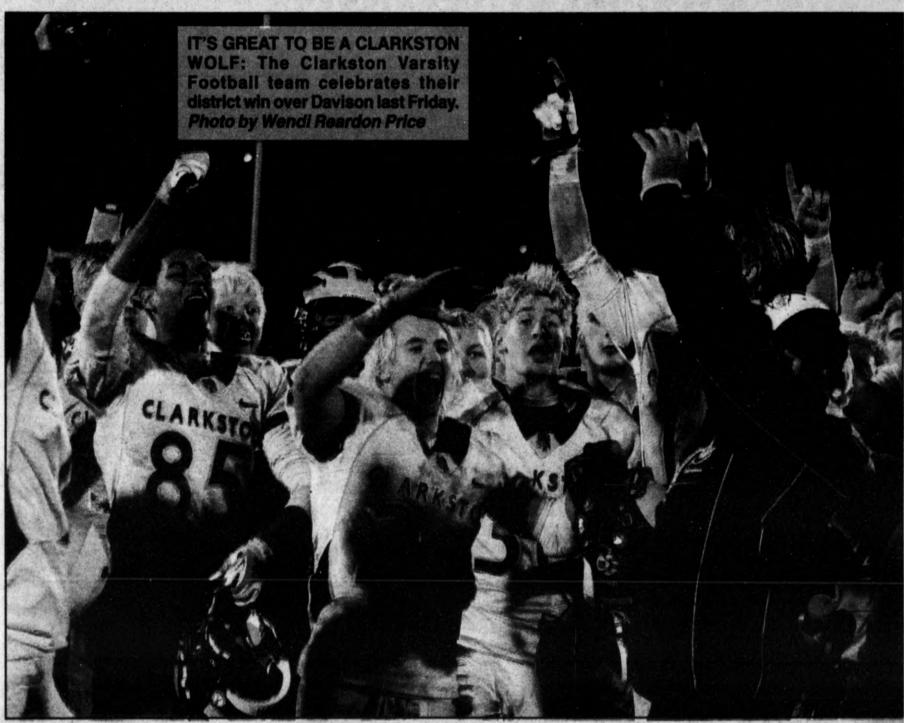
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Independence Township Times

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District title victory in Davison mudfest

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Muddy but jubilant, Clarkston's gridiron heroes surrounded head coach Kurt Richardson in celebration as he held up the district trophy on Davison's 50-yard line.

The boys earned the crown with a 31-14

win over the Cardinals last Friday.

"I thought that was a toughness win," Richardson said as the players left the muddy, wet field. "Sometimes we don't know how tough our kids are. Tonight was a toughness win and that's the kind of win that goes a long way. These kids showed their charac-

ter tonight."

Going into the game Davison was undefeated with 10 wins and averaging 47 points per game.

The Wolves took the challenge head on and held them to a mere seven points during Please see Regional on page 13

Families leave lasting legacy

First in a series on the families who helped build Clarkston and the descendants who still live here, carrying on their legacy.

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Jack and Doreen Bailey have always known their family went back generations in the Clarkston area. The siblings' school, Bailey Lake Elementary, bears their name.

"It wasn't a big deal as a kid. I have two step grandchildren – they think it's cool," Doreen said.

"We take it for granted sometimes, but we know our roots run deep," Jack said.

The Bailey family has lived in Independence Township since Robert Bailey, their great-great-great-great-great grandfather, bought property at Pine

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Titans of tennis

BY WENDIREARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Accolades keep rolling in for the Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team.

They finished in seventh place at the state championship, the best in program history. The team also qualified for Academic All-State honors; freshman Luke Baylis and senior Alex Matisse were named to the First Team All-State. Even their coach, Chas Claus earned accolades as both Regional Coach of the Year and Division 1 State Coach of the

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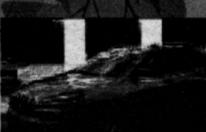
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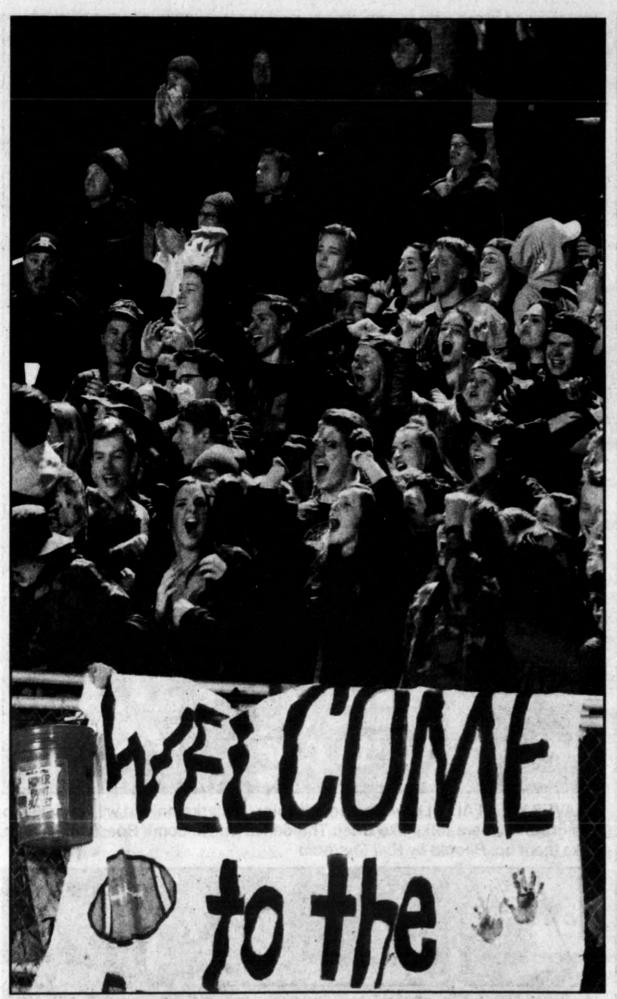
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WILD WOLVES: The Jungle, the student section for Clarkston, cheers as the varsity football team gains a 10-7 lead during the second quarter. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price





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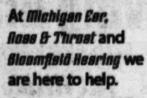


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LEAVES WILL FALL: Leaves are in full color in Clarkston, but will soon fall to the ground where folks like Brian Thibodeau on Holcomb Road will have to rake them up. Photos by Phil Custodio



BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Friday was a day to remember at Everest Collegiate High School and Academy - they celebrated their 2016 National Blue Ribbon Award achievement with a visit by U.S. Congressman Mike Bishop.

"I thought it was very exciting," Madelyn Krappmann, an Everest fourth grader.

Krappman said she could connect with what Bishop was saying because her father retired from a government law enforcement job at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, **Explosives and Firearms.**

Principal Greg Reichert was also excited for the school to be recognized for its success.

"For our students to be able to have the opportunity to be with the congressman and to see someone that's really serving them everyday - it's just like seeing their entire education coming full circle," Reichert said, "Understanding what they're capable of in the future and seeing that someone who's actually made it is willing to come back, gives them a chance to see their own successes and what they can do in the future."

Bishop has visited the school many times and has gotten to know several parents and students. He commends the school for having a reputation of excellence and educators who are well known for what they do.

"To be able to be a part of that small group of 329 schools that have achieved this is really incredible, it's no small feat," Bishop said. "It has much to do with their support network around here, their educators, their mentors and their parents who do so much to make sure their students succeed."



Everest, a private Catholic school located off Clarkston Road, is the only private school in Michigan to win the 2016 National Blue Ribbon Award. Reichert credits that success to a focus on integral formation, which focuses on all aspects of growth.

Reichert describes academic growth as being at the center and, as a Catholic school, spiritual formation is the basis of everything.

"From that we make sure we're focusing on character formation and ultimately, at the end of education, is how do we serve those around us, how do we take that and make something of ourselves, make sure that we're helping people outside of our own system, outside of our own school," he said.

The principal said Everest's striving for recognition distinguishes it from other private schools, and he's not the only one who views the school as standing out.

Everest eighth grader Blaise Wilcenski thinks the school is amazing because they get to learn about the Catholic religion. He also praises the teachers.

"They like to interact with the students, you get to know the teachers very well. It's just a lot of fun," Wilcenski said.

Bishop said he's visited all three schools in his district, Michigan's 8th Congressional District, that received the 2016 National Blue Ribbon Award. However, despite these accomplishments, he said there's still a lot of work to do regarding the state of education in this country.

"We're quickly falling behind other countries in the world and we've got to make sure we're doing everything we can to ensure that our local school districts succeed, and trust our educators," he said, "We've got a lot of really, really good educators in this country who would like the flexibility to teach a classroom and not be dictated too much by the central government."

Briefly

Food donations

Especially with Thanksgiving approaching, our thoughts turn to those less fortunate. The Clarkston News will collect food donations for Lighthouse Clarkston, on Sashabaw Road.

Drop off donations at the News office at 5 S. Main Street through Nov. 18.

Election results?

These pages went to the printer on Monday before folks went to the polls to make their votes.

Check Clarkstonnews.com for election results and next week's edition for candidates' comments.

Road work

Big Lake Road construction work east of Andersonville Road to east of Ridgewood Road will continue through mid November.

The paving of the gravel road intersection is a joint project of Springfield Township and Road Commission for Oakland County.

Goodfellow sale

Clarkston Rotary Club's annual Goodfellow newspaper sales will be on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3, on Clarkston-area streets and Neiman's Family Market.

Donations will go to the Rotary's Shoes for Kids program at Oakland Woods Baptist Church on Maybee Road the next weekend. Clarkston area children in need receive boots, shoes, hats and gloves for

For more information or to volunteer, call Rotarian Joel DeLong at 248-561-8523.

Veterans Day honors

Clarkston Junior High School hosts a Veterans Day Ceremony at 12:45 p.m. on Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, in the school's Jenna Beno Memorial Courtyard, 6595 Middle Lake Road.

Each year, English teacher Erin Shaw and junior high students honor veterans by placing an Honor Stone in the courtyard garden. This year's Distinguished Honorees include Takao Kojima, veteran of World War 2 Italian Campaign, Euro-pean Theater, with the 442nd Infantry; and Master Sergeant Lyle B. Black II. Clarkston High School graduate, Class of 1997, 127th Wing of the Michigan National Guard with one tour in Iraq, currently 127th Medical Group at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

The public is welcome to attend.

Developments keep township busy, supervisor says

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Growth continues throughout the Clarkston area, with new developments cropping up within the next few months and years.

The Wellbridge Group Inc. has plans to build a 70,000 to 80,000 square foot rehabilitation center at the intersection of Sashabaw Road and Clarkston Road, according to Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

The center is intended for recovering sur-

gery patients of all ages.

"This will give folks the opportunity to do their rehabilitation closer to home," said Kittle. "It's surprising how fast you heal when you have the right people helping you."

Dan Deremer, the center's architect, said Clarkston was chosen for this \$20 million investment due to its demographics and location.

Though the site is around 30 acres, the first phase of the project will only take up around eight acres, Deremer said. The foun-

dation is slotted to be finished before winter and the center is due to be completed in fall 2017 or spring 2018.

Kittle hopes the company's investment will help bring a hospital development project into Clarkston.

"Wellbridge is a well established company, they know what they're doing," Kittle said, "if they didn't see a market here there's no way they'd stick in that kind of money."

Aside from the rehabilitation center, an assisted senior facility, Vista Springs, is going in at Maybee Road and Dixie Highway. The facility will also be around 70 to 80 thousand square feet and is intended for extended stay assisted living.

"The plans that I've seen had a lot of peaks and gables and valleys to kind of give it more of a traditional approach," Kittle said. "I think it's going to be a great add to the community."

A new housing development will add around 500 homes to the area within the next three years. Kittle says these large projects will keep the town busy.

According to Kittle, new road developments are in talks as well. Right now, an expansion for Sashabaw Road between I-75 and Clarkston Road is being investigated. Kittle says the road is long overdue to be fixed, and there are hopes to turn it into a five lane road with a center turn lane.

Kittle is also working with several other township departments to appeal to the Michigan Department of Transportation to lower the speed limit on M-15, near Middle Lake Road, from 40 to 30. He said two kids were hit at that intersection over the summer.

If he can't get the speed limit lowered, Kittle said he wants to at least get a traffic control device or a lighted crosswalk across M-15.

"I just saw a pack of six kids the other day, about 3:30, running across M-15 dodging cars and it's just not healthy," Kittle said, "so, we've got to do something."



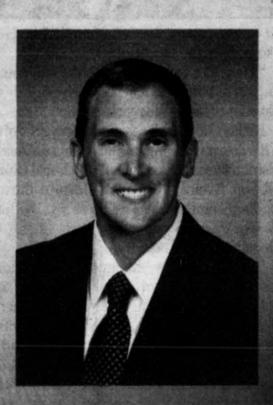
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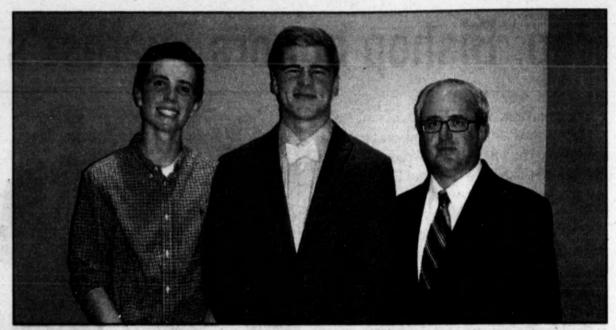




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From left, Luke Baylis, Alex Matisse and Chas Claus recieve All-State honors for the fall season. Photo provided

Gentlemen on and off court

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For the team qualifying for Academic All-State, Claus explained the team's grade point average is 3.63.

"We tend to have a very bright team and a very hard working team," he said, explaining to qualify the average is 3.25. "We made it by a wide margin especially Alex and David Carpenter are in the top few in their graduating class. They lead the way in that department. Half of the line up has better than a 3.8 so it is a extremely strong record to have with those scholars."

He added any varsity level sport at Clarkston is a high level commitment.

"A lot of them are extremely focused and diligent in taking care of their classwork," he said. "Even the ones whom tennis is an option they are not going to be a pro tennis player they set themselves up for future greatness which may or may not be on the tennis court."

For individual honors it is third time for Matisse to be named All-State, as a freshman he received honorable mention.

