

Senior Michael Fluegel keeps his focus on gaining ground for Clarkston as Detroit Catholic Central defenders close in during the MHSAA Division 1 Football Semifinals at Walled Lake Western last Saturday. *Photo by Larry Wright*

Tickets for underage drinking

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor Kids caught drinking alcohol will get one more chance to avoid a criminal record come New Year's Day in Michigan.

Clarkston City Council is looking to revise its local ordinances infraction to follow state law," said city attorney Thomas Ryan at the Nov. 13 meeting, during first reading of the new ordinance. "Our hands are tied on this."

The revised city Ordinance 133 on underage drinking of alcoholic beverages makes alcohol



BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

"Guess where we are going," Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach of Clarkston Varsity Football, asked on the cold, rainy field of Walled Lake Western, Saturday afternoon.

The gridiron heroes just cheered – they all knew they were headed back to Ford Field for the MHSAA Division 1 Football State Final this Saturday, 1 p.m. They sealed the deal by defeating Detroit Catholic Central, 27-7.

"I said earlier in the week I thought it would come down to who could run the ball better," said Richardson. "We ran the ball better. Michael Fluegel was good. Offensive line did a tremendous job and defensively we played real well. We made three huge special plays - special teams were huge."

The Wolves were unable to score on their first possession sending senior kicker Jermaine Roemer out to punt the ball, which went 69 yards, starting the Shamrocks' on their own 1-yard line.

Junior Brendan Barker and freshman Rocco Spindler kept the Shamrocks to a gain of only two yards in the first two plays.

"We were flying to the ball and our defensive front guys did a tremendous job," Richardson said.

On the third down, DCC threw a pass and senior Cody Hughes caught it, turning control over to Clarkston and ran to the 2-yard line before he was stopped.

Senior Nate Uballe handed the ball to senior Josh Cantu Please see Rematch on page 11

Bank robber sought

Deputies are looking for an armed robber who struck the Comerica Bank at 7565 Dixie Highway, 12:18 p.m., Nov. 20.

The robber was wearing all black, including gloves and a full face ski mask. The suspect is very short statured, possibly a female. The suspect left the scene in a dark

to reflect the new state law.

"The city's minor in possession ordinance will become outdated on Jan. 1 – to use this offense, we need to make it a civil

purchase, possession, and consumption by minors a civil infraction, like a traffic ticket, punishable to not more than a \$100 fine *Please see Law on page 5*

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The suspect threatens the teller during the robbery. Photo provided blue SUV, possibly a Saturn Vue, with no license plate.

Bank tellers told deputies the robber walked up to the teller windows yelling for everyone to put their hands up. The suspect implied having a gun and told the tellers to fill black bag with cash. The suspect was able to walk away with unknown amount of money.

Suspect was last seen heading southbound on Dixie Highway. A perimeter was set up, but deputies were unable to locate the suspect vehicle. BOL was put out to surrounding departments with suspect/vehicle description.

Anyone who has information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAK-UP. - Phil Custodio

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Dr. Bryan Johnson and Dr. Marvin Jabero.

Clarkston welcomes oral surgeons

Oral & Facial Surgeons of Michigan is excited to announce their newest location in the newly renovated Main Street Professional Building, at 5885 South Main, Suite 4, in Clarkston.

"We realized a large portion of our patients reside in the Clarkston area and having an office closer to them would make it more convenient for them," Dr. Bryan Johnson explained.

He added he also lives in Clarkston with his wife, Dr. Reba Johnson from Advanced Allergy and Asthma, and their family. Both are very active in the community.

Dr. Johnson is joined by Dr. Marvin Jabero at the Clarkston location. Both are oral and maxillofacial surgeons managing a wide variety of problems relating to the mouth, teeth and facial regions. They practice a full scope of oral and maxillofacial surgery with expertise ranging from dental implant surgery and wisdom tooth removal to reconstructive surgery. Their new office is designed and equipped to provide state of the art patient care.

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Ford Field rules

The Wolves will be depending on the support of the Jungle when they take the field at the state finals, but before they can, Ford Field has some rules and regulations.

Clarkston is considered the away team and has designated seating in Sections 121-125, with the student section as 124 and band in 123. Please do not stand during the game or jump on the seats. Standing is allowed in designated areas of our school sections.

Students planning on sitting in the Jungle student seating sections must be one person to a seat. Students will not be allowed to sit or stand in aisles. Students arriving late and attempting to obtain preferential seating will be made to move.

Items not allowed include noisemakers of any kind, including confetti, air horns, rocks or coins in jugs, and thunderstix, laser lights, signs, flags, and banners, mounted on sticks or anything close to it. Pom pons that shed or on sticks are not allowed.

Ford Field opens at 9 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and has tickets available for \$10 each. Cash only please.

A list of Ford Field prohibited items are available at the www.MHSAA.com under Football and www.FordField.com.



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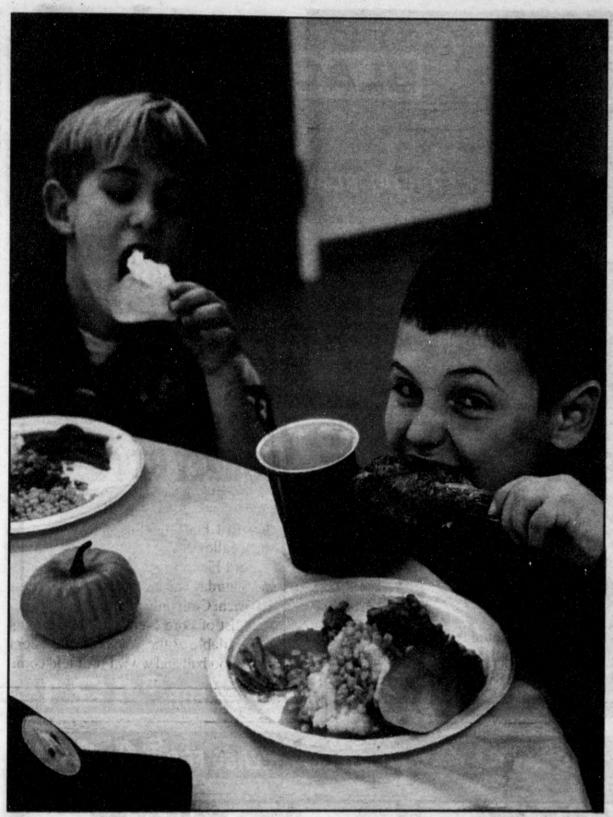
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Pack 63 Cub Scouts celebrate an early Thanksgiving meal. Photo provided

Early Thanksgiving for Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts of Pack 163 got a jump on the Thanksgiving festivities last Friday evening with a traditional feast at First Congregational Church of Clarkston.

The scouts joined family and friends to celebrate the holiday as a community. Corn, mashed potatoes and gravy, pumpkin pie; veggies, cranberries, and rolls—even seven turkeys prepared for the meal—were all provided by the attendees. The Thanksgiving meal is an annual event for Pack 163, and the current batch of scouts were excited to continue the tradition.

- Matt Forster

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Drinking law

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for a first offense, with options for community service and treatment classes.

A second offense would be a misdemeanor, with imprisonment of up to 30 days, with treatment and community service and fine of up to \$200. Third or more, up to 60 days and \$500 fine. Fraudulent identification by a minor would remain a misdemeanor. punishable by up to 93 days in jail and/or \$100 fine.

The revised city law will allow the city to continue to write tickets for underage drinking, Ryan said.

Michigan Public Acts 357 and 358 of 2016 reduces punishment for first-time underage drinking from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction - \$100 fine, community service, and classes. The current misdemeanor charge could mean 90 days in jail, along with \$100 fine, community service, and classes.

Under the new law, a second MIP offense would be a misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail and up to a \$200 fine, and a third offense would result in up to 60 days in jail and \$500 fine. A third offense could also result in a revocation of the minor's driver's license.

The state passed the revision to decriminalizing first offenses for underage drinking and underage possession of alcohol, to avoid criminal stigmatization of young people, Ryan said.

If second reading is approved at the Nov. 27 meeting, the city ordinance revision would go into effect by Jan. 1.



CITY CIVICS: Clarkston High School civics students Danielle Stover, at left, Montserrat Palomino, and classmates presented ideas to improve their community to Clarkston City Council, Nov. 13. Their ideas included a three-way stop where Depot Road and Church Street meet M-15, and getting rid of a parking space on Main closest to Depot to improve pedestrian safety. Photo by Phil Custodio

New track loader for snowy city lots

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

DPW workers will deploy a smaller vehicle to clear snow from city parking lots this winter, after City Council voted unanimously to replace its front-end loader with a new track loader.

The tracked machine would be more flexible, nimble, able to fit in tight spaces, adaptable, and reduce storage space requirements, with better visibility and safety, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

"It offers incredible versatility," Smith said.

City Council voted 6-0 to buy an ASV

The city logged about 1,500 hours on the Caterpillar since its purchase, about 115 hours per year. It's designed for about 2,000 hours per year, Smith said.

"In the last year, it was used less than 30 hours," he said. "It's large size precludes use for most projects in the city."

It's also costly to maintain.

"The tires need replacement - it would cost \$10,000 to replace the four tires," Smith said.

The track loader, with its attachments, would be used throughout the year, he said.

"We'll use it two to three times a week as opposed to two to three times a year," Smith said.

job. You don't have to have that big frontend loader to pick up all that snow. You can have this do the same thing. Yes, it's going to take more time but it might not take much more because it's more agile, it can get around easier."

Bids for the track loader were also received from Southeastern Equipment of Novi for \$52,250; and Flint New Holland of Burton for \$58,489.

The prices of the first two quotes were the same because of intense back-and-forth negotiations, Smith said.

"It's sold and supported by Weingartz right here in Clarkston," he said.

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Briefly

Opening at News

We have an opening for reporter here at The Clarkston News. Good at writing, community journalism, photography, computers? Drop off your resume and clips at Clarkstonnews@gmail.com or at 5 S. Main Street.

School tech

The Clarkston Board of Education approved pilot classroom audio/visual and devices for the junior high and approved Windows XP replacement devices across the district.

Five classrooms at Clarkston Junior High will pilot the classroom technology. The classrooms will receive one ChromeBook cart. The goal is to supply the junior high with 10 carts, two per department. The pilot also allows the district to try out vendors by choosing three different ones to install the five carts.

The district currently has 460 machines running Windows XP. The project will begin by replacing the Tech Art labs at Clarkston High School.

The budget for the junior high upgrade is \$88,417. The project budget for the replacement devices is \$210,000. Both upgrades will use bond funds.

All stop on Sashabaw

Road Commission for Oakland County installed all-way stop signs at the intersection of Sashabaw and Oak Hill roads on the border of Independence and Brandon townships.

The signs are a temporary measure to address increased accidents at the intersection. The new signs will remain at the intersection while the RCOC pursues funding for widening the intersection with a traffic signal or constructing a modern roundabout. The signs were installed on Nov. 14.

model VT Track Loader, with enclosed cab, 67-inch dirt bucket, 48-inch forks, 10-foot box snow plow, setup, delivery, and one-year warrantee from Weingartz Equipment of Independence Township for \$52,250.

