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## Clean audit for schools

BY PHIL CUSTODIO  
*Clarkston News Editor*

Clarkston schools head into the new fiscal year with a clean audit.

The audit by Hungerford, Aldrin, Nichols and Carter, P.C., was approved without modification by the Board of Education at Monday's meeting.

"Thank you, Mary Beth, and your staff and the auditors," said board President Rosalie Lieblang, Oct. 27. "We appreciate all your hard work to get us the information as well."

The auditors provided their highest opinion of the district's financial reporting, finding it in compliance with all laws, no deficiencies in internal spending controls, and qualified as a low-risk auditee for the year ended June 30, 2014.

The district received the same opinion last year, but still made improvements, said Mary Beth Rogers, executive director of Business Services.

"We work every year to get better," Rogers said. "We hope to improve next year, too."

Improvements this year include more accurate budget estimates compared to actual spending, closer alignment of district accounting structures to state structures, and making sure spending is placed in the right categories, she said.

According to the report, total revenue for the district this year was \$92 million, including \$18.9 million in taxes, \$53.7 million in state funding and federal unrestricted funding, \$14.3 million from other

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## Township to vote on 2015 budget

By Don Rush

In a couple of weeks, trustees of Independence Township will meet, discuss and most likely pass a budget for 2015. At an Oct. 21 public hearing the proposed budget was presented and overall, supervisor Pat Kittle is satisfied.

"All the department heads worked hard," he said a few days after the hearing. "We may need to tweak it a little. We're waiting for the numbers to come in from the (Oakland County) Sheriff's department. We're expecting the fees to continue rising."

Kittle's proposed general fund budget for next year shows an increase in revenues over 2014 of 2.3 percent -- \$7,346,507, up \$167,212 from \$7,179,295.

According to the presentation, property values are expected to generate 3.1 percent

more in 2015, from 2014, a \$42,139 increase to \$1,390,455. State Revenue Sharing is projected at \$2,741,000, up \$141,000.

The Parks and Recreation Department is projecting \$1,622,340 in revenues, up 6.1 percent from 2014.

Kittle said the township administration objectives are to have a balanced budget, build fund equity, maintain and increase township services.

"I believe if we provide the best services at the best prices we will encourage both current and future residents to live, work and play in Independence," he said.

He also believes in investing time, work and money to save money and increase services for the future.

For example, the township is considering

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**SPIDER DANCE:** Marcus Christenson dances with Spider-Girl, also known as his daughter, Ivy, during Andersonville Elementary's Boo Bash last Friday. For more photos please see page 38. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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The boys' pace slows as they race up the hill. Photos provided



Girls round the bend at Clarkston High School.



The boys are off as they start their race. Photos provided

## Fall race for kids

The Bulldogs from Bailey Lake Elementary won the traveling trophy for the fifth year at the 12th Annual Elementary Cross Country Race, Oct. 17.

They won the trophy by having the highest percentage of participants. They edged out Clarkston Elementary 26.3 percent to 26.1 percent.

A record of 444 elementary students throughout Clarkston participated in this year's race which was held at Clarkston High

School and hosted by the cross country teams.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students participated in four races, a half mile for Kindergarten through second grade students and one mile for grades third through fifth. The boys and girls were broken up into separate races with the top ten in each race earning medals.

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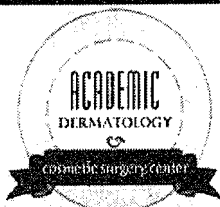
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The Clarkston JV Volleyball team celebrates winning their third tournament of the season at North Branch. Photo submitted

## Win at invitational for JV Volleyball

Spikers from the Clarkston JV Volleyball team won the North Branch Invitational on Oct. 18.

During the season they also won the Flushing and Goodrich tournaments.

They played their last tournament on Saturday where they took second place in the Gold Division at the Year End Classic in Warren.

The team ended the season with a 42-4-4 overall record.

The Lady Wolves are Grace Kraft, Kayla Daly-Seiler, Jennifer Chupinsky, Madison Walker, Olivia Groff, Abby Horning, Kelly Nickelson, Madi Jidas, Sydney Houstina, Haley McLaren, Olivia Johnson, Marisa Johnson, Kayla Miler, Kayla Luchenbach. They are coached by Bonnie Mazzei.

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# Services, building reserves under budget

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entering into a fleet vehicle management system, that will cost the township \$30 to \$40 a month, per vehicle. The township has up to 60 vehicles. According to treasurer Paul Brown, this system will allow department heads to know where vehicles are at all times. They will know if a driver accelerates too fast, is too aggressive when braking, or if a vehicle idles too long.

"The fuel savings alone will be 10 to 20 percent annually. This program will pay for itself. All of a sudden, drivers are more conscious of how they treat township vehicles," Brown said.

He also sees a benefit for senior citizen transportation.

"By knowing where our vehicles are at all times, in real time, we will be able to schedule their rides better. Today we might say, 'We'll be there by 1 p.m.' With this system the dispatcher can look at the computer and see where the vehicle is, and if it's close by, we can ask the caller, 'Can you be ready in 10 minutes? Our driver is already out your way,'" Brown said.

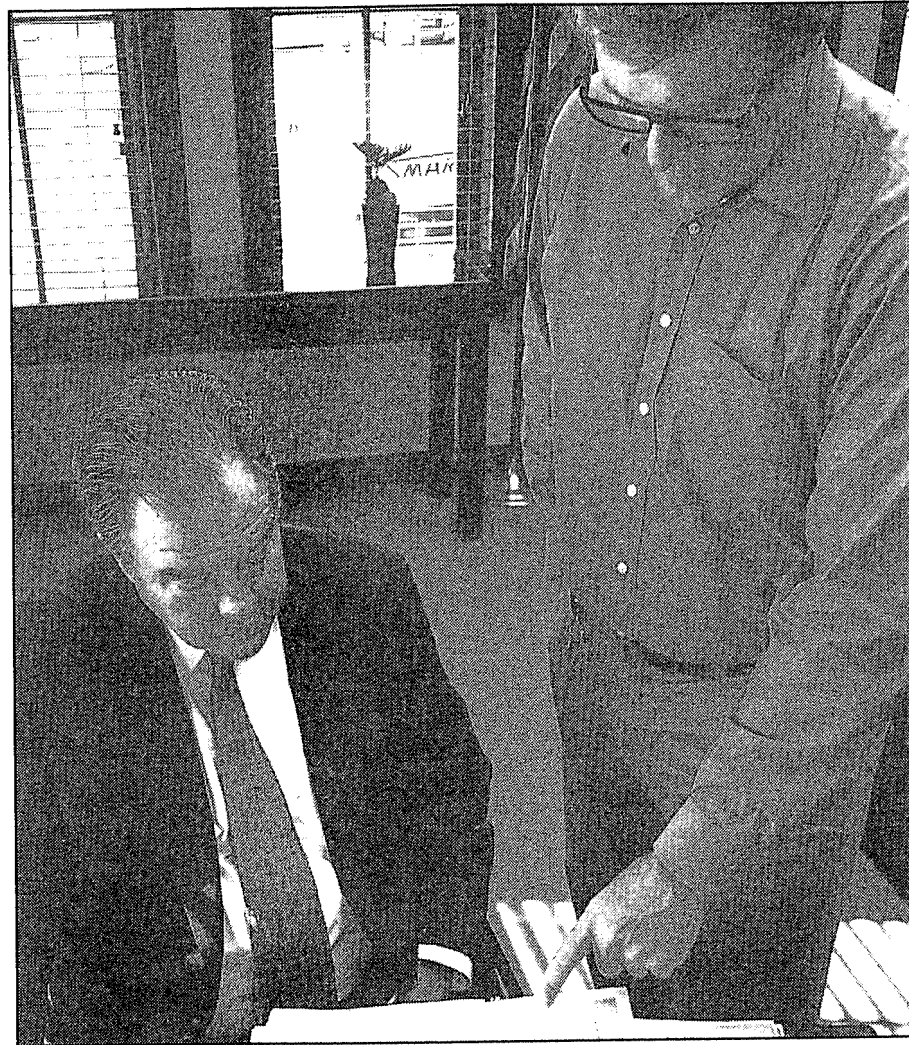
The proposed budget shows spending to \$7,206,241, down 3.1 percent (\$228,909) over 2014.

The budget shows the township's fund balance growing from \$4,874,285 to \$5,014,551. Kittle said he would like to see the fund balance (surplus) grow to about 25 percent of the entire budget.

"Some might ask, 'Why don't you cut taxes instead of building these reserve fund?' And, that is a good question," he said.

Kittle believes the township can better control its destiny by having financial security.

"For example, do we wait for the county to fix our roads? The road commission has their own budget concerns. I'd like to see us identify these problem roads and be able to



Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle, left, and Treasurer Paul Brown go over the 2015 proposed budget. Photo by Don Rush

fix them so our residents don't kill their cars. What's more important, fixing roads or lowering the tax rate? I think it's fixing the roads," he said.

Kittle said the township has credit rating of AA+, up from the 2013 rating of AA.

"We're shooting to match the county's rating of Triple A."

Residents can take a look at the numbers themselves, by heading over to the township hall on Waldon Road. The board will vote on the 2015 budget at its Nov. 18 meeting.

# School savings up to \$5.6 million this year

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governments and organizations subsidizing programs with grants and contributions, \$3.5 million from those who benefited from the programs, and \$1.5 million with other revenue.

The district's total revenues increased by \$3.5 million this year, mostly with revenue enhancements and cost containment – the district modified its health care structure, and saved several million in health care benefit costs.

Spending this year was \$88.1 million. Instruction and support services functions cost \$72.2 million, or approximately 82%.

The district General Fund had total revenues of \$76,081,938, and total expenditures of \$74,115,341, according to the report.

The district ended the fiscal year with a \$2,335,145 increase in fund balance, for a total fund balance surplus of \$5,655,263, up from \$3,320,118, according to the report.

The district's total long-term debt is \$157.5 million. The largest portion is \$137.7 million in general obligation bonds. The district paid off \$23.2 million of outstanding bonds, loans and leases this year.

The district issued \$9,270,000 of refunding bonds to retire the final \$9,600,000 of its 2004 refunding bond issue, providing a savings in interest of about \$564,000.

The auditor report also said the district borrowed \$6,425,323 from the Michigan School Bond Loan Fund for payment of annual maturities of its general obligation bonds during the fiscal year.

Interest added on the outstanding loan during the fiscal year was \$224,861. The district is not required to make payments to the Michigan School Bond fund until the taxable value of the district increases to a point where it is able to make the debt payments and has funds available, according to the report.

The district's underlying rating on the unlimited tax bonds is A by Standard and Poor's and Aa3 by Moody's Investors. The unlimited bonds also carry the State's credit rating of AA- by Standard & Poor's and Aa2 by Moody's Investors, the report said.

The state limits the amount of general obligation debt that schools can issue to 15 percent of the assessed value of all taxable property within a district's boundaries.

## Briefly

### Clerk's offices open for absentee ballots

Okay, you want to vote, but you don't want to stand in line with the rest of your neighbors. That means you need an absentee ballot. And, even though the election is only days away you can still get one.

The Independence Township Clerk's office will be open this Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the last day you can pick up and take out of the township office an absentee ballot. According to Clerk Barb Pallotta's office, to be counted, these ballots are to be turned into the township hall by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4 -- election day.

The Springfield Township Clerk's office will also be open on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call the clerk's office, 12000 Davisburg Road, at 248-846-6510.

### Fall back time

Turn your clocks back an hour this weekend, as Daylight Savings Time ends. The time changes at 2 a.m., Sunday morning, giving you an extra hour of sleep.

### Band heads to Ford Field

Clarkston High School Marching Band hits Ford Field at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, at the 35th Annual Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship.

The marching Wolves are among 49 high school bands from across the state competing at the state level.

For more information, go to [www.themcba.org](http://www.themcba.org).

### Operation Gratitude

Dr. Scott Vanderveen, DDS, in Clarkston is partnering with Operation Gratitude to send overseas troops some treats this year.

Unopened Halloween candy can be brought to the office located at 7558 M.E. Cad Boulevard off Dixie Highway, Nov. 3-7. They are open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are closed from 1-2 p.m. each day.

Every person who donates will receive a dental goody bag. You may also write a letter or color a picture for a member of the military to include with your donation. For more information, call 248-625-3339.

## Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

### Halloween playoffs

Mother Nature is still deciding what temperature Fall should be. But right now the weather is brisk but not too cold yet and playoffs is in full swing.

If you missed it during the weekend Clarkston Boys Cross Country qualified for the MHSAA State Finals for this upcoming Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.

Then, an hour later not only did the Lady Wolves qualify for the cross country finals but won the region.

On Selection Sunday, Clarkston Varsity Football's opponent for the first round of playoffs was chosen. They will host Oxford on Friday night and it should be a good game.



Oxford will probably have a little fire in them after the last time they played Clarkston. (You know that time when Wildcats were going to tie but Cole Chewins intercepted the ball and the Wolves went on to score a touchdown putting the score 21-7 before the first half ended. Then, the Wolves won 42-14. Yup - that game.)

It was also the first loss for the Wildcats, courtesy of the Wolves. There will be a spark in them.

But there will be a spark in the Wolves as well. No one wants their season to end. The Wolves have already been to Ford Field and they want to go again.

Both teams have great communities supporting them. I know it is Halloween but bring all goblins, witches, Olafs, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, and other characters to the game on Friday night and cheer on your favorite team.

Then, let your voices relax for next Wednesday as the Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team starts district play at Lake Orion. Good luck to all the Wolves in the post-season!

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The end of October brings changes in weather and the beginning of November brings changes around the nation with next Tuesday being Election Day.

Get to the polls next Tuesday and make your vote. If you want to see a change, it begins with you. If you aren't sure who to vote for do some research, talk to neighbors and friends. You can start with this week's edition of *The Clarkston News* with profiles on your local candidates on pages 15, and 25-28. It will give you a feel of what the candidates believe in and if they share the same views as you.

## Make your voice heard with vote

With three seats each open this Tuesday morning, voters will decide which direction Clarkston Board of Education and City Council will go - in the school board's case, for the next six years.

We have pages of information in this week's edition, detailing candidates' views on a variety of issues.

School board candidates' opinions vary widely on questions such as why they're

there and what their job will be if elected, how to oversee the district without micromanaging it, and how much and what kind of communication is appropriate.

Check out what they have to say, and then head out to the polls on Nov. 4 to make your voice heard on these local issues, as well as county, state, and federal races. Doing so will at least give you the right to complain if things don't go your way.

-PMC

### Editorial

## A call for safer driving in community

Dear Editor,

What a shame to hear about Phil Custodio being hit by a car ("Hope for clear roads," Oct. 22), but good to hear that he is OK. There are two things unfortunate about this event - it happened to him and it is typical of what is happening all too often to others.

What a surprise - a driver purposely paused to let us walk across a street recently. We have found this to be unique! Not only is there a significant increase in discourtesy, there is a major increase in lawlessness, especially on our roadways.

Many motorists do not look out for pedestrians, ignore traffic signs (e.g., speed limit, children at play, no left turn, no turn on red, stop), ignore painted road lines (e.g., solid

white, double yellow, wide white at intersections), and weave through traffic, don't use turn signals, pass on the right, and block intersections.

Why? Perhaps, it is because they are unlikely to be punished; we don't have enough enforcement of our laws, partly because of insufficient police and partly because of decisions not to enforce laws.

This has got to stop! Now, we will never stop all lawbreakers, but we can do more to discourage people from breaking the laws. It all depends on you and me, and what we are willing to demand and pay for.

Where do we go from here?

Tom Stone  
Clarkston

## School view misses connection, teacher says

Dear Editor,

In his letter "Lieblang for board," Oct. 22, Craig Hamilton states "student achievement was not a priority" in Clarkston Community Schools.

