

Tie-breaker in city vote

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Sharron Catallo and Michael Sabol drew lots to determine who would continue to serve on Clarkston City Council.

Catallo let Sabol go first.

"He pulled the wrong one out," she said at Monday's city council meeting, recounting the drawing from earlier in the day.

Catallo pulled the "elected" ticket and won the seat.

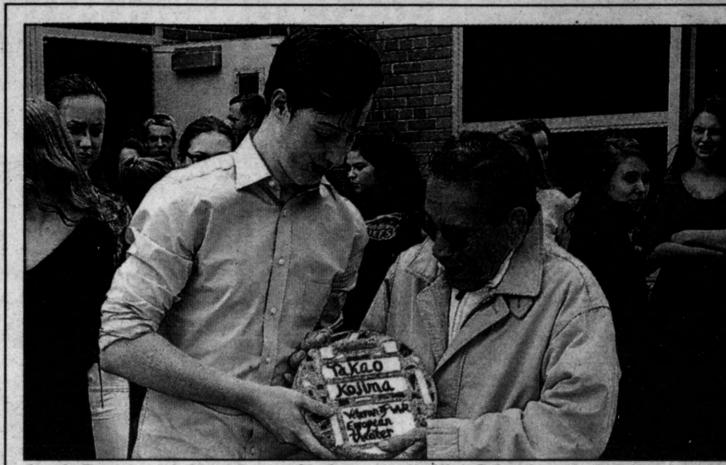
"It was a strange one – really interesting to see," Sabol said. "When you learn something new in a day, it's a great day."

The two incumbents tied in last week's vote, each receiving 259 votes, 21.66 percent of the total. Challengers Rick Detkowski, Jr., received 344 votes, 28.76 precent of the total, and Sue Wylie received 329 votes, 27.51 percent.

Steve Percival ran unopposed for mayor and was elected with 319 votes, 94.38 percent of the total.

"I am very happy to be elected to the Clarkston City Council," Wylie said. "I think Clarkston residents are excited about, and voted with, the 'Have a Nice City' campaign that Rick Detkowski, Jr. and I conducted."

"I think this vote shows that people are paying attention to the issues and want to see things move in a new, healthy direction," Detkowski said. "It's great that so many voters turned out and *Please see Two on page 4*



Austin Burrum and classmates at Clarkston Junior High School present a veterans stone to World War II veteran Takao Kojima during their Veterans Day recognition ceremony, Nov. 11. Please see page 17 for more pictures. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

Truck blaze on Dixie Highway

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BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor Quick thinking kept a truck fire from becoming much worse, said

from becoming much worse, said Don Herbert, staff lieutenant with Independence Fire Department's Technical Services Unit.

"The big danger was the location of the truck fire near the fuel pumps, and the unknown contents of the garbage truck," Herbert said about the incident at the Citgo gas station in the 6500

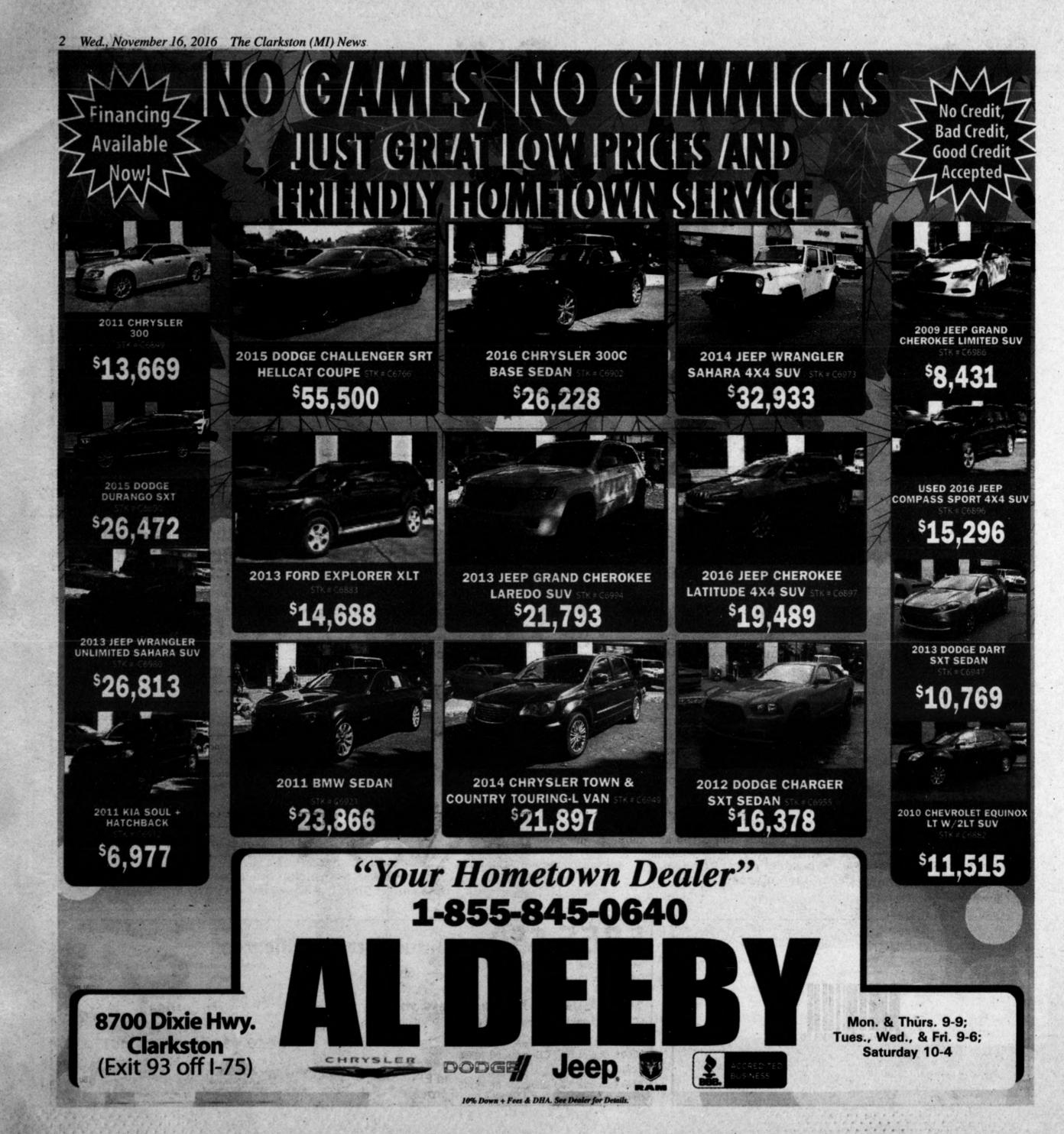




Newly elected Mayor Steve Percival, at right, receives the gavel from outgoing Mayor Joe Luginski. Photo by Phil Custodio block of Dixie Highway, Nov. 10. The driver, a 50-year-old Please see Truck on page 10

Independence Township fire fighters oversee clean up after the fire at Citgo last Thursday. Photo by Phil Custodio





Kids put on uniforms to help, like their parents do

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BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Seven-year-old Guillianna and 5-year-old Elijah Nelson of Independence Township understand the sacrifices our troops make when serving their country – their parents Mackenzie and Tucker Nelson are both staff sergeants in the U.S. Army stationed in Korea.

"My husband (Rob) and I try hard to help them understand why mom and dad are not here," said Lisa Cornfield, their caregiver during the deployment. "They're learning to help people, like mom and dad help people."

Both were previously deployed in Iraq twice and Tucker also served a tour in Afghanistan.

For Halloween, the children passed out candy at the Children's Leukemia Foundation Trunk or Treat, Oct. 25, dressed in army camouflage like their parents.

"It was a nice beautiful day, so much fun," Lisa said. "Mom and dad put on the uniform to help people too. This was a tangible way for them to help people of their own accord. They want to help. When they got home from Trunk or Treat, they understood the feeling of helping others. It feels good."

Lisa Cornfield adopted Mackenzie and her four sisters from Romania when Mackenzie was 10. The Cornfield youth have sold lemonade to benefit the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan for many years. This year, the kids raised \$200 and recently donated it to help CLF patients face their journey with cancer.

Lisa and Rob have been active with the foundation for almost 30 years. Rob's parents were also active in the organization, which helped Lisa when her son, Nicholas, needed testing for a possible problem with his blood count.

"My son was fine, but it was tough to see all those kids," she said.

The children and other volunteers passed out candy to about 100 kids attending the Oct. 25 event at Plymouth Orchard and Cider Mill, who otherwise would not be able to trick or treat. Guillianna and Elijah Nelson, with grandparents Lisa and Rob Cornfield,

make their overseas soldier parents proud with service here at home. Photo

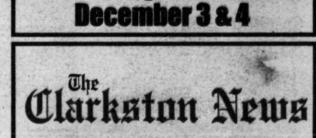
Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan is a statewide non-profit organization that provides disease and treatment education, social work based emotional support and financial assistance to adults and children affected by leukemia, lymphoma and other related blood disorders.

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"Everybody I know who are using services are so grateful. They come through on their promises," Lisa said. "They have so much compassion and outreach, and it's



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"With compromised immune systems from treatment, children with leukemia are often unable to trick or treat in their neighborhoods," said Heidi Grix, Children's Leukemia Foundation president. "Trunk or Treat is just one way Children's Leukemia Foundation provides compassionate, personalized support to adults and children affected by leukemia and other related blood disorders in Michigan."

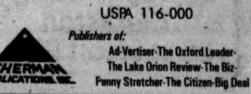
Volunteers like the Cornfield family are important in making connections with the community, said Maria Perwerton, development coordinator for the foundation. "It's excellent, what they are doing," Perwerton said. "The connections keep the organization alive." stayed true to the foundation's roots."

The foundation provides educational resources, financial assistance, and emotional support to approximately 4,200 families across the state of Michigan, almost 1,800 of which live in Wayne, Oakland or Macomb County.

"Everything donated goes directly to CLF families. They help so many families. It's such a great cause," Lisa said. "If you feel sad about your circumstances or that life is not fair, it's a good idea to realize how lucky we are compared to others and do something nice for someone else to take the focus off yourself. That's how we get through." For more information, call 248-530-3000 or visit www.leukemiamichigan.org. So and a second se

Guillianna and Elijah, at the Trunk or Treat. Photo provided

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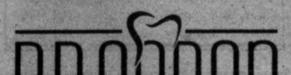
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Two challengers elected to city council

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so many voters turned out and seemed to already have their minds made up. To me, this means our message was well-received and aligns with how most residents are feeling."

Wylie said she will honor the city's heritage and historic charm.

"As I talked to people in their homes, they expressed a desire for a positive culture in the city, they wanted parking issues addressed, plus clear and open communications between the city and residents," she said. "To all the voters, thank you for the opportunity to be of service to our beautiful city. I will continue to listen to everyone, because I think it is important to hear all sides of a situation and to discuss different aspects before making a final decision."

Other residents are encouraged to get involved by serving on a committee, board, or commission, or by attending and commenting at city council meetings, she said.

"A lot of experience and knowledge exists within our city that can help us be an even more beautiful and nicer city," Wylie said.

Detkowski said it's humbling to have people tell you how much they appreciate the candidates' efforts and positivity.

"To those who voted for us, thank you very much for the support and encourage-



Wylie Catallo

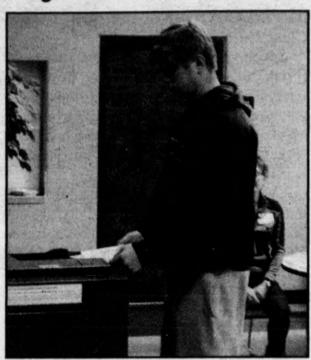
ment along the way," he said. "Now the hard work begins with delivering on our message and getting things done. As for those who didn't vote for us, I hope they'll eventually see we're trying our very best to serve the community. I would encourage them, and anyone else, to get involved in committees and projects so we can hear their ideas and solutions. Hopefully the few voices that seem to feed the polarity issue didn't sway their opinions."

State law regulates what happens in a tie vote, said outgoing Mayor Joe Luginski at Monday's meeting.

"There was a recount – the process is a recount," Luginski said.

The recount at the county clerk's office verified the tie, which was broken with the drawing, he said.

"Two pieces of paper in a box," Luginski



Ryan Kotich, 19, casts his vote in Precinct 5 in Independence Township. Photo by Jessica Steeley

said.

Sabol said he will remain involved. "I'm not going to disappear," he said. "I

want to thank everybody for your support through the years."

Voter turn-out in the City of the Village of Clarkston was 70.31 percent for the 2016 election, 599 out of 852 registered voters, including 172 absentee voters. In 2012, 600 out of 861 voted, 69.69 percent.



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Bond positions schools for future, officials say

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

School Board President Steve Hyer, who has served on the board since 2001, said the biggest accomplishment the board has had this year is the passage of the bond issue in August.

The bond extends the school millage tax rate over more years. The board is limited to spending this money on capital improvement projects, which in the past have included building the new high school and renovating the junior high.

Leading up to the bond passing, Hyer said the board talked to the community, staff, students and parents to get input about what the school district needs.

"We've got a huge list of needs and then it's our job collectively to prioritize that," Hyer said. "We packaged it together in a way we could do the most critical needs without raising the tax rate, which was a key component of what we wanted to accomplish."

Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said they're working with schools throughout the district to start implementing the bond, including replacing the high school roof, safety and security measures to school entrances, replacing parking lots and equipment, and adding technology to schools.

The district is trying to coordinate these products so they don't disrupt school, Rock said.

They're also focusing on student achievement, Hyer said.

"Technology needs, safety and security needs, that's pretty much covered here for the next five to 10 years," he said. "So, now we have the opportunity to look at what can we do that can help student growth and achievement, what resources can we provide

as a board that can help our kids."

Components he admires in the education program include the trade and career technical education, International Baccalaureate and international studies program, partnership with Stars & Stripes Kids Activity Center and dual-enrollment at University of Michigan— Flint.

Rock said there's a career technical education task force working to expand opportunities for kids and enhance the way they experience school.

Hyer said challenges for the school district include

recovery from the economic recession started in 2008. The budget was cut significantly for a few years and some cut positions are now being brought back, such as social workers.

"I think allowing us to have those resources really allows us to look forward and continue to be innovative with our kids," Hyer said. "We want to look at a kid from the whole-child

perspective."

Rock describes this perspective as focusing on kids' social, physical and emotional well-being.

"The research says that if you're happy then you have better achievement and you're healthier, you have better relationships," Rock said. "We're undertaking a campaign with the community, with our parents, with our students and with our staff around those ideas, so I'm excited about that."

Hyer said Clarkston has been fortunate because it hasn't had to cut the budget the last several years due to the way the board positioned themselves with additional revenues. Clarkston has a shared services program which allows teachers to teach noncore classes around southern Michigan and that helps Clarkston get state aid. According to Hyer, that revenue has helped the district avoid cuts.

Incumbents Cheryl McGinnis and Greg Need were re-elected to Clarkston Board of Education in the Nov. 8 vote. McGinnis received 12,655 votes, and Need received 10,075.

Challenger Andrea Catalina defeated Larry Osentoski for a partial term on the school board, ending Dec. 31, 2018. Incumbent Craig Hamilton did not run for re-election.

Catalina received 7,495 votes, 50.45 percent of the 14,855 votes total. Osentoski received 7,276 votes, 48.98 percent. There were 84 writein votes.

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Township Board picks in Independence

Supervisor Pat Kittle, Clerk Barbara Pallotta, Treasurer Paul Brown, and trustees Jose Aliaga, Rachel Loughrin, Ron Ritchie and Andrea Schroeder were elected to the Independence Township Board in last week's vote.

All ran unopposed, having earned their Republican nominations in August. No Democrats ran in the race.

Kittle received 14,730 votes; Pallotta, 14,347; Brown, 14,240; and for trustee, Aliaga received 12,726; Schroeder, 12,471; Loughrin, 12,151; and Ritchie, 12,120.

Turnout in the township was 74.78 percent, 20,707 voting out of 27,692. Turnout was 73.49 percent in the 2012 election.

Springfield vote

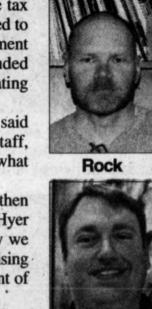
In Springfield Township, all candidates also ran unopposed as Republicans.

Collin Walls was reelected supervisor with 6,053 votes; Laura Moreau, clerk, with 6,011 votes; and Jamie L. Dubre, treasurer, 6,000 votes. For trustee, Marc Cooper received 5,335 votes; Judy Hensler, 5,288; Dave Hopper, 5,144; and Denny Vallad, 5,074.

Sports scholarship info

Clarkston Athletics invites parents, guardians and athletes to Guiding the College-Bound Athlete on Dec. 1 at Clarkston High School Performing Arts Center, 7:30 p.m.

The hour long program is designed by Rick Wire, president of Dynamite Sports, and provides families with information about the availibility of athletic scholarships and the realities of the college recruiting process. For information, visit www.dynamitesports.com.



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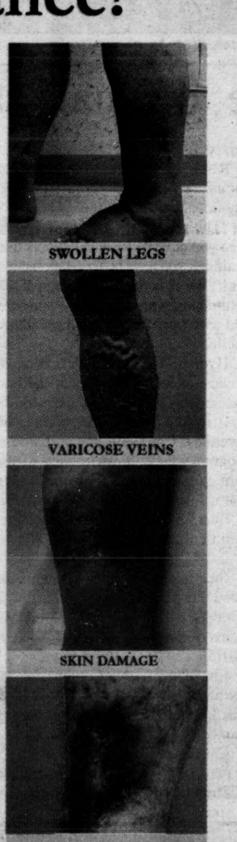
"What most people don't know is that the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, covers treatment for varicose veins," he adds.

"We're seeing more and more people for this condition. Why wouldn't you have it treated when its an easy procedure with little to no out-of-pocket costs?"

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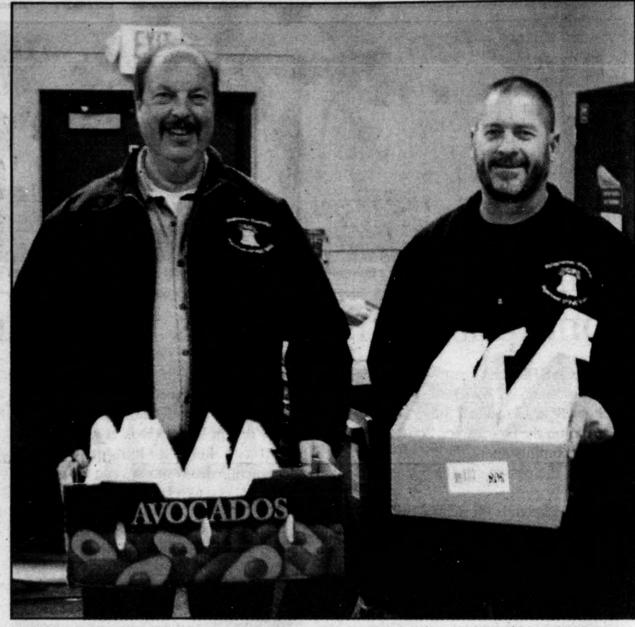
bulging veins
restless legs
aching, throbbing, cramping

"Early detection with free vein screening is essential," says Dr. Mok. "Wait too long and you could experience unwanted skin changes



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Greg Martin and Mark Kelly at the Expo.



Taegan Davis spins the wheel for a chance at a prize at the Genisys Credit Union booth. Photos by Phil Custodio

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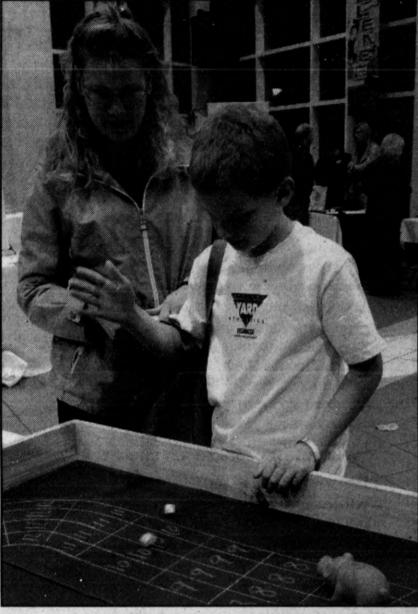
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John Schmidt of Neiman's Family Mar-ket talks to an Expo visitor.

Chamber Expo

Local businesses shared what they were all about with fun, games, snacks, and info at the 30th annual Best of the Best Business Expo, hosted by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, Nov. 10, at Clarkston High School.



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Holly and Aiden Baugh race toy pigs at the Oakland **County Fair Association booth.**



Dave Smith and staff at his State Farm Insurance office are all Jake from State Farm.





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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Reardon Price

Holiday tips

I am in the midst of moving which means there are piles of boxes.

There are also just piles of stuff because I am optimistic to keep like items together and not just swoop things into boxes. But with only a few days to go and not a lot of time belongings might be swooped into boxes.

Since we are moving I haven't really given much thought about Thanksgiving next week. I haven't had

the time to sit down to make plans or a menu and I am also on the maintenance portion of my plan with Nuview Nutrition.

Through this portion of the plan my body is getting used to the

weight I am currently at after losing over 55 pounds. I am slowly adding different types of foods back into my lifestyle like nuts, grains and category two vegetables like sweet potatoes and carrots. (I really missed you sweet potatoes - baked with a little bit of cinnamon sprinkled on it. Yum!)

What's nice is the ability to send a quick email out asking for a few pointers for the holidays and getting a quick reply back.

I am sharing the pointers with you. I know a lot of you have busy schedules as well and want to indulge but also don't want to pack on the pounds.

Here are a few pointers from Cindy Crandell, R.N., C.N., from Nuview Nutrition.

I will begin with dessert, I know that's really what you want to know. She says "the dessert rule is a small slice of dessert or only a teaspoon of each to try all of them."

For dinner, stick to vegetables and turkey. For sides, use a table spoon size for each if you want to try different things.

She added, food items to avoid are

Trustee appreciates voters' support

Dear Editor,

I would like to sincerely thank the residents of Independence Township for re-electing me to the Board of Trustees.

The previous four years have been very rewarding. I've had a chance to meet well over a thousand wonderful people in this fine community.