The city received an offer to buy its frontend loader, a Caterpillar 928G, for \$53,000, Smith said.

"We could trade in and end up \$750 in the black," he said.

The Caterpillar, which was purchased in 2004 for \$120,329, is too big for the city, Smith said.

"It's a massive piece of equipment - it's really intended to be used in salt mines and gravel pits," he said. "We've been only using it on very rare occasions. This is a very underutilized asset."

Council member Sharron Catallo said the front-end loader's size is needed during strong winters, which wasn't the case last year.

"We didn't have much snow last year. The year before that, there was a lot," Catallo said. "By my corner by the stop sign, kids were sledding off it. It all depends - we've always used the front-end loader."

Mayor Steven Percival said the DPW is the experts in this situation.

"If they're asking for this piece of equipment, it's not like we're the experts on this," Percival said. "It's a trade. You're getting a new piece of equipment you're going to use more often and you're still going to do the

The city is also looking into replacing its street sweeper. The current machine, a 1984 Tennant Street Sweeper, recently broke down because of an oil leak. Estimated cost to repair was \$2,084.

One option is to buy a rotary pickup brush attachment for the track loader for \$3,995. A new machine would cost about \$44,500, and used sweepers cost about \$24,500, he said. Percival said they could look into it in the spring.

"We don't need to do this today," he said. "If we are seeing revenue coming in from paid parking, dedicated to streets, sidewalks, and parking lots, we may be able take some out of there in the spring and do what we need to do."



Jessica's Journal

A column by Jessica Steeley

Troubleshooter

The Clarkston community was shaken last week by the actions of a resident who shot two people in Ortonville.

Luckily the two victims are in stable condition and no one else was injured during the ensuing manhunt, but area schools, including Clarkston, were shut down as a precaution.

I think the schools made the right decision, especially given all the recent shootings, including the one in California,

which happened the morning of the Ortonville shooting, and targeted an elementary school.

All lives lost to mass shootings are tragedies and the impact they have on families and our nation should never be downplayed, but it's fool-

ish to think there's absolutely nothing this country can be doing to make these events less frequent.

America remains one of the only western countries where mass shootings happen on a regular basis, and this countries lack of proper gun control needs to be addressed if we want to stop these shootings.

This isn't a political issue, it's about saving lives, protecting our citizens, and avoiding tragedies. Of course, making it harder to purchase a gun won't stop every shooting, but if it even stops one, then the lives saved will be worth it.

Gun control legislation isn't about taking away anyone's guns or making them less available, it's just trying to keep guns out of the wrong hands: those with mental illness, violent criminal records or perpetrators of domestic abuse.

If you're an upstanding, law-abiding citizen, this legislation shouldn't even affect you, except it might take longer to purchase a gun. But if that wait is put in place to save

Holiday celebration with community events

The holidays are here, and community groups and businesses are stepping up to celebrate and help out neighbors in need.

Clarkson Rotary leads the Goodfellows newspaper drive, printed by *The Clarkston News*, on local streets on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2. All funds collected that weekend will be spent the following weekend during Shoes for Kids, providing winter shoes, boots, hats, and gloves to about 350 children in need. Volunteers can sign up for two hour shifts at www.clarkstonrotary.org.

Holiday Stuff the Bus family-fun event to collect clothing, toiletries, gift cards, toys, and monetary donations for children and families in need will be on Friday, Dec. 1, from 7-8 p.m. at The Learning Experience, 7210 Sashabaw Road.

Holiday activities such as a photo booth with Santa and Mrs. Clause, visit from a reindeer, holiday caroling, holiday craft stations, and ornaments decorating, and cookies and hot chocolate. Call 248-625-5285.

Santa Paws, with stocking stuffers for pets and other merchandise to raise money for rescue, and photos with Santa, \$10 donation, at Camp Bow Wow Clarkston, 6374 Sashabaw Road, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 2.

The Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home of Clarkston will host its annual **Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony** on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 7 p.m., at Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road.

Participants will be invited to light a candle in honor of a loved one who has passed away. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. No registration is required but RSVP is encouraged by calling the funeral home at 248-625-5231 or emailing wintfuneralhome@gmail.com.

The Clarkston High School Drama club, in cooperation with Clarkston Village Players, will peform the Children's Theatre Production of **A Seussified Christmas Carol** by Peter Bloedol on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3 p.m., at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. is awarding a \$2,000 gift to charity in its Giving Card campaign.

To enter, write a short response on what "benevolence means to you" and a description of the charity, and post it to www.chaseplastics.com/giving. Entry deadline is Dec. 11, and the selected charity will be announced on Dec. 15.

The program was introduced in 2016. Chase donated \$1,000 each to Party for a Purpose in Monticello, Minn.; Life Center Northwest in Bellevue, Wash.; and Children's Oncology Group Foundation in Philadelphia, Pa.

A holiday shopper can win \$5,000 by making a purchase at any independent retailer or service provider in Oakland County during the **Small Business Saturday to Saturday** promotion, through Dec. 2.

Shoppers buying goods or services from thousands of independently owned small businesses in communities across the county are eligible to win. One lucky shopper will win the \$5,000 grand prize, courtesy of North American Bancard. The second place winner will receive \$2,000, courtesy of Flagstar Bank. Third prize is a \$500 voucher toward air travel on Southwest Airlines, courtesy of Flint Bishop International Airport. Prizes will be awarded by Dec. 14.

"Our inaugural one-day 'Small Business Saturday' was such a success that we expanded this year's contest to encourage more people to shop small this holiday season and enter for a chance to win an early present for themselves," said Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. "This is a win-win for our businesses and the shoppers. Our communities welcome the increased foot traffic this event generates for local retailers, restaurants and other businesses."

To enter, shoppers must text Shop2017 to 41411 to receive a text message with a link to a shopper registration page where they upload their contact information and a photo of their store receipt. All entries must be received by 4:30 p.m. Dec. 4.

As an incentive to encourage small busi-

A Look Back From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Schools will sell land" Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education approved the selling acreage adjacent to Springfield Plains Elementary for residential units in an effort to get extra cash for the district to the dismay of neighbors.

"Clarkston resident elected to Academy of Engineering" Clarkston resident Joseph Colucci was elected to the National Academy of Engineering. There were only 60 members of the organization in Michigan and 1,827 active members in the United States.

"Hockey unites Cummings, Morin brothers" Two pairs of Clarkston brothers joined forces to help out Clarkston High School's hockey team with Griffin and Kyle Cummings and Steve and Bryan Morin taking their positions as forwards.

25 years ago - 1992

"All in a night's work" Ed Cox and his fellow Clarkston Rotarians decked the streets of downtown Clarkston with decorations as they began the holidays with the annual stringing of Christmas lights.

"Home school" The Clarkston News took a look at homeschooling and Clarkston families who shared their homeschool experiences in their second part of in the American Education series. Part one included private schools in the area and the conclusion was on Clarkston Community Schools.

"Yee ha!" By day, Pauline Colbert worked as a secretary in charge of student services for Clarkston Community Services. By night, she taught the Texas Two-Step to more than 100 people.

50 years ago - 1967

"Deer Lake developers seek zoning changes"A plan for development around Deer Lake involving 400 acres was presented to Independence Township planning commission. The township scheduled a public hearing and informational meeting for Deer Lake homeowner groups. "Holiday learning" Thanksgiving was re-enacted by Mrs. Schultz's first grade students at Clarkston Elementary as Pilgrims and Indians met once more to share their bounty. "Girl Scouting in Sashabaw neighborhood" Girl Scouts found fun and learning in many activities from outdoor living to good citizenship and service projects. Activities included Outdoor Day at Oakland County Sportsmen Club, Huron Bowling Alley and Camp Sherwood.



lives, isn't it worth it?

I'm not against owning guns, I learned to shoot at a very young age, before I even reached double digits. I go deer hunting with my father almost every year and practice shooting. I plan to buy a pistol and get a concealed carry license.

Maybe I would be capable of stopping an active shooter if I were at the scene and had a gun on me, but I doubt it. Even if I could, there's a good chance they would have already killed one or more people before I could do anything.

I think gun control needs to be discussed more and at length, regardless of your opinion, and the forefront of the discussion should be whether it will help save lives. Tickets are \$7. Check www.centerstageticketing.com/sites/ clarkstonhigh. Suitable for ages K-12, "A Seussified Christmas Carol" is a whimsical reinvention of Dickens' most beloved Christmas story in wacky rhymed couplets. With zoot fruited juices and binka bird geese, from Bed-Headed Fred to Timmy Loo Hoo, this tale of glorious holiday cheer is similar to something Dr. Seuss might have come up with -- if he ever had his way with the story.

Chase Plastics of Indendence Township

nesses to register and promote the shopping contest to their customers, CEED Lending is offering a \$1,000 American Express gift card to a randomly selected business and a \$500 to the business employee who waits on the customer who wins the grand prize of \$5,000. There is no cost for a business to register.

Many registered merchants are offering special sales and prizes of their own to celebrate the weeklong event. A list of participating merchants, full contest rules and registration information is found at www.AdvantageOakland.com/ShopSmall.

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Wolves fans cheer the 27-7 semifinal win over Detroit Catholic Central. This Saturday will be drier as Clarkston head to Ford Field, 1 p.m. Photo by Renee Weaver Wright

Tis the season for empathy & kindness

Another holiday season is upon us. And, my first inclination is to gleefully rub my hands together and mutter to myself, "Hot damn! The

holidays are here! BAM!"

Yup, I'm that annoyingly too happy holiday elf; a little too chipper, with a little too much bounce in my step, as I skip down the sidewalk, smiling and nodding to everyone I meet, whilst whistling a happy holiday tune.

To total strangers: "Happy Thanksgiving!"

To friends, "Merry Christmas!" To family, "Happy Holidays!"



Don't

A column by

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

It has only been in the last couple of years, in an effort to be a more betterer human, that I have looked outside myself and my holiday mania to the world and people around me. What can I do to help?

And, what I do best is ask questions. So, I reached out to a wonderful soul - one I know has struggled during the holidays having lost a child, and one who through the pain endeavors to make the world better.

Asked I: "Your advice, or suggestions for those people who, like me love this time of year and know folks who may not. Most people want to wish everybody happy tidings. What should we be aware of, and what

the holidays."

That's a pretty powerful statement. Simple. Compassion. Try not to complicate it. Try not confusing compassion with passion. Passions have led many to uncompassionate acts.

Take a breath and try to understand some of your friends may not be feeling very jolly and be empathetic to their grief.

I know, I know, I know - not everyone is capable of empathy, so maybe if you're not very empathetic, try putting some extra sympathy and compassion in your play book this year.

I was on the social media highway this weekend and saw a post I thought would be a perfect end for this week's column. It's a thought attributed to Irish actor Liam Neeson (I am not sure of the veracity of the attribution, but I think he wouldn't mind these words being tagged to him.) "Everyone says love hurts, but that is not true. Loneliness hurts. Rejection hurts. Losing someone hurts. Envy hurts. Everyone gets these things confused with love, but in reality love is the only thing in this world that covers up all pain and makes someone feel wonderful again. Love is the only thing in this world that does not hurt."

Sorry.

