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Austin and Brooklyn Bublitz hug their father, Darrell Bublitz, after a surprise visit to their school, Clarkston Elementary, the day he returned from a six-month deployment to the Middle East. Please see page 4 for story and more pictures. *Photo by Phil Custodio*

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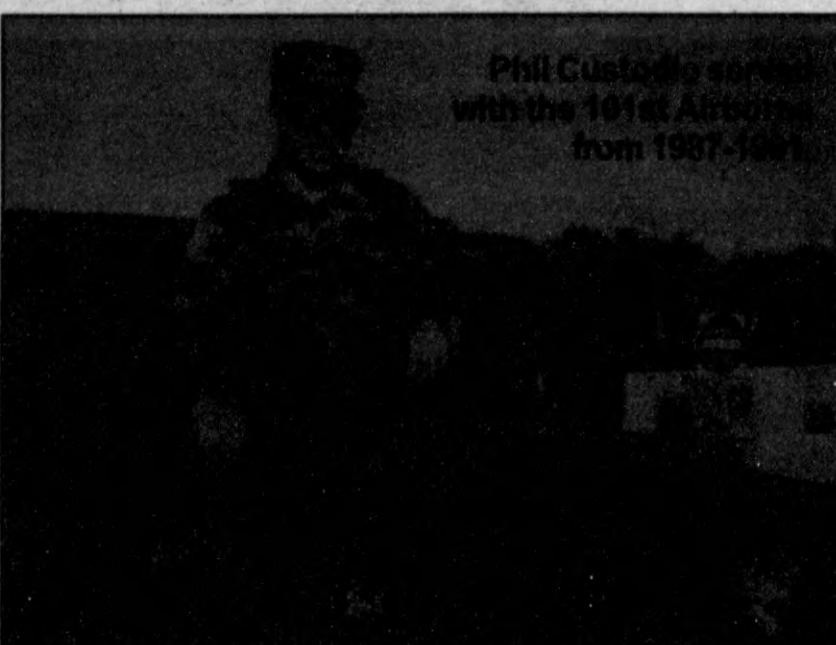
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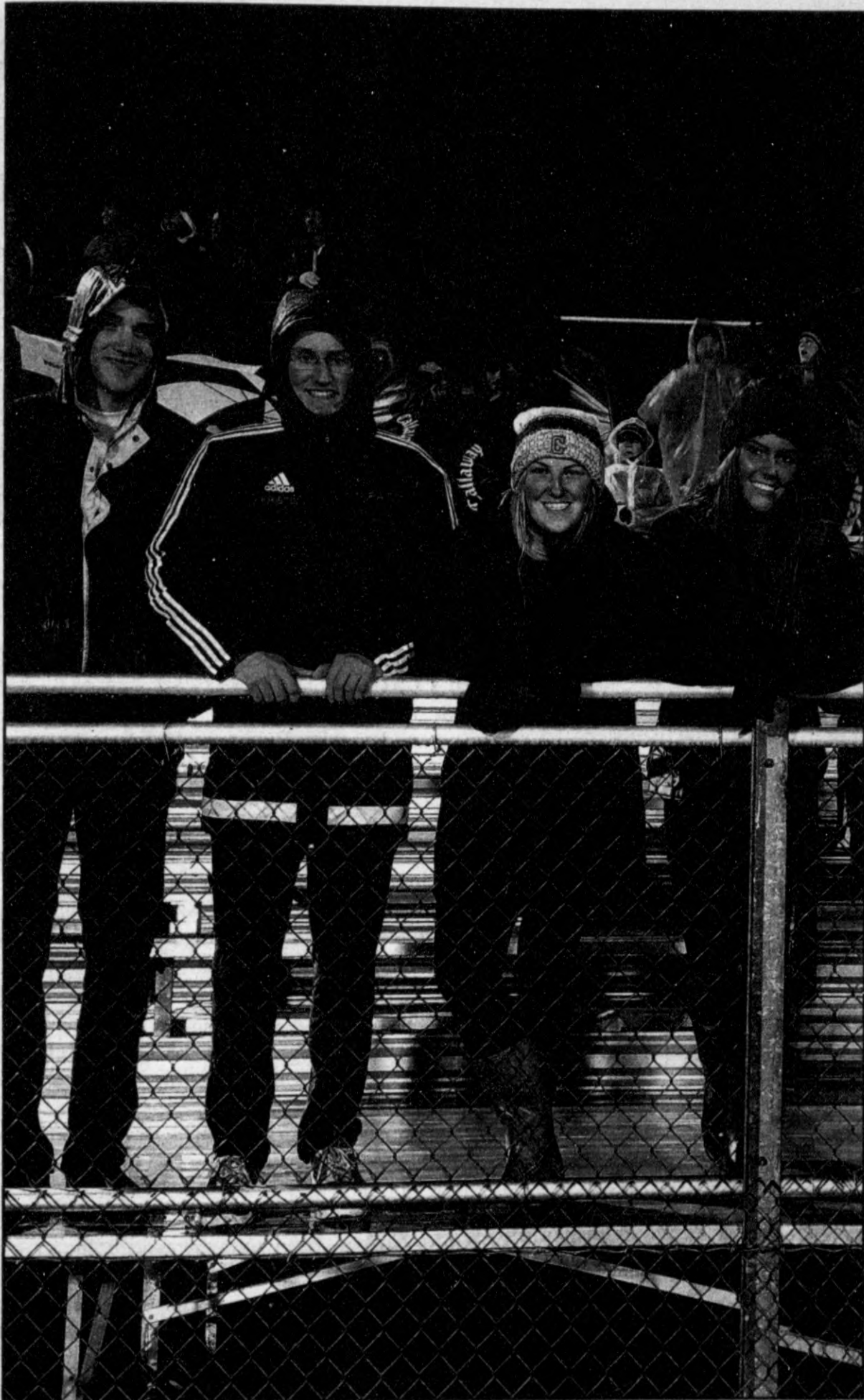
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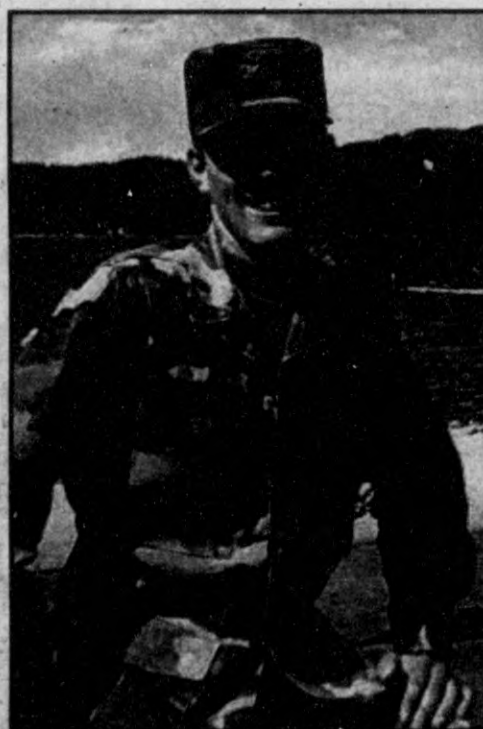
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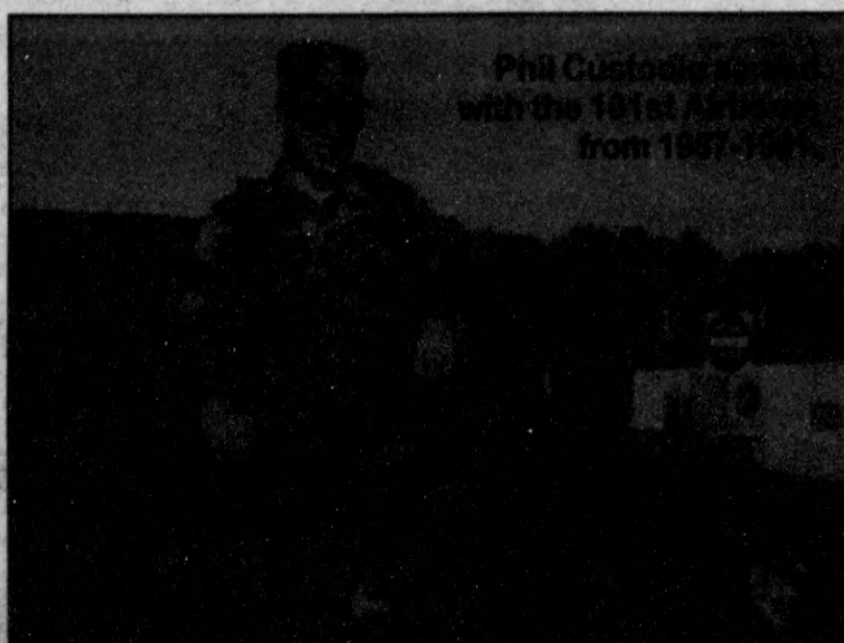
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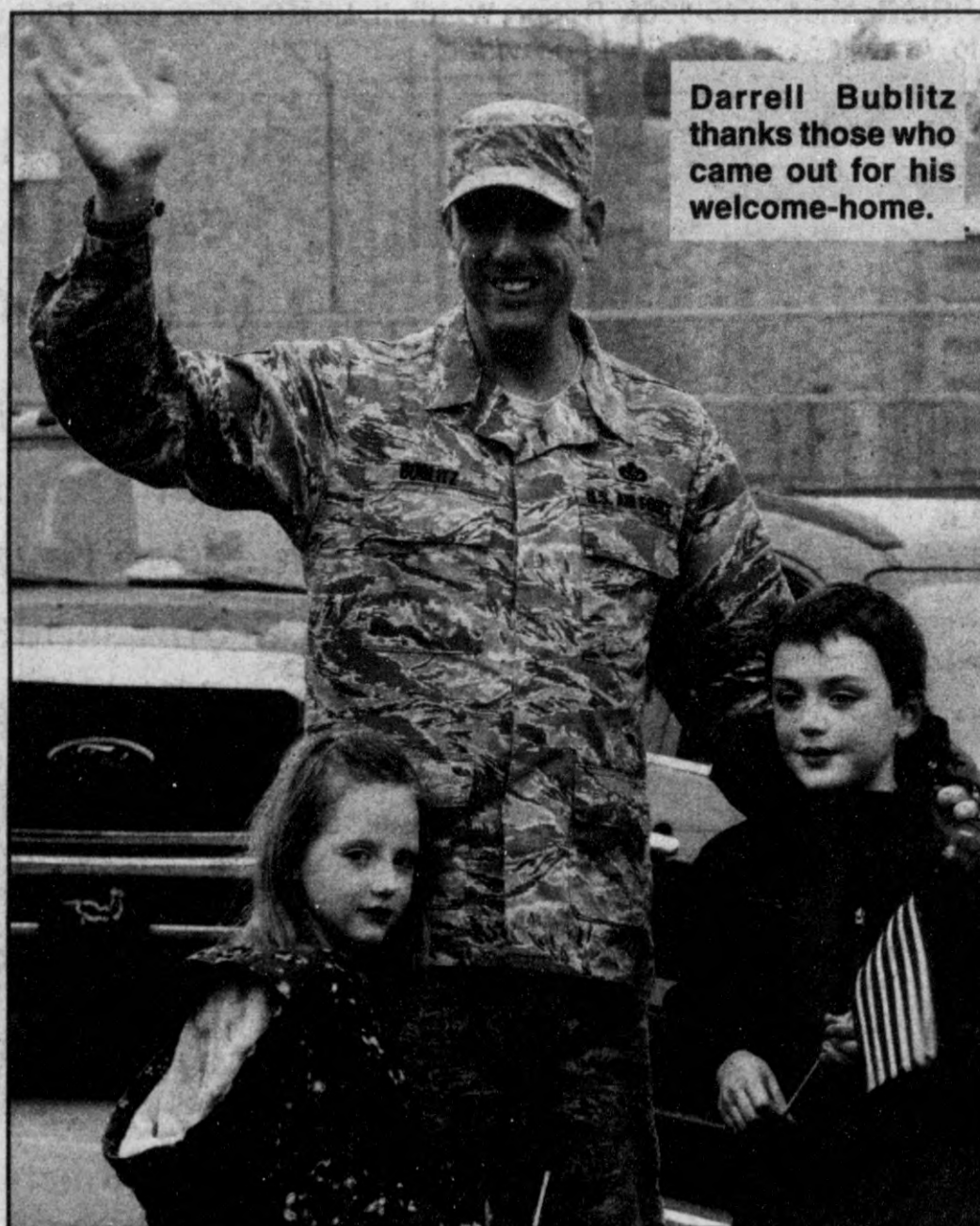
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Austin and Brooklyn Bublitz run to greet their father. Photos by Phil Custodio



Darrell Bublitz thanks those who came out for his welcome-home.

Homecoming surprise

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Austin and Brooklyn Bublitz broke into a run when they caught sight of their father, Darrell Bublitz, outside Clarkston Elementary as classmates cheered.

They hadn't seen him in six months. A master sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, he returned that morning, Nov. 3, from a deployment to the United Arab Emirates.

"To see them there, it was awesome," Darrell said. "It's good to see the community come together for this."

"The Clarkston Elementary family is very supportive. It's great," said Sarah Bublitz, his wife. "It's been a long six months."

Students, parents, and staff lined up waving flags with Darrell at one end when the children emerged from the school at the end of their day.

"Welcome home," said Principal Brian Adams to Darrell. "Thank you for everything. We appreciate everything you do."

Parents and staff at the school organized the homecoming welcome after receiving word of his arrival earlier in the week.

"We were thinking about an assembly for after school, to give him time to get home and settle in," said Jeanette Early, PTO president.

This was Darrell's fifth tour overseas, two-and-a-half years altogether. His deployment in the UAE was with the 127th Wing, out of Selfridge Michigan Air National Guard Base. He arrived home that morning at 7:30 a.m., after a 16-hour flight.

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Steve Kennedy, World War II veteran, seated in middle, with Navy veteran Ralph Everitt, 1957-1959; Mario Rotando, Army, 1952-1954; Mike Epling, USAF, 2007-2011; Sanjay Dutta, U.S. Navy; Pete Caruso, Navy, 1961-1964; Brent Cooley, Coast Guard, 1973-1979; Joseph Palazzolo, Army LRRP/Ranger, 1966-1968; Robert Wohlfell, USMC, 1953-1956; Phil Custodio, U.S. Army, 1987-1991; and Frank Palazzolo, Army, 1971-1977. Photo provided

Food, fellowship with WWII vet

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

Sanjay Dutta of Clarkston was at the local post office last week when he noticed Steve Kennedy needed some assistance.

"I asked, can I help you," Dutta said.

They got to talking and he soon realized Kennedy, 91, is a World War II veteran like his father, who served with the British Army.

With Veterans Day coming up, Dutta figured he deserved more so he called his friend Pete Caruso, owner of Uncle Peter's Pasties in Independence Township.

By Thursday afternoon, Caruso had organized a luncheon for Kennedy and several other veterans at his Sashabaw Road eatery, Nov. 3, as well as for diners stopping in to eat.

"I thought when I shook his hand, it's amazing, his grip is like steel," said Matthew Rzepnicka, who had stopped in to eat. "He's so strong at 91 years old."

"I think this is incredible - it's like being welcomed home from World War II," Kennedy said.



The veterans share stories over pasties. Photo by Phil Custodio

He was invited to a trip to Washington D.C. with Talons Out from Kalamazoo a couple years ago.

"It was a great day," he said. "A lot of guys didn't get a welcome when they got back. I didn't. That trip and this makes up for it."

Caruso, who served in the U.S. Navy from 1961-1964, invites veterans in for free pasties every Veterans Day. Last year, he hosted 85

vet, including a few World War II veterans.

Kennedy joined up as a 16 year old, and served with the Second Marine Division in the Pacific Theater from 1943-1946.

Dutta is from India, and served in the U.S. Navy as an officer after becoming an American citizen.

"I was just the spark to put this together," he said.

Briefly

City election

Clarkston residents went to the polls to cast their ballots for three seats in the City Council, Tuesday, Nov. 7. The Clarkston News went to press on Monday, so check next week's edition for results.

Bowman fundraiser

Bowman Chevrolet donated \$7,283.46 to local charities, thanks to donations raised at their Dine Out event in celebration of 33 years in Clarkston, Oct. 25.

Easterseals Michigan, Clarkston SCAMP, My Habitat Clarkston, and Clarkston Area Youth Assistance will each receive \$1,820.87.

Bowman Chevrolet donated 33 percent of the night's dinner sales at Clarkston Union Bar & Kitchen, The Fed, Honcho, and Union Woodshop.

Respite for Bailey House

This historic Bailey House in Independence Township received a two-year reprieve from demolition after a unanimous vote of Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, Nov. 1. The Gothic- and Queen-Anne-style house in the north section of Independence Oaks County Park was slated for removal this past summer.

The county parks commission has owned it since 2010, when it was part of the Upper Bushman property donation.

Sam Moraco of Independence Township, who sounded a final call for help last August ("Last stand for historic home, Aug. 16), will work to find a plan for the house. Clarkston Community Schools has expressed interest in the house as a Construction Tech historical preservation project.



