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# Ready to Rumble

Volunteers head to court as they help puppy recover

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

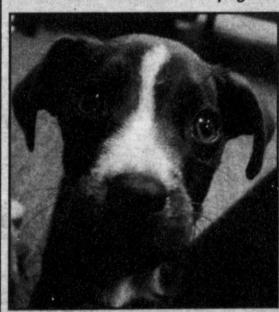
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When the couple accused of abusing and abandoning Rumble the dog go to court later this month, volunteers helping the puppy recover will be there.

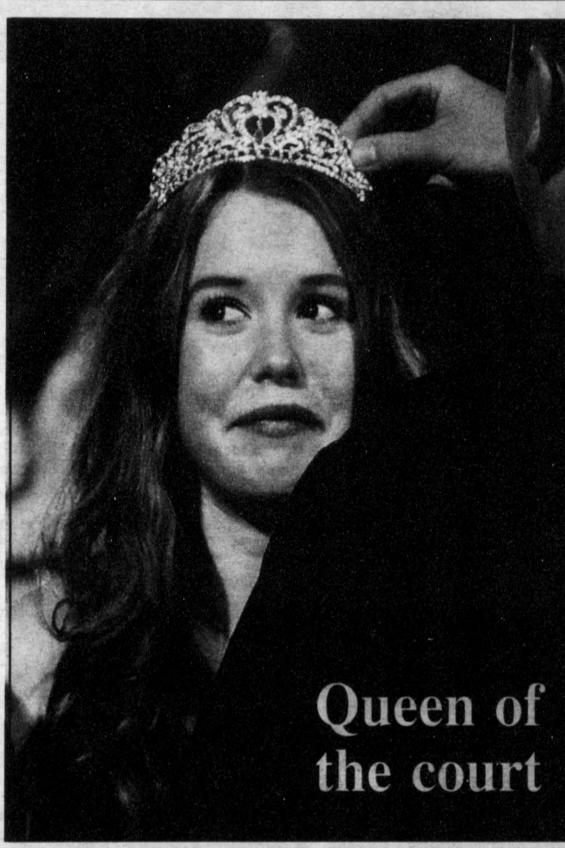
Rumble will hopefully be there too, said Erica McCarthy, operations manager for Canine Companions Rescue Center.

"He will be in the courthouse," McCarthy said. "We hope to be able to give victim statements about the effects this has had on the community. Someone did this to him, one of our neighbors.

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Rumble the dog



Clarkston High School senior Islay Hepburn gets emotional as she is crowned this year's Homecoming Queen. Brock Henley was named Homecoming King. See more photos on pages 32-33. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

## **Candidates for** mayor contrast leadership styles

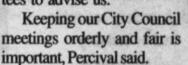
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Clarkston mayoral candidates Eric Haven and incumbent Steven Percival have different approaches to the Charter-de-

fined duty of presiding over City Council meetings,

"To 'preside' at City Council meetings, I intend to do so by inviting public opinion, respectfully submitted, planning two hour meetings, and encouraging well researched information so council can make the best decisions possible for the whole city," Haven said. "I am very low key by nature. I believe good information will reduce controversy and lead to good decision making. That is why we pay professionals and have disciplined committees to advise us."





Haven

Percival

"Utilizing solid parliamentary practices which level the playing field and keeps council members from dominating a topic," he said. "Enforcing the city ordinances and following the Charter is very important to me. I have been criticized in the past by some council members for being to stringent in regards to following the laws that, quite honestly, they created. I am ok with changing the ordinances if they are outdated and updating the Charter via a public vote. I work with what is on the books now. My obligation to the citizens of our city is to follow and uphold the rules, laws, and charter that they created and to be fair and equitable across the board."

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MOVING PUMPKINS: Clarkston Community Church youth form a line to move thousands of pumpkins from a semitruck to pallets on the church front lawn, Oct. 2. The annual Pumkin Patch, marking the start of the fall holiday season, is a fundraiser for the church Student Ministry. The pumpkins were grown and delivered from New Mexico, with corn stalks and straw bales from a local farmer. The students and their parents earn money toward trips and events by working in the pumpkin patch throughout the month of October. *Photo by Phil Custodio* 

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The CHS Dance Team held their 22nd Annual Fundraiser at the Fountains Golf Course on September 23, 2018. We have two major fundraisers. The Golf Outing and the Winter Program sold at all Winter sporting events. It is our main funding for both JV and Varsity Dance Teams. This year we raised over \$9,000. The funds will be used for competition fees (JV and Varsity), competition poms, Team T-shirts, sweat shirts, bows and earrings. Used from year to year, the Team has purchased uniforms and costumes for competitions in the past.

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## Professional Dental celebrates decade serving Clarkston area

The team at Professional Dental of dental care. Clarkston is celebrating a major milestone, serving the community with excellence and professionalism for a decade. It was just over two years ago that Professional Dental of Clarkston doubled the size of their facility when they moved into their current location at 5748 Clarkston road.

The new facility has provided their patients many added benefits in the implementation of new technology, clinical care, along with convenience and availability of appointments. "It's been our privilege for us to serve the Clarkston and surrounding communities for the past 10 years," said Dr. Brian Davidson, who serves as the practice's primary general dentist.

"Our patients are amazing. After 10 years, we've been able to see kids grow up, go to college, it's fantastic. Dr Brian and I are so thankful to have such an outstanding team that surrounds us each and every day," said Dr. Amy Davidson, licensed dentist who provides the orthodontic along with growth and development services at Professional Dental of Clarkston.

They both are very dedicated to continuing education in the dental field and have sought continuing education from some of the country's most respected dentists. Drs. Brian and Amy Davidson believe in a physiologic "whole body" approach to

In November 2014, Dr. Brian Davidson achieved the elite "fellowship" distinction at the world-renowned Las Vegas Institute (LVI). In doing so, he became one of less than 10 dentists in the state of Michigan to be awarded this unique distinction.

His forte has always been comprehensive general and cosmetic dentistry. He remains committed to the latest trends, clinical techniques, and dental products available. Advanced post graduate training has allowed Dr. Davidson the privilege to help many patients that have suffered a lifetime of many chronic painful conditions, including teeth clenching / grinding, TMJ disorder, chronic headaches, migraines, cervical neck and shoulder pain, poor head and neck posture, worn down teeth, and /or a "bad bite." "Our passion is always to find better ways for us to treat our patients," he

Since 2007, Dr. Amy Davidson passion in dentistry has been in the area of Orthodontics. Shortly after dental school, she completed a 2-year intensive orthodontic training program with Progressive Orthodontics Seminars (POS). This program has a proven 34-year history of successfully training over 7,000 general dentists from all over the world. The POS program helped to provide Dr. Amy her initial foundation of



Dr. Brian Davidson and Dr. Amy **Davidson of Professional Dental of** Clarkston.

clinical orthodontic knowledge. She considers herself a truly dedicated life-long student in the dental field.

Currently, she continues to expand her knowledge through several leading educational organizations including LVI in the areas of Physiologic and Full Face Orthopedic concepts.

"We never stop learning and finding new ways to treat patients better," she said.

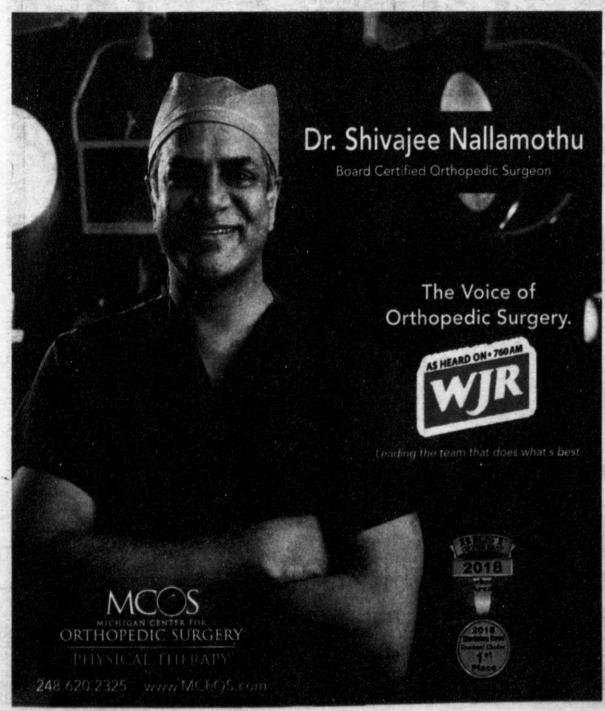
She is also a certified "Preferred Provider" in Invisalign, trained to diagnose and treat lip and tongue ties on infants and children. Dr. Amy's primary treatment concepts focus on airway health and the in-depth diagnosis of physiologic dental and skeletal malocclusions ("bad bites").

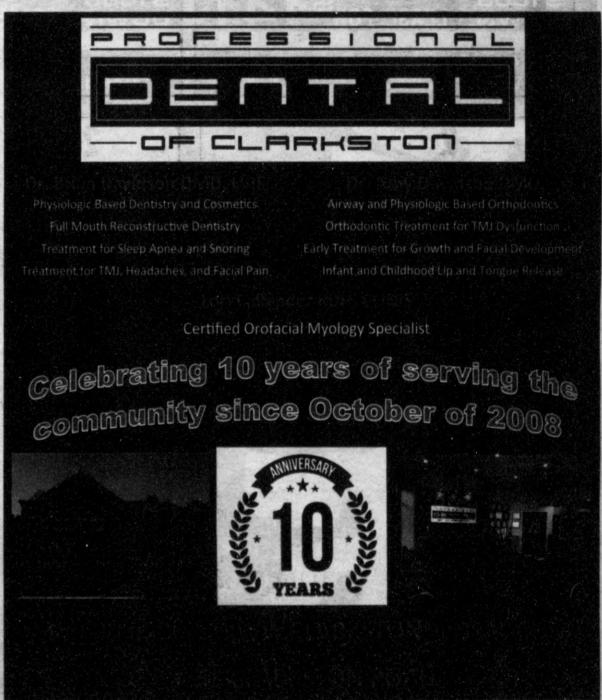
She understands that straight teeth do not always translate to a healthy TMJ, muscle/jaw balance, or airway health. These cutting-edge concepts are what Dr. Amy is passionate about in dentistry. It is important for her to consider proper muscle balance with the TMJ joints in every one of her patients. Recognizing airway obstruction and sleep / breathing disorders in both her adult and pediatric patients is paramount.

This year their longest tenured hygienist Lori Callender became a certified orofacial myology specialist. Lori has been with Professional dental of Clarkston since 2009. She is one of a select few of professionals in the metro Detroit area to hold this type of certification.

Orofacial Myofunctional Disorders (OMD) are muscle disorders of the face, mouth, lips, or jaw. When untreated they can cause such issues as speech problems, sleep / breathing disorders, abnormal jaw growth, relapse of orthodontic treatment, and affect stability of the TMJ joint.

Lori is able to work independently to resolve theseissuesas well as in combination with Dr. Amy's treatment to create a situation of optimal success. For more information, call 248-620-6200 or visit clarkstondental.com.

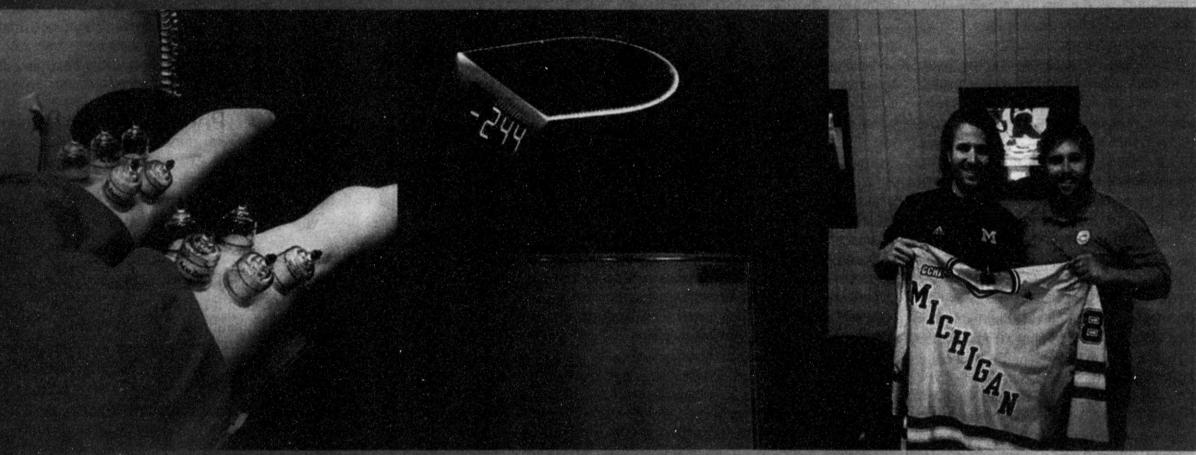


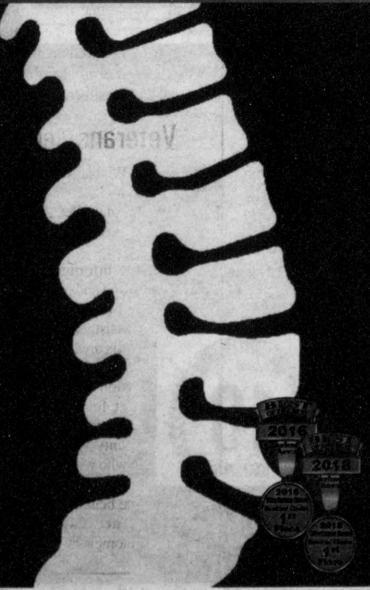




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# City succeeds in lawsuit appeal

**BYPHIL CUSTODIO** 

Clarkston News Editor

The state Court of Appeals ruled in favor of the City of the Village of Clarkston, overturning an Oakland Circuit Court ruling for the owners of 59 S. Main Street, known as the Sutherland House.

The owners' lawsuit sought to change the zoning of 59 S. Main from multi-family to village commercial, allowing it to become a restaurant.

In the suit, the building owner claimed the city had no legitimate reason to deny the rezoning request. The city granted similar rezoning requests made by Curt Catallo, the son of City Council member Sharron Catallo, including operating a bar and restaurant and an industrial kitchen directly across the street from the plaintiff's property.

In January 2017, the circuit court agreed with the property owners, the city should rezone the Sutherland building from multiple residential to commercial for development into a restaurant, citing undue influence by and favoritism towards the Catallo family in Clarkston.

The appeals court reversed the circuit court's findings in a ruling written by The Hon. Jonathan Tukel, Jane M. Beckering, and Douglas B. Shapiro, Sept. 25.

"Plaintiff's reliance on other restaurants and commercial properties in the downtown area was misplaced," the appeals court found. "Plaintiff paid particular attention to three restaurants now owned by Curt Catallo. However, it is undisputed that rezoning was not required for those properties to be used as restaurants because the properties where the Catallos implemented these restaurants already were zoned for commercial use."

The city did not have to alter any zoning to accommodate Catallo's restaurants, so those properties were not treated differently, the court said.

Also, 55 S. Main Street, located next door to 59 S. Main, was not similar. It had been used as a dentist's office and there was no thought to convert it to multiplefamily residential use, they said.

"The rezoning of 55 S Main St. was essentially a correction of an error that had no bearing on how the property had been or would be used," the court said. "In contrast, (59 S. Main) had been used for multiple-family residential, was in use as multiple-family residential at the time rezoning was sought, and plaintiff was seeking to rezone so that it could utilize the property for an entirely different purpose."

The 59 S. Main owners can request reconsideration or appeal the case to the Michigan Supreme Court, said City Manager Jonathan Smith.

#### Mayoral candidates seek to lead city

Continued from page 1

His management style is no-nonsense, he said.

"I manage by walking around and seeing how our city is cared for and operating," he said. "Giving strong suggestions to our city management in order to secure positive enhancements to our city."

Haven is a former City Council member; estate investment director for Woodside Vision Foundation for 18 years; previously manufacturers representative in the auto industry for 21 years, with 45 years living the community.

"I want to focus on five important aspects of our city, protect our residential zoning; preserve our historic structures; enhance Clarkston's charm; empower our volunteers, and engage our local businesses," Haven said.

Percival is retired and has lived in the Clarkston community off and on for most of his life.

"My goal in becoming mayor in this next election is to continue the postitve improvements to our city," he said. "To increase NON-tax revenue in order to reduce taxes leveied onto our citizens and businesses. To continue the updating of our Master Plan, Historical District, Parks Plan, and to initiate an overall Depot Park plan. I want to continue to mend the relationships with our stakeholders and encourage solid busiess practices from them and city administration."

Haven's top issues are to Keep the "small town" vibe; Improve parking and walkability; and Influence retail variety.

"We received much public input from our master plan survey," he said.

The largest land use in Clarkston, by far, is residential, he said, "enforcing our zoning protects this fragile neighborhood community from actions by commercial interests, as seen in Rochester, Lake Orion and Oxford."

Enhanced charm needs consideration.

"One of the overwhelming themes emerging from our master plan survey was people's delight in living in Clarkston," he said. "Over 30% of the respondents said, 'Keep the small town vibe.' I intend to heed that direction in two ways, drive implementation of our new master plan with periodic reporting and initiate a citywide beautification program. Both these initiatives will continue to raise our property values."

