



From left, Denyse Couture, creative director for Clarkston Cultural Arts Council, Charles Garling, DIA director of studio programs, and artists Vito Valdez and Alex Gilford of Clarkston celebrate at the new Village of Clarkston mural. Photo by Phil Custodio

# Work of art unveiled downtown

### **BY PHIL CUSTODIO**

Clarkston News Editor

The new mural on the south side of the Union Woodshop restaurant on Main Street is just the beginning, said Denyse Couture, creative our community. We hope other businesses follow suit."

The 12-by-16-foot mural, titled "The Village of Clarkston," was designed by Alex Gilford of Independence Township, artist at the Detroit Institute of Arts, and created along with DIA artist Vito Valdez. "They said, 'you're from Clarkston, right?' That's how I got the job," Gilford said.

downtown buildings and landmarks, plants and animals of the millpond, and the Clarkston mill itself. Many ideas were provided by residents via a survey in The Clarkston News this past summer, he said.

## **Double appointment OK'd**

**BYPHIL CUSTODIO Clarkston News Editor** 

Joe Luginski can keep his seat on the City Council and Planning Commission for the next two-anda-half weeks.

City Council voted 5-1 at its Oct. 8 meeting to keep Luginski on both panels, despite Charter and ordinance rules against it.

"I think we should follow our charter - one person from City Council on the Planning Commission," said Council and Planning Commission member Sue Wylie, who voted against the resolution.

Mayor Steven Percival and council members Sharron Catallo, Scott Reynolds, Rick Detkowski, and Jason Kneisc voted "yes." Luginski recused himself from the vote.

The Charter prohibits elected

officers from having any other appointed office, and the city ordinance sets the Planning Commission at five members, one of whom is a City Council member.

City attorney Thomas Ryan sent council a written opinion, saying Luginski can serve in the two posts under these specific circumstances.

"Luginski is not an elected office, but was an appointed officer to fill the remaining three months of Mr. Haven's term and Mr. Luginski is not seeking election as a city council member," Ryan said. "After the Nov. 7 election, he can continue on the Planning Commission, as he will no longer be a member of the City Council."

Luginski was appointed to City Council following Eric Haven's resignation in July to run for mayor.

Proposal 2 would empower independents in redistricting

### BY KIRSTEN ISBELL

**Clarkston News Intern Writer** When voters hit the polls on Nov. 6, they'll have a chance to take

on the political gerrymander. Proposal 2 would amend Michigan's Constitution to create an independent citizens' redistricting commission, in charge of redrawing Michigan Senate, Michigan House, and U.S. Congressional districts every 10 years.

developed this concept," said Henry Woloson of Independence Township, who supports the "Voters Not Politicians" proposal.

Gerrymandering results in oddly shaped districts where people have no strong demographic relationships to one another,

director for Clarkston Cultural Arts Council.

"This isn't a one shot," Couture said at the Already Unveiled Mural Unveiling, Oct. 13. "We hope this is a springboard to other things in

The design includes historic

"Curt Catallo and the Woodshop rolled out the red carpet for us," Couture said. "They spoiled us. They set the bar really high for the next project."

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"Other states have already

Woloson said.

"We are supposed to be geographically together because if you make a district out of a square, we will be sharing similar

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From right are Sen. Gary Peters, Katie Bowman Coleman of Bowman Chevrolet in Clarkston, Joe Lunghamer of Lunghamer Chevrolet in Waterford, and Gary's wife, Colleen. Photos provided



U.S. Sen. Gary Peters discusses innovations in the automotive industry with Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce members.

## Senator talks future for autos

U.S. Sen. Gary Peters was in town, Oct. 8, for breakfast and a discussion about selfdriving cars at Bowman Auto Center.

"Development of autonomous vehicles and the technology to create them is such an important part of our auto industry and economy in Michigan," said Fred Ritter, past president and current board member of the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce. "We're very pleased and honored at the Clarkston Area Chamber to host U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, whose Senate leadership on this issue will give us a rare and advance view of self-driving vehicles and how the changes they will bring will affect all of us."

The senator, who serves on the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, is working on legislation to update federal safety standards and pave the way for the safe development and deployment of self-driving vehicles. He also met with Clarkston High School's Team RUSH 27 during the event.

"Gary was very tuned into them and impressed with their World Championship at Ford Field in May. He gave them very encouraging words for their future," Ritter said.

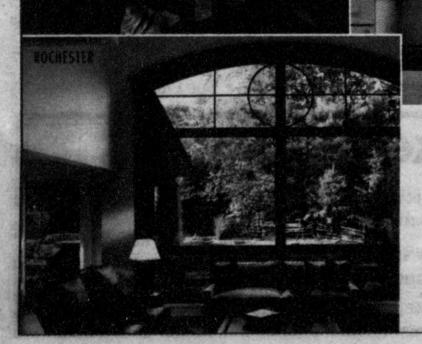
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### Springfield police millage

#### BY KIRSTEN ISBELL

**Clarkston News Intern Writer** 

Springfield Township voters will decide on a Police Millage Renewal, Nov. 6. If approved, the eight-year millage would collect about \$971,000 exclusively for police services.

"It's not an increase on taxes, just a renewal intended to maintain our current level of service," said Collin Walls, Springfield Township supervisor.

"It represents one half of the revenue needed for the current number of contracts. Significant adjustments would have to be made somewhere if not passed."

The township contracts with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for police services. In 2017, deputies responded to 7,178 calls.

Cost per resident in 2017 for police services averaged \$119 for the year, Walls said.

"The millage pays for deputies to respond. We respond to emergency runs both criminal and non-criminal, and assist the fire department with medical response to accidents," said Matt Baldes, Springfield Township substation commander. "Along with patrols here in Springfield Township, the millage pays for the department itself as far as its crime lab and special investigations."

Deputies perform house checks, patrols of schools and private businesses, building checks, alarms, welfare checks, burglar alarms residential and business, animal complaints, accidents, and drunk driving arrests.

"House checks are a big thing. Citizens can call the substation and let us know the dates they are leaving and coming back, what cars are in the driveways, what lights are on, and we will check on the house," Baldes said. "The millage would continue to pay for the public service of basic law enforcement."

# Funds for township projects

### **BY BRENDA DOMINICK** Clarkston News Staff Writer

Fall is here, but projects from the summer continue, said Finance Director Wendy Hillman in her third-quarter financial report to Independence Township Board, Oct. 9.

The Clintonwood Spraypark is about halfway complete, with \$240,268 spent out of \$465,000 budgeted for the project. Renovation of the Clintonwood Park Day Camp building has stalled, with \$4,950 spent so far out of a \$150,000 total budget, Hillman said.

"The day camp building; this one is in a little bit of a holding pattern right now," she said. "In December, we'll know if we'll received grant money towards this project and if so, it will bump up the available funds, but regardless, construction on this is supposed to start in 2019, and the \$4,950 was actually spent in 2017. So, we've been holding this one for a while."

The Lakeview Room in Bay Court Park is close to completion, with \$32,866 spent out of a \$34,570 budget.

The Safety Path Millage Fund revenue so far this fiscal year is \$680,859, with expenditures at \$774,882.

Millage, water, and sewer funds spike during the year as tax payments come in,

Clarkston Board of Education is considering a new evaluation model for Superintendent Shawn

Ryan. Scott Corba and Patricia Poupard of Collins and Blaha, P.C., presented their model to evaluate the superintendent using categories Visionary and leadership; Policy and

governance; Instructional

leadership; Communication and community relations; Organizational management; Professionalism and ethics; and Optional and statutory factors.

Hillman said.

"We've got half of our billings in," she said. "The Jan. 19 billing actually gets posted back into '18 so we've got two billings in this fiscal year already. Our sewer billings, we've received eight months of billings and nothing unusual in sewer and water. We have our DPW building which has been budgeted but not yet spent. So, our expenditures will probably spike a little bit come fourth quarter."

For the DPW Building Addition and Renovation project, \$174,412 out of the \$1,595,620 budget has been spent so far.

The North Sashabaw Sanitary Sewer and Watermain was right at budget, and Sewer Station Repairs Funds was about \$28,000 over their budget, she said.

Hillman explained, "DPW, you'll see a spike in the budget because the board just approved construction for the building addition. The North Sashabaw Sanitary, Sewer, and Water Main, that is what we've spent based on the tri-party agreement we just agreed with the road commission. Sewer station repairs are pipeline repairs and we came in a little over budget."

For more information on financial reports, visit www.indetwp.com/departments/clerk/ finance.php.

### New ideas for superintendent evaluation

The evaluation would include discussion of each component, then review and discussion to reach an overall rating, said Corba at the Oct. 8 school board meeting.

"A student growth factor component has to be factored in, too," he said

Cost would be \$550 for training of the school board. The training would occur after the Nov. 6 election. Currently, the board is using the Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) tool to evaluate the superintendent. Cost of training for this tool was \$840. The proposal will be put on the agenda for the next School Board meeting for possible approval.

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Briefly

### **Clarkston parking study**

City Council and Planning Commission will meet in a joint session to hear the results of Carlisle Wortman Associates' city parking study, 7 p.m., Oct. 22, at Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road.

The study, commissioned by City Council for \$9,900, includes supply and demand for parking, parking management, and ideas from downtown business owners and employees. It was funded by parking kiosk fees and citations.

### Packing party

Campbell-Richmond Unit 63 and American Legion Auxiliary are collecting items for a Troop Packing Party on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at 6 p.m.

Supplies are needed for a Clarkston soldier and his unit, including toiletries, black or green socks, sunscreen, body wash, lip balm, instant soup, snacks and hard candy, and music on USB drives.

Donations can be dropped off before Friday, Nov. 9, at American Legion Post 63, 8047 Ortonville Road; Independence Township Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road; Washington Management, 20 W Washington Street, Ste #15; and Keller Williams, 8031 Ortonville Road.

For more information, call 248-892-1203 or check the American Legion Post 63 page on Facebook.

### **Trunk-or-Treat**

**Clarkston United Methodist Church** hosts their annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 3 p.m. This year, the event will return to the parking lot of Clarkston United Methodist Church at 6600 Waldon Road. Dress in your favorite costume and trick-or-treat from car trunk to car trunk. Allergy-free treats available.



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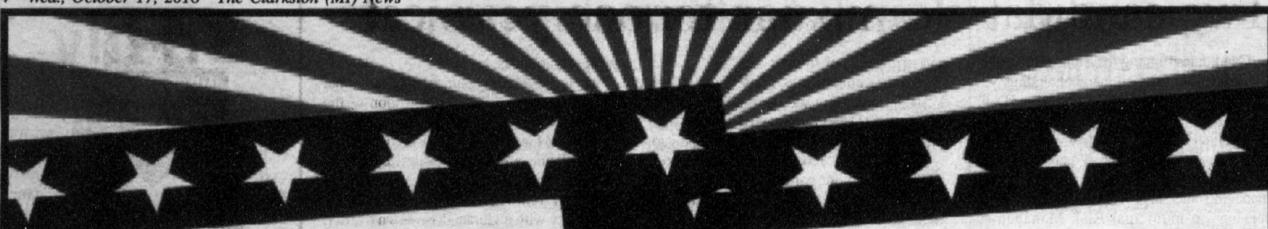
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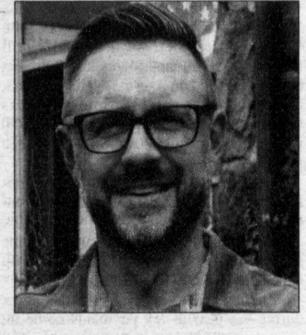


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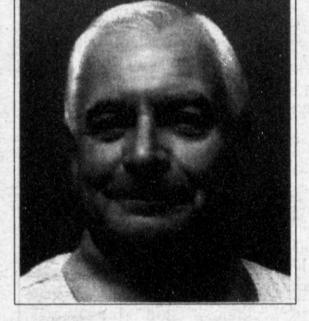
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**Elect to City Council Mike Cascone** 

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# Two candidates campaign for one-year seat

Candidates running for a one-year term on Clarkston City Council member, ending Nov. 11, 2019, include Michael E. Cascone and David Marsh.