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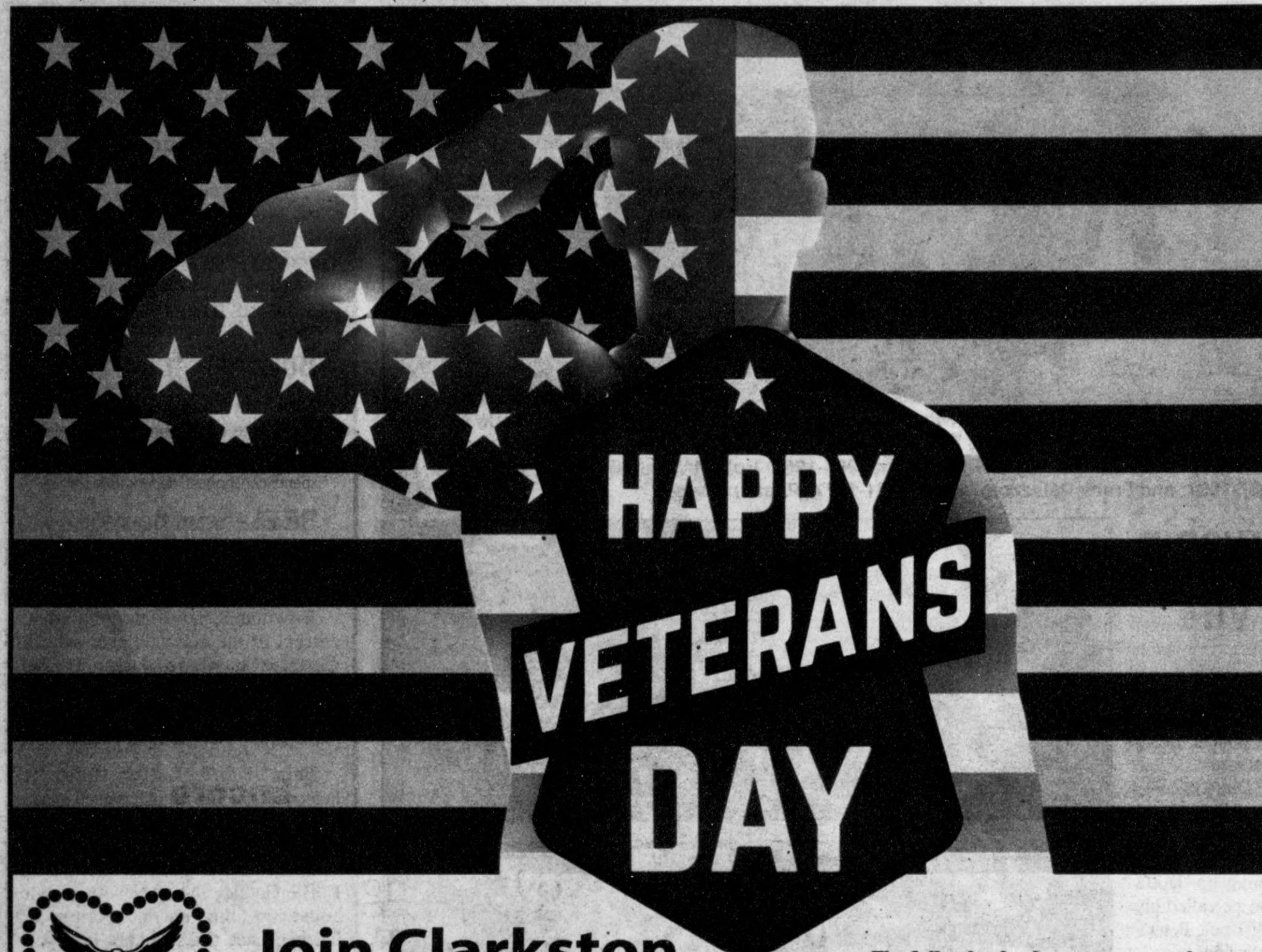
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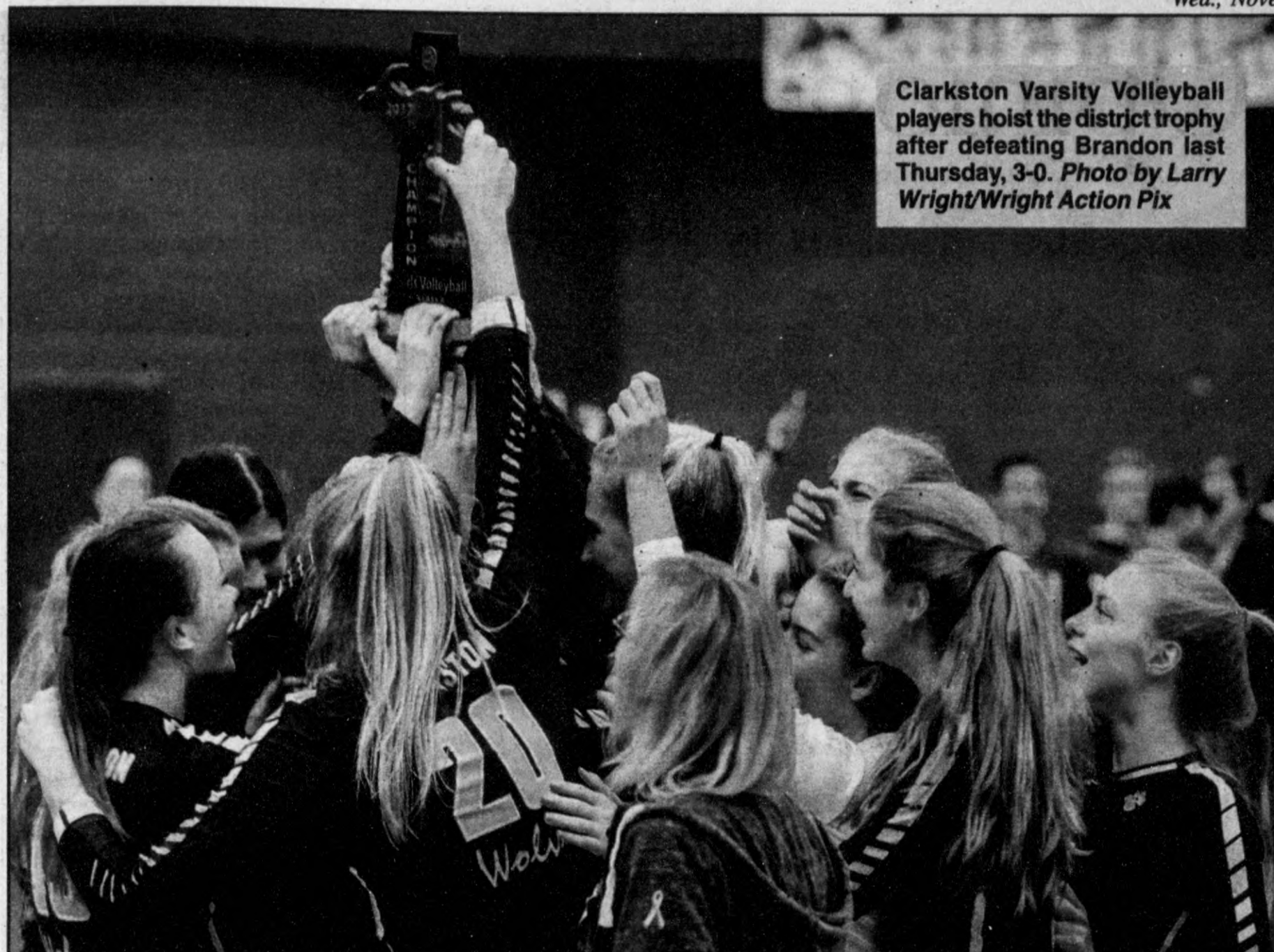
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Clarkston Varsity Volleyball players hoist the district trophy after defeating Brandon last Thursday, 3-0. Photo by Larry Wright/Wright Action Pix

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Wendi's Word

A column by Wendi Price

Time to write

Here we are with two months left of 2017 and I was in a group setting when someone asked quite a few questions.

One, did you fulfill the goals you set for yourself at the beginning of the year?

Two, what goals do you have for the rest of 2017?

Three, what goals do you have for 2018? Really this is the time to set them.

I guess the procrastinator in me never really thought about setting goals for the new year earlier than two weeks before the new year if not in the last hours of the year we currently were in.

Honestly, my goals would probably stay the same which means I haven't accomplished as much as I wanted. Or maybe I set the bar too high. I did finish two scrapbooks before June this year and quite a few pages here and there. I would say vacation but it's not a goal. It will happen. Maybe also Jonathan can wear his Halloween costume one more time.

He was a toddler Yoda. Luckily there a lot of communities who host plenty of events leading up to Halloween. He participated in his first Trunk or Treat through Clarkston United Methodist Church and also went to three other events and places.

Considering he doesn't eat candy, he did get a lot of it which was of course checked by us - "safety" isn't that what my parents said as my Smarties and chocolate candies vanished from pillow case after Trick or Treating. The candy was donated to the share counter at *The Clarkston News*.

My update for my National Novel Writing Month crazy 50,000 words in 30 days isn't high. As I write my column it's day five into NaNoWriMo and should be at 8,335 words if I go with the 1,667 per day calculation. I am at 1,882 words typed and about 500 words written long hand. No matter how you look at it I am behind.

Naturally I felt more creative during October when I could only work on outline and characters and couldn't really write the story.

Hopefully I can get to a few of the write-ins in the Flint region to catch up a little bit. Also, write for about 15 minutes here and there. My main goal is not to write 30,000 words in the last five days like in 2010. It was tiring even though I was heavily caffeinated.

Maybe a goal for 2018 is write anytime but NaNoWriMo.



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Letters, columns & Editorials

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LEADER TRAINING: Brecken O'Neill and puppy Lucy Rose stopped by the Fed on Main Street for a fund raiser for Leader Dog for the Blind, Oct. 26. Years of guide dog training starts with trips like this, socialization and familiarizing puppies with public places. *Photo provided*

A Look Back

From *The CNews* archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Fortinberry knocks off Kostin for judge seat" In the highly contested race for 52-2 District Court, Judge Dana Fortinberry knocked off opponent Kelley Kostin, receiving 18,689 votes to Kostin's 12,844 votes.

"Teens make a difference for family"

A group of volunteers from St. Daniel's Catholic Church did their part to help improved the lives of a family in Pontiac. They worked on their home's siding, wired the house, helped clean up the site and filled the dumpster during Make a Difference Day.

"Girls' harriers take second in state meet" The Clarkston Girls Cross Country team finished in second place in the state finals at Michigan International Speedway with 110 points.

25 years ago - 1992

"Voters face Feb. 8 school bond issue" Faced with overcrowded conditions and buildings in need of repair, the Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved to ask are voters to support a \$16.5 million bond issue during the February election.

"Michalak named Young Woman of Year" Exhibiting all-around ability and poise, Clarkston High School senior Kim Michalek topped a field of 14 contestants to with the 1992-93 Junior Miss Young Woman of the Year contest.

"Haunted Forest gives sports teams a boo-st" By scaring people out of their wits at the Haunted Forest in Clintonwood Park, local sports teams, school clubs and other organizations raised more than \$4,000. Members of the teams and clubs were paid \$4.35 per hour then turned their wages over to their respective teams or clubs.

50 years ago - 1967

"Road Commission will operate M-15 dump" Brandon Township voted 4-1 in favor of having Oakland County Road Commission as their agent in operation of the dump site on M-15, north of Clarkston.

"New slope" When Pine Knob Ski Resort had a 2,000 foot slope ready for skiers when they reopened for the 1967-1968 winter season. Over 400,000 cubic feet of dirt was hauled in from other areas on the property for the slope.

"Round the town" Jaime Hinkley held a Halloween party which the 19 guests played "Spin the Witches," "Brew," and "Old Mother Witch." They also enjoyed dinner with cider.

City to consider more no-parking areas

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

The Clarkston city Parking Committee called on City Council to consider a list of recommendations at next week's meeting.

"Our backs are against the wall, we have to do something," said Council member Rick Detkowski at the Oct. 23 meeting. "This is a bandaid until spring, when hopefully we'll have the funds to address this."

Recommendations include no-parking posted on E. Church Street, no parking on S. Buffalo, and "no on-street parking" or "off-street parking only" signs on E. Washington.

The changes are needed because the roads do not meet American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) standards for width, Detkowski said.

"We've had near misses — if we had actual accidents, we'd be in big trouble," he said.

A claim against the city could increase its ongoing rates, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

Recommendations also include bagging the no-parking signs during holidays,

consult with city engineers HRC on how to make the streets compliant, ask the Signs and Streets Committee to consider signs to direct patrons to available parking, and review ordinances to prepare for future businesses coming into town.

"How do we use the lessons learned and create requirements for potential new businesses to address parking — explore updating the parking deferment ordinance," Detkowski said. "Do we update and make it viable for businesses and adhere to the law, or do we continue to ignore it?"

Installation of a parking kiosk at the Washington and Main parking lot should be complete by the middle of November, said Smith.

A dedicated bank account has been set up, which will allow credit card payments, parking spot numbering is complete, and a parking enforcement official has been hired.

The parking kiosk was purchased from Harvey Electronics and Radio at a total cost of \$9,775. All parking revenue from the lot, \$1 per hour for its 58 spaces, would be used to pay for the parking lot.



Clarkston Elementary students and parents gather with flags waving for Darrell Bublitz' reunion with his kids, Austin and Brooklyn. Photo by Phil Custodio

The struggle is real when you live alone.

The conversation started innocently enough.

A person advertising with us wanted to know if her ad was "too risqué." Ever the eavesdropping kind of guy, I listened as our ad rep hemmed and hawed trying to answer. When the conversation was completed and the phone connection terminated, I asked what all the hubbub was.

The sales rep reported his client, who owns a beauty salon, wanted to know if her town was ready for an ad proclaiming she performs a service with Brazilian Wax.

Brazilian Wax? What is Brazilian Wax and what is it used for, I wondered aloud to the ad rep? The ad rep just shrugged his shoulders. Not satisfied with that answer I went to the women in the composition department — surely they'd know, after all this was a question about some sort of beauty salon treatment.

I asked and they either honestly didn't know or knew and thought I was some sort of jerk for asking. Regardless, I gained no new knowledge from the womenfolk. In general, I have an inquiring mind. If I have a question I want an answer.

So I returned to my office and typed *Brazilian Wax* in some internet search engine. Through the marvels of modern science and computer wizardry in .22 seconds up popped the first ten of 156,000 links to information about Brazilian Wax. On the computer screen in front of me was all the information (and lots more) I ever needed or wanted to know about Brazilian Wax jobs.

Imagine my horror when I found out what the heck Brazilian Wax is and what it is used for and realized I

would have to go out among the women I had just questioned. It was definitely uncomfortable. I believe I blushed.

So, what is Brazilian Wax and what is it used for? If you know, I don't have to tell you and if you don't know, well, it's just as well.

Haunted house on the hill

Last week a strange, barely audible, almost vibration-like, "whoomp" sound emanating from our basement. As the midnight hour approached and as I lay in bed the sound came. I made up a quick explanation to pacify my masculinity all the while wishing I could have kept my head under the covers — conjuring up all sorts dark theories to myself. I could not find the cause. Lights out. Back to bed. "Whoomp, whoomp," "whoomp, whoomp."

Well, I am not a real ghost-bustin' kind of guy and that 1916 poured basement down stairs is kinda' spooky. So, I girded my loins, put on my big-boy jammy pants and crept back down to the creepy basement. (With every light in the house on.)

"Whoomp, whoomp," "whoomp, whoomp." Ah, down the stairs to the right. "Whoomp, whoomp," "whoomp, whoomp." Slowly, gently, I reached around with my right hand and found the light switch and flicked it on.

T'waren't no ghost nor goblin.

Nothing so sinister.

Not even a mouse.

Said "whoomp" belonged to the water heater — which was set to full burn by your very own reluctant hero. Seems Danger Don ignored every possible verbal and print warning and set the water heater to "Super-Duper, Molten Lava Hot." This heat caused the rumbling sound.

Bravely, I turned the knob down 27 notches to "Safe For Human Use" and my ghost problem was solved (and

my gas bill will shrink).

Newspaperin' Lesson No. 227

Just what is it I write here in the hallowed halls of Dontrushmedom?

Some would say: Dribble.

Some would say: Crap.

Some would say: A sack full of untruths.

I would say: They are all correct, sort of. I write a column — my opinion at any given moment in time — usually when I type it. While I am well versed in writing Front Page News and Editorials, *Don't Rush Me* is neither. It is what I believe, what my eyes see, my brain processes, what my heart and gut feels. It ain't reporting. It ain't fair. Heck, it ain't even balanced. It's an opinion penned to evoke emotion and stimulate thought. It has nothing to do with "journalistic integrity."

Some think the world would be a better place if those darned "opinion" mongers would just leave public officials alone to do their jobs.

There'd be no corruption.

(And fewer spelling errors!)

There'd be no wrong-doing.

(And less newsprint wasted!)

There'd be no controversy.

(Only happiness and joy!)

There'd be no difference of opinion.

(Only "official" thought!)

Wouldn't that be great?

Has anybody read 1984?

* * *

Next week: I get into a couple of locally written books. Books about hiking and, gulp, is Clarkston cursed?

Comments for the dim-witted, scared and opinionated one can be e-mailed to: DontRushDon@gmail.com

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Last Week's Score: Clarkston beat Farmington Hills, 23-12

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Who's Up This Week: Clarkston heads to Holland West
Ottawa on Saturday, Kick Off 1:00pm

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Friday	08/25/17	Lapeer High School at Ann Arbor	W	42-7
Thurs	09/01/17	Southfield Arts & Tech High School	W	17-7
Friday	09/08/17	Bloomfield Hills High School	W	34-20
Friday	09/15/17	West Bloomfield High School	L	15-37
Friday	09/22/17	Oxford High School	W	48-0
Friday	09/29/17	Troy Athens High School	W	45-13
Friday	10/06/17	Rochester Adams High School	L	14-21
Friday	10/13/17	Lake Orion High School	W	17-9
Friday	10/20/17	White Crossover	W	23-12

Clarkston Defeated Grand Blanc on Friday Oct. 37-7
Clarkston Defeated Davison for District Title 28-0

OAA Red League Standings/Record

Team	Wins	Losses	Team	Wins	Losses
West Bloomfield	6	1	Southfield A&T	3	4
Rochester Adams	6	1	Lake Orion	2	5
Clarkston	5	2	Oxford	1	6
Bloomfield Hills	5	2	Troy Athens	0	7

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Wolves shut out Cardinals

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Gridiron heroes ran and slid on Davison's muddy field in celebration Saturday night as they claimed the MHSAA Football District championship with a 28-0 win.

The Clarkston Varsity Football team was all smiles when they accepted the trophy and ran it to the visitor side stands to share with friends, classmates and family.

"We did a lot of good things tonight," Kurt Richardson smiled. "I thought Josh Cantu was freaking awesome. I thought our offensive line was awesome. I thought our composure was awesome. Our defense flew to the ball."

Cantu, senior running back, agreed, "it was a good team win. The offensive linemen did a phenomenal job. We couldn't have done better tonight."

Cantu led the team scoring all four touchdowns for the night and ran the ball 264 yards on 32 carries.

"Just going to run the ball as normal," he said.

The Wolves opened the game starting on the 21-yard line and were quickly moved to the 26-yard line after a penalty was called on the Cardinals. Senior quarterback Nate Uballo handed the ball to Cantu who ran 40 yards putting Clarkston into Davison's territory.

Cantu scored three plays later on a 28-yard touchdown run as the clock hit less than three minutes into the game.

He struck again in the second quarter on a 3-yard run with 9:33 remaining in the first half.

The Cardinals opened the second half aiming to score on their visitors, but they turned the ball over one minute into the third quarter as the ball came loose. Senior linebacker Stewart Newblatt recovered the ball for Clarkston, setting the boys up at the 25-yard line in Davison's turf.

Cantu scored 90 seconds later on a 3-yard run and closed the quarter with a 2-yard run to put the score, 28-0.

Senior kicker Jermaine Roemer was 4-for-4 on PAT attempts. Senior linebacker Anthony Simmons led defense with six tackles and had one interception. Junior linebacker Brendan Barker and senior linebacker Gino Paese had five tackles each. Senior defensive back Tieler Houston had his fifth interception of the year.

The Wolves (9-2) take on Holland West Ottawa (10-1) for the MHSAA Football Regional title on Saturday.