"It is a wonderful accomplishment and really something that has become normal for him," said Claus. "Alex had a fantastic career."

Baylis received All-State honors for his first year with the varsity team.

"It is another tremendous

accomplishment," said Claus. "They both had great seasons. They are gentlemen on the court. They are fierce competitors, but they are also honest. They play hard. They're not rude, they're not into trash talk, they let their play do the talking. That to some degree is, unless you are winning the state title at No. 1 Singles, that's the sort of players who get picked for this. Not just players who are really good, but players who have a good reputation. I am very excited for both of them. I am very proud to have the opportunity to work with them and proud of their accomplishments. They are both very deserving of the honor."

The players were proud of their coach for being named Regional Coach of the Year and Division 1 State Coach of the Year.

"Coach Claus is a mentor on and off the courts," said Carpenter. "He teaches life lessons besides how to be a better tennis player so we become better people. We are really happy he is getting recognized – besides being a lot of fun he has a big heart."

"He is a remarkable coach because he expects everyone's best every day and then does whatever he can to help us play our best," added Charlie Lussenhop. "He doesn't try to do any crazy strategy instruction or change the way we hit the ball

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The Clarkston Varsity Boys Tennis team at the MHSAA State Finals, where they finished in seventh place, the best for the program. Photo provided

Players sing praise for coach's season honors

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or play. He just helps to make sure we have the best possible chance of winning with the way we play. The strength of the schedule Claus sets out for us, combined with the attitude he instills with us means by the end of the season, when every single point is really important, we have either played the team we need to beat or have played someone better and we can go in confident we know what to do."

He explained Claus also cares about every player on the team.

"It's what makes it so easy to listen to him, whether it is coaching during a match or advice off the court," Lussenhop said.

Jason Richards appreciates advice on and

off the court while taking Claus' Advanced Placement United States history class.

"He is an amazing teacher," he said. "He is the most passionate teacher for any subject I have had. He is an amazing person, teacher and coach. He knows when to push his players on the court and when to just let us be high schoolers."

For Claus, who began coaching the varsity team in 2004, it is a tremendous honor to receive both accolades.

"I work with a lot of excellent coaches," he said. "I work with a lot, within our league and within our region, who are in the Hall of Fame. Across the state there are probably 70 or 80 guys out there in Division 1. It is very humbling to be recognized particular

recognized by guys who have been doing this for 30 years who are in the Hall of Fame themselves. They are the best of the best. For a committee like that to look at me and say we respect what you are and we like the players on your team and what they produce. We like how your team carries itself. It's a great honor and one at the state level I did not expect, but one I am very proud of."

Claus played with the Wolves when he was in the high school and he thinks it help gives the program continuity.

"This is the history teacher in me coming out, for high schoolers they live in the moment, the year, the season, without no sense of the bigger picture. It's cool to say this is how it used to be in the 90s when I

played," he said. He added this year he introduced his team to Kevin Ortwine, who coached him in the 1990s.

"Just being able to have that connection it gives them a good prospective and makes them proud of the lineage especially since we have had the best 4-5 years of the program history," Claus said.

"Both the players and me appreciate where we have come and going to states was not the norm. It was a dream of a lot of players before them. They appreciate what they have and how good they are and how far the program has been able to come. It's not just about this one year. But, I am a big believer in you stand on the shoulders of those who came before."

Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

Hello, Clarkston!

I was born and raised in Lake Orion, Mich. I come from a family of engineers, many of whom are Michigan State alumni, which led me to attend Michigan State University (MSU) myself in 2012. I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English and journalism in May of 2016 and moved to Madison Heights in August.

I went into college as an English major and added journalism spring semester of

my freshman year. I also spent two years in the English Education program at MSU, but I left the program my senior year and instead dual-degreed to receive an English degree from MSU's College of Arts and Letters and a journalism de-



gree from the College of Communication
Arts and Sciences.

When I was 17 I started working at Vette Products, a Corvette parts shop owned by my family in Lake Orion. I've had several other jobs since then. I spent a summer working at Jimmy John's and Chipotle and I worked at one of MSU's dining halls for three years while I was in school. I spent two semesters working at MSU's student newspaper, *The State News*, and I had a public relations internship my last two semesters.

At the time I started college, I went in as an English major because it was my favorite subject in high school and I have a passion for writing. I decided to add journalism as a way to apply a profession to my passion and I ended up falling in love with it while I was working at *The State News*.

I spent some time in Independence Township and the Clarkston area growing up. I often attend concerts at DTE Energy Music Theatre and I go skiing at Pine Knob in the winter. When I was in high school I worked as a Counselor-in-Training for a summer camp at Clintonwood Park.

As the school district and township reporter I've met with a few Clarkston area school principals, Board of Education President Stephen Hyer and township Supervisor Pat Kittle. I have plans to meet with Superintendent Rod Rock and more principals within the next few weeks.

Everyone I've met so far has been helpful and friendly, a refreshing attitude as media and journalists are often viewed unfavorably. I'm always open to talk to anyone if they have a story idea or an event they want covered. I invite anyone in the community to give me a call at 248-625-3370 or come talk to me at the office.

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Loss of Bart Clark still reverberates

Dear Editor,

That he came "home" would have been enough; a kind of symmetry for our community to have a tie back to the core root of its history.

There was so much more he gave and meant to us individually and to our community. We are better off for his return and worse for a void of what more there would have, should have, been.

For me it started just as this note does, hearing about the return of a great, great, great grandson of the founder of Clarkston who had moved "back" and was living here among us.

Then I met Bart Clark at a community service meeting and then another one, and another, and it seemed like all of a sudden he was everywhere, lending a hand, his energy, his common sense and his leadership.

Other letters and articles have detailed Bart's many involvements in our community, but even all combined that long list misses. More importantly, a list cannot begin to describe the impact he had in what now was obviously much too short a time.

It was been two months now since he died, yet it seems like an eternity and yesterday all at once.

I will miss him, we all will, even those who didn't know him. More important than being a great, great, great grandson, he was a good man.

Sincerely,

Neil Wallace Clarkston

Barn Dance support appreciated

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Clarkston Community Historical Society, thanks to all who purchased tickets and attended the recent Barn Dance at the historic Ellis Barn. I also want to thank our partners at Oakland County Parks and Recreation for everything they did to make the event a success.

And on behalf of our board, I especially

want to thank the Union Woodshop for its extraordinary generosity in providing the. delicious dinner for our patrons. We are fortunate to be part of a community where our business leaders value and support our mission of celebrating our rich local history.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Smith, president, Clarkston Community Historical Society



SMILE OF THE WEEK: Hannah Kop cheers on the Wolves at Friday's game. Photo by Phil Custodio

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"One local resigns from county commission, another wants position" Clarkston attorney Frank Millard resigned as chairman of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners to take a position at the county clerk's office. Tom Middleton was one of the few in the special election to fill the vacancy.

"Patriotism, respect and flag folding"
Patty Travelbee's third grade class at
Clarkston Elementary were shown how
to properly fold a flag as well as what it
means when the flag is flying at half-staff
and what happens to a flag when it
touches the ground.

"Two netters make all-state team"
Lauren Little and Colleen Mead were
named to the all-state tennis team, headlining a list of postseason honors for the
Clarkston Girls Varsity Tennis team.

25 years ago - 1991

"Parents win" A push for an elementary school bond issue caused the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education to schedule the election for the following April, with an unanimous vote. The meeting prior the board contemplated having the election in February.

"Andryco dances away with Junior Miss title" Jennifer Andryco overcame a field of 12 other Clarkston High School seniors to be named the Clarkston Junior Miss - Young Woman of the Year during the 30th anniversary of the pageant.

"JV kickers continue where they left off" It was a tough act to follow but the 1991 Clarkston JV Boys Soccer team was up to the task as they finished the season 11-1-1 after the previous squad finished undefeated. The Wolves outscored their opponents, 46-8.

50 years ago - 1966

"New Special Education classroom open at Bailey Lake" A new classroom opened at Bailey Lake Elementary to be used for Special Education which was financed by state and federal funds. It was new to Clarkston Community Schools - prior students would be transported to other districts.

"Wolves slip past Milford" Clarkston and Milford football teams squared off on a rain soaked gridiron and the Wolves prevailed with a 20-16 victory with five minutes left on the clock.

"Round the town" Mrs. J.L. Hawthorne spent several days visiting friends in Chicago and attending the theater.

Watching the ways of college football, politics and responsibilities

These Jottings ran Nov. 12, 2008

I love those offers on television that end with the product pusher yelling, "If you order right now I'll send you Great Britain, the Suez Canal and Oahu. I'll even pay the shipping and handling." Or something like that.

It's good that we have these 22-monthlong national political campaigns. It gives us time to learn there is no direct answer to any question, there is likely some truth somewhere in their messages and there is no way they can convince us beyond any doubt one is any better than the other. ---0---

I watch a lot of football on television. Part of this is because nothing attracts me in the other listings. As part of my selection process I go for teams I've had drawn to my attention through the years.

Like I'll watch Cincinnati, West Virginia, any Michigan college, Alabama, Marshall and some others. I will not root for colleges

from Florida, Texas and California.

I was particularly pleased while watching the Cincinnati vs. Florida South game, recently. Oh, by the way, I don't root for any player wearing number 1, for ego reasons.

However, on this play Cinncy's number

Jim's **Jottings**



a column by Jim Sherman

started yelling for his autograph.

1 raced through the end zone trying to catch a pass. His momentum carried him into the stands, where he hit a lad, maybe six years old.

No. 1 picked that boy up, gave him a heartwarming hug, sat him down and raced back onto the field. The camera stayed on the boy as the gal sideline reporter came to talk to him.

He was happy as could be. Abruptly, several youngsters of equal age, programs in hand,

The boy tediously wrote his name, twisting his face with each curved letter. Were I a sports program director I'd have ordered that scene to play on all networks. It was

In case you didn't know it, the world's leading democracy is also the world's biggest jailer with more than 2 million people -- or 1 in every 100 adults -- behind bars. The social budgetary costs are huge.

Though I didn't hear a solution to this expensive problem during the campaign, I'm sure there'll be a program offered that will be paid for by the top one percent of wage earners.

By the way, the middle class is always referred to by politicos as the "hard working" middle class.

We are left to assume the upper income people aren't hard working.

Food for thought: "The young do not know enough to be prudent, and so they

attempt the impossible -- and achieve it, generation after generation." -- Pearl S. Buck, Nobel Prize winner.

Another case of "no one's at fault."

Voting day, November 4 many precincts across America did not receive members of the armed services absentee voters ballots until after the deadline. Some states decided to wait 10 days, then count them, maybe.

Then it was announced the Pentagon failed to send the ballots overseas in proper time for returning.

No one at the Pentagon offered an explanation that I heard. The Washington D.C. area is a wonderful place. No one is responsible. Not the White House, Congress, Courts or, it seems, the Pentagon.

Reminds me of a pillow in my house. It has a picture of a puppy and the words, "It wasn't me."

When sat on, it makes a phart sound, which is what we get out of Washington, only their sound smells worse.

Just when you thought you were being funny

I am always amazed by readers. You guys and gals are what makes the world go 'round and round. And, sometimes the world-spins so fast, my head swims. I find interesting what will get your attention and what does not.

I could write about a very serious issue, calling on all readers to take action . . . and in response I hear the proverbial crickets in the distance.

I could write something up I just know will rile up the gentry and do it on purpose to illicit a response (I do believe that is called being inflammatory) and nothing. Yawns from the peanut gallery (which is you guys and gals).

And, then I could just write of some memory I had, or how I worked on raising my two sons, Shamus and Sean, like last week, and giminy Christmas. The commentary comes gushing in -- this past week via good ol' Facebook.

I expected comments like this from Teena F: "I think I just threw up." And

this from Sherri M, "ICK! Yes, you're right, I'd rather have them in the box than on the floor, that's for sure!" when I wrote about the finger and toenail collection idea I had to keep the boys clipping their nails AND keeping them off the carpet or table tops.

I just wrote about how this one guy (me) worked with his two sons, to mold them into productive members of society. It was a fun column to write and more fun to remember those times spent with the boys when they were younglings.

I did not expect commentary like this from our fine folk over Ortonville way:

Sarah A., "Potty time, they learned, was a time to

read. Ladies, it's a guy thing. Don't try to understand because you'll just hurt your brains. Can you please explain to this lady trying to use her brain while reading this article how we (females) could not POSSIBLY understand the concept of reading during potty training?! God forbid a 'lady' hurts her brain over this concept. Clearly you underestimate the power of women understanding potty training. Clearly you underestimate women. #sexist"

... or this from Marisa P., "I'm at a loss for words. There are ways to explain creative parenting tactics without introducing gender stereotypes and insulting female readers. Before you say 'everyone is so sensitive these days' -- I'm over it, it's not going to affect my life, but it does affect my opinion of the quality of the paper and its contributors."

... and this one from Jennifer M., "For example, doing laundry is a chore and, as such, sucks (that is unassailable male logic). Well, yes -- females think the same thing about laundry ... but we do it because it needs to get done. Potty training was cool. Potty time, they learned, was a time to read. Ladies, it's a guy thing. Don't try to understand because you'll just hurt your brains. Really? I have three girls and they all potty trained reading. Didn't hurt my poor little female brain either."

One non-female did counter. Wrote Jay S., "Oh my god! Really people? Do a poll of 100 or 1,000 or a million adults and ask who they think reads on the toilet. An overwhelming amount will say guys. How many women take 20-30 minutes to do their 'business?' Not many at all. It is a guy thing. He is not insulting women but merely saying to not even waste your time trying to figure it out. Just as it would hurt men's brains to try and figure women out and what they are thinking. We are wired differently ladies. As evidenced by the comments. We apparently don't get offended by innocent comments."

Some women were not offended. Chimed in Mel D., "Omg. This column is a GEM. I live(d) in a house of many men 'til very recently and none of it shocked me. Lol."

... and, from Pamela B., "Gross but funny! Clever ways to keep the lads clean. Their future wives will thank you!"

... and, from Beckie K., "Spot on!! Don, you are amazing! Nothing I hate more than seeing pieces of nails everywhere!"

... and, from Terri D., "Epic, Mr. Don Rush! So ... did you break a world record for all your efforts? There has to be an award, a trophy, a plaque or SOME-THING?

