

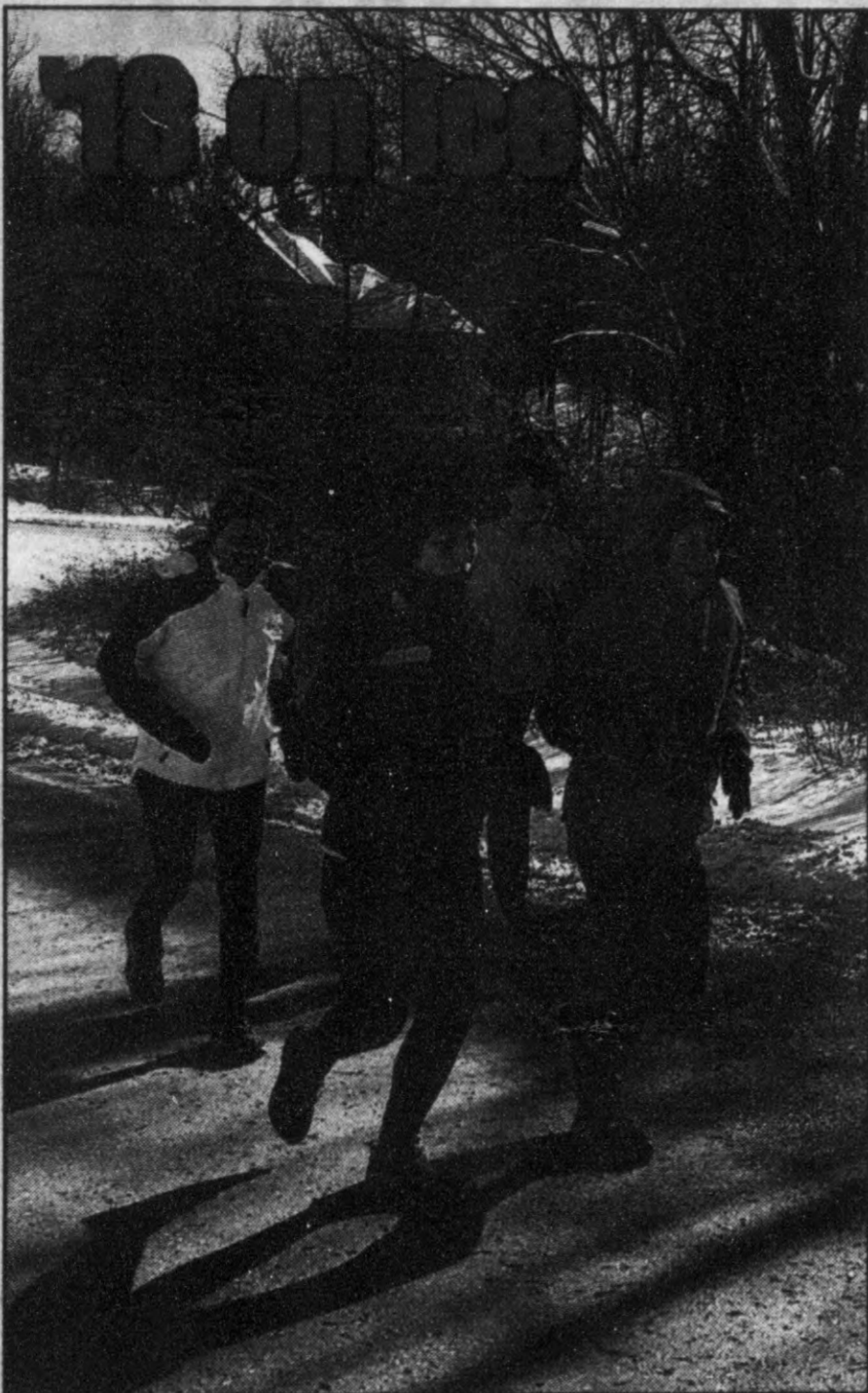
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From left, Kenneth Forbes, Anne Clifton, Mike McIntyre, Mary Jo Voelpel, and other Clarkston Wolfpack Running Club members bid adieu to 2017 with a New Year's Eve run, despite the frigid 2 degree Fahrenheit temperature. Temperatures ranged from -2 to 13 in Clarkston on New Year's Day, as bitterly cold Arctic air swept across the Midwest. The normal low is 20 degrees this time of year, and last year's Jan. 1 was 32 degrees, according to the National Weather Service. Photo by Phil Custodio



Layla Jordan and Payton Robinson. Photo by Brenda Dominick

Girls make holidays bright at kids hospital

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
 Clarkston News Staff Writer

Andersonville Elementary students Layla Jordan, 10, and her friend Payton Robinson, 10, started planning their journey of giving in September, much earlier than most people start their Christmas shopping.

These adorable girls with hearts of gold "warmed up" fellow students and staff to fulfill one special mission – the "Wishing Warm Holidays" Project.

They wanted to give coloring books and crayons to sick kids at DMC Children's Hospital in Troy.

"We raised money by selling hot chocolate packets that we put together ourselves. Then we sold them for \$1 each and raised \$311. Then on Sunday, we bought all of the coloring books and crayons and we're shooting to deliver them tomorrow," Jordan said, smiling.

The girls say they have 150 coloring books and 150 crayons to give to the sick children at the hospital.

Layla, the creator of the project, explains what sparked her interest in this project.

"There's a girl in my class that is sick, and she can't be in school with us right now and she is in the hospital because of it. So I thought, what can I do to help," Layla said.

She then went to buddy Robinson who explains what made her interested in the project.

"When she asked me and she told me all about it, it sounded awesome cause I know my friend Kaitlyn, her sister was in the hospital for a while and I know how hard it is to be in the hospital without anything to do and just sitting there. So I thought it was an excellent idea, and I love to help others," Robinson said.

These girls not only have amazing compassion, but also leadership skills. When asked how they got started, it was pleasantly surprising to hear how much initiative Layla and Payton had. They personally reached out to Amanda Sayre, Child Life Project Specialist who handles special events and donations at DMC Children's.

Jordan said, "We actually called the hospital. She (Amanda) thought that it was a good idea and that it would be good if we could do that."

Along with Principal Kim Fletcher and the staff at DMC, Layla and Robinson's parents are also very proud of them.

"My parents love the idea and they think it's amazing," said Robinson.

"Yeah my parents said they were very proud and overwhelmed a little bit" Jordan said.

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\$1.5M expansion for township DPW

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
Clarkston News Staff Writer

Independence Township is ready to receive bids for its new Department of Public Works expansion project.

The Preliminary Design Phase for the 7,200-square-foot DPW addition is 80 percent complete.

The budget for the project is \$1.5 million, with \$750,000 from water and \$750,000 from sewer budgets for this project, to be completed in 2018.

"One of the big problems they had with DPW was there was no drainage in the parking lot," said DPW Director David McKee at the Dec. 19 Township Board meeting. "Everything kind of sheeted right off of the parking lot and right into the field to the east side. Quite frankly, over the years, the water got under the asphalt and froze and the whole parking lot is absolutely a disaster. It's tore up pretty good."

They will be adding some storm drains to prevent any problems like this happening in the future, McKee said.

"It sure would be nice if we can shoot for the end of September to get this thing done," said township Supervisor Pat Kittle.

"Oh absolutely, if we can get it out in January for bid spec, I'd sure like to have it done by September," McKee replied.

"For the public's benefit, any additions or any buildings that the township builds goes through the planning commission just like any private citizen should," said Trustee Ronald Ritchie. "I'm just letting everybody know, they have to meet the same specifications."

DPW is considering four types of brick, paneling, and other materials for the exterior facades.

"We took a couple things out of each one and came up with a design," McKee said.

Summer heats up parking issue

Clarkston rolled out some solutions to its parking issue in the second half of 2017, creating new spots and plans, but there was some pushback from residents.

July 5

Ships of cardboard set to sail: Plans were being made, cardboard was being collected and duct tape was ready to go as Team RUSH 27 Robotics team was preparing for their annual regatta with boats made out of cardboard and duct tape.

Community support for special needs adults: Club Create Clarkston, a club where adults with special needs create art, received a \$500 donation from Knights of Columbus Council 5436.

Focus on parking enforcement as talks continue: As discussions continued on downtown parking, the city was stepping up on enforcing the current rules including 2-hour parking in the Main and Washington streets city parking lot.

July 12

Community works together to kick off SCAMP with picnic: For 30 years, volunteers have worked together to raise funds and organize SCAMP for kids with special needs beginning with a picnic at Independence Oaks County Park.

Celebrating red, white and blue at July 4 parade: Downtown Clarkston was All-American on July 4 with thousands of spectators clad in red, white and blue lining the streets from St. Dan's to Renaissance High School watching the Independence Day parade which featured 94 entries.

July 19

More restaurants up for redevelopment on M-15: The new FED restaurant, open for business on Main Street, wasn't the only M-15 eatery for something new as other restaurants were gearing for renovations.