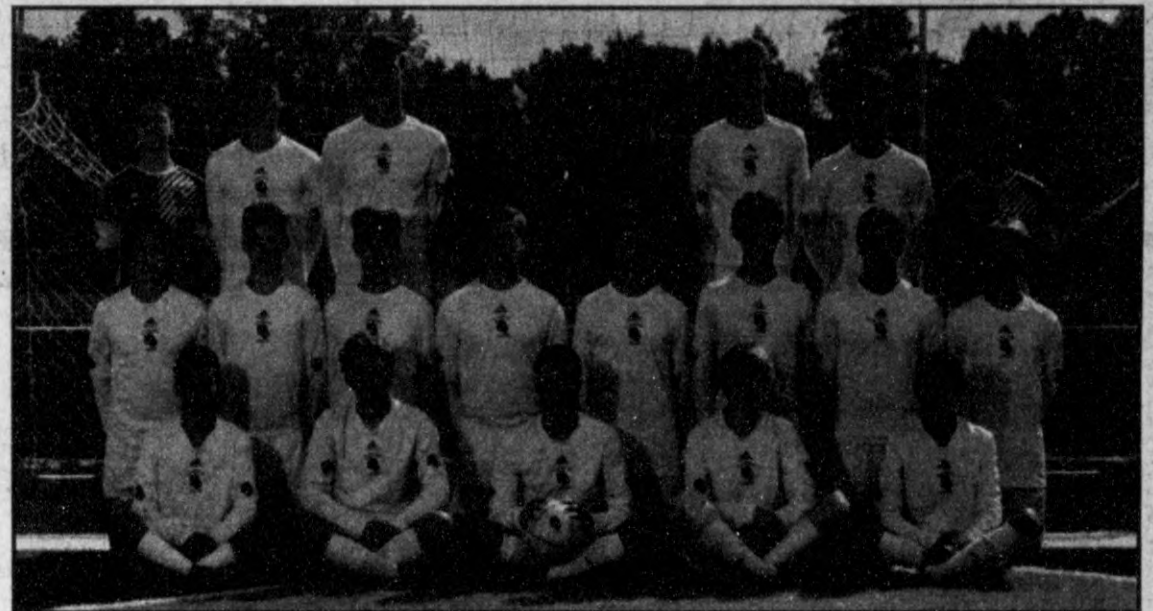
"I know they are good," said Richardson. "They beat Rockford (33-28)."

"I am excited," added Cantu. Kick off is 1 p.m. at Holland West Ottawa, 3685 Butternut Drive, Holland, MI 49424.



Senior running back Josh Cantu grabs the handoff from senior quarterback Nate Uballo as sophomore linebacker Josh Pacolt (No. 42) blocks Davison's defense. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team. Photo by Visual Sports Network

Kicking to winning season

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
Clarkston News Sports Writer

Kickers finished their season in district finals giving their opponents a battle which went into double overtime and a loss for the Wolves.

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team finished the fall with a winning season with an overall 10-6-5 record.

"It was a really good season," said Curtis Payment, head coach. "We had a super competitive team. We tied and beat some of the best teams in the state this year."

The Wolves graduate 13 seniors from this year's team.

"It's such a really unique class," Payment said. "I never had a team work this hard. I never had a team buy into everything we were coaching. No matter what they went out and did it. I think their legacy will be believe in each other, believe in the coaching staff and good things will happen."

The team has seven players returning. "One of the messages we are really going to focus on is we have been in the

district finals in four of the last five years. We did pick up two victories," said Payment. "It's the foundation of our program now. We should expect to do well in the playoffs and be competitive in the end of the season. Believing in that, staying confident throughout the season and really trying to peak at the right time. We should practice, plan and expect to be in big games at the end of the year."

The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer 2017 team was freshman Lochlan Gray; sophomore Ethan Wise; juniors Noah Bridgeman, Patrick Farrell, David Gray, Nathan Murray, Maclain Zaremba; seniors Jacob Bore, Nolan Cook, Parker Daly-Seiler, Brady Dickens, Bailey Dula, Finn Eblenkamp, Mason Gergar, Matt Heilman, John Loch, Cole Mitchell, Mike Snider, Luke Quilliams and Michael Weiler.

"We had a great group of boys - quality young men," Payment added. "They showed at the end of the season we had a quality team in the run in the playoffs."



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The 400-yard freestyle relay finishes in third place in the time of 3:36.41 to qualify for the state championship next week. Photos submitted

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Making a splash at OAA Red

The Lady Wolves finished the OAA Red Swim & Dive Championship in fourth place last Friday at Lake Orion.

The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team followed the phrase from their head coach Amber Miller - "Give, live and be great" throughout the season to lead them to success.

The OAA Red league meet was held over three days with intense competition. Clarkston secured their fourth place finish in one of the state's toughest divisions.

Senior captain Ashleigh Allen posted personal bests in the 200-yard individual medley for second place, 2:08.25, and the 500-yard freestyle for fifth place, 5:10.31.

Junior Caroline Hughes added a third place finish in the 100-yard butterfly, 58.12. She was co-champion along with Rochester Adams freshman Meghan Fleury in the 100-yard backstroke, 58.49.

Junior Rachel Kociba helped the Wolves efforts with a 15th place finish in the 50-yard freestyle, 25.83.

Sophomore Haley VanBuskirk continued her strong season finishing in third place in the 200-yard individual medley, 2:08.86, and fourth place, 100-yard freestyle, 53.21.

Sophomore Betsey Walkowiak was a key contributor for the Wolves adding valuable points in the 50-yard freestyle, 25.38, and the 100-yard backstroke, 1:00.98, as she finished both in seventh place.

Clarkston had major contributions from freshmen swimmers Alexis Moon, Evie Dice and Maddie Kwasnik. Moon finished the 100-yard breaststroke in second, 1:06.52. Dice

compete in the 200-yard freestyle, 2:02.49; and in the 100-yard butterfly, 1:00.78, earning 15th and tenth place points. Kwasnik swam the 200-yard individual medley, 2:16.86, and the 500-yard freestyle, 5:31.56, for 12th and 16th place points for the team.

Clarkston qualified three relay teams for the MHSAA State Championship with their 200-yard medley, 200-yard freestyle and 400-yard freestyle relay teams.

The 200-yard medley relay team of Walkowiak, Moon, Hughes and Allen qualified with a season best time of 1:50.13.

The 200-yard freestyle relay team of Moon, Kociba, Dice and VanBuskirk qualified with a time of 1:40.89.

Allen, Walkowiak, Hughes and VanBuskirk finished the 400-yard freestyle relay at 3:36.41 to qualify.

The Lady Wolves sent five divers to the OAA Red League meet and they finished in the top 15 spots. Sophomore Abby Line finished in second, 358.75 points; senior Sydney VanBuskirk, third, 313.86; freshman Abby Bartley, ninth, 280.05; junior Elise Lowell, tenth, 277.40; and freshman Isabella Taylor, 15th, 255.35. The divers are under the direction of Coach Bill Codi.

The Lady Wolves had two swimmers and two divers finish All-League with Allen in the 200-yard individual medley, Hughes for 100-yard backstroke; and Line and Sydney VanBuskirk for finishing in the top three in diving.

Clarkston now prepares for the MHSAA Swim & Dive State Championship at Oakland University, Nov. 17-18.



The 200-yard freestyle relay team finishes in sixth place at the league meet and also qualifies for the state meet with their time of 1:40.89.

Clarkston tops Orion, Brandon for district championship

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Lady Spikers proudly held up the MHSAA Volleyball District 13 trophy in the the Clarkston High School gym after a 3-0 defeat over Brandon last Thursday.

The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team had a huge preparation for the Blackhawks as they opened the district playoffs with a 3-1 win over cross town rivals Lake Orion on Nov. 1.

"Obviously that's a huge victory for us," said Kelly Pinner, head coach after the win. "We lost to them four times in the regular season but beat them when it counts I guess that's what you are going to say. It's such an emotional battle when we play Lake Orion anytime we play them. Either it's early in the season for a tournament or if it's for league. It seems the last six years we have been playing them for districts."

She added with a smile, "it just feels great. It's hard to put into words how great of a feeling."

The first three games was a traditional Wolf/Dragon battle as they kept close to each other on the scoreboard. Clarkston took the first game with a 25-23 score with freshman Claire Nowicki finishing the game with two of the last three points for the Wolves.

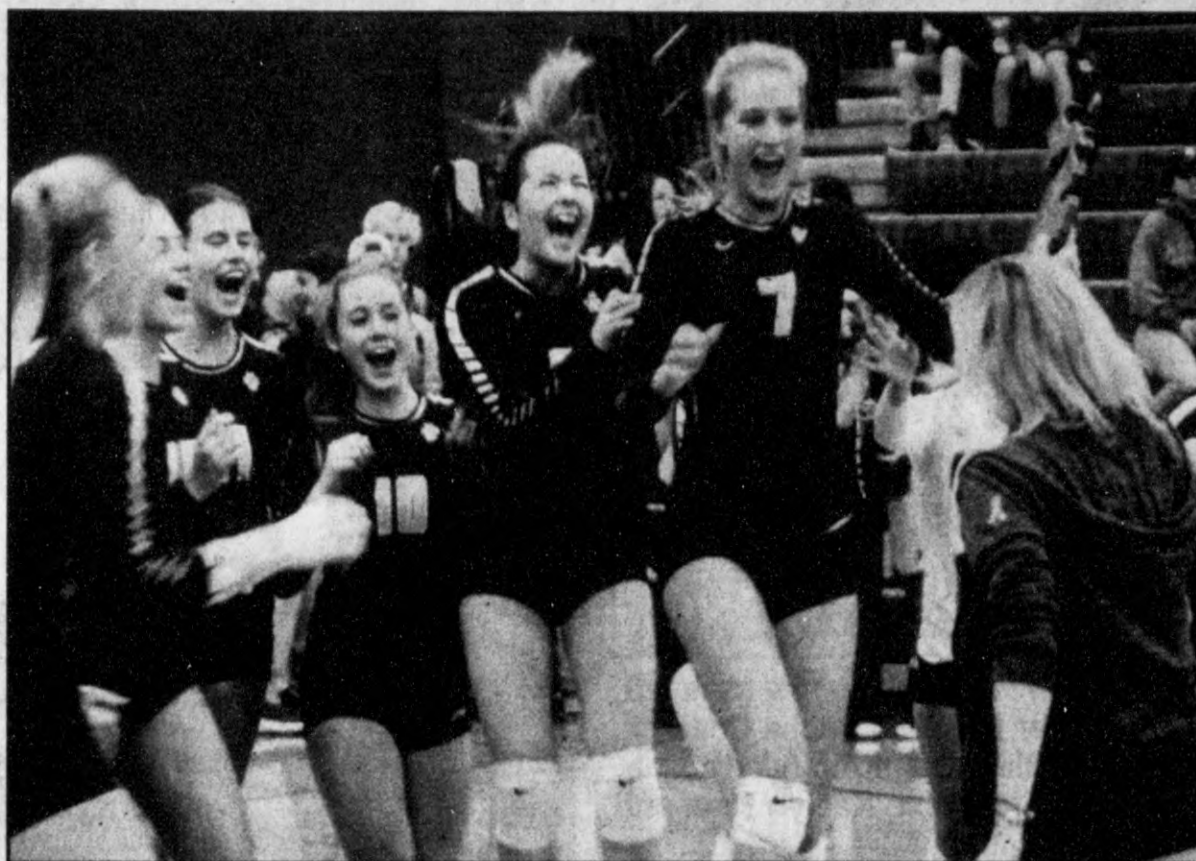
Lake Orion won the next close battle also with a 25-23 score.

The Lady Wolves opened the third game getting the first point off senior Grace Kraft's serve. Lake Orion followed it with scoring the next four points. Clarkston closed in and they kept the battle close once again.

Clarkston began pulling away at the 17-point tie mark as seniors Abbey Malinowski and Olivia Johnson help put the Wolves into the lead.

The score would tie again at 22 points but it would be the last time for the rest of the night as Nowicki scored the last point marking the third game in another 25-23 win for Clarkston.

The momentum changed for the fourth game. The Wolves opened the game with three points before Orion put one on the board. Malinowski followed it with two hits



Clarkston Varsity Volleyball celebrates their district championship win at home. Photos by Larry Wright

as Clarkston climbed the board.

"We got some momentum early and found some shots and some holes," Pinner said. "I think mentally we got in their heads a little bit. You could see Lake Orion pushing. We had them against the ropes and they started to struggle."

The Lady Dragons just hit the double digits with ten points when senior Corrin Gualtieri put Clarkston at 20 points. The next four points came from freshman Claire Nowicki, senior Kayla Luchenbach and Malinowski.

"Lake Orion is a great team," Pinner added. "They were ranked No. 5 in the state coming in today (Nov. 1). They have been playing great volleyball all year. Their setter, their middle, their right side - all outstanding. We beat a great team. It feels great."

Malinowski had 25 kills and 19 digs.

"She did great," Pinner said. "She mixed it up and found all sorts of shots. Just the stuff she does away from the ball, too. She's a great leader and great motivator those are things that helped us tonight."

Senior Jen Chupinsky had 32 digs. Nowicki had 15 kills and Johnson had 11 kills.

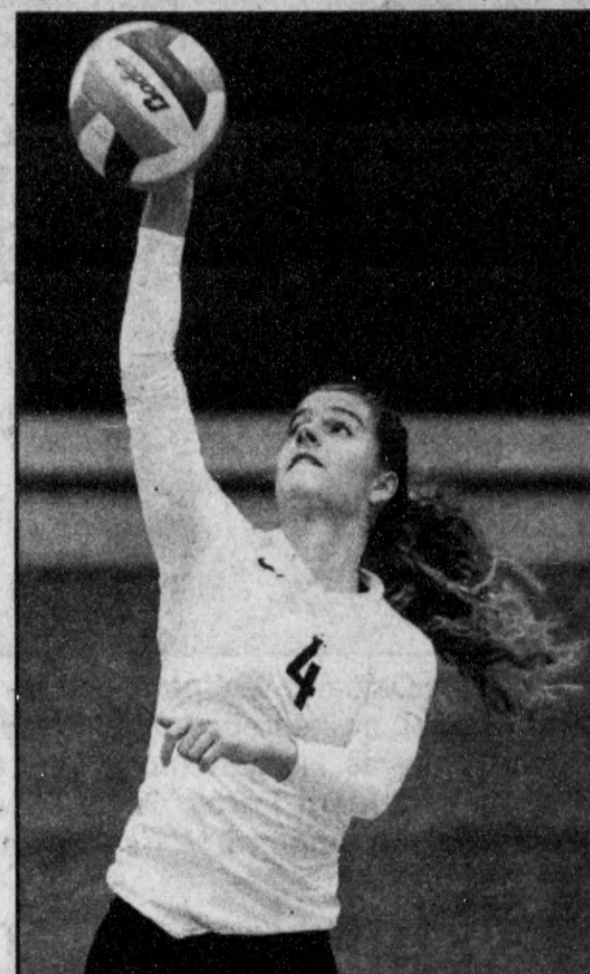
The Lady Wolves continued with a 3-0 victory over Brandon, 25-13, 25-19, 25-14 for the championship title.

"District championship is what we have been talking about all season long," Pinner said. "Definitely one of our goals and nice to have under our belt now. Our biggest thing now is we have a lot more we are hungry for. We don't want it to end here. We know we are competing against the best in the state."

She added beating Lake Orion helped the girls for the rest of playoffs.

"Drive and mostly confidence," Pinner said. "We needed that for sure just to keep their mindset knowing we are right there with everybody else. There are some years in Class A there are only 2-3 teams who can win it. I think this year there's ten teams that can win it. So why not us?"

Malinowski had 15 kills and three blocks against Brandon. Luchenbach had six kills and four blocks and Chupinsky had 24 digs and one ace.



Senior Jennifer Chupinsky sends the ball over the net in the Lady Wolves district final against Brandon at Clarkston High School, Nov. 2.

The Lady Wolves opened MHSAA Volleyball Regional 4 semifinals on Tuesday against Troy. The finals are Thursday at Bloomfield Hills High School, 7 p.m. The regional winner moves on to the quarterfinals at Saginaw Heritage, Nov. 14.

"Take it one match at a time and get Tuesday under our belt," said Pinner. "Our goal now is just to try to make it to Battle Creek. We are going to go one game at a time to get ourselves there."

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The North Oakland Wolfpack 15U Girls Basketball team: in top row from left, Rob Bosart, co-head coach, Lindsey Bower, Piper Bosart, Brooke Cesarek, Alani Contreras, Morgan Hunter, Lena Eblenkamp, Bill Cesarek, co-head coach; bottom row, Kiera Tierny, Olivia Toderan, Sydney Maddox, Kaelyn Kaul and Sam Aris. Not pictured, Marisa DiPonio. Photo provided

Fall finish as Cage league champs

The North Oakland Wolfpack 15U Girls Basketball team won the Cage league championship in Swartz Creek, Oct. 30.

They beat Brighton JV team 31-13 before beating the top seeded Michigan Cagers to win the championship, 43-35.

The girls went 13-3 during the fall AAU season and has a 54-32 record since they started in November 2016. Last month the team raised \$2,500 for American Red Cross Hurricane Relief. For more information, please visit www.northoaklandwolfpack.com.

Division champs at Everest

Clarkston Everest 7/8 Girls Volleyball finished their season undefeated division champions and finalists in the Catholic Youth Organization League.

They played Northville's Our Lady of Victory during the league championship at Marian High School, Oct. 19.

They lost the first set and gave Our Lady

of Victory a battle during the second set to win. The Lady Mountaineers lost the third set to finish the season.

They secured their spot in the CYO tournament by winning the quarterfinals on Oct. 14.

They defeated St. Joseph's of Lake Orion, 2-0; and St. Joan of Arc, 2-1.



The Clarkston Everest 7/8 Girls Volleyball team. Photo provided

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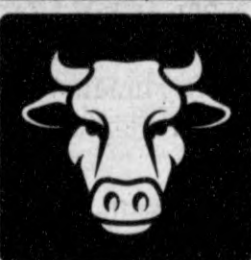
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The boys take off in the mile race for third through fifth graders, Oct. 20. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Clarkston Elementary runners snag trophy

The Dragons from Clarkston Elementary stopped the Bulldogs of Bailey Lake Elementary from winning their seventh consecutive Traveling Trophy during the Elementary Cross Country race, Oct. 20.

Clarkston Elementary had 37.07 percent of their students participating in the race. Bailey Lake finished in second place with 23.86 percent participation and Pine Knob Elementary had 22.73 percent of their Tigers.

The race was divided by gender with Young Fives/Kindergarten through second grader running in the half mile race and third through fifth graders running in the one mile race.

For the boys, Aidan Foster, a second grader from Springfield Plains Elementary, led the boys half mile, finishing in 3:00.5. Grant Berden, CE Kindergarten, second

place, 3:13.8; Jackson Sidaway, PKE first grade, third place, 3:14.8; Jack Sliwa, PKE second grade, fourth place, 3:19.6; and Chase Gladwish, PKE second grade, fifth place, 3:22.7.

Caden Degrendel, a fifth grader from PKE, led the boys mile race, finishing in 6:12.9. Ayden Mutter, BLE fourth grade, second place, 6:14.4; Brendan Sesti, BLE fourth grade, third place, 6:16.4; Braydon Johnson, Andersonville Elementary fourth grade, fourth place, 6:19.4; Dominic Gaglio, BLE fifth grade, fifth place, 6:22.4.