Michael E. Cascone had a 45-year career in corporate and municipal risk management, 20 of those years working directly with, and managing other, in providing risk management services to municipal Risk Management programs in seven states. This includes the Michigan Municipal League's Property and Liability Pool and MML Workers Compensation Fund, which provide risk financing coverage to the City Council.

"This has given me a wide view of operations and how to safely and economically complete them by eliminating or at least reducing potential risks that would have an adverse influence on the entity," Cascone said. "What I will not bring to the table are

preconceived or inaccurate opinions based on other than the facts on the table at that point in time."

Top issues include time consuming and costly liability lawsuits, bad press, a hostile environment and much negativity.

"For a small city, half mile square with 800 residents, councils serving prior to the

current, especially during 2015 have as an old saying goes, 'broken into jail' numerous times," he said. "This must stop."

Issues also include lack of documented safety/risk management programs to aid in maintaining Michigan's Governmental Immunity Protections, and compliance with existing standards objectively, including the City Charter, Master plan, Zoning Ordinance, Historical District and others that exist to guide Council in decision making.

To solve these, first, really listen to and study objectively issues that come before the council, he said.

He added, "some of which that have been in the past and certainly will be in the future may sound out of council's comfort zone. Outside 'this is how we always did it,' but inside 'this is how we should to it.' Focus on the facts, consult local legal and/or the MML's staff of competent attorneys. Compare the issue against existing guidelines/rules/laws objectively to the best of ability. There is no middle. There is no emotion involved. There are no sides. There are facts. There is functional implementation. If policy created previously, possibly years ago does not fit our city today and/or tomorrow - then change them." Numerous risk reduction programs already exist, mostly via the Michigan Municipal League Risk management Programs - including written and onsite visits - which we already pay for as one of the benefits of participating in the MML Liability and Property Pool and the MML Workers Compensation Fund, he

#### said.

Existing council has made some tough decisions regarding the "parking problem," including the Depot Road angled and the Main/ Washington corner paid parking, Cascone said.

The Depot Road change created considerably more parking spaces. As with most decisions it also introduces potential risk. The risk hazard of backing out into moving traffic has increased, he said.

"The paid parking lot 25 years ago would have been an outrage to the character of, at the time, our village," he said. "We are no longer a village but a city."

The need for such a move to a paid parking lot is a result of the significant increase of vehicles carrying passengers from outside our city to enjoy our great retail/restaurants. A win/ win/win for all, he said.

"We have implemented several creative ideas, let's now monitor the expected results and fine tune if necessary," he said.

The only development opportunities lie within about the two and a half blocks of our existing retail/restaurant area. Those possible development projects must be addressed as they come before Council with open minded, fact seeking, rule compliance decisions, he said.

"There are only two choices available to Council, implement existing rules and regulations, or change them. I have mentioned 'sides' previously. Restaurants have 'sides,' City Council should not. There is only one side – the City of the Village of Clarkston."

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**David Marsh** is the director of operations for Oakland Fuels, and has lived in the Clarkston area for 45 years, eight years in the Village of Clarkston.

"I believe Clarkston is at a tipping point and if not corrected, very soon, we will lose the unbelievable gem we have," Marsh said.

His top issues are age-friendliness; commercialists vs. preservationists; and honesty and integrity.

"It is sad to see some of our beloved residents forced to move out of Clarkston and into a more age-friendly environment," he said. "I will help develop an age-friendly Community Plan, which will entail a comprehensive review of the current 'age-friendliness' of Clarkston and review the policies, ordinances, charter, community infrastructure, community services and transportation systems." The plan will include recommendations on future initiatives, policies and directives which will lead to Clarkston reaching a more agefriendly status that will allow those of us who love this village to stay here much longer, he said.

vs. preservationists, he said.

"There are certainly parts of the charter that need to be updated, but 'preservation of the character of the community' should remain in the preamble forever," he said. "I am 100 percent behind all the great businesses we have in Clarkston as long as they don't negatively affect our residents. We are a bedroom community with a vibrant downtown district, not vice versa."

You don't decide what your core values are; they just are what they are, he said.

"My core values consist of wanting the city to be fair and just," he said. "In life, not everything is fair, and not everything is just, but our government should be. We can sit down and find common ground on most topics, but as soon as the camera is on, it's all about 'which side' are you on or

which group are you going to make angry."

We need people on City Council who want to discuss city business openly and honestly without the constant half-truths and bullying we see today, he added.

Marsh

"We need to learn how to talk with each other again instead of past each other," he said. "We need dialog instead of monologue. Our conversations must be more intelligent and respectful because honest two-way, empathetic, non-judgmental communication is critical to have a more enjoyable and more productive city government. This is possible, and I hope to help make it happen."

The current and previous parking committees have made some very successful recommendations to Council, Marsh said.

"We have seen parking added around the downtown district and parking taken away from some of our residential streets," he said. "The addition of the lots were opened by Mr. Roth and Mr. Adler have given the city enough parking for the moment, but those lots are not guaranteed to be open in the future."

Carlisle Wortman's parking study is due very soon, he said. "We should consider all options, but we

should appeal allow much to have their

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"What we do here today will be left for future generations," he said. "Let's make sure we pass on this charming village, we all choose to live in, as a place future generations will also aspire to live."

This election comes down to commercialist

should especially wait to hear their recommendations," he said.

Managing Clarkston's development into the future while maintaining its traditions as a village is really the key question we all care about, he said.

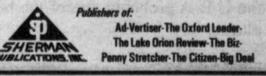
"We want to keep the 'village' feel we know and love, yet we also want to stay a vibrant destination," he said. "Enlarging and developing do not go hand in hand. We have not enlarged our commercial district, and nobody could sensibly argue that we have not successfully developed it. The key is to keep honest residents who believe in the charter and love this community on the HDC, Planning Commission, ZBA and City Council." *Cast your vote on Election Day, Nov. 6.*  Subscriptions: \$35/year in Oakland County. \$38/year out of county, \$43/year out of state. Deadlines: Community News - noon Friday; Letters to the Editor - noon Monday; Classified advertising - Noon Monday; Display advertising - Thursday.

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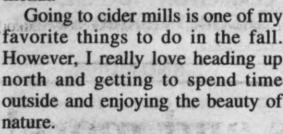
# Say yah to da U.P., eh

Fall is my absolute favorite time of the year.

It is a good temperature, the leaves are changing, and there are fun activities to do

around the state.

I love going to the local cider mills. My boyfriend and I have been trying to go visit a different one each week over the last month.



I had the chance to head to Michigan's Upper Peninsula this last weekend and it was gorgeous.

My boyfriend and I have a side by side we go riding in when we are in the U.P. We go with his family and family friends and it is so much fun.

When we were there last weekend it was peak for the leaves and it was so gorgeous. On Friday morning, we woke up and it was even snowing just a little bit. It was really amazing.

I would definitely recommend heading to the U.P. sometime in the fall, or even just in general, if you have never been there.

There is so much to do and it is such a beautiful place to travel to. We are lucky it is the same state. I know many of us travel up north through the year, but make sure you go even farther north and head in to



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School funding is flat, unless a political

Voters should make careful choices this

donor's charter school needs a government

November, ignoring the rhetoric and instead

looking at the results. America is being made

Overall, our economic and moral strength,

once admired and envied throughout the

world, is evaporating and disappearing. It is

time for a real change, with genuine leaders

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now a cesspool

Dear Editor,

Nancy Pelosi.

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### It is time for a real change in Washington, DC

### Dear Editor,

The nation's budget deficit rose 17 percent in 2018, reflecting record spending and reckless "tax reform" by Congress which was largely more welfare for the very rich, disguised as a middle class tax cut to dupe weary, hard-working Americans.

Meanwhile stock market gains and 401 account increases have largely evaporated, and wages remain pretty flat.

With inflation again rising up and fuel prices multiplying, middle class Americans are set for another tough year, all as folks like Donald Trump and his family and circle of friends and corporate elites pay little or no income tax via a tax system they have manipulated and tailored for their own special benefit. Middle class folks are left holding the bag, again.

Sure, anyone can get a job at McDonald's, but high paying jobs with real benefits are in short supply. Fuel and other taxes which disproportionately affect middle class families are slated to increase, and trade wars are increasing consumer prices.

But Trump and the congress will simply not do anything to facilitate true tax reform and a fairer, more transparent system where wealthy elites pay their fair share.

Instead, to cover for reckless spending and a wealthy tax give-away, Congress plans to "reform" entitlement programs by cutting social security, Medicare, and healthcare ac-

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### A Look Back From The CNews archives

### 15 years ago - 2003

"Road commission limits truck traffic in downtown" After a season of loud and noisy construction trucks barreling through Holcomb Road and Washington Street, residents might get some relief as the Road Commission of Oakland County said no more trucks unless they were for local delivery on specific roads.

"House fire Clarkston Road for two hours" A house fire erupted in the 5000 block of Clarkston Road, near Pine Knob. The homeowner's 23-year-old son heard a muffled explosion coming from the garage while he was studying. The fire closed the road for two hours as fire departments from Orion, Brandon and Oxford townships helped put it out.

"Local girl plays with championship soccer team" Julie Hemphill from Clarkston was part of the Vardar 12U Girls team, which won the MSYSA Snickers State Cup Championship with a 3-2 win over the Michigan Hawks.

### 25 years ago - 1993

"Schools up 79 pupils" The figures came in for the fourth Friday count for Clarkston Community Schools and they were down 79 students from the previous year. The surprise was the elementary level was down 32 students.

"Townships, city prepare for loss of state revenue" Officials from Clarkston, and townships of Independence and Springfield were preparing for Governor Engler's school reform plan and the impact it would have on the schools and the residents.

"Linksters win GOAL, go to state finals" The Clarkston Boys Varsity Golf team captured the Greater Oakland Activities League title and also finished third in the regional meet to qualify for the state championship.

50 years ago - 1968



### the U.P.

There are so many things to do no matter what time of year it is. It is a great experience and an amazing place to vacation. It is so peaceful and a totally different world than down state.

Life is so slow paced in the U.P., no one is in a hurry, you are surrounded by nature instead of people, and it is a relaxing get away. Michigan has so much to offer and the U.P. is probably one of the best places.

The Clarkston JV Volleyball team collected toilet paper for families in need. In less than one week, they collected almost 3,500 rolls. All rolls will be donated to Lighthouse of Oakland County. *Photo submitted*  "Propose school admin building" More planning and study was going into the proposed new administration building as the Clarkston School District Board of Education voted to have Superintendent Dr. Leslie Greene and school architect Richard Prince to continue working on plans it.

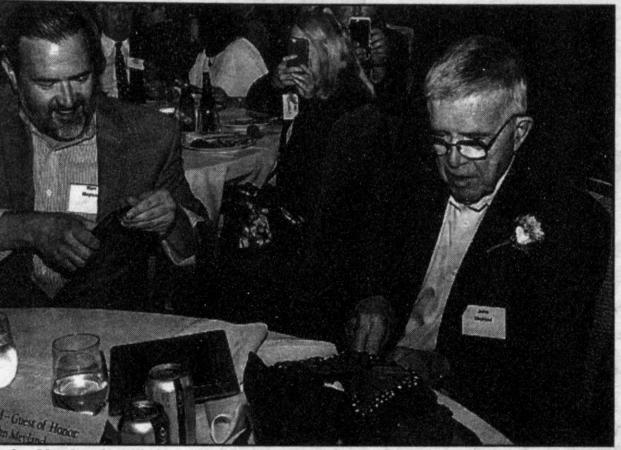
"Clarkston dumps Northville, 13-6" The Clarkston Varsity Football team defeated Northville with help from quarterback Bob Paladino who mixed his plays with Bruce Hardy, Jeff Keyser and Rich Porritt.

