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Sean and Amy Campbell are ready for a civilian family life. Photo by Phil Custodio

Homecoming for a hero

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

It's been a long time, but Sean Campbell of Clarkston is home.

After 25 years as an Air National Guard fighter pilot, Campbell is looking to turn in his callsign "Grinder" for more domestic titles of "husband" and "father of three."

"We're going on vacation for a couple days," said Sean's wife, Amy, at a welcome-home celebration at the Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill in Auburn Hills, Oct. 23. "It's very difficult to readjust back to family life. It's hard for the kids."

Their job now is to reconnect as a family, she said.

"Let the kids reconnect with their dad," she said.

Sean, a lieutenant colonel, flew A-10 attack jets during six tours of duty in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria.

The final tour started in April.

"We flew what's usually three-and-a-half years worth of hours in six months," Sean said. "We flew missions 24 hours a day, over seven hours each time."

Returning last week to Independence Township, his friends decked out the

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'Just the usual suspects'

Council grilled on DPW garage project

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Plans to expand city hall and build a new DPW facility were on hold at Monday's City Council meeting, but it was still a contentious topic.

During public comment at the Oct. 26 council meeting, city resident Chet Pardee said he met with state Rep. Jim Tedder and Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle during one of their office-hour meetings with the public.

They are willing to explore options with the city, though they want city officials to initiate contact, Pardee said.

"I believe the council is doing a disservice to the City of Clarkston" by not exploring all options for cooperation,

Pardee said. "The current consideration is to spend significant money on DPW storage without any acknowledgement of significant expenses which should be expected over the 20-year loan period. Is additional DPW storage space really our top priority for the next 20 years?"

Council member Mike Sabol asked if Pardee read the minutes in the agenda packet, which included a "chronology regarding replacement of 3 E. Church as DPW building."

"It mentions discussions going back to July 2014," Sabol said. "Where

were you during all these discussions?" The council member said Pardee, who only recently moved to the area, has no authority to negotiate or collaborate with Kittle or Tedder.

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City Council election

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\$10 million planned for park projects

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Police and fire services face the biggest budget challenges in the \$28 million 2016 Independence Township budget, but residents will pay less in taxes next year, according to township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

"The township is on solid financial ground," said Kittle

Approved unanimously by the Township Board on Oct. 20, the general fund budget includes \$355,000 for a security system and new sidewalks for Independence Township Hall, and improvements to parks and recre-

ation.

In the next 10 years, the township has about \$10 million in improvements scheduled, including \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million for parks and recreation improvements.

The general fund includes \$1.8 million in restricted funding, above the state required 20 percent fund balance.

"We have \$1 million in the savings account, which is restricted funding. The balance in that fund is \$3.6 million," said budget analyst Rick Yaeger, who oversees all township budgets and provides analysis to town

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Helpers spread seeds for butterflies

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Many efforts are underway in the Clarkston area to help the environment and wildlife, and there is work in progress to connect those various efforts.

Local resident Linda Walsh Lapinski collected four bags of milkweed seeds to help butterflies on Sunday. The seeds were collected from The Preserve, the green burial area at All Saints Cemetery in Waterford.

Lapinski will donate the seeds to local schools for student projects, as well as give some of those seeds to local residents who wish to plant milkweed on their property.

Milkweed is important to the Monarch Butterfly, a distressed species. Butterflies lay their eggs on the plant and depend on it as a food source.

Experts say the species has faced a 90 percent decline over the last 25 years because of destruction of habitat and other causes.

The seeds are intended to be used in a project that combines seeds with potting soil, clay and water.

The seed ball effort, often referred to as "guerrilla gardening," addresses many concerns when planting seeds.

The balls help conserve moisture and protect the seeds until germination causes the ball to break apart. Balls can be made to in-



Linda Walsh Lapinski collects milkweed seeds at All Saint's Cemetery to help create seed ball. Photo by Andrea Beaudoin

clude different types of seeds and they are placed into the ground often with a push of the thumb.

This time of year is a perfect time to collect the seeds, but it's also time to quickly get the seeds planted.

Lapinski will deliver the seeds to Oakland Technical Center to donate to the Landscape Technology Program.

Lapinski is well known in the community

for her work fighting invasive species, including Phragmites.

"I am excited about the newest effort in the community to help butterflies," she said.

Donations of clay and potting soil are needed.

If you are a teacher that would like to plant milkweed, if you can donate clay or potting soil, or you would like to join the movement call 313-740-8071.

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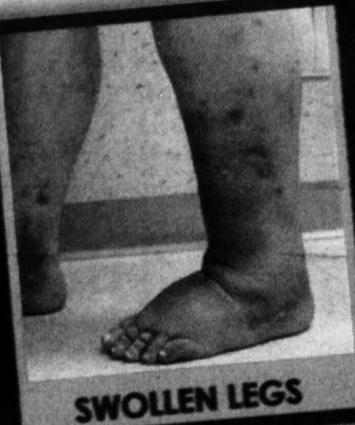
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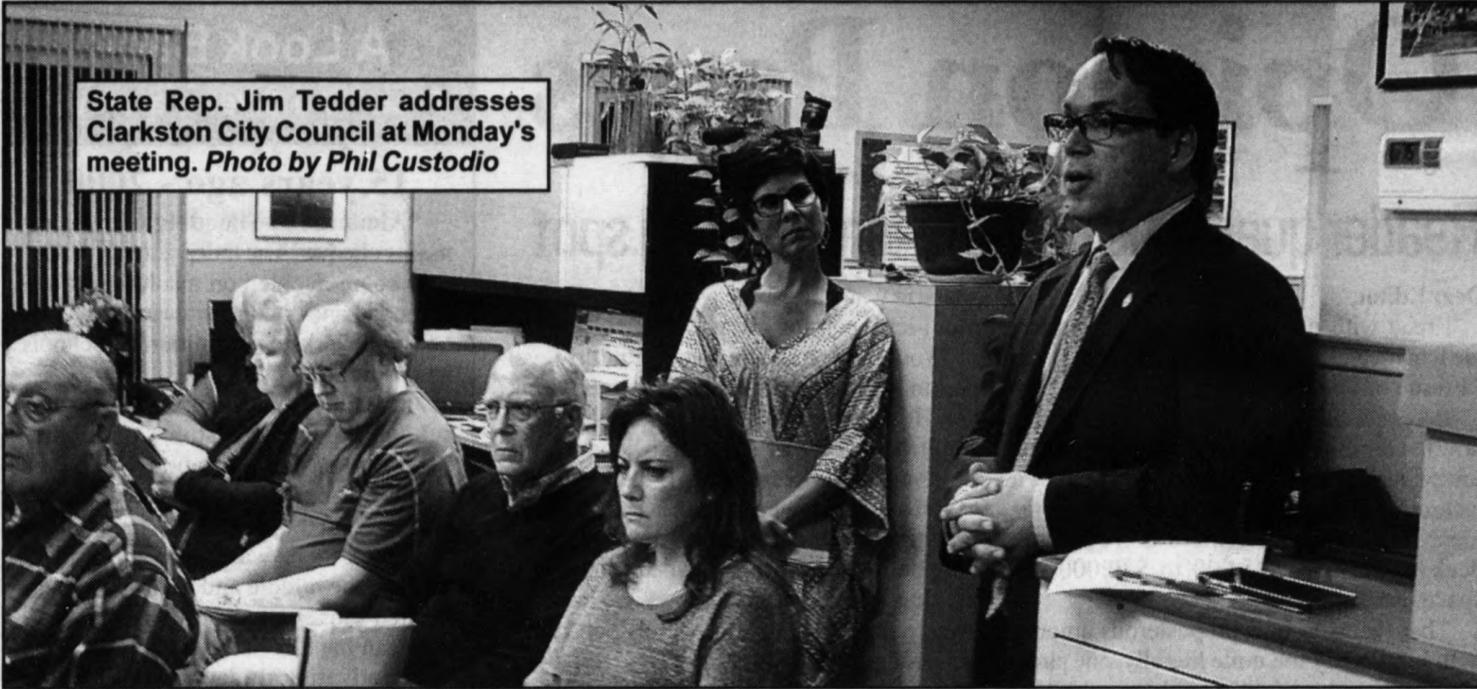


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State Rep. Jim Tedder addresses Clarkston City Council at Monday's meeting. Photo by Phil Custodio



Tempers flare at council meeting

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"We've been doing this for a year – it continues to be dragged out," Sabol said. "Here we are today with more people piling on and piling on, saying we're doing a disservice – it's just the usual suspects with one added person coming and saying we're not doing this the right way."

Tedder, who attended the council meeting, said it was not his intention to step on anyone's toes.

"I'm here to assist and serve, never to impose my will or opinion on the city," Tedder said. "My efforts at the state are focused on statewide issues, but you are always free to call on me to help with anything you might need. I'm happy to stay out of your way as well."

City resident Sue Wylie, who said she was among the "usual suspects," said Pardee is



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a new resident and should not be subjected to Sabol's comments.

"He's looking at new directions," she said.

Kathy Sabol, Mike Sabol's wife, said moving DPW equipment to the township "hands ammunition" to those who want to dissolve the city.

"There is a group of people wishing to dissolve the city," she said. "If we start moving everything to the township, why have a city – it's important to keep the city, the city."

Resident Steve Wylie, Sue's husband, said nobody was planning to dissolve the city, and state law doesn't allow it.

"It's just stupid to talk about it," Steve said.

Mike Sabol said state law would allow it under certain circumstances, and he was offended at the comment. "You called my wife stupid and she is not," he shouted.

Both men raised their voices and Mayor

Joe Luginski intervened. "I'm ending this discussion," Luginski said.

The Facilities Committee met on Oct. 19 and was not ready to recommend action at the council meeting, reported City Manager Carol Eberhardt.

The former DPW storage building at 3 E. Church, which was sold to Union Joints to be redeveloped into a restaurant, will be vacated by next week, Nov. 1.

DPW equipment and city files will be stored at a Maxx Self Storage unit, Brady Lodge in Independence Township, a Clarkston school bus garage bay, and possible a private citizen's pole barn for the winter, Eberhardt said.

The committee plans to present options, including renting instead of building, at the next meeting, the city manager said.

"We want to be very specific," she said. "We want the council to understand all costs involved if we have to rent other areas to store our stuff."

Public hearing on budget coming up

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ship officials and the board of trustees.

The fire department is supported by two voter approved millage's in the township, one approved by voters in 2012.

"For 2016, the Fire Department will spend \$55,434 less than generated by the two approved millage's to maintain and equip the best fire and emergency response team in North Oakland County," Kittle said.

"It's the township's plan to reduce the amount levied with the fire two to zero by the year 2021 as the economy continues to improve."

Spending for police is up, too.

"Spending for the Oakland County

Sheriff's Department is actually \$33,090 higher than what we will collect in taxes this year," Kittle said.

The increase is because a new deputy will be added to the midnight shift.

While expenditures are rising, some revenues, including millage rates, are declining.

Independence Township Board voted on Sept. 8 to decrease the millage rates, and increase the operating millage rate levied by the township by .2707 in the 2015-2016 budget to offset the lower tax revenues.

"Rollback is good news for residents," Kittle said.

In 2016, the police fund faces funding is-

ues with a \$25,000 revenue reduction under the Headlee Adjustment.

Kittle said the rollback may cause the police reserve fund to fall below 20 percent.

Revenues from various sources are declining, but services like including police protection, fire protection and needed improvements keep rising in cost.

"That is expected to continue," Kittle said adding police and fire are the two biggest millages in the township, and they get hit hard by Headlee. "The roll backs are definitely a challenge."

A public hearing, followed by approval of a final budget, will take place in November or December.

Briefly

Trick or treat

Clarkston City Council voted unanimously at its Oct. 26 meeting to set Halloween trick-or-treating for 6-7 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 31.

Trick-or-treating is also 6-7 p.m., Oct. 31, in Independence Township.

Suicide Awareness

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance hosts a Suicide Awareness Seminar, 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Clarkston Community Schools Board Room, 6389 Clarkston Road.

Jeff Edwards, board chairman for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Metro Detroit Chapter, will lead the workshop for parents, school employees, and members of the community.

Topics will include how to recognize warning signs of youth depression, suicide, and mental illness, prevent suicide, and diffuse associated stigmas.

Admission is free. Call 248-623-4313.

Holiday events

Holiday Events at All Saints Cemetery and The Preserve, 4401 Nelsey Road, include All Saints/All Souls Day Mass to honor all those who have been laid to rest this year, 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1, in the heated tent next to the main office. Fellowship and refreshments will follow;

Veterans Day ceremony, 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11; and

Deck the Trees with Nuts and Berries, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1. Decorating trees with natural ornaments for wildlife to enjoy, music, refreshments, and fellowship are all part of this remembrance day to share with the entire family.

Call 248-601-2900 to learn more or RSVP at www.mtelliott.com/all Saints.

Correction

The story "Downtown restaurant approved," Oct. 22, should not have referred to James and Sarah Schneider's new restaurant at 15 S. Main Street in Clarkston as a "family restaurant."

"We're a farm to table, a leading edge restaurant," James said.

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Andrea's Anecdotes

A column by Andrea Beaudoin

Canceling America Part Two

During a meeting with Independence Township Supervisor Part Kittle, he told me a story his friend shared.

"My son has all these degrees and he can't find a job. I am a woodworker and I have so much work I don't know what to do with it all."

There is a lesson there. Right now there is a bill in Lansing which will hold your child back in third grade if they don't meet the levels some standard test says they should. This is why society is so dysfunctional because people are following the same plan.

Not everyone is cut for one standardized test. Local school officials are fighting this because they know not all students are the same.

I trust local officials way more than I trust agencies so full of wasteful spending and bureaucracy. It's shameful.

Like Kittle said it's time we expand more skilled trades like those offered at the Oakland Technical Center.

The *Detroit Free Press* published a story about the Michigan State Police spying on everyone. Our state and local police should realize this is a violation of the Constitution. To every trooper, officer and deputy; this issue is one at the very heart of America. We are supposed to be the land of the free. You are our citizens, members of our community, you belong to us. Please see what is happening in America and don't take part in it.

It's scary our local police are being disbanded into bigger government agencies.

