

# School savings up \$1.6M

#### BY JESSICA STEELEY Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston Community Schools received an Unmodified Opinion on its audited financial statements for 2016-2017.

This is the highest opinion an auditor can give, said Mary Beth Rogers, business office director, at the Oct. 23 Board of Education meeting.

"It's an excellent audit, they spoke very highly of our business office and the lack of any significant issues at all, any issues at all,"said Treasurer Greg Need. "Frankly, I think Mary Beth and the business office should be commended for their efforts." "We're sound financially and improving our fund balance," said board President Elizabeth Egan.

The district's General Fund balance increased by \$1,601,319 to \$8,813,551 by June 30, 2017, which is 10.18 percent of its 2017-2018 budgeted expenditures.

Their goal is a fund balance of 10-15 percent to avoid short-term borrowing during the year and act as a buffer, Rogers said.

Total revenue for the district is \$102,779,214, up 3.3 percent from last year's \$99,449,250. Total expenses are \$99,153,301, up 1.5 percent from \$97,703,957 last year. The board approved the audit at the meeting.

# Survey says public wants trails

#### BY JESSICA STEELEY Clarkston News Staff Writer

Park users want more trails and paths, according to Independence Township's recent Parks, Recreation and Seniors (PRS) Department survey.

Nearly 90 percent of the 150 responses to the survey said they favored expanding trail and path facilities.

Also of interest are pickleball courts, indoor/outdoor pool, indoor gym, natural areas, amphitheater/indoor theater, nature centers, mountain biking trails and dog park.

Main concerns with Bay Court Park are with the play structure and parking lot condition. For Clintonwood, improved/additional soccer fields and pickleball courts, paved parking lots and more trees.

Deer Lake needs more parking and bathrooms with running water. Parking lot and restroom upgrades for Sashabaw Plains Park.

Stickney McCord Park needs more volunteers and more visibility. Safety Paths have gaps and they don't lead to

recreational facilities. Lastly, concerns that the Senior Community Center is too small.

Regarding millage rates, 88 percent of respondents said they'd support paying a millage to develop, improve and maintain park facilities. The most popular was up to 0.25 mils, with 44 percent of respondent's support.

Seventy percent of respondents said there were too few or far too few other recreation facilities, such as trails, nature preserves and community centers.

Overall, respondents were satisfied with the township's parks and recreation facilities, except for the Safety Paths category, which had a 25 percent dissatisfaction rating.

For programs, over 70 percent of respondents have participated in township PRS programs. Respondents said all programming is "important" or "very important." The order for programs is concerts and shows, adult fitness, pickleball, adult programs, youth fitness, family programs, special events, senior programs, cooking, and after school programs at number 10.



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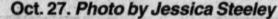
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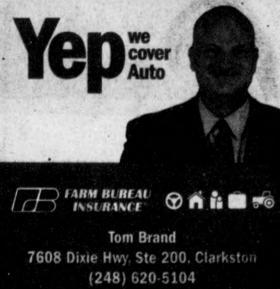
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# Tree bid OK'd

• Clarkston City Council voted unanimously to award a bid to Ray Weigand's Nursery of Macomb for tree planting, for \$2,836.40.

The purchase includes 14 trees and shrubs, planting and staking, and warrantee.

According to ordinance 30.15, "the council must approve all purchases and sales," but the trees were purchased and planted in August and September.

"We already bought these trees and we're paying for them now," Percival said.

Council member Sharron Catallo, Tree Committee member, said the committee has traditionally bought trees because of the difficulty of getting bids on plants.

"If you can figure out a different way to do this, you let me know," Catallo said.

"The Charter dictates how to do this. We approve it, that's it," Percival said. "The city manager makes the purchases – Jonathan (Smith) is authorized to do this. The committee is not authorized to spend money period."

Don Frayer, committee member, said getting bids will increase the cost.

"If you just generally say, buy three trees, you're going to get something you're not going to like," Frayer said. "Buying trees is not like buying cement."

City Council approved a budget amendment to cover the purchase on Oct. 9.

Later in the meeting, Catallo made a motion to exempt Weigand's Nursery from the ordinance bidding requirements, but it wasn't seconded and died without support.

"Thanks guys," Catallo said

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City Council approved \$991.06, Oct. 23, to Road Commission for Oakland County for repair work, generators, and overtime when Main Street traffic lights went out during power outages, at Washington Street on Aug. 17 and 20; Clarkston Road on Aug. 14 and 17, and Waldon Road on Aug. 20

Council member Rick Detkowski said he will check on the expenses.

"It was their equipment that failed," Detkowski said.

The money came out of the city major roads fund, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

-Phil Custodio



Community leaders help the Lighthouse Clarkston settle into their new location. Photo by Jessica Steeley

# New Lighthouse on Dixie

#### **BY JESSICA STEELEY**

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Lighthouse Clarkston celebrated the opening of their new, centralized location at 5850 Dixie Highway with a ribbon cutting last week.

"I hope it gets the word out to all of Oakland County that we're here, and I just love the Clarkston community, all of Independence Township and Clarkston," said Lighthouse Clarkston Manager Michele Robinson.

Clarkston is Lighthouse's second location and has been around 27 years. Their Pontiac location has been in operation for 45 years.

"We've been in the community for so long they know when we're low on stuff and they know the things that we need on a regular basis," Robinson said of Clarkston. "When you think you're not going to be able to have a good variety to give out to the client, someone comes in with a donation."

Township Trustee Andrea Schroeder, who represented the township at the event, said Lighthouse has become fully ingrained in the community.

"They're a critical part of the community and what we need here, and I think that our community is really good about recognizing and understanding that and helping out, stepping up and donating things," Schroeder said. "We need help, helping them [residents] when they need emergency services, when they're in crisis and they just need their basic needs met."

She added Lighthouse being in the community makes it more comfortable for residents in need to reach out.

Robinson explained Lighthouse helps low income families throughout Oakland County, though most of their clients come from Northern Oakland County.

"We usually help anywhere from 171 families to 200 families a month, so that averages about 10 families a day," she said. They help more families during holiday times, about 15 to 25 families, she added.

"We try and take a client from crisis to stability, and with a lot of our clients, they're low income and those are the people that we help every month," Robinson said. "A family that had a bump in the road, maybe had unexpected car repair, medical expenses, something out of the ordinary, we help a lot 'of those people. Once they get over that bump in the road, they're able to move on."

During his remarks at the ribbon cutting, Clarkston Major Steve Percival encouraged residents to donate and hold food drives all year long.

"This is not a holiday problem, this isn't a Thanksgiving or a Christmas problem, this is a 12-month problem," Percival said.

Lighthouse helps supply families with food, personal care items and recommendations for financial or legal assistance, among other things.

"We're kind of like the trouble shooter," Robinson said. "Somebody will come in, they say they need this or this is going on and we kind of go, okay, what can we do?"

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### **Holiday Market**

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Independence Parks, Recreation and Seniors host the Inaugural Holiday Market, Saturday, Nov. 11, from 3-7 p.m. in the newly renovated Brady Lodge in Bay Court Park.

The event will feature shopping, crafts for children, coloring contest by the Clarkston Village Players, photo opportunities, horse drawn carriage rides, and free hot chocolate and s'mores.

There will be special performances by the Clarkston High School Mimes, an appearance by Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and special guests from "A Seussified Christmas Carol," by the Clarkston High School Drama Club.

### School hirings

Clarkston's Board of Education approved 20 additions to the instructional staff, Oct. 23.

All additions were shared-services teachers, with a combined salary of \$291,900. Seven subtractions were also approved to the instructional staff, all shared time teachers.