Don Rush

Like I said, that's the first inclination; thankfully as maturity and gray hairs have come my way, I skip to the second inclination, that of being grateful, and being cognizant not everyone is like me. Many folks have not constructed a holiday narrative full of friends, family, lots of hugs, good eats, love and general merriment. Aside from the selfinflicted holiday stress of trying to please everyone, this time of year can really cause some people you know pain.

financial calamity; emotional pain; too much suffering. And, while this world is made of much wonderfulness, charity and love, there's also a great sea of sadness surrounding us we all must navigate. I feel lucky my

can we do or say to those who feel pangs of pain during the holidays?"

The response: "That's a tough one. I think it's different for everyone honestly. The biggest thing is to just be kind to one another. And if your friends or family are acting Grinchy don't assume they're just being cranky. Most people want to enjoy the holidays, so if someone isn't, it's probably because they're struggling. Unfortunately there's no one answer that works for everyone though.

"Compassion is the simplest and most important gift Just in the last year there has been loss of love; anyone can give, or receive. Especially during the holidays."

"Compassion is the simplest and most important gift anyone can give, or receive. Especially during

For those who do not know, Neeson lost his wife due to a skiing accident in the early 2000s.

Comments for Don Rush can be e-mailed to: DontRushDon@gmail.com

University notes

Michigan State University third-year sophomore offensive tackle **Cole Chewins** was named to the Academic All-District 5 First Team selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Chewins, a 2015 Clarkston High School graduate, has a 3.91 grade-point average as a finance major and is eligible to earn Academic All-America honors.

A former walk-on, Chewins earned a scholarship in January 2016 following his redshirt season in 2015. He is one of 15 players on the team's Eagles leadership council this fall.

Chewins earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2016.

The Spartans defeated Maryland last Saturday at home, 17-7. They host Rutgers this Saturday at 4 p.m.

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Michell Lewandowski, a 2017 Clarkston High School graduate, was named the Big Ten's Third Star of the Week on November 14.

Lewandowski, a freshman at Michigan State University on the men's hockey team, had four points including three goals and one assist in the Spartans' two-game series with Wisconsin the week prior.

He scored one goal to help in the Spartans' 3-2 overtime win over Ferris State University last Friday.

The weekly conference honor is the second of his career as he earned First Star of the Week accolades on Oct. 24.

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Nate Vandermeer, a 2016 Clarkston High School graduate, placed fifth over the weekend in the 174-pound weight class in the Findlay Open with a 5-1 record for University of Findlay. The team heads to the Wisconsin Open, Dec. 2.

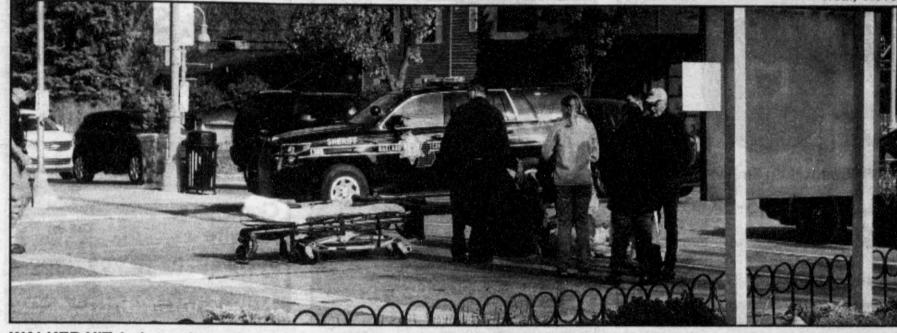
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Surveillance video shows an armed-robbery suspect in the lobby of the Comerica Bank on Dixie Highway, 12:18 p.m., Nov. 20. Photo provided







WALKER HIT: Independence Township paramedics and Oakland County Sheriff's deputies treat a pedestrian hit by a vehicle at Main and Washington streets, Nov. 14. The victim was not seriously injured. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Man charged in shooting

Clarkston Community Schools closed, Nov. 15, during a manhunt for Michael Joseph Quigley, a 34-year-old Brandon Township man suspected of shooting two people.

Quigley was taken into custody at about 5:20 p.m. on Nov. 15 after a search of the area by Oakland County Sheriff's Office Aviation, K-9, Fugitive Apprehension Team, SWAT, and numerous deputies and detectives.

He was arraigned in 52-2 District Court, Judge Kelley Kostin, with two counts of assault with intent to murder, punishable by up to life in prison; assault with a dangerous weapon, four years in prison; first-degree home invasion, and four counts



of possession of a firearm in the commission of a crime, two years each, \$8 million bond.

Quigley was charged in the attempted murder of two Brandon Township residents, who were both shot in the head in the evening of Nov. 14 in the 90 block of Village Court.

According to police reports, the suspect arrived at an apartment on Village Court where his estranged wife was visiting with a male friend.

Quigley knocked on the door and when it was opened, he pushed his way into the apartment where they argued and multiple shots were fired from a .22 caliber revolver. One bullet struck the male victim in the eve and another bullet struck the female victim in the back of the head. Both victims were taken to intensive care, in stable condition.

Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

Suspended license

A Birmingham police detective called Oakland County Sheriff's Office to report a possible drunk driver on northbound I-75, 10:30 a.m., Nov. 3. The driver pulled on I-75 onto Sashabaw Road, parked in a plaza at Waldon Road, and urinated into a bottle. A deputy found the driver, a 34-year-old Lake Orion man, in the parking lot with no sign of impairment. A records check showed his driver's license was expired and suspended, and a failure to appear warrant out of 52-3 District Court for drunk driving. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to appear on the warrant.

Broken windows

A 29-year-old Roseville man arrived at the apartment where his girlfriend lived in the 4000 block of Fox Creek East to gather some items, 1 a.m., Nov. 11. The girlfriend, a 35year-old Independence Township resident, got into the van to talk to him. She got upset, ripped the rearview mirror off and threw it at the windshield, got out, and smashed all the windows with a hammer. When speaking to deputies, she said she was protecting herself. She had cuts on her hands, which were treated by Independence Township paramedics. She was cited for malicious destruction of property.

Man found dead

Deputies responded to the 5000 block Meadowbrook Ct. for a 35-year-old Independence Township man obviously deceased, 5:01 p.m., Nov. 15. Upon arrival, Deputies learned a friend stopped over to check on the man, who lived alone, after learning he had not been answering any text messages or phone calls from his girlfriend. The girlfriend reported last speaking with the subject on Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. Deputies located the subject in an upstairs bedroom. Paramedics from the Independence Fire Department arrived on scene. The subject was pronounced deceased via telemetry at 5:12 p.m. by a staff physician of McLaren Hospital - Oakland. While in the residence, Deputies observed numerous marijuana plants growing in the basement. Detectives and an investigator from the Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office responded to the scene. The Medical Examiner's office took custody of the deceased subject and an autopsy had been scheduled for the following day. Detectives from NET took possession of the marijuana plants. The investigation continues.



Terry Beltran interviews the Hispanic community

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Quigley's truck was recovered by the Sheriff' Office a short distance down the road, which appeared to have run out of gas.

His estranged wife was in the process of obtaining a personal protection order and was due to have a hearing in front of a judge that week.

The suspect had been a contracted assistant wrestling coach at Lake Orion Community Schools, but has not been with the district since early spring of 2017.

Trespassing

An 18-year-old Independence Township man was cited with trespassing after a complaint was filed by the father of a 15-year-old girl in the 2000 block of Mann Road, 12:58 p.m., Nov. 15. The father told the 18-year-old to stay away from his daughter, because he had been asking her to run away with him. Earlier that day, a letter was found outside the girl's window written by the 18-year-old on a form from his probation officer, again asking her to run away with him.

No license to speed

A 21-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for driving 76 mph in a 50 mph zone on Sashabaw Road, 12:55 p.m., Nov. 16. A records check showed his license suspended because of failure to appear on a appear and pay a traffic ticket. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and speeding 26-30 mph over the limit. His vehicle was impounded.

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who ran in a 2-yard touchdown as the clock marked 6:43.

The Wolves next score came with 5:35 remaining in the first half off a 6-yard run by Fluegel, putting the score 14-0.

The Shamrocks opened the second half fumbling the kick off from Clarkston. The Wolves recovered it on the 18-yard line. Three minutes later, Fluegel ran in for a 6yard touchdown just making it into the endzone.

Fluegel scored again with 4:21 remaining in the third quarter after the Shamrocks ran out of downs and the ball went to Clarkston. Uballe handed the ball to Fluegel and he took off for a 71-yard touchdown run.

Richardson added the team peaked at the right time for the season.

"I told them we could be special," he explained. "Then, we took a big hit when we lost Noah (Nicklin). We've had other kids step it up. Then, the Rochester Adams loss sometimes you turn a negative into a positive. I think that was part of the deal. They wanted to go after it."

Fluegel was the leading rusher with 111 yards on 19 carries with touchdowns. Cantu ran 95 yards on 21 carries with one touchdown.

"Mike has alwaysbeen a feature back the last couple years and at the tail end of the season we started using him more on defense," Richardson said. "Josh is a mudder the more the weather got bad. Michael stepped up today and made the run. It sealed the deal."

Roemer went 3-for-4 on PATs. He had three punts for 163 yards.

"The guy with little acknowledgement, Roemer, played a huge role," Nicklin shared on Twitter. "Totally different game without him."

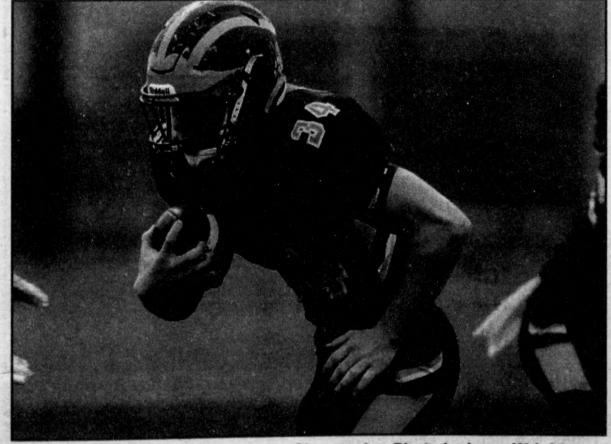
Senior Zach Scott led defense with eight tackles and one sack. Senior Gino Paese, senior Tieler Houston, junior Josh Luther and Barker each had four tackles. Paese had one sack in the fourth quarter.

It was the second time Clarkston played Detroit Catholic Central in the playoffs in which they defeated the Shamrocks for the state title for their community.

Richardson took a moment glancing over the field as players congratulated each other and received hugs and high fives from family and friends.

"This is special," he said, about the Wolves winning the semifinals for the community. "This is a special community. It always has been. I am just glad we can go back."

The Wolves (11-2) head to Ford Field for a rematch against OAA Red foe West Bloomfield (11-2) for the state championship. Tickets are available at Ford Field for \$10 each, cash only. Kick off is 1 p.m.



ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team . Photo by Larry Wright

Champs of the court

Spikers claimed their tenth MHSAA Volleyball District title in 11 seasons with wins over Lake Orion and Brandon.