Funding is mismanaged by agencies like the Environmental Protection Agency and Michigan Department of Transportation should belong to my community so we can manage it our own way. We know what's best.

Our school officials and government officials would spend the cash better than ridiculously out of touch "leaders."

Shame on those who participated in corruption such as Detroit school officials. I cannot comprehend such greed. This wasteful corruption and bureaucracy must end.

Also, we need to plant more habitat and gardens at schools. It's time we self-sustain. I have requested two of each tree from Bordine's to plant at each school - apple, pear, peach, and cherry.

I see where America is headed and it's not good. Time for change.



Opinion Pages

Letters, columns & Editorials

Reader questions price for lone parking spot

Dear Editor,

I read with interest, the article "Parking ideas at meeting" by Phil Custodio in the Oct. 21 issue of *The Clarkston News*.

It seems there was much debate about how to address the issue of parking in downtown Clarkston, and whether or not there is a lack of public parking available. One comment that leaped out at me was "A parking deck would cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 per space."

That seems to be a preposterous amount of money to pay for, quite literally, one parking space, although it would be a parking

space in what I presume would be a covered, multi-level parking garage.

Would anyone want to see a multi-level parking garage in Clarkston? I would think not. However, since the "blighted" lot on the southeast corner of Main and Waldon was stripped of its trees, and is now a truly blighted lot of weeds and scrubby overgrowth, I believe it will only be a matter of time before the powers that be decide that a parking garage on this site would be an answer to their dilemma. I sincerely hope that I am wrong.

Marjorie Runyan
Independence Township

Speed limit too high for rural roads

Dear Editor,

After living on South Eston Road in Independence Township for almost five years, I have confirmed that the speed limit on my residential road is 55 mph.

How can this be! Well, after contacting the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Independence Township sub-station, I was told, if it is a dirt road, which it is and if there are no posted speed limit signs, which there is not, the speed limit is 55 mph.

I was told by the deputy this law was

passed about 10 years ago by our former governor.

Even Sashabaw Road has a lower speed limit! On any given day you can see residents walking their dogs or jogging. My house sits 100 feet from the road, so, I owe it to my two small children and the residents on South Eston Road to take a stand against our 55 mph speed limit before someone becomes a statistic.

Mark Scaglione
Independence Township



POP IT AND LOCK IT: Clarkston Varsity Pom Pom show off their hip hop dance moves during the Wolves' win over Oak Park on Friday. Photo by Wendi Reardon

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A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 2000

"Almond Lane flooding solution remains elusive" The Independence Township board decided on a solution to the Almond Lane flooding situation but it was not one Clarkston Community Schools had in mind.

"Is it time to consider building a new school?" The Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education took on the topic of space and program needs. While reports from the elementary school level indicated there was room for student growth, the middle and high schools indicated those schools are taking on all they can handle.

"Motivating students to think about politics, issues" Clarkston High School Civic teacher Mike Stefanski's ninth grade class participated in open discussions regarding aspects of voting and the 2000 election.

25 years ago - 1990

"M-15 widening plans prompt protest" Construction on the widening of M-15 was set to begin in the spring but not if the Clarkston Village Council had its way. The council protested the plan to widen M-15 to five lanes and planned to appeal the decision before the executive committee of the South Eastern Michigan Council of Governments.

"Parochial school gets final approval" Everest Academy had its first phase approved by the Independence Township Planning Commission, 6-0. They approved the final site plan for the first phase of development, slated for a 40-acre parcel on Clarkston Road.

"Three Wolf runners earn trip to state meet" Jim Haviland, Todd Wozniak and Angie Brown qualified at the regional meet to represent Clarkston at the state meet. Brown defeated all league foes in the Greater Oakland Activities girls cross country race for All-League. Haviland, Wozniak and Jacob Kniss placed All-League for the boys team.

50 years ago - 1965

"Public Hearing on Independence junk yard proposal" The Independence Township board ruled to conduct a public hearing on Jean Roy's proposal to purchase a parcel of land off White Lake Road and converting it to a safe haven for junk cars.

"Halloween weekend free from serious accidents" While there were no serious accidents on Halloween, four people were injured in a three car collision off Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

Me sarcastic, insulting and cynical?

First we are over-stuffed on the airways with words of the *need* to buy a mattress, *need* to buy cure-all medications and buy new tires **NOW!**

When my next set of kids are ready, I'm going to enroll them in a college that specializes in graduating Certified Bedding Experts (CBEs). I'll also try to get them to reverse my tendencies toward sarcasm and insults, to practicing civility.

Here's one of Obama's sincere apologies: "We didn't mean to bomb your hospital."

The movie makers certainly know their audiences. No more violence like they gave us with Tarzan and the apes, cowboys and Indians and Romeo and Juliet.

Apparently, movies these days are made to attract school dropouts, street gangs,

lovers of empty space between their ears, car and plane crashes, fighting in the Middle East, Chicago and Detroit.

Add "cynical" to my biography.

Jim's Jottings



a column by Jim Sherman

where else.

Hope my readers have noticed that ex-

cept for mentioning Obama, I've steered clear of writing about the sickening, boring subject of politics. Seems to me our politicians of both parties love it so much in Washington, where we voters pay for everything, they choose to stay there and avoid topics that might swing a vote against them.

Maybe we should demand a total recall, have a few recalls like Volkswagen, and have a few oral surgeries and stall the 2016 Election a few decades, or until an exceptional leader comes forth.

A small headline in a Michigan daily newspaper, that I seldom read, printed "*Accountability is needed in Flint schools.*"

I guess the writer didn't have time to see if that statement doesn't apply to many schools and a whole lot of firms and orga-

nizations fed by taxpayers.

Several insurance sales people close their pitch by saying, "You deserve a lot more."

I love that word usage. I believe most of the really deserving people are getting something. Sometimes they are getting more than the hourly worker.

Trouble is, the people pushing the "deserve" notion are office holders in politics and unions.

I sleep better naked. Why can't the flight attendant understand this?

A committee of 12 does the work of one.

I used to be in a band, we were called "Lost Dog." You probably saw our posters.

OMMe, daylight savings, Halloween

March 11, 2007 is a day burned into my memory. Much like Aug. 16, 1977. I remember those dates with sadness. I don't remember too many other dates, anniversaries or birthdays. I am a frivolous sort.

I knew it was the time of year when the governmental powers that be would once again mess up my circadian rhythm. I just *knew* it was coming up soon. And, my assumptions were confirmed Monday morning when I turned on my computer in our Oxford office. The ol' Window XP "Pro" (and I chuckle whenever I think of this computer being considered as "pro" anything) grumbled, groaned, ticked and sorta' hummed to life, limping along on its daily "slow" boot.

Don't Rush Me



A column by Don Rush

I knew things were getting jinky when I glanced at the time at the bottom of my computer screen, then looked at my office phone (which also displays the date and time) and the two were not in synchronized harmony. Nope.

The computer said, "7:37 AM" and the phone said, "6:37 a.m."

With only a few snorts of coffee in my system, and still a wee bit groggy from weekend trips to the hospital and home improvement, I quickly checked my wrist watch for the correct time. 7:37 was correct.

Yes. Caveman Rush -- your lovable, local Neanderthal scribe -- still wears a wrist watch, whilst his

knuckles drag across the ground. I like wrist watches. No, I love them. I love the big shiny ones with tons of wheels, compass markings and spinny gadgetry. I love the ones with cartoon faces, like Micky Mouse and Bugs Bunny. The only things I love more than wrist watches are pocket watches -- but I don't have the guts to rock a pocket watch out in public.

Maybe when I grow up I will switch from sweater vests to regular suit vests and get the gold chain and watch swinging. Yeah. That sounds nice. Now that I think of it, I just remembered: I am a fashion god.

Quick question . . . the coffee must be kicking in as I am thinking and typing than just a few minutes ago when I started . . . When God texts his besties (best friends) and wants to make an exclamatory statement with only a few letters, does he (or she) text, "OMMe" ?

Of all the things which whizzed me off about George Bush 2, one of the biggest whizzer-off'er actions was when he signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005 -- it went into effect on March 11, 2007.

The Patriot Act, I can overlook.

Tanking the economy, no biggie.

Invading Iraq, whatev.

Since that stupid act took effect, my office phone clock tells the wrong time (because it's programmed to the old-school Daylight Savings Time schedule) for about four weeks of each year. It messes with me, man. And for that, I cannot forgive "W."

What did this act do? It extended Daylight Savings Time (DST) by four weeks a year. DST starts three

weeks earlier now, on the second Sunday in March; and one week later, to the first Sunday in November.

This weekend kids, your Halloween parties may be extended an hour because we FALL BACK on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 a.m. Two in the morning will magically become one in the morning, giving all you adult ghosts and goblins an extra hour of naughtiness.

Now, that is scary!

(Well, not really, but I wouldn't want to be on the roads starting at 1 a.m. this Sunday.)

So, I actually googled the stupid Energy Policy Act of 2005 and found the following bits of information:

The act "was the first omnibus energy legislation enacted in more than a decade. Spurred by rising energy prices and growing dependence on foreign oil, the new energy law was shaped by competing concerns about energy security, environmental quality, and economic growth."

Proponents of the act said, by enacting it America could, "possibly save 100,000 barrels of oil daily. People will turn interior and exterior lights on later in the day which will save electricity. Lighting for evening sports events can be turned on one hour later."

I still don't like it. Bush is still on my "list."

Oh, and in case you are wondering, Aug. 16, 1977 is the day Elvis died.

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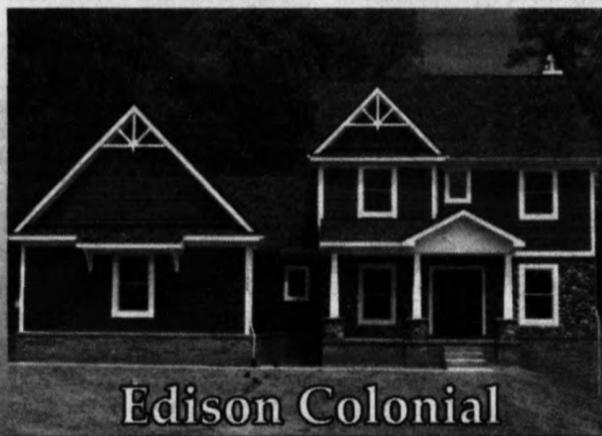
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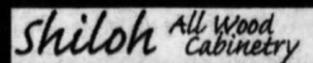
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Pipeline problem for residents

BY ANDREA M. BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A petroleum pipeline under an upcoming development near Dixie Highway and I-75 has residents and officials concerned about safety.

"I want to know what would occur if that pipe were compromised. What would happen to the environment. What would happen if it was a catastrophic accident that caused deaths," asked resident Bob White.

Buckeye Pipeline has a pipeline running through the property supplying fuel to industry.

Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle said his concern is security, if there is a serious accident or the pipeline is damaged or compromised in some way.

"My concern is what preventative measures are in place to protect the safety of residents and environmental damage," Kittle said.

Independence Fire Chief Mitch Petterson is working with Buckeye on emergency plans, Kittle said.

"One of the things we have here is emergency plan in place for many things, I asked Petterson to review the plans with Buckeye to make sure the community is prepared," the supervisor said. "There is going to be a lot of activity on that little parcel of land. The township is working with Buckeye to ensure safety measures are in place when construction occurs near the pipeline."

Buckeye also has certain requirements that must be followed when any work is done near the pipeline.

Marty White, senior specialist for Buckeye Right-of Way division, said the company has emergency plans in place overseen by three tiers of government including the Department of Transportation.

White, no relation to Bob White, said if the pipe was compromised, it would be shut off remotely in Pennsylvania. There is a valve station in the Clarkston area, but the nearest Buckeye crews are in Flint.

The pipeline running across the proposed development was built in 1959-1960.

Pipelines are protected to preserve their integrity, he said. Contractors are required to call the Miss Dig System at 811. After calling 811, a request to locate all utilities is sent to all companies with utilities in the area. Buckeye would send an employee to the construction site when work is being done.

"Even though we have protective measures in place, there is still a plausible risk that something could happen to the pipe," he said. White added Buckeye has received Furnari's plans for review.



Clarkston High School Marching Band gives football fans a taste of their performance for the Clarkston Invitational, held last Saturday. The band travels to the Huron Valley Invitational this Saturday to compete in Flight I. Photo by Wendi Reardon

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Boy injured in fall

A 3-year-old Township boy was taken to Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital after falling about 15-20 feet onto a concrete floor, 6:26 p.m., Oct. 16, in the 8300 block of Reese Road. The boy's mother said they were in a barn when he fell through an access hole in the floor that had been covered up with insulation. Deputies and Independence Township paramedics found him semi-conscious and crying. Initial medical tests indicated the child suffered no major injuries and is expected to make a full recovery.

Shoplifter

A store employee in the 6000 block of Dixie Highway watched a 35-year-old Independence Township woman take a beard trimmer and makeup from the shelves, and bring them to the returns desk for cash, 4:04 p.m., Oct. 20. She then took six air-freshener candles, put them in her purse, and left the store. She was stopped in the parking lot. Found with \$111.48 in property, as well as a suspended driver's license and a prior shoplifting conviction out of 52-1 District Court, she was cited with retail fraud.

Truck window broken

A resident in the 4000 block of Pinedale Avenue heard a noise from the driveway at about 6:24 p.m., Oct. 21. When she checked on her pickup truck later, she found a rear window had been broken. A BB or pellet left a small hole and cracked the window.

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False police report

The Sheriff's Operation Center received a call on a non-emergency phone line from a man at a residence located in the 17000 block of Coventry Lane, 1:41 a.m., Oct. 20. The caller said he had just shot his girlfriend and he was holding two hostages in the bathroom. He also said he was by the front door with a loaded shotgun and he wanted to speak to a negotiator or he would shoot the hostages. The subject would not provide a name or phone number. Deputies responded to the scene and established a perimeter around the house. The operation center located a phone number for the residence and called the homeowner. The resident, a 50-year-old female woman, said she was home alone and exited the residence to speak with deputies. The home was searched and it was determined to be a "Swatting Call." The homeowner said she was on the internet earlier in the night, communicating with people all over the world. She said someone supposedly from Sweden asked if she lived on Coventry Lane.

