personal to him.

He had realized that the only things he knew for sure about God was that "God is spirit" (John 4:24) and that "God is love" (1John4:8)

He also realized that this God who is spirit and love had been showing himself to him through the love he saw in the eyes of his wife, the eyes of his family and friends; and that this God who is spirit and love had been caring for him and healing him through the only hands that he had, the hands of his wife, his family and friends; and that this God who is spirit and love had answered his prayers by opening his eyes and ears, his heart and mind, to an awareness of the love that is all around him.

On Thanksgiving Day, we as a nation pause and give thanks for all the blessings in our lives. Gratitude is a powerful prayer. When we are grateful, we draw to us more to be grateful for. God is great and when we are grateful, we are filled by the greatness of

Gratitude is an attitude. Gratitude is positive thinking; it is an affirmation of the good that is already present in our lives. Being grateful is allowing the greatness of God to work through us.

Gratitude is also an altitude; it is a raising of our minds and hearts above the appearances of lack and limitation, above the appearances of pain and disease, above the appearances of war and conflict. It is an altitude of God consciousness; it is an awareness of the ultimate good interpenetrating all of our earthly experience; it is a realization of the presence and the power of the Divine. It is allowing God to be a radiating center of light and love working in and through and as us.

May God, who is spirit and love, find free expression in and through and as you this holiday season and all ways.

Wishing you the blessing of a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

The Rev. Matthew E. Long is pastor of Peace Unity Community

Key of Hope, 7 p.m., Dec. 4, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Non-profit group of 22 children from South Africa on tour with one stop in Clarkston.

3D Vision Youth Group for grades 6-12,

Wednesdays, 7-8:45 p.m., North Oaks Church, 9600 Ortonville Road. Pizza Party Kick-off, Sept. 4. 248-922-3515.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery.

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# Obituaries & •

#### Christopher Dillon, 19 Frank Crawford, 87

Christopher Robert Dillon passed away, Nov. 18, 2013. He was born in Garden City, Mich., on July 4, 1994.

He was the son of Christopher J. Dillon

and Heather (Brown)
Dillon. Christopher
attended school at St.
Matthews Lutheran
School in Westland
where he was confirmed
and played on the
wrestling, baseball,
basketball, and soccer
teams. He moved to the
Clarkston School



District where he played football and attended Renaissance High School. As an athlete, Christopher made his parents extremely proud. He was a fierce competitor but always showed exceptional sportsmanlike conduct and was fair.

Christopher loved the outdoors. He was an avid snowboarder and he enjoyed playing baseball.

Christopher was a loving individual with a heart of gold. He enjoyed spending time with friends. Christopher was truly generous, and always helped those out around him.

Christopher, age 19, of Waterford, passed away on Monday, Nov. 18, 2013. His passing was preceded by his maternal grandmother: Patricia J. Greig Brown and his great grandparents.

To cherish his memory Christopher leaves his parents Heather Dillon and Christopher J. Dillon; maternal grandfather: Rick Brown; paternal grandparents: Lee Harold Sr. and Rose Mary Dillon; one sister: Alexandria Rose; one brother: Tristen Jacob; two aunts: Carrie (Joe) Powell and April Brown; two uncles: Nick Brown and Lee Harold (Kelly) Dillon Jr.; and four cousins: Dakota and Dylan Powell, and Madison and Michelle Dillon.

Visitation was Nov. 21 at Donelson Johns and Evans Funeral Home, Waterford Township. A Celebration of His Life was Nov. 22, with burial at Ottawa Park Cemetery, Monroe, Mich. Merkle Funeral Service, 2442 North Monroe Street, Monroe, Mich., 734-384-5185, has been entrusted with his arrangements. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort, share a photo, or send a floral arrangement by visiting www.merklefs.com and then selecting the Online Tributes page.

Frank Crawford of Clarkston passed away Nov. 23, 2013, at age 87.

He was the husband and dance partner

of Bearl for 65 years; father of Sue Stites, Paula (Tom) Wood, Frank (Doris) Crawford and Rod (Kathy) Crawford; grandpa of Tonna, Tia, Nicodemus, Carolyn, Tommy, Caleb, Joey, Jennifer, Jeremy, Raquel, Shawna, Brian, Kristi and Mike; great



grandfather of 19; brother of Mardell (Jack) Hopson.

Frank retired from General Motors Parts Division. He enjoyed golfing and swing dancing.

