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CLAUS IN CLARKSTON: Santa Claus, AKA Steve Percival of Clarkston, got an early look at downtown Clarkston, Monday afternoon, stopping in local shops and businesses for pictures and season's greetings. He'll be back with many of his friends this weekend for the Holiday Lights Parade down Main Street, in addition to whatever he has planned for Christmas in a few weeks. The parade starts at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, in the Clarkston Renaissance High School parking lot, heads up Main Street to Miller Road, ending at Calvary Lutheran Church. Please see page 22 for parade organizer Team RUSH's work preparing for the event. Photo by Phil Custodio



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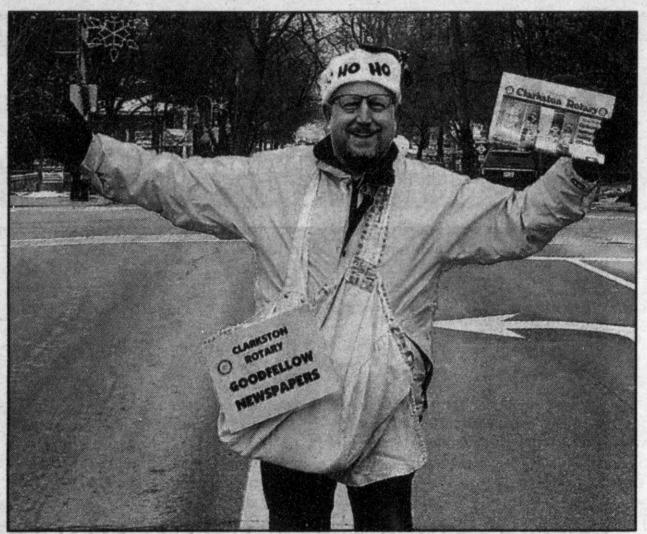


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Clarkston Rotarian Jeff Reddy sells Goodfellow newspapers on Main Street for Shoes for Kids. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Goodfellow papers for Shoes for Kids

Kelly Barker of Clarkston and her daughter Kennedy Tillman, a senior at Clarkston High School, joined more than a 100 volunteers selling Goodfellow newspapers for Shoes for Kids

"I began volunteering because I was a member of the Clarkston Optimists and the Clarkston Rotary was looking for volunteers," Barker said. "When I told Kennedy about what I was going to be doing, she was just in eighth grade and immediately wanted to be a part of it and has asked me about it every year since."

This is Kennedy's second year selling newspapers, and will be her fourth year volunteering for Shoes for Kids. She is looking to attend Ferris State next year, with plans to major in Criminal Justice.

Rotary's Shoes for Kids will be on Dec. 8 at Oakland Woods Baptist Church. About 200 volunteers will be needed to provide 1,400 pairs of shoes, boots, hats, gloves, and other supplies to more than 400 children.

Check www.clarkstonrotary.org for more information or to sign up.



Clarkston High School senior Kennedy Tillman collects donations. Photo provided





## \$278,615 more for 3-year police contract

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Independence Township Board voted unanimously, Nov. 27, to renew its contract with the Oakland County Sheriff's Office for police services.

The new, three-year contract increases costs for police service by \$278,615 overall. Annual costs in the 2019 contract year increase by 0.56 percent, \$23,935, compared to 2018; by \$126,600, 2.95 percent, in 2020 compared to 2019; and \$128,080, 2.90 percent, in 2021 compared to 2020.

A fulltime deputy will also be added, increasing the contract by \$125,951 in 2019; \$129,527 in 2020; and \$133,195 in 2021.

"They're coming in at half a percent and less than three, so net cash position is good, which gives us the wherewithal to be able to add that extra deputy," said Supervisor Pat Kittle at the meeting.

This is the first officer added in a couple years, Kittle said.

"We're planning an officer on the afternoon shift to come in and handle citizen requests and file reports, which leaves us a little short handed," he said.

The extra officer would be available to provide backup if needed, he said.

Kittle, Clerk Barbara Pallotta, Treasurer Paul Brown, and Trustee Ron Ritchie voted in favor. Trustees Jose Aliaga, Rachel Loughrin, and Andrea Schroeder were absent.

The previous contract, which expired on Dec. 31, 2018, was for two years.

The Township Board also approved a budget amendment to be posted after Jan. 1, 2019, to decrease the township Police Fund by \$20,663.

The township budgeted a \$170,549 increase for police in its 2019 budget. The

\$23,935 increase for 2019 and the \$125,951 for the new officer equals \$149,886.

"Even though funds are available in the approved 2019 budget for the Oakland County Sheriff services, they are overstated and should be amended down to the levels indicated within this agreement," Kittle said in the budget report. "The total reduction will amount to \$20,663 – \$23,935 from above plus \$125,951 for the new officer less \$170,549 which is the increase we had built into the 2019 budget."

Township voters approved 2.8678 mills for police services this past August. The millage is expected to collect \$4,542,091 in the first of its five years.

The township's police fund for 2019 includes \$5,315,159 in revenue, and \$5,128,438 in spending. Revenues also include payments from the school district for liaison officers.

## Briefly

## Open auditions

Clarkston Village Players hosts open auditions for their March 2019 production of Something to Hide by Leslie Sands on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 6 p.m.; and Monday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m., at Depot Theatre, 4861 White Lake Road. Actors may attend one or both nights of auditions and must be 18 years or older. Performance dates are March 8-10, 15-17, and 21-23.

Roles include Howard Holt, 35-50, good looking man with more than a fair share of virile charm; Julie, 20-30, attractive and vivacious; Karen Holt, 40-55, well-groomed woman, intelligent, strong, vulnerable; Inspector Davies, 40-65, middle aged family man with a likeable grin, deceptive gentleness, persistent with an eye for detail; Will Purdie, 50-70, little grizzled man, reliable and always available for a drink; Stella, 20-30, pretty and full of self-confidence; and Miss Cunningham, 40-70, middle aged spinster, a bit of a busy body.

Contact Director Jim Pike at 248-705-6849 or busterbillie@hotmail.com for an audition form, a copy of the script or if you need to schedule an alternate audition time/date.

## Elves at theater

The Clarkston High School Drama Club, with special guest the CHS Mime Troupe in cooperation with Clarkston Village Players, presents the 2018 Children's Theatre and MIME tour production of *The Elves and the Shoemaker* by Karen Boettcher-Tate, on Saturday, Dec. 8, 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 3 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 9, 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Depot Theater, 4861 White Lake Road.

It's an upbeat, fast-paced retelling of an old favorite, with wacky characters and clever dialogue. Tickets are \$7, at https:// tix5.centerstageticketing.com/sites/ clarkstonhigh.

## Wednesdays for Rotary

Beginning in January, The Clarkston Rotary Club will be meeting on Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. at Buck Shots, 7048 Gateway Park Drive, instead of Monday.

"We're anticipating the Wednesday time will be more convenient for people wishing to enjoy dinner and fellowship while planning activities and events aimed at making the Clarkston community an even better place to live," said Rotary President Mary Sloan.

Clarkston Rotary will start the year with a hands-on project at Clarkston Lighthouse on Jan. 2, sorting food donations. All are invited.

On Jan. 9, they will meet at Buck Shots with a Youth Exchange student from Thailand who will discuss how she is enjoying getting to know the American culture while living with a Clarkston family.

For more information, check clarkstonrotary.org.

## Community honors for Fife

Current and former players, colleagues, friends, family, and the community will honor recently retired Varsity Boys Basketball Coach Dan Fife on Friday, Dec. 14, at 6:20 p.m. before the Wolves take on Wayne Memorial High School.

"Let's pack the gym with students, current and former McGrath campers, alumni, colleagues, friends, and family to say thanks to this Clarkston legend," said Athletic Director Jeff Kosin.

Fife coached the Wolves basketball team to back-to-back state championships in 2017 and 2018, served the district as head coach for 36 years and athletic director for more than 20 years, with a career coaching record of 703-170, all at Clarkston High School.

"Coach Fife's legacy in Clarkston began when he moved to the community in 1957 and soon became a standout student athlete," Kosin said.

Fife played basketball at the University of Michigan and baseball for the Minnesota Twins before returning to Clarkston to coach.