... and, from Julie C., "Hilarious, Don!!!!"

... and, from DeeAnn C., "Yup, it's gross, Don, but you get points for being creative. I'm sure your boys will never forget it."

... and (finally) from my one and only reader across the pond in England, Alys S., "Please, it's dinner time here!"

All, this hullabaloo over that last column, headlined "Women, see what happens when we're left alone" has got me thinking: I need to expound and make this into a full-fledged, multi-chaptered and many-paged

Gosh, we are in the second week of November already and as such, I usually start thinking about gratitude. What am I thankful for? What are you thankful

Start thinking about it now and start dropping me a line. Tell me what you are thankful for. I will run them all together on the week of Thanksgiving. Send them to this newspaper, or e-mail me your thoughts, Don@ShermanPublications.org.



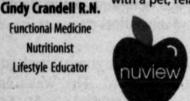
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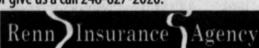
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Walt Renn

Q. Who should consider an umbrella policy?

A. In our society today, anyone can face a lawsuit as a result of what they have done or failed to do. Those who stand to lose a lot in the event they are hauled to court should consider getting the protection offered by an umbrella policy. Here are a few examples on who should consider an umbrella policy: People who have assets, those who own swimming pools or trampolines, people that own ATVs/snowmobiles or boats, people that have pets, those who have teenage drivers in the household, and those who may own a business. A personal umbrella policy is a high value product for little cost, considering the security and protection that it provides you and your family. If you would like to learn more or get a quote please stop in or give us a call 248-627-2020.



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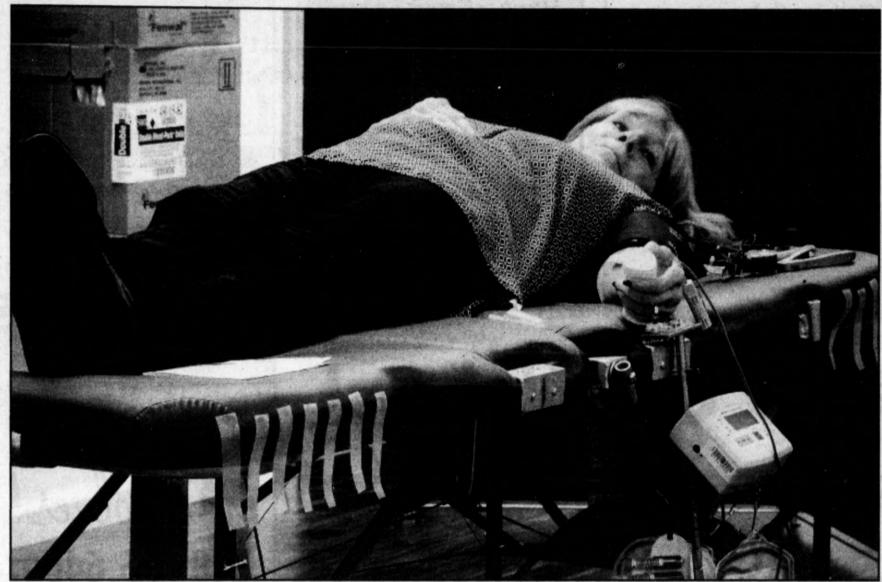


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Reckless driving

A resident in the 7000 block of Caberfae Trail called 911 to report a car crashing into a neighbor's mail box and landscaping, then trying to leave the scene, 9 p.m., Oct. 30. The car was dragging the mail box and leaking large amounts of fluid, then the driver got out and began to push the vehicle down the road. A deputy found about 50 feet of tire tracks on the front lawn leading to where the vehicle hit several large landscaping boulders and the mail box, and followed a trail of oil to a driveway in the 5000 block of Boyne Highland, where the car was parked. The driver, a 29-year-old Waterford man, said he was scared and went to his sister's house just down the street. He told her he had hit a rock and needed a ride home. Preliminary breath test result was .58. He said he had some whiskey after he got home. He was cited for reckless driving, failure to stop and identify at the scene of an accident, and no proof of insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

Hit and run

An Oxford woman was stopped at a stop sign on northbound Clintonville Road at Clarkston Road when her station wagon was rear-ended by an SUV, 4:02 p.m., Nov. 2. The driver of the SUV told her she had to pick up her kids and left the scene. The Oxford resident took down the SUV's license number and called the sheriff's department.

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The plate was registered to an 18-year-old Independence Township woman. She told deputies she didn't have time to stick around at the scene, and also couldn't find her driver's license. She was cited for leaving the scene of a crash, unable to stop in assured clear distance, and failure to display her driver's license.

Domestic assault

When deputies arrived at the 9700 block of Windsor Lane for a domestic assault call, they were met outside by a 41-yearoldSpringfield Township man, 1:19 a.m., Nov. 6. He yelled at them to leave, then ran inside a residence. Deputies were met at the front door by a 41-year-old Springfield Township woman who showed obvious signs of being assaulted. Deputies entered the home and found the inside in disarray. They were again confronted by man, who was then armed with a .223 caliber rifle. The subject had the barrel of the rifle inside of his mouth and was threating to shoot himself. The subject then charged at the deputies with the barrel of the rifle still in his mouth. A struggle ensued and one of the deputies was able to deploy his Taser during the struggle. The deputies then

were able to subdue him and place the him into handcuffs. The rifle was later found to be unloaded. The subject was lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending the issuance of criminal charges. Detectives will be continuing with the investigation.

Guilty plea

Michael A. LaJoice, former CFO of Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, has pleaded guilty to embezzling more than \$18 million from the bank. LaJoice, 37, stole the money from the credit union from January 2003 to January 2016 by issuing cashier's checks from various accounts without authorization and deposited those funds into accounts at other financial institutions he controlled, and using unauthorized ACH money transfers to personal accounts, said U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade. He also created false investments in certificates of deposit and bonds to cover up the fraud. He told auditors and bank examiners that the money he stole was invested in vehicles, officials said. Sentencing guidelines in his plea agreement call for 121-151 months in prison. He is expected to be sentenced in March.

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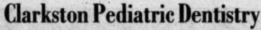
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Friday	08-26-16	Lapeer HS	WIN	28-7
Friday	09-02-16	Southfield Arts & Tech HS	LOSS	18-24
Friday	09-09-16	Oxford HS	WIN	38-7
Friday	09-16-16	Stoney Creek HS	WIN	30-0
Friday	09-23-16	Troy Athens HS	WIN	40-21
Friday	09-30-16	Oak Park HS	LOSS	7-14
Friday	10-07-16	West Bloomdfield HS	WIN	42-21
Friday	10-14-16	Lake Orion HS	WIN	45-16
Friday	10-21-16	Rochester Adams HS	WIN	31-14
Friday	10-28-16	Lapeer HS	WIN	45-21
Friday	11-04-16	Davison HS	WIN	31-14
Friday	11-11-16	Romeo	HOME	7:00 PM

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Regional matchup against Romeo

Continued from page 1 the first half.

"Part of this goes to the people we play," said Richardson. "We play such a good schedule especially in the OAA. We are playing the Southfields and Oak Parks - that makes a big difference. Playing Lapeer twice, those are quality football teams. It makes a big difference in preparing them."

The Wolves were prepared out of the gate when they scored three minutes into the

Davison had possession of the ball when the snap on a punt went wrong on their fourth down. Senior Jake Buchmann and junior Zach Scott led the Wolfpack attack as they scored on a safety when the Cardinal's quarterback went back to retrieve in the endzone.

The Wolves kept Davison to one touchdown in the first half, which was scored with 43 seconds remaining in the first quarter, 7-2.

Clarkston took the lead back with 3:20 left in the first half on touchdown run from senior JT King. King handed the ball to junior Michael Fluegel who passed it to Scott in the endzone for a 2-point conversion to put the score 10-7.

The Wolves scored two more times be-

fore Davison could catch up. They scored three minutes into the second half with a 21yard run from Fluegel. King scored again with a 5-yard run to open the final stanza.

Davison scored with five minutes left in the game which was met with another touchdown from King on a 57-yard run.

King completed one pass for the night and Fluegel completed one pass for an extra

Fluegel was the leading rusher with 22 carries for 156 yards. King carried the ball nine times for 141 yards and three touchdowns.

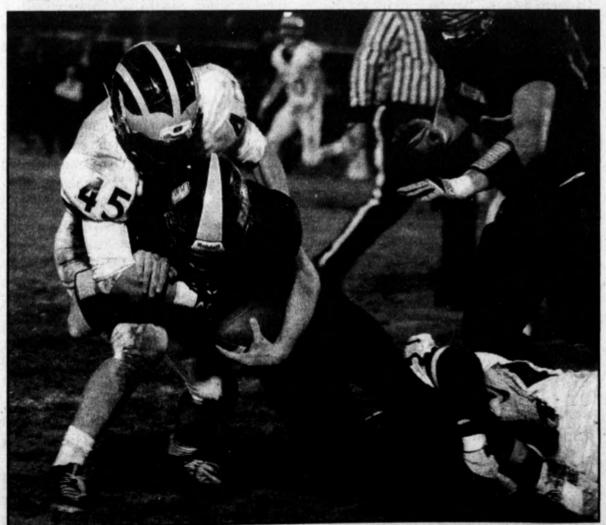
"Toughness," Richardson said about King. "He had a couple big runs."

Senior kicker Zach Mansour was 3-for-3 on PATs.

Senior Nick Stalworth led defense with six tackles and four assists. Scott had five tackles and three assists. Senior Kole Gilbert, senior Ryan Prisby, and junior Gino Paese had five tackles each. Paese had one assist. Senior Kyle Genter had one interception down by the endzone.

Clarkston (9-2) hosts Romeo (8-3) on Friday. Kick off is set for 7 p.m.

"We will have to be ready," said Richardson.



Gino Paese holds onto Davison's ball carrier during the Wolves' district win. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Boys and Girls Cross Country teams celebrate their win at the MHSAA Regional meet, Oct. 29. Photo provided

Run into first place

The Wolves changed Clarkston history on their visit to the MHSAA Cross Country Regional meet at Anchor Bay, Oct. 29.

They didn't come home with one trophy but two as both the boys and girls teams won the regional crown for their respective meet.

The boys finished in first place with a total of 82 points as Lake Orion finished in second with 90 and Macomb Dakota took third place with 95 points, qualifying all three for states.

Gavin Eisert led the team finishing in eighth place, 16:30. Shawn Slater finished in 16th place, 16:45; Brendan Favazza, 17th, 16:46; Nate Sesti, 19th, 16:51; Mika Juuhl, 22nd, 16:52; Nickolas Favazza, 30th, 17:06; and Jacob Dolan, 49th, 17:39.

The Lady Wolves finished with a total

of 52 points with Oxford, 88 points; and Romeo, 108 points.

Elizabeth Dalrymple led the pack at fourth place, 19:24. Her teammates finished closely behind with Mallory Ferguson, fifth place, 19:25; Emily Ferguson, seventh place, 19:41; and Mia Patria, ninth place, 19:45. Emily Gustafson finished in 27th place, 20:31; Hailey Catania, 47th, 21:37; and Grace Nolan, 59th, 22:01.

During the state finals at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday the girls finished in tenth place with 299 points. Mallory led with 31st place, 19:19.4; Emily, 37th; Patria, 38th; Gustafson, 67th; and Megan Ford, 126th.

The boys finished in 15th place with 360 points with Eisert finishing in 39th place, 16:37.8; Juuhl, 60th; Dolan, 72nd; Slater, 85th; and Nickolas, 104th.

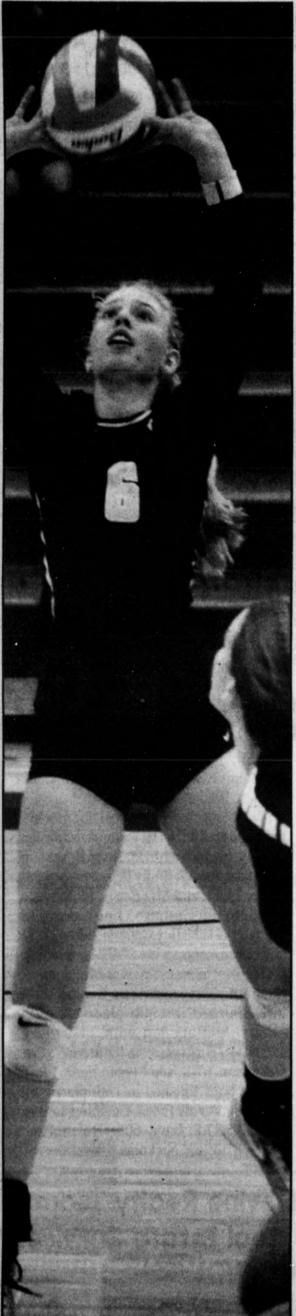


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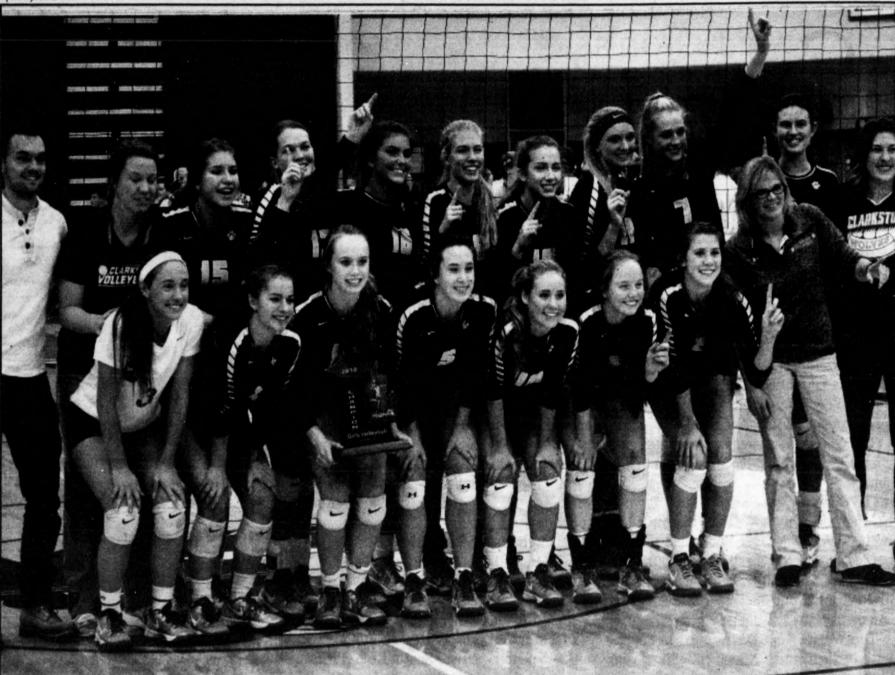
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Junior Grace Kraft sets the ball for a hit against Lake Orion during last Friday's district championship game.