The big win for the Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team was defeating their crosstown rivals the Dragons in the district semifinals in the Wolves' gymnasium, 3-1.

"Obviously that's a huge victory for us," said Kelly Pinner, head coach. "We lost to them four times in the regular season. 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 just feels great. It's hard to put into words how great of a feeling."

Troy in the semifinals of regionals; 25-17, 26-24, 25-19 on Nov. 7. They lost to Marian in the final, 3-0; 26-24, 25-20, 25-20.

"It's been great to coach them all year long," Pinner said.

The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team is freshman Claire Nowicki; sophomores Skyelar Jidas, Sierra Kersten; juniors Mackenzie Rotter, Kelsey Schaldenbrand, Haley Stewart; seniors Jennifer Chupinsky, Kayla Daly-Seiler, Corrin Gualtieri, Olivia Johnson, Shaelyn Koleber, Grace Kraft, Kayla Luchenbach, Abbey Malinowskiand Kristen Marani. "We are definitely going to miss those nine seniors," Pinner said. "There was a lot of leadership out of those kids and a lot of experience. They were all around a great group of girls to coach all year."

Josh Cantu makes a run against the Shamrocks. Photo by Larry Wright

The Wolves posted a 3-0 win over Brandon to win the district title. They continued playoffs with a 3-0 win over



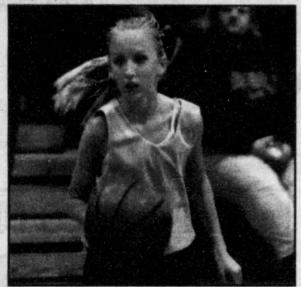
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Abigail Wayne looks for an opening during the second half.

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Players from both teams go after a loose ball.

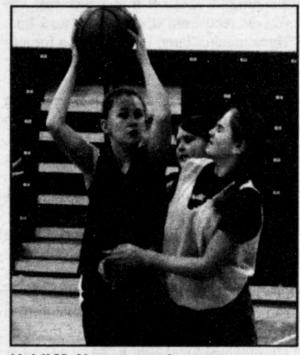
Undefeated

The fall season closed for Clarkston Community Education's third through seventh grade basketball league last week.

Coach Devin Kaufman's team remained undefeated throughout the season and won the championship game against Coach Derek Mazur's team last Thursday at Sashabaw Middle School, 14-8.

Clarkston Community Education will host a winter basketball league for boys and girls in third through eighth grades. For more information, please visit www.itpr.org and CCE Youth Exercise and Fitness under Community Enrichment.

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Heidi McNamara seeks an open teammate to pass the ball.



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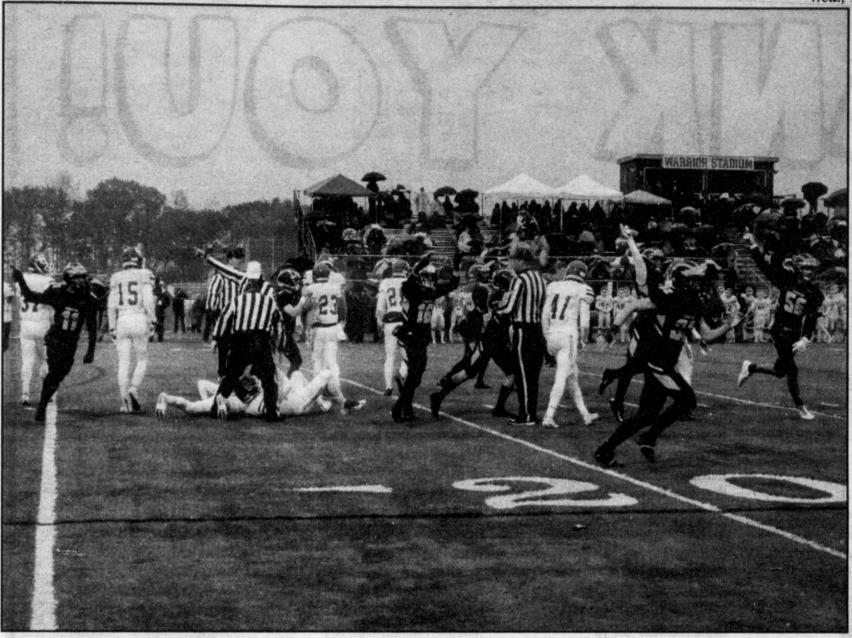
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Remaining undefeated are from left in back row, Charley Bousho, Claire Walker, Neela Keller, Aubrey Rucker, Sydney Kaufman, Coach Devin Kaufman; front row, Emily Valencia, Heidi McNamara, Kaitlin McGivern, and Kaylee Gibbs. Not pictured, Olivia Slone.



Fall ends at OU

The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team concluded their fall season at the MHSAA state championships at Oakland University after placing in the top 16 in three events.

The team of senior Ashleigh Allen, junior Caroline Hughes, sophomores Betsey Walkowiak and Haley VanBuskirk finished in 12th place in the 400-yard freestyle relay event, 3:36.70. They finished in 14th place in the preliminaries on Friday at 3:39.21.

The relay team of freshman Alexis Moon, Allen, Hughes and Walkowiak finished the 200-yard medley relay in 15th place at 1:50.24 after qualifying during preliminaries with a 15th place finish, 1:49.53.

Moon also finished in 15th place in the 100-yard breaststroke event, 1:07.20. She finished in the same place during preliminaries, 1:06.82.

The Wolves qualified in 11 out of 12 events for the meet including three relay events. The third relay team of freshman Evie Dice, junior Rachel Kociba, Walkowiak and VanBuskirk finished preliminaries in 23rd place for the 200-yard freestyle, 1:41.43.

VanBuskirk finished in preliminaries in 17th place in the 200-yard freestyle, 1:54.16; and 18th place in the 100-yard freestyle, 53.26. Hughes finished preliminaries in 17th place in the 100-yard butterfly, 58.41; and 18th place in the 100-yard backstroke, 58.84.

Allen finished preliminaries in 23rd place in the 500yard freestyle, 5:16.21; and 25th place in the 200-yard IM, 2:12.21.

Sophomore Abby Line finished in 32nd place during diving, scoring 149.80 points.

TURNOVER SUCCESS: Clarkston's gridiron heroes cheer as possession goes over to the Wolves during the MHSAA Division 1 Football Semifinal game against Detroit Catholic Central. *Photo by Renee Weaver-Wright*



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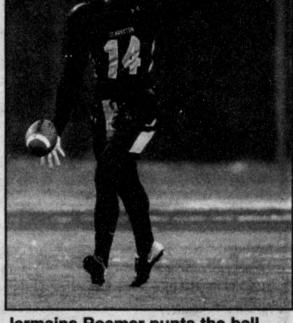
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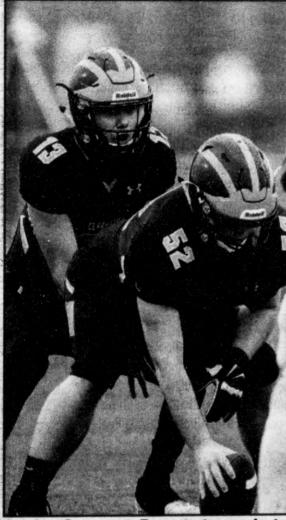
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The Wolves take to the field. Photos by Larry Wright



Jermaine Roemer punts the ball.



Senior Cameron Pass gets ready to snap the ball back to senior quarterback Nate Uballe.

Then there were two

Clarkston's gridiron heroes are making their third trip in five years to Ford Field for the MHSAA Division 1 Football Finals this Saturday, 1 p.m.

They defeated Detroit Catholic Central in the semifinals during a rainy, cold battle on Saturday, 27-7.

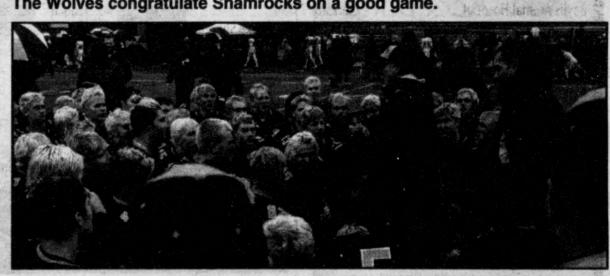
Next on the list is West Bloomfield who won their semifinal game, 9-7.



Michael Fluegel runs his second touchdown of the game. Photo by **Renee Weaver-Wright**



The Wolves congratulate Shamrocks on a good game.



Gridiron heroes smile through a post-game talk with head coach Kurt Richardson.

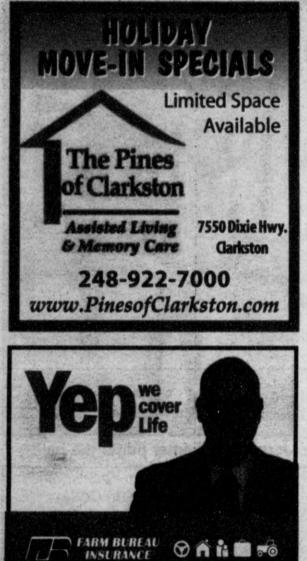
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Pre-season clean up on slopes for ski teams

Skiers have until the new year for their racing season but they were on the slopes at Pine Knob Ski Resort, Nov. 9.

The racers from the Clarkston Boys and Girls Ski teams, along with Notre Dame Prep and Rochester, filled 50-60 bags of garbage they picked up off Pine Knob.

"They don't have to be out there right now doing this," said Clarkston Athletic Director Jeff Kosin. "Typically they are waiting until the snow is on the ground to come out."

He explained it's part of a new iniative in the athletics department - for athletes to give back to their community. This was the first one they have had on a large scale where the entire girls and boys teams have come out and it was orchestrated by the coach.

"Coach Mike Foyteck came to me and thought about putting together an organization such this," Kosin added. "We have been thinking about it with athletics each kid have some sort of community service piece giving back to the community. Our community gives so much to Clarkston Athletics. We want to take care of it. The ski teams have been grilling hot dogs at our football games so Coach Foyteck is a huge member of our community. When he said'I would like our kids to do this,' I jumped all over it."

A bonus is Pine Knob Ski Resort is right in the community and it's home for the



The Clarkston Boys and Girls Ski teams take to Pine Knob Ski Resort to clean up trash before the season begins. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Wolves not only during the race season but during the concert season at DTE Energy Music Theatre.