As a parent and teacher in this district, I can assure our community this is completely untrue. Mr. Hamilton wrote in his letter the focus was on learning. This part is true. What he seems to be missing is the obvious connection between learning, understanding, and student achievement.

Dr. Rod Rock is the most powerful leader I have worked for and his vision for thinking and learning is moving our district forward.

We are constantly thinking about student achievement and how we can move our children toward their learning goals. We rely on more than just one standardized measurement to determine the success of our students and our instructional direction.

Clarkston Community Schools is truly a great district because of the people who work with our children on a daily basis and the administration that continues to provide us with innovative vision that supports student thinking and learning, which leads to achievement.

Beth Rogers, fifth grade teacher,  
Springfield Plains Elementary

## Teacher points to superintendent in school success

Dear Editor,

There have been several mistruths lately about situations at school board meetings, which show the lack of professionalism such as the rudeness shown to technology consultants, who as a result, walked out of a meeting saying they were not interested in working any further with our district, and the statement the CEA president's summer accident caused a delay in settling teacher contracts ("School board's role is to oversee plan, president says," Oct. 15) - it had nothing to do with it.

School achievement increases are the result of our superintendent's direction and the hard work of the staff in the schools. Revenues are up due to Dr. Rod Rock's work to develop shared services and other funds.

The school board's role is to oversee these areas, not to micromanage them. It is also their role to treat the superintendent they hired with respect, which is often not the case at the meetings.

Kathleen Noble, first grade teacher  
Bailey Lake Elementary

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 1999

"Clarkston City Council election"

Dan Colombo, Walt Gamble, Chuck Inabnit, Scott Meyland and Dave Savage were vying for seats on the Clarkston City Council in the 1999 November election. Four of them were running for three two-year seats while Meyland was running as a write-in for a one-year term.

"Sculptor makes Wildcat dream come to life" Kids at North Sashabaw Elementary weren't frightened when they passed a pouncing Wildcat on the way into the building - it was made of red oak and donated by Lake Orion resident Gary Elzerman.

"Front stage to the Backstreet Boys"

Clarkston resident and stylist Shelly Kovach got as close as anyone could to the Backstreet Boys as she got to do their makeup in Chicago during the band's "Into the Millenium" tour. "I didn't realize how big they were until I had to schmooze a security guard to let me in," she said.

### 25 years ago - 1989

"Driver smashes 6-foot hole in wall"

Yvonne Aho was in her living room at 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 22 when she heard a loud "pop" followed by a crashing sound. A driver had driven up on her lawn, over a 10-foot Norwegian pine tree and maple seedling before knocking a six-foot hole in her brick garage wall. "I got a good look at his face and then he backed into my garage again," she said.

"CHS alumnus on highway six hours during quake" Clarkston High School 1982 graduate Sonya Funck was on her way home in California when she was suddenly airborne while traveling on Highway 280 during an earthquake which measured 6.9 on the Richter scale.

"Cartoonist, 13, debuts in The Clarkston News" Bruce Worden, 13, was encouraged by family and friends to submit his creative work to the school newspaper. He chose *The Clarkston News* instead.

### 50 years ago - 1964

"Local residents open new business in Clarkston" Clarkston residents opened Marta-Lore Young Villagers Shop in Clarkston. The shop carried infant and children clothing through size 14.

"Local news" Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller returned from a week's vacation in New York City where they spent many delightful days at the World's Fair which featured displays from various companies including General Motors and Ford.

# Memorable heart-health tips and the CDC

If you stop exercising, start cigarette smoking, discontinue your prescribed cardiac medications, and increase your daily intake of high calorie and fatty foods, you'll definitely have enough retirement money to last you the rest of your life.

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A father buys a lie detector robot that slaps people when they lie. He decides to test it out at dinner one night.

The father asks his son what he did that afternoon. The son says, "I did some school work."

The robot slaps the son. The son says, "Ok, ok. I was at a friend's house watching movies." Dad asks, "What movie did

you watch?"

Son says, "Toy Story."

The robot slaps the son.

Son says, "Ok, ok, we were watching porn."

Dad says, "What? At your age I didn't even know what porn was."

The robot slaps the father. Mom laughs and says, "Well, he certainly is your son." The robot slaps the mother

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• If you get arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for being in the country illegally,

**Jim's Jottings**



a column by  
**Jim Sherman**

you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

• Is the Center for Disease Control just another example of an ill-run government agency?

There's been so many cases of mishandling like: lack of nurse training, lack of uniforms for Ebola workers, airplane scheduling, accidental exposures, etc. The CDC's handling of these incidences does not bring comfort to anybody. In fact it promotes fear.

I started writing about the CDC just after the congressional hearings started in Washington Thursday, September 16.

I've learned these hearings are more for the speakers than the audience. But,

I listened for a while.

One time the camera showed Obama pacing in the White House. I think that was his Ebola moment: He was wondering if the guy who jumped the WH fence, ran across the lawn and got into an elevator with him was carrying the virus.

Here's what I've concluded about this congressional hearing: It was no different than the others.

Give me more money. Name a study committee. Delay until after the elections. There has been no cooperation from the other side of the isle.

And, it was started by President Bush. And, Clinton didn't help.

## Halloween thoughts and such

There are times (many actually) when I sit back and think, "I am doing better than I deserve." Halloween is one of those times of year when I'm thinking it more often.

What gives, you are probably asking? Come on, Rush, Halloween is a wonderful time of year! I will answer by whipping out my official curmudgeon cap, and retort, "Halloween has been hijacked by those evil, money grubbing Capitalists!"

Halloween used to be kinda' fun, in a simple, prankish kind of way. If you were little (say six years old and younger) moms could spend two dollars and 79 cents and come up with a store-bought costume.

After that, costumes were self-made. Boxes, paint and some tinfoil and I was a robot.

Old, shredded pants, one of my little sister's tee-shirts and green body paint, and I was the Incredible Bulk. Burnt corks rubbed on the face gave the illusion of unshavenness on young, fresh-scrubbed hobos.

Mom and Dad stayed out of the fun, relegating themselves to candy-giving. Kids did their own thing, like soaping windows, costume creating and candy collecting. Something seems to have gone terribly wrong.

Somewhere along the way the little holiday became more of a "thing." Halloween is now something parents have gotten a hold of and made not so fun.

Their kids' costumes have to be better than any other kid not of their loins; homes must be decked out more than for Christmas; it just seems less

organic and more stressful.

This added to the fact we're less trusting of our neighbors (there's a creep behind every door) and, well, I am glad I'm not a kid during these times. Since it is all about me, I am doing better than I deserve . . . I think, let me think some more.

\* \* \*

I hate to be Donny Downer, but I wonder how many of the kiddies will be out this Halloween? I just checked with the National Weather Service . . . highs on Friday, October 31 (aka Halloween) 44; low 26. With a chance of rain AND snow showers.

This is nothing unheard of . . . when I donned my little sister Barb's tee-shirt (and when I report the words "Little" and "Barb" together, I mean little. She's now, at her tallest, 4-foot-11) and transformed myself into the Incredible Bulk, it spit snow and rain.

It didn't deter us from Clarkston's "mean" streets (Clarkston Road, near Clintonville) of going out and collecting our candy. I do remember being miserably wet and cold.

But, now that I think about Halloween, yikes, my recollections are kinda' sparse. I remember the snow, that one Halloween and that's about it! What happened?

I think that my not having many Halloween memories makes the first part of this Halloween column, pure bunk, poppycock, crap-ola.

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I'm not sure why I don't have more spooky Halloween memories. In general, I like Halloween. I may not be a card-toting member of the local Club O'Wicca, but, with Celtic-blood pumping through my veins, it's natural for me to find a connection with this Christian/pagan holiday. I just don't remember much about Halloween's past.

It was dark. I got candy.

This is getting distressing.

I am surprised Halloween experiences have not stuck with me.

The aspect of going door to door, simply repeating the mantra, "Trick or treat," while holding open a sack for folks to dole out the sweets, resonates well with me. Of Irish/Scot lineage, I liked/like the idea of getting stuff that other folks paid for, for nothing. El-free-boes are great.

In a word, I guess that makes me: CHEAP.

I would have thought I would remember all the costumes and everything else about the spookiest time of the year. I mean, I like monster movies and scary books. I guess I always have.

Recently, while watching the 1941 classic werewolf movie, the *Wolf Man*, starring Lon Chaney, Jr., as the tormented Lawrence Talbot, I even remember something from when I first watched the movie on the *Sir Graves Ghastly* show. It was a Saturday afternoon in the early 1970s. The television was on Channel 2, airing was the horror-movie host (my local TV hero), Sir Graves.

When I saw the bipedal Wolfman run, I turned to Dad and asked, "Why does the Wolfman run on his toes?"

Dad, ever the old movie buff, shook his head. "I don't know, son. It could be a side effect of lycanthropy, but I couldn't be sure. However, I bet Sir Graves knows."

I remember that, but only two costumes out a dozen, plus outfits. Hmm?

Have a great, safe Halloween. I'm gonna' go home and cry in my candy over my long-gone memories. Better than I deserve, maybe not.

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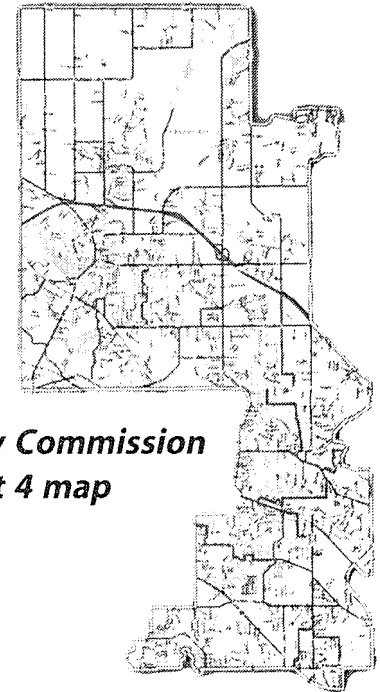


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## Music minister live in concert

Marcello Rossi, director of music of St. Dan Catholic Church in Clarkston, performs in concert, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 9, at The American Polish Cultural Center: 2975 E. Maple Road in Troy.

Rossi will perform songs from his album "Lessons of Life" with his live five-piece band.

"Lessons of life" is about my mother, who was a teacher, and the lessons she taught us," he said.

He has been with St. Dan's for seven years, leading its music ministry, including a 50-member choir with 20 instrumentalists, cantor training, song leader, and other programs.

"It's terrific. I love our music ministry," he said. "People who go to St. Dan's are filled with faith. It's inspiring. We make great music there."

This is his second album. He's working with director Greg Trzaskoma to adapt his first, "The Power of Attraction," into a stage musical. "It has a lot of life, vitality, energy - it's a fun show," said Rossi, who hopes to finish it by fall next year.

Visit [www.marrossproductions.com](http://www.marrossproductions.com) for more information.

## Wine tasting

Clarkston Rotary hosts Taste for the Holidays wine and micro brewery beer tasting on Thursday, Oct. 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Bordine Nursery on Dixie Highway.

Bordine's will be decorated for the upcoming holidays at the fund raiser, featuring over 40 wines of the world, micro brewery beers from Rochester and Frankenmuth breweries, as well as appetizers from 13 local restaurants.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. For information, email [mindyjoel@aol.com](mailto:mindyjoel@aol.com) or call 248-625-9741.

## Designers' evening

Chatham House at Plum Hollow hosts "An Evening with the Designers" charity event at the Birdfeeder Atrium, 7150 N. Main Street, on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 7-9 p.m.

Chatham House is working with Habitat for Humanity to design the bedrooms for a home build on Hogback Lake Road.

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# Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Possible prowler

A resident in the 2000 block of Mann Road said she heard noises at around 2 a.m., Oct. 12, but didn't think anything of it. The next morning, a neighbor came over and said a family member saw someone standing on the walkway with a flashlight at about 2 a.m. Nothing was missing or disturbed outside the house.

## Golf gear taken

Golf equipment, sunglasses, speaker, and two headsets were taken from an unlocked SUV in the 5000 block of Old Cove Road, Oct. 12.

## Guns taken for safekeeping

A 59-year-old resident of the 5000 block of Algonquin was arrested for domestic violence, 8:31 p.m., Oct. 13. His wife said he slapped her in the face during an argument, then threatened to kill himself. The man said he was seeking care for mental issues. Deputies took a revolver, shotgun, and two rifles for safekeeping.

## Racial harassment

Residents in the 6000 block of Cheshire Park Drive were having dinner when the doorbell rang 3-4 times, 7:02 p.m., Oct. 13. When they opened the door, they told deputies they found a baby doll with its head partially torn from body, and vulgar drawings, swastika, and racist messages written on it. They heard laughter from a vacant house across the street. A resident ran over but didn't find anyone.

## Fire investigation

A Fay Street resident noticed white smoke coming from a vacant trailer across the street in the 100 block of N. River and called 911, 1:30 p.m., Oct. 13. Independence Township firefighters put it out. The fire started in a backroom and seemed suspicious, so an arson investigator was called out.

## Mail fraud

An 18-year-old Independence Township man received a notice in the mail from Michigan Department of Human Services about a new-hire application for a business in Mt. Clemens, Oct. 17. The resident wasn't seeking employment in Mt. Clemens, and was concerned someone had his Social Security number and was pretending to be him.

## Tools taken

A GPS and tools were taken from a truck parked in the 6000 block of Vail Court, Oct. 22. There were pry marks on the truck bed cap tailgate.

## Windows broken

Two windows were broken out in a house in the 9000 block of Eevee Road, Oct. 12.

## School bus runner

A deputy stopped a 77-year-old Waterford Township man for running a school bus with lights activated at Dixie Highway and Maple Drive, 4:46 p.m., Oct. 17. He said he did not see the bus, then said he was waved through. The bus driver was actually blowing the vehicle's horn at him to stop. He was cited for failure to stop for a school bus and driving with an expired license.

## Domestic violence

A 41-year-old Joy Street resident was arrested for domestic violence, 7:29 p.m., Oct. 19. A woman living with him said they had been drinking, got in a fight, and he punched her in the face, knocking her unconscious. When she awoke, she called police and was taken to McLaren for treatment. The suspect had pled guilty to attempted domestic violence in 2009, and pled guilty to domestic violence in 2011.

## Utility scam

An Independence Township resident said she received a call from someone claiming to be from DTE, 2:07 p.m., Oct. 23, saying her business account was overdue and if she didn't pay, they would shut off her power. They said she owed them \$418, and she should go to a convenience store, purchase a prepaid money card, call back, and give them the number. She knew it was a scam and did not send money, then called DTE and confirmed she was up to date.

## Vandalism

Employees in the 5000 block of Bow Pointe Drive found damage to a concrete bench, chipped by scooters and skateboards, a plastic garbage can liner set on fire, and bolts torn out of a gate, Oct. 23.

## Armed robbery

Deputies are seeking an armed robbery suspect, described as a black man, about 5 feet in height, thin build, wearing a grey and black coat with black gloves. The BP gas station in the 6400 block of Sashabaw was robbed at 12:18 a.m., Oct. 25. The clerk said the robber wore a bandana as a mask and demanded money at gunpoint. A witness said they saw the suspect run out the store, get into a waiting vehicle, tan or grey in color and driven by a white man, and drive off. The clerk told deputies he called his boss first to report the robbery before calling 911. An area check was unsuccessful and the investigation continues.