Helping to institute sound conservative policies that benefit Independence has been my commitment, and my pleasure.

When I go door-to door to hear your questions, comments, or concerns, I'm always treated with respect, and I try my hardest to address your feedback to the Board, and develop solutions. And when I saw I was blessed to be the top vote-getter in 12 out of 13 precincts, I was humbled my hard work was so appreciated.

I truly look forward to continue serving the residents of Independence, the best township in Michigan.

A special shout out to our whole Great Lakes state for voting "red" for the first time since 1988. Well played!

Very best regards,

Jose Aliaga Independence Township trustee

Thanks for community art inspiration

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the PTA of Springfield Plains Elementary, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to the wonderful business and volunteers that made our first annual Art Inspiration event a huge success.

Leanna of Picasso's Grapevine; Artist Denyse Loveless Couture; Nancy of Once Upon A Puppet; Anna Lysa of Anna Lysa Photography; Don Rush from *The Clarkston News*; Scott and Kevin from Independence Television;

Bekah and Caitlin of Forte Academy of Dance;

April from McCourt's Musical Instruments; and Sara Sanger from Clarkston Cul-

tural Arts.

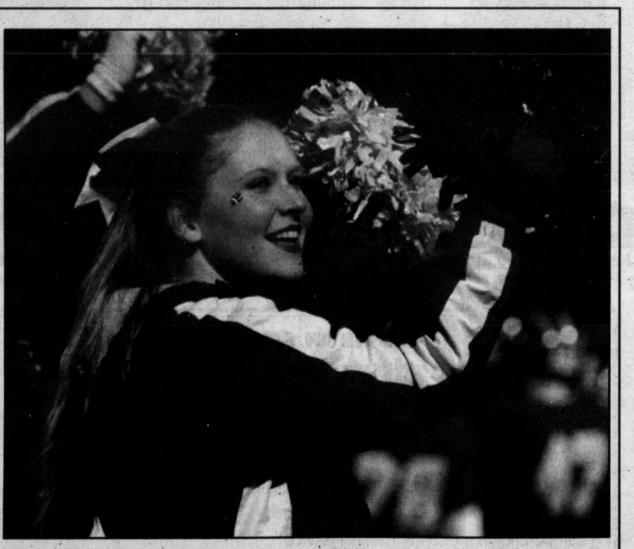
It is because of their generous donation of time and artistic talents we had 77 children explore music, art, film, dance, photography and writing. We also want to thank the other sibling and parent volunteers for their support.

Students are encouraged to take another step in their art journey and enter the National PTA Reflections contest.

The PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student art recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home.

Sincerely,

Kelly Hyer SPE PTA Reflections Committee



A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Civic Center plans moving forward" Independence Township residents who were curious about the possibility of a new civic center could circle Nov. 20 on their calendar - which was the date the board would discuss issues surrounding the hall.

"Veterans get the royal treatment at senior center" American pride rang through the Carriage House at Clintonwood Park as veterans, accompanied with their spouses, gathered in recognition and honor for their service for the United States.

"Lions coach now calls area home" When Sean Kugler was hired as the tight ends coach for the Detroit Lions earlier in the year, he had found a place to live quick. Him and his family found a home in Clarkston, which they were happy they made the decision.

25 years ago - 1991

"Cost of city" Clarkston citizens attending a public hearing about the proposed city charter were most concerned about any increase in spending.

"Dewey decimal deliverers" Volunteers helped to get the Independence Township Library ready to be opened by Christmas by transferring books to the new addition, stocking the racks with paperbacks and shelving state directory phone books.

"Clarkston area man owns new hoop franchise" Owning the Michigan Great Lakers was a dream come true for Mike Wilcox, a Clarkston area resident. He became owner and president of the new Global Basketball Association team, which played its home games at the Saginaw Civic Center.

50 years ago - 1966

"Safecrackers hit school vaults" afes at Clarkston High School and Board of Education offices were broken into the same way with either a star drill or chisel and hammer with a combination of \$1,000 taken. Other schools in Oakland County were also broken into. "Jeanne Shoots, Junior Miss" Jeanne Shoots, a Clarkston High School senior, won the local Junior Miss contest out of a field of 13. Shoots was an accomplished pianist and for her talent number played "Bumble Boogie" on the piano. "Round the town" John Adams and Louis Seffens were two deer hunters out of many who came home without deer. But arrived home just in time for Thanksgiving dinner.



gravy, sugars and carbohydrates. Her advice for stuffing is to skip it. (But...but... stuffing with cranberries and apples is so yummy.) But she offered a solution is to make gluten free stuffing.

Crandell shared Canyon Bakehouse's website for different gluten free recipes like pumpkin bread pudding (that does sound good... I am hungry) and honey roasted apple and sweet potatoes stuffing. (Mmmmm...sweet potatoes now you are talking.)

Also, you can spin the traditional green bean casserole into roasted green beans with olive oil and pecans sprinkled with parmesan cheese. Thanks Cindy! Now I am ready for food! SMILE OF THE WEEK: Courtney Jacob cheers during the first half of the Wolves last home game for the fall season against Romeo in the MHSAA Division 1 Football Regional game, Nov. 11. The Clarkston Cheer teams now prepare for their competitive season during winter. *Photo by Wendi Reardon Price*

Wed., November 16, 2016 The Clarkston (MI) News 9 Why have we become a tie-less society these days?

These Jottings ran Nov. 18, 2009

There's way too many things to worry about:

Newscasts start with, "There's breaking news!".

Newspapers' headlines scream: H1N1, Unemployment Rises, Storms, Too Many Potholes.

All are meant to startle listeners and readers enough to drive us to drink, then the headlines will read, "Drunkenness on the Rise!

Well, don't let me change the mood. Here's a Sunday headline: "Group says 17,291 species threatened with extinction."

Worry!

Included in that list is the Rabb's fringelimbed tree frog.

Scientists in Britain have decoded a pig's DNA which may lead to finding a flu vaccine for pigs. Actually, I don't know if that's good news or bad.

Ah, but I know this is bad and very concerning. The buttonholes on my dress shirts are cut vertically. The buttonholes on my pa-

jamas are cut horizontally. Why, and who decides? Worry, worry!

And about those loopholes. Whether it's state or federal government, our esteemed

leaders say they can pay for whatever increased expenditures they're recommending by closing loopholes.

I remember hearing those promises 50 years ago. I suppose some have been closed during those five decades, but new ones have probably been enacted.

Red letter warning: Michigan has 15 percent

black letter subhead: Michigan has 85 percent employed. Nationally, 90 percent of the work-force is employed. Not bad.

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Why have we become a tie-less' society? Last week, the Obama-picked president

of Chysler Corporation had his first press conference. His hair was disheveled and uncut and his checkered shirt was unbuttoned at the neck.

Inside the same Sunday paper was a posed picture of this man with trimmed, neat hair, white shirt and necktie.

Why would Chief Executive Officer Sergio Marchionne want to present two faces?

The longtime advertising spokesman for State Farm now appears sans tie. Are ties thought to be too formal, too serious, not me-like?

Men in the tv newsrooms wear ties.

Maybe we've become a totally casual society, one that doesn't have to dress for confidence. John McCain and President Obama seem to wear ties only when wanting to create a vote-getting atmosphere.

Both look very foreign in unbuttoned shirts.

But, then, I have over 200 neckties, so I I'd look like Dolly Parton.

might be prejudiced.

Here are a couple internet transmissions that keep me off that communication device.

Verbatim from court reporters:

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Witness: By death.

Attorney: And by whose death was it terminated?

Witness: Guess.

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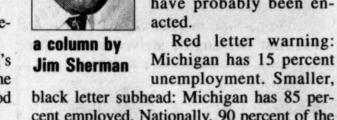
Attorney: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Witness: Did you pass the bar exam?

- - - 0 - -· If you tried to count off a trillion seconds, it would take you 31.7 years.

· In the Middle Ages chicken soup was considered an aphrodisiac. Works for me.

· Fetuses can hiccup. If I walked upside down and backward,



Jim's

Jottings

Quit worrying!

Despite what you think, be grateful

We all like being told what to do as much as we we got sick, at least we didn't die; so, let us all be react positively to being called names like sexist, racist, bigot, homophobic and xenophobic. So, in the spirit of the Spirit of the Universe, I will take a collective, have into enough, and more. It turns denial into a damn chill pill!

Historically speaking, this is the time of year, the one day of 365, we set aside to be thankful for graces be-

stowed. And, it is no secret it will be harder for some to be thankful this year, Don't therefore it is more important this year Rush Me instead of talking politics over your turkey, share why you are grateful.

There has been loss of love; much financial calamity; emotional pain; too much suffering. (And, I'm just being selfish and talking about me, because, really it is always only about me.) There's a great sea of sadness surrounding us we all must navigate. I feel lucky my sails are still taut with



A column by **Don Rush**

thankful." - Buddha

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we meditative, long, deep, breath, and tell all of you to take acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity It turns problems into gifts, failures into success, the unexpected into perfect timing, and mistakes into important events. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow." — Melodie Beattie

> "Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude." --**Denis Waitley**

> "The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings." - Eric Hoffer "The Pilgrims made seven times more graves than huts. No Americans have been more impoverished than these who, nevertheless, set aside a day of thanksgiving." — H.U. Westermayer

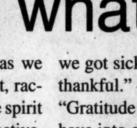
> "To speak gratitude is courteous and pleasant, to enact gratitude is generous and noble, but to live gratitude is to touch Heaven." - Johannes A. Gaertner "God gave you a gift of 86,400 seconds today. Have you used one to say, thank you?" - William A. Ward "Silent gratitude isn't much use to anyone." -GB. Stern

In the desolation of other times. May I still remember the bright hours that found me Walking over the silent hills of my childhood, Or dreaming on the margin of the quiet river, When a light glowed within me, And I promised my early God to have courage Amid the tempests of the changing years. Spare me from bitterness And from the sharp passions of unguarded moments. May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the

spirit.

Though the world may know me not, May my thoughts and actions be such As shall keep me friendly with myself. Lift my eyes from the earth, And let me not forget the uses of the stars. Forbid that I should judge others, Lest I condemn myself. Let me not follow the clamor of the world, But walk calmly in my path.

Give me a few good friends who will love me for what I am And keep ever burning before my vagrant steps The kindly light of hope. And though age and infirmity overtake me, And I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams, Teach me still to be thankful for life, And for times olden memories that are good and



wind provided by someone other than myself. I'm blessed my ship moves forward, still.

When folks ask me, "How're you doing?" most times I respond with, "Better than I deserve." For I know I haven't suffered nearly as much as those who are more deserving of grace than me. I see greater burdens. I see others' pain, truer. So, I am thankful to be doing better than I deserve.

Here are some printed words that keep my boat afloat, and maybe they can help you from being adrift. "Let us rise up and be thankful, for if we didn't learn a lot today, at least we learned a little, and if we didn't learn a little, at least we didn't get sick, and if

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

And, finally a poem, or prayer, if you will: Let me do my work each day; And if the darkened hours of despair overcome me, May I not forget the strength that comforted me

sweet;

And may the evening's twilight find me gentle still. . --Max Ehrmann (1872 - 1945) Got a suggestion for Don? E-mail him,

Don@ShermanPublications.org.

10 Wed., November 16, 2016 The Clarkston (MI) News Truck fire could have been much worse, officials say

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Waterford Township man, had just begun fueling his truck when he heard a "pop" and noticed the fire on the driver's side of the truck, Herbert said.

"He made an attempt to utilize the fire extinguisher, but was unable to get to it due to the location of the flames," he said. "He ran into the store, where his partner was, as well as the attendant. He instructed the attendant to shut off the pumps with the emergency button, and then had them evacuate the store."

Motorist Brad Gordinier was there to gas up his car.

"I pulled in because I was low on fuel. I started pulling up and heard a loud pop, and some white smoke coming from the truck. I thought something was happening with it," Gordinier said. "There was a flash and then thick black smoke and flames started coming out from underneath. There was nothing we could do. I have a fire extinguisher but that wasn't going to do it."

Kerry Bush was at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club about a mile away when he heard a "kaboom."

"It was pretty loud," Bush said. "I tried driving down Dixie Highway and got stuck in the traffic."

The gas station attendant followed his

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training, said the store owner, who asked not to be identified.

"I tell them when, something happens, push down the emergency button, call the fire department and police, and if there's a danger, get out," the owner said. "That's what he did. I couldn't have done it better. He did a great job."

ITFD sent three fire engines, a ladder truck, ambulance, and three administrative vehicles to the scene, Herbert said.

"We also had a substantial response from our off-duty full time personnel and parttime paid personnel. Brandon and Waterford Regional also responded for manpower in case we needed it," he said. "The fuel pumps

have a master shut off inside the fuel station store or kiosk. Once this is activated, the risk is lowered substantially but not eliminated entirely."

Oakland County Sheriff's deputies responded to control the scene, clear pedestrians, and divert traffic. There were no reported injuries.

ITFD requested the Oakland County Hazmat Team to assist them with the cleanup. The vehicle fire was ruled accidental that was caused by a mechanical defect in the garbage truck, which was owned by TNR Disposal of Clarkston.

The call was dispatched at 3:42 p.m. and the first fire engine arrived within three



The burnt-out truck gets towed away. Photo by Phil Custodio Shoplifting

A loss prevention officer at a store in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway stopped a customer after watching her leave without paying for \$143 in groceries and personal care items, 4:28 p.m., Nov. 4. The name she provided to deputies was shown to be false by the driver's license in her wallet. The woman, a 56-year-old White Lake resident, said she lied because she suffers from bipolar disorder and had received a lithium shot from her doctor that day, which made her disoriented. She was cited with third-degree retail fraud and giving false information to a police officer.



Child neglect warrant

A 46-year-old Waterford man was stopped for having an expired license place Street at Dixie Highway after leaving a trail tab on his van, 5:43 p.m., Nov. 4, on Dixie Highway at Waterford Road. He was found with a civil warrant for child neglect out of Oakland County. He was cited for expired plates and taken to Oakland County jail to deal with the warrant.

minutes and was applying water within one minute after arrival, Herbert said.

"Initial on-scene manpower was minimal due to two ambulances clearing from Pontiac hospitals, but there was no delay in applying water. Sufficient personnel were on scene within five minutes," he said.

The fire was completely extinguished within 30 minutes. Storm drains were dammed with dirt until an environmental clean up company arrived to remove the water runoff, which contained minimal unburned fuel. Crews remained on scene, supervising the investigation and environmental clean-up until 8:14 p.m., he said

"The driver of the garbage truck was quick-thinking and his actions were instrumental in the incident being much less dangerous than it could have been," Herbert said.

Independence Township Treasurer Paul Brown posted a message on social media, thanking the ITFD.

"I noticed a few posts questioning response time and fire fighter numbers on scene. What many would not have known is that there were two medical calls that occurred in the 60 minutes prior to the fire and yet, they still got the job done and it was not due to luck," Brown said. "The planning that occurs every time an alarm rings is truly amazing. As soon as a call comes in, they are not only responding to that call, but they are preparing for the next call that might come in by positioning resources and contacting off duty staff to be prepared."

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Gravel dumped on road

A pickup truck was stopped on S. Main of gravel down the road, 2:41 p.m., Nov. 7. There was a large gap between the truck bed and tail gate. The driver, a 17-year-old Goodrich boy, was cited for improper load, spill on highway.

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Truck violations

A deputy on patrol stopped a truck with insufficient reflective tape on the trailer, 10:48 a.m., Nov. 4, on N. Ortonville Road at Bluegrass Drive. The driver, a 27-year-old Ortonville man, was cited with driving a commercial vehicle without a CDL license nor medical certificate. The truck company was cited with reflective tape violation, no annual inspection on truck and trailer, no driver medical certificate, and allowing a person to drive in violation of vehicle code.

Drunk driving

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A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV which pulled out in front, causing him to hit the brakes, on Dixie Highway at M-15, 9:02 p.m., Nov. 6. The driver, a 35-year-old Holly man, said he didn't see the patrol car. He smelled strongly of alcohol and had bloodshot, watery eyes, but denied drinking. Preliminary breath test result was .148. He was arrested for drunk driving.

Repeat drunk driver

A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV for driving 60 mph in a 45 mph zone on Dixie Highway at Waterford Hill Terrace, 4:10 a.m., Nov. 9. The driver, a 33-year-old Pontiac man, smelled of alcohol and said he had a couple beers earlier. Preliminary breath test result was .149. He also had two warrants out of 50th District Court, and a prior drunk driving conviction. He was arrested for drunk driving.



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Clarkston's

Heartbreaker ending

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

One by one, over 30 seniors emerged from the tunnel of the Clarkston gridiron heroes after receiving hugs and pats on the back from teammates and coaches after a 41-7 loss to Romeo in the MHSAA Division 1 Regional finals, last Friday.

"The seniors were awesome," said longtime head coach Kurt Richardson, watching the Wolves head off Clarkston's field. "They did a great job. They are a great bunch of kids. I hate to see them go."

The Bulldogs opened the scoring four minutes into the game on a 4-yard run by Nathan Goralski.

The Wolves closed on Romeo's endzone to even the score with runs by junior running back Michael Fluegel and senior quarterback JT King. King had enough for a first down on the 33-yard line but with a fumble on the play the referees turned the ball to the Bulldogs.

Junior Zach Scott and senior Tyler Retford, along with penalties called against Romeo, helped to slow down the Bulldogs.

Junior Gino Paese put pressure on the Bulldog's quarterback on the fourth down and the pass went incomplete.

Romeo picked up the pace in the second quarter to score twice and end the first half with a 21-0 lead.

The third quarter opened with Wolves in possession and junior Tieler Houston caught the kick off, running to the 30-yard line before he was stopped. King handed the ball to Fluegel who made a long run into Romeo's territory. With penalties against the Bulldogs the ball was moved to the 13-yard line.

From there King threw a 12-yard pass to senior Ryan Prisby who caught it and stepped a few yards into the endzone for the Wolves' lone touchdown at 8:39. A PAT from senior Zach Mansour put the score, 21-7.

"It is the same thing Romeo did last year," said Richardson. "They were tougher than us. They blocked better, they did everything better. They outcoached us."

King went 12-for-28 in passing with one interception and one touchdown. He carried the ball 17 times for 34 yards.

Fluegel was the leading rusher running the ball 82 yards for 18 carries.

Senior Nick Stalworth led defense with seven tackles and one assist. Prisby had five tackles and two assists; Houston had four tackles; and Scott had three tackles and two assists.

The Wolves finished the season with an overall record 9-3, going 5-1 in the OAA Red to share the league title with Southfield Arts & Technology. Clarkston defeated Davison for the district title and to make it to the Elite Eight in Division 1.

"The kids have had a great season," said Richardson. "I don't think anyone really expected them to do this. It sours it a little bit. This group was so fun to work with and there were no issues. They are just great kids. Sometimes that's more important."



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Chiefs Freshman White team celebrates their Superbowl Championship win, Nov. 5. Photo provided

Mighty Chiefs

It was a season members of the Clarkston Chiefs Freshman White team will cherish for years to come as they finished not only with an undefeated season but as the Northern Youth Football League Superbowl Champions.

The boys defeated Lake Orion White for the title, 13-6.

"It was never our intention to have an undefeated season," said Tim Polonkey, head coach. "Some of the most important lessons in life are a result of defeat."

He explained the coaches set the players for success each week and challenged them with new offensive plays including blocking schemes and routes for both running and passing the football.

The boys defeated Oxford Blue, 44-12, and Lapeer, 35-0, for the American Division

"It was our goal to play each athlete as much as possible throughout the season, so when we needed them most they were ready to step up," he said. "On Superbowl Saturday, that is exactly what happened. Every young person on our team believed in each other and our team that became a family. In the end we beat a talented, strong, fast, and well-coached Orion team with a perfect defensive record twice."

Who is the next AOW?

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The Clarkston Chiefs Freshman White team is Johnathan Ament, Brady Atkinson, Brady Barth, Jacob Brown, Noah Brown, Greyson Clark, Luke Darnell, Johnathon Dubre, Devon Dufour, Landen Fetty, Charles Formaro, Evan Holler, Beau Jacobsen, Luis Jimenz, John Kaul, Ethan Kern, Jack Kopsch, Jackson McKinney, Noah Orlowski, Hansen Polonkey, Bodie St. Amour, Malachi Switzer, Braden Waechter, Denny Wandrei and Dane Webb.

Senior Ryan Prisby comes face-to-face with a Bulldog on his run past the 50yard line. Photo by Larry Wright/Wright Action Pix playoffs.

Polonkey added a highlight for the season was every player on the team grew as an individual in good character, choosing a positive attitude, respect for others and learned the power of teamwork.

"It was an incredible season with these young men," said Polonkey. "I know the coaches will miss seeing them everyday."

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BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

It came down to the fifth and final set as the Lady Wolves battled for the MHSAA Volleyball Class A Regional title against Fenton.

Fans watched the close set and breathed for a moment at Anchor Bay High School when Clarkston pulled into the lead by three points, 11-8.

Fenton came back to get within one point and then pulled into the lead to win 17-15 and win the regional title, 3-2.

"We played right down to the end," said Kelly Pinner, head coach for Clarkston Varsity Volleyball. "I congratulate Fenton on an awesome match. They played great."

She added the Tigers was one of the best defensive teams the Lady Wolves had seen.

"They were just really scrappy," Pinner explained. "Things normally our hitters were scoring points on all season long, they were somehow digging up. Just trying to get them to understand don't let that frustrate you just be patient. The first couple of games we played against them were a shock. We just hadn't seen a defensive team like that all season long. It was something we had to adjust to."

She added they also had Chloe Idoni, a sophomore outside hitter, they had to look out for.

"We tried to adjust on her and tried to adjust our block on her," she said. "No matter what we did she found a way to score points. We had a real tough time against her. Fenton is going to make some waves the next couple of years."

Clarkston won the second and third sets, 29-27 and 25-19, to take the lead in the game by 2-1. The Lady Tigers tied the series with their 25-17 win in the fourth set.

Senior Sarah Austin had 14 kills, 11 digs and three aces during the game. Junior Abbey Malinowski finished with 18 kills and senior Madi Jidas had 14 digs.

"Unless you are winning the whole thing, you end on that kind of down note," said Pinner. "What really hurt our emotions on Thursday was this team had faith they could have gone a little bit further and deeper. They definitely had the talent to go deeper. We faced a tough Fenton team who stopped us from reaching that goal."

