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RUNNING FOR SCHOOL: Ava Beck giggles before the Fun Run begins at North Sashabaw Elementary. Beck and her classmates joined the other Clarkston Community Schools elementaries to raise money for their schools. For more photos from North Sashabaw's Fun Run, please see page 36. Look out for more Fun Runs in editions to come. *Photo by Wendi Reardon*

National award for Pine Knob Elementary

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Pine Knob Elementary is one of 13 schools in Michigan and one of 335 in the nation earning 2015 National Blue Ribbon status by the U.S. Department of Education.

"One of the nice things is our school was nominated by the state for the award," said Principal Jodi Yeloushan.

Schools are evaluated by MEAP test scores.

"Our scores have been stronger than state and county averages for the last six years" Yeloushan said.

Now in her sixth year leading the school, the principal will travel to Washington D.C. in November to accept the

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RESTORATION: Timothy Mack, general contractor, hammers out a sample of brickwork from 5 S. Main Street in order to match it during restoration. See page 4 for more. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Investigation continues into shooting-at-shoplifters case

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The county prosecutor will decide if charges will be brought against a 46-year-old Clarkston woman who fired her concealed-carry pistol at two fleeing shoplifters in Auburn Hills, Oct. 6. Auburn Hills police is continuing its investigation, said Chief Doreen Olko in a public statement.

"We continue to investigate this case in an effort to answer all the pertinent questions and make sure that we have

all the facts," Olko said. "Officers on the scene opted to release the person pending completion of the investigation. That is not necessarily a statement on what we ultimately intend to do."

When complete, the report will be forwarded to Prosecutor Jessica Cooper's office for review.

"They are the county's attorneys who make determinations, based on the law, about whether or not a person is

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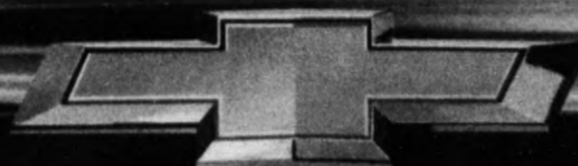
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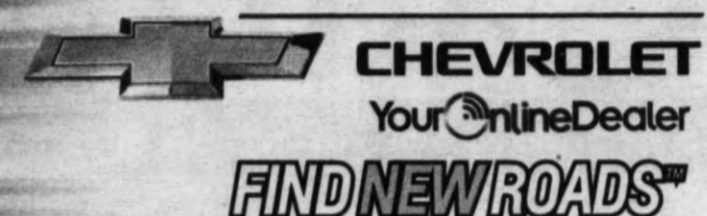
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The Independence Elementary teachers and staff show their love for Clarkston with "Love Clarkston" T-shirts the Lady Wolves Soccer team is selling to raise money for their program. Photo provided

'Love Clarkston' shirts at Pink events

The Independence Elementary Broncos have been seen lately sporting the navy blue and camouflage "Love Clarkston" gear, but they aren't the only ones.

Other elementary schools, Clarkston Junior High School and Clarkston High School teachers and staff members have also ordered

their own.

Love Clarkston T-shirts are available during Paint the Town Pink and Pampered this Thursday at Picasso's Grapevine, 5-8 p.m. They are also available through Logos & Letters and from the Lady Wolves soccer players.

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Historic District Commission member Bob Sowles taps on the wall of 5 S. Main Street to see how solid it is.

Building work

Inspectors checked out 5 S. Main Street downtown, Oct. 9, in preparation for a repair project later this fall.

Timothy Mack, general contractor, consultant Rochelle Jaffe of Novi, an expert in masonry and building facade repair, Brent Strong, Clarkston building inspector, and Clarkston Historic District Commission members Cara Catallo and Bob Sowles checked the brick and stucco work on the north, west, and south sides, and the roof of the Walters Building, home of *The Clarkston News*.

Water leaking behind the wall caused stucco to bulge and break, requiring extensive repairs. Bricks and mortar used in the repair will match existing materials in the 138-year-old building.



Timothy Mack, general contractor, points out where work needs to be done on the Walters Building in downtown Clarkston to consultant Rochelle Jaffe and Brent Strong, Clarkston building inspector. Photos by Phil Custodio

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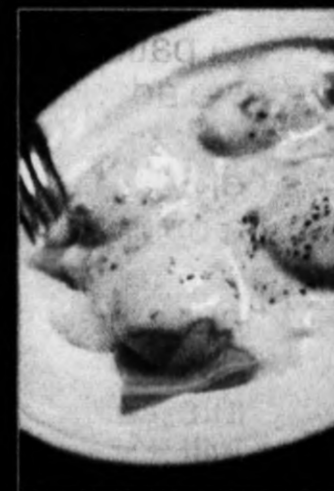
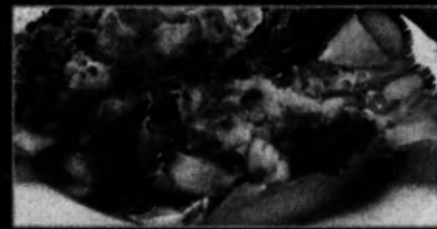
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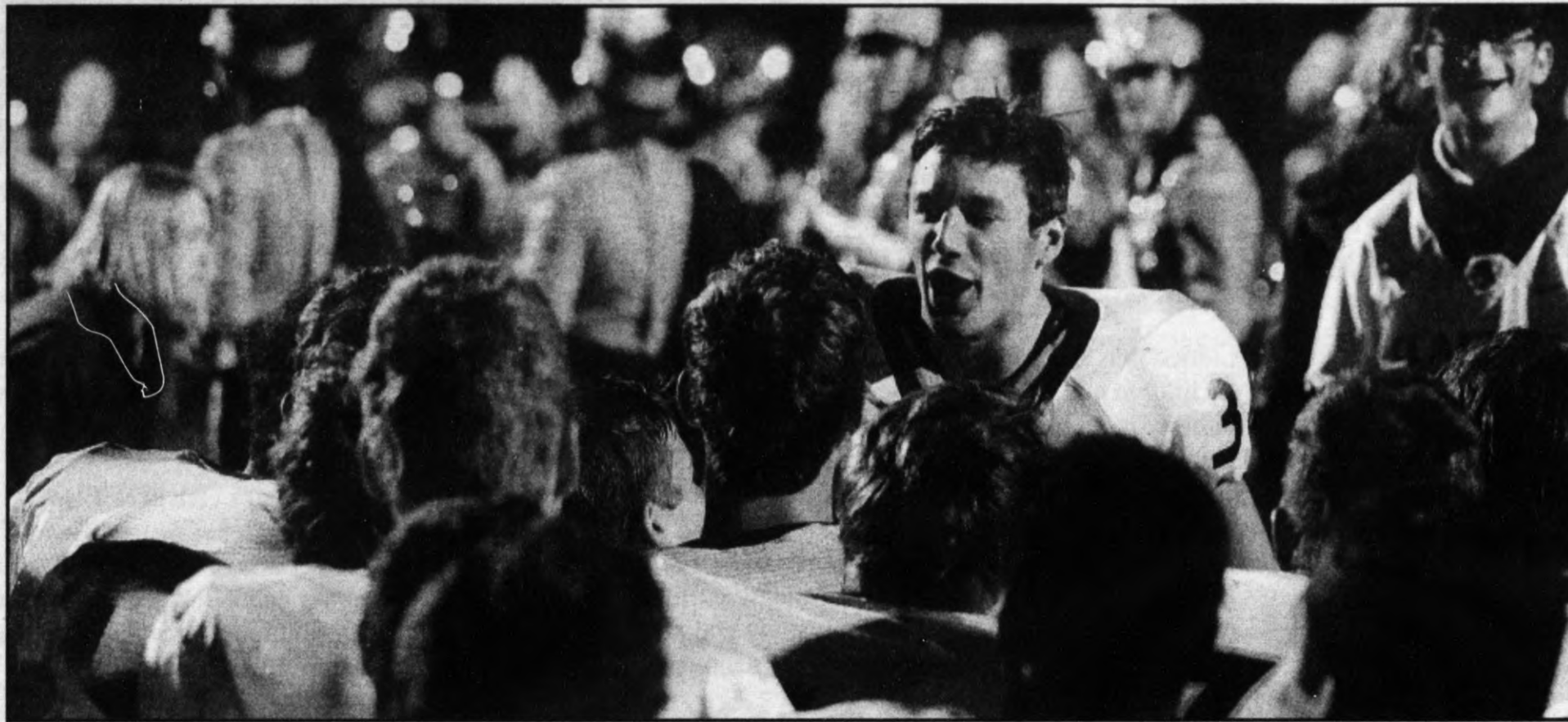
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HAPPY DANCE: Nolan Eriksen leads the Wolves in their post-game victory chant after beating Troy, 42-0, last Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

New bill unacceptable, school officials say

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A proposed state law would force school officials to hold back students if they don't meet state literacy standards – that would be unacceptable, school officials say.

"We are opposed to anything that would require we retain kids," said Clarkston Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock. "Retention is not effective."

HB422 is heading to the Michigan State Senate. It would mandate students be held back in third grade if they do not meet certain reading literacy standards set by the state. It also mandates schools implement additional reading resources for schools including research-

based reading programs, literacy coaches and other reading improvement plans.

Rock and school administrators as well as superintendents from other schools districts met with state representatives about the bill.

The bill would remove the rights of parents and school administration to make decisions for students. If the bill passes, Rock said, officials will fight to ensure mandates are not in effect until this year's kindergarten class is in third grade.

"Not all kids are at the same level. Just like each of us have our own experiences, each child develops in their own time," said Director of Curriculum Nancy Mahoney.

CCS is in its fifth year of a literacy initiative backed by Columbia University.

Under state regulations, all students are

tested by a standardized test, called FAME.

CCS Board of Education has often discussed standardized testing, with many members agreeing one standard test is like a one size fits all – it does not work.

Board members are working on adopting several testing methods to gauge student progress.

Rock said many initiatives are underway in the district that sees each child as an individual.

The concept goes along with the district's adoption of Cultures of Thinking and Learning, implemented by Rock, which includes addressing the whole child. CCS recognizes each child learns differently.

"We want to teach kids that we can get answers in more ways than one," Mahoney said. "We want to celebrate that."

Diversity is a good thing, both Mahoney and Rock agree.

"We want to grow our children by giving them what interests them," Rock said. "One size does not fit all. We want to focus on how each child is growing, not on comparing them."

CCS implemented SOAR, a feedback system now in place, for students in grades K-5.

Officials eliminated the process of assigning letter grades to each students and replaced it with a feedback system to provide information on each students growth to school officials and parents.

"It allows us to know students better by giving us a constant snapshot of each child," Rock said. "If a child is having difficulty then additional resources will be implemented."

A lot of time and resources have been invested in the CCS literacy initiative.

"Reading is so very important, the most important thread because it is a skill used in every subject. We also want to get students writing everyday," Rock said.

Evaluations of students should be left to teachers who work with students, continuously evaluate how students are doing every day, he said.

"We have a first hand view of their progress. This assessment process, just implemented this year, is an assessment tool called running record," Rock said.

Teachers in grades K-5 are engaged in the process in a Columbia University backed literacy program. The initiative focuses on three aspects of literacy including reading, writing and word study.

As an example of how CCS is changing the way students are taught is the traditional spelling test, previously, students were asked to memorize words for a test. Under the new initiative, students are taught in an individualized way they understand.

CCS literacy initiative also focuses on students' individual reading levels.

"Each child has a book box, with books at different reading levels. Teachers can pick a book that is just right for them at their level. Some books have easier text and are easier to and others are more challenging texts," Mahoney said.

This system, administrators say, will focus on allowing teachers to focus on areas that students need help with. If a student is struggling, officials will implement additional resources like reader workshops.



Rod Rock

"One size does not fit all. We want to focus on how each child is growing, not on comparing them."

Briefly

Restaurant plan

A restaurant planned for 15 S. Main Street, formerly Clarkston State Bank, moved forward for City Council approval this week. Clarkston Planning Commission recommended approval at its Oct. 5 meeting.

The restaurant would seat 129-135, and serve farm-to-table, sustainable foods in a family-type atmosphere. The planning commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the site plan for special land use for outdoor patio seating and a parking deferment.

According to a report by Carlisle Wortman, 77-82 parking spaces are required based on seating. Parking deferment is permitted under city ordinance Section 20.02 U if the commission "finds that adequate public parking is provided within a reasonable walking distance from the subject site."

City Manager Carol Eberhardt told the commission about 200 public parking spaces are available in the city, according to planning commission minutes.

The site plan was on the Oct. 12 City Council agenda for approval. Results of the city council meeting were unavailable due to early deadline. Check Clarkstonnews.com for more information.

Halloween Haunts

Spookiness abounds this Halloween season – here are some events around the Clarkston area for some scary fun.

The Friendly Forest is Oct. 17 at Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road. Children can dress up as their favorite character as they walk along a decorated trail through the park, gathering candy collected along the way. After trick-or-treating, visitors are invited to juice, donuts and a wagon ride.

Tickets are \$7 resident, \$10 non residents. Family packs of four available. For more information call Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors at 248-625-8223

Rotten Manor is the newest haunt, with about 50 rooms filled with extreme scenes of terror. Optical illusions, rooms that vary in temperature, trap doors, lighting, and horrible scents come together to create a haunt that takes about 45 minutes to get through. Rotten Manor is open weekends through Nov. 1 at 13245 Dixie Highway. For information call 248-894-6558.

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon

Time to write

When the leaves start to turn from green to an array of red, orange and yellow colors I tend to slow down and take the dirt roads more often.

The traffic is less dense on a dirt road and the speed limit are lower, giving me more time to appreciate the great state of Michigan we live in. (Because let's face it -when the temperatures fluctuate and when the snow hits a lot of us are cursing Michigan and wonder why we stayed yet another year.)

We stayed for the seasons. We stayed for fall and the cider, cinnamon sugar donuts, and apple picking not many other people can enjoy in their state.



Plus, it is always fun to guess in the fall season if Halloween will be cold and snowy, cold and rainy, warm and sunny, or a mixture of all of the above.

Fall for me also means November is right around the corner and with the first day of the month - National Novel Writing Month kicks off. With it a frenzy of writers will be typing away through 30 days as they aim to hit 50,000 words.

That's it - that's the goal of NaNoWriMo - write a 50,000-word novel in a month. Can it be done? Of course. Is the work publishable? Probably not.

I take November as time to write a rough draft, a very rough draft, of a novel. For some reason it works for me and I spend the rest of the year fine tuning, adding, rearranging, deleting from the piece. Well, when I have a moment or when the muse is working in my favor.

See during November the trick is to turn off your inner editor. Give he or she the month off and send them on a vacation to someplace sunny with a beach because if you don't it will be a long month.

I will say a skill I have picked up from participating in NaNoWriMo is a faster typing speed. My fingers fly off of the keyboard faster.

I don't do many late nights like some participants - I do enjoy my sleep. I always have.

As for coffee, when I work in media so coffee as always been there though lately I have cut down to barely any caffeine.

If you are participating in NaNoWriMo - join us. The Flint region will have a write-in in the Clarkston/Independence Township area since quite a few of us live or work in the area. Plus, I will have stickers from NaNoWriMo headquarters.

Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Friends of Clarkston call for candidate support

Dear Editor,

The City of the Village of Clarkston is an exceptional place to live, raise children and build a thriving business. Whether you live in a contemporary or historic neighborhood, or own and operate a Main Street business, you were drawn to our city because of its uniqueness and quality of life.

A group of city residents have come together to found the "Friends of the City of The Village of Clarkston" because we feel it is important to be proactive in helping to protect our community as a whole, to preserve our historical heritage, and nurture a culture of balanced growth that benefits us all.

Our Mission Statement:

The Friends of the City of the Village of Clarkston (CVC) is dedicated to supporting a healthy community that balances the ideals of historic residential properties, newer (contemporary) neighborhoods and a Commercial (Retail) District for present and future generations.

Vision Statement:

The Friends of CVC is an advocacy group dedicated to assisting our mayor and city council in promoting a vital village commercial district while preserving our Main Street residential neighborhoods through education, problem solving and fostering consen-

sus among the stakeholders.

Objectives:

1. Encourage city officials to carefully research and strongly challenge all action that would turn Clarkston residential properties into business entities both on Main Street and in neighborhoods.

2. Encourage city officials to make decisions based on data collected through stakeholder input, study and analysis of the best practices in city planning and historic preservation.

3. Support current city officials in developing solutions for addressing stalemate problems regarding parking, signage and zoning in the city.

4. Recruit, support and elect candidates for City of the Village of Clarkston Council who are dedicated to ensuring balanced growth that embodies stakeholder values.

If you agree with our Mission, Vision and Objectives, please join us in our efforts to support and elect the following candidates to City Council, Eric Haven (incumbent), Jason M. Kneisc, David Marsh (incumbent), Alfred A. Avery (incumbent).

Please watch the *Clarkston News* for more information from our group.

Friends of CVC



OCTOBER CHEER: Clarkston cheerleaders show their support for the football team, and, with their pink pompoms, Breast Cancer Awareness month. Photo by Wendi Reardon

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Family rescued from fire by passersby" An off-duty Southfield policeman and two construction workers saved a family from a burning home at the 7000 block of Clintonville Road. Nobody in the home was injured but the family lost everything to the fire.

"Independence censures Township Supervisor" Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart was officially censured by the board for accepting campaign contributions some said violated the township's new ethics policy.

"Kaul lights up Colts" Senior quarterback Ryan Kaul led the Clarkston Varsity Football team in their first win over Troy since 1996. He lit up Colts defense for 353 yards in the air, threw two touchdowns, and ran one touchdown in the 42-19 win.

25 years ago - 1990

"Police join school staff in preventing delinquency" The boys in blue had become a regular part of life in Clarkston schools and Clarkston school board members unanimously accepted an offer by Independence Township to underwrite the police liaison program. The goal of the program would create a closer tie between the township and the schools.

"Old signs would have to go under new ordinance" A sign ordinance proposed by the Independence Township Planning Commission came under fire by the township board and the Clarkston Area Chamber Commerce. The trustees questioned a clause which would mandate all businesses replace non-conforming signs.

"Springfield Christian wins own tourney" Springfield Christian stopped Valley of Grand Blanc in the championship game in Springfield Christian Girls Basketball Invitational, 43-32.

50 years ago - 1965

"Clarkston woman serves on OU Town information" Mrs. Richard Kroninger was among 23 area women who accepted Oakland University's invitation to serve as members of a newly-formed Town Information Council.

"JV remains undefeated" The Clarkston Junior Varsity Football team remained undefeated with their fifth win over Milford, 28-13.

"Local news" Mrs. Grant Smith of M-15 left for a two week tour of the eastern states and would be visiting many friends and relatives during her trip.

Talking jobs, signs and news broadcasts

Why have so many people stopped looking for jobs? Government statistics show this to be true.

Please note, I did not say people stopped looking for work. Multiple people have stopped looking for jobs because our government is determined to increase welfare opportunities and add more "free" money plans.

C'mon, Jottings writer, get back on your nonsensical theme. Like find out what BDO stands for. We hear it on the tube every day: "People who know, know BDO!"

Okay: It's an international accounting company.

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Let me switch to Volkswagen.

This German company says it has

known for a long time they were building cars with emission compliance problems. Recently, they announced they want a full examination on how this could happen.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

Last week the car maker told VW owners what they should do first if they feel something isn't "right" with their VW.

READY! "Call the attorney general!"

* * *

Did you hear Aretha Franklin sing "Amazing Grace" to the Pope the other week? Her continually high and low rendzina sure wasn't rec-

ognized by me. Of course, she wasn't singing to me.

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"The problem with quotes on the Internet is that it is hard to verify the authenticity" ~Abraham Lincoln. Yup, Abe said that.

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A few (useful signs).

At a Chicago radiator shop: "Best place in town to take a leak."

On a septic tank truck: "Yesterday's meals on wheels."

On another septic tank truck: "Caution -- this truck is full of political promises made by the Donald, Obama, Hillary, Pelosi, etc."

On a maternity room door: "Push. Push. Push."

* * *

I think I would win every contest that tries to determine the top listener to news broadcasts. I even hold it until the end of a report before I go to the bathroom.

Through most of my news listening time I forget the announcers are giving their opinions, not stating facts about a story. I have to remember when the announcer says, "Anyone who violates an order, a ruling, an act or an agreement, will be held accountable."