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DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	
Thursday	08-28-14	Dakota High School	WIN
Friday	09-05-14	Bloomfield Hills	WIN
Friday	09-12-14	West Bloomfield	WIN
Friday	09-19-14	Stoney Creek	WIN
Friday	09-26-14	Oxford	WIN
Friday	10-03-14	Troy Athens	WIN
Friday	10-10-14	Troy	WIN
Friday	10-17-14	Lake Orion	WIN


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Team	Overall Records		Team	Overall	Wins	Losses
	Wins	Losses				
1. Clarkston	9	0	5. Stoney Creek	5	4	
2. West Bloomfield	8	1	6. Bloomfield Hills	2	7	
3. Oxford	6	3	7. Troy Athens	2	7	
4. Lake Orion	4	5	8. Troy	1	8	

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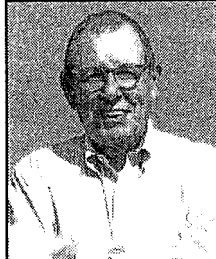
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## Rematch set in districts

BY WENDI REARDON  
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves found out during MHSAA's Selection Sunday they would face Oxford for the second consecutive year in Pre-District playoffs.

The gridiron heroes defeated the Wildcats earlier in the season and long-time Wolves coach Kurt Richardson expects it will be different than it was five weeks ago.

"They are going to see a totally different team - I can guarantee it," he said. "That first Oxford game there were two plays that were a 14-point swing. They missed a wide open receiver in the end zone for a touchdown and after that Cole (Chewins) made the pick. What could have been a 14-14 tie went to 21-7 (for Clarkston)."

Richardson said the Wolves will prepare this week to stop Oxford's powerful running game and to stop their runningback.

But the Wildcats will have to look out for Clarkston as well. Before the Wolves began practicing this week, Richardson pointed to a few of their own strengths.

"We are versatile," he reflected. "We can score on the ground. We can score in the air. We have some depth. Those things will be important for us. Also, our kicking game. Alex Kessman has been outstanding."

The Wolves are undefeated going into playoffs after securing their ninth win of the season against Farmington Hills Harrison, 31-24.

"It was a great game," Richardson said. "The kids responded really well. Our offensive coaches made great changes at half time. It was a fun game."

Harrison was on the scoreboard first following a 71-yard touchdown run. The Wolves started their way to the end zone with Shane Holler catching a 42-yard pass from quarterback DJ Zezula, setting it at the 3-yard line.

Nolan Eriksen rushed the ball the remaining yards to score his first of four touchdowns for the game.

He broke the Hawks 10-7 lead in the third quarter when he scored on a 63-yard run. During the fourth quarter he scored twice on a 50-yard run and another 63-yard run to seal the win.

"It was a break out game for him," Richardson said. "He was outstanding. No doubt about it."

Kessman was 4-for-4 on PATs and scored on a 25-yard field goal. Zezula was 3-for-4 in passing for 58 yards.

Carter Linton led defense with nine tackles and three assists. Jack Selke had five tackles and two assists and Joe Popp had five tackles, two assists and recovered fumble. Merrick Canada had four tackles and two assists

"They have some explosive players and they hurt us a couple of times. But when we had to we came up with the big plays," Richardson said.

He added the win will help the boys for playoffs and they can take a few points away from the game.

"No. 1, they have a lot of weapons," Richardson said. "They have a lot of different ways to win. No. 2, they should feel confident. It was a very good Harrison team."

The Wolves host Oxford this Friday. Kick-off is at 7 p.m.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Athletic and crafty

BY WENDI REARDON  
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

For Baylee Tweed it doesn't matter if she is in the living room, on the playground or at Stars & Stripes Kids Activity Center - she uses the opportunity to practice her gymnastics.

"I like doing back hip circles," the eight-year-old smiled as she waited for her Saturday morning class.

Recently she has been working on back hand springs, floor routine, back flips off the beam and back hip circles in her second year on the Junior Olympic team.

"It is preparing her for competitive gymnastics," said dad, Blaine. "She was invited by the coach because they recognized her hard work and abilities. Once she makes pre-team then she can travel and go to different meets."

"Baylee is always energetic and bubbly," said Coach Didi Woityra. "Every day she comes in focused, mentally prepared and ready to give her best for the day. She is very respectful to her coaches and her teammates. She is very helpful, encouraging, motivating. We are very proud of her. She has come up from Penguins to where she is now. We have watched her grow. She is growing into a very motivated athlete."

Baylee began gymnastics when she was 2 1/2-years-old when she received a gift from her grandparents. Now she is in Hot Shot. She will move on to Level Three then Level Four.

"It grew from there," Blaine said, adding it has been amazing watching her progress. "It's scary, proud, terrifying - all those things. You see her out there so small climbing the rope, flipping around on the beams. It is a very proud moment."

Baylee had three fun meets during this year and has a holiday show in December. She attended Motown Madness to watch the Level 10 gymnasts compete.



Baylee Tweed practices her gymnastics. Photo by Wendi Reardon

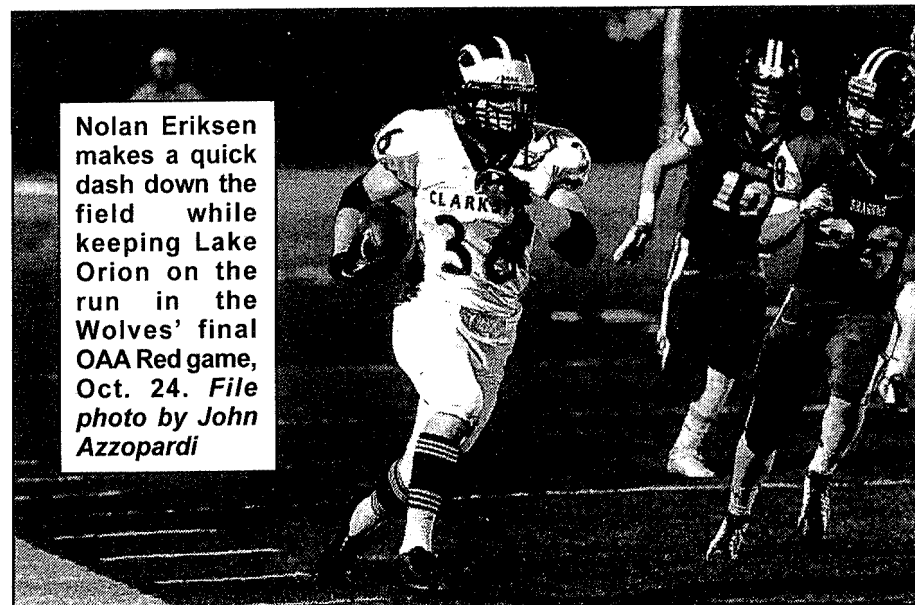
"She is definitely a very supportive teammate for all levels," Woityra smiled. "She watches the older girls. They are an inspiration to her because she talks about how they circle the bars. She loves circling the bars which is sometimes difficult for gymnasts. She just takes it. She is a very fast learner as far as her gymnastic skills."

Baylee builds up endurance for the floor routines by running. She participated in Clarkston Elementary's fun run and the Cross Country Elementary race, Oct. 17.

When she isn't practicing gymnastics skills she is making wallets, pens and bracelets with duct tape.

"A neighbor helped me find how to make duct tape bracelets," Baylee smiled, admitting she always has duct tape on her.

"She is crafty and it shows," Woityra said. "If you have that crafty nature it gives you a little something more in the gym. Like she is very particular. She pays attention to details and it transfers over to athletics."



Nolan Eriksen makes a quick dash down the field while keeping Lake Orion on the run in the Wolves' final OAA Red game, Oct. 24. File photo by John Azzopardi

  
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# Runners shine at MHSAA Regionals, head to finals

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves ruled Delta College in Bay City on Saturday as both cross country teams qualified for the MHSAA State Finals.

The girls cross country team sealed their trip by winning the region title with their first place finish with 59 points.

"I was pretty excited - that kind of opportunity doesn't come around often," said Clarkston Girls Cross Country Coach Kevin Breen. "The girls were excited. They were ready, but they knew they had to be on their game to do it."

Nicole Hanson led the team finishing the run in first place at 18:38.02. Teammate Lysie Gram finished ten seconds later in third place at 18:48.5, which improved her school record by a second, moving her up from tenth to ninth best in Clarkston High School's history.

Audrey Huhtasaari finished in seventh place at 19:15.78.

"We really did well up front," said Breen. "Nicole was projected for second and took first. Lysie was projected fourth or fifth and she took third. Audrey was projected to take tenth."

Michelle Bollini finished in 21st place; Hailey Catania, 27; Kaitlyn Cavallo, 33; and Helen Jeffers, 42.

"Every single one of those seven girls stepped up and ran well," Breen added. "Cavallo had a huge race and made a big difference in the team score. The morning of one of our runners got sick. Our eighth runner, Helen Jeffers, was able to step into that spot. She stepped up and she did what she needed to do and helped support the team."

Just an hour earlier the boys team had qualified for the state finals as they finished in third place with 95 points behind Holly, in first place with 82 points and Grand Blanc in second place with 87 points.

"We have a good team and we continue to improve," said Coach Michael Taylor. "It was really a team effort. They were excited. We were ranked seventh in the region and we suspected some of the seeding might be off because it was based on Portage Northern which is a fast course. We tried not to accept that as the way things are just because it's somebody's guess on what might happen. What we tried to do was run a good race."

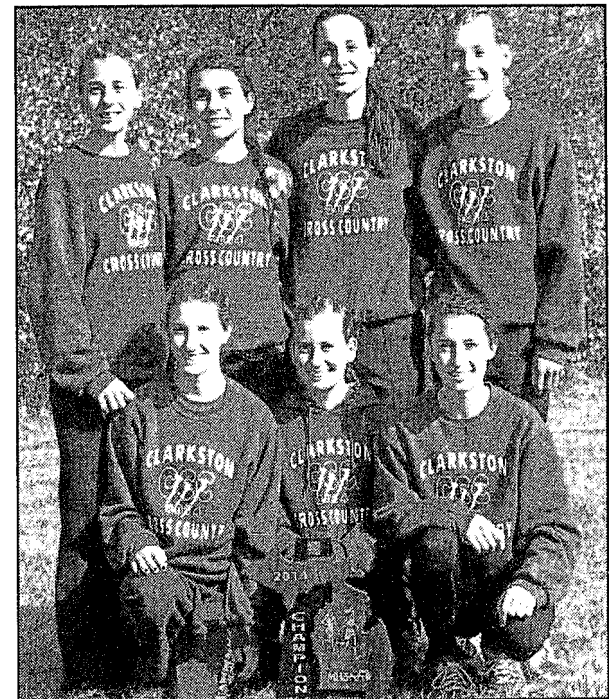
Daniel Billette led the Wolves finishing in ninth place, 16:12.78. Tyler Dunn crossed the finish line less than a second later in tenth place at 16:13.61 and Grant Henley finished in 12th, 16:16.25.

"Both do a great job," Taylor said about Billette and Dunn. "Grant is sticking with them and coming off from an injury, and he continues to get better."

Luke Oldford finished in 27th places followed by Eric Smith, 37; Mika Juhhl, 40; and Richard Johnson, 59.

"We are getting support from the guys in the last of the line up as well," Taylor added. "Eric ran very well. Luke ran his personal best of all time. He was another big reason why we won. His performance and Dunn's performance were really exceptional on Saturday."

Both teams head to Michigan International Speedway on Saturday for the finals. The Division 1 Boys race begins at 2 p.m. and the girls race is at 3 p.m.



The Clarkston Girls Varsity Cross Country team is Audrey Huhtasaari, Kaitlyn Cavallo, Helen Jeffers, Lysie Gram, Michelle Bollini, Hailey Catania and Nicole Hanson. Not pictured is Alex Gladding. Photo submitted

# Kickers end season to Highlanders in shootout

BY WENDI REARDON

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Wolves ended the season on Saturday in a shootout against Rochester Adams in the MHSAA Regional Final, 2-1.

"We played pretty well," said Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer Coach Curtis Payment. "We dominated the game. Our whole team played well."

The Wolves scored 20 minutes into the first half with a goal from junior Jake Hallberg off an assist from junior midfielder Alex Komatz.

The Highlanders stayed scoreless until the last five minutes of the game when they tied it up, 1-1, sending the playoff game into two

overtime periods and a shootout.

"Our defense, David Posawatz and David Wakefield, were really strong," Payment added. "We really shut them down. Another player who stood out was Jacob Moreno. I brought him up from JV. He did really well."

The Wolves won the first round of regionals with a 1-0 win over Oxford with a goal from Posawatz off an assist from junior Ethan Price.

"We controlled most of the play and limited their opportunities," Payment said. "They are a good team. We had to be careful."

Senior goalie Grant Gotaas had 12 saves during the game.

The Wolves finished the season as district

champs, tying for third place with Troy Athens in the OAA Red and with an 12-7-5 overall record.

"I am so proud of the team," Payment said. "It was a really good season. We, without a doubt, played the hardest schedule in the state. We also lost Joey Definis which was a big blow to our offense. It was a frustrating season but I was proud we were able to stay together despite the adversity we faced. Then, to final put it together at the end of the season and have a long run in the playoffs makes the season a success."

The boys bid farewell to 11 seniors - Definis, Gotaas, Posawatz, Wakefield, Alec Jones, Ryan King, Andrew Reid, Adam

Smart, Jon Tonks, Cary Wilson and Josh Zawadzki.

"The leadership we had on this team was unparalleled," Payment said adding they leave behind a legacy of focusing on academics, work ethic and charities.

"They are all very good at school with good grades," he explained. "Work ethic because they worked really hard to get to where they are and they are charitable. This was the first year we raised money for Special Olympics and the Congenital Heart Walk. They really gave back to the community. Without the seniors we probably wouldn't have weathered the season because it was really intense. They will be missed."

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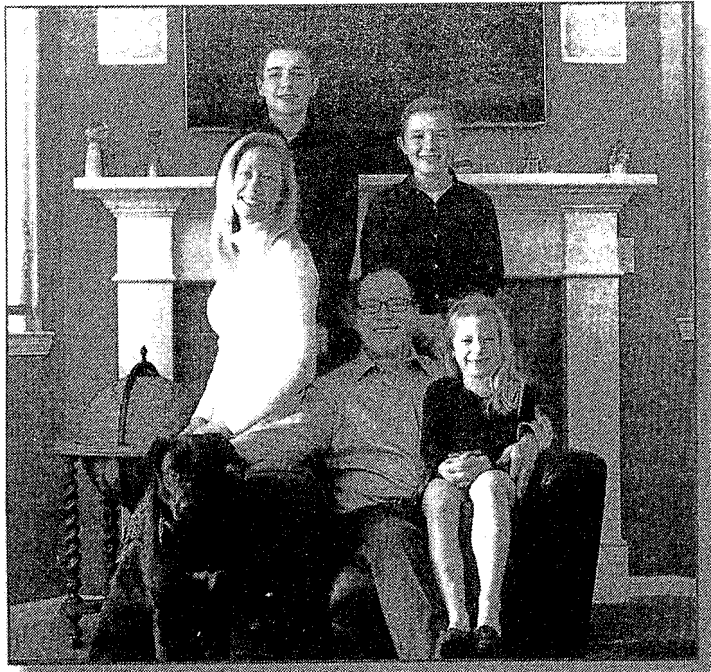
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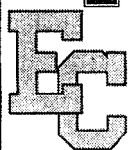
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## 2014 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Thursday, August 28	at Allen Park Cabrini (W)	7pm
Saturday, September 6	at A.H Oakland Christian (W)	7pm
Friday September 12	at M.H. Bishop Foley (W)	7pm
Friday, September 19	Bye Week	7pm
Saturday, September 27	Lenawee Christian (Homecoming) (W)	7pm
Friday, October 3	at Atherton (W)	7pm
Friday, October 10	M.C. Cardinal Mooney (W)	7pm
Saturday, October 18	at Grosse Pointe Liggett (L)	1pm
Friday, October 24	Catholic League Cross-over(L)	7pm

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DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Friday, Aug. 29	Warren Collegiate (L)	7pm A
Saturday, Sept. 6	Macomb Lutheran North (W)	1pm H
Saturday, Sept. 13	Melvindale AB&T (W)	1pm H
Saturday, Sept 20	Cranbrook (W)	1pm H
Saturday, Sept 27	Bishop Foley (W)	1pm H
Saturday, Oct. 4	Shrine (Homecoming) (W)	1pm H
Saturday, Oct. 11	Allen Park Cabrini (W)	1pm A
Saturday, Oct. 17	Riverview Richard (W)	7pm A
Saturday, Oct. 25	Prep Bowl Ford Field (W)	4pm A

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## Everest, Lakers prep for playoffs

Clarkston Everest Collegiate ended the regular season with a 52-0 loss at Warren Michigan Collegiate.