Funeral Service was Nov. 26 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Grace Hospice. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### Agnes Hoskins, 73

Agnes Hoskins of Goodrich, formerly of Waterford, went to her heavenly home Nov. 23, 2013, at age 73.

She was the wife of Verlin for 47 years; mother of Kim (Tim) Tangney and Bruce Hoskins; "Mamaw" of Meghan, Austin, Drake, Emme and Logan; sister of Rosey (EG), Liley, Theney, Diana (Clark), Ernest (Julia) and Billy Joe



(Susie); sister in law of Sharon Hoskins and Darlene (Donny) Skelton; mother in law of Judy Novess Hoskins.

Agnes enjoyed visiting friends and family, especially spending time with her grandchildren. She was a member of River of Life Christian Church.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, 10 a.m., at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

# Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

#### Marilyn J. Hynes, 66

Marilyn J. Hynes of Clarkston died Nov. 19, 2013, at 66 years of

She was the beloved wife of Russell F. Hynes III for 36 years, loving mother of Karrie (Rob) Reader and Russell (Diann) Hynes IV; dearest grandmother of Mallory, Nathan, Noelle and Olivia; also

survived by her siblings Roger, Carol, Larry and Bill and many nieces and nephews.

Marilyn retired from General Motors Pontiac Plant.

Funeral service was Nov. 23 at Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston. Burial at All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. To send a condolence go to www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/ Obituaries.

# Maureen M. Pelachyk, 59

Maureen M. Pelachyk (Sheehan) of Shelby Township passed away Nov. 17, 2013, at age 59.

She was preceded in death by her husband Richard Pelachyk and later her friend Joseph Berry. She was the sister of Debbie (Jim) Brook, Dave Sheehan and Linda Sheehan, sister in law of Robert and Yvonne Pelachyk; aunt



of Olivia and Brianna Sheehan, Kim (Michael) Doran and Brad (Jessica) Pelachyk; also survived by many great nieces and nephews.

Maureen was a talented singer with the G.M.E.C. and loved animals, especially her cat Lia and parrot Solomon. She enjoyed nature photography and writing poetry.

Funeral Service was Nov. 23 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Any donations to the family will be used to honor Maureen's passion of rescuing bald eagles with the Hornby Eagle Group Projects Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com

#### In our churches

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Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-625-3288. www.calvaryinfo.org

**DivorceCare** 13-weekly seminars, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. 248-625-1611.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. 248-625-4644.

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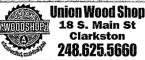
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# Community comes through to help those in need

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"Buying groceries comes after major expenses like rent and utilities-leaving families with no food budget," said Stapleton.

Holidays can hit those in already dire financial straits especially hard.

On average about 200 families visit the pantry for food once a month. During the visit the Lighthouse provides enough food for three meals a days for three days.

This holiday season about 230 families are signed up to receive a holiday food bas-

"We give them anything you would find on your table at Thanksgiving," said Stapleton. "The basket helps so that families can have a holiday meal without drastically cutting into their food budget."

The pantry is stocked with items like canned goods, boxed foods and personal care items. Sometimes people will drop off food for pets which is always welcome because pets get hungry too.

Around the holidays food banks have less trouble filling shelves because people are in a giving mood, but in the summertime when kids are home from school and the need for food is greater because kids are not eating at school so sometimes the pantry shelves are

"In late spring or early summer our shelves are bare," said Lighthouse volunteer Laurel Szaroletta

Stapleton said the Lighthouse count on donations received over the holiday season to keep shelves stocked through February.

A multitude of food is donated, but there are staples always needed at the Lighthouse. Food like peanut butter, tuna fish, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce are always good donations.

#### Clarkston Independence District Library

Board of Trustees

The Charter Township of Independence seeks five candidates and the City of the Village of Clarkston seeks two candidates to be appointed to the Clarkston Independence District Library Board, the governing body of the library, for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2014.

Deadline for submission is Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 5pm.

View the posting including submission details and appointment timeline at the library or at www.indelib.org

#### Clarkston Independence District Library



Lighthouse workers Lena Johnston, Kayleen Fruner, Laurel Szaroletta and Anita Anderson help sort food donations at the food pantry. "Never minimize a donation," said Manager Connie Stapleton. Lighthouse accepts cash and food donations to help the less fortunate. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

Donations big or small are always welcome

"Never diminish how much you give because one can of food put with all the other cans can make a big difference," said Stapleton.