Haven would also promote volunteerism.

"Our work in Depot Park over the last 18 months has shown me the power of volunteerism when augmented by our DPW," he said. "We have many willing volunteers in our village, but they need more than gloves. They often need machinery to succeed in community beautification and in aiding our citizens. For example, the Clarkston Garden Club needs a smarter system to water the memorial planters downtown and the Clarkston Optimist Club needs DPW's powerauger to dig post holes for new facilities in Depot Park."

The coordination of volunteers with our DPW will engender happy volunteers, ingenious creativity and fiscally savvy enhancements to our village, Haven said.

"I believe Clarkston is at a tipping point," Haven said. "Our village is so desirable that outside commercial interests want to have a part in it, even to the extent of breaking our zoning and demolishing historic structures, thereby removing our ambiance. This is counter productive."

Conversely, he would support development within the zoning ordinance, he said.

"We have the opportunity NOW to protect and enhance our charm. That is why I am running for mayor at this time," Haven said.

Percival's top issues include historical preservation via solid representation and fact finding and the Master Plan, to include the current parking study.

"We must also update our Historical District with a updated study of the district and consideration for possible modification to the Historic District. This should be done periodically and has not been updated to my knowledge since the district was established," he said. "In order to preserve the city's historic district we must commit the time and resources to update the current district and consider possible expansions based on any new findings."

The city's updated Master Plan will also be completed in the next few months and the recommendations for improvements will need to be rolled out and incorporated, he said.

Regarding streets, the new non-tax revenue will be used to begin a five-year Roadway Asset Management Plan to address the condition, repair, maintenance, and rebuilding of our city streets, he said.

"My goal is to do this without the need of any new Special Assessments to our tax payers. The funds that the paid parking initiative have generated should be enough to get this plan started and improvements initiated," he said.

Regarding future development, the city has a very strong business district currently, he said.

"Our shops and restaurants are thriving and more development is encouraged within the stated guidelines and zoning that is established," Percival said. "Our Planning Commission, Zoning Board, and HDC are very strong today. We have committed individuals on these boards and commissions that have increased their knowledge over the past two years via training and research. Having solid rules and ordinances in place, adhering to them, and being fair and equitable keeps our business district strong and contained. Expanding the district only when the application adheres to the set guidelines these boards and commissions are sworn to uphold."

Clarkston is a great destination for our visitors, he said.

"Solid council practices which are delivered fairly and equitably helps us to keep Clarkston a great place to visit, work, and live," he said. "Balance and fair representation on this council is an absolute necessity in order to raise the confidence from our citizens in knowing that their concerns will be heard and dealt with appropriately. I think that we have changed the character of our city council over the past two years with increased transparency and balanced representation."

# Briefly

#### Parking revenue

In September, 2,518 vehicles paid for parking in the Washington and Main city lot, with a net revenue of \$5,931, said City Manager Jonathan Smith in his weekly report to the community, Oct. 7.

The city issued 225 parking citations city-wide, ten in the month were 225, with a net income of approximately \$4,151, Smith said.

"Less than one percent of vehicles parked in the city," he said.

By vote of the City Council, parking fee and citation revenue will only be used to maintain roads, sidewalks and parking lots in the city, he said.

#### Political signs OK

City residents are expressing their support for City Council candidates with signs in their yards, but many are in excess of the two allowed by the city Zoning Ordinance.

City Manager Jonathan Smith recommended the city not enforce the ordinance until it can be rewritten, based on consultation with the city attorney.

"There have been many lawsuits in this country in recent years challenging the enforceability of sign ordinances based on content, such as political signs," Smith said in an email. "In June 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that sign ordinances that apply different standards based on the sign content are a violation of the Freedom of Speech First Amendment and are therefore unconstitutional and unenforceable."

#### Veterans seminar

Lewis E. Wint and Son Funeral Home hosts its annual Veterans Seminar at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the American Legion Post 63 at 8047 Ortonville Road.

"Valuable information is available about cremation and burial options", said Tim Currier of Wint Funeral Home. "There is a lot of assistance available for our veterans in this area. Veterans and their families need this knowledge to make informed decisions."

The event features speakers from Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Oakland County Veterans and Wint Funeral Home who will talk about veterans' benefits provided by the federal government and the benefits of preplanning.

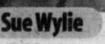
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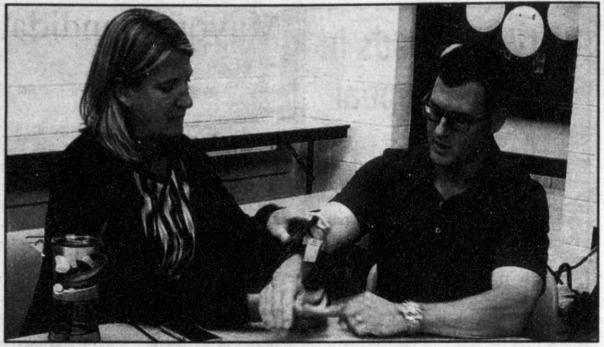
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Kerri Gualtieri, sixth grade math teacher, and John Kononchuk, seventh grade science, practice life-saving skills. Photos by Phil Custodio

#### Teachers taught for worst case

Clarkston Community Schools teachers and staff are learning how to Stop the Bleed, with the help of St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Trauma Center and Independence Township firefighters.

They learned how to use bandages and tourniquets to stop the bleeding from different kinds of wounds following a traumatic event, before medical help arrives.

"Things we hopefully will never have to use but need to be prepared for," said Sashabaw Middle School Principal Elizabeth Walker, at a Sept. 26 training. "It's difficult training, but a good opportunity for our staff not just in school, but at home and in the community."

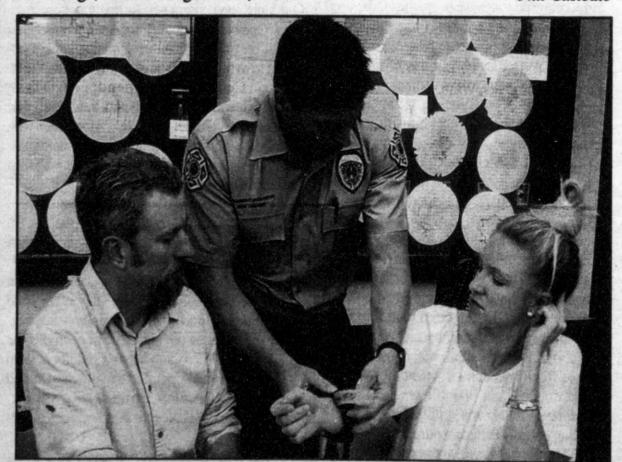
Ten training sessions were scheduled throughout the district, with the goal of training nearly 700 employees from the middle school, seven elementary schools, Clarkston Junior High, Clarkston High School, and Renaissance High School.

"When we heard about Stop the Bleed, we knew it was something we wanted to bring to Clarkston through St. Joseph Mercy Oakland," said Clarkston Community Schools Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services John Lucido. "While it's unsettling to think about the circumstances that would necessitate this training, it's absolutely imperative that we equip our teachers with this life-saving education."

Launched in October 2015, Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call to action to train, equip, and empower citizens to help in an emergency before professional help arrives.

For more information on the free on-site training for businesses, schools, and religious organizations, call St. Joseph Mercy Oakland at 248-858-6690.

- Phil Custodio



Independence Township Paramedic Don Herbert shows how to properly apply a tourniquet, with Rodney Pierson, seventh grade science teacher, and Kristen Skoryanc, sixth grade science teacher.



The photo Froggy, taken at Independence Oaks by Martha Myers of Oxford, won first place in the Kids Category in the Oakland County Pics of the Parks contest. Photo provided

## Awards for parks photographers

Thirty photographers entered 101 images in the 2018 Oakland County Parks and Recreation's Pics of the Parks Photo Contest. Local winners include:

**Parks Category** 

Second Place - Red Tailed Hawk 2-2, taken at Independence Oaks, Rob Craig of Berkley;

Third Place - Sunset at the Dock, taken at Independence Oaks, Wai Nguyen of Troy. **Artistic Category** 

First Place - Rider, taken at Springfield Oaks, Kathy Rollins of Davisburg;

Second Place - All Heart, taken at Independence Oaks, Martha Myers of Oxford;

Independence Oaks, Winnie Chrzanowski of Nature Center in Independence Oaks Royal Oak.

Recreation Category

Third Place - Kayaking, taken at Independence Oaks, Michael Wullaert of Troy.

Kids Category -

First Place - Froggy, taken at Independence Oaks, Martha Myers of Oxford;

Second Place - Set Her Free, taken at Independence Oaks, Rob Craig of Berkley

Dogs Category -

First Place -Dog Days of Winter, taken at Independence Oaks, Rob Craig of Berkley;

Second Place - On Deck, taken at Independence Oaks, Martha Myers of Oxford.

All entries are available for viewing at OaklandCountyParks.SmugMug.com. The Best of Show and First Place winners in each category receive mounted prints of their Third Place - Water Lily, taken at entries, which will be displayed at Wint County Park, from mid-October through December.

> The 2019 contest is between Memorial and Labor Day, check OaklandCountyParks.com in April.





#### Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

#### Hope for animals

I was a bit star struck last Wednesday when Erica McCarthy and Gretchen Terpening of the Canine Companions Rescue Center stopped by the office last Wednesday, along with Rumble the dog in his little red coat (due to his injuries, he can't regulate his body temperature properly).

The puppy's rescue from abuse and neglect struck a chord with the community, making him a celebrity of sorts.

The rescue group's Facebook postings about Rumble gets hundred of likes, shares, and comments.

My bank teller pulled me aside last Friday as I was depositing my check. She saw photos posted by CCRC on

Facebook about Rumble's visit to the Clarkston News office, and wanted to know how the pup was doing.

Rumble is just one of many animals the center is helping. They have more than 60 right now, they said. He is just one out of all the suffering creatures big and small all over the world.

But he's a face people can focus on when trying to fix a larger issue. A cute, furry, brown-and-white face of a very good boy, with deep soulful eyes and a shy smile.

Kudos to everyone helping out in the case so far.

Animals are so helpless and innocent, and the authorities focus on abuse cases involving children and other humans, as they probably should, so private citizens are often animals' only hope.

For me most recently, that involved a skinny black-and-white cat hanging around my garage a couple years ago.

I was reluctant to take in strays to protect my two housecats from diseases wayward animals could be carrying. I lost a cat that way when I was in college.

But the little B&W feline kept coming around, and I eventually started feeding her, thereby making her an ex-stray cat, I was told. I took her to the vet for a health check, and finding it clean, took her into my home. My cat Emma was fine with it, but Lizzie refused to accept another cat in the house, even though she was a shelter rescue herself.

I found someone to give the stray a home, though, so now she has a house and human of her own. Her name is Moomoo, due to her markings. She's also not that skinny anymore.

# Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

# Community's kindness to family much appreciated

Dear Editor,

The Malinowski and Wyniemko family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love, support, prayers, kindness, and for all the food that was sent to the family.

Michele Malinowski was a loving wife, mother, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, aunt, and friend to many. The help that everyone provided gave us the strength to get through this horrible loss.

The number of people that came to honor Michele at the visitation and church service was amazing.

Our family cannot thank everyone enough.

The Malinowski and Wyniemko Family

# Calls for financial fitness for electeds

Dear Editor,

The Village of Clarkston faces very significant financial challenges.

The recent report to City Council details the condition of our roads and the expenses required to maintain them. Past city councils have ignored infrastructure maintenance. We will need to spend double the cost currently budgeted to keep the roads from further deteriorating. And funds were taken from the fund balance (rainy day) for the current budget.

The Master Plan update indicates the village is built-out with little opportunity for increased real estates taxes without very significant zoning changes.

The Master Plan update describes the potential sources of revenue as increased millage, special assessments or bonds requiring payment by citizens.

The efforts of Mayor Percival have provided the only increased source of city revenue via the parking kiosk. These funds are earmarked for infrastructure repair.

A test for fitness for office is being able to explain the Clarkston Independence library millage and its neutral effect on tax payers. Neither Eric Haven nor Sharron Catallo is able to pass this test based on interactions in Finance Committee meetings in 2017 and 2018.

Clarkston requires capable city officials with financial understanding and commitment to transparency. Eric Haven and Sharron Catallo have demonstrated neither.

Chet Pardee Clarkton

# Candidate would support health care

Dear Editor:

Integrity and honesty in government are important. Nicole Breadon is running for state representative in District 43 because she supports funding for public schools, infrastructure and roads, and protecting working families.

As a representative, she would also support developing a single payer health care system, working across the aisle to develop what is best for Michigander's health care.

Governor Synder's proposal to allow Michiganders to buy into Healthy Michigan is an example of a bipartisan approach. Nicole would be responsive to the needs of her constituents, such as the 51% of Americans who support a single payer health insurance system.

This popular proposal would preserve private insurance for those who have access to it, while enabling workers to purchase coverage even if their employers do not provide private health insurance.

This proposal would preserve Medicare and Medicaid for our seniors and people with disabilities. The U.S. is the only highly developed county that doesn't have universal healthcare. Single payer health insurance systems deserve serious consideration because they would expand quality health insurance coverage and strengthen our healthcare system.

In this age of "Fake News," voters value integrity in our political system, and Nicole is running a positive campaign. Claims that affordable health care is too "radical" don't represent the needs of Clarkston and Waterford voters.

My son can work and pay taxes thanks to the Affordable Care Act, and I appreciate Nicole Breadon's efforts to enable all Americans to purchase essential affordable quality health insurance.

Emily Duthinh Independence Township

Send your letters to the editor about the Nov. 6 election to Clarkstonnews@gmail.com or 5 S. Main Street, Clarkston, MI 48346. We'll publish them through the Oct. 24 edition. Sign your letter and include daytime phone for verifications. Deadline is noon, Friday, before the next week's edition.

#### A Look Back

From The CNews archives

15 years ago - 2003

"Where is Gulick Lake?" Lake Waldon Village residents living on Gulick Lake were saddened the water was near to dried up and wanted something done about it. Less than half an acre was left of the once 18-acre lake which used to have water levels six to eight feet deep.

"Clarkston Historical Society sells Clarkston stickers" The Clarkston Community Historical Society was looking to build a sense of pride in the community with Clarkston stickers and decals for automobiles. The idea originated from third generation Clarkston resident and CCHS board member Amy Wilson.

"Clarkston wins league title in golf"
The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf earned
a 5-1 record in dual meets in the Oakland
Activities Association which was enough
to clinch the league championship.

25 years ago - 1993

"Fire station site OK'd" The Independence Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted to begin negotiations to purchase a two-acre parcel off of M-15, near the 52nd District Court for the township's Fire Station No. 1.

"Sound of music" The Clarkston High School Marching Band played as part Clarkston's Homecoming parade were several hundred spectators lined Main Street for the 15-minute event.

"Wolves pound Waterford Mott" Thirteen proved to be a lucky number for the Clarkston Varsity Football team as they defeated Waterford Mott, 27-12. The win marked the 13th consecutive victory for the Wolves over the Corsairs since the series began in 1969.

50 years ago - 1968

"Walts named police chief" Clarkston named their new chief of police, Lt. John Walts of Snowapple. The appointment came during a special meeting of the Clarkston council by President Frank Russell. It was unanimously accepted by the council.

"Tom Bullard defensive end for Colorado College team" Tom Bullard, son of Dr. and Mrs. R.W. Bullard, Jr., was a member of the defensive end with the Colorado College football team as a freshman.

"Round the town" Kelley Karem, daughter of Dalep Karem of Everest Street, celebrated her fourth birthday with lunch for 12 young friends. They were entertained with a story presentation and helped Kelley blow out the candles on a clown birthday cake.

# Transparency an issue as Freedom of Information lawsuits go on

Dear Editor.

My husband, Richard, and I have lived in Clarkston for 15 years, and we both strongly believe in open government.

Eric Haven, David Marsh, Al Avery, and Sharron Catallo have demonstrated that they are the anti-transparency candidates. I have a lot to say about why I believe that, but I write today only about city council's violations of the Open Meetings Act ("OMA").

In 2014, Curt Catallo entered into a conditional zoning contract with the City of the Village of Clarkston that allowed him to build a drive-through coffee shop on his property at 148 N. Main Street.

On March 9, 2015, the city council closed part of a public meeting so they could secretly discuss water runoff issues at 148 N. Main. The city attorney asked to close the meeting based on a short letter from the city's engineer about water runoff options, but that letter was not a legal basis for a closed meeting.

It was not an attorney's legal opinion that could be discussed at a closed meeting.

The city attorney withdrew his request to close the meeting after Richard, who was on city council at the time, challenged the basis for the request. Eric Haven voted "yes" to close the meeting anyway; Richard was the only "no" vote. Richard later posted the engineer's letter and the city attorney's two-

sentence enclosure letter on his Facebook page, because he knew people were interested in 148 N. Main issues.

Following that meeting, Curt Catallo sent a letter to the city complaining about Clarkston's actions under his conditional zoning contract. Richard also posted that letter on his constituent Facebook page. Curt's mother, Sharron Catallo, initiated a secret email discussion between council members because she was unhappy that Curt's letter was shared with the public. Eric Haven participated in the secret discussion and also asked that the council discuss whether posting a letter was a violation of the city's ethics policy at the next council meeting (it wasn't).