Isaiah Hellner rushed six times for 25 yards. Ben Bellestri carried the ball eight times for 20 yards and Lucas Neme carried the ball three times for 19 yards.

Bellestri led defense with eight tackles. Sal Mastromatteo and Elliot Fenske had four tackles each for the game.

The Mountaineers record heading into playoffs is 6-2.

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The Lakers from Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes won the Catholic League C-D Divi-

sion championship for the second consecutive year.

This year they won when they defeated Allen Park Cabrini on Saturday, 45-14.

During the game Clay Senerius was 15-for-23 in passing for 222 yards and three touchdowns. Devin Senerius caught nine of the passes for 151 yards for two touchdowns.

Christian Heiss was the leading rusher for 114 yards on ten carries.

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Both teams head off against each other as Everest heads to Our Lady of Lakes on Saturday for the MHSAA Football Division 8 Pre-District game, 1 p.m.



The Wolfpack becomes Back to School champs! From left Brock Henley, Ryan Barber, Jake Jensen, Matthew Nowicki, Spencer Lenardson, Matt Baker and Seth Bacon. Photo submitted

## Wolfpack on the prowl in games

Team Wolfpack from Clarkston went undefeated in eight games in the Tony Howard "Back to School" basketball league during the weekend.

They capped it off by winning the championship game in the playoffs Sunday in thrilling fashion against the Pontiac Spurs.

The Wolfpack was down ten points with 5:44 left in the game. With less than 30 sec-

onds remaining Jake Jensen made one of two attempts at the free throw line and Ryan Barber stole the ball to make a break away lay up.

The last plays boosted the boys to win the game by three points, 51-48.

The Wolfpack is Seth Bacon, Matt Baker, Ryan Barber, Brock Henley, Jake Jensen, Spencer Lenardson and Matthew Nowicki.

## Horizon Hoops starts Dec. 6

Varsity Girls Basketball Coach Tim Wasilk, his coaching staff, and players welcome all interested players to their Tenth Annual Horizon Hoop Fundamental league.

The winter youth league is open to girls in Kindergarten-eighth grade and boys, Kindergarten-second grade. It runs for nine

weeks beginning Dec. 6.

Experienced and beginner players are welcome. The cost is \$100 per child and includes a league basketball T-shirt. Forms can be picked up at any Clarkston school. For more information, please contact Coach Wasilk at [tlwasilk@clarkston.k12.mi.us](mailto:tlwasilk@clarkston.k12.mi.us).

# Four candidates for three seats on city council

Four candidates are running for three, open seats on Clarkston City Council. Incumbent council members Sharron Catallo, Peg Roth, and Michael Sabol, and challenger Richard Bisio are running for the two-year seats.

**Richard Bisio** has served a two-year term from 2010 to 2012. After Carol Eberhardt resigned her council position, he was appointed in May 2013 to serve until the November 2013 election, and served for about five months.

"A number of people urged me to run again and I think that I can usefully contribute to operation of the city government," Bisio said.

Goals include a more rigorous budgeting process, including a multi-year budget and a realistic projection of capital expenses.

"Although the city has discussed a multi-year budget, it has not adopted one. Multi-year budgeting anticipates future revenue and expenditure changes and plans for them over the long term," he said. "The city has not been disciplined about budgeting for capital expenses. When the capital expense fund was created, there was to be a listing and prioritization of projects. That hasn't been done."

What has happened instead in the past year or so is the city has just spent funds on whatever project has come along, rebuilding the stone wall on South Main, repaving Wampole and Princess Lane, cameras in the park, extending the sidewalk on North Main, taking the money from the fund balance in the general fund, he said.

"This mode of operation can't be sustained over the long term because the fund balance will be depleted by such expenses. We need a realistic projection of capital needs and a plan for funding them," he said.

He would like to see more consolidation or sharing of services.

"One of the reasons city taxpayers pay a higher millage rate than township taxpayers is that the general overhead of a separate government is spread among fewer taxpayers in the city," he said. "I think there are still opportunities to share services with the township, another municipality, or a third party vendor that could save the city money, such as utility billing and payment processing, tax payment processing, property assessing, and perhaps some of the functions of the clerk and treasurer. This is not a criticism of our current clerk or treasurer, both of whom I think are doing well. Just a thought of where we might be able to save some money for the taxpayers."

He would also like to revisit whether the city can or should do anything about

enhancing law enforcement services.

"At my suggestion, the mayor appointed a committee for this purpose but, after the 2013 election, the committee never met," he said. "The increased vandalism in the park is a concern and others have expressed concern to me about the coverage we get from the sheriff's department. I expect any dedicated enforcement for the city would cost something and this should be put to the voters, but it is an issue that I think deserves to be looked at."

He would also like to see more descriptive minutes of the city council meetings.

"The current minutes have slimmed down to the absolute minimum required by law—who was there and how they voted on motions and resolutions. More descriptive minutes would make our government more transparent," he said.

He opposes the proposed special assessment for sidewalk snow removal.

"The city will likely be exiting the DPW space at 3 E Church at the end of its current lease in 2015. The mayor has appointed a committee to make a recommendation to the council about what to do then," he said. "I would like to see a public meeting of this committee and other city committees that deal with important issues, including the finance committee."

The apparent sentiment now is to spend \$300,000 on building a new place to store the equipment that is at 3 E Church, he said.

"Although that can be paid over time and can be compared to what the city is now paying in rent, I would like to see a more public process and a more thorough examination of less costly alternatives, such as fenced or protected but unheated storage or renting space from the township or a local business," he said. "I take it as an important trust to be in control of the taxes our residents pay. As I proposed during the last budget cycle, I think the city should consider reducing tax rates when it has an excessive fund balance. I will continue to raise budgeting and taxation questions when appropriate."

**Sharron Catallo** ran for a one-year term last year, to finish a term on the city council.

"I certainly knew well the job to which I asked to be elected," Catallo said. "When I retired as mayor in 2008, I had served two years on the village council, five years as village president and 16 more as mayor."

She had the advantage of knowing the processes, what worked, what didn't work both then and now, she said.

"I have enjoyed being active in public life again this past year, and I think it's something I do well, which is why I decided

to seek reelection. I would like to serve the community for another two years. History demonstrates I have the knowhow to be able to do this job well," she said.

Over the last few years, she has been on the Zoning Board of Appeals. This year, she is also serving on the finance committee.

"As a former mayor, I am very familiar with the committee, and its importance. Although inevitably the world changes at least a little with time, the bottom line is still the bottom line," she said. "I am also now the chairperson of a committee that is going to start a replanting program of our neighborhood trees. We have lost trees to deterioration mostly because of age Thirty years ago we had an ambitious planting program and the time is right to have another one. Our trees not only create a backdrop for our community, they also provide a pedestrian atmosphere and noise barrier along with curtailing pollution. Clarkston's tree-lined streets have always been a source of pride in the community. So during the next two years, I look forward to this program becoming successful."

When a government is working correctly, changes are always taking place, she said.

"The right changes work so seamlessly the community only notices everything is working better for them. That's the way it should be," she said. "If it's the wrong change, almost everyone notices and you will hear about it immediately. That being said, I have nothing specifically I would change at this time, except I would like to see more people attend our meetings and become active within our wonderful community. The input of city residents and businesses is how we better understand what works within our community and what needs to be considered—collectively—for change."

**Peg Roth** has been on the Clarkston City Council for four terms.

"I am running because I care deeply about our community and the people who live here," Roth said. "I want to continue to work with the Clarkston retailers and believe we should do what we can to make sure they are successful in maintaining a vital downtown. I am involved in our surrounding community in many other ways and have really enjoyed the people that I have met and worked with."

She decided to run again because she likes to be involved in the community.

Along with being on the council for eight years, she is also a member of the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. She has been on the Fourth of July Parade Committee for three years, Concerts in the Park Committee, co-founder with Kevin Harrison of the Clarkston Retailers' Group, member of the Ameri-

can Legion, worked on the Clarkston Coalition for Youth spring break program, and last years' SCAMP Christmas Event.

"I have met and been able to work with some incredible folks through my experience with many different organizations here," she said. "I intend to continue my involvement with many of these programs and have a few more in mind whether or not I am successful in my run for the City Council."

**Michael Sabol** grew up in a small town in Pennsylvania and has always enjoyed the small, tight-knit community life.

"My wife, daughter and I moved to Clarkston nine years ago to re-engage in that lifestyle," Sabol said. "I accepted the interim appointment in 2012 and ran in November 2012 to give back to the community that is giving that lifestyle to me and my family."

He has served on council for about two and a half years, as an interim appointee in early 2012 and then elected in November 2012.

He has been an employee of General Motors for 38 years, in a number of positions in Engineering and Manufacturing.

"These positions have provided me with a wide variety of experiences in managing people and multi-million dollar programs," he said. "Much of my focus over the years has been related to issue identification, problem solving and strategies to resolve concerns. I believe these skills are critical to a Council position."

The biggest issue facing the city is how to handle the excess in budget reserves.

"We should return some of this to the taxpayers but we must do it in a manner that is thoroughly planned. We need a rainy day fund and to make sure the requirements of an aging infrastructure are met," he said. "I would also like to continue discussing the laws and ordinances of the city to affirm enforcement of those laws that we need to keep and to eliminate those laws that are not necessary."

He would like to see a fully operational Community Committee, working with the Chamber of Commerce, Independence Township, and other surrounding communities to define the role and purpose in the overall community.

"I would also like to see the Farmer's Market return to inside the city limits," he said. "It has been my honor to serve the city residents for the past two+ years. I have proudly served on the city's Departments, Ordinance, and Technology committees. I am also the council representative to the city Planning Commission. I consider it a privilege to serve and would be honored to continue this service if the city's residents choose to re-elect me."



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# Religion

Events Preaching

## Seek out Truth when voting

Election Day is next week. My phone keeps ringing with 'surveys' that are disguised political campaigns. It seems as if every other article that comes to my news feed is 'sponsored content', what we used to call advertising, and makes some startling claims about a candidate or issue has little basis in fact. Talking heads on 'News' channels echo these misstatements of fact or misleading claims, what some people would vulgarly call lies.

As I read, watch and listen to these many campaign advertisements I am reminded of Pilate's question to Jesus during his trial, "What is Truth?" John 18:38. A question that Jesus would not answer.

According to the dictionary, truth is what is true or in accordance with fact or reality; not false.

I would think that finding the truth would be easy. We discover the facts and the truth becomes plain. Yet, two different people or groups take the same set of facts or data and arrive at different conclusions as to what is true.

Is the economy improving or declining, is the earth warming or cooling, are we safer or more vulnerable to terrorism, is the current administration doing enough or too much, are we better or worse off than we were before?

Some say yes, some say no. Reminds me of a Beatles song "You say yes, I say no. You say stop and I say go, go, go, oh no. You say goodbye and I say hello."

In many ways, truth is what is true for you. My truth may not be the same as your truth. This truth is relative; it is relative to this time and place and set of circumstances. What is true today may not be true tomorrow.

We are at peace or at war, the economy is in recession or in recovery, government is not doing enough or doing too much. Today I am a certain height and weight and age, I am healthy or sickly, I am rich or poor or somewhere in between. All these and more are facts that will change.

What does not change is God. Our

conception of God changes. Our beliefs about God change. Our ways of relating to God change, for we are growing and unfolding and evolving our spiritual awareness and expression of Truth. Absolute Truth, God, does not change: we do.

Now what do we know about God, about Truth? God is Spirit: Genesis 1:2 & John 4:24, God is good: Genesis 1:31, Mark 10:18, God is Our Father: Exodus 4:22, Jeremiah 31:9, Matthew 6:9, and God is love: Psalms 136:1-21, 1 John 4:16. These things are real, infinite, unlimited and eternal as God is real, infinite, unlimited and eternal.

### Spiritual Matters



Pastor Matthew Long

Therefore Truth and God are not material, evil, unrelated, hateful nor fearful.

Those things are not real and have no real existence or truth in them. So when we participate in those negatives we are consciously separating ourselves from God, from Truth, from Spirit, from good, from Our Father,

from love. This separation only happens in consciousness. It is not real, only false evidence appearing real.

Life is consciousness: what we believe is true is true for us. Though the world may engage in negativity, we always have the choice not to participate in it. "I have said this to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33.

We have the opportunity to sort through the unreal to find the real and to vote with our thoughts, words and action for Truth. Eliminate the negativity, the fear, the belief in separation, of lack and limitation in your life. Embrace Spirit, the good, the loving Source for all that is real including you.

Blessings of peace, joy & love.

Matthew E. Long is senior minister for Peace Unity Community

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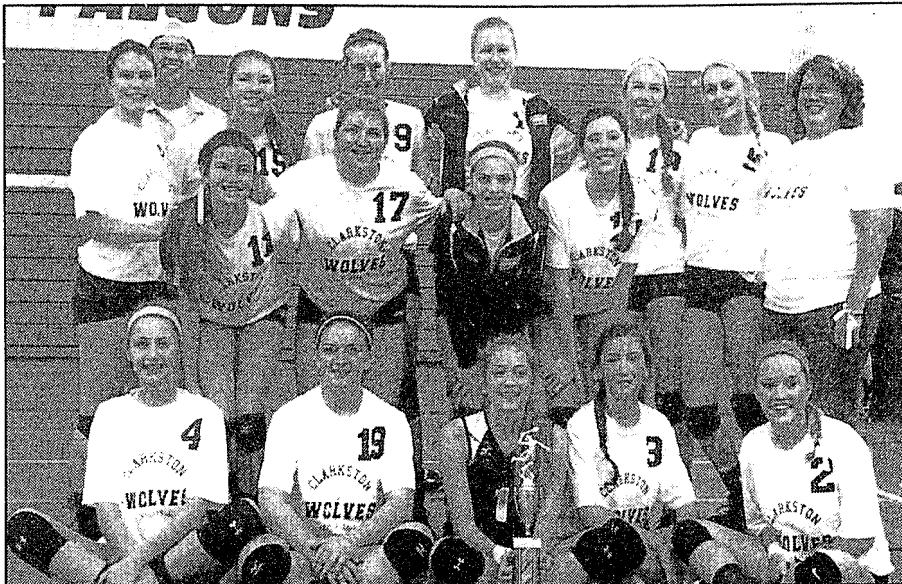
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The Clarkston Freshman Volleyball team celebrates winning the Farmington Invitational. *Photo submitted*

## Tournament wins for Freshmen Volleyball

The Clarkston Freshman Volleyball team finished an exciting year.

The team has won four out of five tournaments. They began with the Oxford Invitational, Aug. 23. They also ran Fenton Invitational, Sept. 20, North Branch Invitational, Oct. 4 and Farmington Invitational, Oct. 18.

They had their final tournament on Saturday at End of the Year Classic in Warren where they took second place after losing the tie breaker

in the championship game.

They head to Lapeer this Thursday for their last quad of the season.

The team is Alison Buscher, Chloe Callahan, Caitlin Dicker, Ashley Graham, Holly Grow, Corrin Gualtieri, Sara Houstina, Shaelyn Koleber, Kristen Marani, Molly Nicholson, Bella Nickola, Sophia Price, Jessica Smith, Trinity Roodbeen and Madeleine Wiscombe. They are coached by Daneen Kincaid.