The third winningest coach in Michigan High School Basketball history, he led the Clarkston team to 29 OAA league championships, 30 district championships, and 13 regional championships; and was inducted to the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame in 2009. Two of his players were named Michigan's "Mr. Basketball" – Foster Loyer in 2018 and his son Dane Fife in 1998. He son Dugan Fife was Mr. Basketball runner-up in 1992, and son Jeremy Fife was one of Mitch Albom's Senior Student Athletes of the Year.

The schools and community will honor recently retired Eric Chambers, assistant varsity basketball coach of 24 years, and Dale Ryan, "Voice of the Wolves" basketball announcer of 29 years, at the Wolves' home opener on Dec. 7 against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The presentations are scheduled for 6:30 p.m., before the varsity game at Clarkston High, 6093 Flemings Lake Road.

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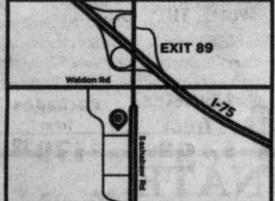
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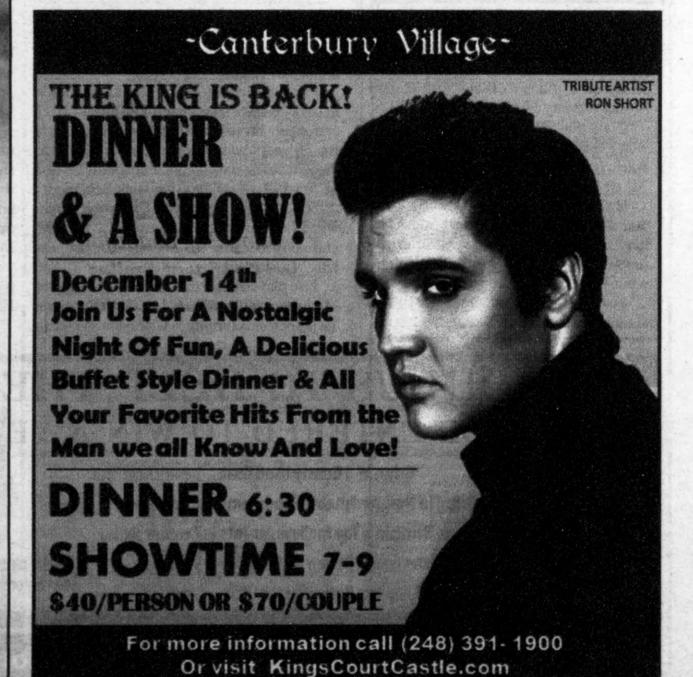
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CHRISTMAS ART: Local artist Jan Mayer created a Christmas card depicting the newly renovated Clarkston United Methodist Church, 10 cards for \$15. Proceeds will support missions at Clarkston United Methodist, including its Food Pantry providing food to people in need in the community. Purchase cards during business hours, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the church office, 6600 Waldon Road. For more information, call 248-625-1611. Photo provided





**HELPING SISTERS: Sixth-grade girls from Everest Academy raked and hauled** dozens of tarps filled with leaves to help beautify the Dominican Monastery of Mt. Thabor in Ortonville on Nov. 20. The apostolic-project day also included questions-and-answers with Sister Mary Agnes, OP, and Mass with the nuns. Photo provided

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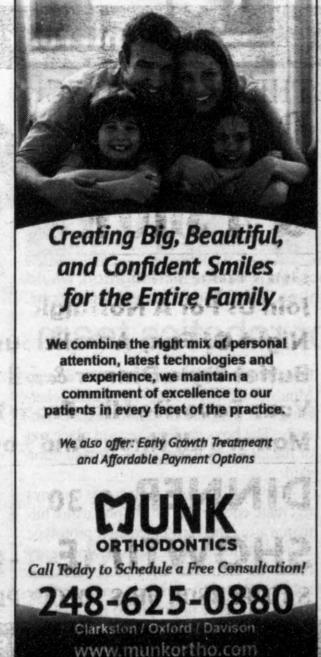
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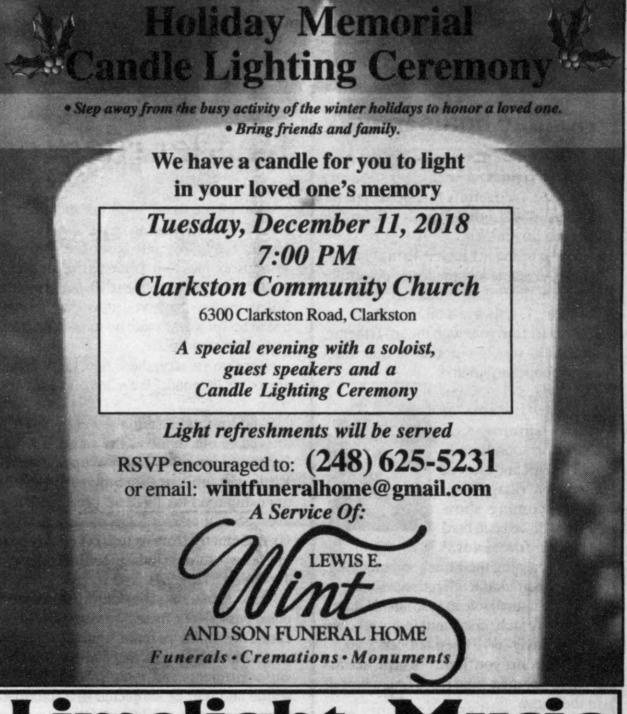
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## Phil in the Blank

A column by Phil Custodio

## Holiday lights in dark

The weather forecast looks decent for Saturday right now, with clear skies and 29 degrees. Hopefully that holds out for the Holiday Lights Parade, Saturday evening downtown.

I'll be trying my luck with my camera, hoping to get decent photos of colorfully lit parade floats and vehicles in the 6 p.m. darkness. It's always a bit hit and miss.

I missed the year with the sci-fi theme, with folks running around in Star Wars

stormtrooper armor and TIE fighter floats, but this year's theme of stars shining on Clarkston sounds cool.

The cast and crew of Clarkston Village Players' upcoming show "Laura" have been hard at work for several

weeks, learning their lines and blocking, getting their characterizations down.

I have a small role in it, so small I didn't show up for rehearsal until last week. My absence may have been noticed a bit.

"Wait, are you Phil?" asked actress Brenda Lehman, who plays Laura herself in the show.

I'm thinking perhaps my name has come up in cast conversations, as in, "where is that guy and is he ever going to show up?"

It really is a small role, more of a cameo. I'll be helping out backstage, too.

This is my third season with the players, and my fifth time on stage, my sixth if you include my backstage work in "Leading Ladies" last spring.

I'll try out for bigger parts in shows next year. Coming up next are auditions for "Something to Hide" on Dec. 16-17. Lots of good roles in that one – Howard Holt, a good looking man with more than a fair share of virile charm; Inspector Davies, middle-aged family man with a likeable grin and a deceptive gentleness of manner; and Will Purdie, a little grizzled man who owns the local auto service shop. For the ladies, Julie, attractive and vivacious; Karen Holt, well-groomed, intelligent, strong, but vulnerable; Stella the maid, a local girl, pretty, and full of selfconfidence; and Miss Cunningham, middle aged spinster, and a bit of a busy body.

"Laura" opens on Jan. 11, and runs weekends through Jan. 26.

"Something to Hide" runs March 8-23. Contact Director Jim Pike at 248-705-6849 or busterbillie@hotmail.com for audition info.

## Opinion Pages Letters, columns & Editorials

## Reader rues too many road taxes

Dear Editor,

One of the many road tax increases the state is now extracting from our wallets to "fix the roads" recently cost over \$400 for us to register just two vehicles for one year! And if your license plate is 10 years or older? Sorry, the law says you must pay an additional \$5 for a new plate no matter the condition of your old plate.

But don't worry, these new tax increases are to "fix the roads" we're told, so don't complain.

And low and behold the *Penny Stretcher* arrived in our mailbox the same day. In it, Independence Township Supervisor Pat Kittle was jubilant about the passage of the township road tax increase proposal that on average will extract \$223 more in property taxes annually from us to "fix" county roads in the township ("Updates for Independence Township," Nov. 14).

An odd reaction considering that the proposal passed by a mere 415 votes, 51.14 percent for, 48.86 percent against, and was passed mostly in precincts where high density apartments and mobile home dwellers reside and will be subjected to a fraction of the tax increase, while property owners are stuck paying the full 2 mills. For that plea-

sure your township supervisor says "thank you, thank you, thank you"!