Additions include four to the support staff, all replacements; an assistant caregiver at Andersonville, Funshine assistant at the Early Childhood Center, and two paraeducators, one at Independence and one at Pine Knob.

### **Freedom Day**

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## Increase posted to township savings

#### BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Township savings are up this year. General Fund revenues for 2018 are increasing \$33,857, or 0.54 percent, labor and benefits are increasing \$79,308, or 3.4 percent, and operating/capital costs are decreasing \$1,664,621, or 30.2 percent, for an increase to fund balance of \$108,562, which is \$1,619,170 or 106.3 percent better than the 2017 Amended Budget.

Fire Fund revenues are projected to increase \$128,451 or 2.2 percent, labor costs are projected to increase \$298,626 or 6.7 percent, operating/capital cost are projected to decrease \$35,069 or 4 percent, and operating transfers are projected to decrease \$882,164 or 75.9 percent when compared to 2017. The budgeted contribution to fund balance is expected to be \$6,646.

Parks, Recreation and Seniors revenues overall are increasing \$10,430 or 0.4 percent, labor costs are increasing \$37,843 or 2.1 percent, operating/capital costs are decreasing \$27,413 or 2.9 percent when compared to 2017, and the budget overall is increasing \$10,430 or 0.4 percent.

Independence Television revenues are projected to increase \$2,759 or 1 percent, labor costs are projected to increase \$2,048 or 3.1 percent, operating costs/capital outlay are projected to increase \$5,761 or 2.6 percent when compared to 2017, and the overall contribution to fund balance is a reduction of \$5,050.

Safety Path revenues are projected to increase \$17,889 or 2.7 percent, labor costs are projected to decrease \$25,574 or 15.3 percent, operating/capital costs are projected to decrease \$1,200,486 or 79.85 percent when compared to 2017, and the overall increase to fund balance is \$234,671.

Sewer Fund revenues are projected to decrease \$1,330,682 or 19.1 percent, labor costs are projected to decrease \$59,700 or 6.8 percent, operating costs/debt are projected to decrease \$1,507,560 or 24 percent when compared to 2017, and the

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Independence Township Board reviewed the budget updates for the General, Fire, Parks, Recreation and Seniors, Independence Television, Safety Path, Sewer and Water Funds at their Oct. 17 meeting.

#### Teen killed in crash

Jack Kenneth Ziegler, a 19-year-old Independence Township man, died from injuries sustained in a car crash on Clarkston Road just west of Eston Road, 3:12 a.m., Oct. 23. According to investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office crash reconstruction unit, he was traveling westbound when he ran off the curved road to the right and struck a tree. Paramedics from the Independence Township Fire Department took the driver to McLaren Hospital - Oakland. Ziegler was wearing his seatbelt, but there was no airbag deployment inside the vehicle. The crash remains under investigation.

#### Warrant arrest

A deputy on patrol stopped a pickup truck running a red light on M-15 at Citation Drive, 7:19 a.m., Oct. 24. The driver, a 26-year-old Independence Township woman, was found with a warrant for Failure to Appear on a domestic charge out of Roseville. She was transferred to Roseville Police.

#### Phone fraud

An Independence Township woman called police to report someone trying to open a cell phone account in her name, using funds from her credit card, Oct. 25. She noticed charges for \$179 and \$225, which were flagged and not paid out by her bank. She changed her account numbers, and debit and credit card numbers.

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#### **Domestic violence arrest**

A Taylor resident was stopped for making a right turn on red from southbound Main Street to westbound Washington Street, 1:37 p.m., Oct. 26. The intersection is marked, "no turn on red." A passenger said he didn't have identification on him, and wrote down his name and date of birth. A records' check showed the name did not match the man in the car. He admitted his real name. The passenger, a 39-year-old Detroit man, said he gave the wrong name because he had a warrant for his arrest. He was jailed pending

pickup by Detroit Police on the warrant, out of 36th District Court for failure to appear on a domestic violence charge. The driver was cited for impeded traffic and given a warning for prohibited turn.

#### No-truck zone

A commercial truck was stopped in a "no trucks" zone on Andersonville Road at Clement Road, 10:17 a.m., Oct. 26. The driver, a 25-year-old Roseville man, said he was following his GPS. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and no medical certificate. The truck company was also cited.



FENCE REPAIR: Independence Township insurance covered \$1,490 of the \$2,490 cost to repair a section of fence around Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road, damaged by a car, Sept. 19. The township had a \$1,000 deductible in its Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority coverage. The motorist had a medical condition, causing the accident. Photo by Phil Custodio



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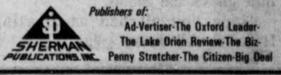
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### **Jessica's Journal**

A column by Jessica Steeley

### Happy Halloween

Did everyone enjoy this past weekend full of spooky fun? Halloween is my favorite holiday and this year did not disappoint with the treats, the costumes and the scares.

The days leading up to Halloween started out strong with a haunted house on Thursday, the 26th. I spent the evening with friends up at Full Moon Manor enjoying a bon fire, haunted house and

my first haunted corn maze.

Despite the cold weather, everyone enjoyed cider and donuts. We all agreed the duo corn field and haunted house were among the scarier attractions we've been



to. Especially memorable was being chased out of the field by a chainsawwielding werewolf.

Full Moon Manor had its own frightening aspects, starting off with the first minute of walking through complete darkness to winding through different themed rooms, including an animatronic zombie attack in a hospital. I recommend checking this place out next year; don't worry they change the set-up every year, so no spoilers.

Following the scares was a weekend full of Halloween parties galore. Though I dressed up in a female Jon Snow costume for the costume contest on Thursday, I opted for a much simpler witch costume during the weekend festivities.

After two house parties and attempting to the learn the monster mash, I took Sunday to relax before Halloween day arrived. Monday was spent collecting more candy and making sure my decorations were flawless for the trick or treaters. The wind has blown away some décor more than once this month. I wore my witch hat throughout the day while covering classroom parties at the local elementaries, then donned the full costume in the evening to fully immerse myself in the new experience of handing candy out to children on Halloween! My roommate and I have been collecting candy for weeks and it was only the best for the local kids: Reese's, Butterfinger, Kit Kats and Hershey's. I'd like to think I was a popular stop for the little ghosts and ghouls.

# **EDITORIAL**

### Make Reynolds your sole vote for City Council

LETTER

A call to release documents, open government

When Clarkston voters head to the polls on Tuesday, they'll be told to vote for no more than three out of four candidates for City Council. We recommend voting for no more than one - Scott Reynolds.

Reynolds is running for his first term on the council on a platform of independent thinking and transparency, something needed after a quarter century of gentlemen's agreements and this-is-the-way-it's-alwaysbeen-done mentality.

Incumbents Jason Kneisc, Eric Haven, and David Marsh deserve praise for stepping up and serving their community, but their stated positions and votes on the recent FOIA case and proposed closed session make it clear they are for continuing that culture of government.

The City of Clarkston's fervent and ap-

parently expensive and time-consuming ef-

forts to conceal information from the public

certainly seems like something one would

expect from low-level Chinese or Russian

leadership-or the Trump administration-

but not something consistent with a trans-

parent democracy most Americans cherish.

that it is difficult to discern with certainty

exactly who is trying to hide what from whom,

Marsh's autocratic view that "the public does

not have the right to know everything" is

Freedom of Information debacle indicates

Marsh is seeking re-election, but the office

in the Politburo he seems to seek is not de-

somewhat telling, and downright chilling.

Actually, the whole situation is so bizarre

It is intriguing. City Council member David

The Clarkston News' recent article on the

Now is the time to change it.

**Dear Editor:** 

and why.

scribed.

It shouldn't need to be said, but following its own rules of government is needed to ensure equal treatment of all, regardless of who people know or are related to.