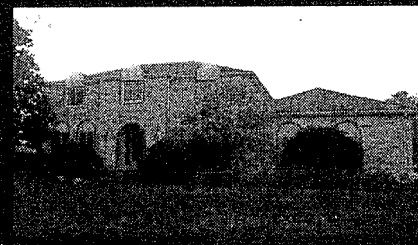
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Children and parents are ready for a Halloween fun time at Wint Nature Center.

**Fall at the Oaks**

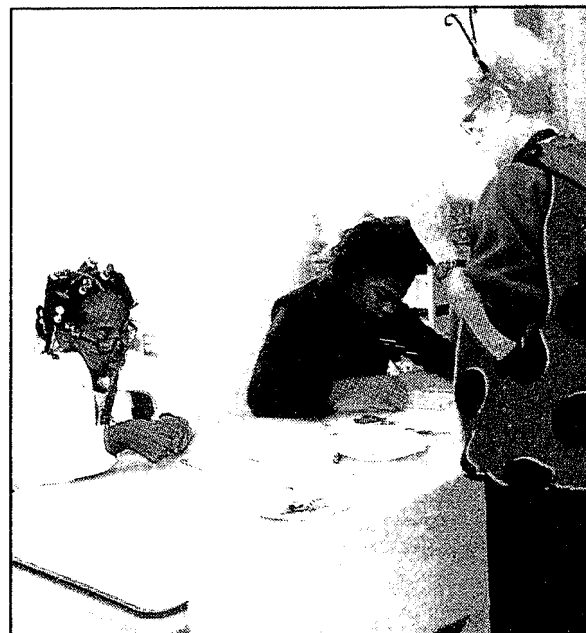
The weather last Saturday was sunny and perfect for the Happy Halloween Hayrides at Independence Oaks County Park.

Many enjoyed hayrides, crafts and learning about Michigan's creepy critters through live animal exhibits at Wint Nature Center.

They also enjoyed the favorite fall treats – cider and donuts by a crackling fire.

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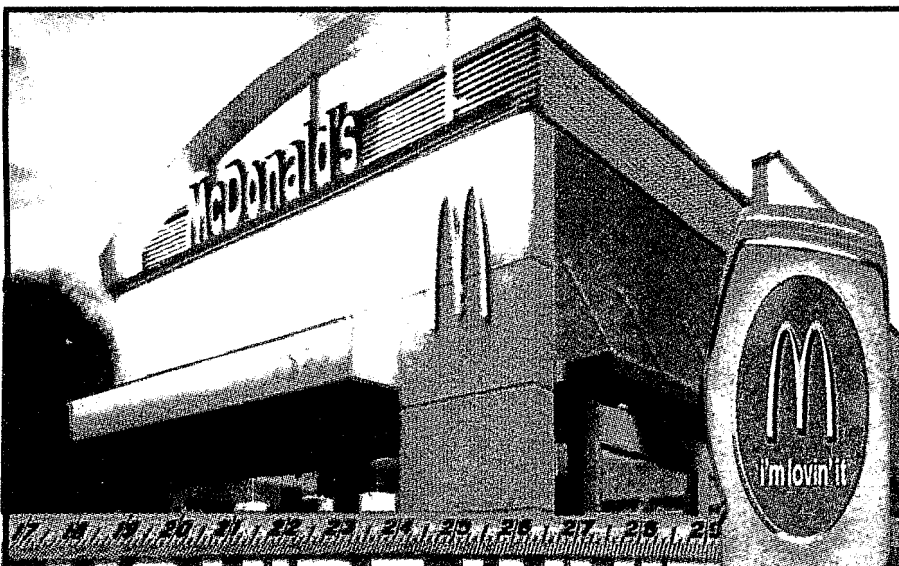
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One of the activities during the holiday event included crafts.



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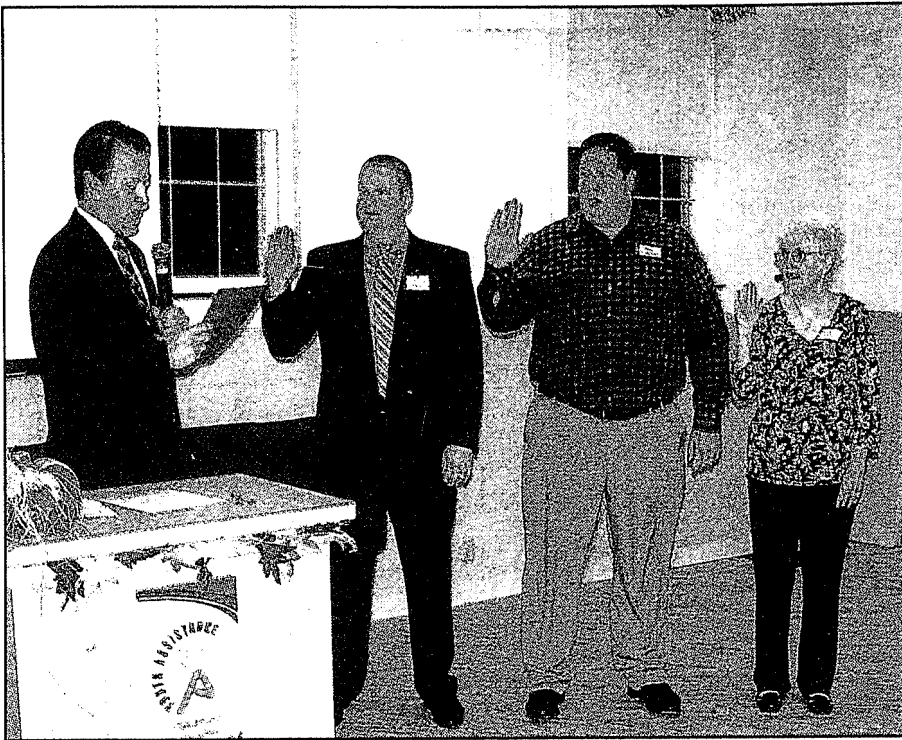
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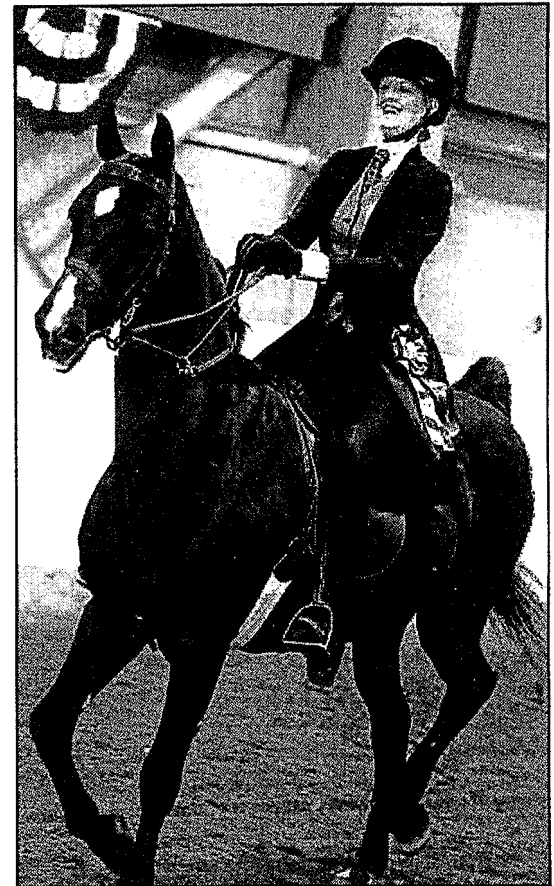
**CAYA OFFICERS:** From left, Judge Joseph Fabrizio swears in the 2014-2015 Clarkston Area Youth Assistance officers, President Craig Hamilton, Treasurer John Nicholson, and Secretary Anita Demster. Not pictured is Secretary Kim Potts. The community group, which works to help local youth with counseling, tutoring, recognition, family education, and other programs, presented its Annual Report, Oct. 27. CAYA's caseworker reported 69 children ages 5-16 helped this past year. They tutored 40 students at 186 sessions and honored 108 local kids with Youth Recognition Awards last April. Call 248-623-4313. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Blue ribbon rider

Grace Gustafson of Clarkston earned a blue ribbon at the American Saddlebred Horse Association of Michigan (ASHAM) Charity Fall Horse Show at Michigan State University Pavillion, East Lansing, October 9-11.

"As an O.A.T.S. parent, I am so very grateful for everyone's support," said Deanna Gustafson of Clarkston, Grace's mother. "My daughter's life has been absolutely changed by her experience with horses. She has told everyone about her blue ribbon at the event this past weekend."

O.A.T.S., Offering Alternative Therapy with Smiles, is a therapeutic riding program located at 3090 Weidemann Drive, off M-15.



Grace Gustafson of Clarkston celebrates her blue ribbon. Photo provided by Brooke Jacobs

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Ruby Mansfield of Clarkston celebrated her 104th birthday last week. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Birthday girl turns 104

Ruby Mansfield (Green) has never been in the newspaper before and laughed when told she would be in it now.

She celebrated her 104th birthday, Oct. 22, an event of some note at Heather Pines Home in Independence Township.

"In all the 20 years we have been in business this is the first time I have had a resident turning 104," said Jill Dixon, administrator.

Mansfield moved into the adult care center last August from her home on Overlook Drive in Clarkston, where she had lived since 1942.

To what does she attribute her long life? "I was a good girl," Mansfield said. "No bad habits, no smoking, no drinking, nothing like that."

She was born in Missouri n Oct. 22, 1910. She married Estell McGhee, and later remarried, to Everett Mansfield. She worked as an administrative secretary at General Motors until she retired in the late 1960s, and also as a part time hair dresser.

She has a son, Jack, four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and 12 great great grandchildren.

— Phil Custodio

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**Events**

**A Purpose-Full Retirement:** An Orientation, 7:30 p.m., Oct. 29, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Led by Dr. Robert Inskip and Dr. Thomas Stone. 248-625-8193.

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**Family Harvest Celebration,** 6-8 p.m., Oct. 29, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Free pizza, donuts, cider, inflatables, games, crafts, candy, prizes and bonfire, weather permitting. Free, but donations of canned vegetables for Blessings in a Back Pack accepted. No costumes. 248-625-1323.

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**A Taste for the Holidays** wine and food tasting, Clarkston Rotary Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 30, Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Highway. Wines from around the world, craft-brewed beers, appetizers by 13 area restaurants, desserts, \$40/advance, \$50/door. 248-625-4244.

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**Best of the Best Expo,** Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 6-8 p.m., Nov. 6, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. 248-625-8055.

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**An Evening with the Designers** with Chatham House at Plum Hollow, 7-9 p.m., Nov. 6. Birdfeeder Atrium, 7150 N. Main Street. Tips and tricks of home décor, silent auction, Hors d'oeuvres. \$50. RSVP, info@ChathamHouseInteriorDesign.com.

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**Craft show,** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 8, Springfield Christian Academy, 8585 Dixie Highway. 248-625-9760.

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**Veterans Day Lunch,** 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Nov. 14, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. \$6 general, free for veterans. RSVP with Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, 248-625-8231.

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**Difficult Conversations, How to Discuss What Matters Most,** with Betty Kozma, 7 p.m., Nov. 15, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free will offering, light refreshments. 248-625-1611.

**Monday**

**Line Dancing,** Mondays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Country, salsa, cha-cha, rock and roll with Rosemary Hall. All welcome. \$3/ drop in.

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

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

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

# Around Town

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



**A CAPPELLA FEST:** Clarkston High School's Detroit Voice performs at the Clarkston A Cappella Festival concert, 7:30 p.m., Nov. 1, at the CHS Performing Arts Center, 6093 Flemings Lake Road. The a cappella group will be joined by the all-female a cappella group Delilah, from NBC's The Sing-Off, and THUMMp of Milford. Tickets are \$20. Call 866-967-8176. Photo provided

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

**Tuesday**

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

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**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.

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**Clarkston Community Women's Club,** third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Community service group for all ages. 248-421-7699.

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

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

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**50+ Pickleball,** Tuesdays, Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m., \$3; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4; Saturdays, 9-11 a.m., \$3. All welcome.

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**LegalShield and Identity Theft Shield** information sessions with Carol Compagnoni, Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road. 248-420-3126.

**Wednesday**

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

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**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance,** second Wednesday, 7 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

**Thursday**

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

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

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**Support group** on "language" of memory loss, dementia, and Alzheimer's disease, 1-2 p.m., every other Thursday through March 5, Mendelson Home for assisted living, 2450

Watkins Lake Road. 248-674-2241.

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**Grief Support Group** with Coats Funeral Homes, third Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Community Presbyterian Church, Fireside Room, 4301 Monroe Ave, Waterford. 248-674-0461.

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

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

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

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

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

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**TOPS 1093 Clarkston,** Take Off Pounds Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 248-673-5540.

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**Friday**

**Line dance class,** Fridays, 2-4 p.m., Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road. \$4, all levels. 248-682-9450.

**Saturday**

**Project Kidsight,** Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Also at Clintonwood Park as part of Kids Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. Free. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

**Volunteer opportunities**

**Avalon Hospice,** sit with patients, hold their hand, listen to stories, personal care, or just be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-664-6334; **McLaren Hospice,** not-for-profit, companionship-type to visit and provide emotional support for patients living with terminal illness, 248-320-0106. **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of Oakland County,** 55+, opportunities at hospitals, cultural institutions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-1147 ext. 3911. **Service With Love,** RSVP of Oakland Country. Older adult volunteers, call seniors regularly to check on health and safety, share friendly conversation. 248-559-1147 Ext. 3937.

## Who gets your vote, Nov. 4

"This November the public has a chance to rid themselves of a duel homestead claimer, a school tax cheater, a do as I say, not as I do, tweeting hypocrite from the Clarkston School board. Steven Hyer has proven that he doesn't deserve to be re-elected."



— Michael Powell

"Rosalie Lieblang has been instrumental in leading the change away from previous attitudes within the Clarkston Community School District that de-emphasized student achievement and considered public funding as an unending stream of 'other people's money' — As a business owner in this community, Rosalie understands the financial reality of running an organization that has great needs but limited funds."



— Betty Reilly

"The incumbent council members approved spending in violation of state law and the city charter, seldom question anything and have allowed the city manager to get away with just about anything she wants to do, including not enforcing city ordinances, purchases without bids or approval from the council, and taking action without council approval or direction. These are not people I want representing me or spending my tax dollars. I may vote for Peg Roth — she at least questioned the antics of the city manager only to be silenced by the remainder of the council."



— Cory Johnston

"Jim Tedder for state representative. I know that he has the qualities we need in our elected officials based on 25 years of living in Clarkston with Jim as my friend. He has the energy and the fresh ideas to promote a legislative agenda that empowers families, energizes small businesses, and improves education."

— Alex Yarber

"I will be voting for those candidates who support our administrative team and who will bring a spirit of cooperation and informed thinking to our school board."

— Beth Rogers

"Please think about what you want for the district, a return to micromanaging, rudeness, backroom deals and certain members of the school board bullying the superintendent they hired, or concise, professional direction which focuses on student achievement and fiscal responsibility — vote for Kelli Horst, Elizabeth Egan, and Steven Hyer for Clarkston School Board."

— Kathleen Noble

By Phil Custodio

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## Wild Night for turtles

Local conservationists celebrated a year of land preservation with a Wild Night Out, Oct. 23 at Deer Lake.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's annual fund raiser, with a theme of Turtles and Tuxedos, included dinner, turtle trivia, wine pull, and live auction.



Mifsud

The conservancy has 1,450 acres preserved so far, and is looking to add about 20 acres on Sashabaw Creek off Maybee Road, where a golf course used to be planned, along with headwaters land in the Clinton River corridor and Shiawassee

River valley.