Although Lighthouse staff works first to resolve a crisis, one of the main goals is to help a family or individual become self-sufficient.

Lighthouse wants to help people with more than just providing a few days worth of food.

"We want to help point people in the right direction and help them be more self-sufficient," said Stapleton. "Self-sufficient and less reliant on an agency or the state."

Staff will sit down with clients to find the root cause of their financial problems or make referrals to the Center for Working Families which provides help with several things like resume writing and help improving interview

"Anyone that has any money can learn to budget more wisely," she said.

Other help comes in the form of free classes at the Center for Working Families or help with a new outfit for a new job.

Success stories of former clients are celebrated.

Sometimes families that have received help from the Lighthouse are able to help when their situation changes.

One of those success stories, Stapleton said was when a woman who used to come in for assistance was able to make a donation

"The woman had come in for four or five years and we helped her several times, often every month" said Stapleton.

That woman they previously helped recently donated six frozen turkeys and all the sides for a complete Thanksgiving meal.

"She told us it felt so good to be pushing a cart full of food in rather than taking a car full of food out," said Stapleton.

You can never tell who may need help or what someone is going through.

"Just because we live in a nice community it does not mean you never know what's going on behind closed doors," she said. "You can't always look at someone, and just because they're dressed nice, tell they are going through a rough time.

Stapleton said the types of people coming in for help has changed over the years.

"We are seeing more middle class than we used to," she said.

"Sometimes I have kids come in and ask where are the homeless, where are the poor," said Stapleton.

"They want to know what they look like, but I tell them they look just like you and I."



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# Flu season descending on Clarkston area

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Flu season is upon us.

Although cases reported in Oakland County have been sporadic and minimal, Dr. Tim O'Neil said in addition to some flu cases, the Clarkston Medical Group has also seen some patients with Hand, foot and mouth disease.

Hand, foot and mouth syndrome is a virus causing blister-like sores in the mouth, throat, on the feet and hands.

With an incubation period of three to seven days, the Hand, foot and mouth infection is spread via contact with bodily fluids from a person with the illness.

Often lasting five to seven days, there is a vaccination for Hand, foot and mouth, but there is no treatment besides treating symptoms which include loss of appetite, fever, headache, a rash with small blisters and a sore throat with sores in the mouth and throat.

The highly contagious viral infection often strikes young children, under 10 years of age, and most often spreads in places children gather like day care centers.

Although less likely teens and adults can catch Hand-Foot and Mouth too.

An over the counter pain reliever can be

used to treat fever with many illnesses, products containing aspirin should never be given to children under the age of 12 that have a

Outbreaks of Hand, foot and mouth occur less regularly, the flu bug comes around ev-

ery year beginning in the

fall season. Medical officials reported the first flu cases to the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) at the end of October.

As of Nov., 16 health officials documented minimal or localized influenza-

like illness activity in most U.S states. Moderate influenza rates were reported in Texas while a highest number of cases documented in Mississippi. A few states reported no influenza activity.

Agencies like the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and MDCH closely monitor infectious disease outbreaks like influenza. This year the CDC is monitoring strains like H1N1 or the "Bird Flu" and influenza A and influenza B strains.

Officials also monitor for strains that have not appeared yet.

MDCH said influenza rates are about the

same as the 2012 flu season.

"We have seen isolated cases of influenza in Clarkston," said O'Neil.

Another virus is going around is really nothing major at this time," he said. "It is a bad cold with a lot of drainage and a lot of coughing.

When kids go get back to school is when many illnesses seem to spread, "

O'Neil said a couple of years ago a whole bunch of students got the flu, causing school to be cancelled.

According to the CDC, the flu shot is the single most important thing you can do to prevent the flu. Officials also highly recommend patients most likely to be harder hit by bugs get the shot.

The most vulnerable population is the children under five years of age, elderly patients and those with suppressed immune systems or other illness.

Getting a flu shot will protect against certain strains of influenza, but it does not mean you are protected against the type of strains going around that were not in the vaccine.

If a patient gets a shot or not, good habits and hygiene always helps ward off many ill-

"One of the single biggest things you can do is wash your hands," said O'Neil.

#### Tips to stay healthy

-Avoid close contact with people showing signs of illness. To prevent an illness. If you are sick, staying away from others who are healthy will help prevent the spread.

If you must cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose, but do it with your forearm and not your

-Wash hands frequently especially during flu season. The CDC recommends using an alcohol based hand sanitizer if you cannot wash with soap and

Germs can spread fast anytime you touch things that someone sick has touched. That's why it is important not after you touch anything to avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.