Christmas baby makes five generations: Independence Township resident Rita Timulak enjoyed a five-generation family reunion at her home as her mother Irene Dalasko, daughter Sandra Timulak, granddaughter Ashley Snyder, and great-granddaughter, 7-month-old Hailie Snyder visited.

Workers busy with summer school con-

struction: Workers were busy tearing up and replacing parking lots and fields at Andersonville, Springfield Plains, Bailey Lake elementaries, and Clarkston High School.

July 26

Parking proposals could create 194 more spaces: A multi-part plan could create up to 194 new parking spots in the city, including some in front of Washington Street homes and angled parking on Depot Road.

Old cinema for sale: Owners of the commercial property at 6808 Dixie Highway, including the Clarkston Cinema, put the property up for sale, listing it for \$1,259,999.

Summer camp in television studio: Campers learned studio production, editing and effects at Independence Television's first ever summer camp.

August 2

Pedestrian struck on Main Street: A pedestrian was hit by a pickup truck turning left onto Main Street from Washington Street. Pedestrian safety issues in downtown Clarkston was a concern on the busy main route.

August 9

Pushback against E. Washington plan: Residents of E. Washington were not impressed with a proposal to "fix" parking on E. Washington by improving the right of way in front of their homes.

Inside/Out program starts: Artwork came to town as the Clarkston Cultural Arts Council and Detroit Institute of Arts installed the Inside/Out exhibits.

August 16

Last stand for historic home: Oakland County worked for more than a year and confirmed all efforts exhausted before condemning the almost 150-year-old Bailey house on Sashabaw Road to demolition. For Independence Township resident Sam Moraco, it wasn't enough as he said there were viable options to save the house.

Five-year plan for schools: As summer drew to a close, Clarkston Community Schools Board of Education President Elizabeth Egan and Vice President Kelli Horst hoped to work out the district's next five-

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Briefly

Theater auditions

Clarkston Village Players has open auditions for its March 2018 production of "Swan Song, A Study in Terror" at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 14, and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at The Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road.

Characters include a recently bereaved heiress, age 25-30, somewhat otherworldly; her fiancé, 30-ish, charming, assertive; an East Indian mystic, age 35-40, strange; an attorney and family friend, age 35-40, all business; the heiress' personal secretary, age 20-40, devoted; aunt, age 45-50, somewhat of a lush; and housekeeper, age 45-60.

The play is a harrowing tale of mystery, murder, madness and revenge. Performance dates are March 16-18, 23-25, and 29-31.

Contact Director Verne Vackaro 248-662-4813, vvackaro@aol.com or Producer Karen McClellan, 248-462-3074, kmcclella@yahoo.com.

Casual Day donations

Oakland County employees donated nearly \$60,000 to support local charities through the county's Casual Day program this past year, including Clarkston Community Schools' Media Center and Neighbor for Neighbor in Springfield Township, said County Executive L. Brooks Patterson.


"Oakland County employees are among the most generous individuals I know," Patterson said. "They are eager to help not only our Oakland County neighbors but also our neighbors 1,000 miles away. Casual Day is just one of the many ways our employees give back to the community."

On Casual Day, employees in participating departments and divisions donate \$1 to wear jeans or dress casually.

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Estate of Charles Allen Moore, Jr. Date of Birth: 1/4/1936.
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Charles Allen Moore, Jr., died 11/16/2017.

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

December 27, 2017

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF OAKLAND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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In the Matter of HAZEL L. CONDON, settlor of the BILLY CONDON AND HAZEL L. CONDON JOINT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST.
Date of Birth: 11/18/1924

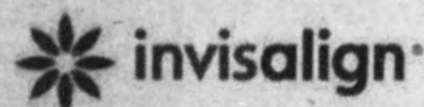
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, HAZEL L. CONDON, died 12/01/2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the BILLY CONDON AND HAZEL L. CONDON JOINT REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 1, 1999, will be forever barred unless presented to KATHY FELDMEYER and/or KIRK LEE COSTELLO, Trustees, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Megan Holt, High Five Races; Aimee Baker, Clarkston SCAMP executive director; Dawn Horner, Clarkston State Bank; Deanna Hart, High Five Races; and Terri Porritt, Blessings In a Backpack. Photo provided

Racers help kids' programs

The fifth Annual Backroads Half Marathon, 10km and 5km Race raised \$5,000 for Clarkston SCAMP, a five-week summer day camp for children and young adults with special needs; and Blessings in a Backpack, a "neighbor-helping-neighbor" program helping meet the nutritional needs of children and families.

"Clarkston SCAMP provides a wonderful summer camp program for children and young adults with disabilities in Southeast Michigan," said Dawn M. Horner, executive vice president for retail banking, Clarkston State Bank. "Since our inception, Clarkston State Bank has been devoted to helping our community prosper, and we are proud to partner with Clarkston SCAMP to support this valuable social and recreational experience. We also strongly support the mission of Blessings in a Backpack to make sure every school-aged child in Clarkston has the nourishment needed to learn and grow. We are fortunate to be able to support both of these

programs to help them better serve our community."

With over 1,000 registrations for the Nov. 12 race, the runners, walkers and other participants made their way along a course featuring a mixture of trails, hills, back roads and wood bridges through and around Independence Oaks County Park.

Blessings in a Backpack volunteers provide food on the weekends for elementary school children in Southeast Michigan and across America who might otherwise go hungry. SCAMP is a social and recreational five-week program developed and designed for children and young adults with special needs. This local program also provides a growing and learning opportunity for both the young adults hired to be aides for the SCAMPers, as well as the volunteers. It provides the parents of the SCAMPers the calming effect of knowing that their child is in a safe haven and having a good time that they might not be able to experience any other way.

Bordine's donates \$6,900 to Assistance League

Calvin Bordine, president of Bordine's in Springfield Township, recently presented Assistance League of Southeastern Michigan with a check for \$6,900, a portion of which came from ticket sales from Bordine's annual Holiday Extravaganza.

"We are inspired by the community spirit of those who attended and we are grateful for the generosity shown by Bordine's leadership," said Rosemary Dirksen, Assistance League president. "Generous hearts are always in season. This helps our chapter continue to make a profound impact on local families in the communities we serve."

More than 400 guests celebrated the holidays at the Nov. 8 event. The donation will further the Assistance League mission to provide clothing, food, educational support and comfort to nearly 23,000 children and adults

each year.

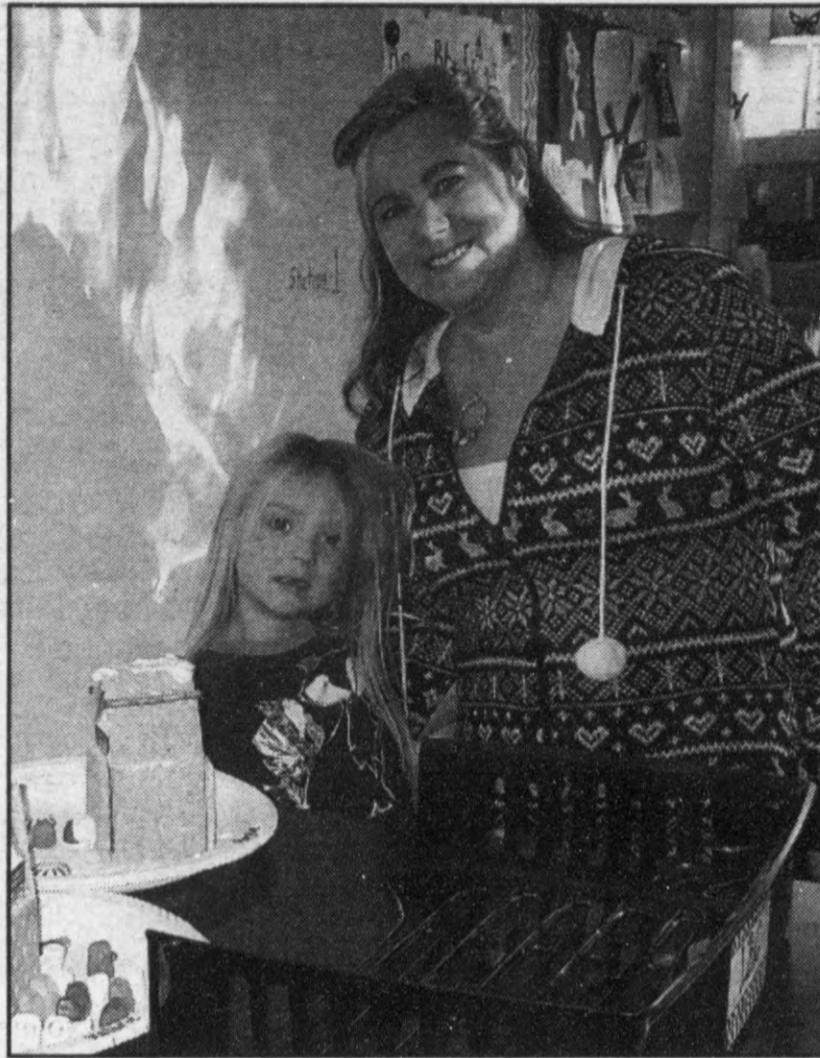
The Extravaganza featured food samples from local restaurants, wine accompaniments, creative holiday displays, music, games, and raffles. Raffle tickets were awarded to guests who brought warm winter accessories, amounting to an additional donation of 226 hats and 392 pairs of gloves.