Mayor Steven Percival has made it his mission to make sure the city follows its Charter and ordinances, and another voice in support is sorely needed.

Every vote counts, especially in a small town. Last year's City Council election resulted in a tie, 259 votes for incumbents Sharron Catallo and Michael Sabol. Mrs. Catallo won a coin toss to retain her seat.

A close election this year could mean a vote for any of the incumbents is a vote against challenger Reynolds.

A challenge against the status quo is what the city needs. Vote for Scott Reynolds. -PMC

procured information and how they used it!

ing to the average citizen, the documents the

city attorney has refused to release involve

correspondence pertaining to matters pend-

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the documents for which he billed the city, it

seems ridiculous that public entitlement to

document access should be controlled by

whether any city official actually touched or

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The whole scenario seems so convoluted

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Perhaps even more strange and perplex-

# A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002 "Keeping kids safe in school is priority" To acknowledge the various measures implemented to assure the safety of students, the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education approved Oct. 16-20 as Safe Schools Week.

"Former Clarkston resident swimming with manatees in Florida invites you to join her" Former long time Clarkston resident Traci Wood invited readers to try Native Vacations, Inc. on Florida's Nature Coast, offering custom vacations, accommodations, and adventures which included breathtaking views in a small, quiet town.

"Cagers net second straight league championship" For the second straight year, Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball claimed the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship.

### 25 years ago - 1992

"Bush takes township, city" While Democrat Bill Clinton won the national election, he was not the candidate of choice in Independence, Springfield and Clarkston as a majority of voters chose Republican team of Bush/Quayle during the 1992 election.

"Gridders win six of last seven games" Clarkston Varsity Football opened the season with a 0-2 but went on to win six of their seven last games of the season. Their latest victim was Highland who was 8-0 before the Wolves defeated them, 24-18.

"Scientist, professor to speak at NASA" Local scientist Dr. Roger Ordidge of Independence Township was invited to speak before the National Aeronautics and Space Administration where he would give a presentation on technology and the capabilities of magnetic resonance imaging.

50 years ago - 1967 "Schools recess while teachers convene" Schools were out for two days while more than 24,000 teachers went to two-day conferences sponsored by the Michigan Education Association in attempt to emphasize the improvement of instruction. "First snowfall fun" The six O'Rourke children: Patty, Linda, Nancy, Kathy, Jeanne and Chrissie, made the most of the first snowfall by making snowpeople which matched them.



Hope you all had an amazing Halloween, Clarkston!

Bill Basinger, of the Zoning Board of Appeals, suggests that citizen Bisio's quest for information underlying city deliberations and actions is somehow a personal vendetta against the city.

Some citizens may disagree, instead regarding Bisio as a patriot and champion of transparent government. Basinger seems to suggest there is something wrong with citizens looking over the shoulders of elected city officials.

How dare citizens expect elected officials to be accountable for explaining where they plaintiff Bisio, as well as other concerned citizens everywhere.

and contrived as to warrant suspicion by

Exactly what are the scary facts some city officials and perhaps others seem so worried that citizens may discover?

Can it be that those involved may be ethically challenged, or just not competent to do the job. Something seems wrong. This can't be what good government looks like.

> Mike Fetzer Clarkston

The letter was submitted before the deadline but was inadvertently left out.

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"Round the town" A Halloween party was held at the home of the Kennedy family on Simler Drive for Brownie Troop No. 16 out of Andersonville Elementary.

### **Reader decries disrespect**

#### **Dear Editor:**

I am delighted to lend my voice to the celebration of 25 years of our city. I have resided here for 44 years. I strongly supported the creation of the city and will fight vigorously for it's future.

I was encouraged by the language and purpose of our City Charter and the ordinances which support it. All of this represents a unity of the purpose for our community.

I am disappointed at some apparent disregard for the city's legal foundation, disappointed in some apparent selective application of our laws, and disappointed in the lack of civility among some of those who disagree about these issues. And, most of all, I am appalled at the personal attacks. It is a First Amendment right to speak out in disagreement, but not appropriate to use it for personal attacks.

I do have hope. Whomever is, or becomes, council members are good people - intelligent people, who are making significant sacrifices by serving. My hope is that they will work together to help us achieve our dreams as a City.

Everything depends on one thing: that we VOTE to elect whomever we want to represent us!

> Thank you. **Tom Stone**



Clarkston High School's marching Wolves take the field at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship at 4:15 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 4. The band is competing in Flight I at the competition at Ford Field. Awards will be at 6:45 p.m. Forty-eight high school bands from across the state are competing in four flights. Check www.themcba.org for more info. Photo by Wendi Readron Price

# Don's 'special' powers and in the 3rd person ta-boot

and now to apologize to all the kids whose Halloween doesn't remember much about Halloween's past.

he wrecked. It was a mere two weeks ago Don was in a conversation with Don't someone about the unseasonably Rush Me warm weather they experienced this October.

Only eight days prior, on October 22, it was 76 degrees!

Rush quipped something like, "The kids will have it easy this Halloween. Stupid global warming is making life too easy. Harrumph. Why, when Don Rush was a whipper-snapper it wasn't A column by Halloween if it wasn't spitting snow!"

They ended their conversation to snow ... and then on Monday, October 30, he saw snow flakes. Sorry kids, Don Rush jinxed it.

Don Rush would like to take a moment, right here connection with this Christian/pagan holiday. Don just

Maybe he'd remember it better if there were Halloween carols just like at Christmastime?

Don Rush is surprised Halloween experiences have not stuck with him. The practice of going door to door, simply repeating the mantra, "Trick or treat," while holding open a sack for folks to dole out the sweets, resonates well with him. Of Irish/Scot lineage, he liked/ likes the idea of getting stuff other folks paid for, for nothing. El-free-bees are great!

In a word, that makes him CHEAP.

Don would have thought he could remember all the costumes and everything else about the spookiest time of the year.

Heck, he likes monster movies and scary books. agreeing this year it would not get cold enough for it Always has. Recently, while watching the 1941 classic werewolf movie, the Wolf Man, starring Lon Chaney, Jr., as the tormented Lawrence Talbot, Rush (Yup, his powers are so awesome he can affect remembered something from when he first watched the movie on the Sir Graves Ghastly show. It was a Saturday afternoon in the early 1970s. The television was on Channel 2, airing was the horror-movie host (my local TV hero), Sir Graves. When he saw the bipedal Wolf Man run, Don turned to his dad, (Don, too) and asked, "Pops Rush, why does the Wolf Man run on his toes?" The old man, ever the old movie buff, shook his head. "I don't know, son. It could be a side effect of lycanthropy, but I am not sure — ask Sir Graves." The younger, naiver Don Rush set pen to paper and posed said question to Sir Graves. It was the first of many letters and drawings sent by Young Master Rush from their little Clarkston house on the hill to Sir Graves' Southfield address. Sadly, he never got the answer DontRushDon@gmail.com

from the TV host. (Though he has written of this experience before and some readers actually did answer him. Don Rush is sorry; he forgot what you said — which is another chink in the fast tarnishing armor of his grand memory.)

He can remember Sir Graves, the letters and the movies, but as for the harrowing Halloween exploits of one Donald P. Rush Halloween, it's all foggy. As a matter of fact, about the only thing he can remember about Halloween (other than he actually participated as a kid) is the weather.

Most of the times he thinks it was cold, rained or snowed. Or maybe Don Rush is really just Donny Downer and only remembers the bummer times. Go figure.

Well, what the heck just happened? Good people, that was an exercise in third-person writing. (Kids, don't try this at home.) I think it went "swell," don't you? Why did I go into some bizarre-o writing world?