-If someone at work or home is sick be sure to clean surfaces with a disinfectant product to kill the aerms.

-With any illness it's important to watch out for dehydration. Signs of dehydration include decreased and dark urine production, dry skin. With any illness if a patient shows any sign of dehydration it is important to seek medical attention immedi-

Get plenty of sleep, eat well, stay active and manage stress and you can stay healthy yearround

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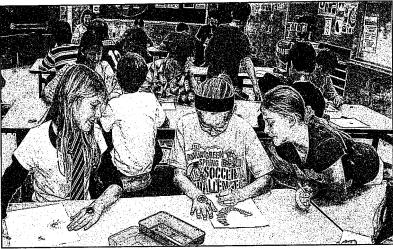


PRINCIPAL 'STACHES: Clarkston High School Principal Gary Kaul and Assistant Principal Jeff Kosin joined the students and staff for "Movember." The men in the school grew facial hair to epic proportions to raise money for Wigs 4 Kids. Participants grew facial hair until Nov. 22. Then, the school voted on different categories such as Best Mustache, Best Beard and Grizzly Adams. Photo by Wendi Reardon





Henna artist Sandy Rippetoe helps Maddie Kujala choose a design. *Photos by Phil Custodio* 



Grace Dean and Lizzy Brady check out Callie Dickens' henna design.



Artist Julie Saffold paints a design in henna on Evan King's hand.

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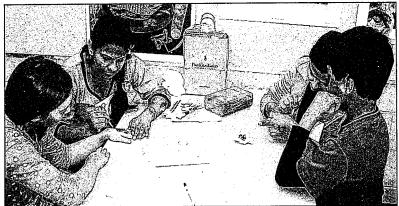
"It started with an art lesson, pencil drawings of henna designs," said art teacher Laura Wilson. "To make a bigger connection, I brought in artists to work with the students."

Henna art is made from a paste formed from henna leaves, said artist Sandy Rippetoe.

"It stains the skin like a raspberry does," Rippetoe said.
The plant is grown in northern

Africa and the Middle East, and used in many cultures and religions, she said.

The designs fades within a couple weeks, she said.



Henna artists Priya Patel and Manisha Patel decorate Abby Jo Burtnett and Nehal Patel's hands. Danielle Norrito shows Gabe Puzio the design on her hand.





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#### OFFICIAL NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Charter Township of Independence has their December Board of Review meeting at the Township Hall Office on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 beginning at 12:00 noon. This office is located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive in Clarkston, Michigan.

The December Board of Review will meet to review requests for Hardship Exemption Applications, Assessor Corrections and Disabled Velerans Exemption Affi-dayits for the current year. They will also review re-quests for Principal Residence Exemptions for the cur-

rent year and up to 3 years prior.

Appeals for your 2013 Assessed Value cannot be considered as that value can only be appealed at the March Board of Review.

> Kristen M. Sieloff, MMAO (4) Independence Township Assessor 248 625-8114

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE BUILDING PLANNING AND ZONING JOB POSTING

#### ZONING ORDINANCE OFFICER

The Charter Township of Independence, an equal opportunity employer, is seeking qualified applicants, without regard to race or other protected status, for the position of Zoning Ordinance Officer.

Candidate will be responsible for understanding and enforcing Township ordinances and working closely with community residents, and business owners. Job skills include ability to learn new computer software, a solid understanding of Microsoft office and writing skills. For full job details, visit the Township website, reference the

To Apply: Qualified candidates should submit cover letter, resume, and a completed Charter Township of Independence application for employment no later than 4:00 PM on December 9, 2013 to:

HumanResources@Indetwp.com or

Human Resources

Charter Township of Independence 6483 Waldon Center Dr. Clarkston, Michigan 48346
NOTE: Charter Township of Independence applica-

tions for employment are available on the Township's website at www.twp.independence.mi.us or by contacting the Human Resources Office.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

#### LIBRARY

#### NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING **CLARKSTON INDEPENDENCE DISTRICT LIBRARY**

The Clarkston Independence District Library Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed library budget for the fiscal year January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 at the Clarkston Independence District Library lo-cated at 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 6 p.m. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is

available for public inspection at the Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Ml. during business hours.