Man charged in trooper death

Charles Warren Jr., 69, was arraigned in 52-2 District Court, Oct. 23, on two charges, reckless driving causing death and failure to stop at the scene of an accident, in connection with the death of a Michigan State Police trooper. Trooper Chad Wolf was killed on Aug. 28 when his motorcycle was struck by a pickup truck toting a trailer on northbound Dixie Highway. The trooper and motorcycle were dragged under the trailer for several miles, police said. The truck was changing lanes to exit onto the entrance ramp onto northbound I-75. Warren was released on \$100,000 personal bond. A probable cause hearing is scheduled for Nov. 6.

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This Year's Schedule (unless noted 7 p.m. kickoff)

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	WIN/LOSS
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	7	0	5. Oxford	3	4
2. Clarkston	6	1	6. Roch Stoney Crk	3	4
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Lights out for Knights

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

The gridiron heroes continued their winning streak with their last game of the regular season last Friday against a tough Oak Park team, 36-8.

"They have great foot speed and they are tough team," said Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach for Clarkston Varsity Football. "They are a good football team and when you win against a good football team it makes you better. It's going to help us."

The Knights opened the scoring three minutes into the game off a 36-yard touchdown pass from Chauncy Lowman to Miles Daniel and a 2-point conversion.

The Wolves were able to close the 8-point lead less than a minute later off their third play when senior quarterback Alex Kessman connected a 69-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Jonah Koponen.

Clarkston went for a 2-point conversion but was unsuccessful and Oak Park continued to hold onto the lead, 8-6.

As the Knights took over possession, the Wolves made some changes to make sure they wouldn't score again.

"We made some pretty good adjustments," Richardson said about defense. "We started putting heat on Lowman. We thought at first we were going to lay back and not bring the heat. But that wasn't working so we said let's go after them."

As the Wolves took possession of the ball again they would hold onto it for the next six minutes before scoring with 34.6 seconds left in the first quarter off a 29-yard touchdown run from senior runningback Nolan Eriksen. A 2-point conversion from Kessman to Koponen put the score at 14-8.

The Wolves added 21 points to the scoreboard in the second half beginning with a 1-yard run by Eriksen with a 2-point conversion by Koponen as the clock marked 5:44 left in the third quarter.

"He is one step away every time," Richardson said about Eriksen. "He can take one play and go 60-70 yards with it. Plus, the kids believe in him and he is reading things. He is just a tough kid. He brings toughness to us."

Eriksen struck again less than two minutes later on a 4-yard run up the middle into the endzone for the fourth touchdown. A PAT from Kessman pushed the Wolves up to 29-8.

"The kids jumped," Richardson said. "They took everything we told them and they did it. They believed in it - that was the difference."

Clarkston scored one more time with ten minutes remaining in the game off a 31-yard touchdown pass to Koponen from Kessman.

Kessman was 8-for-15 in passing, including two 2-point conversions for 222 yards. Koponen caught six passes, including

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Ryan Stawara drives through a block by Oak Park in the second half. Photo by Larry Wright

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Anthony Reiner, number 19, makes a run in the Wolves' win over Bloomfield Hills in September. File photo by Larry Wright

Injury doesn't slow Reiner

BY WENDIREARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Senior quarterback Anthony Reiner hasn't been on the football field much since he broke his hand when the Wolves took on West Bloomfield on Sept. 11 but he is close by helping his teammates.

One of the ways is by keeping everyone motivated during the game and another way is helping senior Alex Kessman, Clarkston's kicker, who stepped into the role of quarterback.

"I have been able to talk to Alex a lot and help him out while he is out on the field making reads and making decisions," Reiner added.

Reiner visits the doctor this week to see how his hand is doing since it was surgically repaired with a plate and six screws put into his hand.

"I miss it," he said about playing football. "I can't wait to get back on the field."

Reiner, son of Kim Howe and Alan Reiner and stepson of Chris Howe, began playing football when he was in second grade.

"I have basically been playing it my whole life," he added. "I always watched it on TV and started going to the University of Michigan games because my stepdad had season tickets. I got hooked. I always

wanted to play."

He stepped into role of quarterback which he enjoys because he likes being a leader and making decisions.

"I like controlling the game," he added. "You can do a lot of different things as the quarterback - you can run, you can throw."

Reiner also plays for the Clarkston Varsity Baseball team in the spring and looks forward to returning to the pitching mound.

He added it was his stepdad who got him into baseball as well. Howe's brother, Steve Howe, played on the Wolves' 1976 State Championship team before playing in the major leagues.

"I started watching it and playing it with my friends," Reiner recalled. "I fell in love with the game."

He added both sports have helped each other out in arm strength and keeping in shape.

He plans to continue playing baseball on the collegiate level and is currently looking at different schools. His plan for the winter is getting footage of him in the cages to send to different colleges.

"Stick with your dreams and do the best you can do to achieve them," Reiner said to aspiring athletes. "Never give up no matter injuries or whatever happens. Keep working hard and doing the best you can."

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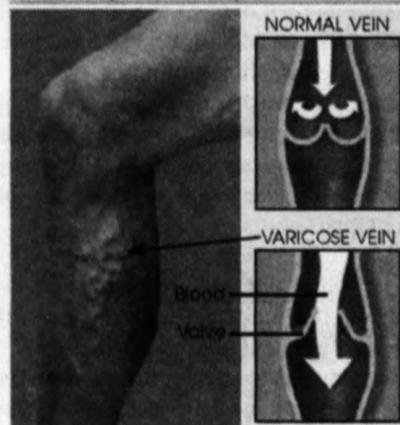
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Bulldogs next for Wolves

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Eriksen was the leading rusher with 30 carries for 103 yards and three touchdowns.

Senior Carter Linton led defense with six tackles, two of them were 15 yards in loss for Oak Park. Junior Nick Stalworth had four tackles with one tackle for a 4-yard loss. Sophomore Zach Scott had three tackles with one tackle in a loss in yards. Scott and senior Jack Muhleck both recovered fumbles.

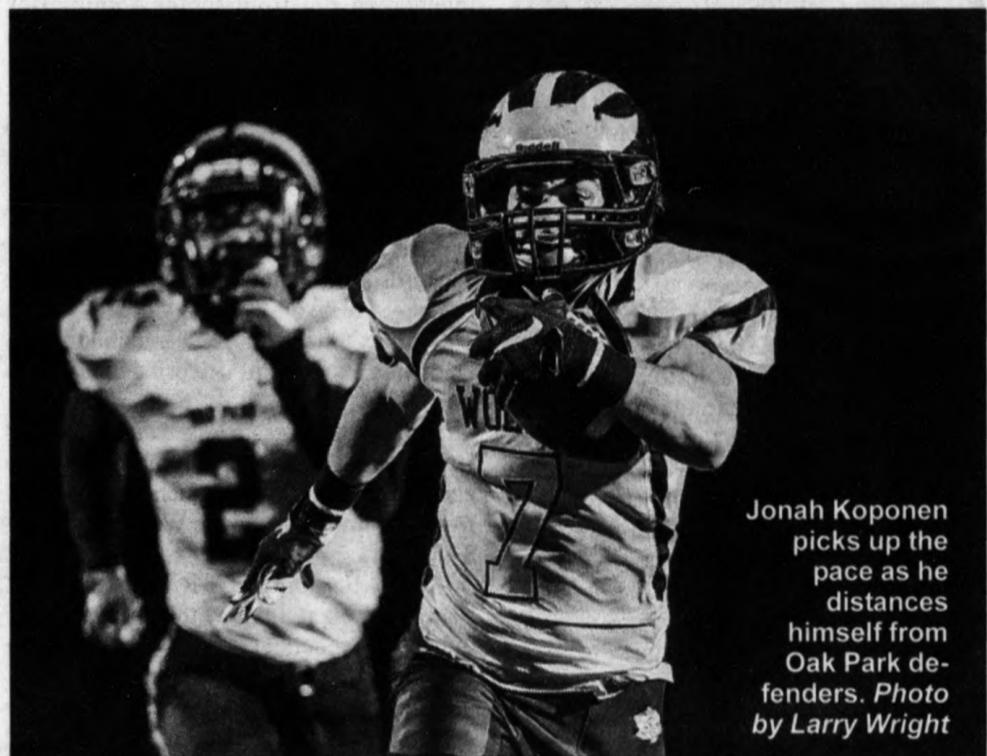
Richardson admitted there were mistakes during the game.

"We weren't sharp but that's a very good football team. I wish them a lot of luck in the playoffs," he added.

The win continued the Wolves 6-game streak as they prep for the MHSAA Pre-District playoffs, starting this week.

"It gives you energy," Richardson said about the streak. "It gives you momentum. The kids are feeling good about themselves."

The Wolves (7-2) head to Romeo (8-1) this Friday for the first round of playoffs. The game is played at Powell Middle School, 62100 Jewell Road in Washington Township. Kick off is at 7 p.m.



Jonah Koponen picks up the pace as he distances himself from Oak Park defenders. Photo by Larry Wright

Playoffs set for Everest and OLL

The Lakers from Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes finished the regular season undefeated after a win over Riverview Gabriel Richard on Saturday, 49-21.

The team won their ninth game during the Catholic High School League-CD Prep Bowl at Ford Field in Detroit.

Chris Cartier was the leading rusher with 16 carries for 285 yards with three touchdowns which included a 90-yard run, 56-yard run and 58-yard run.

Also, scoring for the Lakers were Ryan Kostich, Hunter Hilton and Devin Senerius. Kostich had two touchdowns - one was off a 2-yard run and another was a 7-yard pass from Clay Senerius. Hilton scored off a 8-yard touchdown and Devin caught a 40-yard pass from his brother Clay for a touchdown.

The boys host Everest Collegiate in the first round of playoffs this week.

The Mountaineers lost their last game of the regular season to Sterling Heights Parkway Christian, 17-14.

Everest opened the scoring with a 46-yard touchdown pass to Simon Fenske from Grant Burgess. Fenske added one point on his PAT attempt.

Sterling Heights tied the score on a 94-yard kickoff run touchdown and a successful PAT attempt.

Alex Legg broke the tie when he scored a touchdown on his 1-yard run to close the first quarter, 14-7.

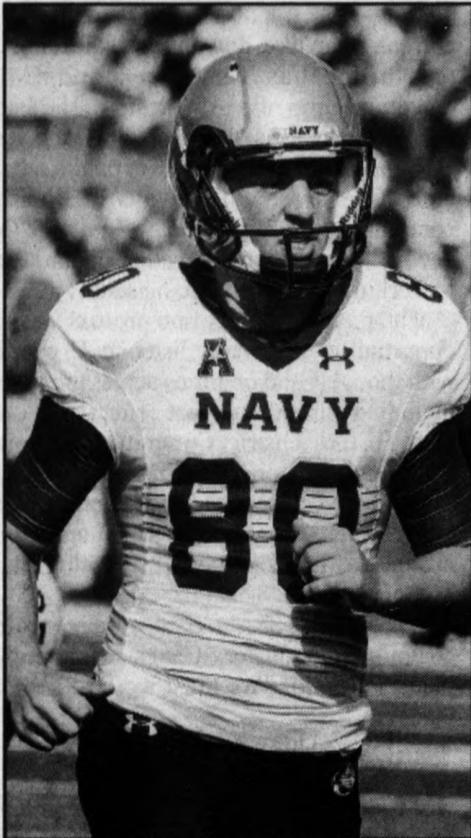
Both teams went into the second half tied after Sterling Heights scored on a 7-yard touchdown pass. Sterling Heights broke the tie in the fourth quarter off a 24-yard field goal with 1:10 remaining in the game.

Burgess was 4-for-6 for passing for 61 yards. Fenske caught two passes for 46 yards.

Fenske was also the leading rusher with 84 yards on eight carries and Legg carried the ball 19 times for 41 yards.

Our Lady of the Lakes (9-0) host Everest (5-4) on Saturday at 1 p.m., 5481 Dixie Highway, Waterford.

Six Clarkston grads use their skills on collegiate level



Alex Barta during Navy's game against Notre Dame, Oct. 10. Photo by Larry Wright

Melanie Aguayo, a 2014 graduate of Clarkston High School, is currently a defensive specialist and libero for the Eagles Women Volleyball team at Ashland University.

She had a combination of four aces and 16 digs in the Eagles 3-2 win over Saginaw Valley State University and 3-2 win over Wayne State University

The team went 2-1 for the weekend, Oct. 16-17, with a 3-2 win over McKendree; a 3-0 win over Indianapolis; and a 3-2 loss to Truman. Aguayo had 17 digs and four aces during the weekend.

She has played in 22 matches this season. The Eagles host Walsh and Malone this week.

Alex Barta, 2012 Clarkston graduate, has played five games for the Navy where he has had 11 punts for 483 yards, averaging 43.9 yards per punt.

Navy defeated Tulane on Saturday in their 31-14 win. They host University of South Florida this Saturday.

D.J. Zezula, 2015 graduate of Clarkston High School, is currently 91-for-155 in passing for 1,249 yards for Wayne State University Football.

Wayne State defeated Walsh on Saturday

in their 31-16 win where Zezula was 9-for-18 in passing for 152 yards and carried the ball three times for 13 yards.

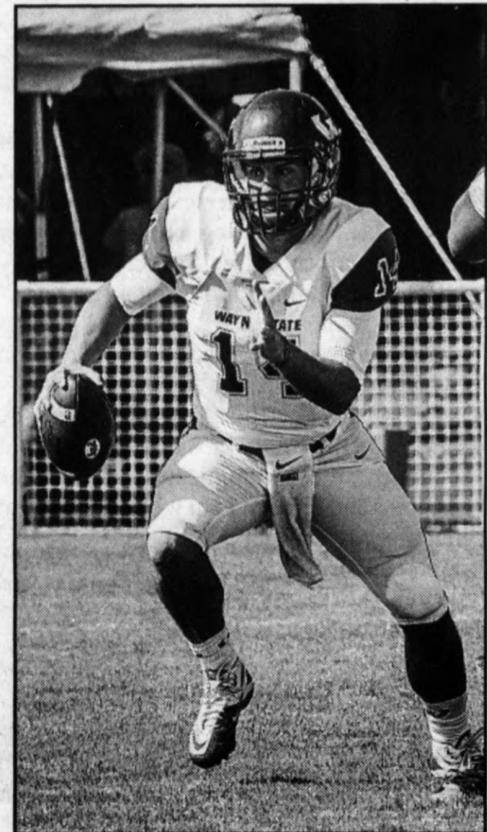
During Wayne State University's win over Northern Michigan on Oct. 17, Zezula went 17-for-27 for passing for 175 yards and one touchdown. He carried the ball three times for eight yards.