Clarkston Varsity Volleyball claims the district crown at Lake Orion last Friday. Photos by Jim Newell

Spikers strike down rivals for district championship

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

It was a traditional back and forth battle between the Lady Wolves and Lake Orion and when the dust settled it was Clarkston who claimed the MHSAA Volleyball District crown last Friday, 3-2.

"We couldn't be happier with the outcome," said Kelly Pinner, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Volleyball. "We knew it was going to be a tough match. No matter when we play Lake Orion, no matter what it's for it is always a tough match. Our team played outstanding. We accomplished a huge goal we had for ourselves this year."

The Lady Dragons won the first game with a 25-22 score and Clarkston came back in the second game to take the lead before the back and forth battle continued. It ended with the Lady Wolves winning the close match, 25-23.

They won the next match by a larger margin with 25-14 to get a one game lead on the Dragons.

Orion opened with a lead in the fourth game and Clarkston fought back to tie it at nine points and took the lead three points later. The Dragons captured the lead at 20-19 and finished to tie the series winning the fourth game, 25-21.

For a brief moment they were

disappointed they didn't get it done in game four," Pinner shared. "We had a lead, and we let them back in. We made unforced errors along the stretch that put us in that position. There was a fleeting moment of disappointment on their faces."

She added before heading into the final game the team's leaders, especially the senior leaders took a moment for a pep talk.

"They said 'alright that's over, let's get this done in five," Pinner said. "They talked about going out there and just having fun and doing what they do best. They let go of the fourth game and tried not to think about it."

Lake Orion opened with the lead before the Wolves took it away to put the score 9-8. They tied the score at 12 points before Clarkston pulled away with a three point run to win the game, 15-12.

Junior Abbey Malinowski led the team with 18 kills. Senior Sarah Austin had 15 kills and four aces and senior Madi Jidas had 27 digs.

Pinner added the win over Lake Orion helps going into regionals this week.

"It was a big, huge emotional win over Lake Orion," she said. "It will definitely give us confidence moving forward. It put us in a good place in terms of understanding the pressure you feel when you are in big matches like that. I am expecting there is going to be a good crowd. Probably more Dakota because it is more by them. It definitely gave them experience in that atmosphere."

The Lady Wolves faced Oxford in the district semifinals on Nov. 3 and won in three games, 25-12, 25-18, 25-18.

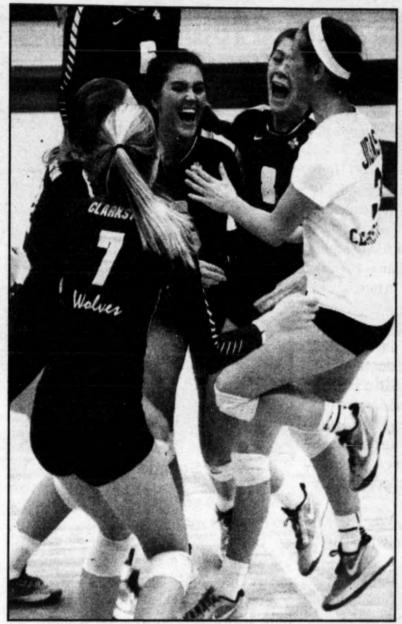
"Oxford played a great match against us," said Pinner. "It definitely prepared us."

The Lady Wolves faced another familiar foe on Macomb Dakota in the semifinals of the regional on Tuesday. Clarkston defeated them three times during the regular season once at the Lady Wolves' home quad and twice at the Seaholm tournament in pool play and the finals.

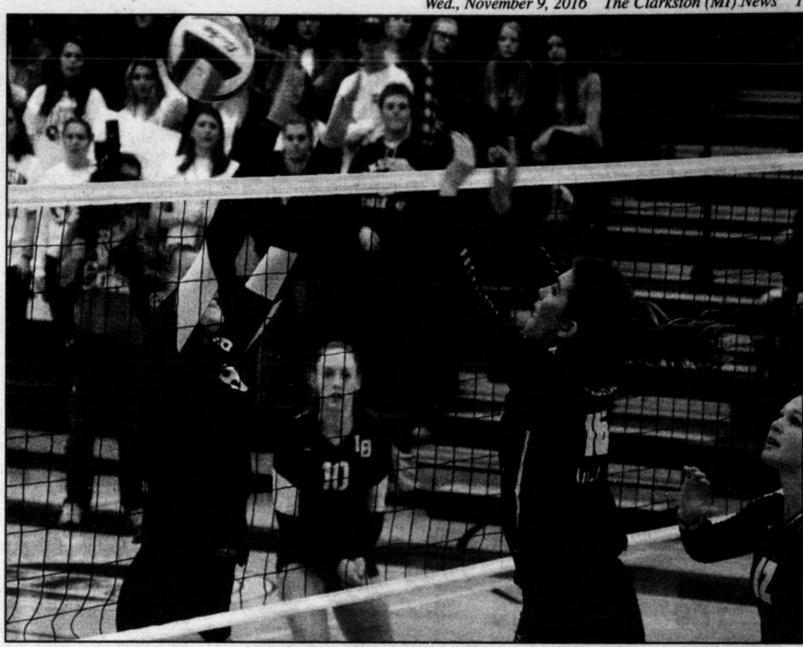
"We have won, but that doesn't mean anything now. It makes it harder to beat them a fourth time," said Pinner. "My kids understand you can't just defeat them three times and it's going to be an easy haul. They understand and respect Dakota. They have some great hitters. They play some great defense."

The winner moves on to the final on Thursday against Fenton/Utica Eisenhower at Anchor Bay, 7 p.m.

"We've been very focused in practice. I think this team truly has the potential to make a long run if they stay focused and they concentrate on the work in front of us," said Pinner. "We are in a good place right now."



The Wolves celebrate winning the district championship after defeating Lake Orion 15-12 in the fifth game.



Junior Olivia Johnson blocks the Dragons' return at the net for a point during the match. Photos by Jim Newell

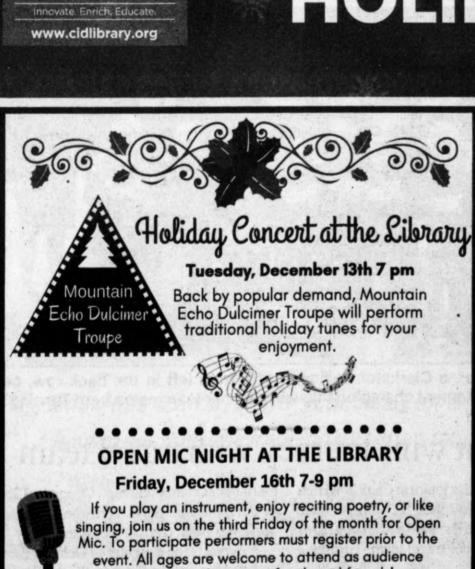


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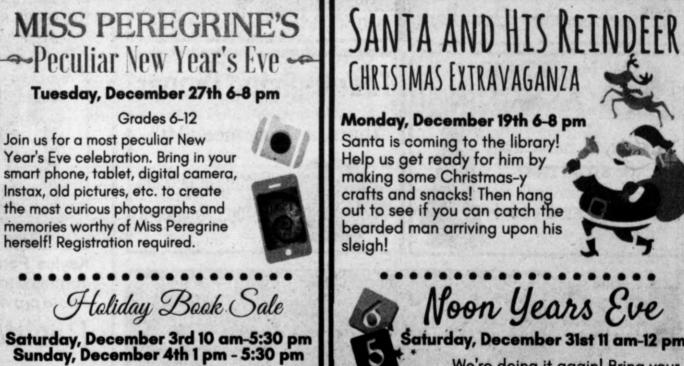
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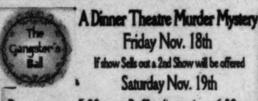


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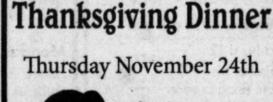
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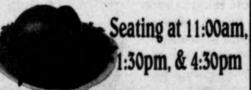
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Student leads fight against hunger

BY WENDIREARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Jenna Sommerville has a goal and invites the Clarkston community to help her with her quest.

Sommerville, a senior at Clarkston High School, is holding a fundraiser for Kids Coalition Against Hunger for her Academic Service Learning project.

The program packs bags of food for the homeless and Sommerville's plan is to raise \$10,000 by Jan. 1, 2017, which in turn would make 10,000 bags.

She found out about the Kids Coalition Against Hunger when she participated during one of their events with her family.

"I got inspired," she said. "It wasn't in the Clarkston area so I became inspired to touch the Clarkston students and the community. My goal isn't just to have students involved but to reach parents, coaches, and have the entire community there."

Each bag costs only \$1 and the 10,000 bags will feed about 60,000 adults or 30,000 children.

The bags of food are distributed three different ways with one-third going to local food banks, another third goes to people throughout the United States, and the last third goes internationally.

"We are not just helping people we might not know around the country, but we are touching home and helping locals who you might not realize may need the help but do," she said.

Sommerville has contacted local



Sommerville

businesses to get involved and also set up a Go Fund Me website.

"Unfortunately I'm a 17-year-old girl with a goal too big for my wallet alone," she said on her GoFundMe account.

Sommerville added the community can help through donations and once she achieves the goal, the community is able to volunteer to pack food on Jan. 14, 2017.

The website to donate is www.gofundme.com/clarkstons-kcah-event-2vx3ksc

For more information, to donate or help in anyway, please contact Sommerville at JLSommervill17@clarkston.k12.mi.us.



Kaylee Percival, a Clarkston resident, fifth from left in the back row, celebrates a tournament championship win with her teammates from Turning 2. Photo provided

Resident wins tourney with travel team

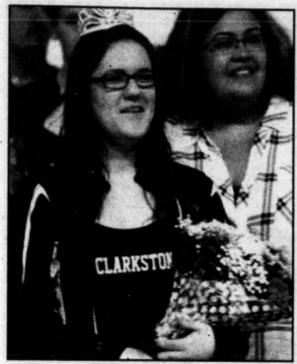
Kaylee Percival, a junior at Clarkston High School, traveled to Joliet, IL., to participate in a Premier Girls Fastpitch qualifier tournament with her travel team, Turning 2 (Coach Langlois).

The team finished undefeated with the

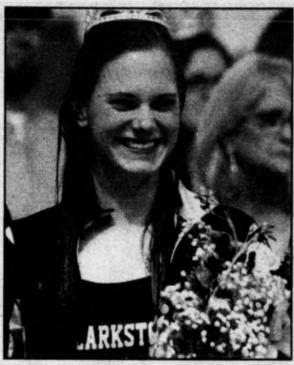
tournament championship. Congrats T2
Percival also plays with the Clarkston

Varsity Softball team in the spring.

Percival is the daughter of Deb and Steve and resides in the City of the Village of Clarkston.



Brianna Hayes



Kate Rogowski

Senior celebration

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team created a fun atmosphere last Thursday as they held a Disney themed night to honor their five seniors - Lexie Fiori, Natalie Harshman, Brianna Hayes, Sayano Izu and Kate Rogowski, Oct. 27.

"The tradition has been the juniors take the lead on making the night," said Amber Miller, head coach. "They organize it, they plan it, they 100 percent do it. They came in and made sure the pool looked festive and poured a lot of love so seniors knew how much they are appreciated. It was a great feel for the night. The team was excited and having fun. It was a good energy."

The Lady Wolves won their final dual meet with a 137-42 win over West Bloomfield.

"They are in the middle of taper right now so we weren't looking to go out and attack the swims that much. It was really about the celebration of our seniors and making sure they knew they were loved, valued and appreciated on the team. They swam solid and right where they should be swimming."

The girls won all 11 swim events and

placed in the top three spots in five events. Fiori and Hayes led the dive team as Fiori finished in fourth place and Hayes, fifth place

For relays, Rogowski, Ashleigh Allen, Caroline Hughes and Rachel Kociba finished first in the 200-yard IM; Rogowski, Kociba, Haley VanBuskirk and Betsey Walkowiak, first in the 200-yard freestyle; Allen, Hughes, VanBuskirk, Walkowiak, first in the 400-yard freestyle.

Rogowski also finished first in the 50yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle; Allen, first in the 200-yard IM and the 500yard freestyle; Hughes first in the 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke; and VanBuskirk first in the 200-yard freesyle and the 100-yard breaststroke.

Kociba finished in second place in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle while Lizzy Craig finished second in the 100-yard backstroke and third in the 50-yard freestyle. Walkowiak finished second in the 200-yard IM and the 100-yard butterfly.

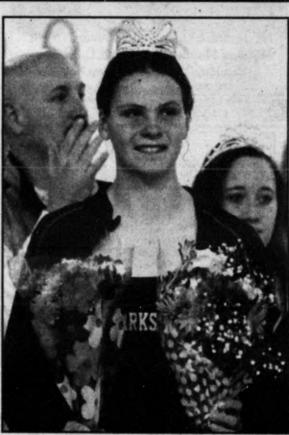
Harshman had a personal best in the 200yard IM with fifth place.

The girls prep this week for the MHSAA Girls Swim and Dive Division 1 State Finals at Oakland University, Nov. 18-19.





Lexi Fiori

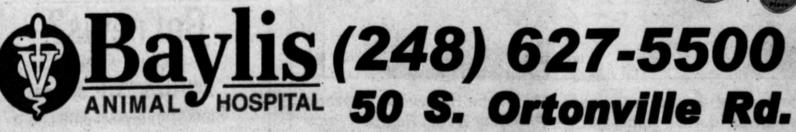


Natalie Harshman

Baylis Animal Hospital

"My family has been caring for your family for almost 50 years."