"There is a lot of love in this festive winter wonderland," said Violet Cholakian, Assistance League board member. "It certainly put us in the holiday spirit while we shop for a cause."

Assistance League has been serving communities since 1993 through philanthropic programs and ReSale Connection store. Bordine's has been the largest family-owned grower and retail garden center in Michigan for 77 years.



From left, Kim Suida, Evelyn Suida, Jacqueline Suida, Kaitlynn Suida, and Mark Suida get ready to take their goodies home after their Springfield Plains Elementary holiday parties.



First grader Valorie Hall and her mom Tina Hall stand by the gingerbread house that they made in Alexandria Herula's class at North Sashabaw Elementary.



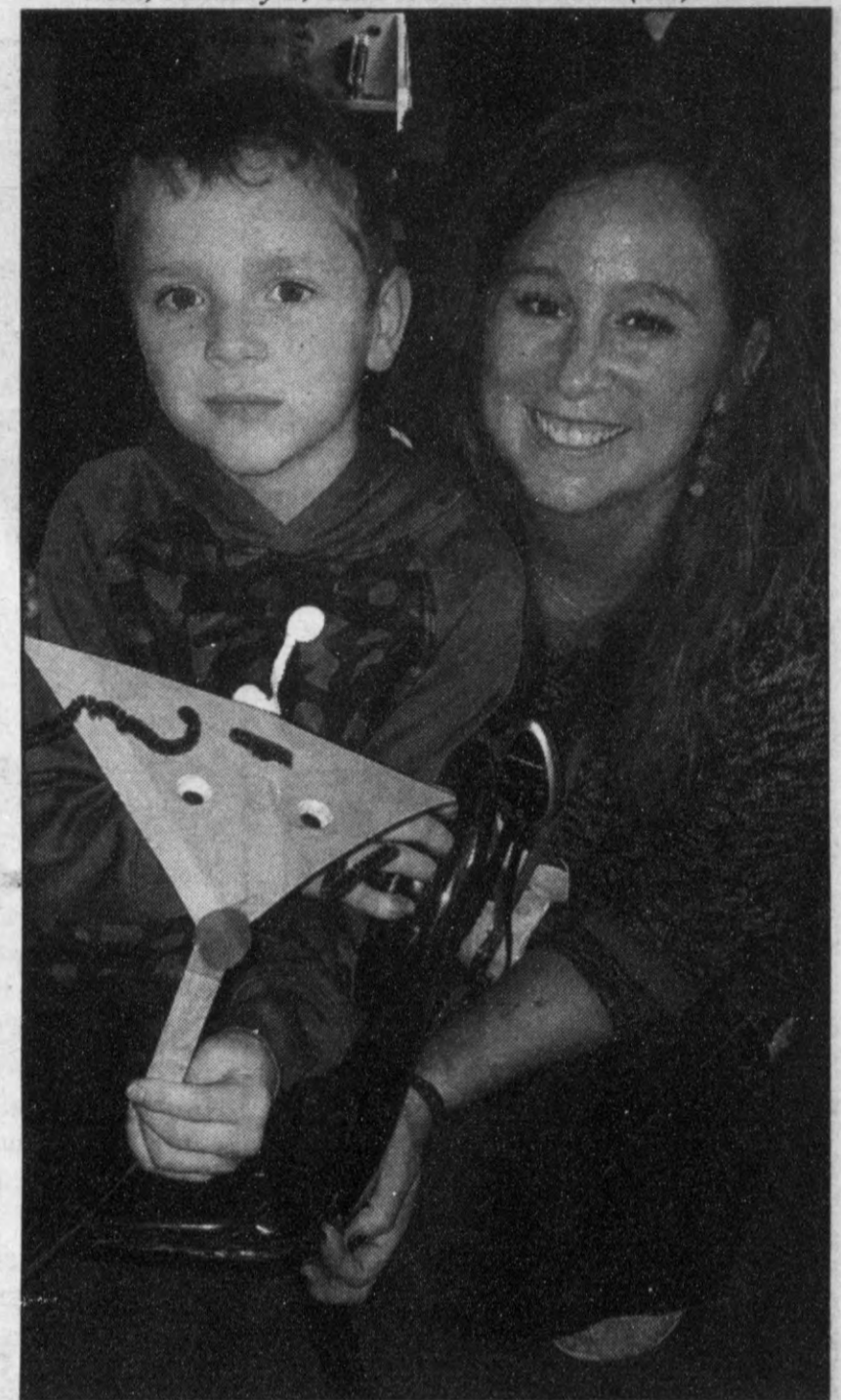
First graders make gingerbread houses in Molly Hothem's class at North Sashabaw Elementary, from left, Sophia Gutierrez, Brayden Peruski, Freya Vieau, Marissa Miller, Ginessa Jimenez, and Lexis Munoz.



Second grader Kara Marsh stands next to the festive class tree and her mom Karen Marsh in Nicole Dudek's class at North Sashabaw Elementary



Kindergartner Isabella Wheeler and her father Brent Wheeler display their yummy frosted Christmas tree they made in Anita Gillam's class at Springfield Plains Elementary



Second grader Jamie Herbst and his teacher Nicole Dudek show off his Rudolph puppet at North Sashabaw Elementary.

Holiday party time

North Sashabaw Elementary and Springfield Plains Elementary celebrated the holidays with family members at their holiday parties, Dec. 21, with crafts, games, and snacks.

Photos by Brenda Dominick



Kindergartners enjoy some tasty holiday snacks in Christina Brauze's class at Springfield Plains Elementary, from left, Jackson Preston, Jude Torres, Chelsea Schaffert, Mike Powers, and Vivian Stine.

Brenda's Beat

A column by Brenda Dominick

2018 – bring it on!

So I've decided to take a positive approach to reflect on all things 2017 and look forward to 2018...just because...why not?

Every week or so, I show a couple of motivational videos to my kids in hopes they will get inspired, or at least get a smile on their faces.

Of course, there are times, here and there, with the crabby, 'tween moments like chore time, homework time and bed time, when I remind the kids about the "words of wisdom" expressed in these videos.

For the most part, the 'words' have made a pretty good impression on them.

One of the great benefits of being an American is the promise of tomorrow. We have so many opportunities to challenge ourselves and become a better person, whether it's at home, at work, or in the community.

Matthew McConaughey, one of my favorite actors, made a very thought-provoking speech while accepting an award at the 2014 Oscar Awards. He mentioned that one of the things that he needs every day is someone to chase (his hero), which is the person he is going to be in 10 years. McConaughey added, "it keeps me with somebody to keep on chasing." *Inspiring.*

Something I try to instill into my kids on a daily basis is leadership. From time to time, I use real life situations to make an example of how they should be a leader, not a follower.

Denzel Washington, another great actor, used words to inspire leadership during his commencement speech at Dillard University. He said, "Claim it, work hard to get it. When you get it, reach back, pull someone else up. Don't just aspire to make a living, aspire to make a difference." *Powerful.*

Of course, my biggest personal goal for this year is to lose some weight and keep it off. Better said than done I know. Luckily, the holiday season has ended, which means the carby and sugary temptations have also ended.

Thankful.

So, what inspired you about 2017? What are you excited about 2018?

Whatever your goals, dreams, or plans are, I hope these words of inspiration will brighten your heart and give you hope for the new year!



Thanks for community help for Mitten Trees

Dear Editor,

To all of the people who have, so far, generously donated to our Mitten Trees, the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club thanks you all so much for your generosity in donating mittens and hats to our Village Planter trees lining Main Street in downtown Clarkston.

To date we've donated almost 200 pairs of mittens and mitten/hat sets to Lighthouse Clarkston on Dixie Road.

We'd also like to thank all of the businesses along Main Street who are participating this winter. The signs are nicely displayed and we're trying to keep the clothes pin baskets full so it's easy to clip those mittens right on the trees!

What started as a simple idea during one of our meetings has resulted in a wonderful way to express the kindness so many of us have in our hearts. The people of Clarkston have found many ways to donate including dropping off bags of mittens and hats at some of the participating businesses.

And as we brush away the snow and collect the mittens we've been overwhelmed at the thank you's and appreciation people walking along Main Street have given us. We truly live in a wonderful place with that small town feeling of community that is not easy to find.