The Warriors host Findlay on Saturday.

Lawrence Tech hockey features three graduates from Clarkston High School - **Roman Reiner**, 2014 graduate, **Drake Gentile**, 2015 graduate, and **Austin Fullmer**, 2015 graduate. Lawrence Tech defeated Indiana Institute of Technology on Oct. 16, 6-1. The win gave the team their sixth consecutive win in the undefeated season. Reiner has played two games with one goal and one assist. Gentile has also played in two games with three goals. Fullmer has played two games with the white team.

Lawrence Tech plays this Friday and Saturday at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

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DJ Zezula rushes the ball against Northwood for Wayne State University, Sept. 26. Photo by Larry Wright

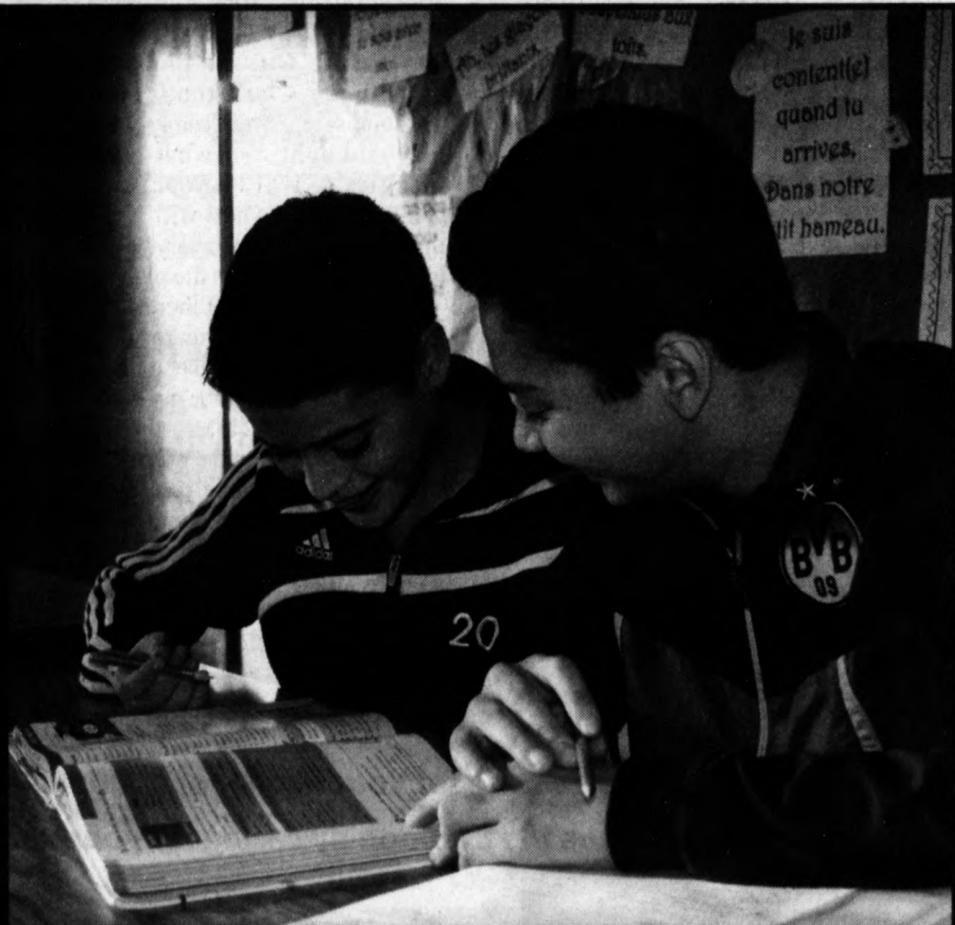
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Six candidates for four seats on City Council

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Six of their neighbors are running for office. Michael E. Cascone, incumbent Eric Haven, Jason M. Kneisc, and incumbent David Marsh are running for three, two-year terms. Incumbent Alfred A. Avery and Peggy J. Roth are running for one, one-year term.

Alfred Avery, 52, is an attorney, living in Clarkston for 12 years.

"I feel that I can be an asset to the city by serving on the council," Avery said. "I want to improve the communication between the residents and the city. I am willing to work to help improve our city. It is important to me that the city serves the needs of the residents and that residents feel that their input matters."



Avery

His short term vision for Clarkston is making sure the neighborhoods are being maintained, sidewalks, roads, and trees, slowing down the traffic on the streets, along with improving the communication and efficiency of the City government.

"Long term, I want Clarkston to maintain the quality of life that makes people want to live here. I want to preserve the small-town feel of the town. I want to make sure that the City continues to be a place where people want to come for the parades, concerts and the shops and restaurants," he said.

His top three issues facing the city are city office expansion; sidewalks, roads and trees; and communication between residents and the city.

"I will vote in the best interests of the residents of the city. I will vote to make sure that our tax dollars are being spent wisely and that the neighborhoods are being maintained properly. I want to maintain the small-town, historic nature of our City and will vote accordingly," he said.

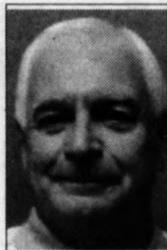
Citizens should vote for him because he

puts their interests first.

"I truly enjoy living in the city," he said. "I will work to have the city run as efficiently as possible while providing a high level of service to our residents. I will work hard to make the city government more accessible for residents. I am currently the chairperson of the Communications Committee and the members of that committee are working hard to find ways to better the communication between the city and the residents. I believe the new website that will be implemented in a couple of months will go a long way in helping the city better communicate with residents. I think it is important that people feel that they have a voice in how the city is being run. I am available to talk to any resident who wants to discuss issues they may have with the city or how to improve our city and will continue to do that if I am elected. We have a lot of great people living here who care very much about the city. I want to make sure that their voices are being heard."

Michael E. Cascone is retired after a 40-year career in Risk Management/Safety.

"I believe my life experiences, career technical skills, cooperative management style and appreciation for the opportunity to live here will benefit the City of the Village of Clarkston," Cascone said. "Then came this thought – what specifically will be your goal, purpose and how will that be functionally implemented? This is the plan to satisfy the 'what' and 'how' to get there."



Cascone

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Smiling – we are blessed to live or work here. As Mr. Hanks said "There's no crying in baseball", there should be "no smirking at Council meetings."

His short- and long-term goals are the same.

"We are a small community limited in space and population and we must protect what we have," he said. "All future decisions to maintain our delicate balance of residential and business properties must – must – be made with our core principles as the cornerstone, the rock. Change proposals must be evaluated based on principle and all decisions made objectively, fairly and consistently to protect this wonderful place."

The top three issues facing the city include the budget.

"We must work within budget constraints now influenced by stagnant revenue flow," Cascone said. "The DPW garage enhancement is a hot topic. Needs or wants, don't know, I have not been privy to the needs analysis done to support the project. I will when elected."

Second, Risk Management processes work to protect human, physical and financial resources, he said.

"I have a concern with the new 'Clark Bridge' project at Depot Park. I believe staff is dedicated to make our park a fun safe place for all. The new bridge and walks address the Americans With Disability Act (ADA) issues that the old bridge and walks did not. However even with "letter of the law" compliance we must also evaluate and address safety issues, intent of the law. The

current, ramp like, downhill walk leading to the bridge has very steep and IMO dangerous drop offs on both sides," he said.

Third, pay for a "how can we do a better job" consultant in the private or public sector and the answer will always be "better communication." Chaired by Al Avery the newly formed "Communication Committee" is working to do just that, he said.

The nomination petition process was an opportunity to patiently listen to 35 people with thoughts and opinions across the board including current and past council and city staff, Historic District Committee, Planning Committee, citizens and business owners. Some shared close to the vest quietly, others not so much, sought voting and non voting business owners/operators, non voting retail users, and more, he said.

"There was at its core a very strong common denominator – Clarkston is a special place," he said. "We must work to keep it that way."

All signed his nomination petition.

"I believe they did based on the skills I will bring to the council table, shared love for our community, willingness to listen, 'My Five' approach and honest desire to serve those in this great place called Clarkston," he said.

Incumbent City Council member **Eric Haven, 67** is a pastor and Clarkston resident for 42 years.

"I currently serve on the Clarkston City Council because I value our city and want to see it prosper," Haven said.

His short term vision is to see the parking study completed and action steps taken to enhance traffic flow, add available parking spaces and implement other suggested innovations to enhance vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

"I'm encouraged also by the progress being made in determining what type of city government facilities & DPW equipment storage is needed into the future," he said.

Longer term, he looks forward to commer

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cially viable downtown developments & increasing home improvements in residential areas as both commercial and residential properties enhance their individual presences.

His top three issues facing the city, not necessarily in this order, are probably commercial versus residential designations for some perimeter properties, parking enhancements and the type and the cost of city government and DPW facilities that are best for the future of Clarkston.



Haven

"As with every issue I will look at the facts as presented, seek good analytical information and vote in favor of decisions which enhance the entire village," he said.

"I certainly don't view service on the Clarkston City Council as a popularity contest; far from it. There will always be special interests favoring one side of an issue or another. This will likely affect some voters selection of one candidate over another. But suffice it to say that voters can count on me making decisions which are consciously in favor of the village/city as a whole, keeping in mind that Clarkston is a jewel and wanting to preserve and enhance it as such."

Jason Kneisc, 39, is currently employed in the information technology sector. He grew up in Clarkston and graduated from Clarkston High School in 1994.

"First and foremost I am a servant leader and therefore have a strong desire to heavily focus on the well-being of this community and the citizens," Kneisc said.

"I want to ensure that pivotal parts of the community, families with small children, are represented on the council. I believe that my experiences in life bring a different dimension to the table that will complement the other council members well."



Kneisc

Short term, he would like to see a good decision made on city hall offices, storage and public works space.

"Long-term, I think that a vision needs to be set that incorporates the continued progress we will see along with forecasting future trends and planning for them accordingly," he said.

The top three issues facing the CVC include Progress – Clarkston has been very fortunate and is a thriving community. Progress brings challenges such as new business growth and parking. These challenges must be continually evaluated on an ongoing basis as they will change

frequently.

Generational Challenges – Clarkston is a home and destination for groups of people that represent not only various ages but differing wants as well which can be challenging to accommodate all groups. This is a challenge but also the CVC's potentially greatest strength, all generations learning from and living in community with one another.

Management of Existing Resources – Another priority is the management of current resources like buildings and equipment. How do we continue to be the best stewards of the taxes that are collected? How do we leave future generations in the best possible position to be successful.

"I am a logically minded person that likes to base decisions off of concrete data points. I have found that emotionally charged decision making frequently leads to poor outcomes," he said.

Citizens should vote for him for three reasons.

"I place the needs of the community and the citizen's needs above my own desires; I bring a fresh, new outlook to the council; and my passion and desire to find the win-win solution for everyone involved is unmatched," he said.

Peg Roth, 60, is a property and business owner in Clarkston, and resident since 1998.

"There are questions about how things are being done in the village. A number of residents I've spoken to are concerned about what is being done at village hall and how money is being spent," Roth said.



Roth

"I think we need to improve Clarkston's walkability in terms of getting to our businesses," she said. "Promote businesses and retailers, so customers feel free to shop and eat in our community and not be limited to two hours."

The top three issues facing the city are managing the expansion to city hall, parking, and determining how the city's budget will be spent, she said.

"Deciding how to vote on issues on the council will depend on the facts about the issue and how they're presented," she said. "I want to represent those people who are wondering where money is going, and what money is being spent on."

People are questioning the priorities in the city, she said.

"Why do we need an expansion to city hall? Why isn't City Council not concerned about parking in the village? Where is the money being spent," she asked.

David Marsh did not provide responses.

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Saturday, September 26	Cranbrook	LOSS, 28-3
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Wolves one race away from the state final meet, Nov. 7

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Runners are focusing on their goals this week as they prepare for the MHSAA Cross Country Regional race Saturday morning.

Within the last few weeks they have used the Gabriel Richard Invitational and the Oakland Athletic Association Jamboree to measure how they compare with the competition.



Kelsey Hunt breaks out of the woods during the first OAA Jamboree.

Both of the boys varsity and junior varsity teams were successful at the Gabriel Richard Invite as they both finished in second place, Oct. 17.

"We ran well," said Michael Taylor, head coach for the boys' team. "We were defending champs, but we ran into a better team. We were happy with that. It was a good showing. It was solid."

The varsity team finished with 114 points behind Dexter, who finished in first with 94 points out of 16 teams at the meet.

The Wolves had six runners finish under 17 minutes, which Taylor added was a first for the program.

"It was good," he said.

William Eisert led the team as he finished in 14th place in 16:41.12. Mika Juhl finished in 16th place in 16:42.74; Eric Smith, 27th place, 16:54.88; Nickolas Favazza, 28th place, 16:55.04; Grant Henley, 29th place, 16:55.29; Shawn Slater, 32nd place, 16:56.21; and Michael Baker, 46th place, 17:16.25.

The JV team finished in second place with 73 points as Dexter finished in first place with 23 points.

"Some of the JV runners made some big jumps," Taylor added.

Jacob Dolan led the Wolves as he finished in second place for the race at 17:25.34. Derek Opel finished in eighth place at 17:53.25; Derrick Egli, 16th place, 18:01.33; Grant Schreiber, 22nd place, 18:22.65; Matthew Achison, 25th place, 18:27.52; Casper Schichtle, 28th place, 18:33.09; and Ryan Donnelly, 33rd place, 18:37.57.

The Lady Wolves finished in fourth place with 95 points as Grosse Pointe South finished in first with 59 points, Brighton took second with 62 points and Ann Arbor Pioneer finished third with 91 points.