"There are still a whole lot of areas to be preserved," said Sue Julian, executive director. "To everyone in the area, these kinds of open spaces are important to our quality of our life."

David Mifsud of Herpetological Resource and Management was the keynote speaker, discussing his work preserving turtles. He worked with Consumers Energy to survey property during recent pipeline projects for rare species such as Blandings turtles and massasauga rattlesnakes, and develop restoration plans.

"Consumers Energy were good environmental stewards — they were excited about conservation," Mifsud said. "When the Kalamazoo oil spill happened (in 2010), a lot of them helped with the spill to save turtles."

Call 248-795-2808 for more information.

— Phil Custodio



Bev Steffens and Rick Rotramel display their response to a turtle trivia question. Correct answers meant rewards in chocolate.



From left, Carl Roeser, Sharon Gardner, Joyce Figa, Joe Figa, and Bob Huth enjoy the strolling dinner. Photos by Phil Custodio



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## SASHABAW ROAD & I-75 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC INFO MEETING IS NOV. 6

The Charter Township of Independence and the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC), in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will conduct an informational meeting Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014 to receive public input on the proposed improvements planned for the Sashabaw/Waldon intersection and Sashabaw/I-75 interchange.

### MEETING DETAILS

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014

**Time:** 4 to 7 PM

**Where:** Independence Township Hall  
6483 Waldon Center Drive

The meeting will be an open house format, with no formal presentation. Graphic displays of the proposed project will be available for review and comment. Staff will be on hand to describe the proposed improvements and answer questions.

### PROJECT DETAILS

The proposed improvements to be constructed at the I-75 and Sashabaw interchange and at Sashabaw and Waldon Roads will improve safety and ease congestion in these locations.

#### **Intersection Improvements**

- Construct additional left-turn lane on northbound Sashabaw at Waldon
- Add dual left turn lanes on eastbound and westbound Waldon

#### **Freeway Improvements**

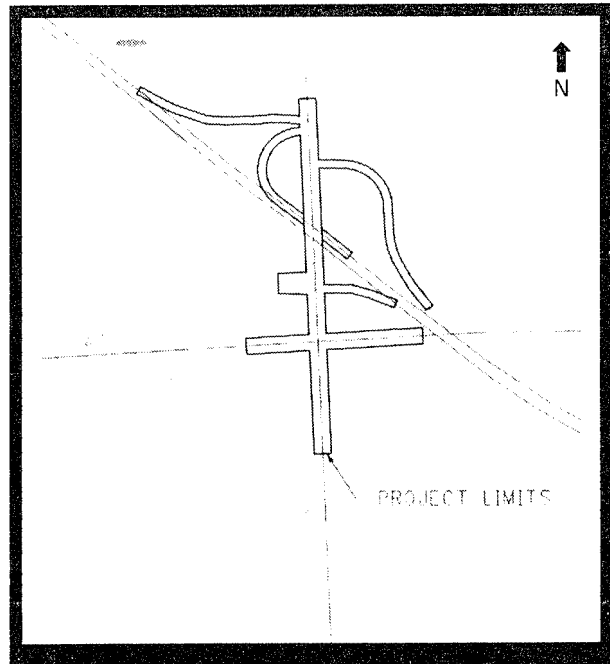
- Construct a new off-ramp from northbound I-75 to southbound Sashabaw Road
- Add a lane to the on-ramp from northbound Sashabaw Road to southbound I-75

### TRAFFIC IMPACTS

During the construction, traffic will be maintained in all directions, with only minor

For more information, contact the RCOC Department of Customer Services at **877-858-4804** or via the RCOC Website at [www.rcocweb.org](http://www.rcocweb.org) (contact us) or Independence Township at **248-625-5111** or [www.indtwp.com](http://www.indtwp.com).

### PROJECT MAP



detours for short durations of time. Lane closures within the work zone will be required throughout the project.

### PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project is expected to start construction in spring 2015 and be completed by fall 2015.

### PROJECT COST AND FUNDING

The project is expected to cost approximately \$4 million. Funding for the project includes a Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) grant for \$672,000, with the remainder being funded by the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority, Charter Township of Independence, McLaren Health Systems, RCOC and Oakland County general government. MDOT provided technical guidance, oversight and obtained all project approvals for the planned improvements.

## Obituaries

### Stanley R. Roosa, 84

Stanley R. Roosa, age 84 of Bear Lake and formerly of Clarkston, died Tuesday October 21, 2014 at West Shore Medical Center in Manistee.

He was born February 28, 1930 in Highland Park the son of the late Alva Roosa and Elizabeth (Linenfelser) Wood. He attended Drayton Plains and Waterford Schools and enlisted in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. On July 23, 1955, Stan married Lois Kuenzer in Pontiac. He was an inspector at GM - Pontiac Motor Division for 28 years; retiring in June 1991. His hobby was carving duck decoys and birds.



He is survived by his wife, Lois Roosa of Bear Lake; sons, Douglas (Nancy) Roosa of Ann Arbor and David Roosa of Sheboygan, WI; 2 grandchildren, Natalie Roosa of Santa Cruz, CA and Paul Roosa of Kalamazoo.

He was preceded by two brothers, Norman and Jack Roosa.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Bear Lake United Methodist Church with Rev. Jane Logston officiating and the Navy Honor Guard conducting military services. The family received friends at Oak Grove Funeral Home in Manistee on Oct. 24.

Memorial contributions may be directed to West Shore Medical Center Health Care Foundation or a charity of the donor's choice.

Please visit Stan's personal page of memories at [www.oakgrovefh.com](http://www.oakgrovefh.com).

The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to **Oak Grove Funeral Home & Cremation Center** in Manistee.

### Anna M. Roper, 89

Anna M. Roper of Clarkston passed away Oct. 25, 2014, at age 89.

She was the beloved wife of the late Lawrence Roper; dear mother of Linda (the late "Griff") Griffith and Debra (Bob) Bowen; precious grandmother of Joseph Cantu, Anna Rogers, Heidi Church Amanda Slumkoski, also seven great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren.

A Celebration of her Life is Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, 1 p.m. at **Coats Funeral Home**-Waterford. Interment to follow at Ottawa Park Cemetery in Clarkston. Memorials to Mercy Hospice. To send a condolence, visit [www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries](http://www.CoatsFuneralHome.com/Obituaries).

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for more obituaries



# Five vie for three seats on Clarkston School Board

**BY PHIL CUSTODIO**  
Clarkston News Editor

Voters will select three members of Clarkston Board of Education when they head to the polls, Nov. 4. Running for the six-year seats are incumbent board members Elizabeth Egan, Steve Hyer, and Rosalie Lieblang, and challengers Donald E. Deering and Kelli Horst.

**Dr. Donald E. Deering, Ph.D.**, of Independence Township, was born on August 16, 1974 and raised in southeast Michigan by a single working mother. Dr. Deering moved to Clarkston four years ago with his wife, Dr. Sandra Deering, doctoral prepared nurse practitioner, and two boys, Andrew, 7 and Ethan, 6, both of whom attend Bailey Lake Elementary.



**Deering**

He has a BA in Psychology, minors in Sociology and Health Sciences; MA in Counseling, Post Master Specialization in Mental Health Counseling / Psychometrics, Testing and Assessment; Ph.D. in Psychology, Post Doctorate Specialization in Health Psychology and Behavioral Medicine.

Deering has spent nearly 20 years in private practice, specifically within the fields of mental health and psychophysiology. He has served as a faculty member for numerous educational and medical institutions, including his current positions as faculty of Oakland University, Department of Counseling and University of Detroit-Mercy, Department of Psychology.

He is also a medical staff member of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, Departments of Behavioral Medicine and Medical Education. He is also the current president of Michigan Mental Health Counselors Association and remains active in many other organizations of interest. Lastly, he is the vice president of Clinical Affairs for Oakland Psychiatric Associates in Pontiac, St. Joseph Mercy Oakland; and Clarkston, McLaren Healthcare Village.

Deering has more recently become involved in the school district as his two young boys became school aged. He is becoming increasingly aware of the challenges that face the district, but also recognizes the amazing pride and commitment to excellence within the district.

"I'm choosing to run for the Clarkston School Board in an effort to be more active in the decisions that will impact my children and the children of my community for years to come. As an educator and entrepreneur myself, I am well equipped to understand the dynamics involved in making these decisions."

As is the case for most school districts, careful consideration of the factors that

result in solvency and sustainability are paramount, he said.

"This is often an emotionally charged issue because the resources available to meet everyone's needs and wants are almost always lacking," he said. "Collaborative communication, prioritized problem solving and timely results are the key to achieving success in this area."

Another issue facing most school districts is updating, implementing and/or maintaining technology that demonstrate proven desirable outcomes. This also requires a collaborative effort due to the complexities and costs associated with such a complicated task, he said.

"Finally, people are at the core of all success achieved in our society," he said. "To that end, administrators, educators, parents and students alike are equally responsible to govern themselves accordingly toward achieving that success. As a result, fair and objective evaluation should lead to results oriented remuneration within the parameters of available resources."

Deering has an interest in being part of a collaborative team effort resulting in meaningfully quantifiable success for Clarkston Community Schools.

"More specifically, I would like to gain the reputation for working with any and all members of the community toward achieving a school district that is second to none," he said. "This being said, this can only be done within the context of reality for which there are resources to achieve this goal. I'm honored and excited to serve Clarkston Community Schools to the best of my abilities."

**Elizabeth Egan, 56**, private piano teacher since 2000, was appointed to the Clarkston Board of Education in April 2010 and was elected to a four year term in November 2010.

Egan has served as vice president, legislative chair, policy committee chair, delegate from Clarkston Community Schools at Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Annual Conference and advocate for our students in Washington D.C. and Lansing. She earned the level 4 Master Boardmember award from MASB in 2013.

Prior to serving on the Board of Education, she served as Clarkston PTA Council president, Clarkston High School PTA president, Clarkston Junior High PTA president, Sashabaw Middle School vice president and Reflections chair, Independence Elementary Beautification Committee chair, and as a community and parent member of the Teaching and Learning Council and Reinstatement Committee.

"I am a proud member of the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, serving as the current

vice president, a member of the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and a proud past member of Clarkston Optimists," she said. "I have also served our students as a guest teacher in almost every school building in our district."

Student achievement is the number one priority of an effective school board, she said.

"I believe great schools make a great community," she said. "I want to continue the positive trends in student test performance. When comparing 2013 MEAP scores, Clarkston students outperformed Oakland County and Michigan students for every grade tested in reading, writing, science and social studies. I would attribute our success in student growth to our focus on literacy and Cultures of Thinking classroom protocols."

She would like to see the board develop a professional demeanor and focus on developing goals with the Superintendent that will improve student performance in math and focus on individual student growth measures.

"I believe our board should push for more local control over the diminished funds we receive for our kids," Egan said. "Currently, Clarkston Schools receive the lowest per pupil foundation allowance provided by the State of Michigan, \$7,251 down from \$7,552 in 2011."

At the same time, the annual percent contribution to the Michigan Public Schools Retirement System (MPSRS) has increased from 17% of payroll in 2010 to 33% in 2014.

"I will continue to advocate for 'no-ties' educational funding from Lansing and Washington DC. I want to keep Clarkston Schools a great place for our students to learn and grow," she said.

Her greatest moment as a school board members is celebrating student success at commencement ceremonies.

"Listening to students share their past experiences and future dreams at the podium, hearing the music, handing out diplomas to our graduates, shaking their hands, clapping for them and watching them 'wave' their class flower are so inspiring to me as a board member," she said. "Graduation is the culmination of all the invested time and energy from parents, local businesses and community members given to our Clarkston kids. This gives meaning to my service on the board. It was an especially proud moment and honor to celebrate up close with my daughters, Suzanne and Molly, and their friends as they walked across the stage!"

**Kelli Horst, 45**, is a brand and marketing consultant to higher education.

Leadership positions include president of the Springfield Plains Elementary PTA, Sashabaw Middle School PTA, and Clarkston PTA Council, each for two years; Superintendent's Parent Advisory Team for six years; and parent representative on the

district's transportation committee for one year

"I believe a school board should include broad representation of the different viewpoints within a community," Horst said. "I am running because a critical perspective is missing from the board table in Clarkston, a current parent who understands the needs and issues of students and families navigating the transition from lower to upper grade levels and represents the positive values and aspirations of our families, employees and community."



**Horst**

Her goal for the district is to ensure every student in Clarkston achieves their potential through education, she said.

She plans to contribute to this goal as a school board member by representing Clarkston parents' desire for the optimum learning environment with respect to manageable class sizes, excellent teachers, appropriate technology, and modern and secure buildings; promoting responsible growth of resources and student enrollment in an increasingly competitive and bureaucratic environment; improving communication and transparency between the board and community; empowering the administration through clear guidance and priorities that reflect the wishes of our community; treating all district employees professionally and with the respect they deserve; and championing public education and our culture of thinking," she said.

"My greatest moment as a newly elected board member will be the first time I cast a vote, because it will signify that I am actively implementing the values and aspirations of our community," Horst said. "I will honor that trust every time I vote or advocate for a position that represents the wishes of parents and families for our schools."

**Steve Hyer, 35**, lives in Springfield Township with his wife of 10 years, Kelly, and children Stephen, 4, and Vivian, almost 2. He has more than 13 years on the Clarkston School Board, first elected in 2001, and re-elected in 2005 and 2009.

He graduated from Clarkston High School in 1997 and University of Michigan in 2000. He founded IGD Solutions Corporation in 1999 in Clarkston, and serves as president of the company, providing websites, website applications, web marketing, and hosting to local businesses.

He is a Master Platinum Certified Board Member, Level 6 from Michigan Association of School Boards. He served on the school board as president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and trustee. He served on the Policy Committee, Student Reinstatement Committee, and Transportation Committee.

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# Two challengers, three incumbents for board of ed

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"I believe strongly in the importance and integrity of public education," Hyer said. "It is this commitment that drives my dedication to Clarkston Community Schools. Clarkston Community Schools is an excellent school district with increasing test scores, a balanced budget, and outstanding employees at all levels. I want to continue serving on the Board of Education to use my knowledge and experience to keep the district moving in a positive direction."



**Hyer**

With administration's direction towards a culture where critical thinking and collaboration is the norm, student achievement will increase, he said.

"We have seen this in our test scores already," Hyer said. "Clarkston Community Schools' focus on relationships has increased students' desire to learn and has contributed to increased connections between our staff, students, parents, and community members."

Professional development is another area absolutely vital to the success of our students.

"Teachers make the primary impact on the teaching and learning that goes on in our classrooms," he said. "I will absolutely push for the resources necessary to maintain and improve a district that focuses on a culture of thinking, building relationships, and providing unique and innovative professional development opportunities. This also means a push for increased student achievement."

The school board has never needed experience more than it needs it now, Hyer said.

"I want to stay on the board of education to absolutely ensure the Administration has the resources needed to push our students to learn more, to do more, and to be successful in the global society," he said.

His primary focus is student achievement.

"This is the most important issue facing us as a school district and community. As a board of education member, I will encourage my colleagues to focus as much as possible on student achievement at board meetings," he said. "We should be looking at data and establishing goals based on the data and recommendations our professional administration. Unfortunately, because we have been bogged down in the day to day workings of the district, we have not been able to focus on what I consider to be the most important issue. I will work to return the focus to student achievement."

He supports the innovative ideas of our Professional Development processes.

"I will support our staff members' educational initiatives based on the latest

research in teaching and learning and understanding of the brain," he said. "Some of this professional development will take place within our district and some will take place across the country or the world. Our superintendent's relationships with the leading researchers in education have allowed access for our schools to tap into their expertise and have ultimately proven to be very beneficial to our children."

Over the last seven years, school employees have been true partners when the district had to go through its most difficult financial times.