Richard resigned at that meeting and later sued the city for violating the OMA. Richard asked the court for an order finding that the city had engaged in conduct that violated the law, to order the city to follow the law in the future, and to pay his costs and attorneys' fees. The cost to file a lawsuit at the time was less than \$200 and the attorneys' fees were ZERO because Richard was representing himself.

The city fought the lawsuit for almost a year before the city council, including David Marsh and Eric Haven, finally admitted the March 9, 2015 meeting had been illegally closed under the OMA. You should note that Sharron Catallo was the only vote against

Don't

settling the lawsuit.

There was also a criminal investigation regarding the unlawfully closed March 9, 2015 meeting that began with a *Clarkston News* reporter's complaint to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

The sheriff's office investigated and referred the matter to the Oakland County prosecutor for further action. The prosecutor's office sent a warning letter to the city council, declining to criminally charge council members who'd voted "yes" in part because they admitted to their unlawful conduct and also because they may have been "confused" about the OMA's requirements.

While Richard's lawsuit was going on, Joseph Luginski initiated another secret email discussion with city council members asking for approval of a letter to city residents regarding a proposed city hall expansion. Sharron Catallo and Eric Haven gave their approval before a, now former, council member correctly pointed out that the secret email discussion could be a violation of the OMA. I wonder how many other secret email discussions there have been that we aren't aware of?

There are a handful of long-time city residents and even some council members who continue to minimize the city council's violation of the OMA, even going so far as to recently characterize Richard's OMA lawsuit

as merely a social media issue.

I would encourage you to ask the city for a copy of the complaints filed in Richard's lawsuit and decide for yourself. There are people connected to the city who have engaged in what I believe is some very questionable conduct with regard to both the OMA lawsuit and my Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, and it's in their interest to feed talking points to willing speakers. I would suggest that these comments be taken with a large grain of salt until my FOIA lawsuit concludes, at which point I will have much more to say.

In closing, I would urge you to ignore strategically placed campaign signs and carefully study the candidates' conduct. If you support government transparency, please vote for Steve Percival for mayor; Sue Wylie, Rick Detkowski, and newcomer Hampton Swayne for two-year council terms; and Mike Cascone for the one-year city council position. Steve, Sue, and Rick have been very open about their support for government transparency, and I hope that Hampton will follow in their footsteps. Mike has a background in risk management and has been vocal about his support for following the charter.

Thank you for reading.

Susan Bisio Clarkston

## Mystery at Lakeview Cemetery remains unsolved

You may not know this about your hero (that would be me), but I had to earn money to pay for college (fire up, Chips!). Yup, it's true. College wasn't a gift my parents paid for. There were some academic scholarships, some student loans, some financial assistance and my paychecks from working four summers at Lakeview Cemetery, at the everlovin' corner of Dixie Highway and White Lake Road.

I dug that job.

Any way, so image if you will how my curiosity was piqued this past April, when I saw, on Page 1 of *The Clarkston News*, inside a shaded, light blue box, this headline: Mystery at Lakeview Cemetery. To say I was excited to read about a "mystery" on the grounds I know so well, would have been an under statement.

And, then I read:

"Workers at Lakeview Cemetery called the Oakland County Sheriff's office after unearthing human bones near the back, in a spot with no record of burials, 11:11 a.m., April 3...."

AWESOME, thought I. I love mysteries, cemeteries and weird news. Still interested, I continued reading.

"The bones, which formed only a partial skeleton, appeared to have been there for quite some time," said Lt. Larry Perry, Independence Substation commander.

"Deputies called the county Medial Examiner, who collected and transported the bones to headquarters in Pontiac for examination and documentation.

"The incident remains under investigation."

What? Did I miss something? Wait, there was one paragraph left in the story.

"Lakeview Cemetery was established in 1850, 18 years after Clarkston was founded . . ."

Wow! What a tease, I so-o-o-o wanted more! I wanted pictures of where the skeleton was unearthed with the dudes

who found them bones. My sense of irony was exploding from my head — mystery bones found in a cemetery? Who woulda' thunk it!



A column by Don Rush

When yours truly worked at said cemetery, I was part of a crew hired during seventh hour of our senior year in high school. Mel Vaara saw us walking in the hall between classes and asked the lot of us if we wanted a summer job.

We said, "Sure," skipped seventh hour and George "Andy" Anderson, then DPW superintendent of

Independence Township hired us. (FYI, Fred Ritter, the only Democrat elected to office in town, was township treasurer, and signed our paychecks.) For the next four summers we maintained the grounds, and equipment, as well as dug graves and interred the dead.

For each grave dug, we would dig up two dump truck loads of dirt, only to put one back in for the burial. The other load would be dumped in the back of the cemetery by Cemetery Lake (the same lake is called Middle Lake on the maps). And, it is in this area, the current day workers unearthed the mystery bones.

After reading the April news account, I made my own inquiries to Lt. Perry. He told me the bones were shipped to a

forensic laboratory for deep analysis. He promised to contact me once he had more info. Ever a man of his word, last week he e-mailed our office the intel I had long waited for.

"I've had a sticky note on my computer to call you since April," he said this past Monday. So, here's what I got.

The partial skeleton was found along the lake, sometime before the 1970s. The folks at the MSU Forensic Anthropology Lab, determined the remains are from a child between seven and 13-years-old, with "extensive postmortem interval of several decades and are not forensically significant."

(I didn't know what "post-mortem interval" meant, and looked it up. It "is the time that has elapsed since a person has died. If the time in question is not known, a number of medical/scientific techniques are used to determine it.")

So, what happened to this child? I am sure everybody will have their own ideas. My ample gut feelings tell me the child was from a poorer family. The child died, and the parents picked a spot in the cemetery that, at the time, lakeside, was picturesque and buried their child with a solemn, secret ceremony. I am gonna' go with that because I like to think good things.

So, the mystery remains. I wonder why they couldn't carbon date those bones? And, where will the bones will find their final resting place?

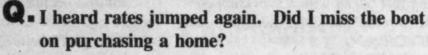
Post Script: According to the original report, the bones and the area where the bones were unearthed were photographed. I am working on getting those and if I do, will post with this column on line.

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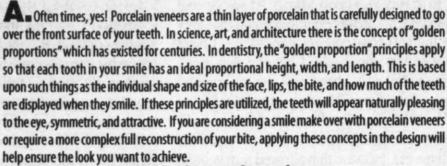


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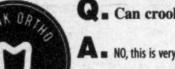
Shopping for a wheelchair van can be overwhelming, but these tips will offer helpful suggestions and guidance to get you started. The first and most important thing is to set up an appointment with one of our mobility specialist, we can asses your ability and life-style and recommend the best vehicle to meet your needs. Insist on seeing all of the wheelchair van options available. Whether used or new, rear entry or side entry. Chrysler, Toyota there is an option that's right for you. With all different features, functions and price points. Be prepared to spend a good deal of time assessing these different options. Our mobility expert will carefully analyze your needs with you to decide on the best option. Do some research online but it is not a good idea to purchase an accessible vehicle online.



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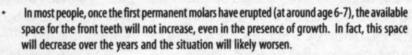
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rollege.

This is becoming more prevalent with parents trying to hide young drivers to avoid the increased premiums. You may have heard not to tell your insurance company about your new driver because they are covered. That's not the case. If you don't disclose changes, such as a new driver or a college student taking a car away to school, and the insurance company can prove you misled them or made a fraudulent statement they can deny the claim and rescind your policy.

We suggest calling your insurance agent to discuss any changes in your household makeup that occur that might be different from when you originally signed the insurance application whether they are mentioned above or involve other types of changes. This could make the difference in having a claim paid or denied and your policy rescinded!

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**Bill Hussong** 

Should I replace or reface my cabinets?

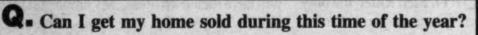
There is no right answer because every situation is different. I suggest before you give your cabinets a facelift, thoroughly examine your cabinets to see what condition they are in. Is the layout okay? Are the shelves and drawers in good working order? Are your current cabinets strong enough to handle a new counter top? To change or fix things might mean the difference between replace or reface.

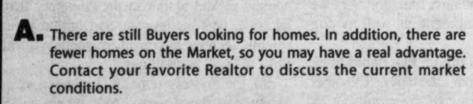
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A deputy on patrol stopped a truck with a broken license plate light, 12:40 p.m., Sept. 26, on Clintonville Road at Waldon Road. The driver, a 25-year-old Detroit resident, had a Guatemala identification card but no driver's license, and was found with suspensions for tickets out of St. Clair Shores. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and no medical certificate. The company was cited for no license plate light, allowing a person to drive in violation of a vehicle code and no medical certificate, no fire extinguisher, no triangles, no proof of insurance, and broken outside driver's-side door handle. The truck was impounded.

# Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

#### **Shoplifting**

A 31-year-old North Branch woman was cited for third degree retail fraud after video surveillance showed her taking a bottle of liquor from a shelf, putting it in her purse, and trying to leave the store, 3:53 p.m., Sept. 20, in the 5000 block of Dixie Highway. Video also showed two other incidents recently where she stole bottles of liquor.

#### Suspected theft

Deputies were looking for a suspicious man walking around a business in the area of Clintonville and Mann roads, 3:11 a.m., Sept. 27. A deputy on patrol stopped and approached the subject, and the man ran around the building into the wooded area behind the business. The subject matched the description of a known larceny suspect who has in recent days been suspected of breaking into vehicles in the Clintonville and Mann area. A Oakland County Sheriff's K-9 Unit established a track which led deputies into the wooded area in the direction that the suspect fled, but the track was terminated due to negative results. The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 5-feet-9-inches in height, 180 pounds, wearing gray gym shorts and a gray long sleeve shirt with a blue color on the sleeves.

#### **Trailer violations**

A commercial truck with an improper license plate on its trailer was stopped on Pine Knob Road at Clintonville Road, 1:25 p.m., Sept. 27. The company was given misdemeanor violations for improper plates on the trailer and truck, unregistered trailer, and dump truck improperly registered as a pickup. They also received violations for no medical certificate or fire extinguisher, truck marker light out, and not having the trailer's emergency brakes hooked directly to the towing vehicle.

#### Suspended license

A 49-year old Independence Township man driving a pickup with a headlight out was stopped on Sashabaw south of Clarkston Road, 12:03 a.m., Sept. 29. The driver was cited for driving with a suspended license.

#### Marijuana arrest

A deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle with an expired registration tab, 4:15 a.m., Sept. 29, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. When asked, the driver, a 29-year-old Independence Township man, said he had a small amount of marijuana in the center console. In the console was found a small bag of marijuana, sharpstone grinder, and pipe. He was cited for no license and possession of marijuana, and given warnings for expired registration and no proof of insurance.

#### Warrant pick up

A 32-year-old Pontiac man was picked up at Genesee County Jail on an outstanding Sixth Circuit Friend of the Court warrant and disorderly conduct warrant out of 52-2 District Court, 1:11 a.m., Sept. 29.

#### Smoke injury

A 65-year-old Clarkston man was treated for smoke inhalation after a house fire in the 6000 block of S. Main Street, 9:19 a.m., Sept. 30. Deputies and Independence Township firefighters were called to the residence, which was reportedly filling up with smoke. Upon arrival, paramedics treated the homeowner while firefighters located the source of the smoke and extinguished the embers. The homeowner was transported to McLaren-Clarkston smoke inhalation and is listed in stable condition. Investigation continues.

#### Improper license

A deputy on patrol stopped a truck and trailer with a burnt out headlight, 2:21 p.m., Oct. 2, on White Lake Road at Village Park Drive. The company was cited for headlight out, allowing a person to drive in violation of vehicle code and no medical certificate, empty fire extinguisher, truck roof marker light out, no annual inspection for truck or trailer, truck rear marker lights out, and truck and trailer license plate lights out. The driver, a 28-year-old Waterford man, was cited for driving a commercial truck without the proper license and no medical certificate. The trailer was impounded.

#### Perhaps a little pitchy

Neighbors called police to report a man in a car singing loudly, 2:51 p.m., Oct. 2, in the 5000 block of Willow Park Drive because they thought he was intoxicated. The vehicle's license plate was found to be registered to another car. The driver, a 46-year-old Independence Township man, was cited for improper plate, no registration, and no proof of insurance. The plate was removed and the vehicle, impounded.

#### Theft from firefighter

After Independence Township firefighters treated a 52-year-old Oxford man for a drug-related incident at Sashabaw and Myers roads, July 6, they found a cell phone had been taken from the back of a fire rescue vehicle. Investigation found the phone was being used after the theft, and the voice mail on the phone was changed to the Oxford man's name. He was cited with larceny in 52-2 District Court on Oct. 3.

#### Fire at school

The Independence Township Fire Department was called to Clarkston Elementary at 10:15 a.m., Oct. 5, to respond to an electrical fire in an ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) classroom heating units. Students were evacuated and the fire was extinguished. All students were safe and returned to class, school officials said.

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The Jungle roars as the Wolves stop Oxford in the first quarter. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price



# Go Wolves!

WHO'S UP THIS WEEK: The Wolves head to Lake Orion this Friday, 7p.m.

Last Score: Clarkston lost to Oxford 20-17 (in last seven seconds)

#### CLARKSTON'S 2018 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Friday	08/24/18	Grandville	W	12-9
Friday	08/31/18	West Bloomfield	W	28-25
Friday	09/07/18	Troy	W	47-7
Friday	09/14/18	Adams (Rochester)	W	30-8
Friday	09/21/18	Southfield Arts & Tech	W	30-21
Friday	09/28/18	Bloomfield Hills	W	55-7
Friday	10/05/18	Oxford (Homecoming)	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	7:00p
Friday	10/12/18	Lake Orion	Away	7:00p
Friday	10/19/18	Oak Park	Home	7:00p

#### OAA Red League Standings/Record

Team	Wins	Losses
Clarkston	4	1
West Bloomfield	4	2
Lake Orion	3	2
Oxford	3	2
<b>Rochester Adams</b>	2	3
Southfield A&T	2	3
Bloomfield Hills	0	5



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# Tough lessons learned

#### BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Fans from Clarkston and Oxford excitedly cheered on both sides of the Wolves' football field last Friday night with less than a minute to go in the game.

The visiting Wildcats moved the ball four yards closer to the endzone. Their next two passes went incomplete, putting them at the fourth down with the Jungle student section roaring for the Wolves' defense to stop them one more time.

With 7.1 seconds remaining, Wildcat Drew Carpenter connected a 5-yard touchdown pass to Joey Miller, ending the game with a 20-17 win for Oxford.

"We haven't been focused," stated Kurt Richardson, long-time head coach for the Wolves. "We don't practice hard. We thought we were good. They kicked our butt - that's all there is to it."

"This is a great team," said Bud Rowley, head coach for Oxford. "He (Richardson) has a great coaching staff, great kids."

Clarkston opened the scoring 11 seconds into the second quarter on a 44-yard field goal by Tristan Mattson, out of the hole of Matt Miller.

Oxford scored ten points before the first half closed after scoring on a touchdown and a 25-yard field goal from Samuel McMaken, his first of two for the night.

The Wolves tied the score moments later

as Josh Luther caught Oxford's kick off return. He kept going as he gained speed, heading into the endzone on a 80-yard return.

Luther struck again opening the second half with another touchdown off another kick off return, this time off an 86-yard run, putting the score 17-10.

"We need to fix that," said Rowley. "It was a glaring point of the night because they didn't do anything. We need to revamp that."

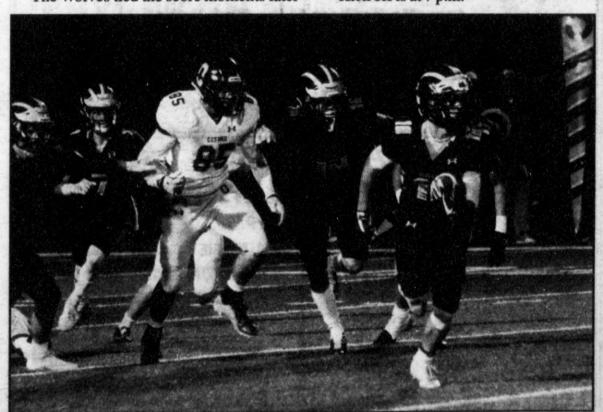
Jake Jensen went 4-for-7 for 37 yards in passing with one first down. Miller caught the first down pass.

Jake Billette rushed the ball six times for nine yards and Jacob Honstetter rushed the ball two times for 17 yards. Mattson kicked a 44-yard field goal and was 2-for-2 on PATs

Keagan King and Hayden Temple led defense with ten tackles each. Rocco Spindler and Garrett Dellinger had eight tackles each. Zach Reid and Luther had six tackles each. Dylan Erskine and Jayviar Suggs had five tackles each.

The Wolves head to Lake Orion on Friday. The two teams will join together for Football for a Cure/Pink Out. The funds raised from the charity game goes to McLaren Oakland Foundation and A Mother's Wish Foundation.

Kick off is at 7 p.m.



Josh Luther runs 80 yards on a kick off return for a touchdown at the end of the first half against Oxford to tie the game, 10-10. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK Love for the team

#### BY WENDIREARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Sophomore Makenzie Zacharias stays on the sidelines as the the Clarkston Varsity Football players exit the field after their Friday night games.