Ever read the punishment they get, anyone lose their job? This is especially true of violators in governments agencies like the Pentagon, FBI, and oversight dependent committees.

That's another way to keep our employment figures and payroll up!

Love affair over and kneeded advice

While fall in Michigan is really a thing of beauty, brilliant fired oranges, reds and yellows in the trees, a sky of blue and plaid shirts of flannel, it is also kinda a sad time, too.

At least for me.

It's the time of the year I say, "Fair thee well" to my gardens of vegetables and flowers. My seasonal love affair, all but gone. Only memories of flowering buds and firm, sweet fruit remains. C'est la vie.

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Oh, and I love driving to work in the dark . . . can't wait until it's dark on the way home, too. Not.

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The other week I wrote about the perils of jumping off garages for fun as a youth. Namely, a few decades after said escapades your knees finally send a message, "Hey, Idiot! You shouldn't have done that." And, hurt a lot.

Well, I'd like to thank the readers who responded with some suggestions. (I am not used to getting nice e-mail, just one's that call me a Poophead, or telling me of the mistakes they see in the paper. Nice e-mails are, well, nice to get.) One reader called and gave me two referrals to a couple of top notch doctors. Thank you. Another, Angie, from Goodrich wrote me via e-mail, which I will share with you. It might be of use to some readers. She titled her e-mail, "Kneeded Ad-

vice." Clever!

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Don - You've probably gotten lots of kneeded advice already since your column, but here's yet another bit you might consider. I learned how to take care of my knees while in physical therapy for a different issue.

I had off and on knee swelling and pain, sometimes one or the other knee would just "stop" working for a few minutes as well. I learned to do two things and they have helped me greatly.

1. I don't do a lot of walking on paved surfaces if I can help it, and wear as cushioned a shoe as I can -- whether its a flip flop, sandals or athletic shoes, they must be well cushioned.

2. Exercise those knee muscles because once our elements start breaking down in our elder years we depend more and more on our muscles to hold things together for us! My favorite and most useful knee exercise is the stair stepping one.

It's not the typical boring one, but rather the one the physical therapist taught me, using muscle and not momentum. The steps are done with flat feet, and not on your toes as you work your knees, not so much your calves. Rotating positions and order help to strengthen knee muscle in every direction - sideways, backwards, frontwards etc.

If my knees start to hurt I can 99% of the time point to breaking one of the above two rules and I fix it within a few days -- never letting it go too long without repair.

So, whether you kneed it or heed it, there it is, Angie.

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I emailed back this question: "When you say steps, do you mean on stairs or what?"

Her reply:

"You can use the bottom step on the stair case, or you can use a sturdy platform - anything that's about the height of a stair step (which I think is about 7 inches). You only use the one step and you raise up and lower back down again. There is a technique . . . you might find it on-line, but it's not the standard stair stepper exercise that people use when normally exercising.

"Here's a link to Mayo's step up exercise www.mayoclinic.org/healthy-lifestyle/fitness/multimedia/step-up/vid-20084661

"They give a good description, but don't show the other forms which are basically the same except you step up sideways onto the platform just like you do front ways. Lead with your right foot 10 times, then flip around and lead with your left foot 10 times. Then do it stepping backwards up to the step... leading with each foot 10 times.

"Its easy to do while your multi tasking (oh, men don't do that, do they?) I hope it helps -- it definitely won't hurt you! If you think about it, you are asking your knee to work for you from multiple angles, which makes good sense to me."

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Angie, and all readers, from the bottom of my knees, thank you!

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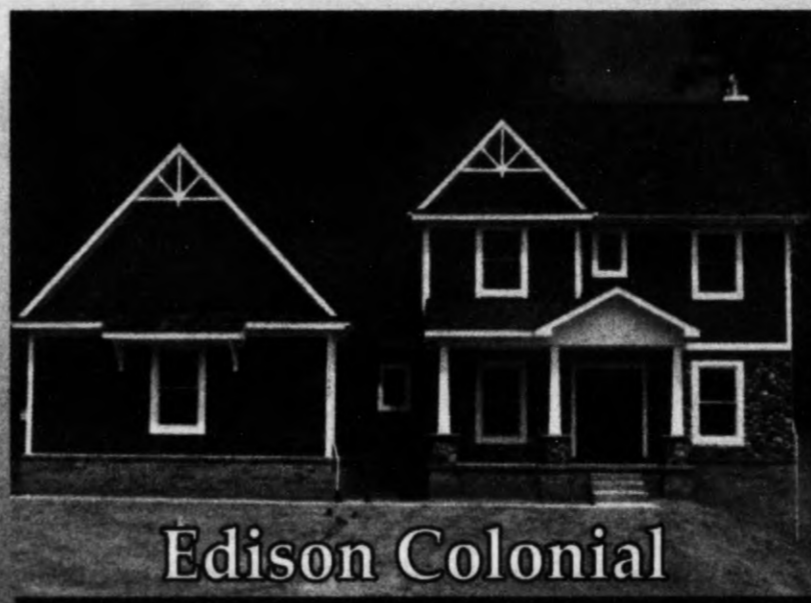
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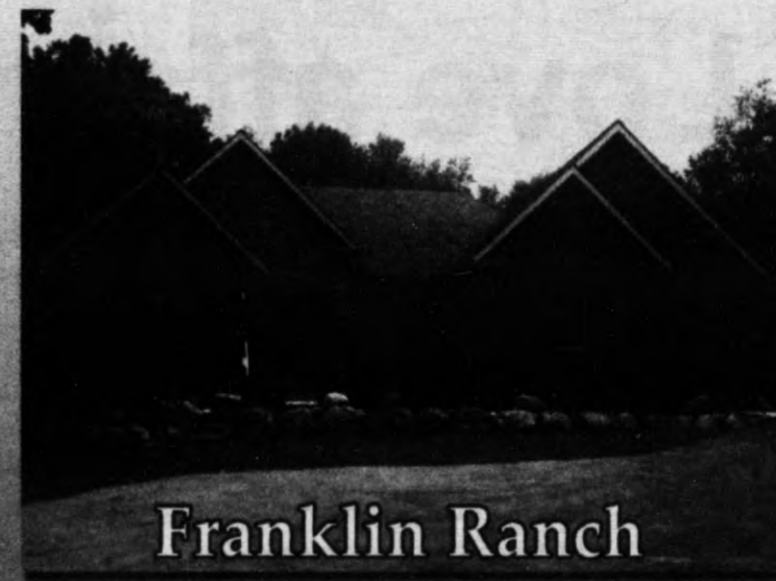
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A truck appearing to be overweight was stopped on Andersonville Road, 11:03 a.m., Sept. 28. It was found to be 3,800 pounds over its registered weight. The company was cited for registration violation, and equipment violations for a broken horn and front blinker.

Improper registration

A deputy on patrol stopped a dump truck and trailer with tint on its windows and a dealer's license plate, which isn't allowed on service vehicles, 12:15 p.m., Oct. 7, on Parview Drive at Lingor Drive. The driver, a 43-year-old Goodrich man, was cited for tinted windows, registration plate misdemeanor for improper use of a dealer's plate, improper trailer plate, no medical certificate, no fire extinguisher, and no triangles.

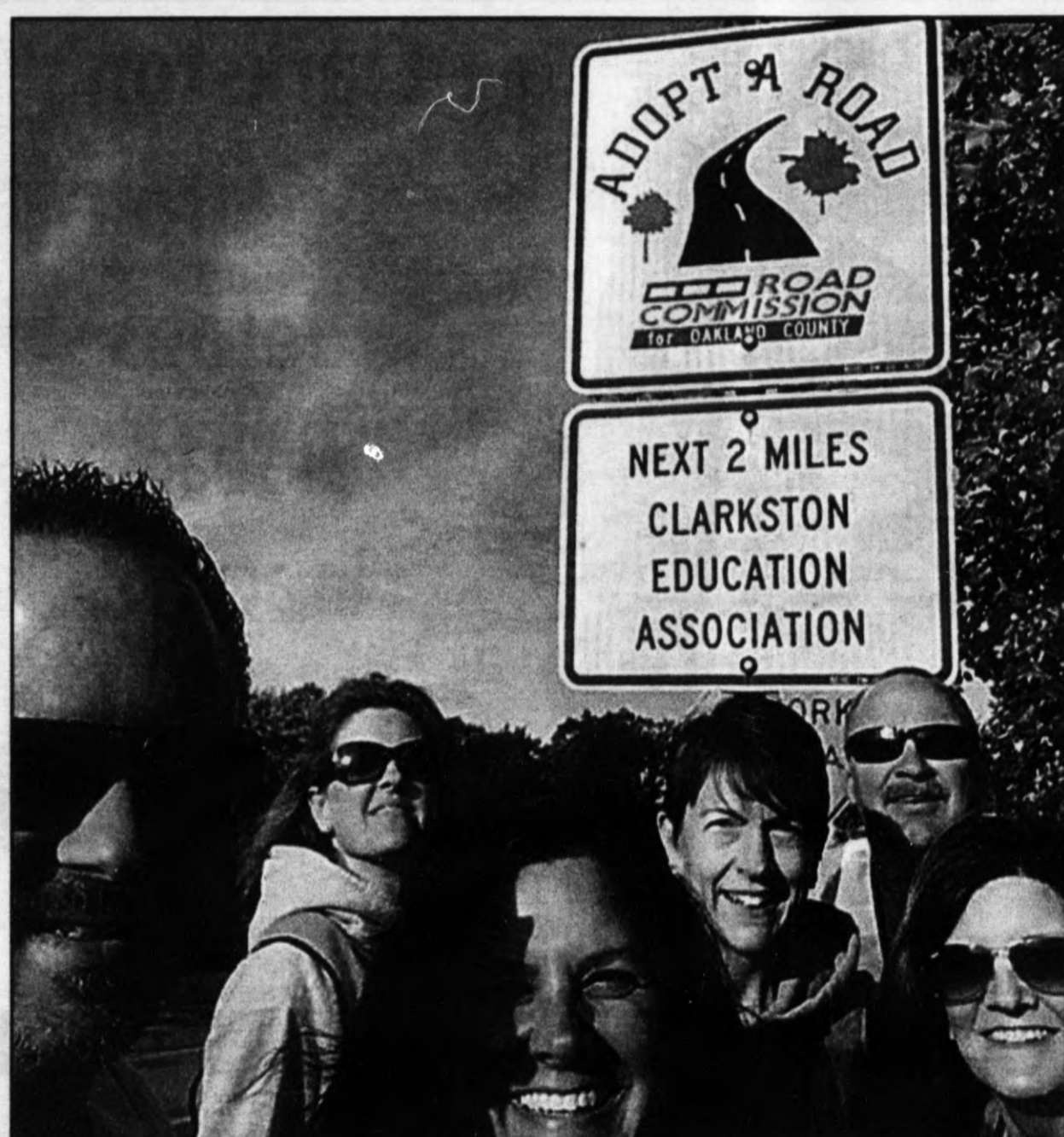
Suspect pick up

An Oakland County Sheriff's deputy drove to the Canadian border in Detroit to meet with Border Patrol agents and pick up a 42-year-old Dearborn Heights man on a Friend of the Court warrant out of Oakland County for child neglect, 6:29 p.m., Oct. 8.

Snack shack fire

Springfield Township firefighters put out a fire in the snack shack at the Springfield Oaks County Park golf course, 5:33 a.m., Oct. 9. Springfield Township Fire Department requested the assistance of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Fire Investigations Unit to determine the cause and origin. Investigation continues.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587



Clarkston teachers Daryl Biallas, Jodi Gabbard, Jenny Biallas, Jayne Bannister, Brooke Davis, and Jodee Blaszkowski spent a recent Saturday picking up trash along Clarkston Road in Independence Township. Photo provided

Teachers clean Clarkston Road

Clarkston teachers gathered, Sept. 26, for an Adopt a Road cleaning of Clarkston Road between M-15 and Sashabaw.

"We do this twice a year - just a nice way to give back to the community," said Beth Rogers, Clarkston Education

Association PR chair.

Rogers and fellow CEA members Daryl Biallas, Jodi Gabbard, Jenny Biallas, Jayne Bannister, Brooke Davis, Jodee Blaszkowski, Amy Campbell, Kara Lomazov, Andrea Lockwood and family took part in the project.

2 shoplifting suspects arrested in shooting case

Continued from page 1

charged with a state level crime. The decision is not ours alone-we work with the prosecutors," Olko said. "If they determine that a crime has been committed and believe that we have identified the person who committed the crime, they will issue a complaint and warrant which we will take to our local court and swear to the facts as we know them. If a judge concurs, she will issue the warrant directing us to bring the defendant before the court for a trial. That is the point at which an arrest can occur."

The decision means police thought the investigation needed more work, the chief said.

"If we take a person into custody we have only a very short time period to charge the person and take them before the court," she said. "We cannot hold people indefinitely

while we investigate."

The 46-year-old has a state concealed-carry permit, police say.

According to state law, deadly force is legal if the person "honestly and reasonably believes that the use of deadly force is necessary to prevent the imminent death of or imminent great bodily harm to himself or herself or to another individual."

Auburn Hills police arrested the two shoplifting suspects on Oct. 9, a 52-year-old Flint man and 46-year-old Flint man. Police say the suspects allegedly took more than \$1,000 worth of power tools and equipment and were fleeing a loss prevention officer at the Home Depot store at 4150 Joslyn Road.

The Clarkston woman fired at the suspects' SUV as they fled, flattening a rear tire. No one was injured. She was cooperative with police and released at the scene.



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The Wolves host Lake Orion this Friday.

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Thursday	08-27-15	@Dakota High School	Loss
Friday	09-03-15	@Bloomfield Hills	Win (24-10)
Friday	09-11-15	@West Bloomfield	Loss
Friday	09-18-15	Stoney Creek	Win (45-7)
Friday	09-25-15	Oxford	Win (44-24)
Friday	10-02-15	Troy Athens	Win (28-0)
Friday	10-9-15	@Troy	
Friday	10-17-15	Lake Orion	

OAA Red League Standings/Record

Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses
1. West Bloomfield	6	0	5. Lake Orion	3	3
2. Clarkston	5	1	6. Oxford	2	4
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Colts shut down with shutout

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior running back Nolan Eriksen made a huge impact on Friday night against the Troy in his second return to the field.

He led the gridiron heroes with four touchdowns as the Wolves defeated Troy, 42-0.

"I feel a lot better and it's good to get back into the swing of things," he said after returning from an injury which had him on the sidelines since the Wolves Football for a Cure Preseason scrimmage.

He added he knew he would come back rusty and last week was a starting point.

"We got Nolan going now and that helps," said Kurt Richardson, long time head coach for Clarkston Varsity Football. "It was a nice win - a lot of mistakes though."

Eriksen scored his first touchdown three minutes into the game on a 55-yard run off a hand off from senior Alex Kessman.

He struck again with 17 seconds remaining in the first quarter on a 8-yard run.

The Wolves ended the first half with a 21-0 lead after Eriksen scored on a 12-yard run. Troy opened the second half with possession of the ball but it didn't take long for Clarkston defense to stop them and turn the ball over to the Wolves.

Five plays later Clarkston added more points to the scoreboard off Eriksen's 40-yard touchdown run with 6:05 remaining in the third quarter.

Jacob Fisher and Straton Harris widened the gap with their own touchdowns in the final stanza of the game.

Fisher stuck first two minutes into the fourth quarter on a 2-yard touchdown and Harris followed eight minutes later with 3-yard touchdown run. A PAT from Zach Mansour put the score at 42-0.

"We wanted a shut out and we got it," said Eriksen. "It was productive. We did everything we wanted and improved."

Kessman was 6-for-9 for passing for 104 yards and was 5-for-5 on PAT attempts.

Jonah Koponen caught five passes for 90 yards and Eriksen was the leading rusher for 210 yards on 18 carries and four touchdowns.

Carter Linton led defense with three tackles and two assists. Kyle Genter had three tackles and one assist. Jack Muhleck had one interception. Carson Stottlemeyer, Chad Robinson and Tyle Retford each had one sack which combined for 32 yards lost for the Colts on sacks.

The Wolves host rivals Lake Orion this Friday 3-4 (3-3 OAA Red) as they go for their sixth win for a playoff spot.

"It will be a blood bath," said Richardson. "You can throw out all the records on that one. They are going to come at us with everything they've got."

He added the Wolves will have to play as if it is a playoff game, especially if they want a spot in the playoffs beginning Oct. 30.

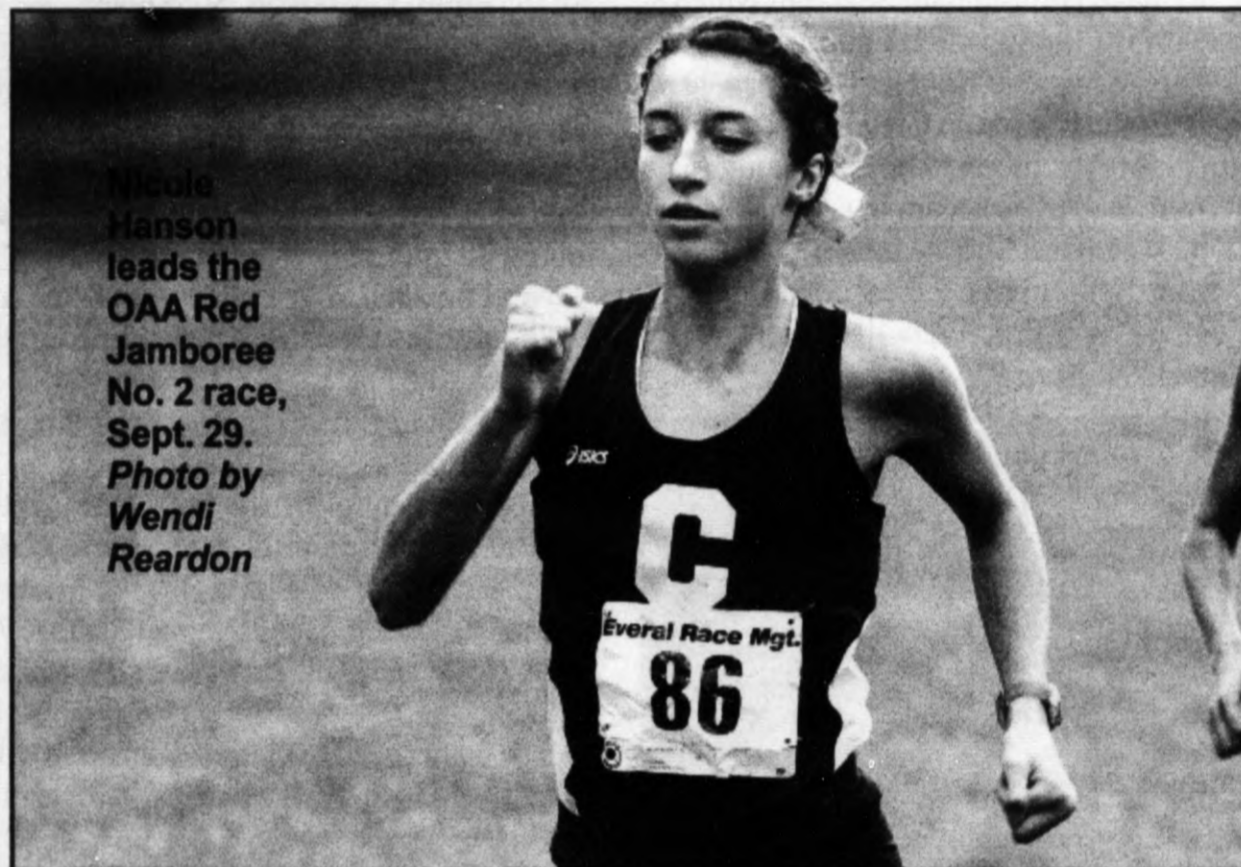
"Lake Orion is always a big game," Eriksen added. "I am glad I am back and can help my team. It will be a big game. We have to have a good week of preparation and doing what we are doing."

Kick off is at 7 p.m. at Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.



Jonah Koponen keeps his momentum going against Troy defense. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Nicole Hanson leads the OAA Red Jamboree No. 2 race, Sept. 29. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Hanson tops Red

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior Nicole Hanson sped out of the pack during the OAA Red Jamboree No. 2 as the race began at Stony Creek Metropark, Sept. 29.