"Round the town" Cheryl and Jim Mansfield came back from college to attend the Clarkston Homecoming game and dance.

### **Butterfly Ball**

Guests enjoyed camaraderie and fellowship in their efforts to conserve and steward natural wetlands at the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy's (NOHLC) Butterfly Ball, Oct. 5 at the White Lake Oaks Country Club.

"It was obvious that the Wine Pull was a great success, selling out in less than an hour, and local comedian, Jason Douglas, entertained everyone until the end," said Rebbecca Steketee, NOHLC outreach coordinator. "Most importantly, we were able to honor local photographer, John Meyland, and all that he's done for NOHLC. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible and we can't wait to see you next year!"



John Meyland, at right, with his son Kurt Meyland, was honored by the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy at the Butterfly Ball for his nature photography. Photo provided

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### Talk on marijuana proposal

Clarkston Coalition For Youth (CCFY) and Clarkston Area Youth Assistance host a Marijuana Legalization Community Talk on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 7-8 p.m. in the Clarkston Community Schools Admin Board Room, 6389 Clarkston Road.

They will present views for and against Michigan Proposal One, which would legalize the recreational use and possession of marijuana for persons 21 years of age or older and enact a tax on marijuana sales if approved by voters, Nov. 6.

CCFY also presents Drugs 101 on Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Clarkston Junior High Performing Arts Center, 6595 Waldon Road.

Educators from St. Joseph Mercy Health System will discuss current trends of teen drug use and skills to help parents engage their kids in conversations. The presentation will include a mock teenager's bedroom set-up for participants to observe and attempt to identify obvious and not-so-obvious drug related paraphernalia.

For more information, check clarkstonforyouth.org caya@clarkston.k12.mi.us

# Dogs, thank yous, bus drivers, DNA tests and more!

Oh gosh . . . what was it, about three weeks ago Lake Orion resident Bill Kalmar got a message to me. In

short it said, "Thanks Don for the good news column. I have been Don't meaning to write something for your Rush Me newspaper, but quite frankly, there's not much good to write about these days."

I am pretty sure I thanked Bill, but for the life of me I cannot remember what chapter in the sacred text commonly known as Don't Rush Me, the column he was referring to. I write them to forget them - writing this A column by column is sorta' like therapy for me. Don Rush I just spill what's on my mind without

having to pay someone to have me lay on their couch to hear me.

(Have I ever told you guys, I'm the cheapest dude in town?)

The driver not only knows the stops and the kids but the pets, too. Then to take the time and ask others to go through the effort to look up my phone number and call me? Wow! I'm so thankful there are truly generous thoughtful people in this world.

Good news for me, it wasn't my dog out exploring, just one that looked like him. Now I wonder if the other dog made it home. I did go look for it but didn't find it. (There are not many Blue Great Danes in the area and I was hoping to get my pup a play date!) Thanks again to the thoughtful bus driver.

-Carl Bidinger

Don, I read your column about the unknown child in Lakeview Cemetery.

A few thoughts:



Hand dig the spot where the bones were found to see if there area any more bones, clothing, shoe leather, wood from the old casket or wood from an old headstone? Go through the county death records / cemetery records to inventory all of the children interred that match the description.

Physically inspect each grave site matching the description of the deceased to see if there is a later burial next to it, possibly encroaching on it. Use ground penetrating radar to see if the child's grave was off center and the newer grave dug into the existing burial site.

The bones could have been scooped up when the next internment was being prepared. This should reduce the number of possibilities for identification.

Analyze the DNA and look up to see if there are any relatives in the area. Back when the child was buried, this was a small town and a lot of families were interrelated after a few generations. You could start a Clarkston "DNA" party for the decedents of the old families to see if there are any matches. Going through the matching families genealogical records may produce a name. This could be a big break.



Stay on point, Rush . . . so Bill said thanks for the good news story and I liking "thank yous" more than the "Rush, you sucks" feedback, reckoned I'd share some more good news.

HI Don! Thought I would share this experience and see if you wouldn't mind putting it in the appropriate section (of the newspaper)

I would like to shout out a huge THANK YOU to Clarkston Schools bus drivers!!

Let me explain. I got a call this afternoon from the Clarkston Community Schools Transportation department. Seems one of the bus drivers radioed the main base and asked someone call me and tell me that my dog was a mile and a half from my house. How cool is that?

Quigley, right and his mom, Luna.

There may be old obituaries for children of that age group that don't show up in the cemetery records.

Cross referencing the obits to the known and located interred should eliminate some possibilities. There may be additional burials next to the site where the bones were found, if so, possible relatives.

Was there ever a pauper's section?

Reburials from the old farm sites ? Unknown deceased from some catastrophe that were never identified? Take your time, I'm in no "rush" for answers. - Steve D.

Thanks, Steve . . . but I don't know. Seems like a lot of work for just one newspaper dude! I shall pass this on to the authorities!



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**Public Safety** 

For Clarkston and Independence Township

### Minor in possession

Deputies on patrol stopped to check on two people sitting near a pond in the 6000 block of Maybee Road, 11:29 p.m., Oct. 5. A 21-year-old Independence Township man gave a false name and age - later it was discovered he was 20 years old at the time and had been consuming alcohol. A preliminary breath test result was .093 blood alcohol level. He was cited for providing false information and minor in possession.

### No plate

A commercial truck and trailer without a license plate on it was stopped on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road, 10:26 a.m., Oct. 5. The owner of the truck, a 48-year-old Waterford woman, was cited for license plate violation, no fire extinguisher, and no triangles.

### Marijuana arrest

Deputies were dispatched to the 5000 block of Pone Knob Trail on a report of a large party with possible drugs and underage drinking, 11:05 p.m., Oct. 6. A deputy shined a spotlight on a car with five young men in it, and watched as the driver mouthed the word, "cops," and then handed back a blue backpack to the backseat passengers. Passengers put it and another backpack in the trunk area. Asked what was in the backpack, the driver, a 17-year-old Independence Township boy, said there was some marijuana in it. He said the backpack was his. In it was found two small baggies of marijuana, tobacco grinder, and glass pipes with marijuana residue. He was cited for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

### **Civil warrants**

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with an expired license plate sticker, 9:21 a.m., Oct. 11, on Dixie Highway at Ridgeview Drive. The driver, a 25-year-old Waterford woman, was found with two warrants for civil infraction violations out of 50th District Court. She was cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to comply with the judgement of a court. She was given warnings for expired plates and no proof of insurance. She was advised and released on the warrants, and her car was impounded.

### Suspect charged

David Erwin Unger, 55, of Harrison Township was charged in connection with the murder of Mark Siecinski, 56, of Clarkston.

Siecinski and a 63-year-old Farmington Hills man went to Unger's business in the 11800 block of Freud in Detroit on Sept. 29, according to Wayne County Prosecutor's office. Siecinski was fatally shot and the 63-year-old man was shot and survived.

Unger was charged with First Degree Murder, Assault with Intent to Murder, and two counts of Felony Firearm, and is jailed without bond. He faces life in prison if convicted. Unger was arraigned Oct. 8, and is scheduled for a probable cause conference, Oct. 24, and preliminary exam, Oct. 31.

Siecinski was born and raised in Clarkston, and owned and operated Christy's Estate Operations.

Funeral Service was Oct. 11 at Clarkston United Methodist Church, interment at Lakeview Cemetery. Online guestbook, www.wintfuneralhome.com.

### Offset driving

Deputies on patrol stopped a car driving left of the double yellow line on Sashabaw near Flemings Lake, 12:11 a.m., Oct. 10. The driver, a 47-year-old Davison man, was cited for driving with a suspended license and driving left of center.

### Driving on closed road

A 44-year-old Independence Township man was stopped for driving through a closed construction zone on Clintonville Road, 6:15 p.m., Oct. 10. He was cited for driving with a suspended license.

### Arrest in stabbing

# Mural project successful

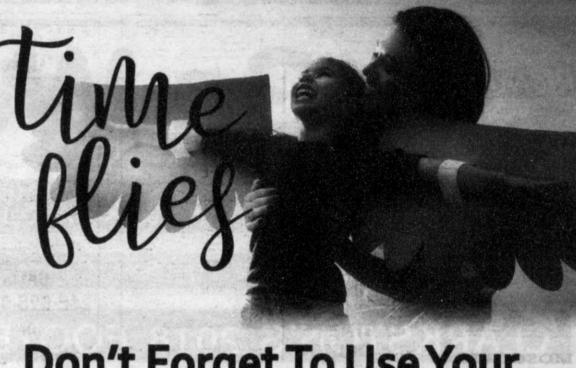
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Local artists helped Gilford and Valdez paint the mural, located on the southern wall of the Union Woodshop, 18 S. Main Street. The effort was a partnership between the Clarkston Cultural Arts Council and the DIA, supported by the institute's tri-county millage with the help of local business owners, City Council, and Clarkston Community Historical Society.

"The project started from a conversa-

tion I had with Jillian Reese at DIA about a year ago, during the Inside-Out program," Couture said. " She came to me and said, 'what's your dream project you want help with from the community?""

"We really appreciate this partnership," said Charles Garling, DIA director of studio programs. "We're very proud of it this and other ones throughout Oakland County were able to happen because of your support."



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A 26-year-old Commerce Township woman was jailed for assault after a 30-yearold Independence Township woman was stabbed, 9:59 p.m., Oct. 11, in the 10 block of Joy Street. The victim suffered two stab wounds, one to her right bicep and one to her forearm. The suspect fled in a black Ford Focus. Responding deputies and police in surrounding areas searched for the suspect, and a White Lake Township police officer located her. Oakland County deputies took the suspect into custody. The victim was transported by the Independence Fire Department to McLaren-Oakland Hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Detectives will be continuing with the investigation.





The Wolves pose with the Clarkston/Lake Orion traveling trophy before it goes back to Clarkston High School for the sixth consecutive year. Photo by WARP

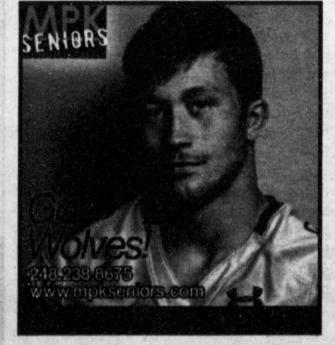
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# Clarkston's **ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

# **Bounce back over Dragons**

### **BY WENDI REARDON PRICE**

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The scoreboard at Lake Orion reflected a 24-14 win for the Wolves last Friday.

But the winners were the communities as players from both teams joined together for Clarkston's Football for a Cure and Lake Orion's Pink Out to raise money for those fighting cancer.

"Two awesome communities, two awesome groups of kids," said Kurt Richardson, longtime head coach for the Wolves looking at the field. "I have all the respect in the world for the Lake Orion staff and this is cool, really cool."

More highlights for the night included the Wolves winning the Clarkston/Lake Orion trophy for the eighth consecutive year and winning the OAA Red title.

"We will take that, too," Richardson smiled.

The Wolves opened the scoring with a 36-yard touchdown run by senior Jacob Honstetter six minutes into the game.

They didn't score again until the beginning of the third quarter off a 70-yard touchdown pass to senior Conor Donahue from senior Jake Jensen.

Jensen struck again scoring on a 62-yard run as he dodged Lake Orion's defensive line on his way to the endzone, putting the score 21-0 with less than one minute to go in the third quarter.

"He is getting better all the time,"

Richardson said. "He is getting more confident. He has to be good for us to be good."

The Wolves closed the night with a 20yard field goal by senior Tristan Mattson in the fourth quarter.

Jensen was 4-for-8 in passing with one touchdown and one first down. Honstetter rushed the ball 15 times for 94 yards with one touchdown and two first downs. Billette carried the ball ten times for 69 yards with two first downs. Mattson was 3-for-3 on PATs.

Sophomore Rocco Spindler led defense with eight tackles. Senior Brendan Barker had seven tackles. Senior Josh Luther had five tackles and one interception in the first quarter.