Given the enthusiasm of the response so far we're excited to announce we are extend-



From left are Diane Putvin, Michelle from Lighthouse, and Beth Kerr.

ing the Mitten Tree project through February. Michelle at Lighthouse Clarkston told us they get a lot of requests after the holidays for mittens and hats because as soon as the kids get back to school, somehow, their mittens get misplaced or lost.

So, with the almost 200 they already have from all of us, they'll need more given this chilly winter season!

So please keep the generosity going, keep attaching the mittens to the trees and we'll keep the clothes pins ready and mittens dry until our next donation.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all again.

Beth, Diane, and Betsy, members, Clarkston Farm & Garden Club

Tax bill still requires health insurance, reader says

Dear Editor,

The tax bill passed by congress and signed into law didn't "eliminate the mandate to buy health insurance," it eliminated the tax for those who refuse to buy health insurance ("Health care concerns for Congressman Bishop," Dec. 27).

The requirement to purchase health insurance is still intact under the ACA. Let's assume for a moment that driving is a right, and not a privilege. Let's also assume the law requires every car repair shop to accept and repair vehicles who's owners chose to drive without insurance. That would be silly considering that such a law would quickly raise insurance rates, and, or bankrupt car repair shops.

Yet, before AND after the passage of the

ACA no one questions the mandate that requires hospitals to accept and treat those without insurance.

Especially when the ACA has always required one to have health insurance! Why are hospitals, clinics, and urgent care facilities still required to treat the uninsured?

What better incentive to get people to purchase some type of healthcare insurance than if we stopped forcing healthcare facilities to accept those without insurance. Not eliminating "free healthcare" to the uninsured leaves one with little incentive to purchase health insurance. And therein lies the real problem with healthcare.

*Michael Powell
Independence Township*

A 'no' to more home equity interest deductions

Dear Editor,

No thanks to the rushed-through new Tax Reform Act, effective Jan. 1, we can no longer deduct the interest on home equity loans unless used for home improvements.

How is the loss of this very common deduction going to benefit middle and lower income Americans who relied of tapping into their home equity without having to incur the much higher expenses related to obtaining a mortgage?

Congress awarded already profitable corporations a permanent 40 percent reduction in the top tax rate which goes into effect immedi-

ately. The home equity deduction is gone in 2018 without notice or reasonable phase-in to pay off these credit lines while still deductible.

Forget trying to correct this problem by speaking with our vegetarian congressman, "No Meet" Mike Bishop. As is his practice, no public meetings have taken place or are scheduled. I called his office and could only leave a message. So much for being our representative.

Oakland County residents NEED and DESERVE better representation in Congress. Bishop is just a pawn of special interests.

*Henry S. Woloson
Independence Township*

A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2002

"Christmas tree made cancer victim's holiday bright" Cheryl Molencupp didn't feel in the mood to decorate for Christmas after recovering from four months of chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. Two weeks before Christmas someone dropped a tree off in the middle of the night. "All kinds of emotions flooded," she said.

"Local doctor advises sensible approach to diet resolutions" Many make health-related resolutions for the new year with losing weight the most common. Clarkston physician Dr. James O'Neill shared advice to fulfill the resolution.

"Tons of toys for tots collected" Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate in Clarkston collected toy for its fourth year on on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program with help of several area businesses.

25 years ago - 1992

"Reward: Neighbors want tree vandals caught" The Oakland County Sheriff's Department with help from the Bitterbush Homeowners Association wre offering \$100 reward for information on trees damaged in the subdivision's entrance on Reese Road.

"Recycling trees yet another gift" Christmas tree recycling was growing in Oakland County which helps county parks as well as reduces the amount of waste in area landfills.

"Waitress finds success, enjoyment in running" Independence Township resident Pam Babcock began jogging for exercise and two years later she was a successful road racer, placing in over 90 percent of her races.

50 years ago - 1967

"Jaycees Bosses night will feature TV personality" The Clarkston Area Jaycees announced Lou Gordon, Detroit area radio and TV commentator, would be the main speaker for their Bosses' Night and Distinguished Service Award Banquet.

"New postal rates effective" New rates were effective for first-class mail, going up to six cents and air mail, going up to 10 cents. "Even with the new rates postal service is still a real bargain," said Postmaster Elizabeth Ronk.

"Around the town" The Harry Chapman family, of Maybee Road, went to their place on Avory Lake for the New Year's weekend. Joining them was their daughter, Dianne; and their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Chapman.

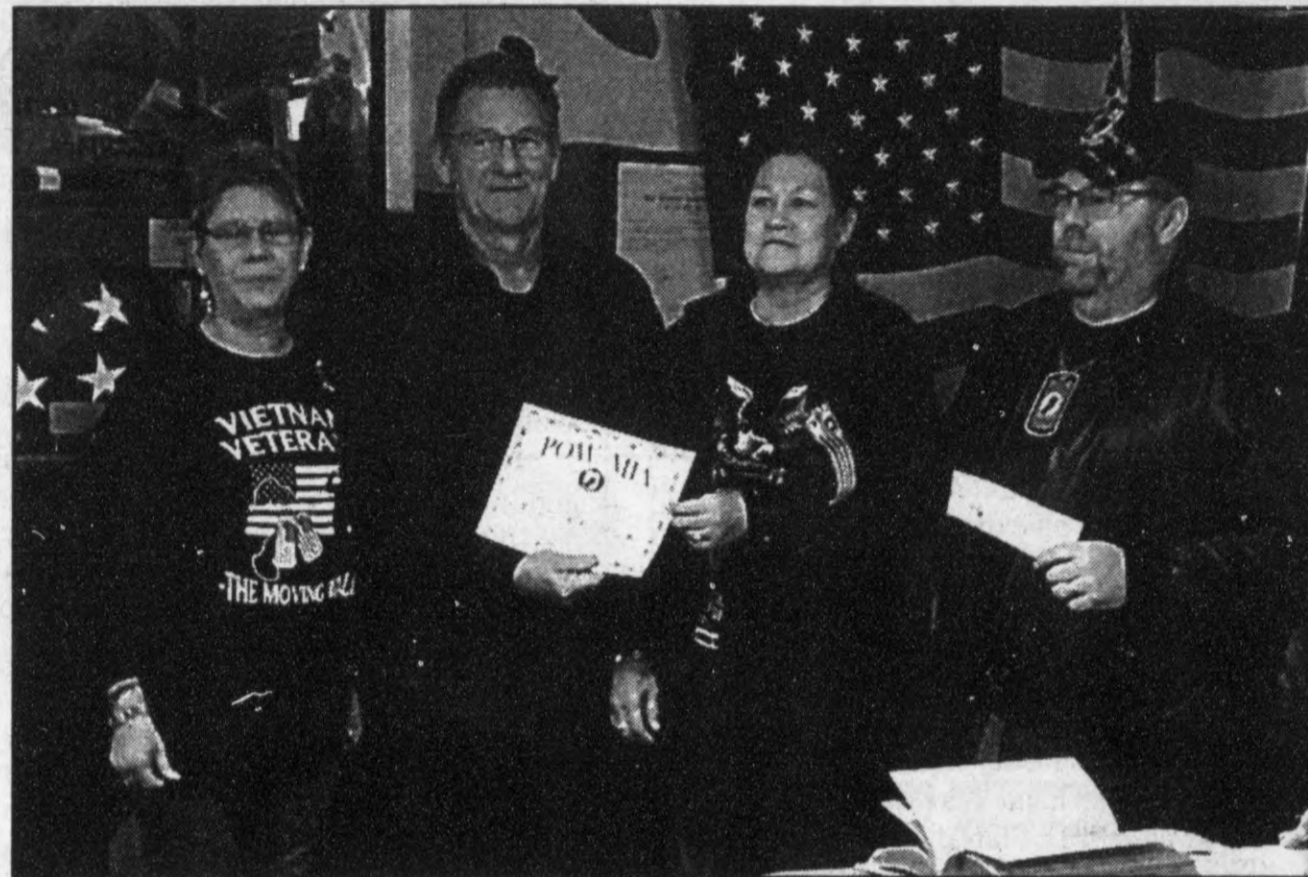
In our country's service

U.S. Air Force Airman **Adam N. Koons** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Koons is the son of Thomas Koons of Clarkston. He is a 2017 graduate of Clarkston High School.



Presenting the check to POW Committee of Michigan Vice President Tom LaForge, at right, are, from left, Annie Roe, VFW 1370 Auxiliary president, and Keith and Uni Marbutt, Yellow Ribbon Campaign co-chairs. Photo provided

Yellow Ribbons for POW/MIA

Veterans and friends with Pontiac VFW Post 1370 raised \$568 for the POW Committee of Michigan in their Yellow Ribbon Campaign.

They started the project on POW/MIA Recognition Day, Sept. 15, and ended it on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, said Keith Marbutt, VFW Auxiliary member, Post 1370.