She created a distance other runners couldn't catch up to and she finished the individual in first place at 18:34.

Hanson added the race was her best so far this season.

"I have been running the same times and I have been able to do that by myself," she explained.

For the race, Hanson usually runs with Seaholm's top runner, Audrey Ladd, but she wasn't at the race - changing Hanson's original plan.

"I was still going to have a good race," Hanson explained were her thoughts going in.

She added her fall season has been going well as she is running constant with the same times. She dropped two seconds in the Hanson Invitational, Oct. 3. She took fourth place during the race at 18:32.

"I am hoping for a big drop in the upcoming in the near future," she said, adding her goals for the season is to break 18 minutes and place in the top ten during the state finals, Nov. 7.

"I always have them in my mind," said

Hanson as she works to hit those goals.

Hanson began running in fifth grade when she participated in the one-mile run in elementary school.

The following year she continued to do it because her friends were doing it and ended up enjoying running a lot more. She even left gymnastics so she could focus on running.

"I get a really cool feeling from running," she added. "When I have a really good race or a really good workout I feel accomplished - I like that feeling."

After the cross country season is over she plans to compete in the Nike Cross Nationals Midwest Regional before starting indoor track. Then, she will join the Lady Wolves for the spring track and field season.

Hanson plans to continue running cross country and track in college and narrowed down her college choices to five schools.

No matter what school she chooses she has already picked her major as she plans to concentrate on business.

"It is interesting to me," she said. "My dad is in business and I am a lot like him."

Her advice to aspiring athletes is to set goals and work towards them.

"The big thing for me is setting goals and working towards those goals," she explained.

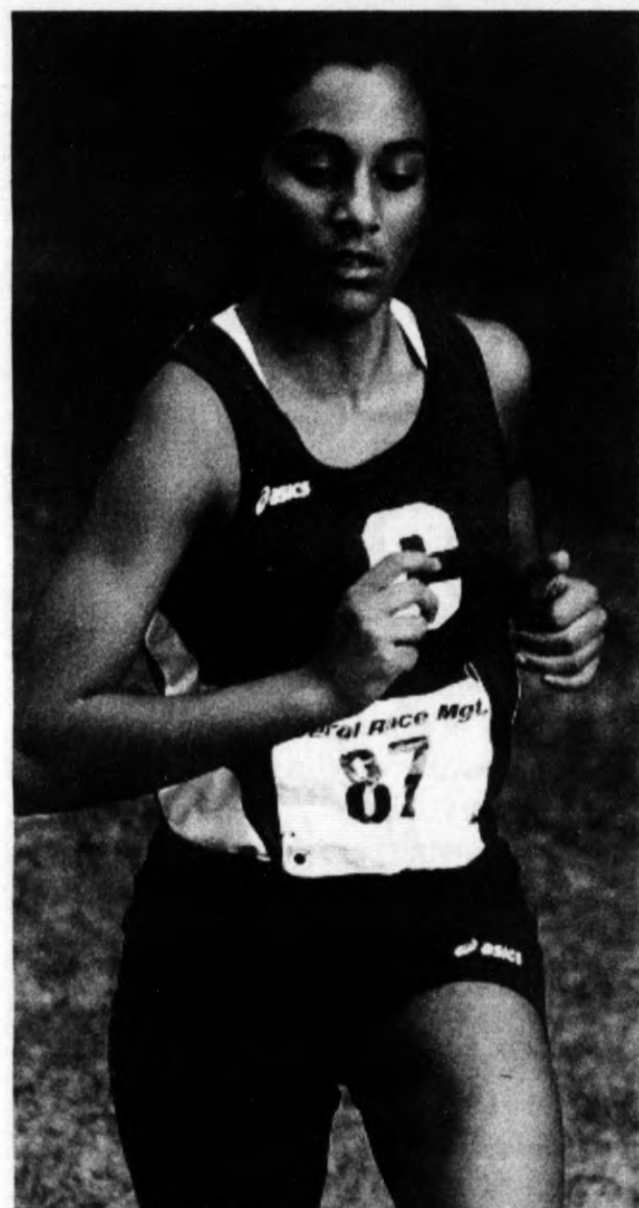
Cross country teams finish top ten at county

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Lady Wolves finished the Oakland County meet in sixth place out of 34 teams on Saturday at Kensington Metropark with 220 points.

Birmingham Seaholm finished in first place with 54 points.

"We have Birmingham Seaholm which is the team we know is there and we can key some of the runners," said Kevin Breen, head coach for the Clarkston Girls Cross Country team before the meet. "They are going to be put front. If there is a team in second place it will be Waterford Mott. Another tough team is Milford – they have a great coach and will be extremely tough. We will be going after Mott and Milford."



Kailan Mehta races in the OAA Jamboree No. 2 race. Photos by WAR

Milford finished in second place with 65 points while Mott took third with 128 points. OAA Red league foes Lake Orion and Rochester Adams finished in the fourth and fifth spots.

Elizabeth Dalrymple led the team as she finished in 12th place at 19:10.

Malory Ferguson finished in 37th place, 20:15; Emily Gustafson, 50th place, 20:37; Kailan Mehta, 58th place, 20:53; Emily Ferguson, 68th place; 21:09; and Kaitlyn Cavallo, 88th place, 21:36.

The boys finished in tenth place at the Oakland County meet out of 36 teams as they scored 287 points

Novi finished in first place with 84 points.

Gavin Eisert led the Wolves, finishing at 17:08 for 40th place.

Mika Juuhl finished six seconds later for 45th place.

Also, finishing for the boys team in the top 100 were Eric Smith, 59th place, 17:30; Grant Henley, 69th place, 17:36; Michael Baker, 74th place, 17:40; Shawn Slater, 77th place, 17:42; and Nickolas Favazza, 96th place, 17:57.

The teams head to Gabriel Richard Invitational at Hudson Mills Metropark this Saturday in Dexter.

As the teams wind down the last few weeks of the season, Cavallo added the Lady Wolves have been successful during meets and practice.

"We have been able to work together and push each other in practice and races," she said.

"The thing about our team is we have a lot of depth," Nicole Hanson pointed out. "We have a lot of girls who are fighting for varsity spots."

"They push each other even harder and then the whole group moves up," Kelsey Catania added.

They compete in their final OAA Red Jamboree for the championship next Thursday at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills.

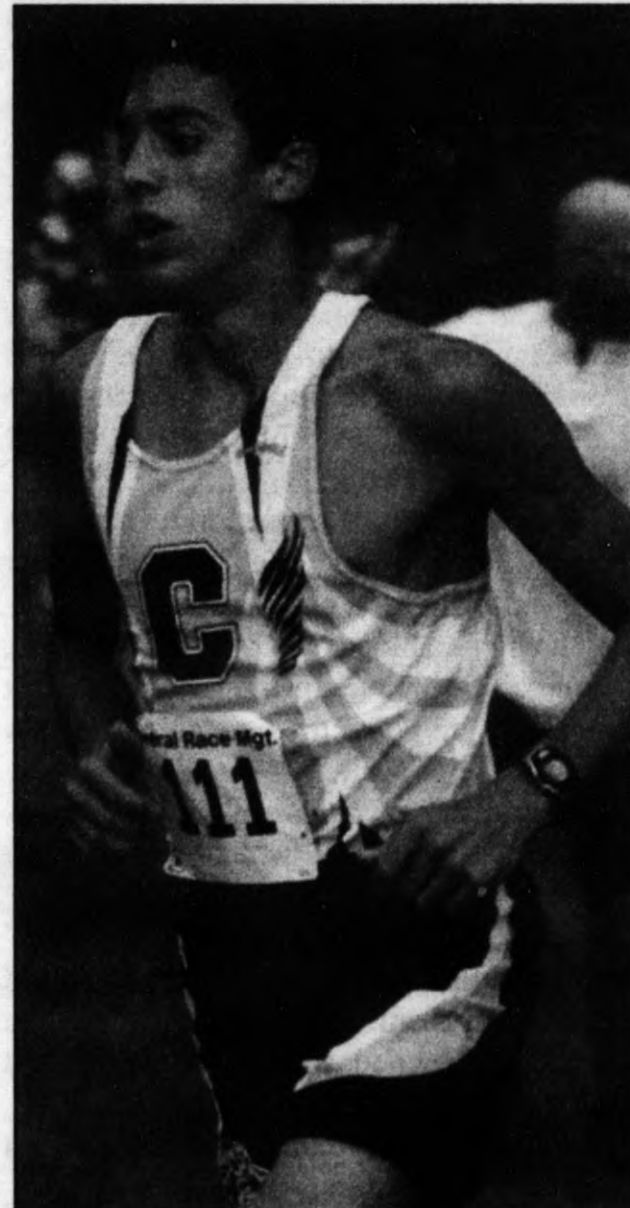
"We are continuing to get mentally strong and that's going to help us," said Catania.

Breen added the league meet will help the girls prep for the MHSAA Regional meet set

at Anchor Bay High School on Oct. 31.

"We run against teams that our in our region and in our league – Lake Orion, Adams have been on our heels," he said. "We are always watching our backs because these teams have the potential to beat us. It just takes one runner with a misstep to change the outcome of the race. The girls had a nice taste to be one of the top teams in the state last year. They have been working hard to get there. We have a really good shot but at the same time it is going to take hard work over the next few weeks. They have to make sure they stay healthy and get a lot of sleep."

"We are trying for a win but we have some good competition," added Cavallo. "If we stick together and stay healthy we can pull through."



Nickolas Favazza keeps his pace in the race.



Deardorff

State bound

Junior Meghan Deardorff will represent the Lady Wolves this week as she heads to the MHSAA Girls Golf State Finals at Grand Valley State University.

Deardorff shot an 80 at the regional meet last Thursday at Davison Country Club, putting her in the top three for individuals with Lauren Ingle from Stoney Creek, who shot a 72; and Cammi Lucia from Grand Blanc, who also shot a 80.

The Lady Wolves Varsity Golf team finished in seventh place during the meet with 351.

Rochester finished in first place with 317. Lake Orion took second with 333 and Davison finished third with 335.

Freshman Claudia Sampson shot a 87; junior Ilham Osman, 92; sophomore Samantha Weber, 92; and freshman Payton Greenlee, 99.

The top three teams and top three individuals on non-qualifying teams from each region meet head to the finals this Friday and Saturday.

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Kickers head into playoffs

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The countdown is on for playoffs as the Wolves head to Waterford Kettering on Monday for the first round of MHSAA Districts.

To prepare the Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team face off against three league foes - Stoney Creek, Rochester Adams and Berkley.

"Adams is a unique team," said Curtis Payment, head coach. "It is good to play them because it will get us ready for some styles we aren't used to. We feel like we owe them a little bit for the last couple of years in playoffs. It will be fun."

The Wolves posted three wins and one loss over the last two weeks. The competition began against Rochester on Sept. 29 with a 1-0 loss.



Alex Komatz slows down Oxford's offense. File photo

The boys bounced back with a 4-2 win over Troy on Oct. 1.

"It was nice," said Payment. "We broke out and had some goals ourselves. I was happy. Troy had a pretty talented kid on top who scored both their goals."

Seniors Alex Komatz, Ethan Price, Jack Kuczmanski and Jake Hallberg scored one goal each during the game. Price and senior Jared Suddon had two assists each.

Senior Conner Sajan was in the net and had six saves.

"He had some pretty amazing saves," Payment added. "He has been real consistent this year."

The Wolves followed it with a 1-0 win over Berkley, Oct. 6, and a 3-0 win over Brandon last Thursday.

"It was big to get back on top," Payment said. "It's all about timing and gaining momentum going into the playoffs. It is coming up quick."

He added the team has had injuries here and there and they have held extra practices to get the boys ready for playoffs.

"We have been really beat up so just it's just getting people comfortable with each other," he said.

The boys opened the week against Stoney Creek on Tuesday. They host Rochester Adams on Thursday at 7 p.m. and head to Berkley on Saturday, 10 a.m.

He added it is an interesting way to end the year with league games. This is the first year each league team has played each other twice - home and away. Usually Payment schedules non-league games to prep the team for playoffs.

"You want to have momentum," he said going into playoffs. "You want to have guys healthy."

The boys head to Waterford Kettering for playoffs on Monday, 6 p.m.

Mountaineers post fourth win

The Mountaineers posted their fourth win of the season last Friday against Allen Park Cabrini with a 37-0 shutout.

Isaiah Hellner started the scoring for Everest Collegiate Academy in the first quarter on his 1-yard touchdown.

The Mountaineers scored three times in the second quarter beginning with a 34-yard field goal from Simon Fenske.

Alex Legg struck next with his 42-yard touchdown and a PAT from Fenske.

Grant Burgess scored on a 3-yard touchdown run and a 2-point conversion to Burgess from Nino Mastromatteo closed the first half, 24-0.

Everest didn't score again until the fourth quarter when they scored two touchdowns from Alex and Josh Legg.

Alex made a 2-yard touchdown run and Fenske had a PAT. Then, Josh scored on his 5-yard run.

Alex led rushers as he carried the ball 12 times for 99 yards and two touchdowns. Burgess carried the ball six times for 60 yards and one touchdown.

Other rushers included Fenske who carried the ball 10 times for 51 yards; JC James carried the ball four times for 27 yards and Hellner carried the ball seven times for 26 yards and one touchdown.

Burgess was 2-for-3 on passing for 18 yards. Andrew Hayosh caught one pass for 13 yards and Thomas Thibodeau caught the second pass for five yards.

The Mountaineers improved to 4-3 and 3-3 in the CHSL Intersectional.

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Friday September 11	Riverview Gabriel Richard	LOSS, 26-0
Friday, September 18	Waterford Our Lady of Lakes	LOSS, 39-0
Saturday, September 26	Cranbrook	LOSS, 28-3
Saturday, October 3	Marine City Cardinal Mooney	WIN, 39-22
Friday, October 9	Allen Park Cabrini	WIN, 37-0
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Friday, Sept 18	Everest Collegiate	WIN, 39-0
Friday, Sept 25	Royal Oak Shrine	WIN, 35-0
Saturday, Oct. 3	Allen Park Cabrini (Homecoming)	WIN, 55-0
Saturday, Oct. 10	Riverview Gabriel Richard	WIN, 35-8
Saturday, Oct. 17	Cranbrook	1pm A
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Ticket punched at regionals for tennis state finals

BY WENDI REARDON
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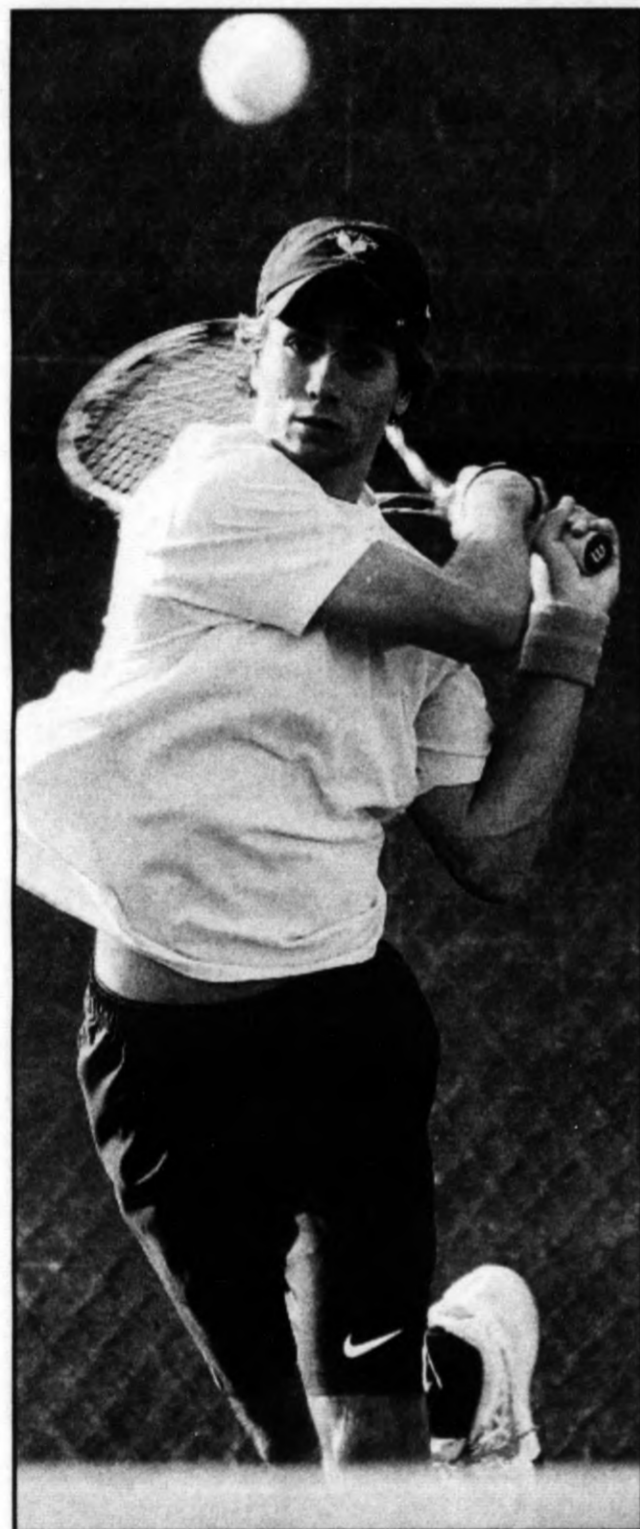
The Wolves are heading to the state finals this week after taking second place at the MHSAA Tennis Regionals last Thursday.

The boys scored 13 points and finished as runner-up in five flights. Bloomfield Hills swept all eight flights to finish as champion with 24 points.

"We are thrilled," said Chas Claus, head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis. "It has been something we looked forward to all year from day one we said that's the biggest goal to accomplish it is awesome. At the same time we are not done. We are going to keep working and do our best at states. We are very excited about it."

All of the players won their first flight on Thursday to boost the boys in points for the tournament as they went 8-for-8.

"You hear the cliché it was a team effort but it really was a team effort," Claus added. "The key every year at regionals is not taking zeros. If you lose a match and get a zero



Ian Stuart sends a powerful return over the net to his opponent during MHSAA Tennis Regionals at Clarkston High School. Photos by Wendi Reardon

in a flight it makes it a lot harder on the team. Going in we got favorable draws. We won our first match in every single flight and that really was the key we needed to get to 10 wins. Since we went 8-for-8 in the first round we felt very good about our ability to get at least two second rounds. In fact we got five second rounds - that was great."

All of the Wolves on the Singles courts went 2-1 for day in their flights and all four made it to the final round.

Junior Alex Matisse defeated Stoney Creek, 6-3, 6-1; and Rochester Adams, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, on court No. 1. He lost to Bloomfield Hills in the championship flight, 6-5, 3-6, 2-6.

Senior Ian Stuart defeated West Bloomfield, 6-1, 6-3; and Rochester Adams, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, on court No. 2. He lost to Bloomfield Hills, 6-0, 6-2.

Senior Alexis Haselwanter also defeated West Bloomfield in his first round, 6-0, 6-0, on court No. 3. He defeated Lake Orion, 6-1, 6-3, before losing to Bloomfield Hills in the final round, 6-4, 6-4.

Freshman Jacob Burkett defeated Stoney Creek, 6-0, 6-0; and Lake Orion, 6-0, 6-0 on court No. 3. He lost to Bloomfield Hills, 6-3, 6-3.

"Jacob who made the trip official," Claus added. "He won his sixth straight match where the score was 6-0, 6-0. He didn't give up a game which is incredibly impressive."