Clarkston defeated Macomb Dakota in the semifinals for the fourth time this season going 3-0, 25-17, 25-20, 25-22.

"Anytime you can win in the playoffs it's a big win," said Pinner. "Dakota was a great team all season long. They were either ranked in the top ten or an honorable mention. It was a tough region we played in and getting in that first win was definitely nice."

Malinowski led the team with 23 kills and 14 digs. Austin had 17 kills and three aces and Jidas had 15 digs.

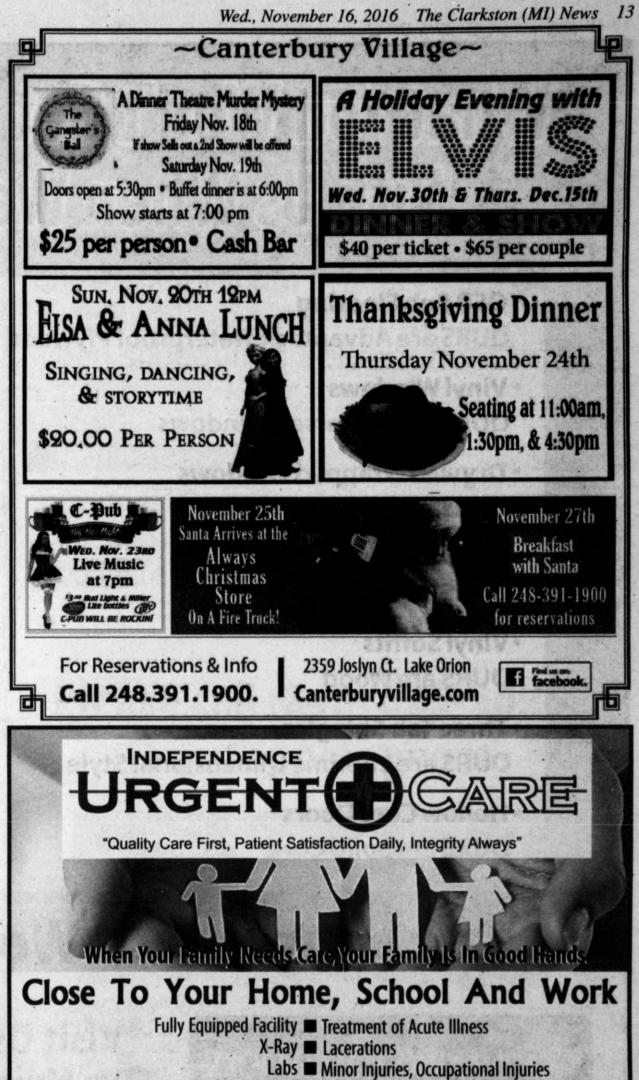
Pinner explained it was a great season for the Lady Wolves as they finished with a 50-6 record, which is the second best record in school history. They also won four out of six of their tournaments including Beast of the East. They also gave Novi their only loss in the season.

"Winning a district over Lake Orion was huge because we had lost to them in league and lost to them last year in the first round of districts," she added. "We have a lot of things to hang our hat on this year, a lot of things to be proud of. I know right now hurts but hopefully in a week or a year they can look back with fond memories of what they were able to accomplish and connection they made with their teammates."

The Lady Wolves say goodbye to seniors Sarah Austin, Abby Horning, Sydney Jensen, Madi Jidas, Kayla Miller and Kelly Nickelson who graduate in June.

"The thing they did the best was even if they weren't starters they found a way to lead," Pinner said.

"That's really hard because as a varsity athlete you want to be out on that court. They are at this level because they are good and they have been playing. Hopefully the girls next year as seniors will take a step further that you don't have to be a starter to be part of this team and understand you are all important."





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Wolf artwork adorns downtown

In an effort to promote and encourage local art, Clarkston Cultural Arts Council has partnered with the Chamber of Commerce's Young Professionals Network to create the Howling Wolves project. Over a dozen life-sized, wooden wolf cutouts have been painted by local artists and sponsored by local businesses.

Wolves, the mascot for Clarkston Community Schools, were a natural choice for the project's theme, said CCAC board member Aimee Baker.

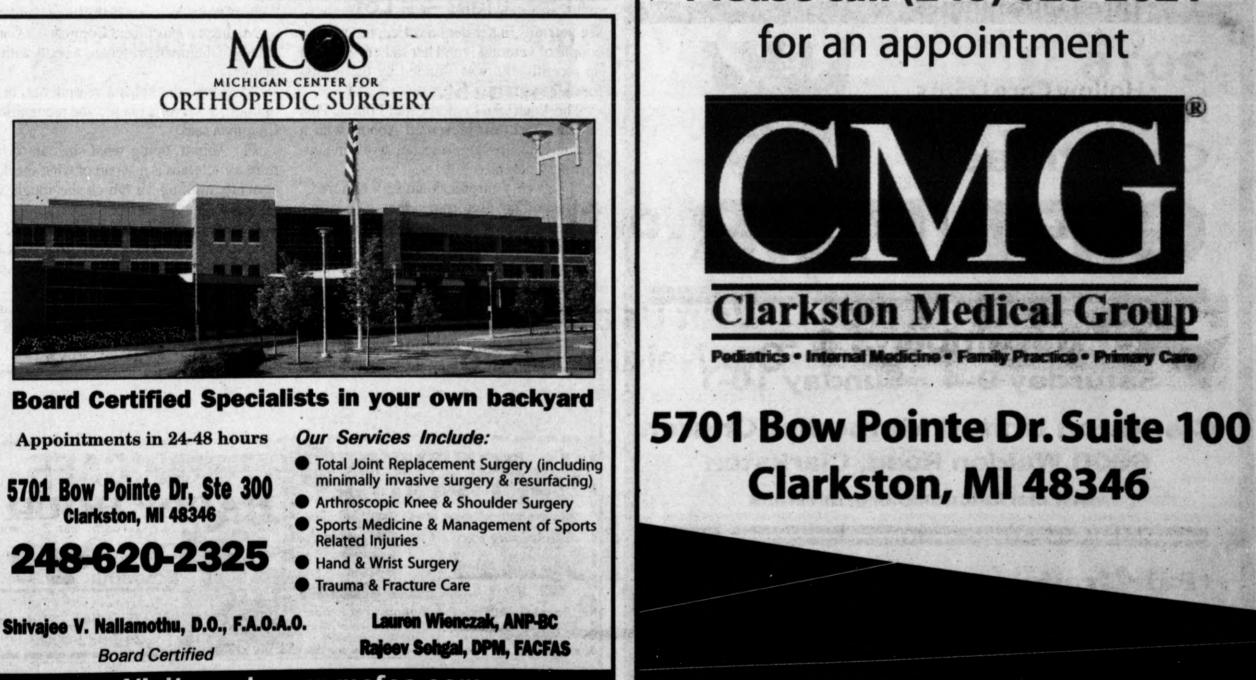
Local businesses and restaurants, including Union Joints and Parker's Hilltop Brewery, will feature the distinctly crafted wolves, Baker said.

"Our hope is the wolves will delight and surprise those who see them and inspire a conversation about the benefits art can bring to our lives, all while supporting the local artists who designed them," she said.

Howling Wolves will be CCAC's third art exhibit created for the greater Clarkston area, following the DIA Inside Out and Main Street Windows projects.

- Rachel Long







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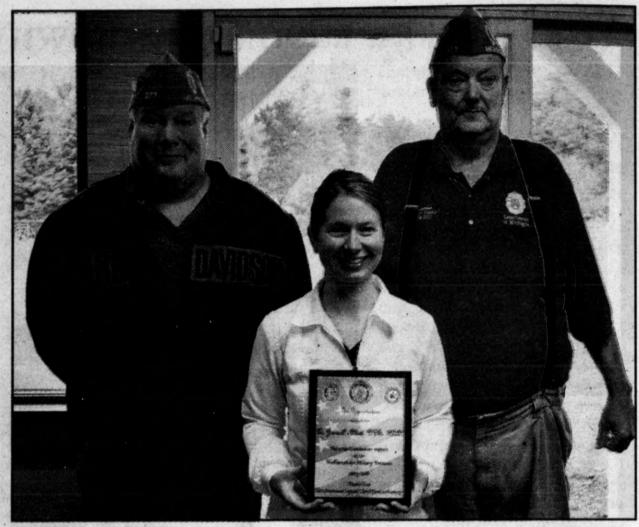
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From left, David West from Post 377 in Clarkston, Dr. Jaime Abbott and J.A.S. Commander Carvin (Huey) Chapman. Dr. Abbott received a plaque honoring her support of veterans. Photo by Jim Newell

Dentist honored for helping vets

BY.IIM NEWELL

Special to the Clarkston News.

It's not unusual for Dr. Jaime Abbott to

tive board of the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 377 in Clarkston. "Anyone who helps veterans is very worthy of recognition."

Michigan Detachment Commander Carvin

"Her strong commitment and dedication



Master Sergeant Lyle B. Black II was honored for his service.

Veterans honored

School students celebrated Veterans Day by honoring Takao Kojima of Clarkston, veteran of World War II, and Master Sergeant Lyle B. Black II, Clarkston graduate.

"This is amazing - the first time I've been here Black, Clarkston High yard. School Class of 1997, at the Nov. 11 ceremony. "To see the kids take such pride in doing this is very amazing. It's one of my biggest honors from my community

and school." "It's very nice," Kojima said. "I didn't expect such a nice welcome."

Black, who served a tour of duty in Iraq with the 127th Wing of the Michigan Air National Guard and has earned 18 major awards and decorations, is currently the First Sergeant of the 127th Medical Group at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Clarkston Junior High paign, with the 442nd Infantry, earning the Sharpshooter award and Army Good Conduct Medal.

Each year, Clarkston Junior High School students honor local veterans with Honor Stones they make, then place in the school's since graduation," said Jenna Beno Memorial Court-

- Phil Custodio



From left, Nick LaCroix, Cali Ehrenberger, and Amanda Sutherby speak about the importance of Veterans Day.



The Clarkston Junior High School Choir, directed by Mike Peterson, sings the National Kojima served in the Eu-Anthem. Photos by Phil Custodio ropean Theater, Italian Cam-



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Julia Hurley and Morgan Zach join hands as they finish the race.

Road race in the park

Racers filled Independence Oaks County Park for the Fourth Annual Clarkston State Bank Back Roads Half Marathon, 10K and 5K, Nov. 13.

Runners and walkers enjoyed a sunny morning on the tree-lined trails, back roads, paved parks roads, wood bridges and hills.



Madelyn Marquette and Kelli Jo Arndt approach the finish line.



Jeffery Williams, followed by Dave Phaneuf and Trudy Ngo-Brown, crosses the finish line. Photos by Phil Custodio

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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 structural supports, roof, windows, doors, a fresh coat of interior paint and a ton of TLC, the historic building is almost ready for the next hundred years of service. Plans include spring flower shows, community art events, flea markets, farmers markets and more.

Township Supervisor Pat Kittle

While the place still has that rustic flair — that is no water or heat — initial comments from those who have been stopping in during renovations have been very positive.

Call our new Parks Director Derek Smith at 248-625-8223 for more information.

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 10year 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.

On solid financial ground

By Pat Kittle, Supervisor

Ownship

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 repaying 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.

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

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Water Fund: 2017 projected revenues of \$3,960,778 Continued on Page 4

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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

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-

GEP Certificate Achievement ECCLERCELLERCELLE Encred Peterting 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



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 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, qualified staff. 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.

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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. 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-

Carbon Monoxide Detectors: What you need to know 21

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.

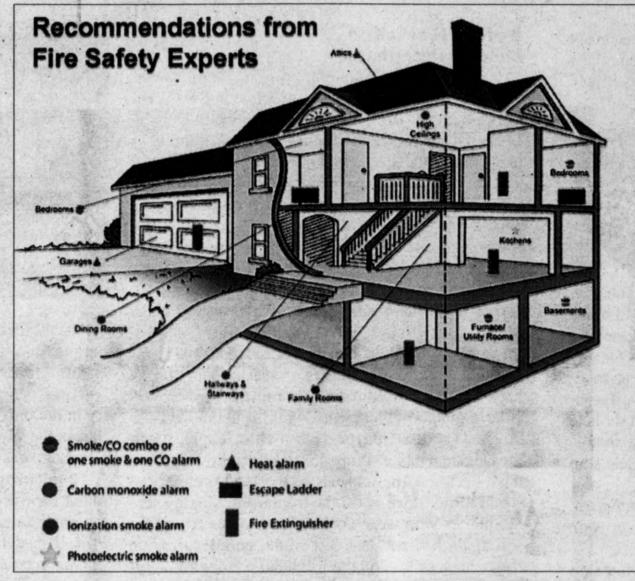
First, let's define carbon monoxide, understand how it's produced, and how it affects the body.

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



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 level of 400 PPM.

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

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

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carbon monoxide detectors found at hardware and home improvement stores, meet the industry standard for alerting occu-

CO detectors with digital readouts will display a number when the CO level reaches 30 PPM or higher, but Fast Heart Rate
 Coma, and eventually, Death

the subjects of interest.

Low-Level Carbon

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.

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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 SHERIFE 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 form a 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 De-

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 survivor WWII Veterans living in the United States It is



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 downright 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.

partment 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 officers. 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.

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 requirements (esti-

mated 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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Barta makes his mark at college

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Navy senior punter Alex Barta's skills were recognized as he was named one of the candidates for the Ray Guy Award by the Augusta Sports Council.

"I was a little surprised based on how much we don't punt here," said Barta, a 2012 Clarkston High School graduate, to being named for the award which honors the college punter of the year.

"It's hard to get the award because you have to qualify with a certain amount of punts so it was a little surprising at first," he added. "After it hit me it was exciting. All the people who helped me on the punting team including my snapper was a part of it as well."

He said being named candidate means a lot to him.

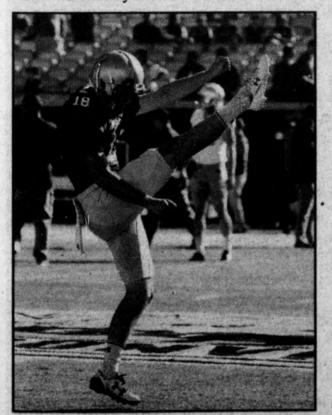
"It shows the hard work and dedication I have been putting in since I left Clarkston is finally starting to pay off," he added.

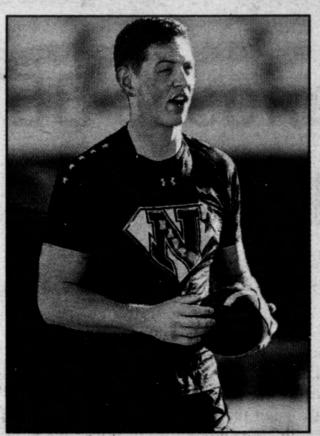
As of last Saturday, Nov. 12, Barta was averaging 42.4 yards per punt on his 12 punts and had a long punt of 55 yards.

The Navy Midshipmen currently has a overall record of 7-2 following their 42-40 win over Tulsa on Saturday. With the win Navy represents the West Division in the American Athletic Conference.

Barta added out of the wins this season beating Houston, 46-40, and Notre Dame, 28-27, are a few highlights of his senior year.

"Big team wins are the highlights because the season has been plagued by injuries," he explained. "Us coming out showing who we are for Navy Football has been awesome, that we can take some teams down some polls have us losing to every week. Just showing we can beat whoever we play every week has been awesome. It's one of the highlights of our season so far is taking down teams who we normally should lose to but we come





Alex Barta, punter and kicker for Navy Football. Photo by Larry Wright out and beat them."

Barta was a punter and kicker for Clarkston Varsity Football, which he added head coach Kurt Richardson was his biggest influence at Navy.

"He coaches is very similar to how (Ken) Niumatalolo coaches out here – just bring your lunch pal to work every day, don't talk about anything you have done and just keep focus on the goal ahead," Barta said. "We 'take it week by week like Clarkston does. Every opponent is equally as hard as the next. We can't overthink anyone and can't underthink anyone."

Barta not only played for the Clarkston program but the Clarkston Chiefs when he was in elementary school.

"The coaches in the program are awesome," he said, remembering his experience. "There's nothing better than it, I would say in southeastern Michigan. The program helps you to be a good varsity football player."

His advice to current Chiefs players and aspiring athletes is to stay the course.

"Trust the coaches and the process they have there because it works," Barta said, adding Clarkston has had plenty of players move on to Division 1 colleges including David Beedle and Cole Chewins at Michigan State University and Shane Hynes at Kent State University.

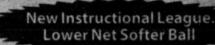


The Wolfpack piles up on Romeo during the MHSAA Football Division 1 Regional game last Friday. Photo by Larry Wright

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Thursday Games • 5:30 pm • 8 Weeks • Beginning Dec. 1st

All players must be registered by and present at the evaluation session December 1st at 5:30 pm

5th & 6th GRADE

Sign up your team or individually be placed on a team. Everyone makes a team. Individual players will be placed on House teams according to skill level.

Sunday Games • 8 Games • Beginning Dec. 4th

We play games Sundays & Tuesdays so we can finish the 8 game season before middle school tryouts. All players must be registered by November 30th • Teams must have a minimum of 6 players. All players must be at evaluation session December 4th at 2 pm

7th & 8th GRADE

Sign up your team or individually be placed on a team. Everyone makes a team. Individual players will be placed on House teams according to skill level.

Sunday Games • 8 Games • Beginning Dec. 4th

We play games Sundays & Tuesdays so we can finish the 8 game season before middle school tryouts.

All players must be registered by November 30th • Teams must have a minimum of 6 players. All players must be at evaluation session December 4th at 4 pm

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Sign up your team or individually be placed on a team. Everyone makes a team. Individual players will be placed on House teams according to skill level.

Sunday Games • 8 Weeks • Beginning Dec. 4th at 6 pm

All players must be registered by November 30th • Teams must have a minimum of 4 players. All players must be at evaluation session December 4th at 6 pm

BASKETBALL · 3 on 3 · Boys & Girls

Alex Barta uses his swift kick against Notre Dame in Navy's victory on Nov. 5. Photo by Larry Wright The semifinalist list for the Ray Guy Award was announced on Friday which Barta did not make the list of ten, but he added it still meant a lot to be candidate.

"It has shown people outside the academy and people outside of Clarkston have noticed the hard work I have been putting in and have been waiting for an opportunity to show what I have on the field," he said.

His parents are Donna and Guido Barta.



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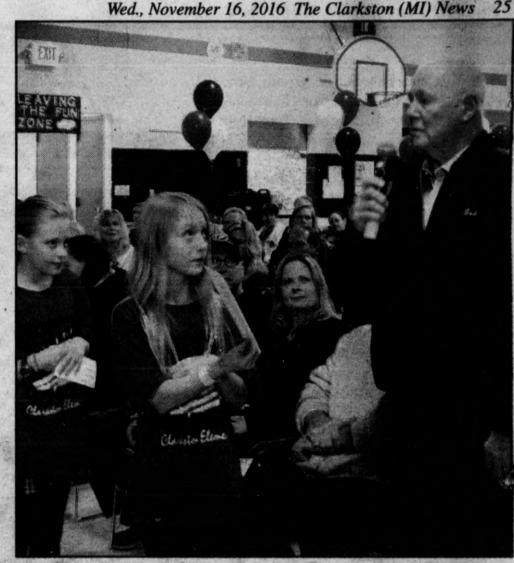
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Veterans introduce themselves and share some of their experiences with the students.





Students shake veterans' hands in the hallway.

Students honor vets' service

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News, Staff Writer

Stars and stripes festively decorated the cafeteria of Clarkston Elementary Friday morning, Nov. 11, for their annual Veteran's Day Assembly.

Students sang patriotic songs and recited pledges, poems and significant quotes in front of their peers, families and honored veterans.

"These kids were so sweet, so sincere and quite honestly, I think, extremely appropriate for their age. You know, they did a wonderful job," veteran Tom Tobe said.

Tobe served in the United States Army Reserve from 1970 to 1976. He served stateside during the Vietnam War and was part of a specialist class attached to the

military police.

Tobe thought the assembly was outstanding and praised the school's staff and principal for being the only elementary school in the district to have an event celebrating Veteran's Day

"It really warms your heart when you see the youth and I really think it's important what the schools are doing," he said.

Many students had a part in the assembly as a greeter, singer, photographer or narrator – it was predominantly student-run.

Fourth grader Isabella McMahon held the door for guests, greeting them as they entered the cafeteria, and handed out American flag pins to veterans.

Leading up to the assembly, she said her classmates and herself

have been learning about the wars Americans fought in.

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McMahon said her grandpa, who was one of the veterans honored at the ceremony, fought in Vietnam.

"I think it's really special they come here because they honored our country," McMahon said.

Clarkston Elementary Principal Brian Adams said students signup to be a part of the assembly and choose how it runs.

"It's just very important to us at Clarkston Elementary to honor the people that allow us to do the things we do on a daily basis to help educate our kids and live in a world where we can do it the way that we want to do it," Adams said.

The school gets the families



involved by sending letters home, asking them to see if any veterans in their family are willing to be part of the show, according to Adams. He said the school has held the assembly for around 10 years and plans to continue the tradition. "We talk about America and we talk about having skids be great and our country be great and I think that today's example is we do have a great country, Adams said. "We have kids that care about the freedoms they have and are thankful for the things we get to do and so we choose to continue to honor that every year."

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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.

Syrian Refugee Settlement in Michigan presentation, Pastor Ken Fouty of Samaritas, 12 p.m. potluck, 1 p.m. program, Nov. 18, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

Goodfellow newspaper sales, Clarkston Rotary Club, Dec. 2-3, on Clarkston-area streets and Neiman's Family Market. Donations go to 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 the winter. Call Rotarian Joel DeLong, 248-561-8523.

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 through Nov. 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 Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony, 7 p.m., Dec. 13, Clarkston Community Church, 300 Clarkston Road. 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.

Acalendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



Steve Bellamy, played by Jonathan Smith, and Cynthia Haaseth's Ida Horowicz, a reporter, talk inside politics in Clarkston Village Players' "Farragut North," on stage Nov. 17-19 at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. Check www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org.

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

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

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

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 appointment, \$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. 248-909-3920.