For the girls, Alisa Gaglio, a first grader from BLE led in the half mile race, finishing in 3:21.4. Brynn Van Goor, AE second grade, second place, 3:28.6; Ellie Hotchkiss, Independence Elementary second grade, third place, 3:38.3; Keilana Caputo, PKE

second grade, fourth place, 3:40.9; and Kaitlyn Woodward, PKE second grade, 3:45.

Danielle Wisser, a fourth grader from SPE, led the mile race, finishing in 6:55.9. Claire Thomas, CE fifth grade, second place, 7:03; Grace Herrin, AE fifth grade, third place, 7:05.1; Kayla Butki, SPE fourth grade, fourth place, 7:17.7; and Lucia Vanoplinus, BLE fifth grade, fifth place, 7:25.8.

A total of 464 elementary students participated in the annual race.

There were 126 boys in the half mile race and 115 in the mile race. For the girls races, 136 participated in the half mile and 87 ran in the mile.

For full results and updates for upcoming races including the End of the Summer race, please visit clarkstoncrosscountry.org.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price

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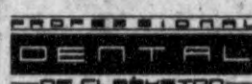
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A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV with an expired registration tab, 7:35 a.m., Oct. 27, on Dixie Highway at Northcrest Way. The driver, a 32-year-old Waterford Township woman, was found with three outstanding misdemeanor warrants out of Royal Oak and Waterford. She was cited for driving with a suspended license, no proof of insurance, and expired plate. She was advised and released on the warrants, and the vehicle was impounded.

Suspended license

A records check showed the owner of a pickup truck on Clintonville Road at Maybee Road had a suspended driver's license and an Oakland County Friend of the Court warrant for child neglect, and it was stopped, 10:45 a.m., Oct. 27. The owner, a 42-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for driving with a suspended license, failure to comply with order of judgment, and no proof of insurance.

Call for help

A Clarkston resident called the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for help with his brother, a 29-year-old Clarkston man, who

was highly intoxicated, 11:48 p.m., Oct. 30. Paramedics took him to McLaren - Pontiac for detox.

Too much weight

A deputy on patrol stopped a truck turning from Citation Drive onto southbound Main Street for excessive window tint and overweight, 11:57 a.m., Oct. 30. The truck company was cited for exceeding its gross allowed weight, expired plate, tinted windows, and missing trailer marker light. The truck was impounded.

Failure to yield

A 63-year-old Waterford woman pulled in front of a deputy when making a turn on Dixie Highway just south of Maybee Road and was stopped, 2:11 p.m., Oct. 30. She was cited with failure to yield when turning left, no proof of insurance, and improper plate. The car was impounded.

Stop sign runner

A 48-year-old Oxford man was stopped for running a stop sign at Glenburnie and Miller Road, 4:13 p.m., Oct. 31. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to stop at the stop sign.

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Firefighters answer call for aid

BY JESSICA STEELEY

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township Fire Department recently helped out other Oakland County communities when they lost water pressure.

"There was a water main break in the West Bloomfield/Farmington Hills area (Oct. 23) that resulted in a number of communities in the area being either with very little water pressure or, in some communities, no water pressure. We responded based on a mutual aid request to provide a tanker truck to the areas," Independence Township Fire Chief Mitch Petterson said.

Personnel from the township's fire department went to a Novi fire station and spent the afternoon and stayed overnight covering the area, Petterson said. If a fire occurred, they were around to provide water.

It's common for groups within Oakland County to provide aid to each other. Petterson said they provide and receive it on a frequent basis, usually within surrounding communities such as Lake Orion, Waterford and Brandon Township.

"This one was just slightly out of the ordinary because it was a little bit further away. Novi is not part of our bordering neighbors. Because we have tankers we can



Independence Township firefighters Mitch Petterson, Greg Brandt, and Tom Doyon on station in Novi.

provide, they called us instead of calling one of their closer departments," he said.

The water pressure has improved, Petterson said, and the communities are confident they can provide enough water for fire suppression.

"It's relatively routine business for us to provide mutual aid," Petterson added. "We're always happy to help out and we know they're there for us if we need them."



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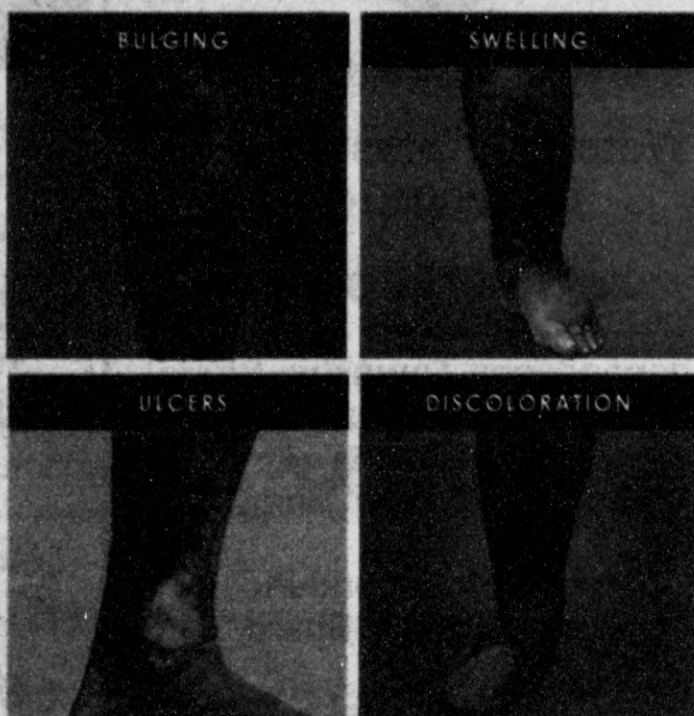
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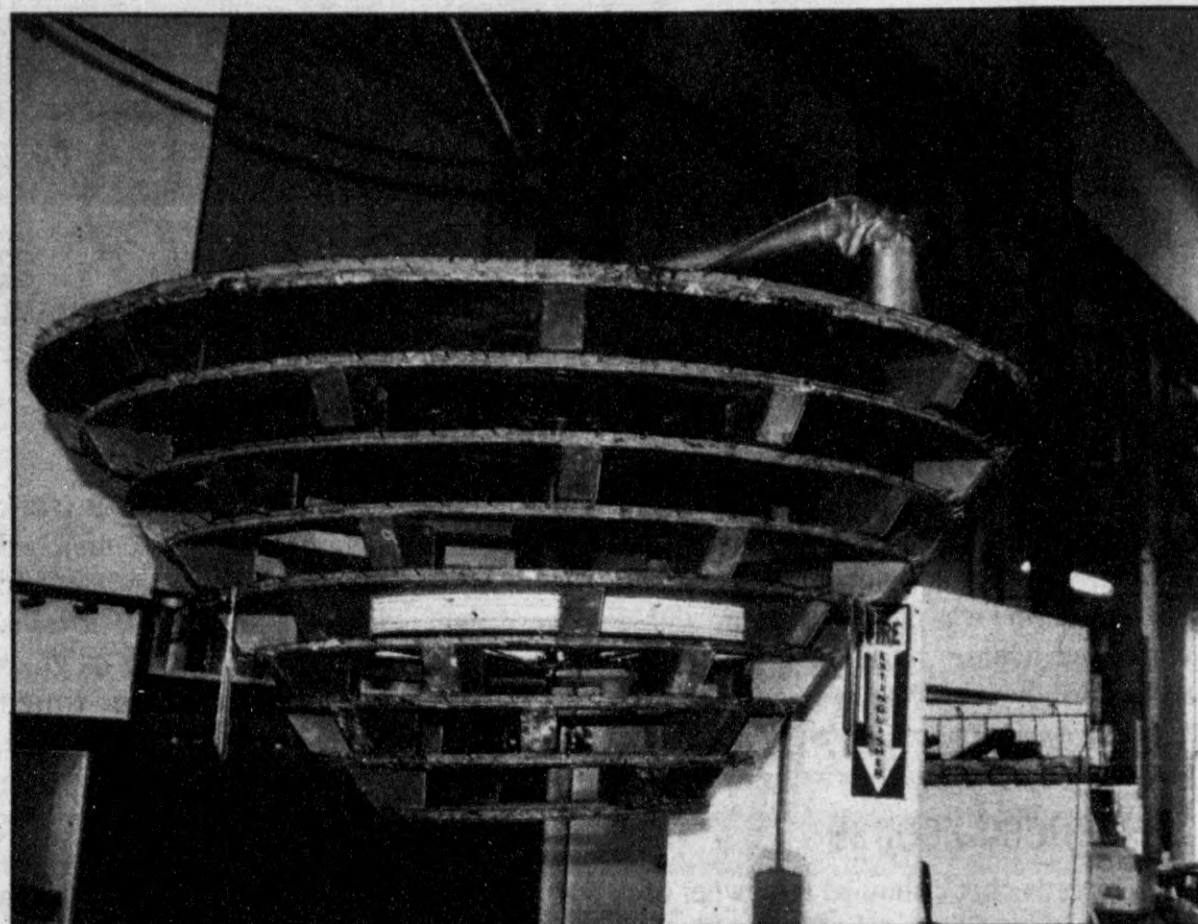
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The candle-making machine at the Davisburg Candle Factory.

Candle Factory closing at end of year

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A charming brick building located in the center of downtown Davisburg has spent the better part of the year up for sale.

The Davisburg Candle Factory has been around since the 1970s and offers a unique shopping location for specialty candles, from holiday decorations to animal designs to your favorite Michigan sports team.

The shop's last day before closing is Dec 31, 2017. Phoebe Bojanzyk, who owns the shop with her two daughters, Melissa and Laurel, said there has been interested buyers, but nothing concrete yet.

"It's for sale and we're hoping someone will buy it and keep it as a candle factory because we hate to be the ones to end it," Bojanzyk said.

All the candles are made in-shop using original equipment from when the factory first opened. When entering the shop, the complex system can be seen behind the counter, with candle merchandise upstairs.

Bojanzyk also decorates the candles in

the shop. She said they've made just about every design.

"We've had some weird requests over the years and we've done it," she added.

Bojanzyk's describes her daughter, Laurel, as a "candle nut."

"She came here and shopped and when she found out it was for sale, she just was relentless," Bojanzyk said of when they first purchased the store.

The family has owned the candle factory going on 18 years and Bojanzyk said they're ready to move on from the business.

"We're all just tired of it," she explained. "The weekends especially. We've lost a lot of family time over the years because of having to be here, so we've just had enough."

The Davisburg Candle Factory is located at 634 Broadway and is open through the end of the year.

"We're just hoping someone will buy it and keep it open, but we have no control over that," Bojanzyk said. "We hope for the best."

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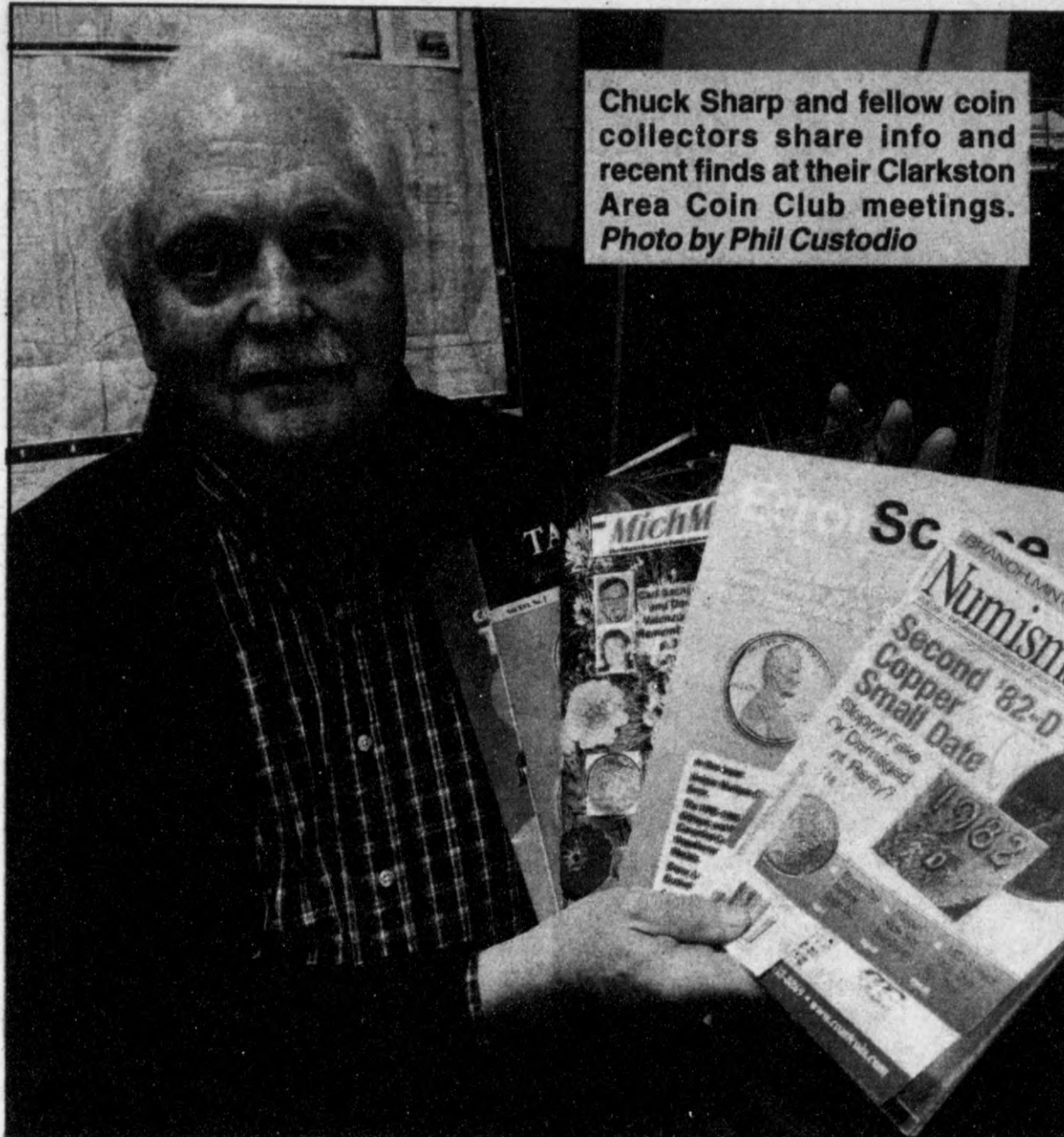
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Chuck Sharp and fellow coin collectors share info and recent finds at their Clarkston Area Coin Club meetings. Photo by Phil Custodio

Hunt history with coin collecting

BY PHIL CUSTODIO
Clarkston News Editor

As a Kindergartener on the way to school in the 1940s, Chuck Sharp stopped by a gas station and asked the manager for some change for the penny peanut and gum machines.

Instead of using the changer on his belt, the man swept some coins from the till and put them in his hand.

"They were white, like silver. I was startled. 'Hey, you gave me dimes,'" Sharp told him.

They were pennies, but zinc coated, issued during World War II to save on copper.

"That got me interested in coins. Since then, I wanted to learn all I could about them," he said.

The longtime coin collector founded the Clarkston Area Coin Club for fellow numismatists interested in sharing their hobby. They meet the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road off Maybee Road in Independence Township.

"We have a dozen regulars now, a couple young folks. That's the future," Sharp said. "We're a straight up educational organization, following the broad pattern of clubs formed in Huron Valley, Jackson, and Ann Arbor."

They focus on education, grading, identification, and authentication of any coin

or piece of currency.

"The history of it, why is it there, why not today, who's on it, what caused that? There are many aspects," he said.

They collect Indian and Buffalo pennies, two-cent pieces, three-cent pieces, a 20-cent piece, 2 1/2 dollar gold piece, and countless other varieties.

"It's possible to collect them with diligence. You have to be innovative, check with relatives, friends, fellow collectors with duplicates," he said. "One fellow in the coin club goes to the bank and he gets rolls of change, and looks through them carefully."

Coins with mint errors including filled dates, from when a die stress crack forms and metal oozes in, are very interesting.

Some mint errors can be valuable, such as a 1922 Lincoln cent with no mint mark.

"One cent could be worth hundreds of dollars to a collector," he said. "When I was a kid I would cash my paycheck and get silver dollars. I still have one from 1952. It's worn out, but it's a memory."

Plans for the club, which started in October 2016, include a kids camp on the Federal Reserve in the summer. Speakers, such as experts on Civil War tokens, are also on tap.

"During the Depression, times of war, any economic hard times, they use tokens - all kinds of money are used," he said. "There's adventure and excitement of discovery, even in change. It teaches persistence."

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Kindergartener Christelle Jidas adds artwork to a pumpkin.



Fourth grader Bryce Parden prepares for pumpkin bowling.



Second grader Marcus Collins gets mummified by classmate Jasmine Chamberlain. Photos by Jessica Steele

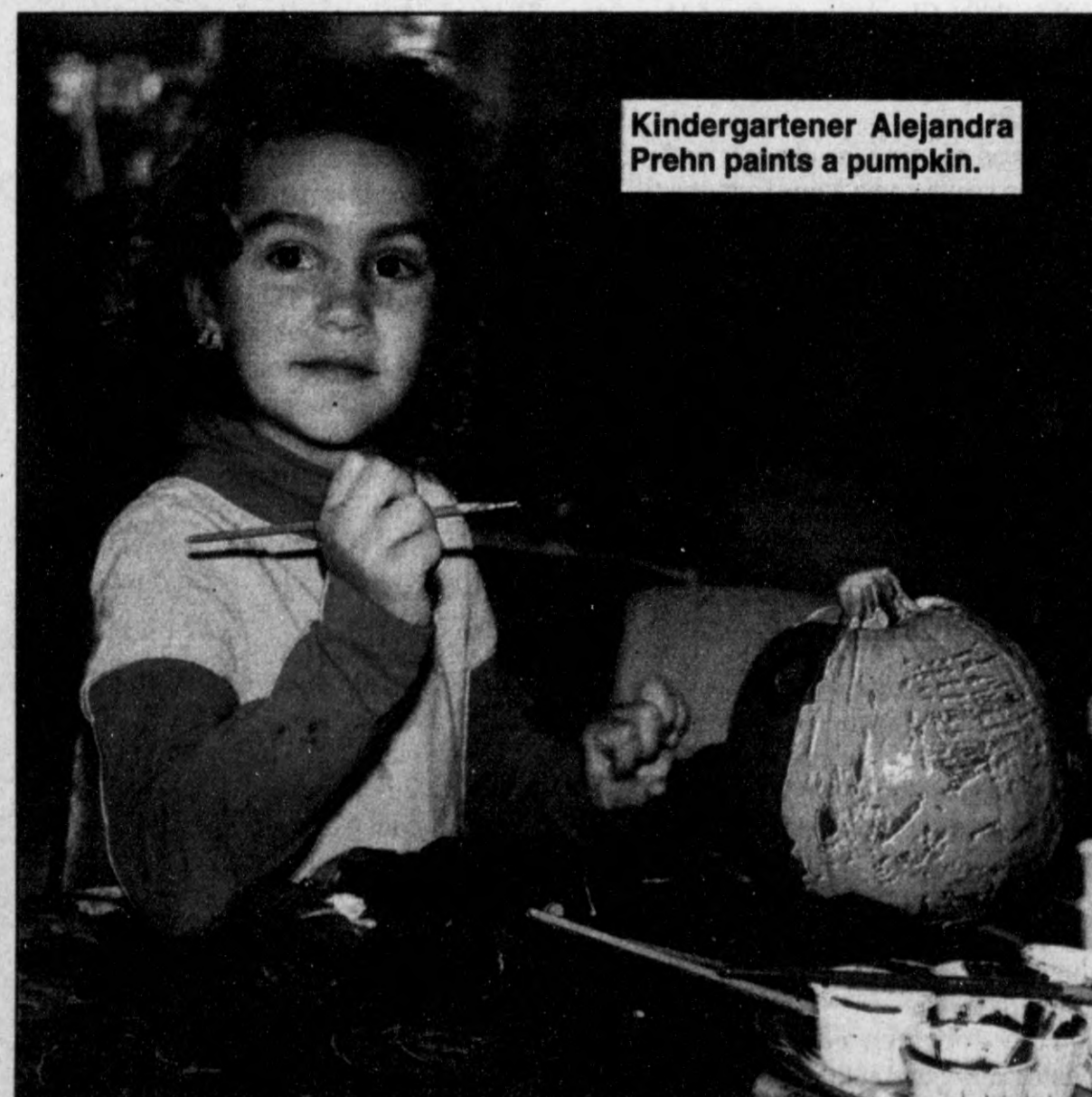
Harvest party

North Sashabaw Elementary kicked off the weekend by celebrating Halloween with classroom Harvest parties, Oct. 27.