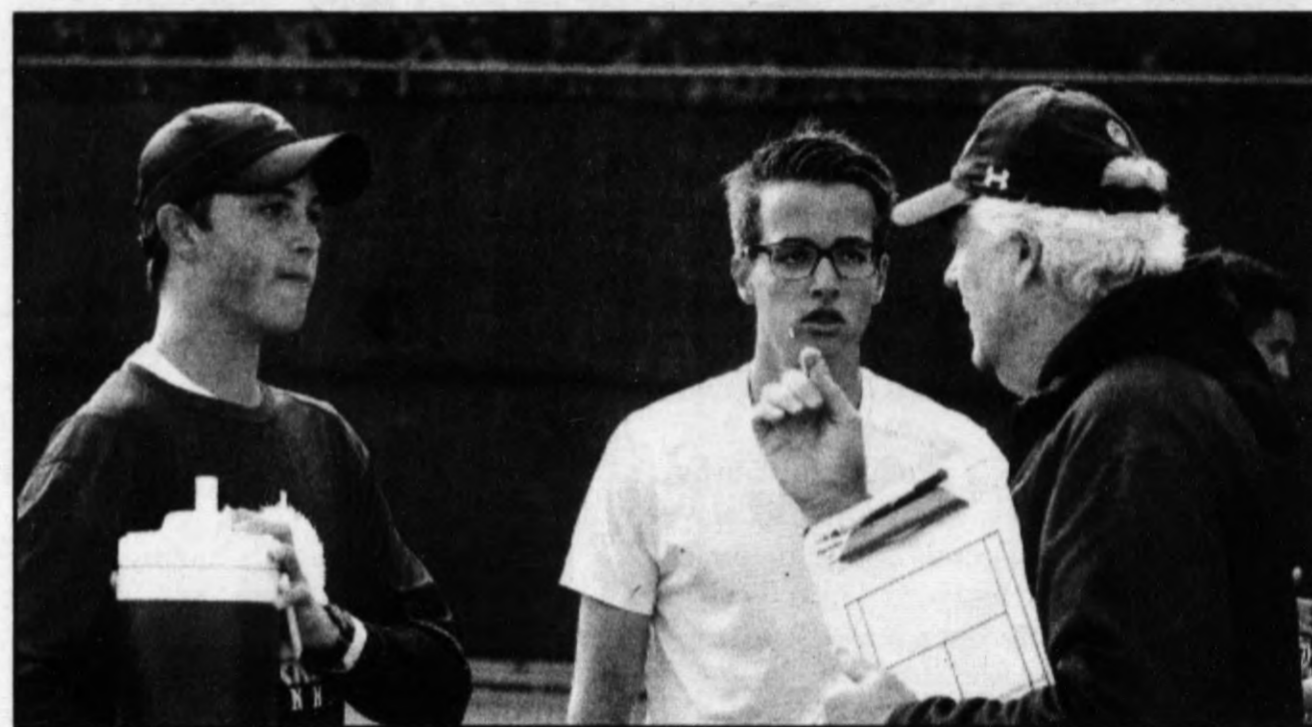
Seniors Trevor Chamberlain and Connor Schrei finished the championship as runner-up on the Doubles No. 4 court. They defeated Waterford Mott, 6-0, 6-0; and Rochester Adams, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6; before they lost to Bloomfield Hills, 6-0, 6-2.

"They played the second round against an opponent who had beaten them in straight sets twice - Rochester Adams, a team who had their number," Claus explained. "We knew what they were trying to do we just weren't able to counter it. On Thursday they came out to beat that team in three sets. Not only was it a great win for them to overcome old enemies and revenge, but it sealed second place for us. Rochester Adams was also targeting us - they were going to be the second place team or the third place team. The upset loss finished the day for them. After that no one had a chance to catch us."

The remaining three doubles teams went 1-1 for the tournament. Sophomore Charlie Lussenhop and senior Austin Villeneuve competed in a two hour battle against Rochester to win their first match 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 on Doubles No. 3 court. They lost the next match against Stoney Creek, 5-7, 6-2, 2-6.

"They had two very close matches," Claus added. "They have been playing extremely well lately. They won their flights at the Romeo Invitational and were the only doubles team to win their flight. They have really come together."

He explained Doubles No. 3 was a flight which had both injuries and inconsistent re-



Charlie Lussenhop and Austin Villeneuve talk to Coach Lee Keating.

sults during the season.

"It was a question mark until late in the year," added Claus. "Charlie and Austin have done a great job of playing with energy and playing with a lot more confidence. Now it is a position of strengths."

Juniors David Carpenter and Tristan Greenlee on Doubles Court No. 1 defeated Rochester Adams, 6-2, 6-3; and lost to Rochester, 7-5, 6-1.

Junior Ryan Knight and sophomore Jason Richards on Doubles Court No. 2 beat Waterford Mott, 6-0, 6-0; and lost to Bloomfield Hills, 6-0, 6-3.

Before the Wolves competed in the regional meet, they took first place at the 15th Annual Van Dyke Classic, scoring 21 points on Utica Eisenhower, Utica and Romeo, Oct. 3.

Matisse, Stuart, Haselwanter and Burkett swept the singles courts, winning each of their matches with a 12-0 record.

Going undefeated on their courts also earned them gold medals.

Lussenhop and Villeneuve also earned

gold medals as they went undefeated for the day.

The teams of Carpenter and Greenlee; Knight and Richards; and Chamberlain and Schrei finished with silver going 2-1 on their courts with wins over Romeo and Utica.

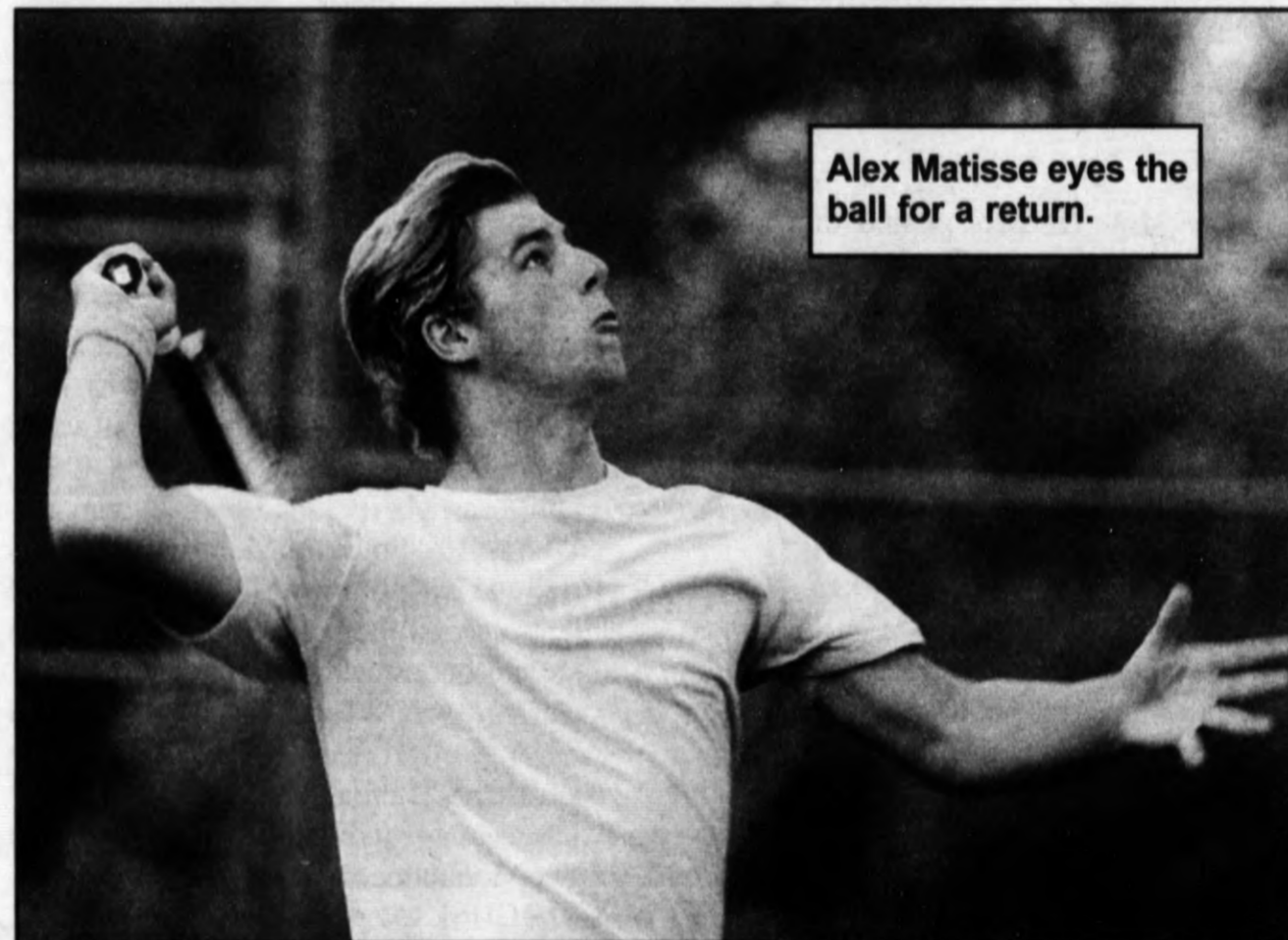
The boys finished the OAA Red Tennis Tournament in fifth place with 28 points as Bloomfield Hills won the tournament with 49 points.

The Wolves head to state finals this Friday and Saturday at Greater Midland Tennis Center.

"We are healthier than we have been," Claus said. "We are playing our best tennis. We are upbeat and energetic about the possibility of states. We hope to do well."

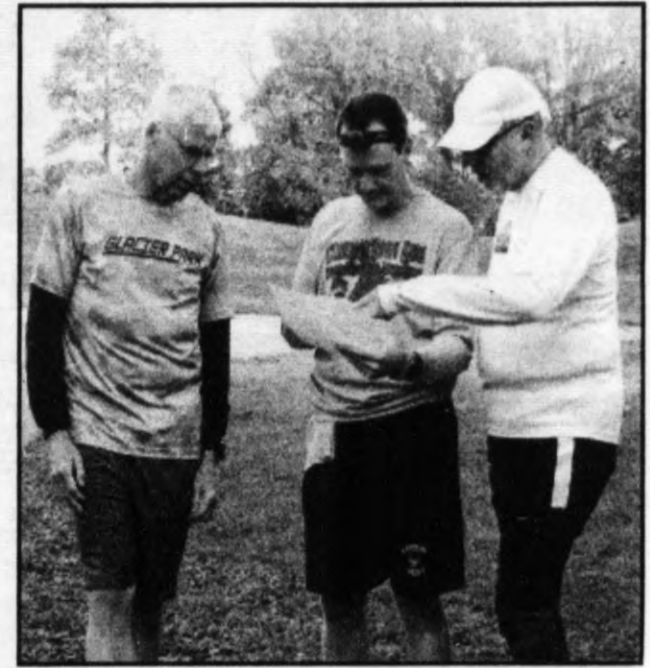
The last time the team visited the finals was in 2013 where they finished in ninth place with nine points.

"Last time we really made some noise," Claus added. "We are still looking to make our mark for the 2015 team. We are looking to be the best team in school history and surpass what they did."





It was a nice day for a run, Oct. 10, at Independence Oaks County Park for racers training for the Clarkston State Bank Backroads events. Photo provided



Runners check a map to plan their route. Photo by Phil Custodio

Training run

Runners got in some training, Oct. 10, at Independence Oaks County Park for the upcoming Clarkston State Bank Backroads Half Marathon, 10K and 5K.

Megan Holt and Deanna Hart of High Five Races will lead a second training run on Oct. 24. Meet at the Twin Chimney shelter.

The third annual race will be on Nov. 8 in and around the county park, 9501 Sashabaw Road.

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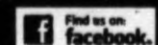
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Interior Design



Kevin Harrison



I was at one of our furniture manufacturers last week. They gave a presentation on color and pattern trends they see happening in the marketplace. Here is a brief review:

Blue - remains strong, but moving a bit more grey - indigo, demin blue, and mineral-toned blue.
Floral - is coming on strong, and we can certainly see this with fashion. Think boldly colors (pistachio and passion pink) with black accents.
Warm pink - is everywhere. Salmon, coral, blush, rose. Perhaps best in a warmer climate.
Urban bolds - think graffiti and pop-art as the starting point. Citron, electric green, red, bright blue.

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Linda Danek,
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Lifetree Cafe coming to Clarkston

Lifetree Café will host weekly sessions at Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street, on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. starting Oct. 20.

Meetings will include "stories and conversations to feed the soul," said local director Kristin Morris. "It's sort of like a live, local talk show—with an inspirational twist."

The hour-long meetings will usually include a short film and guided conversation on topics including loneliness, immigration, health, angels, guilt, prayer, and life after death.

Lifetree Café is a national program

founded by Thom Schultz.

"Lifetree serves as a comfortable place to meet other people who are interested in the same issues," Schultz said. "The atmosphere resembles a warm, neighborhood coffee shop. The experience gives people practical help and insight on life issues, and provides a hopeful spiritual connection."

Admission to the 60-minute events is free. Snacks and beverages are available.

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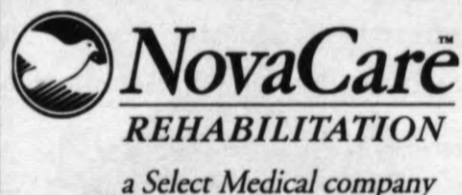
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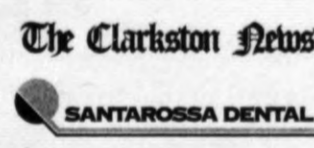
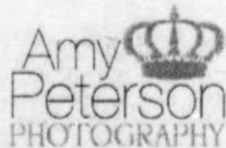
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Eagle leads to tournament championship

BY WENDIREARDON
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

Brent Davies came back from three shots behind to shoot a 70 on the final day of the Canadian Golf Teachers Federation Canadian Cup Tournament to become the Open Division Champion at Bay of Quinte Country Club in Belleville, Ontario, in September.

"It felt great," Davies said about winning the tournament. "I was the first American to win it. I didn't know that until I won. The second day I was in the last group playing with Bill Hardwick who is a legend up there in Canada. He has played on the senior European Tour, senior US tour, just a really great player. He had a 3-shot lead going into the final round."

The game changer for Davies was when he held his shot from the fairway for an eagle on the third hole.

"It was a 400-yard, par four," he explained. "It's a layup off the tee because there is a hazard 240 off the tee so you really have to layup. I knocked a six iron in the hole for two and that was big."

He added what won the tournament for him was when he was at the 16th tee with a 1-shot lead. He chipped one in for a birdie to keep the lead.

It was the first time he played in the tournament and he admitted not a lot of

Americans play in the tournament since Belleville is a 6-7 hour drive.

Davies explained he didn't have any expectations going into the tournament and just wanted to play well.

"I was playing Grant Guylch, he had won the tournament last year," he said. "He is a good friend and we play together on the Michigan/Ontario Golf Teachers Tour. He is very good."

Davies paused and smiled, "it was nice to get him finally and be able to beat him and Bill Hardwick, a veteran. That was big for me."

Davies belongs to the United States Teachers Golf Federation and teaches golf at Heather Highlands Golf Club in Holly.

He also goes to schools throughout Oakland County to teach kids how to play golf after school.

"I help people become better players," Davies explained. "Golf is a very tough game and we need to keep players in the game, and we need to get young players in the game. I really focus on working with the kids and making sure they have fun - that's the number one thing. They have to have fun. If they don't have fun they aren't going to stick with it."

He also works with high school golfer

one-on-one as he helps them make not only the right physical movements but teach them the mental portion of golf.

"Tournament golf is a whole different animal," Davies explained. "It is totally different than just going out and playing in a match. It is very tasking mentally. You really have to focus."

He retired from coaching the Holly Boys Varsity Golf team after two years. He runs golf camps during the summer and also works with the senior centers in Springfield Township, Lake Orion, Brandon, Waterford and Birmingham.

Davies began playing golf when he was ten-years-old when his dad got him started. But it was his third sport after baseball and football.

He would play golf during the summer with his brother at White Lake Oaks for 54 holes a day until football season began, then he would train for the fall season. He began playing tournament golf at 40-years-old when he took golf more seriously. From there he pursued teaching and coaching golf.

"I love working with people and I love helping them become better players. It is very gratifying," he smiled.

Davies also participated in the U.S. Cup in Orlando, Florida.

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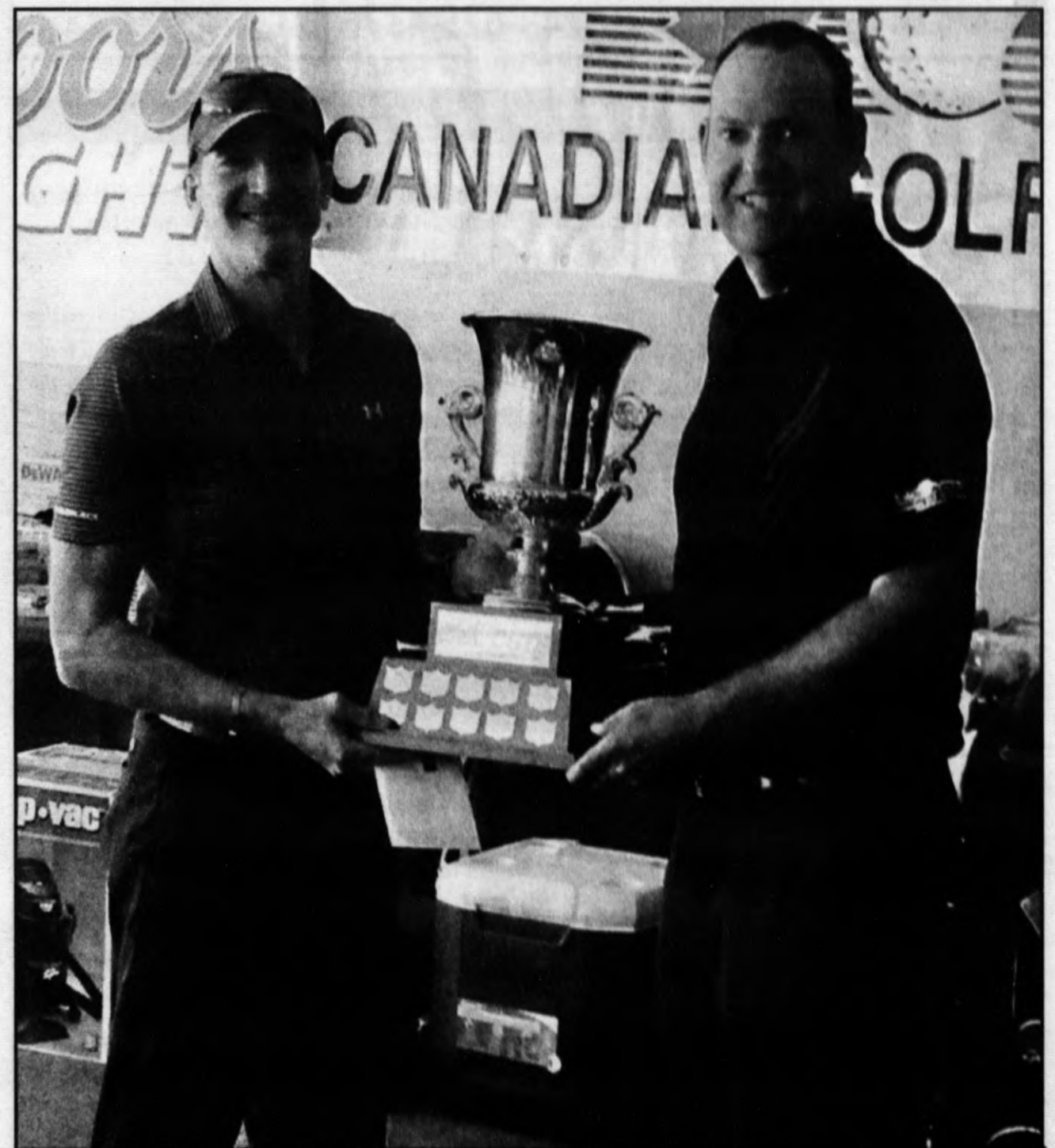
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Students, staff, parents earn award

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Yeloushan credits parents, students, school staff and district leadership for having such a strong school. She also credits the district's Cultures of thinking and Learning initiatives and the culture of the building implemented by Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock.

"The staff really respect him for the work he is doing," she said.

Cultures of thinking and learning is a belief system that focuses on being open-minded, communicating and thinking deeply. Yeloushan said staff at Pine Knob Elementary, and across the entire district, is working hard to present students with information in different ways to allow them to think.

"We want to cultivate a culture of thinkers. We want our students to respect and have cross cultural conversations. It's all about realizing there is more than one way to get to an answer," she said.

It's working, she added.