A proposal that "partners" the township with the same county agency (RCOC) that tore out and replaced numerous roads in the township that are already falling apart less then a year after they were replaced is hardly something to cheer about. But for that, your township supervisor thanks you.

So when the township extracts from your wallet \$223 more in property taxes, and the state extracts \$400 annually to register two cars, 7.3 cents more per gallon, 11.5 cents more per gallon for diesel gasoline, 26.3 cents per gallon in total, six percent sales tax after the per gallon taxes are added, and "inflation" kicks in for five percent more, all to "fix" the same county roads, remember, your township supervisor thanks you.

Now that the township has involved itself in the maintenance of county roads, if your car is damaged on any county road in this township, submit the repair bill to the Independence township supervisor. See a pothole? Report it to the Independence township supervisor and say thank you, thank you, thank you!

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The Independence Elementary robotics team, Boone McNaughton, David Richardson, Will Battishill, Vaughn Shires, Evan Duty, and Etienne Mohr.

## Champ award for robotics team

Independence Elementary robotics team NASA won the Championship Award at the FIRST Lego League robotics qualifier in Armada, Nov. 17, earning a place at the state competition on Dec. 15.

The award recognized the team's core values, excellence, and innovation in their projects with this year's theme, "Into Orbit." This season, they were given three minutes to build a prototype rocket out of Legos and explain the functions of what they built.

"The team really excelled in this area," said coach Ellen McNaughton.

In another part of the competition, the

boys built and wrote programs for a Lego Mindstorm robot to complete as many challenges as possible in 2 minutes, 30 seconds. The boys came in second place out of the 20 teams in this area, McNaughton said.

The boys' research project was on ways to create energy and grow food using human waste. They presented their prototype of a toilet that transfers waste into energy bricks for fertilizer. They presented their solution in a skit and then presented the diagram of their prototype to the judges.

"They received very high marks in this area as well," McNaughton said.

## A Look Back

From The CNews archives

## 15 years ago - 2003

"Retailers welcome happy holiday shoppers" Reports of the nation's rebounding economy and the reputation of local merchants seemed to combine to produce a busy day-after-Thanksgiving shopping day in Clarkston. "I love all the small shops in Clarkston," said shopper Joyce Gibbs.

"New studio provides more 'access"

Those who wanted to produce programs for Clarkston's local cable acces channel had better access themselves after old fire station #3 on Maybee Road became the new home for the Independence Township public access Channel 10.

"Hockey Wolves split in Cranbrook tournament" Clarkston Wolves Hockey fans got their money's worth in the opening game of Cranbrook's Thanksgiving tournament. The team lost to Brighton in the fifth overtime period, 2-1. They continued the next day with a 3-2 win over Cranbrook.

## 25 years ago - 1993

"Story time" Four-year-olds heard several stories written by students in Ruth Duling's eighth-grade English class at Clarkston Middle School. Duling said the children were a ready audience and it gave the classes an opportunity for feedback on their stories.

"Two honored" Scott Dickey and Mark Ladetto, both on the Clarkston police force, received Outstanding Service awards from Chief DeVore during Clarkston's city council meeting.

"Remembering when 'gals' only had hoops" During her 13-year tenure as varsity girls' basketball coach, Jan Modesitt amassed 133 wins and 60 losses from 1966 to 1979. She reflected on the early years when girls basketball was the only female sport offered at the high school besides cheerleading.

## 50 years ago - 1968

"Dan Fife playing basketball for U-M" Wearing number 24 and playing guard on the University of Michigan Men's Basketball team was Dan Fife, the 6-foot-3-inch sophomore from Clarkston.

"Jean Lussier crowned Junior Miss"
Jean Lussier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Robert Lussier, was crowned Clarkston
Junior Miss for 1968-69 at the Little Theater at Clarkston High School.

"Salvation Army buys local church"
The Salvation Army purchased the building which formerly housed the Methodist Church at the corner of Church and Buffalo streets.



The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors for 2019 are Fred Ritter, Carrie Wheeler, Keri Milner, Julie Nemeth, Stephen J. Doyle Jr., Angie Logan, Angie Wathen, Emily Ford, and Timothy J. Martin, here with Marie Clifford, interim executive director. The board also includes Paul A. Brown, Katie Bowman-Coleman, Jacqueline Kopp, Tanya Popov, Peg Roth, and Shawn Ryan. Photo provided

## Obligatory Christmas Column #1,279,549

As I look back upon those thrilling holidays of yesteryear, I have come to believe, for me (not everyone) those Christmases Past were in fact magical. They were always white with snow. Everything sparkled. No strife. No sadness, only smiles, songs, laughter and love. Below are some of my memories of some "magical" times.

In 2004, while watching the 34th Don't annual showing of Rankin-Bass' animated "classic," Santa Claus is Comin' To Town, I was shocked how children, and in particular at my child, four-year-old Sean process information.

For those not in the know, the Rankin-Bass special is narrated by an animated Fred Astaire. Twinkletoes plays postman SD Kluger who is en route to the North Pole to Don Rush deliver Santa all the kiddies' letters.

Sometime within the first five minutes of the show, Astaire gets barraged with questions about Santa from faceless children. Why does he live at the North Pole? How do reindeer fly? Why does he wear a red suit?

Astaire's answer to the grilling is something grandfatherly like, "Well gather 'round children, and I'll answer your questions, cause I know all there is to know about Santa."

To which Sean turned to me and said, "No he doesn't - he's only a puppet."

Kids today are too darned smart for their own good. Or, maybe, we kids of yesteryear were just too darned gullible.

**Rush Me** 



A column by

I was definitely gullible and a child of the Rankin-Bass era. Whenever there was a Christmas TV special, I was always bummed when the voice of Santa wasn't that of Mickey Rooney. Rooney voiced Kris Kringle in the same production where Astaire played Postman Kluger. Come to think about it, I'm still bummed when a Christmas TV special doesn't have Mickey Rooney's voice as Santa.

Did I tell you I was a gullible child?

I remember when I started to question the validity of the right jolly old elf. I knew the exact date and place. Christmas Day, in the Year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Nine. Grandma Rush's house on Wisconsin Street in Detroit. I was near the couch in the living room when one-year-older cousin, Sheila Kessler said, "There is no Santa."

At six years of age, I was shocked. Outraged. I fought that notion. I argued against that idea. I was very sad. I still am sad Sheila doesn't believe in Santa. I sorta still do.

By the time number one son Shamus, our resident pointdexter, turned seven, he had run all the numbers, consulted his textbooks, calculated with his slide rule and, mathematically speaking, he was starting to figure out Santa might be fake news. That year, while he didn't come out and say anything (just to be on the safe side), when he talked to two years younger Sean, he would over-dramatize.

"Sean, you better be good." Wink wink. "Or Santa won't leave you any presents." Wink wink.

That same year, with doubts swirling around like sugar plums in his head, Shamus was still in the holiday

"spirit." After dinner one winter's night the family ambled into the living room, to discover . . .

... an ottoman covered with little paper airplanes. In the middle of the planes was a small sign, that in Shamus Script read:

buy one get one free sale two cents each

And, on the back of the wee little sign was: leave money here

Yep, old Shamus is right in the spirit of things the "let's make a dime during the season" spirit. He was our little entrepreneurial elf. Think Christmas was and or is over commercialized?

Nah. I didn't think so, either.

Speaking of Rankin-Bass, some folks say the little elf who wants to be a dentist in the 1964 Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer was named Herbie. Wrongo. According to the official Rankin-Bass website, www.rankinbass.com, the elf's name is Hermy. Burl Ive's Snowman was named, Sam.

By the way, who besides me thought Santa and most of the adults in Rudolph were pretty mean?

Just found out some of those "all Christmas all the time" radio stations are pulling one of my favorite songs of the season. Seems the #MeToo movement has caused stations not to play the record, "Baby, it's cold outside."

What is next? Is nothing safe?

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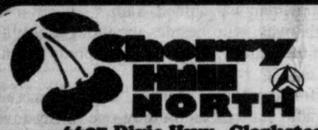
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## Planners look to Waldon, Main for development

BYPHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Considering future development of Clarkston, the empty lot at Main Street and Waldon Road sticks out to the Clarkston Planning Commission.