"We make simple POW/MIA yellow ribbons and accept any donation from our members and guests, to put the donor's name on the ribbon and display them in the clubroom," Marbutt said. "All funds are presented to the POW committee of Michigan, to help with recovery, identification and repatriation of US Soldiers that have been listed as Missing in Action or as Prisoner of War."

This year close your mouth and open your ears

Ah.

Can you smell it? Right now, take a step outside and take a deep breath through your nose. Aside from those little nose hairs freezing together, what you'll experience is the freshness that is a new calendar year.

Thank goodness. 2017 was sort of a foul smelling, 365 days of ranker, intolerance, anger and ignorance. And that is before you add in politicians. The Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen was a year when it was considered cool, acceptable to shut down freedom of expression, thought and speech, so long as the person knocked down was in disagreement with any who could shout louder. Yup, I am glad 2017 is gone, but I think it had to happen. As I oft tell my sons, you cannot fix something until you see it is broken.

The last year was a year of broken communication skills.

So, aside from all the usual new year well-wishing and understanding 2017 was a year of indignational outbursts of emotion — may your 2018 be one of introspection and reason; of learning and logic. May you open your hearts, so you may open your mind. Close your mouth more and open your ears and eyes.

May your 2018 be the year you stand up against demonization and dehumanizing of those who are not lock-step in line with you. May empathy and a true and honest endeavor in understanding be your journey.

In 2018, I wish for you to break the shackles which bind you to one group or another. May the bubble of thought which enslaves you to only one opinion burst, allowing fresh air of differing ideas wash over you. May you invite those with other ideas to discuss the validity

of their ideals with you — and may you openly share yours with them; not with the purpose of converting, nay, with only the pure and reasonable assumption of learning and understanding.

And, questioning, exploring and expanding your own mind.

In 2018, may your heart allow your head to lead while you dance in the arena of ideas.

In 2018, I hope we all harken back to our very liberal origins — liberal, in the classic sense of the individual having the right to pursue life, liberty and happiness. The liberal ideal that individuals are endowed with the right to think as they think, not as a government authority tells them to think; with the right to associate, speak and assemble freely — without fear of an over-reaching government, or whipped into a frenzy mob.

This year, it is my wish we — Americans of all stripes — understand what liberal once meant. The enlightened liberal of 1776 which celebrates individual liberty over group think and government control. When did the word liberal change to mean the opposite of what it started as? President FD Roosevelt? President Wilson? Theodore Roosevelt?

Why does a liberal of today believe the government alone can solve everyone's problems while the liberal of the 18th and 19th century believed the individual's ability to solve their own issues? On March 4, 1801 Thomas Jefferson gave his first inaugural address as the country's third president after a highly contested and nasty election. Here's some of what he said.

"We are all republicans: we are all federalists. If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve this Union, or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated, where reason is left free to combat it. I know indeed that some honest men fear that a republican government cannot be strong; that this

government is not strong enough. But would the honest patriot, in the full tide of successful experiment, abandon a government which has so far kept us free and firm, on the theoretic and visionary fear, that this government, the world's best hope, may, by possibility, want energy to preserve itself? I trust not. I believe this, on the contrary, the strongest government on earth. I believe it the only one, where every man, at the call of the law, would fly to the standard of the law, and would meet invasions of the public order as his own personal concern. *Sometimes it is said that man cannot be trusted with the government of himself. Can he then be trusted with the government of others? Or have we found angels, in the form of kings, to govern him? Let history answer this question . . .*

" . . . entertaining a due sense of our equal right to the use of our own faculties, to the acquisitions of our own industry, to honor and confidence from our fellow citizens, resulting not from birth, but from our actions and their sense of them, enlightened by a benign religion, professed indeed and practised in various forms, yet all of them inculcating honesty, truth, temperance, gratitude and the love of man, acknowledging and adoring an overruling providence, which by all its dispensations proves that it delights in the happiness of man here, and his greater happiness hereafter; with all these blessings, *what more is necessary to make us a happy and a prosperous people?* Still one thing more, fellow citizens, a wise and frugal government, which shall restrain men from injuring one another, shall leave them otherwise free to regulate their own pursuits of industry and improvement, and shall not take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned. This is the sum of good government; and this is necessary to close the circle of our felicities.

Thus endeth your first lesson of 2018. Happy New Year!

Don't
Rush Me



A column by
Don Rush

Public Safety

For Clarkston and Independence Township

Expired license

A deputy on patrol stopped an SUV for running a red light at Sashabaw and Flemings Lake roads, 6:42 p.m., Dec. 22. The driver, a 43-year-old Independence Township woman, was cited for disobeying a traffic control signal and driving with an expired license.

Smoky oven

A resident in the 7000 block of Eames Court called 911 after an oven mishap filled the kitchen with smoke, 6:32 p.m., Dec. 17. He was cooking a chicken when he heard a loud pop. When he turned around, he saw there was sparking and arcing inside the electric oven. Independence Township Fire Department and a sheriff's deputy responded. Firefighters cut off the electricity to the oven and removed the appliance from the house.

Call Oakland County Sheriff's Office with tips at 800-SPEAK-UP or 1-800-773-2587

Ice safety

Oakland County Sheriff's Office has some tips to stay safe on frozen lakes and ponds:

- Plan ahead by dressing appropriately for changing weather conditions. Dress in layers to protect all exposed parts of your body. Consider wearing a personal flotation device, or a flotation jacket or suit. Ice creepers attached to boots will help to keep you stable on the ice and can assist in self-rescue.

- Bring safety items which may include cell phone, whistle, rope, ice pick or awls, screwdriver, hand flares, flashlight, and a throwable PFD. Plan ahead for a rescue.

- If someone falls through the ice, do not run to the hole. First, call 911 and get help on the way. Then use a pole, branch, rope or any other handy object, which can be extended to the victim from a safe position. You cannot help if you also become a victim.

- If you fall through the ice, do not panic. Call out for help and kick your feet while getting your hands and then arms up onto safer ice. This is when the ice awl or screwdriver will help you with your self-rescue. Continue to "swim" up onto the ice far enough to crawl or "roll-out" to safer ice.

Students work together to help others

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The girls also had some words of advice and inspiration for other kids to follow in their footsteps of fundraising or helping sick people.

Jordan said, "What I would say is just a little idea can turn into something big with enough time and the right people."

Robinson echoed her good friend's sentiments.

"If you have a dream, follow it, and it can really turn into something huge and make a really big difference in your life and maybe inspire a lot of people to do it," she said.

Well they must have a contagious spirit, because the response to this project was pretty impressive.

Principal Fletcher was proud to mention how the girls showed their gratitude and the bountiful result of their fundraiser last Monday at a school event. Additionally, the principal showed a little PowerPoint presentation with music and showed it at the event.

"We have school-wide meetings where we come together as a school family every other Monday and we recognized everything that they have done. They got up in front of the whole school and said thank you to the school for helping them

raise all of that money. They raised every single dollar to go out and buy the materials to take to the children. They displayed 150 coloring books and 150 crayons. So it was great that the kids that ordered hot chocolate and participated in the fundraiser, got to see what that actually looked like," Fletcher said.

"They have inspired lots of people here and several people did come up after the school meeting and say, 'how can we help.' Then I was just telling them (the girls) that we have several younger students who want to help as well and they have been making homemade coloring books and bringing them to add to the collection."

The principal also reminded the students the school is a family and everybody there has value and something to give to the world. She emphasizes to them it doesn't have to be a monetary or material gift and it can be a gift of love and time.

"That's what these girls have done, given love and time, and gave back to kids who aren't as fortunate as us" she said.

Fletcher added, "They're amazing girls, I'm so proud of them. They inspire me and they inspire everyone."

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Clarkston Boys Varsity Ski team. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

Ready to hit the slopes

BY WENDI REARDON PRICE
 Clarkston News Sports Writer

Snow and cold builds excitement at Pine Knob Ski Resort as high school racers get ready for their 2018 season.

Teams ready to hit the hill are Clarkston Boys and Girls Ski teams.

"I am super excited," said Captain Katie Bayley for the girls team. "We have been together for a while. The girls have learned over the last couple of years. We have a strong team. I think we will perform really well."

She added the bond will help as team members race individually.

"We work well together and encourage each other," Bayley said.

"It looks pretty good," said Captain Max Weidemann, adding they have a lot of talent including freshman racers. "We've got Hunter Hambrick, who we have been looking forward to coming up."

He added the boys starting four are strong as well as their fifth and sixth racers.

"It is going to be very helpful just in case one of us falls we have the back up," Weidemann said. "I feel like we are going to come out as one of the top teams in the region."

Both teams aim to place in the top three at regionals on Feb. 12 to qualify for the state meet, Feb. 16.

The boys are looking forward to the regional race to do better than their season end in 2017.

"We kind of had a blow up," said Weidemann, explaining he was the only one

to make it down the hill while others fell.

"It was a disappointing way to end at regionals," said Mike Foyteck, boys coach. "It left a bitter taste in their mouths. They are out to change that course this year."