"We do a good job. We don't do all this work for accolades, we do it because it's the right thing to do," Yeloushan said.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program is a United States government program created in 1982 to honor schools which have achieved high levels of performance or made significant improvements in closing the achievement gap in schools where at least 40 percent of the student population is classified as disadvantaged.



Pine Knob Elementary Principal Jodi Yeloushan stands with Steven Ross's fourth grade class at the school, just named a Blue Ribbon school by the U.S. Department of Education.



BOO-A-PALOOZA!

Saturday, October 24 • 3 pm
Come dressed in your costume and celebrate Halloween with games treats and a monster mash!

TELL US ABOUT YOUR TRAVELS

Wednesday, October 21 • 7 pm
Around the World Get Together
We are a group of people who love to travel and enjoy sharing our travel experiences and ideas with fellow travelers. This is our last presentation of the year, we will be sharing photos from 2010-2014 presentations. Registration is required and attendees are asked to bring a favorite food from another country.

DAN THE CREATURE MAN

Monday, October 26 • 7 pm
Dan the Creature Man is coming with his creepy, crawly friends just in time for Halloween! Fun for the whole family.



GET YOUR GHOUL ON! TEEN HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

Grades 6-12
Friday, October 30 • 6-8 pm
Keep on creepin' on! Spend the evening before Halloween celebrating all things frightening and ghoulish. Enjoy treats, costume contest, and pumpkin carving competition. Registration required.

PARENT/TWEEN BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, October 21 • 6 pm
Courage for Beginners by Karen Harrington
Wednesday, November 18 • 6 pm
Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo
Twens (ages 8-13) and their parents will delight in this fall's monthly Parent/Tween Book Club. The group will discuss the book and enjoy a related craft/activity. Copies of the books are available for checkout at our circulation desk.



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Masters' ancient wisdom teaches connections

BY ANDREAM.BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston resident and martial arts Grandmaster James Saffold has reached the rank of 10th degree black belt in Tang Soo Do, a Korean martial arts form.

Saffold has been promoted by the World Tang Soo Do General Federation, based in Seoul, Korea. He is director of the North America Chapter for the World Tang Soo Do General Federation, which has chapters around the world.

"It is a great honor," Saffold said of his promotion recently announced to the world.

Tang Soo Do, one of many martial art forms, uses movement and other skills to teach control of body, mind and spirit. Ancient wisdom teaches many great warriors are scholars and many great scholars are warriors, he said.

Scholars study themselves and the world and see connections. Great warriors possess enormous strength in whatever battle they face. Both learn to value the importance of unifying the mind, body, spirit to achieve mastery, he said.

Practicing awareness, discipline, focus, control and proper conduct teaches one to control each element of himself.

"It's an entire way of life and it's a training of the physical body and mind," Saffold explained. "There are defense and attack methods using punches kicks and blocks. It is an application of body, form, and repetition that strengthens both mind and body muscle memory."

Controlling all three elements of self, awards one with abilities of self-defense and attack with the power of many men, Saffold said.

"Avoid conflict when you can, but if you have to fight you can and you do."

Everyone can learn, even those with disabilities, and it is never too late to begin.

When children learn martial arts like Tang Soo Do, the effect is transformational.

It has amazing benefits, both Saffold and his wife Shar agree.

"Kids blossom," Shar said. "They learn self-confidence, their grades improve, they learn focus, power and control."

Shar owns Encore Pilates & Barre in downtown Clarkston. Her studio offers state of the art equipment and work out training methods. Ahdi Dasuqi, an instructor at the studio, is a balanced body reformer trainer taught at the National Personal Training Institute, which teaches methods to train both body and mind.

"Movement is extremely good for the body. Physical activity releases endorphins which help release stress," Shar said.

Practicing Tang Soo Do burns an immense amount of calories too, she added.

Learning a skill like martial arts is good for the whole self, and helps build and strengthen bridges connecting body, mind and spirit. A strong body strengthens the mind and a strong mind and spirit learns the importance of building a strong body.

"It gives you self-confidence in all dealings and teaches you how to handle yourself," Saffold said.

Saffold only trains Tang Soo Do masters in his Clarkston home. Those masters teach students at many studios locally and across the country.

Saffold explained a few of the important elements involved when he teaches masters.

"I spend the first half hour of class stretching every muscle," he said.

Stretching the of body promotes the flow of Ki energy.

Ki is an invisible force which flows through the body. It is a spiritual, mental and physical force connected and effected by everything, he said.

Spirit is affected by body and mind. Mis-directed energy wastes and harms Ki. Practices taught in martial arts, teaches preservation of Ki energy, so it can be directed towards a higher purpose.

Saffold places importance on meditation in class, an ancient practice, which focuses on control of breath to clear the mind and tap higher mental power.

Stretching, physical movement, control of



James Saffold

breath and clearing the mind through meditation and other skills taught in Tang Soo Do, releases and clears negative Ki energy.

Tang Soo Do teaches individuals to recognize and defend, through awareness, quick release of negative energy and emotions that could otherwise harm Ki.

Movement, the way a body flows into the world, begins first with the mind. Calming, controlling and focusing the mind builds strength and awareness.

Awareness, and being open minded allows one to see connections in the world, within ourselves and how each relate. It is the gateway to the spiritual world, which when backed by strength of body and mind,

leads to self-mastery.

Saffold earned his first blackbelt in 1971. Earning belts is done by testing not both the body, and mind.

Born in Detroit, Saffold is a professor at Schoolcraft College. He teaches classes on homeland security, emergency management and criminal justice.

Saffold joined the Detroit Police Department in 1969, and worked his way up by demonstrating a variety of leadership abilities.

He was introduced to Tang Soo Do when he joined the U.S. Army in 1965 and was sent to Vietnam. He began training under the top Korean leader of the art, Grandmaster Jae Joon Kim.

Coincidentally, after returning home from and deciding to continue practicing Tang Soo Do, he visited a newly opened studio in Detroit and found it was led by Grandmaster Jae Joon Kim.

Saffold continued training under Kim until his death in 2007.

Throughout his training, Saffold continued working his way up through the ranks by earning belts and titles known as Dans.

"In 2002, I was tested for and promoted to 8th Dan by Kim," Saffold said. "In 2010 I was promoted to 9th Dan by the League of Grandmasters."

While training under Kim, he also managed many Tang Soo Do studios.

His newest promotion to 10th degree Dan, means he has reached the top.

He is also cross trained in laijutsu (4th degree Dan) and Hap Ki Do (2nd Dan).

Although he has achieved mastery, he continues learning.

"I am a teacher, but I am still a student," Saffold said.

Each of us are students, he said, even masters.

"When one sets out towards practicing the mastery of all three elements of self by strengthening the body, mind and spirit they gain true power," he said. "Harnessing that kind of power not only change the whole self, it changes the world."

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Commercial Development Update

By Patrick Kittle,
Township Supervisor

Last month I ran through the residential plans for the community as we understand them. Here's an update on commercial plans...



Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

Sashabaw Road Starbucks: After many months of planning, constructing and inspecting, the Starbucks located on the east side of the Sashabaw Corridor just south of Waldon Rd., finally opened on Saturday, September 19th.

Hotel: The final site plans for the new Comfort Inn and Suites to be lo-

cated on Sashabaw behind the Ruby Tuesday and Culvers restaurants is complete. The Township is waiting for the hotel to come in and apply for permits before construction begins.

Medical: The Township is still waiting on the results of a study whereby McLaren might open a short-stay Emergency Care Center in the community. Will keep you posted on updates as they arrive.

Clarkston Road

Health Care: The MediLodge short term rehabilitation center is still on track for construction off the Clarkston / Sashabaw intersection behind the Rite Aide. There are plans being presented within the next couple of months where

a longer term rehabilitation center might be added to the plan as well. This one is still early in the process so we won't know a lot more for a couple of months.

Dixie Highway

Micro-Brewery: Construction for the much-anticipated Clarkston Brewery located at the top of Waterford Hill is gaining momentum. Another trip to the Planning Commission is needed for additional parking approvals.

Shopping: The proposed retail center located at the corner of Dixie Highway and M-15 is in the final stages of the review process.

Family Fun: In addition to our beautiful parks, Independence Township residents will now have another place

to take their families for some play time, INDOOR play time. Fort Clarkston, located in White Lakes Commons, is an indoor amusement center where children can run, jump, climb and crawl while the grown-ups sit in the lounge enjoying a variety of different refreshments. Construction is nearing the final stages. Grand opening is anticipated for November.

Financial: In the early idea phase, there is potential for the corporate offices of a Flint based Credit Union relocating to our Township bringing 100+ employees. The proposed location currently sits at the Northwest corner of White Lake Rd and Dixie Highway. Information to come as it develops.

Looking to buy your dream home?

How to estimate property taxes

By Stacey Bassi,
Township Director of Assessing
If you are looking to purchase your first home or your dream home, there are laws in the State of Michigan that can affect your budget. A main one is how property taxes work and how this can affect your escrow payments.

In the year following your purchase, the taxable value of your home becomes, what we call "uncapped" or "pops up", becoming the same value as the assessed value of the property. The taxable value of the property is

the number used to calculate your taxes along with the millage rates.

When you are told what the seller is paying in taxes for the property it is very likely not what you will be paying. Right now with the increase in the housing market, jurisdictions are starting to see a difference between the assessed values compared to the taxable values. This can affect your escrow account the mortgage company sets up.



Stacey Bassi, Director of Assessing

The year following your purchase, the assessed and taxable value becomes one

A common practice is to use the current year's taxes to determine the amount you will need to place monthly into the escrow account to cover your taxes and insurance.

If the current owner has an assessed value of \$177,800 and a taxable value of \$119,890, they pay an estimated \$3,829 in property taxes a year.

in the same. The taxable value will increase from the \$119,890 to what the next year's assessed value is set at.

For an example, the assessed value increases to \$180,000. This value is also your new taxable value. The taxes generated from new taxable value would be estimated at \$5,749, an increase of \$1,920. These changes can have a significant impact on your escrow account.

When the mortgage company originally set it up they collected \$319 a month to cover the taxes, but the change in taxes indicates \$479 a month is needed. This is a difference of \$160 a month and now your escrow account is short.

What they normally do at this time is either ask you to make the account whole, or adjust your escrow account to cover the taxes and the shortage. This could increase your payment about \$300 a month.

This is an easy thing to prepare for if you know to expect it. In order to find out what you could potentially pay in taxes, call the Township Assessing Office and ask for an estimate.

The approximation the Assessing Office would have given, in this ex-

	Assessed	Taxable	Millage Rate	Taxes
2015	\$177,800	\$119,890	31.9399	\$3,829
2016	\$180,000	\$180,000	31.9399	\$5,749
				<u>\$1,920</u>
Escrow Estimate	\$5749 / 12 =			\$479.10

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So, you're working on your home and think you may need a permit?

By Patrick Kittle,
Township Supervisor

After last month's article about horror stories from folks who for some reason did not secure a building permit and the disastrous results, my phone 'blew-up' from residents wanting to know just what exactly needs a permit/inspection. The following list is meant to be a summary of requirements.

Residential Building:

Sheds (larger than 200 sq. ft.), decks, additions, renovations involving structural modifications, i.e. kitchen remodeling where they are removing a load bearing wall. Permit costs vary based on size of the project along with a bond which is returned after a final inspection has been approved

■ If the property is located in a neighborhood where there is an HOA, a permit will not be issued until we have HOA approval.

■ If a shed size is less than 200 sq. ft., a Land Use Permit is required.

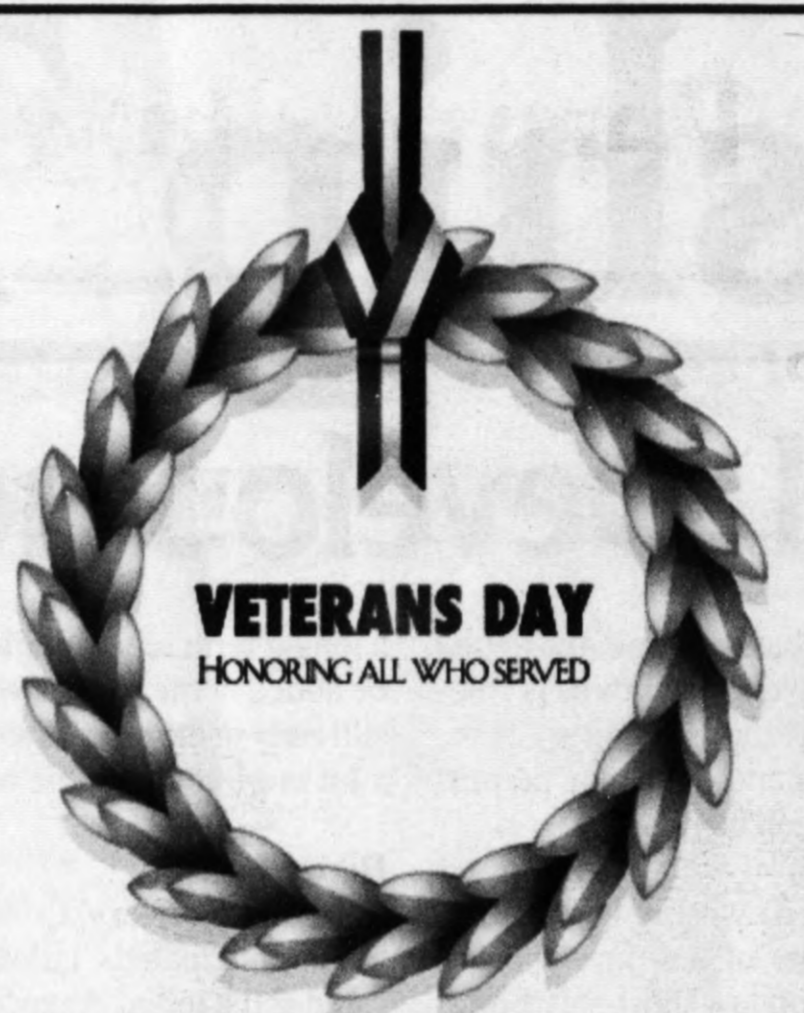
Residential Electrical: Just about anything you can think of involving electricity will require a permit, even the addition of a single circuit when moving a switch from one wall to another – Minimum permit fee is \$75

Residential Mechanical: A/C new & replacement, furnaces new & replacement, dryer vents, kitchen hoods, bathroom fans, pre-fab fireplaces, radiant floor heat, etc. – Minimum permit fee is \$75

Residential Plumbing: Backflow Prevention (lawn irrigation), bathroom & kitchen additions require permits for any/all new fixtures (shower trap, dishwashers, water closets, hand basins, etc.), water softener – Minimum permit fee is \$75.

Bottom line ... the following rule of thumb should apply in your decision to seek a permit. If there is any chance the renovations being planned could collapse around you, electrocute you, start your house on fire or cause a flood, a permit will probably be required.

When in doubt, contact the Building Department at 248-625-8111. Based on the stories from last month, a simple phone call could save you a ton of heartache and a bunch of expense.



Honoring our veterans on November 13

In honor of Veteran's Day, our Senior Community Center is hosting our annual Veteran's Day Luncheon on Friday, November 13 at the American Legion Post #63 in Clarkston. Program begins at 11 a.m. We are planning for a wonderful celebration honoring our local heroes. Please call 248-625-8231 to make your reservations. All Veteran's meals are complimentary, courtesy of Cedar Lodge #60 Clarkston Masons. Guest meals are \$6.

Therapeutic Recreation programs

Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors offers monthly Therapeutic Recreation (TR) programs for ages 14+ with developmental disabilities (with or without physical impairment).

All programs are held at the Senior Community Center, Carriage House. Cost is \$6 per participant. For questions or to register, please call the ITPRS office at 248-625-8223. Join us for a fun time! TR Pizza & Movie Night from 6-8:30 pm on the following Friday nights; November 6 and December 4.

TR Bingo Night from 6-8pm on the following Friday nights; October 16, November 20 and December 18.

Property taxes, continued

ample, would have been \$5,700. This allows you to estimate how much a month you should be contributing to your escrow account to pay the taxes and a better idea of what your mortgage payment will actually be after the first year.

After this, your taxes can only go up the rate of inflation, barring any new construction to the property.

Automated Billing Process Saving Dollars

By Paul Brown
Township Treasurer

The Township will send out water and sewer bills this week for the third quarter cycle. We'll process many of them with the simple click of a mouse.

The e-Billing and Automatic withdrawal works the same way as other utilities like gas and electric. We email you your bill a few weeks before it is due to notify you of the amount we will withdrawal from your checking account on the due date. You save time and money. You also avoid the 10% late fee.

The new eBilling system is working flawlessly, but we need your help to maximize the opportunity. We will physically mail out over 7,000 invoices this week. With postage, paper, envelopes and processing, the cost of the mailing and collection process will be nearly \$10,000!

Keep in mind that we have this expense four times per year. Help us meet our goal of achieving 50% participation by the end of 2016. Hitting this goal will save Tax Payers \$20,000 annually.

Over the next few months, we will send out e-Billing sign-up forms prepopulated with most of the required information. All you'll need to do is add a few pieces of information and return it to the Treasurer's office. It can be emailed, faxed or dropped off in our drop box at Township Hall.

If you need assistance completing the form, please give me a call at 248-922-6209 or email me at pbrown@indtwp.com

Clarkston Area Optimist Club 2016 Officer Installation

Had the pleasure of being invited to attend the 2016 Officer Installation dinner for the Clarkston Area Optimist Club. Did you know the Optimists raised and spent over \$100,000 helping local kids? Best wishes to the new officers and a hearty thank you to the out-going ones. Great job! -- Pat Kittle

Saturday,
October 17
**The
Friendly Forest**

Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Rd.

3-6pm (Tickets sold in 15 minute increments)
TICKETS: \$7/resident; \$10/non; Adults Free

FAMILY 4-PACK OF TICKETS: \$23/resident; \$32/non
Space is limited, buy your tickets early!

For questions, call (248) 625-8223

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Regarding Burn Permits in the Township

Independence Township has an ordinance regarding the open burning of yard waste and also has an ordinance restricting open burning in designated areas for documented medical reasons. The following is a general guideline for the two types of burning; Open Burning and Recreational Burning, and provides an overview of the Medically Restricted Burning ordinance.

Open Burning. *Open Burning is defined as the burning of yard waste, tree trimmings, paper, or scrap wood where the contents are burned in an open area, with the intent of eliminating the material.*

■ Open burning is allowed by permit only, which can be obtained at any of the three Independence Township Fire Stations or by going on-line at www.independencfire.us.

■ Open burning is allowed during the following times:

Summer Hours (April 1 thru November 31 - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.).

Winter Hours (December 1 thru March 31 - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

All fires must be completely extinguished after hours (no smoldering).

■ Parcels of less than 3 acres must follow the burn date calendar on the permit. Parcels of more than 3 acres may burn on any day. Regardless of acreage, weather – particularly wind – should be considered prior to burning to prevent fire spread.

■ All Materials being burned must be from the site. No materials may be brought to the site for disposal.

■ Open burning shall be constantly attended by a person 14 years of age or older until the fire is extinguished.

■ A source of extinguishment shall be present and adequate during hours of burning.

■ No burning shall be permitted within 50' of any structure. Provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading.

■ No burning along roadways.

■ No flammable liquids shall be permitted to ignite the fire.(i.e. gasoline, kerosene, starter fluid, etc.)

■ No burning shall be allowed on construction sites.

■ The size of the pile to be burned shall be no larger than 6' diameter.

■ Remember, burning is a privilege that may be revoked at any time. It shall be the option of the fire official that shall dictate the right to burn.



EXAMPLES OF RECREATIONAL BURN CONTAINERS

-- No Permit Required --

■ Burning violations may be subject to fines in accordance to Civil Infraction Penalty. First offense may be \$75, second offense \$150 and privileges revoked.

■ Acceptable Burn Items: Dry Leaves, Paper, Brush, Wood scraps.

Recreational Burning. *Recreational Burning is defined as the burning of seasoned wood in a manufactured device, specifically designed for the containment of the fire, with the intent of using the fire for cooking or social purposes.*

■ Recreational burning is allowed without permit.

■ A campfire is an example of a recreational burn.

■ A container designed for recreational burning must be used. (see examples)

■ Materials to be burned shall be consistent with firewood, or other seasoned hard wood.

■ All recreational fires shall be tended and extinguished completely when finished.