Students started the afternoon performing the Monster Mash in the cafeteria in front of parents and staff.

The parties were filled with holiday treats, pizza and pumpkins. Several classrooms painted designs and faces on mini pumpkins.

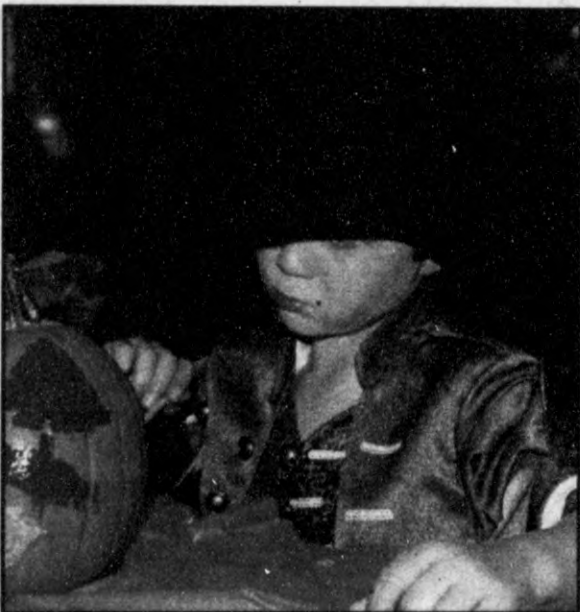
There was also pumpkin bowling, mummy-wrapping contests and spooky arts and crafts.



Kindergartener Alejandra Prehn paints a pumpkin.



First grader Carah Regan cleans a paint brush to paint a pumpkin.



First grader Brayden Peruski is dressed as a pirate.



Fifth grader Madison Caldwell poses with her crafted spider.

Partnership with Easterseals

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Continuing the Clarkston for Life initiative, Clarkston Community Schools has partnered with Easterseals Michigan to provide individualized counseling at North Sashabaw Elementary (NSE).

"This is exactly what Clarkston for Life is focused upon. We are very pleased to partner with Easterseals on this effort and we will have many more partnerships in the future to enhance living and learning in Clarkston for people of all ages," Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock said.

One day a week an Easterseals Michigan therapist is onsite at NSE to provide counseling and referral services while collaborating with the school social worker, teachers and parents.

"This is a truly groundbreaking partnership for North Sashabaw Elementary School and for the district as a whole," NSE Principal Jennifer Johnson said. "We are already seeing the benefit of having an Easterseals therapist on campus, and are proud to serve as a model for this program to be expanded into other Clarkston schools in the future."

If a student requires more care outside of school, Easterseals can connect with private insurance and Medicaid.

"Clarkston Schools is a leader in recognizing the impact that mental health has and how it affects the school environment," Easterseals Michigan President and CEO Brent Worth said. "Often times mental health challenges develop in childhood and are very much treatable. This collaborative effort provides needed access to mental health care that supports students to be more engaged in school and successful in life."

This partnership furthers Clarkston Community Schools focus on the social, emotional, physical and mental well-being of students and its connection to positive life outcomes.

"We know adverse childhood experiences, such as abuse, neglect, sustained illness, poverty, have a negative impact on our students socially, emotionally, academically, and physically—not only during their time in school, but all throughout life," Rock explained. "Anything we can do as a community to better support children who have experienced such trauma is extremely beneficial."

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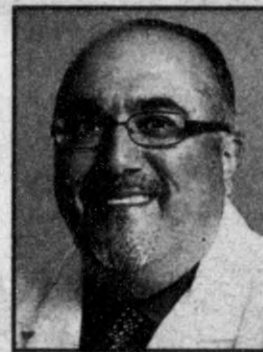
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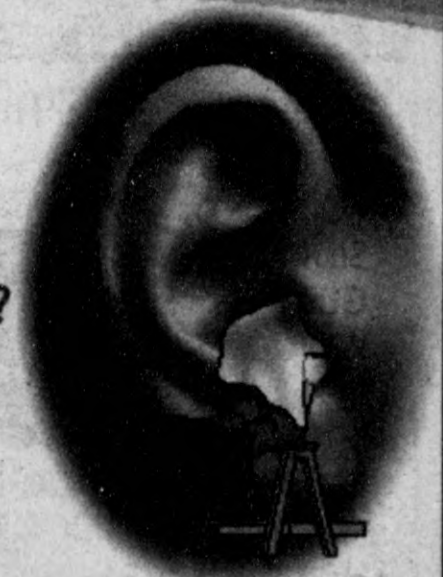
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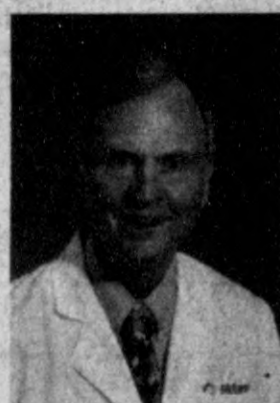
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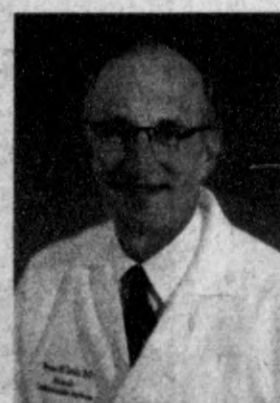
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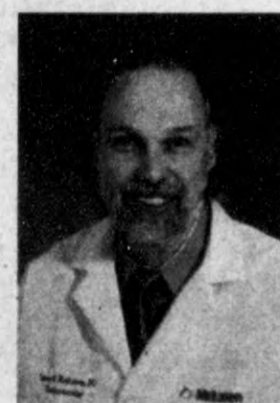
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Elder Care Facility updates

By Pat Kittle,
Township Supervisor

We've been getting a ton of questions about the three new elder care facilities being constructed in Independence Township that are scheduled to open in mid to late 2018. Thought a brief description about each might help my phone from ringing off-the-hook.



Township
Supervisor
Pat Kittle

Vista Springs Trillium Village, located off Maybee Rd at Dixie Highway, will be a resort-styled senior living community that will feature 80 apartments with Assisted and Catered-living accommodations, and Rediscovery and Transitional Care options in an amenity-rich environment. The

Rediscovery neighborhood will provide Alzheimer's care and programming, and the Assisted/Catered-living



Vista Springs Trillium Village

neighborhoods will feature the highest restaurant in Clarkston on the 3rd Floor (Penthouse Pinnacle level) that will offer made-to-order "any time" dining of traditional favorites, as well as modern and healthy gourmet cuisines with panoramic views of the lake, natural wooded areas and pool. The park-like setting also includes lakeside amenities for fishing off a dock or relaxing on park benches or heading out with friends to enjoy walking trails.

Assisted/Catered-living apartments will be a combination of suites, 1-bedroom and 2-bedroom residences. Some loft offerings will have high vaulted ceilings, fireplaces, washer/dryers, and European-styled kitchens or kitchenettes. Visit the Vista Springs website for more information: www.vistaspringsliving.com



WellBridge

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Process improvements prepare us for future growth

By Paul Brown,
Township Treasurer

With a staff of 3 including myself, the Treasurer's Office is staffed with the absolute minimum number of employees to insure our duties are timely and properly performed. Our primary duty is collecting the monies owed the Township. This includes everything from building permit fees to Township tax payments to water and sewer payments. In the past, this task include opening up stacks and stacks of envelopes containing payments delivered by the postal service and then manually entering the payments into our system.

With an eye on the future, we implemented a few new methods for



Paul Brown,
Township
Treasurer

receiving payments in the past 4 years including the following:

- Township is now an electronic vendor for most online payments you process from your bank
- We have established automatic billing and collection of water and sewer bills
- We implemented an automated lockbox at our bank where payments are processed electronically.

So what are the results of these efforts? In the table to the right you can see that over a 4 year period, we have increased the collection of funds via automated methods from 28% in 2013 to 63% in 2016 and we hope to get over 70% for 2017.

If you have questions or suggestions for ways we can continue to improve please give us a call at 248-625-5115.

Treasurer's Department / Performance Indicators				
	2013 Actual	2014 Actual	2015 Actual	2016 Actual
Taxes Billed:	47,449,096	49,722,020	51,314,080	52,452,288
Summer Taxes (%)	73%	72%	71%	71%
Winter Taxes (%)	27%	28%	29%	29%
Delinquent Tax (%)	2.70%	2.10%	1.90%	1.80%
Delinquent Water/Sewer to Tax	464,815	357,822	337,342	383,113
(%) of funds collected/posted via automated process	28%	33%	58%	63%

Fall lawn care for watershed protection

By Dave McKee, Director DPW

As we leave summer boating and swimming behind, what can we be doing this fall to keep our rivers healthy and clean? We can be smart about fertilizing and raking leaves! Fall chores have an impact on the storm water runoff coming from our yards. Here are simple steps you can do to help keep our rivers, streams, and lakes healthy —

1. Do not dump your leaves into storm drains or ditches! Decomposing leaves add excessive nutrients that cause algae growth and take the oxygen out of the water that goes directly to our rivers. This harms fish and other aquatic animals and destroys their habitat.

2. Fertilizer should be applied in the fall for a healthy lawn in the spring. When applying fertilizer, keep a minimum 10 foot buffer from ditches, storm drains and streams. This prevents nitrogen and phosphorus from washing into our waterways.

3. Do not dump any materials down storm drain catch basins in streets or parking lots. All storm drains are connected directly to the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair! Remember, only rain in the drain!

Independence Township is a proud member of Clinton River Watershed and has been protecting and enhancing our rivers and lakes since 2002. Check out the programs and activities offered for families to support clean water in our area. For more information, visit www.crw.org.



David McKee,
DPW Director

Independence Township educational video series garners 2 national awards

Independence Township is proud to announce we have recently received two awards from the Water Environment Federation (WEF) for our environmental educational video series that launched earlier this year, titled, 'Water Is Worth It: An Independence Township Perspective' which focuses on stormwater and drinking water issues.

The videos were produced, with the help of Independence Television, the Clinton River Watershed Council, Johnson & Anderson, Inc. consulting engineers, and Township Public Works staff. Each 4-5 minute video provides a unique topic specific to the Township.

The Township received the 2017 Filmmaker Award for *Episode 1: An Introduction* and the 2017 Communicator Award for *Episode 2: An Enviro-scape Demonstration*. These episodes provide an overview of watershed protection, stormwater management, and how pollution affects water quality.

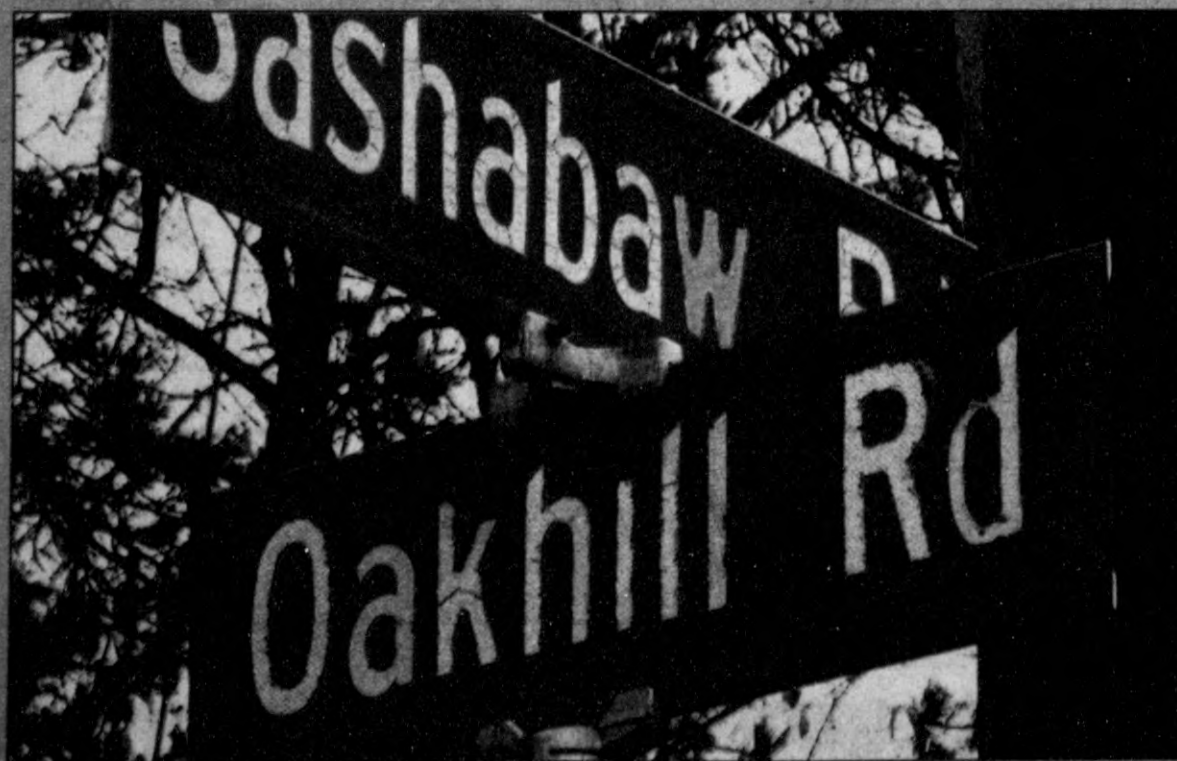
Additional episodes have either been produced or are currently under development that feature: A Drinking Water Plant Tour, Phragmites Control, Water Quality Tips for Lakefront Property Owners, and What You Can Do to Help Protect Water Quality.

Please visit the Independence Township YouTube



Rebecca Arvin-Colon with the Water Environmental Federation and Tom Graham with the Township DPW.

page to view our videos: www.youtube.com/user/IndependenceTV1/videos



All-Way stop ahead for Sashabaw Rd.

By Pat Kittle,
Township Supervisor

Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) just notified Independence Township that the intersection of Oak Hill and Sashabaw Roads will be converted to an All-Way Stop.

The stop sign installations and conversion of the existing signal flashers to all red will be completed by the first week in December. Travel speeds along Sashabaw Road combined with increasing vehicular traffic both east and

west on Oak Hill Road have contributed to a significant number of crashes over the past three years.

The All-Way Stop is an interim step to improve safety at this intersection as RCOC pursues a funding source to widen the intersection with dedicated left turn lanes and installation of a fully functioning traffic signal or construction of a modern roundabout. As always, please drive safely.

I will keep you posted as we hear more.

Go green with eBilling and Auto-pay for your utility bills

By Paul Brown,
Township Treasurer

Water and Sewer Bills are due November 23. Every quarter, you tell yourself that you're going to sign up for Auto-Pay but you forget. Here is your reminder. Sign up by November 18 and we can make it effective for your current bill.

Once you are enrolled, we will email you your quarterly bill and on the due date, we will withdrawal the balance due from your checking or savings account and post it to your utility account. The processes is better than FREE because every dollar we save helps us to minimize the operating costs that are part of your utility costs.

The enrollment form is available at our website www.indtwp.com/

departments/treasurer, under "printable forms."

You can also request the form by emailing ebilling@indtwp.com. Forms are also available at the Treasurer's Office. Our goal is to sign up 50% of our customers in the next 12 months. Please help us hit our goal. If you have questions, please call the Treasury Department at 248-625-5115.

Winter Tax Statements

Independence Township property owners will be receiving their winter tax statements in the mail in the next few weeks. If you are expecting a statement and you do not receive one by the second week in December, please give us a call and we can email you a duplicate copy.

Your winter taxes can be paid anytime between December 1 and February 14 without penalty or interest. If you're mailing in your tax payment, please use the envelope that was included with your bill. The payments are sent directly to our bank for more secure processing.

You can verify that your payment has posted by accessing your property information on the Townships website. www.indtwp.com. Click on the green "Property Information" tab on the right side of the homepage. If you need help looking up your information, give us a call to assist. 248-625-5115.

Dog Licenses

Oakland County 1 year dog licenses expire on December 31, 2017. The 2018



licenses will be available for purchase in late December. Please bring a current rabies certificate with you when purchasing your license. We are required to verify the rabies information each year.

Elder Care,

Continued From Page 1

WellBridge, located off Clarkston and Sashabaw Roads will be a state-of-the-art short-term skilled nursing facility. WellBridge will specialize in post-acute rehabilitation and nursing care which will be the bridge between hospital and back home. Services are designed to provide each patient a comfortable and peaceful stay while at WellBridge. Amenities include private suites with barrier free bath and shower facilities, Tempur-Pedic mattress, private phone, rooms with a 'smart television with Skype, Facebook, and internet based photo sharing capabilities allowing guests to stay connected with friends and family across the world. Also included is wireless access throughout the entire facility, restaurant-style Chef-prepared meals served in the dining areas or with room service and a full-service spa offering beautician services and a massage therapist. WellBridge offers 24 hour Registered Nursing coverage with admissions accepted 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Visit the WellBridge website for more info: www.thewellbridgegroup.com

Regency at Independence Township, a Ciena Healthcare managed facility, is located off Dixie Highway next to the Parks of Stonewood community. Regency will offer a full spectrum of post-hospital stay services needed following a hospital



Regency of Independence

discharge, from a short-term rehabilitation stay to long-term nursing care. Regency's clinical programs are designed to reduce hospitalizations so guests can focus on achieving individual care plan goals, whether its returning home or staying for your long-term care needs. Sixty-one of the 113 beds will be private rooms, unique for this type of facility. Regency will offer a spacious and home-like environment. Amenities include private and semi-private rooms, fine dining, 24 hour room service, social dining areas, library, salon, transportation for appointments, internet service, outdoor courtyards, activities and more. The facility will be dually certified by Medicare and Medicaid. Visit the Ciena Healthcare website for more information: www.cienahealthcare.com

The combined construction costs for all three facilities exceeds \$35,000,000. It's great to see the tremendous amount of medical investment in our community. And while you might hate to admit it, we're all getting a little older every day and will eventually need these types of services. Sure is nice to have them located right in our backyard near family. Will keep you posted.