**Don Rush** 

#### the weather.)

When Don harkens back to those joy-filled days of his youth, his recollections of Halloween are sketchy at best. Rush admits, he finds this kind of disheartening because he likes to think his memory is razor sharp. And, while Don Rush is still holding to his belief of a good memory, he is putting an asterisk next to it.

\*Memory good, with the exception of recalling Halloween.

He's not sure why, either. He likes Halloween. Rush may not be a card-toting member of the local Club O'Wicca, but, with Celtic-blood pumping through his heart and veins, it's natural for him to find a First off, because I can.

Secondly, someone communicated with me, stating yours truly uses the word "I" which wasn't proper English. He said his "junior high and high school English teachers" told him he could not use the word "I" in English papers.

I tried to explain the difference between English and newspaper column writing. Don't think he got it, so - this column was an example of why using the word "I" is not only acceptable, but preferable in the hallowed halls of Don't Rush Me-dom.

All in favor, say "I." All opposed, don't read. The "I's" have it.

Comments for Don Rush, can be e-mailed to:





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Wednesday, finals are 7 p.m. on Thursday.

# Sporting News

# Sights set on championship

#### BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Gridiron heroes gathered for the traditional post-game festivities calling out to senior Michael Fluegel to open the dancing after the Wolves defeated Grand Blanc in their MHSAA Football pre-district game last Friday, 37-7.

Fluegel, who celebrated his birthday, was serenaded "Happy Birthday" by his classmates in the Jungle after he scored the second touchdown of the night with 2:39 remaining in the first quarter.

Senior quarterback Nate Uballe connected a 44-yard pass to Fluegel, who zigged and zagged down the field avoiding Grand Blanc defenders until he finished in the endzone.

The Wolves opened the game with a 63yard run by senior running back Josh Cantu on the first play. Cantu would strike again as the clock hit 10:46 on the first touchdown of the night.

"We got the running game going again and that was our goal," said Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach for the Wolves. "It was a nice win."

Clarkston closed the first half 17-0 after a 29-yard field goal from senior Jermaine Roemer.

They posted 20 more points before Grand Blanc closed the night with their lone touchdown with three minutes remaining.

Uballe went 4-for-8 in passing for 105

yards. Cantu was the leading rusher for the night going 173 yards on 21 carries and scoring three touchdowns. Fluegel carried the ball eight times for 87 yards. Junior Jake Billette carried the ball six times for 45 yards and scored on a 13-yard touchdown in the last eight minutes of the game.

Richardson added the offensive line, with core players Stewart Newblatt, Cameron Pass, Garrett Dellinger, and Rocco Spindler, were key.

"I don't care when it is or where it is, they are always key," he said. "They know it. We talk about it all the time. They played great tonight."

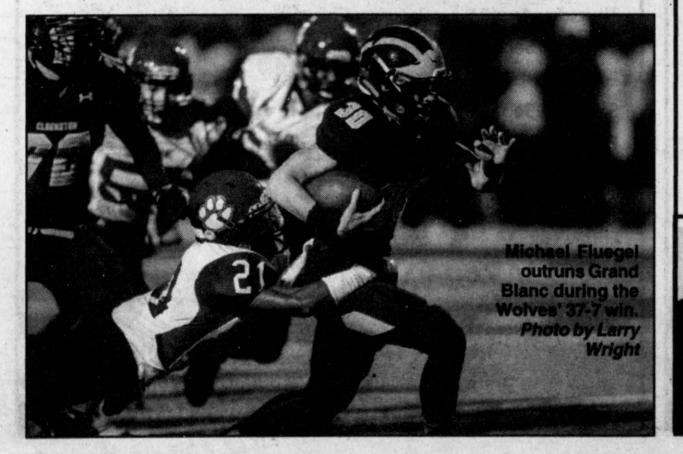
Roemer went 3-for-3 on PATs and junior Tristan Mattson, who handled kickoffs for the night, was successful on his lone PAT.

Junior Josh Luther along with seniors Zach Scott and Anthony Simmons had four tackles and three assists each. Luther also had a recovered fumble and an interception. Senior Tieler Houston also had an interception as the Bobcats attempted for a touchdown pass in the endzone.

The Wolves (8-2) aim to repeat last year's district championship success defeating Davison (9-1) for the second consecutive year.

Clarkston heads to Davison High School on Saturday. Kick off is at 7 p.m. There are no pre-sale tickets for the game. Tickets will be available when the gate opens at 5:30 p.m. They are \$5 each.

No passes are accepted per MHSAA.



# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK Top ten finalist

#### **BY WENDI REARDON PRICE** Clarkston News Sports Writer

Abbey Malinowski runs into position and jumps into the air as she sends the volleyball over the net for a powerful hit unreturned by the competition.

All of the Clarkston High School senior's hard work with the varsity volleyball team hasn't gone unnoticed. Malinowski is one of ten finalists for Miss Volleyball, selected by the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

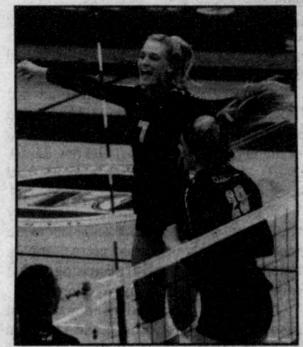
"It was really exciting because I am against so many great volleyball players I compete with and play with all year round because I play also with club," she said. "I know them and know how good they are. It's exciting to be part of that group."

Playing against those players and against good competition since she started in fifth grade helped her get to the high level of play she's at today.

"I feel like I have learned from the best, even starting here as a freshman I had players to look up to as well as at my club," Malinowski said. "Also, being here as a freshman I could learn how to be a good leader as I started at the bottom of the food chain, coming up and learning what I can from players in the past and try to be the best leader I can be."

Malinowski plans to continue her volleyball career at University of Michigan and explained her experience will help as she goes on to the next level.

"It is very competitive," she said. "No matter what I want to bring something to my team at Michigan whether it's being on the court fighting for one of those six spots. Or if it's being on the sidelines, I want to be a good leader, cheering for my



Abbey Malinowski and a teammate celebrate Clarkston's point against Lake Orion. *File photo* 

teammates and bringing all I can even if I am not starting right away."

She chose Michigan because she wanted someplace close to home.

"My family loves volleyball so much," she smiled. "They love watching me play and they are super supportive. It was a big part of being near home. Plus, Big Ten volleyball is so good and so competitive. I wanted to be able to be able to compete in that league."

Her advice to aspiring athletes is to keep in mind attitude.

"Volleyball is a big mental game," she said. "If you can stay positive and keep your competitive attitude in mind you should be able to accomplish anything."

Malinowski and her teammates start the post season this Wednesday in the district semifinals against Lake Orion at home, 5:30 p.m.



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# Wins on way to playoffs

The Lady Wolves capped off the regular season, going 3-1 at the Birmingham Seaholm tournament and going undefeated at two quads last week.

The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team defeated Oxford, 25-17, 25-15; and Utica Eisenhower, 25-19, 25-18 in pool play at the Seaholm tournament on Saturday. They also defeated Romeo during the first round of playoffs, 25-13 and 25-12. They faced Eisenhower in the finals and won the first game, 25-22 before losing the next two games, 25-20, 15-13.

Claire Nowicki had 30 kills, three blocks for the day as Jen Chupinsky had six aces and 33 digs; and Kayla Luchenbach had eight blocks.

The Lady Wolves hosted a quad last Thursday with Macomb Dakota, Marian and Birmingham Seaholm where they went 3-0 for the night. They defeated Dakota, 25-20, 25-22; Marian, 23-25, 25-17, 25-23; and Seaholm, 25-9, 25-22.