"We need to continue to work with these groups and make sure their needs are met. No one in Clarkston is getting wealthy by working for the school district," he said. "We consistently pay less in every position than neighboring districts. We must show our employees they are valued, as almost any staff member can leave for a neighboring district to make significantly more money. If we treat our employees with respect and show them they are valued, they will stick with us and we can avoid the cost of replacing them. While this benefits our employees, this ultimately benefits our kids and leads to consistency, which will increase our student achievement."

He will make sure physical plant and technology needs into the future are taken care of.

"Our kids cannot learn effectively if we do not have a safe and acceptable environment," he said. "Our kids will not be ready to compete in a global society if they cannot even get internet access in our schools through Wi-Fi. We must devote resources to physical plant maintenance needs and technology network updates to allow students to access internet educational resources when they are in our buildings."

He will also continue to think long term when governing the school district.

"I will be looking farther ahead than the next school year to plan and understand where we are going," he said. "I will continue to push for compromise among members of the board. I will always state my personal opinion and look to find common ground while encouraging others to share their beliefs. Governance is very rarely an all or nothing proposition. To be effective in our governance, we absolutely must look for common ground and we must compromise."

He will also advocate for asking questions in a constructive way.

"Even if I disagree with a proposal being presented, I am still collaborative. I treat our superintendent, administrators, teachers, and other staff members with respect at all times," he said. "I continue to state my opinion at the board table in public and I will fight to make sure that other board members are doing the same to preserve the transparency that our community demands

and deserves."

His greatest moment as a board member happened this past June.

"The students, who entered Kindergarten when I was first elected to the board, graduated from our schools," Hyer said. "I am extremely proud of the work we, as a district, have done over the last 13 years to improve the teaching and learning and cultivate a culture of thinking."

When he was newly elected, the biggest challenge the district faced was growth.

"We were able to pass a bond issue in 2003 to consolidate programs and streamline our grade configuration to gain efficiencies and accommodate the large increases in students," he said. "This allowed us to renovate each of our buildings while developing our alternative high school program, early childhood center, and community education programs."

At a time when the district had all its senior administrators retiring and staff members searching for answers, as president of the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education, he led the board through a change in leadership.

"We brought forward Mr. Dave Reschke as interim superintendent and conducted a superintendent search. Ultimately, we were successful in our transition. In 2010, Dr. Rod Rock accepted his position and started a new era for our district."

Under Dr. Rock's leadership, the district has been able to create and grow the program of providing our teachers to other schools that would allow us to get additional revenue from the state.

"About 10 years ago, I heard a presentation about this program and I pushed for it, but the past administration had never made it a priority," Hyer said. "Over the last three years and now, we are bringing in a net revenue of over \$1 million annually that helps all of our students. This is an extremely innovative program that not many schools are willing to pursue."

More recently, he is most proud of the fact many neighboring districts call with inquiries about the literacy program.

"Through their professional development and technology based assessments, our teachers are able to differentiate their instruction to each student," he said. "Combined with our own assessments, we are able to accurately measure the gains our students are experiencing. Our standardized state test scores are showing increases in these areas as well. We are looking to expand this model to math, science, and social studies to see similar gains in those areas as well."

**Rosalie Lieblang** is a sales vice president with a BSA from the University of Michigan and has over 25 years of business consulting and Information Technology experience including over 15 years in senior management positions.

She was elected to the Clarkston School Board in 2009 and has served on the CCS Board as president, secretary and treasurer. She has also been the chairperson for the Finance and Policy committees and a member of the Teaching and Learning, and Transportation committees. She has also served as the PTA president for Bailey Lake Elementary, treasurer for the PTA Council and treasurer for the Clarkston Area Optimists.



**Lieblang**

"Education is one of the most important things we can provide for our children. Being involved as a parent, volunteer and member of the School Board is a way I can give back and serve the community, which is something I strongly believe in," Lieblang said. "I think we have made great strides in the past two years in creating a longer term vision and strategic plan for the Clarkston Community Schools."

The board used to approve the budget and then would determine how to spend the money.

"In the last 18 months, we have worked on shifting that process by working in a collaborative effort with the administration to identify the programs and initiatives that will truly make a difference for our students and then funding them appropriately," she said. "If I am re-elected to the board, I will continue to work on institutionalizing the Strategic Plan/Annual Plan process. This process will help us ensure we are utilizing our limited resources to increase student achievement, stay fiscally responsible, improve our technology, maintain our buildings and ensure we are communicating to parents and the community."

Her main goal as a School Board member include ensuring this district provides the best educational opportunities and experiences for students so they can be successful and achieve their dreams, whatever they may be.

"If I am re-elected to the board, I will continue working to increase student achievement, maintain fiscal responsibility and to improve transparency in order to make Clarkston a premier district in Oakland County and across the state," Lieblang said.

Her greatest moment as a school board member is seeing the 600+ seniors each year walk across the stage at graduation.

"At graduation, we hear the students describe the memories and experiences they will take with them," she said. "We see how proud parents and teachers are of these students. We also see how proud the students are of themselves and their achievements. And as a board member, I believe I have played a small part in helping prepare these students to be successful in the future."

# School board candidates talk tweets, communication

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Contentious communication facilitated by social media was a issue this past year at Clarkston School Board meetings.

This past May, the board sought the opinion of the school attorney regarding posts to Twitter during meetings ("Legal opinion sought on tweets at meeting," May 07, 2014).

The candidates were asked their opinion on the matter.

**Steve Hyer**, who posted about 36 tweets such as "why do we need a supt if Lieblang is going to be voted to run the district" and "it's a discussion/Spanish Inquisition" during the April 28 meeting, said board deliberations and decisions should take place at board meetings and not outside of them.

"The Open Meetings Act and Mr. Butler state this very clearly," Hyer said. "Board members should not be deliberating outside the board meetings, regardless of how it's done, personally or electronically. Board members are free to share their individual opinions, but at no times should any deliberation toward a decision occur. Deliberations and decisions should only take place at the board table in public."

Democracy only works when citizens are engaged and informed, said Hyer, who did not share the Tweets made during the April 28 meeting with other board members or the audience.

"Unfortunately, some members of the board have taken advantage of meetings that had low public attendance and were not videotaped to treat the superintendent in an unprofessional manner and discuss issues that were not on the agenda. Any form of providing transparency is positive, and it also prevents such bullying from occurring," he said.

Twitter is an excellent way to connect with our community to provide near real time updates, he said.

"I believe this increases transparency and gets more people involved in the governance of our school district. If our citizenry is engaged and educated on the issues, we will have more success as a school district and community moving forward," he said. "Twitter is also very beneficial as messages can be scheduled ahead of time. It serves a good purpose to schedule congratulatory tweets to those being recognized by the board of education. It is also a good way to let people know what actually goes on at a board meeting. I've heard personally from over 100 people that they appreciate being kept up to date."

Just like with personal conversations, emails, Facebook posts, and newspaper/media comments, board members have to be careful that they are not violating the Open Meetings Act, he said.

"If board members engage in any communication with more than one other

board member that is working towards a decision of the board, deliberating, they are violating the Open Meetings Act, which states all discussions and deliberations must only occur at the board table in public at a public meeting. Twitter is no different than any other communication method," he said. "I see any communication method, including the newspaper, to conduct board discussions as inappropriate."

Posting information that is on the agenda, or will appear in the minutes and thanking people for their work are very appropriate things to communicate, he said.

"I personally believe this board should follow the practices and principles of effective boards of education, and other boards, and appoint a board spokesperson," he said. "Detractors from this proposal have said this would keep them from sharing their views. Nothing could be farther from the truth. When the board meets in public at the board table, each and every item that comes before the board requires every board member's comments and discussion on that item. All board members have an equal chance to share their thoughts and opinions in public. Once the board has voted on that particular issue, however, board members should support the decision of the majority and communicate on that issue with one voice."

When the board speaks as individuals after a vote has been taken, the debate happens all over again, either in the print or social media, he said.

"This circumvents the transparency of having those discussions at public board meetings, and it usually leads to confusion as to which direction the board or district is really headed," he said. "I will continue to push for a single board spokesperson so that one consistent message is released to the public. This will still allow each individual board member to speak her or his opinion during discussions at board meetings."

**Elizabeth Egan**, who posted about a dozen tweets during the April 28 meeting with comments including "this is ugly behavior" and "how many education experts are sitting at this table? I see only one #rodocks," said the school attorney's opinion should not be interpreted as an individual's right to free speech is forfeited because they sit on a public board.

"Mr. Butler's legal opinion was a response to a false accusation from one community member that the board had violated the Open Meetings Act during a board meeting," Egan said. "He specifically stated that three criteria must be met to violate this statute and none of those three were met. From my perspective, the tweets were intended to provide public transparency from a non-broadcasted five hour board meeting that ended with a few board members behaving in an overtly hostile manner towards our

superintendent."

Last year, the board reached an agreement with the Independence Township Board to share PEG resources and cable television equipment, she said.

"I expected all school board meetings would be taped with an improved quality of viewing for our community," she said. "In February 2014, I made several requests to the board president to tape all board meetings and my requests were ignored. Video taping supports transparency to the public since many interested citizens cannot attend our School Board meetings."

Board members must communicate with the public, she said.

"Some walk the streets or give statements to the press, but our multi-generational society taps into LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram to name a few social applications," she said. "A printed newspaper or cable broadcast may not connect with busy working parents and younger voters."

The issue of board members using social media is the same as meeting face to face in public, she said.

"The content of a conversation or information shared in a public forum must not violate the Open Meetings Act," she said. "Specifically this means, three criteria must not happen at once: we cannot create a quorum for discussion, four or more trustees; we cannot deliberate future decisions of the board, content of discussions should be social or information gathering in nature; and if a board member expresses an opinion in a public forum, whether it is a main street or social media location, we must disclaim the board, and declare ourselves as a free speaking person with an opinion. As expressed in our Operating Procedures, the board should have one spokesperson to speak on behalf of the board."

For **Rosalie Lieblang**, Twitter can be a good information source, but it is not appropriate to use Twitter during a board meeting.

"As Mr. Butler mentioned, tweeting during a meeting gets dangerously close to violating the Open Meetings Act," Lieblang said. "The School Board is a public body, and as directed by the Open Meetings Act, all deliberations must take place in a public meeting. Having a discussion of board business over Twitter or through other social media avenues conflicts with the direction provided by the Open Meetings Act. The district's attorney is paid to advise the board on legal issues and it is in our best interest to heed his advice."

Many community members told her they were disturbed to hear/read about certain board members tweeting disparaging comments toward other board members during board meetings, Lieblang said.

"It is unprofessional and disrespectful

behavior. We are teaching students through Cultures of Thinking to participate in discussion and be respectful and open to the views and opinion of others," she said. "This behavior of tweeting disparaging comments is contrary to what we teach our students. It sets a poor example and is sending the wrong message to students that this type of behavior is okay. I expect board members to be a role model for our students and making disparaging and disrespectful remarks on social media is not the type of behavior I want my children or the other 8,000+ children in our district to model."

Challenger **Kelli Horst** said it is her responsibility as a board member to be available and responsive to community members who want to discuss her position on any vote or issue discussed at the board table.

"Members of the board should refrain from actively opposing a majority decision once the vote is taken, no matter the communication channel," Horst said.

The board's credibility has been hurt by their own missteps and lack of leadership, including failing to act in a timely manner on the superintendent's and teachers' contracts; delaying their own evaluation; selectively taping meetings for broadcast; undermining the superintendent in public; and failing to heed the counsel of expert advisors, she said.

Challenger **Donald E. Deering** said he cannot speak to attorney Butler's comments or intentions behind the recommendation to "refrain from communicating about board business and websites at all times."

"However, I'm confident in saying that communication is the foundation for all collaborative efforts that have led to our country's greatest accomplishments," Deering said.

If the context of Twitter/social media was used negatively during a board meeting, there would be few, if any, exceptions to the rule for this being constructive, he said.

"However, if the context was somehow meant to be positive and/or constructive, perhaps there is a place for this mode of communication," he said.

## Other races

Also on the ballot this Tuesday are local candidates including:

- Incumbent Clarkston Mayor Joseph Luginski, running unopposed for re-election;
- For the Fourth District seat on the Oakland County Board of Commissioner, incumbent Tom Middleton, Republican, and Democrat challenger Phillip Reid;
- For the 43rd District state representative seat, which includes the Clarkston area, Republican Jim Tedder and Democrat Dennis M. Ritter; and
- Michigan Senate, 12th District, which includes the Clarkston area, incumbent Republican Jim Marleau and challenger Democrat Paul Secrest.

# Views differ on school board's role

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Concerns about micromanagement has come up several times this past year at Clarkston Board of Education meetings, including in "School board members focus on operations." March 26, 2014; "School board split after 4.5-hour meeting." April 30, 2014; "Meetings too long." July 16, 2014; "Back-ups OK'd for schools." August 20, 2014; and "Committee concerns." Oct. 16, 2014.

Here's what school board candidates have to say about it.

**Elizabeth Egan** said there are many requests for information, discussions around report formats and "word-smithing" that seems to delay the board's ability to make decisions.

"It is not the duty of the board to correct or change the marginal aspects of the information shared," Egan said. "Board meetings are now typically 4-5 hours long, even with fewer agenda items. The board is wasting precious legal and central office resources with trivial tasks by dictating the 'correct way' to create reports, write job goals and excessive validation of every need before the board will take action. We should not tell employees how to do their jobs."

The 54 strategic initiatives in the strategic plan are job goals for key administrators in the central office, she said.

"The strategy for the district should focus on the classroom, student performance and what programs we hope to offer students," she said. "The belief that any request from any individual board member must be provided without giving thought to the cost or relevance of retrieving an answer, has permeated into the board norms.

"I believe in reasonable, relevant and fair information requests for the purpose of making decisions. I am willing to make a decision with less than perfect information because there is no data for the future - we create the future."

Asked about an "us vs. them" mentality on the board, Egan said there should not be "sides" to the board membership and the public should be very concerned about the indecisiveness and hostility expressed at the table.

"I'm here for the kids," she said. "I listen for other's perspective but worry that personal motives and self-serving dialogue inhibits decision making. I do not speak often but am often interrupted when I speak.

"Sadly said at the board table last fall was that 'Trust is a word that doesn't belong at the board table.' Our official title is trustee and we represent the public

trust, making sure we are investing our school funds in the future success of our students."

The board needs to invest in professional development as a whole instead of individual trustees attending training at this point, she said.

"We also need to finish the board self-evaluation that was started in July," Egan said. "We need meaningful discussions, decision making and more respect towards our Superintendent and administrators. I expect the Board to model behavior we expect of our students and staff."

**Steve Hyer** said the board of education is an elected position filled by community members.

"It is our job to hire a superintendent that fits well within our school district's values and can run the day to day operations of the school district," Hyer said. "The school board sets policies the district must be run by. Beyond that, the school board should not be involved in the daily operations of the district."

The board hires professionals, a qualified superintendent who employs very competent administrators, attorneys and other consultants, financial planners, architects, technology, etc., who are paid for their professional guidance, he added.

"We need to respect their expertise," he said. "It is the role of the board to rely on the recommendations from our administration and consultants, ask questions to seek understanding, and then make decisions in the best interest of our kids and our community."

If the school board is attempting to dictate salaries or get into the implementation details of the technology network, the board is indeed micromanaging, he said.

"The board is not a group of people to scrutinize every detail of every decision. It is not the role of the board to assert themselves as the experts in education, facilities, or technology because this is not why we are here," Hyer said. "We have seven people who are elected to represent our kids and our community through policy governance only."

The board of education should be enabling and empowering the administration, making sure recommendations fit within policies and community standards, and then act on those recommendations, he said.

"I do not support micromanaging," he said. "I support letting the Administration run the district while still having the proper checks and balances in place such as the annual financial audit."