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CEMETERY RUN: The Clarkston Wolfpack running club gathered for their traditional Halloween Graves Run, Oct. 29, from Depot Park. Photo provided



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Cheerleader Hannah Kop dressed as a cow for the Halloween weekend during the Wolves football game, Oct. 28. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Photo preservation

The Clarkston Area Genealogy Society hosts a Photo Preservation and Restoration program with photographer Beth Sayles on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 10:15 a.m. at the Clarkston Independence District Library. The Sayles Family have been in the photography business since 1950in the Waterford area.

Participants are invited to ask questions after the presentation and bring a photo if they wish. There is no charge for the program.

The Clarkston Area Genealogy Society's goal is to create, foster and maintain interest in genealogy as well as preserve and publish information that is relevant to our members. All community members are welcome to participate. The society meets on the third Thursday of the month. For more information call 248-620-2984.

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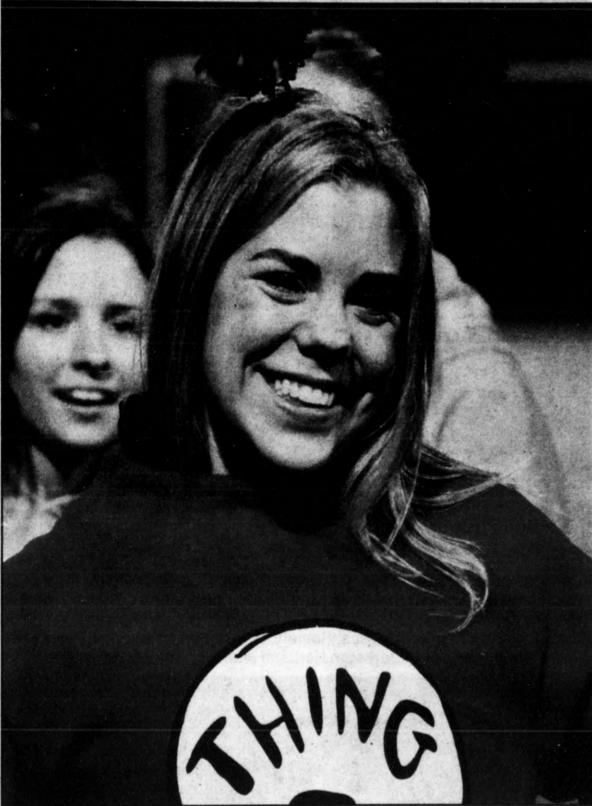
Clarkston Farm and Garden Club is selling Christmas wreaths, roping and cemetery blan-

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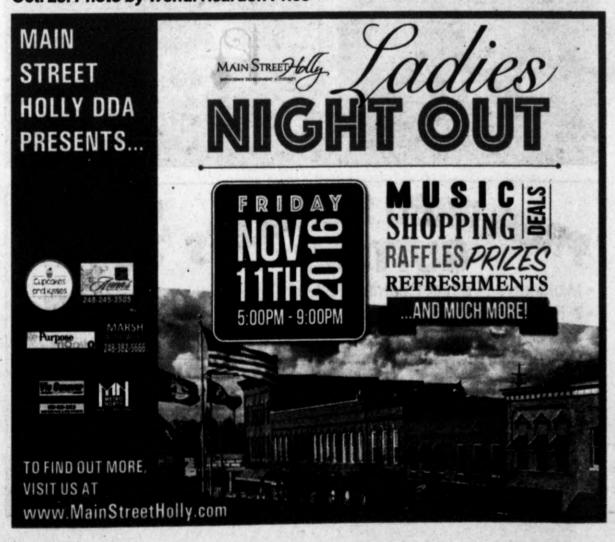
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Ashley Becker gets into the Halloween spirit with her Lady Wolves as the Clarkston Varsity Cheer team dresses up during the football team's game, Oct. 28. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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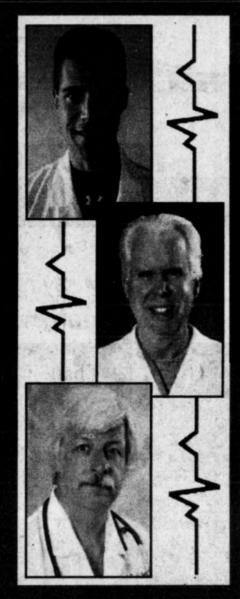
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BARN DANCE: Revelers dance to the music of Annabelle Road at the Ellis Barn Dance, Oct. 15. Hosted by Oakland County Parks and Recreation and the Clarkston Community Historical Society, the fundraiser supports parks programs, the society, and Clarkston Heritage Museum. *Photos provided*

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ALL WRAPPED UP: Pine Knob Elementary first graders Brooke Whiteman and Lydia Yakylvich race in the mummy competition during classroom Halloween parties, Oct. 28. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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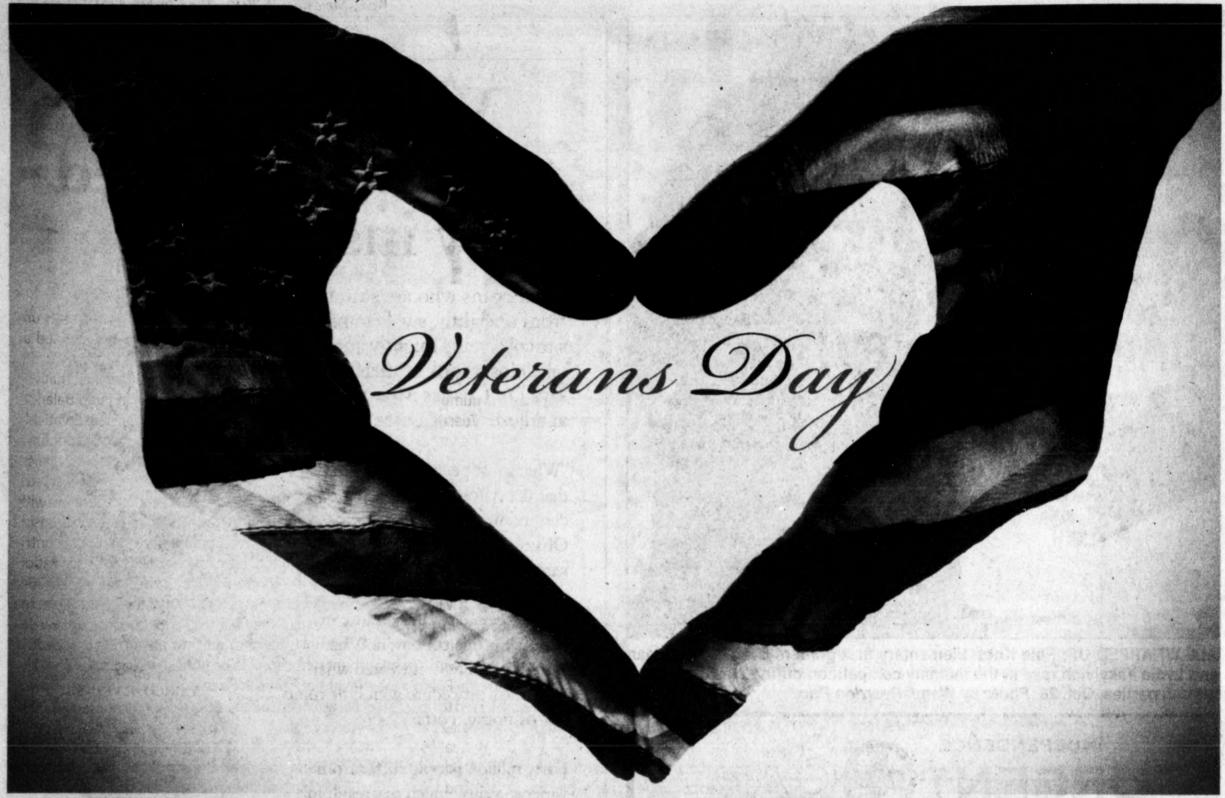


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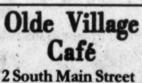




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Township project updates

We're Getting Close

We've spent the past year and half renovating old Brady Lodge, located in Bay Court Park, just off Andersonville and White Lake Roads.

Built in 1929, Brady Lodge was the focal point and mess hall for a Boy Scout summer campground that is now part of Bay Court Park. New

> ports, roof, windows, doors, a fresh pr paint and a ton of TLC, the hisis almost ready for the next hunservice. Plans include spring flower nunity art events, flea markets, ets and more.

lace still has that rustic flair — that r heat — initial comments from ve been stopping in during renova-

tTownshipe been very positive. Call our new Parks Sweetking Derek Smith at 248-625-8223 for more in the interior.

Let There be Water

The water main on Maple Drive has been installed. All nine of the residents with contaminated well water systems are just finishing being connected to the main, courtesy of the State of Michigan at no cost.

Ten other residents concerned about the shifting plume of gasoline by-products in their neighborhood have also elected to connect to the new main. The Township has helped take the sting out of the connection costs for these additional 10 families by amending our ordinances, allowing for up to a 10-year payment plan in instances where a water emergency exists. This whole ordeal has taken longer than we would have liked, but the end results have sure been worth the wait.

A special call-out goes to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for all their help and support during this difficult time.

On solid financial ground

By Pat Kittle, Supervisor

On November 1, the Board held a Public Hearing on the 2017 budgets. The final step in the budget process is where the Board makes a formal motion to approve the numbers as presented. This final approval meeting is on Tuesday, November 15 at Town Hall. Thought you might be interested in a brief summary of what has been covered to date:

General Fund: For 2017, the Township is projecting to generate \$7,160,239 in revenue consisting primarily of Property Taxes, State Revenue Sharing, and Cable Fees against \$7,416,556 in total estimated expenses for a planned operating deficit of \$256,317. Wait a minute, you should be saying. You promised to maintain a balanced budget while you are in office. And, from an operational point of view, that is absolutely true. If we removed the \$300,000 in expenditures for needed infrastructure repairs and improvements to our parks, the Township would be running with a \$43,683 operating surplus. The Township's General Fund Balance (cash reserves) at the end of 2016 is projected to be \$6,473,226, with \$4,867,807 of this amount over our 20% minimum cash reserve threshold. Because of this healthy General Fund Balance, the Board felt it prudent to draw from savings to continue to make needed repairs and improvements for the Community. Repairs in 2017 will include repaving the parking lot and repairing cracked sidewalks at Townhall. Improvements include resurfacing all baseball fields, replacing backstops and nets, building a new day camp facility at Clintonwood Park, finishing the Brady Lodge restoration at Bay Court Park, and continuing to work on ADA compliance in and around the Township. We will highlight these improvements and renovations in future editions.

Fire Fund: The Fire Department is now under the watchful eye of our new Fire Chief, Mitch Petterson. A longtime Township resident and 20+ year member of the Independence Fire Department, Chief Petterson is continuing to build on the success of retired Chief Steve Ronk and beginning to take the Department to the next level. Residents voted to combine Fire 1 and Fire 2 millages in the August Primary. For 2017, anticipated tax revenue is \$5,782,082 against expenses of \$5,776,401 for a balanced budget. And this is after a \$421,800 contribution to the Fire Capital Fund in '17: Planned 2017 capital upgrades to fire equipment include: Three new 4X4 ambulances to better handle Michigan winters; a new command/mini-pumper fire truck that will help with faster fire response times; and a more versatile combo engine/ladder truck, replacing the current 1998 ladder truck and back-up front line engine. Station renovations include repairing cracked/pitted walkways, parking lots, driveways and kitchen upgrades.

Police Fund: The Police Fund is the area currently under close scrutiny. With 2017 tax revenues projected at \$4,901,393 and expenses estimated at \$4,979,679, the Police Fund will run at a \$78,286 operating deficit that will be covered by the \$1,217,580 currently in Fund Balance. The expense side of this equation has been conservatively estimated high for the following reasons: We did not have a ratified contract with the Oakland County Deputy's Union (we think OCSO fees will be less in 2017 than projected); uncertainty over the 2017 Weigh Master contribution (with last year's mild winter, frost law violations dropped considerably); and the Clarkston Community School cost contribution for two school liaison officers still under negotiation (the fully loaded, 9-month cost for two deputies is \$197,264. CCS currently contributes \$30,000). If these issues are resolved, as we think they will, the Police budget will balance. If not, the only "lever to pull" to balance the budget is headcount reduction. To be honest with you, I do not like the thought of removing a patrol deputy from our Township. We will need to keep a close eye on this account. Will keep you posted.

Safety Path: Projected 2017 revenues are estimated at \$662,379. Total operating expenditures are projected at \$271,661 leaving an operating surplus of \$390,718. The Township is planning on using this \$390,718 surplus, plus \$1,000,000 from the current Safety Path Fund Balance of \$2,363,692 for two big capital projects expected to be completed in 2017. The first project is a safety path along Sashabaw Road tying the South and North entrances to Independence Oaks County Park together. The Township is partnering with the County to split the \$1.2M cost for this one mile stretch of walkway. The second major project will be the construction of a safety path along Clintonville Road between Maybee and Waldon Roads. Clintonville is a tough project (as in "expensive") due to the amount of wetlands that will need to be traversed. This project is estimated to cost \$800,000.

Sewer Fund: With 2017 projected revenue of \$6,148,454 and forecast expenses of \$6,052,964, the DPW Sewer Department will run with a \$95,490 operating surplus. The sewage treatment costs from the Great Lakes Water Authority continue to climb at an average of +9% with increases being passed to Township residents when they occur, as approved by the Board. This surplus is a net savings, even after the construction of an expanded DPW service garage and expanded sewer maintenance activities planned in 2017.

Water Fund: 2017 projected revenues of \$3,960,778

Continued on Page 4

News from the Clerk

Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC

After many hours of hard work, I am pleased to announce the Finance Department received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence

in Financial Reporting (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

The GFOA established this program in 1945 to encourage and assist state and local governments to exceed the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles by preparing comprehensive annual financial reports that evidence the spirit of transparency and full disclosure and then recognize those individual governments



Township Clerk Barb Pallotta

that succeed in achieving that goal. The goal of the program is not to assess the financial health of participating governments, but rather to ensure that users of their financial statements have the information they need to do so themselves.

The benefits of the CAFR program goes beyond promoting better transparency, it also affords credit rating agencies and other interested parties to view the award as a positive factor in decision making: Furthermore, as accounting and financial reporting standards evolve, participation helps to ensure that Independence Township's financial reports fully implements those standards. Reports submitted to the CAFR program are reviewed by selected mem-



bers of the GFOA professional staff and the GFOA Special Review Committee (SRC), which comprises individuals with expertise in public sector financial reporting and includes financial statement preparers, independent auditors, academics, and other finance professionals.