Medically Restricted Burning Ordinance

■ It shall be the policy of Independence Township to prohibit the issuance of any open burn permits, or revoke previously issued permits, within 400 feet of any residence whose occupants have a documented serious medical condition that is aggravated or triggered by the exposure to smoke from open burning, unless allowed under the provisions of this policy.

The Independence Township Fire Department, as the issuing body for burn permits, shall adhere to this policy when issuing burn permits. This authority is already comprehended under Chapter 20, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article III, Open Burning, subsections 20-59(c)(6) and (d)(4)b, to prohibit burning in certain circumstances even after a permit has been issued.

SPECIAL NOTE: *This burn policy does not apply to or prohibit recreational fires in chimineas or fire pots as long as the recreational fires are consistent with*

the examples.

■ Residents are required to submit documentation from a medical doctor to the Fire Department supporting the diagnosis of a medical condition that is serious and aggravated or triggered by exposure to smoke from open burning. This evidence must be provided annually and will be kept on file with the Fire Department.

After filing, all requests for open burning permits will be rejected except for the exemptions within the ordinance.

Burn permits may be renewed or obtained, and information on the medically based burn permit restrictions policy, can be found by visiting www.indtwp.com [DEPARTMENTS] [FIRE] [OPEN BURNING / BURN PERMITS]. At the bottom of the web page there is also a link for a "How-To" guide for obtaining a burn permit through the online system.

You may also visit any of the three Independence Township fire stations to obtain a burn permit, or call (248)625-1924 with questions regarding any of the information above.

Hunting dos and don'ts in Independence Township

By Lt. Dirk Feneley
Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.

As summer draws to a close, fall activities begin and the fall hunting season is right around the corner. With many different hunting seasons already underway or getting ready to begin, we have a few safety reminders for the fall hunting season.

Safety zones around buildings are all areas within 150 yards or 450 feet of an occupied building, house, cabin or other buildings used in farm operations.



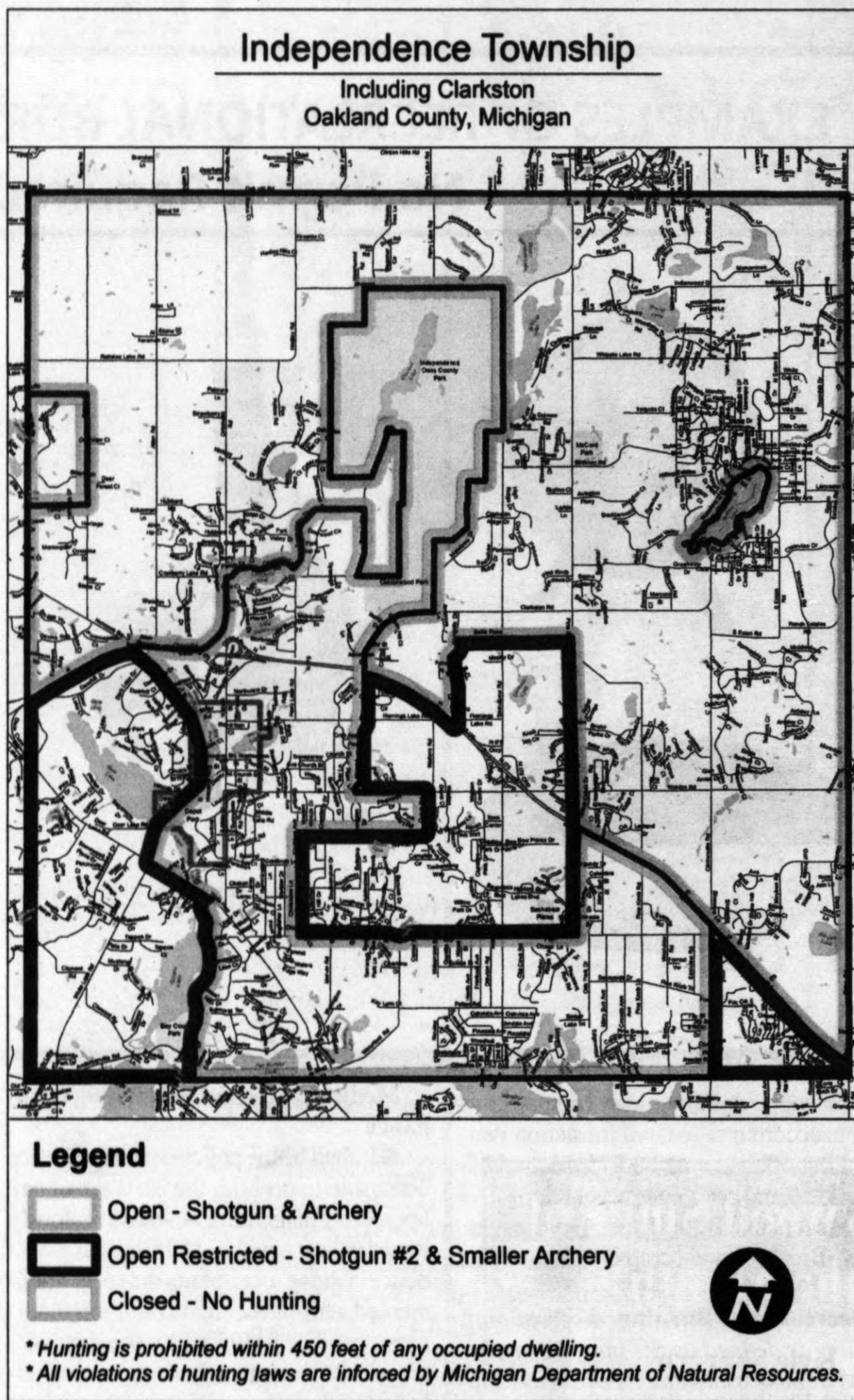
NO PERSON, including archery and crossbow hunters may hunt or discharge a firearm, crossbow or bow in a safety zone or shoot at game animals or birds within a safety zone without written permission of the owner or occupant of the property.

This does not apply to target shooting, law enforcement activities or discharge of firearms, crossbows, bows for any non-hunting purpose.

Hunting with, or the discharge of, a center fire rifle is unlawful in Independence Township, Oakland County, except at target ranges registered with the Township Clerk. Hunting with, or the discharge of, any firearm, except a shotgun loaded with shot not larger than no. 2, is unlawful in those portions of sections 19 to 22, 27, all of sections 28 to 32, and section 36, located south of Interstate highway 75 (I-75) in T4N, R9E, Independence Township, Oakland County.

When transporting firearms, crossbows, bow and arrows in or on a motor vehicle they must be unloaded in both barrel and magazine and enclosed in a case or carried in the trunk of a vehicle. Crossbows, bows and arrows when being transported must be enclosed in a case or unstrung.

Hunting times are one half hour before sunrise until one half hour past sunset. For more information about specific hunting seasons contact the DNR at www.michigan.gov/dnr.



Independence Township - R317.163.7 - Hunting prohibited.

7. Hunting with a firearm is unlawful in the following-described areas of Independence Township, Oakland County:

(a) In or over the waters of Walters Lake, located in sections 12, 13, and 14, T4N, R9E. (b) Beginning at a point in the southeast corner of section 35, T4N, R9E, where Clintonville Road intersects with Mann Road; thence north on Clintonville Road to I-75; thence northwesterly on I-75 to the section line common to sections 26 and 27; thence south

on the section line and Dvorak Road to Maybee Road;

... thence west on Maybee Road to Chickadee Lane; thence north on Chickadee Lane 1/2 mile to Goldfinch Lane; thence east 1 mile to the section line common to sections 27 and 28; thence north 1/4 mile to the quarter section line; thence 1/2 mile west to the center line of section 28;

... thence north on the center line to Almond Road/Clarkson Road continuing on the center line of section 16 to Perry Lake Road; thence west on Perry

Lake Road 1/4 mile to the quarter line of section 16; thence north to the north line of section 16; thence west on the corner common to sections 8, 9, 16, and 17; thence south 1/2 mile to Cranberry Lake Road; thence west on Cranberry Lake Road to M-15; thence south on M-15 to I-75;

... thence west on I-75 to Holcomb Road; thence southeasterly on Holcomb Road/White Lake Road to Dixie Highway; thence southeasterly to Dixie Highway to Lingor Road; thence southwesterly on Lingor Road/Parkview Road and Andersonville Road to the south line of Independence Township; thence east to the point of beginning. For more info, visit the Township's Sheriff Sub-Station page, at www.IndTwp.com

Gun Safety

By Lt. Dirk Feneley
Oakland County Sheriff's Dept.

Whether you're a parent with guns in your home or one who doesn't, teaching your children about firearm safety is important. Children need to know good safety practices not only for your home but others that they are visiting. "Too often, children don't know what to do if they find a gun," said Steve Sanetti, President and CEO of NSSF, which developed and sponsors *Project ChildSafe*, a firearm safety education program.

Younger children should be taught as early as possible about gun safety. A few fundamental rules are better than not educating them at all. Some basic firearm rules for children could be as simple as treating every gun as if it's loaded. If they do find a gun or see a gun, do not touch it and go tell an adult.

Many of the firearm manufactures provide gun locks with the purchase of their firearms. *Project ChildSafe* works with thousands of state and local police departments to distribute educational resources and free firearm safety kits, which include a gun lock. These gun locks are available at the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township substation. If you are interested in obtaining gunlocks for your firearms, please visit the Independence Township substation located at 6560 Citation Drive or call 248-625-4968.

To learn more visit www.projectchildsafe.org.



Raschelle and Matthew

Clarkston man marries

Matthew Ian Alexander, son of Gary and Terri Alexander of Clarkston, and Raschelle Jean Holmes, daughter of Rick and Bobbie Holmes of Wayland, were married on July 25 in the Grand Rapids area.

After a honeymoon in the Dominican Republic, the couple returned to El Paso, Texas, where they will reside.

Matthew is a Lieutenant in Aviation, stationed at Fort Bliss.



Hollywood Smile of the Month

Kyle Sparzynski

Kyle is a freshman at Holly High School. He has been playing travel hockey since he was 8 years old and is playing for the Falcons! He hopes to attend Ferris State to become an engineer, pilot or the dream of an NFL hockey player!

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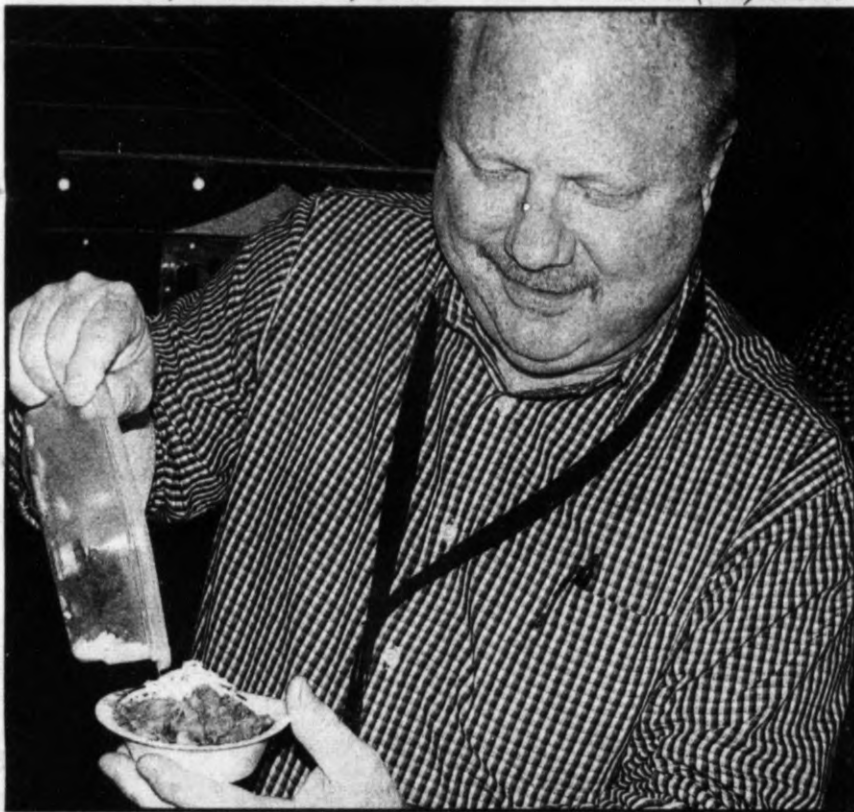


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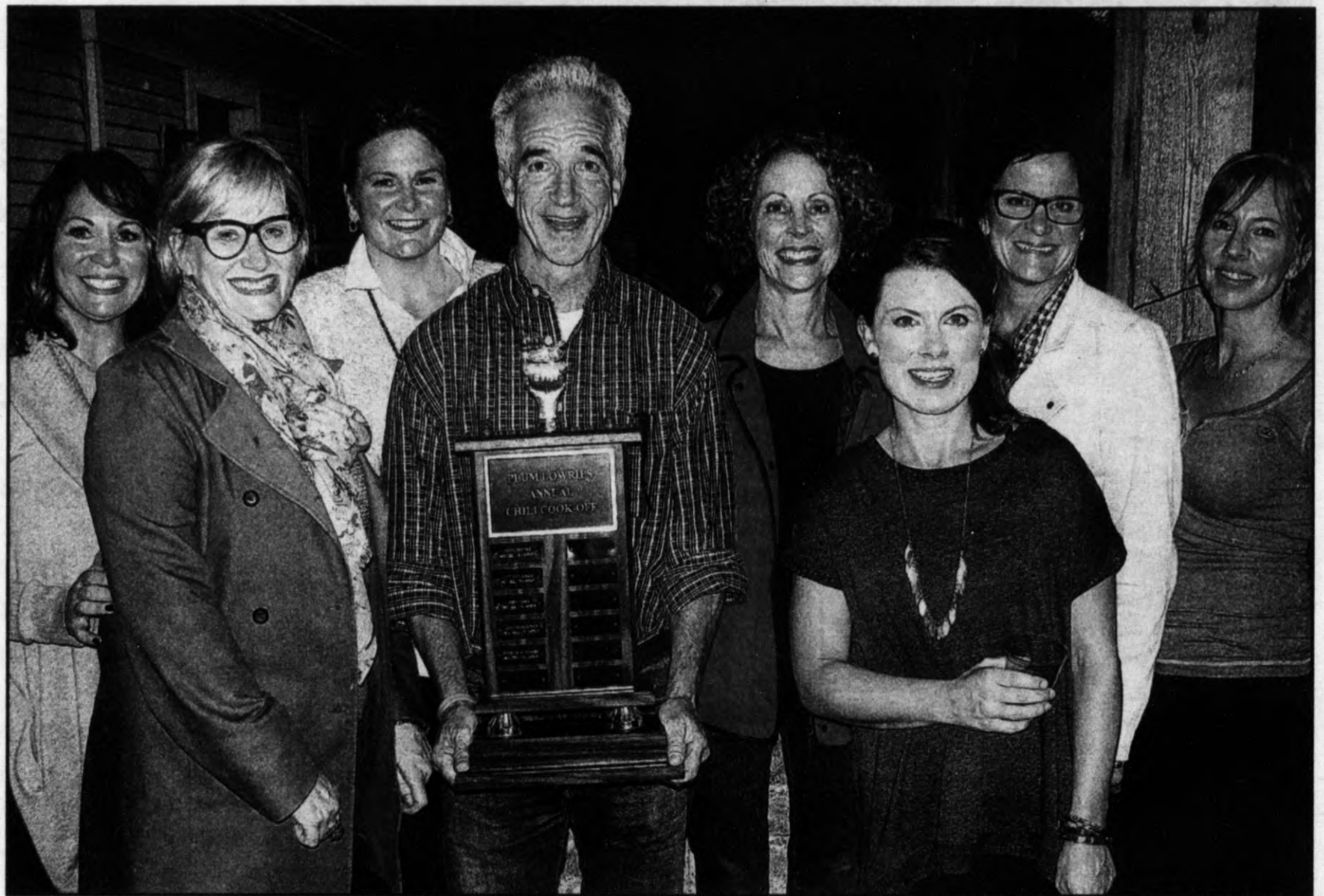


Steve Gibson of Hope Center of Macomb made a no-beans chili. "It's absolutely out of the world," he said.

Champions of chili

Hungry folks filled the backyard patio at Chatham House Interior Design and Lowie's Landscape on Dixie Highway to sample and vote on 17 chilis at the the sixth annual Chili Cookoff, Oct. 8.

The chili chefs and fans also donated a wheelbarrow full of canned and boxed food for Lighthouse Emergency Service.



From left, Kali Weber and Shelley Knudson, owners of Chatham House Interior Design; Traci Greenlee, Director of Sales and Marketing, Castlewood Custom Homes; Tom and Tami Lowrie, of Lowrie's Landscaping; Tricia Delude, one of the Chatham House designers; and Darcie Schultz and Tenya Williams of Castlewood at the Chili Cookoff. Photos by Phil Custodio



There was a lot of chili to sample for a fair vote.



Lisa Schoff, of Grand Blanc, made a Texas style chili with pulled pork and ground beef.




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As we enter the second month of the school year, we already have achieved a great deal.

Clarkston is such a proud, supportive, and service-oriented community. Here are just a few of the reasons that you can celebrate our community's schools:

- The United States Department of Education selected Pine Knob Elementary School, under the leadership of Mrs. Jodi Yeloushan, as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

Words from the Sup't

PKE is one of only 13 schools in Michigan and 335 in the country to receive this level of distinction this year. PKE is the second Clarkston Community School to receive this honor, with Springfield Plains being the first in 2000.



Dr. Rod Rock

- Clarkston High School's Chamber Orchestra, under the leadership of Mrs. Wendy Stuart, was selected by the Michigan Chapter, American String Teachers' Association to perform at their annual conference in January. This is the first time our orchestra has achieved this honor. CHS is one of only three orchestras in the state so designated.

It is clear that the kinds of achievements mentioned above garner headlines, as well they should. Our students, staff, and parents achieve at the highest levels, and these accomplishments are meritorious.

Although you may be less aware of the following accomplishments, they equally represent excellence, and the culture of Clarkston:

- As one of our students recently had an emergency on a school bus, a student sitting nearby noticed and alerted the bus driver and the bus aide, Randi Scriver. The driver, Denise Cox, pulled the bus into a school (not the school that the child attended) and called for help. The principal, Mr. Brian Adams, and secretary, Erin Cameron, of that school came out to help. The driver called our Director of Transportation, Mr. Kevin Bickerstaff. Together, they located emergency medical information on the student and acted accordingly. Their actions and preparedness made a difference that day.

- Our Nutrition Department, under the direction of Mrs. Marla Ernst, feeds thousands of students each day. Many of our students deal with allergies that require them to avoid certain foods. Our Nutrition Department, teachers, students, and administrators do an incredible job of collaborating to keep these students safe.

- Our school district partners with Independence Township and the Oakland County Sheriff's Department to employ police liaisons in our schools. This year, our liaisons are Detective Frank Gavey and Detective Kim Potts. Not only are they in our schools during the day, they also attend games, dances, assemblies, prom, graduation, and many other events. We are grateful to them for their service to our community.

- We have 16 foreign exchange students at Clarkston High School this year. Thank you to the families who host them, the Rotary and Educatus who help bring them here, and to all of our students, families, and staff members who make them feel welcome.

It truly takes a village to raise a child. In the Village of Clarkston and the Townships of Independence and Springfield, our students, staff, and community members partner to achieve at the highest levels. It is truly my honor to be part of such a special place.

It is exciting to begin a new school year. I anxiously await opportunities to connect with kids, families, and community members in pursuit of our district's mission, *to cultivate thinkers, learners, and positive contributors to a global society.*

It is my intention to make sure that every person who enters the doors of a Clarkston Community School feels a sense of belonging, challenge, support, and safety. Whether a child, educator, or family member has been in our schools for a few minutes or several years, they belong here, and they can expect excellence from all of us.

I ask that our community parents, students, educators, volunteers, and guests take extra time to truly listen to the voice of every child so that it is known and kids feel believed in. Each child is uniquely different, and individual growth over time is what we seek to document, measure, and communicate. Comparisons between school systems on standardized tests have a place, and the most important thing is the individual child and his or her experience in our schools.

Real learning, as in mental connections made in our brains, requires contemplating or encountering new information. When we review things we already know, our brains do not grow. Thus, making mistakes and experiencing life beyond what is familiar to us are important in growing our brains.