Hyer said he makes decisions on the school board as an individual thinker.

"I am not part of any caucus nor do I

discuss my decisions with any other board members ahead of time," he said. "I come to each meeting with an open mind and try to listen to the discussion, ask questions, and then render a decision that is in the best interest of our kids and our community."

"I do not make decisions in a political manner, as 'you support me on this one and I will support you on that one.' That has no place on a nonpartisan school board as all decisions have to benefit our kids and community."

Board members should vote independently without consideration for how anyone else is going to vote, he said.

"It certainly seems at times that certain board members are supporting each other just to support each other, forgetting the bigger picture. If we must hold up debate any time one board member has a question or is not ready to move forward, we will never get anything done as a school board," he said. "Kids and our community should be the focus of every decision the school board makes and board members should be voting as independent thinkers."

**Rosalie Lieblang** said the board is not micromanaging the district.

"The main responsibilities of the Board are to set the vision and goals for the district, define policy, establish and oversee the annual budget and hold the Superintendent accountable for results," Lieblang said. "To accomplish these responsibilities, we embarked upon a new Strategic Plan process to set the vision, with the corresponding goals being defined in the Annual Plan. Using the expertise and guidance of Dr. Joan Sergent from Oakland Schools, the Administration provided us with the necessary data and we had many board discussions."

Once the Annual Plan and associated budget is completed and approved, it is then the administration's responsibility to execute the plan. At the end of each year, the board and administration will evaluate the results.

"This is a new process for us and because we are doing it for the first time, it may seem very detailed, however, it is important work that needs to be done," she said. "Since we will have some previous experience, next year I would expect the Annual Plan/Budget process to be more streamlined."

There really should not be an Us vs. Them mentality on the school board, Lieblang said.

"A board is comprised of seven individuals who may not always think alike," she said. "Through information provided by the administration and

discussion at the board table, we have a chance to hear facts as well as other board member's thoughts and views. We may agree or disagree and that's okay. Board decisions do not need to be 7-0. Each board member needs to consider the facts and the discussion and make the best decision possible."

As a first time candidate for school board, **Donald E. Deering** said he cannot speak to this issue directly because it would be an unfair and premature assessment of his potential future colleagues on the board.

"On the other hand, no entity, large or small, can prosper under the tenants of micromanagement," he said. "Furthermore, I would not support any micromanagement tactics, but rather empower and hold accountable those that have been granted the position to lead and serve the community."

The Board of Education must hold any and all administrators accountable for delivering the best possible well-rounded education and outcomes for which resources are available, he said.

"To that end, there should be a collaborative effort between all parties involved to honestly, openly and transparently work toward this collective goal," he said.

Asked about an "us vs. them" mentality on the board, Deering said he does not support the notion of an "us vs. them" mentality on the school board, nor any other organization.

"This is a destructive mentality that thwarts productivity and stifles potential success by diverting energy toward something maladaptive and unproductive," he said.

Challenger **Kelli Horst** said the board's responsibility is to provide clear guidance that empowers the administration to implement the district's mission.

"This guidance should represent our community's values and be based on collaborative discussion and input from the experts who work on behalf of our students," Horst said.

"When board members dictate operational details, it perpetuates a lack of trust and respect for administrators as professionals and results in unnecessary and unacceptable delays that impact our children."

Clarkston deserves school board members who act collaboratively, professionally and courteously at the board table and in the community when representing our schools, she said.

"The antagonism among board colleagues and directed at district employees does not reflect the Clarkston I know, nor does it improve educational quality and achievement," she said.

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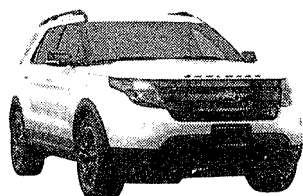
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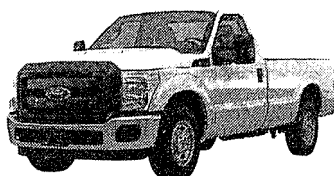
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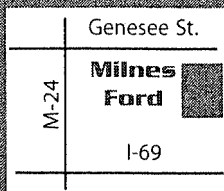
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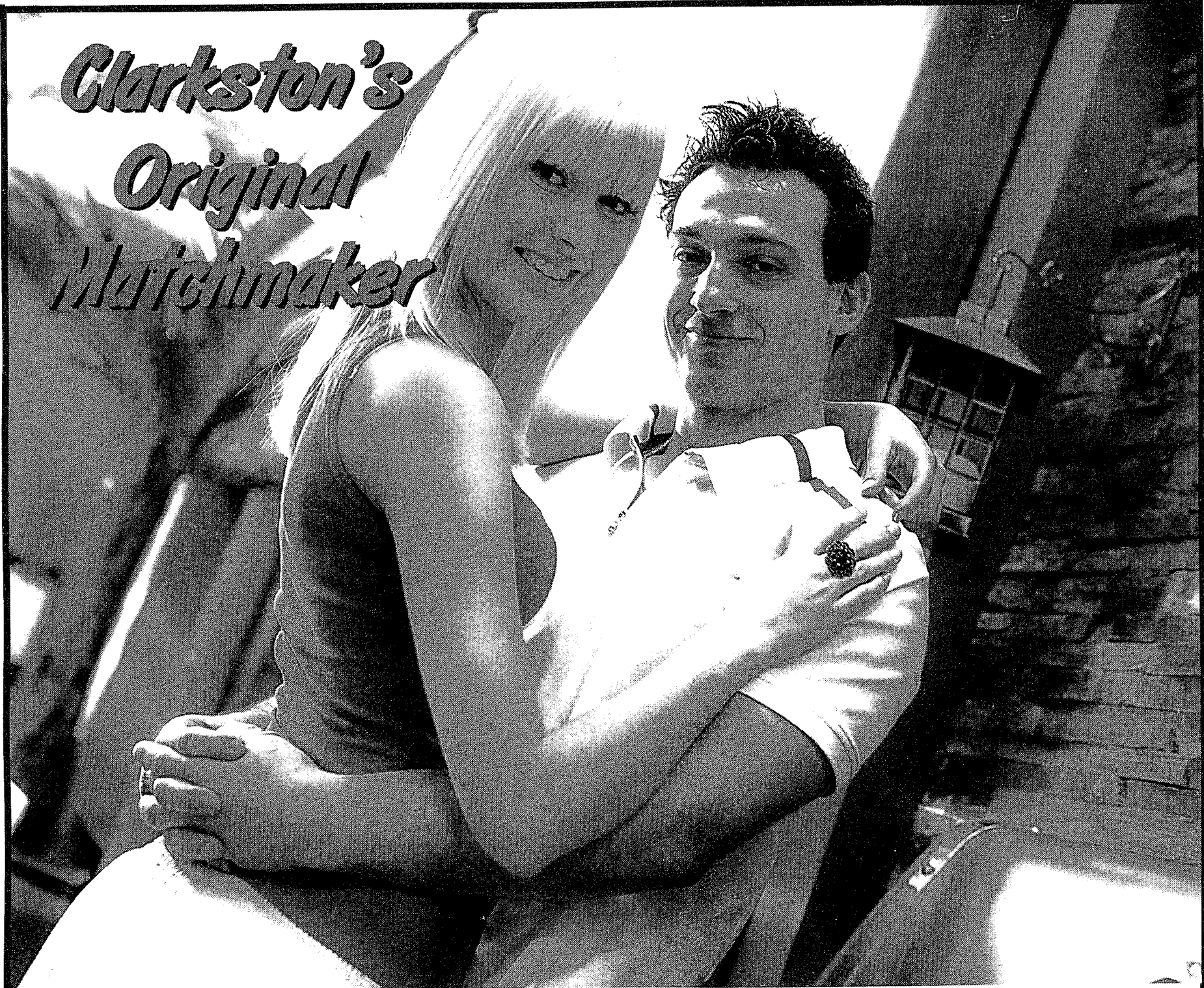
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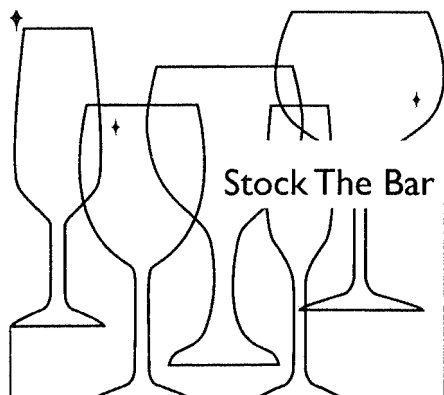
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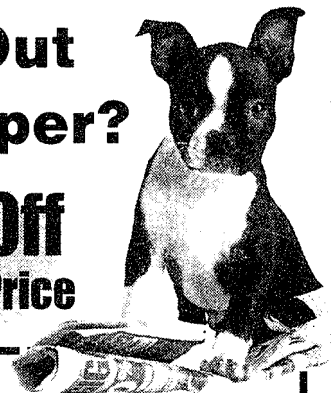
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**SYNOPSIS**

**TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE  
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:04 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder  
Absent: None  
There was a quorum present.  
Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Linda Richardson, DPW Director; Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager; Steve Ronk, Fire Chief; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended (Added Regular Business item M-8 Request to Adopt Resolution in Support of McLaren Health Care System Hospital)
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None scheduled
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Schroeder

There was a consensus of the Township Board members to relocate agenda item I-1. Presentation: Fred Eaton, Senior Manager of External Affairs, COMCAST before G. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1. Presentation: Fred Eaton, Senior Manager of External Affairs, COMCAST
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING:
  - 1. 2015 Budget (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
  - 1. Presentation: Fred Eaton, Senior Manager of External Affairs, COMCAST moved before G. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - 2. Report: Supervisor's Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2014 (Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk)
  - 2. Approval of the Payroll of October 10, 2014 and Check Run of October 15, 2014 for a Total Amount of \$770,528.66 (Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk)
  - 3. Acceptance of Quote and Approval of Budget Adjustment for Door Replacement at Fire Station #3 (Steve Ronk, Fire Chief)
  - 4. Acceptance of Quote and Approval of Budget Ad-

justment for Replacement Concrete, Manholes and Spill Buckets at Fire Station #2 (Steve Ronk, Fire Chief)

- 5. Acceptance of Quote for 2015 Recreation Guides (Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director) - Removed from Consent Agenda
- 6. Approval of the 2014 Special Assessment Roll for Placement on the 2014 Winter Tax Statements (Paul A. Brown, Treasurer)
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
  - 1. Acceptance of Quote for 2015 Recreation Guides (Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director)
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
  - 1. Approval to Accept Quote for the Purchase of Stretchers and Stair Chairs - Fire Department (Steve Ronk, Fire Chief)
  - 2. Rescission of Motion #2014-07-134 and Acceptance of Proposal from Alternate Company for Professional Custodial Services at Township Hall (Linda L. Richardson, DPW Director)
  - 3. Acceptance of Proposal for Natural Gas Cost Recovery Services (Linda L. Richardson, DPW Director)
  - 4. Acceptance of Proposal for the Purchase of a Channel Grinder for Maybee Road Sewer Lift Station (Linda L. Richardson, DPW Director)
  - 5. Approval of Leasing and Installation of LoJack Fleet Management System on Township Vehicles (Paul A. Brown, Treasurer) - No Action Taken
  - 6. Appointment of Board Members to the Construction Code Board of Appeals (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
  - 7. Acceptance of Quote for the Purchase Temporary Ice Rink - Bay Court Park (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
  - 8. Adoption of Resolution in Support of McLaren Health Care System Hospital (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
  - 1. Report: Building Department Monthly Report, September, 2014
  - 2. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report, September, 2014
  - 3. Report: Fire Department Monthly Report Reports, August and September, 2014
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Trustee Schroeder, Trustee Aliaga; Supervisor Kittle
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC  
Township Clerk

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Opal D. Wancket of Florida passed away Oct. 20, 2014, at age 91.

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Funeral Service was Oct. 25 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

## Marvin P. O'Kray, 93

Marvin P. O'Kray of Brandon Township passed away Oct. 27, 2014. He was born Oct. 26, 1921, and preceded in death

by his wife Irene. He was the father of Mary Jane (Donald) Rosowski, Kathie O'Kray, Theresa (William) Reilly and Jim O'Kray; "papa" of Mark and Gary Rosowski, William Reilly, Catherine Cheri; great grandfather of Emily, Graham, Michael and Mahdi; brother of Joseph Wozniak.



Marv served in the U.S. Army during World War II and formerly owned and operated Central Oil Company. He will be remembered as a loving family man who made everyone laugh. Marv always enjoyed his trips to the various race tracks and casinos.

Friends may visit at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-8 p.m. with a scripture service at 6 p.m. Funeral mass, Thursday, Oct. 30, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, Ortonville, with visiting directly at the church after 9:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society or Make a Wish Foundation. Online guestbook [www.wintfuneralhome.com](http://www.wintfuneralhome.com).

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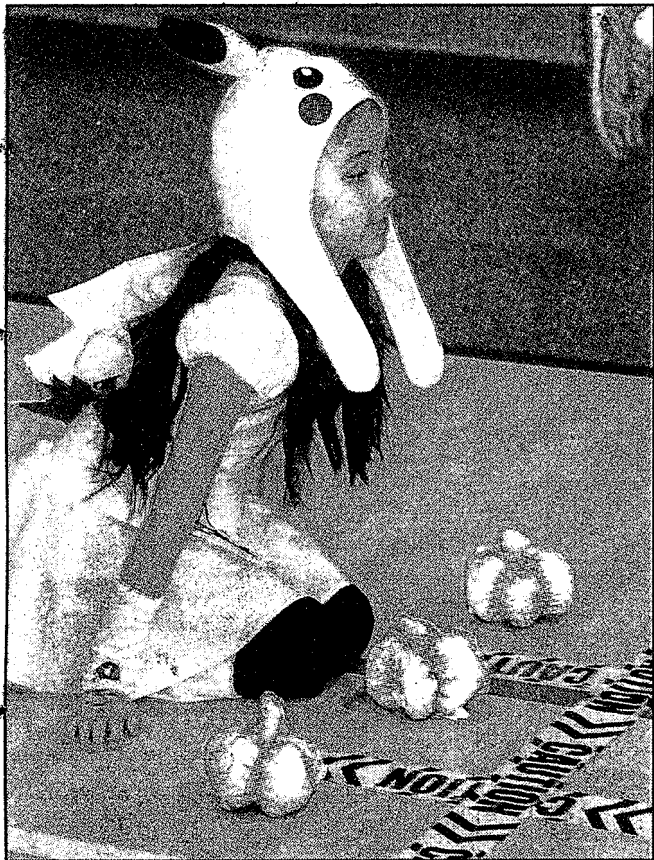
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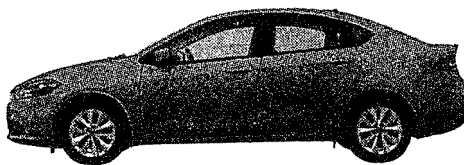
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10,000 MILES • MSRP \$39,800

Purchase Price  
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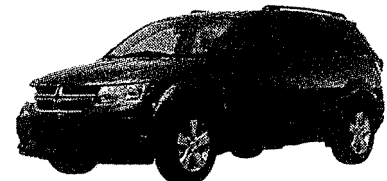
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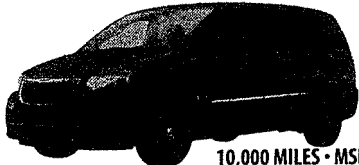
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10,000 MILES • MSRP \$31,500

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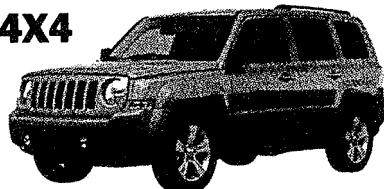
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10,000 MILES • MSRP \$31,090

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10,000 MILES • MSRP \$27,850

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