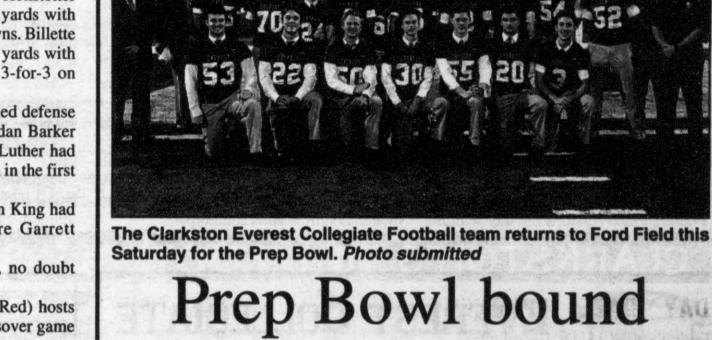
Honstetter and senior Keagan King had five tackles each. Sophomore Garrett Dellinger had four tackles.

"Defensively we are better, no doubt about it," said Richardson.

The Wolves (7-1, 5-1 OAA Red) hosts Oak Park (7-1) in an OAA crossover game this Friday, 7 p.m.

"They are a big play team," Richardson said. "They have a lot of big athletes. They have big play guys so we have to stop the big play."

The boys will find out this weekend who they face off against in the first round of playoffs during the Selection Sunday Show on FOX Sports Detroit, Oct. 21, 7 p.m.



**Clarkston Everest Collegiate** Football not only defeated Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes at home on Oct. 5 but clinched a trip to the Catholic High School League Prep Bowl.

The win over Our Lady of the Lakes was also their seventh consecutive win for the season and third in the league.

The Mountaineers also clinched a trip to the MHSAA Football playoffs for the sixth consecutive season since the varsity program was created in 2013.

Saturday at 4 p.m.

They will find out who they play in the first round of playoffs during the Selection Sunday Show this weekend on FOX Sports Detroit, 7 p.m.

The team includes seniors Ethan Dexter, Nate Emmert-Buck, Maximilian Engle, Josh Legg, Mike Jones, Nino Mastromatteo; sophomores Dominic Cross, Patrick Kaine Raye, Jack Lasceski, Michael McGrath, Giovanni Mastromatteo, John Suran; freshmen Aidan

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Senior quarterback Jake Jensen fends off Lake Orion as he makes a run during last Friday's win. Photo by Larry Wright

of the regular season in the CHSL Prep Bowl C-D Division Championship at Ford Field this

Beauchamp, Nathan Beggs, Ben Everest (7-1) plays their last game Myers, Trevor Myers, Johnny Nedwick, Jimmy Neme, Diego Ramirez, Matthew Ross and Joey Thiboedeau.



# Wolves aim to be best in program history with return to states

#### **BY WENDI REARDON PRICE**

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Excitement broke out at the Clarkston High School tennis courts as the Wolves secured the ten points they needed to qualify for the MHSAA Division 1 Boys Tennis State Championship.

They ended up finishing the regional match last Thursday with 13 points and in second place while Bloomfield Hills won the regional championship with 23 points.

"It was a very exciting day," said Chas Claus, head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis. "I am so happy for them. It never gets old. We have done it for several years now. I am very proud of them and very happy for all my players especially the seniors who get to go out this way."

Claus added every player on the team did their job.

"In a lot of team sports, a lot of times a transcendent player can take over a game on their own," he explained. "With tennis, it's all head to head and involves the whole team. We needed ten points to qualify for states, and the most any one player could get is three points. You really need the whole team to do their job."

Frankie Piana finished the day winning his flight on Single No. 3 court which



Clarkston Boys Varsity Tennis qualifies for state finals. Photo provided

included defeating Sebastian Burman from Bloomfield Hills, 7-6, 7-6.

"He was the only upset all day of any of the teams of any of the matches and there were 56 matches," Claus said. "It was a super close match and he did it. I was really proud of the effort."

Luke Baylis, on Singles No. 1; Jacob Burkett, Singles No. 2; and Noah Faszewski, Singles No. 3, finished in second place to their Bloomfield Hills counterparts.

"Looking at matches, several of my

doubles teams were pretty nervous, pretty tight at the start and had good comeback wins," said Claus.

He added Logan Knowlson and Adam Zentner on Doubles No. 1 started out slow but beat a team they didn't know a lot about. "They did their job pretty quickly," Claus

said.

Jed Horst and Max Meehan on Doubles No. 2 had a comeback victory during the tournament to help the Wolves out.

Evan Walsh and Nicholas Rouman, on

Doubles No. 4, started off slow and had a comeback win against Lake Orion to tie. They won the match winning the third set, 6-4.

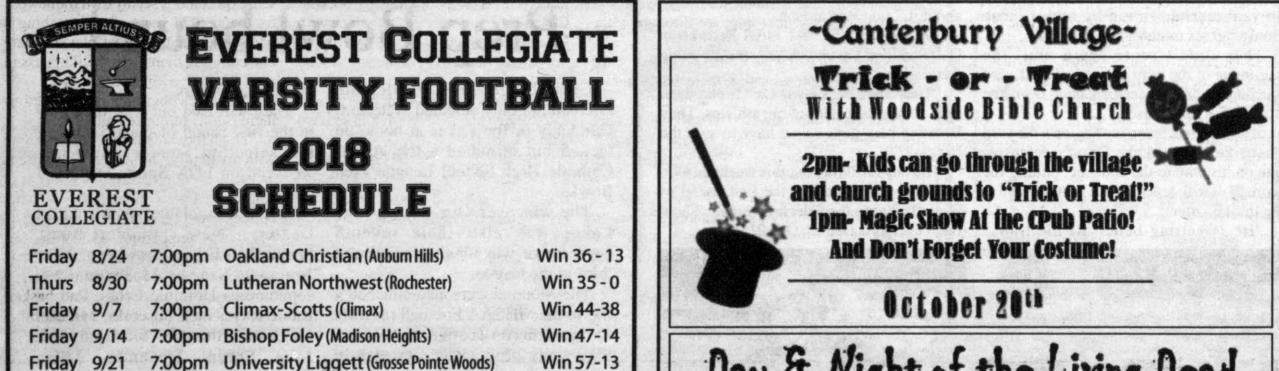
"It was a point that sealed the trip to states for us," Claus said. "It was point 10. They set off a big party for the team."

The boys head to Greater Midland Tennis Center this Friday and Saturday to play for the state championship.

"The biggest thing is staying hungry and continue working," Claus said. "The biggest thing for the players is emphasizing business is not done. We have done this before. We are there to do damage. We are there to compete in the best. This team wants to be the best in program history. Just like regionals, it's going to take a team effort to get ourselves set up to do it."

He added being at the state tournament is amazing.

"It's quite an affair - there are 18 indoor courts and 22 outdoor courts," Claus said. "It starts early and it's just action everywhere. For anyone looking around at the bright lights, it moves pretty quickly it's easy to get yourself out of it. There's nothing like going to states, but there's nothing like winning a match at states. It's something they want and something I want for them so we will work for it."



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From left, Clarkston Boys Basketball Assistant Coach Eric Chambers with Dan Fife and new Head Coach Tim Wasilk during the 2018 state championships. File photo

As one steps up...

#### **BY WENDI REARDON PRICE**

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Tim Wasilk has a new role as he takes over as head coach for Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball.

"He loves Clarkston," said Dan Fife, who retired from the position in September. "He's all about Clarkston. He wants to coach basketball. He loves coaching basketball. I like one of my former players to coach because they know all about what's going on in the program with McGrath and anything else."

"I am excited but sad at the same time," Wasilk said. "I am really going to miss coaching with Coach Fife and Coach (Eric) Chambers. We have coached together for a while and I played for Coach Fife. Not a lot of people know it but Coach Chambers was my assistant coach when I was playing in high school. I am sad not to be coaching with those guys because we had a good thing going with us and the players."

Wasilk played for Clarkston until he graduated in 1996. He headed the girls varsity basketball team for ten years before joining the boys program as assistant coach with the varsity team in 2015.

"I felt comfortable already being in that role on the girls side. Then, jumping over here and assisting on the boys side helped prepare me being with Coach Fife, Coach Chambers and the talented group of players we had taught me a lot," he said. "I feel like under Coach Fife and Coach Chambers' leadership I am ready to take that next step. It helped playing for those guys and coaching in the system. I want to continue to use Coach Fife and Coach Chambers as a resource. We are fortunate enough to bring Doug Colling back as an assistant who was the JV coach for 16 years. He will be helping me out as an assistant." The transition hasn't been too difficult since he has been on the bench during summer camps and around during conditioning.

"We have been doing open gyms and the kids have been playing in fall league. I have been there and trying to establish a better relationship with the kids with all the new faces this year," he said.

He plans to take some of the things he learned from Fife, Chambers and other coaches he played for and work it into his coaching.

"When it comes down to it, I have to be me," he said. "I have to believe in my system and what we are doing in it."

Tryouts for the winter season start in less than three weeks and he is excited with the 11 new players coming into the team.

He said the goal is simple for this year's team improve every day and improve throughout the season.

"With all the new kids we have a chance to be very good but at the same time there will be bumps along the road," Wasilk said, adding they will establish leadership, how hard they want to practice and how hard they want to play Clarkston basketball.

"It's a great community," Wasilk added. "I am glad I have been given the opportunity to do this. I would like to thank my wife, Sarah, and kids, Smith, Ava, and Presley, for their constant love and support and allowing me to follow my dream of being the head coach of Clarkston High School. The sacrifices they are making and will continue to make do not go unnoticed. Thank you to Coach Fife and Coach Chambers. Thank you to Jeff Kosin for the opportunity."

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### BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer Eric Chambers is stepping down as assistant coach with Clarkston Boys Varsity Basketball after 24 years.

He explained there were a lot of reasons to retire.

"My loyalty to Coach Dan Fife is the biggest reason," he added. "In 1998, after we lost in the quarterfinals to Detroit Central and Antonio Gates, I told him that one day we would win a state championship, and I would coach with him for as long as it took. Coach Fife's impact on me is irreplaceable. Other than my parents, he is one of the most influential people in my life. He took a chance on me and I am thankful for the opportunity. I cannot see myself sitting on the bench without him. Retiring was not an easy decision but it is the right time, and going out on top is the best way to go."

He will miss a lot about coaching for Clarkston starting with the lifelong relationships he has developed with the players, coaches and fans.

"The phone calls after tough losses and the congratulatory calls/texts after the last two state championships meant a lot to me," Chambers said. "Also, I will miss practice and the unique bond each team forms. The opportunity to work with Coach Fife, the car rides to games with Jake Wilton and players, and waving to my parents after every game will also be missed."

He added his parents are very dedicated Wolves fans and only missed two games since 1994.

Reflecting back on the last 24 years, Chamber said there are too many favorite memories to name, but of course the last two seasons will always stay with him.

"Obviously the last two years will be unforgettable, but all the teams prior to the state championship own a piece of those rings," he said. "They built the program to what it is and paved the way to the Breslin Center. The years of season ending heartbreaks drove us to play harder, play smarter. Also, having the opportunity to be involved in young people's lives has been an incredible experience."

Chambers moved to Clarkston in 1984 and soon began to attend games in 1985. He explained during his high school years he stayed after school to tutor underclassmen.

Then, would watch basketball practice because one of his friends was on the team.

"I immediately admired Coach Fife's leadership style and knew at some point I would like to coach," he said. " After college, I student taught in Clarkston and wanted to be involved in the community. Prior to student teaching, I met Coach Fife at a middle school track meet and asked if I could attend summer practices and help out in some capacity. We met the next day, he asked me some questions and then said 'be in the gym next week."

Chambers added from that point forward he never left the gym.

"After the first summer practices, Jeremy Fife told me his goal was to play college basketball," Chambers said. "We developed a plan, and his work ethic and self-expectations set my own framework for the next 24 years of my coaching. I quickly learned all great players share one common theme - the willingness to outwork their own expectations."

Chamber's plan right now for retirement is to continue to enjoy life.