"It gives us confidence," said Kelly Pinner, head coach. "Marian and Dakota are great teams. Seaholm always plays us tough. Hopefully, this shows we are getting to that point we want to get to by Wednesday."

She added it helps going into the post season, especially against Lake Orion in Clarkston's first round of districts. "We had a couple weeks there when we had losses against Lake Orion and Mercy where they doubted themselves and their talent," said Pinner. "Regardless of me telling them you are playing great teams and you are right there with them. Until they get over that hump and start beating those teams they don't believe in themselves. Right now they definitely believe they can beat any team out there. Rockford is one of the top teams in the state and only has three losses. One of them is to us. We are right there with the best teams in the state."

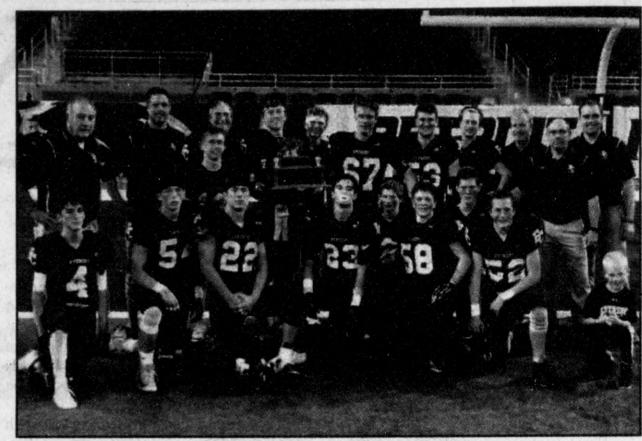
The girls opened the week going 3-0 at Rochester Adams' quad, Oct. 23. The Lady Wolves defeated Avondale, 25-14, 25-11; Royal Oak, 25-1, 25-8; and Adams, 25-8, 25-23.

"It was a good day to get some kids some playing time," said Pinner.

For the two quads, Haley Stewart had ten aces and 19 digs; Skyelar Jidas had nine aces and six blocks; and Corrin Gualtieri had 14 kills and six blocks.

The Lady Wolves (35-13) host the MHSAA Volleyball Class A District 13 playoffs. Clarkston plays Lake Orion in the semifinals on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 5:30 p.m. The winner moves on to the finals on Thursday at 7 p.m.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price



The Everest team, with their championship trophy. Photo provided

# Mountaineers at Ford Field

Clarkston Everest Collegiate Football made history as they represented their school at the Prep Bowl at Ford Field, Oct. 20.

They played in the CD Championship in the Catholic High School League with a 42-7 loss to Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood.

The team qualified for the game by win- in the district final.

ning the CHSL Intersectional 2 championship.

The Mountaineers defeated Waterford Our Lady of Lakes in the MHSAA Football Division 8 Region 4 Pre-District game last Friday, 26-21. They will host Auburn Hills Oakland Christian in the district final.



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# Clarkston Branch Community Shred Day

Saturday, November 4, 2017 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

# State championship bound

#### BY WENDI REARDON PRICE Clarkston News Sports Writer

Runners are heading to Michigan International Speedway this Saturday after qualifying at the MHSAA Division 1 Cross Country Regional races.

The Lady Wolves dominated Algonac High School as they finished first at the Region 9 race with 60 points.

"The team probably had their best performance of the year," said Coach Kevin Breen. "It was from our top varsity runners through the back end of our JV. We are coming together as a team. We have been working hard all season and we have had hiccups - kids get sick or have nagging injuries all season. It wasn't until the last two weeks we have been able to run a full healthy squad."

Mia Patria led the girls as she finished in fifth place setting a new school record for top ten finishes at 18:20.5. Mallory Ferguson also set a school record for top ten finishes with the time of 18:31 for seventh place.

"Mia had her best race of the season" and really showed what she is capable of," said Breen.

Elizabeth Dalrymple finished in ninth at 18:55; Shannon Billette, 18th, 18:55; Emily Ferguson, 21st, 19:41; Grace Nolan, 33rd, 20:03; and Emily Gustafson, 45th, 20:23.

Breen added there were a lot of great performances but three stuck out - Patria, Mallory Ferguson and Maddie Drennan.

"Mia has really been our top runner for the last couple of weeks. She has really come on strong and is starting to look a little bit more like a leader. She is captain material for the future," he said. "Maddie, who we thought would be on our varsity team all year, had some hiccups early on in the season. She won the open race the other day."

Lake Orion finished in second place, 72 points, and Stoney Creek finished in third, 118, to join the Lady Wolves at states.

The Clarkston Boys Cross Country team finished in second place qualifying for the

state championship with 78 points.

"I was pretty pleased because going in we were fighting for third place finish," said Coach Larry Adams. "Moving up to second was above expectations. We had not beaten Oxford all year and we hadn't raced Stoney Creek because we don't see them much. To be able to beat both was exciting."

Brendan Favazza led the pack, finishing in seventh place with a personal record at 15:51.

Shawn Slater finished in tenth place, 15:56.5; Nathan Sesti, 12th, 16:04; sophomore Christian Collis, 21st, 16:31; Mark Sprague, 28th, 16:41; Jeremy Cavallo, 56th, 17:13; and Ben Allen, 72nd, 17:33. Slater, Collis, Sprague, Cavallo and Allen also had their personal bests.

"Six out of seven had personal bests that was nice," said Adams. "We prepared the right way and they challenged themselves. The last mile they ran tough."

He added three performances stood out for him with Collis, Sprague and Favazza.

"Christian beat personal best by 20 seconds and Mark beat his by 25 seconds. Being our last two scorers that really made the difference for second place," he said. "Brendan running a personal best and breaking 16 for the first time was a big deal for him. He likes to run up front and he has proven he can do that. The drop in time was a big deal."

Romeo finished as regional champions with 49 points. Stoney Creek finished third, 98 to qualify for the state championship.

Clarkston heads to Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn to compete in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 race. Tickets are \$8 per person.

"We are looking forward to the state meet and see if we can maintain it one more week," Adams said. "With a young group we want to make sure they can get excited and fired up to run two weeks in a row at their best."

He added the boys finished in 15th place last year and this year the goal is to be in the top ten.

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# Road care

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Appraisals by DuMouchelle Auction Galleries, 6-8 p.m., Nov. 7, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. \$5 donation to Clarkston Community Historical Society. 248-625-2212.

Craft Fair, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 11, 8585 Dixie Highway, officescaeagles.org.

Poinsettia/Greens sale, Clarkston Community Women's Club, through Nov. 14; delivery, Nov. 27. Poinsettias in assortment of colors and sizes, wreaths, hanging baskets, grave blankets, grave pillows, porch pots, centerpieces. Call Belinda, 248-520-9353; or Gail, 248-758-8574.

Annual Greens Market, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 2, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Wreath/Roping Sale, through Nov. 13. 248-625-6071.

Holiday Program Candle Lighting Service by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Dec. 12, 7 p.m. Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-5231.

#### Sunday

Donation-only class benefitting O.A.T.S., Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Yoga Oasis, 6160 Dixie Highway. All welcome. 248-770-5388.

#### Monday

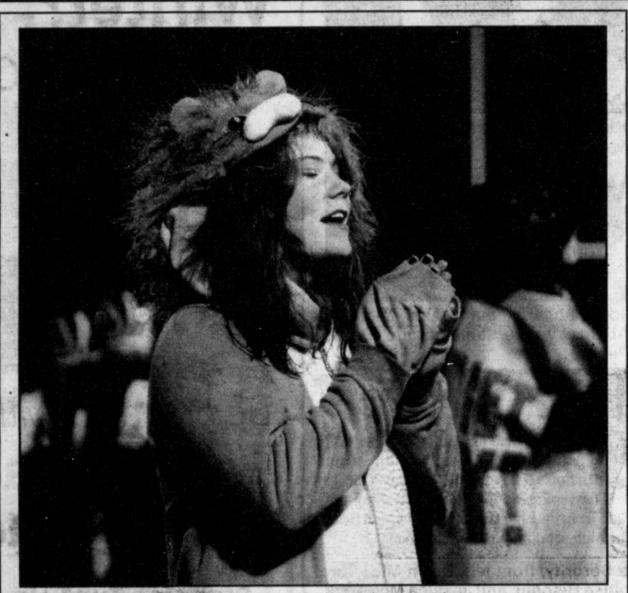
Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3.