Elizabeth Dalrymple led the girls as she finished in fifth place in the time of 19:09.4. Malory Ferguson finished in 13th place at 19:45.10; Kailan Mehta, 22nd place, 20:09.05; Kaitlyn Cavallo, 25th place, 20:14.71; Emily Ferguson, 30th place, 20:28.51; and Hailey Catania, 46th place, 21:15.72.

The Lady Wolves JV team finished in second place with 56 points, only four points

away from Brighton who finished in first with 52 points.

Lauren Barnhardt led Clarkston as she finished in fourth place at 20:50.22. Meagan Ford finished in seventh place, 21:19.30; Olivia Thomas, 13th place, 21:31.85; Alex Gladding, 14th place, 21:35.21; Kelsey Hunt, 18th place, 21:45.92; Jillian Haas, 33rd place, 22:02.35; and Heather Burrum, 34th place, 22:10.36.

Both teams faced their league competition in the third and final OAA Jamboree for the season.

The boys varsity team finished in fourth place with 105 points. Lake Orion finished in first place 48 points, Rochester Adams ran into second with 57 points and Birmingham Seaholm finished in third with 60 points.

Juhl led the team as he finished in 15th place at 16:44.6. Also finishing for the top five for Clarkston were Eisert, 18th place, 16:51.8; Smith, 20th place, 16:54.2; Slater, 23rd place, 17:01; and Favazza, 29th place, 17:12.3.

The JV team finished in second place with 60 points as Lake Orion finished first with 23 points.

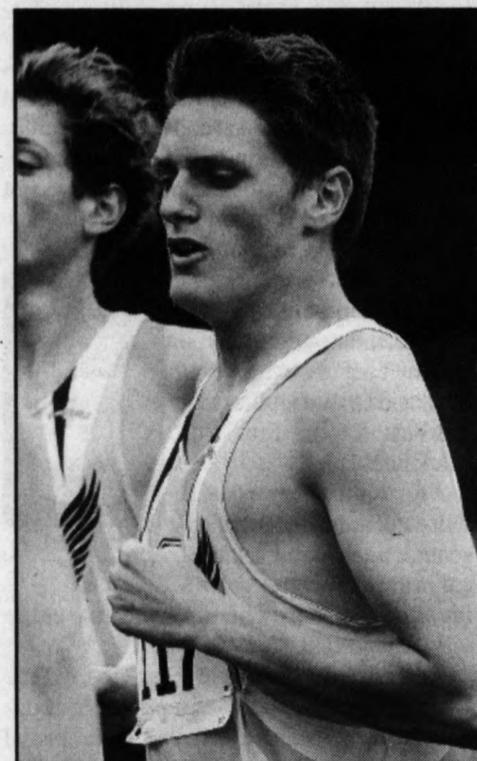
Finishers in the top 30 were Egli in second place, 17:48; Schreiber, tenth place, 18:10.7; James Rothwell, 12th place, 18:13.3; Achison, 20th place, 18:28.7; Opel, 21st place, 18:29.9; and Timothy Dalrymple, 22nd place, 18:32.1.

The girls varsity team finished in fifth place with 107 points. Birmingham Seaholm finished in first place with 25 points. Lake Orion took second with 80 points and Rochester Adams finished third with 92 points.

Elizabeth Dalrymple led the team as she finished in third place at 18:52.6. Malory finished in 14th place at 19:45.5; Mehta, 23rd place, 20:17.7; Cavallo, 36th place, 20:39.5; Catania, 37th place, 20:43.8; and Barnhardt, 42nd place, 21:14.9.

The JV team finished in second place with 40 points as Birmingham Seaholm finished in first with 24 points.

Finishers in the top 30 were Hunt, third place, 21:09.7; Gladding, fourth place, 21:15.7; Thomas, eighth place, 21:28.4; Ford, ninth



Eric Smith races in the OAA Jamboree No. 2. Photos by Wendi Reardon

place, 21:29.9; Burrum, 17th place, 21:52.5; Madison Walker, 24th place, 22:10.6; and Kelsey Catania, 27th place, 22:16.6.

The Wolves will see most of their league foes again this Saturday in the regional race.

"We have been running well," said Taylor. "We need to show more progress in catching up. We have placed fifth in the league meets and only teams make it out of regionals. We are running out of time."

The regional meet is at Anchor Bay High School, 6319 County Line Road in Fair Haven.

The Wolves will compete against Anchor Bay Fair Haven, Brandon, Lake Orion, Lapeer, Macomb Dakota, Macomb L'Anse Creuse North, Oxford, Port Huron, Port Huron Northern, Rochester, Rochester Adams, Romeo, Stoney Creek and Utica Eisenhower.

The girls race begins at 10 a.m. and the boys race at 10:45 a.m. Awards are scheduled at 1 p.m.



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Family ready for new adventure

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neighborhood in flags and banners, welcoming the hero home.

"We're just so proud to be his next door neighbors," said Paula Ireland, there with her husband, Craig Ireland.

"We wanted to show our support for Sean and our country," Craig said. "It's great to have a hero back with us."

"I'm very thankful for them," said Merianne Colletti. "Freedom isn't free, and that family paid the price, for sure."

"It's awesome, serving the whole country," said Sara Hoffman, a neighbor for the past 12 years. "Amy took on raising the kids for months. It's amazing. We appreciate his service."

"I think it's amazing," said Beth Rogers. "He did what he's born to do, with no hesitation. He does what needs to be done. It's incredible."

Rogers has also seen first hand all Amy has done on the home front.

"She was teaching full time and raising the family - it's pretty incredible," said Rogers, Amy's teaching partner at Springfield Plains Elementary School. "It's an amazing family."

Social media allowed Sean to keep in touch with Amy and their children Kate, Noah, and Spencer as much as possible



Friends and neighbors welcome Sean Campbell, at right, at a party after 25 years of service. Photo by Phil Custodio

during the seven-month tour.

"It wasn't that bad. We were able to have face time on Skype, and we sent lots of texts," Amy said.

But it was hard on the kids to have their father miss Homecoming and other events, she said.

It's much better having him home, Kate said.

"It's really exciting," she said. "It's more strict when he's here, but it's more fun having him around."

The family is looking forward to having him home a lot more soon.

"I'll be retiring very shortly, in the next year or so," Sean said. "It was great. I enjoyed it. I wouldn't change a thing. Serving in the Air National Guard enabled me to be a member of the community, not move all the time, and still serve my country."

Plans for the family after retirement include a move to Colorado, Amy said.

"I'm excited for whatever comes next, the start a new adventure," she said.

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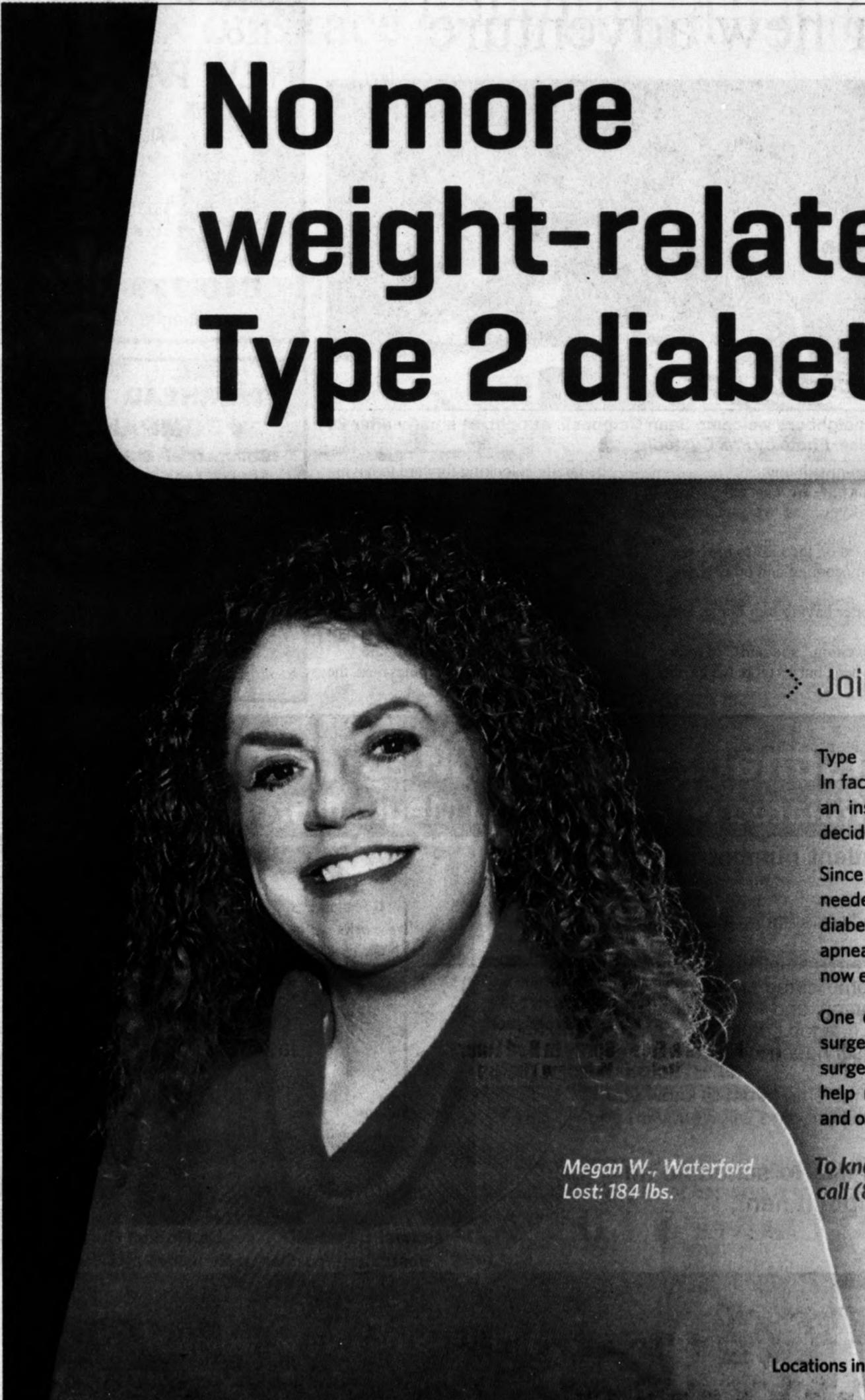
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Volunteers strengthen Community Foundation

BY ANDREAM BEAUDOIN
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Foundation as well as the group's long time Treasurer Deanna Olsen were recognized with a Certificate of Appreciation for their many contributions to the community at the Clarkston Board of Education meeting, Oct. 12.

"We are very fortunate to have funds and grants and science and other important projects," Clarkston Community Schools Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan said.

"CCF supports countless opportunities available to our students. Thank you for everything you have done. We could not do everything we do without the support of CCF."

The foundation's work includes sending students to a variety of camps including academic, music and art. They also provide college scholarships and classroom grants.

Teachers can also apply for grants to start-up projects.

"They really go the extra mile. They are our heroes," Ryan added.

Board President Steve Hyer said Clarkston Community Schools could not support all the various programs CCF supports in the community.

Olsen, who has served as treasurer for years, is retiring from the board to spend



Clarkston Community Foundation was recognized for their support to schools and students. From left are Jim Evans, Kari Gorz, Carl Matisse, Greg Bunting, Deanna Olsen, Janalee Grainer and Bart Roeser.

more time with family.

"We would just like to thank her for all her work," said Ann Collias, CCS secretary and schools liaison to CCF.

Olsen received her own certificate for her years of service to the community.

"My daughters have been out of school for two years now," she said. "I just thought

it was time to let other community members take over my role."

The foundation was formed in 1987.

Past President Jim Evans, on the board since 1991, said the CCF has been successful over the years with grants to schools including numerous funding including \$10,000 to summer school scholarships, and \$10,000

in classroom grants for start-up programs.

Evans said the community has been very supportive of the foundation. He also thanked Suburban Ford in Waterford for their contribution.

"We have worked with Suburban Ford for over 10 years," he said. "They have been, and continue hugely supportive of CCF."

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The Clarkston Varsity Dance team performs hip hop during their last performance for the fall season. Photo by WAR

District bound

BY WENDI REARDON
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Hitters are driven this week as they prepare to face off with Lake Orion one more time for the season.

"The last week has been total focus," said Kelly Pinner, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Volleyball.

The focus is strong because not only do the Lady Wolves want to beat the Dragons but also continue the season since Monday is the first round of the MHSAA Volleyball District playoffs.

"They definitely have turned up their level at practice," Pinner said. "I can see in their eyes. They know they are nearing the end of theseason and they know what the stakes mean. They know if they don't win on Monday their season is over. Especially the seniors, you see them pushing everybody a bit more because they don't want their year to come to an end. It's fun to get in the gym with them just because of the focus they have right now."

The girls have played Lake Orion a few times in tournaments and lost to them in a OAA Red game, 3-0.

"They got the better of us," Pinner said. "We are definitely improving and moving in the right direction. It is a matter if we all show up and play our best that day we definitely have a chance to beat them."

The girls have this week to prepare and will use Saturday's tournament at Seaholm to also prepare for playoffs.

"It's an outstanding tournament," Pinner said, adding they will see state ranked teams like Novi and Romeo. "It's a solid tournament with good teams. Anytime we can play good competition it will prepare us for playoffs. It's a good tournament to end our season play at."

She added how the team plays on Saturday will help determine their attitude and mood going into playoffs against Orion.

The Lady Wolves played Goodrich and Birmingham Seaholm in a tri-meet the Maples hosted last week.

They beat Goodrich in two games.

"They are a solid team and ranked in the top ten in Class B so it was a good win," Pinner added.

They went 1-2 against Seaholm as they lost the first game 25-17 and won the second game 25-14.

"We took them to a third game and they are ranked in Class A. In the third game we just couldn't close it out," Pinner explained about the 15-12 loss in the third set.

Abbey Malinowski had 22 kills and 26 assists. Sarah Austin had 15 kills and Maggie Collins had ten kills and three blocks.

Lady Wolves (32-15-1) go against Lake Orion in the first round of district playoffs on Monday at Waterford Kettering, 7 p.m. The winner moves on to Wednesday against Pontiac, 7 p.m.