Grief Share, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m.,

clarkstonband@gmail.com.

Needlework Night, fourth Tuesday, 6:30p.m. Stitch and visit. Everyone welcom Springfield Township Library, 1200 Davisburg Road. 248-846-6550.

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

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

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

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

Mindful-Based Eating, four class series help establish healthier, more balanced ar positive relationship to eating and healt Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. \$140. RSVPt Jan. 3, 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a. Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 804 Ortonville Road, north of I-7: www.clarkstonoptimist.org

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, secon Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Town ship Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 243

Thursday

623-4313.

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business ne working, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Method ist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, an www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-62: 4610.

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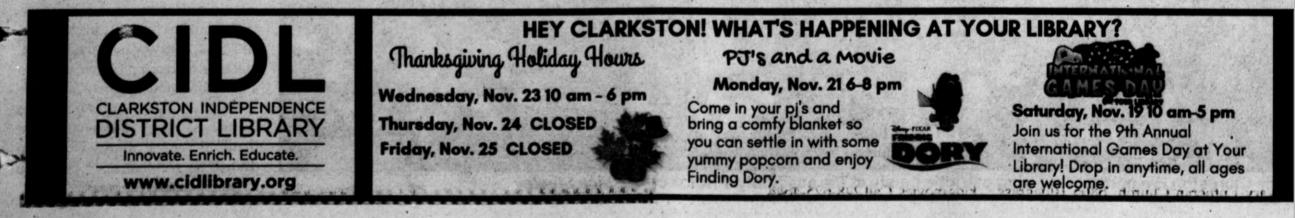
Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

Indoor Pickleball, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9-11:30 a.m., all skills, \$3 drop in; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., experienced and competitive, \$4 drop in, First Congregations Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Call Mary, 248-625-8231. 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, fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., Carriage Hous Clintonwood Park. 248-802-8603.

Individualized Computer Tutoring, four Thursday, 2-4 p.m., Senior Adult Activit Center. \$30/members, \$35/ non-members. 24 Please see Around Town on page 2



Paula K. Bragan, 63

Paula K. Bragan of Clarkston passed away Nov. 6, 2016, at age 63.

She was the wife of Paul for 44 years;

mother of Tara (Bill) Osborne, Kellie (Matt) George, Erin (Drew) Walkotten and Kaity Bragan; preceded in death by her infant son Donovan and parents Albert and Ann Linsenman; "Meemaw" of Breanna, Riley, Kyle, Jonny, Hayden, Anna

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and Allie; sister of Mike Linsenman, Tracey Christian and the late Tony Linsenman.

Paula retired from Waterford School District as Director of Childcare.

Visitation was Nov. 9 at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, Funeral Mass was Nov. 10 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Committal Mt. Hope Cemetery, Pontiac. Memorials may be made to Josephine Ford Cancer Institute. Online guest book www.wintfuneral home.com.

David Buesching, 76

David C. Buesching of Clarkston, formerly of Troy, passed away Nov. 12, 2016, at age 76.

He was the husband of Judy for 55 years; father of Kurt (Teri) and Eric (Sandra); grandpa of Adam and Evan; brother of Robin (Michael) Emery and the late Gretchen Buesching.

David served in the U.S. Navy and retired

from General Motors. He was an active member of Oakland County Sportsmen's Club and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Memorial Service was Nov. 15 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment with military honors (day/time pending) at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.

Serapia Canales, 83

Serapia Canales of Pontiac passed away unexpectedly Nov. 12, 2016, at age 83.

She was preceded in

Inocencio, Jr. and sisters Hortencia Silva and Isidra Doria. She was the loving mother of Inocencio III (Laurie) Canales: proud grandmother of Inocencio IV and Carey Cabral;

grandmother of Maria Canales, Inocencio V, Antionio Serapio Canales, Marc and Manuel Cabral; dear sister of Juan (Emma) Guerra; sister in law of Ramona (late Pete) Diaz, Yolanda Leal, Elia (Alberto) Gallardo and Roberto (Mary) Canales; also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews all of Texas.

Serapia retired from Kmart. She enjoyed making quilts and gardening.

Visitation Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, from 4-8 p.m. at the Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service and burial in Rio Grande City, Texas. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Diabetes or American Cancer Society.

Greeba M. Davis, 95

Greeba M. Davis of Clarkston, formerly of Rochester Hills, passed away Nov. 8, 2016, at age 95.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joseph, her son Lawrence and seven siblings. She was the loving mother of Veda (David) Schumacher, Flossie (James) Hodge and Betsy (Roger) Davis; grandmother of Charles (Alaine) Schumacher, Rhonda (Jerry) Grubb, Nadine (Daniel) Medved, Anthony Bobek, Kristina (Michael) Sova, Benjamin (Shanyn) Davis and Amanda (Emily) Crose; great grandmother of 11 and waiting for one great great grandson on the way.

Greeba enjoyed spending time in her garden and was an avid quilter.

Funeral Service was Nov. 12 at the Lewis Memorials may be made to The Desert E. Wint and Son Funeral Home,

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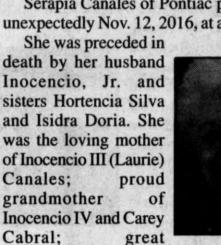
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Clarkston. Interment Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills. Online guestbookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

In our local churches

Special Christmas Concert, 3 p.m., Dec. 4, First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

Bible study of the story of Jacob, Mondays, 10 a.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

Wednesday Evening Feast, 6 p.m., dinner; classes for all ages, 7-8 p.m. Free nursery. Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass

Drive. Call 248-625-3288.

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

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Lori Kay Heaton, 50

Lori Kay Heaton of Waterford passed away unexpectedly Nov. 13, 2016, at age 50.

She was the loving wife of Donny; beloved and proud mother of Ashley, Casey, and Hailey; daughter of Eleanor "El" and Ron Hetherington; amazing and beloved sister of Lisa (John) Delbridge and Chad (Lisa) Hetherington; daughter

in law of Raymond (Judy) Heaton, and Donna (Fred) Fleming; loving aunt of Tristan and Blake Delbridge; also survived by her canine companion Sophie.

Lori graduated from Clarkston High School Class of 1984. Lori was extremely loving and devoted to her three girls. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Service Thursday, 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, where friends may visit Wednesday, 3-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the future care of her children.

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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.

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., madefrom-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make teservation by Monday before, 248-625-8231.

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Theresa A. O'Dell of Clarkston pas away suddenly Nov. 10, 2016, at age 56.

She was the wife of Mike: mother of Sabrina and Jacqui; sister of Mary (John) Firetto, Janice (Richard) Gloger, Nancy (Tim) Low, Tom (Sue) Urbin; preceded in death by her parents George and Frances Urbin, brothers George (Vicky) and Roy III.



Theresa was an accountant Continental Automotive, loved animals enjoyed crafting and shopping.

Prayer service was Nov .13 at Lewi Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarks Funeral Mass was Nov. 14 at St. Da Catholic Church, Clarkston. Rite of Comm All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be n the family. Online to bookwww.wintfuneralhome.com.

Christine Reynolds,

Christine Reynolds of Waterford pa away Nov. 10, 2016, at age 96.

She was preceded in

death by her husband Robert. She was the mother of Barbara (Gary) Moore, Veronica (Gary) Woods and Nadine (Jim) Keway; grandma of Kevin Keway, Tracey (Shaun) Randall, Gary Woods and Jim (Chris) Woods;

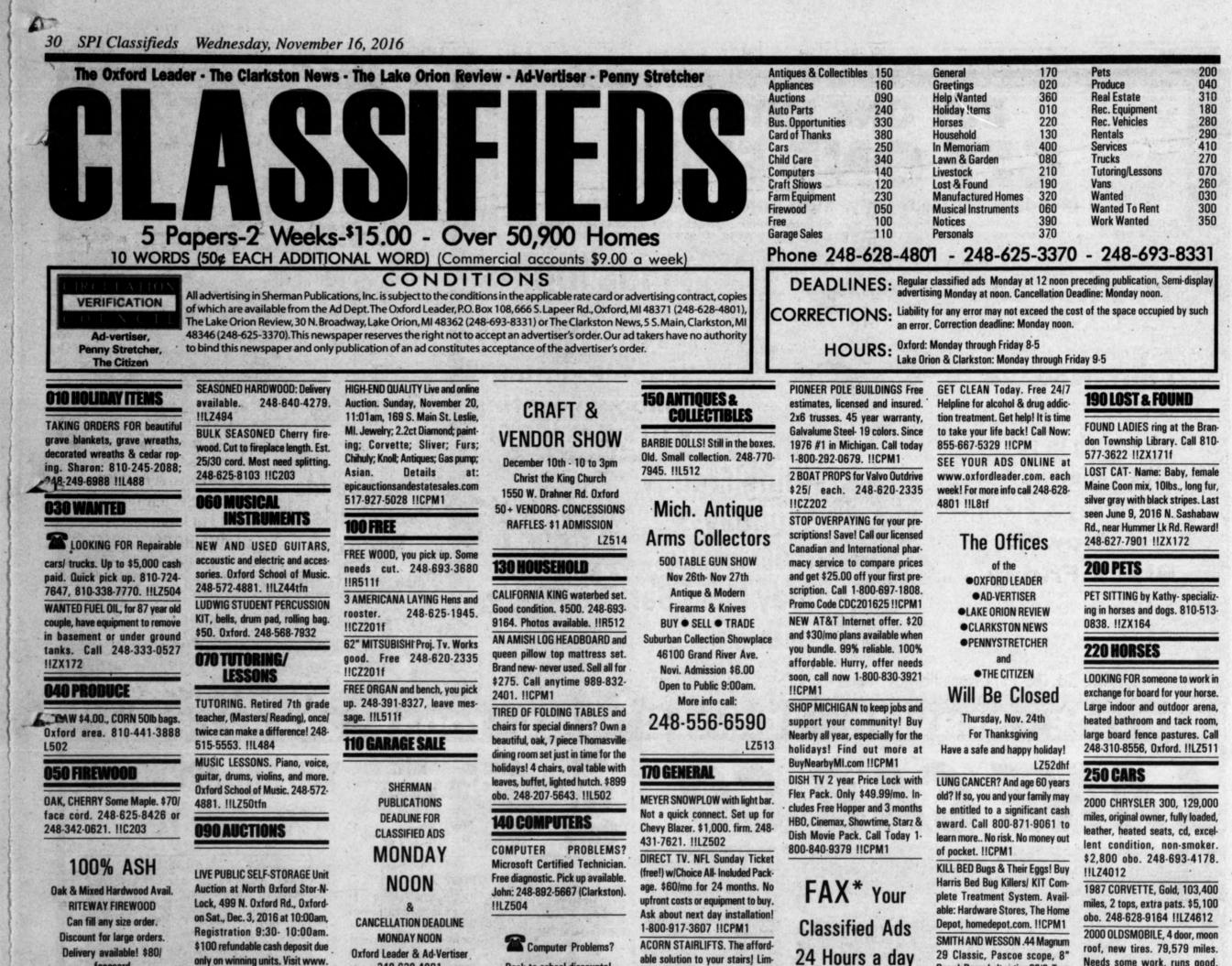


great grandma of Nicole, Cody, Jor Marissa, Kyleigh and Graeme. Christine the last living of seven children born to. and Anna Schadt.

Visitation was Nov. 14 at Lewis E. V & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Fui service was Nov. 15 at Christ Luth Church, Waterford. Interment Ottawa Cemetery. Memorials may be made to H to Heart Hospice or Christ Lutheran Chu Online guestbook www.wintfun home.com.







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- CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE В. UNITED STATES
- **ROLL CALL:** C.

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- D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions require a majority vote of Board Members present.
- PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
 - **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 1. Case #16-022, William Whalen, Petitioner, Requesting: Two (2) total variances; 1) A 19.5 foot rear yard setback variance and, 2) a 1.6 foot side yard variance, both from Section 4.06, Table 4.06
 - in order to construct a new home on an existing non-conforming lot of record, 8729 Lakeview Blvd., Parcel #08-12-376-032, R-1A Single Family Residential. (TABLED NOVEMBER 2, 2016)
- G. NEW BUSINESS: 1. Case #16-023, Steve Trobaugh, Petitioner, Requesting: Two (2) total variances; 1) Section 5.06(a)(4) for placement of an accessory structure in front of the principal structure and, 2) A 37.4 foot front yard variance from Section 5.06(a)(4), Table 5.06-2 in order to construct a
 - new accessory structure, 7145 Al Foreman Ct. Parcel #08-06-476-005, R-1R Rural Residential. 2. Case #16-025, Deer Lake Knolls Homeowners Association, Petitioner, Requesting: A variance from the requirements under Section 11.08(D)(1) for the minimum number of lineal feet of water frontage to be equivalent to the minimum lot width requirements of the underlying zoning measured in a straight line which intersects each side lot line at the water's edge concerning the 5.02 acre Outlot on Deer Lake, Parcel #08-19-476-001, R-1A Single Family Residential.
- 2017 Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Schedule H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2016 **DISCUSSION:**
- J. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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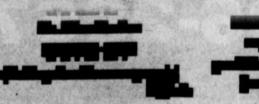
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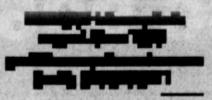
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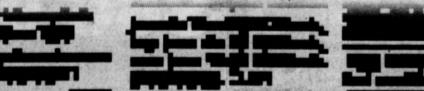
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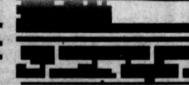
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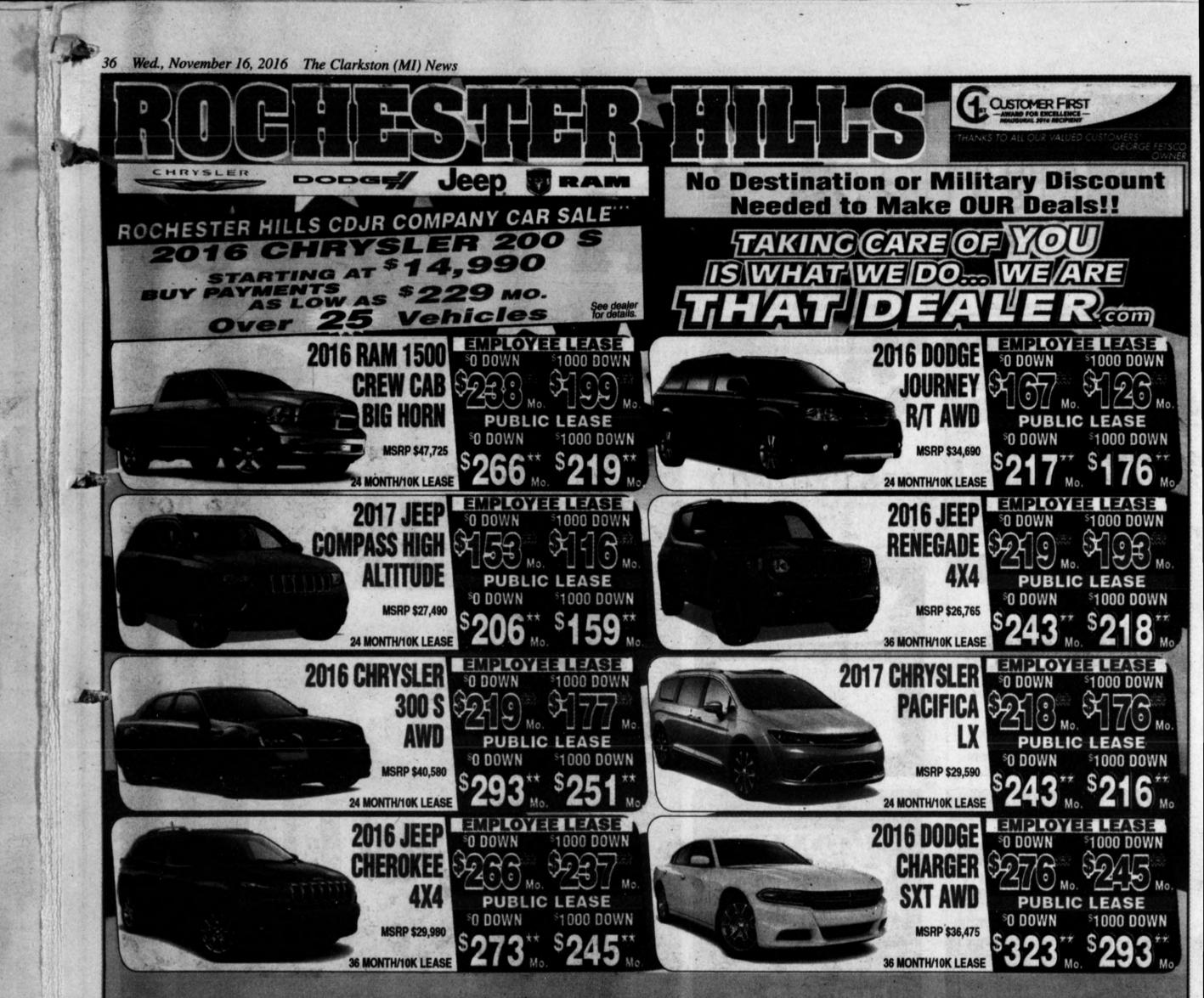


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Thinking culture at middle school

BY JESSICA STEELEY

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

Cultures of Thinking, an educational initiative from Harvard University, is being implemented throughout Clarkston **Community Schools.**

At Sashabaw Middle School, it means encouraging students to make thinking visible, said Principal Elizabeth Walker.

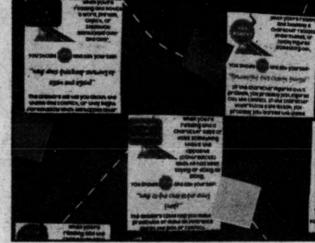
"It is really allowing your students to think on their own, like they're the ones doing the thinking, they're reflecting," Walker said.

The school has done book studies and author discussions about this practice, Walker said, and even sent people to Harvard to study the topic.

"We make our thinking visible, by eliciting certain kinds of thinking from our students," she added, "allowing them to be in the driver's seat and the teacher, just kind of facilitate the lessons."

Walker describes the school's culture as incorporating children into the teaching process as opposed to teachers just standing in front and lecturing:

"We've tweaked it into the culture of



Cultures of Thinking helps keep students on the road to success.

process instead of passive recipients."

The environment allows students to have ownership of their own work and be comfortable thinking out loud. He sees Cultures of Thinking as coming to understand something through a process of thinking visibly.

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Cultures of Thinking is included in every subject, including Howard Andress's sixth grade math class.

"Kids have, because it's a district wide initiative, they come in already comfortable with the approach and already predisposed to listen and respond to other students," Andress said.

"It's really kind of huge and they see themselves more as instruments in the

"They're listening with the intent of valuing what other students are saying and building onto it, or perhaps disagreeing and providing evidence, or reasoning or rationale for that," he said. "I think the real nice upside is they see the value of their own thoughts and of other students' thoughts and the value of questions and mistakes and struggle."

According to Andress, looking through the lens of another helps students extend their understanding and prompt reflection, dialogue and questions.

"There's a good deal of whole group discussion where everyone's participating," he said. "They're more active in the process, both in ideas and in words and in action."

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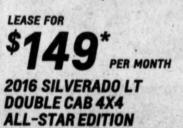


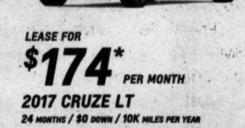
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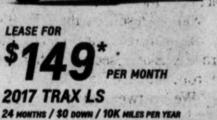
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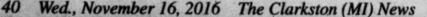
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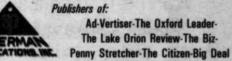
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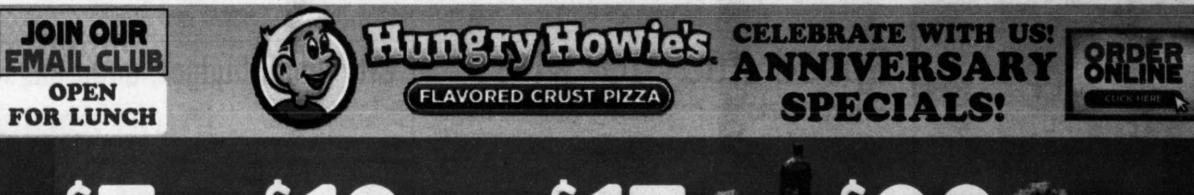
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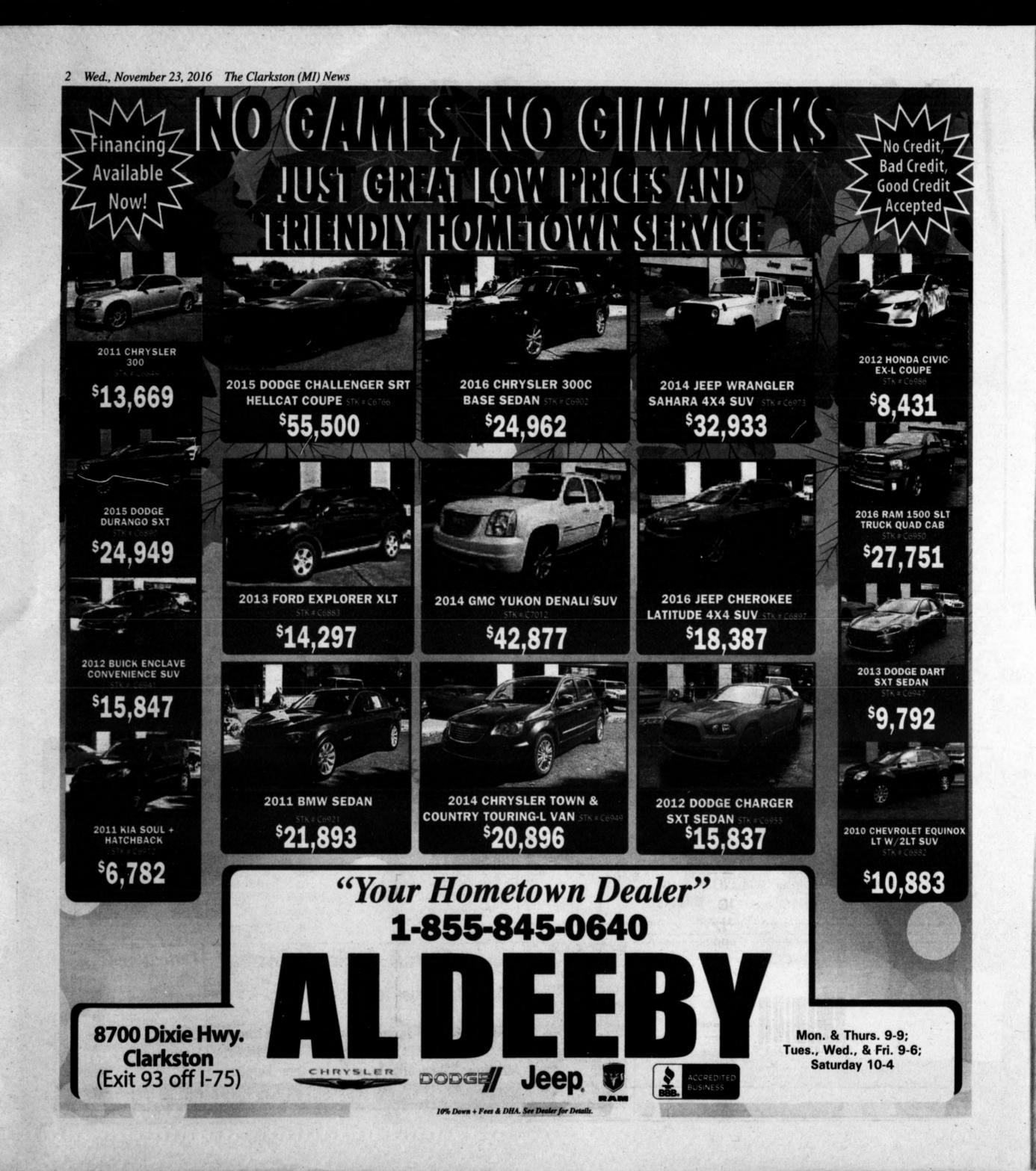
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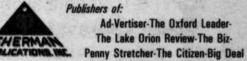
CASH FOR CANDY: Angle from Bright Side Dental presents a check for \$500 to Bailey Lake Elementary students James Smith, Clara Beck, and Sophia Kiesgen, and Principal Glenn Gualtieri. Bright Side Dental in Clarkston sponsored a contest with the Clarkston elementary schools to collect the most Halloween candy to send overseas to the troops. Bailey Lake was the winner, filling 38 huge tubs. The school plans to donate the money to the Ryan Kennedy playground. Photo provided

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SWEARING IN: The Hon. Joseph G. Fabrizio swears in Independence Township trustees, from left, Jose Aliaga, Rachel Loughrin, Ron Ritchie, and Andrea Schroeder. The entire Township Board, including Supervisor Pat Kittle, Clerk Barbara Pallotta, and Treasurer Ron Brown, was up for election this year. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Speed study for M-15

BY PHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor

Clarkston City Council voted 6-0 to approve a resolution calling for a speed study on M-15 between Paramus and Waldon Road.