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

Tuesday

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



LEADER OF THE JUNGLE: Rebecca Winkler, in costume along with the rest of the cheerleading squad in honor of Halloween, leads the Wolves fans in a cheer. Photo by Wendi Readron Price

Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com. \*\*\*

Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5. 248-705-7310.

Networking Get-Together, Clarkston Area **Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals** Network, fourth Tuesday, 9-10 a.m., Picasso's Grapevine, 12 S Main Street. Free for chamber members.

Big Chief Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., Tuesdays, Waterford Oaks, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Call Jack, 248-334-3686.

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# **Civic groups**

Clarkston Rotary Club, Mondays, 6:30 p.m., 7048 Gateway Park Drive. 248-880-0027.

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Call President Pat Smolen, 248-909-3920.

Clarkston Optimist Club, 7:30-8:30 a.m Wednesdays, American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road, north of I-75, www.clarkstonoptimist.org

Clarkston Area Lions Club, second and fourth Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m., 6644 Dixie Highway. 248-802-8603.

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Thursday

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

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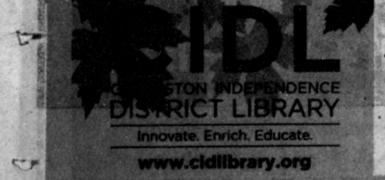
Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553. \*\*\*

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m.,

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

**Clarkston Area Youth Assistance**, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Town\*\*\*

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TOPS 1093 members Marsha Lee and Kim Ogle, in the panda costume, with their award winning poster. Photo provided

# **Clarkston TOPS award in Warren**

TOPS 1093 of Clarkston took second club member Marsha Lee. place in the superhero poster contest at the TOPS annual rally in Warren.

The Clarkston TOPS group meets at First Missionary Church, 4832 Clintonville Road, Thurdays from 6-7 p.m. They have about 30 in the group, with 15-20 at each meeting, said

"It's a good support group," Lee said. "One lady lost 100 pounds. It's working."

TOPS is a weight-loss group promoting healthy eating, regular exercise, wellness information, and awards and recognition. For more information, call 810-234-1813.



Officers for Psi Chapter of Sigma Beta Sorority, from left, Dawn Mio, Carol O'Neil, Sandra Kitchen, Judy Wood, Louise Bisogni, and Jessica McDonald.

# Honors for Sigma Beta Sorority

Louise Bisogni of Clarkston, a 60-year member of Psi Chapter of Sigma Beta philanthropic sorority, was honored recently at the Sigma Beta National Convention in Clearwater Beach, Fla., with the 2016 Sigma Beta Honorary Member Award.

Bisogni was the 14th recipient to receive this award in the organization's 93 year history.

Sorority chapter officers for 2017-2018 were also named - President Carol O'Neil of Flushing, Vice President Louise Bisogni of Clarkston, Recording Secretary Dawn Mio

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of Highland, Charity Chairman Sandra Kitchen of Holly, Treasurer Judy Wood of Clarkston, and Corresponding Secretary Jessica McDonald of Clarkston.

They are helping prepare and furnish a house for six women who were victims of human sex trafficking, the Sanctum House, at fundraisers including a Chili Cook Off and a Free Flow Festival at Belle Isle in Detroit.

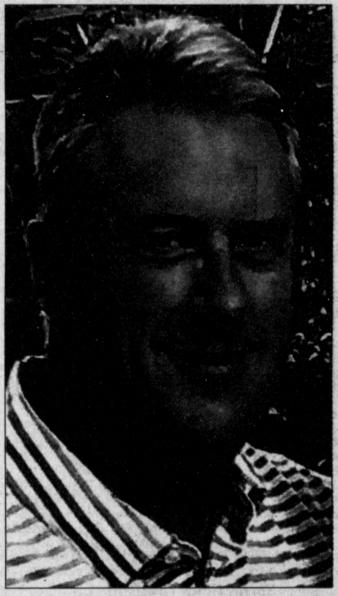
Other projects include sending \$500 in diapers and wipes to the children flood victims in Texas, and a \$500 donation to the new Clarkston Lighthouse facility.

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# Obituaries &.

### Lyle D. Cole, 89

Lyle D. Cole of Clarkston passed away Oct. 23, 2017, at 89 years of age.

He was the loving husband of Laura for

66 years; dear father of Nancy (Phil) Myers, Sheila (Larry) Hartley, Gary Cole, the late Greg Cole, Rob (Sandy) Cole, Doug (Michele) Cole, Richard (Lorrie) Cole and Brad (Jennifer) Cole; grandfather of 16; great grandfather of 17; great great grandfather

of one; brother of Noreen (Bob) Feller and Dale (Carol) Cole.

Lyle retired from GM in 1992 after 24 years of service. He enjoyed playing cards, jigsaw puzzles, crossword puzzles, traveling and camping. He will be dearly missed by his family. Funeral service was Oct. 27 at Coats Funeral Home-Clarkston. Burial, Lakeview Cemetery, Clarkston. To send a condolence, visit www.CoatsFuneralHome.com.

### Jerrie P. Perkins, 84

Jerrie Pauline Perkins of Fenton, formerly of Waterford and Clarkston, passed away Oct. 26, 2017.

She was preceded in death by her husband J.P. and sons William and Marvin and her sister Carol Lutz. She was the loving mother of Jayetta (Harold) Eames, Lawrence (Sharon) Perkins, Kelvin (Cheryl) Perkins and Winifred Perkins; grandmother of 10 and great grandmother of nine; sister of Lois (Arnold) Kottmann, Leon Decker, Arlene Van Bibber, and Jim (Pam) Decker.

Friends may visit, Friday, 4-8 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service Saturday, Nov. 4, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com

### Jeffrey Lynn Hetherington, 71

Jeffrey Lynn Hetherington, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Oct. 20, 2017, at age 71.

He leaves behind his wife, Linda, his children Randall (Jessica), Mark (Jamie), Holly (Doug), and their mother Jorja. Jeff also had five grandchildren seven nieces and nephews; brother Ron (Eleanor); and sister April (Ronnie). He is



preceded in death and reunited with his parents, Bruce and Kay, as well as his beloved niece, Lori.

Born Sept. 18, 1946, Jeff was a longtime resident of Clarkston, later residing in New Port Richey, Fla. He proudly served in the U.S. Army and retired from the Grand Trunk Railroad. He played hockey, was an avid hunter, loved the Upper Peninsula, and enjoyed horse racing.

Jeff's family thanks so many friends for their thoughts and prayers.

## Jack K. Ziegler, 19

Jack Kenneth Ziegler of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly Oct. 25, 2017, at age 19.

He was the loving son of Michele Ziegler and David Ziegler;

beloved brother of Ziegler; Dylan cherished grandson of Gerald and Carol Peruski and Sharen Rae and the late Kenneth Ziegler; also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, extended family and friends.



Funeral Service was Oct. 28 at the Lewis



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# Kick off for Coats for the Cold

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is kicking off the 30th annual Coats for the Cold coat drive with 98.7 AMP Radio at Clarkston's Genisys Credit Union, 7357. Deer Lake Road, 3:30-5:30 p.m., on Thursday, Nov. 2.