At this time, there

are currently 67 communities that have received the CAFR award in Michigan and only eight of them are townships. Congratulations to our Finance Director, Wendy Hillman, and Finance Accountant, Cheryl Culpepper and thank you to all Township Departments who participated by providing the finance staff with the information they needed to complete the report which resulted in receiving this respected award.



Left to right: Derek O. Smith, Larry Hess, Barb Rollin, Tim McNeil, Lisa Christensen)

Accreditation for parks, rec & seniors

By Derek O. Smith, CPRP **ITPRS Director**

October 4, 2016 marked a significant milestone for Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors (ITPRS) as they received CAPRA Accreditation at the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) Congress in St. Louis, Missouri.

The Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) was created to recognize park and recreation agencies for excellence in operation and service. CAPRA acts as an independent auditor tasked with assessing how well an agency documents, follows, and continually improves their processes and procedures, and in doing so, also provides assurance to the public that the agency meets national standards of best practice.

There are 12,000+ publicly funded parks and recreation agencies in the United States. As of the October 2016 NRPA Congress, ITPRS became one of four parks and recreation agencies in the State of Michigan, and one of 155 parks and recreation agencies in the United States to be accredited by CAPRA. CAPRA accreditation is the only national accreditation for parks and recreation agencies.

Working towards this accreditation was a multi-year effort for the ITPRS team, who began meeting to re-

view, document and improve their agency's practices in June 2013. The assessment documentation submitted to CAPRA had to provide details regarding how ITPRS meets certain quality standards and practices among ten major categories including Planning, Human Resources, Financial Management, Program and Services Management, Public Safety and Security, and Risk Management. And now that ITPRS has received the CAPRA accreditation, a renewal cycle has begun where reports must be submitted to CAPRA annually and an on-site visit conducted every five years.

The accreditation process requires much time and effort from the ITPRS Staff, but it really helps to demonstrate to both our Township Board and the community we serve that ITPRS is committed to being a responsible manager of public resources and funds. It also shows we work hard to provide programming that responds to the needs of the community, to maintain safe and clean facilities, and to employ competent, quali-

Agency Accreditation is our commitment to our citizens to strive for continuous improvement. The Agency Accreditation process and results will help to ensure a high level of accountability throughout the Department and facilitate efficient and effective delivery of parks and recreation services to our citizens.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors: What you need to know

By Fire Chief Mitch Petterson

Recently, a few residents contacted the fire department, regarding the difference between standard carbon monoxide (CO) detectors available at hardware and home improvement stores, and the low-level carbon monoxide detectors being sold by local heating and cooling contractors. The overall question being if one is better than the other. The better question to ask is whether or not one has a more appropriate application than the other.

First, let's define carbon monoxide, understand how it's produced, and how it affects the body.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, tasteless, odorless, gas that is a byproduct of incomplete combustion. Basically speaking, any appliance, (to include natural or gas fireplaces, barbecue grills, vehicle exhaust, etc&) that has a flame, produces CO in varying levels. In a high enough concentration, it can be poisonous. Some appliances produce a very low concentration of carbon monoxide (natural gas stoves) while others produce a much higher concentration (barbecue grills, wood burning stoves). This is why certain appliances are vented to the outside, such as a gas hot water heater or furnace. CO poisons the body by replacing oxygen molecules in the bloodstream with carbon monoxide molecules. A high enough concentration of CO causes a poisoning of the tissues which impairs or destroys the body s normal respiratory, cardiac, and neurological functions.

Even a candle produces carbon monoxide. But the concentration of CO is so miniscule, that it easily dissipates. from the home through the natural air flow.

Standard Carbon **Monoxide Detectors**

For healthy persons, the variety of level of 400 PPM. carbon monoxide detectors found at hardware and home improvement stores, meet the industry standard for alerting occu-

Recommendations from **Fire Safety Experts** Smoke/CO combo or one smoke & one CO alarm Carbon monoxide alarm Fire Extinguisher ionization smoke alarm Photoelectric smoke alarm

pants of the presence of concerning levels of carbon monoxide. Choosing a detector that has been certified by Underwriters Laboratory (UL), will assure that the detector meets, or exceeds, the industry standard. These detectors provide an audible alert prior to carbon monoxide levels reaching dangerous levels. These detectors have a tiered alarm activation dependent on the concentration level of CO over a period of time. As a rule, they are certified to activate within one to four hours of being exposed to a consistent level of 70 parts per million (PPM), activate in less than one hour of being exposed to a consistent level of 150 PPM, and activate in less than fifteen minutes of being exposed to a consistent

CO detectors with digital readouts will display a number when the CO level reaches 30 PPM or higher, but

the audible alarm will not activate until 70 PPM. The display provides early warning that something is wrong before the audible alarm ever activates.

Most healthy persons start to experience the initial symptoms of CO poisoning after one to two hours of consistent exposure to 200 PPM or more. The initial symptoms of CO poisoning are:

- Headache
- Nausea / Vomiting
- Fatigue

Symptoms of moderate to severe exposure to high concentrations of CO (400 PPM and higher, consistently over a one to two hour period) are:

- Severe Headache
- Drowsiness / Confusion
- Fast Heart Rate
- Coma, and eventually, Death

Low-Level Carbon

Monoxide Detectors

For persons suffering from chronic respiratory or cardiac diseases, such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, congestive heart failure, or coronary artery disease, low-level carbon monoxide detectors provide the benefit of early detection and alert. Persons with these diseases are more sensitive to the effects' of lower concentrations of CO than are healthy persons. These detectors constantly monitor the air, and also have a tiered alarm activation. As a rule, they are certified to activate after five minutes of being exposed to a consistent level of 15-35 parts per million (PPM), and activate after thirty seconds of being exposed to a consistent level of 70 PPM or greater.

These alarms are more expensive (two to three times the cost of standard CO detectors), and are sold and installed by professional heating and cooling contractors.

Which Alarm is Right for Me?

Unless you have one of the diseases listed above, or you have been told by a physician that you - or a person staying in your home - are susceptible to lower concentrations of carbon monoxide, a standard CO alarm is more than adequate.

If you have any questions regarding carbon monoxide or smoke detectors, or to schedule a courtesy fire safety inspection of your home, please contact Independence Township Fire Department at 248-625-1924.

Home fire safety tips can be found online by visiting www.indtwp.com, clicking on [DEPARTMENTS] [FIRE] [FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION] [FIRE SAFETY], and choosing one of the subjects of interest.

Hunting in the Township

By Pat Kittle, Supervisor

Looking for volunteers. The current hunting ordinances in the Township have not been updated since 1982 when there was a bunch more farmland and a whole lot fewer people. According to the ordinances

as they exist right now, it is OK to hunt in an area where a school filled with 1900 students sits, a site where several hundred mobile homes are placed and in a one square mile area where a golf course is located surrounded by 500 homes. I know ... it doesn't make sense to me either.

With this call to action, the Township is not trying to take anyone's Second Amendment rights away in any

way, shape or form. But we are interested in aligning permitted hunting areas with low population density, in the hope of avoiding a tragic accident. If you would like to volunteer maybe a half dozen Saturday mornings to try to get a handle on what is now permitted and come up with recommendations to take to the Township Board on what should be allowed, please contact Leanna Cole at 248-625-5111.

To stop or Not to stop?

By Deputy Sharon Beltz Oakland County Sheriff

I know this has happened to you. You're leaving the house to drive to work and you're 20 minutes late. Right ahead of you is a big Clarkston Community School bus with the yellow flashers beginning to light up.

You're thinking to yourself, do I speed up and try to get around the bus, so I'm not even later for work? Or do I slow down and prepare to stop because you know the red flashers and stop sign will be activated any second and kids will seemingly come out of no-where to catch their bus?

If you have any doubt as to whether you should pass or stop, hopefully this article will make your decision a little easier. Michigan State Law says all motorists must come to a complete stop for any school bus with red flashers on every Michigan roadway with only one exception, where a boulevard separates the bus from on-coming traffic. Even on six-lane Dixie Highway with a dedicated left turn lane, motorists in both directions must come to a complete stop for any school bus that has red flashers on.

And what's the fine you ask for non-compliance, a whopping \$255 ticket, plus three points on your driving record.

And from what we have seen, the local courts do not seem to have any stomach for negotiating this fine due to the seriousness of the consequences.

There was a gentleman who called the other day hopping mad over the \$255 ticket his daughter received for not stopping on Dixie Highway for a school bus. Thank goodness a little kid wasn't bolting across the street trying to get to his school bus when this young lady blew by in her car. I wonder what this same gentleman would have said to the parents of the child her daughter could have hit.

Kids around school busses are just too unpredictable. A simple rule of thumb when it comes to school bus safety. When in doubt ... STOP.

Attention Home Owner Associations

There are times when the Township is looking for input on a subject and/or the Sheriff or Fire Department needs to communicate important messages to large numbers of residents in a short period of time. For this reason, we are asking if a representative from your Home Owners Association would take a couple of minutes to provide the Township with the contact information for your HOA offic-Just visit the Township website at www.IndTwp.com, select the Department drop down, select Supervisor and then select the Homeowner Association Board of Directors Update Form. Complete the short on-line form, enter the security code as provided and hit SUBMIT at the bottom of the page. Your help in providing accurate contact information will be greatly appreciated.

A Time to Remember

By Kate Konczal, Building Department

It all started at a stop light.

Driving back to the office after lunch, I was exiting I-75 on to southbound Sashabaw when I saw it. Instantly, I was taken to a place that was humble. A place that made me remind myself of the bigger picture, of how small my every day "problems" were and a place that put my sometimes forgetful mind in check.

As I sat and admired the sight in front of me, I began to wonder "What are the stories behind those symbols of American pride?" Who is this man who served in World War II? Looks like he served in the Marine Corps, maybe in the Pacific, right? Does that mean he stomped the beaches of Guadalcanal? Was he there to witness atrocities of war in Saipan? Perhaps he actually witnessed raising the flag on Iwo Jima. I got goosebumps just thinking about it.

Then I realized maybe it wasn't him, maybe it was the elegant woman sitting next to his right. She could have been a battlefield nurse, working tirelessly to save the men coming off the front lines. Making sure the heroes who were not destined to see American soil again had one last soft smile, gentle caress on their cheek or kiss on the forehead. Now I am crying.

Before I knew it the light turned green and it was time for me to part ways with both my daydream and the vehicle in front of me, so I went back to work to continue my day.

In the days that followed, I found myself occasionally going back to that moment I became so caught up in. It was impossible for me to get it out of my mind and I wanted to understand why. When I worked the math, I remembered Pearl Harbor was attacked December 7, 1941 and V-J (Victory in Japan) Day was August 15, 1945 making the end of WWII 71 years ago. Considering the average age of a WWII Veteran at the time of the campaign was arguably "early 20's", that would make their birth year roughly 1921 which translates to 95 years old today.

According to the Department of Veteran's Affairs, as of early 2016, there are currently 697,806 surviving WWII Veterans living in the United States. It is those who fought for it.



estimated that by the year 2036, there will no longer be any WWII Veterans to share their personal accounts. Heartbreaking.

These people who have proudly served our country in not only WWII, but in Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, the War on Terror in Iraq and Afghanistan and all others, deserve our utmost respect.

I don't imagine these brave souls think twice about rising for our National Anthem or worry about "offending" a neighbor who finds symbols of National Pride distasteful.

Our Veterans deserve to witness continuous love of country, the country they proudly fought for whether they enlisted or were drafted. The country many of their family and friends died for. The sights they have seen and the experiences they have lived through allow all of us the freedoms we take for granted every day.

Veteran's Day is Friday, November 11. If you know a Veteran, or someone who is currently serving in the Armed Forces, please remember it is not just today that we need to thank them for their service and sacrifice, it is every day. If you see a stranger on the street wearing a hat or shirt, a car driving down the road with a sticker on the bumper, if you see anything that indicates a person may be affiliated with the military, thank them. Their work is not glamorous, its downnight terrifying at times, but please make sure you thank them. They're doing this job for YOU.

America is a great country, always be sure to thank those who fought for it.

On solid financial ground, continued

and forecast expenses of \$3,230,640 leaves an operating surplus of \$730,138. The Township is trying to increase cash reserves from the current unrestricted fund balance of \$4,300,899 to an amount which will be necessary to fund future water improvements, including bringing the Pine Knob wellhead back into service (estimated at \$2.2 M), looped connection to neighborhoods just north of I-75 at M-15 to meet MDEQ water service require-

ments (estimated at \$.5M), and a more aggressive preventative maintenance program for community well pumps and filtration systems.

In closing, sorry about the length of this article. But like you, this office takes managing your money seriously and we want to ensure we spend it prudently to get the best service for the least cost. The Township sets budgets not just for the current year, but for three years out. In this instance, 2017, 2018 and 2019 were budgeted. The good news is we are looking very solid for the next three years running. Will keep you posted with updates if anything changes dramatically.