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Firm hired for school-needs assessment

Clarkston Community Schools hired GMB Architectural & Engineering Firm for a six-month assessment of school building and facilities needs.

Deputy Superintendent Shawn Ryan said the assessment will give the district a clear picture of building structural needs.

"It's a common practice for a firm to do a consulting evaluation - it will give us a snapshot of where we are today," Ryan said at the Board of Education meeting, Oct. 26. "There is no up-front cost for the company to come through and do a needs evaluation in the schools."

The district could contract with the company to complete improvement work.

"We will be evaluating the operational efficiency of each building, we plan on meeting with staff and community groups to get their input," said GMB Representative Brad Hennis.

The district is in the middle of an 18-month facilities evaluation.

"We are looking forward to a collabora-

tion with you as we determine our needs," said board President Steve Hyer.

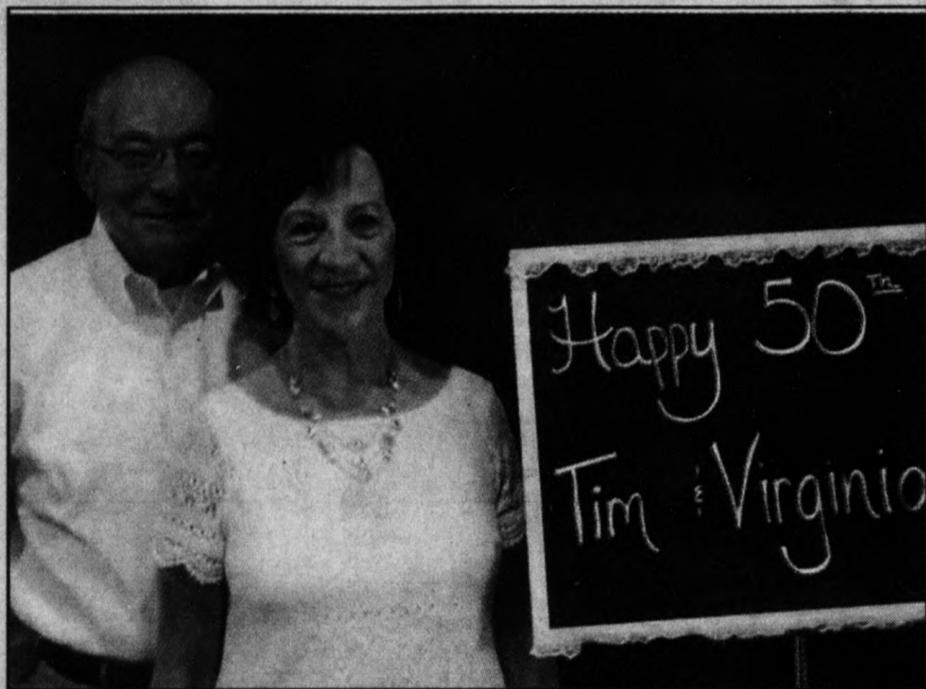
Hennis said the company will do an online survey to ask residents for their input.

The whole process will take four to six months to complete, Hyer added.

Clarkston Community Schools administrators are also working on a dual enrollment program with the University of Michigan.

School officials reached out to higher education facilities over the past six months in hopes of forming a cooperative agreement to enroll students. University of Michigan will serve as the college to enroll students in college courses while they are still in high school. They also discussed making Clarkston High School a satellite campus. Students can earn up from up to 44 credits in the programs.

UM professors would come to Clarkston to teach the classes. Details of the program are being worked out. Both the district and students will pay for the classes.



Tim and Virginia Winters. Photo provided

Winters celebrate golden anniversary

Tim and Virginia Winters of Clarkston celebrated 50 years of marriage on July 30, 2015, at The Point Church in Goodrich.

The Winters' daughters and families planned a wonderful party with family and friends attending. The party include special speakers, some of whom were a surprise, a friend singing "Through the Years," and a special tribute written by their granddaugh-

ter, "20 things I learned from Papa and Nana."

The Winters also sang "God gave you to me." This was the same song they sang at their wedding 50 years ago.

Their children, Renee and Craig Dockery, and children Brittany and Kyle, and Noelle and Paul Bohms, and their children Gaven and Dylan, all live in Burton in Genesee County.

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Angelo and Krystal. Photo courtesy of Cherished Moments Photography.

10-year anniversary for Clarkston couple

Oct. 28, 2015, marks the 10th anniversary of Angelo and Krystal (Geeham) Amador's marriage.

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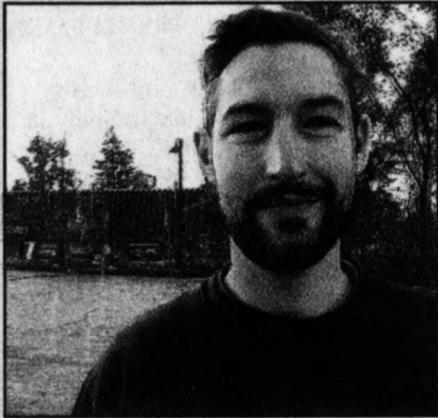


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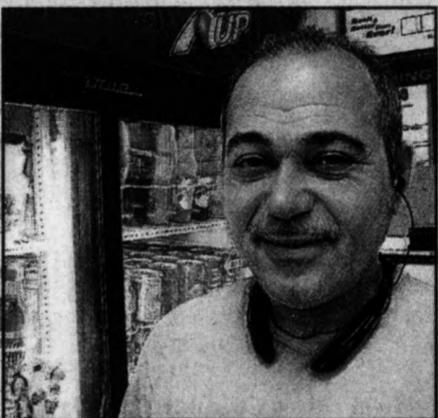
"All the different colors on the trees, bonfires and Halloween."

- Brett Gazetti



"The colors."

- B.L. Moore



"All the different colors."

- Eddie S.

"Cider and donuts"

- Bryant Hill

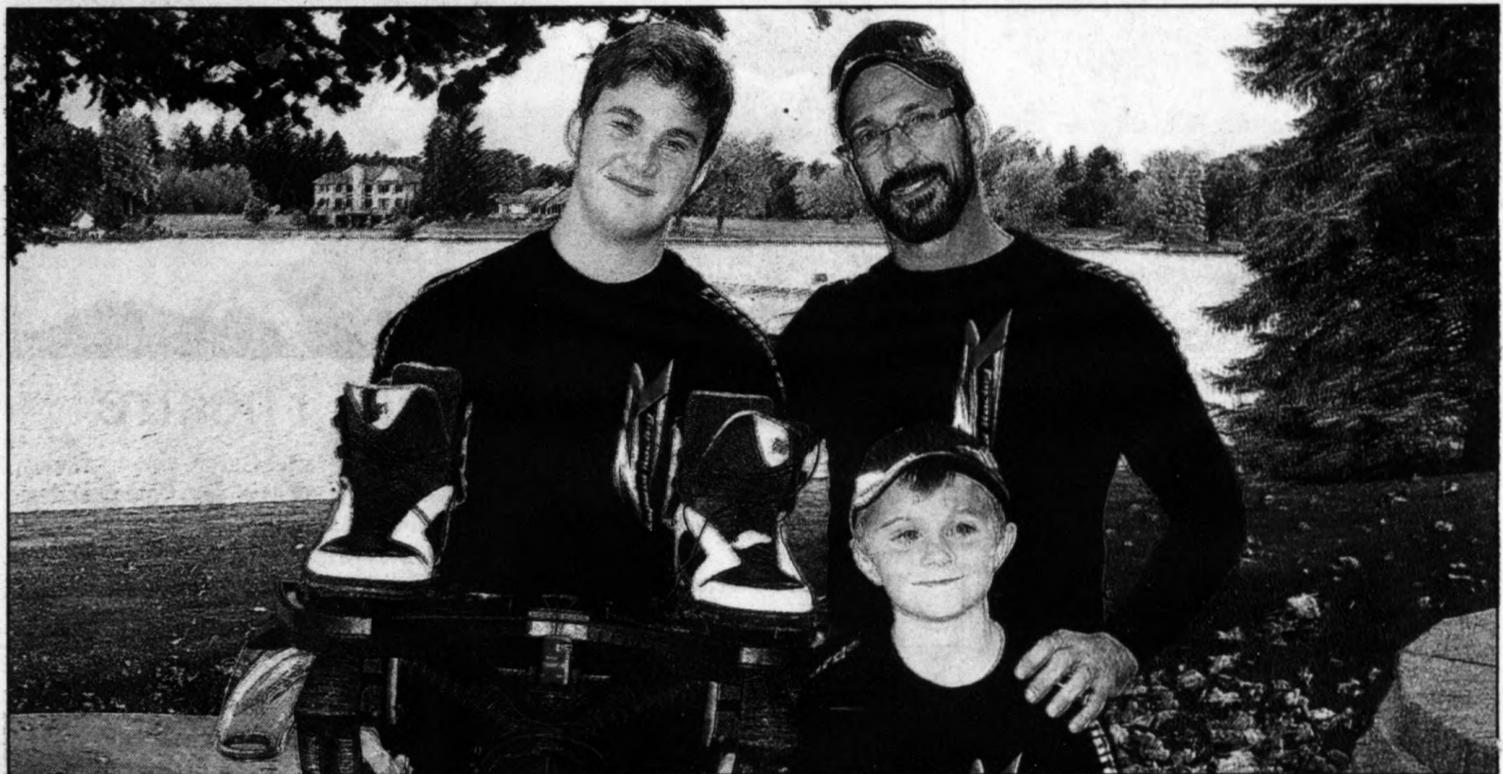
"Carving pumpkins"

- Karen Marinesio

By Andrea Beaudoin

The Clarkston News' Millstream

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Jason Burns and sons Jacob, at left, and Austin all enjoy flyboarding on the lake. Jason's experience judging the extreme sport earned him a trip to Dubai to judge the world championships. Photo by Phil Custodio

Extreme trip for extreme sportsmen

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

As the only American judge in this year's X Dubai Flyboard World Cup competition in the United Arab Emirates, Jason Burns of Independence Township and his son Jacob are getting ready to jet to the other side of the world.

"The location is beautiful," Jason said. "It's the city from the future. They have the tallest building in the world. It's unreal."

Flyboarders strap water jets to their feet to lift themselves out of the water and perform flips, dives, and other stunts.

"It's the coolest, hottest extreme sport around," said Jason, who has been a professional jet skier and extreme sportsman for more than 20 years. "The talent is amazing. The progression of the sport is something to behold."

The newest flyboards are more lightweight and flexible, he said.

"They spin a lot faster," he said. "The

tricks are amazing."

He was selected based on his work developing rules for the sport and judging flyboard events in the United States.

Jacob, who spent the summer on the flyboard competition circuit around the country, is coming along for the ride and hopes to meet the crown prince of Dubai, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, who is also an extreme sportsman.

"That would be cool," Jacob said.

They'll leave on Dec. 1 for the competition on Dec. 3-6.

"We're looking forward to having a great time, and the best competition to date," Jason said. "It will be the fourth world championship, and hopefully the biggest."

Jacob, a ninth grade student in Clarkston Junior High, won't be sent with homework, but his teachers told him to take lots of pictures.

"And bring a good story," he said.



Jason Burns addresses flyboarders at a competition earlier this year. Photo provided

Events

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

Halloween Hullabaloo at High Jinks Hall by Once Upon a Puppet, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., Oct. 31, Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. Up-beat songs and fun for whole family. Costumes encouraged. \$8. 248-425-5842.

Trunk or Treat, free trick-or-treating, 5-7 p.m., Oct. 31, O.A.T.S., 3090 Weidemann Drive. 248-620-1775.

All Saints/All Souls Day Mass, 2 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 1; **Veterans Day ceremony**, 2 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 11; **Deck the Trees with Nuts and Berries**, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, All Saints Cemetery and The Preserve, 4401 Nelsey Road. 248-601-2900.

Best of the Best Expo, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 6-8 p.m., Nov. 5, Clarkston High School, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

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.

"The Smell of the Kill" by Michelle Lowe, comedy directed by Verne Vackaro, Nov. 6-7, 13-15, 19-21, Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-425-5842.

Brews, Bites and Bragging Rights Team Trivia, 6-9 p.m., Nov. 12, Shorty's Bar, 4769 Dixie Highway. \$30, all proceeds donated to Habitat Oakland home build in Clarkston, http://tinyurl.com/brewsbites.

Holiday Wreaths, Roping, and Cemetery Blankets Sale, Clarkston Farm and Garden, preorder by Nov. 13 for early delivery on Nov. 20 or pick up at the Green's Market on Dec. 5 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. 248-318-2156.

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,

Around Town

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



Comedy at Depot Theatre

Clarkston Village Players present "The Smell of the Kill" by Michelle Lowe, Nov. 6-7, 13-15, 19-21, at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road.

The comedy, directed by Verne Vackaro and produced by Mel Case, features Al

Bartlett as Marty, Gary Casey as Danny, Sandra Deering as Nicky, Linda Leeth as Molly, Jenna Pittman as Debra, and Ramsey Sweis as Jay.

Call 248-425-5842 for tickets, or email cvptickets@comcast.net.

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.

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

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group, 7 p.m., Nov. 10, Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Topic: "Anger Revisited, Is This A Healthy Anger?" Free. 248-625-5231.

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.

Lifetree Café, 7-8 p.m., Nov. 3, Old Village Café, 2 S. Main Street. Program: "The Heroin Addict Next Door: One Man's Painful Story," with filmed interview with Rocky Romano, a former heroin addict. Free. 810-694-9351.

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.

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.

Genealogical Research, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, Oct. 28, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Independence Township Senior Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. \$10 per hour donation. Appointment at 248-625-8231.

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.

Thursday

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

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

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Warrior dragons

The fierce Dragons from Clarkston Elementary were put to the test during their annual Fun Run on Oct. 9.

The students participated in an obstacle course for the first Warrior Dash.

They leapt over a pit full of snakes (don't worry mom and dad - they were plastic), crawled

underneath cargo nets, leapt off of trampolines, and tested their balance.

All money raised during the fun run went back into the school and this year towards updating the computer lab.

The kids raised over \$18,000, which was \$2,000 over their goal.