"It was on our mind all summer," said Justin Osborn, who had a good first run in regionals. "We don't want it to happen again. All of us were crushed, waiting for the end of the day knowing we couldn't do anything. Regionals will be at Pine Knob, a place we feel comfortable at. We feel this is our year. A lot of our good guys are seniors - this is our year."

The girls JV and varsity teams include freshman Sydney Hasenfratz; sophomores Mia Farella, Olivia Foyteck, Sophie Goik, Allison Osborn, Chloe Swanson; juniors Julia Belinsky, Madison Floreno, Megan Ford, Annika Karlstrom; seniors Helen Josephson and Bayley.

The boys JV and varsity teams include freshmen Miles Benson, Andrew Foyteck, Carl-Gunnar Karlstrom, David Robinson, Andrew Roeser, Hambrick; sophomores Jacob Draksler, Jacob Marra; juniors Nicholas Bassman, Alexander Cichoracki, Peyton Miller, Jacob Roeser; seniors Evan Raddatz, Osborn and Wiedemann.

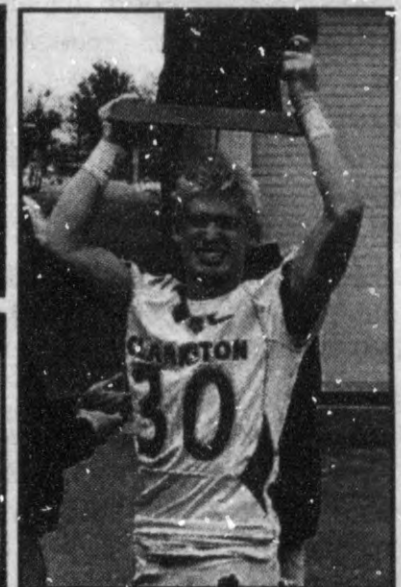
"I am excited," Foyteck said. "If they work hard and stay healthy I think we will have a promising year on both the girls and boys teams."

"We are going to fight for it and constantly be pushing to improve so we can go this year," Weidemann said.



Clarkston Girls Varsity Ski team.

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR



Congrats to Athletes of the Week, July - December

July: Senior athletes Kristen Page and Alex Matisse, Clarkston Boys Varsity Lacrosse team, Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team, Clarkston Varsity Softball

August: Clarkston Warriors Flag Football team, Independence Township Parks, Recreation and Seniors Michigan Center for Orthopedic Surgery team, Joe Halligan, Joe Kuczanski and Alexandra Gladding, Fineese Skapyak 14U, Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis

September: Clarkston Freshman Volleyball team, Golfer Georgia Bosart, Clarkston

Girls Cross Country team, Clarkston Equestrian team

October: Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team, Spiker Claire Nowicki, Footballer Zach Scott, Girls 2021 North Oakland Wolfpack team

November: Spiker Abbey Malinowski, Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team, Clarkston Chiefs JV Blue team, Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team

December: Kicker Jermaine Roemer, Footballer Michael Fluegel, Footballer Grant Burgess



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Fall 2017 brings success on sports fields

Clarkston athletes continued their success during the second half of 2017. Here are a few more highlights from 2017. Thank you to the Clarkston community, it was a great year and we look forward to watching you achieve more of your goals in 2018!

August 9

King football back in business: The Clarkston Varsity Football team was back on the fields for the first practice of the fall season.

Ready to play for mom: Junior Jake Billette was looking forward to the Clarkston Varsity Football's third game of the season as the Wolves would host Bloomfield Hills for Football for a Cure. During the annual event he would wear a jersey and play for his mother, Linda Billette.

August 23

Successful season opener: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team kicked off their season with two shutouts with a 1-0 win over Traverse City West and a 1-0 win over Traverse City Central.

Netters top first tourney of the season: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team walked off the court with the crown for the first time since participating in the Grand Blanc Invitational.

August 30

Big win at Big House: The Clarkston Varsity

Football defeated Lapeer during their second Battle at the Big House with a 42-7 win.

September 6

Victory at home opener: The Clarkston Varsity Football team defeated Southfield Arts & Technology in their season opener, 17-7 which was a huge feat since the Southfield scored 54 points in their season opener.

Top of the green in fall: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team topped the competition at the Troy Invitational as they took first place out of 15 teams at the event.

September 13

Season-best runs lead to first-place finish: The Clarkston Girls Cross Country team finished in first place in the Algonac Muskrat Classic as the boys finished in second place. Both teams set personal bests during the meet.

September 20

Soccer shutout against Southfield Arts and Tech: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team defeated Southfield Arts & Technology in a 7-0 shutout. They scored four points in the second half with two from Finn Eblenkamp within a two minute span.

Two wins for volleyball: The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team opened OAA Red league play with a 3-0 win over Troy Athens and a 3-1 win over Troy.

Victory at Traverse City: The Clarkston Boys

Varsity Tennis team dominated the north for the second consecutive year as they won a tournament in Traverse City.

September 27

Gridiron heroes shut out Wildcats in league play: Clarkston Varsity Football opened their game at Oxford with a 14-0 lead in the first four minutes. They won the game 48-0.

Wolves close out game early against Yellow Jackets: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team ended their game against OAA Red foe Avondale with 14:30 left in play after winning the game, 9-1.

Golfers fifth in county meet: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team finished in fifth place out of 21 teams at the Oakland County Girls Golf tournament with 346 points.

October 4

Share with OAA title: The Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team became co-champions in the OAA Red after posting two wins over league foes Bloomfield Hills and Oxford.

October 18

Clarkston lands playoff spot: The Clarkston Varsity Football team clinched a playoff spot as they finished their game against Lake Orion with a 17-9 win.

Golfers break through cold and mist for regional title: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team achieved their goal to go to their second state championship as they won the re-

gional title with 332 points, qualifying them for the trip to states.

Tennis qualifies for state finals: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis team finished in second place at the regional meet with 20 points to qualify for the state tournament. Jacob Burkett won the championship on Singles No. 3 court.

October 25

Top 10 finish for Wolves: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis and Clarkston Girls Golf teams finished in the top ten during their state championships. The golf team finished in sixth place and the tennis team finished in ninth place.

Winning spree in districts: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Soccer team gave their opponents competition a battle in the district play-offs with an overtime win over Rochester, 3-2; and Oxford, 4-0.

November 1

Mountaineers at Ford Field: Clarkston Everest Collegiate made history as they represented their school at the Prep Bowl at Ford Field as they played in the CD Championship in the Catholic High School League.

State championship bound: The Clarkston Girls and Boys Cross Country teams qualified for the state finals during the regional meet at Algonac High School. The girls team

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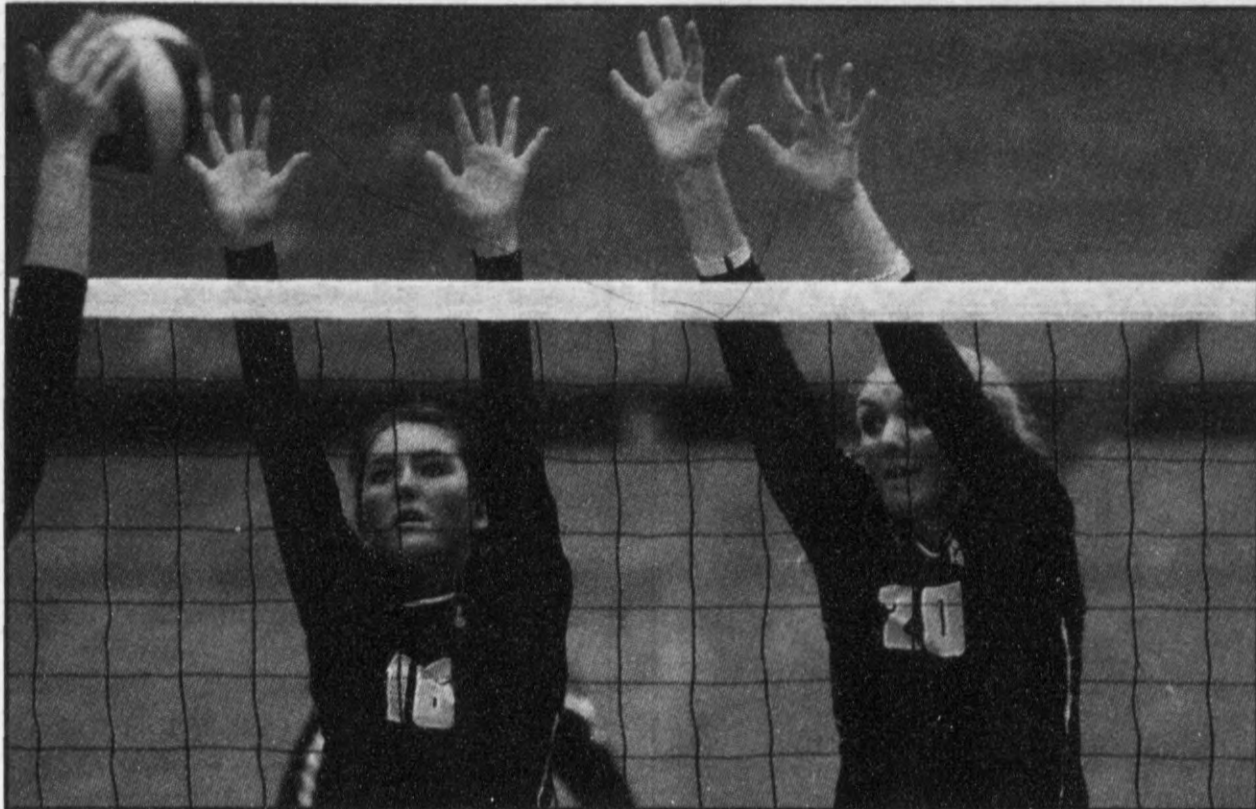
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Seniors Olivia Johnson and Kayla Luchenbach block Brandon from scoring a point during the MHSAA Volleyball District Championship at Clarkston. Photo by Larry Wright

Championships close out year

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finished as champions with 60 points and Mia Patria set a new school record for top ten finishes with time of 18:31. The boys finished in second place at the regional meet.