Each week it is the same as she isn't quite ready to leave the track - she loves cheering for her team.

"She is usually telling her parents she doesn't want to leave the track," shared Sydney Hubert-McLennan and Becca Winkler, her Clarkston Varsity Cheerleading teammates.

Zacharias is 16-years-old with Down Syndrome and began cheerleading last

"Kenzie has proven to many people nothing is impossible," said her mom, Kelly.

It began with Kenzie and her dad, Joe, volunteering as water managers for the football team.

"I knew when she was going to high school I wanted to get her involved in something because she really loves being part of the group," said Joe.

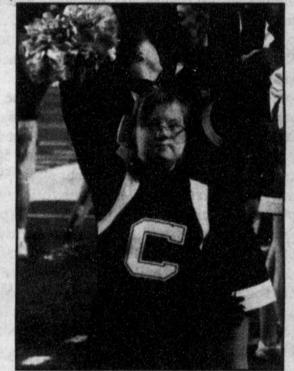
He added Kenzie would be filling water bottles and watching the cheerleaders. She would mimic their moves.

When the team played at Troy Athens last season Joe asked the team captain Elizabeth VanHeulan, to watch her for a moment.

"Every since then, they didn't let her go," he said. "She was a cheerleader from that point on."

"Kenzie was seen being lifted by the varsity cheerleaders in front of the crowd and was well-received," added Kelly. "It led to Kenzie participating the rest of the season with the squad."

Kelly added the entire team embraced



Kenzie Zacharias cheers at University of Michigan, Aug. 24. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

Kenzie and VanHeulen had Kenzie at her side all season and gave her cheer box to

Kenzie ended the 2017 season cheering at Ford Field while the Wolves won the state championship and receiving her manager varsity letter at the cheer banquet. She proudly wears it on her jacket.

"It was another moment Kenzie and all in attendance were touched by," Kelly added. "It will be a special part of her wardrobe beyond 2021."

Joe and Kelly added everyone in the community embraced Kenzie.

"Her experience lasted months, not moments," Kelly said. "It can be attributed to the C-Town community that embraced a young lady for her abilities instead of disabilities."

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#### Swimmers place at meet

With five swimmers and three divers, the Clarkston team finished in sixth place out of 32 at the 2018 Oakland County Girls Swim & Dive Championship at Waterford Mott High School this past weekend.

The divers were led by junior Abby Line, who finished in fourth place with 358.85 points. Freshman Madison Verbeke finished in 15th place with 279.60 points, and sophomore Abby Bartley finished with 118.60 points.

Swimmers competed in two relays, finishing sixth in the 200-yard medley relay 1:50.34 as the team of junior Betsey Walkowiak, sophomore Alexis Moon, senior Caroline Hughes and sophomore Evie Dice finished in the time of 1:50.34.

The team of Dice, Moon, Hughes and senior Rachel Kociba finished in ninth place in the 400-yard freestyle relay, 3:42.13.

For individual events, Moon finished the 100-yard breaststroke in third place, 1:05.84, and the 200-yard IM in ninth place, 2:13.84; Hughes finished the 100-yard backstroke in sixth place, 59.07, and the 100-yard butterfly in tenth place, 59.47; and Dice finished the 100-yard butterfly in seventh place, 59.03, and the 50-yard freestyle in 14th place, 24.98. Walkowiak finished the 50-yard freestyle in the time of 26:43 and the 100-yard butterfly, 1:02.26.

The Wolves head to Bloomfield Hills for a dual meet on Thursday. Then, they compete in the Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (MISCA) meet at Eastern Michigan University on Friday and Saturday.



The 200-yard Medley Relay team with junior Betsey Walkowiak, sophomore Alexis Moon, senior Caroline Hughes, and sophomore Evie Dice finished in sixth place, 1:50.34. *Photo provided* 

#### Senior night win

The boys varsity soccer team won their game against Stoney Creek 3-0, Oct. 2. The team also celebrated senior night. Senior Patrick Farrell opened the scoring followed by a goal by senior David Gray in the first half.

In the second half senior Nathan Murray scored the third goal of the night.

"It's a nice feeling. It is good to play well," said Coach Ian Jones. "Second half, there was a little bit of pressure but they weathered the storm. They have been playing well and it was nice to see the seniors play so well on senior night."

The take away from the game is the importance of the first goal, Jones said.

"This is the first time we have taken the lead all season," he said. "Once the first goal goes in the confidence sky rockets and they have the ability to keep the ball for a period of time."

The boys will take on Lake Orion in their last regular season game on Oct. 9 and will compete in districts on Oct. 16. They're looking forward to their next games and they have some work to do, Jones said.

"Scoring goals, working on keeping them fit and getting rotations in so players are not burnt out. We could possibly even play Stoney Creek again," he said.



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Friday	9/29	1:00pm	Cardinal Mooney Catholic (Marine City)	Win 62-20
Friday	10/5	7:00pm	Our Lady of the Lakes (Waterford)	Win 21-7
Friday	10/12	7:00pm	Shrine Catholic (Royal Oak)	Away
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Nino Mastromatteo runs the ball during Everest's 21-7 win over Our Lady of the Lakes last Friday. Photo pro-



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The Mountaineers remained undefeated as they defeated Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes last Friday at home, 21-7.

With the win, the Everest Collegiate Football team clinched their second straight Catholic High School League Prep Bowl at Ford Field in the C-D Division Championship, Oct. 20.

The Mountaineers opened the night scoring twice in the first quarter beginning with a 6-yard touchdown run by Jimmy Neme and a 7-yard touchdown run by Nino Mastromatteo. Rodrigo DeNigris scored on two PAT attempts.

The Lakers scored in the second half with a touchdown from Kyle Cartier off a 22-yard pass from Grant Ross. Mountaineer Josh Legg closed the scoring in the third quarter with a 3-yard touchdown run. Another PAT from DeNigris ended the game, 21-7.

Giovanni Mastromatteo was 7-for-14 in passing for 80 yards. He rushed the ball 67 yards. Nino Mastromatteo caught three passes for 36 yards and Joey Thibodau caught three passes for 33 yards.

Legg was the leading rusher for 82 yards. Nino Mastromatteo rushed the ball 45 yards and Neme ran the ball 40 yards.

The Mountaineers (7-0, 3-0 CHSL Intersectional 2) head to Shrine this Friday and head to Cabrini, Oct. 19. Kick off for both games is 7 p.m.



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# Victory at meet

The Everest Collegiate Cross Country team won their first meet at Thelma Spencer Park with a score of 18, with 11 of their runners setting a personal best, Oct. 2.

Erin Booms led the team finishing in first place, 22:41. Avery Herrgott finished in second place, 22:51; Theresa Waller, third place, 22:52; Kirsty Liu, fifth place, 23:35; and Kate Funke, seventh place, 24:35.

Booms and Herrgott now hold the two

fastest time for freshman in Mountaineers history. Booms also is now fastest in Everest history. Waller made the second fastest time for a sophomore at Everest and Liu made the fastest time for a senior in the school's history.

Coach Mary Williams added the team is finally large enough to run smaller more informal meets like duals they ran against Lutheran Northwest, Novi Christian and Roeper on Oct. 2.



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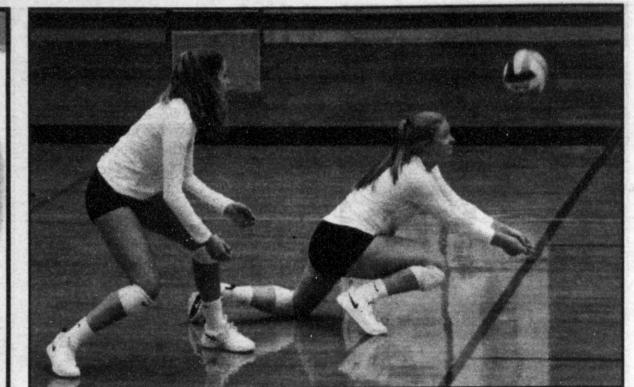
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Junior Hannah Cady keeps Troy from scoring a point with her low dig. Photo by Wendi Reardon Price

# A good night at the net

#### BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Spikers battled point for point during their fifth and tie-breaking match against Troy last Thursday.

It closed with the Clarkston Varsity Volleyball team winning the last two points off a hit from junior Jordan Newblatt and a block for a 22-20 victory.

"A lot of emotions," said Kelly Pinner, head coach. "We knew what Troy was going to throw at us. They have those two pin hitters – outside, Jessica Robinson, is going to Michigan, their right side, Francesca McBride, is going to Florida, so we knew they were going to be tough. When they were in the front row we had a tough time with defense."

Clarkston opened the night winning the first two matches, 25-18 and 27-25.

Troy evened the score winning the next two 25-17 and 27-25.

"We make too many errors and we don't know how to get out of situations," Pinner said about the losses. "We make two errors and it becomes ten errors. Instead of us making two errors and someone stepping up and being a leader and getting something positive done. It's something we are still working on. We have still have three more weeks to work on it, and our goal is to get better and better. There's moments we look like a great team – one of the best teams in the state and there's moments like that third set where it looks like we don't know what we are doing."

Troy opened the fifth set with the first point and Newblatt quickly tied it, starting a 4-point run. Troy closed in on points and it was a back and forth battle between the two teams. The Wolves gained a three point lead after a hit from Newblatt, 14-11. Then, Troy's Robinson and McBride struck back, tying the score at 14 points.

Clarkston finally got the two point lead

they needed to win the match, 22-20 and the game, 3-2.

"I am proud we pulled that out in the fifth game," Pinner said. "I know they were tired. We had an injury that I think morally affected us a little bit. I had to go with a different line up and they stuck with it with different people out there and got it done. It's a good win for us."

Sophomore Claire Nowicki had 29 kills and ten digs. Sophomore Alana Watlington had ten kills and one ace. Newblatt had 14 klls, one ace and three blocks.

Senior Mackenzie Rotter had six blocks. Senior Haley Stewart had 26 digs and junior Skyelar Jidas had 13 digs. Senior Kelsey Schaldenbrand had 62 assists.

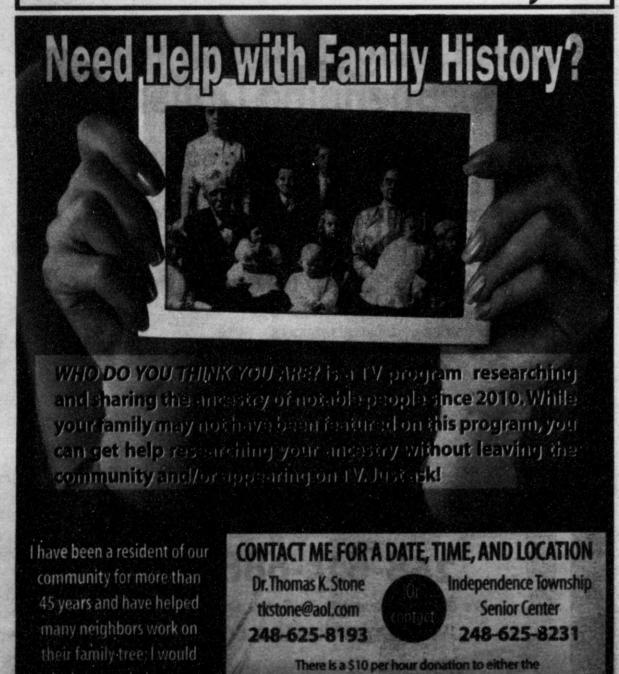
During the night, Clarkston and Troy also raised close to \$2,000 during the Wolves' first Pink Out. The money will be donated to the Regents of University of Michigan Victors for Michigan and dedicated to assist families who are fighting breast cancer.

The Wolves opened the week against Rochester Adams and won in three matches, 25-22, 25-23, 25-15, Oct. 2.

"We had a good night," Pinner said. "We made a little bit of a line up change and we stuck with it again tonight until the injury. We are trying to look at different things with our athletes because to be honest some things just aren't working right now. We are trying to mix things up. It's what the end of our season will look like see what our best options are so moving into the post season we have the best line up and best possibility we have out there."

Nowicki had 12 kills and two aces. Watlington had 12 kills and two blocks. Rotter had three blocks. Schaldenbrand had 28 assists and two blocks. Haley Stewart had 18 digs and Jidas had ten digs.

Clarkston (22-10-2, 4-2 OAA Red) hosted Oxford on Tuesday for Senior Night. They head to Beast of the East on Saturday.





Junior Cali Ehrenberger grabs the ball after the hand off during the second quarter.



Senior Olivia McKinney puts the juniors on a run.



Senior Maddie Merritt dances between quarters and waves to the fans cheering on the Class of 2019.

## Win for juniors

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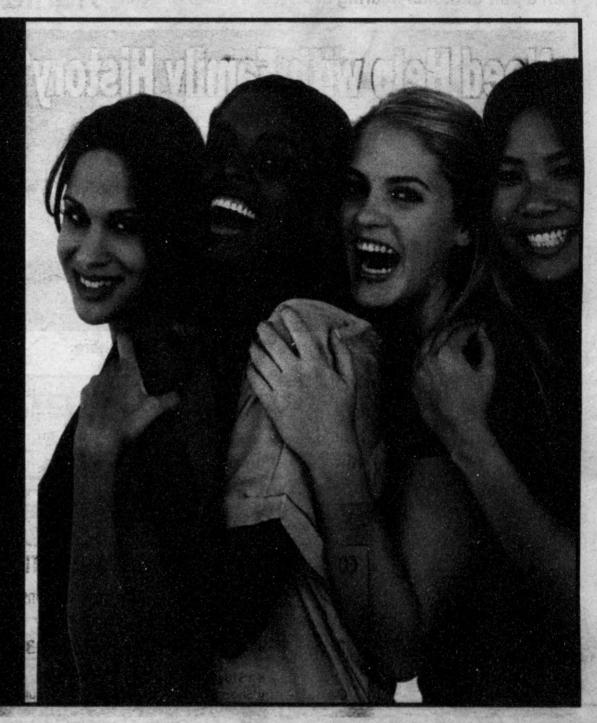
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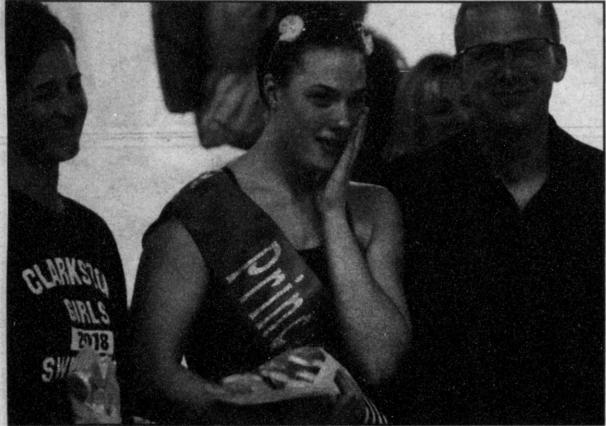


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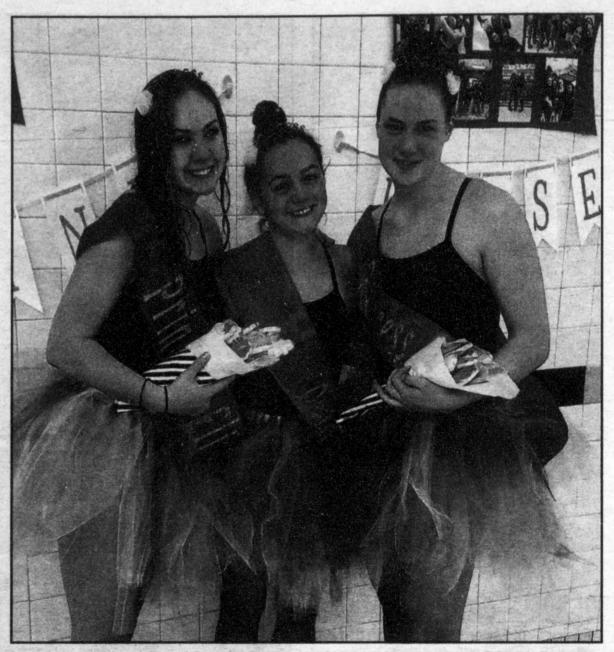




Rachel Kociba is touched as teammates share good wishes.



Caroline Hughes giggles at memories the underclassmen share.



From left, Clarkston Girls Swim and Dive Senior Princesses Elise Lowell, Caroline Hughes and Rachel Kociba. *Photos by Wendi Reardon Price* 



Elise Lowell

#### Senior swimmers

The Clarkston High School Girls Swim and Dive team celebrated their three senior captains Elise Lowell, Caroline Hughes and Rachel Kociba during the meet against Lake Orion, Sept. 27.

Lowell dives and is a league finalist and regional dive qualifier.

Hughes competes in 100-yard butterfly and 100-yard backstroke events and has been All-League, a county qualifier, MHSAA state qualifier and a MHSAA state finalist.

Kociba competes in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle and has been county qualifier, league finalist and MHSAA state qualifier.



## High school cheerleading helps student out of her shell

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"It doesn't work if there is a little bit of negativity," Joe said. "She loves the girls and being part of the group. The girls are wonderful and fantastic. It doesn't work unless all of them accept her and they really have. Kids today are just so accepting. Everyone has been so great. We are blessed and we love it."