Photos by Wendi Reardon



Gabby Duffy and Bella Soyka run between obstacles.



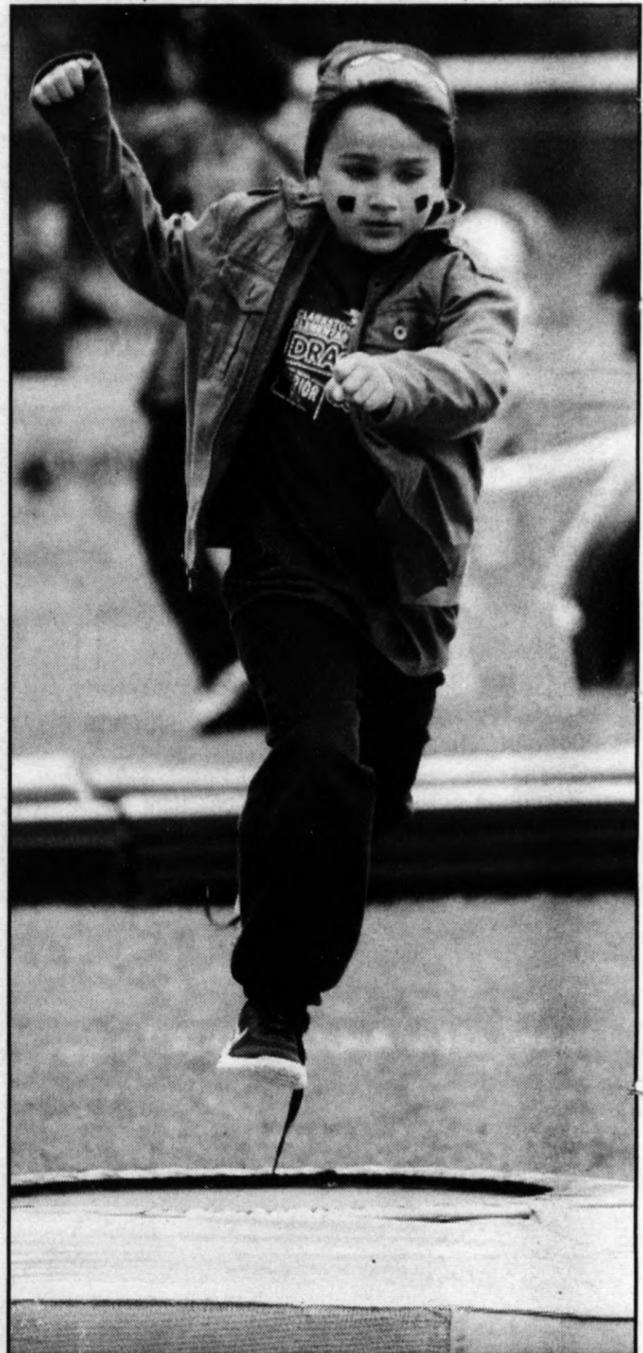
Students duck underneath the hoops on their way to the next obstacle.



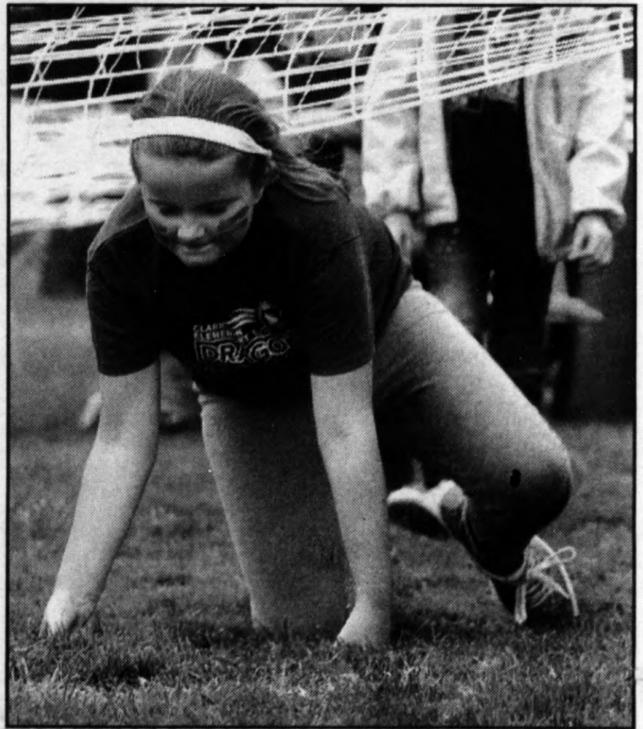
Finn Walker takes on the tires during the dash.



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Noah Stevenson leaps off the trampoline.



Lily Bankston crawls under the cargo net.

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Bill Gaither and the Gaither Vocal Band. Photo provided

Gaither band at Mt. Zion

Mt Zion Church in Independence Township hosts Bill Gaither and the Gaither Vocal Band in concert at 7 p.m., Nov. 6.

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Candidates weigh in on downtown parking ideas, solutions

With two public meetings and up to two studies on the way, parking in downtown Clarkston has been a topic of interest for the City Council.

Candidates Michael E. Cascone, incumbent Eric Haven, Jason M. Kneisc, incumbent David Marsh, incumbent Alfred A. Avery and Peggy J. Roth were asked what they would do about it.

Alfred Avery said parking in a small downtown is always an issue.

"We have limited space available in which to provide parking for visitors. Any time you add more visitors (with the two new restaurants) it is going to add more demand for parking spots," he said. "There is only so much the city can do because there is a finite amount of space in town. However, the city is going to have a parking study done to determine how we can maximize the space we do have for parking. I think by having a parking study done the city is being proactive in an attempt to help the city businesses."

Michael E. Cascone said parking is being discussed and opinions formed subjectively.

"We need parking for retail, work and special events. My guess is most of that use is generated by non Clarkston citizens, although it certainly impacts those of us that do live here," Cascone said.

Two things will help evaluate the issue to a more objective conclusion, he said.

"City Council has approved and funded a parking study, the results of which should help guide issue decisions. I will verify the study includes direct contact and input from Clarkston residents," he said.

"When our current and still growing retail community feels their pocketbook is being hit they will speak up. So far this has not happened," he said. "An example is just recently citizens and retail operators were invited to a 'parking problem' discussion meeting. If this 'parking problem' was adversely impacting profit, the room would have been a bit more crowded."

The two new restaurants recently approved by council will impact everyone, including existing retail, he said.

"In my opinion we should wait for the parking study results, more input from our residents and the retail community before any further 'add more' decisions are made," he said.

Eric Haven said improvements can be made and will be addressed after the parking study is completed.

"In the 42 years I have lived in Clarkston there have always been parking discussions because our village is completely built-out," he said. "I believe the investment in

restaurants in our downtown is enhancing the quality of Clarkston, property values and the desirability of our city as a unique destination as it was years ago."

The village encourages crowds, as evidenced by Concerts in the Park, Taste of Clarkston, Art in the Park, parades, etc., he said.

"These are elements of small-town America which give Clarkston the enviable charm it has. It's interesting to watch the village welcome and accommodate additional traffic and parking when needed," he said. "As cars change dramatically it will be interesting to see what effects Technology, especially self-driving cars, has on parking. It's a new day and I embrace change."

Jason Kneisc said there are several perspectives on parking.

"From the perspective of the citizens of the City of the Village of Clarkston, I don't believe that parking is an issue, they never have problems finding places to park," Kneisc said. "From the business owner's standpoint, while I haven't seen their revenue numbers, I can only imagine that parking is not an issue to them as current businesses flourish and new businesses continue to open and others desire Main Street locations."

For non-residents who visit, parking is

difficult about five percent of the time, he said.

"I view this as a good problem from the viewpoint of the constituents," he said.

He would also analyze businesses with parking spaces, he said.

"I believe that this group has the most issue, and rightfully so, with parking in the CVC," he said. "However, I would again point to revenue as a determining factor for this group. If they were financially being harmed in some way then they would flee the business environment of the CVC and pursue business opportunities elsewhere that were more in keeping with their desires. I don't see any business currently having this issue and there are ways to mitigate these situations."

Peg Roth said parking is a huge issue and problem.

"In the future, something has to be done," Roth said. "If we have to build a parking structure, that would be a huge construction issue for retailers."

The proposal to expand village hall, up to \$500,000, would take money that can go into parking, she said.

"People do not feel it's necessary and neither do I," she said. "There are so many other areas to put money in."

David Marsh did not provide a response.

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Monday, November 2 7:00 p.m. Rosary Cenacle	Wednesday, November 4 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Tuesday, November 3 7:00 p.m. Memorial Candlelight Vigil	Wednesday, November 4 6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group
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Delbert G. Hicks, 86 Howard Milligan, 89

Delbert Gerald Hicks of White Lake, formerly of Saginaw, passed away Oct. 23, 2015, at age 86.

He was the loving husband of Jeanette for 66 years; beloved father of Honorable Timothy (Dr. Nancy) Hicks, Mark (Suzanne) Hicks and Matthew (Theresa) Hicks; proud grandfather of Sarah, Andrew (Jessica), Peter, Alyssa, Brendan, Dylan, Amber and Faith; great grandfather of Eleanor; brother of Donna LeDrew and the late George Darwin Hicks.



Jerry was a successful Insurance Salesman. He was an enthusiastic sportsman; a great basketball player but a bad golfer. He was a member of the First Congregational Church and served his community as well in many leadership positions with the Saginaw YMCA and the Shields Lions Club. He continued his service long after he retired, and recently received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from the International Lions Foundation for his service. You could always find a box of Lions Club mints in the trunk of his car.

Memorial Service Friday, Oct. 30, 2015, at 12:30 p.m. at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, where friends may visit, Friday, 11:30 a.m., until the time of the service. Memorials may be made to the Saginaw YMCA or Leader Dogs for the Blind. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Donald Hitchcock, 86

Donald E. Hitchcock, "Don," of Waterford and Spruce passed away Oct. 22, 2015, at age 86.

He was the husband of Janet for 64 years; father of Kathy Rathbun, David (Sylvia) Hitchcock and Karen (Rick) Davison; preceded in death by his son Bobby; grandpa of Ryan and Kristi Rathbun, Dylan, Anthony and Hannah Hitchcock, Megan, Scott and Kyle Davison; great grandpa of Aleera.

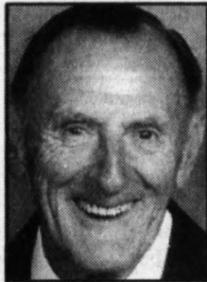


Don retired from Chrysler and served in the National Guard. He enjoyed hunting and spending time Up North in "God's Country".

Funeral Service was Oct. 27 at the **Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Howard N. Milligan of Waterford passed away at age 89, Oct. 21, 2015.

He was born June 9, 1926. Howard is survived by his loving wife, Lela (Coffey); children David Milligan, Nancy (the late John) vonKoehnen, Darryl (Lan) Milligan, Diane (Russ) Bibb and Sandra Young; siblings Robert (Mavis) Milligan, Shirley (Burl) Morgan, Charlotte (Charles) Howell, Donald Milligan and Janet Olson. He is also survived by grandchildren Brandi (Mark) Milasinovich, Sherri (Brian) Dewey, Matthew (Amanda) Milligan, Daniel (Sarah) Thompson, Colleen O'Connor, Ryan (Jeff) Caraway, Quyen (Duc) Huynh, Jessica and Elizabeth Bui, Ashley Wester, Samantha (Adam) Wells, Wm. Austin (Brittney) Wester, W. Alex Young and Miranda Bibb; as well as many great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister Irma (Ken) Baker, and children William "Bill" Wester and Karen Wester.



Howard was a very active member of his church Faith Baptist where he delighted children with his wooden toys after retiring from Pontiac Motors after 43 years of service. He was an avid gardener and enjoyed feeding the birds and squirrels at his home in Waterford, Mich.

Howard's family wishes to thank Visiting Angels' nurse Keith Frania and his assistant Lashawnda Payne for taking such good care of him during the last few months.

Services are being provided by **Lewis E. Wint Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Visitation was Oct. 25. Funeral was Oct. 27 at Faith Baptist Church in Waterford, graveside service at Ottawa Park Cemetery.

Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

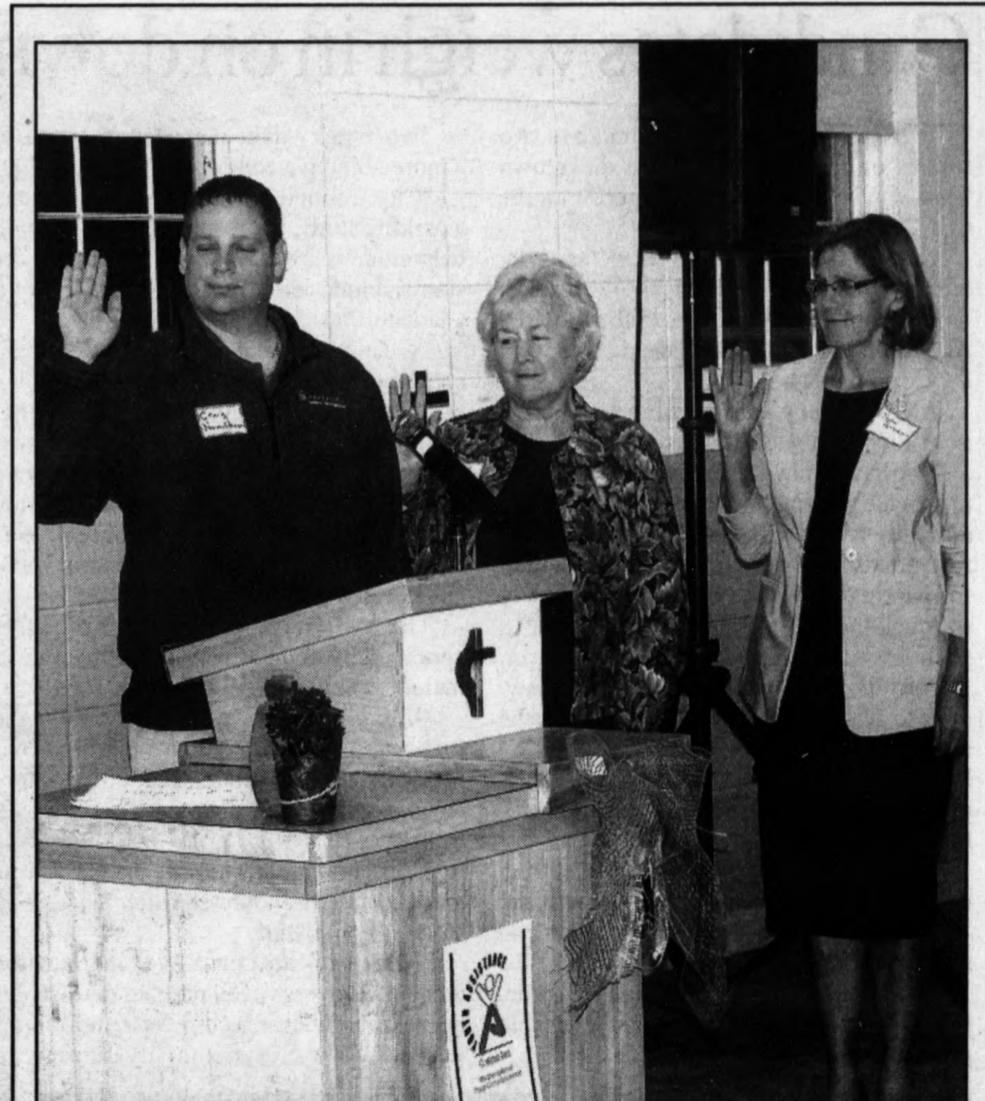
(Dick) Richard G. Nicholson, Sr., 85,

(Dick) Richard G. Nicholson, Sr., 85, passed away Oct. 18, 2015, in Mesa, Ariz., formerly of Clarkston, Mich.