People who donate coats to the drive this year will be eligible for an up to \$50 discount on the standard pet adoption fee at Oakland County Pet Adoption Center. Those

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donating at the event can also register to win tickets to the Nov. 7 Lady Gaga'show at Little Caesars Arena. Prizes and giveaways will also be at the event.

Donations will be accepted through Nov. 30 at the credit union, Independence Township sheriff's substation, 6560 Citation Drive ; Parker's Hilltop Brewery, 6110 Dixie Highway; and Real Estate One and Max Broock Realtors, 31 S. Main.

# City bids awarded

Clarkston City Council voted 7-0, Oct. 23, to award the bid for 8,000 feet of road crack filling, using hot rubber, to True North Asphalt for \$4,000. Bids were also received from Oppman Construction and A&R Seal Coating, all for \$4,000.

A resolution to award the bid to repair a retaining wall at 80 Robertson Court to Clarkston DPW for \$1,892 was also approved unanimously. Bids were also received from Brimacombe Landscaping of Clarkston for \$3,000, and Lakeside Landscaping for \$6,200.

The wall is on private property but was originally built by the city without the owner's approval, said city attorney Thomas Ryan.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know CLARKSTON CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 09-25 2017 MINUTES

Call to Order at 7:00 PM. Roll Call: Mayor Percival, Wylie, Marsh, Kneisc, Haven, Detkowski, Catallo. All Present . Approval of Agenda: Motion by Wylie, Supported by Marsh, to approve the agenda with the amendment to add 6 Sheriff Report and change #13 from 09 15 2017 Budget amendment and Bid Award to 09 25 2017 Budget amendment and Bid Award. Motion Carried. Sheriff Report for August 2017. Close of Registration is October 10, 2017. Rotary will have wine tasting on October 26 at Bordines. Consent Agenda: Motion by Wylie, Supported by Catallo, to approve the Minutes along with Treasurer Report except for a Carlisle Wortman check, invoice # 2145937. Motion Carried.

City Manager Report: Adam Frank joined our DPW team as well as Jennifer Speagle in the office, both will be part time employees. Parliamentary Training will be Monday October 30, 2017 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at the Library.

Motion by Kneisc, Supported by Haven, to approve to postpone until 10 09 2017, to come back with 2 versions of the First Read Change to City Ordinance HDC Appointment. Council members nominate or Mayor only nominate. Motion Carried.

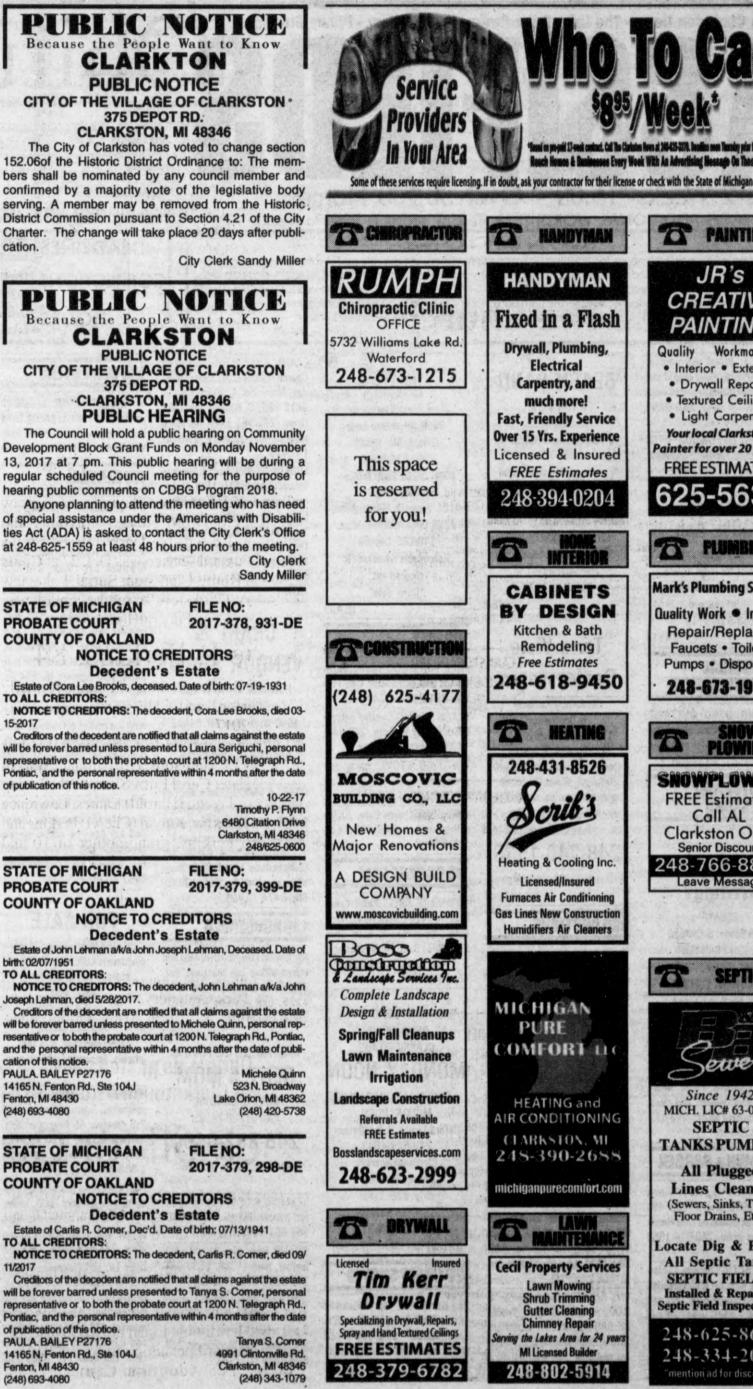
Motion by Wylie, Supported by Catallo to meet past 9:00 PM. Motion Carried.

Resolved by Kneisc, Supported by Haven to approve to spend up to \$2,000.00 for architect drawings for the proposed Town Hall Building Expansion. Resolution Adopted.

Resolution by Detkowski, Supported by Wylie for Budget Amendment of the Capital Projects Fund 401, for Depot Rd, DPW Driveway, Mill St and Alley Parking Lot Seal Coat, crack fill and restripe at a cost of \$2,317.00. Resolution Adopted.

Motion by Wylie, Supported by Catallo to postpone Discussion of Susan Bisio vs City of Clarkston. Motion Carried.

Resolution by Wylie, Supported by Marsh to amend the Budget, Capital Projects fund 401, Budget to reflect changes necessary to cover Road Lines, Crosswalk and Parking Space Striping in the amount of \$5,620.00.from 401 901 970.006 to 401 446 930.000. This is a one time expense. Going forward the DPW staff will maintain striping. Percival, Kneisc, Catallo. No. Resolution is Adopted. Resolution by Wylie, Supported by Marsh for bid award of Road Lines, Crosswalk and Parking Spot Striping in the amount of \$5,620.00 for True North Asphalt out of Rochester Hills. Resolution Adopted.