Commission members agreed the 99,000square-foot property, which was wooded before being made into a grass lot, should remain listed as residential in the new Master Plan Future Land Use Map.

"It does need to be developed (but) village commercial is probably too far," said commission Chair Rich Little at the Dec. 3 meeting.

What kind of residential was still a topic of discussion.

"I'd like to see it zoned multiple family residential or planned mixed use," said Sue Wylie, member of the Planning Commissioner and City Council. "It's been empty too long."

The property has been for sale for decades, with unfruitful plans over the years including a fire station and five residential lots.

"Let's get it developed and get some tax revenue out of it," Wylie said.

Commissioner Frank Schoebel said residential zoning is needed to maintain a boundary between commercial and residential areas of the city.

"The problem with mixed use is what could spring forward from that," Schoebel said. "It's one of the gateways to the city in the historic district - we can't allow someone willy-nilly to put something in there."

Commissioner Joe Luginski said the city went to court to keep the Sutherland House across the street residentially zoned.

"Multifamily, I don't think that's a problem," Luginski said.

Al Avery, City Council member speaking from the audience, said his concern was keeping the door closed to commercial development.

"If we intimate it could be commercial down the road, that could be used against us in the future," Avery said.

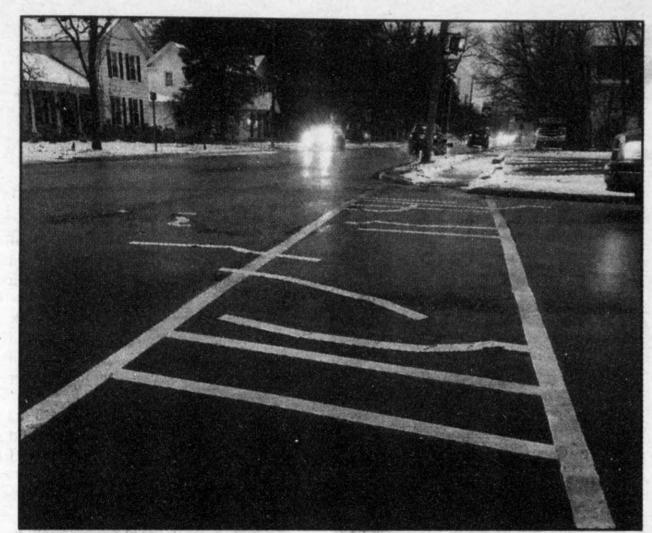
Little and Schoebel will research residential, residential multiple, and planned development zonings for presentation at the Jan. 7 Planning Commission meeting. The 63-day public review period of the proposed Master Plan update ends on Jan. 14.

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CROOKED CROSSWALK: Markings on the Main Street crosswalk at Clarkston Road are wandering away from their assigned spots, as are several other thermoplastic crosswalk bars recently applied in the city. "We are as disappointed as anybody and are working with the contractor to replace the bars under their warranty plan, but unfortunately nothing can be done until warmer weather arrives in the spring," said City Manager Jonathan Smith in his weekly report to downtown businesses. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Public Safety For Clarkston and Independence Township

## Cyclist hit by vehicle

A 50-year-old Clio man driving down Dixie Highway near Maybee Road struck a bicyclist, 5:41 p.m., Nov. 20. Independence Township paramedics treated the cyclist, who did not have life threatening injuries. The Clio man was found with a suspended driver's license. He was cited for driving with a suspended license and his vehicle was impounded.

## Water break closes school

North Sashabaw Elementary School and Sashabaw Middle School were closed, Nov. 29, due to a water main break on Maybee Road. For extra safety, bottled water was made available for staff and students, and students were encouraged to bring their own bottles as well. All other buildings were unaffected and remained open.

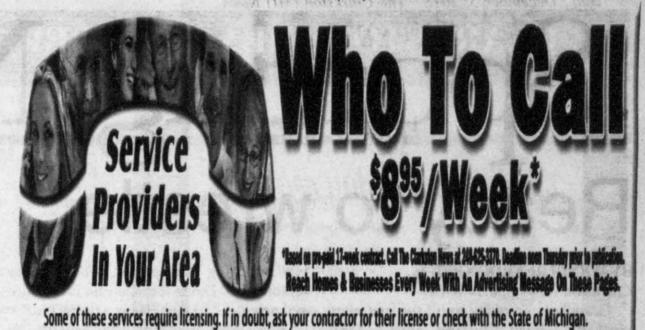
## Suspended license

A deputy on patrol stopped a car with an expired registration sticker on the license plate, 10:56 a.m., Nov. 29, on Dixie Highway at Maybee Road. The driver, a 54-year-old Waterford woman, was found with a suspended driver's license. She was in the car with her father, the owner of the vehicle.

She was driving because her father felt like he was passing out, she told the deputy. They both refused an offer to have the fire department send paramedics to help. She was cited for driving with an expired license, and given a waivable citation for no registration on person. She said they would wait until her father felt better and she was going to call her son. They both again refused an offer of having the fire department check them out.

## Vaccination week

Dec. 2-8 is National Influenza Vaccination Week, so Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is reminding Michigan residents it's not too late to get the flu vaccine. Flu is a contagious respiratory disease caused by different strains of the influenza virus and can result in mild to severe illness. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than 79,000 deaths were attributed to the flu last year, 185 of which were children. In Michigan, two children died last year due to flurelated complications. The CDC recommends routine annual influenza vaccination for all persons 6 months of age and older. Check flushot.healthmap.org for flu vaccine loca-





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## BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

Grapplers are ready to hit the mat after working hard during pre-season conditioning and since the winter season began.

"We are going to be pretty tough this year," said Clarkston Varsity Wrestling Head Coach Joe Wood.

The Wolves begin the season ranked fourth in the state as a team.

"I don't want to use it as an indicator because success is earned not given," Wood added. Out of the 14 weight classes they also have 10 wrestlers ranked in their individual weight classes.

"The guys have been working hard all summer. We are excited to see how this year pans out for us," Wood said.

The Wolves are led by senior captains Cole Wiegers, Ethan Polick, Mac Hanselman and Jake Billette who not only lend leadership but will help with experience as all four were state qualifiers last year. Billette finished in third place at the MHSAA Division 1 Wresling Individual State Championship.

The team also has two more state qualifiers returning - junior Jacob Jones and sophomore Rocco Spindler.

"We add Conor Donahue coming back to wrestle, which is good," Wood added. "He

is a returning state placer. We have key seniors, too. Devin Trevino, he is a senior and new to Clarkston. He is a tough kid."

The Wolves open the season on Wednesday with a home dual against Holly and Imlay City, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

"Holly is not ranked but they are tough," Wood said. "They have five weight classes where they have guys ranked in the state. Imlay City is always a tough group. Then, we wrestle Hartland and they are ranked fifth in the state. We are really excited about getting in there and going after it. We roll right into the Oakland County tournament. We took second last year and depending on how the guys do we would like to improve on that.'

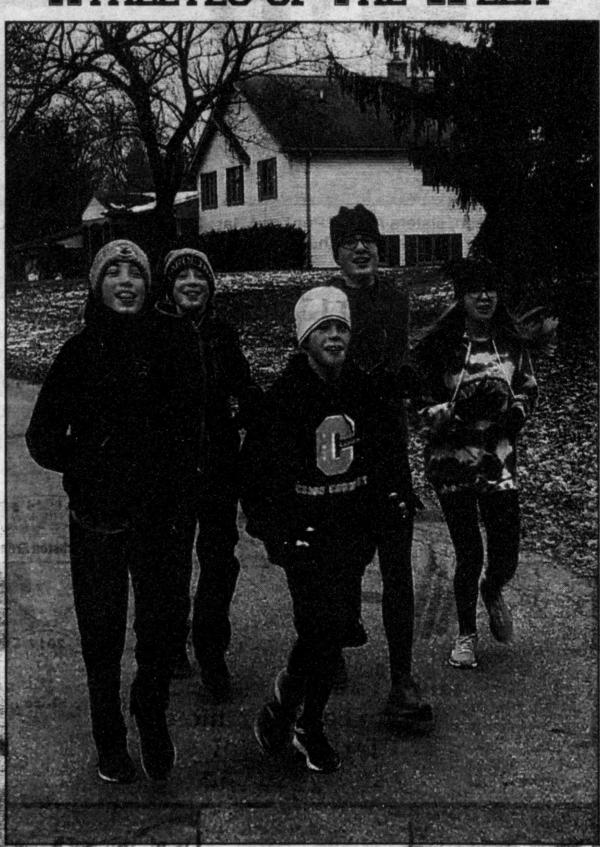
They head to the Romeo Duals this Saturday before going against Hartland and Howell on Dec. 12. Then, they have the Oakland County Championships on Dec. 21 and 22 before they head into the holiday