Kelly and Joe were concerned when the head coach for varsity cheerleading stepped down and a new coach, Ashli Domsic took over the position in June.

"Kenzie's teacher, Tara Marchand agreed to contact Ashli on our behalf to share Kenzie's story and how important participating with the cheerleaders is for

Kenzie and the community as well," Kelly shared. "Ashli asked Kenzie to attend the informational cheerleading meeting in June and was receptive to her returning. As soon as Kenzie entered the room, she received a warm welcome from the cheerleaders in the room which was so touching to watch. Alisa Sherwood, the Varsity Cheer Mom welcomed us and indicated she had also contacted Coach Ashli and hoped Kenzie would return."

Now Kenzie is in her sophomore year which kicked with the Wolves opening the season at University of Michigan's Big

"It was neat she got that experience," Joe smiled. "I think we got more of a kick

Kenzie has her own cheer box this season and each cheerleader takes a turn helping her on and off of her box, helps her with her poms and leads to her positions throughout the night.

"Kenzie attempts everything the cheerleaders do, minus stunts," Kelly said. "She isn't always on beat and doesn't know all the words - she doesn't care, and no one else seems to either. Kenzie's absolute favorite is being lifted by her squad and cheering in front of the Jungle (student

section). The roar lights Kenzie up and she often encourages the squad to do it again. She has gone from the young girl who couldn't tolerate to be in a pep rally or an auditorium with any loud noises. Now this.

"With the help and guidance of the Clarkston Varsity Cheerleaders and coach, student body, administration and community Kenzie will forever cheer for the Blue and Gold," Kelly added.

"This is her world," Joe smiled, watching Kenzie practice with her teammates before the Homecoming game last Thursday.



Elizabeth VanHeulan an Kenzie Zacharias kick up during the 2017 season. Photo provided





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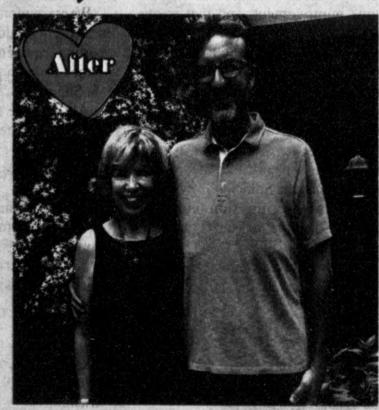
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#### Proactive approach to student support

Last month, I introduced you to five words that have been on my mind for a few months now. These five words represent Clarkston Community Schools' collective values and intentions for young people in Clarkston. Every decision we make as a district will be guided by our commitment to create schools where students are: SAFE, SUPPORTED, HEALTHY, ENGAGED, CHALLENGED.

As I mentioned in Words from September, I will be using this the Sup't

column to expand on each of these focal points and dig deeper into the "how" behind these ideals. Today, I want to share how children are SUPPORTED in our schools, particularly through our efforts to ensure a respectful learning environment for students.



Shawn Ryan

As educators, our persistent and unwavering duty is to do right by our students. In light of the recent national dialogue about sexual misconduct, our school district, along with other schools across the country, is thinking deeply about how we can do more to support positive, healthy school cultures. Much is already being done in Clarkston Community Schools to promote the safety, health and well-being of our students. At the same time, we must approach this issue through the lens of continuous improvement, and that is our mindset moving forward.

School MUST be a safe environment for all students, and students must feel supported in our school community. As a sign of our commitment to our students, we are one of the only districts in Michigan to employ an administrator whose sole focus is on student mental health and safety. Staci Puzio, our Director of Student Growth and Well-Being, is working alongside our administration to educate staff, promote healthy behaviors in students, and support a respectful climate on our campuses. Our approach is multifaceted:

1. Awareness

 Our secondary staff has undergone training in recognizing signs of physical or emotional distress, depression, or anxiety that students may exhibit following a traumatic event.  To promote additional awareness, we are collaborating with parents and student groups to bring in a national expert on abuse prevention to speak with students, staff, parents, and community members.

2. Education

 We use age-appropriate language and programming to teach elementary students about respecting one another as individuals and expecting to be treated respectfully.

 We discuss healthy boundaries and personal space, and we teach students that they are in control of their own body.

• Our required health classes at the middle school, junior high and high school address the issue of consent, emphasizing that it is never okay to bully, harass, manipulate, intimidate, or force a person to do something he or she did not consent to. (We also underscore that silence does not equal consent.)

 We will review and enhance our health and wellness curriculum, drawing upon the experiences of other schools (including universities) and the practices recommended by national experts in abuse prevention.

3. Intervention

 We teach students how to intervene if they are a bystander, and we encourage them to look out for one another in social situations.

 We discuss with students the importance of telling a trusted adult such as a parent, teacher, or a counselor if any type of personal violation has occurred.

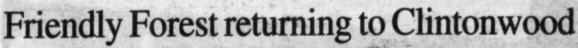
 We are reinforcing with all staff who work directly with children the state's mandatory reporting requirements, how to fulfill them, and the need to report, even if doubt exists.

4. Support

 All staff are empowered to respond to the immediate needs of any student in crisis.
 We also have social workers and guidance counselors on our campuses where students can seek help.

We will continue learning all we can from community partners and thought leaders about how to strengthen a culture of respect on our campuses. If you have questions about our approach to student health, safety, and wellness, my door is always open. In the meantime, thank you for all you do to support healthy attitudes and behaviors in Clarkston's children.

Shawn Ryan is superintendent of Clarkston Community Schools



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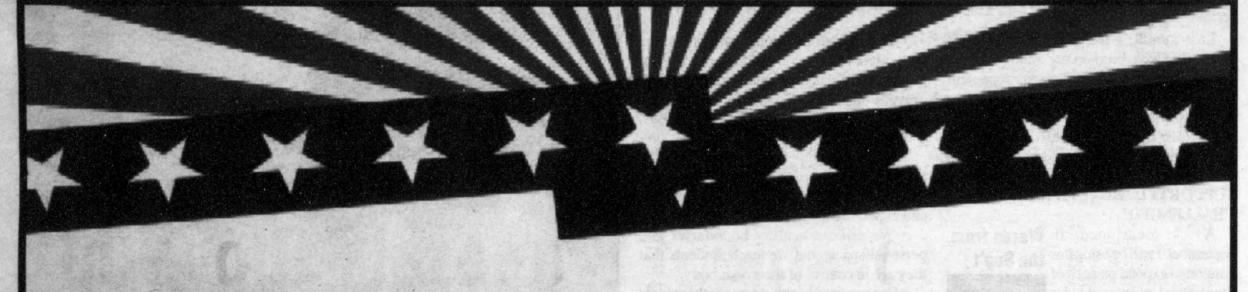
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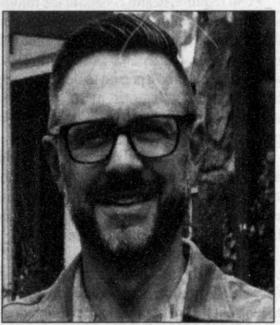




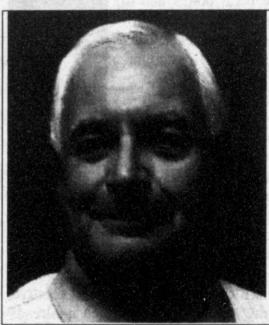
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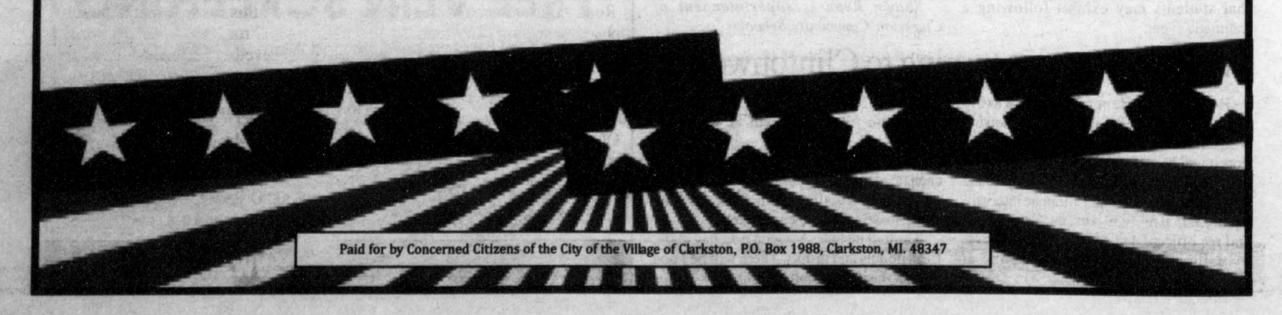
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# Road Improvement Proposal Follow-up

By Pat Kittle, Supervisor

Still getting questions and hearing concerns about the proposed Road



Improvement Millage that will be appearing on the November ballot. Thought I would share them and my responses with you. (Some of these issues have been addressed in prior Township Times articles. Apologize for the redundancy.)

THE QUESTION: "Who you kidding? This road thing is a done deal! The Township is just jamming another tax down my throat!"

MY RESPONSE: This Road Improvement proposal is not a "done deal." The Township Board only approved putting the Road Improvement language on the November ballot. The Township residents are the ones who will decide if this millage proposal gets approved / denied by voting YES or NO.

THE QUESTION: "Roads are not the responsibility of the Township. Let somebody else pay for the repairs! Why the Township?"

MY RESPONSE: The lousy condition of the roads in the entire State of Michigan has been a concern for decades. And, I can tell you first-hand based on the numbers of calls from frustrated residents, our roads in Independence Township have been getting progressively worse in the 6 years I have been Supervisor.

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Association of Michigan, the Michigan
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there will still not be nearly enough funding to get the roads up to a satisfactory
condition.

Our phones continue to get blown up from residents complaining about the lousy roads in the Township asking what we are going to do about fixing them, even though we have ZERO jurisdiction over controlling improvements to the roads. To address this issue, the Township Board has determined that jointly working with the Road Commission makes a lot more sense than trying to do this on our own. \$16.5M is a ton of money to fix over 28 miles of roads in the Township. So, the proposal is to have the Township contribute \$12M with a 2 MIL tax over 4 years and have the Road Commission contribute \$4.5M for

design, engineering, culvert repair and maintenance. But this is a decision that will be made by the Independence voters on the November ballot, not the Township Board.

THE QUESTION: "Didn't you dream this road millage up a few years ago and chickened out putting it on the ballot? You said then the Township was going to get stiffed. What changed?"

MY RESPONSE: You are correct. I did chicken-out back in 2015 because I was not comfortable with the answers from the RCOC to move the original Road Improvement Proposal forward. Things have changed at the RCOC and the Road Improvement Millage being proposed this year is substantially different than what was discussed in 2015 with: 27% more miles of roadway to be repaired, the same \$12M Township contribution, the addition of a \$4.5M RCOC contribution, needed culvert repairs, the addition of a yearly RCOC maintenance plan and an anticipated \$500,000 in co-op funding available for

neighborhood public road repairs at project completion.

The chart above highlights the differences between the original 2015 plan and the proposed 2018 plan.

THE QUESTION: "Why don't you guys put all this road stuff on your website for anyone to see? Why are you hiding it in the paper?"

MY RESPONSE: Not trying to hide anything! The Clarkston News, which includes the Township Times, gets delivered to almost every address in the Township. But because you asked, the Township just added a link on our website that offers more details on this entire project, including RCOC road quality maps, roads to be repaved, construction specifics and more.

Visit INDTWP.COM and click on the link under Township News ROAD IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE. We even included a survey for you to voice your opinion.

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## **Charter Township of Independence Precinct Map**

Precinct Number	Polling Location			
1	St. Trinity Lutheran Church 7925 Sashabaw Rd.			
2	First Congregational Church 5449 Clarkston Rd.			
3	Clintonwood Park – Carriage House 6000 Clarkston Rd.			
4	Clarkston Independence District Library 6495 Clarkston Rd.			
5	Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church 6805 Bluegrass Dr.			
6	Clarkston Community Church 6300 Clarkston Rd.			
7	Oakland Woods Baptist Church 5628 Maybee Rd.			
8	Maranatha Baptist Church 5790 Flemings Lake Rd.			
9	Harvestland Church 5848 Clintonville Rd.			
10	Mt. Zion Church 4900 Maybee Rd.			
11	Mt. Zion Church 4900 Maybee Rd.			
12	Bay Court Park – Lakeview Room 6970 Andersonville Rd.			
13	Clintonwood Park – Senior Community Cente 6000 Clarkston Rd.			

For a more details about polling places, please visit our website, www.indtwp.com and click "Interactive Maps" (Election Polling Places) Michigan Congressional Districts State Senate District No. 12

State Representative District No. 43

Independence Township Offices, (248) 625-5111 6483 Waldon Center Dr, Clarkston, MI 48346 Web: indetwp.com Population: 34,681 (2010 Census)



Scale: 1:39,000 Effective: Sept 9, 2016

# Road millage followup

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THE QUESTION: "Why the November ballot? What are you trying to hide? Why wasn't this on the August ballot with the other millage proposals?"

MY RESPONSE: Presidential and Mid-Term elections in November traditionally have a higher turn-out than Primary elections held in August. It was my opinion that because of the sensitivity of an additional millage, putting the proposal on the November ballot would allow more folks to voice their opinion on this matter with either a YES or NO vote. Sorry ... no conspiracy. Just trying to do the right thing.

In closing, this proposed Road Improvement Millage is not a perfect solution. A perfect solution would be if the RCOC was footing the entire bill. Perfect indeed ... just not a very realistic solution with RCOC's limited resources and amount of work needing to get done.

This Road Improvement solution being offered is one that has the Road Commission contributing a significant portion towards the total cost, it allows for an additional six miles of roads to be paved, it has a maintenance plan to ensure the designed life expectancy of the roads are maximized and has a provision for unspent funds to be available to help neighborhoods repair public residential streets.

As I have said before ... Thate taxes as much as the next guy. But I also hate seeing residents getting their cars busted up on potholes. And I really hate getting yelled at about roads that I have ZERO control over. Residents keep telling the Township we need to do something to get our roads fixed. This Road Improvement Millage and cooperative agreement with the RCOC will provide a solution for our community, but it will be up to the Township residents to decide if they want us to proceed with it.

No matter what your stance on this topic ... please make sure you get out and vote. The decision to get our roads fixed is yours to make. If you have any questions, please call me at 248-922-6213. I will get back to you!

# Election news from Township Clerk Barb Pallotta

#### **Straight-party Voting Eliminated**

Straight-ticket voting or straightparty voting is the practice of voting for every candidate that a political party has on a general election ballot. On Sept. 5, federal appellate judges in the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals banned straight-ticket voting for the upcoming November

election in a 2-1 ruling arguing that doing so would encourage Michigan voters to become more informed about the candidates they are voting for. Many supporters of the ban have argued that Michigan should be like other states, the 40



Township Clerk Barb Pallotta

that never had straight-ticket voting or have banned it altogether. Due to the ban on straight-ticket voting and ballot issues such as legalizing recreational marijuana, a proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress every 10 years, and a proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day Voter registration, noreason absentee voting and straight ticket voting, November's election will likely draw large crowds, giving us our first opportunity to witness what all this will mean for Michigan voters.

#### How To Make Sure Your Vote Counts

Instructions inserted on the secrecy sleeve BEFORE marking your ballot. The BIGGEST mistake made by a precinct voter is attempting to correct OR erase a marking mistake on a ballot. If you make an error your ballot can be spoiled and a replacement ballot issued.

TO VOTE: Completely darken the box next to each choice as shown:

- Use only a black or blue ink pen; Do Not Use Any Other Ink Color!
- Do Not Vote For More Candidates than indicated under each office title.
- ARRIVE NO LATER than 8 PM at your polling location on Election Day!

#### Are You Eligible To Vote An Absentee Ballot?

If you are properly registered to vote

and meet ONE of the following requirements you are eligible for absentee voting:

- Age 60 years old or older,
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls,
- Expecting to be out of town on election day,
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial,
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons, or
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

#### Voter Registration Deadline

November 9 Election: Tuesday, October 9. If you missed this deadline, you may be eligible to vote in your old jurisdiction. Contact the Clerk's Office of your former jurisdiction for confirmation!

Attention Students: First time voters/
students that may be away at college must
have registered to vote in-person at the
Clerk's Office or a Secretary of State office
to be able to request an absent voter ballot.
Those persons that have registered to vote
by mail are not eligible to vote by absentee
unless they personally stop by the Clerk's
Office with proper identification.

#### BALLOT PROPOSALS -NOVEMBER 6, 2018

#### LOCAL (INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP): ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE

Shall the Charter Township of Independence be authorized to levy a new additional millage of up to 2.0 mills (a tax limitation increase of up to \$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township) for a limited period of four (4) years, starting with the December 2018 levy, for purposes of funding the improvement, rehabilitation and repair of County public roads including, but not limited to, parts of Sashabaw, Clintonville, Waldon, Maybee, Clarkston, White Lake, Andersonville, Holcomb, Flemings Lake, Walters, and Eston Roads (amounting to an estimated 28 miles of roadway) in the Charter Township of Independence?