"I know people in that area are really concerned about the speed," said Council member Susan Wylie at the Nov. 14 meeting. It will be sent to Michigan Department of Transportation along with a similar resolution approved by the Independence Township Board. The effort is in response to increase speed and danger to walkers, said Pat Kittle, Independence Township supervisor.

conduct a speed study. The goal is to lower the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph. Based on the results of the study, the state could raise, lower, or maintain the speed limit, Kittle said.

"There is a risk," he said.

A study to Oakland County Sheriff's Office showed 41-42 mph in the area, the supervisor said.

The speed study is also the first step towards a traffic calming device, such as a radar activated speed indicator, which the township would pay for, he said. Lt. Dirk Feneley, Independence Township sheriff's substation commander, said Petosky has the devices in several areas. "It's one of the most calming devices they've got," Feneley said. "They're portable, solar powered, weigh about 27 pounds, and cost about \$5,000-\$6,000 for everything." The study will take about three to four weeks to a month to schedule, and a couple days to complete, Kittle said.

City under budget, audit says

Continued from page 1 appoximately 27 percent of general fund expenditures, compared to 24 percent last vear, Emmons said.

"You came in about \$34,000 under budget in the final amended budget," she said. "You run a very tight budget here."

"I'd love to help the city with something like that - it's very important," she said.

City council will discuss the issue later, said Mayor Steve Percival.

"We're not going to debate this today, not off the cuff," Percival said.

Total revenue to the city "It was a lot better than we this past fiscal year was expected," said Treasurer \$1,108,668; and total expenses, \$1,204,704, a deficit of \$96,036. Last year's deficit was \$52,873.



"Two middle school age kids were hit on M-15 this summer," Kittle said. "Speed was deemed part and parcel of what happened."

The state route is on the border of the two communities. through a residential area. Michigan State Police will Caitlin Bentoski.

The city did a good job with internal budgetary controls despite a small staff and personnel changes, including resignation of the city manager and a new treasurer.

"Caitlin caught on very quickly," Emmons said.

One concern is the 0.691 library-millage reduction to the city operating millage, as promised by city council during the 2014 district library campaign - a loss of about \$25,000, she said.

The city's 2016 total net position, \$3,054,554, is down from a 2015 total net position of \$3,115,829.

Net position includes capital assets, buildings and property, that are not considered financial resources, Special Assessments to be collected over several years, and bonds and other long-term liabilities not due and payable this year, and therefore not reported in the funds.



From left, Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock and Board of Education members Steve Hyer, Elizabeth Egan, and Susan Boatman at their Nov. 14 meeting. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Marketer to continue bond outreach, officials say

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to oversee community engagement.

"We want to make sure the community knows what's going on in schools," Hyer said, adding the board was heavily engaged in the community through the passage of the bond and they want to continue doing that.

Hyer describes the marketing coordinator as someone who will continue bond

transparency in the short term, update the school district website, and create new forms of communication and interaction with community groups in the long term.

"We want to be 100 percent transparent," Hyer said. "We've been posting community updates, all the great communication and relationship building and community interaction that we got in preparing the bond, we want to continue as we implement

the bond and really beyond."

The new marketing person will work to unify internal and external communications in the district and help to bring back students to Clarkston schools, Hyer said.

He hopes the marketing coordinator will help Clarkston stand out as an area where people want to move their families to. The administration will advertise the two new positions and the board will approve hirings.

Township block grant

The 2017 Community **Development Block Grant** Funding was unanimously approved by the Independence Township Board of Trustees at their Nov. 15 meeting.

The township received \$77,103 from the block grant, the same amount received last year.

New cameras at township parks

BY JESSICA STEELEY **Clarkston News Staff Writer**

New security cameras are soon going to be seen throughout Independence Township after the Board of Trustees voted unanimously for them, Nov. 16.

"We installed security cameras here at town hall and those have really worked out well," said Treasurer Paul Brown at the meeting. "We have, from time to time, residents who are boisterous because they have concerns in one department or another, it's nice to have those things captured the way they're being captured for the protection of both the residents and the employees."

"We need to be able to protect the assets of the community," Trustee Andrea Schroder said in favor of installing the cameras.

Brown also spoke with Lt. Dirk Feneley, of the Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Township Substation, to install security cameras at the substation because custody exchanges and online sale transactions from Craigslist and eBay often take place in the parking lot.

"Having three cameras over there to capture what's happening in that parking lot, the lieutenant thought was a really great idea for when these things happen, because otherwise you have no way of knowing what happened," Brown said.

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Closed for Thanksgiving

The offices of The Clarkston News will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The office will be open for business on Friday, Nov. 25, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Holiday Lights Parade

The Clarkston High School Team **RUSH Robotics crew hosts the Clarkston** Holiday Lights Parade on Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

Clarkston Schools' student clubs and organizations are eligible for a \$100 special award if they win the Clarkston Schools Pride Award. The theme of this year's parade is Holidays Moving Through Toyland.

The parade starts at Renaissance High School and ends at St. Daniel's church. All float entries are to arrive at RHS by 4 p.m. on parade day. Judging will start at 4:45 p.m.

To register or get more information go to www.teamrush27.net/parade, or contact Kyle Hughes at khhughes@clarkston.k12. mi.us.

Friday hours at city hall

Clarkston City Council voted 6-0 to approve a request by administration to close the city office at noon on Fridays.

Friday hours are from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., after which residents can use the postal box near the door to drop off payments, ballots, or correspondence, said Clerk Sandy Miller.

"We are all part time and due to staffing difficulties, the staff is requesting to close the office at noon on Fridays," Miller said in her request.

Giving Tuesday

The Amyloidosis Foundation of Clarkston has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving, Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Thirty percent of the funds will be allocated to public services -\$6,131 will go to Independence Township Senior Center services. Transportation services will

receive \$5,000, and \$12,000 will go to youth services at Clarkston Area Youth Assistance.

The remaining amount, \$53,972, will be used for emergency minor home repairs for those in the community who qualify for the grant money. Qualifying homes can't afford these home repairs, which includes such things as fixing a leak or a furnace.

The cameras will be purchased from CTS Companies for a price not to exceed \$26,743.

Brown said there are plans to put cameras up at Brady Lodge and Bay Court Park.

"We all know how much money we spent there [Brady Lodge] and we know the problems we had there with vandalism over the years, we certainly want to protect the investment that we've made," Brown said.

Some board members walked around Bay Court Park to figure out the best places to put cameras, Brown said, and they decided to install them around the Lakeview Multi-Purpose Room and the parking lot, with cameras pointed at the park and beach area.

More security cameras at the township are also being prioritized. Brown explained there was a theft at the offices over a month ago and the air conditioners were stolen. There are no cameras on that side of the building, so they weren't able to capture the thieves.

"That's the kind of thing you need cameras for, to help prevent or let you catch the people that do those type of things," Brown said. "So, there's a couple more cameras that will go in here at the township, we do want to get a little bit better capture of the parking lot again for protection of employees vehicles and residents vehicles when they come in."

In 2015, the foundation raised almost \$5,000 with 50 donations fueled by social media and collaboration.

"This year our goal is \$10,000 and we are trying to gather at least 100 donations," said Kelly Loush, communication manager. "This annual online event kicks off the charitable season locally and around the world."

The non-profit organization, located at 7151 N. Main Street, Suite 2, supports research through its annual grant program to raise awareness of the disease within the medical community and the public. Check www.amyloidosis.org or call 877-AMYLOID.

Phil in the Blank A column by Phil Custodio

Thanksgivingness

If all goes well, this Thanksgiving I'll be celebrating with family down south. I'm very thankful for the opportunity to do that.

I'm thankful for my work, 10 years now as editor of The Clarkston News. The first group of second graders I gave my newspaper history spiel in May of 2007 are now high school seniors, licensed to drive, almost ready to graduate in the spring.

My how time flies.

I'm thankful for indoor plumbing, as I've always been since spending seven months without it while in the service.



It's been a challenge lately, with a hopelessly

backed up sink in the kitchen. The clog or whatever is somewhere deep in the pipes, immune to chemicals and plunging, so now I drain the sink into a bucket.

I'm thankful for all the creative people my age who decided nothing nowadays is as good as the stuff we had as kids, so they're just remaking the old stuff.

New "Star Wars" movies? Keep them coming.

"Bloom County?" Sure. It was brought back due to the election season but I'm hoping it continues.

Marvel and DC comic book characters all over movies and television? It's all good to me. Marvel Cinematic Universe Phase One, Phase Two, Phase Three, the new DC movie universe? Sure.

"Godzilla vs. King Kong?" I remember watching the original as a kid at my cousins' house in Canada. I'll watch it again when they get around to remaking it.

I like how CW network is now anchored in DC comics - Supergirl, Flash, Green Arrow, all the folks in "Legends of Tomorrow."

"Daredevil," "Jessica Jones," "Luke Cage" on Netflix, "Gotham" on Fox? OK. things may be getting a bit out of hand, but I still appreciate it.

Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

Thanks for appreciation of veterans

Dear Editor,

In reading our local paper we came across the article "A time to remember" (by Kate Konczal, Independence Township Building Department, Page 26, Nov. 9). The picture in the article looked familiar and I suddenly realized it was a picture of the rear bumper of our car.

She was writing about Mom and I. The elegant lady she mentioned was Mom. Wow. We then looked her up and went to our township and introduced ourselves. What a delightful experience. She came from a long line of relatives, father, brothers, grandfathers who had all served with the Marines down through the years starting with World War II.

When she was driving to her job one day

she was behind us and used her cell phone camera and snapped the pic of our car and decided to write this article for Veterans Day and then submitted it to the local paper.

Mom and I were so surprised. And what a lovely lady she was. We talked for a while and discussed my experiences. It was a great morning. McDonalds served free breakfast and then a deep dish pizza from Little Caesars, honoring vets for lunch.

We wanted to share this with you guys. It's so nice to see the country supporting vets and the current members of the services, and we thank family and friends who have called and texted me.

Have a great day, one and all. J.S. Kennedy Independence Township



SMILES OF THE WEEK: From left are newly sworn-in Independence Township Board trustees Rachel Loughrin and Andrea Schroeder, Treasurer Paul Brown, the Hon. Joseph G. Fabrizio, Trustee Ron Ritchie, Clerk Barbara Pallotta, Trustee Jose Aliaga, and Supervisor Pat Kittle. Photo by Jessica Steelev

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2001

"Rockin' at the Fox" Former Clarkston resident Denise Caston was taking over the Fox Theatre stage as a Radio City Rockette in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

"Books are cooler when read by Ernie" A legendary voice echoed through Pine Knob Elementary as Ernie Harwell, baseball Hall of Fame broadcaster for the Detroit Tigers, stopped by to visit the fourth and fifth graders. He shared "there's magic in everything you read" before reading "The Babe and I" to the students.

"Icers open season with win over Mott" Six different Wolves contributed in the season opener against Waterford Mott as Clarkston Hockey defeated the Corsairs at the Polar Palace in Lapeer, 6-

25 years ago - 1991

"City status" Independence Township learned the "stay of proceedings" they filed to halt Clarkston's cityhood proceedings was not being recognized by the Michigan Court of Appeals.

"Questions add muscle to human anatomy class" Bill Mackson, a teacher at Clarkston High School, lives for questions in his human anatomy classes. When he taught there were as many questions and answers as a game of "Jeopardy." Sometimes he would be the one asking the question, sometimes it would be students. He was a firm believer there is no such thing as a stupid question.

"Turkey tales" The turkey's gobble while visiting North Sashabaw Elementary stopped Phillip Gentges in his tracks. Many students learned about turkey calls and touched Tom the turkey's rubber-like head.

50 years ago - 1966

"Only minor accidents over holiday" The Sheriff's department reported a minimum of accidents in Independence Township over the Thanksgiving holiday including one on Thanksgiving morning and two over the weekend. "Wolves open with Lakers" Fans were getting ready for the Clarkston Varsity Boys Basketball team to open their season with returners Dan Fife, Tom Allen, Randy Nicoson, Mark Erickson and Mark Richard.

I'm thankful for the Anime dub industry, especially the Texans who built a company making English dubbed versions of Japanese shows of all sorts. Then they travel to conventions around the country to sign your stuff, talk about their work, and take selfies with you. I love those guys.

Knowing grown men and women are making their livings performing and producing all these shows makes me happy, and for that I'm thankful.



"Round the town" Mrs. Albert Peterson was the special guest of the First Methodist Sunday School as she showed them how to make Advent Wreaths and explained their meanings and different ways people used them.

Spaced out over lack of space

These Jottings ran on Nov. 26, 2014 Back in the 1970s, we put an awful lot of thought into building our Oxford Township home. We thought of things like a 2-car garage, garage door to the lower level and even an outbuilding with wide garage-type doors.

At the time, we had two cars and lots of covered space. We couldn't possibly have thought we'd need the filled space we have now. What changed?

Family.

I have no car, but we now house an antique car, three fishing boats, two power mowers, a John Deere lawn tractor, and a garage size space for in-laws to work on their boats. Of course, this has limited any space I might need to put chains on my John Deere, store my snow blower and lessened the

> space I need to get to all the tools and equipment I have hanging on the walls.

Recently, an in-law chided me for not foreseeing all this. This is the same in-law (Bob) I have put money aside for when his wife, my daughter Luan wants a separation. * * *

• TV ad begging for money for homeless dogs. "Animals don't realize there could be a better life for them." That fits human animals, too.

• Jim Phillips, a motivational speaker and business consultant at Oxford Rotary said: "Establish a dream in people, and encourage them to follow it." It's worked for over 400 companies he's helped. It would probably work in families, too.

• Daughter Susan fixed me a Polish sausage sandwich this week. When I bit into it, the sausage slid a little. I complained to her about it. She said, rather unfriendly, "I'll cut it in a square next time!" That made me realize how much of a complainer I've become. Giving it even more thought, I better adopt a dream and follow it.

. If, in a large city, you can buy two

16-ounce sodas, but not a 24-ounce soda because 24-ounce sodas of a sugary drink might make you fat, you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

• If an 80-year old woman can be strip-searched by TSA (Transportation Security Administration) but a woman in a hijab is only subject to having her neck and head searched, you might be living in a country founded by geniuses, but run by idiots.

• If a 7-year-old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is "cute," but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable, you might live in a country founded by geniuses but run by idiots.

Let your love light shine: Do something nice.

You may not know or believe this, but I am kinda shy and this tends to lead folks to the conclusion that I'm emotionally shallow. I keep things close to the vest and, as such, can seem distant and not nice.

That said, well, I remember what is probably the only "nice" thing I have ever done. 'Twas the summer of 1982. At 19 strapping-young years of age, I was home for summer vacation from good old Central Michigan University.

Summer "vacation" of course meant working 40-plus hours a week at Lakeview Cemetery in Clarkston.

And, while I dug that job, folks were dying to get in and I had responsibility and a lot of people beneath me, I still liked to hang out with people my own age — definitely not spend time with any of my three younger sisters: Not Barbie, not Patty, nor Nancy Christine, then 10 years old. *Good Deeds for Zach* (check it out on Facebook). Wrote I, 12 months ago this week:

"I will admit it, I am emotionally retarded. To many, I am distant. Stoic. I have shared my soul with only a few precious people. It's not that I don't feel, I am human. I just don't share well with others what is inside my coat of armor.

- "I am impartial.
- "Balanced.

"I am forever calm (one even called me her human Valium).

"So, imagine my surprise the other week when I read a post on Facebook by a total stranger and then felt something stir somewhere deep inside my heart. What the heck? Was that a chink in my cold, hard armor I heard?"

At least I'm consistent in my self-narration.

Zach's birthday is Dec. 4.

"We're looking forward to seeing all the wonderful deeds everyone does. I know it's not usually something people want to brag about, but in this case, please make an exception, and share your good deed here, or anywhere on social media with **#GoodDeedsForZach** so that we can enjoy and appreciate them. Zach's birthday is an exceptionally difficult day for us, and the outpouring of positivity and goodwill go a long way in helping ease our pain. So please share, and tell your friends to do the same."

Last year, I wrote on tiny pieces of paper, "Smile, somebody loves you" and placed them in random library books. You can bake some cookies for somebody. Go visit a senior citizen. Pay for somebody's coffee. Smile at a stranger. Heck, forgive some-



Jim Sherman

Jim's

Jottings



Don't know what kind of faerie sprite pwanged me with glittery pixie dust, but for some odd reason I volunteered to take Nancy and one her girlfriends to the movies to see E.T.

Tada!

That's it. My moment of goodness in an otherwise bleak and uneventful life.

Or, so I reckoned.

Just like there was time for Ebenezer Scrooge to change his shallow ways back in Charles Dickens' A *Christmas Carol* there was time for me to be nicer. It took me a few decades to get there, but last year I found an outlet to let in niceness — on social media of all places!



Teena and husband Dan Finn, Jr., lost their son Zach to an automobile accident two months after he graduated from Clarkston High School, on Aug. 4, 2012. Grief is a twisty and tricky emotion to navigate.

Somewhere along their road, some way and some how the couple came to a crossroad. They turned outwards to help heal their innards. *Good Deeds for Zach* is their rally vehicle to traverse the hills, ruts, bumps and mud during the emotionally-charged and hard, holiday season and Zach's birthday.

Wrote Teena, "Big or small, acts of kindness go a long way in making the world a better place. Please take a moment on Zach's birthday to honor him, and do a good deed for someone, and help us keep his memory alive. And please share your good deed on social media with #GoodDeedsForZach so that we can see and appreciate them all."

body.

Then, if you are so inclined, let Teena and Dan know what act of kindness you shared with the world. * * *

Sometime after I took Nancy and her friend (I think it might have been Kelly Parker) to the movies that summer day, singer/songwriter Neil Diamond was influenced by E.T. and released the single *Heartlight*. A schmarmy, schmaltzie pop song, I still remember the hook:

Turn on your heartlight Let it shine wherever you go Let it make a happy glow For all the world to see Turn on your heartlight Please think about it. On Dec. 4, start doing something nice. Let your heartlight shine and when you do, think a bit about the Finns, Teena, Dan and Zach.

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Fighting 56-year-old

A 56-year-old Waterford man was cited for fighting, 8:03 a.m., Nov. 14, in the 5000 block of Clintonville Road. He was upset with an Auburn Hills man over a tree job they did together a few months ago, punched him in the facing, knocking him to the ground, and punched him several more times before being separated.

No insurance

A records' check on an SUV on Clintonville Road at Maybee Road showed it didn't have insurance, 4:58 p.m., Nov. 14. The driver, a 65-year-old Lake Orion man, was cited for no proof of insurance and driving with a suspended license.

Truck in prohibited zone

A truck was stopped in a no-truck zone on Nelsey Road, 1:43 p.m., Nov. 14. The truck company was cited with disobeying the trucks-prohibited sign, allowing a person to drive without proper commercial driver's license, and no medical certificate, tax permit, fire extinguisher, triangles, nor annual inspections for truck and trailer.

Live Nativity

Clarkston United Methodist Church is having a live nativity with camel, donkey, sheep, and goats accompanied by shepherds, angels, and Mary and Joseph, 5-8 p.m., Dec. 2, at the church, 6600 Waldon Road.

The event also includes a petting zoo with opportunity to feed a variety of animals. Dinner will be from 5-7 p.m., with pasta, salad, and breadsticks. An advent craft for kids will be from 5-6:30 p.m., with carols in the sanctuary from 6:30-7 p.m, led by the adult choir director. Hot cocoa and coffee will be served all evening outside under the hospitality tent.