"We are really excited about where our program is headed and the possibility of doing well this year," Wood said. "We are really excited for this year. We hope everyone can stay healthy and we compete well. We are going to work hard - there is no question about that. They have no option to work



Ethan Polick, celebrating a state win last February, and the other Clarkston wrestling captains are looking to lead the team back to the state championships this season. File photo

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



From left, cousins Dominic Tarulli, Tony Tarulli, Paul Lemieux, Annie Lemieux, and Lucie Lemieux run the Clarkston Totally Grassroots Turkey Trot 5k, Thanksgiving morning. The Lemieux siblings are Clarkston residents, and the Tarullis were visiting from North Carolina. Photo by Phil. Custodio

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Mary Jo Krausmen, sisters Alyssa Pohl and Maria Vermeulen, and their mom Teresa Vermeulen finish their pre-Thanksgiving-feast run in Depot Park. Photo by Phil Custodio

## Runners give thanks

Dozens of Clarkston Wolfpack runners, Cubs, and friends got an early stary to Thanksgiving with a run downtown, Nov. 22.

Thanksgiving with a run downtown, Nov. 22.

The annual Clarkston Totally Grassroots
Turkey Trot 5K raised funds for the Smile

lished at Clarkston High School in coordination with the Clarkston Foundation to honor her passion for life and her legacy.

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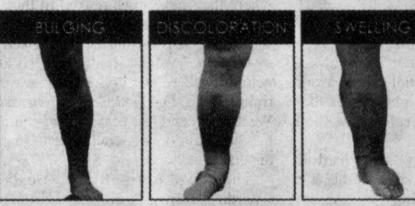
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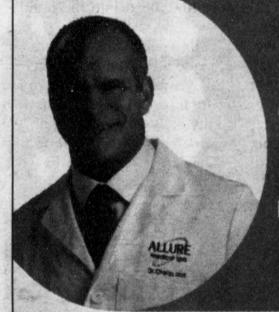
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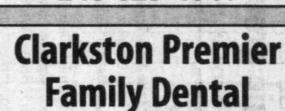
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Fundraiser for Clarkston Area Youth Assistance, Dec. 6, 5-8 p.m., Leo's Coney Island, 6325 Sashabaw; 10 percent donated to the community service organization strengthening families through community involvement. 248-623-4313.

Holiday Craft Show, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 7; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Dec. 8, Waterford Baptist Cathedral, 2640 Airport Road. Free. 248-673-5022.

Holiday Memorial Candle Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Dec. 11, 7 p.m., Clarkston Community Church, 6300 Clarkston Road. RSVP, 248-625-5231.

Ribbon cutting, Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, 4:30 p.m., Dec. 18.

## Monday

Line Dancing, Mondays, Independence Senior Community Center, 6000 Clarkston Road, Beginner, 10-11 a.m.; Intermediate, Advanced, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Country, Salsa, Cha Cha, Rock and Roll with Rosemary Hall. \$3/members, \$4/non-members.

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

## Tuesday

Grief Share, 13-week seminar/support group for those suffering loss, 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays, 9811 Dixie Highway. 248-694-9351.

Clarkston Community Band rehearsals, 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays. \$40/semester, free for high school students. Band room, Sashabaw Middle School, 5565 Pine Knob Lane, clarkstonband@gmail.com.

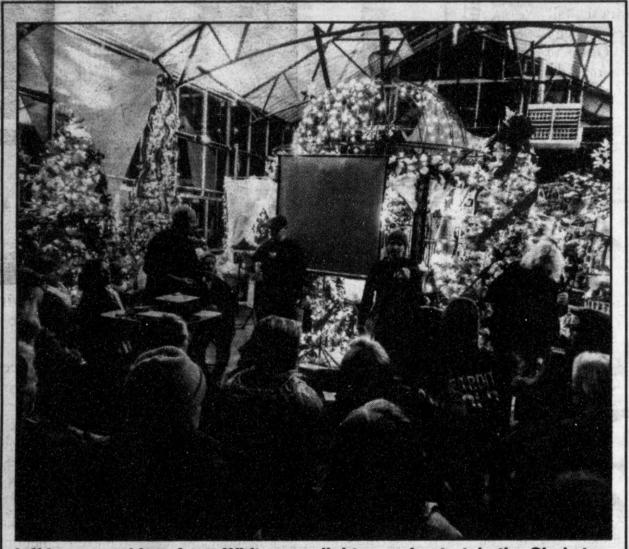
Clarkston Area Coin Club, second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 5464 Waterford Road. 248-345-8555.

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

Clarkston Community Women's Club, third

## Around Jown

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



Jeff Lange and Lee Anne Whitman enlighten and entertain the Clarkston-Area Backyard Birders Club at their Nov. 28 meeting. They screened Lange's documentary "Dance of the Sandhill Crane," then performed their Indigo Moon songs of nature and wildlife. The club next meets on Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Gateway, 7150 N Main Street. Photo provided by Phil Reid

Tuesday, 7 p.m., District Library, 6495 Clarkston Road. Contact Jackie, 248-425-4095.

Networking Get-Together, Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Network, fourth Tuesday, 9-10 a.m., Picasso's Grapevine, 12 S Main Street. Free for chamber members.

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

Wednesday

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

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

Clarkston Area Birders Club, 7 p.m., Nov. 28: screening "Dance of the Sandhill Crane" by documentary filmmaker Jeff Lange, followed by performance by musical duo "Indigo Moon." The Gateway, 7150 N. Main Street. Free.

## Thursday

Clarkston News' Coffee Club business networking, 7:30-9 a.m., Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road. Free.

## 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, Clarkston United Methodist Church, 6600 Waldon Road, 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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Clarkston Masons/Cedar 60, first Thursdays, 8 p.m., 1 East Washington. 248-625-4610.

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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.

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

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## Win for hockey

Clarkston varsity hockey beat Farmington United, 5-4, at the Detroit Skating Club, Nov. 29.

The Wolves rallied in the second half after falling behind 4-0. Brendan Walk scored the game winning goal, with three assists. Trevor Gilman, Ryan Bolio, and Ethan Adams also scored or assisted.

Clarkston (2-2, 1-0 OAA) heads to Mt. Pleasant for a tournament, Dec. 7-8.

## Home victory

The Mountaineers opened the season this week with a game on the road at Oakland Christian and their home opener on Friday night verses Lamphere High School.

The JV team won, with the varsity squad suffering losses after coming within a two-point margin in the last minutes of the game. Auburn Hills Oakland Christian defeated Everest 40-32, at their Thursday, Nov. 29 game. Leading scorers for Everest were Michael McGrath, 20 points; and Mitch Rozwadowski, seven points.

Madison Heights Lamphere beat Everest 63-54, at their Friday, Nov. 30 game. Leading scorers for Everest were Trevor Myers, 18 points; and Michael McGrath, 14 points.

## **Bowlers in OAA Red**

Clarkston Varsity Girls Bowling took third in the early bird tournament, with Hannah Turk taking fourth with a 595 on the all tournament team and Ashley Elinski taking fifth with a 592 series. Turk took third for the high game of the day with a

"I'm really pleased on how they're performing right now, but the season is young," said coach Jim Turk.

The team bowled in the OAA singles tournament on Dec. 3, with Elinski taking fourth with a high game of 232 and Turk taking third with a high game of 236. Turk qualified second and went on to head-tohead competition, taking second place.

## **Breen Coach of the Year**

## BY WENDI REARDON PRICE

Clarkston News Sports Writer

The Clarkston Girls Cross Country team wasn't the only ones to receive accolades for the fall season.

Coach Kevin Breen was named Division 1 Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year and Larry Adams for the boys team was named Coach of the Year Finalist.

"To be voted on by probably about 200 of your peers feels pretty darn good," Breen shared. "I didn't really expect it. I knew I was in the running but after the win at the state finals, I knew I had a good shot. It was kind of cool."

He added it means a lot to be recognized by coaches he has coached next to and has looked up to throughout the years.