23RD ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Trot on over and try your luck at basketball free-throws and win a turkey for your family's Thanksgiving dinner! Participants are placed in divisions based on their gender and age. Winners in each age division will receive a FREE frozen turkey for Thanksgiving. What great family fun! Registration begins October 26.

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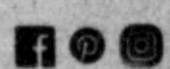
All participants MUST pre-register by 5pm on Monday, November 20. We apologize for the inconvenience, but there will be NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS.

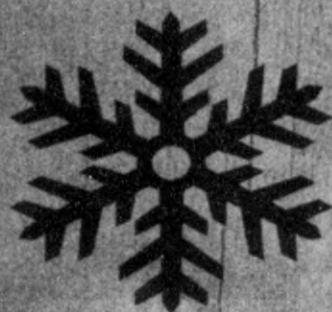
Please call our Parks, Recreation & Seniors office to register: 248-625-8223



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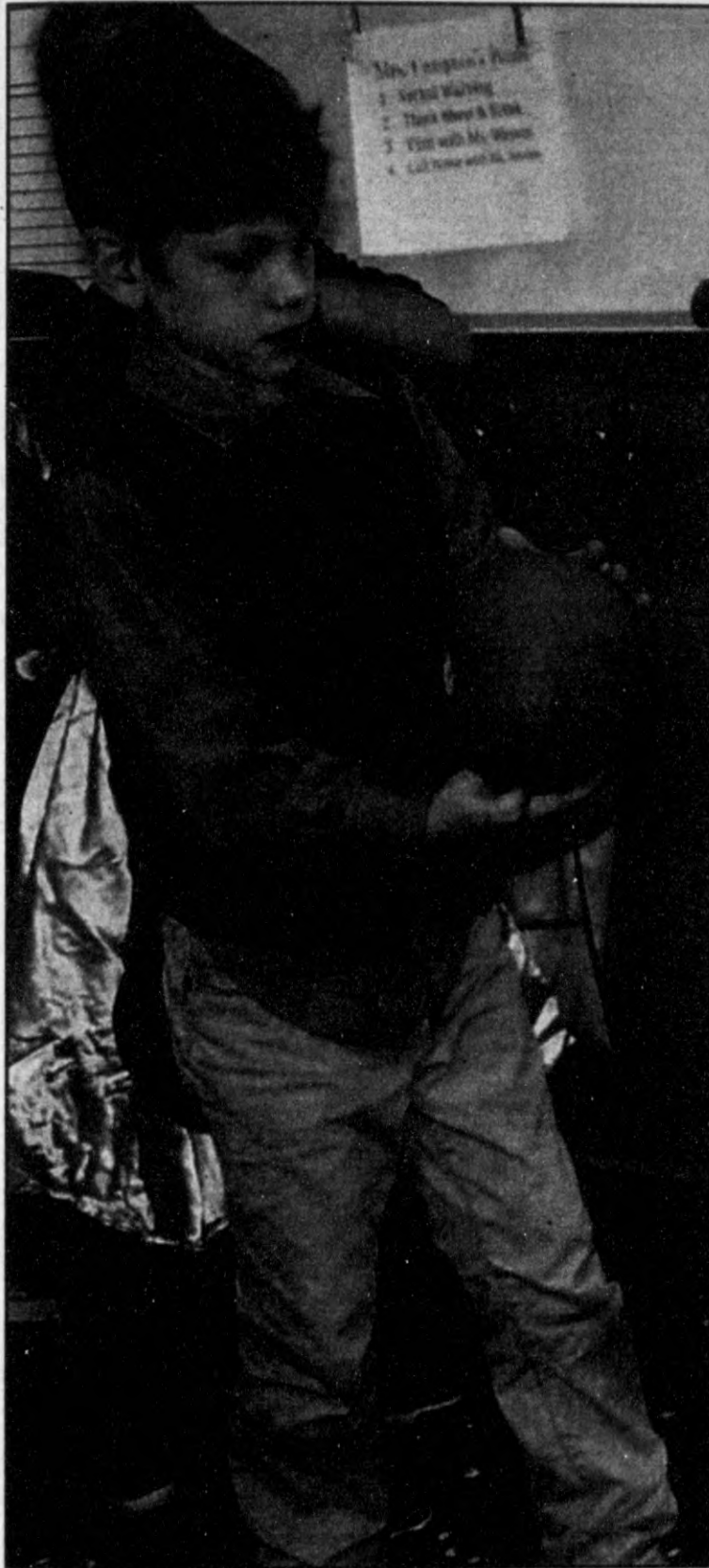


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Third grader Bennett Crane, pumpkin bowling.



Fourth graders Jazlene Rodriguez and Morgandy Shaw guess whats inside the containers.

In the holiday spirit

Pine Knob Elementary students got in the Halloween spirit last Tuesday, starting their school festivities with a costume parade.

In their classrooms, students enjoyed candy, cupcakes and cookies while they made crafts and played games.

The ever-popular pumpkin bowling was a favorite among students, along with guessing what foods resemble the feel of brains and eyes, and Halloween themed activities, such as spooky twister and pin the hat on the scarecrow.

Photos by Jessica Steeley



Fourth grader Kyel Steele pins the hat on the scarecrow.



Second graders Andrew Wills and Brooklyn Nowik play Halloween twister.



Kindergartener Max Borgula gets ready to roll a pumpkin.



Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors join Orthopedic Specialists staff, family, and friends at their ribbon cutting. Photo by Phil Custodio

Grand opening at Orthopedic Specialists

Orthopedic Specialists of Oakland County celebrated the grand opening of their recently renovated Clarkston office and physical therapy facility at 7650 Dixie Highway with a ribbon cutting, Nov. 2.

"We have always had a presence in Clarkston but this office allows us to make a long term commitment to the community we serve. We're thrilled to be able to offer expert orthopedic care to our

patients from the surrounding area," says Dr. Safa Kassab.

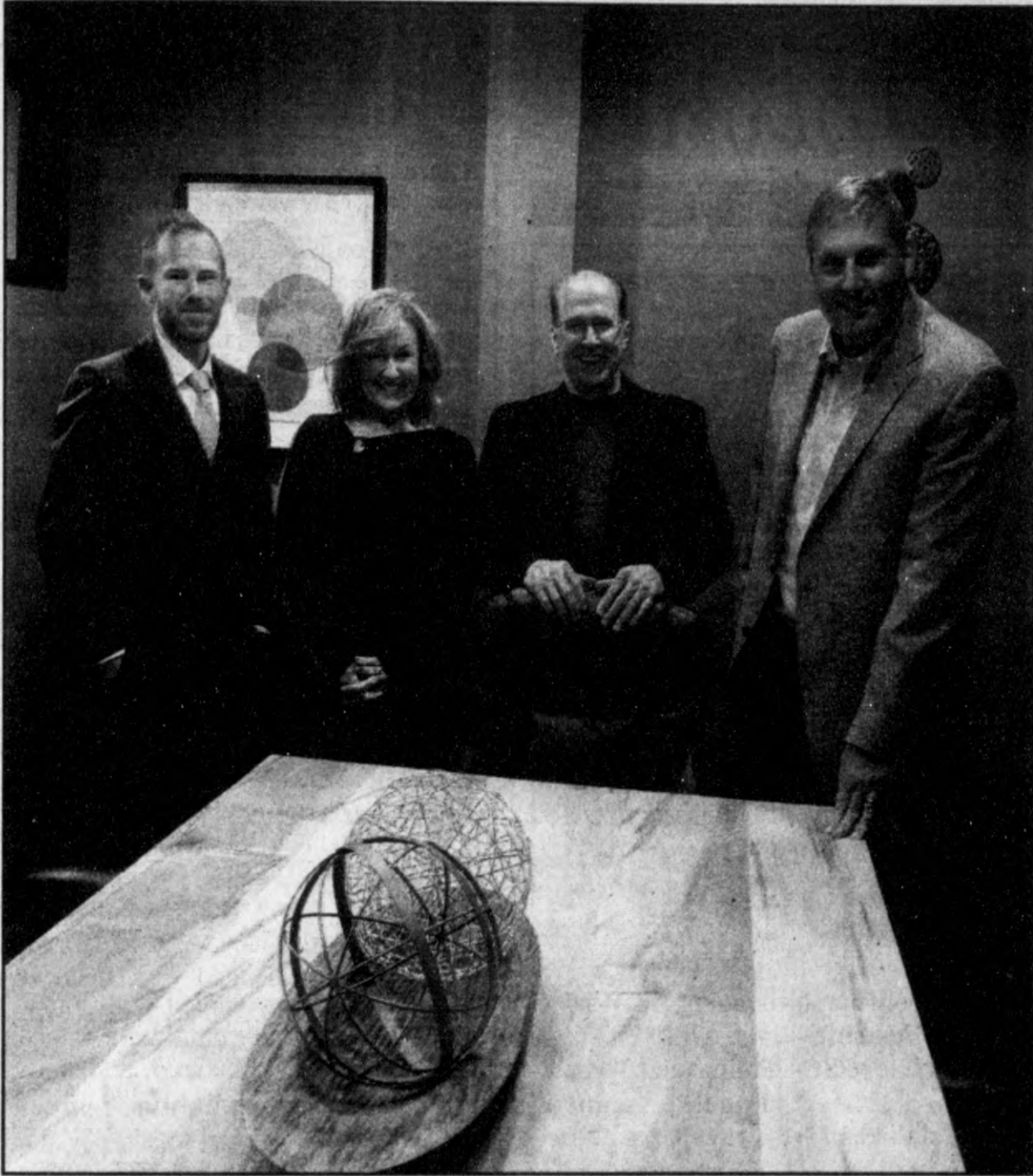
Al Kaline, OSOC Patient and Tiger's Hall of Famer, donated signed memorabilia as give-away prizes at the

opening, which also included a full spread of hors d'oeuvres and dental-care raffles and giveaways.

For more information, check www.OSOC.com.



The Jungle rallies for the Lady Wolves as they score a point on their opponents in the MHSAA Volleyball District Championship. Photo by Larry Wright



Attorneys Noah C. Fields, Laurie K. Cunningham, Thomas L. Howard, and David K. Sucher at their new office on Dixie Highway. Photo by Phil Custodio

New location for law firm

Cunningham and Fields law firm celebrated the grand opening of their new location at 7250 Dixie Highway, Suite 300, on Oct. 19.

"We all really like the extra space - we don't have to borrow a room anymore," said attorney Thomas L. Howard.

The 2,200-square-foot facility includes two mediation conference rooms and is decorated in an industrial, rustic look.

"We wanted a modern building," said attorney Laurie K. Cunningham. "We miss

being downtown, the excitement and buzz, but not the parking fiasco."

They were located in the old post office building on Main Street for 15 years. When they started, the Clarkston Mills parking lot was open for free parking and there were fewer downtown restaurants, so parking wasn't a problem. Things have changed since then.

"Lawyers and clients would be driving around, looking for parking. They'd call and say they'd be in as soon as they found a spot," Cunningham said. "We had to leave."

Tree of Dreams

Hey, it is the time to get into the holiday spirit. In the Clarkston area, one way to fill others' hearts with joy is to support the Tree of Dreams. Celebrating 17 years of helping Neighbor for Neighbor non-profit in Davisburg, the Tree of Dreams Charity Ball has become quite an affair.

According to co-director Audrey Tanner, hundreds of local people participate to the "by invitation" free charity ball. All guests bring unwrapped toys for children and gift cards for a senior citizen. Decorated and themed Christmas trees are donated and bid on by guest.

"One hundred percent of the proceeds go directly to Neighbor for Neighbor," Tanner said.

Neighbor For Neighbor is a 33-year-old 501 (C) 3 non-profit organization run by local volunteers. According to their website, they serve approximately 200 families each month, and in 2016, they helped 397 unique families, totaling 1,078 individuals.

The Tree of Dreams Charity Ball was started by Lisa and Jim Lucas to celebrate the season of giving and to give back to the community. The Dec. 2 event at Deer Lake Athletic Club is paid for totally by the board of directors, Larry and Liza Baylis, The Lucases, Tom and Tracey Wright, Bob and



All donations will be used for gifts for Tree of Dreams.

Wendy Schaffer, David and Shelley Johnson, Jon and Amy Devine, Jim and Audrey Tanner, Jason and Kelsey Jones, Chuck and Susan Craves and David and Annie Knill.

If you like to donate gift card, Tanner recommends \$25 cards to local grocery stores; for toys, she recommends not donating electronics or cell phones. Donation deadline is Saturday, November 18.

For more information about Tree of Dreams, go to their Facebook page. For more info about Neighbor to Neighbor, visit their website, www.neighborforneighbor.net.

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Events

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

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

Rotary/Goodfellow newspaper sale, Dec. 1-2, on Clarkston street corners. All donations will be for Shoes for Kids, new winter boots, shoes, hats, mittens, gloves for over 300 Clarkston area children.

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.

Shoes for Kids, Dec. 9, Oakland Woods Baptist Church. Clarkston Rotary, with Project Kindsight by Clarkston Lions, Opti-Socks program by Clarkston Area Optimist Club, and photos with Santa by MPK Photography. Volunteer at clarkstonrotary.org. 248-625-9741.

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

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

Around Town

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



Prince Topher, played by Clarkston resident Alex Cousins, with Ella in Notre Dame Prep's *Cinderella*. Photo provided

Classic fairy tale on stage

Notre Dame Prep presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, Nov. 16-19.

The 100 cast and crew members in the musical include students from Clarkston, Faith Knill as the Fairy Godmother; Alex Cousins, Prince Topher; Brooke Bandy, Lady Beatrice; and Brendan Weaver, Knight. Additional cast, crew and pit orchestra members include Michael Porter, Eric Connop, Clare Hampel, Brooke Kelly,

Elizabeth Hunt, Brendan Kelly, Joanna Riss, Lucas Husch and Grace Mersino.

Showtimes are Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 16-18 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Nov. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Avondale High School Performing Arts Center, 2800 Waukegan Street, Auburn Hills. Check showtix4u.com.

Children are invited to wear prince and princess costumes at princess "Meet and Greets" after each show.

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.

Widowers and Widows On With Life Group, 7 p.m., first Tuesday, third Wednesday. Din-

ners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings, rap sessions for ages 35-80. 248-393-8553.

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

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.

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.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sashabaw Plains Chapter, second Tuesday, www.sashabaw.michdar.net.

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.

Clarkston Area Genealogy, 10:15 a.m., third Thursday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. 248-620-2984.

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

Nuvew 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 Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Thursday

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

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

Lunches for 50+, Thursdays, 12 p.m., made-from-scratch. \$7. Independence Township Adult Activities Center, 6000 Clarkston Road. Make reservation by Monday before, 248-Please see Around Town on page 43

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Chiefs Superbowl champs

The Clarkston Chiefs dominated the National Youth Football League Superbowl at Clarkston High School on Saturday.

The Chiefs Freshman White team won the freshman title with a 26-6 win over Lapeer. It is the third consecutive year the freshman white team has won the Superbowl. It is also the second consecutive year the team finished the year undefeated.

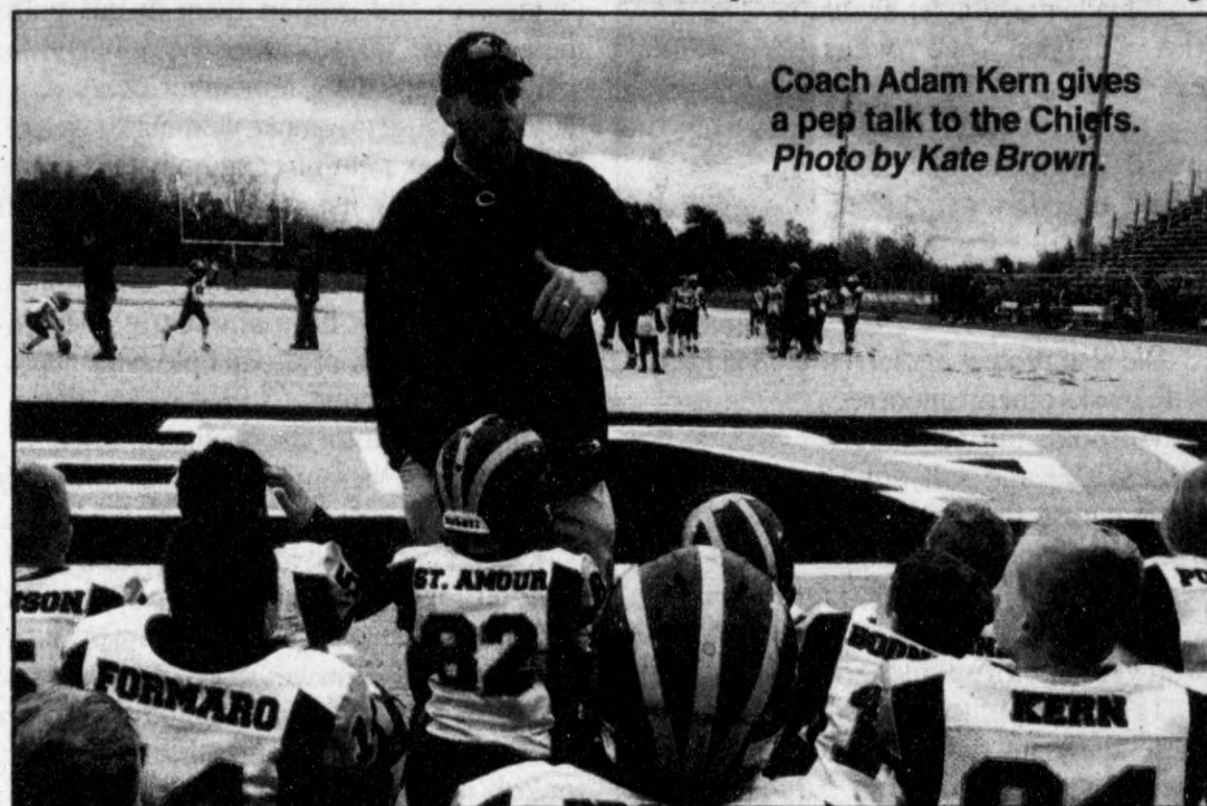
They advanced to the championship after winning the American Division with a 25-

0 win over Avondale, Oct. 29.