"I look forward to spending more time with my family," he shared. "My wife is amazing and I have three beautiful stepdaughters. I plan on attending as many college and high school games as I can. My family and parents are looking forward to attending a lot of Michigan State University games and Maui in 2019. At some point I will get back into basketball/coaching, hopefully with the other coach Fife."

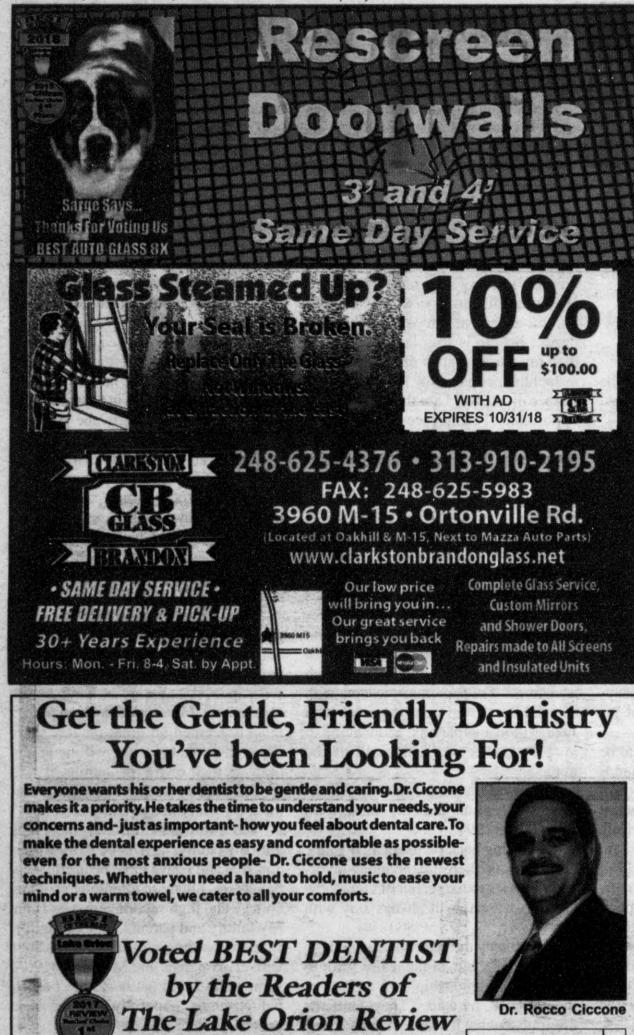
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## Girls rule the links at regional

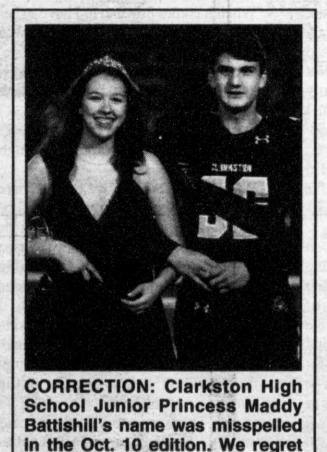
**BY WENDI REARDON PRICE Clarkston News Sports Writer** 

The Wolves are heading back to the MHSAA Division 1 Girls Golf State Championship again after winning their second consecutive regional championship last Thursday.

"We are beyond excited," said Lezlie Hallman, head coach for Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf. "They did phenomenal. They banded together and as a team won. They work really hard and they have the dedication. I was hoping we could do it and we did it.'

The girls scored 334 at Pine Knob Golf Course, two strokes ahead of Bloomfield Hills who finished second place with 336. Troy also qualified for states, finishing third with 374.

"They just kept their minds to it," said Hallman. We had a lot of fun this season just playing. For regionals, I was hoping we would do it and the girls were hoping we could do it. It just fell into place. They were all totally excited about it. It was great."





The Clarkston Girls Varsity Golf team proudly won their back-to-back regional championship. Photo provided

All five Wolves finished in the top ten of 47 golfers at the tournament.

Ashley Liles led the pack with a par of 79 for third place. Claudia Sampson finished in sixth place with a 81; Payton Greenlee, sixth place, 85; and Elin Gebrowski and Lauren Hartline tied at ninth place with 89.

"I am proud of them," Hallman said.

She added Pine Knob was great not only during the regional meet but during the season.

"They were so nice," Hallman said. "Anything we asked for, we got. If we asked for a tee time they said sure, what time and how many do you need. Even with JV - that was 17 girls they let use the course for the season. I couldn't be more thankful to Pine Knob, their owner and the staff there for their kindness and generosity."

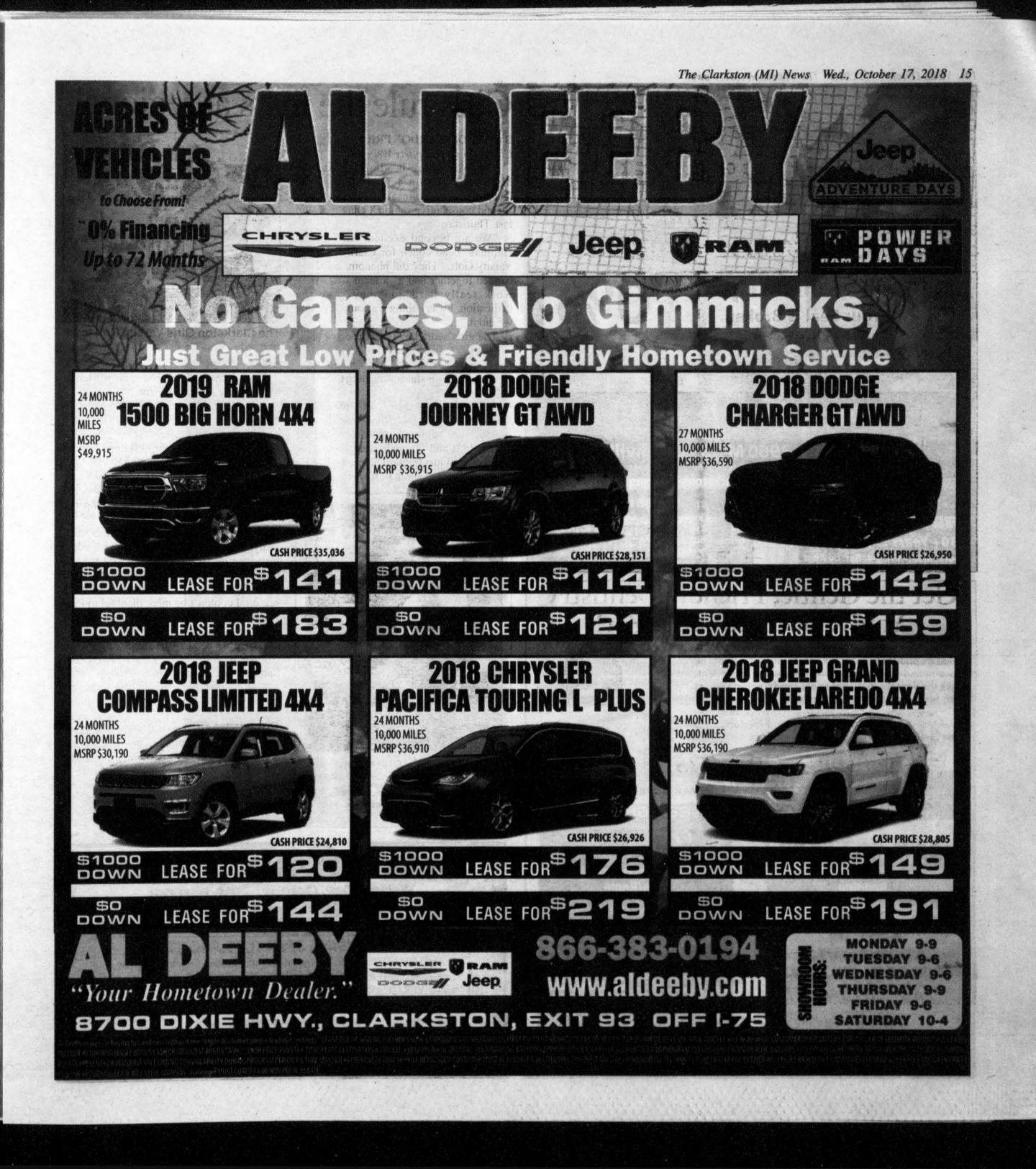
The girls head to Bedford Valley Golf Course in Battle Creek this Friday and Saturday for the state championship.

"They just have to do their thing," Hallman said. "Just work hard to improve from what we did last year. Last year we came in sixth. If we could do that again or finish in the top five they would just be ecstatic. Golf can be challenging sometimes. You just never know how you are going to do. They have the mindset of they want it and they are going to go for it. It was a good season and them going to states is the icing on the cake."



Dr. Rocco Ciccone

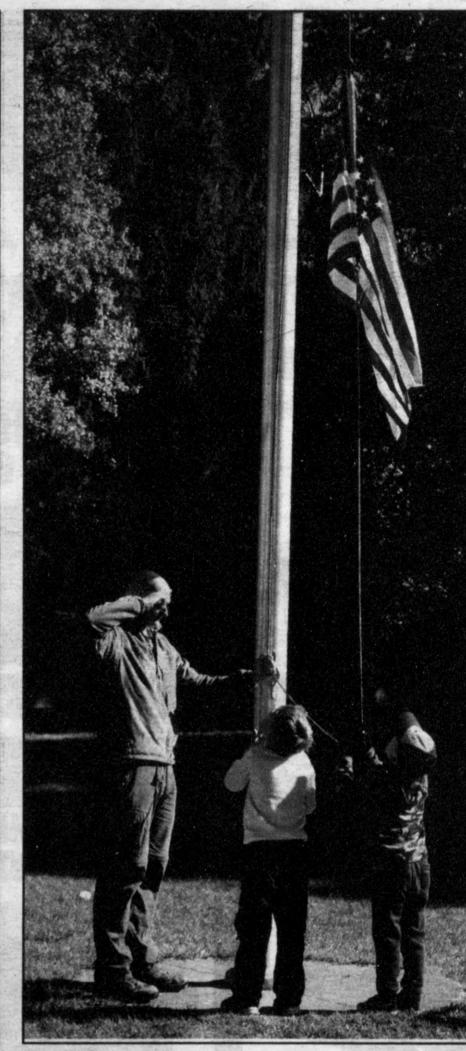
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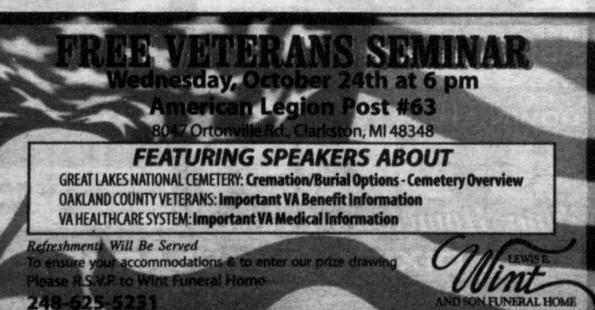


# Flag raisers

From left, Cub Scout Pack 163 **Secretary Chris** Chwasz, and scouts Carter **Bryson and Gannon Drouin** raise the flag at **Fall Camping** 2018. Pack 163 of **Calvary Lutheran** Church and Independence Elementary earned badges, learned outdoor safety and flag ceremonies, and had fun at the camping event at Independence **Oaks County Park,** Sept. 28-30. Photo provided

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Jacob Gordon and Alex Page finish their crawl through one of the obstacles.

# OPEN HOUSE

### Sunday, October 28th 1-4pm

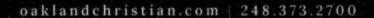
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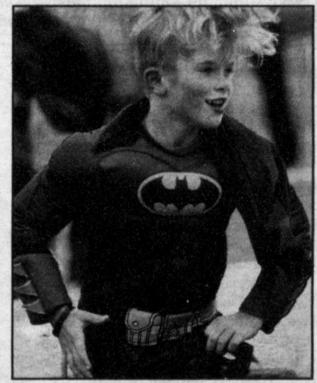
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### Madelyn Willey starts a new la Super fun

Clarkston Elementary students raised money for their school and had fun during their "Be Your Own Hero" Fun Run, Oct. 5.