"I am close friends with Matt Richardson from Troy. I have learned a lot from him and Larry Adams," Breen said. "Both of those guys have earned coach of the year honors. Over the last 10 years I have looked up to them. If I had questions, I've asked. The guys who are constantly there at the finals to be recognized on the same platform or same level of them means a lot. Especially when you start out coaching and you are coaching against these guys and Larry - who is a legend and been coaching for over 30 years. Coaching with them and next to them, you look up to them. You want to get to the same level they are on."

He added one of the biggest things he strives for as a coach is to learn how to do things properly and do things right.

"I know I have a lot of room for improvement, but to be recognized as coach of the year kind of makes me feel like I am on the right path," Breen said.

The girls team finished as state champions this season and he said this group of girls has helped especially with coachability.

"It's everything," Breen explained. "Having runners who listen, that will take your word. I tell them they have to get in this many miles a week then I don't have to second guess it. I don't have to hound them. I don't



Girls Cross Country Coach Kevin Breen was named Division 1 Girls Coach of the Year. Photo provided

have to be there and hold weekend practices to make sure they are getting the mileage in. I think that's why our team had so much success this year, because I could trust them to get the work in, to make sure they were doing the right things to be prepared, to be healthy, to be conditioned, and having that ability to trust your runners is huge.

He added they also listen. They took what he told them and acted on it - implementing any advice into their racing and into their practices.

"We talk about mental toughness. We talk about being strong in the second half of the race," Breen said. "Running for 3.1 miles as fast as you can is not easy, being in pain for nearly 20 minutes is not an easy task. Being able to coach that aspect of it and have your runners understand what you are talking about and trust you and what you are saying and believe in what you are saying is huge. It makes a difference in having a top tier team."

Breen, a Clarkston High School graduate, began coaching the girls cross country team nine years ago and in the spring will celebrate 10 years coaching the track team.

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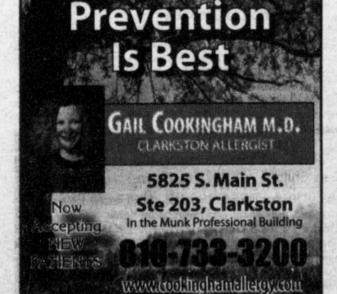
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Applications are available on the Township website at <a href="https://www.indtwp.com">www.indtwp.com</a> under Government on the top tool bar; Boards and Committees or from the Township Clerk's office. Applications and resumes must be submitted to the Township Clerk's office at 6483 Waldon Center Drive - Clarkston, Michigan 48346 no later than 4:00 pm on Wednesday December 12, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the important roles and responsibilities of a Township Trustee, please contact the Township Supervisor at 248 922 6213.

Barbara A. Pallotta, Clerk
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## CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MEETING LOCATION 6600 WALDON RD 10 22 2018 MINUTES

Call to Order at 6:30 PM. Pledge of Allegiance.
Roll Call: Mayor Percival, Catallo, Detkowski, Kneisc,
Luginski, Wylie. Present Reynolds, Absent. Planning
Commission Roll Call: Rich Little, Elizabeth Rogers, Wylie,

Luginski, Present. Schoebel, Absent. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Wylie, Supported by Catallo to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Wylie, Seconded by Detkowski to approve the Treasurers Report 09 31 18 along with Minutes 09 24 18 and 10 08 18. Motion Carried.

Richard Carlisle of Carlisle Wortman Presented the 2018 Parking Study. This study will be turned over to the Planning Commission to work on specific solutions and recommendations.

Resolution by Wylie Supported by Detkowski to approve the purchase of a Musical Flower from Play World in the amount of \$3,081.00. Emily Herrmann, a Girl Scout, raised all the funds necessary and donated them to the City for the purchase of this specific item. Thank You Emily Herrmann for all your work. Resolution is Adopted.

Motion by Percival, Seconded by Wylie, to approve the general location of the installation of the Musical Flower Collection as well as the previously approved purchased Xylophone. Motion Carried.

Motion by Detkowski, Seconded by Catallo, to approve Halloween Hours for Wednesday October 31, 2018 from 6 PM to 7 PM. Motion Carried.

Resolved by Wylie Supported by Luginski to approve a thirty year agreement with Consumer Energy Company. Motion by Wylie, Supported by Luginski to Table this issue until next meeting, allowing time for the City Attorney to review the agreement. Motion Carried.

Motion by Detkowski, Supported by Wylie to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Motion Carried. For the complete minutes please contact Sandy Miller, City Clerk at 248-625-1559 or millers@villageofclarkston.org

## MAD, GLAD OR SAD?

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Because the People Want to Know CLARKSTON SCHOOLS

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS 2016 BOND PROJECTS - CHS WATER SOFTENER REPLACEMENT

The Clarkston Community Schools' Board of Education will receive firm prime contractor bids to provide the water softener replacement at Clarkston High School within Clarkston Community Schools.

The bidding documents consist of plans and specifications prepared by GMB Architecture and Engineering of Holland, MI. Documents may be downloaded through Pipeline. If you need assistance downloading them through Pipeline, please contact Joe Evangelista or Shawn Debo at George W. Auch Company. There will also be one set for review at the office of the Construction Manager, George W. Auch Company, 65 University Dr, Pontiac, MI 48342, Ph: 248.334.2000, on or after 1:00 pm. Monday. December 3. 2018.

A <u>pre-bid meeting</u> will be held at <u>3:00 pm. Thurs-day December 6. 2018</u>. Attendees are to meet at the main entry to Clarkston High School located at 6093 Flemings Lake Rd, Clarkston, MI 48346.

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

Clarkston Community Schools

2016 Bond Projects CHS Water Softener Replacement

Attn: Wes Goodman 6389 Clarkston Road Clarkston, MI 48346

Bids shall be delivered no later than 12:00 pm noon (EST). Tuesday. December 18, 2018 to the location indicated above or to the office of the George W. Auch Company located at 65 University Dr.. Pontiac. MI 48342. The Board of Education will not open, consider, nor accept a bid received after the date and time specified for bid submission. All late bid proposals will be returned to the bidder unopened.

A <u>bid bond</u> executed by a Treasury listed surety company acceptable to Clarkston Community Schools or a cashier's check in the amount of at least 5% of the sum of the proposal payable to Clarkston Community Schools shall be submitted with each proposal over \$24,459. All proposals shall be firm for a period of sixty (60) days.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Administration Building, located at 6389 Clarkston Road, Clarkston, Michigan 48346 starting at 2:00 pm (EST), December 18, 2018

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

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

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

Board of Education
Clarkston Community Schools

FILE NO:

## STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF OAKLAND

2018-386, 128-DE AND

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of WALTER DAVID LEONARD. Date of birth: 2/24/1941

TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Walter David Leonard,

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

KATHRYN M. CARUSO (P44723) 6480 Citation Drive Clarkston, MI 48346 248/625-0600 11/27/2018 CURTIS A. LEONARD 5610 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, MI 48327 248-249-3829

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

## SYNOPSIS TAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE NOVEMBER 27, 2018

- A. A Regular / Closed Session / Budget Session 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 led by Boy Scout Troop 310 as part of achieving their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.
- C. ROLL CALL: Present: Kittle, Pallotta, Brown, Loughrin (arrived at 8:15 p.m.), Ritchie, Schroeder (arrived at 8:13 p.m.)