All are welcome and admission is free. For more information, call Annette at 248-625-1611.

McGrath League

Clarkston High School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Fife, his coaching staff, and players teach all they know at the 35th Annual McGrath League.

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Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township **Reckless driving**

Tailgater stopped

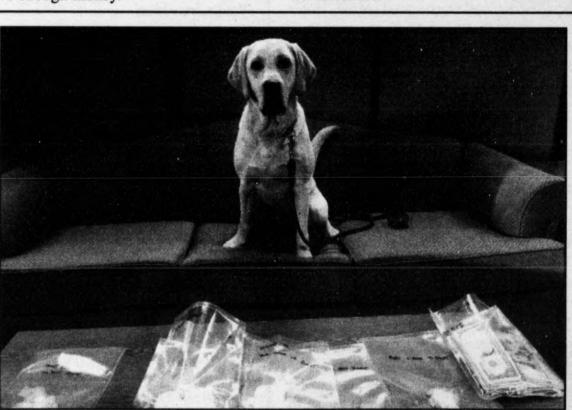
A 24-year-old Lake Orion man was stopped for tailgating on Sashabaw Road at Oak Hill Road, 11:42 p.m., Nov. 14. He was cited for following too closely and driving with a suspended license.

Shoplifter

A 50-year-old Holly woman was arrested on shoplifting and drunk driving warrants at a grocery store in the 7000 block of Dixie Highway, 5:33 p.m., Nov. 15. There had been complaints of a woman with a shopping cart full of personal belongings walking around the plaza. She was found in the store bathroom, her belongings scattered about, charging her phone. She also had a pumpkin holiday roll, package of sushi, and bag of gummy bears. She said she was going to purchase the items but realized she didn't have enough money.

A 28-year-old Waterford woman drove her car into a tree off Clintonville Road at Mann Road, 7:09 p.m., Nov. 15. A witness said she

was swerving back and forth from the road shoulder and back onto the road way. The driver said she has panic attacks and passes out sometimes. She was driving down the road when her vision went "white" after she was looking down at her GPS, and the next thing she knew, she was crashing into the tree, she told deputies. Several CO2 capsules were on the driver's side floor. A search also found an electronic pipe with glass chamber, marijuana flake and THC wax, whipit canister, and the gas capsules. She was cited for reckless driving, possession of marijuana, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, and violation of driver's license restrictions - she was only supposed to drive from her parents' house to her residence.



Oakland County Sheriff's K9 Gunner, with some illegal drugs he found. Photo provided

New protective vest for Gunner



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

The cost is \$115 for the first child and \$90 for an additional child from the same family. The cost includes a league basketball T-shirt. Registration is through Independence Township Parks, Recreation & Seniors.

Community events? Tell us about them at ClarkstonNews@gmail.com or 248-625-3370

Gunner, the police dog, will receive a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s, Inc., and manufacturer Armor Express.

"We are forever grateful of this donation to K9 Gunner, who is such an asset to our entire K9 team," said Oakland County Sheriff Michael J. Bouchard. "K9 Gunner is assigned to the Oakland County Narcotic Enforcement Team and has been responsible for the finds of several large narcotics quantities. This donation will keep him safe while he does his daily work going after drug traffickers."

Vests were donated to K9s in

throughout the country as part of the incentive program for which one free vest is awarded for every 15 vests purchased by the charity.

Gunner is a 3-year-old yellow lab certified by the National Association of **Professional Canine Handlers in narcotics** detection. He has been assigned to the Narcotic Enforcement Team for over a year.

The donation to provide one protective vest for a law enforcement K9 is \$1,050. Each vest has a value between \$1,795-\$2,234, a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 pounds. For more information, check www.vik9s.org.

plus updates from District Library and Independence Township Parks, Recreation, and Seniors.

CLARKSTON LIGHTHOUSE GUIDANCE Thursdays at 4:00 Fridays at 1:30 Saturdays at 8:00 Listen to trained Therapists discuss how families can better communicate with each other.

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Sporting New

Lessons learned in season opener

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Icers opened the winter season with lessons on the ice in their 7-4 loss to Anchor Bay last Thursday.

"They have been skating for months, but we have only been practicing for two weeks," said Clarkston Varsity Hockey Head Coach Karl Daiek. "There's a lot to cover. They are a little inconsistent with it which I expect. It's a new coach, new systems, new structure, and it's all new to them."

Less than three minutes into the game sophomore Jackson Cooper broke out of the Wolves' territory with the puck. He skated in front of the Tars' net and their goalie. He swung his hockey stick, hitting the puck into the net for the first goal.

Anchor Bay tied the score with six minutes remaining in the first period. Clarkston met it with their own goal seconds later from sophomore Danny Milano with assists from junior Brent Bachusz and senior Gavin Eisert.

Milano attempted to get one more on the board with a shot on the net with two minutes to go.

"They were great," Daiek said about the Wolves opening with two goals. "But it was through the normal course of play. What happens when it starts going the other way? Then, you aren't doing things that are normal. You try to do more. You get out of position, you don't focus on your responsibilities. Hockey is a very structured game even though it is consistently flowing. You still have responsibilities when you have the puck then immediately change when the puck changes possession or when it is a 50/50 puck. What these guys need to learn is their responsibilities and how to get into those possessions to do the right things which is going to take some time."

Anchor Bay gained the lead in the game with five goals scored in the second period and one more in the third period.

Junior Gage Stamper and sophomore Brendan Tungol scored two goals for the Wolves during the final two periods.

"They played well at times," Daiek said. "I prefer to dwell on the good shifts. I don't worry about the bad shifts because we have to fine tune it to where they get more consistent. What I worry about is if they give up and don't keep trying to get better. They aren't willing to accept that and as a competitor I wouldn't either. I want to compete, it doesn't matter who it is."

He added this year's team is young and they are going to go against teams older and with more experience.

"The only way for us to catch up is to gain experience in a short amount of time. The key is they just need to stick with it," he said.

The boys play Lake Orion on Saturday at Detroit Skating Club, 8 p.m.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Chiefs JV White team celebrate being Superbowl champions. Photo provided

Champions of the field

The score was close near the end of the game, but the Clarkston Chiefs JV White closed the Northern Youth Football League Superbowl as champions with a a 16-12 win over Oxford Gold, Nov. 5.

"A Superbowl victory is special and something that will make me smile when thinking back on the years I've coached," said John King, head coach. "But Superbowls will never take place of the special time I was able to spend with my three boys. There are so many moments I will cherish forever."

With the win the Chiefs remained undefeated for the season and won the American Division in the league after defeating Lake Orion, 12-0, and Oxford Blue, 34-12.

"I have two goals every season," King explained. "The first is to finish the season with the exact amount of kids I started He added he would tell parents to give him two weeks to begin to mold their kids and after two weeks he never had anyone quit. Then, when the game portion begins they "truly see the kids grow, bond and have fun competing."

Who is the next AOW?

Nominate your favorite athlete by

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The Clarkston Chiefs JV White team is Ethan Clark, Tyler Cray, Micah Duffy, Nathen Hutchons, Kohl Jarvis, Elijah Kern, Mason King, Brody Kosin, Steven Kossak, Kaiden Lash, Jacob Lenardson, Kendall McKouen, Brady Middleton, Hunter Polonkey, Alex Prisby, Danny Redmond, Luke Shrout, Frank Schuster, Malachi Sievers, Clay Smaka, Zackery Sweet, Joshua Visintine, Brady Vogt, Christopher Webb, Jaylen Wilson and Mason Winkelblech.

"I want to thank every parent, player, coach, volunteer, and whoever played a part in making the Chiefs so successful during my years of being involved in the program," King added. "I will never forget you and thank you from the bottom of my heart for some of the best years of my life."

with, and also to build and develop future Wolves. At age eight some kids don't know how to tie their shoes let alone block and tackle."



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Bouncing ballgame

Students from Team Rush 27 robotics took over the field as they played Bubble Soccer, Nov. 5.

"Bubble Soccer was an outcome of meeting our goals this past summer," said Kyle Hughes, Clarkston High School teacher and coach/mentor for the robotics team.

She added students were challenged to raise money for the annual Rush Regatta and they reached their goal.

"We had a lot of fun," Hughes said. "It is much harder than it looks. We were exhausted."

Freshman Grace Havel added Bubble Soccer was part of team building and safety day.

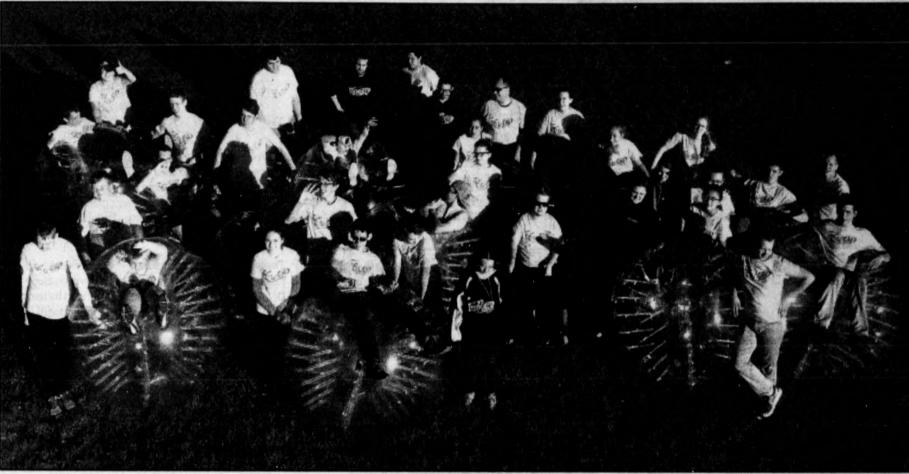
"Bubble Soccer was an innovative way to get students involved and out of their comfort zone," Havel said. "We laughed, we played, we were tired, but we all had fun. This was a great way to bond with our teammates and celebrate our fundraising accomplishments."

Team RUSH 27 hosts the annual Holiday Lights parade through downtown Clarkston, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

For more information please visit www.teamrush27.net.

~Staff Writer Wendi Reardon Price





Student in Team RUSH 27 break for a photo during Bubble Soccer. Photos provided



Players chase the ball during Bubble Soccer.

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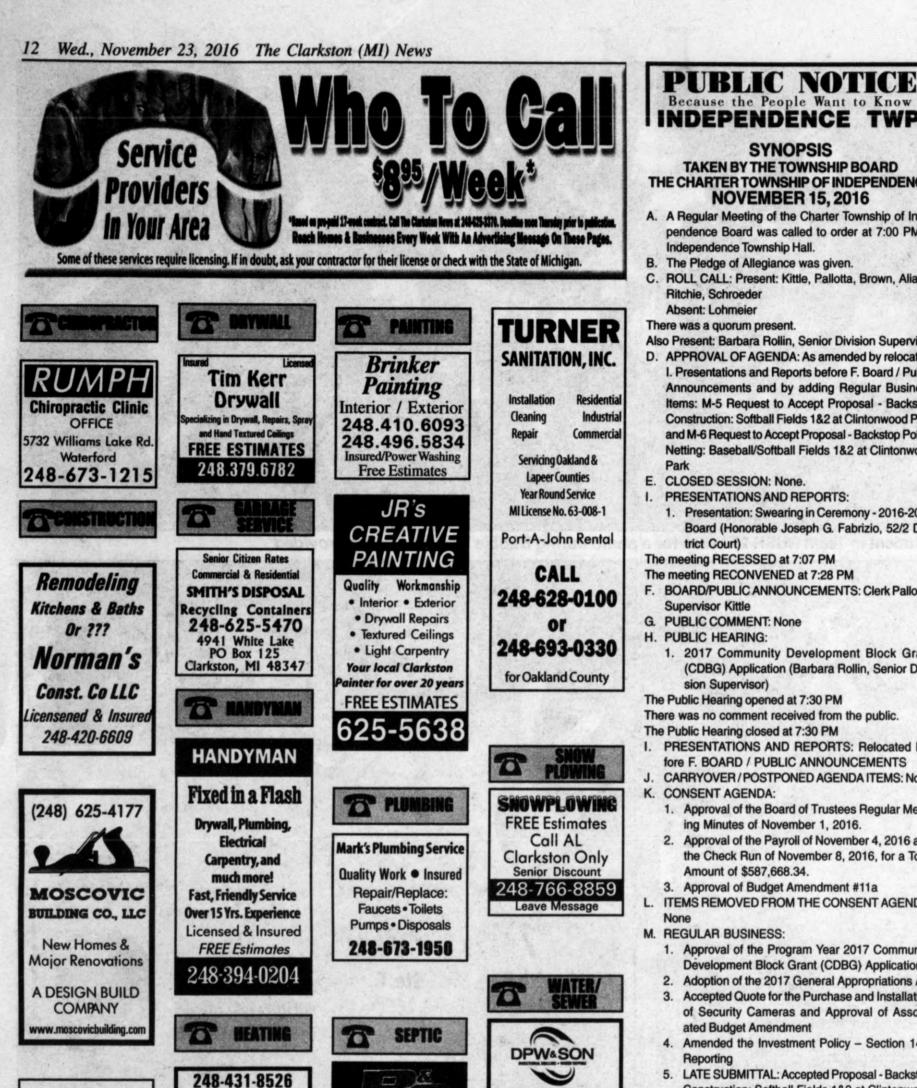
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TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **NOVEMBER 15, 2016**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at Independence Township Hall.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Aliaga, Ritchie, Schroeder

There was a quorum present.

Also Present: Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Supervisor

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As amended by relocating I. Presentations and Reports before F. Board / Public Announcements and by adding Regular Business Items: M-5 Request to Accept Proposal - Backstop Construction: Softball Fields 1&2 at Clintonwood Park and M-6 Request to Accept Proposal - Backstop Poles/ Netting: Baseball/Softball Fields 1&2 at Clintonwood
- E. CLOSED SESSION: None.
- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
- 1. Presentation: Swearing in Ceremony 2016-2020 Board (Honorable Joseph G. Fabrizio, 52/2 Dis-
- The meeting RECESSED at 7:07 PM
- The meeting RECONVENED at 7:28 PM
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Pallotta,

- 1. 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application (Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Supervisor)

The Public Hearing opened at 7:30 PM There was no comment received from the public. The Public Hearing closed at 7:30 PM

- I. PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: Relocated be-
- fore F. BOARD / PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None
- K. CONSENT AGENDA:
 - 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2016.
 - 2. Approval of the Payroll of November 4, 2016 and the Check Run of November 8, 2016, for a Total Amount of \$587,668.34.
 - 3. Approval of Budget Amendment #11a
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- M. REGULAR BUSINESS:
 - Approval of the Program Year 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application
 - 2. Adoption of the 2017 General Appropriations Act Accepted Quote for the Purchase and Installation
 - of Security Cameras and Approval of Associated Budget Amendment
 - 4. Amended the Investment Policy Section 14.0
 - 5. LATE SUBMITTAL: Accepted Proposal Backstop Construction: Softball Fields 1&2 at Clintonwood

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS **Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Frank Joseph Lombardo. Date of Birth: August 12, 1937 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frank Joseph Lmobardo, died Octomber 18, 2016

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jon B. Munger, personal representative or proposed personal representative to both the probate court at 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac, MI 48341 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN FILE NO: 2016-373, 564-DE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

Estate of Barbara E. Turnblom, Deceased. Date of birth: 4/8/1931 TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Barbara E. Turnblom, Deceased, died October 17, 2016

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Richard F. Tumblom 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.

ROBERT G. ISGRIGG, JR. P-24924 **Richard F. Turnblom** 2745 Pontiac Lake Road 5584 Fox Chase Lane Waterford, Michigan 48328 Clarkston, Michigan 48346 (248) 623-0634

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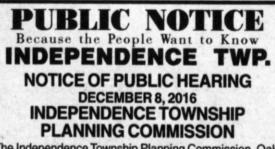
Estate of Gladys Catherine Shepard a/k/a Gladys Katherine Shepard a/k/a Gladys K. Shepard, Deceased. Date of birth: 4/6/1928

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gladys Catherine Shepard a/k/a Gladys Katherine Shepard a/k/a Gladys K. Shepard, died August 9,

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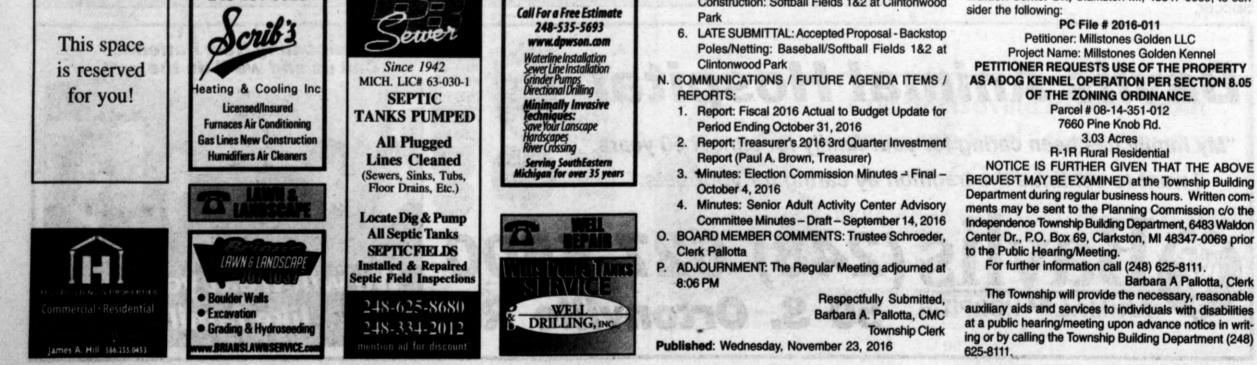
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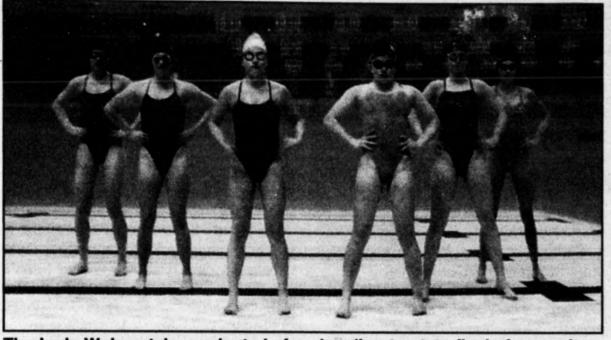
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The Independence Township Planning Commission, Oakland County, Michigan, will hold a Public Hearing on:

Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. At Independence Township Hall Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., Clarkston MI, 48347-0069, to con-





The Lady Wolves take a minute before heading to state finals for a unique photo in the pool, from left Rachel Kociba, Kate Rogowski, Caroline Hughes, Betsey Walkowiak, Ashleigh Allen and Haley VanBuskirk. *Photos submitted*

Seawolves wrap season

Sophomore Caroline Hughes led the Lady Wolves as she finished in 15th place during the MHSAA Division 1 Girls Swim & Dive State Championship at Oakland University on Saturday.

Hughes finished in the time of 58.59 in the 100-yard backstroke during the meet on Saturday. She qualified after finishing in 17th place during the preliminary round on Friday.

Hughes was joined by freshmen Betsey Walkowiak, Haley VanBuskirk; sophomore Rachel Kociba; junior Ashleigh Allen; and senior Kate Rogowski at the meet.

During preliminaries the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Allen, Hughes, Rogowski and VanBuskirk finished in 18th place, 3:39.99. The relay team of Allen, Hughes, Rogowski and Walkowiak finished in 20th place during preliminaries in the 200-yard medley relay.

Kociba, Rogowski, VanBuskirk and Walkowiak finished in 21st place in the 200yard freestyle relay, 1:41.58.

For individual events preliminaries, Hughes finished in 23rd place in the 100-yard butterfly, 59.26; VanBuskirk finished in 24th place in the 200-yard IM, 2:12.26; and 31st place in the 100-yard freestyle, 54.47; and Allen finished in 26th place in the 500-yard freestyle, 5:12.71; and 31st place in the 200yard IM, 2:13.03.

The Lady Wolves finished the meet in 34th place.



Think varicose veins are just a cosmetic issue?

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Think again

Varicose veins are a sign of vein (venous) disease. Symptoms may include pain, swelling, restlessness, burning, itching, fatigue of the legs as well as skin damage. Learn more about vein disease at www.flintveins.com and our quick & effective treatment



The team prepares for competition at the OAA Red league meet.



Varicose Vein treatment covered by insurance?

"Americans who are suffering from unsightly, swollen, painful varicose veins might want to take closer look at their insurance", says Dr. Charles Mok D.O., at Allure Vein Center.

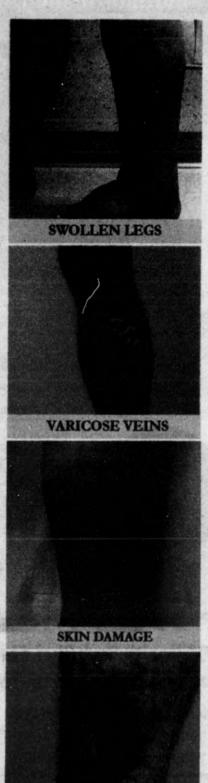
"What most people don't know is that the Affordable Care Act, commonly referred to as Obamacare, covers treatment for varicose veins," he adds.

"We're seeing more and more people for this condition. Why wouldn't you have it treated when its an easy procedure with little to no out-of-pocket costs?"

Forty million people suffer from varicose veins, which can result in substantial pain and complications if not treated. Symptoms may include:

bulging veins
restless legs
aching, throbbing, cramping

"Early detection with free vein screening is essential," says Dr. Mok. "Wait too long and you could experience unwanted skin changes



Local named to Hall to Fame

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Umpire Elliot "Butch" Parnes was inducted into the United States Specialty Sports Association National Hall of Fame in the umpire category last Saturday.

"It's humbling and it's an honor," said the Clarkston resident.

Parnes added his favorite part about umpiring is being part of the game.

"Someone needs to be in control so I am the one," he said, adding he also enjoys the players. "I have umped the best."

From Sunday morning leagues to tournaments around the country he enjoys being on the field, and he umpires for women and men as a slow-pitch and fast-pitch softball umpire.

"It makes no difference to me," he smiled. "The play is so much different between women and men. Men hit for power. Women play defense and they play more strategy."