Cole Mengyan uses his Batman strength for the obstacles.





Students power up. Photos by Wendi Price

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Events Pumpkin Carving Party, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 19, Clarkston Family Farm, 6800 Hubbard Road. Music, games, campfire, make pumpkin luminary, wear costumes, \$15, clarkstonfamilyfarm.regfox.com/pumpkincarving-party-2018.

Life Line Screening, Oct. 22, Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. Screenings for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes. Packages start at \$149.877-237-1287.

Murder Mystery Dinner, 80's Prom Night theme with Clarkston Village Players, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network, 6-9 p.m., Oct. 23, Pine Knob Mansion, 5580 Waldon Road. \$40, dinner, beverage, free valet parking.

Empowered You, 5-7:30 p.m., Oct. 25, McLaren Clarkston's Karmanos Cancer Institute, 5680 Bow Pointe Drive. Free health screenings, personal pampering, vendors, giveaways, food, health resources. 248-922-6810.

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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, food by local restaurants, fundraiser for Clarkston Rotary's local and international programs. 248-561-8523.

Frankenstein by Tim Kelly, Clarkston Village Players, Oct. 26-28, Nov. 2-4, 8-10; \$17/Fridays, Saturdays; \$15/Thursdays, matinees. Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road. 248-425-5842.

Fourth annual Blood Drive in memory of Suzanne McCarty, Community Presbyterian Church at Sashabaw and Monroe, Waterford, Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.. 248-673-7805.

Anne of Green Gables, Everest Collegiate High School Drama, 5935 Clarkston Road, Nov.9-10, 7 p.m.; Nov. 11, 2 p.m. \$8/students, \$10/adults at Showtix4U.com; at-the-door, \$10/student, \$12/adults; Idifonzo@everest academy.org. Around Jown





Clarkston Area Backyard Birders Club, as photographed by Julie Baker after her presentation on sandhill cranes and mourning doves, Sept. 26, next meets on Oct. 24 to talk about migration, Bluebird nesting box construction, backyard habitat improvement, and winter feeding ideas. Bring your sightings, stories, suggestions and questions to The Gateway, 7150 N. Main Street, at 7 p.m. *Photo provided* 

nior 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.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$40/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw 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.

#### Wednesday

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

### **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.

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**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.

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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.

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**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.

Back Roads Half Marathon 10K, 5K, Nov. 11, Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road. Benefits DRAW, St. Jude's www.clarkstonbackroadshalf.com.

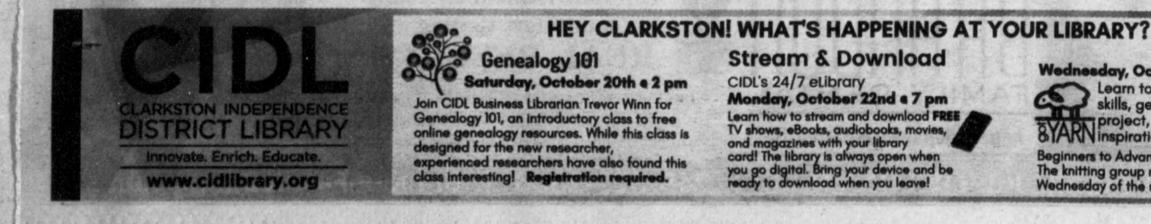
Monday Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence SeMiddle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

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

#### Saturday

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

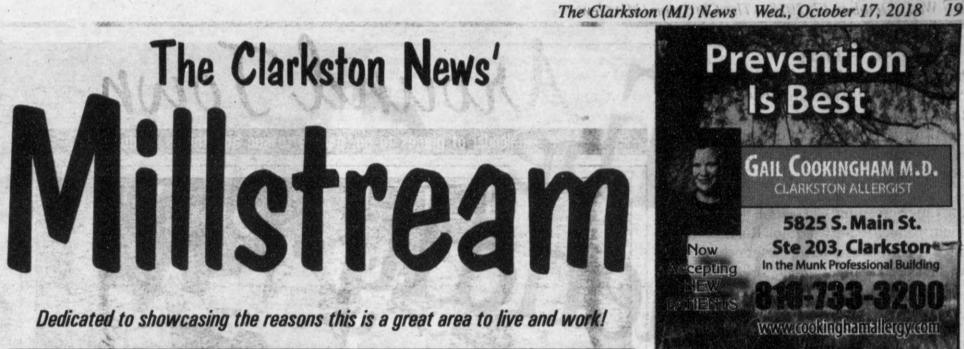


Wednesday, October 24th e 7 pm Learn to knit, pick up new skills, get help with your project, or find new MARN inspiration.

Beginners to Advanced - All are welcome! The knitting group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.



Native American Enthusiast/Presenter Gary Ghareeb educates fifth graders on cultures of different tribes.



# Students get their hands on Native American history

#### **BY BRENDA DOMINICK**

Clarkston News Staff Writer

Eager and curious fifth graders at Independence Elementary welcomed Gary Ghareeb, presenting the Native American Experience Bringing the Museum to You, Oct. 5.

Ghareeb explained the history of Native American people and their culture, including music, dance, weapons, tools, clothing, jewelry, and language during the in-school field trip.

"We had hundreds of tribes across North America, and they were all very different, too," he said. "They had different customs, traditions, legends, languages. Just different ways of living from day-to-day, season-toseason."

Ghareeb explained these tribes made

everyday items from rocks, shells, trees, plants, and animals.

"They would hunt mammals right out of the water, animals like seals, sea lions and sea otters," he said. "There were some tribes that even hunted whales. They caught all kinds of fish, too. Halibut and salmon were the two most common, but they ate plenty of others like cod and flounder. They even collected seaweed and kelp right out of the ocean, and used it in soups and stews."

The kids enjoyed looking at and touching items typically from Native American cultures, including an ermine fur and hunting items, some of which were more than 250 years old.

As he explained the importance of the materials, he cautioned the kids to be careful handling the furs so not to damage them as they can get ripped if they pull on them too hard.

"I made a model of a birch bark canoe exactly like they did, so you guys would know what these things looked like," he said.

Northeast Woodland tribes made dugout canoes for fishing on inland lakes, he said.

"Tribes out in the northwest coast become expert fisherman, living by the Pacific Ocean," he said. "But they also became expert woodworkers and carvers, especially with trees like red and yellow cedar. Those trees are sacred to the tribes out there."

Ghareeb said these tribes used large trees for almost everything including creating timber frames and large logs to build homes.

"They found red cedar trees you could split real easily into boards or planks, just using antler wedges and rock hammers," he said. "They would make what we call a plank house, those things were huge. They sat right next to the ocean."

They built massive totem poles in front of their plank houses, carved with different faces and animal spirits, then painted beautifully, he said.

"Each one of these tells a story of a family that lived there," he said. "Or, it might describe some important event that happened to them. They often top them with these thunderbirds, because that acts as a ward against evil spirits."

The students asked questions and took turns with passing items around.

For more information on Gary Ghareeb's Native American Experience Bringing the Museum to You, visit www.nativeamericanexperience.net.



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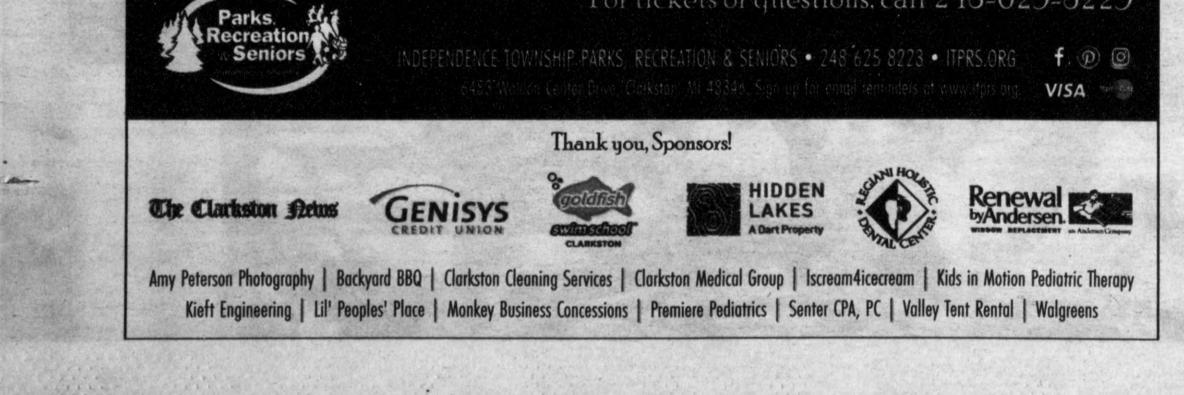
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### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Because the People Want to Know INDEPENDENCE TWP.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That a regular meeting held on October 9, 2018, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees approved the Introduction and First Reading of an amendment to the Township's Code of Ordinances and scheduled a Second Reading of the amendment at a regular meeting to be held on October 23, 2018 to consider adoption of the ordinance as follows:

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **ORDINANCE NO. #TBD**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE INDEPENDENCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES," BY AMENDING AR-TICLE IV, "TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES," TO UPDATE **CEMETERY REGULATIONS TO INCLUDE CREMA-TION NICHES.** 

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE OR-DAINS:

#### Section 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

That Section 42-152 of the Charter Township of Independence Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows

Sec. 42-152. - Sale of plots, burial spaces or cremation niches.

- a. Cemetery plots, burial spaces, or cremation niches shall be available for sale to any individual or family for the purpose of the burial of such purchaser or his or her heirs at law or next of kin. No sale shall be made to funeral directors or others.
- b. All sales shall be evidenced by a form approved and executed by the Township Clerk or the Clerk's designee. Sales of cemetery plots, burial spaces, or cremation niches grant a right of burial only and do not convey any other title to the lot or burial space sold. Full payment of the graves or niches is required at time of purchase.
- c. Burial rights may only be transferred to those persons eligible to be original purchasers of cemetery lots, burial spaces, or cremation niches, and may only be accomplished by endorsement of an assignment of such cemetery deed upon the original cemetery deed form prepared by the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee, approved by said Director or designee, and entered upon the official records of said Director or designee. Upon such assignment, approval and recording, the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee shall issue a new cemetery deed to the assignee and shall cancel and terminate upon such records, the original cemetery deed.
- d. Burial space owners shall not allow interments in their plots or spaces in return for remuneration of any kind.

#### Section 2. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

That Sections 42-155, 42-156 and 42-157 of the Charter Township of Independence Ordinance Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

#### Sec. 42-155. - Markers or memorials.

- a. All markers or memorials must be of stone or other equally durable composition.
- All markers or memorials must be located upon a b. suitable foundation as approved by the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee.
- c. Only one monument, marker or memorial shall be permitted per individual buried with the exception of rs which may be placed at the foot of the burial space.

24 inches in length and 12 inches in width.

h. The regulations set forth in subsections (a)-(g) shall not apply to monuments, markers or memorials exsting or approved prior to the date of this article.

Winter wreaths, grave blankets, and artificial flowers may be placed on the burial spaces from November 15 to April 1 yearly. All cemetery lot decorations will be removed during spring cleanup each year.

To maintain the columbarium in a uniform manner, Lakeview Cemetery will arrange for the engraving of niche covers. Niche engravings are limited to name, birth day and death date per cremains. Only one font pattern will be allowed for all niche engravings. One symbol will be allowed per niche cover and it must be chosen from a list that is approved by the Township. An engraving fee will be assessed at the time of the engraving and must be paid in full before the niche cover is put back in place. A temporary replacement cover will be installed until the engraved cover is returned. Niche covers are not required to be engraved. Engraving of the niche cover is allowed before interment of the cremains. Anyone not abiding by these stipulations will be responsible for the cost of a replacement cover.