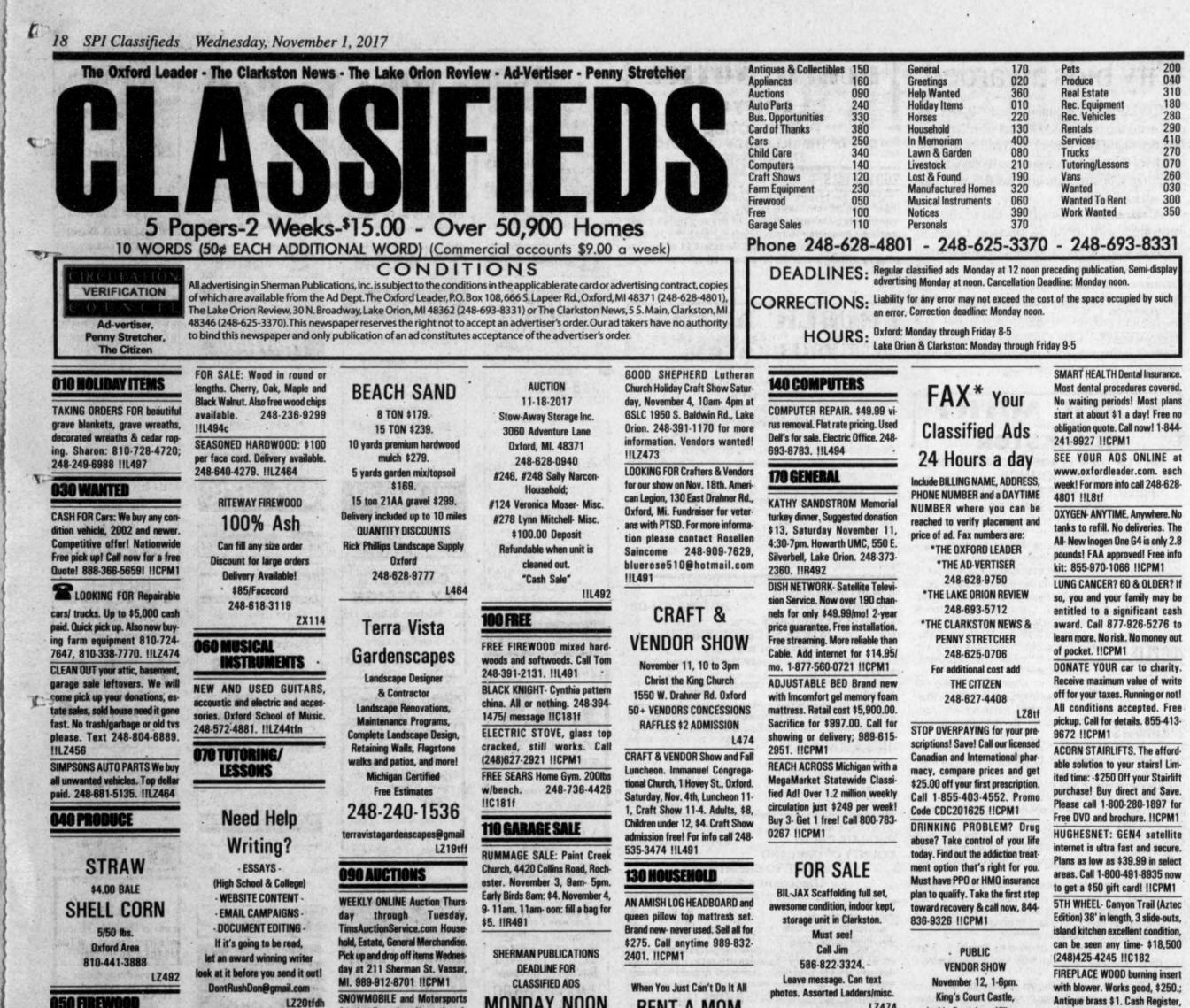


Resolution by Percival, Supported by Wylie to Award Bid of \$3,000.00 per year toward Health Insurance for Mike Speagle. Resolution Adopted.

Motion by Haven, Supported by Wylie to postpone last 4 items, Bid Award Retention Wall, Budget Amendment For Tree Planting, Discussion of Medical Marijuana, Motion for ZBA appointments until 10 09 2017.

Motion by Kneisc, Supported by Marsh to adjourn at 10:28 PM. Motion Carried.

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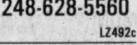
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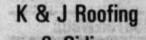
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Jacob Schmitz checks out an Egyptian Fruit Bat.

# Bat time

#### BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer Second graders at Independence Elementary learned about the importance of bats and their conservation during a presentation featuring four live bats.

"There's a lot of misinformation out there about bats, and so, the more we can teach people that bats aren't bad, the better their reputation is," Organization for Bat Conservation Educator Kelsey Lang said.

Lang presented to students about different types of bats and how they help the environment, then went around and gave kids a close-up look at four different types of bats: a Big Brown Bat, Jamaican Leaf-nosed Bat, Egyptian Fruit Bat, and Straw-coloured Fruit Bat.

"Bats are actually really cute and it's usually very surprising for them, because they think that bats are supposed to be these scary things," Lang explained. "Just to get them to see the bats up close and see that they're not these terrible blood-sucking monsters is really helpful for bat reputation."

The presentation included ways to help bats, such as building a bat house, planting a garden, and, most importantly, Lang said,



Organization for Bat Conservation Educator Kelsey Lang shows an Egyptian Fruit Bat to McKenna Kircher, Brandon Jaskulka and Gage Heslip.



# **Building experience**

#### BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Clarkston's Construction Technology Program's first year is in full swing, volunteering to help with several building projects.

"What we want for the kids is for them to get some hands-on experience. There is a huge skills gap in America and it has not been addressed for a couple decades and we're trying to help solve that problem," said Construction Technology Teacher Steve Wyckoff.

These last few weeks, they've been doing work for Clarkston Family Farm and they're expected to start work on the historic Sashabaw United Presbyterian Church in November.

"Lately it's been just a couple days a week that we've come out to the field, the farm here," said 10th grader Grant Mathews. "I've learned a lot in both places, in the classroom and out here, just because this is real work for a client, and then in the shop it's more of what you can build for yourself."

Mathews has spent the last two months in the construction tech program, and this is the first year it's being offered in Clarkston schools.

"We have ninth and tenth graders this year, next year we'll expand it to eleventh grade, and the year after that to the twelfth graders," Wyckoff explained. "The class is a full year."

He said students started off learning how to build in the shop and now they've been moving into the community to work on local buildings. They also get a math credit with the class.

"It's brought me to realize the career path that I might want to take and I've realized that I've learned a lot. I'm really interested in this class and I have a lot of fun," Mathews said.

Mathews has some experience in carpentry from working with his dad, also a carpenter, during the summers.

"I was already interested in this kind of work and then once I got in here and started learning even more and more, it really persuaded me to want to do it more often," he added. "I enjoy the class a ton, I look forward to going to it every day and I'm excited for it. It makes me want to come to school."

About 75 students are currently in the construction program, said Wyckoff, who was in the program himself at Clarkston High School in the seventies.

"We're just trying to start getting the kids interested in the work force and maybe they won't stay in carpentry, but they'll somehow stay in the field, that's really part of the goal," he added.

Students are currently working on building a barrier free bathroom and wall framing at the Clarkston Family Farm.

Wyckoff encourages community members to contact him at the junior high if they have any ideas for local building projects for the class.

### educating their friends and family about bats.

"There are three main things bats do for us," Lang said. "There are insectivores, they help to control pests, make it so farmers can use less pesticides, which makes our food healthier for us. There are pollinators, who spread pollen and help to make new trees, and then there are seed dispersers. A lot of bats are fruit bats, they eat fruit and they disperse seeds."

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Lang and other educators travel the state presenting at schools, libraries and museums about bat conservation and education. They

Cooper McNaughton, Jameson Buchholz and Tinsley Collins look at a Straw-coloured Fruit Bat. Photos by Jessica Steeley

also attend bat festivals throughout the country and offer tours at their facility in Pontiac, the Bat Zone.

"We have 200+ animals, most of them are bats, and our main

purpose, our big mission, is to teach people about bats and try to get them to be interested in conservation," Lang said. "So, we do conservation through education."

Jacqueline Gergle and Luke Bechtell work on a project. Photo by Jessica Steeley

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