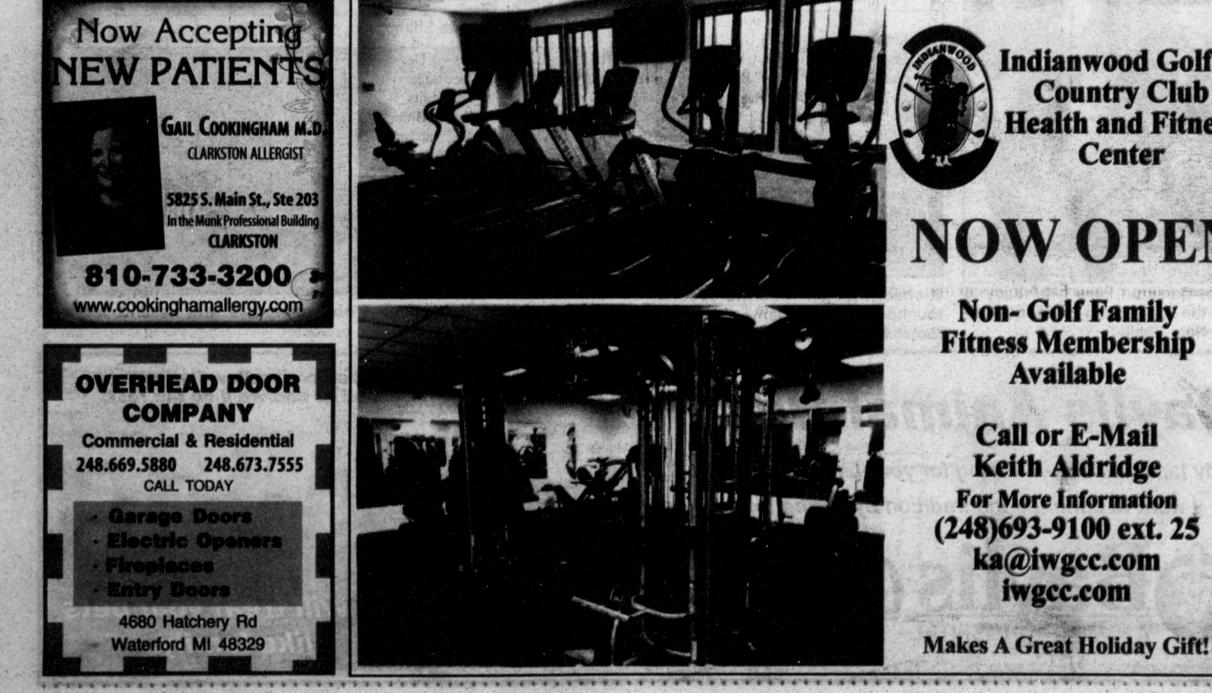
"It's a multipurpose hill for these kids. They take care of something they have ownership and pride in," Kosin said. "We are always saying how our students are held to a higher standard and this is a good

example of putting them at a higher standard which is fantastic. It put athletics, it puts our community, and it puts our kids in a really good light."

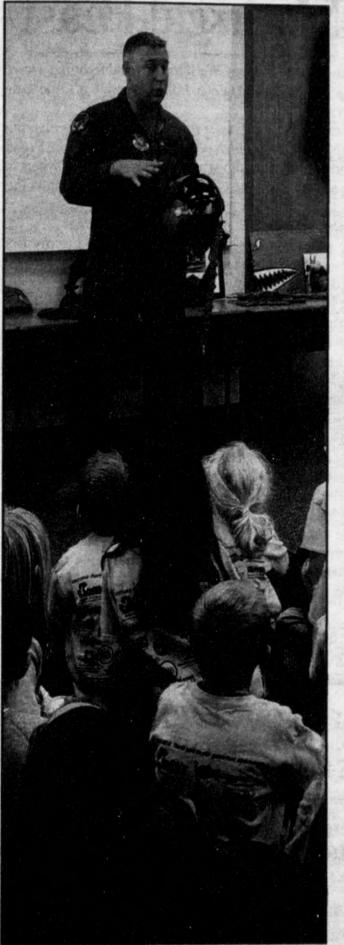
Skiers start their season in January. For more information on Clarkston Athletics, please visit www.ClarkstonWolves.com.

~Sports Writer Wendi Reardon Price









Lt. Col. Ron "Elvis" King talks about his experiences flying F4 and F16 fighters in the U.S. Air Force from 1993-2017. Photo by Phil Custodio

Many thanks for Veterans Day

Bailey Lake students spent the entire day, Nov. 10, talking to veterans about their service.

"It's a wonderful lesson for them to hear their stories on what they have accomplished in their careers in the military and private sector," said Andrea Beauchamp, who chaired the Salute To Our Armed Forces event with Marcelino Caballa.

Other BLE parent volunteers included Sara Wolcott, Jessica Drake, Susan King, Holly Franson, Christy Kreucher, Mark Beauchamp, Stacey Logan, Lindsey LaFee and Sarah Hoyle.

These volunteers helped with the Hero Wall, gathering food for the military lunch, decorating and organizing volunteers.

"Thank you especially to Bailey Lake Elementry Principal Glenn Gualtieri, Denise Casper, Julie Grow, Matt Brake, Angie and to the entire staff at BLE for constant support making Veterans Day a part of their lesson plans, decorating bulletin boards, and letters," Beauchamp said.

Those who helped make this day possible also included Sergeant of Arms Don Carter with American Legion Campbell **Richmond Post 63 Clarkston and Honor** Guard members Don Davis, Jay Val's, Kim Lambouris, Mike Roy, Nandu Kamat, Rick Thompson, and Steve Willett.

"They deserve our utmost respect for presenting the flags, 21 Gun salute, rendition of the taps, POW table display, and closing flag ceremony," Beauchamp said.

Military vehicle displays were provided by Terry Shelswell of Clarkston, military Vehicle Collectors Club of Michigan, with a 1952 Willy's M38A1 Jeep; MWSS 471 Selfridge USMC's seven-ton Medium Tactical Vehicle Replacement Mk23 (MTVR MK 23); and STA. St. Clair Shores' USCG Special Purpose Craft-Airboat (SPC-AIR).

State Rep. Jim Tedder paid respect to the military and proudly spent the day along side his fourth grade daughter Athena.

Thanks also to Morgan's Service of Clarkston for donating tires for the Bulldog boot camp; Kelly Woodworth, BLE Physical Education teacher; Marcelino Caballa, who ran the kids through obstacles testing their balance, strength, agility and speed; Jeff Goldsmith, president at Joe's Army Navy Surplus, and Bailey Lake PTA for providing a discount on engraved dog tags for kids to earn after bootcamp.

Representing the U.S. Marine Corps, all from MWSS 471 Selfridge Detachment Bravo, were Captain David Carpenter, Sgt. Clay Kucera, Lance Corporal Cruz Vasquez, and Gunney Sgt. Mallet.

Representing U.S. Coast Guard, Captain Select Gregory Thomas, National Maritime Center (NMC) WA; Cody Vitale, machinery technician third class STA. St. Clair Shores: and Cera Anderson, Fireman STA. St. Clair Shores.

U.S. Army representatives were veteran Army Specialist Phil Teelander; retired Colonel Mark Anthony Arturi; Marissa Strock; and retired Army Specialist Mattheu Maynor.

Representing the U.S. Air Force were retired Lieutenant Colonel Ron King; veteran Senior Airman John McKay Creighton; veteran Tamara Lejack, and Thaddeus Cook.

For the U.S. Navy were Commander Robin Collins, RCC Great Lakes; Johnathan Collins; and HM1 Devin Harris, MWSS-471 DGT B Selfridge.

Also on hand were K-9 Units, Officer Jim Geary and Jasper with W. Bloomfield Police; Officer Jason Follman and Max with Bloomfield Township Police; Deputy Christopher Cadotte and Odin with Oakland County Sheriff's Office; and FC (Ret) Dana Cadotte, U.S. Army.

Bruce, owner of BZany, donated 600plus mini flags, and Clarkston Union, Rudy's Market, Leo's Coney Island Clarkston, Jimmy John's, Kroger, Kruse's Deer Lake Inn, and Highland House donated food for volunteers.

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Navy Commander Robin Collins from RCC Great Lakes, and her son Johnathan Collins.



Waiting in line at boot camp are Madeline Swanson and Monroe Seator. Photos provided

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Music, entertainment of Middle Ages at Madrigal Feast

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Celebrate the Christmas season with a feast, entertainment, and music from the renaissance, as the Clarkston High School Concert Choir hosts a Madrigal Dinner on Dec. 1-2 at 6 p.m. at Oakland Woods Baptist Church in Clarkston.

"We did this last year, pretty much just for family as we planned it at the last minute," said Lynn Neideck, president of the Clarkston Choir Boosters. "We want to open the event up to the community this year."

"It was fun, I loved it," said senior Reilly Kerrigan, who plays a courtier in skits during the Madrigal dinner. "We sang a lot."

"A lot of caroling," said Jordyn Rumbold, senior, who portrays Olivia, a princess of the Jibber kingdom who helps translate for the king. "People fight over me, to not have to marry me."

"It's like a dinner theater, with a lot of actors," said senior Maureen Stewart, a member of the royal court. "It was nice to perform in front of parents and the community in an elegant setting."

Wesley Hutchison, senior, plays the good king, father of Olivia and her sister who are both princesses wanting to be married.

"I'm the king of Jibber, and my native tongue is Jibberish. It's comical when I speak in my native tongue," Hutchison said. "The combination and juxtaposition of elegance and the laid back atmosphere I thought was interesting. There's a lot of laughter, a lot of very funny skits we perform."

We had twins who would sword fight," Rumbold said. "It was nice to engage the audience as well, it was fun,"



The Jester, Evan Martin, with fellow Madrigal singers Wesley Hutchison, Maureen Stewart, Jordyn Rumbold, and Reilly Kerrigan. Photo by Phil Custodio

Stewart said.

A Madrigal Dinner or Madrigal Feast is a form of renaissance dinner theater hosted by schools and church groups during the Christmas season, set in the Middle Ages. The meal is divided into courses, each of which is heralded with a traditional song.

"My mom (Gwen Stewart) did renaissance dinners," Maureen Stewart said. "It's traditional for higher level choirs

to do renaissance dinners. We'll have sword fighting, a jester telling jokes, a king and queen. I like the script, it's true to the time period."

The dinner is a fund raiser for the choir, which is planning a trip to New York City, with performance at Carnegie, a Broadway show, and workshops with Broadway performers in March, as well as concerts, conventions, festivals, and other trips.

Stewart grew up in a musical household.

"My mom is a music teacher. She took me to my first madrigal concert when I was 5 years old," she said. "I always dreamed of doing it myself. It's been a great ride. I enjoy making friends, learning and growing in music."

Kerrigan has been singing since sixth grade.

"My all around family does a lot of singing. My aunt Eileen has been on the radio," she said. "I've always wanted to sing. It's my dream to sing somewhere."

Rumbold started singing in elementary school choirs.

"I've been singing forever," she said. "Music has always been fun. I get lost in singing. It's something I look forward to every day. And it's fun to make friends."

"I just always had a love of music," said Hutchison, who discovered his love for choir in junior high school and wants to be a music teacher. "I saw the madrigals and thought, I must be a part of it. I love the atmosphere. It's gone really well, a great experience."

The Dec. 1 dinner is already sold out.

Tickets are \$25. Go to www.showtix4u.com, "Clarkston High School Madrigal Dinner," check www.ccboinfo.wordpress.com, or email clarkstonchoir boosters@gmail.com.



It's not worth it: beat the holiday bloat

November is upon us. It's time to overindulge, spend a little more than we should, and eat more than our pants can handle. While merry and bright, the holidays can be hard on both our wallets and our bellies.

The Healthy Child

My husband will be the first to tell you I don't have any inspiring words for the



excessive spending. I do, however, have a strong message for overindulging on those holiday meals and treats: It's not worth it.