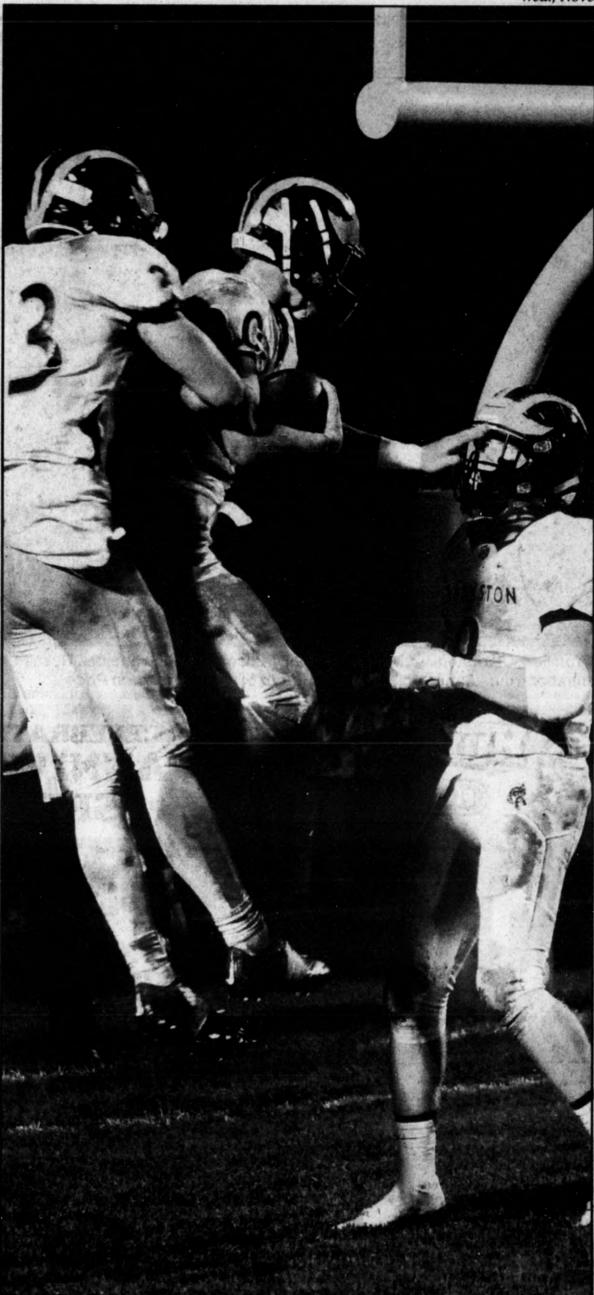
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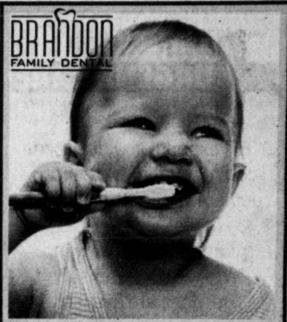
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JUMP FOR JOY: From left, senior Ryan Prisby, junior Michael Fluegel and junior Cody Spears jump in excitement in the endzone after Fluegel finishes his 21-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, putting the score against Davison 16-7. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



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From left, Clarkston Junior High School students Paige Schneider, Ryan Putnam and Tiara Kemp rehearse a musical number from "Annie, Jr." on Nov. 3. *Photo by Wendi Reardon Price*

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Tatiana Rodriguez sings.



Brady Stewart, Chloe Chiappelli and Brooke Larkin perform "N.Y.C." Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

Junior high actors hit the stage in tale of rags-to-riches

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The sun will come out next week on the Clarkston Junior High School Performing Arts Center stage as the drama club presents the musical "Annie, Jr."

The story centers around Annie, played by Brooke Larkin, who is an 11-year-old at the Municipal Girls Orphanage who has one mission.

"She really just wants to find her parents," said Larkin. "She believes they are still out there. It is her one desire to have parents and be like a normal kid."

"She has this hope her parents will come back for here and all the orphans are jealous," said Julia Ruggirello, who plays Miss Hannigan, head of the orphanage and doesn't want Annie to find a home.

"I am really rude to them and make them do all this really hard work," Ruggirello said about her character. "They have really rough lives and not a lot of hope."

Then, Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks, a wealthy business man, played by Brady Stewart, enters the picture looking for an orphan to stay with him during the holidays. His assistant Grace, played by Chloe Chiappelli, picks out Annie.

"I don't want it to be Annie because obviously I am jealous she gets to live with a millionaire," said Ruggirello. "But she does get picked and Mr. Warbucks ends up wanting to adopt her. My accomplice Rooster and Lily (played by Jacob Szettella and Samantha Stanek) try to help stop the adoption by pretending to be her real parents."

When Larkin was cast as Annie it was a shock and at first she didn't believe it.

"I don't have classical training for singing," she said. "I am not in choir. I am in an acting class in school and my teacher said 'why don't you go ahead and try out for fun."

She did and when she walked out her friend said "Brooke, you're Annie."

"It's exciting," she smiled. "It's my first ever musical or major experience. It's a great experience."

It was the first time for Ruggirello playing a villain.

"I usually play good guys," she said. "I was really excited when I was cast Miss Hannigan. A lot of the orphans are my friends so I have a good time being mean to them. It's really nice to try something new. I like being a villain. It's pretty cool."

Ruggirello added at first it was hard to get into the role, but it became easier once she saw her costume and received her whistle.

"I got really excited," she smiled, holding up her whistle. "It's going to be fun."

Stewart is used to playing comedic characters.

"I really had to take on this new serious persona," he said about Warbucks. "He's rich and at first he is kind of stale and doesn't care about anybody but himself. Strict, bossy and serious. It was cool to take on a new character I haven't done before."

Olivia Torres, part of the backstage crew, added the sets are amazing as well including the orphanage which was her favorite. Plus, she said the beds were fun to paint.

"There are some interesting props," she said. "I like all the surprises we have."

The cast invites the community to come out and see the between Oliver Warbucks and Annie.

"It's a show everybody can enjoy," Ruggirello said. "Kids will like it, adults will like it since they grew up with it. It's really fun. It will give everyone a laugh at times. The music is cool."

'We have been working very hard," Larkin added. "The cast is great and great people. I think the community would like to come to have a laugh. There's a little bit of everything singing, acting, dancing."

Annie, Jr. is at CJH Performing Arts Center, Friday, Nov. 18, and Saturday, Nov. 19, at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$8 each.



Brady Stewart and Brooke Larkin finish a scene

Events

Farragut North, Clarkston Village Players, Nov. 11-13, 17-19, Depot Theater, 4861 White Road. Political drama, www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

Senior Advisory Committee, 9 a.m., Nov. 9, **Independence Township Senior Community** Center, 6000 Clarkston Road.

Veterans Day Dinner, 6 p.m., Nov. 11, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road. Free for veterans. \$7 for non-vets, \$3 for children under 12; free for those under 5. 248-625-9912.

Craft show, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 12, Springfield Christian Academy, 8585 Dixie Highway. 248-625-9760.

Holiday Open House, 5-8:30 p.m., Nov. 17, Nuview Nutrition, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Collecting for Toys for Tots, refreshments, giveaways, raffles. Free. 248-625-5143.

Greens Market, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Wreaths, roping, fresh holiday arrangements, sold Nov. 9-30, clarkstongardenclub.org.

Alternative Christmas Gift Fair, Dec. 3, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Walden Road. Worldwide artisan gifts, donate to humanitarian agency in loved one's name, Christmas cookies by the pound, café.

Wint's Holiday Program Candle Lighting Service, 7 p.m., Dec. 13, Clarkston Community Church. 248-625-5231.

Sunday

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway behind Pete's Coney. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

Monday

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

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

Grief Support Group, Coats Funeral Home,

Around Jown

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



'Anything Goes' musical at Notre Dame Prep

Notre Dame Prep presents the musical "Anything Goes," Nov. 17-20.

Clarkston resident students in cast, crew or pit orchestra include Lizzie Brouns, Alex Cousins, Clare Hampel, Jessica Holly, Brendan Kelly, Brooke Kelly, Brooke Bandy, Ethan Lazarra, Grace Mersino, Dana Pangori, Mary Riss, Rebecca Smith, and Brendan Weaver.

Based on a book by Guy Bolton and P.G. Wodehouse, this show is an amusing

6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays, Commu-

Bingo games, Community Singles, Mondays,

5:30-6:30 p.m., Big Boy, 6440 Dixie Highway.

FOP Post 132, third Monday, 7 p.m., Ameri-

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Saturday, 9-11 a.m., Clintonwood Park outdoor courts, 6000 Clarkston Road. 10 punch

card, \$18; 20 punch card, \$34. 248-625-8231.

Dinner, dessert prizes. 248-812-0604.

can Legion Post 63, Ortonville Road.

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story wrapped around one of Cole Porter's magical scores. Songs include "It's De-Lovely," "Friendship," "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "Anything Goes," "You're The Top" and "Blow, Gabriel, Blow."

Showtimes are Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 17-19, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 20, at 4 p.m. at the Avondale High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Waukegan Street, Auburn Hills.

Check showtix4u.com tfor tickets.

nity Presbyterian Church, 4301 Monroe Street Grocery Store Class, Mondays, 6-7 p.m., smart shopping for wallet and diet, at Kroger store, Dixie Highway and Maybee Road. Group tours, \$20. Private classes by appoint-

ment, \$80/person. 248-625-5143. Tuesday

Caregiver Support Group, Tuesdays, Nov. 1 and Dec: 13, 2 p.m. at the Carriage House in Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road; Nov. 22 and Dec. 20, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center in the park. Vent, share ideas, converse, guided by Dr. Thomas K. Stone, a retired professor and former licensed counselor. Call the senior center, 248-625-8231.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248909-3920.

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

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

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

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

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

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road. Call Walt, 248-922-9090.

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., first Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register, 248-625-5143.

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.

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

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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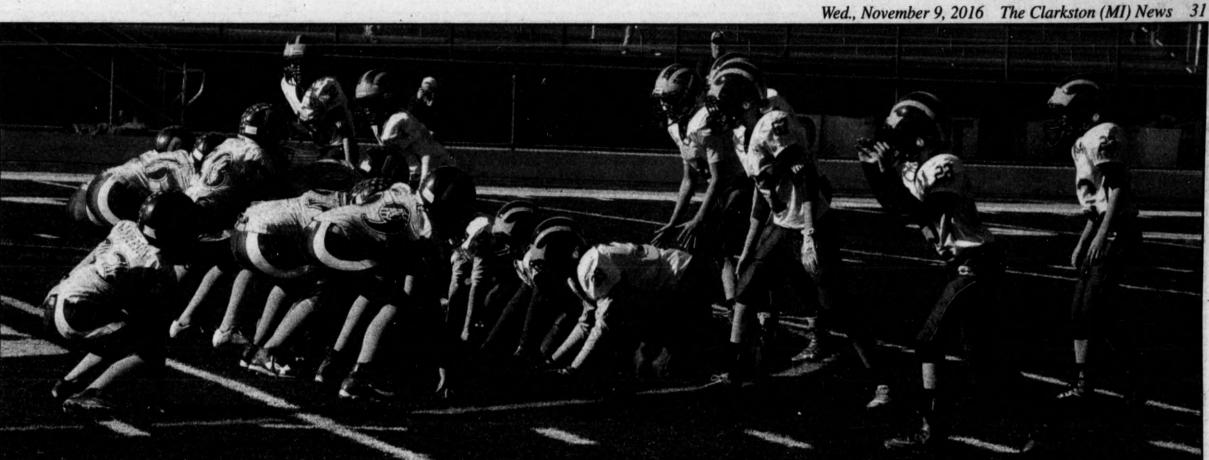
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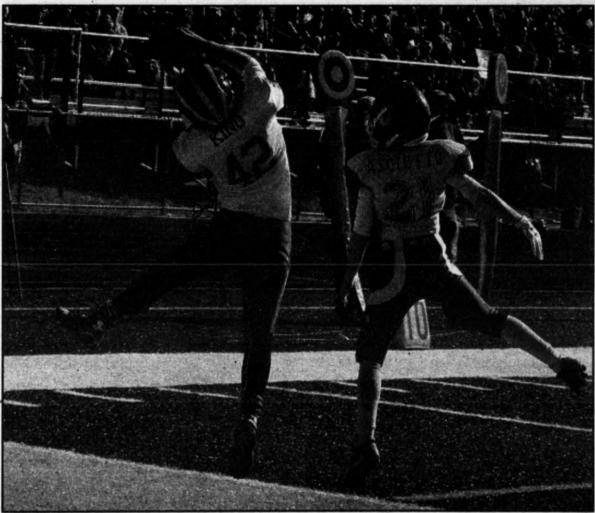


Music & Movement Friday, Nov. 18 10:30-11 am

Bring your toddler and preschool aged children for a fun 30 minutes jam packed with tons of music and movement activities!



Clarkston Chiefs JV White defense gets ready for Oxford to begin their play. Photo by Katherine Shrout



Mason King makes a catch for Chiefs JV White. Photo by Katherine Shrout

Superbowl champions

The sun shined on the Clarkston Chiefs as they completed their seasons keeping their undefeated streak going at Oxford High School on Saturday.

Both the Chiefs Freshman White and JV White teams took to the field for the last time in the Northern Youth Football League Superbowl.

The Chiefs Freshman White team was first up with their game against Lake Orion White, which they won 13-6.

Next was JV White which defeated Oxford Gold, 16-12.

Congratulations Clarkston Chiefs on your amazing season!



John Kaul runs out of reach of Lake Orion's defense in his run for Clarkston Chiefs Freshman White. Photo by Danielle Webb





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Jack Bailey and Tom Stone check out information on the Bailey family extending back to the early 1800s. Photo by Phil Custodio

Bailey legacy continues

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Knob and Whipple Lake roads for a farm, in 1833. They were among the first families moving in from the east to establish homesteads in the township, along with the Holcombs, Beardslees, Clarks, and others.

"Property was becoming scarce, and he was afraid his sons would have trouble finding land of their own," Jack said. "It would take a couple days to get from Pine Knob Road to Pontiac. Their first winter, they killed 22 wolves. When you think of the Clarkston 'Wolves,' you don't think of real wolves. These stories intrigued me as a child."

Nine generations of Baileys have or are living in Independence Township, also including Jack and Doreen's cousins Alaina Bailey Hawley and her brother Keith Bailey. They also have a sister, Aleta Bailey, who lives in Groveland Township.

Jack lived on Pine Knob Road most of his life. He moved into his grandparents' home about 20 years ago, then built a new house.

"I like to live here and work where I live," he said. "It used to be a quiet town. It's changed tremendously."

His grandfather, Leslie Bailey, was born in 1906 and was a farmer.

"I lived right next to him my whole life. I saw him every day, my grandpa and grandma," Jack said. "They always grew potatos. The area was big in potato farms. We would dig potatoes and dig potatoes and dig potatoes, and put them in the basement. Neighbors would stop by and we would sell them."

When they were young, they would also visit aunts and uncles, great aunts and

uncles, all just around the corner, said

she said. "We used to have picnics. Where the house sits now, that was our picnic spot."

"There were a lot of us here, as children,"

"We all felt connected," Jack said.



Doreen Bailey

It's important to document their family history for the next generation, added Doreen, who did some genealogy research 6-7 years ago.

"There are still grandchildren attending Clarkston schools," said Doreen, who owns a dental lab with her husband. "If you

don't pass it down, it will be lost."