November 8

Wolves shut out Cardinals: The Clarkston Varsity Football team claimed the district championship in a mudfest with a 28-0 win over Davison.

Clarkston tops Orion, Brandon for district championship: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Volleyball team defeated Lake Orion, 3-1, and Brandon, 3-0 for the district title.

November 15

On to division final four: The road trip across the state was well worth it as the Clarkston Varsity Football team defeated Holland West Ottawa in the fourth quarter, 29-22. The win clinched the boys trip to the final four in the playoffs and gave them the regional title.

Swimmers set for states: The Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive team prepped for the state finals as they qualified for 11 events during the season including events in diving, three relay and eight individual.

November 22

Ford Field bound: The Clarkston Varsity Foot-

ball team sealed their trip to Ford Ford for the state championship with a 27-7 win over Detroit Catholic Central in the semifinals.

Pre-season clean up on slopes for ski teams: The Clarkston Boys and Girls Ski teams, along with Notre Dame Prep and Rochester, filled 50-60 bages of garbage at Pine Knob Ski Resort.

November 29

Defense leads the way to statewide victory: The Clarkston Varsity Football team won their third state championship in five years with a 3-2 win over West Bloomfield.

December 6

Victory in overtime: The Clarkston Varsity Hockey team defeated West Bloomfield in overtime, 3-2.

December 13

Season starts with wins: The Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball team opened the winter season with two wins over Carman Ainsworth, 67-64, and Wayne Memorial, 65-55.

Wolves win in season opener: The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball won their home opener against Royal Oak, 37-28.

Blast off with wins: The Clarkston Varsity Wrestling team finished the annual John Glenn Rocket Duals in third place after going 4-1 for the day.

Wolfpack Update

The Clarkston Girls Varsity Basketball team went 2-0 in the Motor City Roundball. They opened with a 49-45 win over Chandler Park, Dec. 27. Kayla Luchenbach led with 15 points. Maddie Beck had 13 points. They defeated Mumford on Dec. 28, 59-45. Beck led with 17 points. Luchenbach scored 16 points and Molly Nicholson had 13.

They head to Cousino High School

on Friday. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

The Clarkston Boys lost to East English Village last Thursday, 80-71. Foster Loyer led the team with 21 points.

The Wolves head to Bloomfield Hills on Wednesday and are home on Friday when they host Southfield Arts & Technology. JV begins at 5:30 p.m., varsity follows.

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Events

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Christmas tree recycling through Jan. 29, Independence Oaks; Springfield Oaks, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. No charge, but plastic, tinsel and wire must be removed. No commercial trees accepted. OaklandCountyParks.com.

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/ members, \$4/non-members.

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

Tuesday

Wint's Healing Hearts Grief Support Group for all ages for those who have recently lost a loved one, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7 p.m. Topic: "Emptiness After the Holidays." Led by a bereavement counselor for Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Walk-ins welcome, free. 248-625-5231.

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.

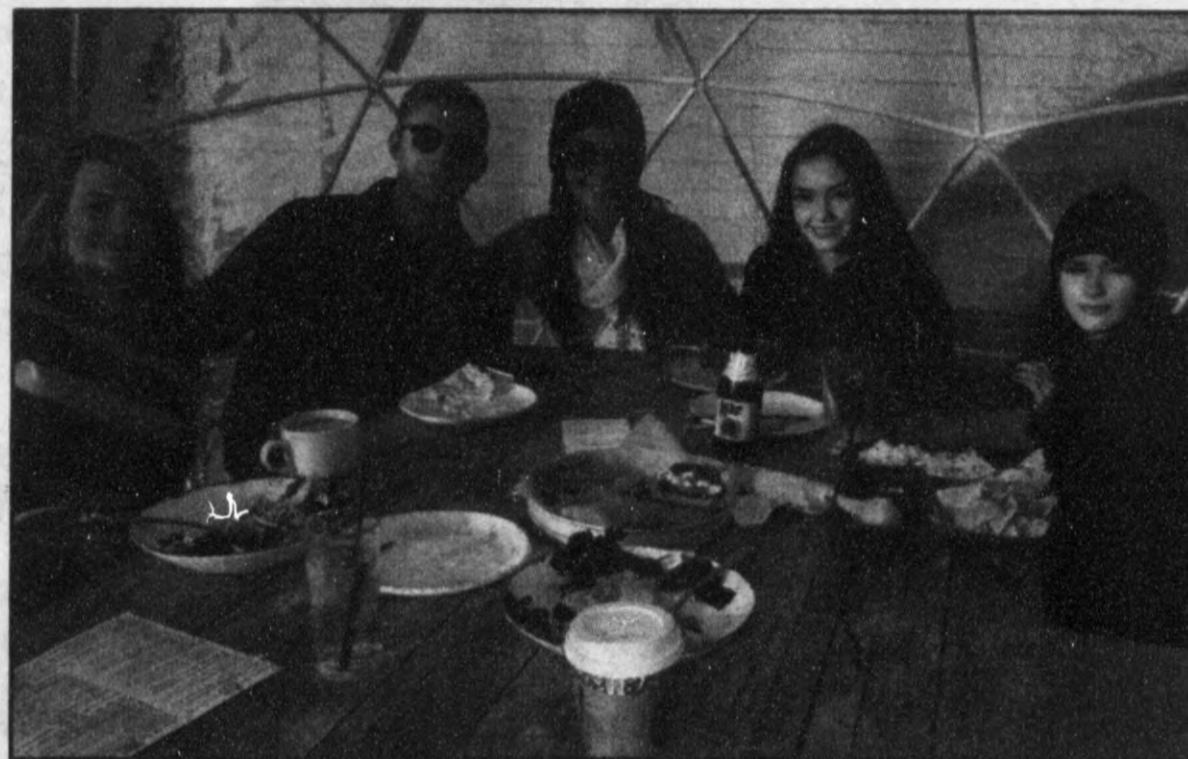
Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

Seniors On With Life Group forming for wid-

Around Town

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



Jodi Crandall, center, a 30-year resident of Clarkston, dines with her family outdoors despite the frigid temperatures, thanks to the "igloo" shelters at Honcho Restaurant. Photo by Brenda Dominick

owers, widows, divorced. Dinners, breakfasts, golf, social gatherings. 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.

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

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 Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free.

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Coffee and Conversation, Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence Township Senior Adult Activity Center, Clintonwood Park. \$1.

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, 248-625-8231.

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.

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.

DivorceCare facilitated discussion, Thursdays, 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.

Saturday

Project Kidsight, free vision screening for children, Clarkston Area Lions Club, second Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Photos taken of child's eyes to check for potential vision problems. Immediate results. 248-625-2212, www.clarkstonlions.org.

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FOIA in fall

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year plan during the new school year.
August 23

Eclipse projects: Residents gathered outside their homes and businesses to see the partial solar eclipse on Aug. 21.

September 7

No Labor Day parade party: After 76 years, Clarkston's Labor Day parade was cancelled this year, but some residents decided to have one anyway. Emmett, Oliver, Lilah, and Keaton Hill decorated their bikes and paraded along with Mayor Steven Percival for Cory Johnston, Buck and Joan Kopietz, who hosted the party at their Main Street home, and their parents, Chris and Mary Hill.

September 13

New map for hunting in the township: Many residents commented about proposed amendments to the township's hunting boundaries map during a nearly three-hour meeting. The amendments are the first updates to the hunting map since 1982. Due to population density, the update committee decided gun hunting south of I-75 shouldn't be allowed. A new hunting ordinance proposal removes hunting from densely populated residential areas and school zones.

FOIA'd records also withheld from city council: City Council members struggled to understand why they were kept in the park about 18 records central to a city Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit. "I assumed the city manager, the mayor knew and were in agreement to withhold the documents," said Council member Susan Wylie.