We're all guilty of it, and we regret it the minute January rolls around and we have to work so hard to get that weight off before

Adrian Schirr

Spring Break. While it's easy to put on, it's harder to lose and the

extra weight is the least of our worries-the bloat, gas, and digestive discomfort are the body's way of waving the white flag in surrender.

It's just not worth it. The candies, pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, stuffing, and cheesy potatoes are not worth the muffin top over your favorite pair of pants. It's not worth it when you stand in front of your closet and have nothing to wear. It's not worth the sugar crash, moodiness, brain fog, and fatigue.

Although fun, holiday parties can be overwhelming when trying to watch what you eat. You might feel helpless to make healthy decisions, but you are not. At Nuview Nutrition, I've learned how to navigate my way through the holidays and you can, too. Follow these helpful tips and you won't feel like you're missing out, especially when you leave feeling so good.

Don't skip a healthy breakfast or you'll binge later. Even better, have a healthy snack

Township awarded

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) recently awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to Independence Township for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management Financial Reporting Achievement awards were awarded to Wendy Hillman, finance director, and Cheryl Culpepper, accountant, for preparing the CAFR. The report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

right before you go. It's harder to make good decisions when you're ravenous. For an appetizer, nibble on veggies. If you're unsure veggies are on the menu, simple: bring some! After a few bites, step away from the food table and go mingle. Busy your mouth with chatter!

When dinner is served, leave room to see your plate. Avoid starchy foods like rolls, stuffing, and pastas. Pick one, or fill your plate with extra veggies. For potatoes, bring mashed cauliflower instead! For dessert, fruit

bordine's

always gives me that sweet satisfaction. However, if you insist, choose one sliver of your favorite pie. There's more pie in your future-you don't need every kind of pie in one night just because it's there. Take a bite, savor it...take your time.

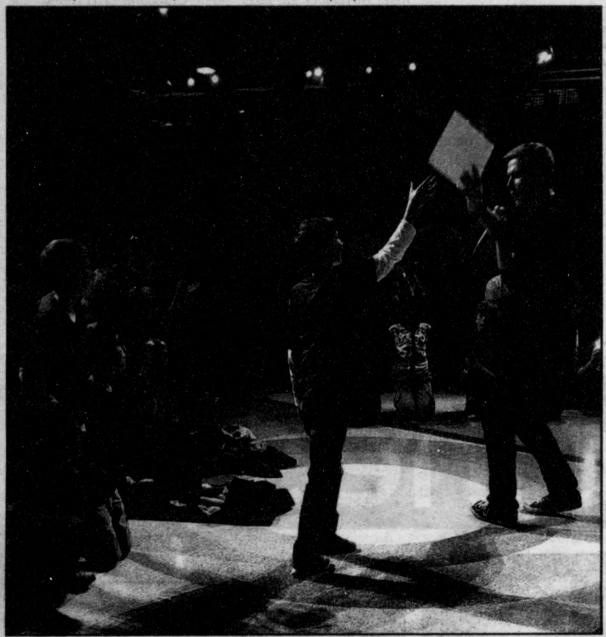
Food isn't the only culprit when it comes to holiday weight gain. Alcohol also plays a nasty part in those extra pounds. If you must indulge in a cocktail or two during a festive party, make sure your wine is organic and alternate between

a glass of wine and a sparkling water with lime. Finally, do yourself a favor and devote more time to exercise. A minimum of thirty minutes per day can alleviate that extra bloat and stress!

Remember how you felt last January. Think back to when you were exhausted and struggling to get those ten pounds off. Was the candy worth it? The second helping of stuffing, did it make you feel good? I promise: You're stronger than food. Use this holiday season to prove it.

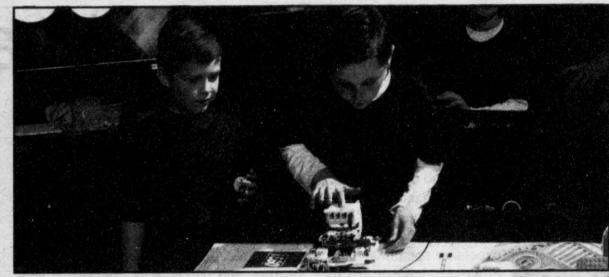


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Vaughn Shires reaches for the envelope containing the award for winning the mechanical design. *Photos provided*





Vaughn Shires and Evan Duty, on one of the robot game tables. They scored 105 points.

Lego team advances to states

Seven Independence Elementary students spent the fall working hard to complete tasks in the area of research and robot programming and design for FLL (First Lego League).

They competed in an all day tournament at the Detroit Science Center, Nov. 11. There were 22 teams present and the top six teams qualified to move on to the State Championship tournament. The IE team was one of the top six teams and is competing at the state level in December. They also were awarded the Mechanical Design Award for the best robot design.

Team members are Evan Duty, Evan Koral, Jason Legg, Boone McNaughton, Etienne Mohr, David Richardson, and Vaughn Shires, with help from Clarkston High School Team RUSH mentors Austin Schmitz and Sydney Havens, and coaches Ellen McNaughton and Brad Shires.

"The boys are very excited and it is a big accomplishment," McNaughton said.

FIRST Lego League teams grades 4-8 research real problems such as food safety, recycling, energy, etc., and are challenged to develop a solution. The theme this year was Hydrodynamics. They also must design, build, program a robot using Lego Mindstorms, then compete on a table-top playing field.



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From left are Lego League team members Evan Koral, Evan Duty, Vaughn Shires, Etienne Mohr, Boone McNaughton, David Richardson, and Jason Legg.

Knights lead food drive

The Knights of Columbus food drive at Neiman's Family Market in Clarkston, Nov. 10-11, was a success.

"Our community was so generous that we were able to collect 2,809 pounds of food to restock the shelves of Neighbor for Neighbor," said Steve Rawe, of Divine Mercy Knights of Columbus Council 14883. "Your support of Neighbor for Neighbor is helping keep the lights on, the children fed and the rent paid for local fami-

lies in crisis. We are blessed to live in such a caring community."

All the food collected went directly to Neighbor For Neighbor, a local food pantry located in Davisburg. This non-profit center offers assistance to individuals in need of food, clothing, assistance with utilities or housing in Springfield, Independence, Holly, Groveland, Brandon, Rose, and parts of White Lake and Highland townships. Call 248-634-0900.

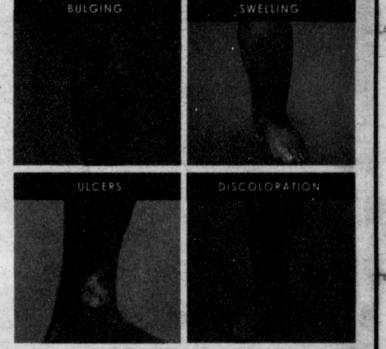


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mericans who are suffering from unsightly, swollen, painful varicose veins might want to take a closer look at their insurance", says Dr. Charles Mok, at Allure Vein Center.

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Forty million people suffer from varicose veins, which can result in substantial pain and complications if not treated. Symptoms may include bulging veins, restless legs, aching, throbbing, and cramping.

"Early detection with free leg exams is essential" says Dr. Mok. "Wait too long and you could experience unwanted skin changes including swelling and skin ulcers."

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FIRST EXPO: Budding engineers celebrated a successful first year for Junior FIRST Lego League with a Show Me Expo at Clarkston High School, Nov. 11. Led by the high school Team RUSH robotics team, the JrFLL students, all in grades 1-3, learned about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, using Lego robotics to solve real-world problems. *Photo provided by Dale Schnepp*

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David Kramer's Theodore and Cynthia Haaseth as Cora, at right, have a conversation as Lois Keel's Aaronetta listens in.

Family foibles

The "Morning's at Seven" theatrical run continues this weekend at Depot Theater.

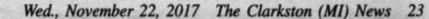
The Clarkston Village Players bring the trials and tribulations of four sisters, Cora, Ida, Esther, and Arry, to life, as they deal with the troubles caused mostly by the men in their lives.

Performance dates are Nov. 24-26, Nov. 30, and Dec. 1-2. Call 248-425-5842 for tickets.

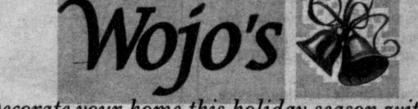


Michael Bell's Homer feels a bit awkward with his longtime girlfriend Myrtle, played by Debbie Kramer.









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Kay Lewis' Esther, seated, explains how things are to Phil Custodio's David, at right, Jim Pike's Carl, and Sara Sanger as Ida. Photos provided by Emily Janelle Dowd We want to Thank Tou for shopping with us this year! Please visit us during the month of December and receive a free 4" pot size Poinsettia.

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Events

Poinsettia/Greens sale, Clarkston Community Women's Club, 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. ***

Annual Greens Market, Clarkston Farm and Garden Club, Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive. Wreath/Roping preorder until Nov. 27. 248-625-6071.

Shoes for Kids, Dec. 9, Oakland Woods Baptist Church. Clarkston Rotary, with Project Kidsight 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.

Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of LatterThe Rotary/Goodfellow newspaper sale will be on 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.

Around Jown

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

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

Town Hall Quilt Guild, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5449 Clarkston Road. Guest fee, \$5.248-705-7310.

Networking Get-Together, Clarkston Area **Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals**

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

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, second Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Independence Township Hall, 6483 Waldon Center Drive. 248-623-4313.

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7-9 a.m., Clarkston United Method-

and

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.

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

50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch.248-846-6558.

Free General Support Group for any type of cancer and caregivers, fourth Thursdays, 2-3 p.m., Great Lakes Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Walk-ins welcome. 248-922-6610.

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thurs-

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.

Network, fourth Tuesday, 9-10 a.m., Picasso's Grapevine, 12 S Main Street. Free for chamber members.

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

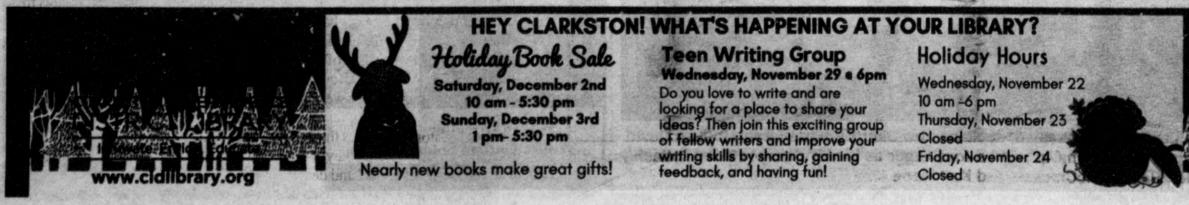
ist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com. ***

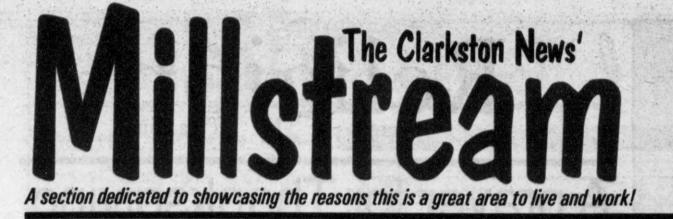
Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

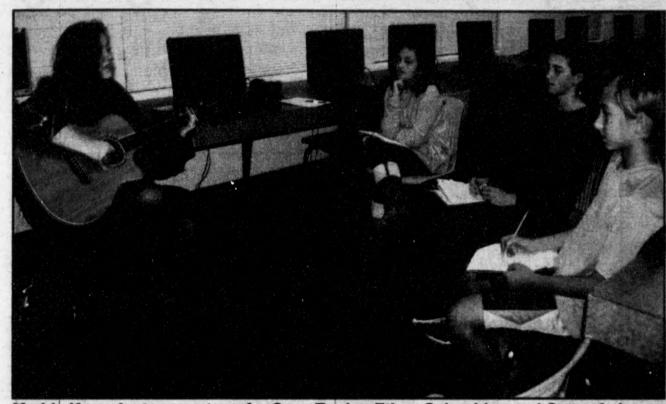
days, 6:45-8:30 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, room 122. 248-625-1611.