Jack and Doreen's father Dale Bailey, grandfather Leslie Bailey, great grandfather Alfred Bailey, great-great grandfather Frank Bailey, and great-great-great grandfather William Bailey were all farmers.

More recent generations have also gotten into firefighting.

"My great uncle, dad, myself, uncle, and cousin were all firefighters," Jack said. "My dad was fire chief for a couple years."

Jack has served 34 years as a fire fighter with the Independence Township Fire Department, and Keith is retired from ITFD.

Alaina, who lives on Pine Knob Road and has worked for Clarkston schools as a special needs bus driver for almost 30 years, was born and raised in Clarkston, went to

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Clarkston's home to Bailey family

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Clarkston schools, worked part time during the summer for Independence Township, and coached girls softball for parks and rec. as well as the Chiefs.

"We have three daughters that were also born and raised in Clarkston and also attended Clarkston schools," said Alaina.

Two daughters, Latisha Preston and Lindsey Snyder, work for Clarkston schools in the special needs programs, and two grand children, Gabrielle and Gage Preston, attend Clarkston schools.

Families with deep roots reflect well on Clarkston, said Tom Stone, longtime resident and genealogist.

"Generation after generation stayed in the township. There are kids in school today in this township who now represent the legacy of the original Robert Bailey. That says something about heritage and character of the community," Stone said. "In many ways, it's not typical. You don't find that kind of legacy everywhere," Stone said. "It speaks to why this community is popular and attracts people. It's evidence of its character. There's something durable in family connections to this.

"It's pretty interesting," Doreen said. "Clarkston is a nice community where people like to stay. I moved to Lake Orion for awhile but moved back. Clarkston is home."

Bailey family in the news

As a founding family in Clarkston and Independence Township, the Baileys were active in their community, as reflected in the local Oakland County Pioneer.

1874-01-21, The citizens of North Independence have lately organized a debating club to meet once a week at the Bailey School House. On motion John O. Houser was elected President and Wilson Bailey and David J. Owen chosen judges. The question argued, or debated upon, was "Resolved, That intoxicating drink causes more misery to the human race than war." There being 12 on a side a lively debate commenced. Mr. Winfield Bailey, on the affirmative, opened the argument very appropriately.

1874-01-28, Mr. E. J. Bailey, our school director [Independence] announced to the public that Mr. Graham and others would deliver temperance lectures on Friday evening, Feb. 6th.

1874-01-28, On Saturday evening last our debating club met red hot at the regular hour appointed and fears were entertained that the whole meeting would burst into a political fight. Uncle Bill Bailey gave the Lincoln mana broadside which made the wool fly.

1875-03-24, Elmore Bailey, son of Wm. Bailey, has had a severe time of inflammation and congestion of the lungs. But by good care and skillful treatment of Doctor Goodenough, of Clarkston, is improving

finely. This is a second narrow escape, if such it may be termed, that Elmore has had.

1875-03-24, Winfield Bailey suffers the loss of a valuable horse, that recently was kicked by another horse while standing in the stable together.

1875-11-24, Elmore Bailey was kicked by

a horse the other day in the side laming him somewhat.

1876-02-16, Wm. Bailey has had a valuable horse so badly kicked by another, as to ruin it.

1878-03-27, On Wednesday morning a house belonging to E. J. Bailey was discovered to be on fire. Investigation

showed that a considerable amount of floor and partition had been burned, and the fire was working its way in places but was soon extinguished. Tramps are talked of. Just a week later fire was discovered in the kitchen and wood shed of the house owned by Wm. Bailey. The fire had gained considerable headway, and the house was soon consumed. The furniture on the first floor only was saved. The property was insured for the amount of \$1500. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as the family has always been very careful.

Robert Bailey

Memories of Bailey matriarch

Malinda Bailey, wife of Robert Bailey and Jack and Doreen Bailey's great-great-great-great grandmother, wrote to the Oakland County Pioneer in 1875, on her 75th birthday, shortly before she passed away in 1876, about her family's arrival in Independence Township.

"We turned to the right and came up by Silver Lake north of Sashabaw Plains where three or four families were living. Then we came on north in the neighborhood that I now live and stopped and stayed at John Daines overnight and not wishing to be any trouble to others, my husband

> thought that he would look around and find some temporary home until he could erect one upon our own land.

"The winter of 1875 has been the coldest I ever experienced, provisions at that time (1835-1836) were very scarce as hardly enough had been raised to supply the settlers. Flour was \$12 a barrel



Malinda Bailey

and other thing equally as high, although we never suffered any to speak of for the want of necessaries of life. There was game of almost every description that ever roamed the Michigan wild woods. There was also plenty of fish in the creeks and lakes for which this part of the county is quite famous and which was a great help to the settlers. My husband, being quite a hand to hunting, he could kill a deer at almost any time that he wished. At that time one could frequently see from 15 to 20 in droves. They were in good order and so they supplied us with tallow as well as meat. One could go out after dark and hear the howling of the wolves in almost every direction. Their howls made it very hideous. The first winter that we lived in our place, my husband caught 17 for which he received \$12 per head bounty money. Our nearest neighbor north of us was Jacob VanWagoner, who lived eight miles distant.

"Our family consists of five sons and two daughters, all settled within the boundary of four miles with the exception of one, who took a notion to travel and see more of the world before he settled down. He went to California 14 years since where he made a fortune of about \$30,000, but now resides in Pennsylvania.

"Our two eldest sons, William and Wilson, settled on each side of us, but we have not escaped affliction and have been called upon to mourn the loss of our two oldest children. Wilson died in 1862, aged 46 years; Mrs. Tubbs died in 1865, aged 51 years. My husband died in 1868, aged 71 years. I still live on the old homestead and am blessed with many comforts of life that many are deprived of with a measure of heath and strength for one of my age. I have 34 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren; but I feel as though I am living on borrowed time. How much longer?"

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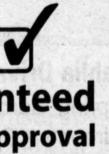
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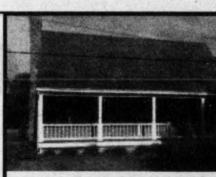
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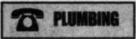
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SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:05 PM at Independence Township Hall

The Pledge of Allegiance was given; led by Max Wycoff, Boy Scout Troop #189.
ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Lohmeier, Ritchie, Schroeder

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Super visor; Rick Yaeger, Budget Analyst

 D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by relocating agenda Item I-01 Presentation: Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) - Baldwin Road Widening Project before H. Public Hearing. **CLOSED SESSION: None**

BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta, Supervisor Kittle, Jim Tedder, State Representative

PUBLIC COMMENT: None PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:

> Presentation: Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) - Baldwin Road Widening Project (Eric Wilson, Vice Chairman, Tom Blust, Director of Engineering, Cindy Dingell, Communications

H. PUBLIC HEARING:

Reprogramming of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds (Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Supervisor)

The Public Hearing opened at 7:35 p.m. There was no comment received from the public. The Public Hearing closed at 7:35 p.m.

2. 2017 Annual Budget (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervi-

sor; Rick Yeager, Budget Analyst) The Public Hearing opened at 8:40 p.m.

There was no comment received from the public. The Public Hearing closed at 8:40 p.m. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS:

Approval of the Board of Trustees Special Meetng Minutes of October 11, 2016 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016.

Approval of Payroll of October 21, 2016 and the Check Run of October 25, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$1,274,563.65.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Adoption of Resolution - Reprogram 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

Reappointment of Board & Committee Members Clarkston Independence District Library Board

Appointment of Board & Committee Member -Safety Path Advisory Committee & Zoning Board

COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /

Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Committee (ITOC) - Final - September 13, 2016

Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Office Monthly Report - September 2016

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Clerk Pallotta ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Meeting adjourned at

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, November 9, 2016

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

FILE NO: 2016-373, 238-DE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate Estate of SIDONIE STEPHENSON, Date of birth: 9/01/1949

TO ALL CREDITORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Sidonie Stephenson, died 10/09/2016

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jackie Sinacola, personal representative or to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Kathryn M. Caruso (P44723) 6480 Citation Drive Clarkston, MI 48346 248/625-0600

JACKIE SINACOLA 15645 Hubbard Livonia, MI 48154

Michael G. Elliott, 57

Michael G. Elliott of Clarkston unexpectedly passed away Nov. 2, 2016, at age 57.

He was the loving husband of Sherry; beloved father of Corei (Daniel) Snyder and Sydney (Ryan) Garris; brother of Bill (Sue) Elliott; son in law of Jackie and Stan Pifer: brother in law of Brent (Holly) Pifer and Stephanie (Paul)



Melcher; proud uncle of Bill (Andrea), Paul, Owen, Madison and Ryann; preceded in death by his parents Charles and Virginia Elliott.

Mike will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

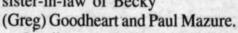
Funeral Service was Nov. 7 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Hydrocephalus Association. Online guestbookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

Janelle Mazure, 44

Janelle Katherine Mazure of Clarkston passed away Nov. 1, 2016, at age 44.

She was the beloved wife of Kevin; loving mother of Colby, Carter

and Claire; daughter of Linda (Barry) Ziehm and the late Duane Colby; daughter-in-law of Richard and Alicia Mazure; sister of Dan Colby, Mark (Victoria) Colby, Kirk (Amanda) Ziehm and Shelly (Mike) Chamberlin; sister-in-law of Becky



Janelle was a dedicated wife, mother and friend. She was an Occupational Therapist, Lions fan and sports enthusiast.

Janelle was an inspiration to us all as she battled brain cancer.

Visitation was Nov. 4 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Nov. 5 at Church of the Holy Family, Grand Blanc. Memorials may be made to Brain Tumor Network. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

2016-373, 237-DE **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

FILE NO:

Decedent's Estate Estate of DWAYNE BUTLER. Date of birth: 8/20/1937

TO ALL CREDITORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Dwayne Butler died 10/23

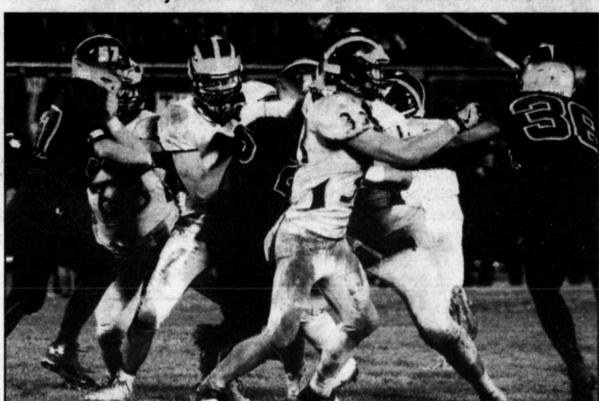
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The Clarkston Varsity Football team runs onto Davison's field before the district game last Friday. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price



The offensive lineman keep Davison from stopping the play.

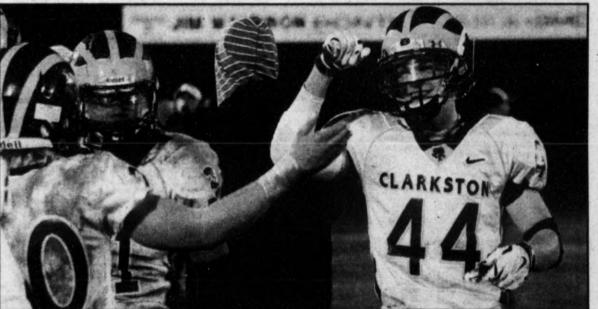


Senior JT King and junior Michael Fluegel congratulate Davison on a great game and a great season.

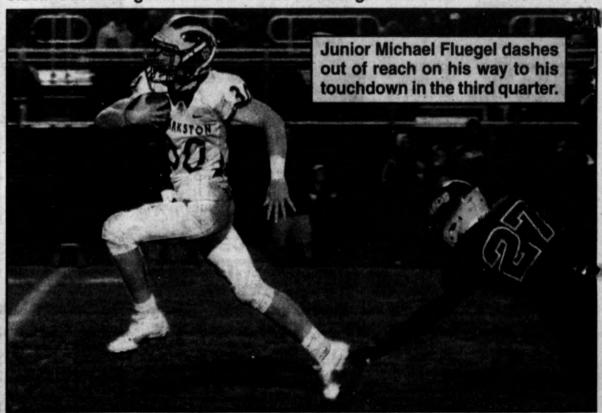
Cardinals down in district showdown

The Clarkston Varsity Football team broke ball District final. Davison's undefeated winning streak when they posted a 31-14 win over the Cardinals last Friday night during the MHSAA Foot-

The Wolves move on to regionals this Friday and host Romeo. Kick off is at 7 p.m. and the gates open at 5:30 p.m.



Junior Zach Scott and sophomore Brendan Barker high five each other on the sidelines as the game nears the close of the game. .



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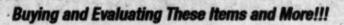












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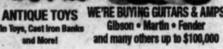
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Clarkston JV defense takes down Oxford Gold's ball carrier during Saturday Superbowl game. Photo by Katherine Shrout

Around Town

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

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

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

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cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 B Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-92 6610.

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thu days, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Me odist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 12 248-625-1611.

TOPS 1093 Clarkston, Take Off Pour Sensibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. Fi Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Ro 248-673-5540.

Friday

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Nine Oakland University students and five honorary members were inducted into Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, which recently established a new chapter on the university's Rochester campus.

Students achieve success

Amber Bush of Clarkston was recently named secretary of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society at Oakland University.

Nine Oakland University students were inducted, Oct. 18, into the honor society, which recently established a new chapter on the university's Rochester campus.

In order to qualify for membership, students must have completed at least three years, or the equivalent, of college Spanish, including at least four semester hours of a third-year course in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture or civilization.

"The purpose of having a chapter of Sigma Delta Pi on our campus is to encourage students to remain in the department, take advanced courses in Spanish, and maintain a high GPA," said Dr. Cecilia Saenz-Roby, associate professor of Spanish with the university's Department of Modern Languages and Literatures.

Business achievements

Malia Maxwell is the newest addition to the Petrillo McMurray Allstate Insurance Agency staff.

Maxwell takes over the duties as sales

associate overseeing new business and concentrating supplement benefits including critical illness, supplemental health, and disability.

She joins the agency, in the Ritters Country Square on Dixie Highway, with 10 years' Malia Maxwell experience in sales,

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