If approved and levied, it is estimated that this proposal will result in the authorization to collect an estimated \$3,167,648 in the first year. It is estimated that 99.13% of the annual millage revenue will be disbursed to the Charter Township of Independence for public road improvements and, as required by law, 0.87% (8.7 tenths of one percent) will be disbursed to the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority collected solely from properties located in the Sashabaw Road Corridor Improvement Authority District.

IMPORTANT: ALL questions related to the ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE are to be directed to the Township Supervisor's Office at (248) 625-5111; Ext. 525. Questions related to the Sashabaw Corridor Improvement Authority disbursement are to be directed to the Independence Township Assessing Office at (248) 625-5111; Ext. 219.

#### SCHOOL (LAKE ORION COMMUNITY SCHOOLS): SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Lake Orion Community Schools, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Million Dollars (\$160,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, reequipping, furnishing, re-furnishing school buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities for safety and security, energy conservation and other purposes;
- Erecting, completing, equipping and furnishing a replacement elementary school, a new early childhood center facility and security entrance additions and other additions to existing school buildings;
- Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities;
- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields and other facilities for traffic control, safety and security and other purposes and the purchase of school buses?

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## Election news, continued

The maximum number of years of any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty (20) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0 mills (which is equal to \$0 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 3.99 mills annually (\$3.99 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this ballot is expected to remain at or below the current annual debt millage of 7.49 mills.

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has \$76,525,000 of qualified bonds outstanding and \$10,963,213 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District expects to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated total principal amount of additional borrowing is \$6,982,463 and the estimated total interest thereon is \$10,304,882. The estimated duration of the millage levy associated with that borrowing is 13 years and the estimated computed millage rate for such levy is 7.49 mills. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN: Proposal 18-1

A proposed initiated law to authorize and legalize possession, use and cultivation of marijuana products by individuals who are at least 21 years of age and older, and commercial sales of marijuana through state-licensed retailers

This proposal would:

- Allow individuals 21 and older to purchase, possess and use marijuana and marijuana-infused edibles, and grow up to 12 marijuana plants for personal consumption.

- Impose a 10-ounce limit for marijuana

kept at residences and require amounts over 2.5 ounces be secured in locked containers.

- Create a state licensing system for marijuana businesses and allow municipalities to ban or restrict them.
- Permit retail sales of marijuana and edibles subject to a 10% tax, dedicated to implementation costs, clinical trials, schools, roads, and municipalities where marijuana businesses are located.
- Change several current violations from crimes to civil infractions.

Should this proposal be adopted?

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN: Proposal 18-2

proposed constitutional amendment to establish a commission of citizens with exclusive authority to adopt district boundaries for the Michigan Senate, Michigan House of Representatives and U.S. Congress, every 10 years

This proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Create a commission of 13 registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State:
- 4 each who self-identify as affiliated with the 2 major political parties; and
- 5 who self-identify as unaffiliated with major political parties.
- Prohibit partisan officeholders and candidates, their employees, certain relatives, and lobbyists from serving as commissioners.
- Establish new redistricting criteria including geographically compact and contiguous districts of equal population, Michigan's diverse reflecting population and communities of interest. Districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates.
- Require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Should this proposal be adopted?

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN: Proposal 18-3

A proposal to authorize automatic and Election Day voter registration, noreason absentee voting, and straight ticket voting; and add current legal requirements for military and overseas voting and post-election audits to the Michigan Constitution

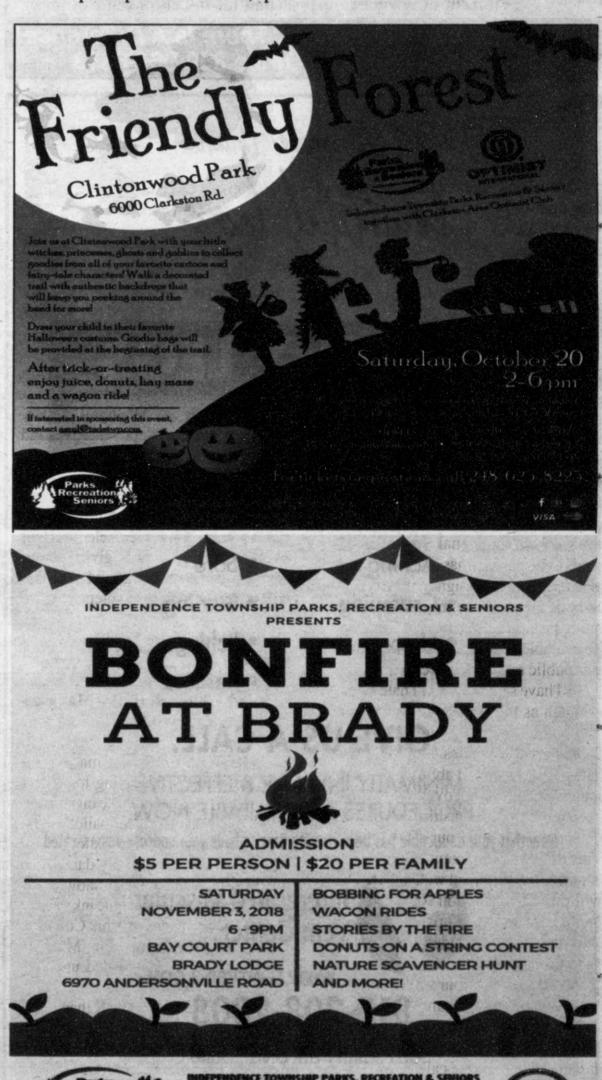
This proposed constitutional amendment would allow a United States citizen who is qualified to vote in Michigan to:

- Become automatically registered to vote when applying for, updating or renewing a driver's license or state-issued personal identification card, unless the person declines.
- Simultaneously register to vote with proof of residency and obtain a ballot during the 2-week period prior to an election, up to

and including Election Day.

- Obtain an absent voter ballot without providing a reason.
- Cast a straight-ticket vote for all candidates of a particular political party when voting in a partisan general election.

Should this proposal be adopted?



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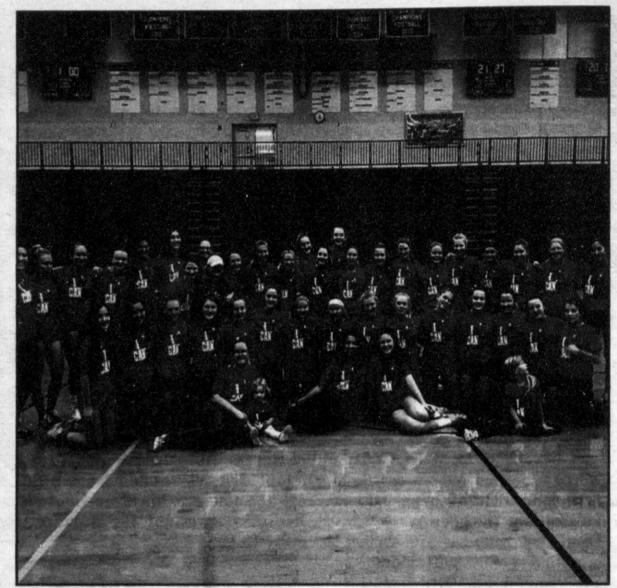


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Clarkston Freshman, JV and Varsity Volleyball teams hold their first Pink Out last Thursday. During the night, Clarkston and Troy also raised close to \$2,000 during the Wolves' first Pink Out. The money will be donated to the Regents of University of Michigan Victors for Michigan and dedicated to assist families who are fighting breast cancer. *Photo provided* 



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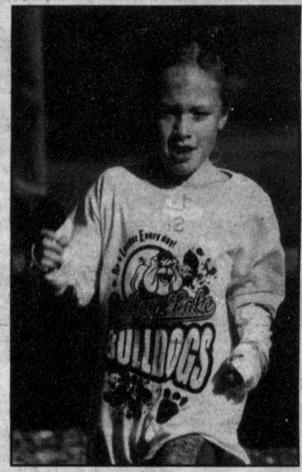




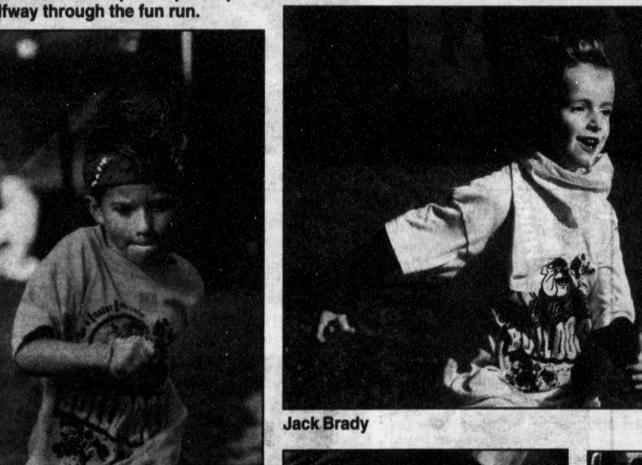
Alexa Ruterbusch picks up her speed halfway through the fun run.



Brennan Scott feels the breeze as he rounds the corner during his lap.



**Catherine Garvin** 





Adelaide Ward gets a high five during her last lap. Photos by Wendi Reardon Price

# Bulldogs stay on track

during the annual Running with the Bulldogs at Bailey Lake Elementary, Sept. 28.

Each student ran, jogged or Run goes back to the school.

Students smiled and laughed walked for 15 minutes on the track behind the elementary school while a DJ played their favorite tunes. Money raised during the annual Fun



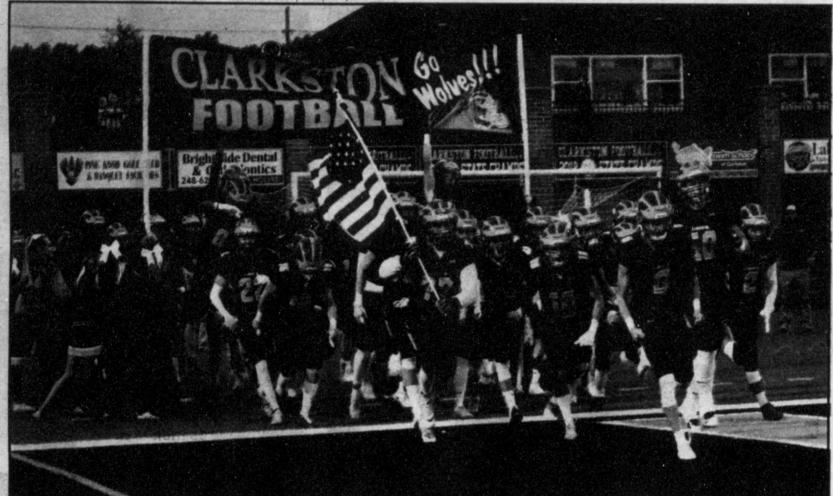
Luke Schafer dances the "La Macarena" to warm up.



Mrs. Patnaude's first grade class feels the dancing groove-



Sebastian Puffer paces himself for the duration of the Fun Run.



The Wolves rush onto the field to take on the Wildcats for Homecoming.



Junior Devin Parkinson with his teammates celebrate stopping Oxford offense from a score in the fourth quarter.

# Royalty crowned

It was a night full of emotions as the Wolves hosted Oxford for Homecoming last Friday.

Fans were treated to performances by the marching band, cheer team and dance teams before a Queen and King were crowned in front of friends and family.

The night ended with the Wildcats winning the game in the last 7.1 seconds, 20-17.

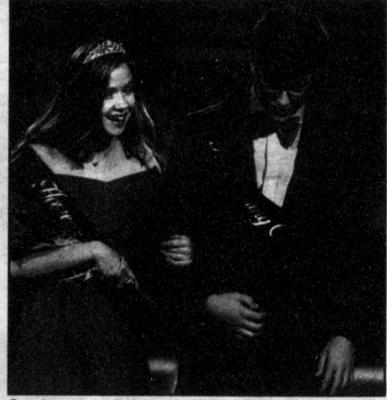
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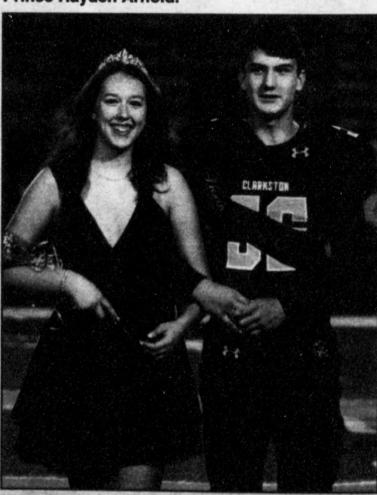
The Clarkston High School Class of 1968 celebrates their 50-year reunion at the Homecoming game.



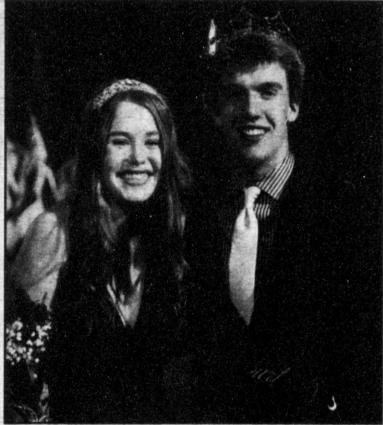
Senior Princess Abbey Pierce and Prince Nick Skorupski.



Sophomore Princess Ellie Chamberlain and Prince Hayden Arnold.



Junior Princess Madison Battishill and Prince Colby Cano.



Homecoming Queen Islay Hepburn and King Brock Henley.



Sophie Little of the Clarkston Color Guard.



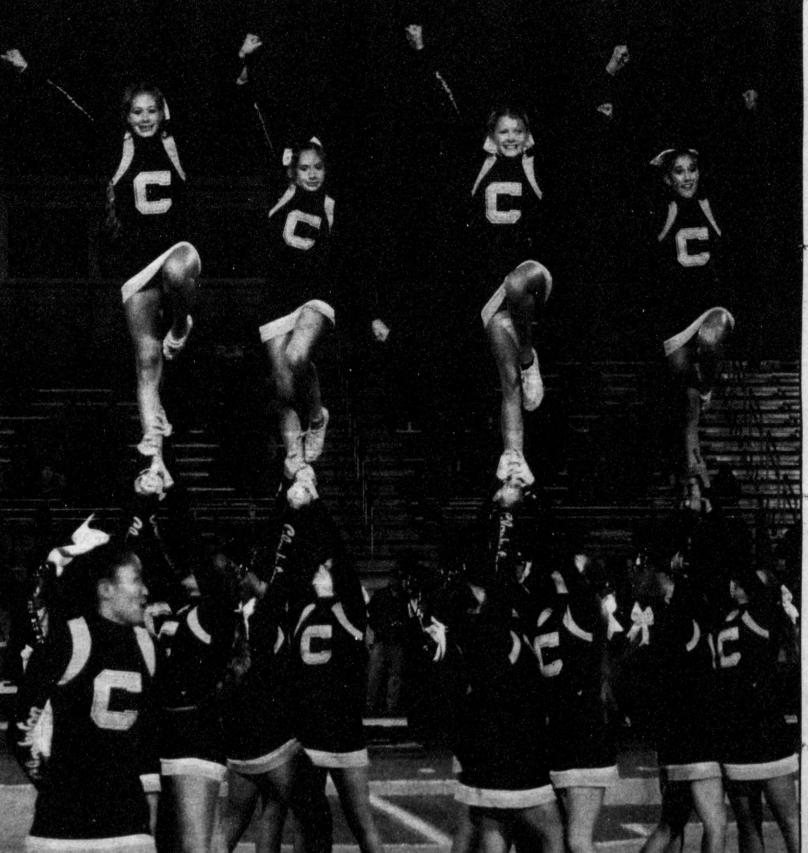
Clarkston Varsity Dance team shares their love for the Wolves after their half-time performance.



Senior Princess Ashley Dunlap and Prince Jason Kuczera.



Senior Katle Koczak, with varsity and JV dance teams perform for fans.



Clarkston Cheerleaders pop up during their spirited routine.

#### **Events**

Blood drives, American Red Cross, Oct. 16, 12-5:45 p.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road; Oct. 17, 1-6:45 p.m., Springfield Township Fire Department, 10280 Rattalee Lake Road. 800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

A Taste of the Holidays, Oct. 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bordine Nursery, 8600 Dixie Highway. \$45 in advance, \$55 at the door. Wines of the world, micro brewery beers, mixed spirits, appetizers and desserts by local restaurants. Fund raiser for Clarkston Rotary's local and international programs. Auction tables, 50/50.248-561-8523.