He was preceded in death by wife of 47 years, Anne J., and son, David. His children Julia, Mike (Sharon), Sue, Alan (Edna), Steve, Cheri (Gary), Rick (Lisa); grandpa, papa and great grandfather to many.



Dick was a proud Navy veteran, retired from Fisher Body, and was a past member of Clarkston Eagles. Graveside Service to be held in the spring of 2016.



CAYA OFFICERS: Clarkston Area Youth Assistance officers, from left, President Craig Hamilton, Secretary Jackie Fromm, and Vice President Joan Patterson, take their oaths of office for the new year. CAYA met for their annual meeting on Oct. 26 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Mary Schusterbauer of Oakland County Youth Assistance and Oakland County Circuit Court Family Division delivered the keynote address. Photo by Phil Custodio

Township will discuss tree ordinance

North Ridge, a new subdivision off Waldon between Sashabaw and Pine Knob roads, has been cleared of trees, and some are questioning what can be done to protect remaining trees in the community.

Independence Township resident Keith Kolich said he was shocked when he drove down Waldon and saw the construction.

"I was saddened to see a huge tract of woods totally decimated, clear cut of hundreds of trees," he said. "What happens to the wood lands ordinance we have or should

have that prevents this horrible kind of destruction?"

Clearing trees for North Ridge follows outcry over a lot in downtown Clarkston, at Walton and Main, cleared of its trees.

In Independence Township, Treasurer Paul Brown said he will bring a tree and woodlands ordinance to the board on Nov. 10. Brown said it is time to address protecting trees and woodlands in the area, and have rules in place to protect natural resources.

Blanket drive for homeless families

Annette Thomas of Clarkston is collecting new or gently used, clean blankets for donation to My Brother's Keeper homeless shelter in Flint.

"The focus is always on Detroit or Pontiac. Flint seems to have become the forgotten city," Thomas said. "People give during the holidays, but nights are getting

bitterly cold now."

Donate blankets, as well as pajamas, socks, and underwear for families, through Nov. 19.

Call Thomas at 248-821-8911 for curbside pickup of donations. A donation box will also be at the *Clarkston News* office, 5 S. Main Street.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com

Dolphins splash in run

Springfield Elementary students enjoyed a beautiful fall day outside on Oct. 9 as they took over the track behind the school.

Each grade level participated in the school's annual Fun Run and collected rubberbands after each lap to see how many laps they completed during the allotted time.

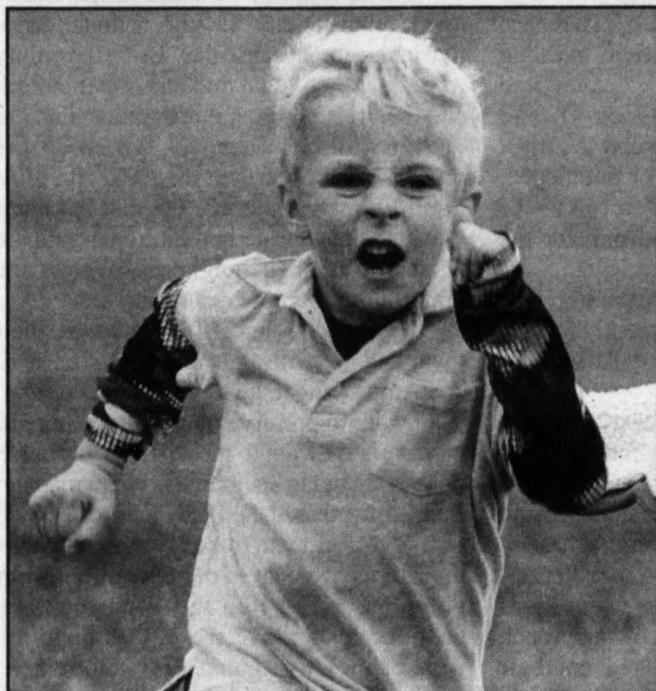
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Grace Bessert, Avery Roemensky, Mackenzie Harrison and Hannah Mayle.



Zack Nielubowicz picks up his pace.



Willow Benedict and Annie Lemieux smile during their run.



Jack McNulty waits with his classmates to count his rubber bands.



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Candidates talk city services

Candidates for Clarkston City Council Michael E. Cascone, Eric Haven, Jason Kneisc, David Marsh, Alfred Avery and Peggy Roth were asked what they thought were the critical functions of city government, as well as what they would change and preserve about the city.

Michael E. Cascone said the most important service to residents on a daily basis is the Department of Public Works.

"Others provide water, sewer and fire/emergency response – our DPW supervisor and staff do about everything else including sidewalk maintenance, repair, replacement; roads (patch); park grounds and equipment; vehicle preventative maintenance and repair; snow removal; tree care, cutting; building grounds maintenance; lights; vehicle and pedestrian traffic control (events); and more," Cascone said. "In the end the most critical service supplied is, or should be, communicating with the ultimate boss – the residents who elected us and pay for the services provided."

The Clarkston News opinion page on Oct. 14 included a letter from the recently formed "Friends of the City of the Village of Clarkston."

"I read this well written letter with interest and in mostly complete agreement – except of course the last paragraph when the names of the candidates the group is supporting for election did not include mine," he said. "The League of Women Voters asked all candidates to respond in writing to questions regarding qualifications and our approach to issues, which are published on their website. They also sponsored a Candidate Forum with responses to audience questions which can be seen on our local TV station. I participated in both, not all candidates did."

His written and verbal responses are in concert with the Friends of the City of the Village of Clarkston's, he said.

"Especially the "Objectives" which will surface throughout these responses always including Principal, Objectivity, Needs, Cooperation, and Smiling, which will foster an environment of decision making to protect residential with a consistent, objective approach to any proposal that may threaten that delicate balance. We are on the same page," he said.

Eric Haven said critical functions city government provides to residents include oversight of public works, master plan and ordinances, zoning, contracted services, road maintenance, police, fire, parking, Depot Park and many special events.

"Improvements can always be made but I think of change in Clarkston more qualitatively than quantitatively," Haven said. "I love Clarkston's historical character maintained by its businesses, residents, the HDC and promoted by the Historical Society. I love our schools our library, our civic groups and our churches which make up the institutional

fabric of our community. I want to see Clarkston preserved and enhanced by each of these elements."

Alfred Avery said the city's critical functions are road and sidewalk maintenance, code enforcement, park maintenance, communication, historic preservation.

Changes include slowing traffic down as they drive through town. Making sure the city government is accessible to the residents and business owners. Making the city government as efficient and cost-effective as possible without compromising service.

"I want to preserve the historic, small-town feel of our city," he said. "I think people live in the city because they enjoy the ability to walk around town and enjoy Depot Park and the great shops and restaurants that are within walking distance. We enjoy the parades and concerts in the park. But most of all I think people like the fact that their neighbors take pride in their homes and are respectful of their neighbors. We get the opportunity to know our neighbors."

The residents have great pride in their town and are willing to do what it takes to keep improving it, he said.

"I want to preserve the historic nature of our city and I want to make sure that our tax dollars are being spent in a prudent manner. Being a member of the Clarkston Rotary Club I've been fortunate to be able to contribute to the improvement of our City through our club and would like the opportunity to continue to improve the city through my work on the City Council," he said.

Jason Kneisc said the charter states the Council will "...make appropriations for the operation of the city government and provide for the public peace, health, safety and welfare of persons and property."

"At this point in time the overwhelming majority of citizens feel upbeat about the current environment in the CVC," he said. "All the data points to this, businesses are doing well, new businesses are moving in, homes are not remaining vacant as everyone tries to move here, attendance at events is high, non-residents from all over visit frequently to eat and enjoy Main Street, the Mill Pond and Depot Park. One thing I would work to change is to help some of the areas in the CVC realize their full potential. It is amazing to think that we have done great things, but could easily do so much more. The historic charm and small town feel should absolutely be preserved."

Peggy Roth said the most important part is deciding how money is being spent.

"We want to preserve our historic area within reason," Roth said.

"We need more restaurants and more retail, but what we also need some kind of control over what is opening and where employees are going to park."

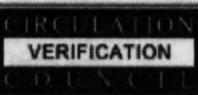
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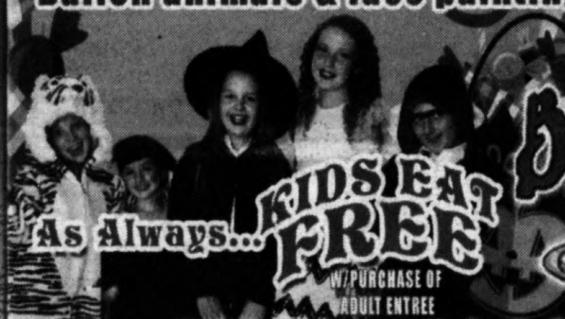
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SYNOPSIS

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD
 THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE
 OCTOBER 20, 2015

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:06 PM at Independence Township Hall.
 B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
 C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder
 Absent: Brown
 There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Ken Elwert, Parks, Recreation & Seniors Director; Lt. Dirk Feneley, Oakland County Sheriff's Office; David McKee, DPW Director; Chief Mitch Pettersen, Fire Department; Renée Poole, Fire Department Business Manager; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst; Steven P. Joppich, Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich P.C.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented.

E. CLOSED SESSION: None Scheduled

F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

H. PUBLIC HEARING: None Scheduled

I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

1. Report: Revised 2016-2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)
2. Report: 2016 Budget Revisions (Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst)
3. Report: Planning Commission Update (Ronald A. Ritchie, Planning Commission Board of Trustee Liaison)

J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None

K. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2015 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2015
2. Approval of Payroll of October 9, 2015 and Check Run of October 13, 2015 for a Total Amount of \$450,610.42
3. Approval of 2015 Budget Amendment #10 - Township Hall & Parks, Recreation & Seniors Dept.
4. Acceptance of the donation received from the Friends of the Senior Adult Activity Center

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Approval of 2016 Facility Rental Rates - Parks, Recreation & Seniors
2. Acceptance of Quotes for the Purchase and Installation of Pumps - Morning Mist and Canterbury Lift Stations
3. Acceptance of Quotes for the Purchase of Mower/Bagger - Department of Public Works
4. Approval of 2016 Law Enforcement Services Agreement - Oakland County Sheriff's Office
5. Approval of Budget Amendment - 2015 Clerk Elections Wages Full-Time Employee
6. Authorization of Feasibility Study and Approval of Associated Costs - Construction of Pedestrian Safety Improvement at I-75 & Waldon Road
7. Appointment of Member to Boards and Committees - Audit Advisory Committee
8. Recommendation of Permanent Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / REPORTS:

1. Report: Monthly Actual to Budget Financial Update - August, 2015
2. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report; September 2015
3. Report: Building Department Monthly Report; September 2015
4. Minutes: Safety Path Advisory Committee-Draft; September 9, 2015

O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None

P. ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC
 Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, October 28, 2015



HALLOWEEN RUN: Clarkston Wolfpack Club members and friends gathered, Oct. 25, for the sixth annual Grave Run through Lakeview and Ottawa Lake cemeteries for Halloween. Runners are finishing up their training for the Clarkston State Bank Backroads Half Marathon, 10K, and 5K races, coming up Nov. 8 at Independence Oaks County Park. Check Clarkstonbackroadshalf.com. Photo provided

Around Town

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 bers. 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.

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

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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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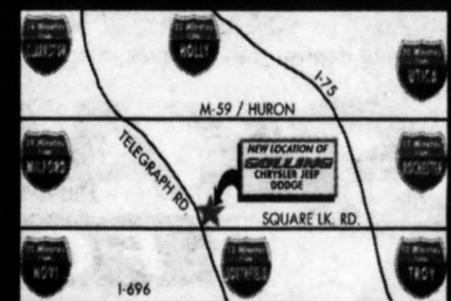
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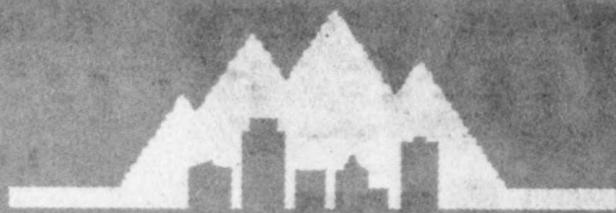
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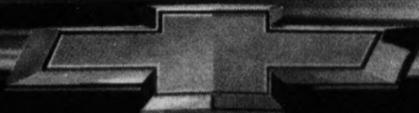


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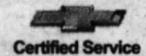
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