In support of these facts, Harvard University researcher and author, Ron Ritchhart wrote, "We learn a lot from making mistakes, pushing ourselves out of our comfort zone, and taking risks to try new things. Regularly encountering challenges, mistakes, and failure builds a growth mindset and develops intellectual resilience."

Ritchhart goes on to say, "When your child encounters difficulties, don't jump in to solve the problem and rescue him/her. Instead, ask questions that will help him/her to think through the problem, identify, and choose a course of action for moving forward."

A response as simple as, "What makes you say that?" can do the trick. In so doing, we help build confidence, courage, and neural networks in our children. And, we know that the challenging of the mind does not stop at the end of childhood, it continues through life. So, learning new things is also essential for adults of all ages.

Rod Rock, Ed.D., is Superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools



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Veterans Benefits Seminar, 10 a.m., 6 p.m., Oct. 14, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. RSVP to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, 248-625-5231.

Webelos Fest with Troop 377, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 17, American Legion Post 377, 4819 Mary Sue Avenue. Six stations, Tug-o-war, Bluegill fish-off, Knot tying, Make "tree cookies," Fire starting, Hot dog on-a-stick. \$10, breakfast, lunch included. RSVP by Oct. 14, 248-561-7509.

Open house, Clarkston Masons Cedar Lodge #60, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 17, 1 E. Washington Street. 248-625-4610.

30 year reunion, Clarkson Class of 1985, Oct. 23, 5 p.m., high school tour, 7 p.m., football game, 9 p.m., Mr. B's. Oct. 24, 7 p.m., Fountains. Contact Kelly, 810-931-5879, kellystonerock@aol.com.

A Taste for the Holidays wine tasting, fund raiser for Clarkston Rotary Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Oct. 29, Bordine's, 8600 Dixie Highway. \$40/advance, \$50/at the door. Wines from around the world, craft-brewed beers, appetizers, desserts; clarkstonrotary.org

Clarkston State Bank Back Roads Half Marathon, 10K, 5K, Nov. 8, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Post race party with craft beer, Union Mac & Cheese, live music. Benefits Blessings in a Backpack and Clarkston SCAMP; www.clarkstonbackroadshalf.com.

Sunday

Springfield Township Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays through Oct. 18, Shiawassee Basin Preserve, 12000 Davisburg Road.

Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3.

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

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



From left are Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac members Ruth Schluchter of Clarkston, Treasurer Isabel Santiago-Martinez of Clarkston, and Co-chairman Sue Schoonover of Orchard Lake. Photo by Phil Custodio

Boutique fund raiser for musicale group

Tuesday Musicale of Greater Pontiac hosts its Fall Boutique, Silent Auction and Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 20, at Centra! United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road, Waterford.

The event is the group's major fund raiser, with proceeds going to Dora Dawson Music Award scholarships for young musicians, said Treasurer Isabel Santiago-Martinez of Clarkston.

"They need help learning the skills they have the gifts for. Many can't afford it," Santiago-Martinez said. "It's amazing how talented our young people are. If we can promote music, to a larger extent the world

would be more at peace."

"Music helps with their studies," said Co-chairman Sue Schoonover of Orchard Lake. "Young people playing musical instruments or singing on the choir are better students, more well rounded kids."

Tickets are \$15, and includes buffet lunch, dessert, and beverages. Boutique items include maple syrup, women's gift items, hand knitted items, jewelry, hand-blown glass, personalized stationary, as well as gift certificates and gift items in the silent auction.

Call Schoonover at 248-683-2949 or Linda at 248-363-8566 for more information.

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

FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., American Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road.

Fitness 4 You classes, \$5 walk-in, New Hope Bible Church, 8673 Sashabaw Road. Call Patty, 248-520-3297.

50+ Outdoor Pickleball, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; Saturdays, 9-

11 a.m., Clintonwood Park Outdoor Courts, 6000 Clarkston Road, \$2. In case of rain, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road, \$3.

Tuesday

Clarkston Community Women's Club, 7 p.m., Oct. 20, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Fall centerpiece class taught by Beth Graci, \$15 for materials. Reservations at 248-625-0917.

Breast Cancer Survivor Group, second Tuesday, 7-9 p.m., 21st Century Oncology,

6770 Dixie Highway. 248-625-3841.

Grief Share, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, The Gathering Place, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

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.

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

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

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages who recently lost a loved one, 7 p.m., Oct. 13, Carriage House, Clintonwood Park. Topic: "I Just Miss Him/Her. When Will I Stop?" Free. 248-625-5231.

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

50+ Indoor Pickleball, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., \$4, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road.

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Eric, 248-224-2214.

Wednesday

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Cancer Nutritional Lunch and Learn Seminar, 6-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays through Oct. 28. Free, Cindy Crandell, R.N., Nuview Nutrition, discusses nutrition topics for cancer patients. McLaren Cancer Institute Conference Room, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. 248-922-6606.

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Journey shared from NFL, to prison, to ministry

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Many prison inmates can change their lives if thrown a lifeline. Larry Gudith learned that from personal experience, he told Clarkston Rotarians at their Oct. 5 meeting.

The guest speaker discussed how he went from a professional football player with the Oakland Raiders to prison inmate, and finally to founder and director of Lifeline Prison Ministry.

"I was incarcerated once – after knee surgery, I got hooked on pain pills," he said. "Demerol was my god for two years – I asked God to help me get rid of the addiction."

Gudith is a certified and credentialed chaplain through the International Fellowship of Chaplains, president of the South-Central Oakland County Families Against Narcotics, and program director for 15 adult recovery homes for men and women going through substance abuse addiction.

He launched the Lifeline ministry in 2003 with a letter writing campaign to prisoners – one thing he learned from his stay was the importance of letters from loved ones.

Inspired during prayer by the Holy Spirit with a vision of colors, he started by writing 750 letters to inmates whose last name was a color.

"I asked them about starting a Christian ministry and got 583 responses saying they would love to," he said. "During my year incarceration, I saw a lot of decent people who made bad mistakes. This is about giving people a second chance."

Programs run by volunteers with the nonprofit Lifeline Prison Ministry include the One Day With God Camp.

Inmates, who are screened for the program, spend an entire day sharing activities with their children, including games, praise and worship, crafts, meals, celebrating birthdays and other milestones, and forgiveness and reconciliation.

"Kids with the mothers and dads – it's really, really emotional, a real learning experience," he said.

They also provide opportunities for non-



Larry Gudith discusses his prison ministry with Clarkston Rotarians at their Oct. 5 meeting. Photo by Phil Custodio

violent inmates to work with puppies in the Puppies Behind Bars, Refurbished Pets of Southern Michigan, and Second Chance at Life programs.

The Puppies Behind Bars program lasts two years during which inmates train animals as service dogs for disabled veterans.

Results have been amazing, Gudith said. "To know that you're helping someone – you don't know what that does for your spirit," he said. "It's considered one of best jobs in prison."

They also offer mentoring, family support, creative arts, housing and job assistance,

and other programs.

"We want to stop the cycle of incarceration that goes on for generation after generation," Gudith said. "We want to link up with families just as much as with inmates."

His work with Families Against Narcotics, a Michigan based group, deals with the explosion of narcotics abuse in Oakland County, from prescription medication to heroin.

"I see them in prison," he said. "What happens many times is for people in broken homes, it's a way for them to feel validated. It numbs the pain for a while. They get

hooked on drugs, commit crimes."

For himself, lack of self esteem led him to addiction.

"I made the NFL, now it was, 'who am I,'" he said. "Instead of being a man and dealing with the issue, I elected to numb myself. God brought me around."

Now his job is to help others, he said.

"It's about helping others over the finish line," he said.

Check lifelineprisonministry.org for more information. The Rotary Club meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at BuckshotsBar and Grill, 7048 Gateway park. Call 248-880-0027.

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Religion

Events Preaching

Getting a fresh start with God

A woman prayed, "Dear Lord, so far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't lost my patience, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that. But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm probably going to need a lot more help! Thank You, Amen."

Ever feel like that? Even though I'm a pastor and I'm supposed to be "spiritual" all the time, there are times (more times than I care to admit) when I'm in a rut. Over the years I've discovered two ways to get out of that rut.

First, I reaffirm my faith in Jesus Christ. I take some extra time for Bible reading, prayer, and private worship.

I'm currently learning Spanish, and I love to listen to a Marcos Witt or Jesus Adrian Romero song on YouTube.

Singing and worshiping almost always changes my attitude. I face my grumpiness and nastiness and take it to God. I ask for forgiveness and cleansing.

Second, I force myself to thank God for his many blessings. Yes, I say "force" myself, because when I'm in a bad mood, I don't want to thank God. I don't even want to read the Bible. Sometimes we get so focused on our problems that we forget our blessings.

An old hymn tells us to "Count Your

Many Blessings" to see what God has done. I've learned that my attitudes will follow my actions. If I DO the right things, my feelings will follow.

Maybe you need a fresh start with God. Why not put these two habits into practice in your life?

Maybe you have never invited God into your life. If so, I want you to know that God loves you.

Maybe you have really messed up your life. God still loves you and he offers you forgiveness, cleansing, and a fresh start. That's why Jesus died on the cross - to take away our sin!

So ask Jesus into your life. The Christian faith is not about rules, rituals, and regulations. It's about a relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

You know what else I find refreshing? Friends who know how to encourage me. Did you know that God wants his followers to come together and relate to one another on the basis of their common commitment to Christ?

As followers of Christ we are to form mini-societies (churches), where we show the big society what God intended society to be.

As others look at us relating in love they will ask, "Hey, I like that! Can I get in on that?" And we'll say, "Sure! There's plenty of room in the family!"

So, do you need a fresh start with God? Participate in a church that is purposeful in being the family God wants it to be. Receive God's love.

The Rev. Greg Henneman is pastor of Clarkston Community Church

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Pastor Greg Henneman

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

Obituaries

Thelma Vanicelli, 87

Thelma Vanicelli, "Louise," of Lake Angelus passed away Oct. 10, 2015, at age 87.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bartolomeo "Bart" and grandson Josh. She was the mother of Dan (Sue Yagiela) and Pat (Patrick) Felt; grandma of Stephanie Vanicelli, Miles Felt, Danielle (Tommy Balone) Vanicelli, Maria (Steve Malis, II) Felt and Kyle Felt; great grandma of Bella.



Visitation was Oct. 12-13 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Funeral Service, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m., at Clarkston Community Church. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Waterford. Memorials may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Judith L. Hirt, 72

Judith L. Hirt of Clarkston died Oct. 5, 2015, at 72 years of age.

She was the loving wife of Dan for 41 years; dear mother of Joseph (Nickie Sugg) Schlegel and Melissa (Brian) Meloche; sister of Marge Stovel and Sue (Vaughn) Wilson; preceded in death by siblings David, Paul, Bob Koonter and Marilee Lauerman; also survived by sister in laws Marty Koonter, Barb Koonter, Joan Koonter and Mimi Becigneul and her beloved dogs Whiskers and Babe.



Judy enjoyed people, especially her loving family, as well as card playing, garage sales and resale shops, sports, especially the Red Wings and Tigers and going to casinos.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015, at 1 p.m. at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, 4770 Waterford Road. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Michigan Animal Rescue League or Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Arrangements entrusted to **Coats Funeral Home-Waterford**. To send a condolence visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.



MUSIC MEN: Brad Rude and Mike Moody perform some acoustic blues and jazz at the Chili Cookoff at the Chatham House and Lowrie's Landscape, Oct. 8. Photo by Phil Custodio

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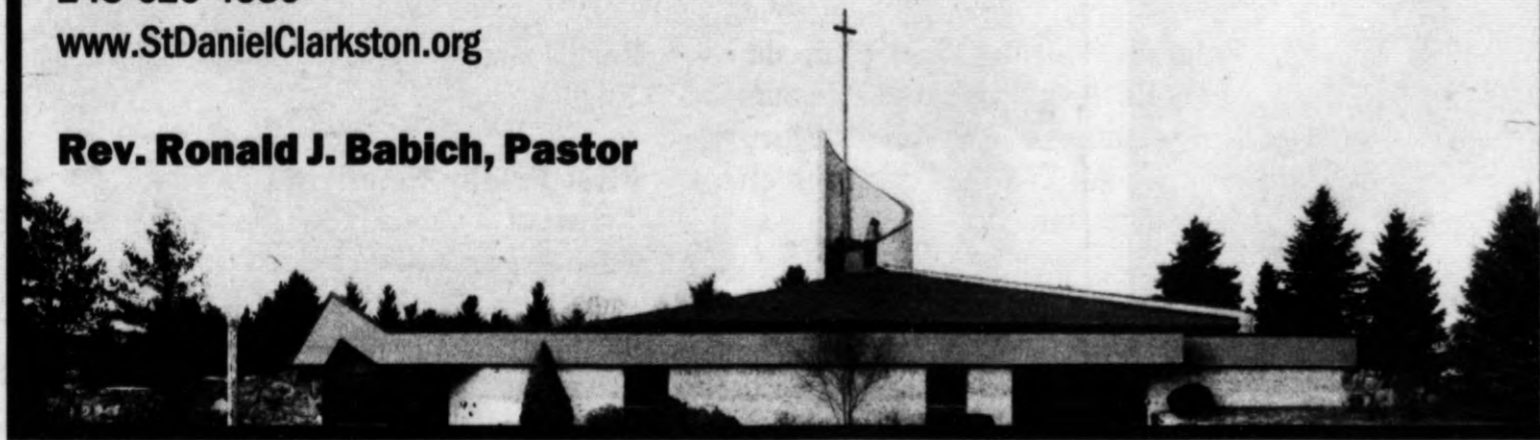
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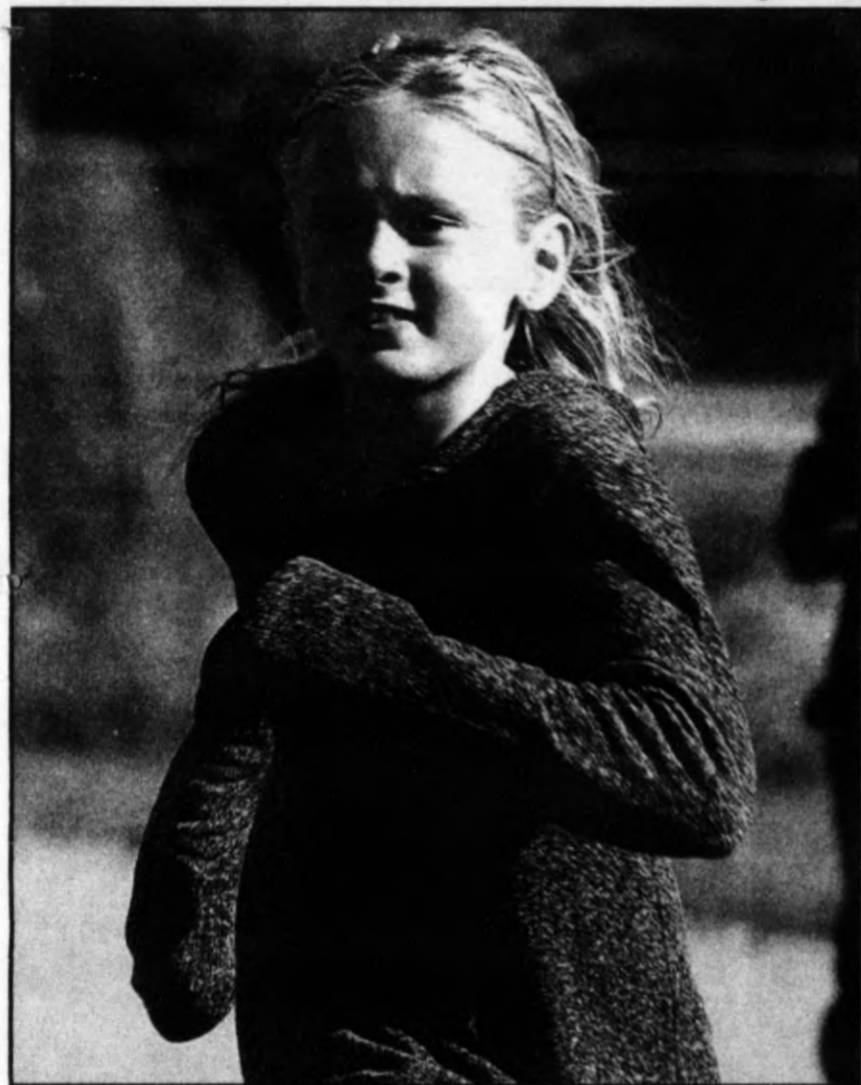
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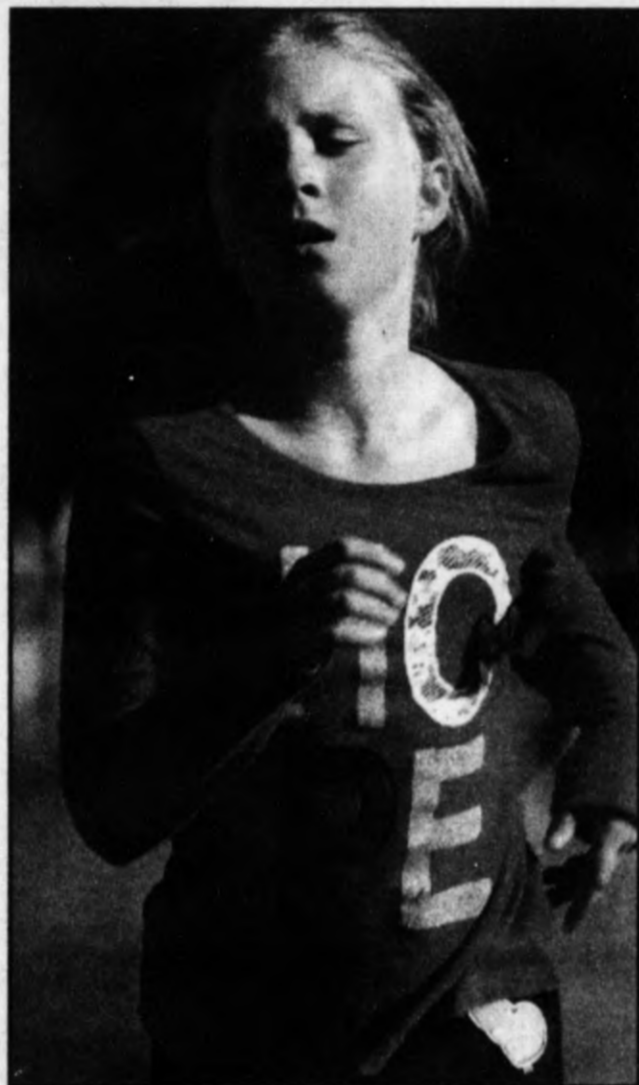
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Emily Georgen finishes a lap.