September 20

Work to restore church: The original Sashabaw Presbyterian Church, a pre-Civil War registered historic building, was set for restoration through a partnership between the church and Clarkston school's new construction technology program. The new Sashabaw Presbyterian Church is currently located across the street from the original. Sias-Lee said they hope to use the restored building for community events such as weddings, concerts, recitals, funerals, etc.

September 27

School lot adds 140 spots: The city Parking Committee and Clarkston Community Schools were working together to provide about 140 more parking spaces for downtown patrons. The plan included opening up the back parking lot at Renaissance High School to public parking, Fridays and Saturdays. Parking was to be made available in the school's back lot by Church Street, as well as along the side of the school.

October 18

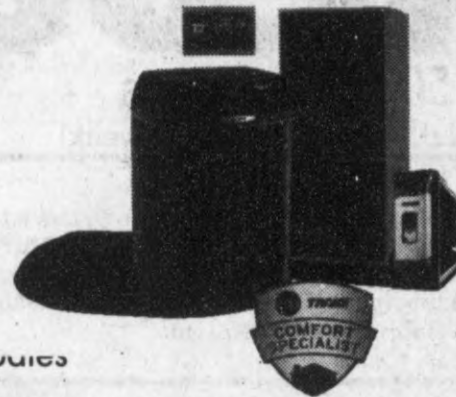
Council votes to limit mayor: Clarkston City Council approved first reading of a revised ordinance to appoint members of the Historic District Commission. According to
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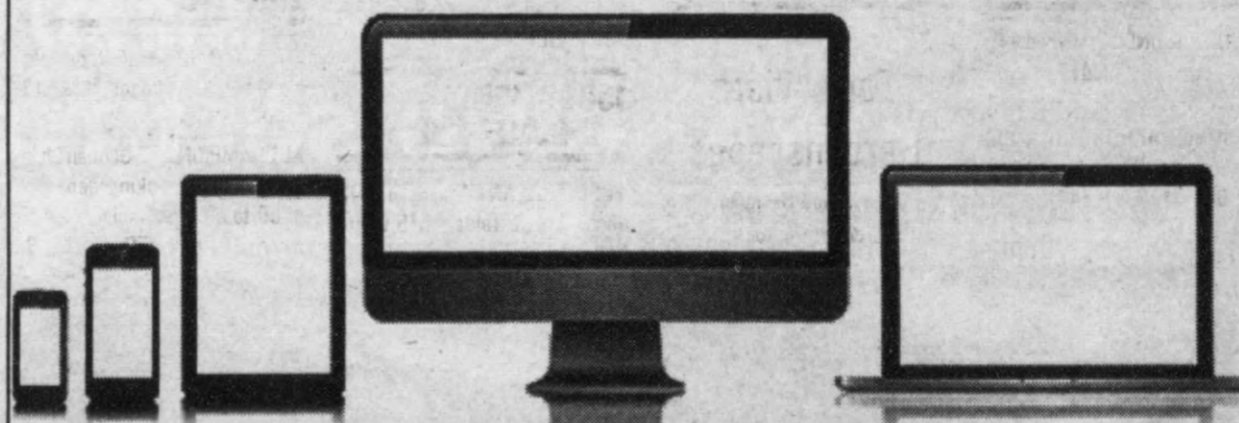
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Election change to City Council

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the revision, members "shall be nominated by any council member and confirmed by a majority vote of the legislative body serving. A member may be removed from the Historic District Commission pursuant to Section 4.21 of the City Charter." The revision was approved, 5-1. The effort to revise the Chapter 152 of the city Municipal Code was prompted when Mayor Steven Percival, following current ordinance which says "(HDC) members shall be appointed by the mayor," appointed members without a vote of the council.

October 25

Tamm talk — lawsuit discussion in open city council session: After nearly an hour of discussion in open session with attorney James Tamm, City Council member Sue Wylie learned something. "The lesson I take from this is continuously question all the bills that come in," Wylie said. "I do not want to see this happen in the future." Tamm, Michigan Municipal League lawyer who is representing the City of the Village of Clarkston in its lawsuit against resident Susan Bisio, recommended a closed session for the discussion. A motion to go into closed session was defeated, 4-3. State law required three-fourths of the council to approve the motion, five council members.

November 15

Newcomer on council: Scott Reynolds joined Clarkston City Council after a successful campaign, earning 191 votes in the Tuesday election. Reynolds ran for council for the first time and received 25.92 percent of the vote. Three seats were up for a vote in the Nov. 7 election. Incumbent Eric Haven received the most votes, with 197 ballots cast for him, 26.73 percent of the total. Incumbent Jason M. Kneisc was returned to City Council with 174 votes, 23.61 percent.

November 29

Mayor calls for blue lights, support for fallen deputy: When Deputy Eric Overall lost his life stopping a fugitive from Lapeer, he likely saved lives in Clarkston, said Mayor Steven Percival. Overall, 50, a 22 year veteran of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office, was tragically killed in the line of duty on Nov. 23, at M-15 and Seymour Lake Road in Brandon Township, just north of Independence Township. He was assisting the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office in a pursuit that had started in Lapeer County. Christopher Berak, 22, was arraigned on Nov. 25 at the 52-3 District Court on one count of premeditated murder and one count of murder. He was denied bond and jailed in Macomb County.



Shannon Moscovic, third grade teacher at Bailey Lake Elementary, tries on some Marine Corps gear with the help of USMC Gunney Sgt. Mallet during the school's Veterans Day salute to the armed forces.

Marion Kubasinski, 91 Juanita A. LePere, 88

Marion M. Kubasinski of Waterford passed away Dec. 28, 2017, at age 91.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Chester; mother of Joann (Charles) Eastman; grandma of Lorie (Chris Williams) Eastman and Scott (Megan) Eastman; sister of Marie Alet-Brown, Leo Groth, William (Vida) Groth, Ernest Groth, Robert (Nina) Groth, Joseph (Carol) Groth and Donna Groth.

Marion retired from General Motors.

Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Wednesday, 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral service, Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, at 10 a.m. at the Funeral Home. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Online guestbook at www.wintfuneralhome.com.

William Yirovec, Jr., 77

William A. Yirovec, Jr. of West Bloomfield, formerly of Hazel Park, passed away Dec. 31, 2017, at age 77.

He was the husband of Pamela; father of Susan (David) Clark and Sherri Evans; grandpa of Mattie, Wyatt, Michael and Zane; brother of Gerri Haselmire and Robert (Mary Ellen) Yirovec.

Bill served in the U.S. Army and retired from General Motors. He enjoyed serving as an Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy, Marine Division.

Friends may visit at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston, Friday, 3-8 p.m. Memorial Service Saturday, 12:30 p.m., at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

Juanita A. LePere (Steward) of Grand Blanc passed away Dec. 28, 2017, at age 88.

She was the mother of Carol (Dan) Smith, David (Tom) LePere, Valerie (Glen) Wolf, Ronald (Pam) LePere, Julie (Chris) Campe and Andrew (Michele) LePere; grandma of Shawn, Colleen, Madeleine, Ursula, Nick, Miranda and Eleanor; great grandma of six; sister of Pat Hampton and Mary Leone (Jerry) Wallace; also survived by many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by her granddaughter Daisy, and siblings Geneva Misener and Clarence "Red" Steward.

Juanita was a former member of Clarkston Village Players, Clarkston United Methodist Church and had owned/operated The Clothes Tree, Clarkston.

After retirement, she lived in New Port Richey, Fla.

Memorial Service Saturday, Jan. 13, at 4 p.m. at **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston.

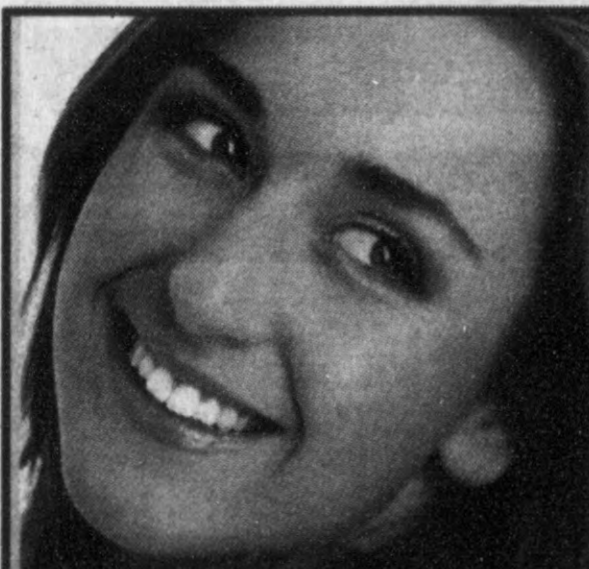
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Sunday Night Youth Group, 6 p.m.; devotion time, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Clarkston, 5449 Clarkston Road, 248-394-0200.

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