- To recognize Veterans inurned in the columbarium k. niches, the small government medallion provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs will be allowed provided that the proper paperwork is filled out and the veteran is eligible.
- Sec. 42-156. + Interment regulations.
- Only one adult casket and/or one cremation may be placed in a single grave, unless otherwise designed in a cemetery plat existing prior to the adoption of this article except for a mother and infant or two children. Up to two cremations urns are allowed per cremation niche as long as the urns do not exceed a total of 11"x11"x15". The urn must be a material suitable for interment. Cardboard is not permitted.
- Not less than 24-hours' notice shall be given in advance of any funeral to allow for the opening of the burial spaces between April 1 and November 14 and not less than 48-hours' notice shall be given in advance of any funeral to allow for the opening of burial spaces between November 15 and March 31.
- The appropriate cemetery deed for the burial space C. involved, together with appropriate identification of the person to be buried therein, where necessary, shall be presented to either the Director of Public Works or the Director's or the Director's designee, who then shall deliver same to Director of Public Works or the Director's designee, prior to interment. Where such cemetery deed has been lost or destroyed, the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee shall be satisfied, from his or her records, that the person to be buried in the burial space is an authorized and appropriate one before any interment is commenced or completed.
- All burial spaces shall be located in an orderly and neat appearing manner within the confines of the burial space involved. All casket burials at Sashabaw Plains Cemetery will be handled by a private company. The DPW will be in attendance and have full charge of all cremation and baby burials at Sashabaw Plains Cemetery.
- No interments other than human remains can be placed in any burial lot or cremation niches. f.
  - The cemetery personnel are the only persons who will be permitted to open/close graves or cremation niches with the following exceptions:
  - a. When the cemetery is directed to make a disinterment by order of a court of competent jurisdiction and a certified copy of such order has been filed with the DPW Directors.
- b. When the coroner directs the disinterment for the

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right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, emblems, displays or containers therefore that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, a source of litter or a maintenance problem.

- Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.
- All refuse of any kind or nature including, among h. others, dried flowers, wreaths, papers, and flower containers must be removed or deposited in containers located within the cemetery.
- Shrubs or plantings with thorns are not permitted. No wooden headboards, trellises, ornaments, wire arches, glass containers, metal forms, crockery, tin cans, artificial flowers, toys or any other unsightly objects are permitted upon any lot or grass. Must have cemetery personnel approval for any temporary placement of above.
- Any unsightly vase or object shall be removed by cemetery personnel without notice.
- Employees of the cemetery will open all graves and cremation niches.

#### Section 3. REPEALER.

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the Charter Township of Independence Code of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

#### Section 4. SEVERABILITY.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated. Section 5. SAVINGS.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this Ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced. Section 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Section 7. ENACTMENT.

This Ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting called and held on 2018 and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Ayes: Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### COUNTY OF OAKLAND

I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting Township Clerk of the Charter Township of Independence, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Independence at a meeting held on \_\_\_, 2018, the original of which is on file in my office.

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE** By: Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

) \$5.

Introduced: October 9, 2018 Published: October 17, 2018 Adopted: Published: Effective:



#### **STATE OF MICHIGAN** FILE NO: **PROBATE COURT** 2018-385, 264DE **COUNTY OF OAKLAND**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate** 

Wed., October 17, 2018

Estate of Clifford Henry Simonson. Date of birth: 10/11/1918

TO ALL CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Clifford Henry Simonson, died 4-6-2017

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

-12-1-18 Thomas Scott Simonson 2401 Perry Lak eRd Ortovnille, MI 48462 248-408-1507

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#### SYNOPSIS

#### TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE **OCTOBER 9, 2018**

- A. A Regular Meeting of the Charter Township of Independence Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Independence Township Hall
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was given.
- ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Brown, Pallotta, Aliaga, C. Loughrin, Ritchie, Schroeder

Absent: None

Also Present: Wendy Hillman, Finance Director; David McKee, DPW Director; Dave Belcher, Building Department Director; Derek Smith, PRS Director; Rick Yaeger, Budget & Operations Analyst; Steven P. Joppich, Rosati, Shultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler

- D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented
- CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY E SESSION: None
- **BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee** F. Schroeder
- **PUBLIC COMMENT: None** G.
- H. **PUBLIC HEARING: None**
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS: 1.
- Presentation: 2018 Third Quarter Financial Report (Wendy Hillman, Finance Director)
- CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None K. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - 1. Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular / Budget Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2018
  - Approval of the October 2, 2018 Check Run in the amount of \$945,120.74 and Ratified the October 5, 2018 Payroll in the amount of \$267,653.41 for a total amount of \$1,212,774.15.

L. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None

M. REGULAR BUSINESS:

- 1. Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #35 and Payment of Issuance Costs - 2018 Capital Improvement Bond Issuance
- Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #36 Establish Sashabaw Drain Maintenance Fund
- Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #37 Spe-3. cial Assessment Revenue - Sewer Fund
- 4. Approval of the Municipal Credit and Community Credit Contract FY-2019 SMART Transportation

- Markers shall be no more than 24 inches in length and d. 12 inches in width per grave space, unless approved by authorized cemetery personnel.
- e. Should any monument or memorial become unsightly, dilapidated or a safety hazard, the Township board shall have the right, at the expense of owner, to correct the condition or remove same.
- f. The footing or foundation upon which any monument, marker or memorial must be placed shall be constructed by the Township at cost to the owner of the burial right. Cost shall be determined by resolution of the Township board, payable to the Township. A fee schedule shall be maintained at the Township office. If there is more than one burial on a grave, you may g. have more than one marker. The main marker will always be placed on the west end of the head. Any additional markers for cremains shall be flush with the ground, placed at the base of the main marker

and be no more than 12 inches by 12 inches or 8

inches deep by 16 inches wide. Foot markers are

only permitted for veterans in addition to their main

marker. These must be flush and are not to exceed

purpose of holding an inquest and has filed with the DPW's office his signed authorized release of the body to himself and his lawful agents. Sec. 42-157. - Ground maintenance.

a. No grading, leveling, or excavating upon burial space shall be allowed without the permission of the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee. No flower arrangements, plants, wreaths, toys or mementos will be allowed to be placed near or on the columbarium at any time, except at the time of inurnment and other approved days by the Township. No flowers, shrubs, trees or vegetation of any type shall be planted without the approval of the Director of Public Works or the Director's designee. Any of the foregoing items planted without such approval may be removed by the township.

C.

- d. The Township reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and the use of the cemetery.
  - Mounds which hinder the free use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus are prohibited.
- f. The cemetery maintenance personnel shall have the

#### 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 November 12, 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 November 12, 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

- Approval of the Introduction and 1st Reading -Amendment to Chapter 42 - Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places; Article IV, Township Cemeteries
- 6. Award Bid Demolition Proposal: 8848 Lakeview Blvd. and 8832 Lakeview Blvd.
- Acceptance of Proposal Construction Engineer-7. ing Services - Sashabaw Road Projects

N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / **REPORTS**:

- 1. Minutes: Video Center Administrative Board Final, May 16, 2018
- Report: Fiscal 2018 Actual to Budget Update for 2. Period Ending August 31, 2018
- Report: Building Department Monthly Report -3 September 2018

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: Supervisor Kittle** 

ADJOURNMENT: The Regular/Budget Meeting ad-P journed at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC **Township Clerk** 

Published: Wednesday, October 17, 2018

### 22 Wed., October 17, 2018 The Clarkston (MI) News Della Alvarado, 68 Maria

Della Jean Alvarado (Mitchell) of Waterford, formerly of Clarkston, passed away Oct. 9, 2018, at age 68.

She was preceded in death by her husband Ruben; beloved mother of Sarah (Max) Dietrich, Ronald (Mary) Mitchell and Emily (Brian) Mitchell; loving grandmother of Gage and Colton Dietrich; sister of Debra Gatenby; special friend of Barb Breen.

Della was an RN with over 40 years of experience in long term care. She was very compassionate about providing loving care to the senior population.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the **Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home**, Clarkston. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Online guestbook www. wintfuneralhome.com.

### Robert Arend, 84

Robert J. Arend of Clarkston, formerly of Jackson, passed away Oct. 9, 2018, at age 84.

He was the husband of Carol for 49 years; brother of Jim (Margaret) Arend; brother in law of Ross (Erika) Arseneau; survived by several nieces and nephews; preceded in death by his parents Cletus & Margaret and brothers Thomas and William.



Bob retired as a teacher, having taught at Andersonville Elementary, Camp Oakland and Children's Village. He was an active member of Clarkston Village Players.

Visitation was Oct. 11 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Mass was Oct. 12 at St. Daniel Catholic Church, Clarkston. Memorials may be made to American Lung Association or Clarkston Village Players. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com. Marianna Hawke, 97 Former Clarkston resident Marianna Waldrop Hawke died last month in Trinity,

Florida. She was 97. Mrs. Hawke went home to be with the

Lord, Friday September 14, 2018.

She was born in Murray, Kentucky February 24, 1921, the daughter of Clancy and Vera (Hughes) Waldrop. Marianna is pre-

ceded in death by her

parents, husband Bud and sister Fran (Souder); surviving are her three children: Tom (Bea) Hawke of Trinity, FL; Terry (Jan) Hawke of Walled Lake, MI; and Holly Hawke-Jordan of Kalamazoo, MI.; her eight grandchildren: Tracie Hawke-Dingman; Trisha Messer; Thomas Hawke; Meghan Cherfoli; Todd Hawke; Mike Smith; Jason Smith; and Peter Damhamer and nineteen great-grandchildren: Josh, Justin, Jaris, Nathen, Marissa, Roy, Nicholas, Steven, Grayson, Jackson, Macey, Calvin, Delany, Maddy, Andrew, Danika, Kinsley Marianna, Eric and Gatlen.

The family lived in Detroit, Pontiac and Clarkston, Michigan. Bud and Marianna lived in Florida many years. Marianna moved back up to Michigan in 2014.

Marianna enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, travel, golf, bridge, pinochle, dancing, singing, painting, many different crafts, playing the piano, throwing parties, shopping, holidays – especially Christmas, chocolate, Estee Lauder, and last but not least giraffes.

She was a member of Clarkson Garden Club, Rotary Anns, and many other organizations throughout her joyful life.

Funeral services were Oct. 6 at Acacia Park Cemetery in Beverly Hills, Mich. Contributions in memory of Marianna may be made to Hospice of Southwest Michigan.

### Leach Shelton, 89

Leach R. Shelton, 89, passed away peacefully on Sept. 12, 2018, to celebrate his 90th birthday in the beautiful gardens of Heaven.

Leach was born in Madison County to the late Edward "Ed" Shelton and Mollie Ray Shelton. He was also preceded in death by a brother, William Shelton and three sisters, June Ledford, Edith Leake and Jeanette Tweed. Leach was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War. Leach received his Ed.S degree in Education and taught high school in Clarkston, Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Virginia Moore Shelton; a sister, Jeanelle Selhost; three brothers, Kenneth Shelton and his wife, Doris, Dedrick Shelton and his wife, Bobbie, and Glen Shelton and his wife, Barbara; several nieces, nephews, cousins, great nieces, great nephews. Leach will be dearly missed by his wife, his family and his friends. Donations may be made to St. Jude's.

# Proposal 2 up for a vote

#### Continued from page 1

occupations, similar values, and similar geographical area," he said. "At the end of the day, why should it favor anyone?"

Under the current system, the majority party in the state house draws the district boundries.

Seeking to link their voters together as much as possible, resulting districts become stretched and salamander-like, a process labeled "gerrymandering" since the 1920s.

If approved, voters, not politicians or lobbyists, would draw maps not favoring one party or candidate, maps would be drawn through compromise by Republicans, Democrats, and independents following strict criteria, and the process would happen in public meetings, with everything used to draw the maps published publicly, Woloson said.

According to the proposal, the 13-member commission would be made up of registered voters randomly selected by the Secretary of State. Four would be Democrats, four Republicans, and five unaffiliated.