Friday

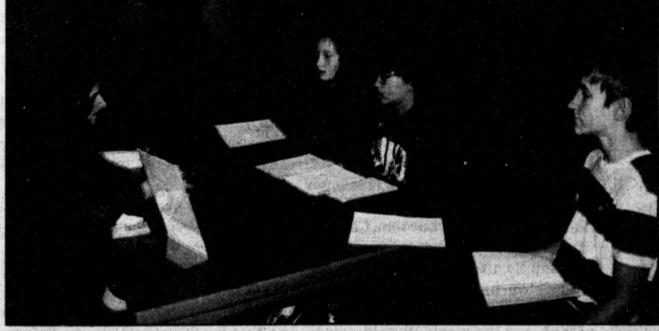
Line dance class, Fridays, 2-4 p.m., Waterford Senior Center, 3621 Pontiac Lake Road. \$4, all levels. 248-682-9450.



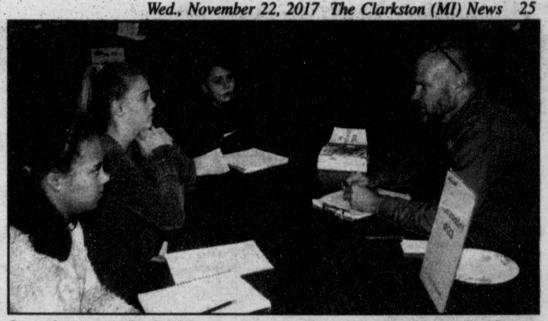




Maddy Kopsch strums a tune for Sean Trador, Ethan Schneider, and Grace Ankrom.



Kirsten Fermaglich discusses Jewish culture and religion with Ava Gushen, Angelina Kincannon, and Ethan Neumann.



Superintendent Dr. Rod Rock talks to students Mia Zorski, Jordin Moore, and Adam Breza. Photos by Jessica Steeley

Learning from living books

BY JESSICA STEELEY Clarkston News Staff Writer

Humans became books last week at Sashabaw Middle School as Allie Dennis' seventh grade classes listened to the stories and experiences of different guest speakers during their Human Library event.

"The human library project is a worldwide organization and it's a movement for social change," Dennis said. "We're kind of doing it here, but a modified version of it. I have different volunteers of all different ages, of all different professions and stages in their life."

This was the first human library project held in Clarkston, Dennis said. Speakers included two Clarkston High School students, Superintendent Rod Rock, Independence Township Trustee José Aliaga, and a pro-gamer, among others.

"It's really cool to see their reactions and see how interested they are in what you talk about and how they really care. It's just really cool to see and connect to them," CHS sophomore Maddy Kopsch said.

Kopsch told students about being a young musician and learning to play the guitar and write her own songs.

"It opens their minds to see how many different people there are in the mination.

"It's good to share my experience and encourage people about the American Dream. I told my story, basically came as an immigrant without having much and working hard and if you have a dream, a goal, this is the right place to belong," Aliaga said.

Dennis said before students experienced the human library they made predictions about what they thought the speakers would be like based on their name and the book title the speakers chose for themselves.

"Each one of these speakers today is like an autobiography, only they're here talking to the kids rather than actually writing the book," Dennis said, "so, we're thinking of these people as books and the students get to check them out for the hour and they get to talk to them about bits and pieces of their story and of their lives."

Seventh grader Ava Gushem thought the project was a good idea because she was able to learn about different people from different backgrounds and learn to combat the negative stereotypes used against certain people.

"I learned a lot of stuff about our superintendent and how he is a very important person and he goes to Washington D.C. a lot," Gushem said.



Independence Township Trustee Jose Aliaga talks with students Ricky Rottach, Isabella Foster, Payton McCracken, and Kathleene Mull.

world and how many people do different things," Kopsch said of the human library project.

José Aliaga discussed his experience coming to America as an immigrant from Peru, learning English and receiving his Master's Degree.

"As an immigrant I always have to overcome things here. They like the story, and they will ask me a lot of questions," Aliaga said. "Kids are curious about what immigrants do when we come to America."

He hopes his story motivates the kids to realize they can get what they want out of life through hard work and deter-

"Also about the Jewish person I was talking to. She told us a lot about her background, her religion and how she celebrates certain things and how they celebrate a lot of stuff differently."

Gushem said the project relates to a book their reading in class, "The Outsiders" through its focus on stereotypes.

"We learned a lot about stereotypes and labels that people have given them in the book and that those aren't always true," Gushem said. "You can always learn more from a person by talking to them."

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A prayer for Thanksgiving

Religion Events Preaching

We are in the midst of this season of frenetic activity and nonstop celebrating (or at least preparation for celebrating) someone has all too accurately dubbed "Hallowthankmas."

While I am not sure of the origin of the term, I am certain that I know the experience of this busy and often stressful, and yet hopefully joyful and fun time of year.

It all begins in October (or is it even earlier now?) when

Christmas decor shows up right next to Halloween costumes and continues into the New

Year. Of course one of the hazards of this headlong holiday blur is that we may mostly end up exhausted or fail to appreciate and really enjoy it. I guess that's

why Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year. It really helps me press the pause button and take the time to "count my blessings."

On Thanksgiving I try to focus on appreciating the simple blessings of life that mean so much but that I all too often take for granted: precious time with family, the food on our table, the friends we have, our church under construction, a great community to be part of, and the many other blessings we have from God.

Of course taking time to really reflect on our lives and gratitude for God's goodness is a good daily habit to develop. For me it's a matter of being intentional to pause long enough to remember that today, just like any other day, has 86,400 seconds in it and to decide to use at least a few of those to say "thank you!" I once read a little story about a grandfather who was asked by his young granddaughter if he liked the turkey this year - a question often asked nervously at holiday tables.

day."

Confused the little girl asked what he meant. He explained that he has a tradition in his life where each day he says thank you to God.

So even though Thanksgiving Day will come and go, there is no reason we too can't "have a little turkey" every day. And of course if you don't really like turkey you can substitute ham or fish or green beans or corn or tofu - what matters is the reminder that all is gift and that there is a giver to thank.

One of the most important ways I try to say thanks to God every day is in my giving to God's work and to others. Such "thanks - giving" may be something material or it may just be sharing a smile or a word of encouragement or an extra dose of patience and love to a stressed out stranger in line at the store or driving the car next to mine.

My prayer is that our generosity will flow as we give thanks through our giving to those around us - those next door and those on the other side of the globe.

Psalm 100 puts it this way: :

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

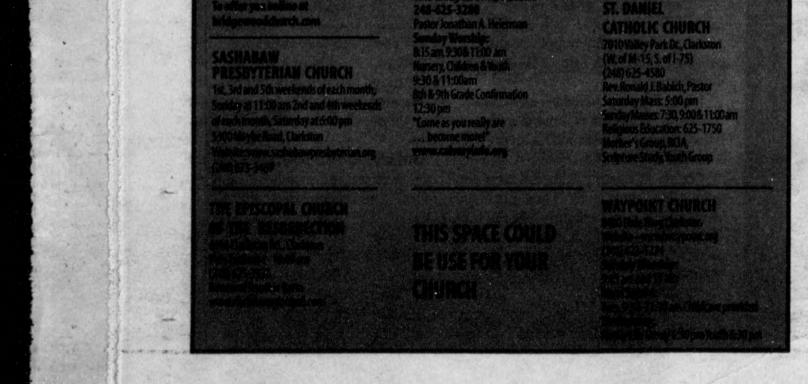
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

stor Jonathan Heierman





The grandfather responded that he liked the turkey very much and in fact he tries "to have a little turkey every and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

You might consider putting these words on your refrigerator or taping them to the bathroom mirror or typing them into your smart phone, so that they can help you begin each morning with a "little turkey." Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

The Rev. Jonathan Heierman is pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

Obituaries &.

Robert L. Evans, 81 David L. Newton, 52

Robert L. Evans, "Bob," of Clarkston passed away Nov. 14, 2017, at age 81.

He was the beloved husband of Dianne for 46 years; loving father of Julianne (Jim) Freer; proud grandpa of Tyler and Jake; brother of Wayne (Nancy) Evans, Ted (Mary) Evans, Mike Evans and Ken

Evans; also survived by many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Bob retired from General Motors after 30 years of service.

Funeral Service Friends was Nov. 20 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment with Full Military Honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or K9s for Warriors. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.



David Lee Newton of Clarkston passed away Nov. 15, 2017, at age 52.

He was the loving son of Larry and

Georgia Newton; cherished Brother of Kevin Newton and Julie (John) Koster; treasured uncle of Anthony and Emily Savage, Autumn Koster and Jeffrey Newton; special friend of Jeffrey Bloom.

David will be remembered for his love for music and dancing. He will be dearly missed by his dogs Pudge and Emma.

Funeral Service was Nov. 18 at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneral home.com.

> **Obituaries posted daily** at Clarkstonnews.com

In our local churches...

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 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469

Sunday Night Youth Group, games, snacks, etc., 6 p.m.; devotion time, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road. 248-394-0200.