Absent: Aliaga Loughrin,
Also Present: Lt. Mark Brown, GIS Project; Doreen
Groth, GIS Manager; David McKee, DPW Director; Brian
Oppmann, Zoning & Code Enforcement Manager; Randy
Winowiecki, GIS / IT Technician; Rick; Yaeger, Budget &
Operations Analyst; Steven Joppich, Rosati, Schultz,
Joppich & Amtsbuechler, PC; Elizabeth Saarela, Rosati,
Schultz, Joppich & Amtsbuechler, PC

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: As presented

E. CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUDY

E. CLOSED SESSION / BUDGET SESSION / STUD' SESSION: 1. Closed Session: Request to Enter into Close

- Closed Session: Request to Enter into Closed Session – Open Meetings Act MCL 15.26t8(h) and (d) – Tabled until the arrival of Trustee Schroeder
- Budget Session: Review 2019 Budget for the Road Millage Fund
- F. BOARD/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS: None
- G. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- H. PUBLIC HEARING: None
- PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS:
  - Presentation: GIS Application Update (Brian Oppmann, Zoning & Code Enforcement Manager / David McKee, DPW Director)
  - Presentation: Clintonwood Spray Park Construction Project (Derek Smith, PR&S Director)
- Report: Supervisor's Update
   a. Tentative Road Project Plans
   b. Board of Trustee Resignation
- J. CARRYOVER / POSTPONED AGENDA ITEMS: None K. CONSENT AGENDA:
- Approval of the Board of Trustees Regular / Budget Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2018
- Approval of the November 20, 2018 Check Run (\$1,236,776.41) and Ratify the November 16, 2018 Payroll (\$275,640.31) and October 2018 External Wire / EFT / ACH Transfer Activity (\$422,584.38)
- ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA: None
- I. REGULAR BUSINESS:
- Approval of Clinton River Water Resource Recovery Facility Interjurisdictional Agreement and Approval of Introduction and 1st Reading of Ordinance Amending Chapter 48-Utilities Division 4; General Wastewater Regulations Utilities
- 2. Approval of 2019-2021 Law Enforcement Services Agreement Oakland County Sheriff's Office and Approval of 2019 Budget Amendment #1 Adjust Charges / Oakland County
- Adoption of 2019 General Appropriations Act Resolution
   Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #47 Gen-
- eral Fund / Legal Fees
  5. Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #48 North
- Sashabaw Preliminary Design & Engineering
   Support of Submittal of Comments of Independence Television and Approval of Letter to Fed
- dence Television and Approval of Letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Protection of PEG Channels

  7. Approval of 2017 Community Development Block
- Grant (CDBG) Public Service Contract Amendment Clarkston Area Youth Assistance

  8. Acceptance of Quote and Waiver of Bid Process
- 2019 Spring & Fall Soccer Jersey Re-Order

  9. Approval of 2018 Budget Amendment #49
- Sashabaw Drain Maintenance Fund

  10. Adoption of Resolution to Approve Interlocal Agree
- Adoption of Resolution to Approve Interlocal Agreement - 2019 No-Haz Program
   Adoption of Amended By-Laws - Information Tech-
- nology Oversight Committee (ITOC)

  N. COMMUNICATIONS / FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS /
- REPORTS:

  1. Minutes: Information Technology Oversight Com-
- mittee (ITOC) Final, October 9, 2018

  2. Report: Fiscal 2018 Actual to Budget Update for Period Ending October 31, 2018

- Report: Oakland County Sheriff's Department
   Monthly Report October 2018
- The regular meeting RECESSED at 7:35 p.m. Trustee Schroeder arrived at 8:13 p.m.
- Trustee Loughrin Schroeder arrived at 8:15 p.m.
  The regular meeting RECONVENED at 8:15 p.m.
- Motion to REMOVE E-1 Request to Enter into Closed Session from the table.
  - Closed Session: Approval to Enter into Closed Session
- The regular meeting RECESSED at 8:18 p.m.
  The regular meeting RECONVENED at 10:05 p.m.
- Motion to SUSPEND the Board of Trustees Special Rules of Procedure pursuant to RULE 24: SUSPEND RULES and WAIVE RULE 27 CONTINUED AGENDA ITEMS NOT CONSIDERED BEFORE 10:00 PM and EXTEND the meeting past 10:00 p.m.
- Motion to TERMINATE the 2018-2019 Thendara Park I contract with Oakland County Snow Removal and APPROVE the 2018-2019 Thendara Park I contract with JEC Lawn Service for services associated with snow removal and salting application as needed.
- Motion to TERMINATE the 2018-2019 Thendara Park contract with Oakland County Snow Removal and AP-PROVE the 2018-2019 Thendara Park 2 contract with JEC Lawn Service for services associated with snow removal and salting application as needed.
- O. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: None
- ADJOURNMENT: The Regular/Closed Session/Budget Session Meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Barbara A. Pallotta, CMC Township Clerk

Published: Wednesday, December 5, 2018

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

## NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE UTILITIES ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its regular meeting on November 27, 2018, at the Township Hall located at 6483 Waldon Center Drive, Independence, MI 48346, the Charter Township of Independence Board of Trustees introduced an ordinance amending the Utilities Ordinance under Chapter 48, "Utilities," Division 4, "General Wastewater Regulations." A summary of the ordinance is set forth below. A true copy of the Ordinance can be inspected or obtained at the office of the Township Clerk at the above address.

## STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE ORDINANCE NO. #2018-48-xxx THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE

ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1 ORDINANCE

Adds Section 48-150 to adopt Industrial Pretreatment Program Regulations for Discharges from the Township's public sanitary sewerage disposal system to the Clinton River Water Resource Recovery Facility. The amendment requires the Township and its commercial and industrial sewer users to comply with the regulations, which are on file with the Township as Appendix B to the Code. Generally, the Regulations provide discharge limits and prohibitions, user pollution controls, user permit requirements, sampling, monitoring and reporting requirements, and enforcement, penalties, and other sanctions and relief for violations. Adds Section 48-151 to authorize the Oakland County Water Resource Commissioner to enforce the Industrial Pretreatment Program Regulations within the Township as the "control authority" for the Clinton River Water Resource Recovery Facility.

SECTION 2 REPEALER

Provides that any ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the Township Code in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent necessary.

SECTION 3 SEVERABILITY

Provides that if any part of the ordinance is found to be void, that part is severed, and the rest of the ordinance remains in place.

SECTION 4 SAVINGS

Provides that the Township Code shall remain in full force and effect, amended only as specified in this Ordinance Amendment.

SECTION 5 EFFECTIVE DATE

States the effective date of this ordinance and identifies petitioning and referendum rights.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF INDEPENDENCE Barbara A. Pallotta, Township Clerk

Introduced: November 27, 2018
Published: December 5, 2018
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However at Christmas it seems the focus

is on what gifts we will either be giving someone else or receiving for Jesus' birthday.

Of course these can be wonderful expressions of our love and appreciation for others. And the Bible teaches us that especially when we give to those in need we are giving to Jesus in a very real way. But still, I wonder how often we really stop to ask the

question, "What might Jesus want from me for Christmas this year?"

Here is a little story which might make you smile, as well as offer some insights into answering this question:

A couple days before Christmas there was a long line at the post office as people were frantically trying to get things in the mail for loved ones far away. An exasperated woman finally reaches the counter and asks, "Can you get this to my dad in California by Christmas?"

The clerk responds, "Yes, but it will cost you to get it there overnight."

"How much?"

"It will be \$53.25."

The woman continues, "Wow, that is a lot, but I've got to do it. This present is for my dad and it has to be there by Christmas...because Christmas is also his birthday."

To which the clerk responds: "What a bummer...having a birthday on Christmas. I sure am glad I don't know anyone born on

Someone from the back of the line with a quick wit and a vital faith says, "I sure am glad I do!"

I believe that Christmas, at its deepest level, is really all about knowing someone born on Christmas day. I mean really knowing him and how much he loves us and how much we matter to him.

I am convinced that the best gift of all we can give Jesus, and what he really wants most, is our hearts and our lives and our best.

This is what he wants, because he knows that when we do put him first, our lives will begin to have more purpose, hope, joy, peace and love - for God and for others. God sent Jesus for us at that first Christmas to be the gift that would truly keep on giving because we matter that much to God.

So what does this look like? Here is what Paul writes in Colossians chapter 3:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

I think Jesus would jump for joy, do a dance, even some somersaults, if we tried to live this our more and more as our gift for his birthday this Christmas.

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## Ruth L. Ellsworth-Jones, 95

Ruth L. Ellsworth-Jones of Manchester, Tenn.,

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She was the wife of William Jones; mother of Lynn Kacy and William Ellsworth; preceded in death by first husband Malen



Ellsworth, parents Margaret and Will Belitz, siblings Elizabeth Kent and Russell Belitz; survived by many nieces, nephews and sisters-in-law.

Ruth was a life-long member of Clarkston United Methodist Church until her move south where she was a member of First United Methodist Church, Manchester, Tenn.

She retired in 1974 from Northwest Vocational Center as a bookkeeper.

Visotation was Dec. 2 at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston. Funeral Service was Dec. 3 at Clarkston United Methodist Church. Interment Lakeview Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Clarkston United Methodist Church or First United Methodist Church, Manchester, Tenn. Online guest book www.wintfuneralhome.com.