The Clarkston Independence District Library Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 5 days notice to the Library Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Library by writing or calling the following: Julie Meredith, Library Director, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, MI 48346, (248) 625-2212.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND FILE NO: 2013-352, 833-DE

Jon B. Munger

248 618 1200

Suite 100 Clarkston, MI 48346

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

TO ALL CREDITORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Vernelle Jimmie Barnett,

NOTICE TO A PROBLEM TO A STREET OF THE OFFICE OFFI sonal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publica-November 15, 2013

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

WELLS FARGO BANK, A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as successor by merger with WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC., SUMMONS CARMINE CORNELIO

Plaintiff

VS.
JEFFREY C. MYERS AND CYNTHIA L.
JONES; JOHN DOES I-X; JANE DOES I-X; BLACK CORPORATIONS I-X; WHITE COMPANIES I-X; BLUE PARTNERSHIPS I-X: and the UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE AFORENAMED DEFENDANTS, If

d.

Defendants.

THE STATE OF ARIZONA

TO THE FOLLOWING DEFENDANTS:

JEFFREY C. MYERS and CYNTHIA L. JONES
1601 East Hedrick Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85719

You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend, within To use nevery summoned and required to appear and oterior, when the time applicable, to this action in this Court. If served within Arizona, you shall appear and defend within 20 days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you, exclusive of the date of service. If served out of the State of Antzona, whether by direct service, by registered or certified mail, or by publication, you shall appear and defend within 30 days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you is complete, exclusive of the date of service. Where process is served upon the Arizona Director of Insurance as an insurer's attorney to receive service of legal process against fin this state, the insurer shall not be required to appear, answer or plead until expiration of 40 days after date of such service upon the Director. Service by registered or certified mail without the State of Artzona is complete 30 days after the date of filing the receipt the State of Anzona is complete 3 or alystated the action in a piece the court. Service by publication is complete 30 days after the date of first publication. Direct service is complete when made. Service upon the Arizona Motor Vehicle Superintendent is commace. Service upon the Arzona Motor venicle Superintendent is com-plete 30 days after fling the Afflack of Complaince and return recipitor. Officer's Return. Ariz. R. Civ. P. 4; A.R. S. §§ 20-222, 28502 and 28-503. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in case of your faiture to appear and defend within the time applicable, budgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTHED that requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the division assigned to the case by parties at least 3 judicial days in advance of a

sheduled court proceeding. YOU ARE CAUTIONED that in order to appear and defend, you must file an Answer or proper response in writing with the Clerk of this Court, accompanied by the necessary filing fee, within the time required, and you erve a conviof any Answer or response upon the Plaintif required to serve a copy or any Answer of response up-torney. Ariz., R. Civ. P. 5, 10(D); A.R. S. § 12-311. The name and address of Plaintiff's attorned Leonard J. McDonald, Jr.

Natalya Ter-Grigoryan TIFFANY & BOSCO, P.A. Third Floor Camelback Esplanade II 2525 East Camelback Road Phoenix, Arizona 85016-9240 SIGNED AND SEAL this date: Aug 29, 2013

PIMA SUPERIOR COURT By SCOTT V. PETERSEN,

**NOVEMBER 19, 2013** Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Independence Township Hall.
The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Ritchie, Schroeder

Absent: Lohmeie

There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation, and Seniors o Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Reueaudi, and Selinois Director; Susan Hendricks, Finance Director; Mitch Petterson, Deputy Fire Chief; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Barbara Rollin, Senior Center Coordinator; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Rick Yaeger, Budget Ana-

PROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented

ÁPPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented CLOSED SESSION: None BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING: None
PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

Presentation: Sashabaw Road Project Update
Presentation: Revised 204 Sewer and Water Deertment Budgets

CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

DNSENT AGENDA:
Acceptance of UHY Letter of Engagement for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013
Approval of Budget Amendments #11A
Approval of 2013 Special Assessment Roll for

Placement on the 2013 Winter Tax Statemen Approval of Payment Exceeding \$5,000 for

Approval of Payment Exceeding 93,000 for MDEW Annual Fee Approval of Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2013 Approval of the Check Run of November 12, 2013 for a Total Amount of \$152,264,00

L, ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

Adoption of 2014 General Appropriations Act Reso-

tution
Termination of Agreement with Mutual of Omaha
and Acceptance of Proposal from Unum for Disability and Life Insurance Benefits
Approval of Promotion of Driver/Engineer to the