He recalls some of his favorite games include police tournament games, national women tournaments and professional leagues.

"It was special because there were former Tigers who played in the league," he added. "I had their baseball cards when I was a kid." "They are all fun. The more competitive when there's more on the line at a tournament makes it more fun and exciting. More tense and more vocal when they don't like the call. Now I just take my hearing aids out. I have always blocked it out."

Parnes added an easy way for him to block comments against his calls is just concentrating on the game.

"I let people question a call," he said. "I don't allow profanity. Usually when I ump there are kids around. It's not appropriate. They can make their point without the bombs and everything that goes with it."

Parnes has always prided himself in hustling and is usually in a good position to



make a call.

"I have always respected the players," he added. "I don't try to show them up. They are playing the game. They need somebody to make the decisions. On a close call, 50 percent are going to like you, 50 percent aren't going to like you. What I don't do is make up calls. If I made a call I don't make it up some other time. Some players their famous saying is 'you owe us one.' I don't owe them anything but my umpiring for the game."

He added a lot has to do with reputation and after 48 years of umping players know what they are going to get when Parnes is on the field.

"I do remember one game at Softball City, on 8 Mile Road and Woodward - they had a Lawyers League," he said. "I didn't umpire it too much, but the management and the other umpires were telling me the umpires were getting perturbed because the lawyers argued everything like they would in court. So for the championship game of the league the assigner put me on and my partner, who was a cop.

"I put him a home plate and said you have an attorney and a policeman, do you have any questions on who is in charge of this game. Never heard a peep the whole game," he smiled.

He began umpiring games 48 years ago at intramural games while attending Michigan State University.

"I couldn't play," he admitted. "I wasn't a very good hitter and a lousy fielder."

But he loved the sport which began when his father, Jack, took him to Detroit Tigers games. His mom, Ruth, played softball.

"She was the only female on an all men's softball team way back in the 50s and 60s," he said, adding she is one of his biggest inspirations.

"She was in the Navy in World War II, had she not been she may have tried out for the Women's Professional League because she was a pretty good athlete," he said.

He began umping USSSA games in 1973 while attending law school and worked leagues and tournaments in southeast Michigan and around the country with men's teams.

including swelling and skin ulcers."



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He received the Great Lakes USSSA Divisional Umpire Award in 1986 and was inducted into the Michigan USSSA Hall of Fame in 1988.

Parnes is also a private practice attorney specializing in civil rights, employment discrimination and juvenile law.

He received the Sandra Silver Advocate for Children award during the Family Division of the Oakland County Circuit's Annual Celebration of Michigan Adoption Day on Tuesday.

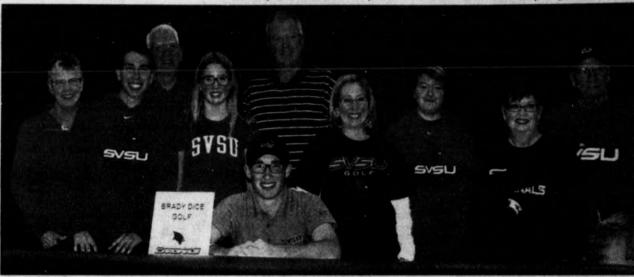
His wife, Judy, was a teacher in Royal Oak and his son, Jake, is a graduate from Clarkston High School.



Jala Smith signs to college surrounded by friends and family.



Dylan Alderson, with friends and family, begins his senior winter season with decision to play basketball in college.



College signed

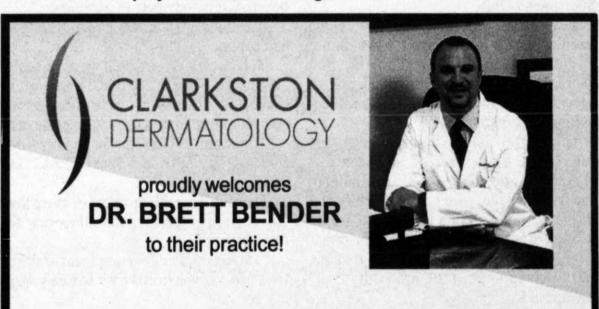
Four Clarkston High School seniors proudly signed their letters of intent in front of friends and family, Nov. 22.

Dylan Alderson penned to University of Wisconsin -Milwaukee for basketball; Brady Dice, Saginaw Valley State University, golf; Jala Smith, Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, track; and Isabelle Wittebort, Michigan State University, gymnastics.

Clarkston Athletics will hold another signing during the winter season. Brady Dice, with family, signs to college for golf.



Isabelle Wittebort smiles after signing to Michigan State University for gymnastics. *Photos by Wendi Reardon Price*



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Oakland County Sportsmen's Club archery instructors Ron Hall and Don Brown have an assortment of bows for their students. Photo by Phil Custodio

Indoor archery this winter

Young archers can work on their departments. marksmanship this winter at upcoming archery leagues at Oakland County Sportsmen's Club.

Classes starting in December include traditional, bow hunter, target, youth, Junior Olympic Archery Development, and instructional sessions for beginners of all ages. All are in the club's 4,500-square-foot indoor archery range.

Classes for those who have never shot before have a maximum of 34 students, to provide one-on-one instruction. Minimum age is 8 years old, with proper maturity and strong enough to pull a bow string, but no maximum age, said instructor Don Brown.

"Mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, are welcome to get back up on the line," Brown said.

They serves 200-300 students every year through the club, and Independence and

"It's a lot of camaraderie and fun," said instructor Ron Hall. "No one sits on the bench. Everybody gets to participate."

Archery helps students build self esteem and confidence, Brown said.

"It reflects well in school work," he said. "It's a good place to come in the winter."

JOAD classes train students for competition up to the Olympic level, he said.

"There are scholarships for archery - one student is on a full ride to Texas A&M," Hall said.

The club has an assortment of more than 100 bows, arm guards, and other gear for new students

"There's no need for equipment to start," Hall said. "Come in and try it before you go out and buy."

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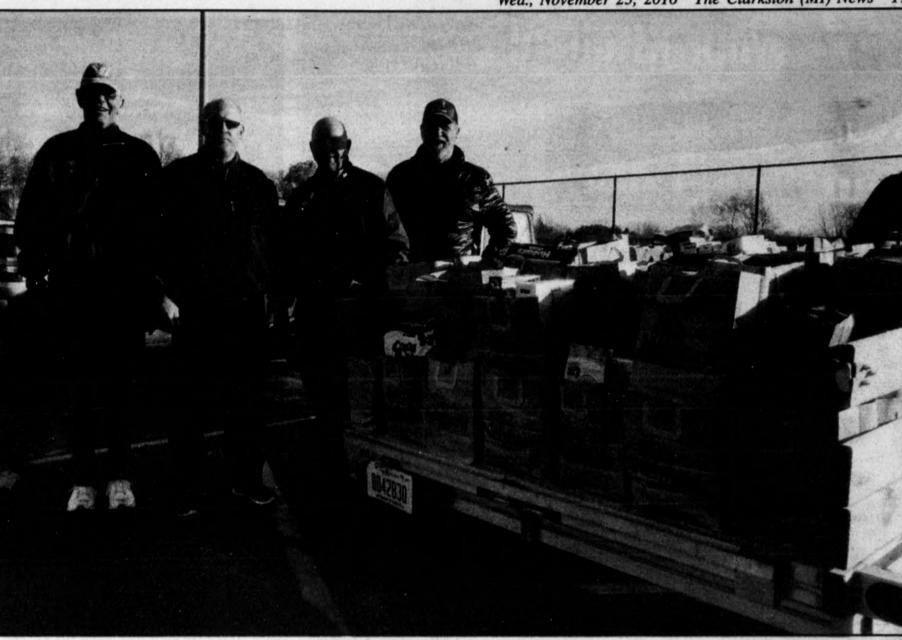
Food drive for Neighbors

The Divine Mercy Knights of Columbus hosted a successful food drive at Neiman's Family Market in Independence Township last weekend.

"Our community was so generous that we were able to collect nearly two tons of food for Neighbor for Neighbor, a local food pantry located in Davisburg," said Steve Rawe of Neighbor For Neighbor. "A special thank you to John Schimdt, store manager, at Neiman's for partnering with the Divine Mercy Knights of Columbus to collect food items last weekend to restock the shelves of our local food pantry, Neighbor For Neighbor."

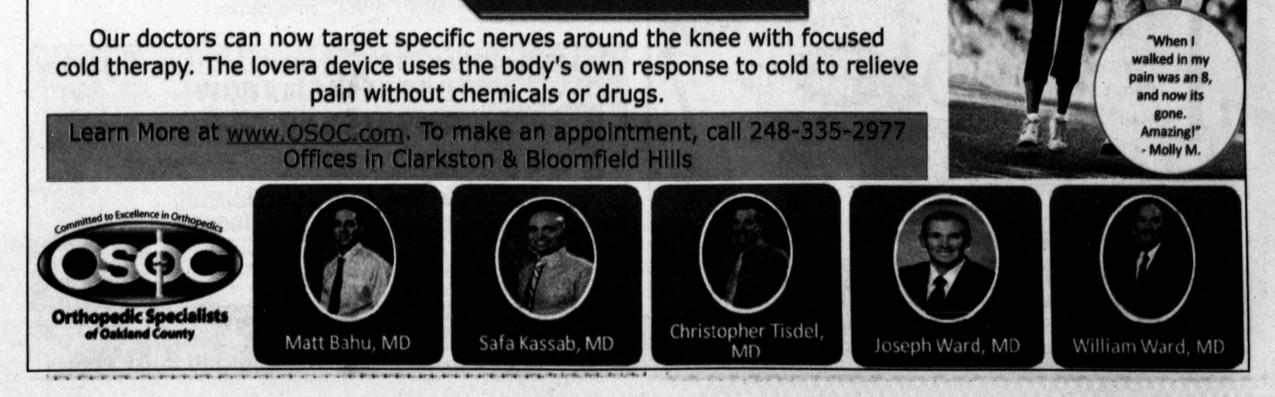
The non-profit assistance center offers help to individuals in need of food, clothing and assistance with utilities or housing in in Springfield, Independence, Holly, Groveland, Rose, and White Lake townships. It's located in the Hart Community Center, 495 Broadway in Davisburg. Call 248-634-0900.

"This would not have been possible without all of your generous donations," Rawe said. "Your support of Neighbor for Neighbor is helping keep the lights on, the children fed and the rent paid for local families in crisis. We are fortunate to live in such a caring community."



From left are Mike Donnellon Sr., John Schmidt, Mike Zubalik, and Thom Searl. Donnellon, Zubalik and Searl are with the Knights of Columbus and Schmidt is the Neiman's store manager. *Photo provided*

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Christopher Collin Graff of Clarkston as Tiny Tim. with Thomas D. Mahard as Scrooge. Photo provided by Sean Carter Photography

Local lad plays Tiny Tim

Christopher Collin Graff of Clarkston plays Tiny Tim in Meadow Brook Theatre's (MBT) "A Christmas Carol," running through Dec. 23 at Oakland University in Rochester.

"Folks come back to see 'A Christmas Carol' year after year," says Cheryl Marshall, MBT managing director. "People who came as kids and have moved away, come home for the holidays and make sure to include us in their visits. We're thrilled to be part of their families during the holiday season."

Graff shares the role with Ari Bigelman of Bloomfield Hills.

The cast also includes Mark Rademacher (Ghost of Jacob Marley and the Spirit of Christmas Present), Sara Catheryn Wolf (Spirit of Christmas Past), Rusty Mewha (Spirit of Christmas Future), and Tobin Hissong and Jean Lyle Lepard as Bob and Mrs. Cratchit.

s director.

"It's great for the kids that are in the cast, for them to get a taste of acting professionally. Some of them have started here and gone on to major in acting in school and pursue it as a career. We even have a former Tiny Tim that's been on Broadway."

The Meadow Brook Theatre adaptation was written and originally staged by Charles Nolte. MBT Associate Director Terry W. Carpenter directs this season's production, with original choreography by Jan Puffer. Scenic design is by Peter Hicks, lighting by Reid G. Johnson, costumes by Mary Pettinato and sound design by Mike Duncan.

Tickets range from \$20 to \$42 and are available by calling the Meadow Brook Theatre box office at 248-377-3300 or going online at www.ticketmaster.com. Groups of



"This is our largest cast of the season," explains Travis Walter, MBT's artistic eight or more should call 248-370-3316 for group discounts.





Captains from every classroom for the Student Lighthouse Team at Springfield Plains. *Photo by Jessica Steeley*

Students find leadership in themselves

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

A new leadership program is working to empower students throughout Clarkston elementary schools.

Andersonville Elementary Principal Kim Fletcher describes the program, entitled The Leader in Me, as a way to allow children to find the leader and the greatness in themselves.

The Leader in Me program is based on Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, according to Matt Gifford, principal at Springfield Plains Elementary.

"We're trying to instill those traits into the students and the building so they have life worthy tools they can take with them beyond the walls of the classroom," Gifford said. "[The program] kind of helps instill the positive dispositions and residuals we want to see in youngsters as they leave our K-12 education." **Covey's Seven Habits**

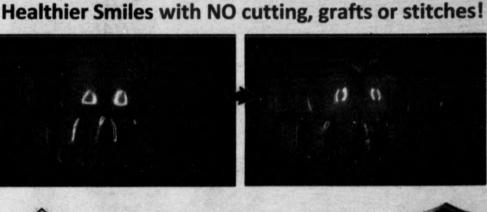
Habit 1: Be Proactive, focus on yourself, you're in charge of your own actions;

Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind, have a plan and set goals to work towards what you want to achieve;

Habit 3: Put First Things First, prioritize what you need to get done;

Habit 4: Think Win-Win, in any given situation the outcome can work out positively for everyone; Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood, listen and understand someone else's feelings and actions and then explain your feelings and actions;

Habit 6: Synergize, working together to combine individual plans; and Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw, be mindful of yourself and take time to be a happy, healthy person. Wed., November 23, 2016 The Clarkston (MI) News 19



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The schools are in their first few years of implementing the program and are just starting to go over the seven habits with the students.

"We're just excited to see where it goes and how it just helps bring us together as an entire school community," Fletcher said.

Dee Smith, a Springfield Plains third grade teacher, said the program teaches students to think outside the box and helps them set goals to achieve.

"We're just trying to develop quality leaders in our kids," Smith said. "Having them not only be leaders in the classroom and following the seven habits, but also taking that outside of the classroom into their everyday lives."

Smith says they're trying to get students to live The Leader in Me lessons and introduce it into their communities, homes and social groups.

"We spend a month time learning about that habit, practicing that habit, living that habit in school and out of school, so that it's just carried over and it becomes a part of who they are," Smith said.

This is the school's second year doing the program and Smith said she's received emails from parents about seeing the habits carryover at home in conversations with their kids and how their kids treat others.



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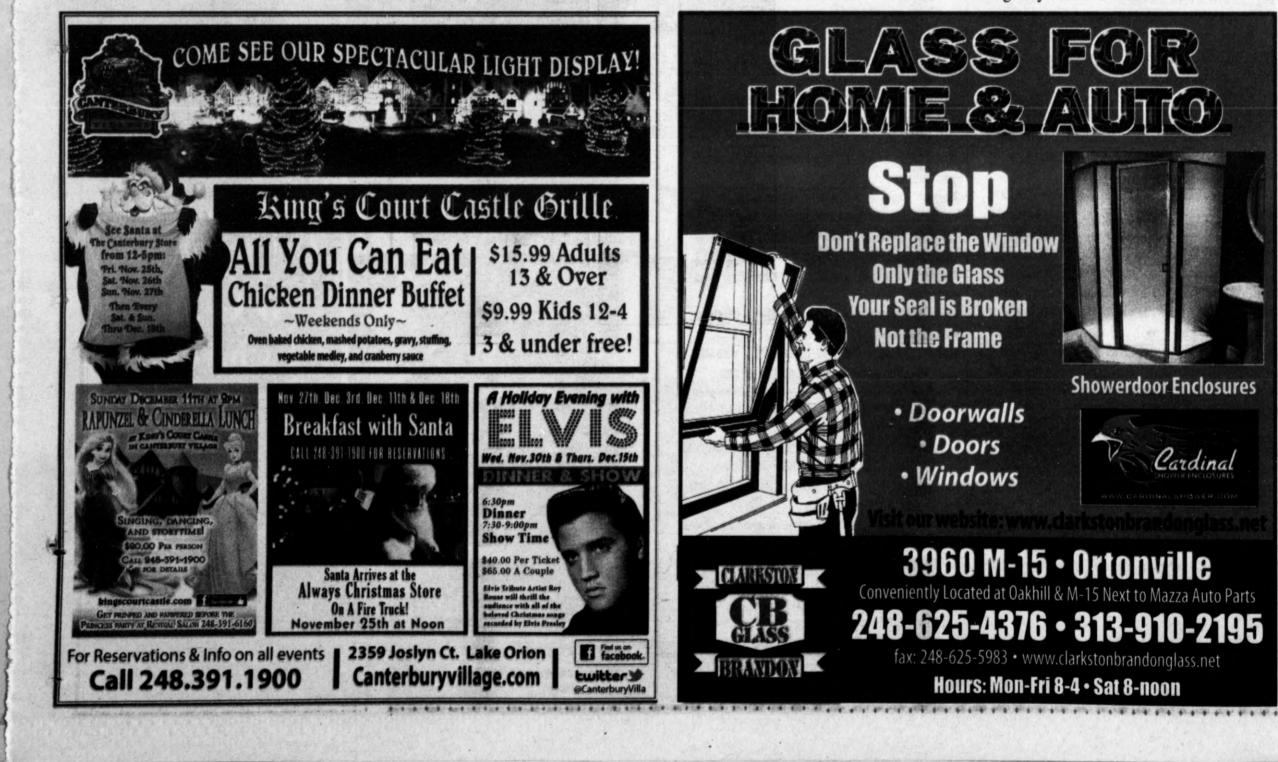


Kathryn Conlen from Upright Health and Wellness shares DIY Young Living Holiday Gift Ideas.

Healthy holiday

It was a festive night as Nuview Nutrition hosted their Holiday Open House last Thursday.

The nutrition and wellness experts and lifestyle educators collected toys for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, shared tips and ideas for healthy living, and enjoyed tasty, nutritious food at the center, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Call 248-625-5143.



Phragmites fight continues

The City of the Village of Clarkston and the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy are collaborating to restore the wetlands at Depot Park.

Three years ago, Clarkston began controlling phragmites around Middle Lake. The city hired a contractor to treat the remaining phragmites this past fall.

Krista Hughes, an independent contractor paid by NOHLC and funded by individual public donations, worked to cut off the seed heads last week to stop the spread of the invasive species, said Emily Duthinh of NOHLC.



Krista Hughes cuts phragmite seed heads around Middle Lake. Photo provided





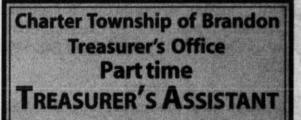
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Handbells concert, music of the season, 2:45 p.m., Nov. 27, Neiman's Family Market bakery section, 7121 Dixie Highway.

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 through Nov. 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 Waldon Road. Worldwide artisan gifts, donate to humanitarian agency in loved one's name, Christmas cookies by the pound, café.

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Rock 'n Roll meets Country concert, Elvis Kelly as Elvis Presley and Mike Carluccio as George Strait, 2 p.m., Dec. 4, The Round Up, 5050 Dixie Highway. \$10. 248-909-4115. ***

Blood drive, American Red Cross, Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-7:45 p.m., Independence Township Fire Department, 6500 Citation. 800-RED CROSS, 800-733-2767.

Christmas Concert, with flute player Alexander Zonjic and Motown Temptation Review Serieux, 4 p.m., Dec. 11, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Free. Benefit for Blessings in a Backpack of Clarkston.

Wint's Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony, 7 p.m., Dec. 13, Clarkston Community Church, 300 Clarkston Road. 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.

Acalendar of places to go, people to see and things to do



Clarkston Rotarians and friends will be out and about selling Goodfellow newspapers, Dec. 2-3, on Clarkston-area streets and Neiman's Family Market. Donations go to 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 the winter. Call Rotarian Joel DeLong, 248-561-8523. *File photo*

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

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 appointment, \$80/person. 248-625-5143.

Indoor Pickleball, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, 9-11:30 a.m., all skills, \$3 drop in; Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m., experienced and competitive, \$4 drop in, First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. Call Mary, 248-625-8231. former licensed counselor. Call the senior center, 248-625-8231.

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.

Mindful-Based Eating, four class series to help establish healthier, more balanced and positive relationship to eating and health, Tuesdays, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, 6:30-8:30 p.m., 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. \$140. RSVP by Jan. 3, 248-625-5143. Ortonville Road, north of I-7 www.clarkstonoptimist.org Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business new working, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methon ist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, an www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com. ***

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

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., mad from-scratch. \$7. Independence Townsh Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Roa Make reservation by Monday before, 24 625-8231.

50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.n 1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, music performances, field trips, holiday partie movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Ce ter in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, 1 lunch.248-846-6558.

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

TOPS 1093 Clarkston, Take Off Pounds Se sibly, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., \$1/week. First M sionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road. 24 673-5540.

Friday

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

Saturday

Kid's Camp Yoga, Saturdays, 10:30-11:30 a.r Clarkston Hot Yoga, 5678 Sashabaw Roa \$7, for ages 5-10. 248-620-7101.

Volunteer opportunities

Avalon Hospice, sit with patients, hold th hand, listen to stories, personal care, or ju be there. Two hours a week or more. 800-66 6334; McLaren Hospice, not-for-profit, co panionship-type to visit and provide em tional support for patients living with term nal illness, 248-320-0106. Retired and Seni Volunteer Program of Oakland County, 55 opportunities at hospitals, cultural instit tions, food pantries, tutoring. 248-559-11 ext. 3911. Service With Love, RSVP of Oa land Country. Older adult volunteers, c seniors regularly to check on health a safety, share friendly conversation. 248-55 1147 Ext. 3937.