Opponents say Proposal 2 includes poorly defined concepts such as "geographic and demographic makeup" and "communities of interest."

"By including these poorly defined concepts and others, Proposal 2 may inadvertently grant the secretary of state a significant amount of power over the redistricting process," said Michael Van Beek of Mackinac Center for Public Policy in a policy briefing. "Further, ill-defined concepts are fertile ground for litigation, and the proposed commission's maps may be continually challenged in court."

It also would not decrease partisanship, as the political party members would likely vote as a bloc – no plan could be approved without support from one or the other, VanBeek said.

"Taking this step may be unnecessary, and a simpler alternative might be fix the Michigan Constitution to make the original redistricting rules established in 1963 valid and functional again," he said.

The 1963 concept included an eight-

communities of interest; districts shall not provide disproportionate advantage to political parties or candidates; and require an appropriation of funds for commission operations and commissioner compensation.

Visit votersnotpoliticians.com or Mackinaw.org for more information before the Nov. 6 vote.

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 REGULAR MEETING

 AGENDA

 DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

 LOCATION: Independence Township Hall

 6483 Waldon Center Drive,

 Clarkston, MI 48346

 A CALL TO ORDER

 B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES

- C. ROLL CALL:
- D. REVIEW OF AGENDA: Agenda additions or deletions
- require a majority vote of Board Members present.
- E. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
- F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
  - Case #18-001, Robert Helms, Petitioner, Requesting: Two (2) total variances: 1) A 2 foot lot width variance and 2) A variance to exceed the ¼ width to depth ratio maximum; both from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 for the purposes of a lot split, 5846 Flemings Lake Rd., Parcel #08-22-101-006, R-1A Single Family Residential. (POSTPONED FEBRUARY 7, 2018)
  - Case #18-023, Kurt Neiswender, Petitioner, Requesting: Two total variances; 1) An 8 foot side yard setback variance and 2) A 27.6 foot front yard setback variance, both from Section 4.06(D), Table 4.06 for the purposes of replacing a carport with a garage on a non-conforming lot of record, 7230 Clement Rd., Parcel #08-31-427-031, R-1A Single Family Residential. (POSTPONED OCTO-BER 3, 2018)
- G. NEW BUSINESS:
  - Case #18-029, David Wilson, Petitioner, Requesting: Two total variances; 1) A 54 foot rear yard setback variance, and 2) A 15 foot side yard variance, both from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2 for the purposes of constructing an addition to an accessory structure, 10180 Horseshoe Circle, Parcel #08-03-103-008, R-1R Rural Residential.
     Case #18-030, John Schalliol, Petitioner, Request-
  - Case #18-030, John Schalliol, Petitioner, Requesting: Three (3) total variances: 1) A variance from Section 12.02(F)(2) in order to permit LED menu board signs, 2) A variance from Section 12.09(C) in order to permit a total of four (4) menu board signs and, 3) A 12.1 square foot sign area variance from Section 12.09(C) in order to install new menu board signs, 6695 Dixie Hwy., Parcel #08-



### In local churches

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

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**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

**Bible Study**, Mondays, 10 a.m., Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road. 248-625-2325.

member committee, four Democrats and four Republicans. It was ruled unconstitutional in 1982 and the state legislature took over.

The original redistricting rules were found unconstitutional because they required redistricting officials to considere population and land area when determining district boundaries, he said.

"Removing land area from the redistricting formula would likely render these rules constitutional," he said.

The proposal would 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, reflecting Michigan's diverse population and

- 29-452-003, C-3 Highway Commercial.
- Case #18-031, Garrett Day, Petitioner, Requesting: A 1.5 foot height variance from Section 5.06(A)(4), Table 5.06-2 in order to construct a new pole barn, 5150 Williamson St., Parcel #08-
- 34-151-011, R-1A Single Family Residential.
- H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- 1. Regular Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2018
- DISCUSSION:

#### J. ADJOURNMENT:

NOTICE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should contact the Building Department at (248) 625-8111 at least two working days in advance of the meeting. An attempt shall be made to provide reasonable accommodations.

**NOTICE:** The above requests may be examined at the Building Department during regular business hours. Written comments may be sent to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals c/o Charter Township of Independence – Building Department; 6483 Waldon Center Drive – Clarkston, Michigan 48346 prior to the Meeting / Public Hearing. For further information call (248) 625-8111.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk

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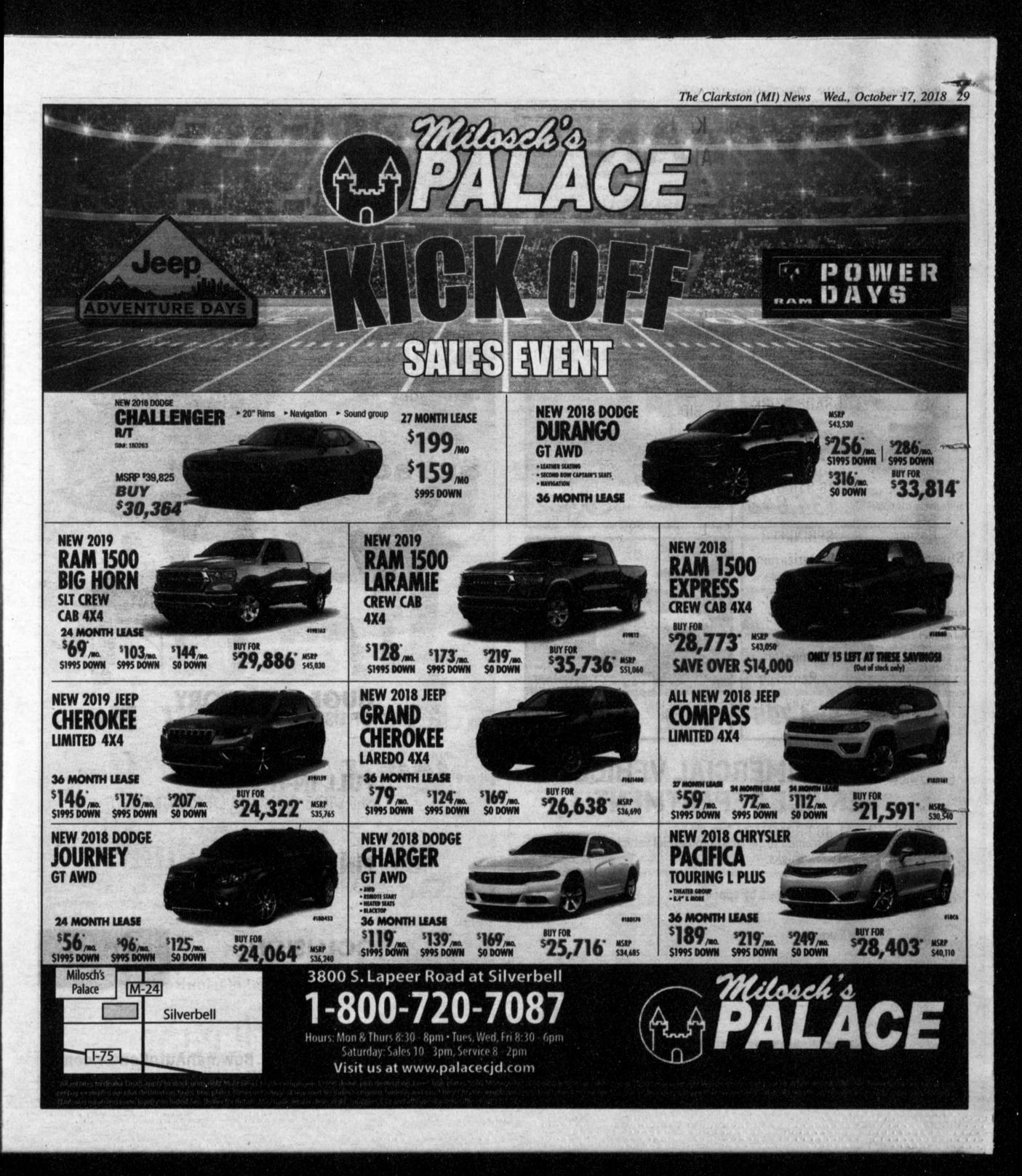
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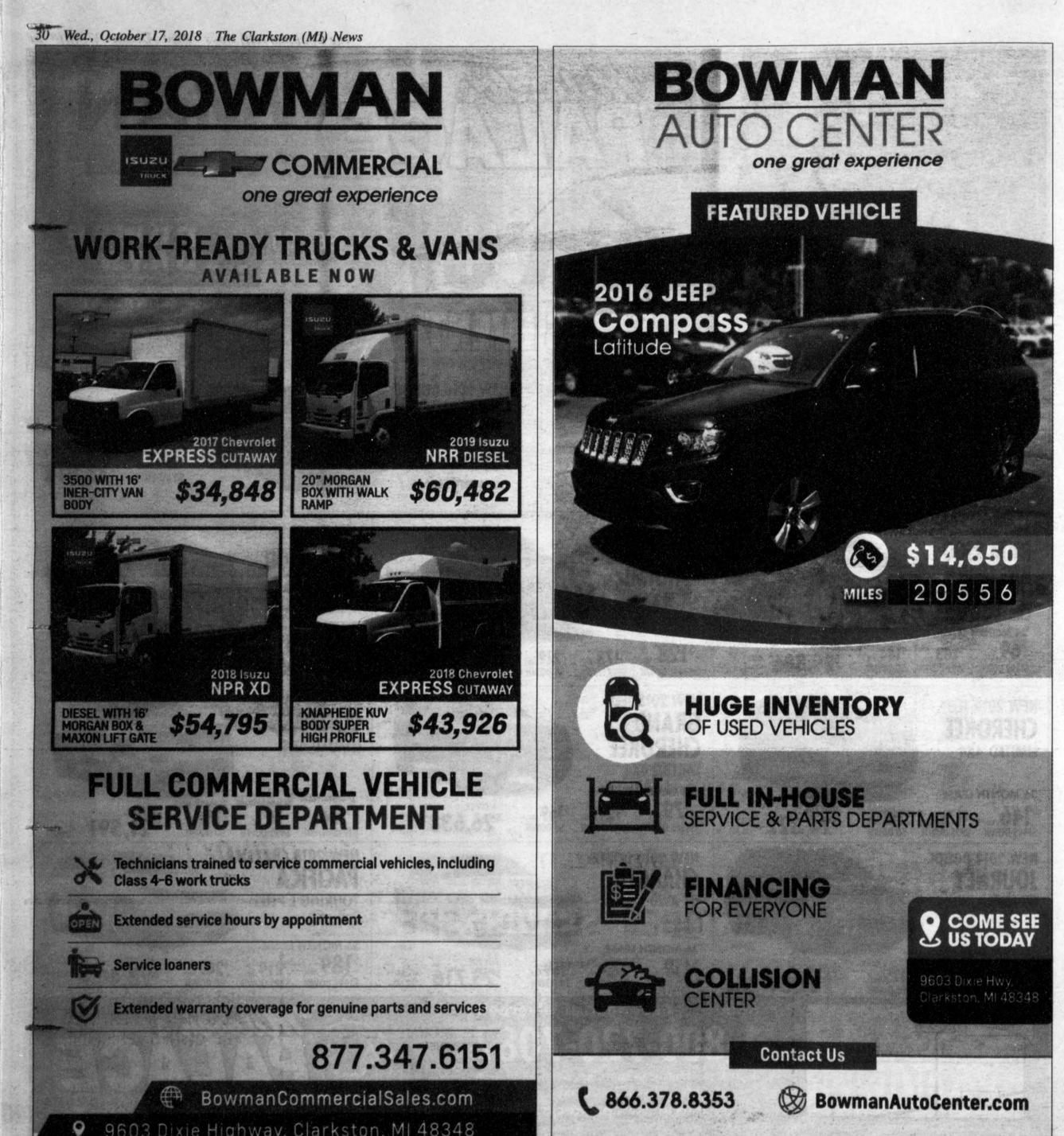
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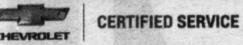
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