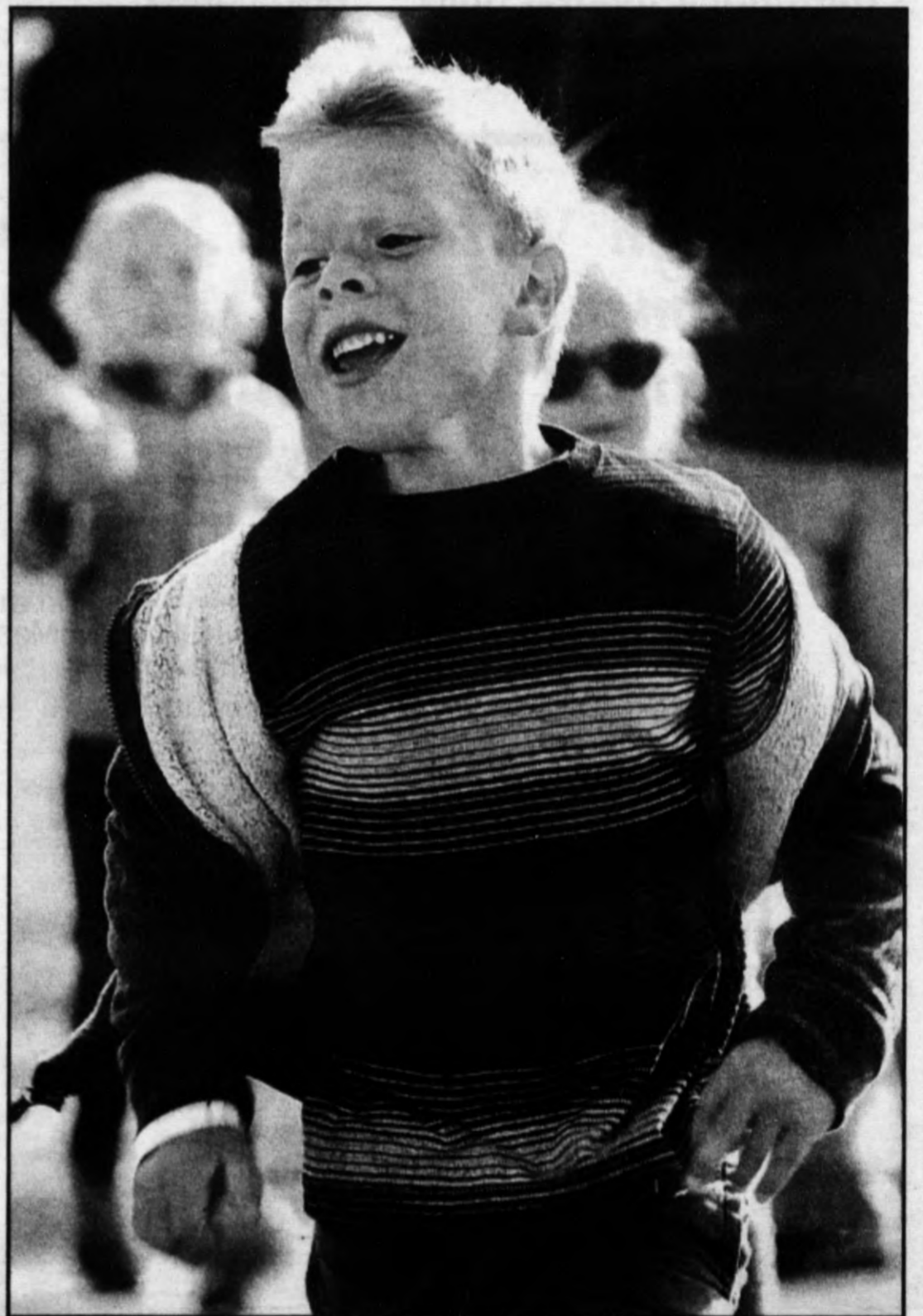
Students on the run

North Sashabaw Elementary students stretched and warmed up their muscles before they took their starting places with their classmates, Oct. 3. They spent the next span of time smiling as they ran laps to raise money during their annual fun run.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Gracie Timms shares a high five as she passes.



Jovani Gutierrez

Clarkston Sparkle to recognize special need students

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Sometimes special needs students get overlooked, or left out of school events that recognize special achievements. A new committee is looking to change that.

Clarkston Sparkle awards will recognize special education students and their helpers in a special ceremony for the first time in 2016.

Clarkston Community Schools Special Education Parent Advisory Committee is led by Heather Roeser, a local resident and active volunteer in the community.

Sparkle Awards will recognize individuals and groups who support students with Individualized Education Plans in CCS, Roeser said.

"We want to recognize persons or groups that shows extraordinary service to our students with IEPs," she said.

Every nominee will be recognized and receive an award at the Special Education Appreciation Evening Ceremony in March. There will be various categories of special recognitions.

"If you have a special needs student, one of our goals is also to share information and resources," parent and committee member Hilary Kuebler explained. "Our biggest goal is to build awareness. Just because a special needs student has an IEP does not mean they



Katie Sutherland, Heather Roeser, Hilary Kuebler, Mary Herzenstiel, and Cindy Coe want to make sure all students are recognized for hard work. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

should not be recognized for their special gifts and talents."

Anyone may nominate an individual or group who has provided service to CCS students with IEPs this school year.

Nominees can include teachers, para educators, and anyone else who has made a difference.

"We want to recognize anyone from a student peer to a custodian," Roeser said. "We want to recognize a board member to school administrator to a bus driver to a counselor."

"We want the community to know that we are here to help special needs students, including those with emotional disabilities," said Cindy Coe, representing Independence Elementary.

There are two types of nomination forms, for single and group nominees.

The committee, composed of parents of children with special needs, will work to recognize students and helpers, and also provide information.

Parents will work in conjunction with

schools to provide information, but because of medical privacy laws, schools cannot give information about students. Parents must provide information about their students if they need information or wish to be included in Clarkston Sparkle.

"We are building a database of information and would like to communicate with parents of children with disabilities," Roeser said. "If parents wish to give us their contact details, we will forward helpful information. We want to support parents of students with special needs."

Roeser said Clarkston Sparkle is inspired by a special education awards ceremony in Rochester that presents Sparkle Awards at an annual Special Education Awards Ceremony, held for the past 24 years.

"We are excited to add Clarkston Sparkle to Clarkston," said Mary Herzenstiel, a Clarkston Junior High Schools representative for the group.

The group is looking for volunteers outside the area to look over nominations after they are received.

Nominations can be handwritten or typed and are due by Feb. 26, 2016. All nominees will receive a Sparkle Award and be recognized at the Appreciation evening.

For more information, or for nomination forms email ccsparkleawards@gmail.com.



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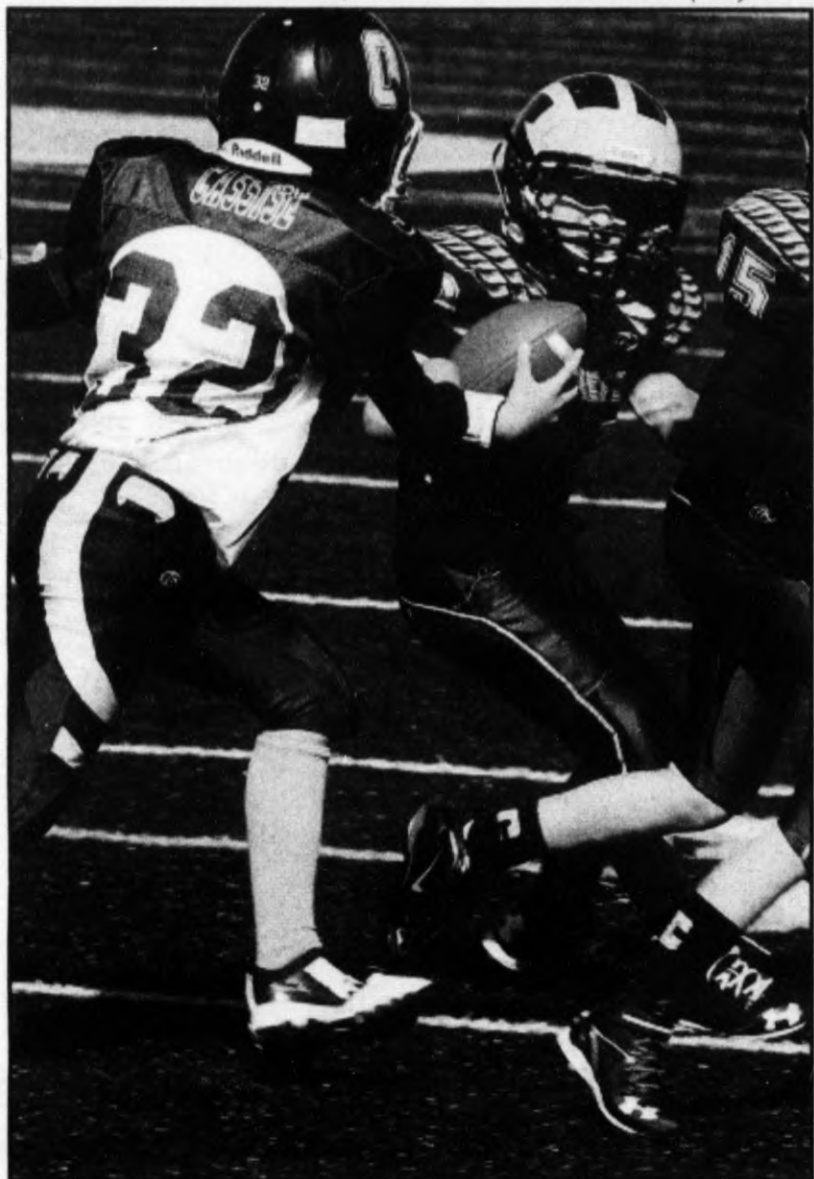
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Residents from all other non-member communities can participate for \$50 (paid by cash or check at the event) — this includes neighboring communities of Brandon Township, Clarkston Village, Davisburg, Holly Township & Village, Ortonville Village and Springfield Township.



Nicholas Ferman avoids Oxford defense.

Who's in the house? Big Blue is in the house

Players from the Clarkston Chiefs Freshman Blue team celebrated their 25-0 win over Oxford Gold on Saturday.

It was their seventh win for the season as they remained undefeated.

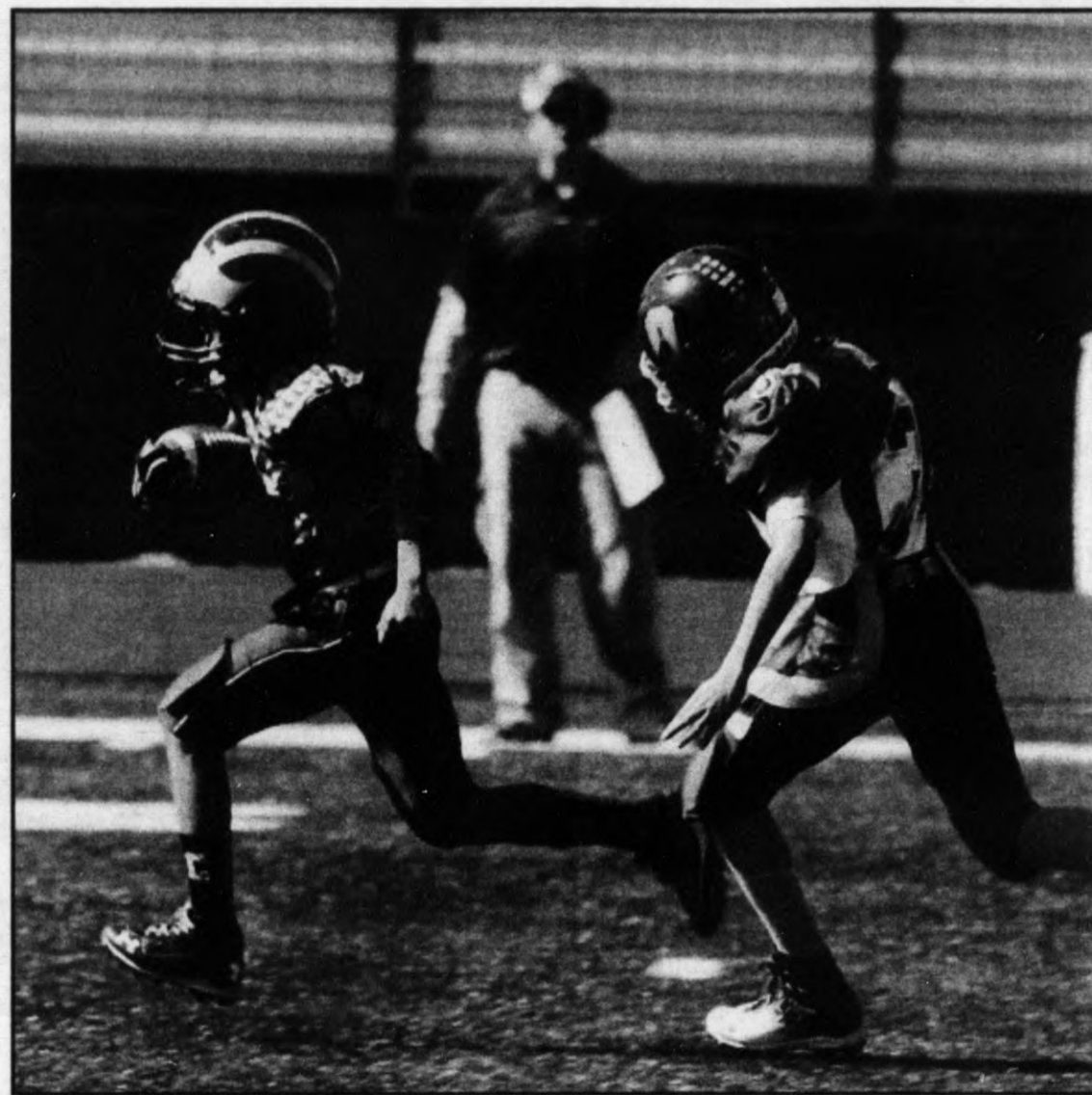
The Chiefs Blue JV team wasn't as successful over Oxford and lost, 12-6.

The Chiefs JV White team defeated the Waterford Corsairs, 26-8. The Freshman White team lost to Waterford, 31-14.

JV Chiefs and Freshman Chiefs Blue teams host the Brandon Blackhawks this Saturday. The Freshman team plays at 1 p.m. at Clarkston High School and the JV team plays at 3 p.m. at Clarkston High School.

The Chiefs White teams head to Lake Orion High School on Saturday where the Freshman White team plays at 1:30 p.m. and the JV team begins at 3:30 p.m.

Photos by
Wendi Reardon



Adrian McClain, Jr. quickens his speed as he runs to the endzone to make a touchdown for the JV Chiefs.



Desman Stephens makes a run towards the endzone.



The Chiefs get ready to start a play against the Oxford Wildcats.



The JV Blue team gets pepped for the game with their coaches.

Austin Villeneuve serves against Rochester during the Doubles No. 3 match at the MHSAA Tennis Regionals at Clarkston High School last Thursday. Photo by Wendi Reardon



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INDEPENDENCE TWP.
SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
OCTOBER 6, 2015

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder
Absent: Kittle
There was a quorum present.
Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich P.C.
Approval to Appoint Barbara Pallotta, Clerk as Acting Chair.
- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jacqueline Kennedy-Moriarty; Robert White; Greg Burns; Gary Gavulic
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2015 as amended and the Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2015
 - 2. Approval of Payroll of September 25, 2015 and the Check Run of September 29, 2015, for a Total Amount of \$1,345,334.51
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - 1. Approval of 2nd Reading - Patti Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO)
 - 2. Reclassification and Adjustment to Rate of Pay - Recreation Supervisor Position
 - 3. Adoption of the Performance Resolution Governmental Agencies - 2016 Annual Permit for Work on State Trunkline Right-of-Way
 - 4. Scheduling of Special Meeting, Approval of Agreements and Budget Amendment - Goal Setting Retreat - No Action Taken
- N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:
 - 1. Report: Compensation Strategy - Brian Walby, Walby and Associates, LLC
 - 2. Communication: Resolution Adopted by the Board of Oakland County Road Commissioners, Revision to Rules and Regulations for Plat Development, dated September, 3, 2015
 - 3. Minutes: Video Center Administrative Board, June 3, 2015
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Jim Tedder
- P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, October 14, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE
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INDEPENDENCE TWP.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Independence Township Hall
6483 Waldon Center Drive,
Clarkston, MI 48346

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES
- C. ROLL CALL:
- D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions

require a majority vote of Board Members present.
E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
 - 1. Case #15-010, Petitioner, Robert Stawarz, Requesting: A 17.1 foot front yard setback variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 in order to construct a new attached garage on an existing home, 6415 Simler Drive, Parcel #08-30-201-005, R-1A Single Family Residential.

- G. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 1. Case #15-016, Petitioner, Michael Frudzinski, Requesting: A 1.9 foot variance from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 in order to construct an addition on the existing home, 9311 Whipple Shores Dr., Parcel #08-10-203-010, R-1A Single Family Residential.
 - 2. Case #15-017, Petitioner, Brent Burman, Requesting: A 44 foot front yard setback variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2, in order to construct an accessory building, 6469 Shappie Rd., Parcel #08-04-300-002, R-1R Rural Residential.

- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
 - 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2015
- I. DISCUSSION:
- J. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE: The above requests may be examined at the Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o Charter Township of Independence - Building Department; 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, Michigan 48346 prior to the Meeting / Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF INDEPENDENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That at a regular meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees held on October 6, 2015, the Township Board approved a Second Reading and adopted a zoning ordinance text and map amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for the purpose changing the zoning classification of approximately 20.4 acres of property known as the Patti Planned Rezoning Overlay, presently having Parcel Identification No. 08-25-200-038 from R-1B (Suburban Residential) to R-1A (Single Family Residential) with Planned Rezoning Overlay (PRO) and the zoning map designation shall read "R-1A/PRO"



The motion to approve this rezoning, text and map amendment was moved by Trustee Lohmeier, Seconded by Trustee Aliaga; the vote on the motion was as follows: Ayes: 6; Nays: 0; Absent: 1.
The motion carried.

Barbara A. Pallotta
Township Clerk

Introduced: June 23, 2015
Published: August 12, 2015
Adopted: October 6, 2015
Published: August 12, 2015; October 14, 2015
Effective: November 13, 2015



ONE MORE TO GO: The Wolves need one more win to qualify for playoffs, which kick off Oct. 30. The gridiron heroes have two games left in their regular season. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Around Town

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Thursday

SilverSneakers fitness class for older adults, Oct. 1, 10 a.m., FitnessQuest Training Center and HealthQuest Physical Therapy, 32 South Main Street. Free. Flu shots, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., co-pays apply. 248-625-6022.

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

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

Individualized Computer Tutoring, second and fourth Thursdays, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activity Center. \$30/members, \$35/non-members. 248-625-8231.

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.

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

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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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Saturday
Clarkston Area Farmers Market, Saturdays through Oct. 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Clarkston Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road.

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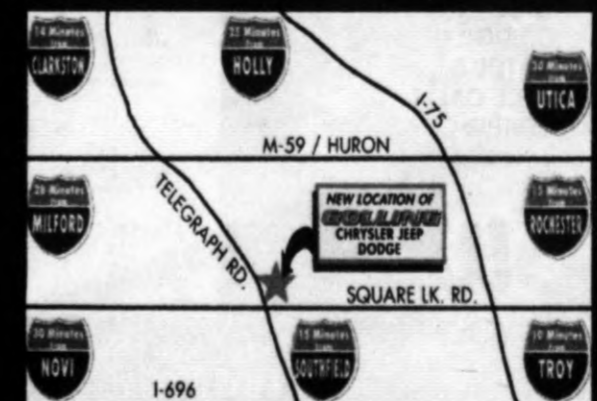
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The event included dinner, auction and performance by Big Chief Chorus Barbershop Style. NOHLC is the only conservancy in the area protecting the local environment. The group acquires property easements for preservation in the headwater areas of the Flint, Shiawassee, Huron and Clinton rivers.

NOHLC also introduced their new director Janette Kolodge during the event.

NOHLC currently protects 1,450 acres, but their goal is to reach 10,000. For more information, visit www.nohlc.org.

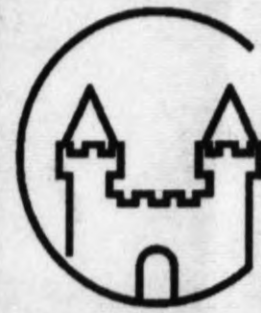


Betty Moen celebrates butterflies during NOHLC's Wild Night Out.



North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy new Executive Director Janette Kolodge and Diane DeClerck enjoy a wild night out to benefit land conservancy and wildlife. Photos by Andrea Beaudoin

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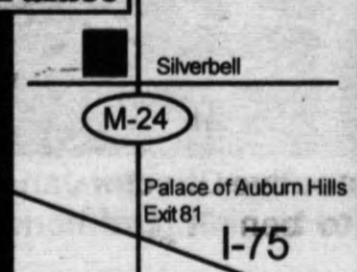
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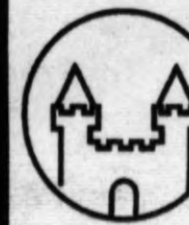


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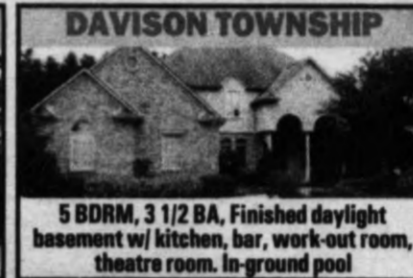
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