Rank of Lieutenant Abolishment of Precinct 14 and Relocation of

Voters to Existing Precincts
5. Support of the Election Commission's Adoption of 2014 Precinct Boundary Amendments
BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Aliaga

COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /

Communication: Certificate of Appreciation from Clarkston Community Schools-Police Liaison Pro-

Minutes: Election Commission of July 15, 2013 Minutes: Safety Path Advisory Committee of October 16, 2013 Minutes: Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA)

of October 24, 2013 Report: Fire Department Monthly Report for Sep-

tember 2013
Report: DPW 2013 YTD Monthly Activity Report ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

Published: Wednesday, November 27, 2013

### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know

#### **CLARKSTON**

CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **BLOCK GRANT FUNDS** 

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of the Village of Clarkston will hold a public hearing on the use of Community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Offices located at 375 Depot Rd., Clarkston, Mi 48346 for the purpose of hearing public comments on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2014 application in the approximate amount of \$5,000 Year 2014 application in the approximate amount of section fund eligible projects. All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at 375 Depot Rd., Clarkston, MI 48346 up until December 9, 2013 7:00 p.m. Arrange ments to reasonably accommodate special needs, including handicap accessibility or interpreter, will be made upon receiving 72-hour advance notice. Contact City Manager Carol Eberhardt at 248-625-1559, 375 Depot Rd for special services.

Janet C. Gillespie, Acting City Clerk City of the Village of Clarkston

Published -- 11-27-2013

# Student success

Clarkston Science Math and Technology Academy students Nate Gipe, Diana Marsala, Delaney Brown, Andrew Luchenbach, Matt Pasco, and Noah Sampon are in the running for scholarships in the Michigan Mathematics Prize Competition.

They advanced to second-level testing in the Michigan Section of the Mathematical Association of America program, which is offering about \$20,000 in scholarships.

Clarkston students Clare Harrison and Meredith Harrison, members of Saginaw Valley State University's chapter of Phi Delta Epsilon, raised \$6,103 for Hurley Medical Center's Children's Miracle Network. The network supports improving medical facilities and healthcare for ailing youths.

Central Michigan University's summer honors list included Clarkston students Anthony Todd McMillin and David Paul Valentine.

August 2013 graduates at Central Michigan University included Clarkston students Lisa Batchelder, Master of Arts; Sarah Johnson, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Amanda Johnston, Master of Science; Leanne Magnuson, Master of Science in Administration; Steven Rosso, Master of Business Administration; Melissa Rush, Bachelor of Science: Nathan Schultz, Bachelor of Science; Jennifer Stanton, Gratuate Certificate; Sarah Tabone, Master of Arts; Mary Williams, Master of Arts; Shanna Williamson, Master of Science; and Kristina Work, Bachelor of Science.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2013-352, 883-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

Estate of Victor Mix. Date of Birth: March 21, 1924 TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Victor Mix, died Septem-

tors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, named per will be to rever before a missey process. So not representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publica-

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2013-352, 882-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

th Racine. Date of Birth: August 1, 1934 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Kenneth Racine, died Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate

will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, named personal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, M. #8341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice

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ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY: Clarkston Family Therapists, 5639 Sashabaw Road, celebrated their first year under new ownership in October. Formerly called Clarkston Family Counseling, the group underwent a name change and added new staff when two former psychiatrists left the Clarkston area. The new owners Dr. Martha Wright, Dr. Francis Donnelly, and Marlene Kozlowski, MSW, remodeled and recruited new staff members including Dr. Allison Curtis, another psychologist from the Clarkston area, and Amelie Lacoste M.A. who is tri-lingual. To schedule an appointment, call 248 922-9077, Photo provided

#### Around Town

Continued from page 24

days, Thursdays, 10 a.m. Peace Unity Holistic Center, 8080A Ortonville Road. 248-891-

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$30/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

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.

50+ Morning Pickleball, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; 50+ Evening Pickleball, Tuesdays, Fridays, 6-9 p.m. First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road, \$4.

Wednesday

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

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.

Office hours, Clarkston City Councilman Mike Sabol, third Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Village Bakery, 10 S. Main Street.

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

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-

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.