## Chad Tough games

The Clarkston High School Leadership class hosts the school's annual Charity Week with the Orange Out basketball games for the Chad Tough Foundation, starting Jan. 28.

The Girls Varsity Basketball team will be playing in their Chad Tough game at 7 p.m., on Tuesday, Jan. 29; and with the Boys Varsity Chad Tough game on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7 p.m.

Both games will be at Clarkston High School, with all profits going to the foundation to fund research and raise awareness of pediatric brain tumors.

Clarkston High School Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach John Weyer and the girls varsity basketball team host Horizon Hoops, Saturdays Dec. 8- Feb. 2.

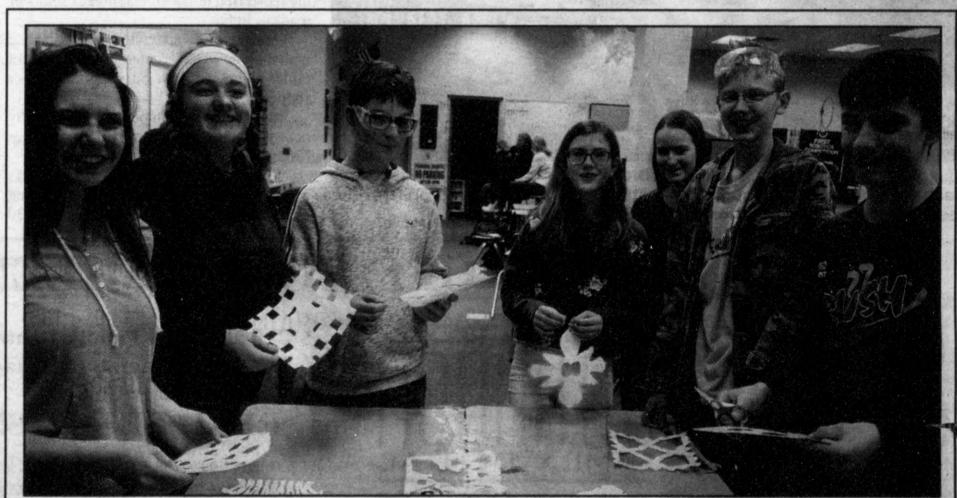
The winter league is opened to girls in grades Kindergarten through eighth and boys in grades Kindergarten through second. Experienced and beginner players are welcome.

Fundamentals such as shooting, ball handling, passing, defense, rebounding, and teamwork will all be emphasized.

The cost is \$90 and all players receive a T-shirt. Call 248-623-4326.



RIBBON CUTTING: Drew Moscovic cuts the ribbon with family, friends, and members of the community, welcoming them to the newly renovated and opened Drew's Home of Clarkston, Dec. 2. Dick and Toni Moscovic launched the non-profit group to provide homes for adults with disabilities, working with Father Chris Maus and Knights of Columbus at St. Daniel Parish in Clarkston. Drew's Home is an integrated community, with apartments for individuals with and without disabilities. Their long-term goal is to provide additional safe, spiritually based homes for individuals with disabilities in the area. Fund raisers in 2019 include a Magic Bus concert at Deer Lake Racquet Club on April 28, and a golf outing at Pine Knob Golf Course on Aug. 11. For more information, call Dick Moscovic at 248-866-3649, or check www.drewshomeofclarkston.org. Photo by Phil Custodio



SNOW MAKERS: Team RUSH members Audrey Dekonink, Jenna McCleese, Parker Szachta, Elizabeth Williams, Meghan Finnerty, Kyle Kaufman, and Evan Bennett make laminated paper snowflakes for their Holiday Lights Parade float. Photo by Phil Custodio



Team RUSH captain Emily Jeung and Ben Haas work on reindeer made of lights.



Justin Rosenberg, Logan Rajala, and Brendan Osentoski work on the T-shirt launching robot, which might be lighting the way with a red nose at the parade. Photos by Phil Custodio



Braedan Groff, Kyle Brooks, Grace Havel, Izzy Kupe, and Isabel Matthews install a telescope on their float for Santa and Mrs. Claus, using a trailer borrowed from the family of a team member.

## Making a float, checking it twice

BY PHIL CUSTODIO

Clarkston News Editor

Dozens of students on Clarkston High School Team RUSH have been spending hours after school to build a float for Santa and Mrs. Claus for the Holiday Lights Parade, Saturday, Dec. 8, at 6 p.m.

"The theme of this year's parade is Let the Stars Shine on Clarkston, so it'll have lots of lights and foil stars," said team Captain Emily Jeung.

The float will feature several Team RUSH competition robots, with their T-shirt launching robot taking the role of Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, leading six reindeer made of lights.

Team members are getting some practice with their new CNC router on a 4-by-6-foot table, using it to cut out stars and other shapes.

When robotics competition starts early next year, they'll use it to build prototypes faster, said Ben Haas.

"It'll help with bigger tasks," Haas said. Team RUSH is hosting and coordinating the annual parade, which includes almost 30 floats and community groups, all brightly lit with colorful Christmas lights as they march down Main Street.

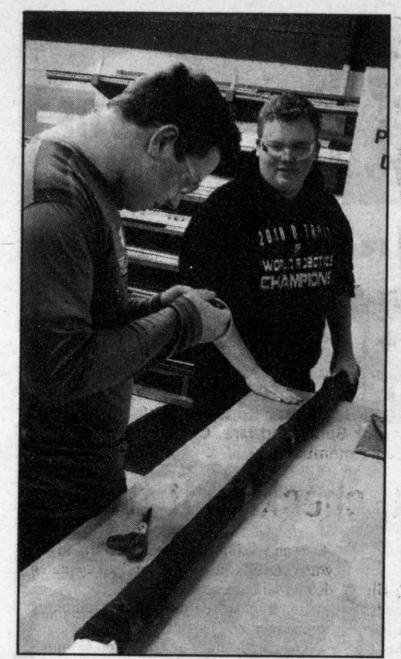
"It's cool to see the whole community come together," Jeung said.

The parade entry by Clarkston Community Schools club and organization with the best theme, possibly including school colors blue and gold, wolf mascot, or shining stars, will be awarded the Clarkston Pride Award and \$100 prize. Awards also include Best Use of Lights/Music and Most Creative STEM.

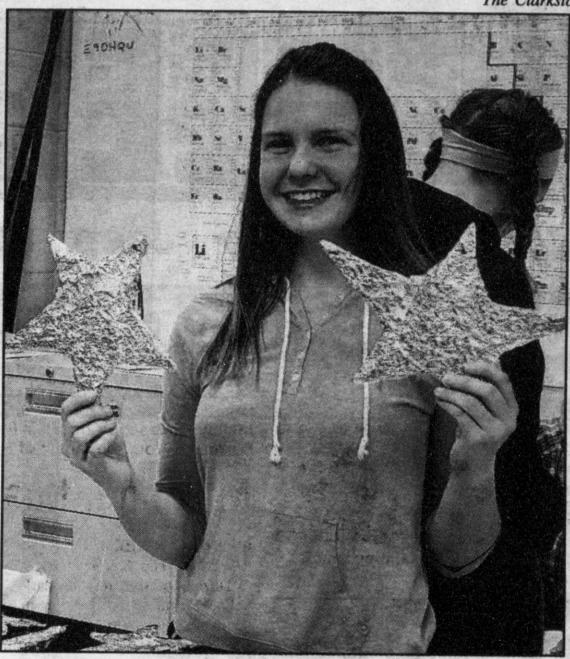
The parade starts at Renaissance High School at 6 p.m., heading west on Church Street to Main Street, then north to Miller Road, then to Glenburnie, and ending at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Float line-up is at 4 p.m., and judging starting at 4:45 p.m. Main, Church and Miller will be closed starting at about 5:45 p.m. A tree lighting will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the church. To register or for more information, go to/www.teamrush27.net/holiday-lights-parade, or contact team coach Kyle Hughes at khhughes@clarkston.k12.mi.us.





Matt MacBeth and Drew Waite work on a part for their float.



Audrey Dekonink, with two of many foil stars Team RUSH will make for their float.



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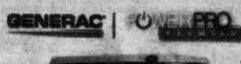
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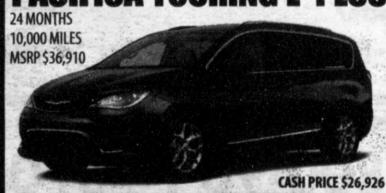
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