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, 7 p.m., Carriage House in Clintonwood Park. Nov. 13: "Does Healing Hurt Sometimes?" Free, walk-ins welcome. 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. \$40/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

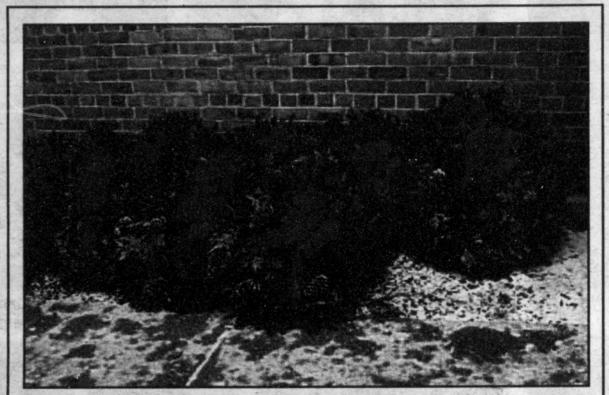
Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third Tuesday, 7 p.m., District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Oct. 16: Oakland County Sheriff's deputy speaking on red flags and responding to an active shooter situation, geared towards private citizens. Contact

# Around Jown

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



Clarkston Community Women's Club's annual Poinsettia/Greens sale is on now through Nov. 9, with delivery on Monday, Nov 26, with poinsettias in an assortment of colors and sizes, wreaths, greens hanging basket, grave blankets, grave pillows, porch pots, and centerpiece. To order, call Belinda Seal-Sweet at 248-520-9353 or Gail Ferguson, 248-758-8574. Check clarkstoncommunitywomens.org. *Photo provided* 

Jackie, 248-425-4095.

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.

Nuview Nutrition Meet & Greet, 6:30-8 p.m., second Tuesdays, free, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Pre-register. Ending Alzheimer's: Battling Cognitive Decline and Alzheimer's One Brain at a Time, Nuview Nutrition Wellness Center, 7300 Dixie Hwy, Suite 500. Free. Once a month, 6 p.m. Call for dates and reserve seat, 248-625-5143.

Wednesday

American Mahjong, Wednesdays, 12:30-4:30 p.m., Senior Community Center, Clintonwood Park. Drop In, \$1/member, \$2/non-member.

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

Clarkston Area Birders Club, last Wednesday, 7 p.m., The Gateway, 7150 N. Main Street. Aug. 29: Daryl Bernard, executive director of Seven Ponds Nature Center in Lapeer County. Reports and discussions about local birding activity. Free.

Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7:30-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free. Facebook.com/coffeeclubmi, and www.clarkstoncoffeeclub.com.

Coffee and Conversation, Thursday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Independence Township Senior Center, Clintonwood Park. Moderated by Tom Stone. \$1/members, \$2/non-members.

Free Cancer Nutrition Series, Thursdays through October, 1-3 p.m. Nuview Nutrition, 7300 Dixie Highway Suite 500. Facilitated by Carly Secoy, BS, NFS, certified in Holistic Cancer Education. Register by Oct. 1, 248-625-5143.

Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thurs-

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#### **Civic groups**

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

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 Genealogical Society, 10:15 a.m., third Thursday, Clarkston Independence District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. All welcome.

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

Preservation Clarkston, third Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Buckshots, 7048 Gateway Park Drive. Preservationclarkston@gmail.com.

days, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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.

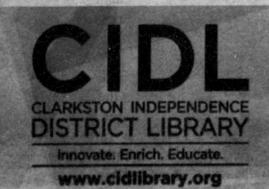
50 Plus Active Adults, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., lunches, guest speakers, musical performances, field trips, holiday parties, movies, bingo, games. Hart Community Center in Davisburg. \$8 yearly membership, \$5 lunch.248-846-6558.

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, 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, October 13th e 3:30 pm Do you want to use the internet to keep in

Computers 101

Do you want to use the internet to keep in touch with others and make your life easier? Learn how to connect and navigate the internet safely, along with how to use email, Skype, and other methods of digital communication. Registration required.

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Wednesday, October 17th e 7 pm

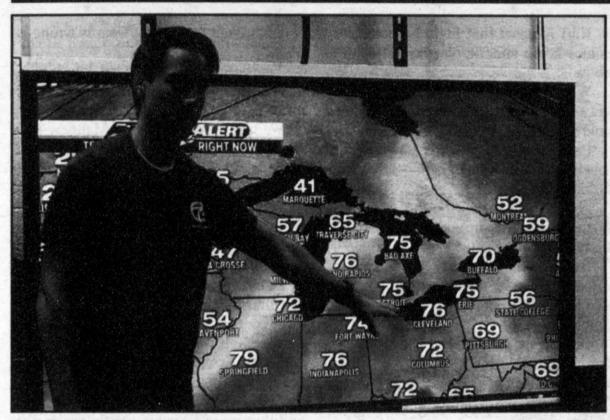
Enjoy travelers sharing their experiences through sphotos while learning about other cultures.

Genealogy 101 Saturday, October 20th e 2 pm

Join CIDL Business Librarian Trevor Winn for Genealogy 101, an introductory class to free online genealogy resources. While this class is designed for the new researcher, experienced researchers have also found this class interesting! **Registration required.** 

# Millstream Millstream

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WXYZ-TV meteorologist Kevin Jeanes explains weather forecasting to Pine Knob 3rd graders as they curiously watch on. Photos by Brenda Dominick



Students answer questions from the weatherman about water cycles.

# Meteorologist takes mystery out of weather

BY BRENDA DOMINICK

Clarkston News Staff Writer

The forecast inside Pine Knob Elementary called for warmth and curiosity as WXYZ-TV Detroit Channel 7 morning meteorologist Kevin Jeanes visited, Oct. 4.

"Can anybody tell me one of the stages of the water cycle?" Jeanes asked the third graders.

Isabella Gutierrez raised her hand and said, "Evaporation."

Ry'Ley Price-Thomas answered, "Gas."

Jeanes replied, "Gas, that's right. So, water evaporates into the air and becomes a gas, and then what happens?"

Annalise Daniel said, "Solid."

Jeanes confirmed, "Solid, so then it becomes rain."

Another third grader, Jacalyn Ellingsworth, said, "Precipitation."

"Precipitation, very good. So, then it falls back to the ground," he said.

"Liquid," Samantha Stoyanoff answered. With a blow-dryer and a plastic ping pong ball, Jeanes entertained the kids by demonstrating water cycles during weather changes.

"So, you have a water molecule, and then it starts to rise, right, as it's evaporating?"

Jeanes turns the blow-dryer on, making the t-ball float in the air.

"Ooh, ahh, wow," exclaimed the kids watching, with eyes open wide and mouths drop from surprise.

As he changes the blow-dryer setting from low to high, the ball floated higher.

"So, it's rising and it's rising, and as the air cools, it starts to get a little heavier; then it's condensing into rain," he explained. "So eventually, it's going to fall as rain!"

The ball falls down, prompting the front row kids to scatter and grab it. The students and teachers laughed.

"So, you have your water molecules that are rising these updrafts of thunderstorms and clouds and then basically cools down and condenses into a shower, a liquid," he explained.

"Sometimes they (molecules) get larger," he said. "So, the larger it is, the heavier of the rain you can have. You can have bigger, fatter raindrops. So, that's the cycle, right? Water, it comes down as liquid, it evaporates, it goes back in the sky, and it just kind of goes over and over again."

That's how weather is, he said.

"It's basically forever changing, but it always cycles through right? You have sunny days, then it rains, then it gets sunny again, then it rains," he said.

At the end of the presentation, the students were allowed to ask a few more questions of Jeanes, before gathering for a large group picture.

"Why did you want to be a meteorologist and how long have you been doing this for,"

Gutierrez asked.

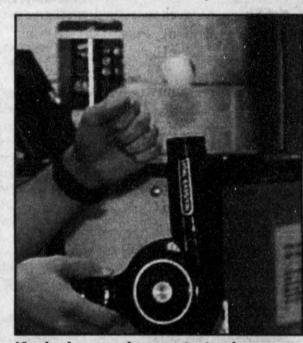
Jeanes told her that one of the reasons was because when he was in school, he enjoyed learning about math and science. So, when he got older and noticed the weather changing, it became more obvious what he wanted to do for a career.

"You experience it (weather) every day, right? You go outside, the weather is changing, and in your brain, you're thinking, 'I wonder what's causing this. I wonder why it's a little warmer today, or I wonder why it's raining here but not there," he told the kids.

"I was just fascinated by it and interested in understanding how everything around us that we can see that was changing day to day. So, I went to college for it, studied it, and then I got to work at a tv station while I was in college to get some experience and then I just applied to jobs and see who would take me."

Jeanes talked about his first job as a meteorologist, which was in Richmond, Virginia. Although he didn't know anyone there, he took a chance and moved to Virginia for the job. Jeanes then moved to Tucson, Ariz., as the chief meteorologist at KOLD-News 13, later moving on to WXYZ-TV. The weather man said he has been working as a meteorologist for 11 years.

The 31-year-old Emmy Award winning meteorologist was born and raised in Naperville, Illinois.



Kevin Jeanes demonstrates how condensation occurs.

WXYZ-TV Weather online forecasts this week in Clarkston, afternoon showers and thunderstorms are expected on Wednesday, Oct. 10, with a high/low of 76°/62° and 50% chance of precipitation; Showers ending by midday on Thursday, Oct. 11, a high/low of 65°/43° and 40% chance of precipitation; Considerable cloudiness on Friday, Oct. 12, a high/low of 50°/40° and a 20% chance of precipitation.

WXYZ-TV Weather have daily live forecasts throughout the day, from 4:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. To get the latest weather updates and live radar videos, visit www.wxyz.com/weather or the WXYZ-TV Channel 7 Facebook page.

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Pam disagrees with her coworkers at lunch when they slander her boss, but she's afraid to speak up.

"I don't want to rock the boat by speaking up and disagreeing," she says.

Bob was deeply offended by some remarks that Pete made, but he said nothing to Pete.

Bob has carried a grudge for months now. He badmouths Pete behind his back but has said nothing to Pete about it.

Sharon thinks her boyfriend is irresponsible but feels bad for him.

He has had so much pain already in his life, she thinks. How can I add to that? So she backs down from telling him the truth about the way his behavior is slowly killing their relationship.

What's the common denominator here? You have four people claiming to be doing what they are doing in the name of peace. They are claiming to be peacemakers.

"Oh we won't bring this up. Oh we don't want to rock the boat."

The truth is, they are not peacemakers; they are wimps!

You see, the way of true peace will never tor of Clarkston Community Church

come through pretending what is wrong is right.

True peacemakers love God, love others, and love themselves enough to disrupt false peace in order to achieve true peace.

We take Jesus' words in (Matthew 5:9) Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God ... and we say, "I am a peacemaker!

So I don't confront. I don't share how I really feel. I feel that my duty as a Christian is to sweep things under the rug and pretend everything is ok.

Peter Scazzero, in his book "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" says that "spiritualizing away conflict" is one of the top ten emotional dysfunctions that we have.

So we go through life experiencing the pain of unresolved conflicts and bad feelings. We say one thing to people's faces and then another behind their backs. We make promises we have no intention of keeping.

We give in because we're afraid of not being liked. We tell only half the truth because we don't want to hurt them. We hold grudges and bitterness. Rather than resolving conflict in a healthy way, speaking the truth in love, we blow up and get defensive.

Jesus, the ultimate peacemaker, knew how to confront when necessary. He knew how to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15). At CCC, we are in a series where we are discussing how to do this better. Feel free to join us.

The Rev. Greg Henneman is senior pas-

#### 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

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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.

## Phillip J. Wyzgoski, 75

Phillip J. Wyzgoski of Ortonville passed away Oct. 1, 2018, at age 75.

He was the loving husband of Gloria for

47 years; father to John (Amanda) Quinlan, Theresa Klassa, Jessy Morales; brother of and Tom Wyzgoski; preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Alvera; and brother Jim Wyzgoski. Phillip retired from General Motors after 38



years. He was a chaplain's assistant in the United States Air Force for four years. During that time, he served in Great Britain.

#### Denise Myers, 61

Denise Ann Myers of Clarkston, formerly of Redford Township, passed away Oct. 5, 2018, at age 61.

She was the wife of Warren; mother of Lindsay; daughter of Virginia (late Ramie) Phillips; sister of Ramie Jr (Michelle) Phillips; sister in law of Judy (Paul) Bruer. Denise recently retired as an engineer from General Motors after 40 years of



service. She enjoyed restoring vintage bikes, classic cars and crafting.

Funeral Service, Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 12:30 p.m., at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Michigan Humane Society. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON 375 DEPOT RD. **CLARKSTON, MI 48346** 

**PUBLIC HEARING** 

Notice is hereby given that the City of Clarkston will hold a public hearing on the use of community Development Block Grant Funds. The Hearing will be held on Monday October 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM at 375 Depot Road Clarkston MI 48346, for hearing public comments on the CDBG Program Year 2019 application in the approximate the amount of \$6,000.00. All interested citizens are requested to attend the Hearing. Comments will also be received in writing or in person at 375 Depot Road Clarkston MI 48346 until Monday October 22, 2018 at 7 PM.

Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-625-1559 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

City Clerk Sandy Miller

Phillip golfed with the Pontiac Motor Rough Riders. He also enjoyed deer camp every year with his closest friends.

Funeral Mass was Oct. 9 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Waterford. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Memorial donations may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Online guestbook www.wintfuneralhome.com.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

**SYNOPSIS** 

TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **SEPTEMBER 25, 2018** 

- A. A Regular / Budget Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Independence Township Hall
- The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Justin and Jason Tebbets of Troop 199
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Brown, Aliaga, Ritchie Absent: Pallotta, Loughrin, Schroeder

Also Present: Kimberly Feigley, Director of Assessing; David McKee, DPW Director; Barbara Rollin, Senior Division Supervisor; Derek Smith, PRS Director; Rick Yaeger, **Budget & Operations Analyst** There was a quorum present:

Appointment of Treasurer Brown as Acting Clerk

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY
- SESSION: 1. BUDGET SESSION: Review 2019 Budgets for General CIP, Cemetery CIP, PRS Budget and
- General Fund. **BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee**
- Aliaga, Supervisor Kittle PUBLIC COMMENT: State Representative Jim Tedder, 43rd District
- **PUBLIC HEARING: None**
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
  - Report: Supervisor's Update (Patrick J. Kittle, Supervisor)
- Presentation: Second Quarter Investment Report (Paul A. Brown, Treasurer)
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None K. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular / Budget Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2018
  - Approval of the September 18, 2018 Check Run in the amount of \$928,846.17, RATIFICATION of the September 21, 2018 Payroll in the amount of \$259,091.04 for a total amount of \$1,187,937.21 and RATIFICATION of the August 2018 External Wire / EFT / ACH Transfer Activity in the amount of \$458,857.03
- L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:
- **REGULAR BUSINESS:** 
  - 1. Approval of of 5310 Vehicle Lease Agreement -Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART)
  - 2. Approval of 2018 Tax Rate Request (L-4029) and Adoption of 2018 Millage Rates for 2019 Budget
  - Acceptance of Bid and Approval of Contract -Sashabaw Regional Drain Maintenance
  - Approval of Budget Adjustment DPW Contracted Services-Tapping Materials
- Approval of the Clinton-Oakland Sewage Disposal System 2018-2019 Rate
- Appointment of Board and Committee Member-Senior Community Center Advisory Committee N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
  - 1. Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department Monthly Report - August 2018
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular/Budget Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

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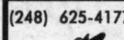
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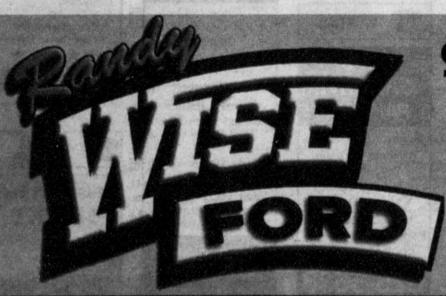
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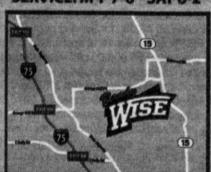
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Springfield Township firefighters and trustees welcomed the community to their two new firestations on Andersonville Road. Sept. 29.

"This was a combined effort of the Springfield Township Board, fire department and the people of the township," said Trustee Dennis Vallad at the open house.

Station 1 at 12800 Andersonville Road includes a tanker, ambulance, engine, and rescue vehicle. Station 3, 9482 Andersonville Road, includes a tanker, engine, utility truck, and fire-safety trailer, which is used to show children how to escape from a smoky house.

Both stations are equipped with a kitchen, common area, storage, laundry room, LED lights, and a room for workouts. In the future, they could include a dorm if the township decides to station them overnight.

Station 3 is also used for a polling place. The building has a larger common area space in order to accommodate voters. It has an extended awning, an entrance and exit door in order to make it easy for voters.

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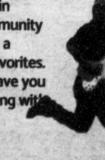
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# Rumble case

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They just threw him in the bushes and went about their business, causing suffering with zero compassion."

Jeremy Atkins and Heather Bradley of Independence Township face sentencing hearings after pleading guilty to animal abuse charges.

Atkins, 30, who was jailed on a \$10,000 bond on a cruelty to animals charge, has a court hearing set for Oct. 24, 2:30 p.m., in 52-2 District Court, 5850 Lorac Drive off Citation Drive east of M-15.

He is also held on a \$5,000 bond on an assault charge out of 52/2 District Court and a \$450 bond on a Friend of the Court charge out of Sixth Circuit Court.

Bradley, who was charged with misdemeanor animal abuse, has a sentencing date of Oct. 30 at 8:45 a.m.

Recovery has been slow and uncertain for Rumble.

"It's been a rocky roller coaster," said Gretchen Terpening, CCRC foster volunteer who is taking care of the puppy. "His recovery has been in spurts. It's under control now with the right medication."