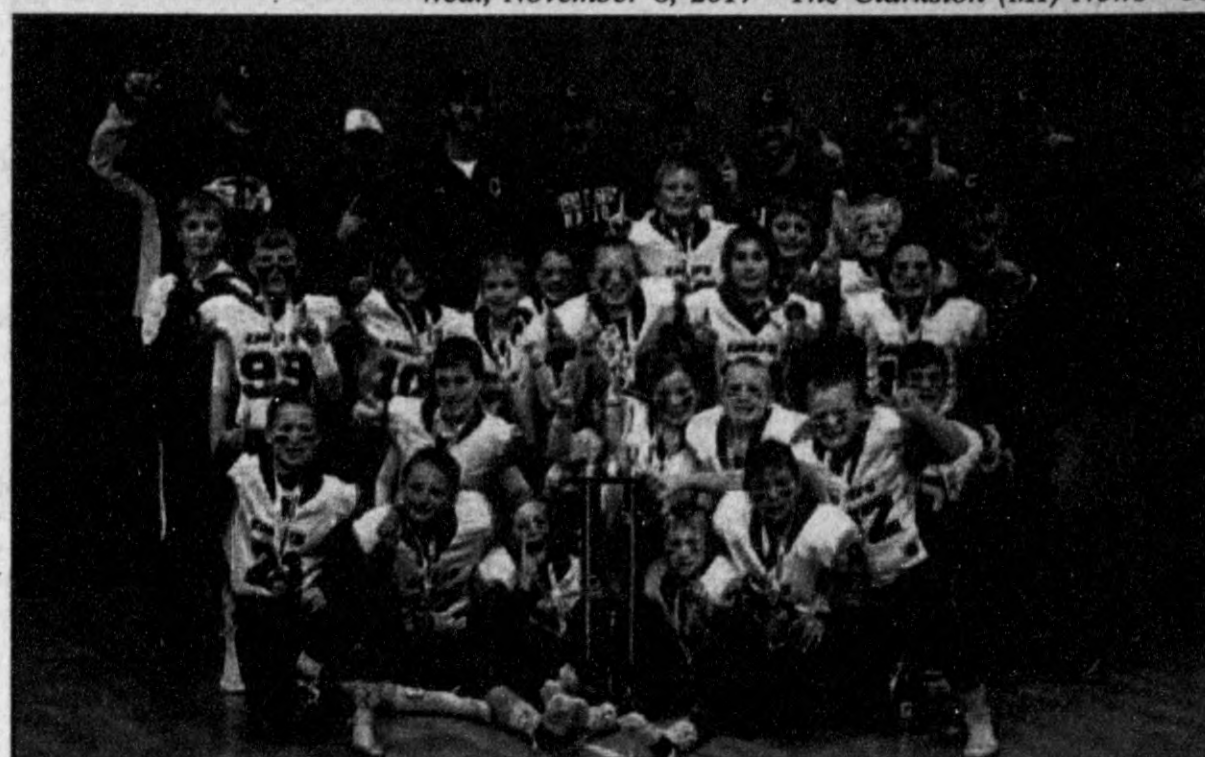
The Chiefs JV Blue team also won their Superbowl game on Saturday with a 20-12 win over Avondale.

They advanced to the Superbowl after winning the National Division, defeating Lake Orion Green on Oct. 29, 6-0.

Congratulations to the Superbowl champions and all Clarkston Chiefs for their fall season. For more information about the Chiefs, please visit www.clarkstonchiefs.org.



Coach Adam Kern gives a pep talk to the Chiefs. Photo by Kate Brown.



The Clarkston Chiefs Freshman White team celebrates winning the NYFL Superbowl for the third consecutive year. Photos by Danielle Webb



Shane Dasuqi runs for the endzone.



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Leave the mask behind, just be yourself

As is the case each year, Halloween hoopla took over our school buildings last week.

While my personal costume selection is limited to "Superintendent," "Business Casual Superintendent," "Wolves Fan," and "Cyclist," I enjoyed seeing the many clever and artfully-crafted costumes of our students and staff, who fully embodied their roles as superheroes, professional athletes, fairy tale princesses, and legends.

It made me wonder about the "masks" we wear everyday.

Often, we filter out the world and hide behind literal masks like dark sunglasses, low baseball caps, earbuds, and the white light of our cell phones.

We also protect ourselves with masks others cannot see.

We poke fun at ourselves to hide our insecurities and self-doubts. We criticize those whose faults remind us most of our own. We fly under the radar to avoid being scrutinized.

Being "seen" makes us vulnerable, and with vulnerability comes great risk!

There is so much to gain when we shed these masks and take the risk of being truly seen. In Clarkston, our educators are intentional about greeting students "human-to-human."

We know learning is social, emotional, natural, and relational, so we build time into everyday to connect with our students, to listen to them, to support them, and most importantly, to know them.

When our students feel safe, seen, and understood, they are able to embody their roles as superheroes, professional athletes, fairy tale princesses, legends, and more. They

are able to freely pursue their passions and conquer big goals.

In recent weeks, we have seen our varsity girls golf team, boys tennis team, boys and girls cross country teams, volleyball team, marching band, girls swim and dive team, boys soccer team, and football team advance in their respective state tournaments.

We also saw our Madrigals perform at a prestigious state conference.

Let us always encourage our kids to be themselves and support them in pursuing their dreams.

Let us help them remember every day, they can choose to remove their masks, select their facial expressions and body language, set their minds, establish their goals, and pursue their passions without fear.

November is the season of Thanksgiving.

As I ride my bike about town, I am thankful for each of the people who make our community great.

I am thankful for the businesses, health-care workers, therapists, churches, not-for-profits, civic groups, safety officers, library, parks, safety paths, senior center staff, and government officials.

On Community Impact Day and every day, I am thankful for the thousands of volunteers who give and give. I am thankful for the parents, grandparents, and others who care for kids and help in our schools.

I am thankful for our educators—bus drivers, school board members, secretaries, custodians, food service workers, support staff members, coaches, and teachers. Mostly, I am thankful for each and every one of our children.

In this season, and every day, let us not take for granted our good fortune. Let us never take for granted our blessings.

Dr. Rod Rock is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools

In our local churches...

Lighthouse Thanksgiving Food Drive, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Nov. 12, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. 248-625-1323.

Adult Bible Fellowships, Sunday School, 11 a.m., Dixie Baptist Church, 8585 Dixie Highway, 248-625-2311.

Coffee and Conversation, first, third, fifth Sunday, 12:30 p.m., for adults and interested youth. Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybe Road. 248-673-3469

Sunday Night Youth Group, 6 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

Bible Study, Mondays, 10 a.m., Church

of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

Bible Study by the Fire for adults and older youth, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybe Road. 248-673-3469.

Cove gatherings for teens, grades 6-12, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Waypoint Church, 8400 Dixie Highway. 248-623-1224.

DivorceCare, Thursdays, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Call 248-625-1611.

First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. 248-625-4644.

Obituaries

Death notices &

Ford J. Andrews, 93

Ford J. Andrews of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford, passed away Nov. 2, 2017, at age 93.

He was the beloved husband of Maxine for 71 years; loving father of Beth (Dennis) Brown and Kyle (John) Kraft; chosen grandfather of Veronica (Jason) Leung, Hope DeLargy, Jeff (Karen) Brown, Ryan (Beth) Kraft and Lindsey (Noah) Dorfman; great grandfather of Chayse, Reece, Miles, Jesiah, CJ, Spencer, Piper and Ira.

Ford served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a Paratrooper. He completed 14 jumps and one on Corregidor Island.

Visitation and Service was Nov. 6 at Christ Lutheran Church, Waterford. Interment Ottawa Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Animal Rescue League or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Jason Pelushewski, 46

Jason L. Pelushewski of Clarkston passed away unexpectedly on Oct. 29, 2017, due to a brainstem stroke, at age 46.

He was the son of Darla (late Nick) Pelushewski; stepfather of Courtney (Joshua) Barber and Jeremy (Cassie) Ducharme; grandpa of Benton, Kinsley Addie, Parker and Owen; brother of Cindy (Don) Hodgson and Tracy (Eric) Brockman; uncle of Jenna, Jami, Mitchell, Nick and Jesse; great uncle of Sophia, Sawyer, Aidan, Jakob and Juston; dear friend and former husband of Pam Pelushewski. He will be missed by his beloved dog, Ruby; preceded in death by his siblings Nick Pelushewski and Marcy Makuch. Special thanks to St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital Comfort Care staff.

A memorial gathering was Nov. 3. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to a Gofundme account or Michigan Humane Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Judith Garbovits, 65

Judith A. Garbovits, "Judi," of Waterford passed away Oct. 30, 2017, at age 65.

She was the beloved wife of Tony for 48 years; loving mother of Jeffrey (Aurina) Garbovits and Jennifer (William) Watson; proud grandma of Madolyn, Keira, Elijah, Sophia, Gavin and Lincoln; dear sister of Linda (Griffore); also survived by many loving extended family members and friends.

Judi cherished spending time with her grandchildren, enjoyed playing golf and traveling up north.

Visitation was Nov. 3 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to ALS of Michigan. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Freda Meyland, 77

Freda Meyland of Clarkston passed away Oct. 31, 2017, at the age of 77.

She was the beloved wife of John of 51 years, whom she met in sociology class at Michigan State University; devoted mother of Scott and Kurt.

Freda retired from Clarkston Schools after more than 30 years of service, where she taught English and French. She was devoted to her family and friends, and was known for her pleasant and loving nature.

Freda loved to travel and she cherished her frequent trips, including destinations such as Scotland, Iceland, Greece, Italy, Alaska, New Zealand, and Australia, in addition to many trips to France and Quebec with her students.

She had a strong love for reading and music, which she shared with her family and friends. Freda's family is eternally grateful to the devoted and caring staff at Autumn Ridge of Clarkston.

Visitation was Nov. 3 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Freda's name to Clarkston United Methodist Church or Independence Township Library. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



Jeanette Blevins, 85

Jeanette W. Blevins of Clarkston, formerly of St. Clair Shores, died Nov. 3, 2017, at age 85.

She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry J. She was the loving mother of Jerome (Vivian) Blevins and Linda Blevins; proud grandmother of Earlene (Josh) Blevins and Brennen (Raneen) Blevins.

Funeral Service was Nov. 7 at the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to National Parkinson Foundation. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com



Beverly Pittman, 74

Beverly Ann Pittman of Clarkston, formerly of Waterford and Buford, Ga., Oct. 30, 2017, at age 74.

She was the mother of Dennis (Lisa) Pittman and Ann Thompson; grandmother "nana" of Kristin Sweet, Tamara Pittman, Taylor Sweet, Zachary McCann and Jacob McCann; great nana of Kingston, Karcyn and Julian; preceded in death by her daughters Shelley Pittman and Debra Sweet.

Beverly retired from General Motors. Memorial Service Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017, at 11 a.m. at Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene. Inurnment Crescent Hills Cemetery, Waterford. Arrangements entrusted to **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to Williams Lake Church of the Nazarene.

Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



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Runners place at cross country finals

The Wolves finished in eighth place in both of their races during the MHSAA Cross Country State Finals at Michigan International Speedway on Saturday.

The Clarkston Girls Cross Country team finished in eighth place with 257 points.

Sophomore Mia Patria led the Lady Wolves finishing in 24th place at 18:18.8. Junior Elizabeth Dalrymple finished in 31st place, 18:27.7; junior Mallory Ferguson, 65th, 19:03.4; junior Emily Ferguson, 127th, 19:40.5; junior Grace Nolan, 135th, 19:43.8; freshman Shannon Billette, 155th, 19:54.1; and senior Emily Gustafson, 181st, 20:09.

Troy finished in first place with 127 points. Northville finished in second, 132; Rockford, third, 153; Ann Arbor Pioneer, fourth, 180; and Milford, fifth, 234, for the top five out of 27 teams.

The Clarkston Boys Cross Country team finished in eighth place with 304 points.

Sophomore Brendan Favazza led the Wolves, finishing in 30th place at 15:57.6. Junior Shawn Slater finished in 47th place, 16:13.7; sophomore Nathan Sesti, 86th, 16:28.3; junior Mark Sprague, 138th, 16:51.2; sophomore Christian Collis, 156th, 16:57.5; senior Ben Allen, 187th, 17:11.4; and junior Jeremy Cavallo, 220th, 17:33.8.

Ann Arbor Pioneer finished in first place with 107 points. Plymouth finished in second, 110; White Lake Lakeland, third, 129; Romeo, fourth, 142; and Saline, fifth, 246 for the top five out of 27 teams.

Opioid crisis explored

Clarkston Rotary and Clarkston Independence District Library presents a program to explore the opioid epidemic across the country, 6:30 p.m., Nov. 15.

Rony Fomina, an expert on opioid addiction, will lead the discussion on the causes, risk factors, protective strategies, warning signs of addiction and how to find help.

Fomina, pharmacist and regional manager for Rite Aid, was recently appointed to the Michigan Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee by Governor Rick Snyder.

For more information, check www.cidlibrary.org or call 248-625-2212.

'Into the Woods' on stage

The Clarkston Junior High School Drama Club presents "Into the Woods, Jr." on Nov. 17 and 18.

Performances begin at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$5 each for general admission and are available at the door.

Obituaries posted daily at Clarkstonnews.com



Lennon Roemensky tries out the new rock climbing wall at Springfield Plains Elementary. Photo by Jessica Steeley

PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know

INDEPENDENCE TWP.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2018 BUDGET

A Public Hearing will be held by the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees in the Township Hall Meeting Room, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, Michigan 48346 beginning at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 for the purpose of presenting and receiving comment on the 2018 Budget.

A copy of the 2018 Budget is available for public viewing at the Independence Township Clerk's Office, 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Clarkston, MI 48346 during regular office hours. Comments can be expressed at the Public Hearing or written comments and questions can be directed to the attention of the Township Supervisor at the above address or by email to p.kittle@indtwp.com or bpallotta@twp.independence.mi.us no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Monday before the meeting. Questions may also be directed to the Township Clerk by phone at (248) 625-5111. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Township Clerk (248) 625-5114 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt will be made to make reasonable accommodations.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
Charter Township of Independence

PUBLISHED: November 8, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE

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CLARKSTON SCHOOLS

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2016 BOND PROJECTS - DISTRICT VOICE SYSTEM UPGRADES

The Clarkston Community Schools' Board of Education will receive firm prime contractor bids to provide a new telecommunications system and associated equipment to replace the existing system at all district buildings within Clarkston Community Schools. The system is intended to be a single enterprise Ethernet based system installed on the Owner's existing network. Proposed systems shall be configured and installed to service Owner's classrooms across multiple instructional facilities, and as described herein. Contractors must be prepared to provide full system demolition of the existing system following cutover and acceptance of the new system.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications prepared by Communications by Design, Inc. of Ada, MI. Documents may be downloaded through Pipeline. If you need assistance downloading them through Pipeline, please contact Shawn Verlinden or Shawn Debo at George W. Auch Company. There will also be one set for review at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 735 South Paddock Street, Pontiac, MI 48341, Ph: 248.334.2000, on or after 1:00 pm, Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 am, Monday November 13, 2017. Attendees are to meet at the main entry to Clarkston High School located at 6093 Flemings Lake Road, Clarkston, MI 48346. Individual building visits will take place immediately following the meeting at Clarkston High School.

Each proposal must be submitted in duplicate on the forms furnished by the architect and must be completed in full. The proposal shall be sealed in an opaque envelope and marked with the name of the bidder and the project name. Proposals are to be addressed and delivered to:

Clarkston Community Schools
2016 Bond Projects District Voice Systems Upgrade
Attn: Angela Harrison
6389 Clarkston Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

Bids shall be delivered no later than 12:00 pm noon (EST), Wednesday, November 29, 2017 to the location indicated above or to the office of the George W. Auch Company located at 735 S. Paddock St. Pontiac, MI 48341. The Board of Education will not open, consider, nor accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. All late bid proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened.

A bid bond executed by a Treasury listed surety company acceptable to Clarkston Community Schools or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Clarkston Community Schools shall be submitted with each proposal over \$23,881. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Administration Building, located at 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346 starting at 2:00 pm (EST), November 29, 2017.

Successful bidders whose proposals are \$50,000 or more will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond by a Treasury listed surety in the amount of 100% of their bid. The cost of the Bond shall be included in each proposal.

Bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board or the superintendent. Additionally, bids shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement for the Iran Economic Sanctions Act Affidavit of Compliance. Bids not accompanied by these sworn and notarized statements will not be accepted by the Board.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informality or irregularity therein, or to award the contract to other than the low bidder, in its sole discretion. Clarkston Community Schools reserve the right to accept that bid which in its opinion, is in the best interest of the Owner.

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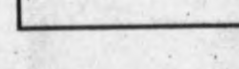
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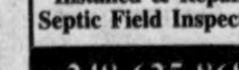
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'Random question: Curious who reads The Clarkston News?'

The following is a thread on the 'Positively Clarkston' Facebook page. No one at The Clarkston News prompted this question. This is the thread. We took out last names. Read along and thanks for caring enough to respond, people!

May 11, 2017: Vanessa:

Random question.... just curious to who looks and reads The Clarkston News?

Jenni: me

Mindy: I actually just flipped through it tonight

Natalie: We have a subscription.

Kathy: Me

Stacy: Me

Tami: Me

Lola Jayne: Don Rush could tell you! He runs it!

Marni: Me

Leanne: I did today

Bill: Me. I have a subscription

Rene: We do.

Martin: I have been reading the Clarkston News for a long time! 30 years

Lisa: Me

Belinda: We do

Vanessa: Awesome! Thank you for commenting.

Lisa: We do, Vanessa.

Brad: Yup

Debbie: Look forward to reading it every Thursday!

Randy: Me, why do you ask?

Vanessa: I was checking to see if advertising is worth it in there, but it appears it is!

Randy: I think you would do well to advertise with the local, hometown paper. Don Rush would be the man to talk too.

Sean: I do. Every week. I even subscribe to it.

Patricia: I do

Teresa: Wait for Thursday's to read it!

Kris: Love it! In fact, it's the only news I read.

Cindi: All the ads go in the Penny Stretcher too, more coverage, that goes to a lot of people and you don't have to subscribe to it. I used to work at Clarkston News, advertising, many moons ago! Lol

Don Rush: 18,831 addresses these days.

Ryan: I wouldn't say I read it but I thumb through it and then pitch it.

Laurie: I read it with a red pen in hand

Jennifer: Me...Today!

Heather: We do, I flipped through it tonight.

Jessica: Every week! I look forward to it!

Barbara: Me

Jason: Me

Anastasiia: Me

Melanie: Every week!

Jennifer: I do.

Susan: Me

Vonny: Me

Abby: I flip through it. I look for events coming up. Especially since we're new to town we don't really know when or what type of events happen around here.

Kathy: Look for concerts in the park (Depot) starting in June (I think) on Friday evenings. Nice time

Terry: We do

Nancy: We have a subscription.

Laura: Every week!

Robin: Me

Ann-Marie: I do!

Wendy: I didn't know there was a Clarkston News. How

do I get it?

Robin: You can go downtown Clarkston, Wendy and pick one up at the Clarkston News, the grocery store sells them, Rudy Market sells them -- they're all over town you can also call and they will deliver it to you.