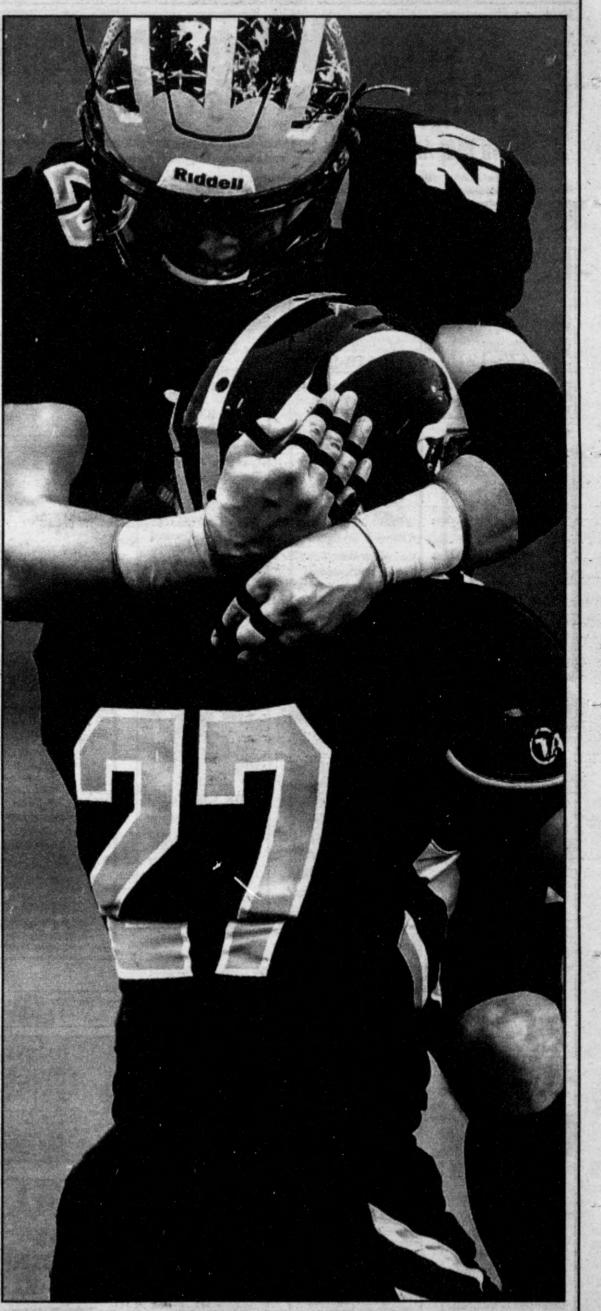
Bible Study by the Fire for adults and older youth, October-May, Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, 5300 Maybee Road. 248-673-3469.

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

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

Bible Study, Mondays, 10 a.m., Church of First Friday Family Fun, 7 p.m., St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road. Board and video games, snacks for all ages, kids movies. Call 248-625-4644 for information.

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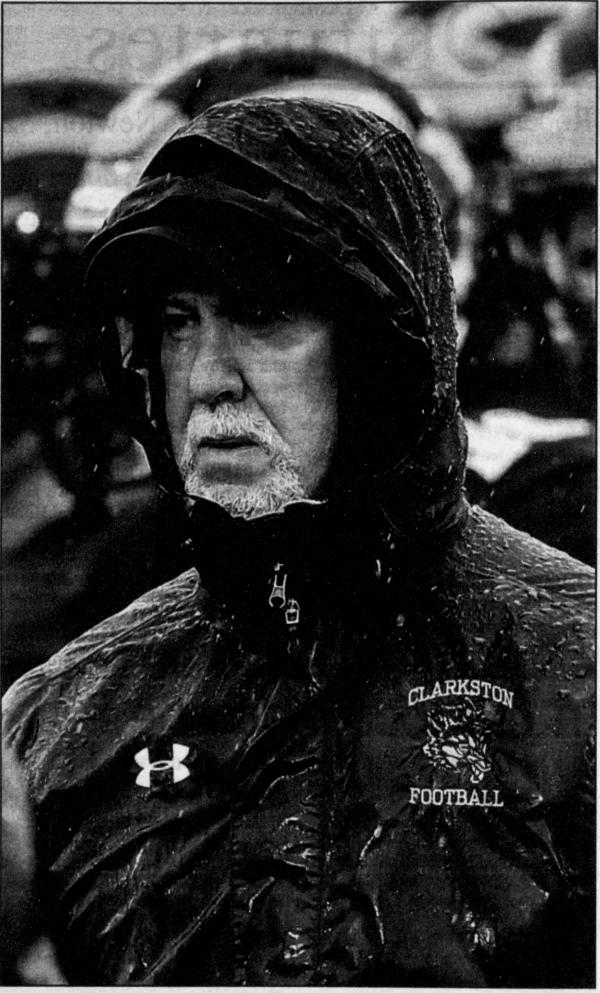
Clarkston Board of Education approved three additions and two subtractions to instructional staff at their Nov. 11 board meeting.

A secondary counselor was added at Clarkston High School, a shared time teacher was added, and a first-grade teacher at Andersonville Elementary. These additions replaced a secondary counselor resigning at the high school and a first-grade teacher resigning from Andersonville.

They also approved three additions and one subtraction to the support staff. Two paraeducators were added, one at the high school and one at Clarkston Junior High School, and a substitute media paraeducator at Independence Elementary. A general custodian resigned.

Seniors Zach Scott and Cody Hughes celebrate a successful play for the Wolves during their semi-finals victory. Photo by Larry Wright





STAYING FOCUSED: A steely eyed Kurt Richardson, Varsity Football head coach, concentrates on the job at hand despite the cold and rain, leading the

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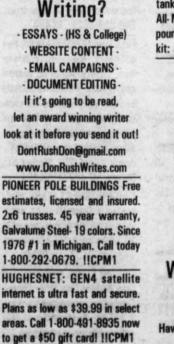
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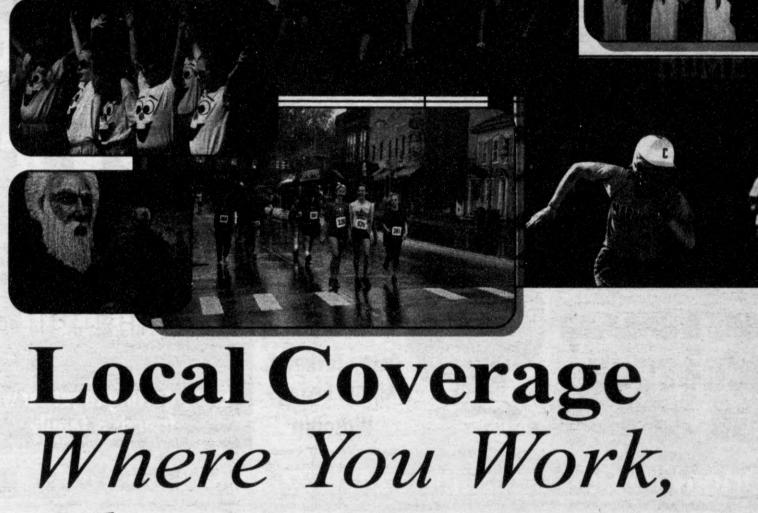
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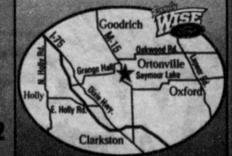


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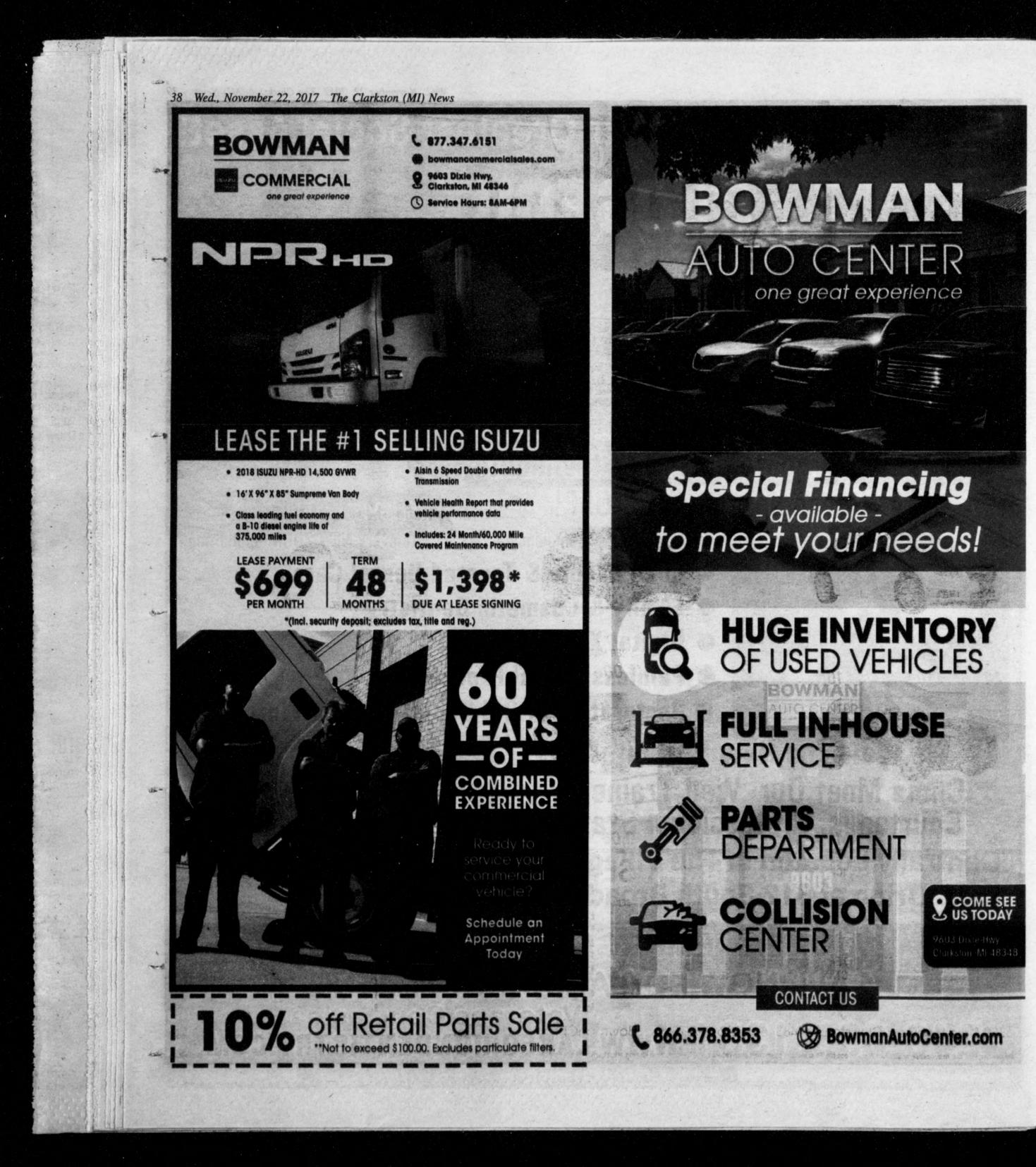
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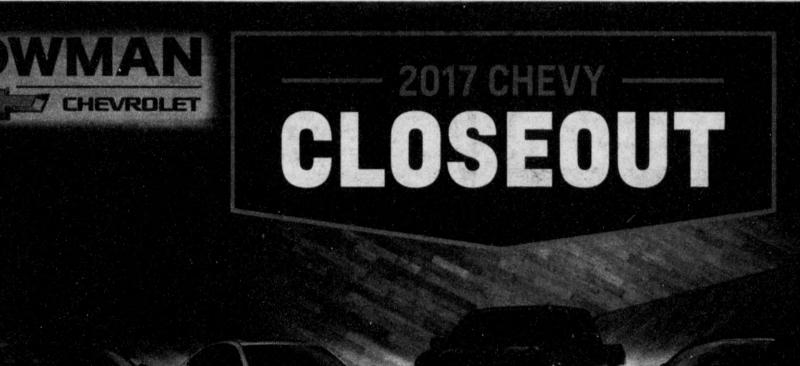
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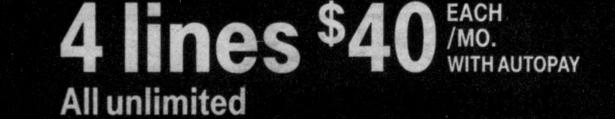
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