#### 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.

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 10 visits for \$100 class card. Jewels Yoga and Fitness, 4612 Mountain View Trail, Clarkston, 248-390-

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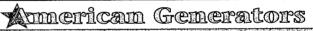
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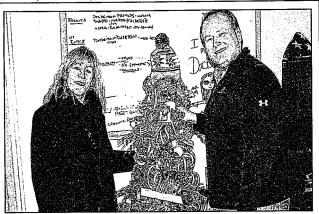




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Peg Roth, member of Clarkston City Council and Clarkston Retailers Group, with Doug Scott, Movement manager. Roth picked up the tree that Movement purchased and then had decorated by Jen Detkowski of Front Door Designs. The company also threw in an additional \$150 for a pair of Red Wings tickets to be placed on the tree for a SCAMP auction. Photo by AB

# Community decorates for SCAMP

Many businesses and individuals purchased Christmas trees and ornaments to decorate to help raise money for SCAMP, a special camp for kids and adults with developmental disabilities.

A fundraising Patron's Eve Celebration event was Nov. 23 at the home of Forrest

Mizlow to raise money for SCAMP. Visitors enjoyed a strolling appetizers and a martini bar.

During the event, the trees and wreaths that decorated the home were auctioned off to help support SCAMP.

-Andrea Beaudoin

# Twelve reasons schools in Clarkston are blessed

As we prepare for the holiday season, there are countless reasons to be thankful. I ask you to please join me in giving thanks to the people of the Clarkston Community Schools our staff, board, volunteers, parents, administrators, and students for these top 12 recent fiscal, service, academic, athletic, and technical accomplishments.

1. The district achieved a balanced budget, through its fiscal conservatism, collaboration with bargaining groups, and reductions in expenditures. We owe a special thanks to our employees who are contributing significantly toward health care, have had freezes in pay for several years, and have experienced pay cuts.

2. Through collaborative processes, the district accomplished more than \$1 million in newly generated revenues via innovative partnerships with private and parochial schools.

3. In collaboration with Independence Township, the district established Clarkston Television, bringing enhanced learning opportunities to students and information to the community.

4. Our cocurricular clubs and teams have achieved remarkable success this fall, including the marching band, the football team, the volleyball team, the boys' soccer team, the girls' swimming team, the boys' tennis team, and many others.

5. The district has refunded bonds, saving taxpayers more than \$15 million in taxes over the next

22 years.

6. One of our students, Sean McNeil, accomplished National Merit Scholar SemiFinalist designation. That means he was in the top 3% of the approximately 1.5 million American high school students who applied. Lynn Gordon, the media specialist at Andersonville and Independence Elementary Schools, was recognized by the Michigan Association for Media in Education group for making significant contributions to the profession. Kyle Hughes, a teacher at CHS, was appointed to the National FIRST Robotics Board. Teachers Chas Claus (boys' tennis) and Kelly Avenall (volleyball) were both named coaches of the year in Oakland County. Many other CCS educators and students have achieved similar levels of excellence! Congratulations!

7. Juniors at Clarkston High School accomplished the highest ACT composite scores in a seven year period.

8. This year, our Academic Service Learning team will provide countless opportunities for our students and staff

to serve the greater good. Over 5,000 CCS students will give to our community, region, state, nation, and world throughout the year. This is truly the spirit of Clarkston!

9. The district implemented readers, writers, and math workshops at the Sup't elementary levels.



r. Rod Rock

These processes enhance student' achievement through teacher professional training and student engagement.

10. Just last year, CCS became the first school district in the world to host a Harvard University

Project Zero conference for all teachers in the district. More than 800 educators from six continents attended. Clarkston is now known as a leader, globally, in building a Culture of Thinking.

11. The Board of Education has agreed to purchase a new student information system.

The system is web based and will be available 24/7 at home, in our schools, and on mobile devices. It will allow students, parents and staff to communicate and verify that every one of our students is getting the support they need to succeed.

12. The district served as a national leader in energy efficiency. Nine of our school buildings have received Energy Star certification. Clarkston High School was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as one of just 78 Green Ribbon Schools, nationwide.

Your school district works very hard every day to cultivate thinkers, learners, and positive contributors in a global society. As evidenced above, the district has achieved sound financial status, even in difficult economic times~ has creatively generated revenues~ has improved its technology information processes~ has expanded service learning~ has enhanced teacher and student achievement~ has produced outstanding accomplishments by individual students, teams, and staff~ and has led the way in energy efficiency. We have much to celebrate this year, thanks to our outstanding staff members, our supportive community, our amazing students, and the dedicated leadership of our administrators and board of education. Together, we make Clarkston one of the best places in the nation to live, work, and learn, CCS is truly blessed!

By Rod Rock, Ed.D., superintendent

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