Valerie: They sell the Clarkston News at Walgreens

Karen: Me

Stephanie: I do

Laura: Me

Ruthanne: Me

William: I did in the past now it goes straight to my recycle bin 90% of the time

Cherie: One of my favorites!

Richard: Every week

Tracey: Me!

Chrissy: My husband and I subscribe

Bakes: I do!

Derrick: Me

Eileen: I do!

Jennifer: Me, too!!

Steve: I do to see what happened

Terri: I do every week!

Don Rush: Vanessa, you can PM with any question about the Clarkston News.

Vanessa: I will, thank you

Tom: Every week...have been reading and enjoying since high school..

Erin: I do.

Tara: My husband and I do.

Patti: I do!

Jody: Everyone.

Jill: Not even once. LOL

Don Rush: Well, move to town and start reading!

Jill: I live in Clarkston. I just don't like reading newspapers

Kevin: I do because no one else covers the local government and school stuff. They do a good job with that.

Sarah: Agreed. I don't even have kids but I grew up here and CHS is my alma mater so I like to glance and see how the teams are doing. :)

Erin: I do

Jennifer: I do! I moved here after living in Lake Orion for 18 years. I love the "small town" news and reading about the accomplishments of the area youth and young adults!

Patti: I love reading it!

Craig: We LOVE Clarkston News

Lori: Sometimes it travels by mail to FLA.

Becky: My husband does every week. He relays the highlights to me.

Amy: Every week!

Don Rush: all I can say is "Can You Feel The Love Tonight?"

Vanessa: Glad this post made you happy!

Kathleen: Me

Nancy: I do -- I live in Davison Michigan sideways of Flint, but I lived? my life in Clarkston so I still seem attached to it.

David: I do

Michael: I do.....every week

Nadine: Me

Cory: I do and I pick it up on Wednesday at the Clarkston

Angel: I do

Mary Jo: I've had a subscription for 30 years.

Doug: Official answer: Only the cool people.

Carol: I do every week. Subscription...

Mary: Me

Steve: I read the Clarkston News

Georgeann: I've read every week for the last 40+ years.

Marcie: I love reading the Clarkston News every week!

Cindy: Me

Cory: Several Village of Clarkston city council members claim they don't read it. Still trying to figure that out.

Hollie: I do

Sarah: I flip through it and read some of it every week.

Beverly: Always read it.

Louise: I do

Allyson: I do

Judy: Always

Steven: As do I.

Amy: ME

Shelly: Me

Jeffery: I watch it on cable hearings and things bb games and other stuff

Carol: Every week

Holly: I love reading it

Rick: It's our hometown paper, gotta read it.

Nancy: We have been customers for 55 years.

Joseph: I look at the pictures...

Patricia: I do.

Sue: Every week

Amy: Always!

Derrick: Just the public safety page

Wayne: Wish I could read it on my iPhone. Do you have the link or website to it?

Cory: www.clarkstonnews.com, but everything in the printed version is not available online.

Debbie: I look at pictures also

Lynne: Always

Terri Marie: I do; I like small town newspapers.

Brandi: I do!

Debby: Subscriber for 20 plus years!

Sarah: I do.

Kellie: we do!

Kristen: I do. I love seeing what the kids and community are up to.

Sherry: All the time! Best way to stay current with anything within our own community!

Jay: I do

Shannon: I do!

Lisa: Love it

Carol: I do.

Ena: I do

Marie: We do, too

Jojo: I do

Chris: It's awesome

Sue: Never miss it!

Audrey: I look forward to it

Dawn: I live almost to Ortonville...but still read the Cnews

Ellen: I like to give a year's subscription to friends that move to the area. It is the only paper that I look forward to every week. The one the daily throws in the driveway with ads gets run over about 4 times before we bother to pick it up and immediately put in the recycle bin.

Dawn: Great idea!

Ellen: We even keep a yearly subscription going for an elderly neighbor that moved to assisted living. She loves seeing all of "her" kids in the newspaper!

Nadine: Good paper when I have time to read it.

Marilyn: I am a former resident of Clarkston who downsized and now lives in Beverly Hills. I still feel connected to Clarkston since my husband is in repose at Ottawa Park, where I will join him one day.

Maria: We do... It's a good community resource. "It's a glue that binds the community."

Don: Maria, you stole my line!

Maria: Next time I'll make sure I have your permission :-)

Mary Kay: Of course! It's the happenings around town, the tidbits about our awesome kids, and the up and coming events that make Clarkston what it is! We love Clarkston News!

Julie: I read it faithfully

Melissa: Love it! Get to see my kids and their friends in print frequently!

Don Rush: One of our goals at the CNews is to get every kid in our paper at least once before they graduate....we are probably at 98 percent compliance Maybe 99!

Jeanette: Me

Sandy: That's all I really read.

'It's a glue that binds the community.'

If you haven't read your community newspaper in a while, find out why these 'cool people' and thousand of others in the community read The Clarkston News, call 248-625-3370 to start your subscription, or pickup a new edition each Wednesday all over town!

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Best Answer:

'Only the cool people.'



Saloon Owner honest Abe Flores (Al Bartlett) and Hettie (Marie Clifford) dragging Jeb Lyman's (Jacob Dinverno) body.



Miranda Dinverno as Betsy-Lou and Jessica Booth, playing Deilliah.



Janelle Best, Katie Doyen, Brandon Gentile and Aaron Bedor announce the murderer.



Jeb Lyman (Jacob Dinverno), Huxley (Kyle Schaenzer) and Jesse (Jacob Burke) argue at the card table.



Dennis and Jenifer Rachel.

Cowboy conundrum at mystery dinner

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Rain slashed through the night on a fateful evening in 1857, when a mystery murder took place at the Cherry Creek Saloon.

In the aftermath of a bar brawl broken up by saloon owner Honest Abe Flores, the dead body of Jeb Lyman was found.

After Abe and Saloon Girl Hattie dragged Jeb's body to the parlor, patrons got down to solving the crime and discovering the culprit.

Cowboys, saloon girls and passing travelers banded together to question the usual suspects, trying to piece together who was around the card table, the infamous murder scene, when the fight broke out.

Accusations flew and questions fired throughout dinner and drinks until the decisive moment when the murderer was found out to be—Honest Abe Flores.

"I wanted to get the gold," Flores exclaimed after confessing, claiming Cherry Creek Saloon would go under without it.

"That's why Abe killed him, to

save the bar," explained Al Bartlett, who played Honest Abe, after the reveal to attendees of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce's Murder Mystery Dinner, hosted by the chamber's Young Professionals Network.

"We hope everybody had a good time," Bartlett added. He was one of several Clarkston Village Players to act out character/suspects at the event. Several chamber members volunteered for acting parts as well.

"The event is a good opportunity to network. We have a lot of members of the chamber attend and they use it as a team building or they invite their clients to come out for an evening of fun. It involves a little bit of drinking, but also a murder mystery show and a full dinner," said Janelle Best, executive director of the chamber. "Some people really get into it, it's a lot of fun."

Best said this is their third annual murder mystery event, the second one held at Pine Knob Mansion, and it was sold out with 100 tickets bought.

"The night was great. We were

here last year and had a lot of fun, so we decided to come again this year," attendee Dennis Rachel said of the old west themed event.

Rachel and his wife Jenifer went all-out for the event, dressed as an old-time barber and a cowgirl.

"I'm hoping everybody really enjoys it and they want to come for the fourth annual because we're looking forward to it. We'll be back at Pine Knob next year. The mansion's a perfect place for it," Best said. "It feels like you're in a game of Clue when you're here. It's just a lot of fun, a great atmosphere for the event."

Attendee Kelly Quisenberry said the mansion was beautiful and looked like the old west.

"It's awesome, I'm super excited, I'm confused as to who did it, but it's fun," Quisenberry said before the murderer was announced.

Best said these events bring more diversity to the chamber.

"It's just really nice to see the different members that this event draws, we really get a huge diverse group of members," she added. "These kind of themed events tend to draw a grander crowd."

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Stephanie Johnson, Emerson Chapin, Kendall Young, Aaron Micallef and Norah Benedict on a saucer swing.



Molly Wheeler and Hailey Gresham.

New playground provides new fun

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

A popular feature at Springfield Plains Elementary's new playground, over five years in the making, is the large twin slides on top of the two-story play structure.

"My favorite thing to play on is probably the big slides because they're really steep and fun," said fifth grader Lydia Adams. "You can try two different slides and there's not a lot of people waiting on it."

"It's awesome it's bigger and better," fifth grader Eli Kern agreed. "Like the bigger slides, last year the slides were really small."

Other new features of the playground include saucer swings, carousels and DNA monkey bars.

"You can climb upside down and that's really fun. They didn't have it last year," said fifth grader Jackson Craglow. "Like monkey bars that twist around you."

Craglow added the playground is much bigger this year. The old playground was small and overcrowded.

"Everyone has a chance to do what they want to do, because last year it was very small," fourth grader Brooks Warner agreed.

SPE Principal Matthew Gifford said there's a notable difference in student's behavior from last year - they're now more engaged and energetic during recess.

"The playground's awesome, it's amazing, the colors depict the kids' vibrant personalities, their passions, and their energy for running around out here," Gifford said. "I'm very grateful for the Clarkston community in support of the recent bond, and also a big thank you to the PTA for their involvement."

The new bright blue and green playground is split into two parts, a lower and upper playground. Gifford explained the Young Five's and Kindergartners play on the lower due to height, and grades first through fifth can use both.

Gifford estimated the PTA's donation produced 50 percent of the new playground equipment.

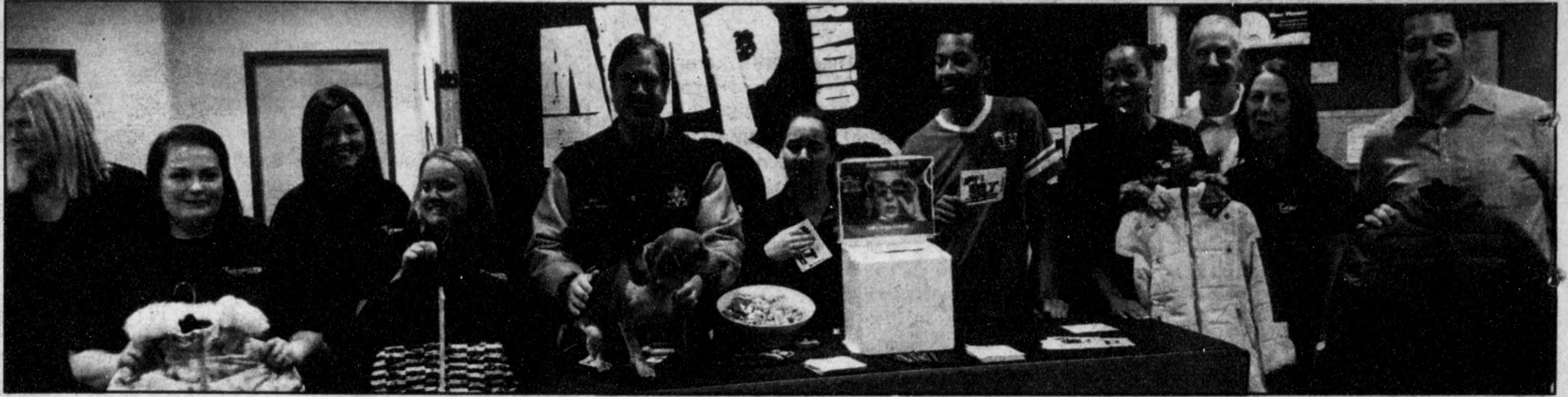
"The PTA began fundraising for this I want to say like six, seven years ago. They started brainstorming ideas on it and finally with the help of our community and through the PTA's leadership and support we were able to put it together," he said.

All the students were grateful to the PTA and the community for raising the money as well.

"It's awesome how everybody pitched in and helped with our new playground so we could all be part of this new experience," Adams said.

"I'm really happy and I bet everyone else is too because they did it," Warner agreed. "Everyone else has a chance to run around and just have fun and just climb rock climbing walls, go down slides, climb ladders. It's a very big opportunity I really like."

Principal Gifford added, "Thank you so much to the PTA and the community. We're extremely grateful."



Sheriff Michael Bouchard with Genisys staff and 98.7 AMP radio staff at the Coats for the Cold kickoff. Photo by Jessica Steeley

Season starts for Coats drive

BY JESSICA STEELEY
Clarkston News Staff Writer

"Coats for the Cold" Coat Drive celebrated their 30th year last week with a kick-off event at Clarkston's Genisys Credit Union.

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard began the coat drive and estimates they collect thousands of coats each year.

"When I started the program, I had seen people huddling by steam grates and they're cold," Bouchard said. "I felt compelled to do something and when I got home I hung my coat up and saw that I had a number of virtually brand-new coats, but lots of times, people give you a coat as a gift or you buy a different one, next thing you know that one that's in great shape just sits in the closet, and I thought probably a lot of people have that."

The coats are donated to several charities throughout the county and Bouchard said the only stipulation is the coats go to someone in need for free.

Coats can be dropped off at 65 locations throughout the county, including several Genisys locations.

"We're able to receive coats that will then be donated to people who are in need," Genisys Clarkston Branch Manager Jason Hermiz said. "It's very important to have that community involvement and be a place where we can help the community by making a difference and giving them needs that they may not be able to get on their own."

The event also included an appearance

by 98.7 AMP Radio station, another partner of the coat drive, located in Southfield.

"Being on the radio and trying to get people in, clean out their closet, that kind of thing, they might not even know that what they have can really make a difference in somebody else's life," Hermiz said.

Bouchard explained attendees of the kick-off event could enter to win Lady Gaga and Pistons tickets if they donated a coat during the event.

"People get a chance to have a fun night by doing a good thing, that's a win-win," he added.

They're also partnering with Oakland County Animal Shelter, Bouchard said. Donating a coat gets \$10 off an adoption fee, up to \$50 if you bring in five coats.

"If you're looking for giving a little love to an animal that needs to be adopted and also have the opportunity to give a coat to somebody that needs one in a winter season, that's a marriage made in Heaven," Bouchard said.

Throughout the month of November, Oakland County Sheriff's will pick up coats at the different drop-off locations.

"We'll have boxes here available for the Oakland County Sheriff's to make pick-ups. Hopefully we call them a lot and they come and pick up our full boxes," Hermiz said. "We're just very happy that we can help."

To donate a coat visit Clarkston Genisys at 7357 Deer Lake Road during business hours, or find another location at oaklandsheriff.com. The drive runs through November 30.

Around Town

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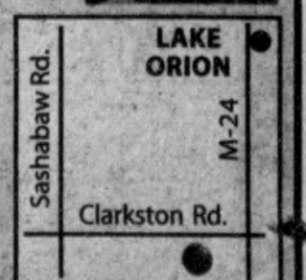
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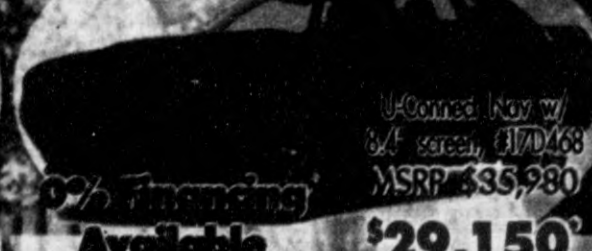
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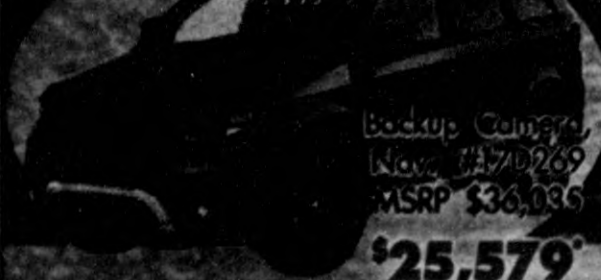
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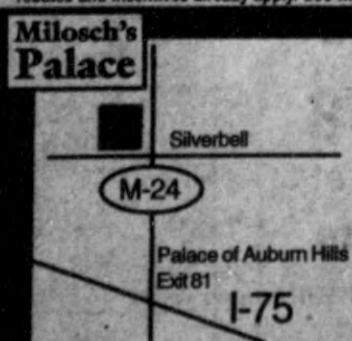
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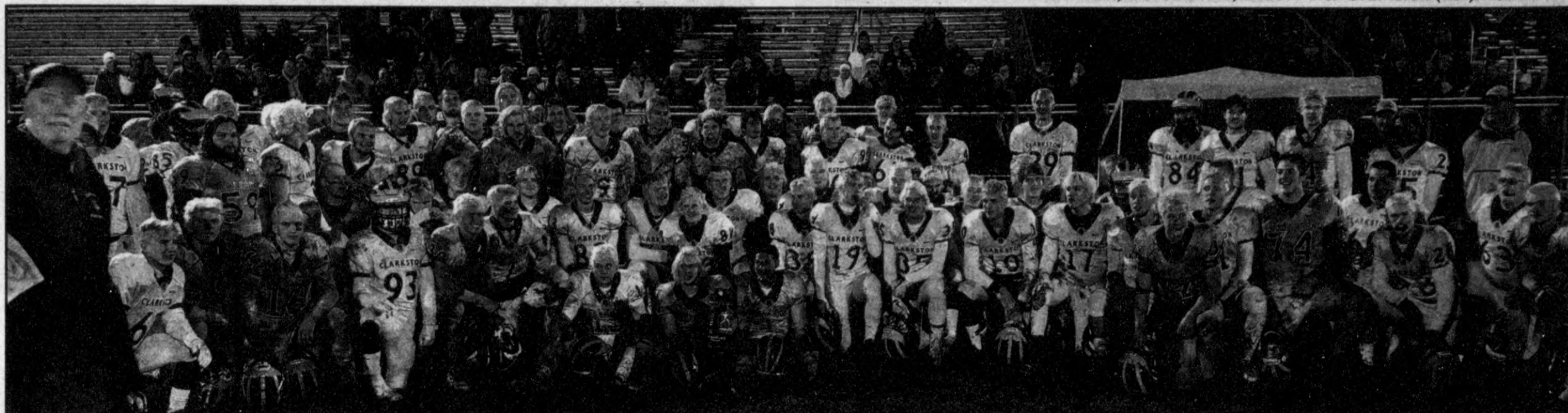
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Fanelli will return to Renaissance Homeschool Group after her semester at Conserve School.

University of Alabama student **Erin T. McNeil** of Clarkston was named to the President's List for Summer 2017 with an academic record of 4.0, all A's.

Miranda Moore of Clarkston was named to the President's List at the University of Southern Mississippi for the 2017 summer semester. The President's List includes full-time students who earned a perfect 4.0 grade point average (all As).

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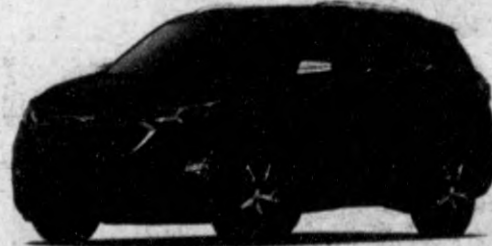
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