Independence Township resident Pam Coudret found Rumble crying in the bushes, with a bloody nose, covered in maggots, July 24. She contacted her neighbor and CCRC volunteer Brooke Swindlehurst, and they took him to Dr. Laura Caneaver at the Animal Surgical Center of Flint for emergency treatment. Rumble has also received treatment with Dr. Jill Hicks at the Animal Neurology Center.

The volunteers tracked down Rumble's owners using their Facebook page. Neighbors recognized the dog and knew who the owners were.

"They said he was accidentally injured," McCarthy said. "They didn't take him to the vet, they threw him into the bushes."

Terpening, who works as a veterinarian's assistant, accepted the full-time responsibility of caring for Rumble.

"I take him to work, I'm pretty much with him 24-7," she said.

"Without Gretchen, none of this would



Team Rumble, Erica McCarthy and Gretchen Terpening of the Canine Companions Rescue Center of Clarkston, with Rumble the dog. Photo by Phil Custodio

have been possible," McCarthy said.

Terpening has been fostering animals for 14 years, starting in college, and has been with the CCRC for about a year

"There's so much need for fosters, a place for them to stay before they can find their forever homes," said Terpening, who lives in Lake Orion with her husband, Tyler, and five dogs of their own, four with special needs.

Rumble has been a very sweet puppy the whole time, she said.

"When I first got him, he just lay there. That was so sad. He now does puppy things," she said.

Milestones include the first time he made his bed, pawing and scratching his bedding to make it comfortable for him, and the first time he ran after her, she said.

"I was driving to work when he started to bark. It was amazing - something is working,"

Recovery is still difficult and Rumble will require medical care for the rest of his life. He suffered a skull fracture under his right eye, damaging his pituitary gland in his brain.

"He's showing big improvements in coordination and vision. He's putting on weight, but he should be in the 30-35 pound range by now - he weighs 7.4 pounds,"

McCarthy said.

The puppy weighed 4.7 pounds when he was rescued.

"Rumble has a story to tell. All the thousands like him, he tells their story for them," said McCarthy, who is advocating for stricter laws to protect animals. "We get sick dogs all the time, but not because a person did it intentionally and did nothing about it. It's scary. Unless they are held accountable, it will happen again."

An adoption for Rumble is touch and go. and far into the future, she said.

"We're concentrating on improving his health," she said.

If he is to be adopted, they will look locally, she said.

"The important thing, if you see something, say something right then. Call animal control immediately," McCarthy said.

**Contact Oakland County Animal Control** at 248-858-1070.

#### Correction

The article "Sentencings scheduled in Rumble case," Oct. 3, incorrectly stated the amount raised in a silent auction with artwork made by Rumble, CCRC raised about \$1,000 in the fundraiser. Rumble's care has cost more than \$10,000 so far. To donate, go to CCRCdogs.com or call 248-834-9419.



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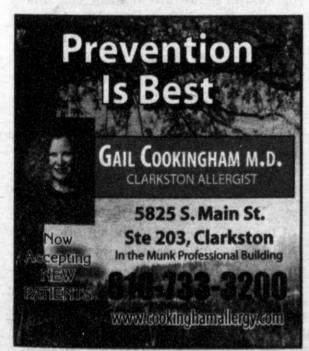
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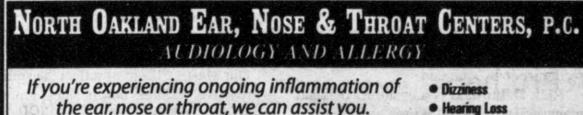
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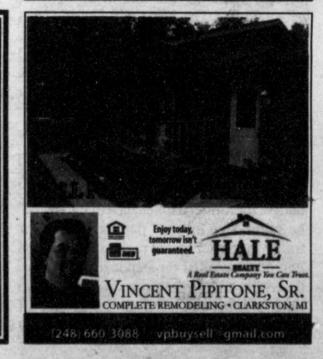
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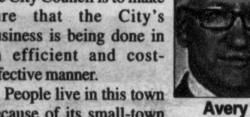
# Incumbents running to hold seats on City Council

Incumbent City Council members Sharron Catallo, Rick Detkowski, and Sue Wylie and challengers Al Avery and Hampton Swayne are running for three, two-year seats on City Council.

Al Avery, attorney at Avery Law PLC, has lived in Clarkston for 15 years.

"It seemed to me that someone needed to serve on the City Council who was concerned about all of the

residents," Avery said. "Not just the ones making the most noise. The job of the City Council is to make sure that the City's business is being done in an efficient and costeffective manner.



because of its small-town charm and neighborhood feel, he said.

"I am running for City Council because I believe that we need to preserve our neighborhoods," he said. "Allowing the expansion of the commercial district would destroy the very fabric that makes this town great."

He also wants to make sure the residents are getting the best city services for their tax dollars.

"I do not believe in raising taxes. I also don't believe in raising fees," he said. "With our small town and small town budget we have to run the City as efficiently as we can. Making sure that our residents are getting value for their tax dollars is important to me and I will work to make sure that they are."

The top three issues facing the city are zoning; the condition of our roads and sidewalks; and the amount and speed of traffic, he said.

"I am against any attempt to re-zone residential property to commercial," he said. "Residents need to feel secure in the knowledge that when they own a home in this town that they will not have to worry about their next door neighbor selling their property to a commercial developer who wants to change the character of their neighborhood. That being said, I will do what I can to promote the City's existing commercial district to keep it as vibrant and sought-after as it is today. We are very fortunate to live in a City with a great downtown."

He will work to have more money put in the budget for roads and sidewalks, he said.

"There has been a lot of talk and 'planning' but not a lot of action. Lets fix the roads and budget for future maintenance of the roads," he said. "Step up road patrols to slow the traffic in town. I would request that a speed bump be installed on Depot Road to slow the traffic around the park. I would work to have a four-way stop at the corner of Washington and Holcomb Road to slow

traffic."

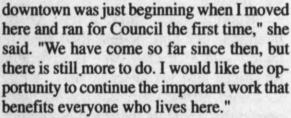
We must continue to work to bring the Road Commission of Oakland County to the table and assist us in helping to control the traffic flow and speeds, he said.

Sharron Catallo has been a resident of the Village of Clarkston for 37 years.

"In that time, I have served the community as council member and as mayor. Most recently, I've been back on City Council for

the past five years, and as a member of the ZBA, the budget committee and coordinating the planting of memorial and street trees," Catallo said.

"Throughout the years, I've been honored to serve this community in whatever way I can. The ambitious project of saving our beautiful historic homes and



Catallo

One priority she has is infrastructure management, such as maintaining roads and sidewalks.

"We need to interface with our engineers and planners and have continued discussions with our residents," she said. "I will work to ensure the income from the paid parking lot will be spent on infrastructure repair as the council designated. We should work to become preventative rather than reactive whenever possible."

Communication is another issue.

"I think we need to reestablish the connection with the citizens," she said. "We need more frequent open dialogue like we had at the meetings regarding the master plan, with a facilitator and community comments in a more relaxed environment than a Council meeting. We need ongoing mutual communication in town hall-style meetings, and on our website and newsletters."

Clarkston's character is our community identity and keeps our property values solid, she said.

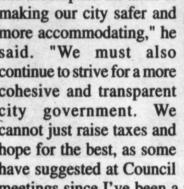
"It also ensures that Clarkston continues to be the special vibrant place so many people recognize it as," she said.

Rick Detkowski is a customer demand manager for a global paints and coatings company who graduated from Clarkston High School in 1992 and has lived in Clarkston most of his life, in the city for the last 12 years with his wife Jennifer and their three kids.

"I am running for council again because there's much more work to do," Detkowski said. "As my wife said, 'This was never a two-year job.' This put things into perspective for me. The first two years on Council were a learning experience, to say the least. It was a bit of a deer-in-headlights education that has taught me quite a bit."

People are needed who are willing to do the work and not just talk about it, he said.

"We must become more viable and be able to afford and accomplish the tasks of making our city safer and more accommodating," he said. "We must also continue to strive for a more cohesive and transparent city government. We cannot just raise taxes and hope for the best, as some have suggested at Council



meetings since I've been a member. These are the main reasons why we are struggling to revitalize our infrastructure - rules and issues were ignored in the past and/or out of reach financially."

Detkowski

Camp politics is a top issue in the city, he said.

"There is a great divide in our city," Detkowski said. "While it has existed for years and probably will for many more, it's silly. Think about much time gets spent trying to disprove or discredit one side or the other. Drive down Main Street right now and the latest round of sign wars will demonstrate what I mean."

This time could be better spent working on issues together instead of trying to get people out of office that one doesn't like. These same camp politics are portraying him as "the Mayor's puppet," Detkowski said.

"The facts show that I've only voted with the mayor 72% of the time. Yet certain other councilmembers have voted together nearly 100% of the time. Perhaps this should be looked at before casting stones," Detkowski said.

The city has grown quickly and is not what it was 20 years ago, he said.

"We asked for it and allowed it to happen, so we cannot ignore this fact," he said. "Because of this, we must be unparalleled in preserving what makes us special, that being our historic roots."

Infrastructure is being stressed by the new business traffic and little planning was done in the past to accommodate or prepare for it, he said.

"Our Master Plan must reflect the ability to proactively address new business growth in the city," he said. "We're an attractive location so of course there are going to be requests for new businesses. If we don't want the growth, how do we fairly and openly prevent it without ensnaring ourselves in more lawsuits? We must have people on Council who understand that balancing the old with the new is how we will be successful in the future."

Another big issue is following the rules,

"Why have rules if we're not going to follow them," Detkowski asked. "Why ignore the work that went into creating our charter if we only adhere to some of it some of the time?"

Some aspects of the charter and ordinances may need to be updated, he said.

"So let's get to work on it," he said. "Why haven't these issues been addressed in the past before they landed on our laps? Rules being ignored in the past have created a lot of work for people like me who just want to help. The sins of our fathers, so to speak."

For example, the parking deferment has been ignored for years, thus robbing the city of funds supposed to be used for addressing parking and infrastructure, he said.

Sue Wylie is a retired teacher who has lived in the community for 31 years, including 25 in Clarkston.

"I am proud to call Clarkston my home," Wylie said. "Two years ago, I ran for Clarkston City Council with the view to improve our culture, communication and productivity. I still want to continue in those

efforts, but elapsed time, and my two years on city council have modified what I would like to accomplish. As I have listened to Clarkston residents while on City Council, it's clear that positive changes initiated in the two years have only just begun.'

In order to continue on this path, it is necessary to

elect individuals who are committed to continuing to bring about positive change, or in some cases, maintain what already exists, she said.

A top issue facing the city is productivity. "City residents are concerned about how much revenue the city generates and how our tax dollars are spent," she said. "We are a small city, with a small tax base, yet residents expect many services that larger and better funded municipalities can offer. Because so few vacant lots exist, we do not have many options for future development. Our zoning laws, the Historic District, and the desires of the residents, also limit any future development. Residents currently pay the maximum tax rate, so our property millage cannot increase without a vote of the residents."

Another issue facing Clarkston is protecting the city to maintain our quality of life, she

"The city constantly faces potential pressures that can affect the historic charm of the city, the environment and the natural beauty of the city," she said. "The historic charm has suffered from recent increases in traffic, parking and crowd problems. The environment has been harmed in the past by leaking underground gas tanks, and naturally occur-Please see Two on page 47



Wylie

"It is currently zoned residential, and it has

remained vacant for many years. I would like

to see the zoning changed on that lot to at

least allow multifamily housing," Wylie said.

"This would benefit local residents who are

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# Candidates share parking plans, thoughts on city's future

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Here are the City Council candidates' views on parking in the city, as well as possible future local development.

"I don't believe there is a perfect solution to the parking issues in the city. With the reopening of the parking lot on Depot Road there appears to be sufficient parking available," said Al Avery. "I will work with stakeholders - residents, commercial property owners, and business owners - to come up with a reasonable method to control the parking in our city."

To manage Clarkston's development into the future while maintaining its traditions as a village, he would not allow any expansion of commercial development into our neighborhoods.

"Clarkston is a desirable place to live because of the small town charm that we have," he said. "People need to have the comfort of knowing that their City leaders are working for them to protect their neighborhood. The Historic District Commission has been successful through the years in protecting the historical nature of our small town. This has helped to create strong property values for the residents. I support continuing the use of the HDC as we plan for the future."

For Sharron Catallo, the city's response to parking, initially, was not successful.

"Now we have professionals (our city planners) doing the appropriate research and they just completed a parking study, requested by the Planning Commission and City Council," Catallo said. "A professional study should have been the first step and we should know the conclusions of their finished report soon."

One of the considerations needs to be em-

ring arsenic in the water, which is unrelated

Clarkston city government in the last two

years, the city still has some struggles in com-

regarding the release of documents requested

by a Freedom of Information Act request,"

Wylie said. "Some official communications

from the city are sometimes delayed or not delivered at all. Some of this is the result of

old habits, which have not yet completely

continue to find creative methods to increase

revenue without increasing taxes on our resi-

natural environment must be preserved, Wylie

To increase productivity, city officials must

Both the Clarkston historic beauty and

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"Years ago, the Main Street lot was for downtown customers and the village lot was for employee parking and overflow. Clearly, this configuration doesn't work anymore," she said. "The Council needs to consider working with businesses to find an answer to this situation."

The question of how to manage Clarkston's development into the future while maintaining its tradition as a village sounds like something that was asked 35 years ago, she said.

"It has been, and always will be, a delicate balance, well served by mindful zoning and an updated master plan," she said. "Consistent enforcement is key. The bonus is young families are moving in with the knowledge we are going to be consistent in the defense of our zoning and in the care we give this meaningful place we call home."

Rick Detkowski spent his first year on council trying to address the parking issue with zero funds available and our hands tied because of it.

"How much easier would life have been if we had followed the Parking Deferment in our charter all along? It might have saved the Parking Committee members a lot of time and saved me a few grey hairs," Detkowski said.

With that, we must have full clarity in our efforts, he said.

"There should be no reason that we keep anything from the taxpayers or even appear to be doing so," he said. "FOIA requests shouldn't need to be debated during Council meetings or the subject of future lawsuits. FOIA is FOIA, period. There should be no question that the people being paid by taxpayers to give us information and advice are giving us good information and good advice. I'm proud to be one of the Council members who believes in these efforts. But, we definitely have a lot more work to do."

Sue Wylie said many of the recent responses to the parking problem have been effective.

"We have more parking spots, the parking lines have been repainted, and parking on some city streets was limited, which increased the

mend some options and council members will have some difficult choices to make," Wylie considered as a whole as we assess how best to help residents with the parking problems

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#### tain our home values, helps preserve the history of the area, and enhances our enjoyment of our home town," she said. "Protecting our environment, especially our water-

ways and ground water, is vital to maintaining our quality of life."

All city officials are aware of the enhanced appeal of the downtown district, that resulted in increased traffic, parking and crowd problems, she said.

"While some say this is a good problem to have, many residents who are directly impacted are suffering from the congestion, and the huge increase in both parked and moving cars seriously compromises the historic charm of Clarkston," she said. "Elected officials must carefully assess how to further manage parking, and evaluate any commercial enterprises that want to locate in the city

Contaminated ground water and soil from old leaking gas tanks and other sources is another concern, Wylie said.

town, close to their friends and peace and safety of the residents," Wylie said. neighbourhood. Development of this prop-The paid parking in the Washington and erty would increase the tax base for the city, Main lot increased non-tax revenue for the and, if planned correctly, could even provide city. More recently, the city council voted for more parking." a professional parking study, she said. "We are awaiting the outcome of the parking study, which will be released Monday (Oct. 8). The parking study will probably recom-

said. "These options may include permit parking on residential streets and turning more spots into paid parking. The study must be while retaining our city visitors."

How to manage Clarkston's development into the future while maintaining its traditions as a village hits at the heart of this election, she said.

"Some candidates advocate for no or extremely limited development in the city. In reality, development is a balancing act that must be carefully negotiated," she said. "On the one hand, we want to protect what we have. One the other, we want to increase our tax base. The reality is, we have very few empty lots that can be developed. Our zoning ordinances protect the residential neighbor-

The biggest change she would like to see

# Two challengers vie for City Council seats

"While the state Department of Environmental Quality monitors these situations, city officials must oversee the situation to ensure our water quality is not harmed," she said. "We must be very protective of our natural environment. The city is rich in waterways, and we must defend the environment, especially the lakes, streams, ponds and groundwater, so we can continue to enjoy the beauty of nature, and protect our drinking water."

She will continue to serve on the city Communications Committee, which revised rules of conduct at council meetings, rewrote guidelines for following state FOIA laws, and continues to revise the city Welcome Packet and address new methods of communicating with residents and business owners.

Hampton Swayne did not respond to a request for responses.

Next week's edition will feature the candidates for a one-year City Council seat, Michael Cascone and David Marsh.

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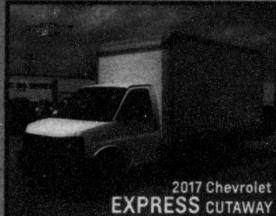


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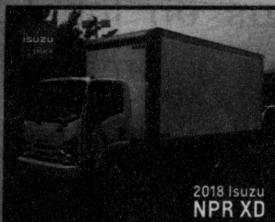
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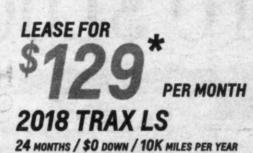
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