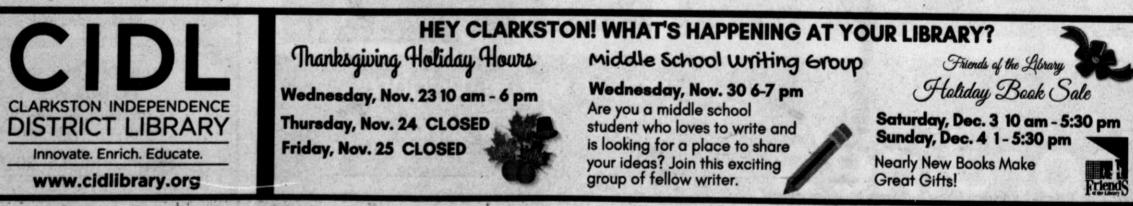
Buck Shots Bar and Grill, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

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

Caregiver Support Group, Tuesday, 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

Wednesday

Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 8047



Play incorporated into school days aids productivity ²³

BY JESSICA STEELEY

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Clarkston News Staff Writer

This year Clarkston elementary schools are choosing to shift their focus and take a different approach by infusing play into the children's school day, Principal Glenn Gualtieri said.

Gualtieri, principal of Bailey Lake Elementary, describes it as a "conscious effort" to have students take time out of their day to focus on a non-academic activity, such as a board game or physical activity.

"If students do take these brain breaks not only will they benefit from some social opportunities and some physical opportunities, they'll be more productive throughout the day when we are having some academic rigor," Gualtieri said.

Rather than a focus on standardized testing, Gualtieri says he wants the students at Bailey Lake to be prepared and wellrounded.

"What we want to do is have students have the dispositions and skills and strategies to problem solve any situation or assessment or test that they're given," he said.

"We look at the child more holistically, what are those skills and dispositions we can have them obtain through the opportunities that we provide so they can succeed."

Gualtieri himself views Bailey Lake as a school where the staff makes connections with each child. They put in effort to have a relationship with their students by getting to know them and their family.

He thinks such relationships make students want to be at school and helps



Ms. Mitchell's Kindergarten students build and decorate boxes during "purposeful play" time.

foster a higher level of learning and involvement.

Along with the staff, Gualtieri also tries to make those connections with kids. He said connections help to avoid disciplinary action and, when a problem does arise, having a physical presence around the school makes students care about what he has to say.

"I don't like sitting in that chair over there," he said, pointing to the chair behind his desk. "It's not who I am or what I do, I want to be ingrained in what's going on in our classrooms. I want to be in our hallways, I want to be in our rooms, I want to be out on the playgrounds." "I want them [the students] to see me as a learner as well. I learn something here everyday, it's an amazing place," the principal said.

There are 560 students at Bailey Lake and Gualtieri tries to know them all by name. While taking a tour of the school, Gualtieri greeted several students by name and talked to a few. Many students were excited to see and speak to him.

"When they're walking down the hallway I can greet them by name, which I think is something important, because everybody is an individual and an important person," he said. "That might be something different, but it's important to me that they know that I know who they are."

Gualtieri said he's proud of the students because of how they conduct themselves. Despite only being in elementary school they're able to be respectful towards their peers and learn from others opinions.

"It's a fun place, I think students like to be here," he said, "I think they enjoy and have fun during their learning afforded opportunities that extend outside of their classroom walls and I think they feel a big part of their learning and they have ownership in what they do."





Bailey Lake first graders play a game in gym class.

Ms.Copland's Kindergarten students build puppets. Photos by Jessica Steeley

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It may be difficult to be grateful when your body is sick or diseased, or when you are in the middle of a financial challenge.

Gratitude may be the last thing you think about when someone upsets you and you are in conflict with a loved one or others. Yet being grateful is truly the only way to open the door to realizing peace, joy and love here and now.

"See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:15-18

It is hard for me to be Matthew Long

grateful that we appear to be living in a post-truth age.

The recent election was a boon for fact checkers where much if not most of the claims being made were false and misleading information being portrayed as facts; lies seem to be the new truth. If we agree with it, it must be true. If not, it is not.

"For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?" John 18:37-38

then are we to say about these things? God is for us, who is against us?" Roma 8:28, 31

I have been accused of being naive a mislead for not believing false information Objectively verifiable evidence to the contrary is dismissed as opinions hearsay.

Legitimate news sources are no long believed and propaganda machin disguised as news sources are believ when it agrees with our personal bias am grateful for an understanding heart a a questioning mind.

"But because I tell the truth, you not believe me." John 8:45

I am grateful for I know something ne is coming. "There's something happenin here. What it is ain't exactly clear." Buffa Springfield 1967.

Changes are occurring. Progress being made. Evolution may not be t upward linear movement we think it Yet, it is always moving us toward greater and more fulfilling expression life.

"And you will hear of wars and rumou of wars; see that you are not alarmed; f this must take place, but the end is n yet. For nation will rise against nation, a kingdom against kingdom, and there w be famines and earthquakes in vario places: all this is but the beginning of t birth pangs." Mt 24:6-8

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I still believe the internet holds much promise for connecting disparate groups of people bringing us closer together. And it now appears to be separating us based upon personal bias.

• Algorithms that control social media show us what we want to see based upon past choices and hides from us what we don't want to see. We seem to exist within a bubble online, an echo chamber where we mostly hear what we want to hear. I am grateful that people are becoming aware of this situation.

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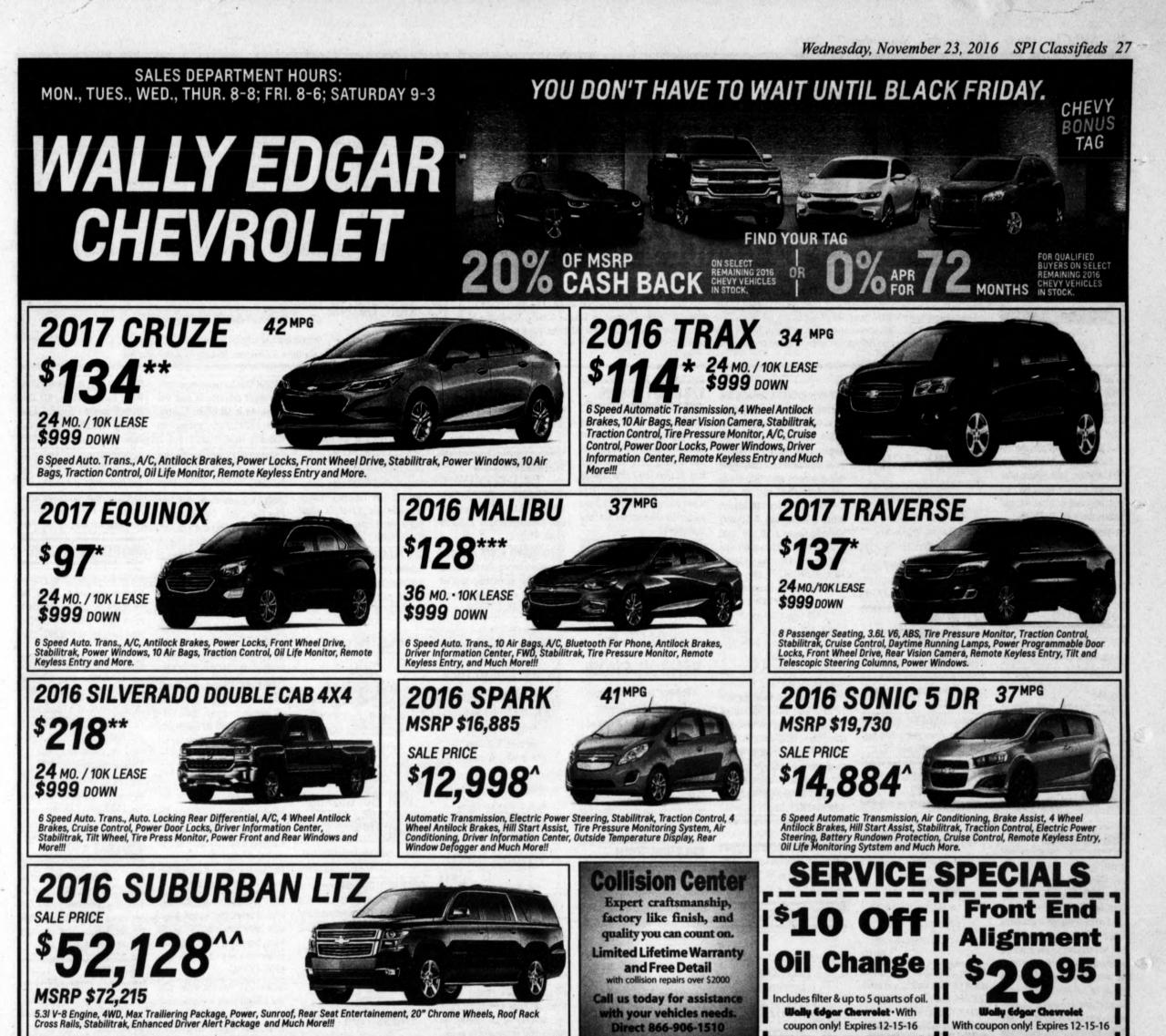
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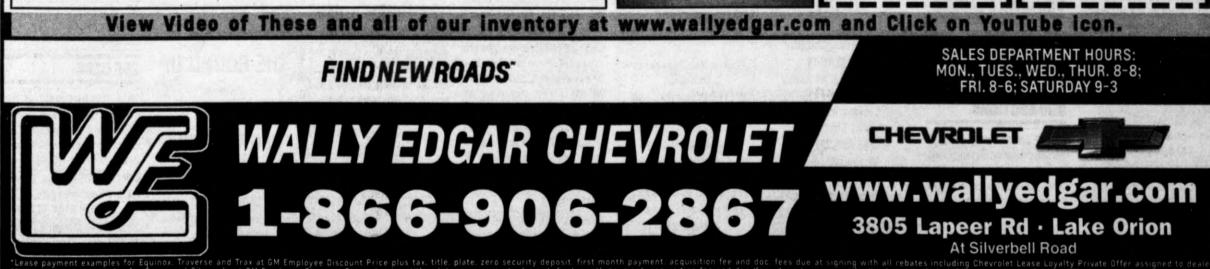
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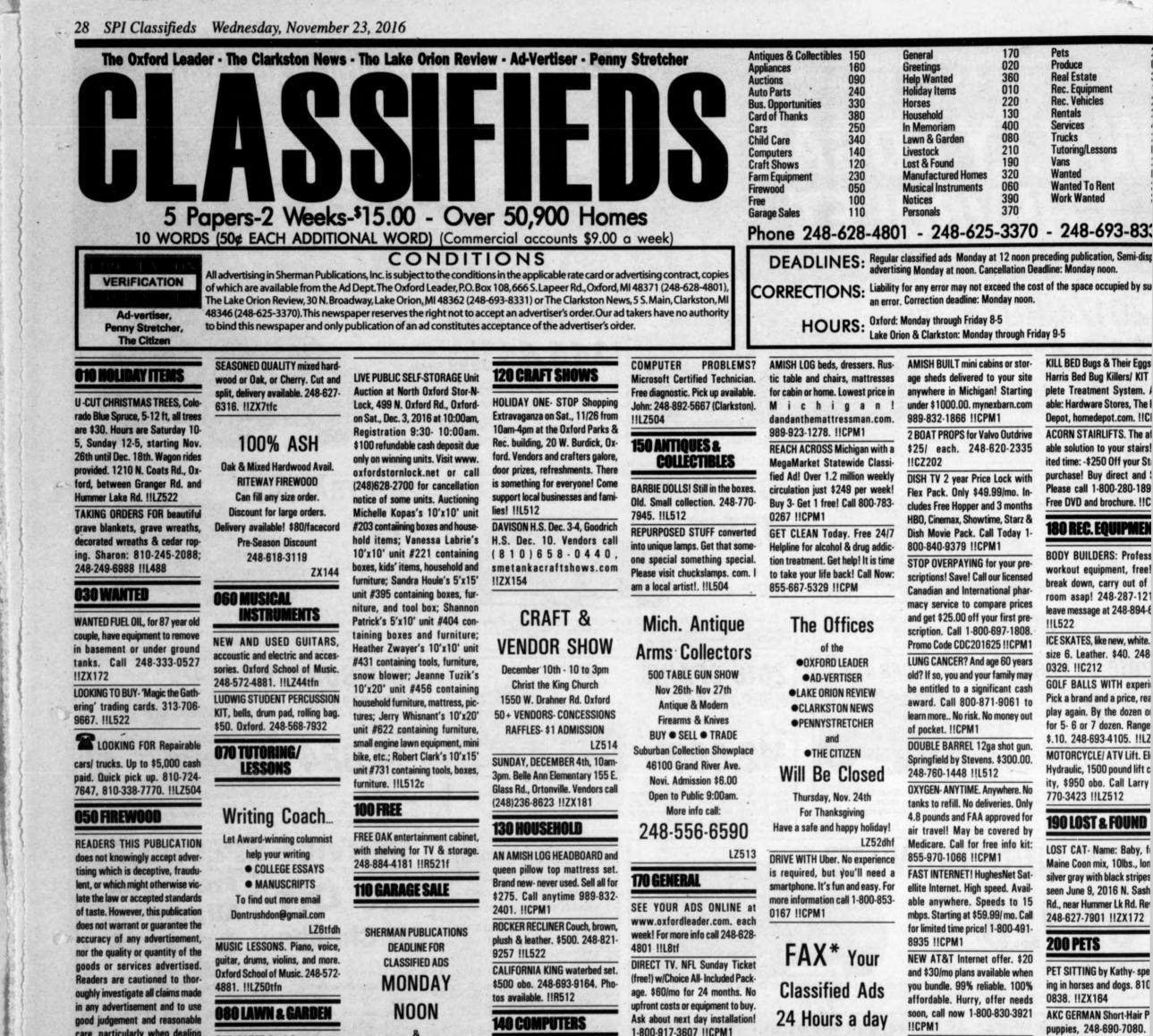


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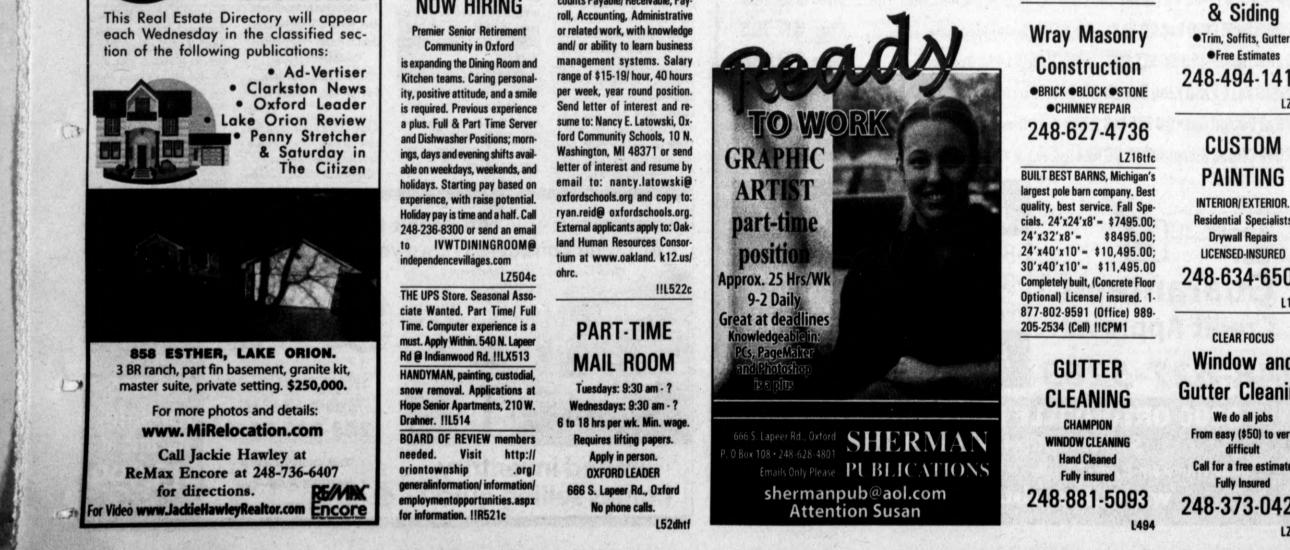
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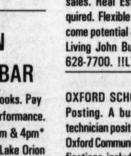
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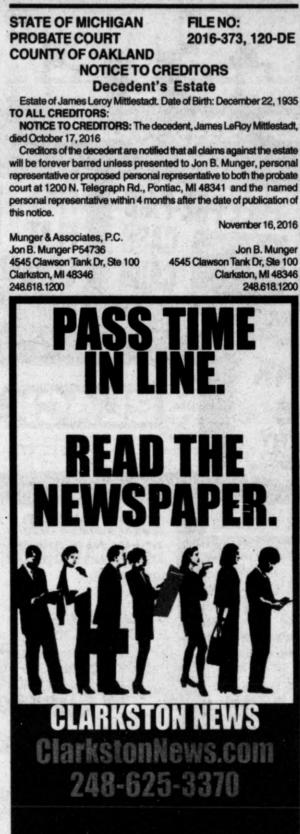
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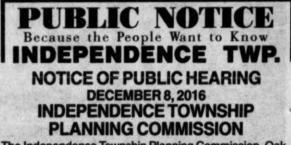
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PC File # 2016-008 Petitioner: USA 2 GO **Project Name: Tim Horton's** PETITIONER REQUESTS DEVELOPMENT OF THE **PROPERTY AS PART OF THE SASHABAW TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT PER SECTION 9.04 OF**

THE ZONING ORDINANCE. Parcel # 08-22-327-001 0.84 Acres

C-2 Planned Shopping Center NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT THE ABOVE **REQUEST MAY BE EXAMINED at the Township Building** Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission c/o the Independence Township Building Department, 6483 Waldon Center Dr., P.O. Box 69, Clarkston, MI 48347-0069 prior to the Public Hearing/Meeting.

For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Barbara A Pallotta, Clerk The Township will provide the necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at a public hearing/meeting upon advance notice in writing or by calling the Township Building Department (248) 625-8111.



DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

- LOCATION: Independence Township Hall 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346
- CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE B. UNITED STATES
- C. **ROLL CALL:**
- **REVIEW OF AGENDA:** Agenda additions or deletions D require a majority vote of Board Members present.
 - PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- F. G. NEW BUSINESS:
 - Case #16-026, Thomas Alter, Petitioner, Requesting: A fifteen (15) foot side yard setback variance from Section 4.16(D), Table 4.16 in order to construct a new Genisys Credit Union, 6330 Sashabaw Rd., Parcel #08-27-201-018, OS-2 Office Service Two (Sashabaw Town Center Overlay District). U)
- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- **DISCUSSION:** I.
- ADJOURNMENT:
- NOTICE: The above requests may be examined at the



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Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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Jill Ann Barrett, 62 Sherrie

Jill Ann Barrett of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly Nov. 16, 2016, at age 62.

She was the daughter

of Tyrus and Rosemary Pinchback; loving mother of Emily (Jeff Kubic) Barrett, Evan (Stephanie) Barrett and Andrew (Alycia Pearson) Barrett; beloved grandma of Kimmie, Kempton and Lily; sister of Larry (Nancy) Pinchback, Tim



(Sandy) Pinchback and Keith Pinchback. Jill was married to Ed Barrett for 25 years. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Jill was a Landscape Artist and the owner of Great Gardens.

Memorial Service was Nov. 21 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Nelda Groesbeck, 74

Nelda K. Groesbeck, "Pinky," of Oxford, formerly of Lake Orion, Pontiac, and Lake City, passed away Nov.

18, 2016, at age 74. She was preceded in death by her husband Gary. She was the mother of Braden (Julie); grandmother of Tyler, Emily and Mike (Jessi); missed by two

 grand dogs, Dolly &
 Wilson; sister of Scott (Stephanie) Vallie and Annette (Ed) Rauh.

> Pinky was a longtime member of Moose Lodge, Pontiac and enjoyed gardening and flowers. Funeral service was Nov. 22 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, Oakland Team. Online Guestbook www.wint funerahome.com.

John F. Naccarato, 58

John F. Naccarato of Clarkston passed away Nov. 16, 2016, at age 58. He was the loving son Sherrie Lee Rose Lamrouex-Clark, 59

Sherrie Lee Rose Lamrouex-Clark of Clarkston, formerly of Highland, passed at home surrounded by family on Nov. 19, 2016, at age 59.

She was the wife of Glen Clark; mother of Daniel and JoAnn Lamrouex; step mother of Stacie Clark; grandma of Hayden, Lane, Alex, and Sebastian; sister of Dianna (the late Craig) Thomas, David Neiger, Larry (Sue) Feet; special

aunt to Kevin and Brandon Thomas; survived by many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth Neiger and Betty Feet and her first husband Greg Lamrouex.

Sherrie was formerly employed at CTS Unitel. She was a talented photographer who owned/ operated Picture Perfect Memories. Sherrie was an active member at Clarkston Chamber of Commerce and the social club "Hens."

Friends may visit at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston, on Friday, Nov. 25, from 3-8 p.m. Celebration of Life Service Saturday, Nov. 26, 11:30 a.m., at The Fountains, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Stand Up For Cancer or St Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online Guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Donald A. Weber, 87

Donald A. Weber of Oxford, Mich., formerly of Niles, Ohio, and Bradenton, Fla., passed away Nov. 14, 2016, at age 87.

He was preceded in death by his wife Norma "Jean." He was the father of Dana (Chuck) Fortinberry and Kurt Weber; grandpa of Charles Lane (Lauren) Fortinberry, Brendan Fortinberry and Cameron Fortinberry and Jessica

(Dan) Timberlake, Derrick Weber and Tiffany Weber; great-grandpa of Daniel Levi Timberlake, Austin Timberlake and Jameson Timberlake; brother to Judith Ann (Ken) Swain and special friend of Judy Jordan.



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of Loretta and the late Michael Naccarato; beloved brother of Rosanne (Mark) Boike and the late Gina; proud uncle of Angela (Chip) Middleton, Jeffrey Boike, Mark (Angela) Woodfield and Tom (Nina) Woodfield; also survived

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by five great nieces and one on the way. Funeral Mass was Nov. 19 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Online guestbook www. wintfuneralhome.com. Don served in the U.S. Navy and retired from General Motors as a Regional Public Affairs Manager. He was a proud alumnus of The Ohio State University and a Buckeye through and through. He enjoyed golfing, reading and was a talented musician, playing piano, classical clarinet and saxophone as a stringer with many of the Big Bands in the 1940s. Arrangements entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Centers of Hope (gracecentersofhope.org). Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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